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Brooke victorious at Witney Congress

he 2nd Witney Congress took place over the weekend of October 18 and lover the weekend of October 18 an 19. Cokethorpe School generously sponsored the event and provided the venue free of charge. The small Open section was won by Camberley's Neil Bridge with Mark Whitehead (Rochdale) and Peter Musgrove (Swindon) taking the honours in the U180 and U145 sections.

he first games from Sochi, Russia— where Vishy Anand is battling Magnus Carlsen for the title of World Champion have probably set the pattern for the match. Anand is a theory heavyweight with a depth of openings knowledge few can

By his own admission, Carlsen is not a orkaholic. The initial encounters sugges the Norwegian will rely on surprising Anand 4.Nc3. Bb4.

by Matt Rose

in the opening and out-playing the Indian in the middle and end game rather than taking him on in critical, heavily-theoretical lines. Many amateurs successfully adopt this labour-saving approach and, in the following league game, City Club's Sean Terry gives a masterful and entertaining demonstration. White Simon Terrision (Cuntor)

masterful and entertaining demonstration.
White: Simon Terrington (Cumnor)
Black: Sean Terry (City)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6!? The Black Rnight's
Tango has the merit of surprise at least.
3.Nf3 It looks tempting to push Black's
knights around beginning with 3.d5 — but
the great American Grandmaster, Frank
Marshall, once tried this and lost in just 7
moves: 3...Ne5 4.b3 e6 5.Bb2 Bb4+ 6.Nd2? Ne4
7.Bc1 Qf6 0-1, Marshall-Torre, 1925.
3...d6!? Another surprise; usually Black
alms for a sort of Nimzo-Indian with 3...e6
4.Nc3.Bb4.

4.Nc3 Bf5!? 5.Bg5 e5!? 6.d5 Ne? 7.Nd2 a6!? 8.e4 Bd7 9.Be2 Ng6 Black has played rather eccentrically; but without compromising his position and — since I can't find a single game which has reached this position before — White would have certainly been on his own by now.

10.0-9 h6 11.Be3 Be7 12.be 0-9 13.C5 Nf4 16 Nf4 orfs 15.C6

10.0-9 flo 11.1663 B67 12.54 0-9 13.65 Nf4 14.88f4 exf4 15.cxd67 (exd6 16.Rc1 Re8 17.a3 Bf8 18.13 Nh5!? 19.Nh3 Ng3?? 20.Re1 The knight looks untouchable — but in fact 20.hxg3 fxg3 21.Qd4 defends. Even so, after the further moves 21..Qb4 22.Rfd1 Rac8, Black has excellent compensation for the place.

piece. 20...Qh4 21.Bd3?! Re5 22.hxg3 fxg3 20...Qh4 21.Hd37! Reb 22.hxg3 lxg3 23.Ne2? White cracks under the pressure. H needed to free d1 for his king so 23 Qc2 was the move. Even then, Black has such dark square dominance that he can take his time with 22. Ch4. 24 Vft Butt and receipt in with 23...Qh2+24.Kf1 Be77 and remain in

23...Qh2+ 24.Kf1 Bh3! Now there's no



How did White (to play) win qu

25.Nf4 Bxg2+l 26.Nxg2 Qh1+ 27.Ke2 Qxg2+ 28.Ke3 Qf2+! 29.Kf4 h5! 0-1



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Cover page: Main picture sees Simon King spectate the top two boards at Ducklington (Harvey – Manley and (McKenna) – Wells; and clockwise sees Antonio Sanchez – Matt Rose; Tim's arbiting milieu on Oxford Saturday mornings; the Oxford Univ Tourney (Nov 2013) and Hendrick Brackman - Karl Rajangam.

On this page, Matt's article sees the triumph of Ian Brooke (80+) at the Witney rapids, a game from myself (60-) in the OCA, and a decent combo from the youthful Joseph Truran, as well as a #putoutyourbats appearance at the Cowley Blitz.

Editorial

On the last Friday before Christmas, the editor gave to thee...

Twelve Knights a leaping 11 pawns a passing 10 kings a fleeing 9 zugs a zwanging 8 (or so) miniatures 7 rank rooks 6 quiz questions 5 golden lemons 4 knights defence 3 ½ points to Witney

2 ½ point to Oxford

And a partridge in a pear tree

full of ripe apples

And without further ado it's time to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope that you find most of the above between now and the New Year – and are on the right side of the board when it happens!

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Liviu Podgornei: errata / correction / clarification ... a letter to the Editor, even!

Liviu Podgornei writes from Germany, having tasted the joys of Disinformator online¹, and also the occasional sorrow. Some will remember him from his time in Oxford about 14 years back. He passes on some praise for the magazine, and affection for the time he spent in Oxford, but has also put his finger on some of the downsides of the mag., viz our spelling, and in particular

- (a) "My family name is PODGORNEI. In that magazine it has been spelled:
 - Podgorniu (December 2001, page 7), (May 2002, page 16)
 - Podgorni (October 2002, Page 3),
 - Liviv Tadgorni (October 2002, Page 3).
- (b) On the other hand, it was written that I was an IM: (May 2002, page 16) and (May 2002, Page 26). I have never been an IM.

On count (a) we clearly accept that we've written Liviu's name incorrectly. In mitigation we have relied on information from game scores on occasion, and there are the perils of deadline-itis. Having examined the reference to "Tadgorni" I see that this was a direct quote from Kelly Riley, and is accompanied by "[sic]", so this needs to be understood. Regarding (b) the idea in referring to Liviu as the resident Roumanian IM was simply to denote the standing in which East European chess players are held in this part of the West (viz. my mind), and indeed in the October 2002 article Chrisablanca Grice GM is referenced. I think the context in that piece suggests the liberal use of hyperbole in the attribution of titular chess strength.

I'm happy to confirm the information that Liviu has provided above.

¹ http://www.oxford4ncl.org/disinformator.htm

George Spalding writes by email: (15 October)

As a result of an incident in one of the early league games this season, this is a reminder to all team captains that they must not allow any of their team to interfere with the course of a game they are spectating by any audible remark concerning the course of that game.

