

# CHESS minister !



July 1991

This issue of 'Chess minister!' coincides with the end of our season drawing near. I would appreciate having your results as soon as possible, and no later than 15th August. A list of outstanding results is on the next page. I have 6 weeks (after allowing a fortnight's grace) from the end of one season to the start of the next. During this period I hope to take a holiday of a little over a fortnight, leaving me 3 weeks to get unfinished games adjudicated, results collated, and new divisions drawn up for next season, apart from fitting in a bit of work in the parish! With your help by getting results in on time this is quite possible, but it is very difficult if I am still chasing outstanding games into September.

One thing that isn't satisfactory about our close season being August/September is that it has never proved the ideal time for recruiting new members. After this issue is printed in July, any mention in the church press is usually into August, and if readers are on holiday they don't contact me until September. Anything much after the first week in September is already becoming too late to include them in the new season. I have been wondering whether we should move the whole thing back a month and run our season from November to August. This could mean late games running into peak holiday period, but may help in recruiting new members. Your views please...

I don't know what mention we have had in other branches of the church press, but a slightly sarcastic mention by a guest diarist some months ago in Church Times didn't prove terribly helpful in recruiting members. More recently a mention of chess by another guest diarist prompted Ivor Davies to write a letter which was published and has so far yielded one potential new member. If you know of any colleagues who play chess do put them in touch with me before the end of August.

Ten people have indicated an interest in our proposed Silver Jubilee Congress next year. Ivor has done a geographical breakdown of our membership and suggests a venue slightly north of midlands as our membership is weighted to the north. Spring or early summer seems the preferred time. Would anyone prefer it made into say a week's holiday (perhaps abroad) with plenty of free time and non-participating wives welcome. This would obviously cost rather more (though if there are enough of us we could get group rates) than 4 days in a Retreat House like we did last time. Please let me have your views VERY QUICKLY as some sort of a booking is going to have to be made fairly soon.

Finally, best wishes for recovery to John Bickerstaff who suffered a stroke earlier this year.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Geoffrey Harper (Div.2B) writes: Born in Cornwall of Cornish parents, with Cornish ancestors as far back as can be traced, I first crossed the Tamar to begin 2 years National Service at RAF Padgate. This lively introduction to life in the raw was followed by a Theology degree at Oxford, 2 years at Mirfield, 5 years in inner city Coventry and Birmingham and 11 years on a north Birmingham housing estate. I then moved from a parish of 12,000 with a church two years old to a little country parish of 600 (5 miles west of the Tamar) which had recently celebrated its 600th anniversary. Now at Paul with a church burnt down by the Spaniards in 1595, and a parish including the village of Mousehole, famous for the Penlee lifeboat and Cap'n Birds Eye adverts. Great joy in life after the family - three children now in Sussex, Japan and Wiltshire - is walking on the cliffs and moors. And of course there is chess. I began to play seriously 12 years ago. After two very good seasons in 1985-87, over the board and postal, my playing skills declined all of a sudden, but when the church is finally repaired at a cost of £500,000 sometime this year maybe I will improve.

RESULTS PLEASE

The current season is drawing to its close and play should cease on 31st July. If you are still playing, please make a special effort to finish your games by the end of the month - use phone or first class post if you are not already doing so. I don't mind if you run on for a week or so to finish a game, but ALL RESULTS SHOULD BE IN MY HAND BY 15TH AUGUST AT THE LATEST. If results are outstanding after this date then it will not be possible to get the new season started on time in October. At the time of writing this page (4th July) the following is the state of play though it is possible that some of you will have sent in a result between this date and your receiving this magazine.

DIV. 1 is closer than it has been for years and there looks to be a real chance of us hailing a new champion. Results wanted from:

CALDWELL	v	Hulme	Morris		
HULME	v	Caldwell	Morris	Smith	
MORRIS	v	Caldwell	Hulme		
SMITH	v	Hulme			

Division 2A is not far from completion, and Eric Bailey has done enough to ensure promotion to Division 1 next year. Results wanted:

DAVIES	v	Williamson			
NICHOL	v	Williamson			
WILLIAMSON	v	Davies	Nichol		

Division 2B is complete and Geoffrey Harper returns to Division 1 next season. Division 3A is also complete with Gordon Geddes achieving a perfect score and thus winning promotion.

