

CULCHETH CHESS CLUB

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Season Three

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The season opened with the club again confident that the First Team had a good chance of retaining its hold on the League Championship, that the Second Team would give a good account of itself in Division 2 and that a new Third Team would give Division 4 match experience mainly to new members and junior players. The new Peninsula Cup handicapping would make it more difficult for the Division 1 teams since a Division 2 team would receive $2\frac{1}{2}$ points start, a Division 3 team $3\frac{1}{2}$ points start and a Division 4 team $4\frac{1}{2}$ points start when meeting a Division 1 team!

The club had five players listed in the "Top Twenty" of the Warrington League Grading List. They were :- 188 Dr J Perkins 3rd, 161 Alan Mackenzie 11th, Gordon Brownbill 156 15th, 155 Peter Clemens and Richard Furness 16th=. Other graded players were Ian Dutton 140, Jonathan Leigh 126, S Towers 112, W D Harper 102 and E Grimshaw 79.

First Team

Apart from the possible non-availability of Ian Dutton (now attending Salford University), the previous year's championship and cup-winning team was still intact. Jonathan Leigh and new member David Smith were two other players obviously of first team standard. The only new team in Division 1 was Atherton (Division 2 winners the previous season) who had been considerably strengthened by the acquisition of two strong players from Bolton and Wigan Chess Clubs. The Daresbury club had closed and Y.M.C.A. 'B' had been relegated. The old Railway and Y.M.C.A. clubs were now called Orford Park and Warrington respectively. Halton, Atherton and Warrington were looked upon as our most dangerous opponents.

For the third successive season our campaign opened with a cup encounter with Allied Breweries who received $3\frac{1}{2}$ points start. After our anxious time the previous year we took no chances, put out our strongest team, and won by 6-0. The league fixtures began with a visit to Atherton, where we squandered a 2-0 lead and lost by 4-2. After this setback, and with the knowledge from the previous season of how valuable a good game points total was, we set out to redeem our unfortunate start. A $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ victory against Orford Park was a welcome return to winning ways. Our three teenagers all won; Alan beat Pimblett, Jonathan was particularly severe on Johnson and Stephen Towers scored his first First Team victory by disposing of Burgess. Richard had his second successive loss.

Islam gave us the usual difficult time. Jonathan soon came unstuck and Richard was on the edge of defeat for most of the evening. With Richard and Gordon both winning, Peter drawing and Alan and Jonathan losing, we ended the evening at $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Dave Smith, on his Culcheth debut, had the deciding game. Upon resumption his opponent resigned without playing a move so we scraped through. We then went to Frodsham and dropped only two draws. Stephen notched his second win. The leading positions were :-

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Atherton	4	3	1	0	7
Culcheth	4	3	0	1	6
Warrington	4	2	0	2	4
Frodsham	4	2	0	2	4

Our next match was against Halton 'B'. Alan rounded-off his game with a mating attack following a Queen sacrifice. One-by-one all the other games came our way for a 6-0 victory.

We ended 1975 with a potentially difficult match at Warrington. The absence from our ranks of Dr Perkins was balanced by that of Parsonage - missing from the opposition. Alan was going well with an attack for his sacrificed pawn, but overlooked a time-saving check and was suddenly lost. With Peter getting a blocked position and Gordon scoring his fourth successive win, we ended the evening at $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. We hoped the three unfinished games would give us at least a draw, but on resumption Richard, Jonathan and Stephen all won for a $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ victory. Stephen's mate with two bishops when a double exchange down was particularly satisfying.

Halton 'A' brought a team which was weaker than the 'B' team they had brought a few weeks earlier, but we only (!) managed to win by 5-1. Jonathan scored his fourth successive win and Richard and Ian their third. We had now completed half the league programme and the leading positions were :-

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Culcheth	7	6	0	1	12
Atherton	7	4	2	1	10
Frodsham	7	5	0	2	10

The Cup quarter-final at Orford Park enabled Richard to avenge one of his two losses by beating Bradshaw. Peter won when Pimblett resigned upon overlooking he did not need to lose a rook! It was $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ at the end of the session and $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ when all games had been completed.