For example if Smith is watching a game between his colleague Jones and opponent Bloggs, he is nor allowed to say such things as

- (1) Blogg's clock has fallen
- (2) Bloggs has left a piece en pris
- (3) It is mate in two for Jones²

These are breaches of etiquette. In the game that necessitated this e-mail, it was determined that the interference did not affect the natural course of the game. But on another day such a breach could do so, and could cost the team of the offender. Each case would have to be reviewed on its merits, but it will be far better if such interference does not recur.

OCA AGM news

Simon King writes (by email, 21 September)

Personnel

- (1) Gerard O'Reilly has accepted the invitation of the Committee to act as OCA President, a non-executive post, for the next three years
- (2) The post of OCA Treasurer is still to be filled, following the stepping down of Mike Truran in the summer. Chairman Simon King is handling the day to day running of this for now
- (3) All other officers/county captains remain in post for at least season 2013/14

League Structure/Fixtures

- (1) A divisional structure of 8-7-8-8 will operate for the coming 2014/15 season with fixtures kicking off in early October, as shown on the OCA Web Page
- (2) All else being equal, we plan to promote two teams from Div 3 and 4 at the end of 2014/15. so that the aim of getting 8 teams in Division 2 is fulfilled.
- (3) Clubs should advise the names of their Team Captains/Managers to the Secretary over the next week or two so that results can be posted on the OCA Web Page by the Captains without hiccups

Frank Wood Shield

- (1) The Frank Wood Shield competition will not start until after Christmas in 2014/15
- (2) This should give more time for Clubs to decide on the number of teams that they wish to enter. A final date of Nov 30 has been decided for this information to reach the Secretary
- (3) If possible we will make the draw for the competition at the Cowley Blitz evening in December 2014
- (4) The AGM accepted a proposal from Gerard O'Reilly (Cowley) to modify the Eligibility Rules for players in this competition. A canny mixture of tightening up the rules in some areas, and increasing the flexibility in others, the revised rules will be posted on the OCA Web Page soon. Be advised that use of an illegal player on any board will cost the offending team the match!

Best wishes for a successful 2014/15 season to all clubs and individuals

² To which Simon King has added "(4) Bloggs has forgotten to press his clock"

2014-15 OCDL Division 1: Latest Table

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Def. matches	Def. games	Penalty pts	Bonus pts	Game pt diff	Points
Witney 1	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
City 1	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	10
Didcot 1	7	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
Cowley 2	7	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	-6	6
Cowley 1	7	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	-5	6
OxUni1	7	2	1	4	0	3	0	0	-1	5
Witney 2	6	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	-1	4
Banbury 1	6	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	-9	4

As of 16 December, we are joint top with Witney 1 – see table – though probably with a bad tie break, as we lost to them during October. (No games have made it through to Disinformator™ Central since then, but rumour has it we were looking good until the end, when we lost.) Our most recent outing was against a strong Didcot 1 side, who did look better on more boards around 9.30pm. This was before Jon Manley's whirlwind mating attack which will no doubt feature in a future edition ... of the Oxford Times. This, along with 2 draws on bottom boards (Leif, John Y) and a win on 4 (myself) meant we had rescued a point. With Nick Gough converting confidently after shutting out Jason's king's bishop for long enough to force it to self-sacrifice, we turned to Phil on board 3, where things did not look good: Phil is Black, an exchange down, and has 4 minutes to Graham's 19:

He's just played ... d5 before realising that wasn't quite so good, but it does offer the option to think, and whether the d- pawn is better than the f-pawn.



McInnes – Hayward (W)

35.Rxd5 Rxf3 36.Rxb5 Rg3

Now White goes in for longish thinks, and this one produces...

37.Kd2 Rxg4 38.Rb7+ Kd6

This is now possible because as the Rg4 defends the bishop. Still hanging on ...

39.Rxa7 e5 40.Ra6+ Kd5 41.b3 f3 By now White's long pauses were beginning to equalise the time balance, and you could sense that some decision was in the air...

42.c4+ Kc5

43.Ra5+ Kc6

44.Rexe5 (bingo) Bxe5

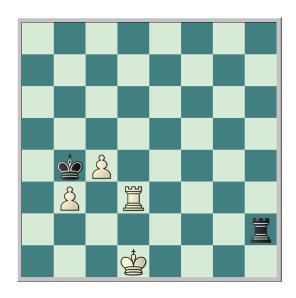
45.Rxe5 Rg2+ (draw?)

46.Ke1 Rxa2

47.Rf5 Rb2 48.Rxf3

and here there's another re-assessment to entertain the crowd (does R+2 v R win here)?

48 ...**Kc5 49**.**Kd1 Kb4 50**.**Kc1 Rh2 51**.**Rd3 Rg2 52**.**Kd1 Rh2** ½–½ ... "I can't see a plan here" said Graham.



A draw subsequently confirmed by Nalimov.

League 1 report, 2014-15

Matt being available this year has been welcome, as there are some strong No. 1s in the league at present, so a 3/3 result to Christmas is impressive – it's not easy to keep focus at the chessboard after a Monday at the office.

Two contrasting games by Matt at Cowley; in the first Gerard (**left**) could have opted to close the position (... c4) but saw something else – a combination involving a bishop pseudo sac on b4 – which doesn't quite make it through the soundness barrier. In the second, he find a neat way to win the exchange after **Antonio** doesn't play the optimum move in the diagram (that's a puzzle ... what's the best move for Black and why?!) but thereafter Antonio refuses to go meekly and forces play well into the final few minutes on both clock.