Division 3B is very thin on results, and I would appreciate these:

KINGS	v	Mackenzie	Norris	Nye	Partridge
MACKENZIE	v	Kings	Nye	Partridge	
NORRIS	v	Kings	Partridge		
NYE	v	Mackenzie	Partridge		
PARTRIDGE	v	Kings	Mackenzie	Norris	Nye

Division 3C is also very thin on results, which are required from:

GOODE	v	Harcus	Stevenson		
HARCUS	v	Goode	Janicker	Stevenson	
JANICKER	v	Harcus			
STEVENSON	v	Goode	Harcus		

Division 3D is complete with a 4 way tie, but on tie break Clifton Joy gets promotion.

Division 4 results from the following please:

COUCH	v	McIntyre	Shephard		
GOWING	v	McIntyre	Shephard		
McINTYRE	v	Gowing	Shephard		
SHEPHARD	v	Couch	Gowing	McIntyre	

PLEASE LET ME HAVE ALL OF THESE OUTSTANDING RESULTS as soon as possible, and in any case NO LATER THAN 15TH AUGUST.

If you need to send games for ADJUDICATION, please remember that I need from BOTH PLAYERS a diagram of the position reached saying which side is to move, and what result you are claiming. Analysis supporting your claim is optional, but if not supplied you cannot subsequently appeal against the adjudication.

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HURT v LEWIS (Div. 3D - 90/91)

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2	Nc3	d6
3	Nf3	Nc6
4	d4	cxd
5	Nxd	e5
or 5...	Nxd4	; 6 Qxd4 e5
6	Nf3	a6
7	Be2	Nf6
8	O-O	Be7
9	Re1	O-O
10	a4	Bg4
11	h3	Bxf3
12	Bxf3	Qb6
13	b3	Nd4
14	Nd5	Nxd5
15	exd5	Qa5
16	Bb2	Nxf3+
or 16	Bd2 Nxf3+	; 17 Qxf3 Qxd2
17	Qxf3	Bf6
18	Qe4	g6
19	c4	Bg7
20	Qc2	Rac8
21	Bc3	Qc7
22	Qd2	b6
23	Re1	a5
24	Kh1	f5

the Q side stabilised, action transferred to other wing.

25	Qb2	e4
26	Bxg7	Qxg7
27	Qa3	Qe5
28	Re1	Rf6
29	Rac1	g5
30	f3	e3
31	Qa1	Qxa1
32	Rxa1	f4
33	Kg1	h5
34	g3	Re8
35	Kg2	fxg2
36	Kxg3	Rf4
37	Ra2	Rd4
38	Rb2	Re5
39	Ree2	Kf7
40	Rb1	Kf6
41	Rbe1	Rd3
42	f4	gxf4+
43	Kxf4	Rxb3
44	Rxe3	Rb4
or 44...	Rxe3; 45 Rxe3 Rxe3;	
46	Kxe3 Ke5;	47 h4;
45	Rxe5	dxg5
46	Rxe5	Rxc4+
47	Re4	Rb4
48	d6	Rxe4
49	Kxe4	Ke6
50	Kd4	Kxd6
51	Kc4	Kc6
52	h4	b5
53	axb5+	Kb6
54	Kb6	Kxb5
55	Ka3	drawn

Neither black's Rook's pawns can reach promotion.

