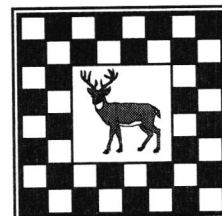


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Past President's Report from John Denton (August 2003)

It is now over two months since our Annual General Meeting, and the list of HCA officers has a distinctly new look to it! Tim Thurstan has taken on the role of President, and I wish him all the best for the future in his new role. I have enjoyed my five-year tenure as President – in particular, it was an honour to represent the Association in a number of events during our Centenary Year, and for me, the Centenary Dinner was the highlight.

As most of you will know, I am planning a move away from Hertfordshire, but at the time of writing, nothing is definitely arranged, and until I depart, I have agreed to take on the role of Equipment Curator. I expect to be playing chess in Hertfordshire for at least the early part of the season, so many of you will still see me around for a while!

Our under 125 team captain, Quazi Latif has also decided to step down, after seven years in the post, having done an excellent job developing the team into a formidable force within the SCCU. I hope his successor, Keith Woodhouse, will be able to enjoy similar success. I'm pleased to see that we have a volunteer to revive the under 150 team in the shape of Mike Price – I'm sure his election at the September Executive will be a formality, and wish him the best of luck. This will provide a much-needed opportunity for a large number of players to experience county chess – something we have missed over the last couple of seasons.

Finally, I hope you all have a successful and enjoyable coming year, both in your chess activities and life in general.

New President's Message from Tim Thurstan (September 2003)

It is a new incumbent's first task to thank his predecessor and I am delighted to be able to record on behalf of the Association our debt of gratitude to John Denton for the immense amount of hard work which he put in during his 5 years as President. His presidency was characterised not only by his support for the officers of the Association but also by his willingness to become involved not only in the more visible and pleasant tasks such as presenting prizes but also in the less glamorous tasks such as moving tables and chairs and making sandwiches (some it is rumoured even contained fillings!) At the AGM in June John was presented with the Flear Trophy for the best score in the county first team (scoring an impressive 5.5 out of 8); clearly, unlike England's cricket captains, the burden of responsibility did not harm John's play. At that AGM I presented to him, on your behalf, an engraved tankard and I am sure that you will join me in thanking John and saying to him that if you do leave Hertfordshire we hope you will keep in touch with us and remember your time here with pleasure.

I should also like to record our thanks for the huge amount of work put in over the last few years by Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell as our General Secretary. Being secretary involves a great deal of usually unsung work mainly behind the scenes ensuring that the Association runs smoothly. Without Jeremy's input in many areas the Association would be in a considerably weaker position than it is today.

This year on 6th/7th December the Association's 50th annual weekend congress will take place. I believe that this makes our congress one of the oldest in the country something in which we can all be proud. I very much hope that you will help to make the event a great success by playing or helping or simply come along and meet old friends.

[Note: No accounts or other financial statements are shown as these were published in Issue 46 in comparison with the 2003/4 accounts.]

49th Hitchin Congress

The Association's weekend congress was held on 7th and 8th December 2002 for the first time at The Priory School, Bedford Road, Hitchin. After many years at Hitchin Boys School an enforced change was due to the non-availability of a caretaker there. The new venue proved most satisfactory and it is hoped that we shall be able to remain there for many years to come. 146 adults and (a record) 89 juniors entered competing for over £2,000 in prize money.

Open (28 played)

1 st = Colin Crouch (IM) and Andrew Webster (IM)	4/5
3 rd = Ben Savage, Lawrence Trent, Harriet Hunt (WIM), Simon Buckley and James Sherwin (IM)	3.5/5
Andrew Webster won the Hakannson Trophy	
Lawrence Trent won the British Championship Qualifying place.	

Challengers: under170 (20 played)

1 st = Philip Borman and Stewart Trent	4/5
3 rd = Branko Pribanich and Dirk Goes	3.5/5
Philip Borman won the Berry Cup	
Stewart Trent won the Glynne Jones Cup	

Major: under 145 (35 played)

1 st Geoff Collyer	4/5
2 nd = Peter Lim, Ian Mutton, Brian Judkins, Patrick Ribbands, Russell Goodfellow, Robert Clegg, Neil Staples and George O'Toole	3.5/5
Ian Mutton won the Davis Cup	

Minor: under 120 (59 played)

1 st Samir Vora	5/5
2 nd Chris Robson	4.5/5
3 rd = Raphael Asudi, Ian Bryan, Dave Harris and Vedantha Kumar	4/5
Chris Robson won the Lee-Johnson Cup	

Under 8 (also a London Junior Qualifying event)

1st Daniel Fernandez	6/6
2nd Simon Williams	5/6
3rd Lydia Smith	4/6

Under 10 (also a London Junior Qualifying event)

1st= Nnamdi Obiekwe, Matthew Dent, Ozan Gemikonakli	5/6
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Under 12 (also a London Junior Qualifying event)

1st Jeffrey Levicki	5.5/6
2 nd = Saravanan Sathyanandha, Andrew Craigen	5/6

Under 14

1st Joshua Tattersall	5/6
2 nd = Senthuran Sathyanandha, Martin Cheung	4.5/6

Under 18

1st Joey Ho	4.5/6
2 nd = Young-Hwan, Jin-Ming Kim, John Boothby	3.5/6

County Chess: Open Competition

Match results

Surrey*

1	M Thiruchelvam 203	0	1
2	Daniel Bisby 204	0	1
3	Peter Kemp 196	½	½
4	Marcus Osborne 191	1	0
5	Chris Briscoe 183	1	0
6	Alan Punnett 180	1	0
7	Kevin Richardson 176	1	0
8	Dave Hill 171	½	½
9	Kevin Bailey 169	½	½
10	Phil Stimpson 169	0	1
11	David Sedgwick 166	½	½
12	David Malcolm 163	½	½
13	Chris Clegg 161	½	½
14	Morris Bernadt 159	0	1
15	John Nyman 151	0	1
16	John Wilcox 150	1	0
		8	8

Played at Coulsdon on 19th October 2002

Hertfordshire*

SJB Knott 219 (B)
Martin G Walker 200
Paul V Byway 189
Kevin R Clark 183 (capt)
Jerry F Rudge 184
Matthew Dignam 163
default
Caius Turner 170
John R Denton 165
Philip G Maguire 167
Tarasai Savanhu 161
Philip J Borman 162
David E Bower 162
Barry Morris 155
Mohammed M Wali 145
Alan Gore 125

Hertfordshire*

1	Simon JB Knott 219	½	½
2	Steve Swanson 203	½	½
3	Martin G Walker 200	½	½
4	Paul V Byway 189	1	0
5	Kevin R Clark 183	0	1
6	Geoffrey A Hollis 181	1	0
7	Mike Boyce 175	½	½
8	Philip J Gregory 170	½	½
9	Matthew Dignam 163	1	0
10	Caius Turner 170	½	½
11	Philip G Maguire 167	0	1
12	John R Denton 165	1	0
13	Tarasai Savanhu 161	0	1
14	David E Bower 162	1	0
15	Barry Morris 155	0	1
16	Hamza Syed 150	0	1
		8	8

Played at Harpenden on 2nd November 2002

Sussex*

M Broom 205 (W)
FJ Kwiatkowski 204
DB Graham 201
SJ Newman 188
B Cafferty 186
KI Norman 181
JA Dodgson 177
JIP Simpole 177
CI Howell 176
MO Costley 175
PG Farr 175
RJ Almond 174
MR Stott 171
BP Donnelly 167
PA Batchelor 160
CM Linford 155

Hertfordshire*

1	Simon JB Knott 219	0	1
2	Steve Swanson 203	½	½
3	Martin G Walker 200	0	1
		3	

Cambridgeshire*

E Dearing 206 (B)
A Greet 202
J Conlon 198

4 Paul V Byway 189	0	1	B Morgan 189
5 Simon J Roe 189	0	1	D Hodge 186
6 Jerry Rudge 184	1	0	G Holzegel 2180
7 Geoffrey A Hollis 181	0	1	P Wallden 162 (2100)
8 Kevin R Clark 183	½	½	N Frost 175
9 Caius Turner 170	1	0	O Cooley 178
10 Chris E Majer 168	0	1	P Kemp 175
11 John R Denton 165	0	1	P Fallon 171
12 Tarasai Savanhu 161	0	1	O Winfridsson 174
13 David E Bower 162	0	1	A Bamford e172
14 Philip J Borman 162	0	1	L Retallick 155
15 Steve J Tovey 160	1	0	N Kingston-Smith 154
16 Barry Morris 155	½	½	P Davies 147
		4½	11½

