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League Team

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1912-1913.

LIVERPOOL CHESS CLUB.

76th Annual Report of the Committee.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, the 30th September, 1912, thirty-two members being present. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer's reports having been approved, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :—

President, Mr. P. R. England; Vice-President, Mr. Amos Burn; Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. Gerrard; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Spencer; Hon. Librarian, Mr. D. Powell; Captain of the First Team, Dr. H. Holmes; Committee of five—Mr. R. R. Kendall, Dr. M. Lowenthal, Messrs. J. G. Smyth, W. R. Thomas and M. Worthy; Hon. Auditors, Messrs. A. L. Craik and J. S. Quirk. The selection of a second Captain was referred to the new Committee, who afterwards appointed Mr. J. G. Smyth. The meeting unanimously decided to enlarge the Club premises by the addition of sanitary conveniences in a portion of the adjoining room, and

this most desirable improvement has been effected. The extra space has been acquired free of rent for the first year, and afterwards at an additional rental of £10. The landlord has granted a further option of 5 years' tenancy, up to 1st July, 1923.

Several other improvements have been made during the year. The rooms have been redecorated and better lighting provided; six new chairs have been purchased; a handsome rug, very kindly presented by Dr. J. H. Shaw, has been placed in the dining room; a renewal of several of the chess-boards and of many sets of the chess-men is being carried out, with a view to make them uniform. This latter improvement has been made possible by the very handsome donation of £50, offered by a member, to whom your Committee desire to express the gratitude of the Club.

The Catering Department has remained under the capable supervision of Mr. E. Spencer. The Club has, unfortunately, lost the services of the Manageress, Miss Amy Child, and her assistant, Miss Ada Bucknall, both having recently left to get married. Miss Jessie Bucknall and Miss Florence Smith have been engaged.

On Saturday, the 5th October, 1912, the Club extended its hospitality to the Annual Meeting of the Lancashire Chess Association.

The Go-as-you-please Winter Handicap Tournament of last year having been so successful, a similar Tournament was held from 11th October to 11th January. A new rule was adopted, by which each player was debited with three losses to begin with, so ensuring a reasonable number of games being played by the prize-winners, and the rules of last year,

requiring a minimum number of games to be played, and providing for a final round, were abolished. There were 41 entries, and Messrs. P. F. Blake (class I) and H. A. James (class I) divided the 1st and 2nd prizes, each scoring 66.6%, and Mr. A. Rhead (class III) secured the 3rd prize with a score of 63.6%. The 1st prize, £3 3s od. was generously given by the President.

The usual Level Tournaments were commenced early in the new year. For the Championship there were 11 entries, and the result was a tie between Dr. H. Holmes and Mr. J. Lewis occasioned by the enforced retirement of Mr. P. F. Blake from the contest. Dr. Holmes being unable to proceed with the competition, Mr. Lewis became Champion of the Club. The A Tournaments attracted eight entries, and was won by Dr. R. Wyse. The B Tournament, with six entries, was won by Mr. W. E. Beckett after a tie with Mr. J. G. Smyth. The C Tournament, for which there were eight entries, was won by Mr. T. B. Willacy after a tie with Mr. S. R. Tomkinson.

TABLE AND CHAMPIONSHIP	J. Lewis	Dr. H. Holmes	P. R. England	A. Rutherford	H. A. James	P. F. Blake	E. Spencer	W. R. Thomas	J. S. Meikle	R. S. Corlett	C. Y. C. Dawbarn	Total
J. Lewis.....	—	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	x	x	7
Dr. H. Holmes ...	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	x	x	7†
P. R. England.....	1	0	—	1	†	1	1	1	1	x	x	6‡
A. Rutherford	0	0	0	—	—	—	1	1	1	x	x	3
H. A. James	0	0	†	—	—	1	1	—	—	x	x	3‡
P. F. Blake	1	0	x	—	0	—	0	1	—	x	x	w
E. Spencer	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	—	0	x	x	1
W. R. Thomas.....	0	0	0	0	—	0	—	—	1	x	x	1
J. S. Meikle	0	0	0	0	—	—	1	0	—	x	x	1
R. S. Corlett	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	—	—	—	d
C. Y. C. Dawbarn.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	00	x	x	—	w

w—Withdrawn. d—Did not compete.

