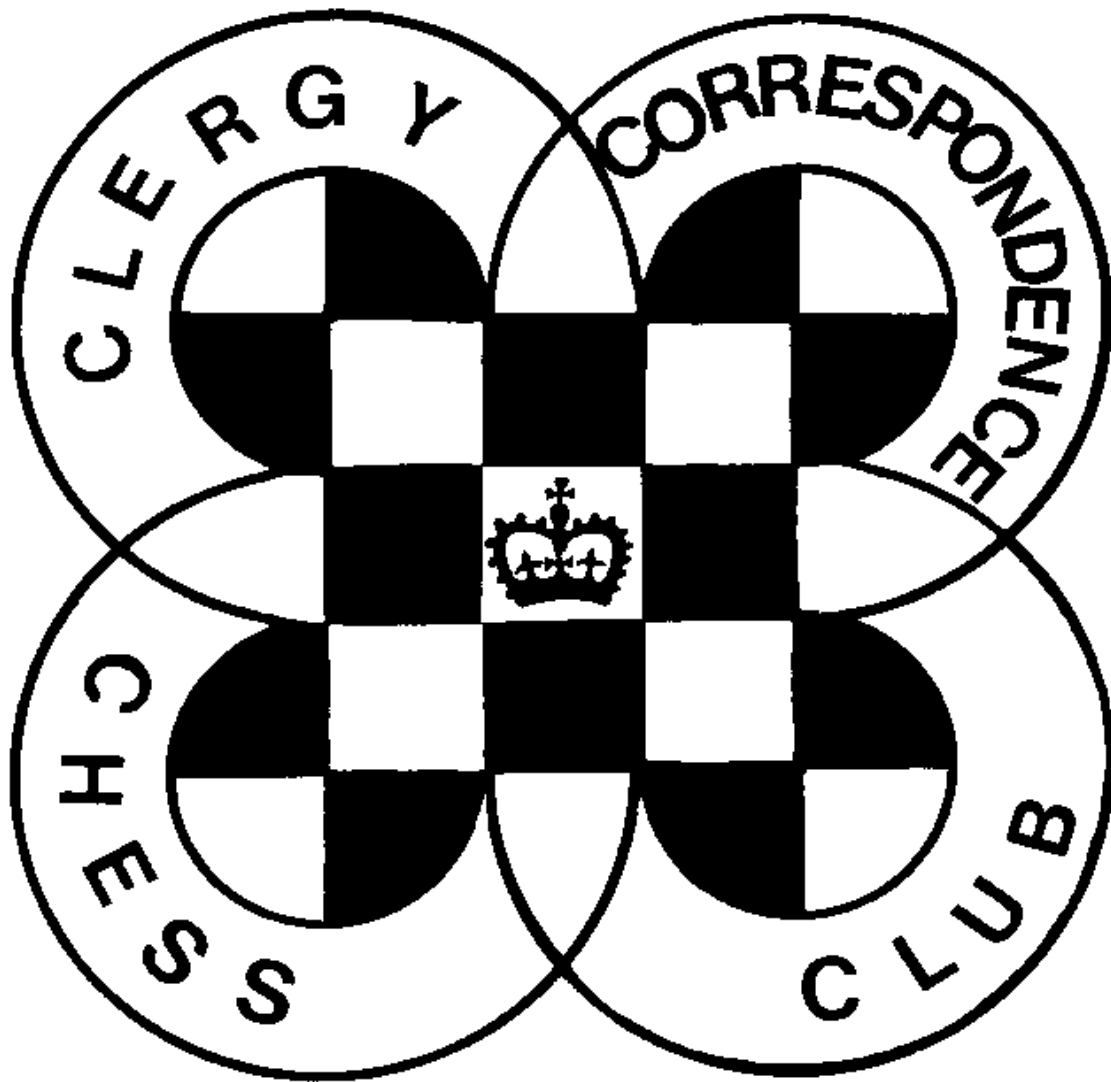
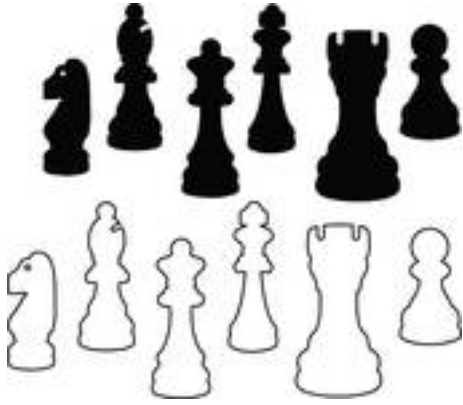


