

In the May 2012 *En Passant*:

League Tables, Results, League Chat

It's all over bar the shouting...

The View From The Chair

John Wickham, Norfolk County Chess Association Chairman, with his regular column.

London Rapidplay

Thirteen-year-old Yousuf Bin-Suhayl, from the far west of the county, reports on a successful outing for him and brother Ieysaa.

A Boulton Brilliancy

William has had an up-and-down season, but when he is on the attack he is hard to stop, as ex-Norfolk man Adrian Elwin has found to his cost more than once. This game, from a county match last Autumn, is a particularly vicious example, featuring an intuitive queen sacrifice with some tactical offers to follow.

Chess In... The Olympics

This is your editor's contribution to the new series, instigated by Colin Payne, on our readers' experiences of chess beyond these shores. He is less than complimentary about the efficiency of some French organisers that he encountered, particularly when compared with their German counterparts.

But don't mention the War (The 100 Years War, that is).

Catching Up With Grant

Mike Read annotates a game by his friend and Norfolk chess stalwart, Grant Turner.

An Endgame Combination

Colin Payne stops off from his World Tour to show us a rather neat endgame combination that he sprang earlier this season.

World Premier

Mike Read has a treasure trove of great correspondence games. In a game that he hasn't published anywhere before now, he inadvertently plays a slightly inaccurate idea in the early middlegame but, unusually for a correspondence game, his opponent "believes" him and doesn't enter the critical line. The result is a strong attack for Mike and eventually a lovely Zugzwang.

Chess Club Resuscitation Techniques

Mike Mc Naughton gives some very useful advice on how to revive a chess club's flagging membership.

The Six Pawns Attack

A remarkable game by Ben Collinson in which he advances no fewer than six pawns, all abreast, to the fourth rank in the opening. Notes are by him with some contributions from your editor.

A Tactical Quiz With A Difference – Part 4

The final part of your editor's quiz based on the "aesthetic blemishes" which marred some of his best wins. These three examples are particularly exquisite.

Daniels' Best Game (So Far!!)

Daniel Jackson hails from the eastern end of the county. He and Yousuf Bin-Suhayl have been locked in a friendly battle for supremacy of their age group. This game by Daniel, annotated by Mike Read, shows that the battle is resulting in some fine chess and, hopefully, will result in two fine chess players.