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28th December 2004 to 9th January 2005



Above from left – Michael Foster MP, Gerry Walsh, Charles Clarke Home Secretary, Paul Smith and Con Power

BCF President Reports from Hastings

I have been attending the Hastings International Congress since 1967 and at the present time I serve the Committee as BCF Delegate.

This year we were delighted to receive Charles Clarke as a most distinguished visitor, having been moved from Education to The Home Office appointments in Hastings and Dover made it possible for a personal visit to be included.

Mr Clarke spoke freely to members of the chess press and visited the playing facilities at Horntye Park. He was particularly impressed with use of the latest technology in the form of the digital boards and clocks which were used to transmit the games live around the world.

Mr Clarke then found time to have coffee with a number of guests and it was my pleasure to present him with a few mementoes.

More from Hastings on page 3.

Editorial

Happy New Year to all of our Members. Thank you for your continuing support. If you have a news item or anecdote that you would like to appear in ChessMoves send them to me at the BCF Office.

Cynthia Gurney

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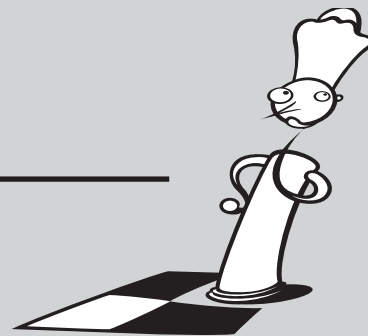
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BCF News



Presidents Awards 2005

The BCF invites nominations for its Presidents Awards. The awards are made annually for services to the game of Chess. Previous winners include BH Wood, The BBC, Veteran IM Bob Wade and a host of grassroots players and organisers. Nominations should arrive by 8th April 2005. Winners of the awards will be announced at the BCF CAGM in October.

Club of the Year and Small Club of the Year 2005

The BCF is looking for submissions from clubs that stand out from the rest and make the members proud to belong to the club.

The submissions should detail the club's participation in local leagues and competitions, but also cover how the club encourages membership among groups under represented in the general chess population, the contribution made to chess locally and nationally, the activities organised for juniors and disabled players, and comment on how the club interacts with schools and the local community. Please send the submission by 20th May 2005.

BCF Magazine of the Year 2005

Nominations are invited for the 2005 BCF Magazine of the Year Award. The winner last year, the second recipient of the Award, was "En Passant" the magazine of Norfolk County Chess Association. We are looking for nominations from either readers or editors of Chess magazines that are produced by volunteers. Please send your nomination by 31st March 2005.

BCF Website of the Year 2005

Nominations are invited for the 2005 BCF Website of the Year Award. Last year's winner, of the second such Award, was www.clevelandchess.co.uk. We are seeking nominations for websites run by volunteers for the benefit of chess players both locally and nationally, so send your nomination by 31st March 2005.

Please send all nominations to John Wickham, 55 Shakespeare way, Taverham, Norwich, NR8 6SL or email j.r.wickhm@btinternet.com

BCF Delegate for Special Category Direct Members

I have been elected as Delegate to represent BCF Special Category (low-paid and unemployed) Direct Members. If any Members in that category have any matter which they would like me to raise with the BCF will they kindly contact me direct as follows: Peter J B Wilson, 11 Clos de Gibauderie, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands GY1 1XQ. Tel/Fax: 0148171344, Email: pjw2004uk@yahoo.co.uk Kindly note that although currently residing in Guernsey I am in England very often.

I am a Direct Member of the British Chess Federation and have no connection with any other Chess Federation. I have also played in 10 tournaments in England in 2004.

CRB

The BCF has obtained registration with the CRB as an umbrella body. A policy statement will be issued after the Management Board Meeting of 29 January 2005.

Home Chess

Clever Cloks Products, who manufacture a time management system for companies, have kindly agreed to sponsor the National Club Handicap Rapidplay. This means that the prize money is £200, £100, £50. The Sponsors would prefer to see the handicap remain as it is, for this year.



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Hastings International Chess Congress Report

The main talking point in this year's Hastings Congress was the new format for the Premier and Challengers. Leaving the technical details aside (and there were several of these), this year's format was that all the participants played a knockout in the first round, the losers going into the Challengers, the winners staying in the knockout. From round two, there were in effect two separate events – the knockout and the Challengers. The two tournaments continued side by side at the traditional rate of one round a day, with the losers in the knockout in each round transferring to the Challengers. Hence the Challengers grew in size each day and the knockout halved in size each day.

When the knockout reached the quarter-finals (i.e. eight players were left), then this became the Premier, which continued as a knockout until the final between Vladimir Belov (Russia) and Bartosz Socko (Poland), Belov emerging as the winner.

Below: MP Michael Foster; Vladimir Belov (Russia), winner of the Premier; Mayor, Cllr Pam Brown, with the Golombek Trophy.



There were many players with misgivings about this format, which may partly explain why the numbers were down this year. Some were against the whole concept. Other criticisms were that the time advantage given to Black was too advantageous or that the minute added on after each move was too much. However as the tournaments progressed we got the impression that many of the participants were coming round in favour of the format. When we handed out questionnaires towards the end of the ten days, we were interested to find that there was support among the majority of the participants for the general concept (though with some criticisms and suggestions on the details). So if we continue with the system next year (and this has not been decided yet), there will be some fine-tuning to consider. And we need to persuade the players who did not come this year that the format is not just workable but produces more fighting chess than in the traditional Premier all-play-all.

The remaining tournaments were much the same as in previous years. The tried and tested five-day events were well supported (both the morning and afternoon tournaments). And so was the final Weekend Congress.

There were the usual fringe events in the evenings. Stewart Reuben's pairs tournament at a local pub has now become a regular feature of the Hastings Congress. The ever popular blitz events, run by Paul Buswell and Marc Bryant, have long become an integral part of the Hastings Congress. This year we even had a chess quiz, again at a local pub, which seemed to be enjoyed by the participants.

A highlight of this year's Congress was a visit by the new Home Secretary, Charles Clarke. He is a chess enthusiast (it was his father who devised the current BCF grading system). On the last day of the Premier and Challengers he took time out from an official engagement in Hastings to spend about 40 minutes at the venue at Horntye Park. He played two mini games firstly against Petr Marusenko from the Ukraine (a draw agreed after about ten moves) and secondly against the current Russian women's champion Elmira Mirzoeva (again a draw was quickly agreed). Then over coffee the Congress organisers had an interesting discussion with him about the status of Hastings in the world of chess and about the status of chess as a sport.

