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Danny Gormally's excellent result follows on from his tournament in Gibraltar where he scored his final GM norm.

This French tournament is very popular with English players; some such as Mark Hebden go every year. This year there were 19 such entrants from a total of 590 players. It is a 9 round open Swiss and must surely be the most successful event of that type in the world, with about 100 grandmasters competing. Oddly two rounds were played on 14th. The rate of play was 40 moves in 2, plus 1 hour to complete the game.

IM David Shengulia (Georgia) and GM Michail Brodsky (Ukraine) finished first equal with 7½/9.

Reported by Stewart Reuben

For further reports and English players results please see page 6/7

STOP PRESS!

Former world champion Garry Kasparov has made the surprising announcement that he is to retire from competitive chess. "I will continue to play chess because it is a lot of fun, but no longer on a professional level," he said. He now plans to concentrate on writing and politics.

Editorial

"Whilst the cat is away the mice will play.....!" And to explain that phrase, I have to report to you that our Editor in Chief is at present convalescing following an operation. This edition of ChessMoves is hence brought to you under my direction and hoping it is up to Cynthia's high standards. As tempting as it was to fill it with inappropriate material, in order to speed her recovery, I and the other orphans of the office have refrained from doing so.

I am sure you will join us all at the office in wishing her a swift and full recovery.

Dawn Chalcraft
Deputy Twinkle

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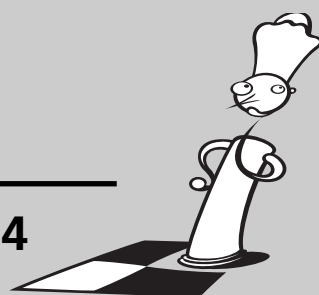
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BCF News



Presentation of Awards for 2004 - BCF Website of the Year 2004



Gerry Walsh, BCF President, presenting David Richards (left) and Stephen Henderson (right) with their award.

House of Lords Charities Bill

As you will all know the BCF have campaigned for many years for chess to be recognised as a sport. The main reason is to be able to access lottery funding as well as being exempt from paying VAT. I was therefore pleasantly surprised to be informed that the House of Lords were to put down an amendment to the Charities Bill requiring mind games to be included. Our web site gives the full Hansard text of the debate that has some encouraging remarks. There are consequences to becoming a charity and some of the issues have been covered in a report by Richard Quinn and Mellville Rodriguez. To view the Hansard text go to www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld1999/00/ldhansrd/pdvn/lds05/text/50209-33.htm or www.bcf.org.uk/national and scroll down until the House of Lords link.
Gerry Walsh, BCF President

Companies Limited by Shares or Guarantee

The BCF is currently in discussion about becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee, the article below gives the details of what this means.

Organisations can be anything from small unincorporated associations to large plcs but all need to operate within appropriate

legal structures. As an organisation that started out as an unincorporated association gets larger, serious consideration needs to be given by its management to the risks inherent in continuing as an unincorporated body. In our current litigious society there is increasingly likelihood that unexpected liability could arise under, for example, Health and Safety legislation or as a result of a libel by an officer of the organisation concerned. The other officers (and possible the members) of an unincorporated body run the risk that they may be held to be **personally liable** for the debts of the body in excess of its assets, including any insurance held. If an organisation is run through the medium of a limited company, these risks are ameliorated, if not completely eliminated. The officers and members of a limited company are not normally personally liable for the company's debts. In the case of a company limited by guarantee the officers, except in the most extreme cases, have no liability and the members' liability is limited to an amount they have agreed to contribute if the company is wound up – usually just £1 each. (Note that lenders and landlords may require personal guarantees from directors or members for loans and leases but in such cases the extent of the liability is known.)

There are other advantages in running an organisation as a limited company. Structures need to be clear and easily

understood, set out appropriate accountability, and provide sufficient formality to enable management decisions to be considered, made, implemented and reviewed. Honed by over 100 years of experience, limited companies provide an excellent structure for anything other than the smallest organisation.

Further, an unincorporated body cannot hold assets, property or investments in its own name nor can it employ people in its own name. Instead, rather artificial, though fully legal, means have to be used to enable such unincorporated body to carry out these functions. This additional layer offends against clarity and accountability.

The disadvantages of carrying on activity as a limited company are that the organisation would be subject to the Companies Acts, with the attendant legal and administrative obligations. There would also be the difficulties and costs of transferring the old business to the new. VAT and corporation tax issues also need consideration.

Overall, the advantages of operating anything other than the smallest organisation as a limited company are so great that they grossly outweigh the disadvantages. Those responsible for management of larger unincorporated organisations need to get their thinking caps on, if only to protect their own interests.

R Quin

(Note: Richard Quin is a retired company secretary.)

BCF Yearbooks

The BCF has some surplus copies of the BCF Official Yearbook 2003 and the BCF Official Yearbook 2001.

If anyone is interested in them we are willing to give them away as long as the postage is paid.

Only available while stocks last. Please contact the BCF Office for further details (01424 775222 or office@bcf.org.uk)

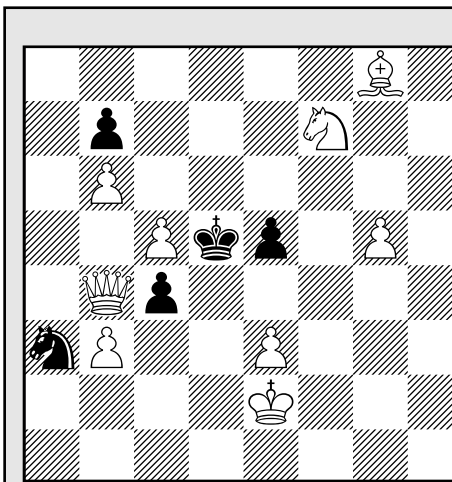
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Other News...

