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SILVER JUBILEE**

This issue of Chess minister! brings to an end our Silver Jubilee season. I have held it to the end of June to include a report on our Congress, won by David Hulme. Congratulations to him - details elsewhere in this issue. Congratulations again to David Hulme who has also won Division 1 and thus become our 25th champion, and our first outright Methodist winner (David did share the title last year).

In our match against Stars Barred (results in February issue) the last result was Hurt one loss, one draw, giving us victory by 21 - 9. I had a smaller response to a request for a team against BCCS. A match is underway, but only over 10 boards.

Anthony Foster (3B) retired at the end of June. His new address is 32 Savile Drive, Halifax, W.Yorks. HX1 2EU. 0422 344152. John Loxton has signed as a Life Member. A new member is Steve Whitmore, 10 Braumfels Walk, Newbury, Berks. RG14 5NQ. He will join the league in October.

A number of you are apparently behind with your subscriptions. Those who are have a letter from Gordon Geddes enclosed. Remember that for £25 you can become a Life Member and forget all about subs. forever!

I will assume that all current league members wish to continue next season unless I hear from you by 31st July. If any non league members wish to re-enter the leagues let me know by that date. If you know anyone who may wish to join the Club, put them in touch by 31st July.

For next year's divisions, promotion and relegation will be earned in the usual way, but within each division I will try to seed players to make Divisions 2A & 2B as equal as possible, and the same with the 3rd divisions as far as is possible while spreading new players evenly. A possible reorganization of the Club structure was discussed at Ecton, with an enlarged Division 1 (but only playing one game against each opponent). I will write more about this in the next issue and invite comments.

Many of you will know of Brian Eley's disappearance. His business has been taken over by Chess Direct. The same phone number applies, and they sell much the same range of equipment and books - see their advert in this issue.

Thanks to those who have sent in games. Those that there is space for appear in this issue, some are held over but will be published in due course. I hesitate to admit to having a surplus as that usually dries up the supply, so don't stop - send in your games if you think they are worth publishing. They will get printed sooner or later! If you send me scoresheets with your results please say whether you intend them for publication. Also, can I push those who have never submitted a biography to do so - we haven't had any for a while now.

John Wright has taken over organization of the British Correspondence Chess Championship and wonders if some of our stronger players would like to take part. Initially in the Reserves there is a chance of eventually going for the Championship with a £200 first prize. Entries by 1st September. Details from John at Danesford, High Street, Albrighton, Wolverhampton. WV7 3LA.

Finally, a word about that perennially thorny subject - notation. We had a pair of games come to an unsatisfactory end this year over a muddle over notation. Could I stress that algebraic is now, and has been for some time, THE standard notation. I do not wish actually to ban descriptive but must point out that it can only be used if BOTH PLAYERS are quite happy to use it. Otherwise you must use algebraic.

OUTSTANDING GAMES

At the time of writing the following games were outstanding. Obviously time will have elapsed in printing and posting the magazine, so if you have recently sent any of these results, thank you.

Div. 1	all results in - thank you				
Div. 2A	all results in - thank you				
Div. 2B	Joy v	Nichol			
	Kings v	Nichol			
	Nichol v	Joy	Kings		
Div. 3A	Couch v	Mackenzie	Sutcliffe		
	Mackenzie v	Couch			
	Sutcliffe v	Couch			
Div. 3B	McIntyre v	Warnes			
	Norris v	Warnes			
	Warnes v	McIntyre	Norris		
Div. 3C	Carlin v	Gowing	Lewis	Williamson	
	Gowing v	Carlin			
	Lewis v	Carlin	Williamson		
	Williamson v	Carlin	Lewis		
Div. 3D	Davies v	McKinnon			
	McKinnon v	Davies	Partridge		
	Partridge v	McKinnon			
Div. 4	Hurt v	Loxton	Nye		
	Loxton v	Hurt			
	Nye v	Hurt			

Please try to finish these games by 31st July. Use phone if necessary to speed things along.