One final note. Last year we introduced a rule that any player whose mobile phone rang during play would forfeit that game. There were no instances then. But this year we had our first infringement, when a player's mobile phone rang and his game was declared lost. I am sure that the proprietor of the local firm Mind Sports Ltd, won't object if I mention this.

Con Power

Below: Home Secretary, Charles Clarke playing Elmira Mirzoev, the current Russian women's champion.



First Trip to Hastings

When my good friend and Northumberland colleague, John Turnock, said that he wasn't able to 'do' Hastings this year I offered my services on the arbiting front. I have always wanted to go to Hastings, but having children and being away for a fortnight at Christmas don't really go together. The 'kids', however, are big enough to be doing their own thing now, so off I went.

The best New Years Eve company an arbiter could have!



My impression of the event was that it's reputation as an 'institution' amongst arbiters was well founded and the event had an atmosphere of its own. Having been on the control team at The Smith & Williamson British Championships for 8 years, I expected a similar structure, where arbiters would have their own sections, far from it, the Hastings 'team' was just that, and everyone mucked in. I might add that it was especially due to the new format that we had even 'seasoned' International Arbiters reaching for the tournament rules at every turn!

The most exciting part was definitely the play-offs in the knockout stage. In the 10 minutes with a 10 second increment games I discovered I had a talent for writing down blitz games, and was thereafter so employed in most rounds! Most were decided by horrible blunders, but the consensus was that it was still the fairest tie-break system, players having both White and Black.

I had only one contentious arbiting decision, and it wasn't even about a position! When a 'bye' game was arranged between sections in the New Year Afternoon event, both players agreed to the game being graded before start of play, but the higher rated player changed his mind after the game was drawn, became upset that I upheld the original agreement and appealed to the chief arbiter. Dave Welch, after careful deliberation, backed the game being graded. Phew!

In general I found the event to be hard work but very enjoyable, and I loved the New Year's Eve toasting of the various nationalities at 9, 10 and 11 o' clock as their New Year started. A truly International event.

Lara Barnes

Hastings International Chess Congress

Open Knockout Results

Premier Tournament

1st Prize Vladimir Belov(Rus) £1500

Runner-up Bartosz Socko (Pol)

Losing semi-finalists M Pavlovic (Scg); A Barsov (Uzb)

Losing quarter-finalists M Bluvshstein (Can); D Howell (Eng); T Rendle (Eng);
R Ziatdinov (USA)

Players who were knocked out of Premier after quarter-final stage re-joined Challengers

Tournament and results of Challengers Tournament are:

1st = V Neveroj (Ukr); A Barsov (Uzb); M Socko (Pol)

4th = V Kotronias (Gre); N Pert (Eng); D Gormally (Eng); J Gonzales (Phi);
Z Efimenko (Ukr); W Hendriks (Ned)

Highest placed female player	Monika Socko
Non GM/IM	Erik Zude
Non rated player	John Dempsey; Sebastian Pozzo; Joe Richardson
British Championship	Jack Rudd
Qualifiers	Richard Britton

A Message from the Director of Junior Chess and Education

Dear Chess Officials / Ladies and Gentlemen

My name is Alan Ruffle and I have recently taken over from Peter Turner as Director of Junior Chess, the more I find out about the job the more I realise I don't know, I recognise that he will be a hard act to follow and in fairness not a lot of what he was practising will change.

From the web I have found that the below list of event for which I am responsible for organising 'British' representation and in due course I will be seeking your help in selecting our very best representatives.

World Youth Championships 18th to 30th July 2005 Belfort France
European Youth Championships 13th to 24th September 2005 Budva, Serbia and Montenegro
World Youth Under 16 Olympiad India
DTBF Glorney and Faber Cups-Enquiries into this one were very interesting-there is no information what so ever, I dug further only to find that the person who is supposed to be organising it is me!

It is my intention to cultivate a young player who will go the one extra step that Nigel Short and Michael Adams could not quite make and produce a British 'World Champion' I intend to organise weekend selection tournaments incorporating 'Grand Master' tuition. The first of which is earmarked for late spring at the 'West Bromwich Moat House' after that the events will be held at locations governed by the potential, only players recommended as of suitable potential, by you, will be allowed to enter. Peters selection committee which is already in place will supplement this.

I invite your recommendations who should contact me by email and I seek your advice on any aspect including any information about the 'Glorney and Faber' cups.

Yours Sincerely
Alan Ruffle
Strictly no telephone calls after 9pm

Junior News

43rd World Junior Under 20 Championship & 21st World Junior Girls Under 20 Championships

Kochi, India 15 November to 1 December 2004

The Championships took place in the beautiful and historic city of Kochi (Cochin as it was in the days of the British Raj). The setting was the very well appointed Casino Hotel, specifically the main conference centre, the Durbar Hall, resplendent with the flags of all the nations (except that someone had provided the Union flag and not the Cross of St George), with a 15 metre high ceiling inlaid with mirrors. A bank of computer screens outside the area relayed the state of play in the main games. The Championships were well organised and there were no appeals.



Lorin D'Costa in play

To the chess – the main event was won by Pentyla Harekrishna of India who was the second seed, the top seed Ferenc Berkes of Hungary had a poor tournament finishing on 8.5 points. Tigran Petrosian had a marvellous run as Harekrishna put it in his valedictory speech, “he tried his hardest to confuse sacking pieces left, right and centre” but to no avail. Petrosian finished with the silver medal. The bronze medal was won by Zhao Jun of China who lost his last game when a win could have possibly given him the title.

Lorin D'Costa had black against higher rated opposition in the first five games and white against lower rated opponents and he could not break the cycle. This left him 3 points from 6 games and he was playing catch-up after that. He did not lose the final six games and in the last round had a draw with black against GM Timur Gareyev of Uzbekistan with winning chances. Too little, too late! He himself considers a score of 8 points was nearer his expectations that the 7 points he did achieve with would have placed him 15th. However, it was a wonderful experience for him which he enjoyed immensely. He was interviewed by the

local press which happened to be in Malayalam a language I'm not familiar with! But I have the cutting.