Next came our return fixture with Atherton. If we could avoid defeat, and then not drop points against the weaker teams, the title would again be ours. We did just that with Richard and Alan being our winners, and Peter (ten games unbeaten) and Jonathan drawing. Gordon was having an overdose of Nigel Short, whilst Dr Perkins went down against O'Hara. Richard's win - his fifth in succession - avenged his only other loss of the season.

The return league match with Orford Park was won ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$) without difficulty and in the First Team's fiftieth match Irlam were crushed by 5-1. By beating Tully, Richard's winning sequence was extended to seven games. With Atherton still in hot pursuit we still could not afford to slip. The $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ win against Frodsham was closer than the score suggests. Peter's long unbeaten run (12 games) ended when he went down to O'Neill. Like the previous year we then had a hard time against Halton 'B', but emerged relatively unscathed for a 4-2 win.

For our Peninsula Cup semi-final against fourth division Tanner we were required to give a $4\frac{1}{2}$ points start. We had to win by $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ or better! With Gordon unable to play, 13-year-old Alan Beardsworth made his First Team debut. At the end of the evening we had won the only game to be completed and it was obvious that whilst we had chances, it would be very difficult to get the remaining points to overcome the handicap. Eventually we won $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ but after adding the handicap we lost by $4\frac{1}{2}$ -6. We had two league matches to play and the situation was now that we had to obtain two points from our final two fixtures to win the title on a superior games average.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Culcheth	12	10	1	1	21
Atherton	12	8	3	1	19

Our match at home against Warrington was a very tense affair and the score stood at $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ in our favour when the evening ended. This match was still in the balance when we went to Halton 'A' for the final fixture. Although Ian and Jonathan both won, we went down $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. Richard's thirteen-match unbeaten run ended.

By now Atherton had completed their programme and had won all their six fixtures since drawing with us at the start of the second half of the season. We had to turn that $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ situation against Warrington into a victory. Neither game was easy, with Richard's a very difficult one. Although a piece to the good his opponent had lots of mating threats. To avoid these all the material advantage would have to be returned and an awkward endgame would then result. As things turned out, Jonathan won his game to clinch the match and the title, whilst Richard's opponent failed to turn up on any of the dates suggested for the resumption so we won by $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ to retain the title by virtue of a superior game points score.

Warrington and District League 1975-76

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Culcheth	14	11	1	2	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	23
2 Atherton	14	10	3	1	54	30	23
3 Frodsham	14	7	3	4	45	39	17
4 Warrington	14	7	1	6	43	41	15
5 Halton 'R'	14	5	4	5	40	44	14
6 Orford Park	14	4	3	7	38	46	11
7 Irlam	14	2	3	9	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
8 Halton 'B'	14	1	0	13	26	58	2

Atherton's loss was at home to Frodsham. They drew at Culcheth, at Halton 'A' and at Irlam.

First Team Records for Season 1975-76

(Cup and League).

Played 17, Won 14, Drawn 1, Lost 2, Points For 73 $\frac{1}{2}$, Points Against 28 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Player	Average Board	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	%
Dr. J Perkins	1.0	10	5	3	2	65
P Clemens	2.4	17	9	6	2	71
G H Brownbill	2.4	16	9	4	3	69
A C Mackenzie	3.3	15	8	2	5	60
R A Furness	3.8	17	11	3	3	74
D A Smith	5.3	3	2	1	0	83
J C Leigh	5.5	13	10	1	2	81
J R Dutton	5.5	4	4	0	0	100
S B P Towers	6.0	6	3	3	0	75
A W Beardsworth	6.0	1	1	0	0	100
		102	62	23	17	72

Once again our all-round strength had been decisive. All of the six regular members of the team obtained good percentages whilst none of the other four players lost a game.

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Second Team

Fourteen members played for the team, but of these only four - Stephen Towers, Bill Harper (captain), Roger Williams and Mark Lyons - played in half of the fixtures. In most matches players with First Team experience were called upon to take the top two boards. The season began with a good win (4-2) against Halton 'D', but then came the first of three heavy defeats (sadly all 1-5) when against a much more experienced Orford Park 'B' we could salvage only two draws. Against Boteler we shared the points, with Alan Beardsworth and Jonathan Leigh getting good victories on the top boards. For the visit to Frodsham 'B' we included two debutants - Danny Henderson and Eric

Charters. The two teams were level $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ at adjournment. Within two minutes of resuming, Richard won thanks to a gross oversight on the part of his opponent, and two minutes later 13-year-old Mark Lyons won a piece and went on to register his first victory for the Second Team. The other game was agreed a draw, so we triumphed by 4-2. Warrington 'B' brought a powerful team. Draws on the top two boards were all we could get. It was a different story when we went to Parkside for the next fixture which brought a $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ win to take us to the halfway point in the season. With all teams having completed six matches the points gained were :- 9 Orford Park B; 7 Warrington B, Culcheth B and Boteler; 6 Parkside; 4 Frodsham; 2 Halton D.