†—Did not play off the tie.

CLASS A		Dr. R. Wyse	A. Rhead	A. Leather	R. A. Wenham	T. Gerrard	A. Joynson	Total
Dr. R. Wyse	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
A. Rhead	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
A. Leather	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	2
R. A. Wenham	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	2
T. Gerrard	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	3
A. Joynson	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	3
A. Rimmer	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
H. N. Bewley	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0

R—Retired.

CLASS B		W. E. Beckett	J. G. Smyth	R. Negwer	R. H. Thomas	J. A. Wheeler	J. T. Wood	Total
W. E. Beckett	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
J. G. Smyth	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
R. Negwer	0	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
R. H. Thomas	0	0	1	—	—	—	—	2
J. A. Wheeler	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	1
J. T. Wood	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	0

*—Winner on the play off.

CLASS C		T. B. Willacy	S. R. Tomkinson	G. R. McMahon	W. W. Williams	D. W. Hughes	A. E. Clay	C. J. Johnson	V. M. Pooley	Total
T. B. Willacy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
S. R. Tomkinson	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
G. R. McMahon	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
W. Wy'e-Williams	1	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
D. W. Hughes	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
A. E. Clay	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	2
C. J. Johnson	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	—	2
V. M. Pooley	0	0	x	x	0	x	x	—	—	0

x—Lost by absence.

*—Winner on the play off.

In January, an interesting Consultation Tournament was held, 17 members taking part. The prize of Two Guineas, the generous gift of Mr. Lamb, was won by Messrs. C. Y. C. Dawbarn and J. F. Clegg.

Early in March an Alternation Tournament took place, in which 8 pairs of players competed, each pair of partners moving alternately without consultation. The prize of One Guinea, kindly provided by Mr. T. Stainton, was won by Messrs. J. F. Clegg and W. R. Nicholson.

A Kriegspiel Level Tournament, with 13 entries, was won by Mr. H. Gardner, with a score of $9\frac{1}{2}$. Mr. W. H. Holt very kindly provided the prize of Two Guineas.

A Kriegspiel Handicap Tournament, for which there were 12 entries, was also won by Mr. H. E. Gardner, Class I, with a score of 8.

An Auction Bridge Tournament attracted 24 entries, but, owing to a late start, and to the inherent difficulties of such a tournament, has not yet been completed.

Several exhibitions of Simultaneous Play have been given during the season, and visitors have been cordially welcomed. On Saturday, 19th October, Mr. J. H. Blackburne played 18 games, winning 12, drawing 5, and losing 1 to Mr. C. Y. C. Dawbarn. On Thursday, 31st October, Mr. F. J. Marshall, Champion of America, played 21 games with lightning rapidity, winning 18 and drawing 3. On Wednesday, 6th November, the President played 13 games, winning 10, drawing 1, and losing 2 to Messrs. A. Bretherton and W. Corke. On Wednesday, 27th November, the Hon. Treasurer

played 18 games against a very strong set of opponents. He won 13 and lost 5 to Messrs. A. Burn, J. A. Brown, A. K. Bulley, R. R. Kendall and W. Wynn-Williams. An attempt to arrange for a similar exhibition by Mr. Mieses in March was unfortunately unsuccessful.

