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LONDON LEAGUE - DIVISION 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	0	
3	A.T. Marshall 190	1	v	P. Cooper -	0	
4	I.D. Hunnable 178	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	P.R. Archer 156	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	P. Pritchard 171 WECU	1	v	R.G. Rusha 151	0	
6	T.D. Whitton 167	1	v	F.C. Manning 150	0	
7	Dr. D.C. Hick 169	1	v	J.D.H. Nicholas 146	0	
8	E.S. Lee 138 J	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	J.J. Lauder 133	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	A.S. Kinder 164	1	v	T.O. Brugger 124	0	
10	R.A. Wagstaff 156	1	v	D. Edwards (Res.) -	0	
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8 $\frac{1}{2}$				1 $\frac{1}{2}$		

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.G. 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, Rx8; 14 Kd2 the outside passed pawn should give White

From the Mushrooms 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.

- v. Chadwell Heath 5.12.79.....Gasper 1 v Bird 0 ($6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$)
- v. East Ham 3.1.80.....Potter $\frac{1}{2}$ v Sargent $\frac{1}{2}$
Speed $\frac{1}{2}$ v N. Carr $\frac{1}{2}$
Hunnable 0 v Hunt 1
Fernie $\frac{1}{2}$ v Symmington $\frac{1}{2}$ ($6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$)
Slightly below expectation but sufficient
- v. Brentwood 22.1.80.....Potter $\frac{1}{2}$ v Bowden $\frac{1}{2}$
Gasper $\frac{1}{2}$ v Green $\frac{1}{2}$
Hunnable 1 v Robson 0 (5-5)
We are appealing for a win in Gasper's
game.

Played 8th January, 1980 Away

Played 17th January, 1980 Away

Played 5th February, 1980 at Wanstead

Played 12th February, 1980 Away

Wanstead & Woodford			v	Tilbury		
1	R.A. Wagstaff 156	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	C. Bellinger 143	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	G.W. Fernie 147	0	v	P. Turp 138	1	
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	
6	G.T. Gooding 125	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	A. Herron 94	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	R. Hawkins -	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	M. Brandon -	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	S. Leary 125 J	1	v	A. Restall 109	0	
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		$5\frac{1}{2}$			$2\frac{1}{2}$	

Played 27th February, 1980 Away

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	0	
7	J.E. Duggan 109 J	adj	v	D. Povey 101	adj	
8	J.W. Franklin 113 J	0	v	M. Tyrrell 116	1	

'B' Team

Played 11th February, 1980 Away

W & W 3B		v	Romford	
1	K. Davis	1	v	C. Jeffries 0
2	V. Morris	1	v	D. Nuttall 0
3	R. Hawkins	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	D. Watkins $\frac{1}{2}$
4	J.S. Langford	1	v	P. Brindley 0
5	C. Whittaker	0	v	C. Poutney 1
6	M.J. Goodwin	1	v	B. Smith 0
		$4\frac{1}{2}$		$1\frac{1}{2}$

Played 6th March, 1980 Away

W & W 3B		v	Barking	
V. Morris	1	v	A. Tyndall	0
R. Hawkins	0	v	J. Reilly	1
J.S. Langford	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	J. Rayment	$\frac{1}{2}$
R. Smith	0	v	C. Barratt	1
C. Whittaker	0	v	N. Moss	1
M.J. Goodwin	1	v	R. Gilloch	0
		$2\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$

DIVISION 4

Played 15th January, 1980 Away

W & W		v	Austin	
1	K. Davis	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	D. Spencer $\frac{1}{2}$
2	A.W. Birks	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	J. Stokes $\frac{1}{2}$
3	F.B.R. Crick	0	v	D. Dakin 1
4	R. Smith	0	v	K. Charsley 1
5	A. Rosenbloom	0	v	B. Orford 1
6	P. Stephenson	0	v	L. Church 1
		1		5

Played 31st January, 1980 Away

W & W		v	Barking 'A'	
K. Davis	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	J. Bowes	$\frac{1}{2}$
D.C. Bennett	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	P. Hebblethwite	$\frac{1}{2}$
D. Pearce	0	v	M. Farina	1
F.B.R. Crick	0	v	S. Jackson	1
R. Smith	0	v	J. Davenport	1
A. Rosenbloom	0	v	B. Edwards	1
		1		5

Played 12th February, 1980 at Wanstead

W & W		v	Ilford 'A'	
1	K. Davis	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	R. Dunstan $\frac{1}{2}$
2	A.F. O'Regan	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	A. Armer $\frac{1}{2}$
3	F.B.R. Crick	0	v	I. Cox 1
4	D. Pearce	1	v	A. Bown 0
5	R. Smith	1	v	A. Leigh 0
6	P. Stephenson	1	v	Miss A. Bakshi 0
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Played 28th February, 1980 Away

W & W		v	Ilford 'B'	
K. Davis	0	v	G. Thomas	1
D. Pearce	1	v	D. Bakshi	0
F.B.R. Crick	1	v	E. Landsman	0
R. Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	v	H. Bakshi	$\frac{1}{2}$
P. Stephenson	1	v	B. Knight	0
W. Hayday	0	v	J. Metzger	1
		$3\frac{1}{2}$		$2\frac{1}{2}$

This was the fourths first win and
Ilford 4A's first loss!

The double!

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Aggregate Scores

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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