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CURRENT SEASON

All games should now be underway in the current season even if you are taking advantage of the staggered starting dates allowed to those playing electronically. If there are any games not yet underway please do get them started now.

GAMES

We are very short of games for the magazine, especially annotated ones which are much more interesting to our readers. Please, if anyone can spend a few minutes annotating a game that they have played, please do so and submit it for the magazine. As always, my thanks to Michael Thistlewood who edits and prepares the games for the magazine. He does an excellent job but can only work with the material you send in.

EFCC AND OUR WEB SITE

We are enormously indebted to Robert Moneagle, the webmaster for the EFCC. Over the last couple of years he has scanned and digitised our entire archive and is adding it to our website which they host for us. He is getting close to the end of the project and already every issue of CHESS minister! since the magazine appeared in that format is available to read online. Other material will be added as time goes by.

SCHEMING MIND STANDARD CHESS LEAGUE

Our current campaign has not got off to the best of starts with two, albeit narrow, defeats to Team Great Britain A and The Chess Warriors C, both by a score of 4-6. We then had something of a hiatus as our 3rd round opponents failed to raise a team and defaulted the match and we had a bye in the 4th round as a result of an uneven number of teams in our division. At the time of writing we are just about to get our 5th round match underway and hope that we might turn things around.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

John Loxton (Div 2B) is moving any time soon but as is the nature of these things it is not as straightforward as he hoped. Presumably he will have a forwarding arrangement in place but I will give his new address in the next issue.

Richard Cleaves moved as planned last summer but they decided against a landline. His address details are correct in the last CHESS minister! as is his email, but if you want to speak to him you will have to ring his mobile – 07816 973340.

My apologies that I left my own old address in the list of Divisions in the last issue. My contact details were and remain correct on the back cover of the magazine.

OUR BANK ACCOUNT IS ONLINE

A reminder that our bank account is now online for payment of subscriptions, Scheming Mind subscriptions, purchases of the Alice booklet (see below), or even if you want to make a donation to Club funds!

The details are:

Bank	Santander plc
Sort Code	09-01-56
Account No.	12314006
Account Name	Clergy Correspondence Chess Club

If you make payments by this method, please use your name as a reference so that Charles can identify the payment, and he would be grateful if you could also email him to let him know it's coming and what it's for (eg subs, Scheming Mind, book purchase, etc). Alternatively you could include the purpose of the payment in the reference. Please use common sense.

Of course Charles is still happy to receive and make payments by cheque if that is what you prefer.

THE CHESS PLAYER'S ALICE

Copies of this booklet by our Founder and late President Ivor Davies remain available. First printed some years ago it has been re-typed it and enhanced in presentation by using technology that he did not have available at the time he wrote it and we have decided to publish it as part of our Golden Jubilee celebrations. The booklet is A5 size and runs to 24 pages and examines the conundrum of the chess game that underpins 'Through The Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There.'

Questions that Ivor looks into are:

How can White make thirteen moves to Black's (Red's) three?

Can White simply ignore a check on his King?

What is meant by Queens Castling?

Who is the invisible Bishop?

These are just some of the questions posed by the chess game that provides the framework of Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There*. Questions with which Ivor Davies grapples in this booklet.

Can the game be reconciled with the rules of chess at all, or is it just a nonsense-fantasy of the author?