The return fixtures began with a draw against Halton 'D' and a 4-2 home win against the leaders, Orford Park 'B', who defaulted on two boards. The final 5-1 reverse came at the hands of Boteler, but the team ended the season on a successful note by recording wins against Frodsham 'B' (5-1); Warrington 'B' ($3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$) and Parkside ($5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$). This late flourish brought the team up to second place, only a point behind the winners. The performance of Stephen Towers deserves a special mention. Playing in all the matches, he lost the first two, but then was unbeaten in the remaining ten, seven of which he won.

Warrington and District League 1975-76

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Orford Park 'B'	12	8	1	3	$44\frac{1}{2}$	$27\frac{1}{2}$	17
2 Culcheth 'B'	12	7	2	3	$39\frac{1}{2}$	$32\frac{1}{2}$	16
3 Boteler	12	5	5	2	44	28	15
4 Warrington 'B'	12	5	1	6	$38\frac{1}{2}$	$33\frac{1}{2}$	11
5 Halton 'D'	12	4	2	6	$31\frac{1}{2}$	$40\frac{1}{2}$	10
6 Parkside	12	3	3	6	$29\frac{1}{2}$	$42\frac{1}{2}$	9
7 Frodsham 'B'	12	3	0	9	$24\frac{1}{2}$	$47\frac{1}{2}$	6

Second Team Records for Season 1975-76

Played 12, Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 3, Points For $39\frac{1}{2}$, Points Against $32\frac{1}{2}$.

Player	Average Board	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	%
R A Furness	1.0	5	2	3	0	70
J R Dutton	1.2	4	2	1	1	63
A W Beardsworth	1.5	4	3	1	0	88
J C Leigh	2.2	5	4	1	0	90
S B P Towers	2.4	12	7	3	2	71
W D Harper	3.6	10	4	2	4	50
D Henderson	4.0	2	0	1	1	25
C J Grime	4.0	1	0	0	1	0
R H Williams	4.3	10	3	4	3	50
E Grimshaw	5.0	3	0	0	3	0
B Bray	5.3	4	1	2	1	50
M Lyons	5.6	8	3	1	4	44
Dr S Lowe	6.0	3	1	0	2	33
E Charters	6.0	1	0	0	1	0
		72	30	19	23	55

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Dubious Definitions

Algebraic : a system of chess notation too simple for the average player.
More "Dubious Definitions" later.

Third Team

At the Annual General Meeting of August 1975 it was decided to take the ambitious step of forming a Third Team which would be entered in the lowest division of the League (fourth). It was realised this would mean we had very few free club nights and that our resources (membership) would be stretched. Roger Williams was elected as captain and we hoped to include as many juniors as possible for our home fixtures, with adult members playing more in the away matches. As things turned out, the team started badly and only one junior player retained his interest, so a number of new adult members were drafted into the team.

The programme began with a cup match at Parkside where our team received $3\frac{1}{2}$ points start. Both teams defaulted on the same board so - in a five-a-side match - we had to score only one point for victory. Mark Lyons soon got this point and the match was settled. We lost 1-4, but won $4\frac{1}{2}$ -4 with the handicap! Against Boteler Juniors our young team (average age about 12) crashed 5-1 with Adrian Roe our only winner. Another 5-1 defeat (Bill Harper the only winner) came when Atherton 3rd visited, and the team went down again (4-2) at Padgate where Bill won again and Bernard Bray and Richard Baxter both drew. The cup match against First Division Orford Park was not as one-sided as the 0-6 ($4\frac{1}{2}$ -6 with handicap) scoreline suggests. The shortest game lasted two hours and the longest three-and-a-half hours.

