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ESSEX LEAGUE - DIVISION 1

Played 11th January, 1979 at Barking C.C.
W & W had black on the odd numbered boards

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Barking		
1	I.D. Hunnable 174	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	S.J. Bush 176	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	R.A. Wagstaff 161	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	C.R. Ramage 168	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	A.S. Kinder 152	1	v	C.J. White 145	0	
4	W.T. Franklin 150	1	v	J. Rayment 137	0	
5	Peter J. Smith -	1	v	P. Hebblethwaite -	0	
6	M. Shaw 152	1	v	B. Welsh -	0	
7	K. Jones 152	1	v	S. Kane 99	0	
8	G.W. Fernie 147	1	v	R. Gilloch (Res.) -	0	
9	T.D. Sanders 139 J	1	v	R. Caster -	0	
10	A.J. Clark 136	1	v	J. Alexander -	0	

Our winning players all displayed good form but sadly several other good looking games suffered reversals of fortune. Peter Smith was clearly winning for some time, but by adjournment the tables had been turned. Andrew Kinder certainly did not stand worse when he blundered two pawns, and Ian Hunnable played a losing line when he had a perfectly sound one at his disposal. Roy Wagstaff enjoyed a first half advantage, but determined play in the second session by the highly promising junior Ian Robson, salvaged $\frac{1}{2}$ a point and put the match just out of our reach.

Wanstead & Woodford			Old Perkonians		
1	I.D. Munnable 174	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	N. Cutler 181	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	T.D. Whitton 173	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	I.B.N. Smith 194	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Or. D.C. Hick 161	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	H.J. Waterman 150	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	R.A. Wagstaff 161	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	J. Rosenberg 156	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	A.S. Kinder 152	1	v	P. Sharp 104	0
6	W.T. Franklin 150	1	v	I. Stables 130 J	0
7	G.W. Fernie 147	0	v	A. Sheach 1153	1
8	M. Shaw 152	1	v	C.J.D. Green 100	0
9	K. Jones 152	0	v	I. Deswarte -	1
10	S.R. Lee 124 J	1	v	S.D. Gold -	0

To deal with the Houdini acts: David Mick made a hash of the opening but despite being saddled with a shattered pawn structure, somehow managed to salvage a draw. Andrew Kinder, suffering the slings and arrows of a sacrificial attack was fortunate enough to see his opponent go wrong. Simon Lee sacrificed a couple of pawns for attack but made little headway and was relieved to be given a second chance in the later stages.

And one that was nearly a throw away: Ian Munnable had a material advantage in return for a cramped position but blundered late on. Cutler however in face of some rook checks repeated the position rather than risk running his king into trouble; the risk, on analysis, turned out to be illusory!

The East Ham match, adjourned on a knife-edge at 4-4, stayed level after the two adjudications: R.A. Wagstaff $\frac{1}{2}$ v S. Walker $\frac{1}{2}$ and A.J. Clerk $\frac{1}{2}$ v R. Tarrant $\frac{1}{2}$.

Including the Old Parks match we have scored 11 pts out of 14 from 7 matches.

Wanstead '30-30' Tournament to be held Sunday, 13th May, 1979 at Wanstead House.
This is a one day 6 round 'Swiss' at the rate of 30 minutes on each clock per game. Proceeds will go to the David Wood Memorial Trust whose aim is the development of Junior chess in Essex. Individual and Team prizes are on offer. Entry forms now available - closing date 1st May, 1979.

Who will organise a team or teams from Wanstead?

