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Before embarking on this season's doings, there are a few items of older news (if you pardon the contradiction), starting with the sad end to last season.

## Essex League - Division 1

1977/8 League Championship Play-off  
Played 23rd May, 1978 at Wanstead

Wanstead & Woodford				v	Upminster			
1	R.A. Wagstaff	158	0	v	A.J. Stebbings	196	1	
2	I.R. Watson	201	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	A. Hanreck	205	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	P.T.R. Gasper	192	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	K. Spurgeon	179	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	I.D. Hunnabla	174	0	v	R.W. D'Brien	172	1	
5	A.T. Marshall	188	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	J. Harradence	U	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	Paul Smith	172j	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	A.E. Robertson	169	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	T.D. Whitton	173	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	O. Elmes	U	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	W.T. Franklin	159	1	v	A. Corish	U (166-'78)	0	
9	D.C. Hick	U (161-'78)	0	v	M. Vellacott	U	1	
10	A.S. Kinder	152	0	v	S.J. Abbott	152	1	
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Game No. 21 Essex League Div. 1, Play-off 23.5.78 W & W v. Upminster  
 Board 8 A.T. Corish v. W.T. Franklin. 1 d4, f5; 2 c4, Nf6; 3 Nf3, e6; 4 g3, d5;  
 5 Bg2, Be7; 6 O-O, O-O; 7 b3, c6; 8 Bb2, Nbd7; 9 Ng5, Nb8; 10 Nc3, Qe8; 11 e3,  
 Qg6; 12 Nf3, Bd6; 13 Qe2, Nbd7; 14 cxd5, exd5? 15 Nh4, Qg5; 16 f4, Qg4; Black  
 has got himself into a spot. A slightly better choice was 16 ... Qh5; 17 Bf3,  
 when, assuming 17 ... Ng4; 18 h3 is not acceptable, Black must let the pawn go  
 with 18 ... Qe8. On the other hand I can imagine Bill would prefer the game  
 continuation with counterplay, to the passive loss of a pawn. 17 Bf3, Qh3;  
 18 Nd1, Ne4; 19 Bg2, Nxc3; 20 hxg3? A better plan to pick up the piece was  
 20 Bxh3, Nxe2+ 21 Kf2, Nxf4; 22 exf4, Bxf4; 23 Nf3, when White finds it easier  
 to coordinate his forces. 20 ... Qxc3; 21 Qf2, Qg4; 22 Nf3, Be7; 23 Ne5, Nxe5;  
 24 dxe5, Be6; 25 Qf3, Qg6; 26 Rc1, h5; Jeronimo! 27 Nf2, h4; 28 Nh3, Kf7;  
 29 Kf2? 29 Kh2 was probably essential, to be followed by 30 Rg1. 29 ... d4!  
 Now White must back track if he is to survive the threatened ... Bd5. 30 Kg1,  
 Bd5; 31 Qf2, dxe3; 32 Qe2, Rad8; heading for d2. White's error at move 29  
 has cost him so much time that he cannot now recover. If he contests the d-file  
 with 33 Rcd1 there comes 33 ... Bxg2; 34 Qxg2, Qxg2+ 35 Kxg2, e2; 36 Rxd8,  
 exf1=Q+ 37 Kxf1, Rxd8 etc. 33 Kh1? Bxg2+ 34 Qxg2, Qxg2+ 35 Kxg2, Rd2+ 36 Kf3,  
 Rxb2; 37 Kxe3, and WHITE RESIGNED being two pawns down.

Following the end of last season there were two friendly matches, reported  
 here by Roy Wagstaff.

