

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009



David Lettington (left) presented with his award by Peter Soulsby MP

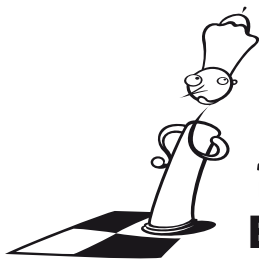
The Counties Championship, the last under the current gradings bands, were held on July 4th 2009 at Moat College, Maidstone Rd, Leicester. The event was opened by Sir Peter Soulsby, M.P. of the constituency the school is situated in, Leicester South and a chess player in his youth. During his opening address, he praised the ECF for the Chess For Schools Project, of which he was fully aware and expressed his pleasure at being asked to open the event. The Counties Championship trophies were on display, and the Open Trophy caught his eye as a fine piece of silver ware.

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Editorial

As reported in the last issue of Chess Moves, Sophie has left the ECF after nine years. Her replacement is Andrew Walker, who has certainly had a baptism of fire, coming into the office at such a busy time. Also joining the team at Battle is Kirstie Lapworth, who is the co-ordinator for Chess For Schools. Welcome to them both. International Director Stewart Reuben was unexpectedly taken ill whilst on holiday and is currently in hospital but is recovering well. Get well soon, Stewart, from all of us at Battle!

Cynthia Gurney



ECF News

ECF Awards

Player of the Year



ECF Director of Marketing, Peter Wilson congratulates David Howell on again being voted as ECF Player of the Year and thanks all those who took the trouble to vote. In second place this year was Nigel Short and in third position, Stuart Conquest.

President's Award



Cynthia Gurney (ECF) and Colin Monk (UCH)

On the 19th May 2009, the University Centre at Hastings was presented with the President's Award. The library now houses well over 7000 books. The catalogue can be viewed at www.nch.ac.uk

British Championship 2009, Torquay

At the time of going to press, there are 767 entries for the 2009 British Championships, an increase of roughly 200 on the same time last year.

Nominations for Election at the ECF AGM

The voluntary posts to be elected at the AGM on 17 October 2009 are:

- **President;**
- **Chief Executive;**
- **Director of Finance;**
- **A minimum of 2 Non-Executive Directors;**
- **Up to 5 Executive Directors (there are currently 4 – the Directors of Marketing, Home Chess;**
- **International Chess and Junior Chess and Education);**
- **The FIDE Delegate;**
- **The Chairman of the Finance Committee;**
- **Members of the Finance Committee;**
- **The Chairman of the Governance Committee;**
- **Members of the Governance Committee.**

Each candidate for a Post must be either:

- (a) A retiring Director, FIDE Delegate or Chairman of a Standing Committee seeking re-election to the same Post; or
- (b) A nominee of the Board for a Post; or
- (c) A person proposed by any of the following full* members:
 - (i) any Director;
 - (ii) the FIDE Delegate;
 - (iii) the Chairman of a Standing Committee;
 - (iv) any two Trustees;
 - (v) any Representative Member of a Constituent unit;
 - (vi) any two Representative Members of Counties;
 - (vii) any two Direct Members' Representatives;
 - (viii) any two of a Trustee, a Representative Member of a County and a Direct Members' Representative; or
 - (ix) any five Individual** Members or Representative Members.

* Full Members are Constituent Units, County Associations, Chess Leagues,

Obituaries

Paul Sanders

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Paul Sanders at the age of 59. Paul was a long time member of Negas Chess club - later the St Vincents Chess Club. He had been a regular player for both clubs from the 1970s until the last couple of years. He regularly supported the Hull Congress for many years and was a popular competitor at local and Yorkshire venues.

Alan Phillips British Chess Champion 1954

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Alan Phillips, who passed away peacefully at 3am on Wednesday 24th June in Warrington Hospital.

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Copy Deadline
10th September 2009

Chess Congresses, Other Organisations, the Directors, the FIDE Delegate, the Chairmen of the Standing Committees, the Trustees (of the Permanent Invested Fund), Patrons, the Past President and the Past Chief Executive.

**** Individual Members** are any of the Full Members listed above.

Updated brief job descriptions for these posts setting out the responsibilities envisaged by the Board will be published on the website at: <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/> no later than 17 August 2009 and will be available in hard copy form from the Office. A note of which incumbents will be seeking re-election, will be similarly available from that date and will be sent to each earlier enquirer automatically.

The April 2009 Finance Council Meeting discussed the merits of moving to a structure with a figurehead President, a non-executive Chairman and a Chief Executive. The Board proposes to take this forward through a formal paper at the AGM: if this receives general support, appropriate changes to the Articles will be proposed in April 2010 to enable the October 2010 elections to take place on the new basis.

To be eligible for election, nominations with the required level of support, must be received at the ECF Office, The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD no later than 13:30 on Wednesday 9 September 2009.

Managers and other Officers are appointed by the Board and by individual Directors and are not subject to election by Council. However, this is an appropriate time for anyone interested in this type of essential work to indicate their interest to the Board through the ECF Office.

Proposals for Discussion and Decision at the AGM

It is open to full members as specified in (c) (i - ix) above to submit proposals to the AGM of ECF. It is recommended that proposers should consult the Chairman of the Governance Committee to ensure that their proposed papers are in an appropriate format and are sound from a constitutional point of view. John Philpott may be contacted by e-mail at chair.GovernanceCommittee@englishchess.org.uk or by telephone at reasonable hours on 020 8527 4063.

For inclusion in the agenda for the AGM final papers must be received at the ECF Office, as above by 13:30 on Wednesday 9 September 2009.

ECF Vacancies, Director of Finance, Manager of Congress Chess, Manager of Prisons Chess, Manager of Chess for Schools, Publicity Officer

Details for these vacancies may be found at www.englishchess.org.uk – scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the 'Vacancies' link

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County Championships

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Peter Soulsby MP

The matches featured two "Wars of the Roses" in the Open and U175.. The former was won by Yorkshire by 9 pts. to 7 after the last game finished, after 5 hours of exciting chess. We saw two fresh faces in the Minor Counties final where Hertfordshire's higher ratings eventually told against a gallant Leicestershire team by 10-6, the match being decided by wins for Hertfordshire on boards 5,6,7 and 8.

Part of the great Northern battle at U175 saw an easier win for Yorkshire by 11-5 over their neighbours from Lancashire. Some games were intense, but the White Roses tended to have the edge.

A remarkable treble was completed in the 150 where Yorkshire successfully defended their U150 title against Warwickshire by 9½ to 6½. Again, some excellent chess by all players concerned.

Suffolk regained the U125 trophy which they had last held in 1995 by a 10-6 win over Kent. The defeat for the men of Kent was softened by the presentation to David Lettington as a member of the Snodland club with the award for "Small Club of the Year" by Peter Soulsby, who was very pleased to make this award. The fact that Suffolk did not lose a game on the lower half of the match went along way to their win.

Whilst the North was fighting over the higher graded trophies, there was an internal SCCU fight over the U100 trophy with Kent gaining their third win at U100 level over Surrey by 6½ - 5½, so the Surrey team failed by the narrowest of margins to gain their third success at this level. The event ran very smoothly, to the extent that the anticipated "Mass Exodus" at 7.25 p.m. was actually 5 minutes early! Great credit is due to the controlling team of David Welch, Adrian Elwin, John Shaw and John Wickham.



The heat on the day meant that Julie Johnson's skills at serving the excellent repast she had created were tested to their limits, with copious quantities of cold soft drinks being consumed. Thanks are also due to Chris Majer who followed up his draw for Hertfordshire by assisting in the prize-giving afterwards.

My grateful thanks to all of them, and to Moat School, who took steps to assist keeping the temperature down and to make us all comfortable

Cyril Johnson

Cyril Johnson presents Yorkshire with the trophy

National Club Championship

The National Clubs Finals were split between Golden Lane in the Barbican and Syston Social Club on July 12th 2009. I am grateful to Brain Smith and David Sedgwick for taking care of the events in London whilst Cyril Johnson controlled the matches at Syston for me.

The Golden Lane Community Centre hosted 4 matches. The final match of the Open, which would determine the prizes saw Wood Green retain their title by 4-2 with wins by John Emms and Richard Pert with draws by Nick Pert, Chris Ward, Neil MacDonald and Desmond Tan, a remarkable achievement in not losing a match against a strong Mushrooms for whom Ian Snape, Ron Harris, Bill Linton and David Wilson drew, all against higher rated opponents. The Major final saw another victory without losing a game by Wanstead and Woodford 4-1 against St Albans. Ian Hunnabe, Larry Marden and Philip Staniland all won with draws by Ian Reynolds and David Spearman. St Albans fought valiantly but draws by Jacek Winter and Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell were not enough.

