

His life, particularly after the early death of his wife in 1909, was peculiarly joyless. Almost his only recreations were playing chess, eating rice pudding and smoking cigars. - Roy Jenkins on Andrew Bonar Law.

Two out of three ain't bad. - Meatloaf

LEAGUE TABLES AT 29th JANUARY 2006

DIVISION ONE

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

DIVISION TWO

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
South Birmingham	7	4	2	1	10
Birmingham	5	4	1	0	9
Shirley & Lucas	5	4	0	1	8
Kynoch/Barn	6	3	1	2	7
Solihull	6	3	1	2	7
West Bromwich	6	2	3	1	7
Warley Quinborne	4	2	0	2	4
Wolverhampton	3	1	1	1	3
Redditch	4	1	0	3	2
Stourbridge	5	0	2	3	2
Mutual Circle	6	1	0	5	2
Halesowen	5	0	1	4	1

DIVISION THREE

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

DIVISION FOUR

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Boldmere St Michaels	8	5	1	2	11
Olton	7	5	0	2	10
B'ham Settlement	5	4	0	1	8
Mercia	5	4	0	1	8
Shirley & Lucas	7	3	0	4	6
South Birmingham	6	2	1	3	5
Lichfield	5	2	0	3	4
Walsall Kipping	5	2	0	3	4
Birmingham	3	1	1	1	3
Westminster	5	1	1	3	3
Tamworth	4	1	0	3	2
Halesowen	4	0	0	4	0

DIVISION FIVE

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

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	4	1	0	3	2
Greenlands	4	0	1	3	1

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

ADDITIONAL (LATE) REGISTRATIONS

Aldridge			
7	Woodward A	c11/1/06	
Birmingham			
4	Kingsley L	18/1/06	
Lichfield			
6	Hamlin P	5/1/06	
Mutual Circle			
5	Boynton L	9/1/06	
Sutton Coldfield			
5	Joyce J	24/1/06	

RE-REGISTRATIONS

Stourbridge			
2 to 1	Wilson J	21/12/05	
Wolseley			
7 to 5	Stepanovic G	3/1/06	

DIVISION SEVEN

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

NEW SECRETARY OF REDDITCH CC

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REARRANGED FIXTURES

1-21 Olton 'B' v Stourbridge	13/4/06
1-33 Sutton Coldfield v Lichfield 'A'	23/1/06
1-39 Bushbury v South Birmingham	15/3/06
2-19 Wolverhampton v Shirley & Lucas	31/1/06
2-50 Solihull v Warley Quinborne	12/4/06
3-28 Rushall v Solihull	6/3/06
3-34 Sutton C'field 'B' v Walsall Kipping	20/3/06
3-39 Solihull v South Birmingham	12/4/06
3-57 Greenlands v Rushall	28/3/06
4-28 Shirley & Lucas v Lichfield	6/2/06
4-29 B'ham Settlement v Tamworth	6/2/06
4-46 Walsall Kipping v Westminster	6/4/06
5-36 Redditch v Mercia	21/2/06
5-54 Sutton Coldfield v Halesowen	13/2/06
5-57 Bushbury v Redditch	15/2/06
7-44 WM Police v B'ham Settlement	14/2/06
7-69 WM Police v Boldmere 'B'	21/2/06

FLOGGING A DEAD HORSE (OR KNIGHT)

I am indebted to Paul Hardstaff of West Midlands Police for the following. For devotees of Flog It and similar programmes there will apparently be an "inaugural chess sale" on 21st February 2006 at Bonhams auction rooms in Knowle, Solihull. Catalogues should be available about ten days prior to the sale date.

The firm's website is www.bonhams.com and the telephone number is 01 564 776 151.

I may enter some of my old Division 10 scoresheets from 1982-83. Very collectable.

