

CHESS minister !



October 1992

THREE GAMES FROM
Div.3C 1991/2 -
notes by William
Lewis, modestly on
his only 3 losses
that year.

WILLIAMSON v LEWIS

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 Bc4 Nf6
4 Nc3 Bb4
5 O-O O-O
6 d3 Na5
7 Nd5 c6??
8 Nxb4 b5
I lose a piece
9 Bb3 d6
10 Bg5 Nxb3
11 axb3 Bb7
12 d4 h6
13 Bxf6 Qxf6
14 d5 cxd
15 Nxd5 Qd8
16 Qd3 a6
17 c4 Bxd5
18 Qxd5 bxc
19 bxc Qb6
20 Rfb1 Qc5
21 Ra5 Qxd5
22 Rxd5 Rfd8
23 Nxc5 dxc5
24 Rxe5 Rd4
25 c5 Rc4
26 f3 a5
27 Ra1 a4
28 b3 Rb4
better Rc2 keeping
pressure on W
c-pawn with chance
of mate by Rd8:
Rxa4: Rd1++
29 bxa4 Rxa4?
Why not Rc4, keeps
both pawns under
surveillance?
30 Rxa4 Rxa4
31 Re8+ Kh7
32 Kf2 Ra2+
a waste of time!
33 Ke3 Rc2
34 Kd4 Rd2+
35 Ke5 Rc2
36 Kd6 Kd2+
37 Kc7 Rc2
38 c6 f6
39 Kd7 Rd2+
40 Kc8 Rc2
41 c7 resigns

LEWIS v WILLIAMSON

1 Nf3 Nc6
2 g3 e5
3 Bg2 e4

Unexpected and I
find myself in an
awkward situation.

4 Nh4 ...
Why not Ng1?
4 ... d5
5 Bf1 Be7
6 Ng2 Nf6
7 d4 Bh3
8 e3 Qd7
9 Nf4 Bg4
10 Be2 O-O-O
11 h3 Bxe2
12 Qxe2 g5
13 Nh5 Nxb5
14 Qxh5 Nb4
15 Qd1 h5
16 a3 Nc6
17 Nc3 h4
18 g4 f5
19 Bd2 Rhf8
20 f3 fxg
21 fxg Rf3
22 Qe2 Rdf1
23 Qb5 Bd6

At long last I can
castle long.

24 O-O-O Qf7
25 Qxd5 Qxd5
26 Nxd5 Ne7
27 Nc3 Bg3
28 Nxe4 Nd5
29 Nxc3?? ...
Nxc5 better,
attacking R &
guarding h-pawn.
29 ... Rxg3
30 e4 Ne3
31 Rde1 Rff3
32 c4 Ng2
33 Re2 Nf4
34 Bxf4 gxf4
35 e5 Kd7
36 e6+ Ke7
37 d5 Rxh3
38 Rxh3 Rxh3
39 g5 Rg3
40 Rh2 f3
41 Rf2 h3
42 resigns

CARLIN v LEWIS

1 e4 e6
2 d4 d5
3 e5 c5
4 c3 cxd4
5 cxd4 Bd7
to forestall a
check on b5
6 Nf3 Nh6
7 h3 ...
no doubt, if Nf4
8.g5. I move to
the other wing.

7 ... Qb6
8 b3 Bb4+
9 Bd2 Nc6
10 Bxb4 Qxb4+
11 Nbd2 Nxd4
12 Nxd4 Qxd4
13 Nf3 Qc3+
14 Nd2 Qxe5+
15 Be2 Bb5
16 Rc1 O-O
17 Nf3 Qxe2+
18 Qxe2 Bxe2
19 Kxe2 e5
if Nxe5, Re8
20 Rhe1 d4
missing the point
of W's last move,
I lose my e-pawn.
21 Nxe5 Rfe8
22 Kf1 f6
23 Nf3 Rxe1+
24 Nxe1 Ng4
25 hxg4 Rd8
aiming to activate
my N I blunder it
away. I take 14
days leave and
retreat into my
fortress to play
for a draw.
26 Ke2 Rd7
27 Rd1 Kf7
28 Nd3 Rc7
29 Rc1 Rd7
30 a4 b6
31 b4 h6
32 b5 Rb7
33 f4 Re7+
34 Kd2 g6
35 Re1 Rxe1
I see no advantage
in exchanging R's
but nevertheless
do so!
36 Nxe1 Ke6
37 Kd3 Kd5
38 Nf3 Kc5
39 Nxd4 Kb4
I realize the
absolute necessity
to keep the W King
out, but meekly
follow W's
proposed sequence
as follows
40 Nc6+ Kxa4
41 Nxa7 Kb4
42 Kd4 resigns
The W King can now
remove my b pawn
in a few moves and
then the W a pawn
will Queen.