Played at Harpenden on 16th November 2002

Oxfordshire*			Hertfordshire*		
1 Richard Palliser 223	½	½	Simon JB Knott 219		
2 Matt Rose 199 (W)	1	0	Steve Swanson 203		
3 Harvey Meyer 193	1	0	Martin G Walker 200		
4 Tim Dickinson 188	½	½	Jerry F Rudge 184		
5 Kieran Smallbone 185	1	0	Kevin R Clark 183		
6 Mark Nightall 176	0	1	Matthew Dignam 163		
7 Ray Starkie 178	1	0	Caius Turner 170		
8 Mark Hannon 176	½	½	JN Fraser-Mitchell 170		
9 Dave Bruce 173	0	1	John R Denton 165		
10 Heather Lang 163	1	0	David E Bower 162		
11 John Vickers 148	0	1	Tarasai Savanhu 161		
12 Nick Hepworth 149	½	½	Philip J Borman 162		
13 William Burt 146	0	1	Barry Morris 155		
14 Chris Duggan 134	0	1	Hamza Syed 150		
15 Naomi Miller 127	½	½	Mohammed M Wali 145		
16 Chris Levy 121	½	½	Steve Weston 146		
		8	8		

Played at Magdalen College School on 30th November 2002

Buckinghamshire*			Hertfordshire*		
1 James Cobb 214 (W)	½	½	Simon JB Knott 219		
2 Gerald Moore 202	0	1	Steve Swanson 203		
3 Hans Hansen 194	0	1	Martin G Walker 199		
4 Andrew Smith 186	0	1	Paul V Byway 189		
5 Robert Richmond 181	1	0	Jerry F Rudge 184		
6 Helge Wademark 180	1	0	Kevin R Clark 183		
7 Ray Edwards 176	1	0	Mike Boyce 175		
8 Roger de Coverly 175	0	1	Philip J Gregory 170		
9 Ray Sayers e170	½	½	JN Fraser-Mitchell 170		
10 Bill Hughes 167	½	½	Philip G Maguire 167		
11 Andrew George 165	0	1	John R Denton 165		
12 Paul McAvoy e160	1	0	David E Bower 162		

13 Richard Lee 152	0	1	Philip J Borman 162
14 Brian Shipley 153	0	1	Tarasai Savanhu 161
15 Richard Thursby 157	½	½	Steve J Tovey 160
16 Graham Ball 140	1	0	Barry Morris 155
	7	9	

Played at Bourne End on 25th January 2003

Hertfordshire*			Kent*
1 Simon JB Knott 219	½	½	Martin Taylor 212 (B)
2 Martin G Walker 199	½	½	Alan Hanreck 206
3 Paul V Byway 189	1	0	Cliff Chandler 205
4 Jerry F Rudge 184	½	½	John Naylor 201
5 Matthew A Dignam 163j	0	1	Ian Watson 200 (1)
6 Geoff A Hollis 181	½	½	Andy Mack 196
7 Kevin R Clark 183	0	1	Rory O'Kelly 191
8 Mike Boyce 175	0	1	Ian Snape 187
9 Philip J Gregory 170	0	1	Mark Rich 185
10 Caius Turner 170	0	1	John Sugden 183
11 JN Fraser-Mitchell 170	0	1	J Stuart Williams 183
12 John R Denton 165	½	½	David Tucker 179
13 Philip J Borman 162	½	½	David Smith 174
14 David E Bower 162	0	1	Chris Rice 174
15 Tarasai Savanhu 161	0	1	Mark Robertson 168
16 Hamza Syed 150j	0	1	Alexis Harakis 161
	4	12	

Played at Harpenden on 8th February 2003

Essex*			Hertfordshire*
1 Lawrence Trent 209 (B)	½	½	Simon JB Knott 219
2 David Coleman 210	0	1	Martin G Walker 199
3 David Sands 207	½	½	Paul V Byway 189
4 Andrew Lewis e190	½	½	Jerry F Rudge 184
5 John Hodgson 191	½	½	Kevin R Clark 183
6 David Sherman 191	1	0	Mike Boyce 175
7 Bill Stirling 180	½	½	Philip J Gregory 170
8 Jeff Goldberg 181	1	0	Caius Turner 170
9 Ivan Myall 181	0	1	John R Denton 165
10 Bill Saunders 178	0	1	David E Bower 162
11 Robert Payne 176	½	½	Philip J Borman 162
12 Ezra Lutton 175	1	0	Tarasai Savanhu 161
13 Larry Marden 173	0	1	Barry Morris 155
14 David Millward 159	0	1	Hamza Syed 150
15 Colin Ramage 160	1	0	Mohammed M Wali 145
16 Josiah Lutton 158	1	0	Steven Weston 146
	8	8	

Played at Ilford on 15th March 2003

SCCU Final League table

	K	E	C	Sx	Sy	H	Bu	O	Game Points	Match Points
1 Kent		10½	9½	9	11	12	9½	11½	73	7
2 Essex	5½		13	9	9½	8	9½	9	63½	5½
3 Cambs	6½	3		8½	4½	11½	14½	16d	64½	4
4 Sussex	7	7	7½		10	8	9	9½	58	3½
5 Surrey *	5	6½	11½	6		8	11	10½	58½	3½
6 Herts *	4	8	4½	8	8		9	8	49½	3
7 Bucks *	6½	6½	1½	7	5	7		11½	45	1
8 Oxon *	4½	7	0d	6½	5½	8	4½		36	½

* denotes Minor County

The team qualified for the Minor Counties play-offs but lost on board count:-

Norfolk				Hertfordshire*			
1	Mike Gough	206 (B)	0	1	Simon JB Knott	219	
2	Mike Harris	200	1	0	Steve Swanson	203	
3	David LeMoir	193	½	½	Paul V Byway	189	
4	Roderick Colindas	192	½	½	Jerry F Rudge	184	
5	Steve Orton	185	1	0	Geoff A Hollis	184	
6	Stephen Pullinger	177	½	½	Kevin R Clark	183	
7	Ken McEwan	176	1	0	Mike A Boyce	175	
8	David Hall	171	0	1	Caius Turner	170	
9	Colin Costello	170	½	½	Philip J Gregory	170	
10	Richard McMaster	168	0	1	JN Fraser-Mitchell	170	
11	Terry Turner	168	½	½	John R Denton	165	
12	James Heppell	163	1	0	Philip J Borman	162	
13	John Allison	160	½	½	David E Bower	162	
14	Roy Hughes	158	0	1	Steve J Tovey	161	
15	Steven Moore	151	½	½	Barry Morris	155	
16	Nick Gorvin	147	½	½	Hamza Syed	150	
Average grade; 174			8	8	Average grade ;175		

Played at Sawston, Cambs. on 17th May 2003.