Perhaps the most important event of the year has been a match of two games, by cable, with the Johannesburg Chess Club. Early in March a cablegram was received from Mr. Raymond Schumacher, President of the Johannesburg Club, proposing the match, and, with the kind assistance of the *Liverpool Courier* and the *Transvaal Leader*, satisfactory terms were arranged with the Cable Company. The games have been of considerable theoretical value, and have aroused much interest here and in South Africa. The Johannesburg Club has several very strong players among its members, such as Mr. B. Siegheim, Champion of South Africa, Dr. Blieden, who tied for the Championship, and others, and this Club has no reason to be ashamed of the result against such opponents—two drawn games. The scores will be found at the end of the report.

After the conclusion of the match, Mr. R. W. Schumacher, in the course of a letter to Mr. Burn, wrote as follows:—"The match was, I believe, a novelty of its kind and must have a greatly stimulating effect on Chess in outlying portions of the Empire, if a powerful club like yours is willing to measure swords from time to time with younger and less experienced, but perhaps equally keen opponents. I feel that I owe a personal debt of gratitude to the Liverpool Chess Club for having accepted the challenge from Johannesburg."

The Annual Match with the North Manchester Club was played at Manchester, on Saturday, 26th October, and resulted in an easy victory for our opponents.

LIVERPOOL.		NORTH MANCHESTER.	
Dr. H. Holmes	0	Mr. H. E. Atkins	1
Mr. E. Spencer	*0	Mr. F. D. Yates	*1
Mr. J. Lewis	1	Mr. A. Caplan	0
Mr. D. Powell	0	Mr. H. B. Lund	1
Mr. H. A. James	1	Mr. C. Lobel	0
Mr. A. Rutherford	1	Mr. C. Coates	0
Mr. R. S. Corlett	0	Mr. W. Turner	1
Mr. J. S. Meikle	1	Mr. R. W. Houghton	0
Dr. J. F. McCann	0	Mr. A. Wolstencroft	1
Mr. W. R. Thomas	1	Mr. J. Burtinshaw	0
Mr. S. Wellington	0	Mr. J. G. Willey	1
Mr. H. N. Bewley	0	Mr. T. A. Farron	1
Rev. H. Peach	0	Mr. G. Osborne	1
Mr. W. W. Cowan	0	Mr. T. King-Parkes	1
Mr. J. H. Milton	1	Mr. T. L. Agar	0
Mr. R. R. Kendall	0	Mr. W. Phillips	1
	6		10

*Adjudicated by Mr. J. H. Blackburne.

Seven matches have now been played between the two Clubs, of which Liverpool have won 3, North Manchester have won 2, and 2 have been drawn.

The Annual Match with the Manchester Club was played at Manchester, on Saturday, 30th November. We were able to collect an unusually strong team, and the result was a welcome success for the Liverpool Club, the first since November, 1903.

LIVERPOOL.		MANCHESTER.	
Dr. H. Holmes	1	Mr. V. L. Wähltuck	0
Mr. A. Burn	1	Mr. C. H. Wallwork	0
Mr. P. R. England	*1	Mr. C. Coates	*0
Mr. E. Spencer	1	Mr. T. Kelly	0
Mr. A. G. Conde	1	Mr. G. Mills-Palmer	0
Mr. J. Lewis	0	Mr. W. Turner	1
Mr. H. A. James	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mr. F. Loewenthal	$\frac{1}{2}$
Mr. P. F. Blake	1	Mr. J. G. Willey	0
Mr. A. Rutherford	1	Mr. A. Briggs	0
Mr. C. Y. C. Dawbarn	0	Mr. H. B. Holmes	1
	7 $\frac{1}{2}$		2 $\frac{1}{2}$

*Adjudicated

This is the forty ninth match played over the board between the two Clubs. Liverpool has won 23, drawn 10, and lost 16.

A mixed 1st and 2nd Team has played 4 matches, of which they have won 1 and lost 2, and one against the Liverpool Central Club, was unfinished.

WON	DRAWN	LOST	AGAINST
1	0	1	Liverpool Catholic Club
0	0	0	Liverpool Central Club
0	0	1	Southport Club
—	—	—	
1	0	2	

The 2nd Team have played 5 matches, winning 1, drawing 1, and losing 3.