Welcome to our new season. Elsewhere you can read the results of last season and the pairings for the new season, which you can begin immediately, though time does not count until October 1st. I have SEEDED this year's divisions as requested and their average grading strength (newcomers are given an initial grading of 10) is shown by each division. Within a Division players are now listed in graded order, rather than alphabetically as before.

I am sending out this magazine a little early as I am going on holiday at the end of September and wanted to get things underway before I go. Please note that if there are any problems I will not be back until October 16th. On which subject a BIG THANK YOU to all of you for getting your results in on time last season: the season officially ended on 31st July and I had all results in by 3rd August - and no adjudications! This was by far the best I have ever had since becoming secretary, and it really does make my life easier as I can get on working out the new season gradually through August rather than having to do it all in a week. Keep it up!

WELCOME back to John Hutchison who found withdrawal symptoms too strong to resist and has returned. Welcome also to Steve Whitmore in his first full season. Against that Eric Hodgess Roper has withdrawn from the leagues but remains a member and may play in our teams. Sadly, we record the death of Henry Cullen at the ripe age of 84, one of our longest standing members and champion in 1975. Once an RAF Chaplain, Henry later worked in parish ministry before retiring to Lincolnshire. Although recently in ill-health and no longer in our league, Henry did make it to our first congress at Ecton 5 years ago.

On which subject, thanks to Geoff Harper for his article on ECTON - rather sketchily covered in the last issue, but then Chess minister! was in the post less than 48 hours after the congress ended! Thanks also to Norman Davies who acted as official photographer. Individuals will have photos included with this issue - for further copies or copies of the group photo contact Norman. It isn't easy to photocopy colour prints but an attempt has been made overleaf to show John Morris handing over the Secretary's Trophy to new winner David Hulme.

Thanks to those who have submitted GAMES. There is never much room in the October issue for games and I am not going to make the mistake I did last year of enlarging it by 4 pages (though I will use the inside covers) only to find I then had nothing for the February issue! That issue is always thin on news and admin., so this time will have lots of games - keep them coming, they WILL be published sooner or later.

And now to some possible suggestions of NEW RULES and structures for our club which came up in discussion at Ecton. I promised I would put them before the membership and if you like the ideas they will be incorporated into the 1993/4 season. There is an addressed card with this issue and all you have to do is tick a few boxes and stick a stamp on, so do please let me have your views.

TIE-BREAKS: Proposal that tie breaks should in future be decided first by the games between the two tied players, then by progressively disregarding their results against the lowest placed members in their division until the tie is broken. This method is often used in Team championships. If this still fails to break a tie then continue with wins, black wins, black draws as at present. For what it is worth this new method would only have reversed the result in one of this year's 4 ties (Nicholl/Kings). In addition it is proposed that there be no tie break at all at the top of Division 1, but that in the event of a tie the title be shared.

DOUBLE-POINTS GAMES: Proposal that single games for double points no longer be allowed. Very few players use this option, and where it is used it often distorts the results of the division. If the next proposal is accepted this will in any case not be an issue.

NEW DIVISIONS STRUCTURE: Feeling that as Division 1 gets ever closer relegating 2 from 5 (40%) is a bit stiff, a member of Division 1 proposed that Division 1 be enlarged to 7 players, each playing just a single game against each other, with still 2 players to be relegated.

ADDITIONALLY, that this proposal be extended throughout the leagues so that all divisions are of seven players each playing each other once. This would mean members playing only 6 games instead of 8 at present but would increase the cost of phone or post with 2 extra opponents. Division 4 would no longer be needed under this system and there would be spare capacity for new members in enlarged Divisions 3 (which depending on overall numbers may often contain fewer than 7 players).