The book has a cover price of £4 (plus postage if bought on Amazon), but is offered to CCCC members for just £3 post free. Simply send a cheque for £3 (payable CCCC) to our treasurer, or pay online (see information above) then email or phone the Secretary and a copy will be on its way to you.

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CCCC ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31.7.18

	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>(2016/17)</u>		<u>2017/18</u>	<u>(2016/17)</u>
<u>Income £</u>			<u>Expenditure £</u>		
Subscriptions	24.00	(24.00)	Secretary's Expenses	25.58	(23.67)
Bank Interest	5.15	(6.72)	Treasurer's Expenses		(1.68)
Scheming Mind p'ments	30.00	(8.00)	EFCC Affiliation	15.00	(15.00)
			Printing of Alice book	167.95	
Alice book sales	25.93				
Donation	50.00				
Deficit for year	<u>73.45</u>	<u>(1.63)</u>			
	208.53	(40.35)		208.53	(40.35)

Balance Sheet as at 31.7.18

	<u>£</u>
Balances brought forward	1129.38
Less: deficit for year	73.45
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1055.93
<u>Represented by:</u>	
Santander UK plc Business Account	45.52
NS&I Investment Account (Life Membership)	1010.41
	1055.93

Treasurer's Report on the 2017/18 Accounts

As I predicted in my report last year, we have a large (by CCCC standards) deficit this year of £73.45. Had it not been for a very generous anonymous donation of £50.00 it would have been considerably higher. This is of course entirely due to the upfront costs of publishing former CCCC President Ivor Davies's book *The Chess Player's Alice*, with a print run of 130 copies. Sales so far have been less than brisk, so please do recommend it to chess-playing friends and/or buy copies as presents. From a Treasurer's point of view, however, I have no anxieties about the Club's finances; I did not think there was any need to increase our subscription rates for 2018/19, so this is their fifth year at the current level.

Sales of Scheming Mind tokens are considerably up, so thank you to those of you who are helping our finances this way.

The other figures call for little comment. Savings interest rates remain miserably low, though perhaps the recent (at the time of writing) Base Rate rise may at last nudge them upwards. Thanks to electronic banking, I was able to reduce my own expenses to zero.

At the end of the financial year 2017/18 the value of the Life Membership Fund stood at £42.10 per Life Member (previous year: £46.89). To cover the cost of the *Alice* book, a net withdrawal of £120 was required. The 'value per member' is now back to its 2013 level.

At the start of the current financial year, all subs were up to date – thank you. Please keep it up, as I don't like sending chasers, and I'm sure no one enjoys receiving them!

Charles Mason – Hon Treasurer, CCCC

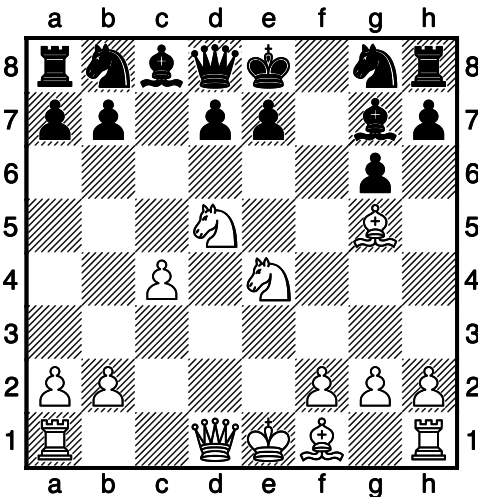
Although it is interesting to look at past games of famous players, this is the second time I have had to do this because we have no games of our own to print. Do please let me have games by email or PDF – especially games from Division 1. Many thanks!

This month I am looking at early games from two famous players of the past. The first two are from Lasker aged about 10 or 11.