Rose – O'Reilly (B, 15)



Rose – Sanchez (B, 23)

Rose,Matt - O'Reilly,Gerard [C03]		Oca - Cowley, 06.11.2014	
1.e4 e6	8.Qe2 c5	15.Nb3 cxb4	22.Nxc1 Qc8
2.d4 d5	9.c3 Bb7	16.axb4 Bxb4	23.Nd3 Qxb7
3.Nd2 h6	10.e5 Nfd7	17.cxb4 Nxb4	24.Qxe8 Qa6
4.Ngf3 Nf6	11.b4 Nc6	18.Rxa7 Rxc2	25.Nb4 Qc4
5.Bd3 Be7	12.Bc2 Re8	19.Qb5 Na2	26.Nc6 Qc1+
6.0-0 0-0	13.Ra2 Rc8	20.Rxb7 Nxc1	27.Kh2 Qf4+
7.a3 b6	14.h3 Nf8	21.Rxc1 Rxc1+	28.Kh1 1-0

Rose, Matt - Sanchez, Antonio [D27] OCA - Cowley2, 08.12.2014

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1.e4 c6	18.Red1 Qg4	35.Rbc7 Rh1	52.Rh4 Rxb3
2.d4 d5	19.Qxg4 Nxg4	36.f3 Rf1	53.Ra5 Rb1
3.exd5 cxd5	20.Bxe7 Rxe7	37.a4 Kg8	54.g3+ Kf5
4.c4 Nf6	21.Na4 Re8	38.Kh2 e4	55.Rxg4 Kf6
5.Nc3 Nc6	22.Nb6 Rb8	39.Rc3 Rb1	56.Rf4+ Ke6
6.Bg5 dxc4	23.Bc2 e5	40.b3 exf3	57.Re4 Rb3
7.Bxc4 e6	24.Ba4 Rf8	41.Rxf3 Ng4+	58.Raxe5+ Kf6
8.Nf3 Be7	25.Bd7 Bxd7	42.Kg3 Ne5	59.Kg4 Ra3
9.0-0 0-0	26.Nxd7 h5	43.Rd8+ Kg7	60.a5 Ra1
10.Rc1 a6	27.Nxb8 Rxb8	44.Rc3 Kf6	61.Rb5 Ra3
11.Bd3 g6	28.Rd6 Kg7	45.Rd6+ Kf5	62.Rb6+ Kf7
12.Bb1 Qa5	29.Rc7 Nf6	46.Rxa6 f6	63.a6 Ra5
13.h4 Rd8	30.Rb6 Rd8	47.Re3 g5	64.Rc4 Ke7
14.Re1 Qb4	31.Rbxb7 Rd1+	48.hxg5 h4+	65.Rc7+ Kd8
15.Qe2 Nxd4	32.Kh2 Ng4+	49.Kxh4 Kf4	66.Rg7 Ra4+
16.Nxd4 Qxd4	33.Kg3 Nh6	50.Rh3 fxg5+	67.Kf5 Kc8
17.Qf3 Re8	34.Rd7 Rc1	51.Kh5 g4	68.a7 1–0

Chilterns 2014-15

Simon King writes (initially by email): I attach the result of this match, which was as close as one would expect, given the minute difference in average grade across the teams of 0.5.Nevertheless, a win against the (admittedly short) odds. Moreover, it is interesting to note that over the top 10 boards (grade difference 7.4 in Hants's favour) they won 6.5-3-5, whereas over the bottom 10 boards (grade difference 6.4 in Oxon's favour) we won 7-3. From which it follows that strength in depth really counts, and I am most grateful to Alan Gentry (Witney, board #19) and Richard Beckett (Bicester,board #20) not only for stepping in at a few hours' notice to fill in for last-minute withdrawals, but for winning as well!

Our mid-season results are thus two wins (Berks, Hants) and one loss (Bucks).

The fixtures for 2015 are as follows:

- 31 January: away to Berkshire
- 14 March: at home to Buckinghamshire
- 11 April: away to Hampshire

OXON	HANTS
1. Antonio Sanchez (Cowley, 194E)	Mark Broom (203)
—2. Jon Manley (City, 186)	Dominic Tunks (197)
-3. Ray Starkie (Cowley, 178) - ○ 1	Chris Bellers (185)
- 4. Mike March (City, 173) - 1 - 0	Godfrey Pafura (180)
—5. Nigel Moyse (171) — 0 — (
-6. Paul Rowan (Banbury, 168) - 0 - 1	Roger Marsh (176)
7. Sean Terry (City, 168) 1 - 0	Horia-Daniel Bogdan (176)
—8. Will Burt (Cowley, 164) ———— 0— 1 —	David Fowler (173)
—9. Gary Jackson (Banbury, 163) —— 1 - 0	Tim Davis (167)
-10. Mike Marlow (Bicester, 161) - +- +	Fraser McLeod (166)
—11. Leif Dixon (City, 160)	Gareth Jones (158)
—12. Maria Mate (156) ————— (— D	Chris Priest (158)
-13. Clifford Marcus (Cowley, 155)	Roy Ashmore (147)
-14. Anna Wang (Cowley 153)	Tim Chanman (144)
15. Carl Portman (Banbury, 151)	John Symone (1/3)
-16. Roly Piggott (Wantage, 149)	Gillian Moore (142)
- 17. Graham Cole (father, MCS/B, 148)	Stephen LeFeyre (142)
- 18. James Cole (son, MCS/B, 145)	Kevin Steele (136)
19. Alan Gentry (Witney, 142) — 1 – 0	Barry Kocan (136)
20. Richard Beckett (Bicester, 141)	O Ray Hartley (130)
Average grade = 161.3	Average grade = 161.8

The key moments in defining the result was Maria Mate's win and Leif Dixon's draw – see the photo section! Some other high-low-lights from the Hants match:

Will achieved a commanding position for much of this game but then found a sacrifice that didn't quite make the grade:



Burt – Fowler 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Rd8+ Kg7 24.Rg3+ Qg5 25.Rdd3 h4 0–1

In my own game I sacrificed a pawn on b5 to get some initiative against the king on the other side.

Questions: Does White need to defend? If *yes*, what need he play?



