

The temperature mounted rapidly. An energetic Scottish lady cried out that 'A bishop who writes a book like this should be stripped to his socks', and inked in the enchanting picture she thus conjured up by adding: 'If the Archbishop of Canterbury doesn't unfrock him, I and the women of England will'.

Alas, she never made good her threat, so the public debagging of a bishop, a spectacle which would surely have attracted spectators of all shades of religious opinion and of none, never took place.

- Bernard Levin - The Pendulum Years (writing about "Honest to God", by John Robinson, the then Bishop of Woolwich)

**LEAGUE TABLES AT 2nd MARCH 2006**

**DIVISION ONE**

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Walsall Kipping	6	6	0	0	12
South Birmingham A	6	5	1	0	11
Olton A	8	4	2	2	10
Tamworth	7	3	3	1	9
Warley Quinborne	7	4	0	3	8
South Birmingham B	8	4	0	4	8
Bushbury	8	3	1	4	7
Lichfield A	6	3	0	3	6
Halesowen	5	2	0	3	4
Olton B	7	1	2	4	4
Lichfield B	8	1	1	6	3
Sutton Coldfield	4	1	0	3	2
Stourbridge	6	1	0	5	2

**DIVISION TWO**

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
South Birmingham	8	5	2	1	12
Birmingham	5	4	1	0	9
Solihull	7	4	1	2	9
West Bromwich	7	3	3	1	9
Shirley & Lucas	5	4	0	1	8
Kynoch/Barn	7	3	2	2	8
Warley Quinborne	6	2	2	2	6
Wolverhampton	6	2	1	3	5
Mutual Circle	8	2	0	6	4
Stourbridge	6	0	3	3	3
Redditch	5	1	0	4	2
Halesowen	6	0	1	5	1

**DIVISION THREE**

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Shirley & Lucas	7	6	0	1	12
Sutton Coldfield A	10	5	1	4	11
Boldmere St Michaels	8	4	1	3	9
Sutton Coldfield B	7	4	0	3	8
Walsall Kipping	7	4	0	3	8
South Birmingham B	6	3	1	2	7
Rushall	7	2	3	2	7
Tamworth	7	3	1	3	7
South Birmingham A	8	3	1	4	7
Greenlands	8	2	2	4	6
Handsworth Wood	6	2	0	4	4
Warley Quinborne	6	2	0	4	4
Solihull	5	1	0	4	2

**DIVISION FOUR**

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
B'ham Settlement	7	6	0	1	12
Olton	8	6	0	2	12
Mercia	7	5	1	1	11
Boldmere St Michaels	8	5	1	2	11
Shirley & Lucas	8	4	0	4	8
Birmingham	7	3	1	3	7
South Birmingham	9	3	1	5	7
Walsall Kipping	6	3	0	3	6
Lichfield	6	2	0	4	4
Westminster	7	1	2	4	4
Tamworth	6	1	0	5	2
Halesowen	5	0	0	5	0

**DIVISION FIVE**

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
B'ham Settlement	7	6	0	1	12
Wolseley	7	5	1	1	11
Wolverhampton	6	4	1	1	9
Bushbury	8	4	1	3	9
Boldmere St Michaels	6	3	1	2	7
Walsall Kipping	8	3	1	4	7
Redditch	5	2	2	1	6
Mutual Circle	5	2	0	3	4
Mercia	6	1	2	3	4
Sutton Coldfield	7	1	2	4	4
West Midlands Police	7	1	1	5	3
Halesowen	6	1	0	5	2

**DIVISION SIX**

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Northfield Checkmates	8	5	1	2	11
Shirley & Lucas	7	4	2	1	10
Olton	7	3	2	2	8
Lichfield	7	2	2	3	6
Warley Quinborne	7	2	2	3	6
Redditch	5	2	0	3	4
Greenlands	5	0	1	4	1

In Division 6 this season, teams play each other twice, at home and away.

