

# NEW ENGLANDER

## Chess Club Update – May 2017

### Chairman's Chatter

Congratulations to Cavaliers! Outdistancing Spalding and Warboys with some hefty match wins, the team topped the North Division of the Team 550 Competition with 21 game points. We celebrate with a Match of the Month from the final round which secured our success.

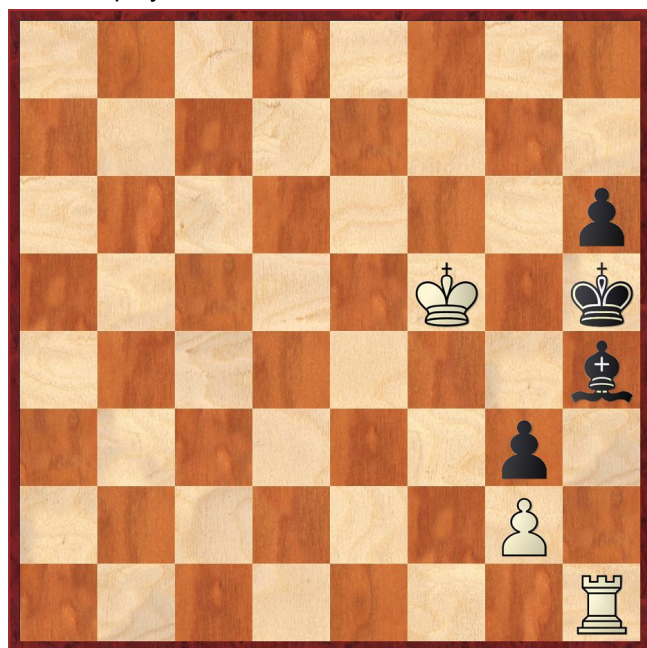
After 5 years and 7 months, Ron has decided to bring the curtain down on the Window on the Web feature. It has become increasingly difficult to find new content. Ron writes "I have enjoyed doing it and somewhere along the way, some of the knowledge I gained, hopefully, I retained.

And the same goes for us! Many thanks, Ron!

*Paul Hanks*

### Puzzle Problem

White to play and mate in 2



Last Month's solution (Kardos 1969)

Position : 4k2r/R6b/8/4K3/8/8/Q7

1 Qh1 0-0 2 Qxh7# [1 ... K other/R other/Bg8 2 Qa8#; ; 1 ... B other 2 Qxh8#]

### Website to Watch

The big tournament during May is FIDE's next Grand Prix event in Moscow which selects candidates for the next World Championship cycle. Taking place between 11<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, it features 18 grandmasters from a list of 24 qualifiers. [worldchess.com](http://worldchess.com) is the official website but watching games will cost \$10. Viewing may be free on the general conduits [chess24.com](http://chess24.com) or [chessbomb.com](http://chessbomb.com).

### Diary Dates

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Problem night
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Club Championship Round 6
17 <sup>th</sup> May	CCCA end of season Jamboree at Warboys. We are currently entering two teams and still have vacancies. Please contact F Bowers if you can to play.
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Club mini-lightning
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Club Ladder final game
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Club AGM at 7-30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Rapidplay

Please note that the Team 550 Competition entails a final between the winners of the North and South divisions. The away fixture for Cavaliers against Cambridge will fall on a Wednesday before mid-June and may cause further re-scheduling.

### Result Round-up

#### Cambridgeshire County Chess Leagues

New England A	2½	Cambridge	2½
R Ilett	1	B Buisman	0
P Hanks	0	R McCorry	1
P Walker	½	S Daughman	½
S Caraway	1	S Pride	0
P Turp	0	C Hughes	1
Spalding	2	New England B	2
P Golimowski	1	P Walker	0
P Cusick	1	P Turp	0
T Bennett	0	R Jones	1
R Wilson	0	M Tarabad	1
New England B	3	St Neots B	1
S Caraway	1	P Barkas	0
D Lane	½	R Palumbo	½
J Parker	½	J Dunn	½
S Walker	1	F Rock	0

#### Team 550 Competition

NE Patriots	2	Warboys	2
R Ilett	1	C Watkins	0
S Caraway	1	B Duff	0
P Weinberger	0	D Polehonski	1
I Garratt	0	B Taylor	1

<b>NE Cavaliers</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Godmanchester</b>	<b>0</b>
F Bowers	1	J Wright	0
S Walker	1	M English	0
M Ingram	1	B Smith	0
P O'Gorman	1	D Green	0