WON	DRAWN	LOST	AGAINST
1	0	0	Liverpool Y.M.C.A.
0	0	1	Southport Club
0	0	2	St. Helens Club
0	1	0	Waterloo Club
—	—	—	
1	1	3	

At the Annual Congress of the Northern Union held at Blackpool, January 6th to 11th, Mr. C. Y. C. Dawbarn won $4\frac{1}{2}$, Mr. R. S. Corlett 4, and Mr. W. R. Thomas $1\frac{1}{2}$ against Mr. F. D. Yates's score of $5\frac{1}{2}$. In the Major Tournament Mr. J. H. Milton and the Rev. H. Peach tied with two others for the 1st and 2nd prizes.

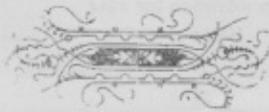
In the Championship of Lancashire Tournament, Mr. V. L. Wahlteuch won the Championship; Mr. P. R. England tied with another for second place, and Mr. E. Spencer was fourth.

A prize of One Guinea was again kindly offered by the Captain of the 1st Team for the best score in Club and County Matches, not less than five games to be played. This has been won by Mr. W. R. Thomas, with a score of three wins and two draws.

Among other successes Mr. P. R. Blake has won the 1st and 4th prizes in the recent Dutch Chess Association's Open Problem Tournament.

The Committee desire to express the thanks of the Club to Mr. W. H. Holt for the copies of *Punch* for the year, to Messrs. T. J. McGeorge and W. E. Withers for acting as Trustees of the Club, and to the many gentlemen who have have subscribed to the Extension Fund.

The deaths during the year of Mr. H. J. Horton and Dr. C. G. Lee is regretfully notified.



THE LIVERPOOL GENERAL ACCOUNT FOR THE

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Arrears of Subscriptions collected						5	5 0
Subscriptions from 118 Members					118	2 6	
Entrance Fees for Tournaments						5	13 6
DONATIONS—							
Mr. P. R. England		3	3 0				
Mr. W. H. Holt		2	2 0				
Mr. R. Lamb		2	2 0				
Dr. Holmes		1	1 0				
Mr. T. Stainton		1	1 0				
Dr. McCaun		1	1 0				
							10 10 0
Donations to Extention Fund as per appended list					57	13 0	
Sale of Papers						0	17 6
Rent of Drawers						0	7 6
Bank Interest						1	18 0
Receipts from Cards	25	1	10				
Less "Bridge Tournament" Prize		2	2 0				
							22 19 10
Receipts from Catering Department	477	14	4				
Less Food and Tobacco purchased, Laundry and Sundries	331	12	9				
							146 1 7
Contribution by Employees under Insurance Act						1	19 0
1 Subscription in advance for 1914						1	1 0
Balance owing						24	14 5

£397 2 10

MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT.

Number Paying	118
In Arrears	23

Total Number 141

CHESS CLUB.
YEAR ENDING 30th AUGUST, 1913.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s	d.	£	s	d.
Deficit on previous year				6	19	1
Rent				55	0	0
Rates				20	17	6
Telephone Rent				3	10	0
Coal				10	12	5
Gas, Lighting				11	0	7
„ Cooking				14	15	1
				25	15	8
Insurance				1	9	6
Printing and Stationery				5	14	0
Newspapers				2	19	0
Additions to Furniture				5	2	6
General Expenses				5	14	2
Fee—Mr. Blackburne				2	2	0
„ Mr. Marshall				3	3	0
				5	5	0
Subscription—Lancashire Chess Association				1	1	0
Tournament Prizes				17	19	0
Match Expenses				5	12	11
Entertaining Visitors				3	7	10
Waitresses Wages &c.				103	18	0
Sundry Repairs				3	1	6
Income Tax				0	2	11
Cost of Insurance Stamps				3	18	0
Cost of Johannesburg Cable Match				4	4	11
New Gas Pendants, Cleaning Decoration &c.				28	19	0
Extension of Club Premises				75	18	11

£397 2 10

LIST OF MEMBERS, OCTOBER 1913.

