

He said to Scott: "We wanted someone with fluent French who could water-ski and what have we got? Someone with pigeon Spanish who plays chess."

Scott said: "Don't tell me. I started off as a landscape gardener."

Julie Walters. Ibid.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES FOR 2003/2004

DIVISION ONE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Walsall Kipping	12	9	2	1	20
Halesowen	12	8	1	3	17
Olton	12	7	2	3	16
South Birmingham A	12	7	2	3	16
Bushbury	12	6	1	5	13
Sutton Coldfield	12	5	2	5	12
Warley Quinborne	12	5	2	5	12
Lichfield A	12	4	3	5	11
South Birmingham B	12	4	3	5	11
Tamworth & District	12	2	6	4	10
* Kynoch/Barn	12	4	1	7	9
* Shirley & Lucas	12	4	1	7	9
Lichfield B	12	0	0	12	0

DIVISION TWO

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Solihull	12	8	4	0	20
Stourbridge	12	8	3	1	19
Olton	12	6	4	2	16
South Birmingham	12	6	4	2	16
Redditch	12	6	2	4	14
Sutton Coldfield	12	5	3	4	13
Birmingham	12	6	0	6	12
Halesowen	12	4	4	4	12
Wolverhampton	12	4	3	5	11
Warley Quinborne	12	4	2	6	10
* Rushall	12	2	2	8	6
* Handsworth Wood	12	2	2	8	6
Shirley & Lucas	12	0	1	11	1

DIVISION THREE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
* West Bromwich	12	9	1	2	19
* Birmingham University	12	9	1	2	19
South Birmingham	12	7	2	3	16
Walsall Kipping	12	7	2	3	16
Boldmere St Michaels	12	5	4	3	14
Mercia	12	6	1	5	13
Mutual Circle	12	3	5	4	11
St James	12	4	2	6	10
Solihull	12	3	4	5	10
Warley Quinborne	12	3	3	6	9
Olton	12	3	2	7	8
Lichfield	12	3	1	8	7
Shirley & Lucas	12	1	2	9	4

DIVISION FOUR

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Stourbridge	11	9	2	0	20
Tamworth	11	8	2	1	18
Halesowen	11	5	5	1	15
Sutton Coldfield	11	6	3	2	15
Birmingham	11	4	6	1	14
Boldmere St Michaels	11	4	3	4	11
Mutual Circle	11	5	1	5	11
Handsworth Wood	11	4	2	5	10
Westminster	11	3	1	7	7
West Midlands Police	11	2	2	7	6
West Mids Municipal	11	1	3	7	5
Warley Quinborne	11	0	0	11	0

DIVISION FIVE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Tamworth & District	11	8	2	1	18
South Birmingham A	11	8	1	2	17
Lucas & BS	11	7	2	2	16
Walsall Kipping	11	7	2	2	16
Wolverhampton	11	7	1	3	15
South Birmingham B	11	5	0	6	10
Redditch	11	4	1	6	9
Wolseley	11	4	1	6	9
Halesowen	11	2	3	6	7
Lichfield	11	3	1	7	7
Rushall	11	2	2	7	6
Olton	11	1	0	10	2

DIVISION SIX

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Walsall Kipping	11	8	2	1	18
* Sutton Coldfield	11	7	2	2	16
* Boldmere St Mich. A	11	6	4	1	16
Mercia	11	6	2	3	14
Redditch	11	5	2	4	12
Shirley & Lucas	11	5	2	4	12
Aldridge	11	4	3	4	11
Solihull Youth	11	4	2	5	10
Westminster	11	3	4	4	10
Kynoch/Barn	11	2	2	7	6
West Midlands Police	11	1	2	8	4
Boldmere St Mich. B	11	0	3	8	3

DIVISION SEVEN

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
* Bushbury	11	9	1	1	19
* Sutton Coldfield	11	9	1	1	19
Solihull	11	8	1	2	17
Birmingham Univ. A	11	6	2	3	14
Birmingham Univ. B	11	5	1	5	11
Halesowen	11	4	3	4	11
South Birmingham	11	5	1	5	11
Northfield Checkmates	11	4	2	5	10
Warley Quinborne	11	3	2	6	8
West Mids Municipal	11	3	1	7	7
Wolseley	11	2	1	8	5
Kynoch/Barn	11	0	0	11	0

* = final positions after play-off matches

THE MORRY-WOOD TROPHIES COMPETITIONS

The W Ritson Morry Trophy for outstanding performance by a junior was won by **Nathan Molnor** who is an 11-year-old pupil of Chad Vale school. He is a member of Checkmate (the Mike Fox setup not the Northfield one) and a Villa supporter (which did not influence the judges too much). In the National Chess Challenge he was supreme at the Camp Hill Megafinal winning 6/6 and scored 4/6 in the very tough Gigafinal. (No I don't understand it either but that is what Mike Fox wrote.) In the National Primary Schools teams championships he scored 6/6 while captaining his school team. He played on board 1 all last year for Birmingham Primary Schools and was second in Warwickshire's under 12 Open. He does not play for any team in the BDCL so someone ought to put in a bid for him.

