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LONDON LEAGUE - DIVSION 2

Played 22nd February, 1980 at St. Bride's Institute W & W had white on the odd numbered boards

	Wanstead & Woodford		V	Wimbledon II	
1	Alan J. Potter 158	$\frac{1}{2}$	V	P.M. Walker 187	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	G. Speed 191	1	V	J.A. Horrocks 159	ō
3	A.T. Marshall 190	1	v	P. Cooper -	0
4	I.D. Hunnable 178	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	P.R. Archer 156	1 2
5	P. Pritchard 171 WECU	1	V	R.G. Rusha 151	Ô
6	T.D. Whitton 167	1	V	F.C. Manning 150	a
7	Dr. D.C. Hick 169	1	V	J.D.H. Nicholas 146	0
8	E.S. Lee 138 J	1/2	V	J.J. Lauder 133	1/2
9	A.S. Kinder 164	1	V	T.O. Brugger 124	ñ
10	R.A. Wagstaff 156	1	ν	D. Edwards (Res.) -	0
		81/2		-	1½

A welcome relief after four successive defeats - and not a hint of our earlier brittle form.

Neither did we have much chance to ponder on continued failure since we went two up in the first hour's play! David Hick opened the gate finishing after about 50 minutes having picked up a rook. Terry Whitton thought he was going to finish first but his opponent took his time over resigning after giving a piece for three pawns in a dubious gambit. The game is short enough to interrupt this narrative, so here it is for your amusement:

Game No. 63
Board 6 F.C. Manning v. T.D. Whitton Petroff's Defence Comments by Terry Whitton 1 e4, e5; 2 Nf3, Nf6; 3 Nxe5, d6; 4 Nxf7?! A known gambit, but bad. 4 ... Kxf7; 5 Bc4+ d5; 6 exd5, Bd6; 7 d4? Castles is needed. 7 ... Re8+ 8 Be3, Kg8; 9 Bb3, Kh8; 10 c4, Ng4; 11 Kd2, Nxe3; 12 fxe3, Qg5; 13 Qf3, Rxe3! 14 Qxe3, Bf4; 15 Qxf4, Qxf4+ 16 Kc3, Qe3+ 17 Kb4, a5+ White Resigns. This took Terry just 7 minutes on his clock - White took 55. A game of quite unusual appearance: Black has used the minimum of force and his Q-side remains undeveloped:

Graham Speed met the blind player Jack Horrocks and in a game abounding in tactical threats won a piece after exposing the white king. Alan Marshall also won a piece but couldn't hold on to it. However before he had to give it back he did enough wriggling to saddle Black with trebled pawns which proved too great a handicap in the ending. There was not a lot in Paul Pritchard's game until late in the session when Rusha allowed a combination to win the queen. Alan Potter and Edward Lee could both have played on for wins but with the match decided saved the effort. Roy Wagstaff left the door open to his king and was relieved to be handed the game on a plate:

Game No. 64
Board 10 D. Edwards v. R.A. Wagstaff Wagstaff's Defence Comments by Roy Wagstaff 1 e4, d6; 2 d4, g6; 3 Nf3, Bg7; 4 Nc3, Nc6; 5 Be3, e5; 6 dxe5, As played by Tal, Korchnoi and Short — simultaneously: 6 ... Nxe5; 7 Nxe5, Bxe5; 8 Bc4, Bg7; 9 Qf3, Be6; 10 Bxe6, fxe6; 11 e5, (Roy Wagstaff describes this as "the Hunnable move"going back to our Club Championship game in April, 1968. The position then was somewhat different and I'm not sure I would play it here. Even so White does quite well out of it: if 11 ... Bxe5; 12 Qxb7, Rb8; 13 Qxa7, Rx82; 14 Kd2 the outside passed pawn should give White

the long the long term advantage. - Ed.) 11 ... d5; 12 Bf4, Ne7; 13 Bg5, c6; 14 O-O-O, Qc7; 15 Rhe1, Nf5; 16 g4, Nh6; 17 Kb1, Nf7; 18 Bf6, Black appears to be losing. 18 ... O-O; Will you come into my parlour? 19 Bxg7, Kxg7; 20 Qf6+, Yes, please. 20 ... Kg8; 21 Qxe6?? I think this is referred to as a poisoned pawn. 21 ... Rae8; 22 Qf6, Nxe5; The queen has no safe square. 23 Qh4, Nf3; White Resigns.