**ADDITIONAL (LATE) REGISTRATIONS**

**Greenlands**  
6 Shaw P 2/2/06

**Halesowen**  
7 Southcote J 2/2/06

**Wolverhampton**  
5 Bate KW 5/2/06

**RE-REGISTRATIONS**

**South Birmingham**  
2 to 1B Malik D 30/1/06  
2 to 1B Malik K 30/1/06  
7 to 4 Green B 20/12/05

**DIVISION SEVEN**

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
South Birmingham	8	6	0	2	12
Westminster B	9	4	3	2	11
Westminster A	7	4	2	1	10
Wolseley	8	5	0	3	10
Aldridge	8	3	3	2	9
Kynoch/Barn A	5	3	1	1	7
Boldmere St Mich. A	8	3	1	4	7
B'ham Settlement	4	3	0	1	6
West Midlands Police	7	2	2	3	6
Boldmere St Mich. B	8	2	1	5	5
Halesowen	7	0	1	6	1
Kynoch/Barn B	5	0	0	5	0

**REARRANGED FIXTURES**

6-24 Greenlands v Redditch 25/4/06  
6-29 Lichfield v Northfield Checkmates 9/3/06

**TEAM LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT**

You are reminded (see p. 46 of your Handbooks) that the annual Lightning Tournament takes place at the Olton CC venue on Tuesday 14th March 2006, starting at 7.15pm

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting has been fixed for Tuesday 4th April 2006 at the South Birmingham venue, starting at 7.30pm. Notices have been sent out already.

If you are daunted by all the amendments to various rules put out by the Hon. Gen. Sec., and feel in the words of one gentleman that you should bring a flask and sandwiches, do not worry. Your Chairman will offer you a swift resolution.

**RETURN OF TROPHIES**

Keith Ingram asks all of last year's trophy winners to return their trophies to him by 4th April 2006, ie before or at the next Management Committee Meeting.

This Bulletin comes to you with less information than you might have expected because DJB has taken his usual winter break in Malta, and I do not have very many cup results and matches from the lower divisions.

**LEAGUE RESULTS****Division 1****1-30 Bushbury 3 v Lichfield 'B' 3**

L Grinsell	1	G Lamb	0
A Crombleholme	½	R Farmery	½
D Cooper	½	A Grant	½
R Parry	0	A Mieleniewski	1
J Staniforth	½	A Giles	½
P Staley	½	M Cooper	½

**1-37 South Birmingham 'B' 3½ v Bushbury 2½**

M Smyth	0	L Grinsell	1
D Dunn	1	A Crombleholme	0
T Lane	0	D Cooper	1
P Padilla	1	R Parry	0
D Malik	1	P Staley	0
K Malik	½	P Pinfold	½

**1-42 Stourbridge 2½ v Olton 'A' 3½**

G Thomas	½	P Holt	½
J Fallowfield	1	A Lloyd	0
M Bissell	0	D Gostelow	1
I Howarth	½	D Price	½
J Wilson	0	M Cundy	1
S Jukes	½	D Cheshire	½

**1-43 South B'ham 'A' 3½ v Sutton Coldfield 2½**

S Dighton	1	K Escott	0
J Pitcher	½	T Cox	½
J Swindells	0	M Addis	1
M Smyth	1	M Soszynski	0
G Hope	1	I Dhesi	0
R Glass	0	D Gardiner	1

**1-44 Olton 'A' 3 v Tamworth 3**

P Holt	0	P Briggs	1
A Lloyd	1	R Allen	0
D Gostelow	½	K Hern	½
D Price	½	S Kimberley	½
M Cundy	½	M Kimberley	½
R Wallman	½	R Griffiths	½

**1-47 Warley Quinborne 5½ v Lichfield 'B' ½**

M Wildboar	1	G Lamb	0
A Southall	1	R Farmery	0
B Whitehouse	1	A Grant	0
M Doran	1	A Mieleniewski	0
S Smith	1	B Homewood	0
J Hadi	½	J Marriott	½