The Girls Under 20 World Title was won by Korbut Ekaterina of Russia with 10.5 points from Elizabeth Paehtz of Germany with Eesha Karavade of India getting the bronze medal. Ekaterina glacial throughout, did not give a speech saying that she knew no English. Paehtz was subdued and did not join the celebrations; Karavade was ecstatic.

The Championships were played in a spirit of friendship and rarely has there been a more rousing end with speeches by all the eight men on the platform and with the national anthems of the winners being played. The Russian anthem was played in its entirety eliciting the comment of the Chief Arbiter Mr Abundo that he had lived in Russia many years but had never heard it in full! The last

night's disco was well attended and was truly memorable, not too difficult considering the age of the participants!

Bill D'Costa



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1st Emmanuel Schools Foundation Olympics



Left: Hosts Daniel McCrae and Charlotte Jowers, from The King's Academy, [front and rear left] get to know fellow students from Emmanuel College Hannah Daglish and Philip Hodgson and Lauren Robinson and Michael Whawell from Trinity Academy

Right: Kirsty Guest, who will start at Trinity Academy next year, takes on Scott Thompson from The King's Academy.



Students from three schools sponsored by the Emmanuel Schools Foundation came together for a day of competition and friendship in the first ever pupils' Olympics.

The King's Academy in Middlesbrough was chosen as host and welcomed 120 students from Emmanuel College in Gateshead and the new Trinity Academy, due to open at Thorne near Doncaster in September. School teams competed against each

other in rugby, hockey, table tennis, swimming and chess

Nigel McQuoid, Principal of King's Academy, said: "This event wasn't about winning, it was about everyone doing their best and making new friends. We really are a family of schools and plan to come together on a regular basis."

The day was extra special for students from Thorne, who wanted to find out

more about Academy life prior to their move later this year.

Ian Brew, Principal of Trinity Academy, said: "As well as the competition, the day was an opportunity for our young people to get an idea of what their Academy will be like, to talk to their King's counterparts, to ask questions and to make new friends.

"It was a great day of some strong competition and all the students mixed very well."

Year 10 student Marcus Stones said: "The facilities are fantastic. If we have something like this at Thorne it'll really improve the area. I didn't expect everyone to be so friendly either, but they've been really good."

Other students praised the size of the Academy, its wide corridors and the sports facilities.

The students were also treated to a hot tea in the Academy restaurants after the competitions, which were co-ordinated by teacher David Whitaker with the chess contest overseen by Gerry Walsh, the Normanby-based president of the British Chess Federation.

At the end of the day's events, in true Olympic tradition the Emmanuel Schools Foundation Olympic vase was handed over by King's student Andrew Emmerson to Jonathan Merton from Emmanuel College, which will host the event next year.

The plan is for Trinity Academy to welcome students from Middlesbrough and Gateshead in 2006.

The Match of the Generations



Ray Dolan with members of St Johns Parish Church Junior Chess Club, Walsall Wood, Staffs

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Match of the Generations results as we now have over 1140, however we still need more! The totals so far are: U20 482 and 20+ 724. Please note that this event will now finish on 6 May 2005.

Ray Dolan with Richard Sheppard MP (left).



Littlewood's Choice

by John Littlewood

A Happy New Year to all readers! This month's fascinating game is an excellent way for tacticians to begin a new year. I was introduced to it through Nigel Short's column in the *Sunday Telegraph*.

World Junior, November 2004 Sengupta - Petrosian

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 g3

The Glek system. For years I have played a similar system but without my knight on f3 and I was intrigued to see McShane using this recently in an honourable draw against Shirov. It hardly seems easy to pinpoint any serious fault with Glek's move, so my shock was real when Black played his reply...

4...Nxe4!?

It is strange but, since the advent of the computer with its massive databases and powerful engines, I sense among a number of players a frantic need to assert their individual claim to 'free choice'. However, it may well be occasioned by thousands of blitz games on the internet!?

5 Nxe4 d5 6 Nc3

Note that the g3 square is no longer available.

6...d4 7 Ne4 f5 8 Neg5

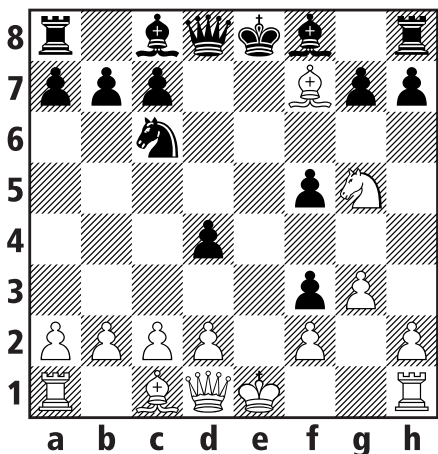
Of course, at any point White can choose to return his extra piece but his myopic sights are set on f7...

8...e4 9 Bc4 exf3 10 Bf7+

Or 10 Nf7 Qe7+ 11 Kf1 Na5 and Black stands better.

10...Kd7 11 Be6+ Ke8 12 Bf7+

How about a draw



12...Ke7!

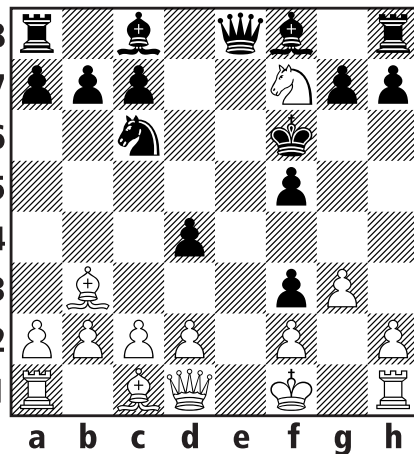
No thank you! As Nigel so elegantly puts it: "Played with balls" adding a snide reference to the ultra-safe approach exemplified in the unfortunate Kramnik-Leko match...

Indeed, to block your Q and KB lines and head for f6 with your king appears at first sight to be Steinitz gone mad, but it wins the game for Black! 13 Bb3 13 d3 h6 14 0-0 Kf6 15 h4 seems preferable to me but Black still appears to be winning after 15...Qd6 16 Bh5 g6! etc.

13...Kf6 14 Nf7?

