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This is the second grading list prepared by the B.C.F. National Grading Sub-Committee. The list grades performances in the three years to end August 1954, including Nottingham and Skegness, but not Paignton or Amsterdam.

The results used in the grading were provided by Union and County Secretaries, etc., in response to the Committee's request. Very full results have been obtained from some places; others are under-represented in the list. Many players, strong enough to be included, have had to be omitted for lack of sufficient data.

The method was described in the B.C.F. Year Book for 1953-54. The same grades have been used as in the first list; a man at the top of one grade would be expected to win by about 7 to 5 in a long series of games against a man at the top of the grade below. The best Russians are about three grades above our 1a.

All serious over-the-board play reported to the Committee has been regarded as eligible. The qualification for inclusion is 20 assessable games in the three year period, with at least 10 in the last twelve months. In a few cases, the Committee have waived the latter condition, but never where the player has not engaged in serious play during the year. Those who were eligible to play in the B.C.F. Junior and Boys' Championships have been graded on two years' and one year's play respectively (or on the last 20 games if they had played less in these periods). Names are arranged alphabetically in each grade. We have inserted in brackets the ranking in last year's list of each player who was included.

The Committee hope to collect enough records for 1954-55 to permit the 1955 list to be made generally on two years' performance instead of three. The Committee are indebted to those who have given such great help in 1954. A circular will be issued shortly asking for records for 1954-55 ; it is hoped that all clubs will meanwhile keep records of all play of the strength indicated by the list. This year's list is nearly five times as long as the first list ; with the co-operation of the chess world, the Committee hope to continue to improve the list in 1955, both in quality and in quantity.

COMMENT . . . [presumably by CHESS editor B.H. Wood]

Disappointment will again be felt that the players are graded into mammoth groups, instead of being arranged into order of strength, from first to last. It is also curious that Paignton (which finished on September 18th) could not be incorporated in a ranking list issued just two months later. (No prize offered for an explanation!) This and the [1954] Amsterdam [Olympiad] tournament, being succeeded by a several weeks' lull free of big-tournament chess, formed a natural close to a period covered.

The disappearance of such names as W. A. Fairhurst, D. M. Horne and T. H. Tylor is regrettable.

The inclusion of many new names greatly enhances interest, however.

[n.b. modern grade equivalents given in square brackets after 1a, 1b, 2a, etc]

Grade 1a [241-248]

C. H. O'D. Alexander (1a)

Grade 1b [233-240]

H. Golombek (1b)

J. Penrose (1b)

R. J. A. Persitz

Grade 2a [225-232]

G. Abrahams (2b)

L. W. Barden (2b)

R. Blow (2b)

R. J. Broadbent (1a)

S. Fazekas (2a)

M. J. Franklin

P. S. Milner-Barry (2a)

A. Phillips (2b)

M. Radoicic

W. Veitch

R. G. Wade (2a)

Grade 2b [217-224]

J. M. Aitken (Cheltenham) (2a)

P. H. Clarke (Ilford) (2a)

J. A. Fuller (Harrow) (2b)

A. Y. Green (Athenaeum) (3a)

D. V. Hooper (Battersea) (2b)

N. McKelvie (Battersea)

F. Parr (Stock Exchange)

W. Tabakiernik (Leicester)

A. R. B. Thomas (Exeter) (2b)

P. N. Wallis (Leicester) (2a)

B. H. Wood (Warwicks.) (2b)

Grade 3a [209-216]

L. Alexander (Surrey)

P. B. Anderson (Glasgow)

J. F. Barrett (Cambridge U.)

T. J. Beach (Liverpool)

M. Blaine (Hampstead) (3a)

E. Brown (Hampstead)

P. F. Copping (Swindon)

J. W. Cornforth (Hampstead)

A. Distler (Athenaeum)

F. Fischer (West London)

O. Friedman (Finchley)

I. J. Good (Cheltenham)

G. F. Harris (Stourbridge)

P. C. Hoad (Liverpool)

D. G. Horseman (Oxford U.)

H. Israel (Middlesex) (2b)

A. Lenton (Leicester)

D. G. Mackay (Battersea)

D. V. Mardle (Cheltenham) (2b)

S. Milan (Stockport)

W. R. Morry (Birmingham) (3a)

R. H. Newman (West London)

(3a)