Bogdan - Terry - (W)

Frank Wood Shield Final 2014

	Didcot 1				Oxford City 1
1	🛡 Olehnovics, Andrejs (190) 🎎	0	-	1	🖲 McKenna, Jason (193) 🎎
2	🖲 Gough, Nicholas L (177) 🎎	0.5	-	0.5	Manley, Jon P (195) 🛔
3	Cooper, Bernard D (156) 🕍	0	-	1	🖲 Hayward, Philip (187) 🎎
4	🖰 Robins, Andrew S (155) 🕍	0	-	1	🛡 Rajangam, Karlmarx (178) 🕍
5	🛡 Sheridan, Martin (142) 🛗	0.5	-	0.5	🛡 Terry, Sean (167) 🕍
6	🖰 Reynolds, Gary (119) 🕍	0	-	1	🛡 Schilling, Christian () 🎎
	(ave grade 157)	1	-	5	(ave grade 184) away win
M	latch played on 07 May 2014.				

In the end the scoreline was an inaccurate portrayal of the match events, which saw 4 boards closely fought, none fiercer than the technical opening battle that is produced below. It's a mainline Winawer which, in middle age looks as strange and *carapicious* as ever – the downside for both sides is having to learn a lot to get out of the opening. Does anyone still play it locally?

As it was, White managed to crest the waves of occasional discomfort to win by piling three major pieces onto the d-file, fatally stabbing the Black king through the carapace. (Black missed 25...Qxc1+; 26.Rd1 Rxg1+; 27.Qxg1 Qxa3 (defending f8) which allows the endgame to appear in Act 3. As it was there was time at the end for a clumsy *Champions photo*, the selfie stick not yet having been marketed or probably invented.



McKenna – Olehnovics (B, 17)



McKenna, Jason - Olehnovics, A	[C18]	FW Shield final, 08.05.2014
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1.e4 e6	9.Qxh7 cxd4	17.Rb4 Qd5	25.gxf5 Rh8
2.d4 d5	10.Ne2 Nbc6	18.Rg1 a5	26.Kd1 exf5
3.Nc3 Bb4	11.f4 dxc3	19.Rc4 Bb5	27.Rg2 Ke7
4.e5 Ne7	12.Qd3 d4	20.Rxc3 Qe4+	28.Qe3 Rhg8
5.a3 Bxc3+	13.Nxd4 Nxd4	21.Re3 Qd5	29.Rgd2 Rc7
6.bxc3 c5	14.Qxd4 Bd7	22.Bxb5+ Qxb5	30.Qd4 1-0
7.Qg4 Qc7	15.Rb1 Nf5	23.Rd3 Rc8	
8.Qxg7 Rg8	16.Qf2 Qc6	24.g4 Qb1	

Scenes from the Cowley Blitz (Dec 1, top, and Chilterns v Hants (Dec 8, below)











Miniatures - the round-up

As the last few mags have lost the threads of time, here goes with a round up of what's been gathering dust in the PGN file since about 2011. There's something quite nice about winning a game before most people have got out of their book – the thrill of seeing an answer develop before you've had the time to think anything in any detail – though ultimately short games are more blunderama™ than brilliance...

Rasell, Geoff - Biswas, Karl [A51] Kidlington, 05.02.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ne4 4.Qc2 d5 5.exd6 Bf5 6.Nc3 Ng3 7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Nb5 Nxh1 9.Nxc7+ Qxc7 10.dxc7 Bxa4 11.c8Q+ 1-0

Matilal, Tamal - Bennett, Owen [D30] Kidlington 2012, u–120, 05.02.2012

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.a3 Nbd7 5.g3 dxc4 6.Nbd2 c5 7.Nxc4 Nb6 8.Nce5 cxd4 9.Bh3 h6 10.0–0 Be7 11.Nxf7 Kxf7 12.Ne5+ Ke8 13.Qd3 Qd6 14.Qg6+ Kd8 15.Nf7+ 1–0

Rajangam, Karl-Marx - Ward, Eric [CO3] Leagues, 18.11.2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a6 4.c3 c5 5.Ne2 Nc6 6.e5 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nge7 8.f4 Nf5 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.g4 Nh6 11.h3 Bd7 12.Ng3 Rc8 13.Kf2 Nb4 14.b3 Be7 15.Kg2 0-0 16.a3 Nc2 17.Ra2 Qxb3 18.Rb2 Qxb2 0-1

Terry, Sean - Morton, Ian [B22] Oxford - Bicester FWS, 14.01.2014

This game features as it's the second time I've won a game this way – the first was in Wantage about 10 years ago, when I played a little more accurately with 6. Bxc6+! which wins 2 pawns. As it is had lain not blundered then 6. ... Bxf3; 7. Bxc6+ Ke7!; 8. Bxb7 Qc7! Threatens mate and keeps the pawn loss to one.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.e5 Bg4 5.Bb5 e6 6.Qa4 Qc7 7.Qxg4 1–0

Burt - Galleano, Alex [C30] 27.05.2007

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.h3 0-0 7.0-0 Qe7 8.e5 Nd5 9.Ng5 h6 10.Qh5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Ne3 12.Rf6 Nc6 13.Rxh6 gxh6 14.Qxh6 f5 15.Bxe3 dxe3 16.Bc4+ Rf7 17.Qh7+ 1-0

Burrows, Nick - Terry, Sean Oca - Cowley 2, 06.11.2014

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d5 4.Bb5 f6 5.Qh5+ g6 6.Qh4 Bg7 7.Ne2 Nge7 8.f4 Nf5 9.Qf2 0-0 10.Na3 Nd6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0-0 a5 13.Rhg1 a4 14.g4 Qe7 15.d3 f5 16.h3 exf4 17.exf4 Bxb2+ 18.Kxb2 axb3 0-1

Nixon,Rod - Chapman,Tim [D31] Chilterns - Hants 08, 24.03.2012

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Qc2 c6 6.e3 Nf6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nge2 Re8 9.0-0 Bd6 10.f3 Qc7 11.Kh1 Bxh2 12.f4 Ng4 13.Bxh7+ Kh8 14.Bf5 Qe7 15.Bxg4 Qh4 16.Bxc8 Bg3+ 17.Bh3 1-0