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*Signifies Country Members.

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Spencer, G.	*Wahluch, V. L.	Wynn Williams, W.
	Wenham, R. A.	

*Signifies Country Members.

The Annual Subscription, £1 1s., is due in advance on October 1st, and payable to Mr. E. SPENCER, Hon. Treasurer, or in the MANCHESTER AND LIVERPOOL DISTRICT BANK, Water Street.



LIVERPOOL v. JOHANNESBURG.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

White—Johannesburg.

- 1 P-Q 4
- 2 P-Q B 4
- 3 Kt-Q B 3
- 4 B-Kt 5
- 5 P-K 3
- 6 Kt-B 3
- 7 R-B sq

Black—Liverpool.

- 1 P-Q 4
- 2 P-K 3
- 3 Kt-K B 3
- 4 Q Kt-Q 2
- 5 B-K 2
- 6 Castles

The queen's rook is generally better posted at Q sq in this opening, and instead of the text-move I prefer B-Q3. If Black then exchanges pawns, with the view of gaining a move, he strengthens his opponent's centre.—B.

8 B-KB4

7 P-B 3

The only two games on record in which this move had been previously adopted were played in one of the Pillsbury-Showalter matches for the American Championship. The tendency of the move is to avoid the exchange of the KB after 8. P takes P; 9. B takes P; Kt-Q4.—S.

9. Kt-Q2

8. Q-R4
9. Kt-K5

This position occurred in a remarkably fine game between Pillsbury and Showalter, in the great Vienna tournament of 1898. Showalter, who was second player, obtained an easily won game, but mismanaged the ending and only drew.—B.

10. QKt takes Kt

If, instead, 10. KKt takes Kt, then 10. P. takes Kt; 11. B-K2 (P-B5 would not be good now on account of Black's reply 11. F-K4), P-KB4, threatening P-KKt4.—S.

In the game referred to, Pillsbury here played P-QR3, upon which followed 10. Kt takes Kt (Q2); 11. Q takes Kt, 11. P takes P; 12. B takes P. 12. P-K4; 13. P takes P, 13. Kt takes P; 14. B takes Kt, 14. Q takes B; 15. Castles, 15. B-KKt5.—B.

11. P-QR3

10. P takes Kt

The alternative was P-QB4. White, however, would not then have exchanged pawns, because of P-K4, followed by P-KB4, threatening to win the bishop by P-B5, but would probably have played B-K2, or R-B3.—B.

12. P-B5

11. P-KB4

A very strong move, after which the Liverpool players had to use the utmost caution to avoid defeat.—B.

13. B-B4

12. Kt-B3

The powerful position of this knight is the saving clause of Blacks' game.—B.

13. Kt-Q4

14. B-KKt3

14. B-Kt4!

The bishop is strongly posted here, and Black's continuous threats from hereon to advance P-B5 give him sufficient compensation for weak spots in his camp. The move immediately prevents Castling, as Black would obviously reply 15. Kt takes P; 16. P takes Kt, B takes P (ch), etc.—S.

15. Q-K2
16. Castles
17. B-R2

15. B-Q2
16. B-K sq

Intending Kt-B4, and from there to K5 or Q6.—S.

If now 18. Kt-B4, then 18. P-B5; 19. P takes P. Kt takes P; 20. B takes Kt (20. Q takes P would be bad on account of 20. B-Kt3), B takes B; 21. QR-Q sq, B-Kt3, and White has certainly no advantage.—S.

18. B-K5

This prevents P-B5 for the moment, for after 18. P-B5; 19. Kt takes P, P takes P; White would play 20. P-B3, and the pawn at Black's K6 would soon be lost.—S.

