

"Hastings may be a sexual desert, but it is a Mecca for chess players, who hold international tournaments there. Blinking furiously, brains whirring in neutral, they must, one imagines, offer easy pickings for predatory women who are not too fussy about personal hygiene."

- from a Sunday Telegraph article about the so-called poet Fiona Pitt-Kethley, married to GM Jim Plaskett

It's 99 per cent of chess players who give the rest a bad name, of course. Never mind; hand me that entry form.

LEAGUE TABLES AT 1st FEBRUARY 2001

DIVISION ONE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Olton	8	6	0	2	12
Warley Quinborne	5	4	1	0	9
South Birmingham A	7	4	1	2	9
Halesowen	6	4	0	2	8
Lichfield	6	4	0	2	8
Solihull	8	4	0	4	8
South Birmingham B	7	3	1	3	7
Walsall Kipping	4	2	1	1	5
Shirley	6	2	1	3	5
Kynoch	5	2	0	3	4
Tamworth & District	7	1	2	4	4
Birmingham University	6	1	0	5	2
Sutton Coldfield	7	0	1	6	1

DIVISION TWO

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

DIVISION THREE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Redditch	6	5	1	0	11
Rushall	7	4	0	3	8
Warley Quinborne	4	3	0	1	6
Handsworth Wood	5	3	0	2	6
Shirley	6	3	0	3	6
Solihull	6	3	0	3	6
Birmingham University	4	2	1	1	5
Sutton Coldfield	5	1	3	1	5
Kingstanding	7	1	3	3	5
Walsall Kipping	6	1	1	4	3
Mutual Circle	5	0	2	3	2
Tamworth & District	3	0	1	2	1

DIVISION FOUR

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Olton	7	6	1	0	13
Birmingham	8	5	1	2	11
Handsworth Wood	6	4	2	0	10
Wolverhampton	9	5	0	4	10
Mercia	6	4	1	1	9
Halesowen	6	3	1	2	7
Tamworth & District	7	3	1	3	7
Stourbridge	5	2	1	2	5
West Midlands Police	7	2	1	4	5
Shirley	5	2	0	3	4
Mutual Circle	6	1	0	5	2
Wolseley	6	1	0	5	2
Bushbury	8	0	1	7	1

DIVISION FIVE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
South Birmingham	6	5	1	0	11
West Mids Municipal	6	4	2	0	10
Walsall Kipping	7	2	4	1	8
Lichfield	5	3	0	2	6
Warley Quinborne	7	2	2	3	6
St James	8	3	0	5	6
Tamworth & District	5	1	3	1	5
Chelmsley Town	2	2	0	0	4
Lucas AC	6	2	0	4	4
Lucas & BS	5	1	1	3	3
West Midlands Police	6	0	2	4	2
Solihull	3	0	1	2	1

DIVISION SIX

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Redditch	7	5	0	2	10
South Birmingham B	5	4	1	0	9
South Birmingham A	4	3	1	0	7
Aldridge	5	3	1	1	7
Kingstanding	8	3	1	4	7
Warley Quinborne	6	2	2	2	6
Rushall	8	2	2	4	6
Sutton Coldfield	6	1	2	3	4
West Mids Municipal	3	1	1	1	3
Olton	6	1	1	4	3
Mercia	6	1	0	5	2

DIVISION SEVEN

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Birmingham Univ. A	6	4	1	1	9
Lady Westminster	4	4	0	0	8
South Birmingham A	4	4	0	0	8
Halesowen	6	3	0	3	6
Birmingham Univ. B	6	2	1	3	5
Walsall Kipping	6	2	1	3	5
Kynoch	5	1	1	3	3
South Birmingham B	4	1	0	3	2
Warley Quinborne	4	1	0	3	2
Solihull Youth	3	0	0	3	0

REARRANGED FIXTURES

2-62 Lichfield v South B'ham	28/2/01
3-47 Walsall K v Sutton C	8/2/01
4-56 WM Police v Shirley	28/2/01
5-25 Chelmsley Town v Lichfield	30/1/01
5-40 St James v Chelmsley Town	29/3/01
5-43 WM Municipal v Tamworth	6/4/01
6-54 South B'ham 'A' v Olton	26/2/01

DIVISION EIGHT

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Wolseley	8	5	2	1	12
Olton	10	3	6	1	12
Halesowen	7	4	2	1	10
West Mids Police B	10	4	2	4	10
Kingstanding A	8	2	5	1	9
Hotels	8	2	4	2	8
West Mids Police A	9	0	5	4	5
Kingstanding B	10	1	2	7	4

