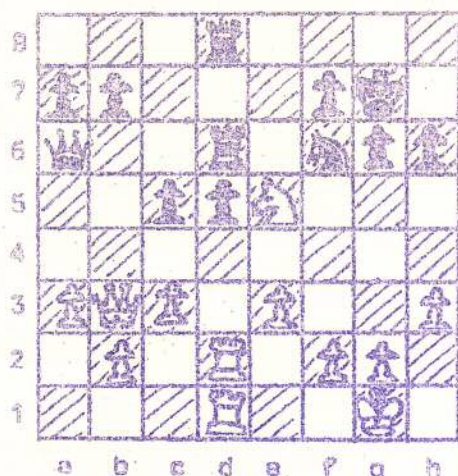


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Game No. 33 Board 1 I.O. Hunnable v. G.M. Hayes. The diagrammed position (over-leaf) occurred after White's 29th Qb3 with the time control one move away. Play continued with a pawn offer which Hayes thought I had to refuse:  
29 Ne4: He may have been right, but I had only a few microseconds left before my flag dropped and a decision to make. 30 Rb2, c4; 31 Qa2, Nc5 didn't look inviting, so... 30 Rxd5!? ...but just what was happening after the text move. I

G.M. Hayes (Ilford)  
Black (to move)



White  
I.O. Munnable

Position after 29 Qb3

40 ... Qe1+ 41 Kh2, g3 mate! 40 ... Qxb2; This is the point of the line starting with 33 ... Kf6. In reply, White has played to get both rooks behind Black's g3-pawn. 41 Rxb7, e5! 42 Rb5+ Ke6; 43 Rb6+ White doesn't have time for 43 Rxa5, Qc1+ 44 Kh2, b2; and Black queens. White therefore chases the black king so that he can either trap Black on the back rank, or capture the a-pawn with the rook currently on the d-file. 43 ... Ke7; 44 Rb7+ Kf6; If 44 ... Ke8; 45 Rdd7, with a draw. 45 Rd6+ Kg5; I was more worried about 45 ... Ke5 but it seems White can survive: 46 Ra6, Qxe3; 47 Rb5+ Ke4; 48 Rxa5, Qc1+ 49 Kh2, b2 50 Ra4+ Kxe3; 51 Rab4. Another try is 45 ... Kg7; 46 g5, Qc1+ 47 Kh2, b2; 48 Rdd7, b1=Q; 49 Rxf7+ with a draw. 46 Rd5+ Kxg4; An interesting alternative is 46 ... Kh4 trying to get to g3 without allowing a rook check on g5 but White has 47 Rxf7, Qc1+ (not 47 ... Kg3; 48 Rf3+ Kxg4; 49 Rf4+ Kg3; 50 Rg5 mate.) 48 Kh2, b2; 49 Rf3, b1=Q; 50 Rh3+ drawn. 47 Rxe5, Qxe3; 48 Rab5. Avoiding the trap: 48 Rb4+ (going for mate by 48 ... Kg3; 49 Rg5+) is met by 48 ... Qxb4! 49 axb4, b2 and Black queens. 48 ... Qe1+ 49 Kh2, Qh4+ 50 Kg1, Qe1+ 51 Kh2, Qh4+ 52 Kg1, Kg3; Eschewing a draw by ... Qe1+. 53 Rxb3, Qe4; Black can have a pawn by 53 ... Qh2+ 54 Kf1, Qxg2+ with what outcome? 54 Kf1, Qc4+ 55 Ke1, Qc1+ 56 Ke2, Qc4+ Here again Black can take a draw with ... Qc2+ etc. 57 Ke1, Kxg2; 58 Rb2+ Kg1? Not in itself fatal but surely inadvisable. 59 R7b4, Qc3+ 60 Ke2, f5?? Tragedy. On the last move before adjudication a fatal error. Necessary was 60 ... Kg2. In the final position, White wins by 61 Kf3 threatening mate in three different ways. If 61 ... Qc6+ 62 Kg3, Qc7+ 63 Rf4, Qc1; 64 Rg2+ Kh1; 65 Rh4 mate. A WHITE WIN was duly returned by the adjudicators.

