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LONDON LEAGUE - DIVISION 2

Played 5th March, 1979 at The National Liberal Club
W & W had black on the odd numbered boards

	Wanstead & Woodford	v	Athenaeum		
1	I.O. Munnable 174	0	v	R.G. Wade IM 220	1
2	A.T. Marshall 177	½	v	T.D. Harding -	½
3	T.D. Whitton 173	0	v	P.A. Lamford 199	1
4	Alan J. Potter 161	0	v	S.D. Berks 168	1
5	Dr. D.C. Hick 161	0	v	J.S. Walton 181	1
6	R.A. Wagstaff 161	0	v	T. Gluckman -	1
7	A.S. Kinder 152	0	v	S.J.F. Walsh 168	1
8	Peter J. Smith -	½	v	D.J. Mason -	½
9	S.R. Lee 124 J	1	v	M. Mark -	0
10	G.W. Fernie 147	½	v	S.G. Dighton 147 J	½
		2½			7½

Only four seasons ago, Athenaeum celebrated their centenary by winning Division 1 of the London League. It is quite a comedown since then to be struggling in the second Division, for despite looking good on paper, headed by IM Bob Wade, before this match they had recorded just two wins.

Several players in the top half of the team reported traumatic experiences. Terry Whitton's game produced extraordinary play where, with queen and two knights each, Terry managed to completely imprison his opponents queen. But white's pair of knights, freely roaming the board, caused quite enough horse-play thank you very much! Peter Smith could demonstrate a win at adjournment, but had to settle for a draw when the game was resumed. Simon Lee drove a wedge into his opponents centre and marked up our only full point.

Played 23rd March, 1979 at St. Bride's Institute
W & W had white on the odd numbered boards

	Wanstead & Woodford	v	Wimbledon II		
1	I.O. Munnable 174	½	v	G.K. Sandiford 178	½
2	A.T. Marshall 177	1	v	DEFAULT	0
3	T.D. Whitton 173	1	v	P.C. Wood 156	0
4	Alan J. Potter 161	½	v	J.D. McGrath 140 J	½
5	Dr. D.C. Hick 161	1	v	P.R. Archer 154	0
6	R.A. Wagstaff 161	½	v	J.D.H. Nicholas 141	½
7	A.S. Kinder 152	1	v	T.D. Brugger -	0
8	T.D. Sanders 139 J	1	v	J.J. Lauder 139	0
9	S.R. Lee 124 J	1	v	D. Burford -	0
10	G.W. Fernie 147	½	v	P. Griseri -	½
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Wimbledon seconds started out the season with several big wins against strong opposition, but with the advance of the season have accumulated barred players through first team appearances. We took the opportunity to equal our

highest score in Division 2 of the Essex League; the previous occasion was our very first Division 2 match, against Camden on 5th October, 1973.

Terry Whitten and David Hick had similar looking games from different origins; both, with white, opened up a way to the king with energetic pawn advances. Andrew Kinder won a piece by a pleasing combination (follows). Tim Sanders after early advantage appeared to get into trouble but soon showed sufficient winning resources with a passed pawn. Roy Wagstaff was a pawn ahead in a rook and pawn ending, but took a draw with the match in the bag. Simon Lee who started the season with three blebs on board ten, completed a hot-trick of wins since having been put up a board. George Fernie shed a pawn and was both surprised and relieved to be offered a draw.

The match produced a number of viewable, if not high quality games, and a selection follows with sparse notes.

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Game No. 40 Board 5 D.C. Hick v. P.R. Archer. Pirc's Defence by transposition.
1 e4, Nc6; 2 Nf3, g6; 3 d4, d6; 4 e3 Bg7; 5 Be2, Nf6; 6 Nbd2, e5;
7 B-O, O-O; 8 Re1, Nh5; 9 Nc4, f5; 10 Bg5, Qe8; 11 dxe5, dxe5; 12 f1 f1 ... fxe4;
12 Qd5+ and White wins a pawn e.g. 12 ... Qe6; 13 Qxe4, Qxe5; 14 Nxe5, Nxe5;
15 Nxe5, Qxe5; 16 Qxe5 dxe5; 17 Bc4+ Kh8; 18 Rxe5. 12 exf5, Bxf5; 13 Qb3, Qf7;
If 13 ... Be6, White can play 14 Qxb7. 14 Nxe5! White still had 14 Qxb7 but
rightly prefers the centre pawn now available. 14 ... Qxb3; 15 axb3, Nxe5;
16 Nxe5, Bxe5; 17 Bc4+ Kg7; 18 Rxe5, Raed8; 19 Raef, Rxe5; 20 Rxe5, Rc8; How else
can he protect the Q-side pawns? 21 Re7+ Kh8; 22 h3, Resigns! Such a meek move
to force resignation, but after 22 ... Bc2 (groan!) 23 g4, Ng7; 24 Bf6 etc.