ANOTHER APOLOGY

I regret that there was an error in the Division 2 League Table in Bulletin 5. Match 2-21 was reported for a second time and West Bromwich were given another two points for winning it. This happened because Mike Tarlow reported all six boards on his adjournment card although only three games went to a second session, and I failed to spot the fact. I am afraid that people do sometimes use odd bits of writing material for reporting matches so my suspicions were not aroused. Vast areas of my brain were in stand-by mode as I tried to input 40 or more match cards as quickly as possible.

As West Bromwich won their next match, and Solihull lost theirs, I could perhaps argue that the League Table was not so much wrong as prescient. (Spooky.)

OLTON CC SECRETARY

Chris Lund-Yates is ill at the present time, so anyone needing to contact Olton CC should talk to Richard Reynolds instead (0121 603 1698).

LATE REGISTRATIONS AND RE-REGISTRATIONS

<u>Birmingham</u>		<u>South Birmingham</u>		D Dunn (South Birmingham)	from Division 1 to Division 2
4 A Wright	19/12/00	6A P Clay	5/12/00	C Charman (South Birmingham)	from Division 2 to Division 1
		7A S Killamey	29/11/00	(the above consequent on a Rules Committee decision)	
<u>Lucas and BS</u>		<u>Sutton Coldfield</u>		I Gilbert (B'ham University)	from Division 3 to Division 1
5 P Dyson	21/ 1/01	6 K Lawson	21/ 1/01	B Milner (Lichfield)	from Division 5 to Division 2
<u>Solihull Youth</u>		<u>Warley Quinborne</u>		T Wyre (Kingstanding)	from Division 8B to Division 8A
7 R Clarke	21/ 1/01	7 S Black	18/12/00	J Pitt (West Mids Police)	from Division 8B to Division 8A
7 D Gibson	21/ 1/01				

LEAGUE RESULTS

Division 1**1-10 Tamworth 3 v Sutton Coldfield 3**

P Briggs	1	K Escott	0
J Hoddy	0	A Brown	1
K Hern	0	E Ng	1
M Kimberley	1	M Soszynski	0
S Kimberley	1	L Hayden	0
S Walton	0	B Briscoe	1

1-17 Shirley 3½ v Tamworth ½

D Mason	adj	P Briggs	adj
I Galloway	adj	K Hern	adj
N Thomas	1	J Hoddy	0
R Walker	½	M Kimberley	½
D Thomas	1	S Kimberley	0
T Huxtable	1	S Walton	0

Shirley - no card

1-22 Lichfield 5 v Tamworth 1

P Wallace	1	P Briggs	0
P Collins	½	K Hern	½
R Allen	1	J Hoddy	0
J Keaveney	1	M Kimberley	0
C Tayar	½	S Kimberley	½
G Lamb	1	S Walton	0

1-31 Sutton Coldfield 0 v Warley Quinborne 6

outstanding result

E Ng	0	A Tarifa	1
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1-32 Birmingham University 2 v Olton 4

J Swindells	½	P Holt	½
B Fairley	0	A Lloyd	1
R Rai	0	D Gostelow	1
E Lee	½	D Price	½
I Gilbert	½	R Reynolds	½
T Robinson	½	RC Reynolds	½

1-33 South Birmingham 'B' 2 v Lichfield 4

A Agnew	½	P Wallace	½
S Tidman	0	P Collins	1
D Dunn	½	R Allen	½
T Lane	½	C Hibbard	½
T Walker	½	J Keaveney	½
M Drugan	0	R Farmery	1

1-40 Olton 3½ v South Birmingham 'A' 2½

P Holt	0	J Pitcher	1
A Lloyd	1	K van Drunen	0
D Gostelow	1	M Smyth	0
D Price	1	C Charman	def
RC Reynolds	½	J Mildenhall	½
R Reynolds	0	G Varnom	1

1-44 South Birmingham 'A' 1½ v Solihull 4½

J Pitcher	½	C Gorka	½
K van Drunen	0	A McCumiskey	1
M Smyth	0	W Harwood	1
C Charman	0	R Carpenter	1
J Mildenhall	1	G Stokes	0
G Varnom	0	D Shurrock	1