From the <u>Mushrooms</u> match (1.2.80), Roy Wagstaff's R & P ending, adjourned at 60 moves, was agreed drawn without adjudication, the extra pawn counting for nothing. Final match score 3-7.

ESSEX LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

Played 26th February, 1980 at Wanstead W & W had white on the odd numbered boards

	Wanstead & Woodford		v	Waltham Forest	
1	Alan J. Potter 158	0	v	H.B.G. Staunton -	1
2	I.D. Hunnable 178	1/2	V	G.F. Yates 174	1/2
3	P. Pritchard 171 WECU	1	V	L.B.D. Stiffell 165	ō
4	W.T. Franklin 159	0	V	S. Foster -	1
5	T.D. Whitton 167	1	V	D.L. Read 143	0
6	R.A. Wagstaff 156	1	V	J. Ruckert 143	0
7	Dr. D.C. Hick 169	1	V	A.E. Bower 144	0
8	G.W. Fernie 147	1/2	V	L. Foster 142	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	E.S. Lee 138 J	1	v	B.G. Sammes 121	ō
10	A.J. Clark 138	1	v	E.R.A. Goss 120	0
		7			3

Our progress towards the showdown with Upminster was not perceptibly slowed by the visit of the Foresters.

Paul Pritchard won easily when Stiffell left weaknesses in the centre through which Paul drove coach and horses. Terry Whitton produced a nice finish, which hopefully will see the light of day in a later issue. These successes had to be offset against Alan Potter's disaster, when he lost his queen to Howard Staunton, and Bill Franklin losing his 100% record when Foster got behind his lines. Thus the honours were shared over the top half.

But in the lower order we made it almost a clean sweep. Roy Wagstaff pushed pawns through the centre, severely restricting White's options, and won the exchange; after a late, unplanned, adventure the full point accrued. David Hick had too many guns for Arthur Bower, throwing a blanket over Black's position and winning with a riposte to Black's first attempt to hack his way out. Tony Clark's Benko Benoni ran like clockwork and he regained the sacrificed pawn with interest through typical Q-side play.

<u>Adjudications</u>

Played 8th January, 1980 Away

	Wanstead & Woodford		V	Brentwood	
1	G.W. Fernie 147	1	V	P. Zammitt 139	0
2	S.R. Lee 138 J	1	V	W. Coatman 138	0
3	E.S. Lee 138 J	adj	V	T. Coote 147 J	adj
4	S. Skelsey -	1	V	G. Lane -	0
5	H. Anderson 134	0	V	R. Farrow 138	1
6	G.T. Gooding 125	adj	V	G. Daniel 126	adj
7	J.W. Franklin 113 J	0	V	K.R. Holmes 129	1
8	M.J. Goodwin -	0	V	J. Thompson -	1
	_	3 +	2	adj	3 + 2 adj

Played 17th January, 1980 Away

	Wanstead & Woodford	v	Waltham Forest	
1	R.A. Wagstaff 156	$\frac{1}{2}$ V	G.R. Opie 139	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	G.W. Fernie 147	1 v	L.W. Foster 142	ō
3	S.R. Lee 138 J	1 v	B.G. Sammes 121	0
4	E.S. Lee 138 J	1/2 V	W.C. Allum 129	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	S. Skelsey -	1 v	T. Ryan 125	ō
6	G.T. Gooding 125	$\frac{1}{2}$ v	A. Calder 127	1/2
7	S. Leary 125 J	0 v	M.V. Stanley 127	1
8	M.J. Goodwin -	adj v	E.R.A. Goss 120	adj
		$4\frac{1}{2} + 1$	adj	$\frac{2\frac{1}{2}+1 \text{ adj}}$