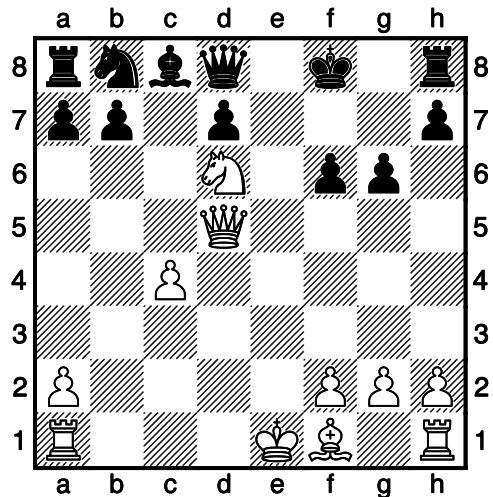
Lasker, Emanuel – Mieses, Jacques [A84]

Leipzig m 8990 Leipzig (1), 1889

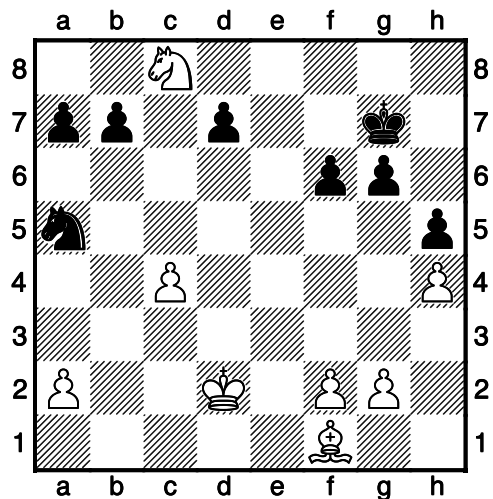
1.d4 f5 2.c4 c5 3.dxc5 Qa5+
4.Nc3 Qxc5 5.e4 fxe4 6.Nxe4 Qc7
7.Nh3 g6 8.Nf4 Bg7 9.Nd5 Qd8
10.Bg5



10...Bxb2 11.Nd6+ Kf8 12.Qf3+
Bf6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Nxf6 exf6
15.Qd5



15...Qe7+ 16.Kd2 Kg7 17.Re1 Qf8
18.h4 h5 19.Rh3 Nc6 20.Rhe3
Qd8 21.Re8 Rxe8 22.Rxe8 Qa5+
23.Qxa5 Nxa5 24.Rxc8 Rxc8
25.Nxc8



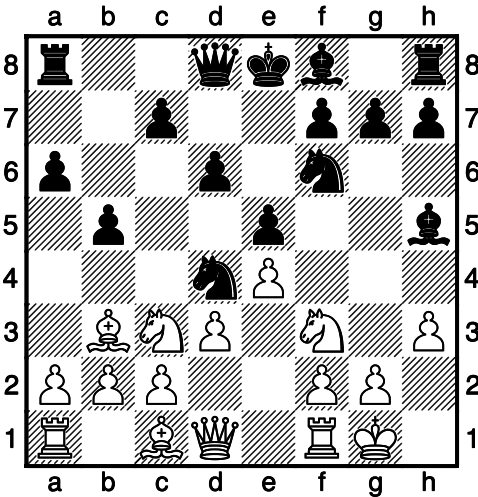
25...Nc6 26.Nd6 b6 27.Be2 f5
28.Bf3 Ne7 29.Nb5 a5 30.Nc7 Nc8
31.Nd5 Kf7 32.Kc3 Ke6 33.Kd4
d6 34.Nf4+ Kf6 35.Bb7 Na7
36.Nd5+ Ke6 37.Nxb6