#### CCCA Team 550 Competition

North Division	P	W	D	L	Points	
					Game	Match
New England Cavaliers	8	4	2	2	21	10
Spalding	8	5	1	2	19½	11
Warboys N	8	6	1	1	19	13
New England Patriots	8	1	2	5	12½	4
Godmanchester	8	1	0	7	8	2

#### New England Club Ladder

White		Black	
P O'Gorman	0	1	S Walker
R Ilett	1	0	P Walker
N Wedley	1	0	I Garratt

Position	Change		Player	Record @ 26/04/17
	Month	Overall		
1	+1	+1	R Ilett	½,1,0,1,½,1,½,1
2	-1	+10	D Lane	1,1,½,½,1
3	-	+2	J Parker	1,0,½,0,1,1,1,½
4	-	-3	F Bowers	½,½,1,1,0
5	+1	+9	S Walker	0,1,½,1,0,1,1
6	-1	+5	P O'Gorman	½,0,1,0,0,½,0,0,1,0,0,0
7	-	+8	M Ingram	0,1,½
8	-	-1	N Wedley	1,0,1,1,½,½,1,½,1,1
9	+1	-	M Tarabad	1,1,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,0,½,0
10	-1	-7	P Hanks	1,1,½,1
11	-	+5	S Caraway	1,½
12	-	-4	P Weinberger	1,1,0,1,1,1,0,0,0,1
13	-	-	P Walker	½,½,½,0
14	-	-10	I Garratt	0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0
15	-	-9	N Foreman	0,0,0,0,0,0,0
16	-	-6	R Jones	1,0

#### New England Grand Prix

Player	Champ	Ladder	League	Cup	550 Team	Total	TPR*
P Walker	3½	1½	9	0	3½	17½	163
S Caraway	3½	1½	9	½	3	17½	158
R Ilett	4	5½	6	½	1	17	179
M Tarabad	2	6½	4	½	3	15	93
F Bowers	4	3	4	½	2	13½	160
D Lane	1	4	4	0	4½	13½	119
P Hanks	2½	3½	4½	½	½	11½	149
P Weinberger	3	6			2½	11½	101
J Parker	3	5	½		2	10½	114
R Jones	3	1	3		2	9	118
N Wedley	1½	6½			1	9	109
P Turp	3		3½		1	7½	132
S Walker	1½	4½	1		1	8	104
C Russell	2½			1	3	6½	127
M Ingram	2½	1½			2	6	108
P O'Gorman	0	3			1	4	69
G Dharmasena	3					3	117
S Wozniak	2½			0	0	2½	105
I Garratt	0	1			½	1½	47
N Foreman	1	0			0	1	48

\* Tournament Performance Rating is approximate

#### Club Championship

Round 2			
S Wozniak (½)	½	½	R Jones (½)

Round 3			
S Caraway (1½)	P	P	R Ilett (2)

Round 5			
P Turp (3)	0	1	R Ilett (3+P)
S Caraway (2½+P)	1	0	G Dharmasena (3)
P Hanks (2½)	0	1	F Bowers (3)
C Russell (2½)	0	1	P Walker (2½)
P Weinberger (2)	1	0	N Wedley (1½)
J Parker (2)	1	0	S Wozniak (2½)
M Ingram (2)	½	½	R Jones (2½)
P O'Gorman (0)	P	P	D Lane (1)
N Foreman (1)	P	P	M Tarabad (1)
I Garratt (0)	0	1	S Walker (½)

Round 6		
F Bowers (4)		R Ilett (4+P)
P Walker (3½)		S Caraway (3½+P)
R Jones (3)		P Turp (3)
G Dharmasena (3)		P Weinberger (3)
P Hanks (2½)		J Parker (3)
S Walker (1½)		C Russell (2½)
S Wozniak (2½)		M Ingram (2½)
D Lane (1+P)		N Foreman (1+P)
N Wedley (1½)		M Tarabad (1+P)
P O'Gorman (0+P)		I Garratt (0)
Match night : 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Deadline : 31 <sup>st</sup> May