R. C. Noel-Johnson (Kent)

D. Paffley (Wakefield) (2b)

J. S. Parker (Wimbledon)

E. G. Sergeant (West London)
(2b)

A. H. Trott (Metropolitan) (3a)

T. H. Wise (Middlesbrough)

(3a)

Grade 3b [201-208]

D. M. Andrew (Sheffield)

F. W. Allen (Athenaeum)

J. Ansell (Cheltenham)

R. W. Bonham (Worcester) (4a)

R. F. Boxall (Lewisham) (3b)

C. G. Butcher (Wimbledon)

P. B. Cook (Ilford) (3b)

S. C. Davey (Ipswich)

M. Davis (Hastings)

H. G. Felce (Sutton & Cheam)

P. C. Gibbs (Bradford &

Birmingham U.)

I. Goldberg (Leeds)

D. F. Griffiths (Birmingham)

P. Harris (Oldbury) (3b)

M. J. Haygarth (Leeds)

J. B. Howson (Kent)

E. C. Hughes (Civil Service)

F. E. A. Kitto (Exeter)

G. J. Martin (Ilford & Leicester

U.)

D. Miller (Metropolitan)

J. Neale (Cheltenham)

N. A. Perkins (Hendon)

W. E. B. Pryer (Herts)

W. E. C. Richards (Civil

Service)

V. J. A. Russ (Leicester) (3a)

P. D. Sanderson (Cambridge

U.)

P. Scull (Derby)

Sergt. K. R. Smith (U.S.A.A.F.)

J. D. Solomon (Battersea)

J. Stone (Hampstead)

R. F. Streater (Wimbledon)

B. Sturgeon (Ilford)

H. V Trevenen (Penzance)

H. I. Woolverton (Ilford)

Grade 4a [193-200]

G. A. C. Ashcroft (Battersea)

J. H. Beaty (Doncaster)

K. Beaumont (Huddersfield)

J. M. Bee (Metropolitan)

E. G. Berg (Bradford)

R. M. Bruce (Plymouth) (3b)

B. Cafferty (Birmingham U.)

J. G. Cockcroft (Bradford)

S. H. Crockett (Insurance)

C. A. S. Damant (Hampstead)

F. Davy (Southgate)

K. L. Gardner (Oxford U.)

J. B. Goodman (Plymouth)

J. J. A. Handley (Cambridge U.

and Newcastle)

C. G. Hilton (Manchester)

C. Jahn (Harrow)

P. Keffler (Bath)

S. J. Krubski (Insurance)

D. Leslie (Finchley) (3b)

D. E. Lloyd (Cambridge U.)

B. J. Moore (Birmingham)

J. J. Moore (Metropolitan)

A. J. Morrell (Ilford)

H. F. Moxon (Clapham

Common)

P. W. Parkes (Wimbledon)

A. Philpott (Finchley)

J. H. Pollitt (Manchester) (4b)

J. E. Povey (Leeds)

D. B. Scott (Battersea) (3b)

S. A. Seale (Ealing)

R. W. Stevenson (Clapham

Common)

A. F. Stobo (Cheshire)

C. Sullivan (Glos.)

Grade 4b [185-192]

D. L. Barrett (Insurance)

A. J. Bernfield (Metropolitan)

J. Birnberg (Athenaeum)

C. Bridle (Wimbledon)

J. G. Brogden (Wakefield)

H. Brown (Streatham)

T. I. Casswell (Hampstead)

P. E. Collier (Leicester)

M. G. Collins (Crewe)

E. Faierman (Glos.)

J. T. Farrand (Willesden)

J. C. Frost (Cheshire)

W. J. Fry (Southampton)

L. A. J. Glyde (Ilford)

D. J. P. Gray (Exeter)

D. B. Grayson (Manchester)

Rev. W. R. Greenhalgh

(Lewisham)

C. R. Gurnhill (Sheffield)

J. B. Hawson (Ilford)

B. Hayden (Sussex)

K. A. Hirsch (Hampstead)

H. S. Hope (Croydon)

S. R. Hossell (Coventry &

Taunton)