**1-49 South B'ham 'B' 1½ v Warley Quinborne 4½**

M Smyth	½	M Wildboar	½
D Dunn	0	A Southall	1
T Lane	0	C Gordon	1
D Malik	½	B Whitehouse	½
K Malik	0	S Smith	1
N Clarke	½	J Hadi	½

**Division 2****2-38 Wolverhampton 1½ v West Bromwich 4½**

P Thompson	½	N Walker	½
P Sanghera	0	J Crump	1
P Porter	1	M Smith	0
F Wood	0	D Davies	1
M Morrison	0	D Backhouse	1
G Rosser	0	M Uddin	1

**Division 2 continued****2-39 Stourbridge 3 v Warley Quinborne 3**

B Dudley	½	A Singh	½
J Foxall	0	D Reeves	1
R Evans	0	J Fahy	1
E Horwill	1	P Bull	0
S Jukes	½	A Burnett	½
D Scriven	1	J Turner	0

**2-40 Redditch 2½ v Solihull 3½**

N Towers	½	R Carpenter	½
T Robinson	1	G Stokes	0
J Heath	0	M Tapp	1
G Stanton	½	J Summerfield	½
G Jackson	½	R Chilcott	½
R Sanders	0	F Collins	1

**2-41 Mutual Circle 4½ v Halesowen 1½**

C Evans	½	A Ambrose	½
P Boynton	½	W Peck	½
M Walker	1	Dale Jackson	0
S Goray	½	G Wyle	½
L Lewis	1	J Bingham	0
M Paffard	1	M Linnes	0

**2-42 Warley Quinborne 3 v Kynoch/Barn 3**

A Singh	1	P Webster	0
D Reeves	0	K Ingram	1
J Fahy	0	N Roberts	1
J Hadi	½	A Hickey	½
A Burnett	1	R Burton	0
J Turner	½	W Morgan	½

**2-44 South Birmingham 3½ v W'hampton 2½**

G Hope	½	P Thompson	½
P Padilla	0	P Sanghera	1
G Ali	1	P Porter	0
N Clarke	½	F Wood	½
R Glass	1	G Rosser	0
T Walker	½	J Fox	½

**2-51 Wolverhampton 5½ v Mutual Circle ½**

M Townsend	½	C Evans	½
P Thompson	1	P Boynton	0
P Porter	1	M Walker	0
F Wood	1	S Goray	0
Martin May	1	L Lewis	0
C Jones	1	M Paffard	0

**Division 3****3-38 Boldmere St Michaels 5 v Tamworth 1**

J Fagan	½	S Walton	½
A Wilson	1	R Griffiths	0
K Thomas	1	P Oliver	0
R Mitchell	1	L Chrusciel	0
M Biddle	1	D Makepeace	0
D Brelsforth	½	D Prentice	½

**3-40 Greenlands 2½ v Shirley & Lucas 3½**

L Wheatley	0	R Purcell	1
R Peters	½	J Freeman	½
I Truscott	1	G Christie	0
I Ellis	½	J Asbury	½
S Shaw	½	F Jimenez	½
-	def	K Warren	1

**Division 3 continued****3-45 Sutton Coldfield 'A' 4 v South B'ham 'A' 2**

M Soszynski	½	S Williams	½
L Hayden	½	P Swatridge	½
G Windows	½	S Evans	½
I Dhesi	1	D Stockhall	0
I Storey	½	R Hardy	½
R Lawrence	1	C Pitt	0

**3-47 Solihull 2½ v Boldmere St Michaels 3½**

R Chilcott	0	J Fagan	1
F Collins	1	A Wilson	0
D Shurrock	0	K Thomas	1
G Howard	0	R Mitchell	1
D Horsley	½	M Biddle	½
I Brodie	1	D Brelsforth	0

**3-48 Sutton C'field 'B' 3½ v South B'ham 'B' 2½**

D Gardiner	1	N Kasafir	0
A Kent	½	D Stockhall	½
T Burgess	½	R Hardy	½
J Hider	0	D Lee	1
C East	½	A Szatanik	½
P Thompson	1	F Dickson	0