The Flear trophy was won by John Denton who scored 5.5 points from 8 games

County Chess: Under 125 Competition

Match results

Hertfordshire				Sussex			
1	M Connock	122 (W)	½	½	David Roberts	124	
2	A McMahon	124	1	0	Peter Rayment	121	
3	M Price	120	1	0	Eric Hillier	124	
4	G Howard	117	0	1	John Scholey	120	
5	S Morris	113	1	0	Peter Cattermole	121	
6	P Laskier	117	1	0	Gary Cox	112	
7	K Woodhouse	116	1	0	Mick Plumb	118	

8	C Byrne 116	½	½	Roger Waddingham 109
9	T Douse 115	1	0	Douglas Opie 109
10	M Jones 116	1	0	Matthew Linnett 98
11	R Kearns 112	0	1	Grant Bucher 100
12	R Teff 111	1	0	Stuart Hayden 102
13	T O'Sullivan 110	1	0	Philip Wake 95
14	J Leake 103	1	0	Ellie Hayden 91
15	D Cox 103	½	½	Martin Eaves e100
16	I Leighton 97	1	0	Kris Llewellyn
		12½	3½	

Played on 30th November 2002 at Harpenden

Hertfordshire				Kent			
1	M Jones 122 (W)	0	1	MR Jones 123			
2	M Connock 122	1	0	default			
3	M Price 120	½	½	M Mourant 123			
4	A McMahon 124	½	½	I Smith 115			
5	M Topham 121	1	0	D Shipp 110			
6	P Laskier 117	½	½	N Lister 108			
7	K Woodhouse 116	½	½	R Woodfield 108			
8	Helal Uddin e120	1	0	S Bond 107			
9	D Rudd 117	½	½	B Rosier 105			
10	C Byrne 116	1	0	E Campbell 105			
11	Martin Jones 111	1	0	default			
12	R Kearns 111	1	0	P Fabian 98			
13	T O'Sullivan 110	1	0	J Robertson 98			
14	I Leighton 97	1	0	default			
15	D Cairncross 98	½	½	J Thompson 85			
16	Q Latif 90	1	0	default			
		12	4				

Played on 15th Feb 2003 at Hemel Hempstead

Essex				Hertfordshire			
1	default (B)	0	0	default			
2	A Yardley 124	½	½	M Connock 122			
3	A Drake 123	0	1	M Price 120			
4	default	0	1	A McMahon 124			
5	S Savill 121	½	½	G Howard 117			
6	Keith Cook 120	0	1	M Topham 121			
7	K Groce 120	1	0	S Morris 113			
8	J Campbell 117	1	0	H Uddin e120			
9	J Klimach 117	0	1	P Laskier 117			
10	default	0	1	K Woodhouse 116			
11	P Flint 114	½	½	T Douse 115			
12	M Cresswell 111	1	0	C Byrne 116			
13	S Burns 108	½	½	Martin Jones 111			
14	T Winkworth 105	0	1	R Kearns 111			
15	P Brander 103	0	1	T O'Sullivan 110			
16	D Lewis 97	½	½	Q Latif 90			
		5½	9½				

Played on 8th March 2003 at Wanstead

	Hertfordshire			Middlesex
1	M Connock 122 (W)	½	½	N Colter 124
2	M Jones 122	1	0	W Porter 122
3	M Price 120	1	0	A Duncan 120
4	A McMahon 124	0	1	G Andrews 120
5	G Howard 117	1	0	J Torrance 122
6	S Morris 113	0	1	R Hamilton 119
7	K Woodhouse 116	½	½	K Murphy 106
8	P Laskier 117	1	0	DG Wayte 116
9	T Douse 115	1	0	B Irving 116
10	C Byrne 116	0	1	P Lucas e115
11	R Teff 116	0	1	M Kamalvand 114
12	R Kearns 111	0	1	M Huba 111
13	Martin Jones 111	1	0	J Farrell 110
14	T O'Sullivan 111	0	1	M Leman 107
15	J Leake 103	1	0	K Parr 107
16	I Leighton 97	1	0	G Breed 107
		9	7	

Played on 1st March 2003 at Hemel Hempstead

	Surrey			Hertfordshire
1	Fred Manning 120 (B)	½	½	M Connock 122
2	Frank Gillespie 119	0	1	M Price 120
3	Iyke Amalu (1)	½	½	G Howard 117
4	Matthew Taylor 117	0	1	S Morris 113
5	James Snowden 117	1	0	P Laskier 117
6	Bob Mercer 116	0	1	K Woodhouse 116
7	Joe Xuereb 114	½	½	T Douse 115
8	David Howes 110	0	1	R Asudi 87
9	Kasim Khoranasee 109	½	½	C Byrne 116
10	Gordon Morse 109	0	1	R Player 117
11	Gerald Howgate 109	1	0	R Teff 11
12	Jonathan Tsang 108	0	1	M Jones 111
13	Michael T Harris 104	0	1	R Kearns 111
14	Chantal Sirisena 100	½	½	T O'Sullivan 110
15	Keith Foreman 107	½	½	J Leake 103
16	Mike Gunn (r) 108	1	0	Q Latif 90
		8	8	

Played on at Coulsdon on 11th January 2003

Final league tables Under 125

		H	M	Sy	Sx	K	E	Game Points	Match Points
1	Herts		9	8	12½	12	9½	51	4½
2	Middlesex*	7		11	9	11	8½	46½	4
3	Surrey	8	5		7	9	10	39	2½
4	Sussex	3½	7	9		8½	7	35	2
5	Kent	4	5	7	7½		10½	34	1
6	Essex	5½	7½	6	9	5½		33½	1

The team, led by Quasi Latif, won the Ebony Trophy and again reached the National stages but this year were knocked out in the quarter-finals:-

Hertfordshire			Merseyside		
1	M Connock 122 (W)	0	1	O Mmidi e116	
2	A McMahon 124	1	0	T Morley 124	
3	M Price 120	0	1	C Doran 117	
4	R Asudi 85	0	1	R Weedall 112	
5	M Topham 121	½	½	B Maclean 110	
6	G Howard 117	0	1	M Spriggs 109	
7	P Laskier 117	1	0	R Murphy 109	
8	K Woodhouse 116	0	1	S Digwood 108	
9	H Uddin e120	1	0	J Wunderille 109 (1)	
10	T Douse 115	0	1	P Evans e106	
11	C Byrne 116	1	0	L Wiseman 100	
12	M Jones 111	1	0	M Price 100	
13	R Kearns 111	0	1	S Tanyaniwa e105	
14	T O'Sullivan 110	½	½	M Worrall 88	
15	I Leighton 97	½	½	B Martin 87	
16	Q Latif 90	1	0	L Lowton 81	
		7½	8½		

Played at Syston on 17th May 2003

SCCU JAMBOREES

The under 180 and 135 jamborees were this year held on Sunday 6th April 2003 at the University of Westminster. The under 135 team were the second winners of the John Philpott Trophy. Perhaps the under 180 team might have won too had they fielded a full team. [On unnumbered boards, White floated up.]

UNDER 180

White			Black		
1	George Dickson 177 M	½	½	Julien Shepley 176 S	
1	CAW Turner 170 N	½	½	Mike J Lexton 172 H	
	Rob Haldane 172 S	0	1	Larry Marden 173 E	
2	George McNally 164 E	½	½	TJ Turner 168 N	
2	def H	0	1	Jurgen Jakob 167 M	
3	Mark Weighell 160 E	0	1	Matthew Dignam 163 H	

3	Dave Hill 171 S	½	½	J White 160 N
	N Rughwani 152 N	½	½	Donald Chaudry 166 M
4	DI Calvert 165 M	½	½	E Josiah Lutton 158 E
4	JN Fraser-Mitchell 170 H	½	½	David Sedgwick 166 S
5	Rory Quinn 165 M	1	0	Chris Majer 168 H
5	K White 151 N	0	1	Colin Ramage 160 E
	David Millward 159 E	½	½	Chris Clegg 161 S
6	Anthony G Burrows 168 H	½	½	G Cook 149 N
6	Angus French 160 S	1	0	A Fulton 161 M
7	Ray Purse 150 E	0	1	Yasser Tello 161 M
7	Neil Maxwell 154 S	0	1	Tim M Thurstan 157 H
	VR Harper 155 M	1	0	K Groce 120 N
8	Hamza Syed 150 H	1	0	Joe Skielnik 151 S
8	T Allen 133 N	0	1	Paul Barclay 147 E
9	Peter Ackley 154 M	0	1	Jon Bryant 137 S
9	A Elston 72 N	½	½	Stephen J Tovey 160 H
	Roly Piggott 135 S	0	1	John Philpott 142 E
10	Aidan Corish 141 E	1	0	A Lillie 70 N
10	David E Bower 162 H	1	0	Neville Blackie 146 M

Positions

1st Essex 6½/10; **2nd Herts 6**; 3rd Middx 5½; 4th Surrey 4; 5th North Circular Chess League 3