The Final of the Winton Capital British Chess Solving Championship 2004-2005 took place at Oakham School on Saturday 19th February. It was a resounding success for solving GM and Ex-World Champion Jonathan Mestel, who came ahead of two other ex-world champions.

The full results can be found on Brian Stephenson's website - www.bstephen.freeuk.com. You can also view the problems that the competitors in the final had to solve.

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The first correct entry drawn on 10th May 2005 will win a Batsford voucher for any book on their current list.

7th European Senior Team Championship

This took place in Dresden as usual, this time over 8 rounds from 18 to 25 February 2005. There were 32 teams this year, compared with 36 in 2004.

It makes no sense for us to field teams solely from England. It is most unlikely the other British Isles Federations would be able to muster a team. Thus the only fair thing to do is to send teams to represent the whole area. This breaks the regulations because every member of a team is supposed to be from the same federation, but nobody minds too much, Britain is too weak. This may well change in 5-10 years, when the English chess explosion of the 1980's takes hold.

This year we fielded three teams, including two Scots, Michael Macdonald-Ross who has lived most of his life in England and Hugh Flockhart from Edinburgh.

Original seeding	Place	Total score out of 32
1.	1 Germany	5 wins, 3 draws, no losses. 22
2.	2 Switzerland	5 wins, 3 draws, no losses. 21
10.	3 Catalonia	5 wins, 2 draws, one loss. 21
12.	8 Britain 1	5 wins, 3 losses. 18
17	21 Britain 2	3 wins, 1 draw, 4 losses. 14
27	26 Britain 3	2 wins, 1 draw, 5 losses 12½

The only real way to judge the results in a Swiss is to compare them with the expected score. Britain 1 performed well above their expected result and Britain 2 well below. In fact, the latter result would have been completely different were it not for a tragedy in the last round. Ray Edwards lost a completely winning endgame. Had he won, our ranking would have been 13th. Indeed, in the first round, it looked at one stage as if our second team would beat Germany, the current World and European Senior Team Champions. In fact we lost that encounter ½/3½.

You will see that the first team did exceptionally well, mainly because of the solid performance of John Wheeler (as usual) and the excellent score of Michael Madonald-Ross, who did not get the prize for board 4 because he failed to beat GM Burkhard Malich in the last round. Alternatively, you could say it was my fault because I failed even to draw with the German GM in the first round, despite being two pieces up in a complex middlegame.



British Team 2 (Stewart Reuben not pictured) – from top right down, Ray Edwards, Bob Wade and Julian Farrand



Viktor Korchnoi, playing former Ladies World Champion Nona Gaprindashvili

Name	Rating	Score/8	v FIDE rated	FIDE Rating change	Rating Performance in 8 games
Britain 1					
Richardson, Keith	2222	3½	3/7	+ 8.3	2205
James, Geoffrey	2208	3½	3½/8	- 3.9	2186
Wheeler, John	2220	5	5/8	+ 11.4	2295
Macdonald-Ross, Michael	2195	6	6/8	+ 20.4	2334
Britain 2					
Farrand, Julian	2216	2	2/8	- 30.0	2020
Wade, Robert	2164	4	4/8	+ 4.8	2209
Edwards, Ray	2104	3½	2½/7	- 3.5	2065
Reuben, Stewart	2147	4½	3½/7	- 5.3	2093
Britain 3					
Crombleholme, Alan	2098	4½	2½/5	+11.3	2022
Wilson, Peter	2123	2	2/7	- 23.6	1860
Flockhart, Hugh	1934	2½	1½/6	- 6.3	1807
Pemberton, Clive	-	3½	1/5		1856

The extremely well-run event has been building in status since its first year where only 7 teams took part. This is the fourth year we have had British teams competing and four of our players have come every year. Dresden is a fascinating city. 6 GMs took part and you can see it was an extremely competitive event. The prices are very reasonable.

If you are at least 60 years old next year and graded above about 125, you should consider coming. You won't regret it.

Stewart Reuben

Gibraltar International Chess Congress

January 2005

Azure sky and t-shirts in January. Arbiters Welch, Purland, Reuben and Sedgewick. Beautiful 4-star Caleta Hotel. Where else could you be but the Gibraltar Chess International! And to cap it all, some real success stories for British Chess. The Gibtelecom Chess Festival 2005 was considered a success by all people involved. Sponsored by a whole raft of Gibraltar businesses (Gibtelecom, The Caleta hotel, Ace Gibraltar, Atlantic Suites, Gibmaroc, Hassan, Royal Bank of Scotland, Saccone and Speed and Victor Chandler), the event was a tribute to British Chess organisation.



Daniel Gormally (left) receiving his 3rd and final GM norm

The main event had nearly 30 grandmasters and was close fought. Alexei Shirov was the star turn, but he was hard pushed throughout and finally had to accept only a fifth share of first prize. But the real story of the tournament was Danny Gormally achieving his final GM norm, and acquiring the GM title he has come so close to over the years. And what a way to achieve the title – beating world top 20 player Alexy Dreev! IM norms were also achieved by Thomas Rendle and Gary Quinlan. After the prize-giving all the players then retired to the

hotel bar to relax after the gruelling event and were seen playing blitz till the early hours of the morning. They all remarked on the enjoyment of the event and their willing participation in future years – with cheap flights and excellent accommodation (next to the Mediterranean) this event is destined to grow and grow!