CUP RESULTS

Terrill Trophy**Te3-01 Olton(1A) 3½ v West Bromwich(2) 5**

P Holt	½	N Walker	½
A Lloyd	1	J Crump	0
D Price	½	M Smith	½
R Reynolds	½	K Barnett	½
RC Reynolds	0	D Davies	1
M Cundy	1	M Uddin	0

Te3-02 South B'ham(3A) 4½ v Halesowen(2) 3

S Williams	1	A Ambrose	0
C Boivin	½	W Peck	½
P Swatridge	0	Dale Jackson	1
S Evans	0	G Wyle	1
C Pitt	½	J Bingham	½
D Lee	1	R Beasley	0

Te3-03 Stourbridge(2) 3½ v Tamworth(1) 5

J Foxall	½	P Briggs	½
E Horwill	0	K Hern	1
D Scriven	0	T Bould	1
S Jukes	0	S Kimberley	1
R Evans	½	M Kimberley	½
M Podlesak	0	P Oliver	1

Te3-04 Handsworth W(3) 3½ v Sutton C(3B) 2½

S Edwards	0	D Gardiner	1
A Lake	½	A Kent	½
R Neale	1	J Hider	0
P Loach	1	T Burgess	0
S Fryer	½	C East	½
GM Gee	½	P Thompson	½

Te3-05 South B'ham(1A) 1½ v Lichfield(1A) 4½

M Smyth	0	P Wallace	1
D Dunn	1	M Staples	0
D Malik	0	P Collins	1
K Malik	0	J Keaveney	1
R Hardy	½	J Smith	½
P Hodgskin	0	M Maher	1

Te3-06 B'ham Settlement(4) 5 v Mercia(4) 1

L Collier	1	M Share	0
L Hylands	1	D Perks	0
M Tallis	1	J Phillips	0
A Draper	½	K Francis	½
J Lunn	½	BR Smith	½
A McKeown	1	D Webb	0

Te3-07 Walsall Kipp.(3) 4 v Kynoch/Barn(2) 3½

D Whitmore	½	P Webster	½
W Rea	0	K Ingram	1
C Pohribnyj	0	N Roberts	1
J Payton	0	A Hickey	1
M Groombridge	1	R Burton	0
D Friend	1	D Mitchell	0

Te3-08 Warley Q.(3) 2 v South B'ham(2) 5½

A Moxley	0	P Padilla	1
P Bull	½	G Ali	½
W Rawlings	0	G Hope	1
S Moxley	0	N Clarke	1
A Hussain	0	R Glass	1
P Woodward	0	T Walker	1

Townshend Trophy**To3-01 Wolverhampton(5) 4½ v Redditch(5) 1½**

G Rosser	0	M Clack	1
M Wootton	1	D Dixon	def
J Fox	1	P Wood	def
P Broomhall	1	R Trinder	0
K Jones	1	J Bowen	def
C Haughton	½	J Holmberg	½

Apparently 3 of the opposition turned up at 8.50pm, which shows determination at least. It would seem to be as difficult to find your way out of Redditch as to find your way into it.

To3-02 Halesowen(5) 2½ v Westminster(7B) 5

F Freshwater	0	R Leaper	1
M Borley	0	D Cooper	1
J Hendrickson	0	W Elliott	1
A Taylor	½	G Goddard	½
N Heywood	1	D Littlehales	0
R Beasley	1	P Abram	0

To3-03 Kynoch/Barn(7A) 6½ v Warley Q(6) Def

W Morgan	1	J Rourke	0
A Rake	0	S Black	1
B Dawson	0	J Pakenham	1
G Morgan	0	A Evans	1
P Murphy	½	JB Lewis	½
A Bolton	1	-	def

This went to the Rules Committee who upheld a complaint from Kynoch about the WQ board order.

To3-04 Wolseley(5) 4½ v Northfield Ch.(6) 2

G Maciel	½	P Maddocks	½
M Chowdhury	1	M Rees	0
P Lawrence	½	P Hodgkinson	½
P Sherman	1	S Bowen	0
E Maciel	1	A Parkinson	0
A Siddiqi	½	B Astbury	½

Homer Plate

There is one 1st round match result outstanding: -

H1-04 South B'ham(4) 3 v Sutton C'fld.(3A) 3½

D Gilchrist	1	M Soszynski	0
M Loat	0	L Hayden	1
T Tidman	½	G Windows	½
F Dickson	0	I Dhesi	1
L Emanuel	0	R Lawrence	1
P Emanuel	1	R Tricker	0