Snodland followed their win of the Small Club of the year with a close win by 2½ - 1½ against Hackney. Wins for the men of Kent by Matthew Bunn and Chris Marshall with a draw by David Nicholls overcame a spirited defence of their title by Hackney for whom Mark Rivlin won and Dashiell Shaw drew. The U100 Plate between Forest of Dean and Thurrock was won by the men of Essex 3½ - ½ with wins by Andrew Offord, Robin Smith and Ron Prickett with a draw by Mike Bradford whose draw with Raymond Francis was scant consolation for the Foresters

An excellent set of matches, in a good venue well organised by Brian Smith and controlled by David Sedgwick, to whom my grateful thanks

At Syston, the three matches were all interesting. The U100 Championship match between Hackney and Bushbury was decided after an hours with wins by the London team on Boards 1 and 3. A further win on board 4 meant that the final win by Bushbury was a consolation, yet all fours were very close games. Mr A Schroeder, the Bushbury top board put in a remarkable performance, the oldest player in this event for many years at the age of 94. For a long time, Cyril thought we might have a replay in the Minor Plate final between Bedford and Newark, especially as the bottom boards were drawn and the other games also looked drawish. Eventually Bedford won the top board and the match, but Newark ensured that the match was decided on board count by winning board 2.

The Major Plate final went right down to the wire. An early draw on board 4 in a double edged position was followed by a win on time for Wood Green on board 5, followed by another in for the London holders on board 3. Bushbury won an exciting game on top board, leaving it all down to a very open game on board 2, with the arbiter keeping score in anticipation of a 10.2 claim. Bushbury's board 2, whilst being very short of time, ignored a draw by repetition which would have cost the match and then won his opponent's queen. The power of two passed pawns on the 6th coupled with mutual time shortage caused a flurry of moves and an agreement

of a draw, which meant that Wood Green retained their title by 3-2

Julie Johnson

MAJOR PLATE FINAL RESULT

BUSHBURY v WOOD GREEN

BD BUSHBURY	GRADE	SCORE	WOOD GREEN	GRADE	SCORE
1 L GRINSELL	182	1	David CUTMORE	170	0
2 A CROMBLEHOME		170	1/2	Ali KIKOYO	
168			1/2		
3 D LAIGHT	150	0	Martin CUTMORE	170	1
4 R PARRY	139	1/2	David KEEN	155	1/2
5 P BAGGOTT	138	0	Dervish KIAMIL	129	1
		2			3

MINOR PLATE FINAL RESULT

BEDFORD v NEWARK

BD BEDFORD	GRADE	SCORE	NEWARK	GRADE	SCORE
1 G VALERIO	138	1	G LADDS	148	0
2 J HARBOUR	131	0	R BLAKE	140	1
3 C HILL	128	1/2	G WOLLERTON	122	1/2
4 N WALKER	83	1/2	G HARPER	82	1/2
		2			2

MAJOR PLATE FINAL RESULT

BUSHBURY v HACKNEY

BD BUSHBURY	GRADE	SCORE	HACKNEY	GRADE	SCORE
1 A SCHRODER	112	0	P BURGOYNE	122	1
2 J BUTTON	113	1	D PERRYMAN	101	0
3 R BRODIE	90	0	S TRACEY	98	1
4 S JONES	75	0	M GONZALEZ	50	1
		1			3

ECF NATIONAL CLUB U100 PLATE

FOREST of DEAN v THURROCK

BD Forest of Dean	GRADE	SCORE	Thurrock	GRADE	SCORE
1 Raymond Francis	111	0.5	Mike Bradford (W)	116	0.5
2 Steve Rogers (W)	110	0.0	Andrew Offord	87	1.0
3 Ian Jenkins	69	0.0	Robin Smith (W)	81	1.0
4 Ron Buffton (W)*		60	0.0	Ron Prickett	74
			1.0		
		[* Estimated grade]	0.5		3.5



The assembled players...



Bedford Winners – Minor Plate



Wood Green – Winners Major Plate



The Forest of Dean Team (photo Brian Smith)



The Hackney Team (photo Brian Smith)



The Snodland Team (photo Brian Smith)



The St Albans Team (photo Brian Smith)



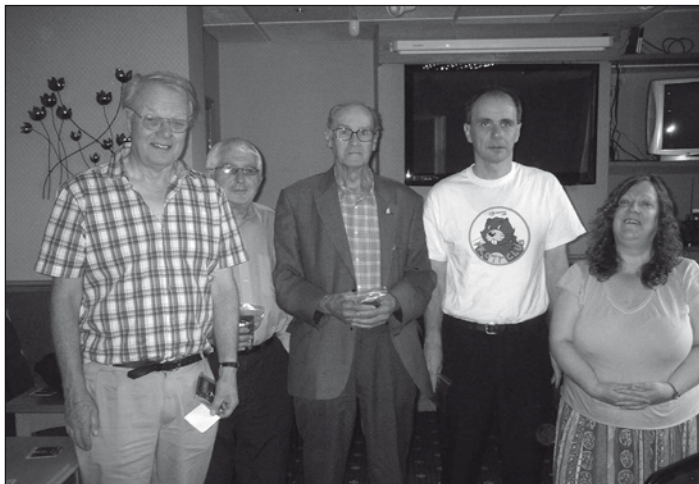
The Wood Green Team (photo Brian Smith)



NC U100 – the finalists (photo Brian Smith)



Winning Hackney Team U100 Champions



Bushbury Losing U100



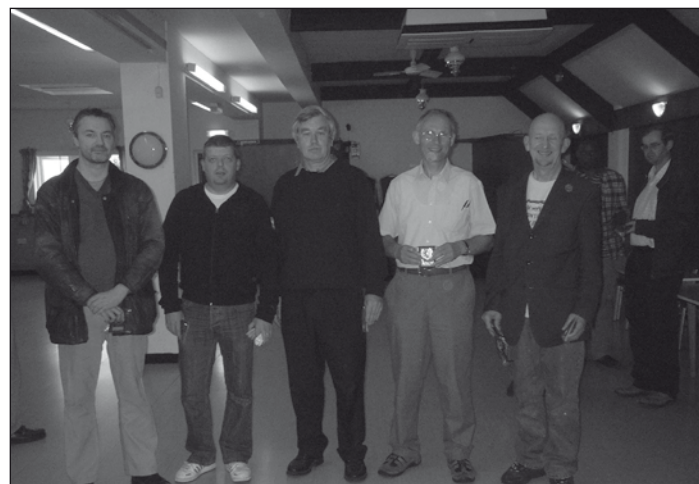
NC Major – the finalists (photo Brian Smith)



NC Minor – the finalists (photo Brian Smith)



Before the game . . .



Bushbury losing Major Plate Finalists



Newark losing Minor Plate Finalists

Chess Problem Answer

Mate in One

The Mate in One problem in the last issue from the collection of the American Problemist Sam Lloyd may have caused some to think there was a printing error. Alas no, the position comes very clear when you try to set it up on a chess board and you discover that black has nine pawns. As you remove each pawn one by one, you then find there are nine solutions

Gerry Walsh

International News

Lawrence Cooper's Round-up

The confirmed list of players for the London Chess Classic in December is as follows:

1st London Chess Classic

(ENG), 8-16 xii 2009. Cat XVIII (2692) Players list (April ratings)

No	Name	Ti	NAT	April Elo	DoB
1	Carlsen, Magnus	g	NOR	2770	1990
2	Kramnik, Vladimir	g	RUS	2759	1975
3	Ni, Hua	g	CHN	2724	1983
4	Adams, Michael	g	ENG	2703	1971
5	Nakamura, Hikaru	g	USA	2701	1987
6	Short, Nigel D	g	ENG	2674	1965
7	Howell, David W L	g	ENG	2613	1990
8	McShane, Luke J	g	ENG	2596	1984

I'm delighted that England's top four players are being given this opportunity to compete with four 2700+ GMs.

2009 Gold Coast Open

<http://www.gardinerchess.com/main%20events/2009/GCOpen09/GCOpen2009.htm>

Gawain Jones continued his successful form down under by winning this weekend event with 6/7. Gawain recovered from a surprise loss in round 4 against Puchen Wang to take clear first with a last round win against Max Illingworth. Second was shared between four players: David Smerdon, Stephen Soloman, Puchen Wang and Max Illingworth. The modest English contingent also included Brian Jones and David Lovejoy who scored 5 and 4.5 respectively in the open.