Thomas Rendle on his way to an IM

Thanks must also be given to the tireless organisers and arbitrating team. Stewart Reuben has been organising world class events for over three decades. Chief Arbiter David Welch and his team ensured the event was played in the spirit it deserved. I was the de facto Technical Manager and Webmaster, backed up by Sean Hewitt who

entered every single game into chessbase! We succeeded in making this a truly international tournament, broadcasting the games to all corners of the globe. Over the tournament we received over 15 million hits on the website from over 80,000 different individuals. The content of the web pages were innovative as well. Game moves from the top boards were all collected by sensory boards. In turn these were relayed live onto the web. Then the clever bit – GM Stuart Conquest received these web games only 25 yards from where they were being played; he in turn was captured by audio camera



Stewart Reuben (left) and Bill O'Rourke flank new american wonderland Hikari Nakamura

commentating live on these games using demonstration boards; these pictures and sound were then broadcast on the web as well, so anybody all over the globe could watch a GM teaching them chess for free! And finally the Internet Chess Club Forum was linked in to the website, discussing the games with Stuart who speaks fluent Spanish - he was a great success.

Roll on January 2006 – see you there?!
Bill O'Rourke



Alexei Shirov – A study in concentration

Junior News

XXI Cappelle La Grande Open International

12th to 20th February

A group of ten English juniors, competed in this unique event. To see 600 competitors from 53 federations, with 78 GMs, 62 IMs & 40 FMs in the flag bedecked hall with each board displaying player labels and National flags, is quite a sight. It is worth making the effort to play at least once. A date for your diary, next year's tournament is 18th to 25th February and hopefully it will coincide with half term.

Rob Heaton, Andrew Tucker, Tim Seymour, Joe Fraser, Gill & Peter Turner and GM Mark Hebden travelled together via the Dover – Calais ferry. In Dover we were faced with a 4 hour delay because of berthing problems in Calais. Other cross-channel competitors travelling the following morning had to alter their travel plans in order to arrive in time for the first round.

For the 4th consecutive year Mark agreed to give his invaluable support to the group with preparation and after game analysis. The four boys, Robert, Tim, Andrew & Joe interacted exceptionally well with Mark and should have gained an insight into how the professional player prepares. Thanks again to the BCF Youth Chess Trust we were able to make this a quality chess experience for the youngsters.

The England contingent included the Surrey duo of Jessica Thilaganathan & Jessie Gilbert. Jessie finished well on 4.5/9 whilst Jessica, one of the youngest competitors, took full advantage of the opportunity to gain some invaluable international experience. Jessica was presented with a trophy & cash for winning her grading section but perhaps more importantly for her longer term development impressed everyone with her manner, demeanor, concentration & application. Most of her games went over the 4 hour mark. Indicative of the level at which she was playing was the draw against WIM Czarnota (POL) and the loss, unfortunately missing a draw, against 2319 FM Komora (SVK) after more than 5 hours of play. The England girls made quite an impact, Amisha Parmar continues to impress



Amisha ready for her game against Sergei Maitesian 2317

with 5/9, a 1915 tournament performance, a trophy for 1st in her grading section and 1st in her age group. Jyoti Parmar played well with a 1163 performance. Thomas Rendle scored 5.5/9, a 2302 performance and Nimai McCarthy (1792) with 4.5/9 achieved a 1944 performance.

Congratulations also to Mark Hebden & Danny Gormally who finished in 3rd = . Danny also achieved his final GM norm.



Jessica takes on Finnish FM Timo Pirttimaki 2185



Joe Fraser enjoying his Cappelle experience

Other scores and (performances):

Robert Heaton - 5/9 (2159)

Tim Seymour - 4.5/9 (2039)

Joe Fraser - 4/9 (1999)

Andrew Tucker - 3.5/9 (2094)

Peter Turner, Group Leader



Tim Seymour

Below are the results of the English players. Their ranking in the tournament is done by Bucholz. The Rating Performances given include games played against opponents without FIDE Rating, many of whom were French.

		Score	Ranking	Rating Performance
Gormally	Danny	7	4	2671
Hebden	Mark	7	6	2635
Williams	Simon	6½	28	2543
Rendle	Thomas	5½	121	2302
Spence	David	5	162	2345
Ethelontis	Alexandros	5	205	2210
Munson	Shaun	5	212	2183
Heaton	Rob	5	219	2159
Parma	Amisha	5	232	1915
Mulligan	Stephen	5	234	2273/8
Seymour	Timothy	4½	287	2039
McCarthy	Naomi	4½	311	1944
Gilbert	Jessie	4½	331	2044
Fraser	Joe	4½	360	1999
Parfett	Gerald	4	429	1677
Tucker	Andrew	3½	439	2094
Clapham	Michael	3½	447	1905
Thilaganathan	Jessica	3½	485	1653
Parma	Jyoti	2	574	1163



NCCU Schools Award

Gerry Walsh presented the NCCU Schools Award to Ormesby Comprehensive in Middlesbrough. Former pupils of the school were Steve Henderson, (now Cleveland chess webmaster) and Chris Ross (now Braille chess champion).

Berwick (Maltings) Chess Club Simultaneous Display

The recently revived and renamed Berwick (Maltings) Chess Club held an open event in the Main Hall of The Maltings Arts Centre on Saturday afternoon February 19. Twenty one players of mixed ages, varying aptitudes and from various locations, pitted their chess playing abilities against Martin Mitchell of Ravensdowne, Berwick, when he gave a simultaneous display. His yield was impressive: twenty wins, no draws and one loss. Those who believe that chess is the natural reserve of the male need to amend their attitudes. The sole individual able to notch up a win against the expert was a club member from Holland, Nicole van Overmeir of Allanton.

This first public event since the revival of the Club was made more notable in that the President of the British Chess Federation, Gerry Walsh, favoured us with his presence, guidance and encouragement. His experience of the home and international chess scene is extensive, in that he currently holds three other offices: BCF Delegate to FIDE, Deputy President of the European



The three winners of the Roselli Trophies and Mrs Roselli

Chess Union and Chairman of the FIDE Committee for the Disabled.

Opening proceedings with an address that drew upon his role in these spheres, he laid especial emphasis upon the considerable potential that would flow from an expansion of chess playing in teaching establishments. In late 2004 he had submitted to Charles Clarke, the then Secretary of State for Education and Skills, the BCF's Chess In Schools Project. The Secretary of State had enthusiastically

favoured the inclusion of chess in schools curricula, and is still actively engaged in the promotion of chess since his change of office as Home Secretary.