1-45 South Birmingham 'B' 2½ v Olton 3½

A Agnew	½	P Holt	½
S Tidman	0	A Lloyd	1
D Dunn	½	D Gostelow	½
T Lane	1	RC Reynolds	0
T Walker	0	R Reynolds	1
M Drugan	½	R Wallman	½

Division 1 (continued)**1-47 South B'ham 'B' 3 v Warley Quinborne 3**

A Agnew	½	G Lawton	½
S Tidman	0	S Dighton	1
D Dunn	1	A Tarifa	0
T Lane	½	M Hunt	½
T Walker	½	D Cooper	½
M Drugan	½	S Smith	½

Division 2**2-33 Lichfield 3½ v Birmingham 2½**

J Smith	½	GJ Gee	½
M Maher	½	C McConkey	½
R Farmery	½	A Pready	½
G Lamb	1	J Fender	0
B Milner	½	R Daniels	½
A Smith	½	B Hopkins	½

2-37 South Birmingham 2 v West Bromwich 4

A Hall	½	J Crump	½
G Cartwright	½	N Walker	½
S Williams	½	G Hill	½
P Mwenya	0	M Gregg	1
R Glass	½	D Davies	½
D Stockhall	0	D Backhouse	1

2-40 Solihull 1½ v Halesowen 3½

A Rogerson	1	A Priest	0
N Byrne	0	D Jackson	1
J Summerfield	½	A Ambrose	½
J Dale	adj	R Grimes	adj
G Howard	0	W Peck	1
M Tarlow	0	J Bingham	1

2-41 Warley Quinborne 3 v Lichfield 3

A Singh	½	J Smith	½
M Wildboar	½	M Maher	½
B Whitehouse	0	G Lamb	1
M Doran	0	R Farmery	1
M Fox	1	B Milner	0
S Smith	1	A Grant	0

2-42 Wolverhampton 3½ v Kynoch 2½

M Townsend	1	K Thomas	0
P Porter	0	R Burton	1
M Wootton	½	L White	½
M Griffiths	0	O Mowatt	1
F Wood	1	M Harrington	0
P Eastwood	1	D Wallace	0

2-43 West Bromwich 1½ v St James 3½

J Crump	0	A Hynes	1
N Walker	0	P Kitson	1
G Hill	adj	K Hurney	adj
M Gregg	½	I Truscott	½
D Davies	1	T Hurney	0
D Backhouse	0	D Bott	1

2-44 Kynoch 2½ v South Birmingham 3½

K Thomas	1	A Hall	0
L White	1	G Cartwright	0
O Mowatt	0	S Williams	1
D Wallace	½	P Tomkins	½
M Harrington	0	R Hardy	1
P Murphy	0	P Hunt	1

Division 3**3-26 Sutton Coldfield 3 v Redditch 3**

A Kent	½	P Robertson	½
I Storey	½	S Wells	½
T Cox	1	N Blackburn	0
C Dent	0	J Heath	1
C East	1	J Cole	0
D Neal	0	G Stanton	1

3-29 Walsall Kipping 2½ v Solihull 3½

C Pohribnyj	0	D Shurrock	1
D Whitmore	1	C Leeson	0
M Groombridge	½	K Allen	½
N Young	½	D Horsley	½
D Friend	0	F Collins	1
S Beasley	½	C Chadaway	½

3-30 Shirley 4½ v Kingstanding 1½

J Freeman	½	P Savage	½
F Jimenez	1	M Biddle	0
K Warren	½	R Tuckey	½
J Asbury	½	D McCabe	½
K Gilbert	1	G Smith	0
G Christie	1	F Palfrey	0

3-34 Handsworth W. 3½ v Sutton C'field 2½

K Jones	1	A Kent	0
S Chadaway	1	I Storey	0
D Grant	0	T Cox	1
A Lake	0	C Dent	1
S Fryer	1	C East	0
S Edwards	½	D Neal	½

3-35 Kingstanding 2 v Warley Quinborne 4

P Savage	0	S Smith	1
M Biddle	½	T Delaney	½
D McCabe	0	A Burnett	1
R Tuckey	½	D Reeves	½
G Smith	0	C Nixon	1
B Dixon	1	-	def

Division 4**4-05 Olton 4 v Tamworth 2**

A Cottom	½	K Dicken	½
W Archibald	0	R Griffiths	1
J Llewelyn	1	C Butler	def
D Brown	1	C Cooke	0
J Gillespie	1	C Cotterill	0
D Stockwin	½	J Palmer	½