wasn't sure beyond the next two moves. 30 ... e4; 31 Rxd6, exb3; 32 Rxd8. The sealed move. Of course 32 Rxa6, loses after 32 ... Rxd1+ 33 Kh2, bxa6. 32 ... Qe2; 33 R8d7. The only defence, but a good one, against 33 ... Qxb2 which would immediately fail to 34 Rxf7+ Kg8; 35 Rd8 mate. 33 ... Kf6; A surprise. In my adjournment analysis, although recognising the text as playable, I was mainly concerned with the play following 33 ... Qxf2+ here is a brief example: 34 Kh1, Ng5; (not 34 ... Ng3+ 35 Kh2, Nf1+ 36 Rxf1, Qxf1; 37 Rxf7+ and White wins) 35 R1d2, Qxe3; (or 35 ... Qe1+ 36 Kh2, Qxe3; 37 Ng4, Qf4+ 38 Kg1, Ne4; 39 Rd1, Ng3; 40 R1d2 which White can hold) 36 Ng4, Qe1+ 37 Kh2, Ne4; 38 R2d3, h5; 39 Re3, Qb1; 40 Ne5, Ng5; 41 Nxf7, Nxf7; 42 Ree7, Qf5 which is drawn. Back to the game. 34 Ng4+ Ke6; 35 f3, h5; 36 fxe4, hxe4; 37 R1d6+ 37 R7d2 is too passive: 37 ... Qxe3+ 38 Kh1, g3; 39 Rd3, Qe2; 40 R3d2, Qxd4. 37 ... Ke5; 38 Rd5+ Kxe4; 39 Rd4+ Ke5; Of course not 39 ... Kxe3; 40 Re7#. 40 hxe4, 40 Rd2 is out because of

Game No. 34 Board 2 P.B. Cook v. P.T.R. Gasper Sicilian Defence. Notes by Philip Gasper. 1 e4, c5; 2 Nf3, e6; 3 d4, cxd4; 4 Nxd4, Nf6; 5 Nc3, d6; 6 Bb5+ Unusual. White probably hoped for a position similar to those arising from the Moscow variation (1 e4, c5; 2 Nf3, d6 3 Bb5+). 6 ... Bd7; I wanted to develop my knight on c6, but slightly better here would have been 6 ... Nbd7; when White must either lose time or concede the two bishops. 7 Bxd7+ Necessary, otherwise Black plays ... Nc6 and again White will have to lose time or give up bishop for knight. 7 ... Qxd7; 8 O-O, Nc6; 9 Be3, Be7; 10 Qe2, a6; Although this looks like a natural Sicilian move, I was not very happy at having to play it. The problem is that White is preparing to bring a rook to the d-file, and the black queen must soon move to c7. Playing ...a6 stops a white knight coming in on b5, but also, unfortunately, weakens the Q-side dark squares. After White plays a4 to stop ...b5, Black cannot really reply ...b6, to prevent White obtaining a bind with a5, since he has no white squared bishop to protect the weak pawn on a6. I decided to 'sacrifice' the b6 square, but it may have been better to ignore the possibility of White playing Nb5 e.g. 10 ... Rd8; 11 Rfd1, Qc7; 12 Ndb5, Qb8 (13 a4). 11 a4, Qc7; To stop the immediate a5. 12 Bxc6, If 12 Nb3, Na5. 12 ... Qxc6; Black has better chances on the c-file than on the b-file. The