LEWIS v HURT (Div. 3D - 90/91)

1	c4	d6
2	d4	e6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	Nf3	d5
5	e3	c6
6	g3	Be7
7	c5	Nbd7
8	Bg2	b6
9	b4	a5
10	b5	cxb5
11	Nxb5	bxc5
12	dxg5	Bxc5
13	Nfd4	O-O
14	O-O	Ba6
15	a4	Nb6
16	Nb3	Bb4
17	Nd2	Qd7
18	e4	e5
19	exd	Nfxd5
20	Bxd5	Nxd5
21	Ba3	Bxb5
22	Bxb4	Rfe8
23	axb5	Nxb4
24	Nc4	Qxd1
25	Rfxd1	a4
26	Nb6	Ra5
27	Nxa4	Rxb5
28	Nc3	Rb6
29	Nd5	Nxd5
30	Rxd5	Rbe6
31	Rd2	h5
32	h4	Kh7
33	Ra7	f5
34	Rd7	Rg8
35	f3	Kh6
36	Re7	Rxe7
37	Rxe7	Draw agreed

Black loses his extra pawn.

NYE v KINGS (Div. 3B - 90/91)

Peter Kings submits this, his first victory in the CCCC!

To win in 9 moves obviously involves an element of 'help-play' on the part of one's opponent, witness white's last 3 moves. The checkmate will be familiar to practitioners of the Budapest Defence (4.Bf4 variation).

1	b4	e5
2	Bb2	Bxb4
3	Bxe5	Nf6
4	c4	O-O
5	g3	Nc6
6	Bb2	d5
7	Ba3	Qe7
8	Bxb4	Nxb4
9	cxd5	Nd3++

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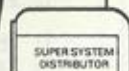
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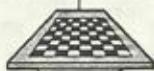
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Commentary by Charles Mason  
(White)

1 d4 Nf6  
2 c4 e6  
3 Nc3

Already we are heading into unfamiliar territory as far as I am concerned, but Black now brings us back to Queen's Gambit Orthodox Defence by transposition,

3 ... d5  
4 Bg5 Be7  
5 e3 0-0  
6 Nf3 Nbd7  
7 Rc1 b6  
8 Bd3 h6  
9 Bh4 a5  
10 0-0 Bb7  
11 cxd5 exd5  
12 Bc2

Not a good move. The idea is to follow up with 13 Qd3 and then swap off the Black knight on f6, threatening Qh7 mate,

12 ... Re8

I now see that 13 Qd3 won't do; ...Ba6 would lose me the exchange. As it is, I have lost a tempo.

13 Re1 Ne4  
14 Bxe7 Rxe7

Would ...Qxe7 have been better?

15 Nxe4 dxe4  
16 Nd2 c5  
17 Nc4 Rc8  
18 Nd6

I am pleased with this move. Black has kindly made this square available by his moves 14 and 16.

18 ... Rb8  
19 Ba4 Nf5

This allows me to win a pawn.

20 dxc5 Bd5  
21 Nf5 Rc7  
22 cxb6 Rxb6

23 Qd4 Rb4  
24 Qe5 Rxc1  
25 Rxc1 Rxa4  
26 Rc8 Qxc8  
27 Ne7+ Kh8  
28 Nxc8

By now I am beginning to feel decidedly hopeful. As well as being a pawn up, I have won queen for bishop and rook. Now to my horror I am forced to give up my trusty knight for nothing.

29 ... Rc4!  
29 h3 Rxc8  
30 b3 a4

At this point I have two aims: first, to preserve my one pawn advantage, and second, to obtain a passed pawn on the b rather than the a file. Edge pawns are so hard to promote, and also a b pawn would queen on a black square, whereas Black only has a white square bishop.

31 Qb2 axb3  
32 axb3 Rb8



33 b4 Bc4

As I see it, the rest of the game consists of Black's efforts to get his knight into the fray, when he would surely win, but

34 Qc3 Bd3  
35 Qd4 Ng8  
36 f3 f5  
37 g4 Rb5  
38 gxf5 Nf6  
39 fxe4 Bxe4

There is no saving my f pawn, so I prepare for the advance of my b one.

40 Qc4 Rxf5  
41 b5 Rg5+  
42 Kf2 Rg2+  
43 Ke1 Kh7  
44 b6

And if now 44...Rg3 or Rh2  
45 Qb5.

44 ... Rb2  
45 Qe6!

The only move that protects the b pawn and continues to tie down the knight to the defence of the bishop. I think it was this move that secured me the draw.