W & W Juniors				v	Ilford Juniors			
1	W.T. Franklin	150	½	v	G. Novik	146j	½	
2	H. Morris	129j	0	v	D. Goorvitch	125j	1	
3	S.R. Lee	124j	1	v	S. Abbott	U	0	
4	G. Jefferies	117j	1	v	D. Bakshi	U	0	
5	E. Lee	129j	1	v	H. Bakshi	U	0	
6	S. Leary	110j	1	v	S. Abele	U	0	
7	J. Franklin	94j	1	v	K. Huxtable	U	0	
8	P. Street	111j	1	v	M. Gordon	U	0	
9	Karen Part	76j	0	v	K. Curwood	U	1	
10	M. Lee	U	1	v	A. Longhurst	U	0	
7½					2½			

In the absence of the Duggan brothers, the visitors were aided by  
 two elderly "juniors" and the team proved too strong for their Ilford Hosts.

Wanstead & Woodford				v	Newbury Park Primary School Past and Present			
1	M. Bird	158	2	v	S. Schaffer		0	
2	A.W. Birks	U (117-79)	½	v	S.R. Lee	124j	1½	
3	D. Filer	103	0	v	E. Lee	129j	2	
4	J. Duggan	101j	2	v	I. Sumray		0	
5	S. Leary	110j	1½	v	J. Franklin	94j	½	
6	V. Morris	133	2	v	A. Iqbal	103j	0	
7	J. S. Langford	109	½	v	R. Lane	107j	1½	
8	A. Vittery	U	1	v	R. Shepherd	U	1	
9	F.B.R. Crick	87	2	v	J. Metzger	U	0	
10	M. Murphy	U	2	v	M. Goff	U	0	
11	M. Lee	U	1	v	D. Pearce	73j	1	
12	C. Whitaker	U	1	v	C. Smith	U	1	
13	A. O'Rogan	U	0	v	R. Bibby	U	2	
14	A. Rosenbloom	U	2	v	S. Metzger	U	0	
15	S. Benden	U	1	v	P. Osborn	U	1	

continued over...



16	H. Rutter	U	2	v	M. Mitchell	U	0
17	V. Taylor	U	0	v	K. Part	76j	2
18	A. Vere	U	2	v	S. Abela	U	0
19	J. Friedmann	U	1	v	K. Huxtable	U	1
20	(M. Griffin } (M. Griffin }	U	1 0	v	M. Gordon L. Johnson	U U	0 1
			<hr/> 24½		<hr/> 15½		

The Annual match against Newbury Park Primary School consisted of two ½ hour clock matches, and the visitors were helped by the inclusion of former pupils. For the visitors, Edward Lee gave 8 years and a two point beating to his opponent who had recently been awarded the Club's Titmuss Trophy for the most improved player. John Duggan gained full points from a player some years older than himself.

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### Simultaneous Play

#### Peter Abbott

Since he left the Club 2½ years ago to take up a business post in South Africa, Peter Abbott has markedly improved his chess to the extent that he captured the title of South African Open Champion. On 12th September, during a brief visit to this country, he returned to the Club and took on fifteen opponents at simultaneous play.

The opposition included many of our junior players and additionally East Ham's British Under-11 champion, Neil Carr, was invited to make a guest appearance. (Rumour has it that he demanded an appearance fee of one can of Coke.) Neil was one of only two winners, the other being our junior champion John Duggan. Draws were obtained by Simon and Edward Lee, David Filer, and one of the senior members, A. Rosenbloom.

We congratulate Peter on his success and wish him well in his chess and his career.

#### Ian Hunnable and Andrew Kinder in tandem

As moved at the A.G.M. the opening night of the season on 19th September was marked by a simultaneous "exhibition" (!) by the Club Champion and the holder of the David Wood Trophy (highest aggregate in club matches), playing in tandem.

The opposition numbered 22 mostly below 160 but including Paul and Peter Smith and Roy Wagstaff. Against this the bi-bicyclists scored 12½-9½. The winners were Simon and Edward Lee, D.C. Bennett, Paul Smith, K.R. Mason, A.J. Clark, J. Duggan, Peter Smith and A.W. Birks. Roy Wagstaff agreed a draw.