Big Slick Chess Tournament

27 June – 5 July

<http://www.gingergm.com/big-slick-chess/#fideopen>

The FIDE open was won by Jonathan Rowson who defeated Mark Rich in a blitz play off after both scored 4.5/5. The GM event got underway on Saturday and below are the results so far:

Round 1:

Poobalasingam v Arkell 0.5-0.5
Gormally v Cherniaev 0.5-0.5
Galego v Eames 1-0
Ansell v Slavin 0-1
Rudd v Kjartansson 1-0

Round 2:

Slavin (1) v Galego (1) 0.5-0.5
Arkell (0.5) v Rudd (1) 1-0
Gormally (0.5) v Ansell (0) 0-1
Cherniaev (0.5) v Kjartansson (0) 1-0
Eames (0) v Poobalasingam (0.5) 0.5-0.5

Round 3:

Ansell (1) v Cherniaev (1.5) 0-1
Galego (1.5) v Gormally (0.5) 0.5-0.5
Kjartansson (0) v Arkell (1.5) 0-1
Poobalasingam (1) v Slavin (1.5) 0.5-0.5
Rudd (1) v Eames (0.5) 1-0
Arkell & Cherniaev 2.5/3, Galego, Rudd, Slavin 2, Poobalasingam 1.5, Ansell & Gormally 1, Eames 0.5, Kjartansson 0

Keith Arkell and Alexander Cherniaev finished 1st= with 6.5/9. Slavin made an IM norm whilst Peter Poobalasingam missed out by half a point with a 2447 performance. Congratulations to Simon Williams on organising such a successful event. I hope it will be the first of many.

Round 4:

Cherniaev (2.5) v Arkell (2.5) 0.5-0.5
Slavin (2) v Rudd (2) 1-0
Ansell (1) v Galego (2) 0.5-0.5
Gormally (1) v Poobalasingam (1.5) 0.5-0.5
Eames (0.5) v Kjartansson (0) 0.5-0.5

Arkell, Cherniaev & Slavin 3/4, Galego 2.5, Poobalasingam Rudd 2 Ansell & Gormally 1.5, Eames 1, Kjartansson 0.5

Round 5:

Galego (2.5) v Cherniaev (3) 0.5-0.5
Arkell (3) v Eames (1) 0.5-0.5
Kjartansson (0.5) v Slavin (3) 0.5-0.5
Rudd (2) v Gormally (1.5) 0.5-0.5
Poobalasingam (2) v Ansell (1.5) 1-0

Round 6:

Slavin (3.5) v Arkell (3.5) 0.5-0.5
Cherniaev (3.5) v Eames (1.5) 1-0
Galego (3) v Poobalasingam (3) 0.5-0.5
Ansell (1.5) v Rudd (2.5) 1-0
Gormally (2) v Kjartansson (1) 0.5-0.5

Round 7:

Poobalasingam (3.5) v Cherniaev (4.5) 0.5-0.5
Arkell (4) v Gormally (2.5) 0.5-0.5
Eames (1.5) v Slavin (4) 0-1
Rudd (2.5) v Galego (3.5) 0-1
Kjartansson (1.5) v Ansell (2.5) 0.5-0.5

Round 8:

Cherniaev (5) v Slavin (5) 1-0
Ansell (3) v Arkell (4.5) 0-1
Galego (4.5) v Kjartansson (2) 0.5-0.5
Poobalasingam (4) v Rudd (2.5) 0-1
Gormally (3) v Eames (1.5) 1-0

Round 9:

Rudd (3.5) v Cherniaev (6) 0.5-0.5
Arkell (5.5) v Galego (5) 1-0
Slavin (5) v Gormally (4) 0.5-0.5
Kjartansson (2.5) v Poobalasingam (4) 1-0
Eames (1.5) v Ansell (3) 0.5-0.5

Final Scores: Arkell & Cherniaev 6.5 Slavin 5.5 Galego & Poobalasingam 5 Gormally 4.5 Rudd 4 Ansell 3.5 Kjartansson 2.5 Eames 2

July 2009 FIDE rating list

<http://ratings.fide.com/>

The last list before the England teams are likely to be announced for the European Team in October sees Luke McShane return over 2600 and Stuart Conquest pull clear of the pack below 2600. Simon Williams makes his first appearance in the top ten whilst rating losses elsewhere means there are only fourteen players over 2500.

#	Name	Title	Fed	Rating	G	B-Year
1	Adams, Michael	g	ENG	2699	7	1971
2	Short, Nigel D	g	ENG	2684	14	1965
3	McShane, Luke J	g	ENG	2620	9	1984
4	Howell, David W L	g	ENG	2614	5	1990
5	Conquest, Stuart C	g	ENG	2572	28	1967
6	Jones, Gawain C B	g	ENG	2554	29	1987
7	Pert, Nicholas	g	ENG	2541	5	1981
8	Haslinger, Stewart G	g	ENG	2538	10	1981
9	Gordon, Stephen J	m	ENG	2537	5	1986
10	Williams, Simon K	g	ENG	2527	32	1979
11	Speelman, Jon S	g	ENG	2525	5	1956
12	Parker, Jonathan F	g	ENG	2523	0	1976
13	Arkell, Keith C	g	ENG	2521	19	1961
14	Turner, Matthew J	g	ENG	2517	5	1975

The ladies list sees big gains for Anya Corke and Meri Grigorian-Lyell whilst Sarah Hegarty continues her rapid rise. I hope to see the younger English ladies receiving more opportunities to play in the future to increase competition for places in what is becoming an increasingly cosmopolitan ladies team.

#	Name	Title	Fed	Rating	G	B-Year
1	Hunt, Harriet V	m	ENG	2452	2	1978
2	Houska, Jovanka	m	ENG	2392	5	1980
3	Ciuksyte, Dagne	m	ENG	2344	0	1977
4	Lalic, Susan K	m	ENG	2334	5	1965
5	Corke, Anya	wg	ENG	2289	33	1990
6	Lauterbach, Ingrid	wm	ENG	2173	8	1960
7	Regan, Natasha K	wm	ENG	2170	2	1971
8	Bellin, Jana	wg	ENG	2161	5	1947
9	Richards, Heather S	wm	ENG	2150	0	1983
10	Grigoryan-Lyell, Meri	wf	ENG	2122	13	1977
11	Tidman, Sophie E	wf	ENG	2110	3	1984
12	Forbes, Cathy	wm	ENG	2106	4	1968
13	Hegarty, Sarah N		ENG	2098	2	1988
14	Chevannes, Sabrina L	wf	ENG	2073	0	1986
15	Bhatia, Kanwal K		ENG	2058	1	1981

23rd International Open Tournament Pula 2009

<http://chess-results.com/tnr22500.aspx?lan=1&zeilen=99999>

Norman Hutchinson finished on 4.5/9 with a rating performance of 2071. The tournament had 295 players taking part, including 9 Grandmasters.

In addition to the individual tournament websites the latest international chess news can be found at the following link: <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic765.html>

English Chess Federation

Grand Prix 2008/9

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Final Tables

Junior Prix

1	Clarke, Brandon GI, Littlethorpe	687
2	Ynojosa, Felix Jose, Reading	678
3	Murphy, Conor E, Kent Junior Congresses	666
4	Haria, Ravi, Barnet Knights	656
5	Jain, Radha, Pinner	612
6	Shiatis, Rohan, Coulsdon CF	605
7	Jones, Victor GL, Kent Junior Congresses	602
8	Sanders, Isaac B, Highgate School	594
9	Bowler, James P, Yorks Copper Works	590
10	Kalid, Raphael, Kent Junior Congresses	587

Graded Prix (150-174)

1	Bryant, Richard BE, Telepost (Shrewsbury)	665
2	Hayward, Alan, Streatham	591
3	Hjort, Helge, Hendon	559
4	Evans, Paul A, AXA Lytham	541
5	Mayhew, Andrew, Bristol University	531
6	Atako, Chino C, Atticus	524
7	Shepley, Julien M, Guildford	522
8	Combie, Alex B, Newark & Southwell	506
9	Gamble, Raymond J, Spondon	506
10	Abbott, Mark V, Exmouth	502

Graded Prix (125-149)

1	O'Gorman, Brendan, DHSS	622
2	Goodfellow, Russell R, Tunbridge Wells	598
3	Clegg, Robert, Huddersfield	575
4	Desmedt, Richard E, Netherton	568
5	Price, Andrew, Leamington	557
6	Jackson, Paul G, Coulsdon CF,	530
7	Coward, Neil, AXA Lytham	518
8	Potter, Karl H, Spinney Hill WMC,	515
9	Ai, Farshad, Phoenix (Yorks)	512
10	Pride, Stephen C, Cambridge City	511

