

# FIRST RANK

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Wanstead & Woodford Chess Club

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BUMPER BUNDLE! 6 PAGES!!

## Editorial

Circumstances conspired against the production of an issue in December, and as this was also a very active time for the Club, there is much to report. This New Year issue therefore runs to a full six pages.

On the subject of juniors' gradings, I realise I have misinterpreted the SCCU system of adding 10 points to a junior's figure to represent natural improvement; this is done only when using results from the previous season as make-weights to calculate the current grade. I shall therefore revert to giving all grades as published, denoting juniors with 'J'.

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## Essex Knock-out - Qualifying Round

When I said in reporting one of last season's K.O. ties, that we are not a "cup side", I did not mean it to be taken literally but to act as a spur! Never mind, we'll just have to leave it until next season.

This time we did not even reach the 1st round but went out in the qualifying competition. Mind you! we had to meet Harlow, who are rising fast and are a good bet for the Essex League title this season. It puzzles me that Harlow are obliged to compete in the qualifying round and not seeded to the main competition, since they were semi-finalists in this event last season. (No sour grapes intended.)

Played 14th November, 1978, at Harlow  
W & W had black on the odd numbered boards

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Harlow		
1	I.O. Hunnabale 174	0	v	D.J. Coleman 182	1	
2	T.O. Whitton 173	1	v	Graham Moore 172 J	0	
3	R.A. Wagstaff 161	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	R. Ellames 172	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	A.S. Kinder 152	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	L. Mercer 172	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	W.T. Franklin 160	0	v	R. Searle - (Res.)	1	
6	G.W. Fernie 147	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	F. Simms 154	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2 $\frac{1}{2}$				3 $\frac{1}{2}$		

Kinder-Mercer concluded hostilities early, after a repetition of position. Bill Franklin was obliged to play a reserve, not that that made any difference to his approach to the game - he sacrificed as usual, but there was a flaw in his concept. Coleman knew of a refutation to a move in Alekhine's Defence that Hunnabale's book on the opening said was playable! With Roy Wagstaff having earlier agreed a draw, this meant that even if the remaining games finished in our favour, which seemed likely, we were out on the tie-break rule.

Terry Whitton pressed a dark squared attack against Black's king, which resulted in a Q and P ending in which Terry garnered pawn after pawn to record our only win. By this time, Simms was demonstrably lost



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'A' Team

It may seem unfair of me to give all the results at once, but here they are.

	Wanstead & Woodford	v	Loughton	
1	P. Barclay	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Inzani	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	V.G. Morris	1	D.J. Almond	0
3	R. Kinchesh	0	N.L. de Jode	1
4	R. Smith	0	M.G. de Jode	1
5	A. Rosenbloom	0	F.P. Day	1
6	H.E. Rutter	0	J. Rayner	1
		$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$

Wanstead & Woodford		v	Laindon	
1	P. Barclay	0	v	A. Reid
2	V.G. Morris	0	v	W. Estler
3	R. Kinchesh	0	v	I. Reville
4	R. Smith	0	v	G. Reid
5	A. Rosenbloom	0	v	W. Wiseman
6	H.E. Rutter	0	v	D. Lyons
		0		6

Wanstead & Woodford		v	Upminster	
1	P. Barclay	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	M. Rahman
2	H. Fell	0	v	D. Selfe
3	A.W. Birks	1	v	Dr. Jackson
4	R. Smith	0	v	S. Johall
5	C. Whittaker	0	v	R. Allgood
6	A. Rosenbloom	adj	v	A. Hewitt
		$1\frac{1}{2} + 1$	adj	$3\frac{1}{2} + 1$
				adj

	Wenstead & Woodford	v	Billerica	
1	D.C. Bennett	O	M. Hennessey	1
2	J.S. Langford	O	C. Oppenheim	1
3	A.W. Birks	$\frac{1}{2}$	B.W.G. Morgan	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	F.B.R. Crick	O	T. Bennett	1
5	C. Whittaker	O	S. Bubay	1
6	A. Rosenbloom	O	I. Fuller	1

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9th November, 1978, Away

Wanstead & Woodford			v	East Ham		
1	P. Barclay	1	v	B. Young		0
2	H. Fell	1	v	J. Russ		0
3	A.W. Birks	1/2	v	F. Homann		1/2
4	F.B.R. Crick	1	v	J. Kirkoff		0
5	C. Whittaker	1/2	v	B.J. Glenard		1/2
6	A. Rosenbloom	0	v	I. Morgan		1
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"adj." can stand for both "adjourned" and "adjudication". Thus Terry Whitton has played 36 moves and goes to adjudication (with hopes only for a draw at the outside), whereas Keith Jones has not yet played 36 and must play on. His game however is at the very least a draw, and will secure the match.

The top two games form a pair in that in both the Wanstead side went down by two minor pieces for a rook. However, Ian Hunnable's material difference was intentional since he also secured two pawns, but Fleury, who although currently without a published grade has been 200+, demonstrated that White had misjudged the merits of his position. Terry Whitton's loss of material arose through error, but conversely he could hold on through the closed nature of the position.