Now for the 'inside' story. For anyone who has not engaged in this form of torture, playing in tandem is a perpetual nightmare: for three hours or so, every move you make is in a strange position! (It's surprising what difference one move by your opponents and one move by your partner can make!) A strangled cry of "What's he done?" from the other end of the arena alerted my attention that I'd left a mate on the move against Tony Clark. Two circuits later Andrew returned the compliment on another board! In trying to avoid a draw from a winning position that Andrew had frittered away against John Duggan, I walked our king into a mating net!! And what happened against Paul Smith I still don't know, apart from the fact that his table collapsed scattering the pieces on the floor. Trouble is, neither of us could verify the true position! Somewhere among all this we managed some sensible games, a few good combinations and twelve wine. It's good for a laugh, anyway.



Played 20th September, 1978

	Wenstead & Woodford		v	Mitcham	
1	I.D. Hunnabale 174	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	M. J. Yeo 194	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	P.T.R. Gasper 185	0	v	B. Kooiman 191	1
3	A.T. Marshall 177	1	v	J. O'Dell 177	0
4	Paul Smith 169	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	R. Picot U	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	T.D. Whitten 173	0	v	R.C. Lynn 181	1
6	D.C. Mick 161	1	v	D. Banks 178	0
7	A.S. Kinder 152	1	v	C. Gilliam 182	0
8	Alan J. Potter 161	1	v	M. Young U (1979-ho)	0
9	G.W. Fernie 147	0	v	L. Moullin 161	1
10	S.R. Lee 124j	0	v	T. Ashby 168	1
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Mitcham are a tough side to meet in the opening match; the more so when one considers our history of starting poorly. But fortunately we were able to muster all strength and produced a good fighting performance which all but carried the day.

I was delighted to open my board 1 account in the first match but furious later to have realised that I'd missed a win! (Game follows.) Philip Gasper transposed moves in the middle-game, turning a tenable position into a loss. Alan Marshall walked a tight-rope for most of the time and was thought to be a little lucky to win, but one has to play extremely accurately to keep Alan in check. David Mick started where he left off last season. His win was on time but his game on the board looked good too. Simon Lee's debut was proceeding happily until he was caught by a snap mate.

When the match was adjourned we trailed 3-4 but the remaining three games all looked good. Alan Potter levelled the scores in a major piece ending. In the meantime, George Fernie's game was discovered to have hidden complications. All our analysis on a drawing line for Mitcham was proved to be wasted effort when Moullin produced a totally unexpected move. With hindsight the move contained psychological value only, but the psychology proved more than adequate! Andrew Kinder's dominating position proved beyond recall for Mitcham but they were more than happy to come away from this match with a draw.