And this is the move that Nigel castigates, again suggesting 14 d3 as preferable, although it must be noted that 14...Bb4+ 15 Bd2? loses to 15...Qe7+ 16 Kf1 Qe2+!

14...Qe8+ 15 Kf1



15...d3!!

Nigel's double exclamation mark is rightly given to this splendid and highly thematic move which is screaming out to be made but nevertheless entails some tricky calculation.

16 Qxf3 Nd4! 17 Qxd3 Nxb3 18 Nxb3 Qxc6! 19 Kg1 Nxa1 20 b3 Qxc2

According to Nigel, the computer recommendation of 20...Ke7! wins comfortably (after presumably the continuation 21 Ba3+ Ke8 22 Qe2+ Qe6 coming out a piece up), but I must admit that Black's posting of his QB on c6 would surely be the choice of most tacticians.

21 Qd4+ Ke6 22 Qxa1 Bd7! 23 Bb2 Bc6 24 h3 Bc5

Or the even more direct 24...Qe4 25 Rh2 Re8! when it's all over bar the shouting e.g. 26 Qc1 (26 Bxg7? Bxg7 27 Qxg7 Qd1 mate) 26...Kd7!

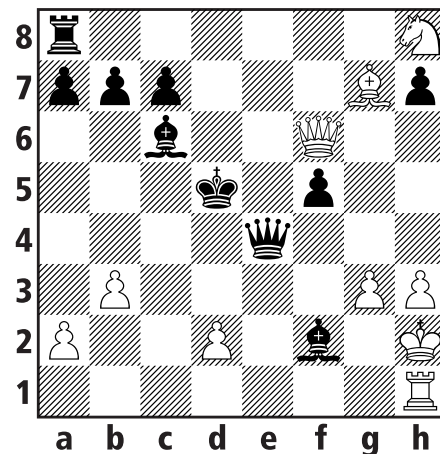
25 Bxg7 Bxf2+! 26 Kh2

Forced.

26...Qe4?

A pity because, as Nigel points out, 26...Bxg3+! 27 Kxg3 Qd3+ 28 Kh4 Qd8+! either mates or wins material.

27 Qf6+ Kd5



28 Rc1?

Although Nigel rightly criticises this move, his suggested alternative 28 Rf1 still gives Black good chances after 28 ...Kc5! 29 Qe5+! (not of course 29 Rxf2? Qh1 mate) 29...Qxe5 30 Bxe5 Bd4 31 Bxd4 Kxd4 32 Nf7 Re8! 33 Rf2 Re1! etc. The most difficult move to meet is 28 d3!? to answer 28...Qxd3 or 28...Qf3 with 29 Qe5 mate and 28...Qe2 by 29 Qxf5+ but even then 29...Qe6! 30 Qxe6+ Kxe6 31 Rf1 allows 31...Bxg3+! 32 Kxg3 Rg8! or if here 30 Qb2 Qe3! winning.

28...Re8! 29 Rc4?

Allowing mate in three but Black was threatening 29...Bxg3+ 30 Kxg3 Qd3+ 31 Kh4 Re4+ winning and 29 Qc3 f4! 30 Qc4+ Qxc4 31 bxc4+ Kc5 32 gxf4 Re2! is killing.

29...Bg1+ 0-1



Book Reviews by Gary Lane

Chess for Children by Murray Chandler and Helen Milligan published by Gambit £9.99

This large hardback edition follows in the tradition of the best selling 'How to Beat Your Dad at Chess' by giving simple instruction for children. It is a beginner's book aiming to guide the reader from the first move to a stage where they can play a game with confidence. It is standard device to use a friendly character to try and make learning more fun so step forward Kirsty the pet alligator.

This was apparently Helen's idea and it works very well. The illustrations are fun but they are all done in black and white which make them less striking. Then again, a youthful audience will almost certainly colour them in at the first opportunity. The traditional mix of how to play is supplemented with a quick guide to openings, several test positions and finally an analysis of the game between George and the Grand Alligator of chess.

An enjoyable introduction to the game for children.

Checkmate! My first chess book by Garry Kasparov published by Everyman £9.99

I rather like the idea of Kasparov typing that a knight equals 3 points and that 'the king is the most valuable piece and you must guard it well.' It does not require a leap of the imagination to understand that the world's number one player had simply had his name added to boost sales. This should not distract from a colourful book that is aimed at adults as well as children. The elements of the game such as the pieces, rules and notation are adequately covered. A lot of the positions are done with a 3-D sort of diagram which has a certain wow factor that is missing from older books and gives it something different. I suspect this would be the perfect present for someone who wishes to learn to play the game but is no longer at school.

Chess Tactics by Paul Littlewood published by Batsford £12.99

A new generation of players can enjoy this 1984 reprint that was originally published by the Crowood Press. The former British champion takes the reader who has learned the basics but wishes to improve on a course of learning. The chapter headings such as 'decoying, double attack and skewers' sound familiar to an experienced player but these are always important as building blocks on the way to be stronger. The different themes are explained well with the use of numerous diagrams to try to reinforce the point. It had to be admitted that some of these are the standard ones but games such as Littlewood's encounters against English weekend experts Dave Rumens and Erik Teichmann are not seen anywhere else. It is a shame that an extra chapter has not been added to bring it up to date but it still does a decent job as a self-teacher. A useful way to improve tactics for players who want to aim for a higher rating.

Results Round-up

Auckland and Daniel Chan came joint third and gained those precious Major places on 4.5 points. Many more players earned places in the Under 12 Minor with scores of 3.5 or 4 points.

The Under 10s was the biggest section of the day, with a massive 61 participants. Again a score of 4.5 points or above would see the child qualify for the Major section, and scores of 4 and 3.5 would get them into the minor. The tournament was jointly won by Joseph Quinn and Milo Thrumble on 5.5/6. Congratulations also to Tom Ball, Holly Carter, Christopher Dunne, Benedict Tso, Edmund Harding and William Rule who also qualified for the Major. Far too many people to mention all the Minor qualifiers, but congratulations to them also. The players in the Under 8s needed to get 4 points to qualify for the finals, as there is

Erratum

Please note that Alan Smith of Cheddleton & Leek, was joint 1st in the 5th Leek Congress, but was omitted from our last issue.

