

"This is a game from the match against Stratford, which saw one player lose on time when he hadn't, and another who didn't when he did, and the same could easily have happened during the following game, but that would have been different."

Jim Gillespie, in Olton CC Newsletter No. 44.

If you can do an Australian accent, now is the time to wheel it out. Try the great Rolf Harris line:-

"Jim's owner tells us that he's *doinjusfine*. He'll be *upanabout* in no time."

And, as on Animal Hospital, these words herald a quick change of subject. Here are some League Tables that the RSPCA retrieved from under a shed in Putney a few days ago.

LEAGUE TABLES AT 16th JANUARY 2001

DIVISION ONE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
South Birmingham A	5	4	1	0	9
Warley Quinborne	4	4	0	0	8
Halesowen	6	4	0	2	8
South Birmingham B	4	3	0	1	6
Olton	5	3	0	2	6
Solihull	7	3	0	4	6
Walsall Kipping	4	2	1	1	5
Lichfield	4	2	0	2	4
Kynoch	5	2	0	3	4
Tamworth & District	4	1	1	2	3
Shirley	5	1	1	3	3
Birmingham University	5	1	0	4	2
Sutton Coldfield	6	0	0	6	0

DIVISION TWO

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
West Bromwich	7	4	1	2	9
Birmingham	5	3	2	0	8
Bushbury	5	3	1	1	7
Olton	5	3	0	2	6
Stourbridge	5	3	0	2	6
Warley Quinborne	5	2	2	1	6
Lichfield	4	2	1	1	5
St James	5	2	1	2	5
Halesowen	6	1	3	2	5
Wolverhampton	4	2	0	2	4
Kynoch	7	1	2	4	4
Solihull	7	1	1	5	3
South Birmingham	5	1	0	4	2

DIVISION THREE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Redditch	5	5	0	0	10
Rushall	7	4	0	3	8
Birmingham University	4	2	1	1	5
Kingstanding	5	1	3	1	5
Sutton Coldfield	3	1	2	0	4
Warley Quinborne	3	2	0	1	4
Handsworth Wood	4	2	0	2	4
Shirley	5	2	0	3	4
Solihull	5	2	0	3	4
Walsall Kipping	5	1	1	3	3
Mutual Circle	5	0	2	3	2
Tamworth & District	3	0	1	2	1

DIVISION FOUR

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Birmingham	7	5	1	1	11
Handsworth Wood	6	4	2	0	10
Olton	5	4	1	0	9
Mercia	5	3	1	1	7
Halesowen	6	3	1	2	7
Tamworth & District	5	2	1	2	5
West Midlands Police	6	2	1	3	5
Stourbridge	4	2	0	2	4
Wolverhampton	6	2	0	4	4
Mutual Circle	4	1	0	3	2
Shirley	4	1	0	3	2
Wolseley	5	1	0	4	2
Bushbury	5	0	0	5	0

DIVISION FIVE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
South Birmingham	4	4	0	0	8
West Mids Municipal	4	3	1	0	7
Walsall Kipping	5	2	2	1	6
Warley Quinborne	6	2	2	2	6
Tamworth & District	4	1	3	0	5
Lichfield	3	2	0	1	4
Lucas AC	5	2	0	3	4
Chelmsley Town	1	1	0	0	2
West Midlands Police	4	0	2	2	2
St James	5	1	0	4	2
Solihull	3	0	1	2	1
Lucas & BS	4	0	1	3	1

DIVISION SIX

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
South Birmingham B	5	4	1	0	9
South Birmingham A	4	3	1	0	7
Redditch	5	3	0	2	6
Aldridge	4	2	1	1	5
Warley Quinborne	4	2	1	1	5
Kingstanding	7	2	1	4	5
Sutton Coldfield	6	1	2	3	4
West Mids Municipal	3	1	1	1	3
Olton	4	1	1	2	3
Rushall	5	1	1	3	3
Mercia	5	1	0	4	2

DIVISION SEVEN

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
South Birmingham A	4	4	0	0	8
Birmingham Univ. A	5	4	0	1	8
Halesowen	6	3	0	3	6
Birmingham Univ. B	6	2	1	3	5
Lady Westminster	2	2	0	0	4
Walsall Kipping	4	2	0	2	4
South Birmingham B	4	1	0	3	2
Warley Quinborne	4	1	0	3	2
Kynoch	3	0	1	2	1
Solihull Youth	2	0	0	2	0