attack on the e-pawn compensates for the loss of a tempo by the queen. 13 f3. Black is usually very happy when White supports his centre like this, since the first player has to give up aggressive intentions on the K-side with f4 and f5 or e5. White could have moved his bishop to defend the pawn, but this would have weakened his grip on b6. 13 ... 0-0; 14 a5, Rxc8; This stops Na4, but White decides to put a piece on that square anyway. 15 Ra4? Very odd! Precisely what White intended by this move I'm not sure - perhaps he wanted to prevent ...Qe4, and later double rooks on the d-file. If 15 Rd1 Black could play 15 ... Bb8 forcing the rook back again - 14 a5 had its weak points too! Best seems 15 Rfd1, when I had planned to regroup with 15 ... Nd7, intending ...Bf6 and/or ...Ne5 and ...Nc4, or ...Nc5. 15 ... d5; Black takes advantage of the awkward positioning of White's pieces to get in this important central thrust. 16 exd5? Played almost immediately, but the losing move! Obviously White should have played 16 e5, e.g. 16 ... Nd7; 17 f4, Nc5; 18 Rd4, f5; with advantage to Black, or 17 Bd4 with an even game. 16 ... Nxd5; 17 Nxd5, exd5; 18 Rg4. White cannot defend both rook and his c-pawn, so he seeks desperate chances on the K-side. A better try would have been 18 Rd4 aiming to make a tough fight of it in the endgame. 18 ... f5; 19 Rg3. No better would be 19 Rd4, Bc5; 20 Rd3, Rce6; 21 Qf2, Rxe3 etc. 19 ... f4; 20 Bxf4, Bc5+ 21 Be3, Rxe8; 21 ... Rfe8 also works. I didn't like 22 f4, Qe6; 23 f5, Bxe3+ 24 Kh1, Qe5; 25 f6, but then 25 ... Rc7 and Black remains a piece to the good. 22 f4, Qe6; Not 22 ... d4; 23 Qc5+. 23 Re1. I had expected 23 Rff3, when 23 ... d4 wins the bishop (24 f5, Qf7;). After the move played, I wrote 23 ... d4 on my score sheet as it appears still to win a piece. Then I noticed 24 Qh5! and if 24 ... Rf5; 25 Qg4, when Black is losing. Fortunately, though, I found... 23 ... Rxf4! ...exploiting a double pin, and preparing to treble on the e-file. Now White really must lose material. 24 b4, Ba7; Not 24 ... Rxb4; 25 Bxc5. 25 b5, Re4; Simplest. 26 b6, Bb8; 27 Rh3, d4; 28 Qh5, h6; 29 Rf3, Rxe3; 30 Rfxe3, dxe3; 31 Resigns.

Played 5th January, 1979 at St. Bride's Institute  
W & W had white on the odd numbered boards.

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Drunken Knights		
1	I.O. Hunnable 174	adj	v	M.J. Staples 201	adj	
2	P.T.R. Gasper 185	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	G. Leyton 185	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	A.T. Marshall 177	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	D.A. Bennett 171	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	Paul G. Smith 169	0	v	R. Newton 176	1	
5	T.D. Whitton 173	1	v	C.R. Haynes 163	0	
6	Alan J. Potter 161	1	v	L. Butcher -	0	
7	A.S. Kinder 152	0	v	M.D. Gyton 155	1	
8	G.W. Fernie 147	0	v	C.L. Bray 147	1	
9	T.D. Sanders 139 J	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	K. Morris 141	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	Peter J. Smith -	1	v	P.A. McCabe 147	0	
			$4\frac{1}{2} + 1$ adj			$4\frac{1}{2} + 1$ adj

Having played Drunken Knights last season we knew what to expect, and were not put out by the fact that they did not show up until 15 minutes after clocks had been started.

The first results were boards 4 and 5. Paul Smith's pawn structure crumbled - his form recently is well below his capability. Terry Whitton picked up a pawn on move 8 and subjected his opponent to attack. However, when Haynes resigned, thinking he had to lose a piece, he had an obvious move to retain the material! (see game No. 35.) Philip Gasper accepted a draw after several skirmishes led nowhere. However we fell behind in the lower order when Andrew Kinder lost on time (having thought 28 minutes on one move) and George Fernie blundered a piece in a good position and had to resign on the move.