To move on to the centre of what is likely to be a palindromic score-line: Roy Wagstaff stormed through the centre with a four pawns attack (game to follow - No. 29); Andrew Kinder found active piece-play from a sicilian and laid bare White's king; Bill Franklin also stormed the opposing monarch with some nice touches - this game is also appended, No. 30. Matthew Shaw went a piece up, but after a subsequent error he traded his queen for three minor pieces and restored his advantage with a powerful passed pawn. Keith Jones picked up a pawn in the opening and has adjourned with his opponent trussed up on the queen's side. His game will sew up the match. George Fernie has not always had the results his play deserves but is currently playing well; he had a nice game with a pleasing finish, and has promised me the score, with notes, which will appear in the next issue. The Lee brothers should really have scored something between them on their Essex I debuts, but they have at least gained the experience.

Looking down the Shell team list, one could say their Luck was out (but not their Pluck?); they couldn't quite Cook the books so the answer was a Lemon!

Game No. 29 Another example of Roy Wagstaff's favourite Four Pawns. Black allowed an early intrusion and the dispatch was efficient.

Board 3 R.A. Wagstaff v. J. Keeling Notes by Roy Wagstaff. 1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, g6; 3 Nc3, Bg7; 4 e4, d6; 5 f4, O-O; 6 Nf3, c5; 7 d5, Ne6; 8 Bd3, Nc7; A time consuming manoeuvre which enables White to castle safely before the conflict commences. 9 O-O, e6; 10 e5, dxe5? Allowing White the luxury of a supported passed pawn. Better 10 ... Ne8. 11 fxe5, Nd7; 12 d6 Ne8; 13 Qe2, b6; 14 Bg5, f6; 15 Bh4, ...hoping to be attacked again by ...g5 ... 15 ... a6; 16 Be4, Ra7; 17 Rad1, g5; ...I am! 18 Nxe5! fxe5; 19 Qh5, Nef6; 20 exf6, Nxf6; 21 Qxg5, Rd7; 22 Qg3, Bb7; If 22 ... Nxe4; 23 Nxe4, Qe8; 24 Nf6+, 23 Bxb7, Rxb7; 24 Qe5, Resigns. On 24 ... Kh8; 25 Ne4 etc.

Game No. 30 Board 5 W.T. Franklin v. I. Sparling Caro-Kann Defence

1 e4, c6; 2 d4, g6? The books recommend 2 ... d5. 3 f4, Bg7; 4 Nf3, Nf6; 5 Nc3, O-O; 6 Bd3, d5; 7 e5, Ne8; 8 O-O, f6; 9 Be3, Nbd7; 10 f5, fxe5; 11 fxg6! As Fischer used to say, Black is "busted". White is offering a piece but in return he gets not only space but also time since Black must expend two moves to pick up the piece: 11 ... e4; 12 Ng5, exd3; 13 gxh7+ Kh8; 14 Rxf8+ followed by Nf7+. 11 ... Ndf6; 12 Nxe5, Nd6; 13 gxh7+ Nxe7; 14 Bxe7+ Kxe7; 15 Qh5+ Kg8; 16 Rxf8+ Qxf8; 17 Rf1, Qe8; 18 Qg5, Bf5; 19 h4. The final assault is on its way. 19 ... e6; 20 h5, Qd8; 21 Qg3, Kh7; 22 h6! If now 22 ... Bxh6; 23 Bxh6, Kxh6; 24 Kf2 wins. 22 ... Bf6; 23 Rxf5! Nice. Unguarding the white squares. 23 ... exf5; 24 Qg6+ Kh8; 25 Bg5! Black could resign now, especially as he has nothing better than his next. 25 ... Bxe5; 26 dxe5, Quicker than taking the queen. 26 ... Qb6+ 27 Kh2, Ne8; 28 Bf6+ resigns.

Intermezzo - A puzzle by one Maurice Ellinger: "Chess is played in 'x' schools in Great Britain, and each of these schools decides that it will have a knock-out tournament to discover the best pupil in the school. The total number of pupils taking part altogether (in the various knock-out tournaments) is 'y'. There are no draws. How many games are played altogether?"

Normal service is resumed overleaf.....



To continue with Essex League Division 1:

Played 12th December, 1978 at Wanstead

W & W had black on the odd numbered boards

Wanstead & Woodford			v	East Ham		
1	I.O. Hunnible 174	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	A.D. Martin 201	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	A.T. Marshall 177	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	Alan J. Potter 161	0	
3	T.O. Whitten 173	0	v	H.I. Woolverton 180	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	R.A. Wagstaff 161	adj	v	S.F. Walker -	adj	
5	A.S. Kinder 152	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	N.L. Carr 138 J	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	W.T. Franklin 160	0	v	R. Hatch 150	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	Peter J. Smith -	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	T. Carr 138	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	M. Shaw 152	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	A. Compton 130	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	G.W. Fernie 147	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	A. Gascoyne 120	0	
10	A.J. Clark 136	adj	v	R. Tarrant 143	adj	
			4 + 2 adj.			4 + 2 adj.