The visit to Appleton Thorn brought the long-awaited first victory (by 5-1) and wins for Messrs Williams, Bray, Grimshaw, Lowe and Charters. The team did well to lose by only a point against high-flying Tanner. Bernard Bray and Stephen Lowe both won and Mark Lyons drew. Mark was our only winner in the next match (against Boteler) but Roger and Bill drew. The season's best performance was probably the $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ victory over Atherton 3rd, but the season ended badly with losses against Padgate, Rank Xerox (twice) and Tanner, and only a draw with fellow-strugglers Appleton Thorn. This left the team at the foot of the table, but despite the poor results, the "Third Team gamble" was a success. Without this team the new members would have had few opportunities of match play.

Mark Lyons was the most successful player. Missing only one match, he scored almost 50% in his first season of competitive play. Looking at the team as a whole, too many games were lost because of poor opening play which gave the opposition the initiative, and which gave our players difficult positions to defend. More accurate and more attacking opening play is needed. With more experience and confidence this should come.

Warrington and District League 1975-76

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 Tanner	12	10	1	1	21
2 Rank Xerox	12	8	0	4	16
3 Boteler Juniors	12	6	3	3	15
4 Padgate	12	4	3	5	11
5 Atherton 'C'	12	4	2	6	10
6 Appleton Thorn	12	1	4	7	6
7 Culcheth 'C'	12	2	1	9	5

Dubious Definitions

Analysis : Irrefutable proof that you could have won the game you have just lost.

Annotation : An attempt to prove that you knew what you were doing all the time.

Third Team Records for Season 1975-76

(Cup and League)

Played 14, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 11, Points for 26½,
Points against 56½.

Player	Average Board	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	%
W D Harper	1.4	12	3	2	7	33
R H Williams	1.6	10	3	3	4	45
C J Grime	2.5	4	0	0	4	0
B Bray	2.9	8	3	1	4	44
Adrian Roe	3.0	1	1	0	0	100
E Grimshaw	3.2	6	2	0	4	33
R Baxter	4.0	4	0	1	3	13
D Henderson	4.0	2	0	1	1	25
M Lyons	4.2	13	5	2	6	46
R Bates	5.0	2	0	0	2	0
Andrew Roe	5.0	2	0	0	2	0
Dr S Lowe	5.1	9	3	1	5	39
E Charters	5.4	9	1	0	8	11
A Jackson	6.0	1	0	0	1	0
		83	21	11	51	32

One additional game was a 'double default'.

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Dubious Definitions

Blunder : see 'Sacrifice'.

Castling : a defensive move played by a cowardly opponent.

Centre, The (Classical) : squares K4, K5, Q4, Q5 which must be :-

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|--------------------|------------------|
| (a) controlled | (b) occupied |
| (c) supported | (d) attacked |
| (e) opened up | (f) closed up |
| (g) undermined | (h) relinquished |
| (i) kept an eye on | |

Centre, The (Hyper-modern) : the squares between KR1, KR8, QR1, QR8.

Checkmate : a self-inflicted torture by novices who do not know how to resign.

Chess : a simple game made difficult by your opponent.

Chess game : played in three parts unless you are beaten earlier.

Chess game, Opening : the part of the game where intelligence plays no part.

Chess game, Middle : the intelligent part in which material is exchanged and you end at least a pawn down.

Chess game, End : the last chance to miss a win or draw.

Chess Player, Amateur : one who plays for prize money.

Chess Player, Professional : one who cannot make a living from playing chess.

Chess Player, Rabbit : see 'Wood Pusher'.

Draw, Agreed : a draw due to confusion and mutual fear.

Draw, Grandmaster : an early conclusion due to mutual fear.

Exchange, The : something you lose. See 'Positional Sacrifice'.

Fools Mate : a chess player's wife.

SELECTION OF GAMES

The previous Club Bulletin included a game - Brownbill v Clemens - from the 1974-75 Club Championship. The game which follows is its sequel, and notes are again by Peter Clemens.

Game 3/1 By strange fortune, the first round of the 1975-76 Club Championship paired Gordon Brownbill and myself again, this time with colours reversed; I was determined to do better than in our previous encounter!