REARRANGED FIXTURES

1-39 Kynoch v Walsall Kipping	15/1/01
2-38 St James v Bushbury	8/2/01
2-39 Stourbridge v Olton	7/2/01
3-31 Tamworth v Handsworth Wood	15/2/01
4-42 Wolseley v Shirley	11/4/01

RE-REGISTRATIONS

S Edwards (Handsworth Wood) from Div 4 to 3
S Jukes (Stourbridge) from Div 4 to 2

DIVISION EIGHT

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Wolseley	7	4	2	1	10
Halesowen	5	3	1	1	7
Kingstanding A	6	2	3	1	7
West Mids Police B	5	2	2	1	6
Olton	6	1	4	1	6
Hotels	5	1	3	1	5
West Mids Police A	6	0	3	3	3
Kingstanding B	6	0	2	4	2

Here are the draws for the next rounds of the cup competitions, to be played in the week beginning 29th January 2001.

Terrill Trophy - Round 4

Warley Quinborne (1)	v	Mutual Circle (3)
Mutual Circle (4)	v	Handsworth Wood (3)
Sutton (1) or South B'ham (1B)	v	Olton (1) or Warley Quin. (3)
Warley Q (2) or Sutton (3)	v	South Birmingham (2)

Homer - Round 3

Shirley (3)	v	Kingstanding (3)
Mercia (4)	v	Wolseley (4) or W'hampton (4)
Halesowen (4)	v	Solihull (3)
Shirley (4)	v	West Bromwich (2)

Townshend Trophy - Round 4

South B'ham (5)	v	Walsall Kipping (5)
Halesowen (7)	v	South Birmingham (7A)
South B'ham (6A)	v	West Mids Municipal (5)
Olton (6)	v	Sutton Coldfield (6)

Barrington - Round 3

Lady Westminster (7)	v	Warley Quinborne (7)
Redditch (6)	v	Wolseley (8)
Olton (8)	v	St James (5) or Walsall Kipping (7)
Warley Quinborne (6)	v	West Mids Police (5)

APOLOGY FOR DELAY IN PRODUCING THIS BULLETIN

Some of you will know that Dave Brelsforth has been in hospital over the festive period. As he says, the turkey had a better Christmas than he did.

This bulletin is therefore a little behind events. I am sorry for that - normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

LEAGUE RESULTS

Division 1**1-23 Halesowen 4 v Kynoch 2**

outstanding result
A Ambrose ½ W Morgan ½

1-24 Solihull 3½ v Sutton Coldfield 2½

C Gorka 0 K Escott 1
A McCumiskey ½ A Brown ½
W Harwood ½ E Ng ½
R Carpenter ½ B Briscoe ½
G Stokes 1 L Hayden 0
N Byrne 1 M Soszynski 0

1-28 B'ham University 1½ v South B'ham 'A' 4½

A Plug 0 J Pitcher 1
B Fairley ½ K van Drunen ½
R Rai 0 M Smyth 1
I Gilbert ½ A Agnew ½
T Robinson ½ J Mildenhall ½
R Hearne 0 G Varnom 1

1-30 South B'ham 'B' 3½ v Sutton Coldfield 2½

A Agnew 0 K Escott 1
S Tidman 1 A Brown 0
D Dunn 0 E Ng 1
T Lane ½ M Soszynski ½
T Walker 1 L Hayden 0
M Drugan 1 B Briscoe 0

1-31 Sutton Coldfield 0 v Warley Quinborne 5

K Escott 0 G Lawton 1
A Brown 0 S Dighton 1
E Ng adj A Tarifa adj
M Soszynski 0 A Southall 1
L Hayden 0 M Hunt 1
B Briscoe 0 D Cooper 1

1-34 Walsall Kipping 2 v Halesowen 4

D Anderton 0 D Bissell 1
J Bellin 1 S Fishburne 0
D Wheeler 1 A Crombleholme 0
D Pritchard 0 J Edge 1
W Rea 0 R Thomas 1
P Jones 0 M Bethel 1

1-36 Tamworth 4½ v Kynoch 1½

P Briggs 1 P Webster 0
J Hoddy ½ K Ingram ½
M Kimberley ½ N Roberts ½
S Kimberley 1 A Hickey 0
S Walton 1 K Thomas 0
D Brown ½ M Harrington ½

1-37 South Birmingham 'A' 3½ v Tamworth 2½

J Pitcher 0 P Briggs 1
K van Drunen 1 K Hern 0
M Smyth 1 M Kimberley 0
C Charman ½ S Kimberley ½
J Mildenhall ½ S Walton ½
G Varnom ½ D Brown ½