Graded Prix (100-124)

1	Greatorex, Roger, Coventry Herbert	605
2	Farthing, Andrew P, Worcester	556
3	Allen, Timothy S, Battersea	555
4	Wiggins, Andrew S, Greenlands	531
5	Lloyd, Stephen M, Chester	525
6	Walshaw, David, Jesmond	521
7	Gilbert, David J, DHSS	515
8	Wagenbach, Janos J, Mansfield	511
9	Szabo, Peter L, Metropolitan	498
10	Costeloe, C Andrew AJ, Muswell Hill	494

Graded Prix (U100)

1	Miles, Barry S, Middlesex CCA	576
2	Robson, Caroline J, Barnet Elizabeth	566
3	Horman, Paul A, Morecambe	559
4	Osborne, Keith C, Norwich Dons	532
5	Everitt, David, St Francis & Haywards Heath	523
6	Brooks, Harry J, Great Lever	520
7	Brace, Peter, Spondon	512
8	Billett, Stephen J, Portsmouth	504
9	Scorer, David M, Pendle	490
10	Fraser, Alan R, Beckenham & Bromley	489

Junior News

Under 12 group to Chotowa May 09

Everyone arrived on time at Luton Airport on Saturday 23rd May and our party consisted of James Bowler, Joshua Cavendish, Nicholas Clanchy, Megan Cleeves, Miles Edwards-Wright, Chantelle Foster, Amy Hoare, Joseph Levene, Athar Mehmood, Martin Oliver, Gautham Reddiar, and Jamie Tilston with Dawn Burroughs, Victor Cross, Nancy Mortimer and Peter Purland accompanying. Victor certainly earned his keep on the journey with minor alarums (Nick no longer owns a scissors and yes we did get Joshua out Athar in and Megan on the coach! Despite all this the 16 of us arrived safely at the Grand leisure and training resort at Chotowa. We were in little houses in the grounds and the accommodation seemed pretty good. We had dinner with the Mayor of the town and it was an excellent meal and without too many speeches. They are holding the world junior chess championships here in 2010 and we each got a commemorative polo shirt. We were then given a tour of the grounds, which are extensive, and the kids settled down on the play equipment. We left them there for 30 minutes before returning for our preliminary meeting. This accomplished we went to our rooms and silence reigned just after 2230. Sunday morning we breakfasted at 0900 and left at 1017 for Czarna where we were to play a competition against the local club. There were 15 of them, with the two top players being 2000+, and we played a 6 round 10 minute tournament. This was interspersed with drinks and cakes (which had an adverse effect on lunch) and the final result saw Athar as our top scoring player with 4½ and 3rd place.



The final scores of our other players were; 4 – Joseph and Amy, 3 – Chantelle, James, Nicholas, Megan, Martin and Joshua, 2½ – Jamie and Gautham, 2 – Miles. We then returned to the hotel for lunch before having a free afternoon. The players chose their first activity, half going to the fitness room and half on the pedalos after which they moved about between Tennis, Kayaks and Pedalos. By the end they were rather wet but had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We then had our evening meal and afterwards the players went to play in the grounds until it was time for our meeting after which we had an early night as we are in breakfast for 0700.

On Monday we left at 0730 for a two hour drive to Wielicka where we were to visit the salt mines. These were even better than I remember and we had a brilliant two hour guided tour of the mine. We then had a meal in the tavern which, being self service,

meant that everyone could have what they wanted. This claims to be the deepest underground restaurant in Europe. We then got the lift to the surface and, after some souvenir shopping, headed for Krakow. Here we climbed Wawel Hill and met our guide up there. We had a comprehensive tour of the Cathedral including the tower and royal crypt followed by an external tour of the castle and a walk to the main square. Here we went in the Marian Kirche and saw the altar open. After admiring that we dispersed to shop and many chess sets were bought. We also listened to the bugler (warning of approaching Tartars) before rounding the trip off with a horse and carriage ride round the main square and back to the coach. We were very impressed with the sensible questions asked by the group and the high level of interest shown. We then had our evening meal and play outside before our meeting and turning in for the night. It had been a long but very enjoyable day. We were blessed with a lie in on Tuesday as our first assignment was breakfast at 0900 followed by chess at 1000. We started round one at 1010; there were 68 players from up to four countries and we were to have 9 rounds with 10 minutes each on the clock. We started off well with 8½/12 and only in round two did we score less than 50%. After round six we had Athar, James and Martin on 5½/6. All three lost in round seven and were joined on 5 by Amy and Miles. Athar, James and Miles won and went in to the final round on 6½/8. Miles was unlucky enough to play the eventual winner whilst James played Athar. This was won by James who reached 7 points and was third on tie break, a point behind the first and second. This was a good performance in an U16 tournament and he was followed by 7 players on 6 who, on tie break were placed as follows:- Martin 7th, Nicholas 9th, Miles 10th, Amy 11th (3rd girl), Athar 13th, Chantelle 14th, Gautham 15th. Megan was 17th on 5.5, Joseph 24th on 5, Joshua 34th on 4.5 and Jamie 41st on 4. The top three got trophies, the top 25 got books and everyone got a diploma. After the prize giving we ate then took our team photographs before heading for the pool. We had an hour in there and everyone enjoyed themselves greatly although all did not give the Director due deference! We then had some free time both before and after tea then had a camp fire at 1930 with sausages, chips and coke followed by more free time, our nightly meeting and bed. We had an 0800 breakfast before our day out to Zakopane. We left at 0900 but, unfortunately, the weather turned bad and we had heavy rain by the time we reached our destination. We managed to find a coach park near the market and station and also a stall that sold plastic maps for 5 zlotys. He sold 9!! We then got the funicular up the mountain and had a very nice lunch up there. Unfortunately there were no views, the toboggan was closed and we did not feel like going on a walk. We therefore returned down to the market and spent some time on last minute souvenirs before heading back to Chotowa. It was a long way to go for very little but one cannot legislate for the weather. We arrived back at 1930 and had supper soon afterwards then gave our presents to Wojtech and the hotel staff. After this it was packing and watching the Champions league final before bed. We were up at 0530 for an 0600 breakfast and bade farewell to the Grand and got the coach to Krakow Airport. Check in and security went fine although we, again, had trouble with Athar at passport control. I could not understand the problem with him leaving! The flight was on time and we

dispersed safely at Luton Airport after another very good trip. The players left an excellent impression after our first visit and both hotel and chess club have invited us back as soon as possible – and promised long play chess!

EPSCA Trip to Amstelveen 2009

16 players, Sam Aggarwal, Nishant Bommayya, Alexei Davies, Robert Fitzgerald, William Foo, Joris Gerlagh, Barnaby Graff, Raphael Kalid, Lawrence Lee, Harry Li, Tarun Malhotra, Conor Murphy, Tibo Rushbrooke, Leo Tsoi, James Walsh and Matthew Walsh formed two groups, the Liverpool one led by Peter Purland and the London one led by Victor Cross. Victor and Co arrived first and had played a “tricycle” simultaneous against three of their “old boys” as well as a soccer match by the time the Liverpool group arrived. In the simul, Alexei, Conor, Lawrence, Tarun and William all won whilst Sam drew making the final score a tie. The soccer was also very close with the English claiming victory by a single goal. The match was held at Kaiser Karel College and we would like to thank the school for their help. Once the Liverpool group were fed and watered we started our match. It was very close throughout and at the end of the round the score stood at 8½ - 7½ for Zukertort. We then returned to the hotel for an excellent buffet meal before going back to the school for the blitz tournament. This was run with cards (by Peter) as this is the easiest way of keeping countries apart whilst running a random Swiss legally. As is so often the case, our players are not good at this and the first four places were taken by Dutch players with their board four, Roger Mehra, being the winner. James Walsh and Conor Murphy were fifth equal and the best Englishmen. We then returned to the hotel and settled down for the night. After a leisurely breakfast, we returned to the school for the second round. This was equally exciting although I saw less of it as I was having to sort out finances. There were some excellent games and, apparently, our openings were very good but we failed to press home our advantage whilst the Zukertort players fought back well. After 12 games the score was 6-6 and there was never more than a point in it until the last result which, unfortunately, went to Zukertort to give them victory by 9-7 and an overall win 17½- 14½. We then had lunch and the presentation before the Liverpool lot headed for home. Our thanks also go to the hotel for their subsidy and especially to the junior committee of the club for their hard work in organising our visit.