White : P Clemens		Black : G H Brownbill		Opening : Queens Indian	
1	P-Q4	N-KB3	10	N-N5 !	PxP
2	P-QB4	P-QN3 a	11	BxQP	f N-QN1 g
3	N-QB3	B-N2	12	N-K2 h	P-B3 i
4	P-KB3 b	P-Q4	13	N-Q6+!!	j QxN
5	PxP	NxP	14	BxP+	K-Q1
6	P-K4	N-KB3c	15	R-Q1 !	k K-B2 l
7	B-K3	QN-Q2	16	BxP+	PxB
8	B-QB4	P-K4 d	17	RxQ	BxR m
9	Q-N3 !	Q-K2 e	18	N-Q4	QB-B1
			19	Q-B4	R-R4 n
			20	P-QN4	R-R5 ?
			21	N-N5+	K-Q1
			22	NxB	B-Q2
			23	P-K5	N-Q4
			24	BxN	PxB
			25	QxP	K-K2 ??
			26	Q-B7+ o	<u>Resigns</u>

- a Not often seen these days.
b Going for a Samisch structure.
c NxN was probably better, following 7 PxN by P-K3 and 8 ... P-QB4.
d Somewhat aggressive considering Black's lag in development.
e The only move.
f 11 NxP+ K-Q2; 12 NxR PxB is unclear and probably O.K. for Black.
g By far the best move to defend the position as it enables the QBP to be defended and offers support for P-B3 or P-R3.
h Following the plan outlined by move 11 for White; 12 ... NxP is now a waste of material.
i Here came the moment of decision; to retreat the knight allows P-QN4 by Black, when his defence becomes very sound. Perhaps Gordon's remarks about playing a sacrifice "because the position looked right for it", after our previous game, came into my mind at this moment and prompted my next move.
j This cannot be refused :- 13 ... K-Q1; 14 NxP+ wins the P and R and forces 14 ... K-B2 (14 ... K-B1? B-K6+ and even after QN-Q2 Black is in grave trouble).
k Threatens BxN+ and BxQN+.
l 15 ... K-B1; 16 BxN QxB; 17 B-K6+ K-B2; 18 Q-Q3!! QxB; 19 Q-Q8 mate.
m Now the smoke has cleared and White has Queen and two Pawns for three pieces, not a tremendously good exchange, but Black's position is very tangled, which turns out to be the deciding factor.
n ~~19 Q-Q8 B-B7 Q-Q8 N-N5~~. R-R4 stops 20 N-N5+.
o 26 ... K-Q1; 27 P-K6 B-B1; 28 P-K7+ K-Q2; 29 P-K8=Q db ch KxN; 30 Q(K8)xR wins; ~~QxR (27 P-K6) 27 P-K6 Q-Q8 Q-Q8 P-K6~~
Revenge never did taste quite so sweet!

Game 3/2

White : A C Mackenzie Black : M Doyle
Culcheth v Halton B, December 1975 Ruy Lopez

1	P-K4	P-K4	6	P-Q4	NxKP	11	Q-R5+	P-N3
2	N-KB3	N-QB3	7	R-K1	P-B4	12	Q-R6	B-B1
3	B-N5	B-B4	8	QN-Q2	NxN	13	NxKP !!	BxQ ??
4	O-O	N-B3	9	BxN	P-K5	14	N-Q6 db ch	<u>Resigns</u>
5	P-B3	B-Q3 ?	10	N-N5	B-K2			

Black resigned rather than face 14 ... K-B1; 15 BxB+ K-N1; 16 B-B4 mate.

Game 3/3

White : A W Beardsworth Black : D Warren
Sunday Times National Schools' Tournament
Bolton School v Glyn Grammar School

1 e4 c5; 2 Nf3 Nc6; 3 d3 (White's 3rd, 4th and 5th moves turn this into the Kings Indian Attack where he hopes for a middle-game attack)

3 .. d6; 4 g3 Nf6; 5 Bg2 e6 (this move is dubious - it prepares d5 which makes his third move a waste of time); 6 O-O Be7; 7 c3 O-O; 8 Qe2 e5 (another change of plan-Black now has holes at d5 & f5); 9 Na3! (preparing to occupy e3 and possibly d5 and f5) a6; 10 Nc2! (better than 10 Nc4 when 10 .. b5 forces 11 Ne3 - not bad, but the text is better) 10 .. b5; 11 d4! Qc7? (11 .. ed; 12 cd cd; 13 Ncd4 Nd4; 14 Nd4 gives Black better chances although White is again better); 12 d5! (correct strategy, closing the centre before the kingside attack) 12 .. Na5; 13 Nh4 (preparing 14 Ne3, 15 Nh5) Ng4?! (the advantage of this move is that a pawn instead of a knight will occupy f5; the disadvantage is that the knight soon retreats, losing time); 14 Nf5 Bf5; 15 ef Nf6; 16 g4! (I also considered 16 Ne3, 16 Be4, 16 Bg5) 16 .. Ne8?? (h6; 17 Ne1 Nh7; 18 Nf3 Ng5 was the only chance said L Barden); 17 g5! f6; 18 g6! h6; 19 Ne3 Bd8!; 20 Oh5 Kh8; 21 Ng4 Rg8?; 22 Nh6 Resigns.