King, Simon - Burt, Will [C45] Kidlington 2012, u–180 (1), 04.02.2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.c3 Bb6 7.Be2 Qg6 8.0–0 Nf6 9.Nxc6 dxc6 10.Bxb6 axb6 11.e5 Nd5 12.Bh5 Qg5 13.f4 Nxf4 14.Bxf7+ Ke7 15.Qd2 Nh3+ 16.Kh1 Rf8 17.Bc4 Be6 18.gxh3 Bd5+ 0–1

Manley, Jon - Burt, Will [C49] OCA1 - Cowley 2, 23.04.2012

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bb4 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 d6 7.Bg5 Bxc3 8.bxc3 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Nxg5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Kh7 12.f4 Rg8 13.Qe1 Rxg5 14.fxg5 Ng4 15.Qh4+ Kg8 16.Bc4 1-0

Biswas, Karl - Riley, Kelly [B12] OCA 2 - derby, 12.12.2011

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2 h5 7.Nf4 Qh4 8.Nxg6 fxg6 9.Qd3 Qxg4 10.Bh3 Qh4 11.Qxg6+ Kd7 12.Qxe6+ Kc7 13.Qc8+ Kb6 14.Qxf8 Qxh3 15.Na4+ Ka6 16.Nc5+ Kb6 17.a4 a5 18.Qd8+ Ka7 19.Qxa5+ 1-0

Miniatures – the round-up



Witney FIDE tournament: 2013-14

	Team	PTS	TB
1	Bicester	121/2	36
2	Oxford City	121/2	33
3	Brown Jack Witney	101/2	251/2
4	Cowley Knights	9	15
5	Cowley Dragons	51/2	151/2

Full results and PGN files can be found here: http://www.witneychess.co.uk/oxf sunlge results.htm

This was really a good tournament, and an excellent way to spend a Sunday afternoon in the winter and early spring months. This year the weather seemed to travel out Ducklington way for the Sabbath, and it was pleasant both on and off the board. Bicester won the tournament by dint of a better tie-break, which itself was more or less assured as Marcus turned up on all rounds and stuffed one and all, and very instructively too. Readers who had heard of this tournament and were wondering about playing in 2014-15 should ... give it a go.

On a personal note, I recovered from an alleged mobile default in Round 1 to score well in subsequent rounds, and it is that default that I want to write about now. The default happened when, leaning against a wall outside c. 2.45pm and reading the BBC update on a football match¹ the arbiter (coming back into the tournament hall) stopped and this ensued:

He: Are you looking at your mobile?

Me: Yes

He: Then you've lost the game

And without further ado I was defaulted, and, as it so happens against a Bicester player! I went for a walk, and on my return it was assumed by all there that I had breached the rules. Now, even if the rules had been read out before start of play, or had there been a copy of the rules visible for players at the venue, the Nov 2013 version of the FIDE regs (as implemented by the 4NCL, at which this arbiter officiates) did not preclude the use of a mobile phone outside of the arena for the purpose I was using them. (Which is why I was doing this.)

As if to demonstrate this, the playing regs for both the 4NCL and London events this year have been amended to cover the circumstances²

During play, a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone, electronic means of communication or any device capable of suggesting chess moves on their person in the playing venue. Such devices, if brought into the playing venue, must be completely switched off, placed in a bag before play starts, and not be removed from the bag until the player's game has ended and he/she has left the playing venue. Moreover, a player is forbidden to leave the playing venue with a bag previously brought into the playing venue without permission of the arbiter. If it is evident that a player has such a device on their person in the playing venue, the player will lose the game. Any request for any part of this rule to be relaxed must be made to the Chief Arbiter before the start of play.



Burcham – Terry

1-0, "mobile phone" (ha ha ha)

So had this rule been in force in November 2013, the arbiter would have been correct in defaulting me. That much *is* correct.

Some will say it's a little late for spilt milk crying episodes; I can see that point. You have to live with bad decisions, I suppose – but wasn't this very avoidable, an error which effectively decided the tournament off the board?

My proposed remedy here, as my default was against Bicester, is a playoff event in which the top 4 boards continue from the defaulted position. Myself and Tony Burcham will sit it out, and as we both keep wicket in the other OCA our stats will be used as the starting point in the unlikely event of a tie-break being required.

¹ Was it Man City – Tottenham?

² Email from Tim Dickinson, November 2014

Christmas Quiz

Q1: Name that cake¹

Q2: Explain what steps a reasonable arbiter takes if this lorry passes by the tournament hall at the time one of the players in considering which minor piece needs to be played





Q3: What is wrong with this opening?

Q4: Caption this

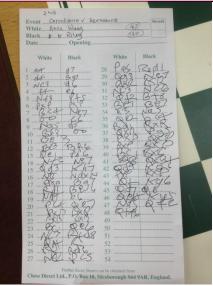




Q5: Adjudicate²

Q6: faithfully transcribe this (or ask Anna for the score of Riley – Wang A)





¹ For Fr Ted aficionados, this is not Fr Benny Cake. Photo with thanks to Iza Hreska

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² Answers not referencing Fr Ted (Series 3, Episode 5) will be greeted with a blank expression

The Partridge

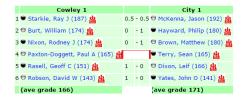
Paxton-Doggett, Paul - Terry, Sean [A20] OCA - Cowley 1, 15.04.2013

Here's a game that fits many of the usual tropes of the Disinformator series (blunderama, time trouble, and what Fr Ted would call hilarious fun, taken to another level by the events of the evening.

It starts normally enough, I arrive late from work, and we rattle out the first few moves¹ to get to this position. In getting there I've had the usual longish ponder about where to put the bishop (e7, g7, c5) and c5 is the place where it has the most usual, immediate, impact. And it turned o tu that in 2012, as reported in the last mag, we played a similar English and reached a similar point (diagram right).