**3-49 Boldmere St Mich.4 v Sutton C'field 'A' 2**

J Fagan	1	M Soszynski	0
K Thomas	½	L Hayden	½
A Wilson	½	G Windows	½
R Mitchell	0	I Dhesi	1
M Biddle	1	I Storey	0
D Brelsforth	1	R Lawrence	0

**3-50 Warley Quinborne 2 v Walsall Kipping 4**

P Bull	1	W Rea	0
W Rawlings	1	C Pohribnyj	0
S Moxley	0	M Groombridge	1
C Nixon	0	R Jones	1
A Hussain	0	D Friend	1
P Woodward	0	J Payton	1

**3-52 South B'ham 'A' 4½ v Sutton C'field 'B' 1½**

P Swatridge	1	D Gardiner	0
S Evans	½	T Burgess	½
C Boivin	1	J Hider	0
C Pitt	1	C East	0
D Stockhall	1	H Stephanyan	0
R Hardy	0	P Thompson	1

**3-53 Walsall Kipping 6 v Greenlands Def****Division 4****4-24 Birmingham 2 v Olton 4**

H Scott	0	M Pope	1
M Schroeder	½	A Cottom	½
B Hopkins	½	K Allen	½
W Carter	0	R Liszewski	1
A Wright	½	J Llewelyn	½
D Rowe	½	J Gillespie	½

## LEAGUE RESULTS continued

**Division 4** continued**4-35 Halesowen 2½ v B'ham Settlement 3½**

D Curry	1	L Hylands	0
J Curry	0	L Collier	1
D Jackson	1	M Tallis	0
M Clark	0	A Draper	1
M Linnes	½	J Lunn	½
A Taylor	0	L Johnson	1

**4-36 Birmingham 4 v South Birmingham 2**

A Pready	1	D Gilchrist	def
H Scott	0	T Tidman	1
M Schroeder	0	F Dickson	1
B Hopkins	1	P Emanuel	0
W Carter	1	B McClory	0
A Wright	1	B Green	0

**4-38 B'ham Settlement 4 v Lichfield 2**

L Hylands	1	G Monks	0
K Jewsbury	½	A Giles	½
L Collier	½	D Fone	½
M Tallis	½	M Cooper	½
A Draper	1	D Short	0
J Lunn	½	A Hall	½

**4-39 Mercia 3 v Westminster 3**

M Share	0	R Millward	1
D Perks	½	D Nicolle	½
J Phillips	½	S Phillips	½
K Francis	0	J Burke	1
BR Smith	1	D Price	0
D Webb	1	T Evans	0

**4-40 South B'ham 1½ v Walsall Kipping 4½**

D Gilchrist	def	S Beasley	1
M Loat	½	N Young	½
F Dickson	½	R Wilkinson	½
P Emanuel	½	P Jones	½
S Emanuel	def	M Savin	1
I Davis	0	A Shrimpton	1

**4-41 Shirley & Lucas 5 v Tamworth 1**

K Warren	1	D Makepeace	0
L Rawson	1	D Prentice	0
K Gilbert	1	E Golightly	0
P McGuirk	1	B Cunningham	0
M Warden	1	D Smith	0
R Healey	0	A Smith	1

**4-42 Westminster 1 v Birmingham 5**

R Millward	½	A Pready	½
S Foy	½	H Scott	½
D Nicolle	0	B Hopkins	1
S Phillips	0	A Wright	1
J Burke	0	D Rowe	1
D Price	0	J Hill	1

**4-44 Tamworth 1 v South Birmingham 5**

D Makepeace	0	D Gilchrist	1
D Prentice	½	T Tidman	½
E Golightly	0	F Dickson	1
B Cunningham	0	L Emanuel	1
L Guffick	½	P Emanuel	½
A Smith	0	B Green	1