Alan here provided three-quarters of a page of analysis of the last three moves - too lengthy for inclusion here.

Game 3/4

White : A C Dempsey
Warrington v Culcheth

Black : Dr J Perkins
April 1976

1 P-K4	P-K4	19 QR-K1	R-KN1	37 PxP	R-B4 g
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	20 P-KB4 c	R-K2	38 RxKP	RxR
3 B-N5	P-QR3	21 R-B3	P-N3 d	39 QxR	Q-B8+
4 B-R4	N-B3	22 PxNP	PxBP !	40 K-K2	Q-B7+
5 O-O	B-K2	23 B-Q2	RxR+	41 K-B3	QxQP+
6 BxN	QPxB	24 BxR	RxP	42 KxP	Q-B8+
7 P-Q3	N-Q2	25 B-B3	Q-N2	43 K-N3	Q-Q6+
8 QN-Q2	O-O	26 Q-R3	P-R3	44 K-B4	Q-B5+ h
9 N-B4	P-B3	27 R-B2	B-K4	45 Q-K4+	QxQ
10 N-R4	N-N3 a	28 Q-B8+	K-R2	46 KxQ	K-R4
11 NxN	PxN	29 Q-B5 e	Q-QB2	47 P-N3	K-N5
12 Q-B3	B-K3	30 K-B1	K-N2	48 P-R5!! i	P-N4
13 N-B5	K-R1	31 R-K2	R-N4	49 P-R3	P-R4
14 B-K3	P-B4	32 Q-K6	Q-B3	50 P-N3	KxRP
15 Q-N3	BxN	33 Q-K7+	K-N3	51 K-B5	P-N3 i
16 PxP	Q-Q2	34 BxB	PxB	52 P-R4	P-N5 j
17 Q-B3	R-B2 b	35 R-K4! f	P-B5	53 P-N4+	K-R5
18 Q-R5	B-Q3	36 P-KR4	PxP	54 K-B4	P-N4 k
-	-	-	-	-	-
55 PxP	P-R5	59 Q-N6 m	Q-QB8+	63 K-Q3	KxP
56 P-N6	PxP l	60 K-K4	Q-QB5+	64 K-B2	P-R4
57 P-N7	P-N7	61 K-K3	Q-B8+	65 Q-N6+	
58 P-N8=Q	P-N8=Q	62 K-K2	Q-KB5		Resigns

a So far as Jansa/Smyslov, Oberhausen 1961. Smyslov played 10. ... N-B4.

b To develop the QR.

c Threatens R-B3 and KR3.

d Not ... PxP ?; 22 QxP+ KxQ; 23 R-R3++.

e Threatens P-KR4-5.

f Prevents P-B6. g The match situation was now such that Culcheth

h Thinking to win both white's K side pawns. / needed to win this game.

i Unexpected - 48. ... KxP; 49 K-B5 ! gives a draw.

j Forces white to release the black king. In the last few moves white had opportunities of fixing the black Q side pawns with P-QN4 and ensuring a draw, but it is now too late.

k Black wins by allowing his opponent to promote first.

l Not 56 ... P-R6, because after queening, black needs to control white's Q3.

m Threatens mate in one.