Played 5th February, 1980 at Wanstead

	Wanstead & Woodford		V	Laindon	
1	G.W. Fernie 147	0	v	P. Savin 156	1
2	S.R. Lee 138 J	0	v	D. Edmunds 131	1
3	E.S. Lee 138 J	1	V	B. Whitelaw 134	0
4	S. Skelsey -	0	V	P. Laundy 131	1
5	G.T. Gooding 125	adj	V	J.A. Lutton -	adj
6	J.W. Franklin 113 J	1	V	R. Goreham -	0
7	R. Hawkins -	1	v	D. Skipp -	0
8	S. Bradford -	1	V	B. Collins -	0
		4 +	1 a	dj	3 + 1 adj

Played 12th February, 1980 Away

	Wanstead & Woodford		V	Tilbury	
1	R.A. Wagstaff 156	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	C. Bellinger 143	1/2
2	G.W. Fernie 147	Ō	V	P. Turp 138	ĩ
3	S.R. Lee 138 J	1	V	W. Rippon -	0
4	E.S. Lee 138 J	1	V	K. Rath 116	0
5	S. Skelsey -	1	V	A. Adamcik 100	0
5	G.T. Gooding 125	1/2	V	A. Herron 94	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	R. Hawkins -	1/2	V	M. Brandon -	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	S. Leary 125 J	1	v	A. Restall 109	õ
		5 1			21/2

	Wanstead & Woodford		V	Roding	
1	R.A. Wagstaff 156	0	V	G.J. Kershaw 128	1
2	S.R. Lee 138 J	1	V	J.A. Cavill 160	0
3	E.S. Lee 138 J	adj	V	P.W. Revell 152	adj
4	S. Skelsey -	1	V	D.H. Tyrrell 140	0
5	K. Jones 143	$\frac{1}{2}$	V	H. Felton 113	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	G.T. Gooding 125	1	V	A. Dawkins 111	Õ
7	J.E. Duggan 109 J	adj	V	D. Povey 101	adj
8	J.W. Franklin 113 J	0	V	M. Tyrrell 116	1
		3 1 -	+ 2	adj	$\frac{-}{2\frac{1}{2}} + 2 \text{ adj}$

Played 4th March, 1980 at Wanstead

	Wanstead & Woodford		V	Harlow	
1	R.A. Wagstaff 156	1	v	F. Simms 157	0
2	S.R. Lee 138 J	0	V	J. Lewis 125	1
3	E.S. Lee 138 J	0	V	R. Searle 144	1
4	Peter J. Smith	1	V	D. Buchan -	0
5	S. Skelsey -	0	V	M. Alvin 117	1
6	K. Jones 143	0	v	R. Hughes -	1
7	J.E. Duggan 109 J	0	V	R. Selway 110 J	1
8	R. Hawkins -	0	V	R. Joyce -	1
		2			

Game No. 65
Board 1 F. Simms v. R.A. Wagstaff Pirc's Defence Comments by Roy Wagstaff 1 e4, d6; 2 d4, g6; 3 Nc3, Bg7; 4 f4, c6; 5 Nf3, Nf6; 6 Bd3, 0-0; 7 Be3, Ng4; 8 Bg1, e5; 9 fxe5, Better was 9 dxe5. 9 ... dxe5; 10 d5, cxd5; 11 Nxd5, Nc6; 12 Qd2, Be6; 13 c4, Bh6; 14 Qc3, Bg7; 15 0-0-0, b5; 16 Be2? bxc4; 17 Bxc4, Rc8; 18 Nb6!? A flash move which seems to lose. 18 Bc5 with winning chances. 18 ... Bh6+ 19 Kc2, Nd4+ 20 Nxd4, exd4; 21 Nxc8, Qxc8; 22 Bxa6, Qxe6; 23 Qxd4, Rc8+ 24 Kb1, Qc6! White Resigns. White had 4 minutes left for 12 moves and thought he would lose on time anyway. The likely continuation was 25 a3, Qc2+ 26 Ka1, Qxg2; 27 Be3, Bg7; (or 27 ... Bxe3;) 28 Qd2, Qxd2; (or 28 ... Nxe3!) 29 Bxd2, Nf2; 30 Rc1, Rd8; 31 Be3, Nxh1; 32 Rxh1, Rd3; 33 Bc5, Rd2 winning a pawn and the ending.