Under 135

White			Black		
1	Jonathan Kay 134 MA	0	1	Brian D Judkins 132 H	
1	Antony O'Toole 134 E	1	0	Ian Deswarte 134 S	
	Ian K Cross 131 H	1	0	G Breed 106 MB	
2	F Ainscow 99 MB	½	½	Daniel Hedges 113 E	
2	Peter Horlock 132 S	1	0	Peter Lord 131 MA	
3	T Bradley 97 MB	1	0	Norman Harris 130 S	
3	B Toper 131 H	1	0	Alex O'Toole 109 E	
	Joe Bloomfield 100 E	0	1	P Grant-Ross 130 MA	
4	N Colter 124 MA	1	0	S Banks 94 MB	
4	Mike Gunn 108 S	0	1	M Thomas 129 H	
5	I Odintson 123 MA	1	0	def S	
5	R Fisher-Vousden 62r E	½	½	D Gross 93 MB	
	G Snow 71 MB	0	1	Alan D Gore 125 H	
6	Sandy Smyth 85 S	½	½	Klaus Fischer 55r E	
6	S Morris 113 H	0	1	K Parr 107 MB	

Positions

1st Herts 5/6; 2nd Middlesex A 4; 3rd Essex 2½; 4th Middlesex B 2; 5th Surrey 1½

SCCU Under 18 Open Jamboree

Held on Sunday 9th February 2003 at St Paul's School, Lonsdale Rd, London SW13

ROUND 1

White

1	Christopher Rawlinson 158 Sy	0	1
1	Murugan Thiruchelvam 206 R	½	½
1	Ben Purton 154 B	0	1
	Hamza Syed 160 H2	0	1
2	Richard Mycroft 154 C	1	0
2	E Josiah Lutton 158 E	1	0
2	Charlie Linford 155 Sx	1	0
3	Matthew King 134 Sy	0	1
3	Jamie Hillman 153 H	½	½
3	Andrew Navias 131 B	½	½
	Tom Eckersley-Waites 143 C4	1	0
4	Dana Hawrami 139 E	½	½
4	Anton Chernikov 138 R	1	0
4	David Barraclough 130 Sx	0	1
5	Graham Hantman 125 Sy	0	1
5	Henry Kingston 129 C	0	1
5	Poppy Aarons 120 H	1	0
	Adam Prescott 109 Sx6	0	1
6	Stuart Russent *43 B	1	0
6	Antony O'Toole 134 E	½	½
6	Jamie Yardley 128 R	1	0
7	Andrew Bell 118 Sy	1	0
7	Richard Burrows 99 C	0	1
7	David Cox 102 H	½	½
	Matthew Jellett 126 E8	1	0
8	James Snowden 117 R	1	0
8	Aliosha Likhoded 112 Sx	0	1
8	Stephen Cairns 73 B	0	1
9	Nicholas Fordham 113 Sy	½	½
9	Christopher Emery 50 B	0	1
9	Selina Kanji *72 H	0	1
	Kasim Khoranasee 109 R10	1	0
10	Stephanie Barraclough 109 Sx	1	0
10	Vincent Bryant *61 C	0	1
10	Daniel Hedges 113 E	1	0
11	David Manders 86 Sy	1	0
11	Callum Kilpatrick 100 R	1	0
11	James de Meyer 43 B	0	1
	Andrew Lillie 70 E12	1	0
12	Saravanan Sathyanandha 79r H	½	½
12	Elliott Callow 78 Sx	0	1
12	William Mycroft 60 C	1	0

Black

Lorin D'Costa 225 H
Thomas Rendle Sx 203
Chris Dorrington 187 C
J Ezra Lutton 175 E1
Christopher Dixon 145 Sy
Michael Healey 158 R
Liam Varnam 153 B
Nimai McCarthy 145 Sx
Adam Eckersley-Waites 149 C
Kyle Bennett 153 E
Michael Zoubaida 143 R3
Alex Kelly 138 R
Joseph Hamdi 98 B
Peter Poobalasingam 137 H
Tim Seymour 136 R
Michael Hamilton 126 Sx
Paul Maddock 77 B
Alan Hawrami 137 E5
Kate Feld 123 Sy
James Donald 111 C
Jacob Bigio 134 H
Karla Houska 64 B
Nicholas Jellett 128 E
Alexei Chernikov 127 R
Joe Fraser 106 Sx7
Michael Harris 104 Sy
Stephen Chester 95 C
Christopher N Smith 105 H
Jason Klimach 117 E
Similan Anandajeyarajah 100 R
Grant Bucher 100 Sx
Simon Ta *44 C9
Martyn Tamerlane Sy
Senthuran Sathyanandha 56r H
def B
James Neve C
Subin Sen 106 E
Danny Eichner 91 Sx
Joseph Bloomfield 100 H11
Michael Gwilliam 93 Sy
Chantal Sirisena 100 R
Ben Roberts B

ROUND 2

White

1	J Ezra Lutton 175 E1	1	0
1	Chris Dorrington 187 C	1	0
1	Thomas Rendle Sx 203	1	0
	Michael Healey 158 R2	0	1
2	Liam Varnam 153 B	1	0
2	Hamza Syed 160 H	1	0
2	Christopher Dixon 145 Sy	0	1
3	Kyle Bennett 153 E	0	1
3	Michael Zoubaida 143 R3	1	0
3	Nimai McCarthy 145 Sx	0	1
	Joseph Hamdi 98 B4	0	1
4	Peter Poobalasingam 137 H	0	1
4	Tom Eckersley-Waites 143 C	1	0
4	Alex Kelly 138 R	1	0
5	Alan Hawrami 137 E5	½	½
5	Paul Maddock 77 B	0	1
5	Tim Seymour 136 R	1	0
	Kate Feld 123 Sy6	0	1
6	Adam Prescott 109 Sx	0	1
6	Jacob Bigio 134 H	0	1
6	James Donald 111 C	0	1
7	Nicholas Jellett 128 E	0	1
7	Karla Houska 64 B	0	1
7	Alexei Chernikov 127 R	1	0
	Christopher N Smith 105 H8	½	½
8	Stephen Chester 95 C	0	1
8	Michael Harris 104 Sy	1	0
8	Aliosha Likhoded 112 Sx	1	0
9	Jason Klimach 117 E	1	0
9	Grant Bucher 100 Sx	1	0
9	Similan Anandajeyarajah 100 R	1	0
	Vincent Bryant *61 C10	0	1
10	Martyn Tamerlane Sy	0	1
10	James de Meyer 43 B	0	1
10	Senthuran Sathyanandha 56r	½	½
11	Subin Sen 106 E	1	0
11	James Neve C	0	1
11	Danny Eichner 91 Sx	1	0
	Saravanan Sathyanandha 56r H12	0	1
12	Chantal Sirisena 100 R	½	½
12	Michael Gwilliam 93 Sy	1	0
12	def B	0	1

Black

Murugan Thiruchelvam 206 R
Christopher Rawlinson 158 Sy
Ben Purton 154 B
Lorin D'Costa 225 H1
E Josiah Lutton 158 E
Richard Mycroft 154 C
Charlie Linford 155 Sx
Matthew King 134 Sy
Andrew Navias 131 B
Jamie Hillman 153 H
Adam Eckersley-Waites 149 C3
Dana Hawrami 139 E
David Barraclough 130 Sx
Anton Chernikov 138 R
Henry Kingston 129 C
Graham Hantman 125 Sy
Michael Hamilton 126 Sx
Poppy Aarons 120 H5
Antony O'Toole 134 E
Stuart Russent *43 B
Jamie Yardley 128 R
Joe Fraser 106 Sx
David Cox 102 H
Richard Burrows 99 C
Andrew Bell 118 Sy7
Matthew Jellett 126 E8
Stephen Cairns 73 B
James Snowden 117 R
Selina Kanji *72 H
Simon Ta *44 C
Nicholas Fordham 113 Sy
Christopher Emery 50 B9
Daniel Hedges 113 E
Kasim Khoranasee 109 R10
Stephanie Barraclough 109 Sx
Ben Roberts B
Joseph Bloomfield 100 H
David Manders 86 Sy
Callum Kilpatrick 100 R11
Andrew Lillie 70 E12
William Mycroft 60 C
Elliott Callow 78 Sx

