

THE B.C.F. GRADING LISTS FOR 1972

1. The B.C.F. National List is this year presented in a new form which enables it to be fitted in with the International Ranking List (IRL). There is no change at all in the system or in the numbering, and the performance figures are those for the year to 30th. April 1972, except in those cases, marked with an asterisk, in which the player played more than 10 but less than 30 games in the year, in which the number is made up to 30 by performances from the previous year.

2. The system of grades (1a, 1b, ...) which was adopted at the start of the B.C.F. grading system in 1953 has been abandoned, and the List is presented in numbers only. The B.C.F. numbers may be converted into the IRL numbers, and vice versa, by the internationally agreed formula:-

$$\text{IRL} = 8 \text{ BCF} + 600$$

This conversion is approximate and is used primarily for estimating a starting grade in the IRL system for B.C.F. players and for assessing foreign players in British events for the BCF system. Once a player has acquired a record in the IRL system, that system assesses his results without reference to his continuing record in the BCF system. There are two major differences between the BCF and Elo system on which the IRL is based; i.e.

(i) The BCF system records performances over one year (or two in exceptional cases, see above), whereas the IRL is a continuous one, with players' ratings changing according to the performance in each tournament.

(ii) The BCF system includes all serious play, whereas the IRL includes only selected events.

So the translation is not a matter of fact, like the conversion of inches into centimetres, but a reasonable approximation for practical purposes.

3. The National List is set out in three sections. The first, down to 225 (IRL 2400), includes those who, if they established themselves at this level and performed in the relevant qualifying events, might hope to get the FIDE International Master (IM) title in due course. The second, from 224 to 216 (IRL 2325) includes those who might get the revised British Master (BM) title if they maintained this performance. The third, from 215 to 207 (IRL 2250) are those who could become eligible for inclusion in the IRL if they maintained this performance. These sections of the National List are thus for the first time brought into an approximate relationship to international standards. Formerly, the National List went down to 209: now it goes down to 207.

4. There are 59 names on the National List. The number at 209 and over is 45, compared with 43 last year and 39 in 1970; and the number at 216 and over is 24, compared with 20 last year. It seems reasonable to hope, therefore, that the changes made in recent years have removed the deflationary tendencies that have appeared in the List from time to time.

5. At the top of the list, the performances of W.R. Hartston, R.D. Keene, and G.S. Botterill have been very much the same, with R.G. Wade close behind, and a very good improvement by A.H. Williams. A.J. Whiteley's performance has recovered from last year's set-back. In the second section, J.L. Moles (Oxford University and Northern Ireland), J.J. Carleton (Birmingham Nomads and Prescott), and A.J. Miles (Birmingham) have made remarkable advances. Similar advances have been made by J.D.M. Nunn (Oxford University), P. Waters (Barnstaple), and A. Kanamori (Cambridge University).
6. The qualification for the British Master (BM) title has been revised to fit in with the international title system. It will now be given to anyone of British nationality who establishes himself at 216 or higher (or gets an FIDE title). It will continue to be a lifetime title. The qualification is for performances in the previous six lists (i.e. on this occasion, the 1967-1972 lists), and will require either 225 or over in two lists, or 225 or over in one list and 216-224 in two lists or 216-224 in four lists. The British IM's are Alexander, Fairhurst, Golombek, Keene, Kottbauer, Levy, Penrose, and Wade. The BM's before the revision were Aitken, Barden, Berger, Broadbent, Clarke, Franklin, Fuller J.A., Horne, Littlewood J.E., and Milner-Barry. In revising the qualification in March, the B.C.F. Executive awarded the title on the new basis to Basman, Botterill, Hartston, Hollis, Lee, and Whiteley.
7. The Candidate Master (CM) title will now have the following criteria:- either one appearance in the list at 225 or over, or two consecutive appearances at 216 or over, or two performances evaluated at 230 in tournaments of 9 or more rounds. This also is a lifetime title. The holders before the revision were Markland, Corden, Haygarth, Wright D., Hindle, and Littlewood N.. The title was awarded this year to B.Cafferty on the old rules, and to V.W. Knox and to S. Webb on the new rules. A.H. Williams, and S. Saverymuttu qualify on performances in the 1972 list.

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 Bellin, R.S. (S :213) 216
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 X MacGrillen, H. (S :209) 216
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 Horner, J. (N :211) 215
 Knox, V.W. (CM:214) 215
 Nunn, J.D.M. (S :202) 215
 Perkins, A.H. (N&S:213) 215
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 Kanamori, A. (S :190) * 207
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IM, International Master; BM, British Master; CM, Candidate Master;
 M, M.C.C.U.; N, N.C.C.U.; S, S.C.C.U.; W, W.E.C.U.