1-38 Solihull 6 v B'ham University Def**1-41 Halesowen 4 v Sutton Coldfield 1**

D Bissell adj K Escott adj
S Fishburne ½ A Brown ½
A Crombleholme 1 E Ng 0
J Edge 1 M Soszynski 0
R Thomas 1 L Hayden 0
M Bethel ½ B Briscoe ½

Division 1 (continued)**1-43 Warley Quinborne 5 v Shirley 1**

G Lawton 1 D Mason 0
S Dighton 1 I Galloway 0
A Tarifa 1 R Walker 0
A Southall 1 J Freeman 0
M Hunt ½ J Asbury ½
D Cooper ½ P Wilkinson ½

Division 2**2-21 Solihull 2½ v West Bromwich 3½**

A Rogerson ½ J Crump ½
N Byrne 0 N Walker 1
J Summerfield 0 G Hill 1
G Howard 0 M Gregg 1
M Tarlow 1 G Wesson 0
M Tapp 1 D Backhouse 0

2-29 Birmingham 4½ v Halesowen 1½

outstanding result
R Daniels 1 J Bingham 0

2-31 Warley Quinborne 2½ v Olton 3½

A Singh ½ D Cheshire ½
M Wildboar 1 J McDonald 0
B Whitehouse 1 R Wallman 0
M Doran 0 R Liszewski 1
M Fox 0 A Russell 1
S Smith 0 T Holt 1

2-34 Kynoch 1 v Stourbridge 5

K Thomas 0 B Dudley 1
L White 0 M Bissell 1
O Mowatt 0 E Horwill 1
M Harrington 1 I Howarth 0
A Rake 0 S Jukes 1
P Murphy 0 R Branford 1

2-35 Olton 3½ v Solihull 2½

D Cheshire ½ A Rogerson ½
J McDonald ½ N Byrne ½
R Wallman ½ J Summerfield ½
R Liszewski 1 J Dale 0
A Russell 1 G Howard 0
T Holt 0 M Tarlow 1

2-36 Halesowen 3 v Warley Quinborne 3

A Priest ½ A Singh ½
D Jackson 1 M Wildboar 0
A Ambrose ½ B Whitehouse ½
R Grimes 0 M Doran 1
W Peck def S Smith 1
J Bingham 1 A Burnett 0

Division 3**3-14 Kingstanding 3 v Sutton Coldfield 3**

P Savage ½ A Kent ½
M Biddle ½ I Storey ½
R Tuckey ½ S Chevannes ½
D Brelsforth 0 C Dent 1
G Smith ½ C East ½
J Hall 1 D Neal 0

3-19 Solihull 2 v Redditch 4

outstanding result
M Tapp 1 P Robertson 0

Division 3 (continued)**3-21 Rushall 3½ v Mutual Circle 2½**

K Hadley 1 L Lewis 0
S Wilcox ½ S Goray ½
J Sadler ½ P Boynton ½
N Parker 0 L Boynton 1
R Lewis 1 M Walker 0
R Westwood ½ S Robinson ½

3-22 Handsworth Wood 4½ v Solihull 1½

K Jones 1 M Tapp 0
S Chadaway ½ D Shurrock ½
D Grant 1 C Leeson 0
S Fryer 1 K Allen 0
K Wakefield 0 F Collins 1
S Edwards 1 A Campbell 0

3-23 Walsall Kipping 2½ v Warley Quinborne 3½

C Pohribnyj ½ S Smith ½
D Whitmore 1 T Delaney 0
M Groombridge ½ A Burnett ½
N Young 0 D Reeves 1
D Friend 0 R Hartley 1
M Savin ½ G Windows ½

3-24 Birmingham University 2 v Shirley 4

B Rowlands 0 J Freeman 1
T Robinson ½ F Jimenez ½
R Hearne 1 J Asbury 0
M Tangri ½ K Warren ½
J Gibbs 0 K Gilbert 1
R Leaper 0 G Christie 1

3-25 Redditch 5 v Tamworth 1

P Robertson 1 P McConnell 0
S Wells 0 D Brown 1
N Towers 1 D Sandland 0
J Heath 1 J Coates 0
S Spurgeon 1 L Chrusciel 0
I Clack 1 P Oliver 0

3-27 Mutual Circle 3 v Walsall Kipping 3

R Hollows 0 C Pohribnyj 1
L Lewis ½ D Whitmore ½
S Goray ½ M Groombridge ½
P Boynton 1 N Young 0
L Boynton 1 D Friend 0
J Homer 0 P Jones 1

