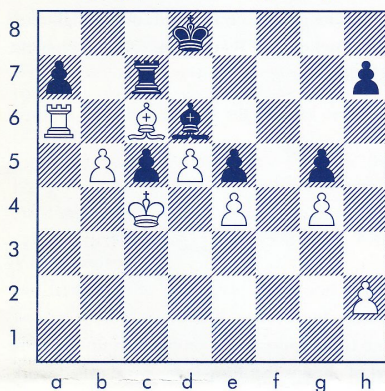


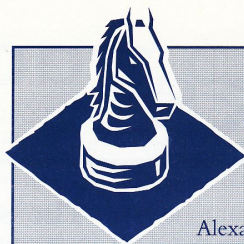
4 victory over defending champions Auxerre. This was my contribution:

Keith Arkell (Nancy) - Pia Cramling (Auxerre)
 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 Bg7 4 g3 0-0
 5 Bg2 d6 6 0-0 c6 7 Nc3 Qa5 8 e4 e5
 9 d5 cxd5 10 cxd5 b5 11 Re1 b4 12
 Nb1 Nbd7 13 Nbd2 Ba6 14 Nb3 Qa4
 15 a3 Bc4 16 Nfd2 Bb5 17 ab Qxb4
 18 Na5 Nc5 19 Ndb3 Nxb3 20 Nxb3
 Ba4 21 Bd2 Qxb3 22 Rxa4 Rfb8 23
 Bc3 Qxd1 24 Rxd1 Nd7 25 Rda1
 Rb7 26 Ra6 Bf8 27 b4 Nb6 28 Be1
 Bh6 29 Bf1 Rc8 30 Bb5 Rc1 31 Bc6
 Rxa1 32 Rxa1 Rc7 33 b5 Nc4 34 Ra2
 f5 35 Bb4 Bf8 36 Rc2 Nb6 37 f3 fxe4
 38 fxe4 Be7 39 Kf2 Nd7 40 Ba5 Rc8
 41 Bb4 Nc5 42 Bxc5 dxc5 43 Ra2
 Rc7 44 Ke2 Bd6 45 Kd3 Kf8 46 Kc4
 Ke7 47 g4 g5 48 Ra6 (Zugzwang) Kd8



49 Bb7! Rd7 50 Rxa7 Bb8 51 b6 Rf7
 52 Kxc5 Rd7 53 Kc6 Rd6+ 54 Kb5 1-0

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Patzer Corner

Even patzers can beat world champions . . . if you get them when they're young!

Alexander Baron (BCF 145) had the audacity to send in his wins instead of his blunders, but he's a patzer anyway for taking advantage of helpless little kiddies. This is his story:

Amazing Statistics

It has often been said that there are lies, damned lies and statistics, but I wonder if any club player can beat this. In January 1999 when 11-year-old Jessie Gilbert picked up the Women's World Amateur title at Hastings this took my slowplay score against past and present world champions to 3½/4, a staggering 87.5 per cent. My blitz score is 3/3, i.e. 100 per cent, and my overall score is 93.75 per cent. Sounds impressive, doesn't it? How come? Well, here is the breakdown:

Jessie Gilbert - 2/2 slowplay
 Rosalind Kieran - 2/2 blitz
 Emine Yanik - ½/1 slowplay
 Gary Lee - 2/2 slowplay and blitz

The first three are all past and present Women's World Amateur champions; Emine Yanik was the first holder of that title and I held her to a draw - or rather, she held me to a draw! - at the Challengers' last year. That same year, Rosalind Kieran picked up the title; I had previously beaten her twice in a blitz at the first Mindsports. And I had played and beaten Jessie Gilbert twice in a slowplay before she pulled off her coup at Hastings this year. Gary Lee is a member of my club, a moderate but rapidly improving club player. I've beaten him in a club tournament and also in a blitz at the Mindsports. He won the World Amateur Poker Championship at the Mindsports last year. Well, I did say there were lies, damned lies and statistics!

"Come to think of it, I may well have beaten Lee in another blitz tournament, at my club, but for modesty's sake I won't include that here."

After submitting this article, Alexander beat Jessie Gilbert again at the Kensington Rapidplay, but it was far too difficult to calculate the necessary adjustment to his statistics, so you'll have to do that yourselves. Any world champions out there who are

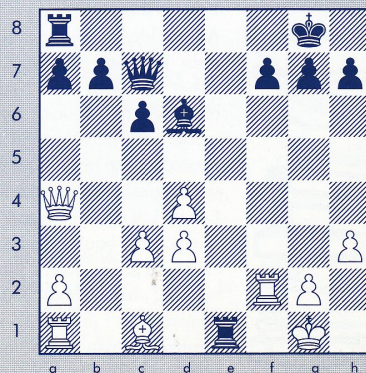
worried about an imminent game against Alexander can use the following brilliancy in their preparation:

Stuart Nelson-Alexander Baron

Kensington Rapidplay, 21.3.99

Elephant Gambit

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d5 3 exd5 e4 4 Qe2
 Be7 5 Qxe4 Nf6 6 Qa4+ c6 7 d6
 Bxd6 8 Be2 0-0 9 0-0 Re8 10 Bd3
 Bg4 11 Ng5 Nbd7 12 Nc3 Ne5 13
 f3 Nxd3 14 cxd3 Qb6+ 15 d4 Bf5
 16 Nge4 Bxe4 17 fxe4 Nxe4 18 d3
 Nxc3 19 bxc3 Qc7 20 h3 Re2 21
 Rf2 Re1+ 0-1



Full Members Delegates to Council for the Year 1999-2000

Colin Crouch, Christina Harvey and Tony Suttill have been elected following the recent poll.

The actual count was Colin Crouch 51 votes, Tony Suttill 40 votes, Christina Harvey 35 votes, Peter Wilson 23 votes and Bruce Birchall 11 votes

Guilty Men - ChessMoves March 1999

The BCF acknowledges that it was inappropriate to publish the article 'Guilty Men' in the last issue, without affording the unidentified opponent referred to by Cathy Forbes an opportunity to put forward his account of the incident, and apologises for any distress this may have caused. It was inevitable from the facts given that the identity of her opponent would become widely known, as indeed occurred in subsequent national newspaper coverage. The opponent, John Henderson, has given his account to the media and we set it out below.

"I had made my move at the board. After about five minutes Cathy was not at the board. I went to go to the toilet, which was at the end of a long corridor where they were serving teas. As I was going down the corridor, I noticed Cathy was lost in a fairly animated conversation with a man serving teas. On the way past I would have probably touched her on the arm, but she had a cup of tea in her right hand, so I lightly touched her on the waist above the belt-line and said "Cathy, it's your move." Nothing untoward had occurred. When I came back she just threw a tantrum and I was really upset by her reaction."