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206 (4)

X Hilton, C.G. (N; Bury, Manchester: -)
 Ludgate, A.T. (N&S; Manchester, Bucks: 203)
 Rothbart, B.M. (S; Cambridge Univ.:205)
 Veauce, L.De (N&S; Manchester, Surrey: 196)

205 (8)

Crombleholme, A. (S; Oxford Univ.:192)
 Green, B.N. (S; Cavendish: 204)
 Lemon, R.C. (S; Mushrooms: 208)
 X Patterson, N.J. (S; Cambridge Univ., Belfast: 212)
 Pritchard, D.B. (S; Hampstead: 208)
 Sales, K.D. (S; Ilford: 202)
 Speelman, J.S. (S; Hampstead: 201)
 Webb, R. (S; Cambridge Univ.: 192)

204 (8)

Bennett, G.H. (S; Bournemouth, Waltham Forest: 205)
 Burton, G.P. (S; Oxford Univ.: 197)
 Griffiths, P.C. (M; Solihull: 205)
 Hall, R.V.M. (N; Bradford, Teesside: 192)
 James, G.H. (S; Brighton: 204)
 Jones, I.C. (Wales; Llandyssul: 205)
 Lemoir, D. (S&W; Mushrooms, Patchway: 198)
 Wickens, T.S. (S; Cavendish: 201)

203 (8)

Burton, C.G. (M; Hereford: 196)
 Conroy, M.J. (N; Burnley, Bolton: 199)
 Edwards, L.A. (M; Braunstone: 192)
 Holmes, R.De L. (S; Mitcham: 207)
 Lexton, M. (Wales; Swansea: 194)
 Robbins, T.W. (S; Cambridge Univ.: 204)
 Strauss, D.J. (S; Sussex Univ.: 183)
 Thomas, A.R.B. (W; Tiverton: -)

202 (7)

Evans, C. (S; Kent Univ. ex New Zealand: 208)
 Fleury, M. (M&S; Oxford Univ., Staffs: 190)
 Johannes, R.L. (S; Oxford Univ.: 198)
 Milner-Barry, R.S. (S; Civil Service: 204)
 Sugden, J.N. (S; Cambridge Univ.: 204)
 Toothill, J. (N; Bradford, Windermere: 202)
 Vickery, J.E. (N&S; Reading, Sheffield Univ.: 176)

201 (9)

Anderton, D.W. (M; W'ton Kipping: 203)
 Beach, R.A. (M; Electra, Stoke: 198)
 Bernegger, A. (S; Mitcham, YMCA: -)
 Burstow, J.A. (S; Athenaeum: 198)
 Hempson, P.W. (S; Cavendish: 194)
 Lee, G.D. (S; London Univ.: 189)
 O'Dell, J.E. (S; Mitcham: 198)
 Radoicic, M. (S; Middlesex: 210)
 Stephenson, F.N. (N; Middlesbrough: 208)

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Blackstock, L.S. (S; Oxford Univ.: 209)
 Blaine, M. (S; Hampstead: 189)
 Bulford, M.J. (S; Islington, Mushrooms: 196)
 Hammond, N.G. (S; Richmond: 197)
 Lees, D. (N; South Manchester: 197)
 McFarland, R.S. (M; Nuneaton: 202)
 May, A.K. (S; Richmond: 191)
 Meade, P.J. (W; Cheltenham: 186)
 Oliff, K.M. (S; Ilford: 192)
 Sherman, D. (S; Waltham Forest: 206)
 Trangmar, A.G. (S; Cambridge Univ.: 196)
 Weeramantry, S. (S; Waltham Forest, Southampton Univ.: 202)
 Wills, M.W. (S; YMCA : 198)

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Gait, P.D. (S&W; Battersea, Bristol Univ.: 206)
 Haigh, G.T. (S&Wales; Oxford Univ., Cwmbran: 199)
 X Henry, P.G. (S; Cambridge Univ., Belfast: 192)
 Hopewell, B. (M; Electra, Stoke: 201)
 Learner, Dr.A. (S; Hastings: 198)
 O'Kelly, R.M.R. (S; Cambridge Univ.: 203)
 Pelling, T.W. (S; Mushrooms: 187)
 Prizant, A.H. (S; Sutton & Cheam: 195)
 Reubin, S. (S; Islington: 195)
 Rogers, D.J. (S; Acton: 194)
 Walker, A.W. (M; Nottingham Univ.: 193)
 Wolstenholme, J. (N; Manchester: 185)
 Wood, B.H. (M; Sutton Coldfield: 199)

198 (11)

Bailey, R. (N&S; Hoylake, Cambridge Univ.: 203)

Brameld, A.F. (S; Fareham: -)
 Burnett, L.P. (S&W; Weston-S-M, Essex Univ.: 197)
 Doubleday, W. (N; Sheffield Univ.: 183)
 Harman, R.F.A. (S; Cavendish: 193)
 Hollis, G.A. (S; Cavendish: 196)
 Kalton, N.J. (Wales; Swansea Univ.: 198)
 Linnell, P.A. (N&S; East Cheshire, Cambridge Univ.: 191)
 Sommerville, J.F. (S; Lewisham: 196)
 Walton, J.S. (S; Athenaeum: 205)
 Wise, D.M. (W; Downend & Fishponds: 206)