Richmond Junior Congress

7 November 2004

Part of the reason why the entrants had been so low at the Rapidplay the previous week was because a lot of the 139 entrants

for this tournament were obviously saving themselves for this one! The Under 18s was quite a small section, jointly won by Thilagini Anandajayarajah and Nick Inglis, both on 4.5 out of 6.

Onto the Under 12s which was more hotly contested with 37 players battling it out for 4.5 out of 6 and a place in the LJCC U12 Major section, which is an England Trial Qualifier. This accounted for the strong field, which was Akash Jain and James McCallion pull ahead of the rest to jointly win the tournament on 5.5 out of 6. Elliott

only one section in the finals in the Under 8s. Kabir Peshawaria whitewashed the tournament with a 100% score. Congratulations also to Charlie Parmiter, Jonathan Bell, Max Wood-Robinson, Rustam Byramji, Lars Heidrich, Louis Isaacson and Jake Spencer who all qualified for the LJCC Finals.

Scott Kenyon

Civil Service Centenary Open Congress

13-14 November 2004

Open Total Prize Money £380

A Cherniaev, Hackney, 4.5, 239

J T Sherwin, Bath, 3.5, 201

Major (U-160) Total Prize Money £285

Roderick Johnson, 4, 125

Ying Min Low, Cambridge Univ., 4, 153

Andrew Waters, Metropolitan Police, 4, 150

Helge Hjort, Hendon, 3.5, 153

Royal Beacon Seniors

15-19 November 2004

Seniors

1st= J Gorodi, Teignmouth, 142, 4

A Milnes, Maidenhead, 165, 4

G Stokes, Solihull, 145, 4

C Williams, Rotherham, 171, 4

'Junior' Seniors

1st A Barton, Hastings, 177, 5

2nd= I Heppell, Wimbledon, 174, 3.5

P Patience, Southampton, 155, 3.5

Braille Chess Association's International Autumn Tournament

19-21 November 2004

OPEN

1 MORDUE, Tyson; Keynsham; 201; 4.5

2 ROSS, Chris; Huntingdon; 178; 4

3 LILLEY, Graham; St. Helens; 171; 4.5

4 HILTON, Steve; Edinburgh; 156; 4

13 LOVELL, Stan; Redcar; 108; 3.5

19 CHAN, Yan Kit; Nottingham Univ.; 82; 3

MINOR

1 KIDALS, Richard; Lincoln; 5

3 KIDALS, John; Lincoln; 3

5 OSBORNE, John; London; 3

6 BROWN, Christine; Cheltenham; 4

9 HAGUE, Mark; Kenilworth; 3

Royal Grammar School Guildford Chess

Tournament

20-21 November 2004

Trophy (2 days)

1 Sam Williams; R.G.S. Guildford;

5.5

2 Timothy Seymour; Bishop Wand; 5

3 Sebastian Pozzo; Harrow;

4.5

Under 18A (Saturday) – 5rAPA

1 Jack Shotton; Portsmouth G.S.; 5

2 Matthew Cooke; R.G.S. Guildford

3 David Lambert; R.G.S. Guildford

4 Oliver Lambert; R.G.S. Guildford 2.5

Under 18B

(Sunday)

1 T Anandajeyarajah; Tolworth Girls; 4.5

James Kirrage; George Abbott

Stefan Mahadevan; Wallington G.S.

David Simcock; George Abbott

5 Thomas Rowson; Emanuel; 4

6 James McCallion; R.G.S. Guildford; 3.5

Thomas McNally; St Paul's

Stefan Von Hanisch; R.G.S. Guildford

Alex Waters; R.G.S. Guildford

Under 12A

(Saturday)

1 Sheila Dines; Old Palace; 5.5

2 Harvey Birch; Claremont; 4.5

Jonathan Andrew; Ibstock Place

4 Fay Birch; Claremont; 4

Joe Kidson; Dulwich College

Christopher Dunne; Homefield

Alexander Jelacic; Homefield

Christopher Hinchcliffe; St Peter's

Under 12B

(Sunday)

1 Akash Jain; Haberdasher's Askes; 5.5

2 Marcus Gosling; Kingston GS; 5

George Salimbeni; Great Walstead

4 Stefan Curtress; R.G.S. Guildford; 4.5

Balraj Gill; Danes Hill

Fergus Taylor; Lanesborough

Basildon Rapidplay & Junior Congress

21 November 2004

Open Total Prize Money £185

E Josiah Lutton; Basildon; 5.5; 159

David Haydon; Shell; 5; 121

Adrian Jackson; Cavendish; 5; 193

Dana Hawrami; Ilford; 4.5; 168

Under 14 Total Prize Money £100

Akshaga Ahuja; Q E Boys; 5; 98

Jack Goodyear; Chingford; 5; 77

Michael Migan; Chingford; 4.5; 87

Kimberley Hirst-Jones; Leigh-on-Sea; 3.5; 77

Under 12 Total Prize Money £108

Sheila Dines; Croydon; 6; 107

William Cheung; Maldon; 5; 91

Jonathan Migan; Chingford; 5; 68

Tom Huband; Norwich Junior; 5; 97

Peter Maynes; Chess Mates; 4.5; 74

Todd Goodyear; Chingford; 4.5; 85

Louis Thrumble; Richmond; 4.5; 76

Under 10 Total Prize Money £88

Beuedict Tso; Richmond; 6; 25

Nikhil Pillai; Ilford JCC; 5

Jennifer Ehr; NW3; 4.5

Under 6/8 Total Prize Money £71

Ram Mohan; Westcliff-on-Sea; 5.5

Shyam Mohan; Westcliff-on-Sea; 5.5

Preston Congress

26-28 November 2004

OPEN Total Prize Money £600

L Trent; Ilford; 5; 215

D B Lund; Preston; 4; 197

C A Hanley; Lancaster; 3.5; 214

A A Smith; Chedderton and Leak; 3.5; 206

D Hulmes; Stockport; 3.5; 195

J L Hanley; Lancaster Royal Gram; 3.5; 176

MAJOR U160 Total Prize Money £510

A Bosworth; Trowbridge; 4; 137

D Jameson; Collwyn Bay; 4; 156

J Jiang; Waltham Forest; 4; 129

39th Torbay League Congress

26-28 November 2004

Open

1st Andrew Greet (Truro, Cornwall) 4.5/5

2nd = Alexander L Therrien (ISCA Exeter)

