

# FIRST RANK

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## TANDEM SIMULTANEOUS

The opening night of the new season, on 18th September, was marked, as is now becoming traditional, by a tandem simultaneous given by the new club champion and the holder of the David Wood Trophy. The present incumbents of these positions, respectively Alan Potter and Simon Lee, took on 27 opponents in perambulatory circumnavigational play.

Wins were obtained by P. Gasper, M. Bird, A. Birks, R. Hawkins, S. Skelsey, C. Whittaker, G. Gooding, G. McDonald and T. Whitton. Draws accrued to D. Bennett, A. Kinder and W. Franklin. This left the tandem players with a highly creditable plus score of  $16\frac{1}{2} - 10\frac{1}{2}$ .

Alan Potter was full of praise for the part played by his youthful partner whose contribution to the proceedings was no mere supporting role. A simultaneous against 27 opponents is demanding even for an experienced solo player let alone when playing alternate moves in tandem with a partner. Yet Simon, who is only 13, was undaunted, despite the opposition being studded with first team players. He acquitted himself in a manner beyond his years, and in several games dictated the strategy with Alan Potter following his lead. Alan too is to be applauded for bravely taking on a task which he would find more tiring than most.

The display lasted something over 2½ hours and, dare one say, it was a tour de force.

Just to show that not all the first team players were in the scoring list:

Game No. 47 A.J. Potter and S.R. Lee v. I.D. Hunnable Alekhine's Defence  
(O.J.D. numbered white moves by Simon Lee, evans by Alan Potter.  
Notes by the loser.) 1 e4, Nf6; 2 e5, Nd5; 3 d4, d6; 4 c4, Nb6; 5 Nf3, I imagine  
Alan was disappointed on his next turn no to see a four pawns (5 f4). 5 .... g6;  
6 Nc3, Bg7; 7 Bf4, O-O; 8 Be2, Nc6; 9 exd6, cxd6; 10 d5? Na5; 11 Nd2, Bxc3;  
Since Black is going for the c-pawn, this is necessary. If 11 ... Qc7; 12 Rc1,  
Naxc4; 13 Nb5 wins. Or so it seemed. In fact after 13 ... Qc5; Black has  
enough wriggles to stay ahead: 14 a4, a6; 15 Nxc4, (if 15 Na3, Nxb2!) 15 ... axb5;  
16 Nxb6, Qxb6; 17 Bxb5, Bxb2. This is about the clearest route for both sides  
through a passage of pay that could give rise to terrific complications.  
After the text, Black trusts he will be able to defend the black squares round  
his king...(!) 12 bxc3, Qc7; 13 Bh6, Re8; 14 O-O, Naxc4?? Sheer greed. The  
pawn won't run away and Black should first have taken the precaution of playing  
14 ... f6 as will become clear. 15 Nxc4, Nxc4; 16 Qd4! Mate threat at g7.  
16 .... Ne5; 17 f4, f6; Black will get a second pawn for the piece and will hope  
to make something of his pawn mass (mess). 18 fxe5, dxe5; 19 Qd2, Bf5; 20 Qe3,  
Red8; 21 Rad1, b6; It still wasn't too late: 21 ... Qb6 enables Black to play on.  
Now it's Potter's turn: 22 Rxf5! This was 'on' the previous move (although I  
hadn't seen it then either). Alan had set it up by 20 Qe3 but Simon didn't  
cotton on. 22 .... gxf5; 23 Qg3+ Kf7; 24 Qg7+(?) Now it's Alan's turn to miss  
what Simon had seen: 24 Bh5 is mate! 24 ... Ke8; 25 Bb5+ Resigns. Just in time  
to prevent 25 ... Rd7; 26 Qg8 mate.

# WANSTEAD '30-30' TOURNAMENT

The second Wanstead '30-30' Tournament in aid of the David Wood Memorial Trust, took place on 23rd September. As before, the tournament was a one day event over 6 rounds with each player allowed 30 minutes on his clock per game. All players competed as individuals, but in addition 4 players entering as a 'team' from ane recognized club were eligible for the 'team' prize decided by the aggregate of their scores. The event attracted a total



entry of 86 players, which although down on last time, still made for a worthwhile event.

We were represented by a senior team comprised of the four players who went to the first Basingstoke quick-play event, and a junior squad.

Starting with the senior players: these were Ian Hunnabale, Alan Potter, Andrew Kinder and George Fernie. This unfortunately turned out to be our least successful venture at this form of play, although we started well enough, scoring 3-1 in the first round and 4-0 in the third (the second round doesn't rate a mention). But from our 4th position after 3 rounds with 8/12, we dropped right out of the reckoning with two disastrous rounds, the 4th and 5th, where we scored 1 pt. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. respectively. Our final total, a meagre 12/24, left us wallowing in 9th place. The individual scores in round order were: Ian Hunnabale, 1 0 1 1  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  = 4; Alan Potter, 1 0 1 0 0 1 = 3; Andrew Kinder, 0 1 1 0 0 0 = 2; George Fernie, 1 0 1 0 0 1 = 3.

Our junior squad was Simon Lee, Edward Lee, Simon Leary and John Franklin.

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The quartet from London Central YMCA, comprised of C.M. Cooley (202), E. Rayner (207), G.D. Hillyard (203) and A.D. Martin (196), had obviously come for the team prize of two chess clocks, and duly won by a three point margin with 20/24, ahead of Chelmsford's 17/24 and Ilford's 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ /24. The individual first prize of £50 was won by Chris Cooley with 6/6.

