

4 h4, h6? Black's Q8 must not go to h7. (Hence 4... h5 is required - ed.) 5 g4, Be4; And now 5 ... Bd7 is essential. 6 f3, Bh7; 7 e6! fxe6; 8 Bd3, Qd6; 9 Bxh7, Qg3+ 10 Kf1, Rxh7; 11 Qd3, Nf6; 12 Ne3? Giving away most of the advantage. Best is 12 Ne2, Qc7; 13 Bf4 and Black cannot play ... e5 because his QN is not yet at d7. 12 ... Nbd7; (see diagram.) 13 Nce2, Qc7; 13 Qd6 is stronger. 14 Qg6+ Kd8; 15 Nh3, Rh8; 15 g5, Ne8; If 16... hxc5; 16 Nxc5, Kc8; 18 Nxe6 and Black is in tatters anyway. 17 Nef4, Ne5; See anything better? 18 Nxe6+ Kd7; 19 Nc5+ Kd8; 20 dxe5, Qxe5; 21 Nf4? 21 Nxb7+ wins so easily, as 21 ... Kd7; 22 Nc5+ Kd8; 23 Qxc6 etc. 21 ... Nc7; 22 Nfe6+ Nxex6; 23 Qxe6, Qxe6; 24 Nex6+ Kd7; 25 Nxf8,

25 ... Rhxf8; 26 Kq2, Rf5; and BLACK RESIGNED as White was playing 27 gxf6.

Meanwhile, Terry Whitton won a piece for a pawn against John Duggan, delivered "mate" with the extra piece but was mortified to find the piece could simply be captured. Terry was therefore a pawn down and had to tread very carefully for a draw. Michael Bird stormed Tony Clark's king and took second place alone on 7 pts. to set alongside his second place in last season's tournament. The leading places have a familiar look, the first six having also featured in last season's prize list. The repeated appearance in a high placing of Simon Lee and the first time success of last year's Junior Champion, John Duggan, auger well for the future. With the decision at the A.G.M. to lift the age restriction, and the rapid improvement of our best junior players, next year's tournament could prove a hazardous path for more seasoned players.

The new champion is a worthy holder of the title, with his positive approach to the game. He is quite happy to let a pawn or two go so long as he can take the game to the opposition. Alan has also been successful in the championship of East Ham (his other club) where he finished equal first with Neil Carr and Roy Watts. A play-off is projected to resolve the tie. Next season Alan will return to playing Essex League for us as well as London League and will occupy board 1. We are glad to have you back, Alan.

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ESSEX LEAGUE - DIVISION 1

Belated, but worth recording:

Played 17th April, 1979

W & W had white on the odd numbered boards

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Upminster		
1	I.D. Hunnable	174	0	v	A.J. Stebbings	209
2	P.T.R. Gasper	185	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	A.E. Hanreck	207
3	A.T. Marshall	177	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	K.W. Spurgeon	181
4	T.D. Whitton	173	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	R.W. O'Brien	172
5	Dr. D.C. Hick	161	1	v	R. Watts	167
6	R.A. Wagstaff	161	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	D. Elmes	174
7	A.S. Kinder	152	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	A.T. Corish	166
8	W.T. Franklin	150	0	v	A.E. Robertson	169
9	Peter J. Smith -		$\frac{1}{2}$	v	K. Barnes	166
10	G.W. Fernie	147	1	v	S.J. Abbott	156
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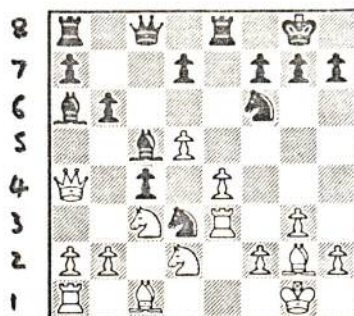
Details of the play of this match are lost in the mists of time. Five boards (Nos. 2,5,6,7 & 9) were sent for adjudication, and after a long wait the outcome was a draw. The elation at recording such a result against opposition of that calibre (the League Champions) was by then dimmed by the interim failures against Ilford and Chadwell Heath.

From board 10: a game of higher pedigree than one might expect from that region of a match. Given half a chance George seizes a chunk of space in Abbotts half of the board. Abbott attempts to resolve his problems tactically, but George is more than equal to it and cleans up efficiently.