H2-01 Boldmere StM(3) 3½ v Warley Quin.(2) 4

K Thomas	½	D Reeves	½
A Wilson	½	J Fahy	½
R Mitchell	0	J Hadi	1
M Biddle	½	J Turner	½
D Brelsforth	0	A Burnett	1
R Tuckey	½	J Pakenham	½

H2-02 Boldmere StM(4) 4 v Halesowen(4) 2

M Phipps	1	D Curry	0
J Lakin	1	J Curry	0
M Harrington	½	Darren Jackson	½
P Jones	½	M Clark	½
B Dixon	½	M Linnes	½
E Goodby	½	A Taylor	½

Homer Plate continued**H2-03 Walsall Kipp.(4) 4 v Shirley & Lucas(4) 2**

R Wilkinson	0	K Warren	1
N Young	½	P McGuirk	½
P Jones	½	K Gilbert	½
B Davies	1	M Warden	0
M Savin	1	R Healey	0
Mrs D Anderton	1	B Knee	0

H2-04 Olton(4) 5 v Sutton Coldfield(3A) ½

A Cottom	½	M Soszynski	½
K Allen	½	L Hayden	½
R Liszewski	½	G Windows	½
D Brown	1	I Dhesi	0
J Llewelyn	1	R Lawrence	0
D Stockwin	1	H Stephanyan *	0

* Ineligible - 1pt deduction

Barrington Plate**B1-02 West Mids Police(7) 2½ v Olton(6) 3**

outstanding result			
H Quail	1	J Gillespie	0

B2-01 Halesowen(7) ½ v Shirley & Lucas(6) 5

R Beasley *	½	A Walker	½
B Anwyl	0	G Csepregi	1
J Taylor	0	N Foster	1
J Evans	0	B Knee	1
C Martin	0	G Phillips	1
D Martin	1	A Johnson	0

* Ineligible - had already played in To3-02. Loss of board and a further 1 point deduction.

B2-02 West Mids Police(5) 4 v Walsall K.(5) 2

P Hardstaff	0	Mrs D Anderton	1
M Cooper	1	A Shrimpton	0
R Holman	1	P Nixon	0
H Quail	1	C Billings	0
B Phillips	½	K Moore	½
M Hathaway	½	S Jones	½

B2-03 Lichfield(6) 6 v South Birmingham(7) Def**B2-04 Olton(6) 3 v B'ham Settlement(7) 3½**

J Gillespie	1	R Bricknell	0
P Singh	0	K Langston	1
P Simpson	0	A Johnston	1
J Clulee	0	R Campbell	1
B Garner	1	J Sidwell	0
W Yeomans	1	R Balogun	0

LEAGUE RESULTS**Division 1****1-22 Stourbridge 2 v South Birmingham 'B' 4**

J Fallowfield	½	M Smyth	½
M Bissell	0	D Dunn	1
N Fallowfield	1	T Lane	0
I Howarth	0	T Walker	1
B Dudley	½	R Glass	½
J Wilson	0	D Lee	1

1-23 Lichfield 'B' 1 v Walsall Kipping 5

R Farmery	½	D Wheeler	½
A Grant	0	J Bellin	1
B Homewood	½	M Wheeler	½
J Marriott	0	D Pritchard	1
M Cooper	0	W Rea	1
D Short	0	M Groombridge	1

1-29 Halesowen 2½ v Olton 'A' 3½

S Fishburne	½	P Holt	½
R Thomas	1	D Gostelow	0
M Bethel	1	D Price	0
R Grimes	0	T Holt	1
M Hadley	0	M Cundy	1
W Peck	0	R Wallman	1

1-31 Warley Quinborne 4½ v Olton 'B' 1½

M Wildboar	1	R Reynolds	0
A Southall	1	RC Reynolds	0
C Gordon	1	D Cheshire	0
M Doran	½	R Wallman	½
B Whitehouse	0	J McDonald	1
S Smith	1	R Liszewski	0

1-34 Olton 'A' 4½ v Warley Quinborne 1½

P Holt	1	M Wildboar	0
A Lloyd	1	C Gordon	0
D Gostelow	1	M Doran	0
D Price	½	B Whitehouse	½
T Holt	0	A Singh	1
M Cundy	1	S Smith	0