If 31st July comes and you haven't finished, then:

either - If the game is nearly over and you are sure of achieving or agreeing a result within 14 days, carry on playing and let me have the result as soon as possible.

or - If the game has no chance of finishing within 14 days and you cannot agree a result, then submit it for adjudication.

ADJUDICATION PROCEDURE: If you wish to submit a game for adjudication then the following procedure should be followed. If it is not, then the game will not be adjudicated as I have not got time to play through games to discover the position.

BOTH PLAYERS should send the full game score, a diagram of the position reached, stating which side is to move, and whether you claim a win or draw. Names of players should not be on the diagram, but on a separate piece of paper so the adjudicator does not know who is involved. Analysis supporting your claim may be sent if you wish. Although this is optional, if you don't send analysis then you cannot subsequently appeal against the adjudication.

Any games where I have no result or adjudication submitted by 15th August will be considered LOST by both players! You have been warned!

-SILVER JUBILEE CONGRESS - RESULTS-

A small but quality field assembled at Ecton House for our second congress. The 10 players were split into two all-play-all groups for the first round, seeded by internal gradings which clearly worked as the outcome remaining uncertain, with three possible winners at the start of the final round on Thursday morning.

GROUP A

Thistlewood	0-1	Kings
Carlin	0-1	Morris
Caldwell	1-0	Kings
Thistlewood	0-1	Carlin
Morris	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	Caldwell
Kings	1-0	Carlin
Thistlewood	0-1	Morris
Carlin	0-1	Caldwell
Kings	0-1	Morris
Caldwell	1-0	Thistlewood

1. Morris	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Caldwell	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Kings	2
4. Carlin	1
5. Thistlewood	0

GROUP B

N.Davies	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	I.Davies
Mason	0-1	Harper
Hulme	1-0	Mason
Harper	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	I.Davies
I.Davies	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	Hulme
Harper	1-0	N.Davies
N.Davies	0-1	Hulme
Mason	0-1	I.Davies
Hulme	1-0	Harper
Mason	0-1	N.Davies

1. Hulme	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Harper	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. I.Davies	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. N.Davies	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Mason	0

Players were then split into three more groups:

Group C: 1st & 2nd from Groups A & B

Group D: 3rd from Groups A & B and higher scoring 4th place

Group E: 5th from Groups A & B and lower scoring 4th place

These again were all-play all groups, except that players who had played each other in Round 1 had that result carried forward.

GROUP D

N.Davies	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	I.Davies (b/f)
N.Davies	0-1	Kings
Kings	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	I.Davies

Group D : 1. Kings 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. I.Davies 1; 3. N.Davies $\frac{1}{2}$;
Group E : 1. Carlin 2; 2. Thistlewood 1; 3. Mason 0

GROUP E

Thistlewood	0-1	Carlin
Mason	0-1	Carlin
Thistlewood	1-0	Mason

GROUP C

Morris	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	Caldwell (b/f)	Hulme	1-0	Harper
Harper	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	Morris	Caldwell	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	Hulme
Morris	0-1	Hulme	Harper	1-0	Caldwell

Group C : 1. Hulme 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. Harper 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3. Morris 1; 4. Caldwell 1.

The winner of Group C was the winner of the competition, other places are determined as follows: C1, C2, C3, C4, D1, D2, D3, E1, E2, E3.

The winner received the Secretary's Trophy to be kept until the next Congress, and a prize of £10 Chess Direct voucher. The runner up received a £5 Chess Direct voucher.

Wednesday afternoon was kept free for those wishing to go out, but a lightning (10 seconds a move) tournament was organized for the six staying behind, and this also was won by David Hulme to complete his hat-trick for the week. Other places were 2. Harper; 3. Caldwell; 4. Morris; 5= Mason, Thistlewood.

