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This edition of the Scottish Grading List covers the period May 1974 to April 1975. Events covered are listed below. The main development has been the large increase in the number of graded players, and the increase in the number of games played by many players. This grading list contains 635 names. A further 66 players on the inactive list retain their gradings, giving a total of 701 graded players. There are no less than 215 newly rated players. Several have returned from the inactive list, and there are players entering with English and American gradings. 67 names have been removed from the full list, mainly to the inactive list. This list would have reached a size of about 140 players this time if we had not changed the rules on inactive players so that those without results for 3 years lose their grading completely(if they play, and are graded elsewhere, this is of course recognized). All players without results since mid-1972 have been removed, as well as those who are known to have died, or moved to other parts of the country. We hope that the remaining inactive players will play again soon.

Many players have been very active this season. 20 players have at least 50 rateable results, with one player having no less than 94 results!

Apologies. Because of confusion between players with similar names, some results were wrongly treated last time. The score given as Collins S(Aberdeen University) should have been Collins S(Glasgow Montrose). The results given for Campbell J A(Falkirk)should have been for Campbell J(Falkirk). This particular confusion arose because J A Campbell is normally given as I Campbell. We shall give him as I Campbell in future, which we hope will be acceptable. We hope the position is correct now. Apologies to all concerned.

Loading Players. The following players are graded 180 or over, based on at least 20 rated results.

228: C W Pritchett; 224: P M Jamieson; 223: R M McKay; 217: D N L Levy;
 209: D J Findlay; 208: I J Sinclair; 205: G Bonner; 202: J Lumsden;
 201: S Swanson; 198 C J Lennox; M Rosenberg; 194 J R L Webb; 193: A M Davie,
 K B McAlpine; 192: N Gordon; 191 M J Freeman; 190: W P Watson;
 189: H C Gallagher, A Scrimgeour, N J Young; 188: R W M Baxter, D A Smith,
~~I V V V V V V V V V V~~ K W C Stewart, D A Watt, B Whyte; 187: M J Brodie, H Morton;
 186: P M Giulian, I Meiklejohn; 185: R S Bhopal, H D Holmes; 184: F G Dingwall,
 W S Smerdon; 183: A P Borwell; 181: R F T Abayasekera, B L Kerr, H T Partis,
 R H Walker; 180: R E Clapham.

Events graded during this period have been:-

Finals of 1974 Regional and Richardson Cup; National Club Championship; West of Scotland Final 1974; Scottish Championship, Open, Ladies, Girls, Seniors, Boys and Under-17; Scottish Disabled Congress; Grangemouth Premier,Open; Olympiad-Nice; British Championship; Robert Silk Fellowship; Glasgow Congress International, Junior International, Open, Reserves, Major, President's Prize (including Ladies),Under-17,Under-16; Glorney Cup; East of Scotland Final 1974.

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Ayrshire Congress 1974; Ayrshire League Div.1; Aberdeen Pre-Season Tournament; East of Scotland 1974/5:-Aberdeen,Dundee and Edinburgh sections and Final; Glorney Cup Training Tournament; Aberdeen Open; Edinburgh Junior Congress: Regional; MacIsaac Trophy; Richardson Cup; Spens Cup; Robertson Cup; Ayrshire Individual Open; I B M Open;Major; Dundee Open; East of Scotland Junior; West of Scotland Junior; North East Junior; Sunday Times; Northumberland League (for D A & E P Smith);Glasgow League Divs 1 & 2; Howden Junior Tournament; Castlemilk Christmas Open; Lanarkshire Easter Congress; Glasgow Winter Open; Dunbartonshire,Lanarkshire & Renfrewshire Championships; Renfrewshire Open 1974; West of Scotland Final 1975; Edinburgh League Divs 1 & 2; Dundee League Divs 1 & 2; Central League Div 1; Lone Pike,California; various congresses in England and Wales. Club Championships (and other club tournaments) at Aberdeen University, Ayr, Bon Accord, Dumfries, Dundee, Bearsden, Edinburgh, Edinburgh University, Ferranti, Glasgow, Lanark clubs.

Two events finishing after April have been completely included in this list. They are Griffin T.C. Open and Renfrewshire Open 1975. Results of Dundee Club Championship Finals,Glasgow Herald tournament and Hastings Congress are delayed until the next list.

ALPHABETICAL LIST.

Players marked ** have less than 15 rated results, and are thus least accurate. Those marked * have 15 to 19 results. All others have at least 20 results, giving a 2 in 3 chance that their grading is accurate within 4 points. Those underlined have at least 20 results this season, so their grading is mainly due to this season's results. Many of these have 30 or more results, when the grading is completely on this season's performance.

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WMM - Woman Master.