4/5

Stephen P Dilleigh (Horfield, Bristol) 4/5

James T Sherwin Senior (Bath) 4/5

Major (U155)

1st Arthur Pinkerton Senior (Currently no

Club) 4.5/5

2nd = Mark Hesford (Eccles, Manchester)

4/5

Paul Jackson (Coulsdon) 4/5

Ian M Jamieson (Exmouth) 4/5

Oxford University Rapidplay

27 November 2004

Open Total Prize Money ££350

Robert Gwaze; Watford; 6/6

John Cox; Cavendish; 4.5/6

Ben Savage; Oxford University; 4/6

Kieran Smallbone; Oxford University; 4/6

David Shaw; Oxford University; 4/6

Jovica Radovanovic; MindsportsLTD.com; 4/6

Major Total Prize Money £280

Emyr Jones (sr); Imperial Knights; 5/6

Dominic Bennet; Clifton; 5/6

Joshua Hall; Brown Jack; 5/6

Vedantha Kumar; Haberdashers' Aske; 5/6

Mick Kimber; North Oxford; 4.5/6

Sameer Singh; Oxford University; 4.5/6

John Taylor (sr); Cowley; 4/6

CCF Open Rapidplay

4 December 2004

The prize fund was awarded as follows:

1= Colin Crouch (Pinner) 5.0 £40

Ian Snape (Coulsdon) 5.0 £40

u210 Ian Snape (Coulsdon) 5.0 £30

u180 = Richard Almond (Hastings) 4.5

£7.50

Chris Clegg (Kingston) 4.5 £7.50

Joe Fraser (East Grinstead) 4.5 £7.50

Rasa Norinkeviciute (Eastbourne) 4.5 £7.50

u150 = Chris Clegg (Kingston) 4.5 £10

Joe Fraser (East Grinstead) 4.5 £10

Rasa Norinkeviciute (Eastbourne) 4.5 £10

u125 = Peter Wilson (Guernsey) 3.5 £15

Joe Xuereb (Coulsdon) 3.5 £15

u100 = Howard Curtis (Coulsdon) 3 £5

Mehdi Khatib (London NW1) 3 £5

David Wallis (Worthing) 3 £5

Joe Xuereb (Coulsdon) 3.5 £15 *

u75 = Chris Constable (Coulsdon) 2 £15

Luke Shakerchi (Ashted) 2 £15

* Joe was allowed up to the total value of a full grading prize and as the combination of his share of both u125 and u100 prizes took him over the £30, the remaining £15-00 was passed down to Howard Curtis, Mehdi Khatib and David Wallis.

51st Hertfordshire Chess Association Weekend Congress

4-5 December 2004

Open Total Prize Money £750

Andrew Webster; Stevenage; 4/5

Chris Ward; Wood Green; 4/5

Simon Knott; Hertford; 4/5

TS Venkataramanan; Watford; 4/5

Challengers Total Prize Money £450

Martin Cutmore; Wood Green; 4.5/5

David Faulkner; Welwyn Hatfield; 4/5

Ying Min Low; Cambridge University; 4/5

Brendan O'Gorman; DHSS; 4/5

Major Total Prize Money £450

IM Thachray; Mushrooms; 4.5/5

Chris Rogal; Hendon; 4.5/5;

Stephen Pride; Cambridge City; 4/5

Geoff Collyer; Spalding; 3.5/5

Minor Total Prize Money £450

Gary Ruddick; Welwyn Hatfield; 5/5

Anthony Duncan; Islington; 4/5

Joseph Farrell; Metropolitan; 4/5

Harold Eva; Letchworth & Hitchin; 4/5

Louis Plunkett; Ipswich; 4/5

Philip Chapman; Bury St Edmunds; 4/5

Saravanan Sathyanandha; Haberdashers Askes School; 4/5

John Rayner; Roding & Loughton; 4/5

Peter Housden; Bedford; 3.5/5

Knowsley MBC & Canter Levin & Berg Solicitors Knowsley Quick Play Tournament

5 December 2004

Under 9 Mixed Category

1st Mathew Westby; Our Lady of Pity; 6

2nd Kate Mellett; St Michaels-Aughton; 5

Under 12 Experienced Category

1st Michael Littlewood; Rotherham; 5.5

2nd = Robert Bowler; Churwell; 4.5

David Groves; St Helens; 4.5

Ashely Littlewood; Rotherham; 4.5

Under 12 Novice Category

1st Thomas James; St Michaels; 6

2nd Russell Edwards; Sasca (Sheffield); 5

Special thanks to the Deputy Mayor and to Canter Levin & Berg Solicitors, Kirkby, who sponsored the event. Thanks also to Peter Purland and Dave Welch, the chess arbiters, and their team of volunteers.

Golders Green Rapidplay

11 December 2004

This month, 59 players competed over four sections. In total, £415.00 in prizes were awarded. All scores are out of six games; ungraded players (UNG) may only win 50% of a prize, the balance going to graded players. Female players (F), Juniors (J) and Seniors (S) are marked where known. Half an hour per player per game. Swiss system (i.e. not a knockout).

NEXT MONTHLY RAPIDPLAY EVENT: January 8th 2005.