LONDON LEAGUE - DIVISION 2

Played 17th January, 1979 at St. Bride's Institute
W & W had black on the odd numbered boards

Wanstead & Woodford				W	Harrow			
1	I.O. Hunnable 174	0	v		M. MacDonald-Ross 205	1		
2	A.T. Marshall 177	0	v		M.V. Lambshire 197	1		
3	T.O. Whitten 173	$\frac{1}{2}$	v		D. Horseman -	$\frac{1}{2}$		
4	Alan J. Potter 161	0	v		S. Goodman 190	1		
5	R.A. Wagstaff 161	0	v		M. Dymond 178	1		
6	Dr. D.C. Hick 161	$\frac{1}{2}$	v		D.C. Tuckett	$\frac{1}{2}$		
7	A.S. Kinder 152	1	v		M. Bullock -	0		
8	Peter J. Smith -	0	v		M. March -	1		
9	G.W. Fennie 147	0	v		N. Chan 174	1		
10	T.D. Sanders 139 J	$\frac{1}{2}$	v		D. Goffman -	$\frac{1}{2}$		
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despite having played few games this season, and won queen for rook and bishop with a powerful attack. Roy Wagstaff picked up the exchange but was taken to adjournment before his opponent gave in.

Some of the $\frac{1}{2}$'s could have been 1's, but with no losses, this represents our biggest win in the London League this season.

W & W had white on the odd numbered boards

Wanstead & Woodford				v	Mampstead II			
1	I.D. Hunnable	174	1	v	B. Hease	168	0	
2	A.T. Marshall	177	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	W.D.B. Rotherham	151	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	T.D. Whittin	173	1	v	T. Saunders	-	0	
4	Alan J. Potter	161	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	K. Castle	159	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	Dr. D.C. Hick	161	1	v	E. Kas	128	0	
6	R.A. Wagstaff	161	1	v	J. MacDonald	109	0	
7	A.S. Kinder	152	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	P. Richards	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	Peter J. Smith	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	R. Jennings	124	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	S.R. Lee	124	1	v	S. Farrier	-	0	
10	G.W. Fernie	147	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	D. Bonn	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	

with Black again in time trouble, White is trying a mock attack to divert his attention. Utterly unsound, it works like a dream. 38 ... Bc2; (Maybe 38 ... Bc4 is needed here - ed.) 39 b5, Bd3; 40 bxa6, Bxa6; 41 b4. Again attack at all costs. 41 ... Bc4; About here I began to smell escape - Black's apparently been mucking about quite a while to little effect. The Q-side pawn majority is now dangerous. 42 b5, Ke6; 43 Ke3, Kd6; This is the crucial stage of the game. Black thought he was home and dry as did the spectators, but he's still got a hurdle to get over. 44 Ke4, Ke5? Black played this quickly without realising the problems. (44 ... g6 seems to be the move - ed.) 45 a6! bxa6; 46 bxa6, Bxa6; 47 Kxe5, Bd3; 48 Nd5, Bc2; The sealed move at the end of the second session, and I think a bad one. Black said he thought it was a certain draw - but that's because he totally missed the rather obvious continuation. In fact with a different sealed move, he could have made life much more difficult. Be2 or g6 better. (But Black must be losing now, his King's on the wrong side of the board - ed.) 49 Nf4, Bd1; 50 Ne6+ Ke6; 51 Nxg7, Kd7; 52 Kf5, Ke7; 53 Ke5, Kf7; 54 Nxf5, and BLACK RESIGNED on move 68.

ESSEX LEAGUE

Division 2

Played 6th December, 1978 at Laindon

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Laindon		
1	M. Shaw 152	0	v	P. Savin 157		1
2	K. Jones 152	1	v	B. Whitelaw 135		0
3	H. Anderson 140	0	v	R. Fowles 130		1
4	G.T. Gooding 134	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	P. Landry -		$\frac{1}{2}$
5	H. Morris 129 J	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	P. Rowlinson -		$\frac{1}{2}$
6	S.R. Lee 124 J	1	v	O. Edmunds 138		0
7	E. Lee 129 J	1	v	R. Bullen -		0
8	T.D. Sanders 139 J	adj	v	W. Estlea 103		adj
			4 + 1 adj.			

Division 4

Played 11th October, 1978 Away

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Laindon			
1	M.J. Murphy	124	1	v	T. Baker	-	0
2	J.S. Langford	109	1	v	G. Reid	-	0
3	R. Smith	92	1	v	A. Towers	89	0
4	C. Whitaker	-	0	v	C. Tull	-	1
5	N. Hollman	-	0	v	B. Collins	-	1
6	V. Taylor	-	0	v	R. Sims	-	1
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