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Ampleforth Junior Masters 2005

Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire, 27th to 30th October



Ampleforth Champion Thomas Pym
most prestigious junior tournament ever in Britain. It also marks the birth of the English Chess Federation.

The players and their supporters 'conspired' to make this a showpiece of the very best of British chess, a fitting tribute to this unique tournament. Every competitor was presented with an Ampleforth medal.

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In the splendour of Ampleforth Abbey & College 200 chess enthusiasts gathered to enjoy the 6th and final 'Ampleforth Experience'. This year, with 21 current British Junior Champions competing, must rank as the



Headmaster Fr. Gabriel stands by as Fr. Justin makes the opening move on the top board

Gerry Walsh with some of the competitors.



Editorial

I was lucky enough to attend Ampleforth Junior Masters at Ampleforth Abbey in October. What a wonderful tournament this was, I have never before attended a tournament that has had such a warm and happy atmosphere.

The beautiful surroundings of Ampleforth College may have contributed to this, but in the main it was due to the Organisers Peter & Matthew Turner who literally ran whilst attending to their various duties.

They were ably abetted by Gill Turner who calmly supported them with Dave Welch and Neville Belinfante.

I have never experienced Exchange Chess before what a way to let off steam for the youngsters. Sadly this was the final tournament at Ampleforth as the sponsorship has now ended, a new home and sponsor for the tournament is being sort.

This is the 1st edition of the English Chess Federation ChessMoves, and also our Christmas edition. All good wishes for the season and a happy new year to all of our readers from the staff at the ECF Office.

Cynthia Gurney, Editor

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ECF News

Historic Meeting



1st Convening of ECF Annual General Meeting (pictured above) was held on 22 October 2005 at CCPR in London



Signing of the NMS Contract, Roy Heppinstall, Bill O'Rourke and John Dunleavy

Elected ECF Board Members

President: Gerry Walsh; Chief Executive: Roy Heppinstall; Director of Finance: Robert Richmond; Director of Home Chess: Chris Majer; Director of International Chess: Rupert Jones; Director of Junior Chess & Education: Cyril Johnson; Director of Marketing: Roy Lawrence; Non-Executive Directors: John Wickham and Mike Truran.

Election of Direct Members' Representatives to ECF Council

The procedure for the election of Direct Members' Representatives to Council is given in Section 6 of the Direct Members' Bye Laws. For reference the procedure is reproduced below. The ECF is now seeking nominations from among the various groups of categories of members for Direct Members Representatives. All nominations must be made by one other member of the same group of categories. Both the person nominated and the person nominating must be members of ECF. Those elected will hold office from 1st February 2006 to the end of the Council Meeting scheduled to be held on 21st October 2006. Reasonable expenses incurred in attending Council will be reimbursed on production of receipts.

Nominations must be received by the ECF office by 30th December 2005.

If there are more than two nominations for Representatives of any one category then the board will conduct a postal vote amongst members of that category. Postal voting if required will be conducted by the end of January 2006. Anyone wishing to discuss these posts can contact the Chief Executive (E-mail: roy.heppinstall@virgin.net, Tel: 01376 512741)

Extract from Direct Members' Bye Laws

6. Election of Direct Members' Representatives

- 6.1 The Direct Members shall be grouped into the following categories for the purpose of electing the Direct Members' Representatives:
 - (a) Honorary Life Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Corporate Vice Presidents, Honorary Life Members and Life Members;
 - (b) Full Direct Members, Family Members, Veteran members, Student members, Special members and Members with Disabilities
 - (c) Standard Members and Junior Members.
 - (d) Basic Members and Basic Junior Members.
- 6.2 Each of the four categories in 6.1 shall be entitled to elect two representatives.
- 6.3 Nominations for the Direct Members' Representatives shall be sought among the four Categories in 6.1. If there are more than two nominations in any category a first two past the post postal election shall be held in that category in accordance with instructions issued by the Board from time to time.

Book of the Year 2005

Though the three other books short listed this year had considerable merit, there was a clear winner for 2005.



My Great Predecessors Part 4 Gary Kasparov (Everyman) pp496 £25.00

The four volumes of My Great Predecessors so far published are setting a new standard, both in terms of content and presentation. The series when completed will surpass anything previously published on the world champions and their challengers.