Game 3/5

White : J R Dutton

Black : C R Timms

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May 1976

Sicilian Defence : Rauzer Attack

1 e4	c5	14 Bd3 d	Bc6	27 gfl	f5 n
2 Nf3	Nc6	15 f3	g5 !? e	28 Bc4 o	Rg6 p
3 d4	cd	16 Qf2	g4	29 Bf7	Rg7
4 Nd4	Nf6	17 Bb6	Qh5	30 Bh5 q	Qh5
5 Nc3	d6	18 f4	g3 f	31 Ng3 r	Qf7
6 Bg5	Bd7	19 Qg3 !?g	Rg8	32 Nf5	Rg6
7 Qd2	Rc8	20 Qe1 h	Kd7	33 Rad1 s	Re6
8 Be2 a	a6 b	21 Rd2 i	Ng4	34 Ne7 t	Qe7
9 O-O	e6	22 h3	Nf6 j	35 e5	Ke8 u
10 Rfd1	Be7	23 Qe3	Qh4 ! k	36 Rd6	Rd6
11 Nb3	h6	24 Ne2	Nh5	37 Rd6	Qg7
12 Be3	Na5 c	25 Kh2 ! l	e5 m	38 Qd2 v	<u>Black</u>
13 Na5	Qa5	26 g3	ef		<u>lost on time</u>

- a 8 O-O-O is usual but I wanted to get black out of "the book". The move played does preserve options.
- b Preparing a Qside attack, but black cannot develop his Kside by .. e6 and Be7 due to e6 and 9 Ndb5.
- c I had expected 12 .. Ne5 intending to go on to c4.
- d Black is conjuring up threats of the normal sacrifice of Rc3.
- e Enterprising play. White must bolster his Kside without further weakening his pawns.
- f The only way to prevent 19 g3 which would leave black with little hope of attack or defence against white's central control.
- g 19 hg was the move black expected, but that was not my idea of playing for a win since it leaves g4 too weak.
- h Obviously not 20 Qf2 Ng4; 21 Qg3 Bh4.
- i Protecting g2 and with hopes of attacking down the d-file that never quite came off until the end of the game.
- j Black has provoked a weakening of white's Kside. If 22 .. Bh4?; 23 Qd1.
- k A move I underestimated. The threat is simply 23 .. Rg3 and 24 .. Qh3.
- l The K is an attacking piece and now 26 g3 is promising.
- m Black does not hesitate - he cannot afford to - to throw every possible piece and pawn into the attack.
- n He has not got many more pawns to throw at my king.
- o Causing problems for black. Both players were short of time - white had less than two minutes for 12 moves, black had four minutes.
- p If 28 .. Rg7; 29 Bd4 (29 .. Bf6; 30 Bf6 Nf6; 31 Ng3 not 29 .. Bf6; 30 e5?? Rg2+ winning).
- q 30 Be6+ is not good enough.
- r My opponent, with two minutes for his last ten moves compared with my 45 seconds, proposed a draw which I refused since 32 Nf5 is winning.
- s Threatens 34 e5.
- t I did not have time to analyse 34 Nd6+.
- u 35 .. d5; 36 c4 is no better.
- v White, three pawns to the good and with a strong initiative, has a winning ending after 39 Rd8+ as the following lines show :-
 38 .. Kf7; 39 Rd7+; 38 .. Ke7; 39 Bc5 !
 38 .. Qe7; 39 Rh6; 38 .. Bd7; 39 e6.

Game 3/6

White : J C Leigh

Black : K Johnson

Culcheth v Orford Park

October 1975

1 Nf3	Pb6	7 Re1	Pd6	13 PxPf7+	KxPf7	19 Qe6+	QxQe6
2 Pg3	Bb7	8 Pe4	Nwd7	14 Nb3	Qd6	20 NxQe6	Rac8
3 Bg2	Pg6	9 Qe2	Re8	15 NxNc5	PxNc5	21 Bh3	Rc6
4 O-O	Bg7	10 P-e5	PxPe5	16 Ng5+	Kg8	22 NxBg7	KxNg7
5 P-d4	Nf6	11 PxPe5	Nd5	17 Pc4	Pc6	23 Bd7	<u>Resigns</u>
6 Nwd2	O-O	12 Pe6	Nc5	18 PxNd5	PxPd5		

Notes to the six games in this section were provided by the players involved, to whom my thanks are extended. A variety of notations were employed and I am not sure what name to give to the notation in Game 6.