This game

Paxton-Doggett - Terry (2012, B, #12)

Well, the sacrifice is on, albeit for different tactical reasons, and play continued: ... Bxf2+ 8.Kxf2 Ng4+ 9.Ke1 Qxg5 10.d3 e3 11.Nd5 0–0 12.Qb3 Na6 13.d4 f4 14.h4 Qh6 15.gxf4 a4 16.Qc3 we end up at *Diagram 2*. About here, I'm less chirpy about things, and hindsight shows that Fritz has put in for a transfer after viewing my moves from moves 11-16. Accordingly, I aim to investigate a draw by knight & rook manoeuvre, but Paul sidesteps by manoeuvring his rook to g3, at which point it's looking directly down the file to king, and I'm feeling uncomfortable now, and in a little time trouble.

After **23.** Ne7+ (*Diagram 3*) it seems now that my sweat glands are opened irreversibly, as this seems to lose the queen (23. ... Kh8, 24. Ng6+) so I go for the even worse ... Kf7, but Paul immediately does a double ?? and gifts me a rook with Rxg7+, and all is now well; the win is now back on the board, even if there isn't that much time. In fact I had about 9 mins to his 45 ish², but it's all a matter of technique, huh? *Diagram 4* is the prelude for check avoidance and ends on move 34 with a queen swap; *Diagram 5* shows more piece swapping but no immediate movement from the h-pawn, and when it does move we're at Diagram 6 and not far from the reciprocal blunder which is... **48.Kc7 Rxb2 49.Bc3+ Kg6 50.Bxb2**. Uh.

Play continues for one move and after **51. Kd6**, and a groan, head down, my hand reaches across wordlessly to shake hands and silently to move on. There's a crowd at the table in the back room in the Cowley Club and as I get up someone says "what's the result?", and it's too early yet for words – our team has lost and I played like that... but my opponent says "It's a draw", and when I look down again his hand is gesturing to the position where, indeed, the position *is* drawn (by some accident, ... Kf5 draws). *But that wasn't what was intended a few moments back*, is what I can hear, if not from the crowd, from the spirit of Lester Millin, and if not from either, from an inner voice, a conscience. There's another voice though – the inner sound now making itself heard – the voice of hope.

There's a pause. And some smarter thinking (I hope) than were displayed by the black pieces since move 11. Then: "Can you confirm what the result is here?". Then, from him, evenly: "It's a draw. ... I blundered a rook, then you blundered it back. It's drawn." I'm not sure if what I said next was "that wasn't quite the way I understood it..." but it was to that effect.

So, the game and match draw was recorded and it was time for the pub. It would be interesting to hear what an arbiter would have made of it at the time.

¹ 1.c4 e5 2.g3 f5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.a3 a5 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Nf3 e4 7.Ng5

² My scorecard eludes me; and I can't remember if this was digital or analogue.

The Partridge

Paxton-Doggett, Paul - Terry, Sean [A20] OCA - Cowley 1, 15.04.2013



Diagram 2

16 ... Nf2 17.Rh2 Ng4 18.Rh3 Nf2 19.Rg3 Qxh4 20.Qxe3 Nh1 21.Bxh1 Qxh1+ 22.Kd2 Qh4 23.Ne7+



Diagram 4

29.Qg2+ Qg5 30.Qe4+ Kg7 31.Kc3 d6 32.Nd5 Qf5 33.Qg2+ Qg4 34.Qh2 Qh3+



Diagram 6

45.Kb5 Be4 46.Kb6 h5 47.Be1 Rb8+ 48.Kc7 Rxb2 49.Bc3+ Kg6 50.Bxb2 h4 51.Kxd6



Diagram 3

23 ... Kf7 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 25.Qe5+ Kf7 26.Nf5 Qf6 27.Qd5+ Kg6 28.Ne3 Qxf4



Diagram 5

35.Qxh3 Bxh3 36.Bd2 Rf1 37.Rxf1 Bxf1 38.Nf4 Re8 39.e3 c6 40.d5 Nc5 41.Kb4 Nd3+ 42.Nxd3 Bxd3 43.dxc6 bxc6 44.Kxa4 c5



Diagram 7

"Game over"O

Games section



Crockart – Terry Black to play (20)



Terry - Dallas White to play (32)

Kidlington 2014 was another hugely enjoyable event, and this year I got involved in a last round battle for cash, against Simon Crockart. A cagey game ensued, and around about the diagram position a simple Rxa1 might have been better than the *is-this-prophylaxis-or-tosh* ... Rb8 that I played. From then on Simon had an edge which hovered around the edge of time trouble and eventually my position caved in.

Crockart, Simon - Terry, Sean	[A25] Kidlington 2014, 0	2.02.2014, Round 5	
1.c4 e5	11.a3 Qe8	21.Nc3 Ne7	31.Bxe7 Nxe7
2.g3 Nc6	12.Nd5 Bd8	22.Rfc1 Bd5	32.Qe2 g6
3.Bg2 f5	13.b4 axb4	23.b5 Qd7	33.Na2 Qd6
4.e3 Nf6	14.axb4 Nxd5	24.Bf1 b6	34.Qd2 Rff8
5.Nc3 Be7	15.cxd5 Ne7	25.Ba3 Bb7	35.Qb4 Qe6
6.d3 0–0	16.Bb2 Ng6	26.Bc4 d5	36.Rc7 Ng8
7.Nge2 d6	17.Qd2 c6	27.Bb3 Rf6	37.Rxb7 1-0
8.0–0 Kh8	18.d4 e4	28.Ra2 Nc8	
9.f4 Bd7	19.dxc6 Bxc6	29.Rac2 h5	
10.Rb1 a5	20.Ra1 Rb8	30.h4 Be7	

That I made it to the top table in the u170 event was thanks to this game in Round 4, where I played pretty well until the diagram position, whereby a smooth combination has resulted in monster f-pawn and an initiative against the Black king. A black king moreover temporarily sheltered by an unseemly band of unsuitable courtiers. Faced with ... Rd1, I wondered if I had time for 32. Qe6 ... and bailed out for no sensible reason (it was a Sunday morning, though...). After I bail out, the game takes on a second life and both players need about 3 additional lives to make it through to move 44, where Peter misses a perpetual check which would have been fair to both, and satisfactory to neither player. For what it's worth Fritz says 32.Qe6 wins ...b4 33.Bxb4 Rd1 34.Bd2 Rxd2 35.Qxc6 Rd1 36.Rc7; or (more practically) 32.Qe6 Rd1 33.Qxc6 Rb1+34.Ka3 Qc1+35.Kb4 when the king helps with the forthcoming mate.