EPSCA Schools’ Finals

The finals of this event took place on June 30th and July 1st at Pontin’s Holiday Centre at Brean Sands in Somerset. The top 8 schools out of around 200 entries in both U11 and U9 compete in an all play all event for the title of English Champions. As well as the chess there are plenty of other activities on offer both from the Centre (swimming, archery, table tennis, lawn tennis, pool, golf and many others) and a Go Karting Championship and Blitz Chess organised by the chess. QEGS Wakefield, although competing against secondary drivers, showed their ability on the Go Kart track whilst almost all the Blitz prizes went to the older players.

There were 7 games of chess to be played, four on the Tuesday and three on Wednesday and in both sections it appeared obvious by Tuesday evening which the two top teams would be. The pin numbers were picked at random and, in the U9s the two top teams were to play each other in the last round. Homefield were already 3.5 game points ahead of Hallfield and

confirmed this with a 3-2 win Nottingham High had played the two top teams in rounds one and two but finished the last 4 rounds with 18\20 to take third place with The Hall fourth. Mention should be made of Prashast Vir, Homefield board one, who won all seven games – an excellent accomplishment.



The U11s was dominated by Haberdashers’ and Eltham College who actually met in round three. The result of this was a draw but Haberdashers’ remained ahead on game points and Eltham only drew their last round leaving Haberdashers’ clear winners. Magdalen College claimed third place with Nottingham High fourth.

Running alongside these events was a small schools’ competition in which 4 schools took part each playing the other twice. Blagdon, the local school, were never behind in this and ended up comfortable winners from Langley Prep, Alcuin and Heathside Prep.

Thanks must go to Tony Corfe, National Schools’ controller and Traci Whitfield, his assistant who put in a tremendous amount of time organising this and appear in three semi finals as well as the final – the amount of hours they must put in over the year is enormous.

Yately Manor National Schools Championship 2008-9

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The competition got under way in October with an increased entry of 156 teams. The Zones (see below) were completed by mid February and, as an additional route to qualification for the National Stage, there were Last Chance Saloons (7th February at Nottingham HS and 8th February at Wilson’s School) offering qualifying places to teams that had not qualified through the Zones.

The first two rounds of the National Stage were completed by half way through May and there was then, as always, an intermission while people sat exams. The eight surviving teams resumed play on 2nd and 3rd July with the Finals at Uppingham School.

The age range at Uppingham, at six and three-quarter years, must have been the largest ever. Aughton St Michaels, two years ago the first primary school ever to make the finals, put in a remarkable repeat appearance. Nottingham High School, at the other end of the scale, were there for the sixth year running and are not as young as they were. Three of their current squad were in the 2004 team, and one of them (another record?) has not missed a year in that time.

This year’s event was also marked by some strong new teams. Norwich School looked much too strong to be first-time attendees. A renascent Winchester College - not quite first-timers, but the last time was in 1960 - looked strong contenders

in the Plate, and one would not have guessed that Reading School were in their first ever year of the competition, in recent times at least.

And then Wellington College, last year's Plate runners-up, were in the Championship this time with a much strengthened team; and Nottingham HS, though missing top board Ankush Khandelwal, were still very strong.

The Championship quarter-finals produced probably the best match of the two days. Wellington College looked to have things under control against Norwich School, but a sudden accident threw everything into doubt and in the end Wellington scraped home on board count in an exciting finish. Nottingham HS meanwhile were securing the expected victory against a Dulwich College team seriously weakened by unavailability of players. Dulwich suffered the same fate against Norwich next day in the third place play-off. The Championship Final was dourly contested but Wellington never looked like requiring their one-year age handicap advantage, and ground out a win by a fairly comfortable $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$.

In the Plate semi-finals Wilson's School, the defending Plate Champions and considerably improved since last year, dispatched Aughton St Michaels efficiently. Reading School produced an upset by knocking out the higher-graded Winchester College, whose $4 - 2$ score was insufficient to overcome Reading's age advantage. Winchester beat Aughton St Michaels $6 - 0$ next day in the play-off, but Aughton looked for a good while to have serious chances of scoring the $1\frac{1}{2}$ they needed. In the Final Wilson's, on level terms by age, ran out winners by $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ to retain their title.

David Welch, ECF Chief Arbiter, officiated as always. Andrew Martin, representing the sponsors, presented the prizes and judged the best game prize (and was observed doing some coaching when not otherwise occupied). Best game: Michael Keetley of Nottingham HS, who fittingly is the six-times attender mentioned earlier. Highly commended: Felix Ynojosa of Wellington College.

At the close of proceedings Andrew Martin announced that the Yateley Manor sponsorship will continue next year.

Age handicap: *The older team, to win, must finish ahead by a number of points at least equal to the age difference in years (up to a maximum of four years). For full details, see the Rules of the Competition. In the listings below, a team winning on age handicap (or board count etc) will be marked with an asterisk. Failing an asterisk, the higher-scoring team is the winner.*

National Stage Championship

Round 1 (by 27th March)

Methodist College, Belfast (A team) (15.3) $2 - 4$ Manchester Grammar School (13.11); St Wulstans Primary, Newcastle under Lyme (9.6) $0 - 6$ Nottingham HS A (17.2); Nottingham HS B (13.11) $1 - 5$ K Edwards Birmingham (15.5); S Anselms Bakewell (10.5) $0 - 6$ Norwich School (15.9); Q Elizabeth Barnet (15.7) $2\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ Wellington College A (15.3); Haberdashers A (15.5) $3 - 3$ *Dulwich College (15.0); St Olaves GS Orpington (15.5) $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ Hampton School A (15.0); Millfield School* (14.11) $3 - 3$ Eton College (14.9)

Quarter-finals (by 8th May)

Nottingham HS A (17.3) $5\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ Manchester Grammar School (14.0); Norwich School (15.10) $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ K Edwards Birmingham (15.7); Dulwich College (16.0) $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ St Olaves GS (15.7); Wellington College (15.8) $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ Millfield School (15.0)

Semi-finals 2.7.09

Dulwich College (15.5) $1 - 5$ Nottingham HS; Norwich School (16.0) $3 - 3$ *Wellington College (15.7)

Third Place Play-off 3.7.09

Norwich School (16.0) $5\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ Dulwich College (15.5)

Final 3.7.09

Wellington College (15.7) $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ Nottingham HS

PLATE

Round 1

Greenwood Academy, Irvine A (15.10) $3 - 3$ *Yarm School A (16.8); Aughton St Michaels Primary, Ormskirk (10.5)* $2 - 4$ Leeds GS (14.6); K Edwards Camp Hill, Birmingham (16.1) $5 - 1$ Kings School Chester (15.4); Woodbridge School w/o scr Aylesbury GS A; Reading School (14.4) $6 - 0$ North London Collegiate School (13.8); Kings House School A, Richmond Surrey (10.10) $1 - 5$ Westminster Under School (12.4); Winchester College A (16.5) $4 - 2$ Torquay GS (15.0); Bye Wilson's School, Wallington

Quarter-finals

Yarm School A (16.9) $4 - 2$ *Aughton St Michaels (10.7); Reading School (13.6) $5 - 1$ Camp Hill Birmingham (15.10); Woodbridge School (15.6) $2\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ Wilson's School (13.10); Westminster Under School (12.7) $1 - 5$ Winchester College A (16.5)

Semi-Finals 2.7.09

Reading School (13.8)* $2 - 4$ Winchester College (16.8); Wilson's School (14.2) $6 - 0$ Aughton St Michaels (10.9)

Third Place Play-off 3.7.09

Winchester College (16.6) $6 - 0$ Aughton St Michaels (10.9)

Final 3.7.09

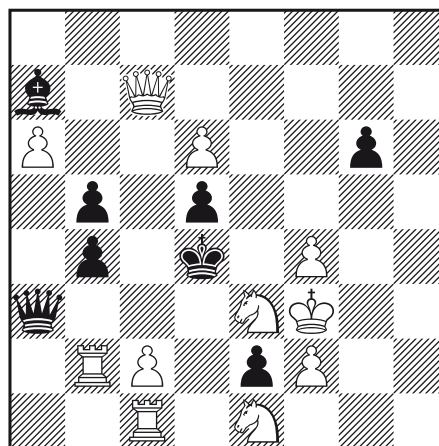
Reading School (13.8) $1\frac{1}{2} - 4\frac{1}{2}$ Wilson's School (13.11)

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Littlewood's Choice

When we are tired of wading through ever lengthening opening lines before arriving at the kernel of a game, it is a delight to see games in which the creativity of a player begins fairly early. Here are two such games from Shirov and Kramnik