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## LONDON LEAGUE - DIVISION 2

Played 26th September, 1979 at St. Bride's Institute  
W & W had black on the odd numbered boards

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Richmond		
1.	Alan J. Potter	158	0	v	M.J. Franklin	216
2	G. Speed	191	1	v	G.H. James	194
3	P.T.R. Gasper	187	0	v	R.F. Holmes	207 J
4	A.T. Marshall	190	0	v	J.C. Benjamin	-
5	P. Pritchard	171 WECU	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	M.J. Lightfoot	183
6	I.D. Hunnabale	178	1	v	G.C. Crawley	183 J
7	T.D. Whitton	167	1	v	J. Burke	178
8	Dr. D.C. Hick	169	1	v	C.D. Carr	180
9	A.S. Kinder	164	1	v	P. Gillham	171
10	S.R. Lee	138 J	0	v	R. James	171
			5 $\frac{1}{2}$			4 $\frac{1}{2}$

The prospect of opening our programme against Richmond, late of Division 1, was rendered a much more feasible task with the arrival of Graham Speed and Paul Pritchard. Even so we were outgraded on every board and this victory after a tense and exciting match completed in one session, represents an excellent start to the season.

The upper boards finished in favour of Richmond but all were well contested. Graham Speed had a successful debut, exploiting the insecure standing of Black's uncastled king. Alan Potter held Franklin for much of the session but finally had to submit to an attack on his king. Philip Gasper never had more than equality and eventually lost a foot soldier, whilst Alan Marshall suffered from a loosening of his pawn structure.

But the lower boards more than made up the deficit. Ian Hunnabale was assisted by the gift of an important pawn and finished first after 19 moves. Terry Whitton developed an attack on the king with the centre closed and won material. Simon Lee however, went astray in tactics and reached a R & P ending two pawns minus.

As the session neared adjournment the score was 3-4 in favour of Richmond with boards 5, 8 & 9 still in play. Boards 5 and 8 favoured us but Andrew Kinder



was a pawn down. David Hick levelled the score by pressing home a king-side attack with both players short of time. Then came the sensation of the evening (and probably of the season) when Andrew Kinder actually won on the clock! Analysis later revealed he probably had enough to draw anyway. Paul Pritchard, a pawn ahead in a R & P ending had enough to win but sacrificed the extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  point in the interests of the team since the draw gave us the match; a commendable show of team spirit considering this was the first time he'd set eyes on us.

Played 3rd October, 1979 at St. Bride's Institute  
W & W had white on the odd numbered boards

Wanstead & Woodford				v	Drunken Knights			
1	Alan J. Potter 158	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	M.J. Staples 207	$\frac{1}{2}$			
2	G. Speed 191	0	v	P.C. Girdlestone 193	1			
3	P.T.R. Gasper 187	1	v	G. Leyton 180	0			
4	P. Pritchard 171 WECU	1	v	S.J. Drury 177	0			
5	A.T. Marshall 190	1	v	M. Beauchamp 134J	0			
6	I.D. Hunnable 178	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	C.R. Haynes 159	$\frac{1}{2}$			
7	Dr. D.C. Hick 169	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	M.D. Gyton 157	$\frac{1}{2}$			
8	T.D. Whitton 167	1	v	C.L. Bray 147	0			
9	A.S. Kinder 164	1	v	K. Morris 137	0			
10	S.R. Lee 138 J	1	v	DEFAULT	0			

6	S. Skelsey -	1	v	J. Russ -	0
7	E.S. Lee 138 J	1	v	P. Symington 113 J	0
8	V. Morris 129	1	v	G. Thirston -	0
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6				2	

(Sorry to split the score - Ed.)

### Division 3

The division 3 'B' Team had a successful start too:  
Played 4th October, 1979 Away

Wanstead & Woodford 'B'			v	East Ham		
1	V. Morris 129	adj	v	B. Young -	adj	
2	R. Hawkins -	1	v	F. Homann -	0	
3	s. Bradford -	1	v	B. Glennard -	0	
4	C. Whittaker	1	v	P. Harris -	0	
5	J. Goodwin -	0	v	M. Grieve -	1	
6	S. Bendon -	0	v	J. Morgan -	1	
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3 + 1 adj				2 + 1 adj		

### Division 4

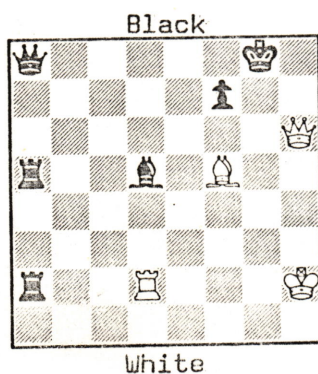
But the fourths went down

Played 2nd October, 1979 at Wanstead

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Waltham Forest		
1	J.S. Langford 117	0	v	M. Stanley 127	1	
2	F.B.R. Crick 95	1	v	DEFAULT	0	
3	A.F. O'Reagan -	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	M.C. Nicholls 92	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	R. Smith 98	0	v	M. Bhole -	1	
5	S. Bendon -	0	v	R. Foster -	1	
6	A. Moore -	0	v	R. James -	1	
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$1\frac{1}{2}$				$4\frac{1}{2}$		

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Room for a puzzle....



White to play and win. (Mate in 7, actually, but don't let that put you off.)

A nice example of chess mechanics (making things work).

Answer next time.

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