

Three chess club sides earn promotion



The second team at Maidenhead Chess Club gained promotion from Division 2 of the Berks League by winning 12 of their 13 matches. Left to right — Mark Topham, Robin Penfold (captain), Jeff Smith, Steven Foister, Steve Briggs and George Cabaj.

Maidenhead Chess Club have had a fine season with three of their sides gaining promotion, two of them as champions.

Maidenhead fielded a number of sides in both the Berkshire League and the London-based Thames Valley League and Division 3 of the former competition was won by the Maidenhead 4th team.

They had their best-ever season winning 10 matches



Jeff Smith prepares to make a move for Maidenhead Chess Club.

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and drawing one. Their most recent victories have been against Earley C 5-1, and Henley B 4½-1½.

Although promotion in this division has been due mainly to a team effort, the side has benefited from the performances of the experienced John Ellis and Richard Todd.

John Anderton, Andrew Challenger and Jim Collins have played a vital part in the team's success.

The other successful side in the Berkshire League was the 2nd team, who won promotion from Division 2 by winning 12 of their 13 matches. Their latest victory was a splendid 5-1 win over Reading C.

PROFITABLE

In recent weeks the introduction of juniors Steve Foister and Richard Lipscombe has proved profitable, with both players gaining useful experience playing alongside George Cabaj, Mark Topham, Jeff Smith and captain Robin Penfold.

In contrast, Maidenhead's 1st and 3rd Berkshire League sides have had disappointing seasons, but have still managed to finish in mid-table

positions.

Honours in Division 4 of the Thames Valley League went to Maidenhead 2nd's, who have won 12 and drawn one of their 14 matches.

The promotion in this league has been cause for double celebration as some players are involved in both the Thames Valley and the Berkshire competitions.

The most notable victories have been against strong sides from Battersea, Kingston, Hayes, Wimbledon and Richmond.



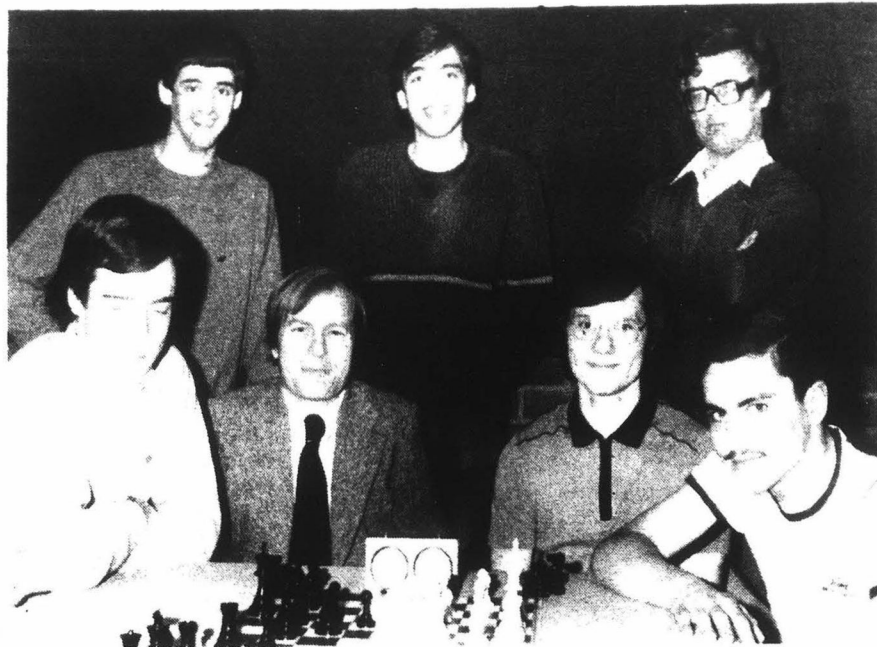
Concentration shows on the face of Maidenhead Chess Club player Steve Briggs as he views the battle before him.

One of the keys to the team's achievement has been the consistency of Desborough School teacher Eric Young and that of the club's past president Bill Norris.

In the same division, a good run since Christmas has left the third team well clear of relegation.

On Sunday, Maidenhead travelled to Pontypool to compete in the National Club Plate.

The very strong Welsh side won 4-2 with Maidenhead's only win coming from Nigel Dennis. Both Cabaj and Todd drew.



Maidenhead Chess Club's fourth team, who recently won Division 3 of the Berkshire League. From left to right — back row — Andrew Challenger, Richard Rodd, Bob Bywater. Front row — Richard Lipscombe, Jim Collins, Alan Savin (captain) and Andy Robins.

Rose on form to take singles cup

John Rose followed up his recent success in the Pheasant pairs by winning the Maurice Roberts Singles Cup.

Rose, who plays for the Foresters, saved his best darts of the final against Terry White of Maidenhead RBL, the 1981 winner.

Rose took the match in two straight sets, finishing in 22 and 15 darts. The second leg was particularly impressive with Rose scoring 140, 100, 60, 137 and 64.

The evening's entertainment, which was held at Beechams Social Club, began with the quarter-finals. White was the first winner, defeating Pheasant's Ray Cenci 2-0 and Malcolm Little was the next victor also winning by a 2-0 score-line against Ely Tubes teammate Sonny Montague.

Rose started well against White Waltham's Larry Creavan, taking the first leg in 20 darts. However, he was unable to hit the double in the second leg and Creavan drew level.

The third leg could have gone either way with Creavan having nine darts at 14 before Rose finished on double one.