**Division 4** continued**4-45 Mercia 3½ v Birmingham 2½**

M Share	0	A Pready	1
D Perks	½	H Scott	½
J Phillips	½	B Hopkins	½
K Francis	1	W Carter	0
BR Smith	1	A Wright	0
C Lane	½	D Rowe	½

**Division 5****5-24 Wolseley 5½ v Bushbury ½**

G Maciel	1	A Schroeder	0
M Chowdhury	1	R Brodie	0
P Lawrence	1	D Molineux	0
P Sherman	½	T Collabella	½
G Bates	1	FT Burgess	0
T Gazee	1	D Buckley	0

**5-43 Sutton Coldfield 4 v Redditch 2**

D Green	1	M Clack	0
A Tunks	1	I Clack	0
R Brodie	1	P Wood	0
M Edwards	½	R Turner	½
J Wassell	½	F Batson	½
D Tunks	0	R Trinder	1

**5-44 Boldmere St Michaels 4½ v Bushbury 1½**

R Tuckey	½	A Schroeder	½
G Smith	½	T Collabella	½
M Little	1	D Molineux	0
G Harman	½	P Scott	½
A Johnson	1	FT Burgess	0
S Wood	1	D Buckley	0

**5-45 West Mids Police 2½ v Halesowen 3½**

P Hardstaff	0	F Freshwater	1
M Cooper	½	M Borley	½
H Quail	½	A Taylor	½
B Phillips	1	N Heywood	0
M Hathaway	0	R Beasley	1
R Sullivan	½	J Evans	½

**5-47 Walsall Kipping 2 v Wolverhampton 4**

A Shrimpton	0	M Wootton	1
P Nixon	0	G Rosser	1
C Billings	1	C Jones	0
K Moore	1	M Griffiths	def
S Jones	0	P Broomhall	1
P Burgess	0	C Haughton	1

**5-48 Wolverhampton 4 v Mutual Circle 2**

M Wootton	0	Saket Singhal	1
G Rosser	0	J Homer	1
C Jones	1	S Robinson	0
J Fox	1	L Boynton	0
M Griffiths	1	J Hunt	0
P Broomhall	1	T Hussain	0

**Division 5** continued**5-53 Mutual Circle 4½ v Walsall Kipping 1½**

Saket Singhal	1	A Shrimpton	0
P Wells	1	Mrs D Anderton	0
J Homer	1	P Nixon	0
S Robinson	1	K Moore	0
A Webb	½	S Jones	½
T Hussain	def	P Burgess	1

**Division 6****6-20 Redditch 4½ v Greenlands 1½**

F Batson	½	D Bott	½
J Bowen	0	R Collett	1
R Trinder	1	S Johnson	0
D Abraham	1	J Lloyd	0
S Hayes	1	-	def
J Holmberg	1	-	def

**Division 7****7-27 Halesowen 1 v Wolseley 3**

R Beasley	1	G Bates	0
J Taylor	0	A Siddiqi	1
J Evans	0	P Joiner	1
D Martin	0	P Spence	1

**7-29 Aldridge 1½ v South Birmingham 2½**

S Winman	½	E Baker	½
L Andrews	0	G Perks	1
A Woodward	1	P Johnson	0
G Woodward	0	F Malik	1

**7-41 Aldridge 2 v West Midlands Police 2**

S Winman	0	H Quail	1
L Andrews	1	P Butler	0
A Woodward	0	R Sullivan	1
G Woodward	1	A Merritt	0

**7-42 Kynoch/Barn 'B' 0 v South Birmingham 4**

P Murphy	0	G Perks	1
D Hill	0	I Davis	1
E Dawson	0	P Johnson	1
A Bolton	def	E Baker	1

**7-43 Westminster 'B' 2 v Aldridge 2**

R Leaper	½	L Andrews	½
W Elliot	½	A Woodward	½
D Cooper	0	G Woodward	1
G Goddard	1	-	def