Club Championship 1976

Eighteen players took part in a 5-round 'Swiss' tournament. Gordon Brownbill, the defending champion, made a strong bid to retain his title despite a first-round loss to Peter Clemens (see games section). A last-round victory over Dr. Perkins brought Gordon up to joint first, but the Doctor took the title by virtue of a better 'sum-of-opponents'-scores' total. The leading scores were :-

- 1 Dr J Perkins 4 (wins v Dr Lowe, Mackenzie, Henderson, Leigh) - S.O.S. 16.
- 2 G H Brownbill 4 (wins v Grimshaw, Lyons, Harper, Perkins) - S.O.S. 14½.
- 3 A C Mackenzie 3½ - S.O.S. 15½.
- 4 J C Leigh 3½ - S.O.S. 14½.
- 5 P Clemens, W D Harper, Dr S H Lowe, S B P Towers 3.

The tournament ratings for the first four players were 180, 168, 165, 157.

Junior Championship 1976 (under 16 on 1st October 1975)

- 1 J C Leigh 7 (7); 2 M Lyons 5 (7); 3 R Bates and R Baxter 3 (7);
- 5 K Heino 0 (8).

Congresses

At least eleven members competed in Congresses during the May 1975 to July 1976 period. Details follow. Six rounds unless specified.

J R Dutton	Rhyl, May 75	3½ (5)	Major A	3rd=
	Atherton, June	4 (5)	Open	2nd=
	M/c, June	3½	Major	
	M/c, July	3½	Minor	
	British U18, August	5½ (11)		18th=
	Chorley, August	4 (6)	Major	
	Blackpool, March 76	2½ (6)	Major	
	Rhyl, May	3½ (5)	Premier C	3rd=
	Atherton, June	3½ (5)	Open	
	M/c, July	3	Major	
	M/c, July	3½	Open	
S B P Towers	M/c, June 75	2½	Junior Open	
	M/c, July	4	Minor	
	Morecambe August	3 (11)	British Under 18	
	Chorley August	3½	Major	
	Blackpool March 76	4	Minor	
	M/c July	3½	Minor	
A W Beardsworth	Manchester July 1975	4	Minor	
	Chorley August	5	Major	2nd=
	Bolton April 1976	4 (5)	Major	
	Atherton June	4½ (5)	Junior	1st
	Manchester July	2	Open	
A C Mackenzie	Rhyl May 1975	4½ (5)	Premier B	1st
	Manchester June	3½	Major	
	Manchester July	3	Open	
	Rhyl May 1976	3 (5)	Premier A	
W D Harper	Manchester July 1975	2	Minor	
	Chorley August	1½	Major	
	Manchester July 1976	3	Minor	
R H Williams	Manchester July 1975	2	Minor	
	Chorley August	2	Major	
	Manchester July 1976	2	Minor	
J C Leigh	Manchester July 1975	3	Minor	
	Blackpool March 1976	4½	Minor	

Congress Results (continued)

M Lyons	Manchester	July 1976	3½	Junior Open	
	Manchester	July	3	Minor	
G. H. Brownbill	Rhyl	May 1975	4½ (5)	Premier C	1st
	Manchester	June	3	Major	
D. A. Smith	Harrogate	April 1976	5 (5)	Major F	1st
R. Baxter	Chorley	August 1975	½	Major	

There may be omissions from this list but it is as accurate as I can make it.

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Editorial

With the completion of this bulletin we are almost up to date and the backlog of three seasons has been made up. Issue number 4, covering the 1976-77 season, will be prepared during the summer and should be available for sale at the start of the new season in September 1977. I hope that in future the team reports and statistics will be written by the appropriate captains.

I ask you to peruse the games you have played during the 1976-77 season and to submit one, or at most two, for possible inclusion in the Games Section. A few light notes would be helpful but are not essential. I would like as many members as possible to be included in this feature.

Richard A Furness
April 1977

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Dubious Definitions

Game - lost:	What your opponent had before he won.
Game - won:	What you had as a result of analysis.
F' adoube:	French for "What am I doing, that move loses outright!"
League Chess:	A form of chess in which the adjudicator loses the endgame for you.
Open File:	The one controlled by your opponent's rooks.
Opening Gambit:	Any opening in which you lose a pawn.
Opposition:	Something you need in the endgame to beat the opposition.
Resign:	A way of terminating the game unknown to novices.
Sacrifice:	Any piece left 'en prise'.
Swindle:	The only way you can be beaten.
Tactics:	A one move threat.

"Dubious Definitions" taken from the B.C.F. "Newsflash" which in turn took the article from the R.A.F. Chess Magazine.