Game No. 41 Board 7 A.S. Kinder v. T.O. Brugger.....

.....apologies, game not yet to hand. See later this issue....

Game No. 42 Board 9 S.R. Lee v. P. Surford. Pirc's Defence. 1 e4, d6; 2 d4, Nf6;
3 Nc3, g6; 4 Nf3, Bg7; 5 Be2, O-O; 6 O-O, e5; 7 Bg5, exd4; 8 Nxd4, Bd7;
9 Kh1, Nc6; 10 Nb3, Re8; 11 f4, Qc7; 12 a4, a6; 13 a5, Be6; 14 Qe1, Bxb3; 15 exb3,
15 ... e6; Not 15 ... Nxa5; 16 Bxf6, Bxf6; 17 Nd5 winning a piece. 16 Rd1, Qxe5;
If 16 ... Nxa5; 17 Bxf6, Bxf6; 18 Nd5, Qd8; 19 Ne7 again winning material. But can
Black afford the e-pawn anyway? 17 Qd2, Rad8; 18 f5, Rf8; 19 Rf3, Qb4; 20 Rh3,
Rd7; 21 Bxf6, h5; Of course, 21 ... Bxf6; 22 Qh6, Rfd8; 23 Qxh6+ Kf0; 24 fxc6, fxc6;
25 Qxg6 etc. 22 Bxg7, gxf5; 23 Bxh5, Resigns. Black here completely outplayed.

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ESSEX LEAGUE

Division 1

Played 27th March, 1979 at Wanstead
 W & W had black on the odd numbered boards

	Wanstead & Woodford	v	Southern		
1	I.D. Mannable 174	1	v	J.C. Moore 169	0
2	T.D. Whitten 173	½	v	G. Talbot 175	½
3	Dr. D.C. Hick 161	½	v	J.A. Spiegel 151	½
4	R.A. Wagstaff 161	½	v	A.J. Parsons 141	½
5	W.T. Franklin 150	1	v	N. Sutherland -	0
6	A.S. Kinder 152	1	v	P.J. Blewitt 137	0
7	M. Murphy 124 (Res.)	adj	v	G.M.A. Smith 135	adj
8	G.U. Fernie 147	1	v	S. Day -	0
9	S.R. Lee 124 J	1	v	C.G. Lovelock 100	0
10	A.J. Clark 136	1	v	DEFAULT	0
		7½ + 1 adj			7½ + 1 adj.

Terry Whitten's opening play caused him much shaking of the head, but somehow he recovered to draw. Andrew Kinder also made a pig's breakfast of the

opening but from a losing position shortly before time not only swindled his opponent on the board but actually won on the clock! Bill Franklin was another to win on time. Simon Lee won with a powerful passed pawn, not needing the extra piece he also had!

In the games that went to adjournment, Ian Hannable missed a clear win in time shortage but was left with a winning rook and pawn ending and the adjudicators were not required. Mike Murphy had stepped in as reserve with twenty minutes on his clock but played a good game against the experienced campaigner George Smith, reaching a winning position for adjudication.

Division 2

Played 23rd January, 1979 at Wanstead

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Waltham Forest		
1	Peter J. Smith -	adj	v	A.E. Sower 137	adj	
2	M. Shaw 152	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	W.C. Allum 137	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	A.J. Clark 136	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	L. Foster 127	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	S.R. Lee 124 J	1	v	T. Ryan 129	0	
5	H. Anderson 140	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	D. Pracy 132	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	M. Morris 129 J	1	v	M. Stanley 127	0	
7	G.T. Gooding 134	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	A.J. Eley 128	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	P. Barclay 129	1	v	A. Calder 113	0	

				5 + 1 adj.		
				7 + 1 adj.		

Peter Smith's game is for adjudication but does not look very hopeful.