## Eye Opener

### R Vaganian v G S Botterill

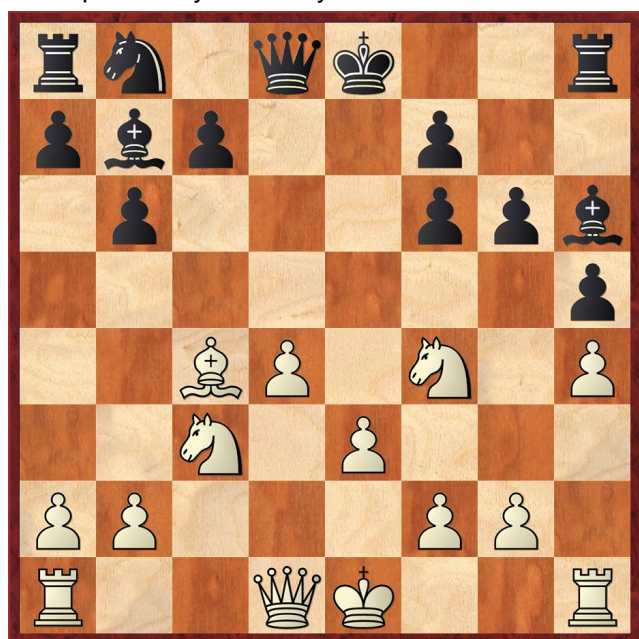
Hastings 1975

1      **d4**                      **Nf6**  
 2      **Bg5**                      **g6**  
 3      **Bxf6**

Here is an example of the Trompovsky Attack in which Black ignores the immediate threat to his kingside pawn structure

3      ...                      **exf6**  
 4      **e3**                      **Bg7**  
 5      **Ne2**                      **b6**  
 6      **Nf4**                      **d5**  
 7      **h4**                      **h5**  
 8      **c4**                      **dx c4**  
 9      **Bxc4**                      **Bb7**  
 10     **Nc3**                      **Bh6**

Warning bells should have been ringing. Black has developed slowly and has yet to castle.



11     **Bxf7+**                      **Kxf7**  
 12     **Qb3+**                      **Ke8**

If 12 ... Kg7 13 Ne6+ or 12 ... Ke7/f8 13 Nxd6+.

13      **Nxd6**                      **Qd7**

Not 13 ... Rh7 14 Qg8+ and definitely not 13 ... Rf8 14 Qe6+!

14      **Nxh8**                      **Qg7**  
 15      **Qe6+**                      **Kf8**  
 16      **Nd5**                      **Nd7**

16 ... Bxd5 17 Qxd5 loses the rook in the corner and 16 ... Qxh8 allows 17 Qe7+ Kg8 18 Nxf6+.

17      **Ne7**                      **1-0**

Everything has to go to prevent checkmate on g6.

## Match of the Month

### S Walker v M English

New England Cavaliers v Godmanchester; 05.04.17

Francis Bowers was on board 1 and I played on board 2. As it happened, the match in the Team 550 competition was a whitewash for our club and here is my contribution.

1      **d4**                      **Nf6**  
 2      **Bg5**

Just one of my favourite openings - the Trompovsky Attack. The different variations are analysed in some depth in the August 2011 issue of **NEW ENGLANDER**, except that my variation in this game is barely mentioned.

2      ...                      **Nfe4**  
 3      **h4**

A move not often seen played at club level but interestingly, it is a favourite amongst correspondence players! It has been tried as White at grandmaster level by the Hungarian rising star Richard Rapport but his opening repertoire marks him out as something of a maverick. Recently, someone tried to play him at his own game to discover what the expert considers best play for Black. The game continued 3 ... d5 4 Nd2 Bf5 5 Ne4 Be4 6 f3 h6 and a draw was agreed shortly afterwards (Ivanisevic v Rapport, Crna Gora 2015).

3      ...                      **g6**

If Black bites the bullet with 3 ... Nxd5, play can reach very open positions e.g. 4 hxg5 e5 5 g6 (5 Nf3 e4 6 Nfd2 d5 7 e3 Qxg5 8 c4 or 8 Rh5) 5 ... fxg6 6 dxe5 d6.

4      **Nd2**                      **Nxd2**

I thought (and so does Fritz) 4 ... Nxd5 was a better move and what is normally played. I was not expecting 4 ... Nxd2. In fact, searching the opening databases of Fritz, Informator and the Openings Explorer section of the [www.chessgames.com](http://www.chessgames.com) website throws up only one game to reach this position.

5      **Qxd2**

I am now on unfamiliar territory here. The only precedent continued 5 ... h6 and Black went in for a hedgehog strategy of cramped but solid development with 6 Bf4 d6 7 e4 Bg7 8 0-0-0 c6 9 Nf3 Bg4 10 Be2 Nd7 (Vitor v Aguiar, Lisbon 2003). Here, as in my

game, White occupies the centre with the e4 and d4 pair of pawns but I had to face a sterner challenge when Black contests my dominance at move 6.

5 ... Bg7  
6 e4

Another option is to make use of the queen and bishop battery by playing 6 Bh6 which effectively deters castling. If Black tries to continue 6 ... 0-0, 7 h5 would give me many threats before the game has started in earnest. Later on, I do in fact play Bh6 (on move 9) with devastating results.