1-35 Tamworth 3 v South Birmingham 'A' 3

P Briggs	0	J Pitcher	1
R Allen	0	D Dunn	1
K Hern	1	T Lane	0
T Bould	½	R Hardy	½
J Hoddy	½	N Clarke	½
S Kimberley	1	-	def

1-36 Stourbridge 2 v Tamworth 4

J Fallowfield	½	P Briggs	½
N Fallowfield	½	R Allen	½
M Bissell	½	K Hern	½
I Howarth	0	T Bould	1
J Foxall	½	J Hoddy	½
J Wilson	0	S Kimberley	1

1-40 Lichfield 'A' 3½ v Warley Quinborne 2½

P Wallace	1	M Wildboar	0
P Collins	½	C Gordon	½
J Keaveney	½	B Whitehouse	½
J Smith	½	M Doran	½
R Farmery	½	S Smith	½
A Mieleniewski	½	J Fahy	½

Division 1 continued**1-41 Olton 'B' 2½ v South Birmingham 'B' 3½**

R Reynolds	½	M Smyth	½
RC Reynolds	½	D Dunn	½
D Cheshire	½	T Lane	½
R Wallman	1	G Ali	def
J McDonald	0	G Hope	1
D Stockwin	0	N Clarke	1

Division 2**2-26 Redditch 2 v Warley Quinborne 4**

T Robinson	1	D Reeves	0
J Heath	½	J Fahy	½
G Stanton	0	J Hadi	1
G Jackson	0	J Turner	1
M Clack	0	A Burnett	1
I Clack	½	P Bull	½

2-33 South Birmingham 3½ v Shirley & Luc. 2½

G Ali	0	D Mason	1
P Padilla	1	T Huxtable	0
G Hope	½	D Thomas	½
N Clarke	½	R Purcell	½
R Glass	1	R Walker	0
T Walker	½	S Briggs	½

2-34 West Bromwich 3 v Halesowen 3

N Walker	1	A Ambrose	0
J Crump	½	W Peck	½
M Smith	½	Dale Jackson	½
D Davies	½	G Wyle	½
D Backhouse	½	J Bingham	½
M Uddin	0	J Curry	1

2-36 Shirley & Lucas 5½ v Mutual Circle ½

D Mason	1	C Evans	0
I Galloway	1	P Boynton	0
D Thomas	1	M Walker	0
R Walker	1	L Lewis	0
S Briggs	½	M Paffard	½
G Christie	1	J Homer	0

2-37 Kynoch/Barn 6 v Redditch Def**Division 3****3-19 Warley Quinborne 2 v Sutton C'field 'B' 4**

A Moxley	0	D Gardiner	1
P Bull	½	A Kent	½
W Rawlings	½	T Burgess	½
S Moxley	0	J Hider	1
C Nixon	½	C East	½
A Hussain	½	P Thompson	½

3-33 Walsall Kipping 2 v Sutton Coldfield 'A' 4

D Whitmore	0	M Soszynski	1
M Groombridge	½	L Hayden	½
R Jones	½	I Dhési	½
S Beasley	½	I Storey	½
D Friend	½	T Burgess	½
R Wilkinson	0	C East	1

Division 3 continued**3-41 South Birmingham 'A' 4 v Solihull 2**

S Williams	0	F Collins	1
P Swatridge	½	D Shurrock	½
S Evans	1	G Howard	0
C Boivin	½	O Anderton	½
C Pitt	1	R Anderton	0
S Ralph	1	D Horsley	0

3-42 Rushall 2½ v Sutton Coldfield 'B' 3½

R Westwood	1	D Gardiner	0
M/s C Wilcox	0	A Kent	1
T Owen	½	J Hider	½
S Harris	0	C East	1
R Hancox	1	P Thompson	0
R Daniels	0	H Stephanyan	1

3-44 Shirley & Lucas 4½ v Warley Quinborne 1½

R Purcell	½	A Moxley	½
J Freeman	½	P Bull	½
E Ward	1	W Rawlings	0
G Christie	1	S Moxley	0
J Asbury	1	C Nixon	0
F Jimenez	½	A Hussain	½

3-46 Handsworth Wood Def v Rushall 6**Division 4****4-33 South Birmingham 3 v Westminster 3**