Do let me know what you think on the enclosed card. As far as the Division 1 proposal is concerned if you feel you are unlikely ever to reach those dizzy heights you might prefer not to vote, but for the rest all views will be considered. I would be happier with a clear majority in favour before introducing any changes, though not necessarily a General Synod 2/3 result! Some of you are kind enough to express concern as to whether things will cause me extra work, but as far as I can see none of these changes would make any significant difference to the work involved in administering the club, so do not take this into account.

Finally, some members hoped we could have residential congresses more than every 5 years. I am particularly conscious that for those of us still working it is yet another time we are away from the parish and our family, but I am open to your suggestions if you would like us to hold one every year, or every 2, 3 or 5. If more often than 3 I may very well be looking for a volunteer to act as congress organizer!

Full results of all this in February issue, together with what this will mean in terms of this year's promotion and relegation if the proposals outlined above are approved.

Enjoy the new season.

Bruce Carlin



The last issue of Chess minister! gave the results of the Congress. If you were involved the bare scores bring back memories of triumph and defeat, inspiration - occasionally, blunders - not a few, solid logical play and some of the opposite. The whole range of chess emotions make the figures alive. If you were not present then figures mean little so I thought I would try to put some flesh on the bones and try to convey some of the feeling of what it was like at Ecton.

The house is a very gracious vicarage built in 1787 in a golden brown Cotswold sort of stone, and converted with the addition of a bedroom wing into a retreat house and conference centre. Ecton is a very beautiful little village, with many old houses and cottages, a Bakehouse Lane and a Blacksmith Yard. There is a fine old church with a deep-toned ring of six bells, useful to encourage concentration on practice night when playing a match! It is a quiet place, restful and at peace with itself.

So we arrive one by one from many miles apart on the warm Monday evening in June. Five of us met at the last Congress so we knew one another not just as voices on the end of a telephone or cunning opponents at the destination of a postage stamp. Some surprises in the folk we have not met. I had an image given by an opponent's play of size and youth quite overthrown by the gentle smiling face of a person of about my own not-so-few years in age. While the champion in appearance quite matches up to his vigorous style of play! By the end of the Congress all will have become friends.

Supper in the gracious dining room, a cup of coffee, and then to the first battle. Calm the nerves! Make a mistake in the opening. Why do I play this game? Oh dear! Well, keep going. Make the best move now. That's a powerful move he has made, what shall I do? Knight there is best. Why has he done that? Now I can swap off and at least be equal. He tries too hard in an equal position. I gain a pawn. Is there a trap here? No, I can protect the King with that Rook move. I gain another pawn. Now even this foolish one can win. Joy!

A look at the other game still in progress. Put the scores down. Then the two of us, no longer opponents, go off for a good long walk down to the river, chatting about chess and families and countryside. This clerical gathering never seems to get into the usual boring clerical talk. So back by ten o'clock and early to bed.

The days are marked, apart from the chess games, by times spent sitting outside the house in the pleasant garden with interesting plants to discuss, walks across the fields, a visit to the church, and each day before lunch a Eucharist in the quiet chapel, a Eucharist which somehow holds together our little fellowship, all the other members of the club and our daily work and living. After the last game of the day there is the Three Horseshoes where Bank's Bitter:

"Does more than Milton can / To justify the ways of God to man."

There is a great good humour about the whole event. To win is fine, to lose a pain. But to take part and to enjoy the logic and artistry of chess, even if the other chap has more of both than oneself, is what pleases above all. I felt it was neatly summarised by the comment made to David Hulme, our Kasparov, by the one who did not often win, "You are the champion and I am the Atlas - the two most important ones here!" Another epigram that caught my fancy was, "Adam was a chess player - he lost a piece and gained a mate."

The aims of Ecton House were summarized by the Warden in his welcome as 'holiness and happiness'. This participant certainly left on Thursday feeling I had experienced both, having a lot of fun and also some genuine refreshment and renewal. Many thanks to Bruce for arranging the congress so well. I hope we shall have another soon.

