

THE B.C.F. GRADING LISTS FOR 1968 (*pps 36-40, The Year Book of Chess 1968-69*)

1. The B.C.F. Grading List for 1968 is the first of a new series following the Grading Committee's review of the grading system. The Executive Committee in September, 1967, approved revisions of the system, which were published in the B.C.F. Year Book for 1967-68. They have now been incorporated into the system.
2. The figures cover performances in the year ending 30th April, 1968, and include the 1968 Easter and Bognor Congresses. In certain cases, in which less than 30 games had been played in the year, performances in the previous year are added to bring the total up to 30 games.
3. Adjustments have been made to offset the downward bias in the system of recent years, and to correct a regional disparity that had appeared, which overvalued the West and undervalued the North relative to the South and Midlands. The changes in the system will, it is hoped, prevent the reappearance of these distortions. The system will be reviewed again in four years' time.
4. The Lists are published in the same format as before. The numbers and grades represent a slightly lower standard than in recent Lists: a performance of say 200 is somewhat worse than a performance of 200 in recent Lists and probably about the same as a performance of 200 about 10-15 years ago.
5. Some numbers shown in the Lists below may be subject to small amendment later in order to include games recorded by N.C.C.U. graders for players whose main play is in other Unions.
6. The number in the National List is 48, compared with 20 last year, an average of 24 in the 1964-66 Lists, 31 in the 1961-63 Lists, and 38 in the 1958-60 Lists. J. Penrose is the only one in 1a, and is far ahead of anyone else. There is no-one in 1b, and 5 in 2a. The various changes make it difficult to compare with the individuals' performances in the 1967 List, but particularly good improvements appear to have been made by T. W. Robbins (Streatham and Brixton), D. Wright (Islington), J. D. Taylor (Richmond), B. H. Wood (Sutton Coldfield) and M. J. Franklin (Richmond).
7. The Committee have decided to recommend no change in the qualifications for the British Master (B.M.) and Candidate Master (C.M.) titles. A. S. Hollis, R. D. Keene and A. J. Whiteley have qualified for the C.M. title by appearing in 2a grade.

I.M., International Master; B.M., British Master; C.M., Candidate Master; C., Welsh C.U.; M., M.C.C.U.; N., N.C.C.U.; S., S.C.C.U.; W., W.E.C.U.

NATIONAL GRADING LIST

1a. 248 - 241 (1)

Penrose, J. (IM) 243

1b. 240 — 233

None.

2a. 232 — 225 (5)

Kottnauer, C. (IM) 231
Keene, R. D. (CM) 229
Lee, P. N. (CM) 227
Whiteley, A. J. (CM) 227
Hollis, A. S. (CM) *226

2b. 224 — 217 (12)

Franklin, M. J. (S) 224
Hartston, W. R. (CM) 224
Clarke, P. H. (BM) 222
Golombek, H. (IM) *220
Littlewood, J. E. (BM) 219
Phillips, J. R. (S) 219
Sharpe, I. W. (S) *218
Taylor, J. D. (S) *218
McDonald-Ross, M. (S) 217
Milner-Barry, P. S. (BM) 217
Wood, B. H. (M) 217
Hindle, O. M. (CM) *217

3a. 216 — 209 (30)

Basman, M. J. (CM) 216
Hilton, C. G. (N) 216
Knox, V. W. (N) 216
Robbins, T. W. (S) 216
Parr, F. (S) 215
Richardson, K. B. (M) 215
Wade, R. G. (IM) 215
Wright, D. (S) 215
Pritchard, D. B. (S) 214
Thomas, R. (N) 214
Ball, J. D. L. (M) *214
Gibbs, P. C. (M) 213
Lambshire, M. V. (S) 213
Haygarth, M. J. (CM) 212
Hoad, P. C. (N) 212
Patterson, N. J. (S) 212
Firth, M. (N) 212
Woodcock, C. F. (N) *212
Cafferty, B. (M) 211
Harman, K. B. (S) 211
Phillips, A. (S) 211
Stephenson, F. W. (N) *211
Wolstenholme, J. (N) 211
Littlewood, N. (CM) 210
Burnett, L. P. (W) *210
Scott, D. B. (S) *210
Williams, A. H. (C) *210
Green, B. N. (N) 209
Poutrus, W. E. (S) 209
Toothill, A. (N) *209