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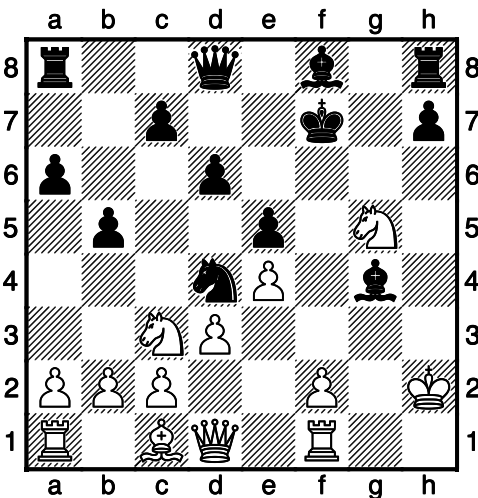
**Loman,Rudolf Johannes –
Lasker,Emanuel [C79]**

Amsterdam Amsterdam (3),
27.08.1889

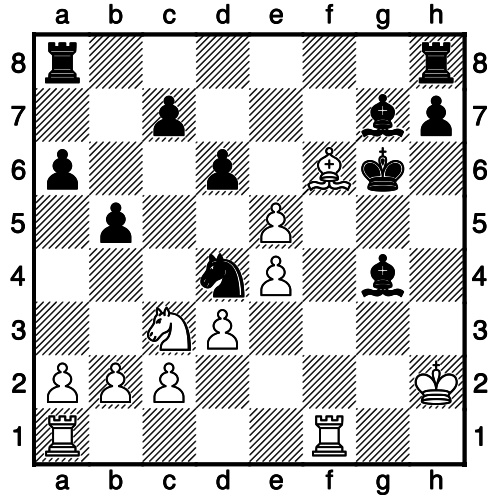
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Nc3 b5 7.Bb3 Bg4
8.h3 Bh5 9.d3 Nd4



10.Kh2 g5 11.g4 Nxc4+ 12.hxc4
Bxc4 13.Bxf7+ Kxf7 14.Nxc5+



14...Qxg5 15.Bxg5 Bxd1 16.f4
Bg4 17.fxe5+ Kg6 18.Bf6 Bg7



19.Rf4 h5 20.Raf1 Raf8 21.Nd5
dxe5 22.R4f2 Bxf6

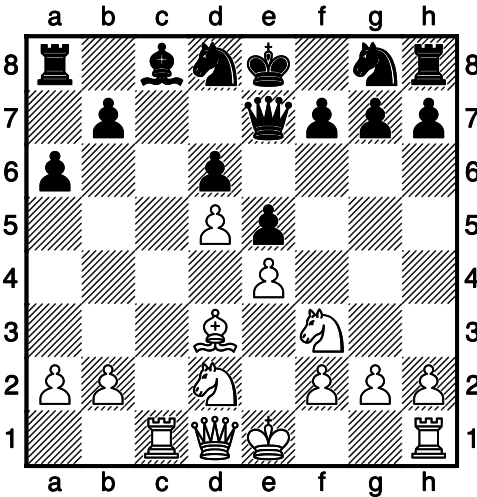
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The second two are from
Capablanca ages about 13.

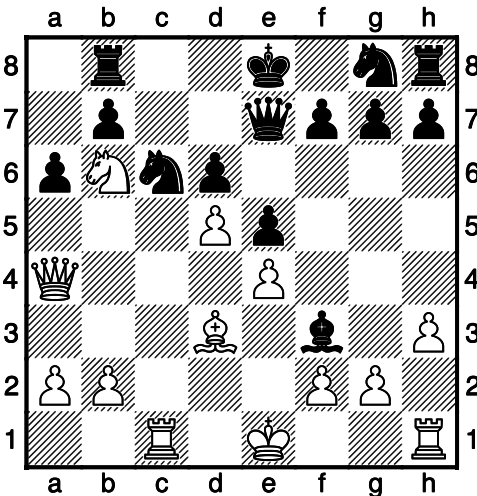
**Capablanca,Jose Raul –
Delmonte,E [B22]**

Havana casual Havana,
19.09.1901

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.Nf3 e5 4.c3
Nc6 5.cxd4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qe7 7.d5
Nd8 8.Bd3 Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 d6
10.Rc1 a6



11.Nc4 Bd7 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.Qc2
Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qa4+ Nc6