CLERGY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CLUB : 1991 / 92 SEASON : RESULTS

DIVISION 1

	Hc	M	C	B	Hr	
Hulme	xx	10	1½	11	10	5
Morris	01	xx	1	1½	10	4½
Caldwell	1½	1½	0	xx	1	4
Bailey	00	0½	1½	1½	xx	11
Harper	01	1	1	1	00	xx

DIVISION 2A

	F	R	S	G	W	
Fisher	xx	1½	11	11	11	7½
H.Roper	0½	xx	10	11	11	5½
Stevenson	00	01	xx	0½	11	3½
Geddes	00	00	1½	xx	1½	3
Wright	00	00	00	0½	xx	½

DIVISION 2B

	S	W	K	N	J	
Smith	xx	1	1	1½	10	11
Waterfield	10	xx	10	1	11	5
Kings	0½	01	xx	1½	11	4½
Nicholl	01	10	1½	xx	11	4½
C-Joy	00	00	00	00	xx	0

DIVISION 3A

	D	M	C	S	R	
Davies, I.	xx	1½	11	1½	11	6½
Mackenzie	1½	xx	1½	11	11	6½
Couch	00	0½	xx	1½	1	3½
Sutcliffe	0½	00	0½	xx	11	3
Rumball	00	00	10	00	xx	½

DIVISION 3B

	N	W	F	M	
Norris	xx	1½	1	11	4½
Warnes	1½	xx	1½	11	4½
Foster	0½	0½	xx	11	3
McIntyre	00	00	00	xx	0

DIVISION 3C

	W	C	L	J	G	
Williamson	xx	01	11	11	11	7
Carlin	10	xx	10	10	11	5
Lewis	00	01	xx	11	11	5
Janicker	00	01	00	xx	11	3
Gowing	00	00	00	00	xx	0

DIVISION 3D

	P	Ms	Dl	Dv	Mc	
Partridge	xx	11	01	11	11	7
Mason	00	xx	11	11	11	6
Dales	10	00	xx	10	11	4
Davies, N.	00	00	01	xx	11	3
McKinnon	00	00	00	00	00	0

DIVISION 4

	H	N	L	T	
Hurt	xx	11	1½	1	5
Nye	00	xx	1	11	3½
Loxton	0½	10	xx	11	3
Thistlewood	10	00	00	xx	½

TIES: Ties are broken firstly by the number of wins, then black wins, then black draws, then games by actually playing (rather than by default or adjudication) then the games between the two tied players, and if all else fails by drawing lots!

This year the ties were broken as follows:

Division 2B: Kings and Nicholl tied for 3rd. Both had 3 wins (one black), but Kings wins the place with two Black draws.

Division 3A: I. Davies & Mackenzie tied for first place. Davies wins with 3 Black wins to Mackenzie's 2. In this division I had conflicting reports as to whether Rumball defaulted or not. As it makes no difference to positions I have given him the one result I received.

Division 3B: Norris wins by virtue of 2 black wins to Warnes' 1.

Division 3C: Carlin takes second place with 3 black wins to Lewis' 2.

After four consecutive championships, the last one shared, John Morris is finally toppled and we hail our first Methodist winner of the CCCC in the person of David Hulme. David of course shared last year's title in our three way tie, but this year he wins outright adding it to his victory in June's Silver Jubilee Congress.

But it was close, as shown by the spread of just 2 points covering the whole of Division 1 (the next smallest spread in a full five-player division was 6 points). Indeed, when early results came in, we were preparing for quite a different result as Eric Bailey garnered the first points. In the end his two defeats by the champion ensured his relegation, but by just half a point from Justin Caldwell, who a month from the end of the season was resigning himself to going from joint champion to Division 2 in one year! He survives to fight another time along with John Morris who was runner up, while Geoffrey Harper joins Eric Bailey in relegation.

The Division 2 pairings caused some disquiet this year, with 2A on the face of it seeming a much stronger group than 2B. Despite that Ruggles Fisher did what most of us expected him to do last year (until Eric Bailey came along with other ideas!), and comfortably took first place, dropping just half a point to former winner and this year's 2A runner up Eric Hodgess Roper. In 2B Mike Smith won from Paul Waterfield. While Brian Stevenson and Peter Kings were the other survivors, Geddes, Wright, Nicholl and Clifton Joy are destined for Division 3 next year, in the case of Nicholl only on a tie break.