**7-77 Wolseley 4 v Boldmere St.Michaels 'B' 0**

G Bates	1	F Palfrey	0
G Stepanovic	1	R Hillman	0
T Gazee	1	M Carrington	0
P Joiner	1	C Thomas	0

## REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24th JANUARY 2006 AT SOUTH BIRMINGHAM CC

### Match 5-33 - Sutton Coldfield v Boldmere St. Michaels played on 5th December 2005

The game on board 4 in this match was adjourned, to be continued on 12th December. However, on that second evening both players (after further play) agreed to adjourn again. On the 19th December the Boldmere player resigned by phone before resuming. Sutton claimed a win on this board but Dave Brelsforth, Records Secretary, declared that the game was lost by both players under Rule 13.2(c) due to the fact that they had both broken Rule 12.1.

Sutton claimed that, as the Boldmere player had suggested that the game be adjourned for the second time and resigned before the resumption, they were entitled to the win. Dave Brelsforth questioned whether there could be a win for Sutton since both players had broken the rules.

*Decision:*

*The Records Secretary's responsibility under Rule 19.2 is to notify the clubs involved of a breach of Rule 12.1, and it is then up to the Secretary of either club to make a claim to the Rules Committee. Since in this instance Boldmere have made it clear they do not intend to make such a claim this matter should not have come before us. The resignation of the Boldmere player therefore stands.*

### Townshend Trophy Round 3 - Kynoch/Barn 7 v Warley Quinborne 6 - 12th December 2005

Kynoch disputed Warley Quinborne's board order in this match. The WQ player on board 1 had a grade of 71 whilst their board 2 had a grade of 107. The results were:

1 W Morgan	1	J Rourke	0
2 A Rake	0	S Black	1

Warley Quinborne said that their board order was based on previous results although the Committee was not convinced that this was justified.

*Decision:*

*Whilst accepting that Warley Quinborne acted in good faith, the Committee finds that they committed a clear breach of Rule 7.2 in this match in that the players were not listed in descending order of strength. Therefore, under Rule 13.1(b) the match is lost by default.*

**Mike Biddle - Chairman of the Rules Committee**

#### Editor's Comment

A great deal has already been said about the first of the above decisions, but here is a little more. First, it involved a team of which I was the temporary captain, but I don't mind that the decision went against us, as we're doing our best to avoid promotion to Division 4. Secondly, Dave Brelsforth was also an interested party, and was unhappy about having to make a decision in favour of his own Club. Thirdly, four Boldmere men (elected or ex-officio members of the Committee) were ruled out of the decision making process, and certain other Committee members could not be present on the evening in question. The decision was therefore taken by six people, and I am informed that they split 3-3 with the acting Chairman using his casting vote.

There are two points made by Sutton which do not appear in the above report, but which in my opinion should be mentioned. First, Keith Escott made the perfectly valid point that the Handbook contains garbage left over from the days when people could adjourn more than once. He said that that fact could easily confuse a player new to the League (which the Sutton man in this case was). That's one of the reasons why your Editor (with his part time President's hat on) has been trying to eradicate nonsense from the Handbook. This particular piece of rubbish has already been eliminated, but the revised wording will not appear in your Handbooks until next season. Secondly, the statement from Sutton was that their man had sealed openly, with all that that implies.

You may ask yourself why "since in this instance Boldmere have made it clear that they do not intend to make ... a claim, this matter should not have come before us". Given the Records Secretary's decision, there was nothing for Boldmere to complain about or to claim. You may further ask yourself why, if "this matter should not have come before us", the Committee proceeded to make a decision anyway, instead of declining to deal with it.

Many will be aware that Dave Brelsforth's reaction, not to the decision itself but rather to the suggestion that he should not have ensured its referral to the Rules Committee (where his vote would not count) was that it made his position untenable, and that he might as well resign. I hope that he will not do so.

Finally, one further unreported comment made by the Committee was that Competition Rule 9.2 needed revising. Fine, gentlemen; let's see your proposed revision.