At adjournment the score was  $2\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$  but fortunately the remaining games were all in our favour. Peter Smith had a hatful of material and his opponent resigned without further play. Alan Potter also collected a lot of material when Butcher tried to hack his way out of trouble, and Alan was not required to play on. This amusing encounter follows - game No. 36. We have thus pulled back

the deficit with the board 1 game left with the casting vote. Ian Hunnable has an extra pawn but the ending may prove difficult to win.

Game No. 35. Board 5 T.D. Whitton v. C.R. Haynes. 1 Nf3, d5; 2 g3, c5; 3 Bg2, Nc6; 4 c4, Nf6; 5 exd5, Nxd5; 6 Nc3, e5; 7 O-O, Be7; Here my opponent said we were playing a Sicilian in reverse (Maroczy Bind). Unfortunately for him, he has failed to take account of White's extra move. 8 Nxe5, Nxe5; If 8 ... Nxc3; 9 Nxe6, Nxd1; 10 Nxd8, and now any move by Black leaves White a pawn up and White can take the b-pawn with threats. 9 Nxd5, h5; 10 d4, Nq4; 10 ... exd4 helps White. 11 b3, h4; 12 Qd3, hxg3; 13 hxg3, Nf6; 14 Nxe7, Qxe7; 15 dxc5. Overcautious simplification to eliminate any Black threats. 15 ... Qxc5; 16 Qe3+, Qxe3; 17 Bxe3, Bh3? This helps White... 18 Rac1, Bxg2? ...as does this. 19 Kxg2, Nd5; 20 Bd4, O-O; 21 Rc5, Rfd8; 22 e3, Rd7; 23 a3, Ne7? Better 23 ... b6. 24 Rg5, g6; 25 Rh1, Kf8; 25 ... f5? 26 Rh8+ and Black's QR goes. 26 Rh8+, Nq8; 27 Bc5+. A weak move - but I had forgotten Black can play 27 ... Kg7. 27 ... Resigns???. So had my opponent! However after 27 ... Kg7; 28 Rh1 White is still winning, but slowly. Notes by Terry Whitton.

Game No. 36. Board 6 L. Butcher v. A.J. Potter. 1 e4, d6; 2 b3, Nf6; 3 Nc3, g6; 4 Bb2, Bg7; 5 Bd3? e5; 6 f4?! exf4; 7 Nf3, Nq4; 8 O-O, c6; 9 Be2? Whites extravagant play has led him into trouble. 9 ... Qb6+ 10 d4, 10 Kh1, Nf2+ also forces White to concede the exchange. 10 ... Ne3; 11 Qd2, Nxf1; 12 Rxf1, g5; 13 Kh1, 13 Nxe5, Qxd4+ 14 Qxd4, Bxd4+ 15 Kh1, Be5 is fine for Black. 13 ... h6; 14 Ba3, Qd8; 15 Bc4, Bg4? 16 Nh4! Na6; If 16 ... gxh4; 17 Qxf4 with a powerful attack. 17 h3, Be6; 18 d5! gxh4; 19 dxe6, fxe6; 20 Bxd6? Maybe 20 Bxe6 is stronger. 20 ... Be5; 21 Nb5?! White realises his game has collapsed and tries, as the Russians say to "muddy the water". 21 ... exb5; 22 Bxb5+, Kf7; 23 Rxf4+, Bxf4; 24 Qxf4+ Qf6; 25 Qg4, Rhg8; 26 Qh5+ Rg6; 27 Bc4, Rd8; 28 e5, Qg5; 29 Qf3+ Kg8; 30 Qxb7, Qe1+ 31 Kh2, Black now sealed 31 Qf4+ but White Resigned without wishing to see it. If 31 Kg1, Nc5; 32 Qc7, Qe3+ 33 Kf1, Ne4; 34 Qxd8+ Kh7; 35 Qe7+ Rg7; 36 Qxh4, Nd2 mate. Or 31 Kh1, Nc5; 32 Qc7, Qg5 and Black's extra material ensures the win. Notes based on those of Alan Potter.