MORRIS v CALDWELL

A game from Division 1 1990/91 season. Submitted with analysis by both players, though John Morris (M) only comments from move 32 (diagram), asking 'Was there a win for white?' which if there was would have made him outright winner for the 4th consecutive season instead of having to share. Justin Caldwell (C) introduces the game, "A great game - complications around moves 26 to 30, then a fascinating ending. Black has to keep his pawns off the squares of the White Bishop, give up the exchange for the White d pawn, and then strive to ensure that White's remaining pawn will be exchanged off to result in a draw."

1	b4	c6
2	Bb2	a5
3	a3	axb4
4	axb4	Rxa1
5	Bxa1	Qb6
6	c3	...

C: This method of play against 1.b4 upsets White's ideas of pressure along the a1-h8 diagonal, but leaves Black seriously undeveloped.

6	...	d5
7	Nf3	Bf5
8	e3	Nf6
9	Bb2	e6
10	Nh4	Bxb1
11	Qxb1	Bd6
12	d4	O-O
13	Bd3	Na6

C: Hoping to activate the rook on the a-file.

14	O-O	Ra8
15	Nf3	Qc7
16	e4	dxe4
17	Bxe4	Nb8
18	Bc2	Nbd7

C: I now have a tidy looking position and it remains to be seen how White attacks.

19	Re1	Nf8
20	Bd3	NBd7
21	Bc1	...

C: It turns out that this is in order to attack with the b pawn. It gives me the chance to kick out at e5.

21	...	e5
22	b5	cxb5
23	Qxb5	exd4
24	cxd4	h6
25	Be3	Ng4

C: To attack h2, with the possibility of Nxe3, leaving opposite coloured Bishops.

26	Rc1	...
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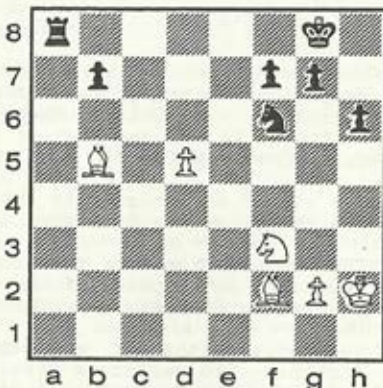
C: The moment of truth. If 26...Qd8, 27.Qb7 Nb6, 28.h3 Rb8, 29.Qe4 Nf6, 30 Qf5 is much better for White. Black's best hope is to go into the fireworks that follow.

26	...	Bxh2+
27	Kh1	Nxf2+
28	Bxf2	Qxc1+
29	Kxh2	Qc6
30	d5	...

C: I did not expect this at all. The d pawn becomes a real problem.

30	...	Qxb5
31	Bxb5	Nf6

M: This position was reached after move 31. White is a piece up; Black has the exchange and 2 pawns. White thinks his passed pawn on d5 will win material in arriving at the queening square and is hopeful of a win. Black concentrates on damage limitation and aims to keep things as level as possible.



32 d6 Ng4+
33 Kxg3 Nxf2

M: Despite increasing the piece ratio against him Black decides that one of the White Bishops must go if he is to survive. The exchange also takes the White King a square back from the advancing pawn.

34 Kxf2 ...

C: I could not have survived against both Bishops. Now my hope is to hold a draw. Decisions: 1. activate my King. 2. My pawns need to be on dark squares where his Bishop can't get them. 3. If I check with my Rook down the a file (hoping perhaps to play the Rook to d1 behind the pawn) I only help his King forward. I am going to have to give up my Rook for the d pawn when it queens, so I might as well not waste any moves with it.

34 ... Kf8
35 Ne5 f6
36 Nd7+ Kf7
37 Nc5 b6
38 Nb7 Ke6
39 d7 Ke7
40 Ke3 Rb8

M: White's King has got a bit nearer the action. Before he can get nearer still Black seals the fate of the advanced pawn. If 41.Bc6 to defend the Knight, then 41...Rxb7, 42.Bxb7, Kxd7 leaves the Black King one square nearer the centre than if he is obliged to capture on d8. White seeks a vital tempo that will be necessary for any winning plan and so opts for d8.