D Gilchrist	def	R Millward	1
T Tidman	½	B Steeles	½
F Dickson	1	D Nicolle	0
L Emanuel	def	S Phillips	1
P Emanuel	½	J Burke	½
I Davis	1	R Trevis	0

4-37 Tamworth 2½ v Olton 3½

D Makepeace	½	A Cottom	½
D Prentice	½	K Allen	½
L Guffick	0	R Liszewski	1
B Cunningham	½	D Brown	½
E Golightly	1	J Llewelyn	0
A Smith	0	D Stockwin	1

Division 5**5-26 Halesowen 1½ v Mutual Circle 4½**

F Freshwater	0	Saket Singhal	1
M Borley	0	P Wells	1
A Taylor	½	J Homer	½
N Heywood	0	S Robinson	1
J Evans	0	T Hussain	1
J Taylor	1	-	def

5-33 Sutton Coldfield 3 v Boldmere St Mich. 3

D Green	½	R Tuckey	½
J Wassell	½	M Little	½
S Gardiner	1	A Johnson	0
R Brodie	1	S Wood	0
D Tunks	def	T Wyer	1
-	def	F Palfrey	1

Sutton Coldfield - late beer mat. (In-joke)

LEAGUE RESULTS continued**Division 5** continued**5-37 B'ham Settlement 3½ v W.M. Police 2½**

R Gough	1	P Hardstaff	0
C Griffin	0	M Cooper	1
L Johnson	1	R Holman	0
K Wise	1	A Rickhuss	0
R Campbell	½	H Quail	½
-	def	M Hathaway	1

5-38 Boldmere St Michaels 1 v Wolseley 5

R Tuckey	0	G Maciel	1
M Little	0	M Chowdhury	1
G Harman	0	P Lawrence	1
A Johnson	½	P Sherman	½
S Wood	0	E Maciel	1
T Wyer	½	G Stepanovic	½

5-39 Halesowen 2 v Wolseley 4

F Freshwater	½	G Maciel	½
M Borley	½	P Lawrence	½
A Taylor	½	P Sherman	½
R Beasley	½	E Maciel	½
D Martin	0	A Siddiqi	1
C Martin	0	G Stepanovic	1

5-40 Mercia 2 v Birmingham Settlement 4

D Worthington	1	R Gough	0
J Rich	½	C Griffin	½
C Bateson	0	L Johnson	1
C Lane	½	K Wise	½
A Brownsword	0	G McKeown	1
L Scarrott	0	R Campbell	1

5-42 Bushbury 4 v Sutton Coldfield 2

A Schroeder	0	D Green	1
R Brodie	½	A Tunks	½
T Collabella	½	R Brodie	½
D Molineux	1	J Wassell	0
FT Burgess	1	M Edwards	0
D Buckley	1	D Tunks	0

Division 6**6-07 Greenlands 1½ v Olton 4½**

D Bott	½	J Gillespie	½
R Collett	0	T Collings	1
S Johnson	1	J Clulee	0
J Lloyd	0	B Garner	1
M Brewer	0	Stuart Bradley	1
D Beckett	def	W Yeomans	1

6-21 Olton 3 v Warley Quinborne 3

J Gillespie	½	S Black	½
P Singh	1	P Woodward	0
P Simpson	0	J Pakenham	1
J Clulee	½	J Rourke	½
B Garner	1	V Ward	0
W Yeomans	0	JB Lewis	1

6-22 Shirley & Lucas 3 v Northfield Check. 3

A Walker	0	P Maddocks	1
G Csepregi	1	M Rees	0
N Foster	1	P Hodgkinson	0
B Knee	1	L Wilmott	0
H Hemmings	0	S Bowen	1
-	def	A Parkinson	1

6-23 Warley Quinborne 5 v Lichfield 1

S Black	½	Y Slobodynk	½
J Pakenham	½	C Brown	½
J Rourke	1	I McLaughlin	0
P Woodward	1	S Smitton	0
A Evans	1	S Andrews	0
JB Lewis	1	R Smith	0

6-25 Northfield Checkmates 4½ v Olton 1½

P Maddocks	1	J Gillespie	0
M Rees	½	T Collings	½
P Hodgkinson	1	J Clulee	0
L Wilmott	1	B Garner	0
A Parkinson	0	Stuart Bradley	1
S Bowen	1	W Yeomans	0