Maurice Ward, Club Chairman, expressed the appreciation of those present that the President had made such a significant contribution to the furtherance of chess in our locality, where, until recently, the Club had been defunct for five years. He then invited Mrs Catherine Roselli to present two Trophies and a book prize to: Joe Chan of the Royal Garden Restaurant, winner of the senior Roselli Trophy; Alex Schiavetto (aged 13) who received the junior Gleig Trophy; and an Under 12 book prize to Matthew Oliver. Helen Latheron rounded off this episode by presenting a bouquet to Mrs Roselli.

The simultaneous Display followed. The names of the above individuals, coupled with the Dutch success in the main event, emphasises that chess knows no cultural boundaries. Indeed, the President has quoted the motto of FIDE, *GENS UNA SUMUS*, 'we are one family'.

Jack Hornsby
Secretary/Treasurer Berwick (Maltings) Chess Club

Littlewood's Choice

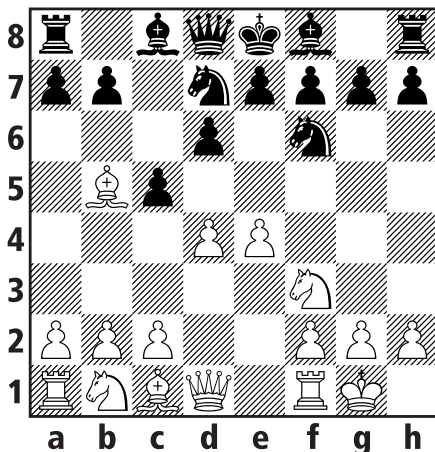
by John Littlewood

I first met Donald Andrew when I was at Sheffield University and he was playing in the Woodhouse cup. We had a 'friendly' training match which I won. However, it was not until 10 years ago that we struck up an acquaintance again and discussed many chess matters, mainly by correspondence. I could not help but be impressed and a little surprised at his thirst for chess knowledge. His wife's death was a tremendous shock to his system but he maintained contact with me until a week before his death.

Here is a sparkling 'friendly' game graciously sent to me by the loser, of whose notes I have made liberal use.

Donald Andrew George Ellison

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bb5+ Nd7 4 d4
Ngf6 5 0-0



The game Tal-Ribli (Wijk aan Zee 1973) continued instead 5 Nc3 cxd4 6 Qxd4 e5 7 Qd3 h6 8 Be3 a6 9 Bc4 b5 10 Bd5 Rb8 11 a4 Nxd5 12 Nxd5 Nf6 13 Nxf6+ Qxf6 14 axb5 Rxb5 15 0-0 Be7 16 b3 0-0 17 c4 Rb8 18 Nd2 Rd8 19 Rd1 Qe6 with a draw in 48 moves. Giving up a central pawn has its risks, of course, but leads to fascinating play as Donald launches an immediate attack based on the temporary embarrassment of Black's pieces.

5...Nxe4 6 Re1

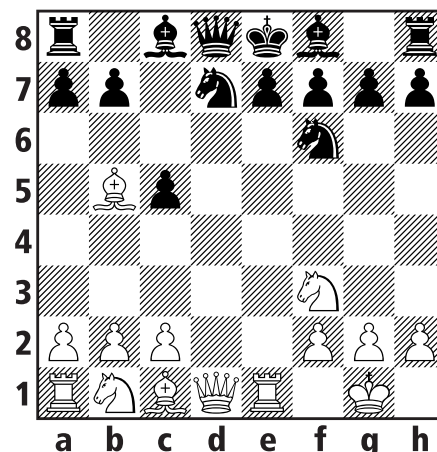
According to George, this is a new move, although it seems perfectly natural to me. He gives two wins for Black after 6 Qe2 Nef6 7 Bg5 cxd4 8 Bxf6 gxf6 9 Nxd4 Qb6 10 Rd1 a6 11 Bxd7+ Bxd7 12 Nc3 e6 13 Nd5 Qd8 14 Rd3 Rg8 (Weinstein -Sunye Neto, Lone Pine 1978, 0-1, 61 moves) or here the more direct 9...a6 10 Bxd7+ Bxd7 11 Nc3 Qa5 12 Qf3 0-0-0 13 Nd5 e6 14 Nxf6 Bg7 15 Rad1 d5 (Peters-Mestel, Hastings 1978, 0-1, 38 moves).

6...Nef6

After 6...d5 the simplest answers are proba-

bly 7 dxc5 or (mychoice) 7 c4, but an amusing though unsound line, echoing the game continuation, is 7 Ng5! a6 8 Nxf7? Kxf7 9 Qh5+ Ke6?? (9...g6! 10 Qxd5+ e6 11 Qxe4 Nf6!) 10 Rxe4+ dxe4 11 d5+ Kd6 12 Bf4+ e5 13 dxe6+ Kxe6 14 Bc4+ followed by mate.

7 dxc5 dxc5



8 Ng5!?

A startling move, the consequences of which are hardly calculable, even in correspondence chess, but surely irresistible in a friendly game!

8...e6

8...a6 9 Bc4 would only help White but even worse is 8...h6?? 9 Nxf7 Kxf7 10 Bc4+ Ke8 (or here 10...Kg6 11 Qd3+ Kh5 12 Bf7+ g6 13 Qh3 mate) 11 Qd3! winning at once.

9 Qe2! Be7 10 Nc3!

Deliberately allowing Black to castle after which the standard tactic 11 Nxe6! fxe6 12 Qxe6+ wins a pawn because 12...Rf7? fails to 13 Bc4 Qe8 12 Qxe7.

10...a6 11 Nxf7!