UNION LISTS**3b. 208 — 201 (49)****S.C.C.U. (33)**

Harris, R. A. (Athenaeum)	208
Hopewell, B. (Lincoln, Athenaeum)	208
Botterill, G. (Oxford Univ., Bradford)	207
Bowen, A. W. (Hampstead)	207
Davie, A. M. (Cambridge Univ.)	207
Fox, T. C. (Kingston, Mitcham)	207
Roe, P. L. (Bedford)	207
Bruzzi, S. (Imperial College)	206
James, G. H. (Regency)	206
Lees, D. (Newham, Inland Rev.)	206
Parker, J. S. (Wimbledon, Min. Trans)	206
Cook, M. P. (Maidstone)	205
Sherman, D. (Waltham Forest)	205
Howson, J. B. (King & King, Newham)	204
May, A. K. (Bank of England, Richmond)	204
Strauss, D. J. (Cambridge Univ.)	204
Webb, Simon (London Univ.)	204
Brogden, J. G. (Wimbledon)	203
Henderson, G. N. (Cambridge Univ., Oldham)	203
Israel, H. (Hampstead)	203
Reuben, S. (Islington)	203
Shallice, T. (London Univ.)	203
Adaway, W. G. L. (Slough)	202
Hall, R. V. M. (Mitcham)	202
Macgrillen, H. (Imperial College)	202
Parr, D. (I.C.T., Athenaeum)	202
Perkins, A. H. (London Univ., Leeds)	202
Upton, R. St. J. (Hastings)	202
Wood, C. B. (I.C.T., Sutton Coldfield)	202
Bulford, M. J. (Islington)	201
Hawes, S. O. N. (Athenaeum)	201
Learner, Dr. A. (Hastings)	201
Smith, I. B. N. (Ilford)	201

N.C.C.U. (8)

Beaty, J. H. (Doncaster)	206
Marcussi, B. (Middlesbrough)	206
Homer, J. (Bolton)	204
Tate, L. S. (Newcastle YMCA)	204
Eales, R. G. (Chester YMCA)	203

Simm, B. (Swinton)	203
Dilworth, A. J. (Bolton, Manchester)	202
Gardner, R. (Brighouse)	202

M.C.C.U. (6)

Lawrence, J. A. (Kynochs)	207
Anderton, D. W. (W'ton Kipping)	205
Griffiths, P. C. (Solihull)	203
Stevenson, M. A. (W'ton Kipping)	202
Wallis, P. N. (Leicester)	202
Walker, A. N. (Notts. Mechs.)	201

W.E.C.U. (2)

Thomas, A. R. B. (Tiverton)	206
Aitken, Dr. J. M. (Cheltenham)	203

4a. 200 — 193 (87)**S.C.C.U. (55)**

Craddock, J. M. (Premier Precision, Bracknell)	200
Oliff, K. M. (Cable & Wireless)	200
Pritchard, Mrs. E. (Queens Gambit)	200
Toothill, J. (Maidenhead)	200
Baldwin, T. D. (Battersea G.S., Streatham & Brixton)	199
Kalton, N. J. (Cambridge Univ.)	199
Power, R. (Harrow, Sheffield University)	199
Barker, R. J. (Haywards Heath)	198
McMinn, A. J. (Streatham & Brixton)	198
Orchard, C. R. (Bournemouth)	198
Scholes, J. E. (Athenaeum)	198
Thrower, S. (Bucks., Leeds Univ.)	198
Szyszkina, M. (Polish YMCA, Central Elec.)	198
Timson, P. F. (Harrow, B'ham. University)	198
Blaine, M. (Hampstead)	197
Dymond, M. J. (Athenaeum, Gosport)	197
Holloway, N. J. (Plymouth, Cambridge Univ.)	197
Holmes, R. de L. (Huddersfield, Oxford Univ.)	197
Ludgate, A. T. (High Wycombe, Leeds Univ.)	197
Speed, G. (Mitcham)	197