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Last time 3 or 4 players were excluded because their scores were above 92% or below 8%. These players are all now graded. Two further players have been excluded this time for the same reason. We hope they will become graded next time.

Although there are more club championships graded this time, there must still be many which are not yet graded. If you run such an ungraded event, please let your local grader have the results, together with a brief description of the rules (so that we can assess whether the event is played in reasonable conditions for grading).

SCOTTISH GRADING SYSTEM. by A.J. Lait (Chief Grader).

Many players see grading lists, which may contain their own names, and wonder what the grading numbers mean, and how they are calculated. This short article is intended to answer these questions, and is therefore being printed in both "Scottish Chess" and the Scottish Grading List so that most players may know the answers.

Firstly a brief indication of the strength of players with various gradings, the higher levels being converted from international ratings:-

World Champion	275	Very Strong Players	200 to 220
Grand Master	240 to 270	Strong Players	175 to 200
International Master	225 to 240	Good Club Players	150 to 175
Top British Players	220 to 240	down to	
		Inexperienced Players	75 to 100

These figures should only be taken as an approximate guide.

The gradings are calculated from the performances of players in a wide range of chess competitions throughout Scotland, the rest of the country, and occasionally abroad. The main requirements for games to qualify is that they are over-the-board games played with clocks with a time limit not faster than 30 moves per hour. This therefore eliminates postal chess, lightning chess and modern short events such as the Glasgow Allegro tournament. The other main requirement is of course that the results reach the graders. Some events, particularly club championships, are not graded because we have not received the results. If you are a club or league secretary, or tournament organiser, please ensure that the results of your competition reach your local grader. The present local graders are listed overleaf.

From time to time one hears of people who think that they are better than their grading suggests, and that other players are not as good as their gradings. It is of course impossible to measure a player's strength, and the grading system does not claim to do so. All we do is to give a measure of how well players perform in graded competitions. As we grade more and more competitions, the gradings will tend to reflect more accurately the players actual strength, or to be more precise, the strength over a given number of games, which may extend over a fairly long time if the player does not play frequently.

The main assumption is that, on average, a higher rated player will have a positive score against a lower rated player, with the difference in score being greater when there is a larger difference between their ratings. The following table shows some of the values used:-

Rating Difference	Expected Score	
	Higher Rated Player	Lower Rated Player
0	0.50	0.50
10	0.61	0.39
20	0.71	0.29
30	0.80	0.20
40	0.87	0.13
50	0.92	0.08

This table shows the expected average performance. We know that we all lose some games against weaker players, and win some against stronger ones.

For games between two rated players, this table can be applied to get the expected score for each player. This score is added up for all the games played by the player during the rating period. The players actual total score is also calculated, together with the number of games he plays. Such totals are made for all the rated players, and are used at the end of the period to calculate the player's new rating using the formula:-

$$R(\text{new}) = R(\text{old}) + 100 \times (\text{Score actual} - \text{Score Expected}) / N \text{ sample}$$

where Nsample is equal to the number of games in the current period, if greater than 30, or the sum of the games in this period and the previously rated games (if this sum is less than 30), or is 30 in all other cases (which will apply to most players once they have accumulated 30 rated results). This method effectively means that a player is rated over his most recent 30 results, once he has reached this number. This may be just one season for active players, or several years for less active players.

When an unrated player plays against a rated player, the result is noted for the unrated player. If the unrated player accumulates at least 8 results against rated players within 2 years, he will become rated provided that his score is within the range 8% to 92%. Outside this range, the rating given would be too inaccurate, so the player must wait until his score comes within this range. Within the valid range, the player's average score is calculated, and the table is used to obtain a rating difference. The average of his opponent's gradings is also calculated. The sum of these two figures gives the grading for the player. It is likely that a newly rated player's grading will be fairly inaccurate until he has played a reasonable number of rateable games. The ratings are therefore preceded by an asterisk until a player accumulates at least 20 results, when the grading should be accurate within 5 points. Once a player is graded, he remains graded, although his name will not be printed in the grading list if he becomes inactive. The grading however remains valid, and he will reappear in the list when he plays further games.

If the above method were used by itself, the rate of expansion of the grading list would be fairly slow, since it might be difficult for some, even fairly active, players to get results against 8 graded players within 2 seasons. Because of this, unrated players playing in events which we call class 1 events, may be allocated temporary ratings for the event only, provided they play at least 5 games in the event. This rating is only used to calculate the results of their opponents during the event, and does not contribute toward the grading they may receive. Because of this temporary rating, unrated players will achieve rateable results more easily and more players will become graded. Another result of this method is that the games also count for the graded players who play against those with temporary ratings, so that many less games are "wasted".

I hope that the above short description will be helpful in giving an outline of how your rating is calculated, and what it means.

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