41 d8=Q+ Rxd8
42 Nxd8 Kxd8

C: To hold a draw I must ensure that as his King captures my pawns, I manage to capture or exchange off his final pawn without which he cannot win.

M: White has not gained as much as he had hoped from the promoted pawn. Could he have

arranged things better? Although a Bishop ahead, White has to deal with a Black passed pawn on b6 and the strong connecting triad on the king side, all on black squares. Nothing like this in his ending books - what shall he do?

43 Ke4 Ke7
44 Kf5 Kd6

M: White's plan is to attack the kingside pawns with his King while blockading the b pawn with his Bishop. But he must ensure that the enemy King does not get a chance to gobble his remaining pawn or all will be lost.

45 g4 Kd5
46 Bd7 Kd6
47 Bb5 Kd5

M: White is still looking for that elusive tempo. Black waits, skilfully developing his King in the centre. To avoid draw by repetition, White switches his Bishop around.

48 Ba4 Kd6
49 Bb5 Kd5
50 Be8 Kd4
51 Bd7 Ke3

M: Can White's King now eat the kingside pawns while his Bishop covers his own g pawn and the Black b pawn?

52 Kg6 Kf4
53 Kxg7 draw agreed

M: Whichever way you slice it, White cannot win from this position. White has to concede the draw which Black has well earned.

If 53. Kxg7 Kg5 either the White g pawn falls or the Black b pawn will queen. Or 53.Kh5 g6+, 54.Kxg6 b5, 55.Kxf6 b4, 56.Kg6 b3, 57.Kxh6 b2, 58.Bf4 b1=Q, 59.Bxb1 Kxg4. Or 57.Kh5 b2, 58.Bf5 Kg3, 59.Bb1 Kf4, 60.Kh4 Kf3.

If anyone can find a win for White after the diagram position, both players (and Chess minister!--Ed.) would be fascinated to know.

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CARLIN v DAWSON
A SWINDLE!

Notes from Bruce Carlin: This amazing game is from our match against Stars Barred where my opponent snatched defeat from the jaws of victory! After the game he gracefully wrote, "Do not feel that you have swindled me. A chess player must be on guard at all times. Playing over the game I started to go astray at move 24. I should have blockaded the a pawn by retreating the Bishop." Anyway, what led to that was

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 Bb5 a6
4 Bxc6 dxc6

Ruy Lopez exchange, standard stuff, but I like it (and so do better players than I).

5 d3 f6
6 O-O Bd7
7 Nc3 Bd6
8 h3 Qe7
9 a3 O-O-O

The game has gone to sleep a bit now. He castled Q-side so it seems worth pushing some Queenside pawns.

10 b4 c5
11 b5 axb5
12 a4 b4

surprises me as I thought he would take the opportunity of un-doubling one set of pawns.

13 Nd5 Qf7
14 a5 Bb5

prevents a6,bxa6,Rxa6,...Ra8+

15 c4 ...

a moment of foolishness, overlooking...

bxc3 (e.p.)
16 Nxc3 Ba6
17 Re1 g5
18 g4 h5

He moves play back to the K-side.gxh5 would be disaster

19 Kg2 hxg4
20 hxg4 Ne7

I am going to have to be very careful not to be mated if he gets his Rooks and Queen together on the open h-file.

21 Rh1 Ng6
22 Nd5 Rxh1

He had to initiate the exchange or I am finished.

23 Qxh1 Bxd3
24 Qe1 Nf4+
25 Bxf4 exf4

26 Qc3 ...

I am hoping for...Bxe4 though that loses me another pawn (and possible exchange of N for B) it would at least get the Bishop off that diagonal.

26 ... Be5



Well, I had overlooked that as well! I could do a lot worse than resign at this point. My other game against him is in an even worse situation, and our internal season has just started, so maybe I could do without these games, but there is the team to consider.