J. T. Keable (Croydon)

E. Knopfler (Glasgow)

W. H. S. Lavers (Herts)

A. Lerchs (Aberdeen U.)

J. Levin (Metropolitan)

K. W. Lloyd (Birmingham)

E. G. Long (Bristol U.)

W. D. Lowe (Metropolitan)

C. W. Marshall (Glasgow)

T. G. Midgley (Huddersfield)

A. E. Nield (St. Leonards)

G. C. Nurse (Insurance)

L. S. Penrose (Hampstead)

M. Podoba (Southgate)

M. E. Poolake (Bristol)

A. P. Primett (Herts)

A. Rivlin (Leeds)

J. D. Rosse (Southgate)

H. A. Samuels (Croydon)

I. T. Sifton (Exeter)

J. T. Smith (Manchester U.)
 J. M. Soesan (Ilford)
 Miss A. Sunnucks (Lud-Eagle)
 C. G. Tayar (Birmingham)
 M. Thompson (Southampton)
 Aird Thomson (Surrey &
 Glasgow)
 Miss E. Tranmer (Hampstead
 (4a)
 D. G. Tranter (Sheffield)
 C. Welch (Bristol)
 R. G. White (Stock Exchange)
 K. Whyld (Nottingham)
 B. L. Wilkinson (Chorley)
 S. Wilkinson (Essex)

Grade 5a [177-184]

W. G. Barb (West London)
 Mrs. R. Bruce (Plymouth)
 J. Bzowsky (Athenaeum)
 H. W. Calvert (Ilford)
 F. J. Camm (West London)
 L. J. Cannon (Newcastle)
 C. Cordel (Leicester)
 A. Flood (Hampstead)
 B. E. Glaze (Metropolitan)
 P. T. T. Godwin (West London)
 I. F. Grix (Cornwall)
 E. Hamilton (Middlesbrough)
 P. Henley (Finchley)
 A. Hills (Herts)
 A. J. Hooke (Insurance)
 H. Mann (Cheltenham)
 H. G. T. Matchett (Birmingham)
 I. R. Napier (Cornwall)
 B. H. Neumann (Manchester)
 J. E. Pattle (Guildford)
 A. R. Pitt (Cheltenham)
 J. Poole (Harrow)
 R. O. Powis (Nailsworth)
 J. S. Price (Battersea)
 G. A. Rain (Croydon)
 D. Saunderson (Chesterfield)
 H. W. Scarlett (Cambridge)
 D. Smith (Hull)
 J. E. Smith (Cheshire)
 D. H. Spencer (Wimbledon)
 R. Starasolsky (Leicester)
 P. Starling (Middlesbrough)
 G. H. F. Tredinnick (Coulsdon)
 L. Vine (Eastleigh)
 J. Vining (Stock Exchange)
 F. S. Woolford (Gloucester)
 R. D. Wormald (Worcester)

Grade 5b [169-176]

E. G. Ansell (Manchester)
 S. D. Callard (Nailsworth)
 E. B. Chapman (Leicester)
 D. J. Collins (Harrow)
 S. W. Dickens (Herts)
 W. Evans (Battersea & Bucks)
 H. W. Gamble (Battersea)
 O. C. Gardiner (Dover)
 W. J. Gillies (Harrow)

J. P. Goodfellow (Metropolitan)
 P. Gough (Ludlow)
 D. Gould (Leicester)
 E. W. Harrison (Ilford)
 G. E. James (Leicester)
 R. E. James (Insurance)
 H. F. Joynson
 (Wolverhampton)
 F. R. Leicester (Clapham
 Common)
 A. Lindhurst (West London)
 B. Lyons (Wimbledon)
 M. Rose (Glasgow)
 O. Schalscha (Wellington)
 G. H. Simmons (Scunthorpe)
 V. Tarnofsky (Cambridge U.)
 W. S. Wallis (West London)
 L. C. Walters (Ilford)
 H. H. Watts (Southport)
 A. Weber (Clapham Common)
 O. Weiss (Leicester)
 R. Weisz (Wimbledon)