Final positions: 1st Essex 17 points; 2nd Richmond Juniors 16.5; 3rd Sussex 14; **4th Herts 14;** 5th Cambs 13.5; 6th Surrey 9; 7th Berks 4.5

(Rate of play: 30 moves in one hour, then 15 minutes each to finish. Grades marked "r" are Rapidplay. Grades marked * are unofficial and unpublished (BCF) grades)

League Tables 2002/2003

Division 1	Pl	W	D	L	Match Points	Game For	Points Against
Hertford 1	12	9	1	2	19	37	22
Royston 1	12	7	1	4	15	37	23
St Albans 1	12	7	1	4	15	31	28
Welwyn Hatfield CF 1	12	6	1	5	13	27	29.5
Hemel Hempstead 1	12	5	1	6	11	28	31
Watford 1	12	3	2	7	8	27	33.5
Hoddesdon 1	12	1	1	10	3	19	38

Division 2	Pl	W	D	L	Match Points	Game For	Points Against
Hertford 2	12	6	4	2	16	37	23
Hemel Hempstead 2	12	7	2	3	16	33	26
St Albans 2	12	6	3	3	15	32	28
Stevenage 1	12	6	1	5	13	29	30.5
Letchworth & Hitchin 1	12	3	4	5	10	29	30.5
Hoddesdon 2	12	4		8	8	25	35
Hertford 3	12	1	4	7	6	24	35

Division 3	Pl	W	D	L	Match points	Game For	Points Against
Watford 2	12	10		2	20	41	19
Royston 2	12	4	3	5	11	32	27.5
Barnet Elizabethans 1	12	4	3	5	11	26	33
St Albans 3	12	3	5	2	11	24	26.5
Welwyn Hatfield CF 2	12	5	1	5	11	29	25.5
Stevenage 2	12	3	3	6	9	27	33
Letchworth & Hitchin 2	12	2	3	6	7	20	32.5

Division 4	Pl	W	D	L	Match Points	Game For	Points Against
St Albans 4	12	9	2	1	20	36	21.5
Watford 3	12	5	2	5	12	30	26
St Albans 5	12	5	1	6	11	31	29.5
Hertford 4	12	4	3	5	11	29	30.5
Watford 4	12	3	5	4	11	28	32.5
Hoddesdon 3	12	4	3	5	11	27	33.5
Borehamwood	12	3	2	7	8	28	32.5

Division 5	PI	W	D	L	Match Points	Game For	Points Against
Little Heath & BPark	12	11	1		23	45	15
Hemel Hempstead 3	12	9	2	1	20	41	19.5
Barnet Elizabethans 2	12	7		5	14	37	23
Barnet Elizabethans 3	12	4	1	7	9	22	38
Welwyn Hatfield CF 3	12	4		8	8	26	34
St Albans 6	12	3	2	7	8	25	35
Stevenage 3	12	1		11	2	15	45.5

Division 6	PI	W	D	L	Match Points	Game Points	
					For	Against	
Bishop's Stortford	12	12			24	47	13.5
Welwyn Hatfield CF 4	12	8	2	2	18	36	24
Rothamsted	12	7	1	4	15	34	26
Hemel Hempstead 4	12	5	1	6	11	25	33.5
Letchworth & Hitchin 3	12	3	3	6	9	25	32
Hertford 5	12	3	1	8	7	24	36
Hoddesdon 4	12			12	0	16	41

Division 7	PI	W	D	L	Match Points	GAME POINTS For	Against
Watford 5	14	13		1	26	50	20
Barnet Elizabethans 4	14	9	2	3	20	41	29.5
Letchworth & Hitchin 4	14	6	2	6	14	34	36
Royston 3	14	6	1	6	13	36	29.5
Letchworth & Hitchin 5	14	5	1	8	11	32	38
St Albans 7	14	7		7	14	37	33.5
Hemel Hempstead 5	14	2	2	10	6	24	46
Allenbury's	14	2	2	9	6	23	42.5

10th St Vincent de Paul Junior Congress (18th May 2003)

Under 7 Boys

1 st Kaz Topham	5/5
2nd James Abrams	4/5
3 rd = David Moss, Alexander Dove	3/5

Under 8 Boys

1 st = Sam Deards, Davy Hogan	3/5
3rd Michael Sewell	2.5/5

Under 8 Girls

1 st Lydia Smith	3.5/5
2 nd Corina Bays	1.5/5

Under 9 Boys

1st Edward Little	5/5
2nd William Moss	4/5
3 rd = Edward Judd, Bodun Lawal	3/5

Under 10 Boys

1st Rehaan Adat 4/5
 2nd= Jake Gosnell, Luciano Wood 2/5

Under 10 Girls

1st Sarah Bruce 4./5

Under 11 Boys

1st Edward Moss 4.5/5
 2nd Cameron Little 4/5
 3rd Matthew Worby 3/5

Under 11 girls

1st Victoria Spooner 3/5
 2nd Rebecca Allen 2/5

Under 13 Boys

1st George Moss 3.5/5
 2nd Faraaz Kaskar 3/5

10th Fleetville Junior Congress (22nd June 2003)Under 7 boys

1st James Abrams 5/5
 2nd Kaz Topham 3.5/5
 3rd Jeremy Snape 3/5

Under 8 boys

1st Jonathan Phillips 5/5
 2nd Kaur Kristjuhan 3.5/5
 3rd= Davy Hogan, Sam Deards,
 Oliver Davis, Xavier Cohen 3/5

Under 8 girls

1st Charlie Hodges 5/5
 2nd Lydia Smith 4/5
 3rd Emily Woolnough 1/5

Under 9 boys

1st Edward Little 5/5
 2nd William Moss 4/5
 3rd Jon Parkin 3.5/5

Under 9 girls

1st= Rebekah Holden, Molly Veitch, Ana
 Alexander 3/5

Under 10 boys

1st Daniel Fernandez 5/5
 2nd= Chris Jones, Matthew Holmes, Robert Fenemore 4/5

Under 10 girls

1st Sarah Bruce 3/5
 2nd= Amy Treherne-Strutton, Holly Marshall, Jennifer Cannon 2/5

Under 11 boys

1st Michael Turner 4.5/5
 2nd Cameron Little 3.5/5
 3rd= David Phillips, Matthew Worby, Edward Moss,
 James Rogers, Elliot Clowes 3/5

Under 11 girls

1st Emma Byrne 1/5

Under 13 boys

1st Nishil Shah 5/5
 2nd George Moss 4.5/5
 3rd Michael Holmes 3.5/5

Team resultsNorth & East Area

1st Aston St Mary's (Sam Deards, Emily Woolnough, Alexander Dove, Charlie Hodges) 10.5

2nd Grange	9
<u>South & West Area</u>	
1st Cunningham Hill (David Phillips, Jonathan Phillips, James Norris, Chris Jones)	14.5
2 nd Brookmans Park	12.5
3rd How Wood	12

St Vincent de Paul/Fleetville Mini Grand Prix 2003

The scores of children participating in both the two junior congresses were totalled and the best score in each age category won a £10 prize.