3-28 Solihull 4 v Rushall 2

M Tapp ½ S Wilcox ½
D Shurrock 1 R Parker 0
C Leeson 0 J Sadler 1
K Allen 1 R Hancox 0
D Horsley ½ R Lewis ½
F Collins 1 S Cooksey 0

Division 4**4-29 Wolverhampton 1½ v Tamworth 4½**

R Wilkinson 0 K Dicken 1
P Eastwood 0 R Griffiths 1
P Broomhall 1 C Butler 0
G Rosser ½ C Cooke ½
P Price 0 C Cotterill 1
C Adams 0 J Palmer 1

LEAGUE RESULTS continued

Division 4 (continued)

4-33 Halesowen ½ v Olton 5½

B McLoughlin	0	C Lund-Yates	1
D Digger	0	W Archibald	1
D Whitehouse	0	A Cottom	1
P Banks	0	J Llewelyn	1
M Clark	½	D Brown	½
D Curry	0	J Gillespie	1

4-37 Wolesey Def v Mercia 6

Division 5

5-19 St James 2 v Tamworth 4

B Allsop	0	P Clarke	1
J McGrath	½	D Prentice	½
D Bott	0	P Wright	1
R Collett	1	E Golightly	0
S Johnson	0	R Smith	1
J Lloyd	½	B Cunningham	½

5-23 Solihull 3 v West Midlands Police 3

J Muxlow	1	H Quail	0
C Chadaway	½	P Gough	½
A Campbell	1	M Cooper	0
S Crawford	0	R Holman	1
D Broadbridge	0	P Westlake	1
C Bishop	½	R Sullivan	½

5-26 LAC 2½ v South Birmingham 3½

I Fisher	1	G Walker	0
N Garrett	½	R Glass	½
D Clarke	½	R Hardy	½
J Garrity	0	D Stockhall	1
H Hemmings	½	S Evans	½
JB Friend	0	L Ball	1

LAC - late card

5-27 St James 1½ v West Mids Municipal 4½

B Allsop	0	L Collier	1
J McGrath	def	K Jewsbury	1
D Bott	0	M Tallis	1
R Collett	½	J Lunn	½
S Johnson	½	H Hughes	½
J Lloyd	½	C Griffin	½

5-29 Warley Quinborne 4½ v Solihull 1½

R Chadd	½	J Muxlow	½
W Rawlings	0	C Chadaway	1
C Nixon	1	A Campbell	0
T Fox	1	S Crawford	0
A Evans	1	D Broadbridge	0
P Woodward	1	C Bishop	0

Division 6

6-06 Aldridge 3½ v Redditch 2½

outstanding result			
R Smith	0	J Holmberg	1

6-26 Rushall 3 v West Midlands Municipal 3

D Bell	0	C Griffin	1
S Cooksey	0	A McKeown	1
K Booth	½	K Wise	½
C Willcox	1	G McKeown	0
C Perrygrove	1	P Harris	0
J Hennion	½	R Harrison	½

WMM - late card

Division 6 (continued)

6-27 Sutton Coldfield 1½ v South B'ham 'B' 4½

outstanding result			
G Winter	½	J Emanuel	½

6-29 Redditch 3½ v Rushall 2½

S Spurgeon	1	K Butler	0
J Cole	1	D Booth	0
I Clack	0	R Turner	1
G Stanton	0	S Cooksey	1
R Turner	½	C Perrygrove	½
G Jackson	1	J Hennion	0

6-31 South Birmingham 'A' 4½ v Mercia 1½

C Boivin	1	R Price	0
G Hope	½	C Lane	½
M Loat	1	R Carrier	0
P Hunt	1	J Rich	0
A Szatanik	½	C Bateson	½
A Williams	½	A Brownsword	½

6-33 Kingstanding 3 v Aldridge 3

M Little	0	B Payne	1
P Jones	1	L Andrews	0
J Hall	0	G Smith	1
F Willits	0	S Winman	1
B Dixon	1	G Woodward	0
G Osborne	1	A Woodward	0

Division 7

7-21 South Birmingham 'A' 3½ v Halesowen 2½

L Ball	1	K Ryder	0
A Williams	½	F Freshwater	½
E Baker	½	C McKay	½
S Smith	1	N Heywood	0
M Thomas	½	D Howell	½
R Toth	0	S Larden	1