Division 7**7-32 Wolseley 3½ v Aldridge ½**

G Bates	½	L Andrews	½
A Siddiqi	1	S Winman	0
P Joiner	1	G Woodward	0
K Nooney	1	G Smith	def

7-33 West Mids Police 3½ v Halesowen ½

H Quail	1	R Beasley	0
B Phillips	½	B Anwyl	½
A Merritt	1	J Evans	0
R Sullivan	1	D Martin	0

7-35 Birmingham Settlement 3 v Wolseley 1

R Bricknell	1	A Siddiqi	0
K Langston	1	T Gazee	0
R Campbell	1	K Nooney	0
J Sidwell	0	P Spencer	1

7-36 Halesowen 0 v Westminster 'B' 4

R Beasley	0	R Leaper	1
J Taylor	0	W Elliot	1
J Evans	0	D Cooper	1
D Martin	0	D Littlehales	1

7-38 South B'ham 1 v B'ham Settlement 3

G Perks	0	R Bricknell	1
I Davis	0	K Langston	1
P Johnson	1	A Johnston	0
A Williams	0	R Campbell	1

7-40 Boldmere SM 'A' 3 v Kynoch/Barn 'B' 1

T Wyer	1	P Murphy	0
R Taylor	1	D Hill	0
A Sturch	0	E Dawson	1
L Bennett	1	A Bolton	0

7-74 Boldmere SM 'B' ½ v Kynoch/Barn 'A' 3½

F Palfrey	0	W Morgan	1
G Osborne	½	A Rake	½
R Hillman	0	B Dawson	1
M Carrington	0	G Morgan	1

Report by Mike Biddle of the Rules Committee meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2005 at South Birmingham CC**4-04 South Birmingham v Boldmere St. Michaels**

At an adjournment to the above match the Boldmere player, Eric Goodby, claimed the game on the basis that his opponent, Luke Emanuel, had written his move down before playing it, contrary to FIDE Article 8.1 adopted by the BDCL at the Management Committee meeting at the end of August 2005.

South Birmingham did not dispute that the move was written down by their player before being played but objected that no warning had been issued. Mr Goodby stated that he had claimed the game according to the rule but had only done so when his opponent referred to the move after writing it down first.

The committee find that since the fact that Luke Emanuel wrote his move down before playing it, in contravention of Article 8.1 of the Laws of Chess, is admitted, they have no option but to uphold the claim by Mr. Goodby. We note in particular that Luke referred to his written move again before making it. We also feel that South Birmingham have failed in their responsibility to ensure that their players were sufficiently aware of the Laws of Chess, particularly since it was known that this player was likely to breach Article 8.1. We feel that - since it is a recent change - it might have been polite for a player to warn his opponent of a breach of this law, but this is not something which the committee can require or enforce. We are also concerned about the number of people who got involved in this dispute unnecessarily.

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In the above match Olton disputed the board order of the Sutton team stating that they felt that Mark Addis (150) should have been placed below Sola Folyan (163).

They also complained about the conditions offered at the club room. Amongst a variety of complaints were - noise from a heating boiler, Sutton club members talking very loudly at times, discussion about quiz questions and answers and a non-match player's mobile phone ringing on two occasions.

The Sutton representative explained that the players in question were played in order of strength and they were always in the same order in the team. The boiler on the night of the match did produce some unusual noises and they had asked the club Steward to turn it off, which he did. Sutton did not dispute the fact that some players were perhaps talking too loudly and that a mobile phone rang. Sutton have asked their players in future to use their phones in the lobby outside the club room.

The committee finds that Sutton Coldfield's explanation of their board order is acceptable. Olton's concern about the boiler's noise is noted but was beyond the club's control and, we understand, was an unusual occurrence; the matter was brought to the attention of the club Steward. The committee is also concerned that Sutton do not take adequate steps to ensure members not playing in matches avoid disturbing those who are involved with their conversation and mobile phones.

The committee warns Sutton Coldfield as to their future conduct and draws their attention to Rule 19.5.

We wish to bring to the attention of all clubs that Article 12.2 (b) of the Laws of Chess applies to ALL members of a club and not just those participating in matches. Contravention of this rule in the future may lead to sanctions being imposed by the Rules Committee.