	SVDP	F'ville	Total
<u>Under 7 Boys</u>			
1 st James Abrams	4	5	9
<u>Under 8 Boys</u>			
1 st = Sam Deards	3	3	6
1 st = Davy Hogan	3	3	6
<u>Under 8 Girls</u>			
1 st Lydia Smith	3.5	4	7.5
<u>Under 9 Boys</u>			
1 st Edward Little	5	5	10
<u>Under 10 Boys</u>			
Rehaan Adat	4	3	7
<u>Under 10 Girls</u>			
1 st Sarah Bruce	4.5	3	7.5
<u>Under 11 Boys</u>			
1 st = Edward Moss	4.5	3	7.5
1 st = Cameron Little	4	3.5	7.5
<u>Under 13 Boys</u>			
1 st George Moss	3.5	4.5	8

The Association again hosted Michael Basman's **UK Chess Challenge Hertfordshire Megafinal**. The vent was held over two days (27th April and 4th May 2003) at the John Henry Newman School in Stevenage. The qualifiers for the next stage the Gigafinal were:-

	<u>Supremo</u>	<u>Suprema</u>
Under 7	James Abrams	none
Under 8	Saravavan Sathyanandha	Lydia Smith
Under 9	Akash Jain	Gabriella Beckwith
Under 10	David Lawrence	Jennifer Cannon
Under 11	Robbie Carr	Chloe Velounias
Under 12	Will Hanneman	Emma Williams
Under 13	Senthuran Sathyanandha	Yvette Cook
Under 14	David Cox	none
Under 15	Glyn Spencer	none
Under 16	Shammi Shah	Kerrie Howard
Under 17	Akshay Shah	Catherine Wasilewski
Under 18	Lorin D'Costa	none

Other qualifiers:-

Under 7; Jamie Harrison and Kaz Topham

Under 8; Garo Heath, Daniel Fernandez, Oliver Davis and James Biddlecombe

Under 9; Christopher Springthorpe, Ivan Savitsky, Ben Peacock, Ana Alexander, Lucy Binns, Lali Findlay, Mindaugas Pakstas, William Moss, Sanesh Mistry, and Edward Little

Under 10; Alexander Harrison, Robert Marx, Luc Adlington, James De Souza, Joseph Gosling, Theo Green, Matthew Holmes, Ho Yin Tang and Rory Williams

Under 11; Jake Adamson, Daniel Cheung, Graham Davis, Alex Kennedy, Cameron Little, Edward Moss, Michael Turner, Daniel Yee, Jane Withers and Rebecca Allen
 Under 12; Avinoan Baruch, Paul Choong, Conor Devine, Samuel Dust, Thomas Gosling, Ravi Jolly, John Pickford, Nishil Shah, and Steven Uniacke
 Under 13; Martin Cheung, Michael Holmes, Vedantha Kumar, George Moss, Nikhil Sharma and Adam Robinson
 Under 14; Andrew Lillie, Adam Peart and Martin Rogers
 Under 16; Philip Yee and Oliver Hughes
 Under 18; Niraj Modha and Dhaval Shah

Officers of the Association (as at June 2003)

President: Tim Thurstan	Capel and Burn Cups Organiser: Steve Law and Philip Gregory
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County U150 Match Captain: Mike Price *	Congress Organiser/Chief Arbiter: Tim Thurstan
County U125 Match Captain: Keith Woodhouse	Youth Group Chairman: Malcolm Harding
County U18 Match Captain: Ian Beggs	Equipment Curator: John Denton
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Adjudications Secretary: Brian Judkins	Website Editor: Chris Cook
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Club KO Competitions Organiser: Lee Harrison	* appointed September 2003
County Grader: Alan Brewis	

Games from the Major Open section of the British Championship 2003

Richard Mycroft of Royston Chess Club finished equal fourth in the Major Open with 7.5/11 and tied with Sumeet Ghasi and Yashodhan Gogte for the under 18 title.

Mycroft,R (2117) - Will,D (2026) Major Open Round 6 26th July 2003

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.e5 Ng4 [6...d5 is the main line] **7.Qe2 Qe7 8.Bf4 d6 9.exd6 Qxe2 10.Bxe2 Bxd6 11.Bxd6 cxd6** [White is better as the d4 pawn will soon fall, and then the d6 pawn will come under pressure.] **12.Na3 0-0 13.Nb5 Nge5 14.Nbxd4 Nxf3+ 15.Nxf3 Bf5 16.c3 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Ne5 18.Nd4 Bd3? 19.Kf1?** [19.f4 Bxe2 20.fxe5 wins a pawn] **19...Kf8 20.Rad1 Bxe2+ 21.Rxe2 Nc4 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.b3 Na3?** [23...Nb6 24.Nb5 Nc8 and black can probably hold on for a draw. After 23 ... Na3 he is lost, as the knight can't get out] **24.c4 g6 25.Rd2 a6 26.Re2 Nb1 27.Rc2 Na3 28.Re2** [repetition of moves to help avoid time trouble] **28...Nb1 29.Rxe8+ Kxe8 30.f3 d5 31.c5 Na3** [although the c-pawn no longer covers b5, if the black knight retreats there then the exchange will leave black with a lost pawn ending. However, black will be forced to play Nb5 once the white king reaches the queenside.] **32.Ke2 Kd7 33.Kd3 f6 34.f4 Ke7 35.g4 Kd7 36.Kc3 Nb1+ 37.Kc2 Na3+ 38.Kb2 Nb5 39.Nxb5 axb5 40.Kc3** [black resigns, as the ending is lost for him.] **1-0**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 c6 8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 Be7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Rad1 Nd5?! [Until this move, the game had followed a game my opponent played earlier in the tournament, Kay -Gregory, in which black played 11 ... Nd7 and white quickly built up a crushing kingside attack. However, this was preferable to this move, which allows white an even quicker kingside build-up, with the black queen out of the action.] 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Rd3 Nc6 14.Rh3 g6 [the only move that keeps black alive {14...Nxe5 15.Qh5+-}] 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Be5 Rae8?? [16...Qd8 is best, when white has a small advantage; 16...Rfc8 17.Qf3±; 16...f6?! 17.Bd6 wins the e-pawn] 17.Qh5 1-0

19th Century Chess in Hertfordshire by Simon Cage

Most Hertfordshire players would probably be aware that the Herts. Chess Association celebrated its centenary during the 2000/2001 season. What they may *not* be aware of is that chess was actively played in Hertfordshire (and, it seems, especially in North Hertfordshire) long before the setting up of the Association.

Volume 4 of *The British Chess Magazine* of January 1884 (p.29) records that:

"On Thursday the 13th of December a match came off between the St. Alban's and the North Herts Chess Clubs, at the headquarters of the former club. The prize was the silver Chess Challenge Cup presented to the County of Herts by Arthur Files Puller, Esq. in 1880, of which the St. Alban's Club had been the holders until now. The score, North Herts 9½, St. Alban's 6½, shows that the North Herts [club] won by three games, and so carried off the prize."

February 1884 (p.58) sees a somewhat terser, but equally encouraging, note:

"A match between the N. Herts and Luton Clubs was played at Hitchin Jan. 22nd. Score – N. Herts, 11; Luton, 6."

This was followed up in the March 1884 edition with the equally pleasing:

"The return match between the N. Herts and Luton Clubs was played at the Red Lion Hotel, Luton, on Wednesday, Feb. 20th. Luton carried all before them in the first round, winning 6½ games to 3½. However in the second bout N. Herts turned the tables and won 7½ to 2½, thus winning the match by 11 games to 9."

April 1884 (p.129) reproduces "An instructive gamelet recently played at the North Hertfordshire Chess Club."

[Note: the following game and annotations are from the original publication – the only liberty I have taken is to "translate" all moves into algebraic notation.]

White = Mr. Jowitt
Black = Mr. McDonald

Four Knights' Game

1. e4	e5	6. Bxf7+ ③	Kxf7
2. Nf3	Nc6	7. Nxe4	Nxf3+ ④
3. Nc3	Nf6	8. Qxf3+	Kg8 ⑤
4. Bb5	Nd4 ①	9. Ng5	Resigns
5. Bc4 ②	Nxe4		

① An interesting form of the Four Knights' Opening which has as yet been very imperfectly analysed.

② If 5. Nxe5, Black can recover the P by either 5... Qe7 or 5... Nxe4.

③ This is erroneous, the correct play is 6. Nxe5 to which Black must answer with 6... Nd6, for if he try 6... Qg5 or 6... Qf6, White can Castle, with the best game.

④ And now Black is in error, he should play 7... d5.

⑤ Fatal, but anyhow he must incur some loss.

Also during April 1884 (p.149) it was noted that:

"The Cambridge Club is also in training for their annual fight with the sister University, and encountered the North Herts Club at Baldock on the 13th ulto [i.e. March]; total score – N. Herts 8; C.U. 4"

Nothing further is recorded for 1884, but in the January edition of 1885 (p.30), the following appears:

"A match between the Cambridge University Chess Club and the North Herts. Club came off on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at the C.U.C.C. room in Jesus lane, with the following result: C.U., 6; N.H., 7."