4-36 Bushbury 3 v Stourbridge 3

A Schroeder	½	J Wilson	½
ABC Smith	0	R Branford	1
R Brodie	½	M Podlesak	½
K Booth	0	F Tatler	1
P Allan	1	C Caldwell	0
D Buckley	1	D Scriven	0

4-38 Shirley 3½ v Bushbury 2½

P Wilkinson	½	A Schroeder	½
L Rawson	½	R Brodie	½
G Christie	½	P Pinfold	½
P McGuirk	0	J Whitehead	1
R Healey	1	P Allan	0
G Csepregi	1	D Buckley	0

Division 4 (continued)**4-39 Wolverhampton 4 v Mutual Circle 2**

P Broomhall	1	M Walker	0
R Wilkinson	0	M Paffard	1
G Rosser	½	J Homer	½
P Atkiss	1	C Evans	0
P Price	½	Saket Singhal	½
A Hodges	1	T Hussain	0

4-40 Birmingham 2½ v Olton 3½

B Hopkins	0	C Lund-Yates	1
R Horne	1	W Archibald	0
M Schroeder	0	A Cottom	1
J Hill	0	J Llewelyn	1
E Varley	1	J Gillespie	0
N Saunders	½	D Brown	½

4-41 Bushbury 2 v Wolverhampton 4

A Schroeder	1	P Broomhall	0
ABC Smith	1	P Eastwood	0
R Brodie	0	G Rosser	1
K Booth	0	P Atkiss	1
P Allan	0	A Hodges	1
D Buckley	0	A Robinson	1

4-43 West Midlands Police 2½ v Mercia 3½

J Fox	½	M Share	½
G Lightfoot	0	K Francis	1
R Ryan	1	BR Smith	0
R Pipe	½	D Perks	½
P Hardstaff	0	D Webb	1
A Rickhuss	½	J Phillips	½

4-44 Mutual Circle 1½ v Tamworth 3½

M Walker	adj	K Dicken	adj
M Paffard	½	J Howlett	½
C Evans	½	R Griffiths	½
Saket Singhal	0	C Cooke	1
S Robinson	½	C Cotterill	½
SN Singhal	0	D Prentice	1

4-46 Wolverhampton 6 v Wolseley Def**Division 5****5-05 St James 1½ v Lucas & BS 4½**

B Allsop	0	R Gough	1
D Bott	0	G Clyde	1
J McGrath	0	M Rees	1
R Collett	½	JA Crump	½
S Johnson	0	R Cook	1
J Lloyd	1	-	def

Lucas - late card

5-30 Lichfield 2½ v St James 3½

A Wilson	½	B Allsop	½
G Monks	0	D Bott	1
P Griffiths	1	J McGrath	0
M Cooper	0	R Collett	1
J Lakin	0	S Johnson	1
C Ricketts	1	J Lloyd	0

5-31 South Birmingham 3 v Walsall Kipping 3

R Glass	½	S Beasley	½
G Walker	0	J Payton	1
D Stockhall	½	C Southall	½
S Evans	½	P Jones	½
C Boivin	1	A Perry	0
C Pitt	½	M Savin	½

Division 5 (continued)**5-32 Chelmsley Town 4 v Warley Quinborne 2**

S Crutchlow	½	R Chadd	½
R Bettam	½	W Rawlings	½
M Felgate	1	S Moxley	0
C Eckloff	0	A Moxley	1
S Hotchkiss	1	-	
D Randall	1	-	

5-34 Lichfield 5 v West Midlands Police 1

D Abell	1	H Quail	0
A Mieleniewski	0	P Gough	1
A Smith	1	A Rickhuss	0
G Monks	1	M Cooper	def
J Lakin	1	M Jamieson	0
P Griffiths	1	A Cawley	0

5-35 West Midlands Municipal 3½ v LAC ½

L Collier	½	I Fisher	½
K Jewsbury	adj	N Garrett	adj
M Tallis	1	D Clark	0
J Lunn	1	D Bowie	0
C Griffin	adj	J Garrity	adj
P Harris	1	H Hemmings	0

5-38 Walsall Kipping 3 v West Mids Municipal 3

S Beasley	½	L Collier	½
J Payton	0	K Jewsbury	1
P Jones	0	M Tallis	1
M Savin	½	J Lunn	½
A Shrimpton	1	H Hughes	def
B Davies	1	K Wise	def