Game No. 45 Board 10 S.J. Abbott v. G.W. Fernie Queen's Indian Defence.

1 d4, Nf6; 2 c4, e6; 3 Nf3, b6; 4 g3, Bb7; 5 Bg2, Be7; 6 Nc3, O-O;
7 Qc2, c5; 8 d5, exd5; 9 Nd2. In his 1974 match against Karpov, Korchnoi twice
 used 9 Ng5, (games 5 and 21) and against 9 ... g6 (game 5) Keene recommends
 10 cxd5, d6; 11 h4! with attacking prospects. In game 21 Karpov continued
 9 ... Nc6?! and lost in 19 moves! 9 ... Nc6; 10 cxd5, Nb4; 11 Qb3, Qc8; 12 O-O,
Re8; 13 e4? The hole created on d3 acts like a vacuum and sucks Black's pieces
 in. Essential was 13 a3. 13 ... Ba6; 14 Re1, Nd3; 15 Re3, c4; 16 Qa4, Bc5;
 The meek retreat 17 Re2 leaves White passively placed and was obviously not

G.W. Fernie (Black)



S.J. Abbott (White)

Position after 16... Bc5

an attractive prospect, so White now selects a tactical plan sparking off a phase of Fernie lateral thinking. (See diagram.) 17 Nxc4!? Bxc4; 17 ... Bxe3 is answered by 18 Nd6. 18 Qxc4, Nxf2! 18 ... Bxe3; 19 Qxd3, leaves White with counter chances owing to his central pawn majority and better development. The text wins the exchange under better circumstances. 19 Qa4, Not 19 ~~Qxf2~~ Bxe3+ wins the queen, but 19 Re2 looks slightly better than the text, though it can hardly alter the outcome. 19 ... N2g4; 20 Nd1, Nxd5! 21 exd5, Bxe3+ 22 Bxe3, Nxe3; 23 Nxe3, Qc5; Still there's a finesse. This allows Black to retain a stronger grip by getting his queen into play. 24 Qxd7, Rxe3; 25 Kh1, Rae8; 26 Rf1, Qe2; 27 Qf5, Re1; 28 Qf4, Rxf1+ 29 Bxf1, Qe4+ 30 Kg1, Qxf4; 31 gxf4, Re4; 32 Kf2, Rxf4+ 33 Ke2, Rxf1; 34 Kxf1, Kf8; 35 Resigns.

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Annual Match v. Newbury Park Primary School - Reported by Roy Wagstaff.

30-30 Match played 17th July, 1979 at Wanstead House.

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Newbury Park Primary School		
1	S.J. Leary	0 0	v	Edward S. Lee	1 1	
2	J.E. Duggan	1 0	v	John Franklin	0 1	
3	V.G. Morris	1 0	v	Richard Lane	0 1	
4	J.S. Langford	0 0	v	Marcus Goff	1 1	
5	M.J. Goodwin	1 1	v	Shelly Metzger	0 0	
6	C.M. Whittaker	1 0	v	Lee Johnson	0 1	
7	F.B.R. Crick	0 0	v	Karen Part	1 1	
8	R. Smith	1 1	v	Carl Smith	0 0	
9	A.J. Rosenbloom	0 0	v	Shirley Abela	1 1	
10	T. Dixon	0 0	v	Mandy Gordon	1 1	
11	M.P. Griffin	1 1	v	Scott Johnson	0 0	
12	R. Lazarus	1 0	v	Darren Gordon	0 1	
7 3				5 9		
= 10				= 14		

Newbury Park Primary School finished their most successful season with the third annual match against the Club, which consisted of two matches in each of which both players were allowed 30 minutes on the clock to complete all their moves. A well contested first round ended in favour of the hosts by a narrow margin.

During the interval, Essex Chess Association President, Geoffrey Smith, presented a British Chess Federation Schools Shield to the School in recognition of its achievements. Wanstead club chairman, Roy Wagstaff, presented medals to the six school players who formed the team which won the English Primary Schools Championship, sponsored by the Teachers Assurance. All 14 members of the School squad were given plaques which recorded the capture of the Redbridge, London, Essex, Southern England and all-England team championships. On behalf of the team and their parents, Mr. Wagstaff also presented mementos to Deputy Head Teacher Terry Cole who managed the team and to Bill Franklin who coached and trained them.