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Barnard, C.S. (M; Electra, Stoke: 187)
 Brigden, M.E. (W; Bristol & Clifton, Downend & Fishponds: 194)
 Brown, P.A.J. (S; Stevenage: 193)
 Dickson, G.A. (S; Metropolitan: -)
 Hoad, P.C. (N; Liverpool: 197)
 Lamb, H. (N; Bolton: 199)
 O'Hara, M.J. (N; Bolton: 186)
 Wallis, P.N. (M; Leicester: 202)

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Adams, J.B. (S; Central YMCA: 194)
 Atkinson, J.W. (N; Hull: 198)
 Cooke, J.R. (S; Ilford: 190)
 James, D.J. (S&Wales; London Univ., Cwmbran: 180)
 Jones, B.A. (N; Sheffield YMCA: 189)
 McDonald, A.T. (S; Islington: -)
 Maher, Dr.T.V. (N; Manchester: 197)
 Naylor, J.W. (S; Richmond: 182)
 Smith, M.A. (N; Bolton, Sheffield Univ.: 197)
 Thompson, M.W.J. (S; Woolston: -)
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Berry, S. (N; Hull: -)
 Cooper, A.C. (S; Cambridge Univ.: 190)
 Doye, P.C. (S; Metropolitan: 194)
 Ellis, D. (S; Richmond: 176)
 Farrand, J.T. (N; East Cheshire: 200)
 Linton, W.A. (S; Mushrooms: 196)
 Pascoe, J.T. (S; Ilford: 175)
 Sheppard, C.C.W. (M&S; S.Birmingham, Sussex Univ.: 199)
 Swift, A.K. (S; Lewisham: 186)

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Bracher, A.R. (S; Richmond: 190)
 Byway, P.V. (S; Hilltop: 199)
 Chapman, T.P.D. (S; St. Josephs Coll.: 183)
 Emsley, J.S. (S; Cable & Wireless: 191)
 Hayes, G.M. (S; Athenaeum: 196)
 Hutchinson, N.A. (S; Leigh Park: 188)
 Israel, H. (S; Hampstead: 191)
 Kooiman, B. (S; Croydon: -)
 Oliver, N.R. (S; Lewisham: 188)
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Shaw, C.J. (S; Cambridge Univ.: 174)
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 Wade, P.V. (S; Wimbledon: 197)
 Weinhold, K.M. (S; Cable & Wireless:
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 Winsor, W.A. (S; Hastings: 193)

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Adams, D. (N; York: 205)
 Adaway, W.G.L. (S; Slough: 203)
 Aitken, Dr.J.M. (BM; Cheltenham: 193)
 Argyris, N.J. (S; Mitcham: 196)
 Barker, R.J. (S; Paymaster General: 193)
 Beach, T.J. (N; Waterloo: 191)
 Howley, R.W. (M&N; Loughborough, Bury:
 195)
 Neat, K.P. (N; Sunderland: 196)
 Smith, B.R. (S; Wanstead: 199)
 Stockwell, R.J. (S; Post Office: 187)
 Thrower, S. (N&S; Leeds Univ., Bucks:
 190)
 Westra, R.D. (N; Hull: 188)
 Wheeler, J.F. (S; Surrey: 195)
 Wise, T.H. (N; Middlesbrough: 193)
 Young, D.H. (S; Maidstone: 186)

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Binks, M.E. (W; Downend & Fishponds:
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 Fertoszegi, R.A. (S; Metropolitan: 203)
 Graf, R.E. (M; Highcross, Leics.: -)
 Katz, G. (S; Athenaeum: 192)
 Staples, M.J. (S&W; London Univ.,
 Bridgewater: 191)
 Stebbings, A.J. (S; Southampton Univ.:
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Beaty, J.H. (N; Doncaster: 187)
 Briggs, J.N. (S; Wimbledon: -)
 Harris, G.F. (M; Stourbridge: 190)
 Hughes, B.H. (N; Wallasey: 190)
 Hyett, D.A. (S; London Univ.: 195)
 Lennox, C.J. (S; Cambridge Univ.: 170)
 Mann, R.H.K. (W; Parkstone: 189)
 Philpott, A. (S; Bognor Regis: 185)
 Prescott, L.W. (S; Wanstead: 187)
 Sutton, A.J. (M; Warboys, Hunts.: 190)
 Thornton, J.D. (S&Wales; Sussex Univ.:
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 Tinworth, F.E. (S; Metropolitan: 172)
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Ashby, A.C. (S; Battersea: 190)
 Cannon, L.J. (S; Horsham: 189)
 Donnelly, M.J. (N; St. Peters: 191)
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 Hawley, M.H. (S; West London: 191)

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Acton, P.J. (N&S; Manchester Univ.,
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Marks, L.D. (S; Croydon: 180)
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Exeter Univ.: 171)
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Parkes, T.J. (S; Alcazar: 166)
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