White's play stands or falls with this move because 11 Bc4 Nb6 allows Black to wriggle out.

11...Kxf7

Or 11...Qb6? 12 Na4! Qxb5 13 Qxe6 Ne5 14 Nd6+ and 15 Qxe5.

12 Qxe6+ Kf8

After 12...Ke8 13 Bf4! the threats of Bc7 and Bd6 are too strong e.g. 13...axb5 14 Nxb5 Ne5 15 Qxe5 Kf8 16 Rad1 winning.

13 Bc4 Qe8 14 Bf4!!

The keymove. Note that by waiting until Black played ...a6 White has prevented ...Nb6. George now suggests the desperate 14...Ng8 15 Rad1 Ndf6 but surely there is no way this could work: I propose 16 Qb6 then if 16...Qc6 17 Rd8+ Bxd8 18 Qxd8+ Ne8 19 Rxe8+ Qxe8 20 Bd6+ Ne7 21 Bxe7 mate. Or if 16...Nh6 17 Rxe7 wins.

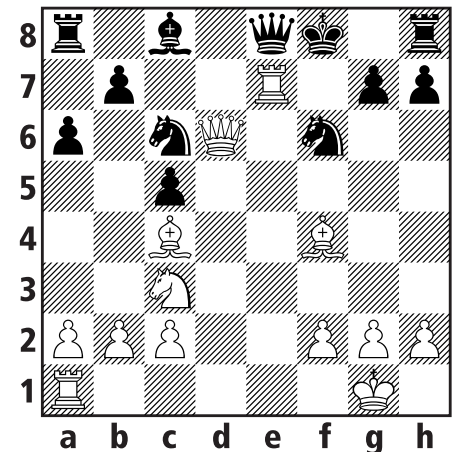
14...Nb8

Or 14...b5 15 Bd6 Ng8 16 Qe4! bxc4 17 Qxa8 Nb6 18 Qa7 winning.

15 Qd6!

An easy move to miss, but White's next move even more so.

15...Nc6 16 Rxe7!!



A brilliant finish involving a great deal of calculation. George now had to recapture with the queen but then comes 17 Re1! Ne8! (or 17...Qxd6 18 Bxd6+ Ne7 19 Rxe7! Ne8 20 Rf7+ Kg8 2 Rf8 mate) 18 Qd1!! Qf6 (or 18...Qd8 19 Qh5! Qd7 20 Rxe8+ Qxe8 21 Bd6+ Ne7 22 Qf3+! Bf5 2 Qxf5+ followed by mate) 19 Nd5 Qg6 20 Be3 Nd4 (or 20...Qd6 21 Qf3+ Nf6 22 Nxf6 gxf6 23 Bxc5 Qxc5 24 Qxf6 mate) 21 Bxd4 cxd4 22 Qe2 Qe6 (or 22...Be6 23 Nf4) 23 Qf3+ Qf7 24 Qa3+ Kg8 25 Rxe8+ Qxe8 26 Nf6 mate.

16...Nxe7 17 Qxf6+! gxf6 18 Bh6 mate

This game, played when Donald was in his late seventies, is surely a fitting testimony to his lifelong love of chess.



Book Reviews by Gary Lane

The Ruy Lopez Main Line by *Glenn Flear*

published by Everyman £14.99

The Ruy Lopez is a heavyweight opening and one that is recommended to improving players. There is one drawback and that is that White needs to know lots of moves in the main lines to come out on top. I have been asked by a number of juniors to come up with a decent recommendation and at the moment this book rates quite highly. Flear has the tricky task of weighing up the merits of games played by the world's leading players which he does a good job of doing with the emphasis on examples played in recent years. However, the chapters are geared to the serious student with variations starting on move 9 and the lines are heavy on detail which is what you should expect on such complicated lines. Flear manages to find a way through these obstacles to give a balanced and enlightened view of the critical lines.

Test Your Chess with Daniel King by *Daniel King*

published by Batsford £14.99

This book is based around the well received articles in 'Chess' magazine where games are annotated and points awarded for guessing the right move. This has proved a popular concept for decades and King is the latest writer to present a book packed with helpful hints on how to make progress as a player. There are 20 games, which are perfect for parents or coaches to use to encourage improvement by guessing the master's move. The chapter headings 'Dude', 'Killer Queen' and 'Hot' indicate a trendy writing style designed to captivate readers with amazing games and the clear presentation is easy to read. It all sounds good but fans of King will be disappointed to learn that 13 of the games have already appeared in his regular chess column. They have been slightly adjusted and updated but it means that the avid reader will miss out. Therefore, this is only for people who have yet to enjoy King's style and who wish to climb the chess ladder with his help.

How to Play Dynamic Chess by *Valeri Beim*

published by Gambit £15.99

Mr Beim is in no doubt that to play better chess you have to work hard. Now it might not be much of a revelation but normally the reader would like to know a few shortcuts to success before being deluged with examples. There are only five, cumbersome chapters but there is plenty of interesting comment and advice for the serious student to improve. However, one has to question who the author is trying to aim the work? I think it is obvious that you have to be pretty good to appreciate his high level of thought so why are the majority of examples, tired classics that already belong in most chess libraries? A glimpse again at an extract of the 'Immortal Game' from 1851 indicates that the author should really make an effort to seek out more modern examples. It is a shame but of course old games have already been heavily analysed so the job of commenting on them is somewhat easier. This is comically reflected in Kramnik-Malaniuk 1994, where he uses old notes to discuss analysis by Fritz 3 and then uses Fritz 8 to demolish it. Well, so what?

Beim is a decent writer but an extra effort is needed to attract a wider readership.