DIVISION 3

'A' Team

Pl	ayed 5th Februa	ry,	1980 at Wanst	ead	Pl	ayed 19th Febr	cuar	у,	198	O at Wanst	ead
	W & W 3A	v	Brentwood			W & W 3A		v	Ва	rking	
1 2 3 4 5 6	Miss L. Part	1 V V V V V V V V		12 1 12 1 12 1	1 2 3 4 5	S. Leary J.E. Duggan A.W. Birks D. Pearce Miss K. Pert J. O'Regan	1 0 1 2 0 0	v v v v v	J. C. J.	Rayment Bowes Barret Davenport Riley Edwards	0 1 1 2 1 1
		1 1 /2		$\frac{-}{4\frac{1}{2}}$		_	11/2	_		-	41/2

	Played 11th Febr	uar	y , 1	1980 Away		Played 6th Mar	ch,	19	BO Away	
	W & W 3B		v	Romford		W & W 3B		v	Barking	
	1 K. Davis 2 V. Morris 3 R. Hawkins 4 J.S. Langford 5 C. Whittaker 6 M.J. Goodwin	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	v v v	C. Jeffries D. Nuttall D. Watkins P. Brindley C. Poutney B. Smith	0 0 1 0	V. Morris R. Hawkins J.S. Langford R. Smith C. Whittaker M.J. Goodwin	1 0 1 2 0 0 1	V V V V V	A. Tyndall J. Reilly J. Rayment C. Barratt N. Moss R. Gilloch	0 1 ½ 1 1
	*	$4\frac{1}{2}$			11/2		$2\frac{1}{2}$			31/2
	DIVISION 4									
	Played 15th Janua	ary	, 19	80 Away		Played 31st Ja	nuar	у,	1980 Away	
	Ш & Ш		v	Austin		Ш & Ш		v	Barking 'A'	
	1 K. Davis 2 A.W. Birks 3 F.B.R. Crick 4 R. Smith 5 A. Rosenbloom 6 P. Stephenson		v v v	D. Spencer J. Stokes D. Dakin K. Charsley B. Orford L. Church	1 1 1	K. Davis D.C. Bennett D. Pearce F.B.R. Crick R. Smith A. Rosenbloom	0	v v v v	J. Bowes P. Hebblethwi M. Farina S. Jackson J. Davenport B. Edwards	1 1
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	Played 12th Febr	uary	/ , 1	980 at Wanstead	d .	Played 28th Fe	brua	ry	, 1980 Away	
	ш & ш		v	Ilford 'A'		W & W		v	Ilford 'B'	
	1 K. Davis 2 A.F. O'Regan 3 F.B.R. Crick 4 D. Pearce 5 R. Smith 6 P. Stephenson	1 1 1	v v v	R. Dunstan A. Armer I. Cox A. Bown A. Leigh Miss A. Bakshi	1 0 0	K. Davis D. Pearce F.B.R. Crick R. Smith P. Stephenson W. Hayday	1 1 2 1	v v v v	G. Thomas D. Bakshi E. Landsman H. Bakshi B. Knight J. Metzger	1 0 0 1 2 0
	_	4		-	2	_	$3\frac{1}{2}$	•		$2\frac{1}{2}$
•	This was the four	rths	s fi	rst win and		The double!				

Aggregate Scores

Ilford 4A's first loss!

As we reach the closing stages of the match programme the leading aggregate score is held by Edward Lee and Terry Whitton each with 12 points from respectively 16 and 17 completed games. However Edward has two adjudication results to come. These two are hotly pursued by Stuart Skelsey and Simon Lee on 11 points. The next nearest score is $8\frac{1}{2}$ held by 4 players.

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