The fourth quarter-final saw Brian James of Ely defeat North Maidenhead CC's

Ray Croxford 2-0 after a slow start. In the semi-finals, Little could not contain White who finished the first two legs in 23 darts each to win his way into the final.

In the other semi, Rose took on his usual doubles partner James. James took the first leg in 18 darts, fin-

Darts

ishing on 101 with scores of 60, 55, 100, 85, 100 and 101 with Rose still needing 215.

The second leg went on a little longer before Rose finished on double 16 and then he took the second leg in just 17 darts — 100, 125, 95, 40, 82, 59.

The preliminary round of the champion of champions involving the six divisional winners was also played recently.

Premier Division winners Ely Tubes beat Division 2 champions Beechams SC 5-2 and Foresters, from Division 1, beat Division 5 outfit, the Gate A.

These two winners will play off together with the Royal Oak from Division 3 and the Star from Division 4 who were not involved in the preliminary round.

Tennis club kick off with good wins

Maidenhead Lawn Tennis Club kicked off the season with four of their five teams winning on Saturday. In fact the only side to lose was the 4ths who were beaten by Maidenhead 3rds.

The 1st team took on Caversham away and, despite playing without two of their regular members, Martin Tinker and Paul Hope who were unavailable, they had an easy victory, winning 7-2.

Barry Warren and David Brown won three rubbers and Paul Williams and Ian Mac-

Lawn Tennis

Cafferty won two as did Robert Warren and Bob Duncan.

The 2nd team played Berkshire County Sport at home and won 6-3. Alan Frampton and Terry Peppin won three rubbers, Dick Trevor and Andrew Westergreen won two and Bob Reynolds took one.

The 3rd and 4th teams met in a Division 5 match and the 3rds won 5-4. The winning team was Tim Paton and Colin May, John Adcock and Tim Parrot and David George and Kevin Bowditch. The 4ths were represented by Peter Herke and Peter Elliott, Tony Horrocks and Dave Stanbury and Knute Westergreen and Derek Hope.

The women's 1st team took part in the first round of the Slazenger Cup when they took on Kestrel from Wokingham on Sunday and won 3-1.

Pam Spooner and Regina Egby won two rubbers and Dilys Gordon and Margaret Watson won one as Maidenhead go forward to meet Farnborough in the next round.

Starling stars

J. Starling recently won the silver division of the Ladies Golf Union at Maidenhead Golf Club with a score of 92-16-76.

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Betty Schulte was second with 93-16-77 and third was Dr. Myra Ackers who scored 88-10-78.

The bronze division was won by M. Vasey with 107-33-74.

Rest of the Bowls

Indoor annual meeting

The annual meeting of the men's indoor section at Desborough attracted 62 members on Thursday of last week — a considerable improvement on previous numbers.

Satisfactory reports were presented by the indoor officers. The season had been an extremely full one and as well as the annual Easter tournament which had a different format this time, the 'game for a laugh' competition in January, the brainchild of indoor chairman, Alan Crisp, had generated a lot of interest for both sections.

General secretary Les Williams announced that the question of annual subscriptions and green fees for next season had yet to be determined by the management committee. The new carpet will be in use for next season and although there will be a new underlay as well, until the specialist firm had had an opportunity to examine the surface it was not known what the complete package would comprise.

The following appointments were made: Indoor secretary — C. Brown. Match secretary — R. Hislop. Committee — C. Brown, A. Crisp, G. Freeman, K. Hawes, R. Hislop, P. Hooper, J. Lovegrove and P. Smith.

President of the club is Vic Drewett; Les Williams is general secretary and treasurer is Albert Wicks.

Former Bray skipper dies suddenly

Keith Salter, skipper of Maidenhead & Bray when they won the Thames Valley Cricket League and Julian Cup in 1976, died recently at the age of 42.

Keith (pictured), an outstanding all-round cricketer who also played for Berkshire and Kent 2nd, had recently moved to the Isle of Wight, though he still had business commitments in the area. The funeral was at Sunninghill, Ascot, last week and was attended by many friends at the club.

One of the closest, former Bray and Berkshire colleague Bill Perkins described Keith as a fine cricketer. He said he was still involved with the club at an administrative level and his sudden death



due to a heart attack was a sad loss.

A gifted sportsman, he also played hockey for Bray in the London League, Keith started his career at Royal Ascot before moving.

His time at Bray coincided with some of the most successful seasons at the club, including 1976 when they did a double under his captaincy.

He leaves a wife and two children.

Too good for Boyne Hill

Maverics proved to be much the stronger side when they handed out a 5-0 thrashing to Boyne Hill on the Bisham Abbey Club turf hockey surface on Saturday.

Maidenhead, strengthened by the return of skipper Eugene Murphy, were the more skilful side both on and off the ball and with a disciplined use of short and square passes both wingers were brought into constant play.

Boyne Hill had a mixture of both experienced and young players and they enjoyed a fair share of possession. However they never really looked like scoring and the Mavericks wrapped up victory with goals from Crossley (2), Edwards, Campbell and Cheale.

Hockey

Goats beaten

In a recent hockey match at Maidenhead, the Hairy Goats completed their season when they took on a strong Metropolitan Police side, the Wayfarers, and were well-beaten 3-0.

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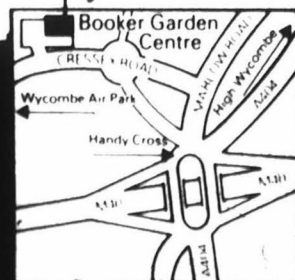
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