Whitbread, A. W. (Essex Univ.)	197	Tennant-Smith, J. (Faculty of Tech., Manchester)	197
Williams, D. C. (Wimbledon, Guildford)	197	Bielby, P. R. (Huddersfield)	196
Bellin, R. (Gt. Yarmouth G.S.)	196	Ellison, D. G. (Bolton)	196
Cubitt, C. (Gt. Yarmouth G.S.)	196	Boyd, F. (Wallasey)	195
Halliwell, B. (Southend)	196	Lemon, R. C. (Sheffield Univ., Southgate, Surbiton)	195
Rogers, D. J. (Lewisham, Acton, I.C.T.)	196	Little, E. A. (Sunderland)	195
Wheeler, G. W. (Islington)	196	Markland, P. R. (Bolton)	195
Crombleholme, A. (Mitcham, Surbiton, MCCU)	195	Naylor, J. W. (Leeds)	195
Franks, M. (King & King)	196	Russ, V. J. A. (Harrogate)	195
Harman, R. F. A. (Islington, King & King)	195	Jackson, O. A. (Sale)	194
Harouni, J. (Hendon, Oxford U)	195	Barnard, C. S. (Sheffield Univ.)	193
Hudson, O. P. (Ipswich, Cambridge Univ.)	195	Kooiman, B. (Hartlepoons)	193
Landry, T. A. (Willesden)	195	Rhodes, G. I. (Newcastle)	193
Linton, W. A. (Oxford Univ., Sunderland)	195	Welsh C.U. (1)	
Paige, R. L. (Athenaeum)	195	Gilbert, C. (Cwmbran, Mon.)	196
Watson, R. H. (Oxford Univ.)	195	M.C.C.U. (6)	
Flynn, J. D. (Hendon)	194	Carleton, J. J. (Sutton Coldfield, NCCU)	198
Fuller, R. A. (Brentwood, Sedgwick Collins)	194	Tabakiernik, W. (Imperial Typewriter)	196
Hempson, P. W. (University College, Newham)	194	Horne, D. M. (Kidderminster)	195
Hobbs, J. (North Thames Gas)	194	Horton, M. H. (Notts. Mechs.)	195
Lally, M. E. (Midland Bank)	194	Jenson, Dr. V. G. (W'ton Kipping)	195
Lloyd, D. E. (Newham, R.A.F.)	194	Lenton, A. (NALGO, Leicester)	193
Patience, P. J. (Southampton, Swansea Univ.)	194	Starasolski, R. (Imperial Typewriter)	193
Poole, J. (Harrow)	194	W E.C.U. (7)	
Pratten, W. H. (Fareham)	194	Meade, P. J. (Cheltenham)	197
Simpole, J. I. P. (Brighton)	194	Ansell, J. (Cheltenham)	196
Sugden, J. N. (Cambridge Univ.)	194	Lemoir, D. (Patchway)	196
Hart, T. W. (Battersea G.S., Streatham & Brixton)	193	Trevenen, H. V. (West Penwith)	195
May, F. C. (Islington)	193	Powis, R. O. (Stroud)	194
Mitchell, J. R. (Welwyn Garden City)	193	Wise, D. M. (Downend & Fishponds)	193
O'Grady, J. Kirk (Cambridge Univ., Cheshire)	193	Gray, Dr. D. J. P. (Exeter)	193
Stockwell, R. J. (G.P.O.)	193	4b. 192 — 185 (120)	
Walker, J. N. (Cowley)	193	S.C.C.U. (79)	
Wheeler, J. F. (Streatham & Brixton)	193	Banwell, R. E. (Islington)	192
Winser, W. A. (Hastings)	193	Byway, P. V. (Maidenhead)	192
N.C.C.U (17)		Century, J. I. (Muswell Hill)	192
Eley, B. (Doncaster)	200	Chan, H. V. (Willesden)	192
Edwards, R. B. (Harrogate)	199	Cohen, P. (University College)	192
Seppings, J. L. (York)	199	Enticknap, J. G. (Islington, Oxford University)	192
Neat, K. P. (Leeds Univ.)	198		