The March 1885 edition (p.108) reports the following:

"Mr. H.E. Bird gave an exhibition of simultaneous display on Tuesday, February 17th, at the North Herts. Chess Club, when he encountered nine of its strongest members, viz., the Rev. H.W. Hodgson, the Rev. W. Jowitt, the Rev. Canon Kewley, the Rev. F.F. Lambert, and Messrs. E. MacDonald, T.N. Sanders, E. Prime, W. Bracey and R.E. Sanders. With the exception of Messrs. Sanders two games were contested with each player. Mr. Bird walked from board to board and played very rapidly. A burst of applause announced that the Rev. H.W. Hodgson had defeated his redoubtable antagonist in one game; and although no other victories were won by the men of North Herts. the honour of the Club was upheld in that. Mr. E. MacDonald was credited with two drawn battles, and the Rev. Canon Kewley and Mr. R.E. Sanders with one drawn game each. The remaining thirteen games were won by the simultaneous player."

The final entry (pre-1901) in the *BCM* regarding Hertfordshire is a note on page 133 of the April 1889 issue:

"At Hatfield (Herts.), the Luton club were defeated by North Herts. on the 14th March. Score: North Herts. 7, Luton 6, drawn 1".

County Knockout Competition Results 2002/3

Under 100

1st Round	Semi-Final	Final
Stevenage 3		
vs.	Stevenage 1	
Little Heath 1		
-----	vs.	<u>Watford 3</u>
Welwyn Hatfield ChessForum 1.5		
vs.	Watford 3	
Watford 2.5		
-----	-----	vs.
Royston - conceded		
vs.	Letchworth & Hitchin 2	
Letchworth & Hitchin		
-----	vs.	Barnet Elizabethans 1
Hemel Hempstead 1		
vs.	Barnet Elizabethans 2*	
Barnet Elizabethans 3		

Preliminary round results; Allenbury's 2-2 Stevenage*, Little Heath 3.5 – 0.5 St Albans, Hertford 1.5 – 2.5 Letchworth & Hitchin
Winners; **Watford**

Under 125

1 st Round	Semi-Final	Final
Allenbury's 3		
vs.	Allenbury's 3.5	
Letchworth & Hitchin 2		
-----	vs.	<u>Allenbury's 2.5*</u>
Barnet Elizabethans 2.5		
vs.	Little Heath 1.5	
Little Heath 2.5*		
		vs.
St. Albans 1.5		
vs.	Borehamwood 2	
Borehamwood 3.5		
-----	vs.	Royston 2.5
Watford - Default		
vs.	Royston 3	
Royston		

Preliminary round results; Rothamsted 2-3 Allenbury's , Stevenage 2-3 Letchworth & Hitchin, Hertford 2-3 Borehamwood
Winners; Allenbury's

Sharp (under 140)

1 st Round	Semi-Final	Final
Hoddesdon 3.5		
vs.	Hoddesdon 2	
Allenbury's 2.5		
-----	vs.	<u>Hertford 4</u>
Hertford 5		
vs.	Hertford 4	
Watford 1		
-----	-----	vs.
St. Albans 4		
vs.	St. Albans 4	
Little Heath 2		
-----	vs.	St. Albans 2
Hemel Hempstead 1.5		
vs.	Stevenage 2	
Stevenage 4.5		

Winners; **Hertford**

Russell

1 st Round	Semi-Final	Final
	St. Albans 0.5	
	vs.	<u>Royston 4</u>
Hertford 1		
vs.	Royston 5.5	
Royston 5		
-----	-----	vs.
Letchworth & Hitchin 1.5		
vs.	Watford 1	
Watford 4.5		
-----	vs.	Hemel Hempstead 2
Hemel Hempstead		
vs.	Hemel Hempstead 5	
Hoddesdon - Default		

Winners; **Royston**

NB. in all four knockout competitions the first named team in each pairing had home advantage.

* = win on board count

Capel & Burn Cups 2002

A rather disappointing turnout saw Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell win the Capel Cup and Hamza Syed win the Burn Cup. The final standings were :-

	Name	Grade	Club	Score
1	Fraser-Mitchell, Jeremy	170	St Albans	4.5
2	Walker, Martin	200	Royston	4
3	Syed, Hamza	150	Watford	3.5
4	Mutton, Ian	138	Letchworth & Hitchin	2.5
5	Topham, Mark	121	Little Heath & Brookmans Park	2
	Morris, Barry	155	Watford	2
7	Bunce, Peter	118	Stevenage	1.5
	Isella, Lorenzo	126	St Albans	1.5
9	Baker, Peter	75	St Albans	
	Hamm, Wolf	96	St Albans	1
	Simmons, John	150	St Albans	1
12	Leake, John	103	St Albans	0.5

Cross Table

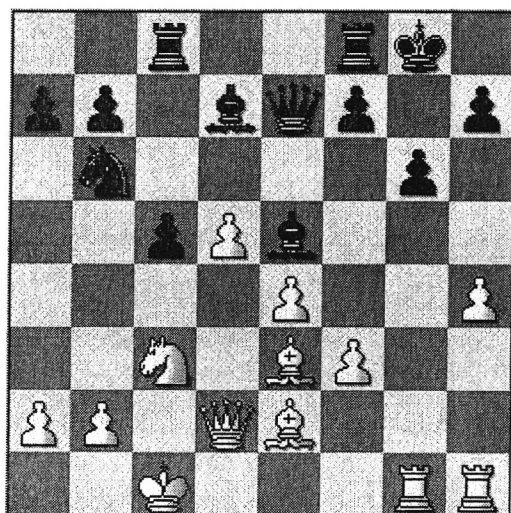
No	Name	Grade	Club	Total	1	2	3	4	5
1.	Walker, Martin	200	Royston	4	6:W	5:D	2:D	9:W	8:W
2.	Fraser-Mitchell, Jeremy	170	St Albans	4.5	7:W	10:W	1:D	5:W	6:W
3.	Morris, Barry	155	Watford	2	8:L	6:L	7:W	10:W	5:L
4.	Simmons, John	150	St Albans	1	:	9:W	:	:	:
5.	Syed, Hamza	150	Watford	3.5	9:W	1:D	8:W	2:L	3:W
6.	Mutton, Ian	138	Letchworth	2.5	1:L	3:W	10:W	8:D	2:L
7.	Isella, Lorenzo	126	St Albans	1.5	2:L	8:D	3:L	11:D	9:D
8.	Topham, Mark	121	Little Heath	2	3:W	7:D	5:L	6:D	1:L
9.	Bunce, Peter	118	Stevenage	1.5	5:L	4:L	11:W	1:L	7:D
10.	Baker, Peter	75	St Albans	1	:W	2:L	6:L	3:L	12:L
11.	Leake, John	103	St Albans	.5	:	:	9:L	7:D	:
12.	Hamm, Wolf	96	St Albans	1	:	:	:	:	10:W

The decisive game in the Capel; despite heavily out grading his opponent black is totally outplayed and lucky to escape losing.