OPEN8 players – £90.00 in prizes

Alex Cherniaev (GM) 238 4.5 £45.00

Peter P Taylor 182 4.5 £45.00

Antony Hynes 181 4

Charles Chakanyuka 175 3.5

MAJOR U160 12 players – £105.00 in prizes

Michael Kobylka 152 4.5 £30.00

Helge Hjort (S) 150 4.5 £30.00

Robin Huq 123 4.5 £30.00

Martin Cutmore 151 3.5

Jonathan Rubeck 130 3.5 U145

Emyr Jones (S) 144 3

MINOR U130 20 players – £110.00 in prizes

Vivian Woodward (S) UNG 6 £30.00

K Azizur Rahman 127 4.5 £60.00

Paul Kendall 122 4

Sir Chris Andrescu 116 4

Peter Scott (S) 108 4 £10.00 = U115

Ian Brooke (S) 102 4 £10.00 = U115

AMATEUR U100 19 players – £110.00 in prizes

Kum Loon Cheah UNG 5.5 £30.00

Keong Lee Yeoh UNG 5 £15.00

Andrew Rubio (S) 87 4.5 £45.00

London Junior Championships

11-12 & 28-30 December 2004

Under 18/21 Championships (FIDE

Rated) Prize Fund £500

1 MARTYN Rafe Perceptron Youth Tervuren 6

2 WHITE Michael JR Cheltenham Bristol 5

3 BENNET William D Oakham Oakham 4.5

4 ECKERSLEY-WAITES Adam Saffron Walden 4.5

5 HAWRAMI Dana Barking Ilford 4.5

6 WALKER Martin G Royston Royston 4.5

7 WARMAN Simon M Imperial College

LONDON 4.5

Under 16 Championships Prize Fund £425

1 KAILAVASAN Mithun Richmond Pinner 4.5

2 SATHYANANDHA Senthuran Barnet

Knights Barnet 4.5

3 WEIDEMAN Hendrik Morris Motors Oxford

4.5

4 LEVICKI Jeffrey P Cowley Somerton 4

5 THOMAS Jac Monmouth 4

6 GEIDELBERG Eugene L Basingstoke

Guildford 3.5

7 HALE Katie LW Street 3.5

8 SENARATNE Dhaneesha QEGS Wakefield

3.5

Under 14 Championships Prize Fund £425

1 KHANDELWAL Ankush Nomads Sherwood

5.5

2 FOORD Dominic Willesden Willesden

Green 5

3 KILPATRICK Callum Richmond London 5

4 TUCKER Andrew L Crowborough

Ditchling, Hassocks 4.5

5 WEIDEMAN Hendrik Morris Motors Oxford

4.5

Under 12 Championships Prize Fund £360

1 ZHOU Yang-Fan Richmond Junior

Wimbledon 7.5

2 FOORD Dominic Willesden Willesden

Green 7

3 THILAGANATHAN Jessica Wey Valley

Surbiton 7

4 GRANT David J East Grinstead Balcombe

6.5

5 GREGORY Anthony D Maidstone

Walderslade 6.5

6 GROVES David St. Helens Merseyside 6.5

7 SENARATNE Nipuna Wakefield 6.5

8 WHITFIELD Craig Cheddleton + leek

Newcastle u Lyme 6.5

Under 10 Championships Prize Fund £340

1 MAVIN Thomas J Darlington Aycliffe 6.5

2 SATHYANANDHA Saravanan Barnet

Knights Barnet 6.5

3 ABRAMS James S Letchworth + Hitch

Hitchin 6

4 HARDING Jack Richmond Junior

Twickenham 6

5 HUNT Daniel Wey Valley Guildford 6

6 THRUMBLE Louis Richmond Junior

Twickenham 6

7 OBIKWE Nnamdi Swiss Cottage 5.5

Under 8 Championships Prize Fund £170

1 BOWLER James P Alwoodley Leeds 6.5

2 HARDING Edmund Richmond Twickenham

6

3 PATEL Ravi Checkmate Walsall 6

4 JAIN Radha Pinner Northwood 5.5

5 MERRY Alan B Bury Knights Bury St.

Edmunds 5.5

Central London Rapidplay

12 December 2004

John Weightman reports:

Premier & Major Section

(U225 Premier, U165 Major, 19 players)

Prizes: Premier 1st £40 2nd £20, Major 1st

£60 2nd £30

1st Charles Chakanyuka; 175; 5/6; Watford

2nd = John Hodgson; 186; 4.5/6; Ilford

James McDonnell; 154; 4.5/6; GLCC

/Streatham

Minor Section

(U120, 23 players) Prizes 1st £100, 2nd £50,

3rd £25

1st = Scott Kenyon; 119; 5/6; Richmond

Juniors

Valentin Gaudeau; 114; 5/6; Richmond

Juniors

3rd Jacob Cohen-Setton; 69; 4.5/6;

Richmond Juniors

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Congress Diary

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* denotes British Chess Federation Grand Prix
@ denotes FIDE rated event # denotes British Championships Qualifying tournament

February 2005

4-6 Feb – Cleveland Congress, Hillcarter Hotel, Hartlepool.

Graham Marshall (Tel: 01429 426374, Email: grahammarshall2000@hotmail.com)

5 Feb – Midlands U18 Team Tournaments, Syston

Cyril Johnson (Tel: 0116 260 9012, Email: bcfhomechess@yahoo.co.uk)

*# 5-6 Feb – 28th Kidlington Congress, Kidlington

Nick Jones (Tel: 07860 700105, Fax: 01993 706206; Email: pekakroef@btconnect.com)

5-6 Feb – South of England Championship, Yateley

Joe French (Tel: 01256 472537, Email: joefrench33@msn.com)

* 6 Feb – Stockport Rapidplay, Stockport.

P Taylor (Tel: 0161 440 0733, Email: bee@bramhall2000.freemove.co.uk)

11-13 Feb – CANCELLED – Bentley Motors Crewe Congress

* 12 Feb – CCF Rapidplay, Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day); Fax: 020 8645 0412, Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

(p) * 12 Feb – Golders Green Rapidplay, St Alban's Church Hall, NW11

Adam Raof (Tel: 020 8202 0982, Email: adamraof@yahoo.com)

* 13 Feb – KJCA Cobham Junior Rapidplay, Cobham, Kent.

Perry Ramanathan (Tel: 01689 898716, Email: peru_usha@yahoo.co.uk)

*@ 13-19 Feb – Jersey International Chess Festival, St Helier, Jersey

Adam Raof (Tel: 020 8202 0982, Email: adamraof@yahoo.com)

* 18-20 Feb – 34th Dyfed Congress, Goodwick, Pembrokeshire.

Roland Spencer (Tel: 01239 682703)

* 18-20 Feb – Portsmouth Congress, Portsmouth.

P McEvoy (Tel: 02392 388341, Email: pat@pds.co.uk)

19 Feb – 2nd Darlington Rapidplay, Darlington.

Carl Stephens (Tel: 07891 612797, Email: carl.stephens1875@ntlworld.com)

19 Feb – 9th Eastbourne Junior Open, Eastbourne.

Scott Fraser (Tel: 01342 326517, Email: scottfraser400@hotmail.com)

*# 19-20 Feb – Warwickshire Open, Birmingham.

John Pakenham (Tel: 0121 601 3920)

* 19-20 Feb – Wiltshire & West of England Junior Championships, Swindon.