The BH Wood Trophy for best Game was won by **Dave Scriven** of Stourbridge Chess Club. Dave is currently Chairman of his club and a comparative newcomer to the BDCL. On and off he has been playing chess since childhood but on his own admission he only really found out the fascination of the game when he started to play league chess. There was some tough opposition this year from the likes of Lee Collier, Laurie Wheatley and Kevin Hurney. Stourbridge seems to have found a get rich quick' scheme with the last two winners coming from their club (the previous winner was Jeremy Fallowfield).

Mike Rees

LEAGUE RESULTS

Division 11-39 Bushbury 1½ v Halesowen 4½

outstanding result
A Schroeder ½ M Bethel ½

1-52 Bushbury 3½ v Sutton Coldfield 2½

L Grinsell ½ K Escott ½
D Cooper ½ M Addis ½
R Parry ½ T Cox ½
J Staniforth ½ M Soszynski ½
A Schroeder ½ I Storey ½
P Staley 1 - def

1-67 Lichfield 'A' 3 v Olton 3

P Wallace ½ P Holt ½
M Staples 1 D Gostelow 0
P Collins 0 A Lloyd 1
J Smith ½ D Price ½
M Maher ½ M Cundy ½
A Mieleniewski ½ T Holt ½

1-69 Halesowen 3½ v Lichfield 'A' 2½

S Fishburne ½ P Wallace ½
J Edge ½ M Staples ½
R Thomas ½ P Collins ½
M Bethel ½ J Smith ½
A Priest 1 G Lamb 0
A Ambrose ½ M Maher ½

1-71 South B'ham 'B' 2 v Kynoch/Barn 4

outstanding result
T Lane ½ R Burton ½

1-74 South B'ham 'A' 3 v Walsall Kipping 3

J Pitcher ½ D Anderton ½
R James ½ J Bellin ½
D Dunn 0 M Denny 1
J Swindells 1 D Pritchard 0
A Ashby 1 M Wheeler 0
M Smyth 0 D Whitmore 1

1-77 Halesowen 4½ v Olton 1½

outstanding result
S Fishburne 1 P Holt 0

1-RelPO Shirley and Lucas 3 v Kynoch 3

D Mason ½ P Webster ½
I Galloway ½ K Ingram ½
D Thomas 0 A Hickey 1
R Walker 1 R Burton 0
J Freeman 0 W Morgan 1
T Huxtable 1 B Dawson 0
Kynoch win 8-10 on board count

Division 22-14 Halesowen 3 v Rushall 3

R Grimes 0 R Westwood 1
W Peck ½ S Wilcox ½
J Bingham 0 R Lewis 1
A Ambrose 1 M/s C Wilcox 0
M Hadley 1 D Bell 0
G Wyle ½ S Cooksey ½

2-77 Solihull 3 v Stourbridge 3

A McCumiskey ½ M Hunt ½
A Sadler ½ N Fallowfield ½
M Tapp ½ M Bissell ½
R Carpenter 0 I Howarth 1
J Summerfield ½ B Dudley ½
A Rogerson 1 S Jukes 0

The relegation play off due in this division
was conceded by Handsworth Wood.

Division 33-52 Mercia 4 v St James 2

M Share ½ L Wheatley ½
D Perks ½ R Peters ½
K Francis 0 I Truscott 1
J Phillips 1 I Ellis 0
BR Smith 1 R Collett 0
R Carrier 1 S Johnson 0

3-75 Boldmere StM 4½ v Mutual Circle 1½

outstanding result
M Harrington 0 M Walker 1

3-ChampPO B'ham Univ. 2 v West Bromwich 4

M Quintana 0 N Walker 1
D Burton 0 J Crump 1
G El Gehani ½ D Davies ½
R Hearne 1 K Barnett 0
M Pope ½ C Bryant ½
A Nakar 0 G Wesson 1

Division 55-64 Lucas & BS 3 v Rushall 3

L Collier ½ R Hancox ½
M Tallis ½ K Butler ½
L Johnson ½ S Allen ½
R Gough ½ G Sanders ½
E Elkington ½ P Turner ½
M Rees ½ J Hennion ½

Division 66-39 Sutton Coldfield 3 v Walsall Kipping 3

R Lawrence 1 S Jones 0
S Gardiner 1 B Davies 0
P Thompson 1 D McIntosh 0
N Sharples 0 P Nixon 1
D Tunks 0 C Billings 1
A Tunks 0 K Moore 1

6-RUPO Boldmere 'A' ½ v Sutton Coldfield 5½

E Goodby 0 R Lawrence 1
B Dixon ½ J Wassell ½
G Harman 0 D Gardiner 1
S Wood 0 S Gardiner 1
T Wyer 0 P Thompson 1
A Sturch 0 N Sharples 1

Division 77-ChampPO Bushbury 3 v Sutton Coldfield 1

R Brodie 1 A Hussain 0
A Collabella 0 A Tunks 1
D Buckley 1 D Tunks 0
P Scott 1 S Jackson-Parr 0