6 ... d5  
7 e5

To limit the scope of the Black's bishop fianchetto.

7 ... h5  
8 0-0-0

With the idea of bringing my rooks to the kingside for an eventual attack.

8 ... 0-0?

Black castles right into the path of my attack plans. I was really pleased when I saw this move.

9 Bh6 Kh7

A wasted tempo? Black could try to develop with 9 ... Bf5 or create tension in the centre with 9 ... c5.

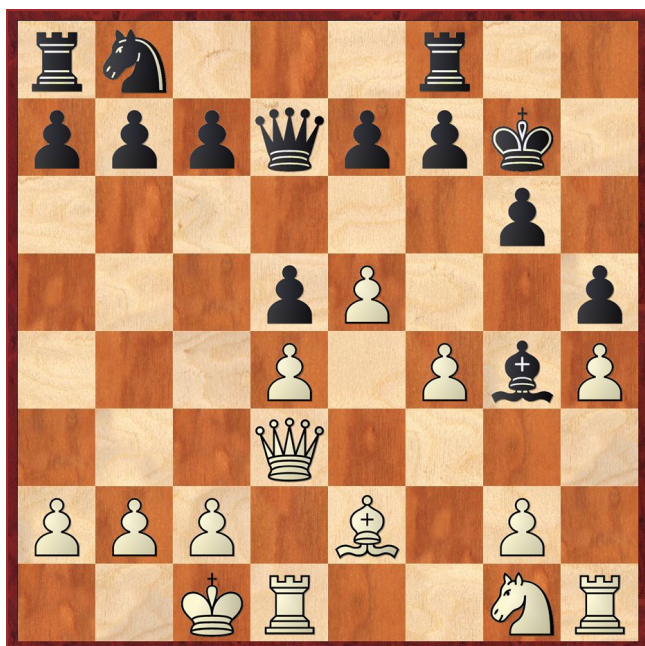
10 Bxg7

Taking away the main guardian of Black's king.

10 ... Kxg7  
11 f4

The real start of the kingside attack. The decision at this point concerns how White intends to break through the black pawn barrier to reach the enemy king. Another route might be Ng1-e2-f4, Bf1-e2 and a piece sacrifice on h5. I am more intent on f4-f5 after weakening Black's grip on the light squares.

11 ... Bg4  
12 Be2 Qd7  
13 Qd3



13 ... Bxe2

Perhaps, Black should retain this piece with 13 ... Bf5 and contest control of the g4 square. In that case, I could not grab a pawn with 14 Qb3 Nc6 15 Qxb7 because 15 ... Rab8 16 Qa6 Nb4 regains it on c2 with advantage to Black.

14 Qxe2 Qf5  
15 Nh3! Nd7  
16 Rhg1 Nb6?

I nearly played 16 Qb5 instead of 16 Rhg1, the idea being to fork the knight and b7 pawn but then, after a few seconds thought, I saw that Black just plays his knight to b6 and is defending OK. In addition, I also thought better of it because I still need my queen on the kingside to reinforce the attack with my rooks. Black in any case played 16 ... Nb6? taking the knight away from defending the black king which, of course, I was happy to see.

17 g4 hxg4  
18 Qxg4

Maybe keeping the queens on the board with 18 Rxc4 would be more consistent with my previous aggressive plans but Black still needs to take care.

18 ... Qxg4  
19 Rxc4 Kh6

The black king should seek safety and not wander about to this square.

20 Ng5! Nc4

My opponent thought for 15 minutes before playing this move. He told me later that he had ideas about eventually playing his rook to h1 with checkmate, though this was not very realistic.

21 Rd3 f6?

Black can still keep in the game with solid moves like 21 ... c6. The advance of his kingside merely opens up weaknesses.

22 Ne6 f5  
23 Rg5! c6

Mike took another 15 minutes (!) to play this dubious move which loses the exchange and the game.

24 Nxf8

This is an automatic reaction which gives an easily winning position. I could also have posed immediate problems with 24 h5 because 24 ... gxh5 25 Rh3 leads to a quick checkmate and similarly for 24 ... Rg8 25 Rh3. Black can run away with 24 ... Kh7 25 hxg6+ Kg8 but he will be helpless when White doubles rooks on the h file.

24 ... Rxf8  
25 Rdg3 Kg7  
26 Rxc6+ Kf7  
27 e6+ 1-0

and Black resigned as he saw I could play 28 Rg8 which is overwhelming and I also have the passed h pawn to push through.