Game 22. Board 1 I.D. Hunnabale v. M.J. Yeo. 1 Nf3, Nc6; 2 c4, e5; 3 Nc3, f5; 4 d3. Alternatively the critical line 4 d4, e4; 5 d5, exf3; 6 dxc6, 4 ... Nf6; 5 g3, Bb4; My opponent afterwards thought this was incorrect and suggested 5 ... Be7 as an improvement. 5 ... Bb4 poses one or two problems however. If White wants to avoid doubled pawns he chooses between (a) 6 Bd2, when 6 ... Bxc3; 7 Bxc3, e4; 8 dxe4, fxe4 can be followed by the awkward ... e3!? and (b) 6 Qb3, e4; 7 dxe4, fxe4; 8 Nd2, Nd4 which is also difficult (9 Qxb4? Nc2+). Furthermore, on 6 Bg2, e4 chases the knight to an awkward square. Hence I forced Black's hand so that the knight, when chased, could go to d4. 6 a3, Bxc3+ 7 bxc3, e4. Despite all the lines involving this move in the previous note, in this situation it is probably premature, ... 0-0 being better. 8 Nd4, d5; 9 Bh3, dxc4; 10 dxc4. Not 10 Bxf5, Bxf5; 11 Nxf5, 0-0 when 12 dxc4, Ng5 is dangerous as is 12 dxe5, Nxe5. 10 ... Ne7; 11 0-0, 0-0; 11 ... c5; 12 Nb5, 0-0; 13 Nd6 is O.K. for White. 12 Bf4, Nh5. To counteract the threatened Nb5. 13 Bg5, h6; 14 Nc6. Unfortunately 14 Nxf5 doesn't work: 14 ... Qxd1; 15 Nxe7+ Kf7; 16 Rfxd1, Bxh3 and White must lose a piece. 14 ... bxc6; 15 Qxd8, Rxd8; 16 Bxe7, Re8; After 16 ... Rd2; 17 Rfd1, Rxe2; 18 Rd8+ Kf7; 19 Bc5 is to White's advantage (19 Bxf5, Kxe7; 20 Rxc8, Rxc8; 21 Bxc8, Rc2 is probably only a draw). 17 Bc5, Be6; 18 Bd4. I had planned 18 Rfd1, Bxc4; 19 Bxf5, Bxe2, 20 Rd7, but realised that Black has instead, 19 ... Re5; 18 ... Bxc4; 19 Bxf5, c5! If 19 ... Bxe2; 20 Rfe1, Bd3; 21 Bd7 regains the pawn. 20 Be3, Bxe2; 21 Rfe1, Bd3; 22 Bd7, Re5; 23 Rad1, s6? 24 Bf4? Short of time, I was primarily concerned with regaining



the pawn, which this move does, leading to a draw. Imagine my anguish when Paul Smith later pointed out 24 f4! leading to a win: 24 ... Re7; (if 24 ... Rd5; 25 Be6+) 25 Bc6, Rd8; 26 Bxc5, Rf7; 27 Bxe4, Rfd7; 28 Bc6, Rf7; 29 Re3 etc. 24 ... Nxf4; 25 gxf4, Rh5; 26 Bc6, Rf8; 27 Bxe4, Bxe4; 28 Rxe4, Rhf5; 29 Rd7, Rxf4; 30 Rxf4, Rxf4; 31 Rxc7, Ra4; DRAW on Black's proposal.

### Hurricane Tournament at Basingstoke

This is a now annual one-day quick play event. The play is not quite as quick as the title might suggest, 'Hurricane' being appropriate as proceeds from the tournament go to the R.A.F. Benevolent fund. The rate of play is 40 minutes on each clock per game. This year's event was on 23rd September and followed the pattern of last year's inaugural tournament in that it was a 5 round Swiss. In addition to the usual individual prizes, four players, all being members of one recognized club, can have their scores added together to qualify for the 'team' prize of two chess clocks.

Four W & W players repeated last year's quest to swell the Club's collection of clocks. Although this was not an official activity of the Club, (we paid our own entry fees!) rest assured we would have donated the clocks to the Club had we won them (oh! what a give away). Our team was Alan Marshall, Ian Hunnable, Alan Potter and Andrew Kinder. The only change from last year is that Alan Marshall came instead of George Fernie.

We performed less well than last year when we were =3rd in the team placings with 13/20 and Alan Potter scoring 4/5. This time our round by round 'team' scores were Round 1, 1½-2½; Round 2, 2-2; Round 3, 3-1; Round 4, 1½-2½; Round 5, 3-1; making a total of 11 from 20 which placed us about 7th (final results not ascertained). Individual scores in round order: Alan Marshall - 0 0 1 1 1 = 3; Ian Hunnable - 0 1 ½ 0 1 = 2½; Alan Potter - 1 0 1 0 1 = 3; Andrew Kinder - ½ 1 ½ ½ 0 = 2½.

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As I have exceeded the projected length of this issue by ½ a page, I am using the available space to give a few games by David Wood, whose name is familiar to you from the Club's "David Wood Trophy" for the highest aggregate in club matches. David was a highly promising player who tragically died in a road accident at the age of 19. These games may not be among his best, but illustrate his lively tactically orientated play.