East Ham have started well in the Essex League this season with their blend of youth and experience, and while neither side in this encounter could field a team as strong as some in recent seasons, a close match ensued.

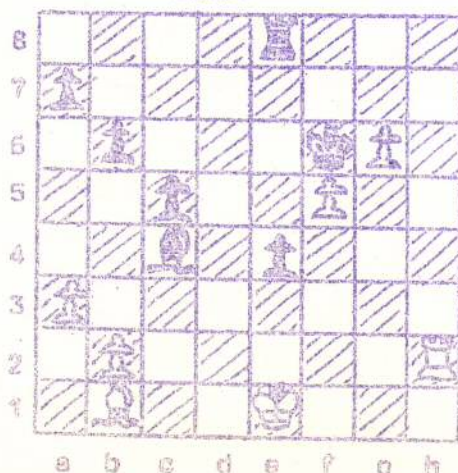
The evening commenced on a confused note when boards 5-8 sat down on the wrong side of the table and consequently had the wrong colours. Peter Smith having started play, had the discomfiting experience of having to give up the white pieces and, starting again with black, found himself facing 1 g4?! His evening was completed with an incidence of "chess blindness" when he agreed a draw in a demonstrably won K & P ending. Peter has given me leave to hold this as a lesson to all: when he agreed the draw, adjournment was only minutes away and Peter acknowledges he should have referred the offer to his captain who, without telling him how to win the game, could instruct him to decline the draw and reach adjournment.

As in last season's match, Alan Marshall met clubmate Alan Potter and after Potter had missed an important defensive manoeuvre, Marshall's incisive attack effected the closure (see game 31). George Fernie netted our only other full point to date without much trouble when Gascoyne left a piece en prise.

Andrew Martin must be growing to dislike playing against Wanstead - last season he could only draw with Roy Wagstaff.... Terry Whitten blundered a pawn in the opening against Harry Woolverton and was left with a bad game. He mounted a stubborn defence but his position eventually gave out to patient probing. Roy Wagstaff reached a winning position but shortly before the close an inaccuracy gave up this advantage and in the position for adjudication we are seeking to demonstrate a draw (see below). After play was adjourned, Ron

Hatch demonstrated the power of his passed pawns and Bill Franklin resigned. In the other adjourned game, Tony Clark is a pawn ahead but opposite coloured bishops give the Hammers hopes of a draw.

S.F. Walker (E. Ham)  
Black



White (to move)  
R.A. Wagstaff

Game No. 31 Board 2 A.T. Marshall v. Alan Potter  
1 e4, d6; 2 Nc3, Nf6; 3 f4, g6;  
4 Nf3, Bc7; 5 Bc4, c6; 6 Bb3, O-O; 7 O-O, b5;  
8 Qe2, Nbd7; 9 e5, Nh5; 10 e6, fxe6; 11 Bxe6+ Kh8;  
12 d3, Nxf4? If this is safe, it requires  
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The diagram shows the adjourned position in Wagstaff v Walker. A possible line of play is:  
1 Rf2, Re5; 2 Bc2, Rxf5; 3 Bxe4, Rxf2; 4 Kxf2, Bb5;  
5 Ke3, Be8; 6 Kd3, Bxg6; 7 Bxg6, Kxg6; when White should draw owing to his king being nearer the pawns. But Black can vary from this line, at move 2.



accurate defence from Black to hold it. 13 Bxf4, Rxf4; 14 Nd5, Bd4+? It was necessary for Black to play 14 ... Qb6+ 15 Kh1, Rxf1+ 16 Rxf1, when 16 ... Ne5 affords some measure of defence. 15 Kh1, Rxf1+ 16 Rxf1. The difference between this position and the previous note is that now 16 ... Ne5 loses a piece by 17 Qxe5+ Bxe5; 18 Nf7+. 16 ... Qa5; 17 Rf7, Bg7; 18 Rxe7, Ne3; 19 Nf7+ Nxf7; 20 Re8+ Bf8; 21 Rxf8+ Resigns.

And finally to bring up to date the Essex 1 results:

Played 19th December, 1978 at Harlow

W & W were black on the odd numbered boards

Wanstead & Woodford				v	Harlow			
1	I.D. Hynnable	174	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	D.J. Coleman	182	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	P.T.R. Gasper	185	0	v	Graham Moore	172	3	
3	Paul G. Smith	169	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	R. Ellames	172	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	A.T. Marshall	177	1	v	P. Gordon Smith	176	0	
5	T.D. Whitton	173	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	L. Mercer	172	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	R.A. Wagstaff	161	1	v	F. Simms	154	0	
7	A.S. Kinder	152	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	S. Harvey	148	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	Peter Smith	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	D. Waud	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	G.W. Fernie	147	adj	v	Miss J. Moore	137	adj	
10	G.T. Gooding	134	1	v	K. Guinness	128	0	