Terry,Sean - Dallas,Peter Kidlington 2014, 02.02.2014				
1.f4 d6	15.Kb1 Bg8	29.Kb2 Nb6	43.f8Q Nc4+	
2.b3 c6	16.g5 hxg5	30.Rxf7+ Ka6	44.Kb4 Rxb3+	
3.Bb2 Qc7	17.Nxg5 Bf6	31.Bc3 Qf1	45.Kxb3 Na5+	
4.Nf3 h6	18.h4 0-0-0	32.a3 Rd1	46.Kc3 Qe1+	
5.e4 Bg4	19.Qg4 Kb8	33.Ka2 Rc1	47.Kd4 Qd2+	
6.h3 Bh5	20.Bc4 Bxg5	34.Bb2 Rxc2	48.Ke5 Qxb2+	
7.d4 Nd7	21.hxg5 Rxh1	35.Qg3 Qc1	49.Ke6 Qb3+	
8.Bd3 e5	22.Rxh1 Qa5	36.Qe5 Rd2	50.Kf6 Qf3+	
9.g4 Bg6	23.Nf3 b5	37.Rc7 Qc2	51.Kg7 Qxf8+	
10.f5 Bh7	24.f6 Nc8	38.f7 Rd1	52.Kxf8 Kb6	
11.dxe5 dxe5	25.Nxe5 Nxe5	39.a4 bxa4	53.Rg7 Nc4	
12.Nbd2 g6	26.Bxe5+ Kb7	40.Qc3 axb3+	54.Rxg6 Ne5	
13.Qe2 Bg7	27.Bxf7 Bxf7	41.Qxb3 Qb1+	55.Re6 1–0	
14.0–0–0 Ne7	28.Rh7 Qe1+	42.Ka3 Rd3		

Games section

If there's a theme for the games in this section of the mag this time around, it could well be that of not giving up. Somewhere between now the handshake the player who is +3 will present you with a morsel of hope, a gift wrapped blunder, or a drip-drip-drip of fourth option moves on Fritz 8. And, unless you believe, or are aware, that there will be a final chance to redeem the position, you won't spot it when it arrives, or if you do, you won't be prepared to exploit it — as was the case in Game 6 of the recent Carlsen — Anand game. At club level, this redemption happens a bit more often, that's all.

So, all these games come from a Derby match in 2011 (and apologies if they're repeats from a previous mag; I think not though). In Dave's attack (was 24. Nh6+ best?) the game swings through the +/- corridor once or more, and Simon misses an opportunity to muddy the waters as those pawns approach promotion / touchdown. In Hayward-March, the spectator (viz. me) was a bit more confused as to the evaluation – those bishops and the a-pawn seem a match for any exchange, but in time trouble Mike goes more astray than Phil.







Godfrey - King T (W, 24)

King S - Lee (W, 24)

Hayward - March (W, 22)

Godfrey, Dave - King, Tim [B84] OCA 2 - derby, 12.12.2011

1.e4 c5	9.f4 Bb7	17.Ne4 d5	25.Bxh6 gxh6
2.Nf3 d6	10.Bf3 Nbd7	18.Ng3 Bc5	26.Nf5 Bf8
3.d4 cxd4	11.Be3 Be7	19.c3 f5	27.Qg4+ Bg7
4.Nxd4 Nf6	12.Qe2 0–0	20.exf6 Rxf6	28.Rd3 Kh8
5.Nc3 a6	13.Rad1 Nb6	21.f5 exf5	29.Rg3 Be5
6.Be2 e6	14.Bc1 Rac8	22.Ngxf5 Qd7	30.Re1 Bxg
7.0–0 b5	15.e5 Ne8	23.Kh1 Nc7	31.Re7 Rg8
8.a3 Qc7	16.Bxb7 Qxb7	24.Nh6+ Rxh6	32.Qd4+ 1-0

King.Simon - Lee.Tony [B26] OCA 2 - derby. 12.12.2011

King, Simon - Lee, Tony [D20]	OCA 2 - GEIDY, 12.12.2011	<u> </u>	
1.e4 c5	10.Bh6 0-0	19.Nh3 h6	28.Rg1 Rh8
2.Nc3 Nc6	11.Bxg7 Kxg7	20.Rae1 Bd5	29.g6 Ng4
3.g3 g6	12.f4 f5	21.Neg1 Bxg2+	30.Nxg4 hxg4
4.Bg2 Bg7	13.exf5 gxf5	22.Qxg2 Qd5	31.Qxg4 e4
5.d3 e6	14.d4 b4	23.Nf3 Rb5	32.Ng5 e3+
6.Be3 d6	15.Nd1 cxd4	24.g4 f4	33.Nf3 Ne5
7.Qd2 Rb8	16.Kh1 e5	25.g5 h5	34.Ref1 Nxg4 0-1
8.Nge2 b5	17.fxe5 dxe5	26.Nf2 Nf5	
9.0–0 Nge7	18.Nf2 Be6	27.Qh3 Ne3	

Hayward, Philip - March, Mike [A29] OCA 2 - derby, 12.12.2011

1.c4 e5	9.b4 Re8	17.Qxd3 Nxd3	25.Rxc5 bxc5
2.Nc3 Nf6	10.Rb1 Bf8	18.Nxb6 cxb6	26.Nxe8 Be6
3.g3 d5	11.d3 a5	19.Nd5 Nxc1	27.Nd6 a2
4.cxd5 Nxd5	12.b5 Nd4	20.Rfxc1 Bxa3	28.Bc8 Bd5
5.Bg2 Nb6	13.Nd2 a4	21.Rc3 Bc5	29.e4 Bb3
6.Nf3 Nc6	14.e3 Ne6	22.Nc7 Bf5	30.b6 Ra4
7.0 – 0 Be7	15.Qc2 Nc5	23.Ra1 a3	31.b7 Rb4
8.a3 0–0	16.Nc4 Qxd3	24.Bxb7 Ra7	32.Bd71-0