18. B-Kt3

19. B-Q6

If, still with the idea of preventing P-B5, White plays 19. B-Kt sq, then 19. Q-K sq; 20. Kt-B4, B-R4; 21. Q-Q2, Q-Kt3, and Black will obtain a strong attack.—S.

20. B-K5

Black, on the other hand, cannot well play the Rook to K sq or B2, as that would prevent the doubling of Queen and Bishop on the diagonal K sq to KR4, and White would have time enough to move his Knight in a strong position after first playing QR-Q sq.—S.

21. B-Q6

19 R-B3

20 R-B sq

21. R-B3.

Drawn

The notes marked S. are by Mr. B. Siegheim, in the *Johannesburg "Sunday Post,"* and those marked B. are by Mr. Burn.

LIVERPOOL v. JOHANNESBURG.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

White—Liverpool

Black—Johannesburg

1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. Kt-QB3

1. P-Q4
2. P-K3
3. P-QB4

Dr. Tarrasch, the great chess theorist, recommends this move as the only correct defence in the Queen's Pawn opening. He calls it the "modern defence," and the old move of Kt-KB3 he calls the "orthodox defence." The masters are not yet in accord as to which is the better of the two, but it is generally admitted that the old defence leads to the more complicated game,

4. P takes QP

Instead of the text-move, Dr. Tarrasch holds that P-K3 is White's best continuation here, leading to what he calls the "normal position" of the opening.

5. Kt-B3
6. P-KKt3

4. KP takes P
5. Kt-QB3

This move was first played by Schlechter against Dus-Chotimirski, in the Prague tournament of 1908. It has since been successfully adopted by Rubinstein in many an important game, and is now known as "Rubinstein's variation."

7. B-Kt2
8. Castles
9. P takes P

6. Kt-B3
7. B-K2
8. Castles

If, instead, B-Kt5, Black may rely B-K3, with a good game.

10. B-Kt5
11. Kt-QR4

9. B takes P
10. P-Q5

An experiment. The more obvious move of Kt-K4, followed, on B-K2, by B takes Kt and Q-R4, would probably have been stronger.

12. Kt-K sq
13. B takes Kt
14. Kt-Q3
15. Kt-B4
16. R-B sq
17. Kt-B5
18. R takes Kt
19. R-Q5
20. Kt-R5

11. B-K2
12. P-KR3
13. B takes B
14. Kt-K4
15. Kt-Q2
16. R-Kt sq
17. Kt takes K
18. P-QKt3
19. Q-K2
20. B-K3!

Simplest and best. If, instead, 20. B-K4, then 21. P-KB4, 21. B-Q3; 22. K-R sq. 22. B-QB4; 23. P-QKt4, and White has the advantage.

21. Kt takes B (ch)
22. R takes P
23. P-K3
24. Q-R4
25. KR-Q sq
26. R takes R
27. B-K4
28. B-Q5
29. K-Kt2

21. Q takes Kt
22. B takes P
23. B-K3
24. QR-Q sq
25. R takes R
26. P-QR4
27. B-B4
28. R-QB sq
29. P-KKt4!

A strong move, preventing R-KB4, and threatening R-B7.

30. P-KKt4
31. Q-Kt3
32. B takes B
33. P takes R

30. B-K3
31. K-Q sq!
32. R takes R

Black's 31st move (R-Q sq) was an ingenious trap. If White, instead of recapturing the rook at once, now play to win a pawn by B takes P (ch), they lose the game, e.g., 33. B takes P (ch), 33. Q takes B; 34. Q takes Q (ch), 34. K takes Q; 35. P takes B. 35. P-QKt4, and wins. An instructive pawn end-game, which will repay examination.

34. Q-KB3
35. P-R3
36. Q-K4
37. Q-Kt7

33. Q takes P
34. K-B sq
35. Q-Q3
36. Q-K3

Drawn

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