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## JUNIOR SUCCESS

### Essex Chess Association Junior Championships

Karen Part - Girls Under 11 Champion

Edward Lee - Open Under 11 Champion with 5½/6  
thus regaining the title he won 2 years ago.

J. Franklin was 4th = with 4½/6

Edward Lee - Under 13 Champion with 6½/7  
(again!)

ahead of Junior International Neil Carr of East Ham with 6/7, and our own Simon Leary 5/7.

Simon Lee scored 4½/7, and John Duggan also 4½/7.

Tim Sanders scored 3/6 in the Under 18 event

The under 13 and under 18 events were held 13.1.79 and 21.1.79

### Evening Standard Junior (London) Championships

Under 14 - Simon Lee = 1st for London Title with 6½/9 but  
lost play-off match to Darren Lee of Finchley ½-1½

Simon finished ahead of U-13 Internationals  
Neil Carr, Neil Fox and James Hockaday.

Simon Leary scored 4½.

Under 12 - Edward Lee finished joint runner-up with 8½/11

John Franklin =13th with 7½/11

John Duggan =74th with 5½/11

Karen Part =128th with 4/11

# ESSEX LEAGUE

## Division 1

The home match v Southend (2nd January) was postponed owing to their travelling difficulties caused by the heavy snowfalls at the New Year. No new date has yet been fixed. The postponed match v O. Parks away, will now be on 7.3.79 (Wed)

The undecided game v. Romford, Hick v. McCague, was awarded to David Hick on adjudication making the final score W & W 6½ - Romford 3½.

In the Shell match (7.12.78), adjourned at 5-3 to us, Keith Jones agreed a draw without further play, securing the match. Terry Whitten's result has not yet come back from the adjudicators.

In our last outing we trounced Barking 9-1 (no loss). Full details next issue.

## Division 2

This term the second team are struggling after their recent successful seasons and have already recorded four losses from seven matches, as against two wins and a possible third.

One of each:

Played 7th November, 1978 at Wanstead

Wanstead & Woodford				v	Tilbury			
1	G.W. Fennie 147	1	v		C. Bellinger 143		0	
2	A.J. Clark 136	½	v		P. Turp 141		½	
3	H. Anderson 140	1	v		S. Parsons 134J		0	
4	G.T. Gooding 134	1	v		D. Solomon 113		0	
5	H. Morris 129 J	1	v		S. Egan -		0	
6	S.R. Lee 124J	1	v		A. Adamsk -		0	
7	V.G. Morris 133	0	v		K. Rath -		1	
8	G. Jeffries 117 J	½	v		A. Restall -		½	
				6				
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Played 14th November, 1978 at Wanstead

Wanstead & Woodford				v	Brentwood			
1	Peter J. Smith -	½	v		I. Robson 146 J		½	
2	A.J. Clark 136	0	v		K. Bowden 138 J		1	
3	H. Anderson 140	0	v		P. Tang -		1	
4	G.T. Gooding 134	0	v		P. Heath 145		1	
5	H. Morris 129J	½	v		W. Coatman 135		½	
6	S.R. Lee 124 J	1	v		G. Daniel -		0	
7	H. Fell -	1	v		R.M. Horn 120		0	
8	G. Jeffries 117 J	0	v		D. Bull -		1	
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								5

More details next time, and also news of the fourth division team.

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## Hastings Match

To be played Sunday 8th April, 1979, at Hastings.

All first and second team players are asked to book the date. Third and fourth team players who would like to be considered for selection should notify R.A. Wagstaff.

LOOK OUT FOR ISSUE No. 5  
COMING SOON!

*Ian Hummable*