*Steve Walker*

### Cambridgeshire County Chess Leagues

<b>A Team</b>	Fenland	Cambridgeshire League												Score		Appearances		Grading	
	St Neots 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Royston 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Peterborough B 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Warboys A 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Peterborough A 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St Neots 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Royston 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Cambridge 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Peterborough B 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Warboys A 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Peterborough A 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	St Neots 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Cambridge 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Score	Appearances	Opponent Average	Performance		
Ray Ilett	½	0	½	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	½	1	6½	13	178	178		
Peter Walker		½		½	½		1	1	½	½	1	1	½	7	10	145	167		
Sam Caraway	½	½		1	½	1	1	0	½	½	½	0	1	7	12	147	155		
Francis Bowers	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	0		½		3½	11	167	149		
Paul Hanks	0		½	1	½	0	1	½	½		0	½	0	4½	11	158	149		
Phil Turp		½	0							½	½		0	1½	5	145	125		
Ron Jones			½			½								1	2	127	127		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1½</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1½</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2½</b>	<b>2½</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Sum of opponents' grades</b>	572	917	750	790	817	789	790	740	738	771	819	789	804	based on grades at start of the season					
<b>Sum of New England grades</b>	665	811	786	823	823	796	823	823	823	811	809	823	809						
<b>B Team</b>													Score		Appearances		Grading		
	Warboys B 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Spalding 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Warboys C 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St Neots B 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Warboys B 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Warboys C 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Spalding 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	St Neots B 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr						Score	Appearances	Opponent Average	Performance		
Francis Bowers	½														½	1	165	165	
Peter Walker		1	1			0	0								2	4	158	158	
Phil Turp	0	½	0		½	1	0								2	6	146	129	
Sam Caraway				½	1			1							2½	3	142	175	
Ron Jones		½	0		½	0	1								2	5	120	110	
Des Lane	½	1	1	0	1			½							4	6	102	119	
Jason Parker								½							½	1	125	125	
Peter O'Gorman				0											0	1	102	52	
Steve Walker								1							1	1	96	146	
Mahmoud Tarabad	0			1		1	1								3	4	87	112	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1½</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17½</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Sum of opponents' grades</b>	499	534	473	456	428	541	544	500	based on grades at start of the season										
<b>Sum of New England grades</b>	515	550	550	447	556	529	529	468											

### Cambridgeshire Team 550 Competition

	Plate	Team 550								Score	Appearances	Grading	
	Peterborough 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	NE Cavaliers 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Spalding 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Godmanchester 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Warboys N 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Spalding 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	NE Cavaliers 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Godmanchester 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Warboys N 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr			Opponent Average	Performance
<b>NE Patriots</b>													
R Ilett									1	1	1	165	215
Paul Hanks	½					½				1	2	161	161
Sam Caraway	0	0	0	1	½	½			1	3	7	153	146
Chris Russell	1		1	1	0	½	0	½		4	7	124	128
Steve Wozniak	0	0								0	2	133	83
Peter Weinberger			0	1	0d	0	1	½	0	2½	7	104	95
Jason Parker		0		1			1	0		2	4	103	103
Ivan Garratt			0		½			0	0	½	4	95	53
Nick Foreman		0								0	2	86	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>1½</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1½</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Sum of opponents' grades</b>	579	482	517	412	430	506	381	461	511	based on grades at start of the season without 100 as fixed minimum			
<b>Sum of Patriots grades</b>	545	420	410	454	322	525	343	340	470				
	Plate	Team 550								Score	Appearances	Grading	
	St Neots 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	NE Patriots 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Warboys N 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Spalding 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Godmanchester 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Warboys N 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	NE Patriots 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spalding 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Godmanchester 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr			Opponent Average	Performance
<b>NE Cavaliers</b>													
Peter Walker	0	1	1	1		½				3½	5	159	179
Francis Bowers	½				1			0	1	2½	4	151	163
Ron Jones		1	0	0		½		½		2	5	141	131
Phil Turp				½	½					1	2	124	124
Des Lane	0	1	½	½	1	½		1		4½	7	114	128
Steve Walker									1	1	1	113	163
Norman Wedley							1			1	1	107	157
Mahmoud Tarabad	½	1	0		1		1			3½	5	81	101
Mike Ingram							0	1	1	2	3	98	115
Peter O'Gorman						0	0		1	1	3	87	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1½</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3½</b>	<b>1½</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2½</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Sum of opponents' grades</b>	535	420	537	534	460	550	343	543	408	based on grades at start of the season without 100 as fixed minimum			
<b>Sum of Cavaliers grades</b>	519	482	482	550	515	486	381	504	461				