□ **Alexi Shirov**

■ **Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu**

Kings' Tournament, Bazna 2009

B48

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6

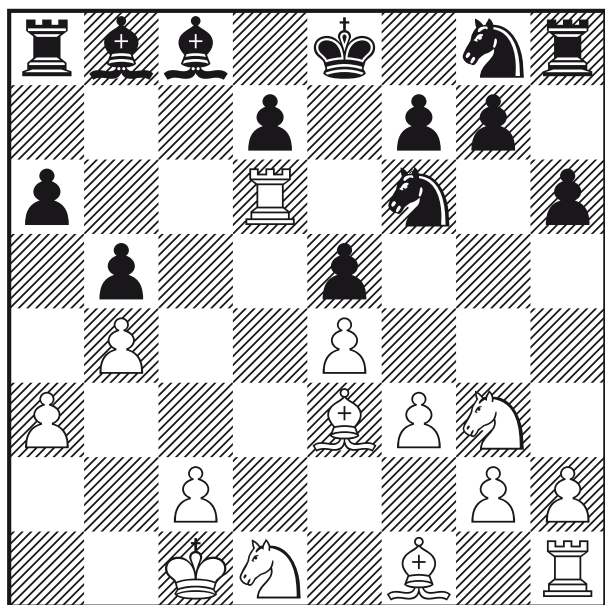
Here's the chance since in the to lip Kramnik-Guseinov game (World Rapid, Baku), with no comments: 2...g6 3 c3 Bg7 4 d4 cxd4 5 cxd4 d5 6 e5 Nh6 7 h3! Nc6 8 Nc3 0-0 9 Bb5! Bf5 10 Bxc6 bxc6 11 0-0 f6 12 Re1 Nf7 13 Bf4 g5 14 Bh2 Nh8 15 Ne2 Be4 16 Nd2 Ng6 17 Ng3 f5 18 Nb3 f4 19 Nxe4 dxe4 20 Nc5 Qd5 21 Nxe4 Nh4 22 Qb3 Qxb3 23 axb3 h6 24 Nc5 Nf5 25 Re4! Rfd8 26 Ne6 Rd7 27 Bxf4! Kf7 28 Nc7 Rxd4 29 Rxd4 Nxd4 30 Nxa8 with a quick win.

3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 7 Qd2 Nf6 8 0-0-0 Bb4 9 f3 Ne7 10 Nde2 b5 11 Bf4 e5 12 Bg5 Qb6 13 a3 Bc5 14 b4!

We are already witnessing the launch of a deep and original plan to exploit the weak points in Black's position.

14...Bf2 15 Qd6! Qxd6 16 Rxd6 Neg8 17 Ng3 h6 18 Nd1! Ba7 19 Be3 Bb8

"Let's get rid of that irritating rook!"



20 Bc5!!

A startling (and brave) move at such an early stage but Shirov sees that the play of his minor pieces is going to be stronger than the ineffectual attempts by Black's rooks to make their presence felt.

20...Ne7 21 Ne3 Bxd6 22 Bxd6 Bb7 23 c4! Bc6 24 Kb2 Ng6 25 Ngf5 Kd8

Or 25...Rg8 26 Bc5! Kd8 27 Nd6 winning material.

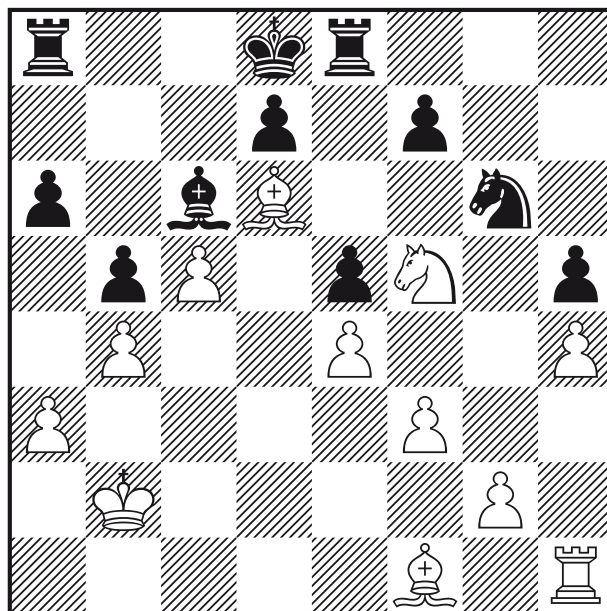
26 Nxg7 Ne8 27 Nxe8 Rxe8

Black has made a valiant attempt to free himself but it is already too late.

28 Nf5 Re6 29 h4 h5 30 c5

Threatening 31 Ng7

30...Re8



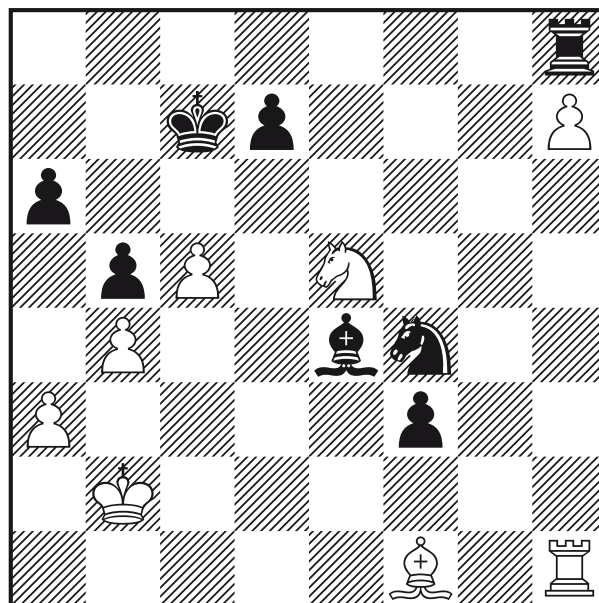
31 g4! hxg4 32 h5 Nf4 33 Nh6

Planning to use his passed 'h' pawn.

33...gxf3 34 Nxf7+ Kc8 35 Bxe5

It's now all over but the shouting!

35...Rxe5 36 Nxe5 Kc7 37 h6 Rh8 38 h7 Bxe4



39 Rh4 Rxh7 40 Rxf4 Rh2+ 41 Kc3 1-0

After 41...Ba8 42 Rf7 Rf2 43 Bd3 it's all over. Nice to see Shirov back to his old self again.



Book Reviews Gary Lane

The Sorcerer's Apprentice **by David Bronstein & Tom Furstenberg** **published by New In Chess £25.95**

This is a worthy tribute to one of the world's greatest players and a perfect gentleman. Tom Furstenberg a friend and host of Bronstein was the driving force behind it in the 1990s when it was first published by Cadogan. The Bronstein notes on his games were culled from old magazines or books which were then supplemented by him overseeing the project. I know all this because at the time I lived near Furstenberg and heard the inside story and even helped contribute some minor additional information.

It won the prestigious British Chess Federation book of the year award so the new edition promises to be even more interesting to those new to the ex-contender of the World Championship. Basically, there are thirty two pages of photos to add interest and the new layout means that the book is easier to read mainly thanks to lots more diagrams. There are also poignant essays from his widow and Furstenberg.

This collection of games reflects his way of playing which was stylish, full of imagination and with wonderful insight. His chess career lasted from 1938-1996 meaning we can enjoy games against the great stars and hear his views on them which makes for fascinating reading.

A fluent speaker of English he always praised the UK at every opportunity (more to do with the war than the high level of chess), while whenever he visited these shores impressed everyone by his kind nature and enthusiasm for the game.

A treasure trove of chess secrets that every player can enjoy and use to improve.

Batsford's Modern Chess Openings (15th edition) **by Nick de Firmian** **published by Batsford, £17.99.**

There is something of a tradition to try to cover all the openings in one book and MCO is famous for doing just that since 1911. Yes, there have been imitators such as the excellent Nunn's Chess Openings (NCO), Batsford Chess Openings (BCO) and various assorted attempts that never really caught on. The task of compiling such a book is mammoth, yet alone publishing it economically in sufficient quantities so Batsford should be praised for keeping the price down despite a whopping 748 pages.

I think it is a useful guide even if you do have a computer database with millions of games. This is because it is often hard to work out what is popular in the opening and which moves you need to take more seriously. Here MCO helps out with a simple system presenting various lines and often the conclusion is in English instead of confusing chess signs indicating who is better. The index is also well presented using the names of the openings so you can easily look up your favourite lines and those of your rivals

A reference book that can make a positive difference to your level of play.

Chess Strategy for Club Players **by Herman Grooten** **published by New in Chess, £22.50.**

There are times when you wonder who is supposed to read certain chess books but Herman Grooten is quick to point out that it is for "....ambitious club players and tournament sharks". I think he does a good job of collecting numerous games to illustrate various themes and while inevitably there are lots of famous examples he also delves into Dutch chess history to polish up some gems.