This latest volume deals with Fischer and his dramatic ascent to the title but also with his Western contemporaries and rivals, Reshevsky, Najdorf and Larsen. Naturally the famous Reykjavik match with Spassky is considered in depth. The high analytical chess standard is maintained and Kasparov continues to display his unique insight into the turning points, both on and off the board, in the matches and careers of the players. Whilst Kasparov can be highly critical he also shows great sympathy for the fates of players who gave their lives to chess.

The book, as in all the series, is beautifully produced.

RB Edwards JTFarrand JToothill



Yearbook 2006

The ECF Yearbook 2006 is due to be produced in early Spring 2006.

The Sunday Telegraph

has reinstated its full chess column, now written by Malcolm Pein. No doubt their decision was prompted by the campaign conducted by people reading this website.

IM Succumbs to Market Pressures

The English Chess Federation's new Director of Marketing, Roy Lawrence, can play at a reasonable level when given the chance. Out of fourteen players he was the only one who managed to beat IM Robert Bellin in a simultaneous display on 4th July 2005 at Sutton Coldfield Chess Club's venue in Erdington, Birmingham. (Visit www.suttonchess.org.uk for further details.)

Robert Bellin - Roy Lawrence; Sutton Coldfield CC simul, 2005

Notes by Marek Soszynski

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5?!

Black does better to stick to the main lines of the Najdorf with 9...Nbd7 etc.

10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.f5 e5 12.Nd5 Qa7

The first new move. White is superior but now goes in for a sacrifice that isn't strictly necessary.

13.Bxb5+?! axb5 14.Nxb5 Qxa2 15.Nbc7+ Kf8 16.Qe3

Threatening 17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.Nxe7#.

16...h5 17.Nxa8 Qxa8 18.Kb1 Nd7 19.Rd3 Bb7 20.Nxe7 Kxe7 21.Rhd1 Bxe4 22.Rxd6 Bxf5 23.Qd2 Qa4

Black had defended well and this was the time to attack with 23...Nc5!, e.g. 24.Qf2? Nb3-+.

24.Qc3?

A fatal error. White misses the opportunity to regain control with 24.Rxd7+ Bxd7 (24...Qxd7 25.Qb4+!) 25.Qd6+ Ke8 26.Qb8+±.

24...Ra8 25.b3 Qa2+ 26.Kc1 Qa3+ 27.Qb2 Qc5 28.c4 Qe3+ 29.Qd2 Qa7 30.Qb4 Ke8 31.Kd2 Qf2+ 0-1.



Photo: Roy (left) and Robert

BBC Plots Chess Move

The BBC is planning to put chess on British TV for the first time in more than a decade with a new tournament that pits the best UK players against their Russian counterparts.

Dominic Coles, the BBC director of sports rights and finance, said he was talking to a Russian broadcaster about setting up a televised chess league.

The last time UK broadcasters took more than a passing interest in chess is believed to be 1993, when BBC2 and Channel 4 shared the coverage of Nigel Short challenging Gary Kasparov for the World Championship at London's Savoy Theatre.

"I am discussing setting up a league between the UK and Russia, which could be broadcast on one of our terrestrial channels or our interactive service," Mr Coles said.

He said he was talking to a Russian organisation that is a member of the European Broadcasting Union, the public service broadcasters' club to which the BBC also belongs.

Aside from its coverage of Short's unsuccessful World Championship bid, the BBC's last regular chess show was Master Game, which was broadcast in the 70s and 80s.



Chess: regular TV coverage has not been shown since the 80s



Ampleforth 2005

In the magnificent setting of the Main Hall at Ampleforth College the final move, of the blitz play-off to decide the Ampleforth Champion was made. Thomas Pym overcame Peter Poobalasingam (pictured right) in a wonderful, nerve-jangling emotionally charged atmosphere. Thomas emerged the victor and took the title for the second time in three years.