7-22 Birmingham University 'A' 5 v Kynoch 1

outstanding result			
J Gibbs	1	W Morgan	0

7-25 Halesowen 4 v B'ham University 'B' 2

K Ryder	0	S Ellis	1
C McKay	1	A Ellis	0
N Heywood	0	T Gough	1
D Howell	1	K Gibbins	0
S Larden	1	-	def
M Vile	1	-	def

7-26 Warley Quin. 1½ v B'ham University 'A' 3½

J Pakenham	1	J Gibbs	0
J Fahy	0	R Dileepan	1
P Wheeldon	½	R Leaper	½
J Rourke	0	S Ellis	1
R Bull	0	T Gough	1
-	def	-	def

Division 8

8-19 W M Police 'B' 2 v Kingstanding 'A' 2

J Pitt	½	F Palfrey	½
L McIntosh	0	V Pike	1
R Sullivan	1	T Wyrer	0
A Merritt	½	A Sturch	½

CUP RESULTS

Terrill Trophy

Te2-01 Redditch(3) 3½ v Warley Quinborne(1) 6

outstanding result			
S Wells	0	G Lawton	1

Te3-01 Mutual Circle(4) 8½ v Bushbury(2) Def

Te3-05 Mutual Circle(3) 5 v Walsall Kipp.(3) 1

L Lewis	½	C Pohribnyj	½
S Goray	1	N Young	0
P Boynton	1	P Jones	0
L Boynton	1	A Shrimpton	0
J Homer	½	C Billings	½
S Robinson	1	-	def

Te3-06 Olton(2) 2½ v Handsworth Wood(3) 5

D Cheshire	½	K Jones	½
J McDonald	0	S Chadaway	1
R Wallman	1	D Grant	0
A Russell	½	A Lake	½
T Holt	0	S Fryer	1
C Lund-Yates	½	S Edwards	½

Te3-07 South B'ham(2) 6 v H'worth Wd.(4) Def

Te3-08 Warley Q.(1) 3½ v South B'ham(1A) 2½

A Ghasi	1	J Pitcher	0
S Dighton	0	K van Drunen	1
A Tarifa	0	S Tidman	1
A Southall	1	J Mildenhall	0
D Cooper	½	S Evans	½
M Hunt	1	P Clay	0

Townshend Trophy

To3-01 South B'ham(7A) 5 v Aldridge(6) 1½

L Ball	1	B Payne	0
A Williams	½	G Smith	½
E Baker	½	S Winman	½
S Smith	½	A Woodward	½
R Toth	1	G Woodward	0
B Green	1	R Smith	def

To3-02 Kynoch(7) 3 v South B'ham(5) 4½

W Morgan	1	G Walker	0
A Rake	0	D Stockhall	1
R Fowler	½	S Evans	½
B Dawson	0	C Pitt	1
G Morgan	0	O Sobers	1
P Murphy	0	S Killarney	1

South B'ham - late card

To3-03 Sutton Coldfield(6) 5 v Mercia(6) 1

G Winter	1	R Price	0
M Needham	½	C Lane	½
R Jones	½	J Rich	½
D Neal	1	A Jancis	0
C Dandy	1	C Bateson	0
J Wolstenholme	1	A Brownsword	0

To3-04 Olton(6) 6½ v Chelmsley Town(5) Def

To3-05 WM Municipal(5) 3½ v Lichfield(5) 2½

L Collier	½	A Wilson	½
K Jewsbury	0	A Mielieniewski	1
M Tallis	1	B Homewood	0
J Lunn	1	J Lakin	0
A McKeown	½	C Brown	½
C Griffin	½	C Ricketts	½

Townshend Trophy (continued)

To3-06 South Birmingham(6A) 5½ v ditto(6B) ½			
G Hope	1	J Emanuel	0
A Taylor	½	A Szatanik	½
M Loat	1	T Tidman	0
P Hunt	1	S Wilson	0
P Emanuel	1	B McClory	0
P Phelan	1	T Wilson	0

To3-07 Warley Q.(5) 2½ v Walsall Kipping(5) 3½			
W Rawlings	1	S Beasley	0
C Nixon	0	J Payton	1
V Ward	0	P Jones	1
JB Lewis	1	A Perry	0
A Evans	½	A Shrimpton	½
-	def	B Davies	1

To3-08 Halesowen(8) ½ v Halesowen(7) 6			
J Hendrickson	0	K Ryder	1
M Vile	0	F Freshwater	1
T Taylor	0	C McKay	1
D Jackson	0	N Heywood	1
J Curry	0	D Howell	1
T Smith	0	S Larden	1