5-39 Tamworth 0 v South Birmingham 6

P Clarke	0	R Glass	1
R Adams	0	G Walker	1
J Palmer	0	R Hardy	1
P Wraight	0	D Stockhall	1
E Golightly	0	S Evans	1
R Smith	0	L Ball	1

5-42 St James 6 v West Mids Police Def**Division 6****6-32 Redditch 3½ v Olton 2½**

J Cole	½	D Stockwin	½
G Stanton	1	A Goldwater	0
R Turner	0	P Apostolopoulos	1
M Clack	1	P Simpson	0
G Jackson	1	B Garner	0
J Holmberg	0	J Clulee	1

6-34 Rushall 4 v Olton 2

P Spencer	1	R Atkin	0
K Butler	0	D Stockwin	1
P Turner	0	A Goldwater	1
S Cooksey	1	P Simpson	0
J Hennion	1	B Garner	0
M Staniforth	1	J Clulee	0

6-36 Warley Quinborne 2 v Kingstanding 4

V Ward	def	M Little	1
JB Lewis	1	P Jones	0
P Price	0	F Willits	1
A Evans	½	B Dixon	½
P Woodward	½	G Osborne	½
D Rowe	0	G Harman	1

Division 6 (continued)**6-37 Aldridge 3½ v Rushall 2½**

B Payne	0	P Turner	1
G Smith	1	S Cooksey	0
R Smith	½	K Butler	½
S Winman	½	C Perrygrove	½
G Woodward	½	J Hennion	½
A Woodward	1	C Wilcox	def

6-39 Redditch 5 v Mercia 1

S Spurgeon	1	R Price	0
J Cole	½	C Lane	½
I Clack	1	R Carrier	0
R Turner	1	J Rich	0
J Holmberg	1	G Bateson	0
M Clack	½	A Brownsword	½

6-41 Rushall 3 v Warley Quinborne 3

D Bell	0	V Ward	1
R Turner	½	P Woodward	½
K Butler	½	A Evans	½
S Cooksey	1	P Price	0
C Wilcox	0	D Rowe	1
C Perrygrove	1	J Pakenham	0

Division 7**7-20 Walsall Kipp. 3 v B'ham University 'A' 3**

R Dolan	0	J Gibbs	1
P Gavin	½	S Lawrence	½
C Billings	1	A Ellis	0
D McIntosh	½	T Gough	½
P Nixon	0	R Dileepan	1
W Gordon	1	K Gibbins	0

7-30 Lady Westminster 3½ v Walsall Kipp. 2½

R Millward	1	C Billings	0
W Elliot	½	D McIntosh	½
B Steeles	1	P Gavin	0
D Price	0	P Nixon	1
G Goddard	0	S Jones	1
J Burke	1	K Moore	0

7-31 Solihull Youth 2½ v Kynoch 3½

R Anderton	0	W Morgan	1
O Anderton	0	A Rake	1
L Coxon	½	R Fowler	½
D Clarke	1	B Dawson	0
R Page	0	G Morgan	1
C Page	1	P Murphy	0

7-33 Kynoch 1½ v Lady Westminster 4½

W Morgan	0	R Millward	1
B Dawson	½	W Elliot	½
G Morgan	½	D Price	½
P Murphy	0	G Goddard	1
E Dawson	½	J Burke	½
R Fowler	def	R Trevis	1

Division 8**8-10 Kingstanding 'B' 2½ v WM Police 'B' 1½**

A Sturch	½	J Pitt	½
R Hillman	1	D Farrell	0
C Ryder	0	A Merritt	1
C Thomas	1	-	def

LEAGUE RESULTS continued**Division 8** (continued)**8-20 Kingstanding 'A' 2 v WM Police 'A' 2**

F Palfrey	0	M Jamieson	1
G Harman	1	P Withey	0
V Pike	1	J Pitt	0
T Wyre	0	L McIntosh	1

8-21 Olton 2 v Halesowen 2

B Finglass	½	J Hendrickson	½
P Apostolakopoulos	½	M Vile	½
T White	1	T Taylor	0
R White	0	J Evans	1

8-22 West Mids Police 'B' 2 v ditto 'A' Def

(2 boards were double defaults)

8-23 Olton 2 v Kingstanding 'A' 2

P Apostolakopoulos	1	F Palfrey	0
R White	0	V Pike	1
W Yeomans	0	G Harman	1
T White	1	C Thomas	0