Games section



March - Hannon (W, 23)



McKenna - Marlow

March, Mike - Hannon, Mark [A88] OCA - Wit 2,21.10.2013

Another excellent struggle decided near move 40 by the clock. Here Mike has the option of Nc7 which seems to snaffle a rook while diverting the queen, but wisely refused the offer (23.Nc7 Qe7 24.Nxa8 Rxh2+ 25.Kxh2 Qh4+ 26.Kg1 Qg3+ is mating), and eventually he is on the point of winning with a pawn surplus of about 4 when our good friend *Zeitnot* came a visiting.

1.d4 f5	11.Ba3 Rf7	21.Kh1 c5	31.Qxd3 Rh3
2.g3 Nf6	12.e4 f4	22.Nd5 Nc6	32.Rd7 Qh4
3.Bg2 g6	13.gxf4 Nh5	23.Nxf4 Rxf4	33.Qd5+ Kh8
4.c4 Bg7	14.Nxe5 Rxf4	24.Nd3 Rh4	34.Qe5+ Qf6
5.Nf3 0-0	15.Nd3 Rh4	25.Bxc5 Bxc5	35.Qxf6+ Rxf6
6.0–0 d6	16.Rad1 Bh3	26.Nxc5 Qe7	36.Kg2 Rh5
7.Nc3 Qe8	17.f3 Bd4+	27.Qf2 Rh5	37.Rxb7 Rd6
8.b3 c6	18.Kh1 Qe6	28.Rd5 Ne5	38.Rxa7 Rd2+
9.Qc2 e5	19.Nf2 Bxg2+	29.Qe2 Rf8	39.Rf2 and soon
10.dxe5 dxe5	20.Kxg2 Nf4+	30.Nd3 Nxd	0-1

*McKenna,Jason - Marlow,Mike [B79] OCA - Bicester FWS, 14.01.2014

A game worth a look if only for the moves from the diagram (Rxc3, Rxb2) which are followed by a draw offer in a likely winning position ...

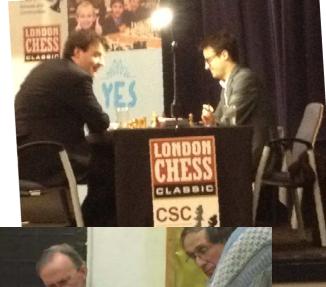
14.Ncxb5 Qd8	27.Rxc3 Rxb2+	40.Qxd6 a5
15.g4 Bxb5	28.Kxb2 Qb6+	41.Kb5 Ne5
16.Nxb5 Nxf3	29.Bb3 Qxd4	42.Ka6 Qb2
17.Qg2 Ne5	30.Qg3 Qxe4	43.Kxa5 Qc3+
18.g5 Nfg4	31.Rc8+ Kg7	44.Ka6 Qb2
19.Bd4 Qd7	32.Qc3 Ne3	45.Ka7 Qf2+
20.Nc3 Nc4	33.Ka3 Nd1	46.Kb7 Qf3+
21.Nd5 Bxd4	34.Qc7 Qd4	47.Kc7 Qe4
22.Rxd4 Nce5	35.c3 Qd2	48.a4 h5
23.Ba4 Qd8	36.Qd8 Qb2+	49.gxh6+ Kxh6
24.Rh3 Rab8	37.Kb4 Nd3+	50.a5 f5
25.Rg3 e6	38.Ka4 Nxc3+	51.Qf8+Kh5
26.Nc3 Rxc3	39.Rxc3 Qxc3	52.Bxe6 etc 1–0
	15.g4 Bxb5 16.Nxb5 Nxf3 17.Qg2 Ne5 18.g5 Nfg4 19.Bd4 Qd7 20.Nc3 Nc4 21.Nd5 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Nce5 23.Ba4 Qd8 24.Rh3 Rab8 25.Rg3 e6	15.g4 Bxb5 16.Nxb5 Nxf3 29.Bb3 Qxd4 17.Qg2 Ne5 30.Qg3 Qxe4 18.g5 Nfg4 31.Rc8+ Kg7 19.Bd4 Qd7 20.Nc3 Nc4 21.Nd5 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Nce5 35.c3 Qd2 23.Ba4 Qd8 24.Rh3 Rab8 37.Kb4 Nd3+ 25.Rg3 e6 28.Kxb2 Qb6+ 29.Bb3 Qxd4 30.Qg3 Qxe4 31.Rc8+ Kg7 32.Qc3 Ne3 32.Rc4 Nd1 32.Rc7 Qd4 32.Rxd4 Nc65 35.c3 Qd2 33.Ba4 Qd8 36.Qd8 Qb2+ 37.Kb4 Nd3+ 38.Ka4 Nxc3+

In which Will roundly and unsoundly sacrifices a queen ... is this a first?

Burt, Will - Fowler, David [B17] Chilterns, Hants, 06.12.2014

1.e4 c6, 2.d4 d5, 3.Nc3 dxe4, 4.Nxe4 Nd7, 5.Bd3 Ngf6, 6.Ng5 e6, 7.Bd2 Nb6, 8.N1f3 h6, 9.Ne4 Nxe4, 10.Bxe4 c5, 11.Qe2 cxd4, 12.0–0 Be7, 13.Rad1 Qc7, 14.Nxd4 Qc4, 15.Qg4 Bf6, 16.Be3 Nd5, 17.Rfe1 Nxe3, 18.Rxe3 Kf8, 19.Qg3 Kg8, 20.Ne2 h5, 21.Qf4 Qc5, 22.Qxf6 gxf6, 23.Rd8+ Kg7, 24.Rg3+ Qg5, 25.Rdd3 h4 0–1













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