45 ... Rb4

No real answer to Black's problem. He cannot proceed with 46...Nd5, because 47 b7 Rxb7 48 Qxe4+.

46 Kd2

Just a waiting move. There is too much Black fire-power around for my king to go to help the b pawn. I offered a draw here, but Black wanted to press on.

46 ... h5  
47 Ke1

Not h4, because of ...Ng4

47 ... Bh1

Black seeks to relieve the knight of its defensive duty whilst still covering the vital c6 and b7 with his bishop. But he at last allows me a useful check.

48 Qf5+ Kh5  
49 Qe6 Rb5

Draw agreed. I cannot hope to win without promoting my b pawn. Black cannot capture it without giving up at least a minor piece,

and he presumably doesn't fancy his chances with the material that would then be remaining.

LEWIS V MASON (Div. 3D 90/91)

This game was played for double points, and is submitted by William Lewis without annotation:

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dx:e4
4	Nxe4	Nd7
5	Nf3	Nf6
6	Bd3	c5
7	O-O	cx:d4
8	Nxc4	Bc5
9	Nb3	Qc7
10	Nbxc5	Nxc5
11	Nxf6	gxf6
12	Qf3	f5
13	Bd2	Nxd3
14	Qxd3	a6
15	Rfe1	e5
16	Qc3	Qxc3
17	Bxc3	f6
18	f4	e4
19	Bxf6	O-O
20	Be5	Bd7
21	Re3	Kf7
22	Rh3	h5
23	Rxh5	Rac8
24	Rd1	Rxc2
25	Rxd7+	Ke8
26	Rhh7	resigns

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Thanks to all who have sent in games, especially Charles Mason who sent the game opposite ready typed to cut and paste and put straight in - that saved me a bit of work (and so don't blame me for any mistakes!).

I have at least one more game on file for which there is not room in this issue, but I assure you all that any games submitted will sooner or later be included. I will try to get some extra advertising as that would enable us to include an extra page in some issues.

What I would appreciate is some more BIOGRAPHIES from members who have not yet submitted one. It is nice to read a bit about members, to put some 'flesh' on the voice on the telephone or signature on the scorecard.



### MATCH RESULTS

We played two matches against other clubs in 1990/91, and were successful in both. Against the Social Correspondence Chess Association we won 18 to 11 with result never received. Against the Railways Chess Association we won 9.5 to 6.5. Full results were:

#### CLERGY

Morris	W D	Holland
Fisher	W W	Walker
Harper	L L	Butler
Hulme	W D	Rowland
Foster	L D	Rowe
Smith	D D	Gifford
Waterfield	W W	Ross
Hurt	L L	Reynolds
Bailey	D D	Wilkinson
Caldwell	W W	Lebon
Loxton	W W	Sneddon
Mackenzie	W W	Bell
Bickerstaff	L L	Doye
McIntyre	W -	Senior
Carlin	W D	Thomas

Clergy 18  
SCCA 11

#### SCCA

#### CLERGY

Morris	D D	Clarke
Fisher	D D	Arnold
H-Roper	W W	Grindlay
Foster	W L	West
Hurt	L L	Willoughby
Bailey	W D	Anderson
Caldwell	W W	Montague
Davies	W L	Balloch

Clergy 9.5  
Railways 6.5

Another match got underway rather later than planned against the Stars Barred Club. No results have so far been received after just one month's play.

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RE- USEABLE ENVELOPES : a contribution from John Morris

While unable to challenge the remarkable envelope re-use record reported from David Nye and Tim Partridge (what did this finally reach? - Ed.) in the January issue, I find myself, like most postal chess players it would seem, reluctant to use a new window envelope if I can recycle a used one.

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For the time being, while my stock of labels lasts, I am still recycling, although I send new envelopes to those who send new envelopes to me. What, I wonder, should I send to those who habitually send back the envelope I send to them but without any re-facing? That kind of re-use strikes me as blatantly unfair.

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Any further contributions, economic or ecological, will be gratefully received; as will an update from David Nye & Tim Partridge on how far their envelope (which started this off) reached. - Ed.

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