There are some photos to help put a face to the master which is where *New In Chess* excel by being relatively lavish with their production but it does make it more interesting.

This book will certainly improve your middlegame and boost results.

Results Round-Up

EACU Congress 6-7 June 2009 at Newmarket List of winners

1st 4.5/5 Chris Briscoe
2nd = 3.5/5 John Anderson, Phil Bonafont, Peter Constantinou, Simon Knott
Grading prize 3.5/5 Chris Davison
Slow starter and junior prizes
2.5/5 Jude Lenier, Tarun Malhotra, Alan Merry

U-150

1st = 4/5 Colin Byrne, John Daugman
3rd = 3.5/5 Jonathan Burrows Richard Lee

Grading prize 3.5/5 Alan Bailey
Slow starter prize 3/5 Tom Rixon
Junior prize 3/5 Matthew Payne

U-100

1st 4/5 Martin Fogg
2nd = 3.5/5 Michael Ingram, Adele Lunn, John McKeon

Grading prize 3/5 John Dawson
Slow starter prize 3/5 Vincent Palmer

Junior prize 3/5 Sam Gibbs

Hendon Blitzes 4th June 2009

David Iwi 5/6 (£15)
Michael Bennett 4½/6 (£10)
Jonathan Landau (£5 for highest Hendon player), Steven Coles, Shane McCabe 4/6
Ivan Valigurskyy, Salvatore Pepe 3½/6
Ivan Kiskin, Graeme Lennard, Petr Limonov 3/6
Ray Pliskin 2½/6
Faye Ainscow, Tony Brown, Raj Bhalla 2/6
Stephen Gaukrodger 1/6

2nd July 2009

Jonathan Landau, Tomer Eden 5/6 (£20 each)
Rajko Vujatovic, Salvatore Pepe (£10 for highest Hendon player) 4½/6
Ivan Valigurskyy, Kishan Pattni, Petr Limonov 4/6
Frank Sabin, Israel Rosenthal 3½/6
Roland Ketzscher, Shane McCabe, Raza Habib 3/6
Faye Ainscow, Ray Pliskin, Graeme Lennard, Tim Woolgar, David Bluestone 2½/6
Jacob Cheyette, Raj Bhalla 2/6

Reino Viljoen 1½/6
Hubert van Melick 1/6

Celebration of Chess, York Junior Chess Club Under 11

1st - Matthew Paw, Hempland School
2nd - Paul Thompson, Ralph Butterfield
3rd - Joshua Levine, Leeds

Under18

1st - Joe O Donnell, All Saints
2nd - Alex Tam, St Peters
3rd - Peter Hornsby, Ampleforth

South Lakes Chess Congress

5-7th June 2009
Open 21 players

1st Jonathan Hawkins 4/5
=2nd Mike Surtees 3.5/5
=2nd Roger Williamson

Major 35 players

=1st Richard Bryant 4.5/5
=1st John Blore
3rd Jean-Luc Weller 4/5

Intermediate 50 players

=1st Alan Thompson 4/5
=1st Richard Desmedt
=1st Neil Jones
=1st Joseph McPhillips

Minor I 30 players

1st Richard Harris 4.5/5
=2nd John Saxton 4/5
=2nd Bryan Bainbridge

Minor II 32 Players

1st Jordan Lewis 4.5/5
=2nd James Hewitt 4/5
=2nd Alan Fraser
=2nd Gregory Bailey

29th Open Villa de Benasque

Final English scores were as follows:

Lawrence Trent 7.5/11
Stephen Gordon & Lorin D'Costa 7
Adam Ashton & Justin Horton 6.5

Jana Bellin 6

Bogdan Lalic was also playing and finished on 7.5.

NCC Minor Counties Semi-final

**Leics v Hants 13/06/09
Leicestershire**

Mark Hebden 1
Alan Byron 0.5
Brandon Clarke 0
John Robinson 1
Sean Sheahan 0
Roland Graf 0.5
Andrew Morley 1
Christopher Jones 0.5
Ray Burgess 0
Christopher Gibson 0
John Mitchell 0.5
Sean Hewitt 1
Michael Salisbury 0.5
David Farrall 1
James Bingham 0
Paul Deacon 1
TOTAL 8.5

Hampshire

Ieuan Ward 0
Ian Thompson 0.5
Michael Yeo 1
Bruce Jenks 0
Dominic Tunks 1
Fraser McLeod 0.5
Ganesan 0
Chris Bellers 0.5
Roger Marsh 1
John Wilkinson 1
Matt Ludbrook 0.5
Martin Buckley 0
David Fowler 0.5
Steve Smith 0
David Thompson 1
John Watts 0
TOTAL 7.5

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Junior Squad Young Masters

The annual tournament was held at Millfield in July. The numbers were up on last year but the Northern Megafinal had moved to the usual Millfield weekend so virtually no players from the north and Wales were playing. It is very difficult to fit everything in but it is always disappointing when one event moves on to the date of an established event. Nevertheless 24 players turned out for the FIDE Rated and 38 for the weekend. I was unable to attend last year (due to cultural commitments in Liverpool!) and it was noticeable that many of our regulars had exceeded the age limit and had been replaced by a new group. Also, due to the decrease in the numbers the event was now a 6 round, 4 day event. However the reputation of the tournament for fighting chess has not gone away and there were only 6 draws out of the first 34 games. The weather was not kind to us, indeed I felt the rain was following the chess tournaments around. As is well known, the Millfield facilities are second to none when it comes to sport but this year it was table tennis, pool and badminton that were played as the whole site was saturated! We did not run any competitions this year as soccer was out and the players were happy enough using the indoor facilities in their own way.

In the FIDE rated there were only two players, James Jackson (top seed) and Harry Streeter on 3½ and, of course, they played! The game lasted the longest but no definite result was reached, however no one joined them on 3½ so both played down, James against David Grant and Harry against his school colleague Rhys Cumming. Although James and David had a fairly quick draw Rhys and Harry battled on to the end where Rhys was just unable to force a win. This left our two leaders still half a point ahead but with new challengers – Sam Walker for James and Jeffrey Levicki for Harry. Rhys and David were also playing. There were no quick draws this round and the first top result was a win for Rhys over David. Ames then got a win from what had looked like a drawn position – so much so that Harry immediately took a draw and so gave James sole first place. Rhys and Harry were second whilst Jeffrey and Edward Farrington shared fourth place.

The weekend event was also being held and the weather was not as bad as two years ago and 38 players arrived (36 had been expected) all at their appointed time! By the end of Saturday, those on maximum score had been whittled down to one; James Foster. However, the curse of the lone leader struck again and he was beaten by Jasdeep Gahir in the morning. This left Jasdeep, Adrian Archer-Lock and Tom Clements on 3½ with 6 players half a point behind. Tom played Adrian in the final round whilst Jasdeep floated down to play Chantelle Foster. Adrian beat Tom but Chantelle won with Knight and Bishop – an impressive finish. This left Adrian sole winner with Chantelle and Raphael Kalid runners up.

Half norms were gained by Max Wood-Robinson, Jake Breindel and Raunak Rao

Finally my thanks to Millfield School for a superb venue, the Turner family who do ever more to sustain the event including doing the paperwork, organising the accommodation and even arbiting round one!, Glynis South for taking the entries and sorting out money, Victor Cross for running the

weekend event and all the players who have supported it. We still need more to make the event financially viable but it was great to hear of a "Friends of Millfield Young Masters" site on facebook. If players are that keen it is up to us to support them. For the first time in 18 years Alec Webster was not at the event. He set it up, organised the sponsorship and, for 17 years, was the powerhouse behind the event. It is good that the event continues and, hopefully, will increase in numbers in the future.

Peter Purland

A short note from the Chess for Schools Project Manager.



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Dear All,

I'm very pleased to be able to tell you that the *Chess for Schools* project is now picking up pace and going from strength to strength.

Over the past two months we have completed four pilot launches, 2 in Surrey, Hampshire and Oxfordshire. These have been relatively small events that have fulfilled four positive goals:

- 1 Started the distribution process
- 2 Enabled local school teachers to get together and discuss their chess clubs
- 3 Tested our logistics
- 4 Increased awareness of the project through the local press

We are now going full steam ahead with production over the summer holidays so that we are ready for the roll-out of the project across the country in the 2009-10 academic year. We are also reviewing our distribution methods so that we get the boxes to the schools efficiently.

We at Holooid Plastics are confident that *Chess for Schools* is going to be a great success.