Homer Plate

H2-02 Mercia(4) 10½ v Solihull(1) Def			
H2-04 Solihull(3) 4½ v WM Police(4) 2			
D Shurrock	½	J Fox	½
C Leeson	1	R Ryan	0
K Allen	½	R Pipe	½
D Horsley	½	P Hardstaff	½
J Muxlow	1	J Martin	0
A Campbell	1	R Sullivan	0

H2-05 Shirley(4) 5 v LAC(5) ½			
P Wilkinson	1	N Garrett	0
L Rawson	1	D Clarke	0
G Christie	1	JB Friend	0
P McGuirk	1	H Hemmings	0
R Healey	def	-	def
G Csepregi	1	-	def

H2-06 Shirley(3) 3 v Solihull(2) minus ½			
J Freeman	adj	A Rogerson	adj
F Jimenez	½	N Byrne	½
J Asbury	adj	M Tarlow	adj
K Gilbert	0	M Tapp	1
M Warden	adj	D Shurrock *	adj
-	def	C Leeson *	1
(handicap	1½)		

* Not eligible. Loss of boards + 2 points deduction.

Homer Plate continued

H2-07 Birmingham(2) 3 v West Bromwich(2) 3			
(West Bromwich win on board count)			
GJ Gee	1	JE Crump	0
C McConkey	0	N Walker	1
A Pready	0	G Hill	1
H Scott	0	M Gregg	1
J Fender	1	D Davies	0
R Daniels	1	C Bryant	0

Barrington Plate

B2-01 Kingstanding(6) 1 v WM Police(5) 5½			
M Little	0	H Quail	1
P Jones	0	P Gough	1
J Hall	0	A Rickhuss	1
B Dixon	0	M Cooper	1
G Osborne	½	P Withey	½
C Ryder	0	J Pitt	1

B2-02 Lady Westm.(7) 4 v Kingstanding(8A) 2½			
R Millward	1	F Palfrey	0
D Price	1	V Pike	0
B Steeles	1	T Wyer	0
R Trevis	½	A Sturch	½
J Burford	½	R Hillman	½
P Corcorran	0	C Thomas	1

B2-03 Olton(8) 7½ v W M Municipal(6) Def

Report of the Rules Committee meeting held on Thursday 9th November at Mutual Circle Chess Club.

1. The Scrutiny Committee (D. Brelsforth, D. Thomas & Rob. Reynolds) had instructed South Birmingham to re-register C. Charman from their 1B team to 1A because his grade was 20 points higher than the lowest graded player in 1A. South Birmingham had appealed against this request.

South Birmingham gave a number of reasons for not wishing to comply with the Scrutiny Committee's request. The registered 1A team was the same side that had become League Champions and they wanted to keep the side together; they wished to retain the same Captain; and they would also have some difficulties with transport arrangements since they had only 2 car owners. There was also some concern about integrating a much younger player within an adult team and in addition, South Birmingham expressed doubt that the published grades were a true reflection of the abilities of some of the players concerned.

The Committee considered that the grades as published were representative of the players concerned and that a gap of 20 points was much greater than the accepted norm.

The Committee ruled:

Whilst the Committee has every sympathy with South Birmingham's selection problems, and can appreciate their arguments, we nonetheless feel that there are good reasons to uphold the Scrutiny Committee's decision in principle, that 1 or 2 players be re-registered to Division 1A. On the basis of their grades the Committee feels that C. Charman and/or S. Tidman should be re-registered to 1A. We also uphold the Scrutiny's Committee's decision that, should they wish to do so, South Birmingham may register to Division 1B, G. Varnom, J. Mildenhall or D. Dunn.

2. Terry Walker as Chairman of the Match Committee requested, at the Summer Management Meeting, that the Rules Committee be instructed to look into the possibility of changing Rule 7.1. At its last meeting, the Match Committee had wanted to consider the possibility of dropping Division 8 and amalgamating the remaining teams into Division 7. However, Rule 7.1 states that the lowest division must have 4 players per team.

The Rules Committee proposes the following amendment to Rule 7.1:

Delete "four players" and substitute "with at least four players. The Match Committee shall have the right to decide the number of players in each team in the lowest division each season".

The Committee realises that Clubs may have difficulty with entering a team in the lowest division expecting to need only four players when the Match Committee may increase this number. Therefore, should this rule amendment be accepted, the Rules Committee requests the Hon. Gen. Secretary to alter the League Entry Form to require clubs entering teams in the lowest division to give information as to whether they could raise a team of more than four players if necessary.

Mike Biddle
Chairman