Fraser-Mitchell,J - Walker,M

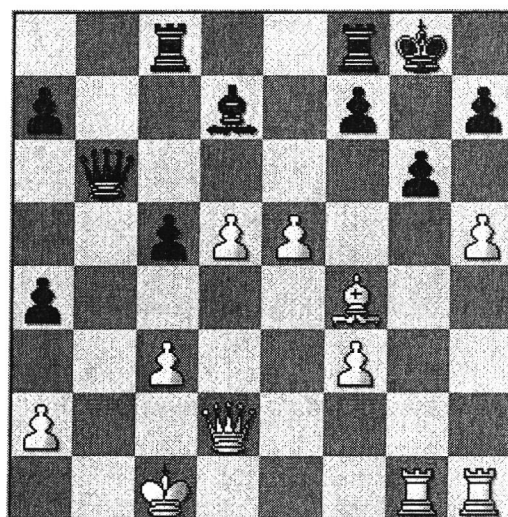
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 (Alekhine's Anti-Grunfeld)
3...d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 (The point of white's 3rd move. Had he played Nc3 instead black could exchange knights on c3; now he must retreat his knight to a less effective square)
6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 e5 10.d5 Nd4 11.f4 c5 12.fxe5 Bxe5 (12. ... Bg4 13. Re1 Bxe5 14. h3 Bd7 15. Nf3 Nxf3 16. gxf3 is more common) **13.Nf3 Nxf3 14.gxf3 Qe7 15.h4** (White's plan is to use his h-pawn to open up the black king) **15...Bd7 16.Be2** [16.h5 Na4 (16...Ba4 17.b3) 17.Nxa4 Bxa4 18.b3 Bd7±] **16...Rac8 17.Rdg1?!**



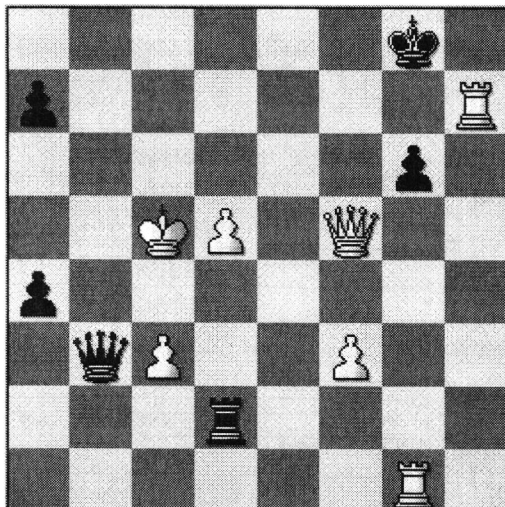
[17.h5 immediately is probably better]
17...Bxc3?! [17...h5 to stop white's pawn coming to h5 is safer. However if white can play

his pawn to f5 black has real problems] **18.bxc3 Na4 19.h5 b5 20.Bd1! Qe5** (If 20. ... b4 Fritz suggests 21. Qh2 but white said that he would probably have played 21. c4 or 21. Bxa4 Bxa4 22. c4) **21.Bxa4 bxa4 22.Bf4 Qf6 23.e5 Qb6**



24.e6? [White misses the first win! 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.Qh2! Rf7 26.e6 Bxe6 27.Rxg6+ Kf8 28.Qh6+ wins easily] **24...Rb8** Threatening mate! **25.exf7+** [25.Qc2! stops mate and adds to the pressure on g6] **25...Kxf7 26.hxg6+ hxg6 27.Bxb8 Rxb8 28.Qf4+?** [Now white misses the second chance to win by 28.Rh7+ Kg8 29.Rh8+! Kxh8 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Rxg6+ Qxg6 32.Qxg6+ Kh8 (32...Kf8? 33.Qd6+) 33.Qh6+ Kg8 34.Qg5+

Kh7 35.Qh4+ and Qg3+ winning.] 28...Bf5
 29.Rh7+ Kg8 30.Qxf5! Qb2+ 31.Kd1 Qa1+
 32.Kd2 Rb2+ [32...Qxa2+] 33.Kd3 c4+
 34.Kxc4 Qxa2+ 35.Kc5 Qa3+ 36.Kd4 Rd2+
 37.Kc4 Qb3+ 38.Kc5 Qb6+ 39.Kc4 Qb3+
 40.Kc5



Black, who is a rook down, can force a draw by checking with his queen on b3 and b6. He cannot take either rook however; 40. ...Qb6+ 41. Kc4 Kxh7 42. Qf7+ Kh6 43. Qf8+ Kh5 44. Qh8# or 41. ...Qxg1 42.Qf7#. Presumably therefore his next move is an attempt to win but it should lose! 40...Qxc3+?? 41.Kd6 Qb4+ 42.Kd7?? [White misses the best move and another win. By boldly marching his king into enemy territory black's checks run out leaving him a rook up; 42.Kc7 Qb6+ (42...Qc5+ 43.Kb8 Qb6+ 44.Rb7; 42...Qa5+ 43.Kc8) 43.Kc8 Qc5+ 44.Rc7 and wins.] 42...Qb7+ 43.Kd6 Qb6+ 1/2-1/2

The **Old Puller Cup** was held at the St Albans Chess Club. The format was a 4-round Rapidplay for teams of up to 4 players with the players paired individually. Hemel Hempstead were the clear winners.

Final Standings

1 Hemel Hempstead	12 points
2 St Albans 1	9
3 St Albans 2	6.5
4 Allenburys	6
5 Barnet 1	4.5
6 Barnet 2	2

Individual scores

Dignam, M	Hemel Hempstead	3.5/4
Bonafont, P	Hemel Hempstead	
Fraser-Mitchell, J	St Albans	3/4
Lexton, M	St Albans	
Law, S	Hemel Hempstead	
Isella, L	St Albans 2	
Ramirez-Molina, C	Allenburys	2.5/4
Cross, I	St Albans 2	
Riddoch, I	Barnet 2	2/4
Belton, D	Allenburys	
Weston, S	Hemel Hempstead	
Thomson, D	St Albans	1.5/4
Bower, D	St Albans	
Ben-Nathan, D	Barnet	
Harrison, L	Allenburys	
Anderson, F	Barnet	1/4
Robson, C	Barnet	

Hayward, P
Leighton, I

St Albans 2
Barnet

Correspondence Chess

In the **County & District Correspondence Chess Championship** the team scored 14.5/26 and gained promotion to Division 1 (Ward-Higgs) for the first time since the competition began in 1924! The scores were as follows:-

Board	HCA Player		score	Opponent	County
1	C O'Bee	W	0	C Baker	Surrey
2	B Morris	B	1	T Cox	Warks 2
3	D R Brennan	B	0.5	R Slade	Essex 2
4	D Edney	W	1	C Hobbs	Cumbria
5	J D Rhodes	B	1	G Rosser	Staffs
6	S Law	W	1	S Chick	Kent 2
7	E Ratcliffe	W	1	M Addis	Warks 2
8	K Kitson	B	1	M Franklin	Surrey
9	P May	B	0	W Bell	Cumbria
10	J West	W	0.5	J Sargent	Essex 2
11	A Gray	B	0.5	D Auger	Kent 2
12	T Thurstan	W	1	R Whitehouse	Staffs
13	R Forst	W	0.5	M Rhodes	Surrey
14	A F Reed	B	0.5	R Harriman	Warks 2
15	M Dyer	B	0	K Clow	Essex 2
16	J D M Tymms	W	0.5	B Wallace	Cumbria
17	G Williams	B	0	B Hall	Staffs
28	J Sharp	W	0	M Mason	Kent 2
19	W J Gordon	W	0.5	G Howard	Warks 2
20	I Mutton	B	0.5	D Baldock	Surrey
21	D W Parrott	B	1	P Tipper	Cumbria
22	J Lanaway	W	0	R Johnson	Essex 2
23	G Hickford/D Cox	B	1	D Nevill	Kent 2
24	E G D Crowden	W	0.5	P Tosney	Staffs
25	S Johnson	W	1	R Griffiths	Surrey
26	T Walsh	B	0	R Hadfield	Warks 2
	Total 14.5/26			Match ended June 2003	

Note: On board 23 David Cox took over from Gordon Hickford after the start of the game when Gordon fell ill. Sadly Gordon has since died.

In the **BCCL** Eight of Herts A scored 7.5/16 (Colin Kidd ½, Steve Law 0/2, Eric Ratcliffe 0.5/2, Mike Dyer 0/2, John Rhodes 2/2, Arthur Gray 2/2, Arthur Reed 1.5/2 and David Crowden 0.5/2) and finished 6th out of 11 in the Championship Division.

Eight of Hearts B scored 8.5/16 and also finished exactly midway up Division 2 (5th out of 9)! Individual scores were:- John West 2/2, Jonathan Tymms 0/2, Nigel Kerby 1.5/2, John Lanaway 2/2, Graham Williams 1.5/2, Tony Pears 1.5/2, Tom Walsh 1.5/2 and Alan Prince 0/2.