8-24 WM Police 'B' 2½ v Kingstanding 'B' 1½

J Pitt	1	A Sturch	0
A Merritt	1	R Hillman	0
R Sullivan	½	C Ryder	½
-	def	C Thomas	1

8-25 Halesowen 2½ v West Mids Police 'B' 1½

J Hendrickson	0	D Farrell	1
M Vile	½	A Cawley	½
T Taylor	1	A Merritt	0
D Jackson	1	-	def

8-26 Wolseley 3½ v Kingstanding 'B' ½

A Siddiqi	1	A Sturch	0
P Joiner	1	R Hillman	0
T Gazee	1	C Ryder	0
K Nooney	½	C Thomas	½

Division 8 (continued)**8-27 Kingstanding 'B' 1½ v Olton 2½**

A Sturch	0	P Apostolakopoulos	1
R Hillman	0	P Singh	1
C Ryder	1	T White	0
C Thomas	½	W Yeomans	½

8-44 Olton 4 v Hotels CC Def

(Hotels has 32 registered players.)

8-53 Hotels CC 2 v West Mids Police 'A' 2

G Barron	1	M Jamieson	0
A Ruffle	1	A Cawley	0
B Dandy	def	R Sullivan	1
J Greenfield	0	F King	1

8-54 West Mids Police 'B' 1½ v Hotels CC 2½

A King	1	G Barron	0
A Merritt	½	M Taylor	½
M Knowles	0	K Larkin	1
-	def	K Newman	1

Homer Trophy**H2-01 Wolseley(4) 3 v Wolverhampton(4) 3**

(Wolseley win on board count)

P Lawrence	1	R Wilkinson	0
G Maciel	1	P Eastwood	0
EG Maciel	1	G Rosser	0
G Stepanovic	0	P Broomhall	1
T Gazee	0	P Atkiss	1
P Joiner	0	C Adams	1

H2-06 Shirley(3) 3½ v Solihull(2) 1

(score reflects Solihull's fielding of 2 ineligible players) outstanding results

J Freeman	0	A Rogerson	1
J Asbury	½	M Tarlow	½
M Warden	½	D Shurrock	½

CUP RESULTS**Terrill Trophy****Te3-02 Warley Quin.(2) 4 v Sutton C'field(3) 3½**

A Singh	1	A Kent	0
M Wildboar	1	I Storey	0
B Whitehouse	1	T Cox	0
M Fox	1	S Chevannes	0
J Pakenham	0	C Dent	1
J Fahy	0	C East	1

Te3-03 Sutton C'field(1) 3 v South B'ham(1B) 3

(Sutton win on board count)

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

Te3-04 Olton(1) 5 v Warley Quinborne(3) 4½

P Holt	1	S Smith	0
A Lloyd	1	T Delaney	0
D Gostelow	1	A Burnett	0
D Price	1	D Reeves	0
RC Reynolds	½	R Hartley	½
R Reynolds	½	G Windows	½

Barrington Trophy**B2-05 St James(5) 3½ v Walsall Kipping(7) 4**

B Allsop	1	C Billings	0
D Bott	1	D McIntosh	0
J McGrath	0	P Nixon	1
R Collett	1	K Moore	0
S Johnson	0	S Jones	1
J Lloyd	½	L Hayes	½

THE 2001 WARWICKSHIRE CHESS CONGRESSThis will take place on **Saturday & Sunday 17/18th February 2001**at **National Grid House, Kirby Corner Road, Coventry.**

There will be four sections - Open; u160; u130; and u100.

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(You will find entry forms enclosed with this bulletin.)

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I don't know where people get my name from, but from time to time I get press releases.

The latest is from Octagon Marketing, part of Octagon Worldwide (am I supposed to be impressed?) who are pleased to announce that they have won - as though there were a competition for this - rights from FIDE to capitalise on the commercial potential of chess worldwide.

The current FIDE World Champion is said to be Mr "Anan", who I though was UN Secretary General or a Giant Panda or something. But the best bit goes: - "Aidan Day, senior vice-president, Octagon Marketing ... added 'Octagon Marketing is ideally placed to unleash and harness the opportunities the sport has to offer' ".

The words "unleash" and "harness" are as near to complete opposites as makes no difference. Remember the scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz who looked in one direction, pointed in the other, and said "That way's very nice too"?