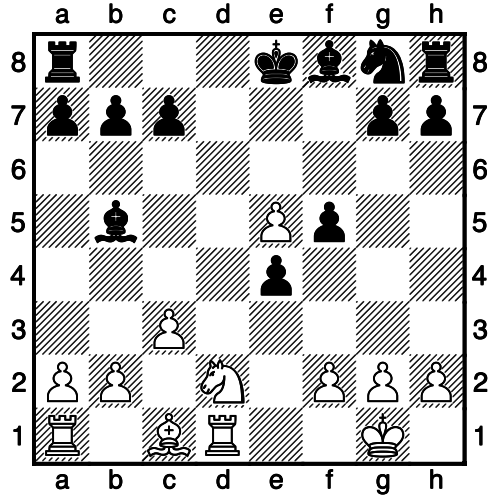


16.dxc6 Qc7 17.cxb7+ Kf8
18.Rxc7

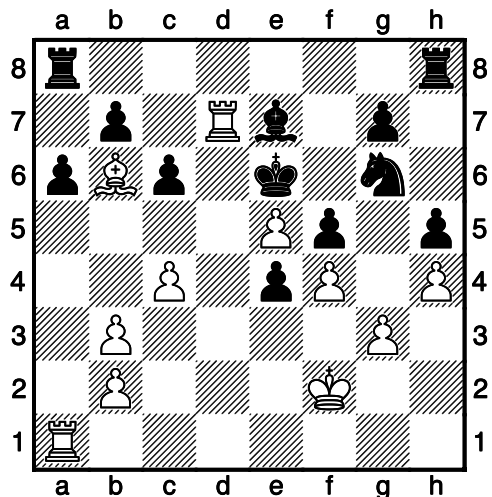
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Paredes,L –
Capablanca,Jose Raul [C44]
Havana casual Havana,
20.09.1901

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.Bb5
Qd6 5.d4 dxe4 6.Nxe5 Bd7 7.0-0
Nxe5 8.dxe5 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Bxb5
10.Nd2 f5



11.Nb3 Ba4 12.Be3 Ne7 13.f4 c6
14.c4 a6 15.Bb6 Bxb3 16.axb3
Ng6 17.g3 Be7 18.Kf2 h5 19.h4
Kf7 20.Rd7 Ke6



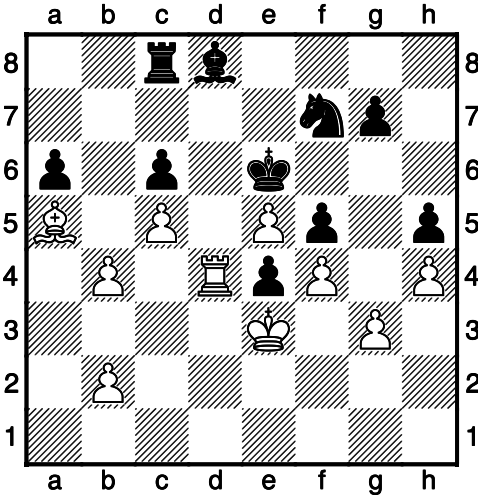
21.Rxb7 Rb8 22.Rxb8 Rxb8
23.c5 Ra8 24.b4 Nh8 25.Rd1 Nf7
26.Bc7 Nh6 27.Ke2 Nf7 28.Rd4
Rc8 29.Ba5 Bd8 30.Ke3

Lasker, Emanuel –

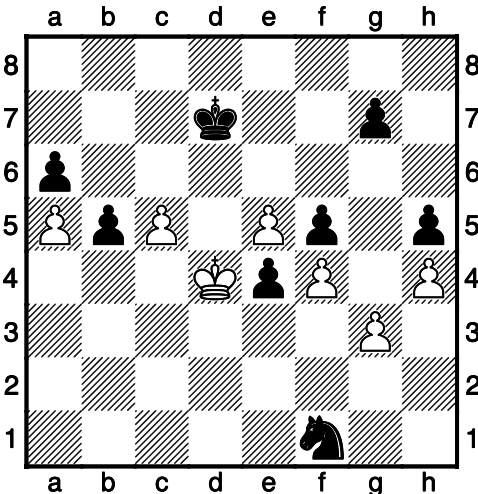
Capablanca, Jose Raul [C68]