Beverley Schofield (Tel: 01793 487575, Email: bev@schofieldhall.co.uk)

* 20 Feb – Central London Rapidplay, International Students House, London W1N

Chris Todd (Tel: 020 8381 4406, mobile: 07798 517 870, Email: jrweight44@yahoo.co.uk)

* 20 Feb – Leyland Rapidplay, Leyland.

R Tinton (Tel: 01257 451046, Email: rapidplay@bobandjanet.worldonline.co.uk)

* 25-27 Feb – 13th Doncaster Congress, Doncaster.

Trevor Taylor (Tel: 01302 532629, Email: office@chessdirect.co.uk)

@ 26-27 Feb – 4NCL, Divisions 3 & 4, Telford Moat House.

John Robinson (Tel: 01536 261697, Email: robinson@chessstanion.ndo.co.uk)

March 2005

* 4-6 Mar – 30th East Devon Congress, Exeter.

Mrs L Crickmore (Tel: 01752 768206 before 10 pm, Email: plymouthchess@btinternet.com)

* 6 Mar – KJCA Dulwich Junior Rapidplay, Dulwich, London SE21 7LD.

Denise Cronin (Tel: 020 8473 1544, Email: croninda@dulwich.org.uk)

* 6 Mar – Richmond Rapidplay, Hampton, Middlesex.

Scott Kenyon (Tel: 020 8893 9870, 07796 411452, Email: rjccdeputy@btopenworld.com)

*#@ 11-13 Mar – 29th Blackpool Chess Conference, Blackpool Winter Gardens.

D Clayton (Tel: 01257 275053, Email: dgclayton@btinternet.com)

12 Mar – EPSCA U9 Inter Association Zonals, various locations

Peter Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854, Email: petepurland@btopenworld.com)

12 Mar – 29th Kings Head Rapidplay, Bayswater, London W2.

Colin Mackenzie (Tel: 020 8992 1949, Email: colin.mackenzie@atosorigin.com)

* 13 Mar – Central London Rapidplay, International Students House, London W1N

Chris Todd (Tel: 020 8381 4406, mobile: 07798 517 870, Email: jrweight44@yahoo.co.uk)

* 13 Mar – Letchworth & Hitchin One-Day Congress, Hitchin.

Mark Pateman (Tel: 01462 639029, Email: mark.pateman1@ntlworld.com)

19 Mar – EPSCA U11 Inter Association Zonals, various locations

Peter Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854, Email: petepurland@btopenworld.com)

(p) * 19 Mar – Golders Green Rapidplay, St Alban's Church Hall, NW11

Adam Raof (Tel: 020 8202 0982, Email: adamraof@yahoo.com)

*#@ 21-31 Mar – European Union Championship, Cork, Ireland

Michael Burniston (Tel: 00 353 27 63113, Email: jemcreations@eircom.net)

*#@ 24-28 Mar – 2nd Coventry International, Coventry.

Entries to R Woodcock (Tel: 02476 348097). Other enquiries to M Hogarth (Tel: 020 8390 3116, 07976 639080, Email: mark.hogarth@btinternet.com)

* 25-27 Mar – Bolton Easter Congress, Bolton

R Middleton (Tel: 01204 383634, Email: Roderick.Middleton@tesco.net)

* 25-27 Mar – CCF Easter Chess Festival, Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day); Fax: 020 8645 0412, Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

*#@ 25-28 Mar – Southend-on-Sea Congress, Southend-on-Sea.

Vincent Byram (Tel: 01702 543270, Email: Southend.Congress@btinternet.com)
British Championship: the qualifying place is restricted to members of the SCCU.

*# 25-28 Mar – 58th West of England Championships, Exmouth.

Mrs L Crickmore (Tel: 01752 768206 before 10 pm, Email: plymouthchess@btinternet.com)
British Championship: the qualifying place is restricted to members of the WECU.

* 28 Mar – CCF Rapidplay/Open Blitz, Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302 (day); Fax: 020 8645 0412, Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

British Chess Federation Grand Prix

Leader Boards – 20th December 2004

Players' names in bold have already reached the maximum possible score and to increase their score must replace a lower scoring event with a higher scoring event.

Grand Prix (max 250 pts)

1	Gwaze, Robert Watford	105
2	Arkell, Keith Bury	75
3	Rowson, Jonathan Troon	68
4	Chandler, Murray London	68
5	Pert, Nick Slough	66

Female Prix (max 125 pts)

1	Anandajayarajah, Thilagini Richmond	90
2	Dines, Sheila Surrey	84.5
3	Blackburn, Sandra Holmes Chapel	66
4	Houska, Jovanka Slough	60
5	Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan Edinburgh	60

Junior Prix (max 125 pts)

1	Wu, Li Wanstead	69
2	Hanley, James Lancaster	65
3	Anandajayarajah, Thilagini Richmond	64
4	Hantman Graham Ashstead	57
5	Constantinou, Peter Bedford	57

Senior Prix (max 125 pts)

1	Hjort, Helge Hendon	94
2	Sandercock, Barry Chalfont St Giles	53.5
3	Pemberton, Clive Birmingham	50
4	Farrell, Joe Metropolitan	46
5	Collyer, Geoff Spalding	46

Disabled Prix (max 75 pts)

1	Hartley, Dean Chesterfield	19.5
2	Wragg, Norman Sheffield	18
3	Blencowe, Ian Gloucester	18
4	Hilton, Steve Scotland	9
5	Irving, Alastair Braille CA	8

Graded Prix (174-150) (max 125 pts)

1	Kobylka, Michael Wood Green	90
2	Clegg, Chris Kingston	40.5
3	Low, Ying Min Cambridge Univ	40
4	Cutmore, Martin Folkestone	36
5	Duckers, Harvey Crowthorne	35

Graded Prix (149-125) (max 125 pts)

1	Lake, Andrew Handsworth Wood	44
2	Patrick, David Calderdale	43
3	Burns, Martin Stockport	38

Graded Prix (124-100) (max 125 pts)

1	Bull, Phil Warley Quinborne	67.5
2	Costello, Paul Northumberland	38.5
3	Blackburn, Sandra Holmes Chapel	38

Graded Prix (U100) (max 125 pts)

1	Duncan, Anthony Islington	48
2	Moss, Peter Halifax	38
3	Jackson, John G Hull	34