With very best wishes,

Caroline Morris
Project Manager, Chess for Schools

Calendar of Events

(For a more comprehensive list of events visit our website at www.englishchess.org.uk)

* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix @ denotes FIDE Rated Event # denotes British Championship Qualifying Tournament ~ denotes ECF Graded Event

~* 25 Jul

EALING RAPIDPLAY

St Thomas's Church Hall, Boston Rd, Ealing W7 2AD.
S Tserendorj, 39 Academy Place, Isleworth TW7 5FD
(Tel: 07525 031 843,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk,
website: <http://londonrapidplay.co.uk>)

25-26 Jul

1st WORCESTERSHIRE OPEN - UNOFFICIAL PRE BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS WARM UP CONGRESS

Catshill Village Hall, Woodrow Lane, Bromsgrove
B61 0LP.
A Farthing, 9 Peninsula Rd, Brockhill Village, Norton,
Worcester WR5 2SE (Tel: 01905 358949,
Email: andrew.farthing@btinternet.com)
*All money raised shall be donated to the PAR Charity
(Plica Awareness and Research)*

~ 26 Jul

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY RAPIDPLAY, (inc. the
Antonio Fattorini Grand Prix)
Latvian Welfare Club, 5 Clifton Villas, Manningham,
Bradford BD8 7BY.
C W Wood, 64 Bolton Hall Rd, Bradford BD2 1BJ
(Tel: 0845 400 2429, Fax: 0845 400 2430,

**~*#@ 26 July - 8 August
BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS**
Torquay.

~* 1 Aug

Golders Green Rapidplay

St Alban's Church Hall, West Heath Drive (off North
End Rd), Golders Green, London NW11 7QG

~ 8-17 Aug

7th Staunton Memorial

Simpson's In The Strand, 100 Strand, London WC2R
0EW.
GM R Keene (Email: stauntonmemorial@yahoo.co.uk,
website: <http://uk.geocities.com/stauntonchess>)

~*@ 12-16 Aug

Uxbridge International

De Veres Denham Grove Hotel, Tilehouse Lane,
Denham, Nr Uxbridge Bucks UB9 5DU.
S Hewitt (Tel: 020 3287 5553, 07845 518 972, website:
www.e2e4.org.uk/international/2009/Uxbridge)

~* 14-16 Aug

Steve Boniface Memorial

Clifton College, College Rd, Bristol BS8 3JG.
G Mill-Wilson, 8 Lyndale Rd, Yate, Bristol BS37 4DD
(Tel: 0753 4453634,
Email: Tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk,
website: www.chessit.co.uk)

~*# 21-23 Aug

Thanet Congress

Canterbury Christchurch University, Broadstairs
Campus, Northwood Rd, Broadstairs CT10 2WA.
A D Hargreaves, 1 Medina Avenue, Whitstable, Kent
CT5 4EN (Tel: 01227 274885,
Email: TONY.HARGREAVES@sky.com,
website: www.thanetchess.org.uk)

~* 22-23 Aug

British Land UK Chess Challenge Terafinal

Warwick School, Warwick.
M Basman, 7 Billockby Close, Chessington KT9 2ED
(Tel: 07715 041320, Email: ukchesschallenge@aol.com,
website: www.ukchesschallenge.com)
*U7-U18, three rounds per day. An event for parents,
"Relax with Chess" is run alongside and registered for
grading.*

~* 22-29 Aug

British Championship for the Blind

Dauncey's Hotel, Weston Super Mare

~*@ 22-31 Aug

Jessie Gilbert Celebration International

84-90 Chipstead Valley Rd, Coulsdon

23 Aug

1st Macmillan Cancer Support Charity Chess Rapidplay Congress

Bloxwich Working Men's Club, Harrison Street,
Bloxwich Walsall WS3 3HP.
R Dolan, 8 Coalway Rd, Walsall WS3 2PU
(Tel: 07980 101744, Email: dolan_ray@yahoo.co.uk)

~* 29-31 Aug

45th Berks & Bucks Congress

Polehampton C. of E. Junior School, Kibblewhite
Crescent, Twyford, Berkshire RG10 9AX

~* 29-31 Aug

37th Hereford Weekend Congress

Aylestone School, Broadlands Lane, Hereford HR1
1HY.

W A Archer, 75 Aylestone Hill, Hereford HR1 1HX
(Tel: 01432 265712, Email: archerb75@yahoo.co.uk)

~*#@ 29-31 Aug

3rd Leyland Congress

Wellfield Business & Enterprise College, Yewlands
Drive, Leyland PR25 2TP.
D Clayton (Tel: 01772 434060,
Email: leylandchesscongress2009@googlegmail.com,
website: www.leylandchess.org.uk/congress)

31 Aug

CCF Open Blitz

84-90 Chipstead Valley Rd, Coulsdon

~* 5-6 Sep

CCF Autumn Congress

84-90 Chipstead Valley Rd, Coulsdon

~*#@ 6-12 Sep

59th PAIGNTON CONGRESS

Oldway Mansions, Paignton, Devon

~* 12 Sep

Golders Green Rapidplay

St Alban's Church Hall, West Heath Drive (off North
End Rd), Golders Green, London NW11 7QG

@ 12-13 Sep

Wellington College Junior Championships

Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45
7PU
Email chess@wellingtoncollege.org.uk
website [https://intranet.wellingtoncollege.org.uk/](https://intranet.wellingtoncollege.org.uk/page.aspx?id=3533)
[page.aspx?id=3533](https://intranet.wellingtoncollege.org.uk/page.aspx?id=3533)

~* 13 Sep

Leamington Rapidplay

Royal Spa Centre CV32 4HN.
G Greenland (Tel: 01926 424360,
Email: ggreenland@mac.com,
website: www.leamingtonchessleague.org.uk)

~* 13 Sep

85th Richmond Rapidplay

The White House Community Association,
Hampton TW12 3RN

~*#@ 18-20 Sep

Uxbridge Congress

De Veres Denham Grove Hotel, Tilehouse Lane,
Denham, Nr Uxbridge Bucks UB9.
S Hewitt (Tel: 020 3287 5553, 07845 518972,
Fax: 0870 288 4393, Email: info@e2e4.org.uk,
website: <http://e2e4.org.uk/uxbridge>)

~ 18-20 Sep

Bradford Congress

Latvian Welfare Club, Clifton Villas, Manningham,
Bradford BD8 7BY.
S Swire, 69 Scholemoor Avenue, Bradford BD7 2RU
(Tel: 01274 411817,
Email: bradfordchess@blueyonder.co.uk)

~ 18-20 Sep

3rd Whitby Weekend Stars Barred Congress

The Conservative Club, Upgang Lane, Whitby YO21
3DT.
N Boustred, 1 Dene Crescent, Wallsend, Tyne and
Wear NE28 7SN (Tel: 0191 236 9871,
Email: noelboustred@yahoo.co.uk)

25-27 Sep

Isle of Man Congress

Cherry Orchard Hotel Apartments, Bridson Street,
Port Erin, Isle of Man IM9 6AL.
A Robertson, Dunelm, Somerset Rd, Douglas, Isle of
Man IM2 5BA (Tel: 07624 495097,
Email: alanbruce@manx.net,
website: www.iomchess.com/congress09.html)

~* 25-27 Sep

Spectrum Chess - 4th Portsmouth Congress

The Hilton Hotel, Farlington, Portsmouth PO6 1UN

~* 26 Sep

Ealing Rapidplay

St Thomas's Church Hall, Boston Rd, Ealing W7 2AD.
S Tserendorj, 39 Academy Place, Isleworth TW7 5FD
(Tel: 07525 031 843,
Email: londonrapidplay@yahoo.co.uk,
website: <http://londonrapidplay.co.uk>)

~* 26-27 Sep

1st Castle Chess Bideford Congress

Tantons Hotel

~* 27 Sep

KJCA South-East London Junior Rapidplay

Colfe's School, Horn Park Lane, Lee SE12 8AW
LJCC Qualifier

27 Sep

NYCA U18 & U14 Inter-County Championships

Birmingham.
K Staveley, 57 Treharne Street, Cwmparc, Rhondda
CF42 6LH (Tel: 01443 772750,
Email: kevin.staveley@btinternet.com)

~ 27 Sep

Renaissance Academy Rapidplay

(inc. the Antonio Fattorini Grand Prix)
Latvian Welfare Club, 5 Clifton Villas, Manningham,
Bradford BD8 7BY.
C W Wood, 64 Bolton Hall Rd, Bradford BD2 1BJ (Tel:
0845 400 2429, Fax: 0845 400 2430,
Email: the_renaissance_academy@hotmail.com,
website: www.renaissanceacademy.org.uk)
Open to players under 25.

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