DVD – How to Play the Queen's Gambit by *Garry Kasparov*

produced by Chess Base £21.50

This DVD allows you to have sit in the front room and have Kasparov explain the Classical Queen's Gambit to you via the television or the computer. Now if you want to suddenly become an expert in the opening then a survey on 1 d4 d5 2 c4 and now 2...e6 will not get you very far because he fails to discuss 2...dxc4 or 2...c6. The reason for buying this is to be mesmerised by Garry's enthusiasm for old games and the evolution of chess theory. A few years ago 'GM Video' lavished a large amount of money by hiring a studio and presenter for Kasparov's impressive best games collection. It is perhaps a comment on the rise of technology that this is shot with a single camera in an office. The viewer can see an electronic chessboard and Garry speaking. A few of the older generation who remember "The Master Game" will get the idea. This is all fascinating stuff but I have to admit that the dull camera angle eventually means your mind starts wondering on to matters such as whether tank tops are the new fashion if Garry always wears them? There are three hours of tuition and subtitles in case you can't quite work out the accent.

A mixture of solid analysis and explanation of classic games makes this a worthwhile investment to hear it from a legend.

Obituaries

Donald M Andrew was born on the 19 October 1923 and died on the 9 January 2005.

During the Second World War he served in the Royal Navy on trawlers carrying out the dangerous mission of supplying the USSR with essential goods. On one occasion his ship was fired upon by the German battleship *Scharnhorst*.

After the war he worked as an insurance clerk for Scottish Amicable, then from 1958 to 1961 as manager of the Australian branch in Melbourne. On his return to England, he was manager of the Croydon branch to the mid 70s, followed by a short time as manager of the Sheffield branch. Finally, before his retirement in 1988, he ran his own investment business from a Doncaster base.

He was taught to play chess as a boy by his father and soon attained a high standard along with a love for the game that never left him through all the years as breadwinner for his family. Initially he played for Leeds and, in 1949, won the Yorkshire County Championship. When in London, he played for Cavendish and Richmond in the London League. On his retirement he played for Wakefield in the Woodhouse Cup and the Yorkshire League, winning his last game at the end of last season. During this period he was joint Wakefield Club Champion with Mike Dennison. For many years he played in the Paignton Congress and in 1954 came second in the Premier Reserves A, winning the princely sum of two pounds ten pence! Other achievements included winning the 1985 British Seniors title with Golombek and Hoad. He was also a very strong correspondence player who played with distinction in the BCCA championship. A true amateur, he was greatly respected for his deep knowledge of chess and well liked by a wide circle of friends. As a final tribute to him, John Littlewood will publish one of his best games in his ChessMoves column.

D G Ellison

Ian Cowen

Ian was born on April 12th 1950 in Wakefield, Yorkshire and was always proud of his Yorkshire roots. Whilst still at primary school he moved to Manchester and gained a scholarship to William Hulme's thus giving him a foot on both sides of the Pennines. He then moved on to Warwick University doing a degree in History during which he spent time in Venice and Ghana. He then did his teaching qualification before taking up his first post in Wolverhampton. He was interested in teaching chess from the start of his career and when he moved to Northamptonshire he became involved with the English Primary Schools' Chess Association. His next job was as deputy head in Sutton on Sea, Lincolnshire and in the mid 1980s he got the headship of Fishtoft School near Boston. This job he held until his death and, from personal experience, I know what an excellent job he did there. In 1983 Scotland challenged England to an international match and Ian was voted in to manage the team. He continued in the job for the next 22 years, possibly the longest tenure of an England manager in any sport. He approached the job with great enthusiasm and was always looking to expand the scope of the team. In 1984 a four-way match was held, at Southampton University, with Denmark, France and Scotland. England were successful, as they continued to be when playing a team of comparable age. The original size of the team was 45 but, unfortunately, this number had to be cut due to the lack of opposition for that number. One of Ian's worries was that too many players were giving up the game after leaving primary school and so he worked to try to encourage players to keep up the game during the transition to secondary school. It was at this stage that I started working much more closely with Ian. He got a contact in Jersey and we agreed to take an U12 team over there. This was in 1992 and there has been an U12 trip abroad every year since. This led to Ian getting involved with the Junior Squad of which, eventually, he became a trustee. He also became squad manager and, although he could not go on every squad trip, between 1992 and 2005 was manager on at least 28 foreign trips. He had returned from a successful trip to Jersey less than a week before his death. As well as these trips Ian took his job as team manager very seriously visiting many junior tournaments and, as he was a BCF Arbiter, helping run many of them. He did not miss a British Championship in 20 years and often paid his own way so as not to deplete finances. He was also a BCF Junior selector and saw more of his players than anyone else. He had a close relationship with his players and cared passionately for them. He always tried to see the good in a child and would always find time to help someone. His death will leave a great hole in English Junior Chess, one that will prove difficult to fill. I feel sure he will be remembered by chess players throughout the country for a very long time.

Peter Purland

Results Round-up

Fulprint 18th York Congress

7-9 January 2005

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David M Adams, York RI, 4, 195
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Leslie Wells, Harrogate, 4
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R M Sayer, Ashfield, 3, 111
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Minor

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Daniel Lai, Jesmond, 4, 99
David Booth, York Univ., 4
Ian Lamb, Bolton, 4, 91
K Aldersley, Nelson, 4, 86
Malcolm McHugh, Harrogate, 4, 75
Daniel Cardnell, Warwick, 4, 80
Christopher Lund, Dewsbury, 4, 91

Alexander Veretennikov, Ilkley, 4
Colin Snowball, York RI, 4, 99
Stephen Lee, Sheffield, 4, 90
B Wadsworth, Halifax, 3½, 96
Lateefah Messam-Sparks, West Nottingham,
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Wrekin Congress

8-9 January 2005

Premier

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Simon Fowler, Coddon, 4½, 170
David Everington, Shrewsbury, 3½, 156
Tristan Cox, Sutton Coldfield, 3½
Alan Crombleholme, Bushbury, 3½, 173
David Cutmore, Wood Green, 3½, 170