St Petersburg final St Petersburg
(7), 18.05.1914

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4
Qxd4 7.Nxd4 Bd6 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.0-0
0-0 10.f4 Re8 11.Nb3 f6 12.f5 b6
13.Bf4 Bb7 14.Bxd6 cxd6 15.Nd4
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18.Rf2 b5 19.Rfd2 Rde7 20.b4
Kf7



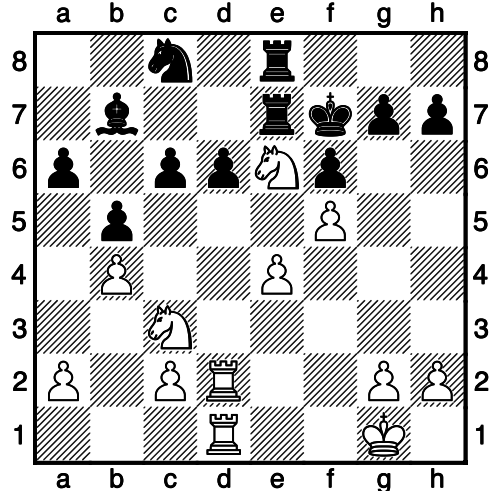
30...Bxa5 31.bxa5 Rb8 32.b4 Rd8
33.Rxd8 Nxd8 34.Kd4 Kd7
35.Kc3 Ne6 36.Kc4 Nc7 37.Kd4
Nd5 38.Kc4 Ne3+ 39.Kd4 Nf1
40.b5 cxb5



41.Kd5 Ne3+ 42.Kd4 Nc4 43.Kd5
Nxa5 44.e6+ Ke7 45.Ke5 g6

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The final game between Lasker
and Capablanca three years later.



21.a3 Ba8 22.Kf2 Ra7 23.g4 h6
24.Rd3 a5 25.h4 axb4 26.axb4
Rae7 27.Kf3 Rg8 28.Kf4 g6
29.Rg3 g5+ 30.Kf3 Nb6 31.hxg5
hxg5 32.Rh3 Rd7 33.Kg3 Ke8
34.Rdh1 Bb7 35.e5 dxe5 36.Ne4
Nd5 37.N6c5 Bc8 38.Nxd7 Bxd7
39.Rh7 Rf8 40.Ra1 Kd8 41.Ra8+
Bc8 42.Nc5

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CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB FINAL RESULTS 2018 / 2019

Division 1	Hu	Ya	Sm	Lw	Ha	Points	%
Hulme				1*		1 / 1	100
Yates							
Smith							
Lowe	0					0 / 1	0
Hall							
Division 2A	St	Pa	Th	Ny	Du	Points	%
Stevenson			1 ½*			1 ½ / 2	75
Partridge			1 1*		0 0	2 / 4	50
Thistlewood	0 ½	0 0		0 0	0 0	½ / 8	6
Nye			1* 1			2 / 2	100
Dunning		1 1*	1* 1			4 / 4	100
Division 2B	Wi	Ca	Lx	Tu	Cl	Points	%
Williamson							
Carlin							
Loxton				1 1		2 / 2	100
Turnbull			0 0			0 / 2	0
Cleaves							

* indicates a game won or drawn with the Black pieces.

These are the results I have on 21st January 2019.

It is early days so I am not unduly worried that not many results are in, but if you haven't started any of your games make sure you do so as soon as possible.

Please keep me informed of your results as they come in, remembering to let me know which colour of pieces you played with as that might affect a tie.

Results are posted on our Facebook page so that is an easy way of making sure you keep up to date with what is going on.

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