27 Qxd3 Bxa1

Does get that Bishop out of the way, albeit at the cost of a Rook. There is only one thing for it. Move play back to his weaker Queen side. I had always hoped that that advanced, if lonely a pawn might one day earn its keep. I am thinking that a6, bxa6, Qxa6+ does at least get me another Bishop for my Rook, though I am still two pawns down and positionally weak.

28 a6 Rd6

I can't believe it! What has he done? It seems like a major blunder, but I have been making all those so far, so what have I overlooked this time? To me a7 can only be followed by Ra6, Qxa6, bxa6, a8=Q+, but I still send off the move in trepidation, half expecting a crushing blow that I had overlooked in reply. But, no...

29 a7 resigns.

CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB : WINNERS

As we conclude our silver jubilee season, a round up of 25 years of CCCC winners. Many are still with us in the Club, and all have been traced and sent a back dated wall plaque, except for Kenneth Procter, the only one who has died. We sent his widow a plaque.

1968	K.S.Procter
1969	I.Ll.Davies
1970	K.S.Procter
1971	E.A.Bailey
1972	A.F.Mackenzie
1973	M.O.C.Joy
1974	S.Roberton
1975	H.W.R.Cullen & G. Johnson
1976	G.Johnson & A.F.Mackenzie
1977	G.Johnson
1978	M.J.Wentworth
1979	E.A.Bailey & V.Ducker & K.S.Procter & M.Wentworth
1980	E.A.Metcalf
1981	T.A.Thomas
1982	T.A.Thomas
1983	R.B.Stevenson
1984	F.M.Hodgess Roper & R.B.Stevenson
1985	T.R.Fisher
1986	T.R.Fisher
1987	T.R.Fisher
1988	J.R.Morris
1989	J.R.Morris
1990	J.R.Morris
1991	J.Caldwell & D.S.H.Hulme & J.R.Morris
1992	D.S.H.Hulme

Division 3B 91/92	19 Nd4	Bxd4	9 d5	exd5
Anthony Foster has submitted 2 games without analysis. They neatly fill this page.	20 Qxd4	Rxc2	10 exd5	0-0
McINTYRE v FOSTER	21 a4	Qd6	11 dxc6	Qxd1+
1 e4	22 Rc1	Qc6	12 Nxd1	Nc5
2 Nf3	23 Rxd2	Qxd2	13 0-0	Bf5
3 d4	24 Qb4	d4	14 Nd4	Bg6
4 Nxd4	25 Qxb7	Qxb3	15 Nc3	Rad8
5 Bb5+	26 Qxb3	Bxb3	16 Be3	b6
6 Qd3	27 a5	d3	17 Rad1	a6
7 Bc4	28 Rb1	d2	18 Be2	Ne4
8 Bd2	29 Kf1	d1=Q+	19 Nxe4	Bxe4
9 Qe2	30 Rxd1	Bxd1	20 Bxa6	Ra8
10 Qxc4	31 Ke1	Rd8	21 Bb5	Bf6
11 0-0	32 f4	Rd5	22 a4	Bxd4
12 Nxe6	33 h4	Bb3	23 Rxd4	Rfe8
13 Nxd2	34 g4	Rxa5	24 Rfd1	Re6
14 Rae1	35 Kd2	Rc5	25 Rd8+	Re8
15 Qd4	White resigns		26 Rxa8	Rxa8
16 b3	FOSTER v McINTYRE		27 Rd7	Rc8
17 Nf3	1 d4	Nf6	28 Bf4	Bf5
18 Qd3	2 c4	d4	29 Rxc7	Rxc7
	3 cxd4	Nxd4	30 Bxc7	g5
	4 e4	Nb4	31 f3	h5
	5 a3	Na6	32 Bxb6	Kg7
	6 Nc3	Nc6	33 a5	g4
	7 Bb5	e6	34 fxg4	hxg4
	8 Nf3	Be7	35 a6	Black resigns

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