Major

John Bashall, Telepost, 4½, 143
Keith Tabner, Telepost, 4, 130
Carl Portman, Bicester, 4, ung
Gary Hope, South Bham, 4, 137
Dean Hartley, Clay Cross, 4, 143

Minor

Phil Bull, Warley Quinborne, 4½, 105
Ken Alexander, Sidmouth, 4, 102
Colin Eckloff, Warley Quinborne, 4, 100

KJCA Beckenham Junior Rapidplay

15 January 2005

Under 9

Nikhil Pillai, Ilford CC, 5½/6, 33
Jasdeep Gahir, Norbury, 5/6, 42
Radha Jain (F), Northwood, 4½/6, 11

Under 11

Joe Kidson, Dulwich, 5½/6, 71
Christopher Dunne, Wimbledon, 4½/6, 51
Charlie Houseago, Dulwich, 4½/6, 56
Anand Krishnan, Croydon, 4½/6, 52
M Periasyamanjula, Sutton, 4½/6, 82
Jia Ping Lee (F), Lewisham, 4/6, 49

Under 14

Sheila Dines (F), Sanderstead, 5/5, 107
Roland Johnson, Chelmsford, 4/5, 82
Dunstan Rodrigues, Crystal Palace &
Croydon CC, 4/5, 79
Andrew Turner, Tonbridge & Hadlow CC,
4/5, 66

Under 18

Zubin Siganporia, Shirley, 3½/5, 125
Lyll Bayliss, Crowborough CC, 3/5, 128
Anthony Gregory, Maidstone CC, 3/5, 113
Jia Shen Lee, Lewisham, 3/5, 128
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28th Kidlington Chess Congress

4-5 February 2005

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Edwards, Paul, Tyneside, 4, 155
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Salisbury, Jon, Camberley, 4, 118
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Thomas, Nicola, Thamesdown, 4, 108

Stockport Rapidplay

6 February 2005

OPEN

1 = Gordon S, 3Cs, 5
Horner J, Bolton
3 = Ledger A, Sheffield, 4
James D, 3Cs
5 = Ashton A, 3Cs, 3½
Surtees M, Bolton
Williamson R, Aigburth

MAJOR

1 = Armstron M J, Stafford, 5
Newton R, Heywood/Morecombe
3 = Burns M, Stockport, 4
Mkhumba H
White E M, Downend
6 = Campbell I, Aigburth/Widnes, 3½
Flores M, Eccles
French M, Widnes

INTERMEDIATE

1 Stanley P, Skelmersdale, 5½
2 = Gonzales A, Calderdale, 5
Turner I, Skermerdale
4 = Dhesi I, 4½
Gartside C, High Peak
John S, Bramhall/Stockport
Woodfinden T, Denton

MINOR

1 Massey P, Skelmersdale, 6
2 = Cohen P, Salford, 5
Glover Roger, 3Cs
Lockett K, Altrincham
McCarthy P, Rose Forgrove
6 = Allan P J, Brewood, 4½
Blackwell R, Holmes Chapel
Kelly P H, Marple
Murphy R, Macclesfield

CCF Rapidplay

12 February 2005

OPEN

Graeme Buckley, Wimbledon, 5.0, £35
John Hodgson, Ilford, 4½, £ 7-50
Ian Snape, Coulsdon, 4½, £ 7-50

UNDER 140

*(merged with the Open for pairing
purposes)*

Russell Goodfellow . Tunbridge Wells. 3.0 .
£25

Yang-Fan Zhou, Wimbledon, 3.0, £25

UNDER 110

Gordon Birch, Camberley, 4½, £35
Jeff Fleischer, Coulsdon, 4.0, £7-50
David Wallis, Worthing, 4.0, £ 7-50

UNDER 80

John Sheekey, Coulsdon, 6.0, £35
Caroline Foster, Coulsdon, 6.0, £15

Golders Green Rapidplay

12 February 2005

OPEN

Alistair Compton, (191f) ,5½/6
Antony Hynes, (186), 3½/6
Peter Poobalasingam, (176J), 3/6
Tim Rogers, (158), 3/6
Cengiz Hasman, (173e), 3/6

MAJOR U160

Dan Ellis, (143), 5/6
Jonathan Rubeck, (130), 4½/6
Jimmy Jiang, (117), 4½/6
Vedantha Kumar, (129J), 4/6

MINOR U130

Peter Lim, (122), 5½/6
Brendan O'Gorman, (124), 4/6
Alex O'Toole, (117), 4/6
Ronnie Cohen, (102), 4/6
Richard Thursby, (129), 3½/6
George O'Toole, (124), 3½/6
Graeme Lennard, (90), 3½/6

AMATEUR U100

Ti Chen, (93), 6/6
Ben Cameron, (91), 5/6
David Everitt, (79 V), 5/6
Ian Leighton, (93 V), 4/6

Central London Rapidplay

20 February 2005

Premier Section

= 1st Michal Szvle, 200, 5/6, Albany
Bob Eames, 188, 5/6, Hackney
3rd Robin Haldane,170, 4/6, Streatham
Cengiz Hasman, 179, 3½/6 Wimbledon

Major Section

1st Tomer Eden, 153, 5/6, Kenton
= 2nd James McDonnell, 154, 4½/6,
GLCC/Sreatham
Jeffrey Boardman, 150, 4½/6, Wood Green
Christopher Clegg, 136, 4/6,
Kingston/Wimbedon

Paul Kelly, 132, 4/6, Hastings
Peter Staneland, 132, 4/6, Hounslow

Minor Section

= 1st Jimmy Jiang, 117, 5/6, Waltham Forest
Russell Goodfellow, 113, 5/6, Tunbridge
Wells

Jonathan Barnes, 109, 5/6, St. Albans

Paul Blackwell, 109, 5/6, SW2

Ken Groce, 104, 4/6, Powdermill

Ken Hedger, 100, 4/6, Hammersmith

Wilbur Francis, 102, 3½/6, Metropolitan

Andrew Rubio, 87, 3½/6, Metropolitan

Geoff Simms, 86, 3½/6, Surbiton

Peter Anderson, 69, 3½/6, King's Head

David Healey, 67, 3½/6, Watford

Gennedy Saenko, n/g, 3½/6, W8

Congress Diary

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@ denotes FIDE rated event # denotes British Championships Qualifying tournament

April 2005

1-3 Apr - Cork Congress, Ireland

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* 1-3 Apr Edinburgh Congress, Edinburgh.