CUP RESULTS

Terrill Trophy - outstanding semifinalTe5-01 Halesowen(1) 3 v Lichfield(1A) 3

D Bissell ½ P Wallace ½
S Fishburne ½ M Staples ½
J Edge 0 P Collins 1
R Thomas 1 J Smith 0
M Bethel ½ M Maher ½
Dale Jackson ½ A Mieleniewski ½
Lichfield win 3-4 on board count

Terrill Trophy - finalBoldmere St Michaels(3) 5 v Lichfield(1A) 4½

K Thomas 0 P Wallace 1
J Fagan 0 M Staples 1
M Biddle ½ P Collins ½
A Wilson ½ J Smith ½
M Harrington 0 M Maher 1
G Barron ½ R Farmery ½

Club Secretaries might like to note that the Lucas & Birmingham Settlement and West Midlands Municipal Clubs have agreed to merge. As they are currently playing at the same venue this seemed a logical thing to do.

The new club is to be called Birmingham Settlement CC, which is good because I always have difficulty typing "West Midlands Municipal". The letters are all over the place on the keyboard. Fine. I've done it for the last time.

Given the outcome of this season's campaign it looks as though the new club will start with two teams in Division 5 and one in Division 7.

LEAGUE INDIVIDUALS

Earlier rounds not yet reported: -

Division 1 - semifinals

T Cox	0	M Wildboar	1
J Edge	1½	T Lane	½

Division 2 - round 2

J Asbury	0	M/s C Wilcox	1
T Delaney	def	R Westwood	1
F Jimenez	0	T Walker	1
L Hayden	0	G Hope	1

Division 2 - semifinals

T Walker	0	R Westwood	1
G Hope	1½	M/s C Wilcox	½

Division 3 - round 2

M Biddle	1½	L Lewis	1½
(Lionel Lewis then conceded the tie.)			
D Perks	2	K Thomas	3
J Fahy	1	JB Lewis	0
L Rawson	1½	A Cottom	½
W Rawlings	0	K Francis	1
J Turner	1	J Fagan	0
L Wheatley	½	A Burnett	1½
K Gilbert	0	A Wilson	1

Division 3 - round 3

K Francis	0	J Turner	1
A Burnett	1½	L Rawson	½
A Wilson	1	J Fahy	0
M Biddle	1	K Thomas	0

Division 3 - semifinals

J Turner	0	M Biddle	1
A Burnett	0	A Wilson	1

Division 4 - round 2

A Kent	0	D Curry	1
C East	0	B Curry	1
D Scriven	1	P Woodward	0
L Collier	1	M Schroeder	0

Division 4 - semifinals

D Curry	1½	D Scriven	½
B Curry	0	L Collier	1

Division 5 - round 2

G Rosser	½	P Hunt	1½
M Groombridge	1	A Taylor	0
D Prentice	1	P Thompson	0
B Cunningham	0	F Dickson	1

Division 5 - semifinals

P Hunt	0	M Groombridge	1
F Dickson	0	D Prentice	1

Division 6 - round 2

B Dixon	1	J Wassell	0
A Johnson	0	S Gardiner	1
D Gardiner	2	G Osborne	1
A Brownsword	0	S Jones	1

Division 6 - semifinals

S Gardiner	3	B Dixon	2
S Jones	1	D Gardiner	0

Division 7 - round 1 revised result

A Hussain	0	P Bull	1
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Division 7 - round 2

G Bates	0	J Pakenham	1
K Nooney	1	J Evans	0
P Joiner	1	S Jackson-Parr	0
P Bull - bye.			

Division 7 - semifinals

P Bull	1	P Joiner	0
J Pakenham	1	K Nooney	0

THE FINALS:**Division 1**

J Edge	1	M Wildboar	0
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Division 2

G Hope	1	R Westwood	0
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Division 3

Not contested. Messrs. Biddle and Wilson to share.

Division 4

L Collier	1	D Curry	0
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Division 5

M Groombridge	1	D Prentice	0
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Division 6

S Gardiner	1	S Jones	0
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Division 7

J Pakenham	½	P Bull	½
(The players then agreed to share.)			

BDCL Lightning Team Tournament

This took place on 16th March 2004 at the Olton CC venue.

Fourteen teams representing eight clubs entered. Unfortunately the date had not been kept entirely free of League fixtures, and this affected the turnout.

Section A

Olton 'A'	12/16
Boldmere St.M. 'A'	7½
Mutual Circle 'A'	7
Olton 'B'	7
B'ham University 'A'	6½

Top score: P Holt 4.
Prize Winner: L Lewis 3.**Section B**

Olton 'C'	10/16
Shirley & Lucas	8½
Boldmere St.M. 'B'	8
Wolverhampton	7
Mutual Circle 'B'	6½

Top score: J McDonald 4.
Prize Winners: P Jones
B Dixon
P Broomhall
M Paffard
D Kirby (all 3).**Section C**

Redditch	17½/24
B'ham University 'B'	13½
Solihull Youth	12½
Olton 'D'	4½

Top score: J Robinson 6.
Prize Winner: R Page 4.