A splendid cake which had been provided to celebrate the occasion was rapidly demolished by players, parents and spectators. Thus fortified, the School made short work of their hosts in the second round, winning by a wide margin of 9-3, and thus the match by 14-10.

WANSTEAD & WOODFORD CHESS CLUB

Season 1978/9

London League - Division 2

Opponents	Result	Score		P	W	D	L	Pts.	%
Mitcham	Drew	5 - 5	Dr. D.C. Hick	6	3	2	1	4	66.67
Wood Green	Lost	2½ - 7½	T.D. Sanders	5	2	2	0	3	60.00
Battersea	Won	6 - 4	A.S. Kinder	9	4	2	3	5	55.56
Ilford	Won	7 - 3	A.T. Marshall	10	3	5	2	5½	55.00
Drunken Knights	Lost	4½ - 5½	T.D. Whitton	10	4	2	4	5	50.00
Harrow	Lost	2½ - 7½	S.R. Lee	6	3	0	3	3	50.00
Hampstead II	Won	7½ - 2½	I.D. Hunnabale	10	3	3	4	4½	45.00
Athenaeum	Lost	2½ - 7½	Alan J. Potter	10	3	3	4	4½	45.00
Wimbledon II	Won	8 - 2	Peter J. Smith	8	2	3	3	3½	43.75
Metropolitan	Lost	1½ - 8½	R.A. Wagstaff	8	2	2	4	3	37.50
			G.W. Fernie	9	1	4	4	3	33.33
P.10 W.4 D.1 L.5 Position 6th									

Also: P.T.R. Gasper 1½/3, J. Langford 1/2,
Paul Smith ½/3, P. Barclay 0/1.

Essex League - Division 1

Opponents	Result	Score		P	W	D	L	Pts.	%
Romford	Won	6½ - 3½	S.R. Lee	6	5	0	1	5	83.33
Shell	Won	5½ - 4½	M. Shaw	6	4	2	0	5	83.33
East Ham	Drew	5 - 5	A.T. Marshall	5	3	2	0	4	80.00
Harlow	Won	6 - 4	G.W. Fernie	10	6	2	2	7	70.00
Barking	Won	9 - 1	A.J. Clark	5	2	3	0	3½	70.00
Brentwood	Lost	4½ - 5½	Peter J. Smith	8	4	3	1	5½	68.75
Old Parkonians	Won	6 - 4	W.T. Franklin	11	7	1	3	7½	68.18
Southend	Won	8½ - 1½	A.S. Kinder	11	5	4	2	7	63.64
Ilford	Drew	5 - 5	R.A. Wagstaff	12	3	8	1	7	58.33
Upminster	Drew	5 - 5	I.D. Hunnabale	12	2	5	5	4½	37.50
Chadwell Heath	Lost	4½ - 5½	T.D. Whitton	11	1	6	4	4	36.36
Waltham Forest	Won	7 - 3							
P.12 W.7 D.3 L.2 Position 3rd									

Also: M. Murphy 1/1, Dr. D.C. Hick 3/4,
T. Sanders 2/3, P.T. Gasper 1½/2,
G. Gooding 1½/3, K. Jones 1½/4,
E. Lee 1/2, H. Anderson ½/1,
Paul Smith ½/1, A.W. Birks 0/1.

Sundry Fixtures

Essex Chess Association K.o. -

Lost in preliminary round to Harlow 2½ - 3½

Friendly match v. Hastings, - Lost 8½ - 10½

Essex League - Division 2

Opponents	Result	Score		P	W	D	L	Pts.	%
Romford	Won	7 - 1	S.R. Lee	11	8	0	3	8	72.73
Harlow	Lost	3½ - 4½	K. Jones	5	3	1	1	3½	70.00
Tilbury	Won	6 - 2	G.T. Gooding	12	5	4	3	7	58.33
Brentwood	Lost	3 - 5	H. Morris	7	2	4	1	4	57.14
Laindon	Drew	4 - 4	P. Barclay	5	2	1	2	2½	50.00
Ilford	Lost	2 - 6	H. Anderson	10	3	3	4	4½	45.00
Roding	Won	5 - 3	A.J. Clark	10	1	7	2	4½	45.00
Waltham Forest	Won	5½ - 2½	V.G. Morris	6	1	3	2	2½	41.67
May & Baker	Won	4½ - 3½							
Loughton	Won	4½ - 3½							
Upminster	Won	4½ - 3½							
East Ham	Won	6 - 2							