Ivor Davies really had no business being in Division 3, but even so only earned promotion on a tie break from Alan Mackenzie. Oddly perhaps for someone who makes drawing chess games an art form, Ivor won the tie break by virtue of more wins with Black pieces! Angus Norris took Division 3B, again on a tie break from Stephen Warnes. The other two 3rd Divisions were more clear cut, Michael Williamson and Tim Partridge winning promotion with 7/8, each dropping just one point to Carlin and Dales respectively. Division 3D was perhaps a bit distorted by having Charles Mason playing single games for double points, his only defeat also therefore counting double and thus possibly costing him promotion.

In the nether reaches of Division 4, Arnould Hurt won comfortably despite suffering a heart attack and being laid up for part of the season. We wish him well for a full recovery, but if he can record results like this when under doctors orders, his opponents next year had better look out!

AND A LOOK AHEAD TO '92/93

As to next season, 2nd and 3rd divisions will be seeded to try to avoid a repetition of the apparent imbalance between 2A and 2B. Eric Hodgess Roper has decided to drop out of the leagues, leaving an extra space in Division 2. After some consideration it seemed right that the highest graded player in Division 3 should take that place. Thus William Nicholl who was in any case only relegated on a tie break, will in fact now stay in Division 2.

There seems little doubt that Division 1 will be as keenly contested as ever with two former triple winners in John Morris and Ruggles Fisher, and David Hulme no doubt aiming to be a third. Justin Caldwell makes four former winners out of five, while Mike Smith will doubtless be looking to upstage the lot of them and have his name inscribed on the Bailey Shield after all. Again, Division 1 has an ecumenical look to it, with a Methodist, Baptist and Roman Catholic taking on two Anglicans. May the best (clergy)man win!

Our season runs as usual from October to July. You may start as soon as you receive this magazine, but time does not count until 1st October. Results should be in or games sent for adjudication by July 31st 1993. I am getting increasingly strict about this as late results threaten to delay the start of the new season.

Opposite are the Divisions for this season. Each person plays two games against each other player in his division, one each as white and black. IF BOTH PLAYERS AGREE you can play one game for double points (it is up to you to decide who plays white in this case, but I suggest if Player A proposes a single game, player B should have the choice). Algebraic notation must be used unless BOTH PLAYERS clearly agree to use another. At the end of the season players are promoted, relegated, or moved sideways to ensure fresh opposition. Ties are decided by the number of wins, then black wins (so let me know this), black draws, games won by actually playing chess, games between the tied players, and if all this fails by the Biblical(?) precedent of drawing lots!

If you receive the game card with this magazine then you are responsible for starting the game, otherwise you should expect to hear from your opponent within a few days. It is always possible that letters go astray in the post, so if you haven't heard from anyone in your Division within fourteen days of the start of the season, please contact the Secretary (but N.B. I will be away until 16th October).

New players have a copy of the full playing rules enclosed, but as always a reminder of the basics: 20 days are allowed for each 10 moves. Time saved is carried forward. Same day reply and days on which there is no national postal collection do not count. Each player can have 14 days off during a game after notifying his opponent. If your opponent exceeds the time allowed you can claim the game by default, but you must do this as soon as the time control is broken or you lose the right to claim unless he breaks a later time control. If you choose to be generous and let him off that is fine, but you cannot then claim the game if it is unfinished at the end of the season.

Although not strictly allowed by the BPCF, we do allow the use of telephone to transmit moves. If you are efficient it is both quicker and cheaper. The following guidelines can help:

- i. Number the games 1 & 2 to avoid confusion, and read back your opponent's last move for confirmation before giving your new one.
- ii. Arrange mutually convenient times to phone during cheap rate, and if out try to ensure that someone else in the house can take down a move - or get an answering machine!
- iii. Always have pen and paper by EVERY phone in the house.
- iv. If using algebraic the phonetic alphabet can avoid confusion.
- v. Exchange scorecard by post every 10 moves or so (possibly with a diagram of the position) as a check that no one has gone wrong.