Game 23. D.E. Wood v. B. Jennings London Junior Champs. Rd. 10 3.1.65 1 e4, e6; 2 d4, d5; 3 Nc3, Nf6; 4 e5, Wfd7; 5 f4, c5; 6 Nf3, Nc6; 7 Ne2, Be7; 8 c3, 0-0; 9 Ng3, f5; 10 Bd3, cxd4; 11 Nxd4, Bc5; 12 Bc2, Nxd4; 13 cxd4, Ne4; 14 Nxe4, dxe4? 15 0-0, Qb6; 16 Bb3, Rd8; 17 Be3, Bd7; 18 Qe1, Bb5; 19 Rf2, Qc6; 20 Rc1, Qd7; 21 Rfc2, Bc6; 22 Qd1, Rdc8; 23 g4, Bd5; 24 gxf5, Rxc2; 25 Qxc2, exf5; 26 Qc7! Qe6; 27 Bxd5, Qxd5; 28 Qxe7, Qxa2; 29 Qb4, Qa6; 30 Qc4+ Resigns.

Game 24. J. Elwood (Somerset) v. D.E. Wood (Essex) 1966 Postal game. 1 e4, c5; 2 Nf3, d6; 3 d4, cxd5; 4 Nxd5, Nf6; 5 Nc3, a6; 6 f4, e5; 7 Nf3, Qc7; 8 f5, b5; 9 Bg5, b4; 10 Nd5, Nxd5; 11 Qxd5, Bb7; 12 Qd3, Nd7; 13 Nd2, Rc8; 14 Rc1, Nc5; 15 Qh3, Bxe4; 16 Bxa6, Bxg2; 17 Qxg2, Nxa6; 18 0-0, Qc6; 19 Rf3, f6; 20 Bh4, d5; 21 c4, Kf7; 22 Rd3, e4; 23 Rxd5, Qxd5; 24 cxd5, Rxc1+ 25 Kf2, Bc5+ 26 Ke2, Re8; 27 Qg4, e3; 28 Nc4, Rc2+ 29 Kd3, b3; 30 a3, e2; 31 Be1, Kf8; 32 Qg3, Rc1; 33 Nd6? Re3+ WHITE RESIGNS.

Game 25. D.E. Wood v. J.L. Powell British U.18 Champs. Rd. 3 9.8.67 1 e4, c5; 2 d4, cxd4; 3 c3, d5; 4 exd5, Qxd5; 5 cxd4, Nc6; 6 Nf3, Bg4; 7 Nc3, Qa5; 8 Bd2, Qh5; 9 Be2, Nf6; 10 Qb3, 0-0-0; 11 Rc1, Kb8; 12 Nb5, Qd5; 13 Bf4+ e5; 14 Nxe5, Qxo2; 15 Nxc6+ Kc8; 16 Ne5+ Kb8; 17 Nd7+ Ka8; 18 Nc7 mate. A drastic brevity.

Game 26. D.E. Wood v. P.G. Killick Leicester City v County Bd. 4 Oct. 67 1 e4, g6; 2 d4, Bg7; 3 Nc3, d6; 4 f4, e6; 5 Nf3, Nbd7; 6 Be3, Ne7; 7 Qd2, 0-0; 8 0-0-0, c6; 9 h4, b5; 10 h5, f5; 11 hxg6, hxg6; 12 Ng5, Nf6; 13 e5, Ng4; 14 Be2, Nh6; 15 Rh2, Nf7; 16 Nh7, Re8; 17 Bf2, dxe5; 18 fxe5, Rb8; 19 Rdh1, c5; 20 Nf6+ Bxf6; 21 exf6, Nd5; 22 Rh8+? Nxb8; 23 Rxb8+ Kf7; 24 Rh7+ Kg8; 25 Rg7+ Kf8; 26 Qh6, Resigns.

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