Played 8th February, 1979 Away

Wanstead & Woodford			v	May & Baker		
1	M. Shaw 152	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	Dr. T. Hart -	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	A.J. Clark 136	0	v	K.W. Clow 153	1	
3	H. Anderson 140	1	v	Dr. R.F. Chapman 129	0	
4	G.T. Gooding 134	1	v	Dr. G. Thompson 128	0	
5	V.G. Morris 133	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	R. Gerrish 134	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	J.S. Langford 109	0	v	A. Gentry 117	1	
7	S. Leary 110 J	1	v	S. Ord 91	0	
8	J. Franklin 94 J	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	D. MacIndoe 105	$\frac{1}{2}$	

				4 $\frac{1}{2}$		
				3 $\frac{1}{2}$		

After mass defections during the captain's absence in sunnier climes, this became a rescue job to get eight players. Messrs. Gooding and Franklin (many thanks) worked miracles. The advantage was that two youngsters, Leary and John Franklin, got their first taste of Division 2 chess and performed very creditably. The overall performance was a bit lamentable. Vic Morris had three chances to win but couldn't find them. John Langford was the exchange up but managed to lose on time (he was picking up the piece for his 36th move when the flag fell). Tony Clark lost on adjudication having adjourned two pawns down.

Played 13th February, 1979 at Loughton

Wanstead & Woodford 4 + 1 adj. v. Loughton 3 + 1 adj

Full result table overleaf

Loughton are our 'boggy' team - we have only once beaten them in this Division. Additionally, we discovered on the way to Loughton that Matthew Shaw, our top board, was unavailable. Mike Bird (thanks again) rushed Simon Leary over to Loughton - and once more at very short notice he played very well indeed.

The adjudication could bring any of three results, the likelihood being a win for Simon.

	Wanstead & Woodford	v	Loughton		
1	A.J. Clark 136	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	R.Y. Hare 134	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	S.R. Lee 124 J	1	v	E. Spielman 133	0
3	M. Anderson 140	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	M. Usher 137	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	G.T. Gooding 134	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	T.P. Connellan 133	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	H. Fell -	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	L. de Jode 126	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	P. Barclay 129	1	v	M. Inzani 129	0
7	V.G. Morris 133	0	v	M.G. de Jode 129 J	1
8	S. Leary 110 J	adj	v	J. Rayner -	adj
			4 + 1 adj		3 + 1 adj

The reports on these Division two games are by Howard Anderson.

Division 3

Bill Franklin has provided this report on the progress of the 'B' team.

The Junior side, having nearly completed their programme, continues to do well, most recently beating Ilford 'B' by 5-1 on 27th March.

Of the eleven matches played they have lost only one match. Unfortunately..... they have drawn five, but this must put them in a strong position in the table. It is very apparent that they could possibly have won the division were it not for the first and second teams' increasing demand for their services.

The outstanding adjudications mentioned in the previous report (Issue No. 3) were returned as:

E. Lee $\frac{1}{2}$ v. Chadwell Heath giving us a win by $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$

P. Street 1 v. Barking giving a drawn match

Recent match results and leading scorers:

W & W	$4\frac{1}{2}$	v	Loughton	$1\frac{1}{2}$	J. Franklin	$6\frac{1}{2}$	from 9
"	$4\frac{1}{2}$	v	Laindon	$1\frac{1}{2}$	S. Leary	$6\frac{1}{2}$	" 10
"	3	v	Billericay	2 1 adj.	G. Jeffries	$5\frac{1}{2}$	" 10
"	$3\frac{1}{2}$	v	Ilford 'A'	$2\frac{1}{2}$	E. Lee	6	" 9
"	3	v	East Ham	3	J. Duggan	$3\frac{1}{2}$	" 5
"	5	v	Ilford 'B'	1	P. Street	$3\frac{1}{2}$	" 5
					T. Sanders	$3\frac{1}{2}$	" 6

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And now here it is...

Game No. 41 W & W v. Wimbledon II 23.3.79 Board 7 A.S. Kinder v. T.O. Brugger
 Comments by Andrew Kinder. 1 g3, d5; 2 Bg2, c6; 3 e4, e6; 4 Nf3, Nf6;
 5 b3, Be7; 6 d3, Nbd7; 7 Bb2, O-O; 8 O-O, b6, 9 Nbd2. Yes I know it's rubbish,
 but at least it's quick rubbish. (Kinder ahead on the clock? ~ ed.) 9... Bb7;
 10 e4, dxe4; 11 dxe4, Nc5; 12 e5, Nfd7? Passive; almost any other square is better.
 13 Qe2, Qc7; 14 Rad1, Red8; 15 Ba1! Terry Whitton said this was the best move of
 the game! 15... Nb8; 16 Nd4, a6; 17 f4, Ncd7; 18 Ne4, e5; 19 Nf3, Bxe4; 20 Qxe4,
 Nbc6; 21 g4, Rde8?? 22 Ng5, Bxg5; 23 Qxs6, Qxc6; 24 Dxc6, Red8; 25 Bcd7, Be7; and
 White won after 36 moves.

There, that was worth witing for, wasn't it?

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