P.12 W.8 D.1 L.3 Position =3rd

Also: Peter Smith 3/4, G. Fernie 3/4,
T. Sanders 0/1, M. Shaw 1½/4,
E. Lee 3/3, G. Jeffries ½/2,
H. Fell 3½/4, S. Leary 3½/4,
J. Franklin 1½/2, J. Langford 0/1

Essex League - Division 3

'A' Team

Opponents	Result	Score		P	W	D	L	Pts.	%
Loughton	Lost	1½ - 4½	J.S. Langford	6	2	3	1	3½	58.33
Laindon	Lost	0 - 6	P. Barclay	7	2	4	1	4	57.14
Upminster	Lost	1½ - 4½	A.W. Birks	8	3	3	2	4½	56.25
Billericay	Lost	½ - 5½	F.B.R. Crick	6	1	0	5	1	16.67
East Ham	Won	4 - 2	A.J. Rosenbloom	6	0	0	6	0	00.00
P.E.R.M.E.	Lost	1½ - 4½							
Barking	Won	4 - 2							
Wanstead 'B'	Drew	3 - 3							
Brentwood	Lost	by DEFAULT							
Chadwell Heath	Drew	2½ - 2½*							
Ilford 'B'	Lost	2 - 4							
Ilford 'A'	Lost	2½ - 3½							

P.12 W.2 D.2 L.8 Position 11th

Also: V.G. Morris 2/3, H. Fell 2/4,
R. Kinchesh 0/2, R. Smith 0/4,
H. Rutter 0/2, C. Whittaker 1/4,
D.C. Bennett 1½/3, M.J. Murphy 1/2,
S. Bendon 1/1, G. Netley 0/1.

'B' Team (Juniors)

Opponents	Result	Score		P	W	D	L	Pts.	%
Upminster	Won	4 - 2	J. Franklin	10	7	1	2	7½	75.00
Brentwood	Lost	1½ - 4½	J. Duggan	6	4	1	1	4½	75.00
Chadwell Heath	Won	4½ - 1½	G. Jeffries	10	5	3	2	6½	65.00
Barking	Drew	3 - 3	E.S. Lee	11	6	2	3	7	63.64
Wanstead 'A'	Drew	3 - 3	S. Leary	11	5	3	3	6½	59.09
Loughton	Drew	3 - 3	P. Street	6	3	1	2	3½	58.33
Laindon	Won	4½ - 1½	T.D. Sanders	7	3	2	2	4	57.14
Billericay	Drew	3 - 3							
Ilford 'A'	Won	3½ - 2½							
East Ham	Drew	3 - 3							
Ilford 'B'	Won	5 - 1							
P.E.R.M.E.	Lost	3½ - 2½							

P.12 W.5 D.5 L.2 Position 4th

Also: S. Lee 1/4, T. Sharpe 0/1,
Miss K. Part 0/5, Miss M. Gordon 0/1.

Essex League - Division 4

<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>%</u>
Laindon	Drew	3 - 3						
Roding	Lost	1½ - 4½						
Loughton	Drew	3 - 3						
Ilford 'A'	Lost	½ - 5½						
Grays	Lost	2½ - 3½						
Ilford 'B'	Won	3½ - 2½						
Brentwood	Lost	2 - 3*						
Waltham Forest	Lost	2½ - 3½						
Barking	Lost	2 - 4						
Upminster	Won	3½ - 2½						
Austin	Won	4½ - 1½						

Individual averages not available for
this team.

P.11 W.3 D.2 L.6 Position 10th

* 5 board match

Leading Aggregate Scores

The David Wood Trophy is awarded for the highest aggregate score in matches for the Club, and this season has been won by

Simon Lee with 17 points from 27 games

(L.L. 3/6; E.L.1 5/6; E.L.2 8/11; E.L.3B 1/4)

This is the highest aggregate score recorded for one season's matches in the history of the Club.

Followed by G.W. Fernie 14/25 (L.L. 3/9; E.L.1 7/10; E.L.2 3/4;
Sundries 1½/2.)

A.S. Kinder 13/21 (L.L. 5/9; E.L.1 7/11; Sundries 1½/2;)

52 players represented the Club in matches during the season.