Farrand, J. T. (Ilford)	192	Williams, E. D. (Brighton)	188
Futter, D. (Brentwood)	192	Dent, L. J. (Harrow)	187
Blackburne, C. M. T. (Bracknell Inds.)	191	Drake, J. H. E. (Streatham & Brixton)	187
Bracher, A. R. (Richmond, Cambridge Univ.)	191	Ellis, D. (Richmond)	187
Clements, G. E. (Oxford Univ.)	191	Kings, Rev. P. R. (Finchley)	187
Cook, P. B. (Ilford, Inland Revenue)	191	Scott, S. G. (Islington, Hampstead)	187
Jones, J. H. (Gosport)	191	Smith, R. R. (Dulwich College)	187
Lancaster, R. (Mushrooms, Nobel Lowndes)	191	White, R. G. (Coulsdon & Purley, Stock Exchange)	187
Perkins, N. A. (Finchley)	191	Bevis, D. K. (Bournemouth Knights)	186
Prizant, M. (Sutton & Cheam)	191	Feavyour, J. A. (Metropolitan, Suffolk)	186
Walters, L. C. (Southampton)	191	Hemingway, T. K. (Stevenage)	186
Andrew, D. M. (Mitcham, Sutton & Cheam)	190	Hindley, P. R. (Mushrooms, Oxford University)	186
Edmonds, A. M. (Itchen College)	190	Mariotti, P. (Reading)	186
Gait, P. D. (Battersea, Sheffield Univ.)	190	Polley, R. H. W. (Ilford)	186
Gregory, W. N. D. (Chislehurst)	190	Shalcross, D. G. A. (Wimbledon)	186
Johannes, R. L. (Dulwich College, Streatham & Brixton)	190	Skilleter, J. V. (Railway Chess)	186
Lowry, S. (London Univ.)	190	Surtees, M. J. (Camberley)	186
Malcolm, D. (Insurance, Sutton & Cheam)	190	Tinworth, F. E. (Metropolitan)	186
Moore, J. A. (Metropolitan)	190	Anslow, G. E. (Eastbourne)	185
Richards, W. E. C. (Harrow)	190	Congdon, T. G. (Colchester Royal G.S.)	185
Spurgeon, R. E. (Metropolitan)	190	Habershon, P. F. (King Alfred School, Southampton)	185
Veauce, L. de (Windlesham)	190	Lewis, A. P. R. (Richmond, Hastings)	185
Cannon, L. J. (Horsham)	189	Openshaw, D. K. (Oxford Univ., NCCU)	185
Ewans, H. M. (RAE. Farnborough)	189	Pelling, T. W. (Mushrooms)	185
Govas, G. H. (Harrow, Railway Chess)	189	Saverymuttu, S. (St. Johns College, Southsea)	185
Hall, A. (Harrow, Sussex)	189	Sturgeon, Dr. B. (Ilford)	185
Henley, J. A. (Stevenage)	189		
Jones, G. A. (Oxford Univ., Wales)	189	N.C.C.U. (21)	
Singleton, M. P. F. (Hendon, Folkestone)	189	Adams, D. (Sheffield Univ.)	192
Sombor, A. P. (Croydon, Athenaeum)	189	Booth, A. J. (Manchester)	192
Stephens, G. H. (Richmond)	189	Conroy, M. J. (Bury Burnley),	192
Wilkinson, J. R. (Itchen Coll.)	189	Hughes, R. M. (East Cheshire)	192
Woolverton, H. I. (Ilford)	188	Lee, R. A. (Huddersfield)	192
Ambler, R. G. (Suburban, Ibis)	188	Beach, T. J. (Waterloo)	191
Atkinson, B. W. (Slough, Ibis)	188	Atkinson, J. W. (Hull)	190
Clarke, G. J. (Dulwich College, Beckenham)	188	Rastall, J. S. (Leeds Univ.)	190
Ewing, D. J. F. (Cambridge Univ.)	188	Williams, P. (Manchester, Wigan)	190
Gittins, R. L. (Dulwich College, Streatham & Brixton)	188	Wright, C. (Bradford)	190
Kalinski, S. M. (King & King, Newham)	188	Ripley, J. M. (Prescot)	189
Lavers, N. H. S. (St. Albans)	188	Firth, B. (Brighouse)	188
Lea, E. G. (I.C.T.)	188	Reynolds, D. I. W. (Wallasey)	188
Nicholas, G. J. (Regency)	188	Lamb, H. (Bolton)	187
Thompson, M. W. G. (Southampton)	188	Nathan, R. (Manchester Univ.)	187
Walsh, D. J. (Hayes & Harlington)	188	Russell, H. (Sheffield Univ.)	187
		Hughes, B. H. (Wallasey)	186
		Carrington, I. M. (Barrow)	185

Gronau, R. (Sheffield Univ.)	185
Holland, J. R. (Manchester)	185
Kermeen, R. J. (Douglas, I.O.M.)	185

Welsh C.U. (2)

Thornton, J. D. (Cardiff Univ., Bradford)	188
Haight, M. (Cardiff, E. Glam.)	185

M.C.C.U. (11)

Beach, R. A. (Victory)	192
Webb, J. R. L. (Kiddeminster, SCCU)	192
Adams, D. M. (Nuneaton)	191
Keely, R. (W'ton Kipping)	191
McFarland, R. (Nuneaton)	190
Morry, W. R. (Mutual)	190
Clunie, R. J. (West Bromwich)	189
Rowe, D. C. (Notts, Univ.)	188
Ingram, K. R. (Kynochs)	187
Hardy, O. H. (Coalville)	186
Taylor, J. M. (Braunstone)	185

W.E.C.U. (7)

Bruce, R. M. (Plymouth)	192
Cock, J. C. (Cheltenham)	190
Waters, P. (Barnstaple)	189
Young, G. A. (Downend & Fishponds)	189
Hutchings, S. J. (Bristol & Clifton)	188
Bissell, M. D. (Cheltenham)	186
Merrett, Dr. P. (Parkstone)	185