George Anderson (Tel: 0131 447 2149,
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* 1-3 Apr - National Junior Squad Championships - U10s, U12s & U16s, Nottingham High School.

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2 Apr - Teignmouth Rapidplay Congress, Teignmouth

Raymond W Chubb (Tel: 01626 888255,
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* 2-3 Apr - South Herts Congress, St. Albans.

Terry Douse (Tel: 01727 751072,
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4-5 Apr - 31st Maidenhead Junior Congress Maidenhead.

Roger Brugge (Tel: 01628 636276,
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8-10 Apr - 26th County Durham Congress, Durham School, DH1 4SZ.

Geoff Knapton (Tel: 01325 317848,
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* 9 Apr - CCF Rapidplay, Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302,
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@ 9-10 Apr - 4NCL, Divisions 1 & 2, West Bromwich Moat House.

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

10 Apr - 2nd Leicester Rapidplay, Countesthorpe.

Sean Hewitt (Tel: 07859 351731,
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16 Apr - EPSCA U11 Girls Inter Association Final,

Peter Purland (Tel: 0151 733 4854,
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* 16 Apr - Golders Green Rapidplay, St Alban's Church Hall NW11

Adam Raoof (Tel: 020 8202 0982,
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16 Apr - Leicestershire & Rutland Junior Individual, Charnwood School.

Cyril Johnson (Tel: 0116 260 9012,
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@ 16-17 Apr - 4NCL, Divisions 3 & 4, Telford Moat House.

John Robinson (Tel: 01536 261697,
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17 Apr - Huddersfield Rapidplay, Huddersfield Ukrainian Club.

Nigel Hepworth (Tel: 07903 548675,
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23 Apr - County Championship - Preliminary Rounds

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23 Apr - EPSCA U9 Inter Association Final,

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23-24 Apr - Great Yarmouth Congress, Great Yarmouth.

Nick Gorvin (Tel: 07711 960087,
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* 24 Apr - Central London Rapidplay, International Students House, London W1N

Chris Todd (Tel: 020 8381 4406, mobile: 07798 517 870,
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24 Apr - National Club Handicap Rapidplay, Oxford

Cyril Johnson (Tel: 0116 260 9012,
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@ 30 Apr - 2 May - 4NCL, Divisions 1 & 2, West Bromwich Moat House.

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May 2005

May/June/July - Middlesex Individual Summer Tournament, Exmouth Arms, London NW1.

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2 May - CCF Open Blitz, Coulsdon.

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** 6-8 May - Frome Congress, Frome.

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7 May - Midlands Junior Individual Championships, Syston.

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7 May - National Girls' Team Championship, Surrey

Claire Summerscale (Email: chessuk@btinternet.com)

* 7-8 May - Oxford University Chess Tournament.

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* 8 May - Richmond Rapidplay, Middlesex.

Scott Kenyon (Tel: 07796 411452,
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* 13-15 May - Huddersfield Congress, Huddersfield Masonic Hall.

Nigel Hepworth (Tel: 07903 548675,
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* 13-15 May - 30th Nottingham Congress, Nottingham Forest FC.

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14 May - EPSCA U11 Inter Association Final,

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* 14 May - Golders Green Rapidplay, St Alban's Church Hall NW11

Adam Raoof (Tel: 020 8202 0982,
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14 May - Hartlepool Rapidplay, Hartlepool.

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

* 14 May - 2nd South Norwood One Day Congress, Croydon.

Ben Ogunshola (Tel: 020 8764 2789,
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British Chess Federation Grand Prix

Leader Boards - 4th March 2005

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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 Dines, Sheila Surrey	98
2 Anandajeyarajah, Thilagini Richmond	90
3 Thilaganathan, Jessica Surbiton	81
4 Messam-Sparkes, Latifah Ilkeston	67
5 Blackburn, Sandra Holmes Chapel	66

Junior Prix (max 125 pts)

1 Dines, Sheila Surrey	81.5
2 Wu, Li Wanstead	69
3 Hanley, James Lancaster	65
4 Hawrami, Dana Ilford	64
5 Anandajeyarajah, Thilagini Richmond	64

Senior Prix (max 125 pts)

1 Hjort, Helge Hendon	94
2 Sandercock, Barry Chalfont St Giles	62.5
3 Sherwin, James Bath	61.5
4 Farrell, Joe Metropolitan	50.5
5 Pemberton, Clive Birmingham	50

Disabled Prix (max 75 pts)

1 Hartley, Dean Chesterfield	31.5
2 Blencowe, Ian Gloucester	22.5
3 Wragg, Norman Sheffield	18
4 Ross, Chris Peterborough	12
5 Hilton, Steve Scotland	9

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 Song, Jinwoo Kings Head	49
2 Burns, Martin Stockport	46
3 Lake, Andrew Handsworth Wood	44
4 Patrick, David Calderdale	43
5 Jiang, Jimmy Waltham Forest	39.5

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

1 Bull, Phil Warley Quinborne	81
2 Desmedt, Richard Wombwell	50
3 Bryant, Marc Hastings	41.5
4 Costello, Paul Northumberland	38.5
5 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
4 Wadsworth, Barry Calderdale	32
5 Marshall, Kevin Sheffield	32

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