I would like to stress item (iii) above. Phone is only cheaper than mail if you put across your moves within two units (80 seconds in cheap rate costs about 10p). Sometimes there may be a problem to clear up, and occasionally we all like a bit of a chat, but as a rule it should be possible to transmit a move in one unit (40 secs.) IF you are organized. Remember if YOU are not organized it is the OTHER person's phone bill that rises while you find pen or paper.

Since we allow phone I can see no reason why suitably equipped members cannot also send moves by electronic mail or FAX if they so wish.

Whilst second class post is acceptable, it can be dreadfully slow these days. If it looks as if your game is not going to finish please consider changing to 1st class post or telephone from March or April. We do not mind adjudicating genuinely unfinished games, but some don't look as though any serious effort has been made to finish them at all.

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MACKENZIE v I.DAVIES
 Division 3A 1991/92

Both players have submitted analysis with this game. Alan Mackenzie entitles it

"AN ODD GAME"

M: The opening is Pirc Defence: a modern defence with several names and many variations.

1	e4	d6
2	d4	Nf6
3	Nc3	g6
4	Nf3	Bg7
5	Be2	O-O
6	O-O	Nc6
7	Bg5	h6

D: This looked risky-and was!

8	Bf4	a6
9	a4	Qe8

D: I forget why.

M: But it's in the Book!

10	e5	...
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M: This isn't!

10	...	Nh5
11	Qd2	Nxf4
12	Qxf4	dxe5
13	Nxe5	...

D: Perhaps dxe5 was stronger.

13	...	Nxe5
14	dxe5	...

M: Black was probably right.

14	...	Be6
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D: What else?

15	Rad1	...
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M: The draw appears on the horizon.



15	...	Rd8
16	Rxd8	Qxd8
17	Rd1	Qb8

D: Vainly hoping to win e-pawn.

18	Qg3	...
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M: Pity that Knight is not still on f3.

18	...	Rd8
19	Rxd8	Qxd8
20	Qe3	...

M: Preparing for f4

20	...	c6
21	Bd3	...

M: "When you see a better hole to to it."

21	...	Qd7
22	b3	Bf5

D: Black has survived.

23	f4	Bxd3
24	Qxd3	Qxd3
25	cxd3	f5
26	exf6e.p.	Bxf6
27	Ne4	Kf7
28	Kf1	Bd4

Draw agreed

M: With the pawns as they are there seems nothing else.

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(1)	2	J.R. Morris	95.00	+	
(4)	3	J. Caldwell	82.50	+	
(10)	4	E.A. Bailey	73.34	+	
(3)	5	F.M. Hodgess Roper	71.66	+	
(8)	6	M. Smith	70.00	+	
(6)	7	G. Harper	68.33	+	
(5)	8	T.R. Fisher	67.17	+	*
(13)	9	P. Waterfield	56.67	+	
(11)	10	W. Nicholl	52.50	-	
(9)	11	J.G. Wright	50.00	-	
(7)	12	I.L. Davies	50.00	-	
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(17)	14	P.R. Kings	47.50	+	*
(15)	15	G.D. Geddes	46.66	+	
(19)	16	M.J. Williamson	40.00	+	
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(12)	18	A.J. Foster	35.83	+	
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(24)	20	T.R. Partridge	30.84	+	
(--)	21	S. Warnes	30.00	+	*
(23)	22	A.F. Mackenzie	28.34	+	
(26)	23	C.O. Mason	28.33	+	
(--)	24	M. Dales	25.00	+	*
(20)	25=	L. Janicker	25.00	-	
(21)	25=	D. Sutcliffe	25.00	-	
(16)	27	N. McKinnon	25.00	-	
(33)	28	W.P.B. Carlin	23.33	+	
(29)	29	W.H. Lewis	22.49	+	*
(27)	30	N.E. Davies	21.66	+	
(36)	31	P. Couch	17.50	+	
(22)	32	A.H. Hurt	15.00	-	
(28)	33	B. Shephard	12.83	-	*
(30)	34	M. Thistlewood	12.50	-	
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