Prize winners – over £3,000 in cash was distributed to:

Ampleforth Champion 2005 after blitz play-off:

Thomas Pym

Equal first and runner-up on blitz play-off:

Peter Poobalasingam

3rd= James Hanley, Ankush Khandelwal, Vedantha Kumar & Andrew Tucker

Girls' Champion: Sheila Dines

U14 Champion: Jac Thomas

U13 Champion: George O'Toole

U11 Champion: Charlie Hierons

Grading prizes to: Noah Schlesinger, Edward Farrington, Charlie Hierons, David Grant, Fay Birch, William Jones & Megan Owens

Best performance against grade to: Vedantha Kumar, Loius Graham, James Harrington, Robbie Coates, Edward Farrington, & Anand Krishnan

Game of the round awards to: Rd1 Toby Thurgood 0-1 William Jones, Rd2 Ben Wetherfield 1-0 Michae Keetley, Rd3 Senthuran Sathyanandha 0-1 Daniel Hunt, Rd4 Amisha Parmar 1-0 Robert Thompson, Rd5 Edward Farrington 1-0 Julian Ryan, Rd6 Xiyuan Qu 0-1 James Harrington.



ECF Officials, Matthew Turner GM, Gerry Walsh & Roy Heppinstall enjoy a relaxed moment prior to the first move



Gerry Walsh presenting Fr. Justin with whisky glasses.



GM Matthew Turner, Chess Tutor at Millfield School presents an inscribed chessboard, set & clock to Fr. Justin for use in the college. Fr. Justin, a keen chess player, is an inspirational tutor to boys & girls at the college.

International News

FIDE Elections – the rival bids

A new and serious bid for the Presidency of FIDE has emerged. The Royal Dutch Chess Federation and the Turkish Chess Federation, supported by the Czech, Maltese and Slovak Federations, announce the candidature of Mr. Bessel Kok and Mr. Ali Nihat Yazici for the posts of President and Deputy President of FIDE (The World Chess Federation) at the forthcoming elections in Turin in May 2006.



Candidates Ali Nihat Yazici, Bessel Kok

Another bid was launched more than a week ago for the FIDE Presidency. This was by Leo Battesti, who runs Corsica chess and is the Vice President of the French Chess Federation. The candidature has the unanimous backing of the French Management Board.

The next election for FIDE President will be held during the Chess Olympiad in Turino, Italy, which will take place from May 20th to June 4th 2006. The Olympiad will be hosting the FIDE Congress, where the incumbent President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov is standing for reelection.

Congratulations to the New World Champion!

World Champion Veselin Topalov of Bulgaria received a standing ovation at the awards ceremony of the World Championship tournament in San Luis, Argentina. San Luis Governor Alberto Rodriguez Saa and FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov awarded the gold medal and champion's trophy, San Luis Government trophy and Senate trophy to the champion. Delivering his address in fluent Spanish, Topalov received warm acclamation from a full house.



Final Round: With the title already in hand, Veselin Topalov drew quickly with Judit Polgar in the last round of the World Championship Tournament in San Luis, Argentina. Topalov invited an exchange of Queens and the two agreed to draw on the following 18th move. Topalov finished the tournament undefeated with 10 points, a convincing 1.5 points ahead of second placers Viswanathan Anand and Peter Svidler, tied at 8.5 points each.

Viswanathan Anand used the Petroff defense to get a draw against Peter Svidler and win the silver medal. Anand and Svidler tied at 8.5 points each but Anand won the tie break with the more number of wins. Svidler gamely tried to get an attack going but after a flurry of exchanges including the Queens on the 19th move, agreed to a draw and the bronze medal.

Alexander Morozevich drew with Michael Adams to score a total of 7 points for fourth place. In their Ruy Lopez game, Morozevich entered the endgame a piece down with two pawns up in compensation. The game went on until the bitter end with all pieces and pawns off the board except for the extra Bishop of Adams on the 53rd move.

#	Player	Fed	Title	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Rnk
1	Leko, Peter	HUN	g	2763	0	0.5	0.5	1.5	2	2.5	3.5	4	4	4.5	5	5	5.5	6.5	5 th
2	Morozevich, A.	RUS	g	2707	0.5	1	1	1	1.5	2	3	4	5	5.5	5.5	6	6.5	7	4 th
3	Svidler, Peter	RUS	g	2738	0.5	1	2	3	3	3.5	4.5	5	5.5	6	7	7.5	8	8.5	3 rd
4	Polgar, Judit	HUN	g	2735	0	0.5	1.5	1.5	2	2	2	2	2.5	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	6 th
5	Anand, Viswanathan	IND	g	2788	1	1.5	2.5	2.5	3	3.5	3.5	4.5	5	5.5	6.5	7.5	8	8.5	2 nd
6	Adams, Michael	ENG	g	2719	0.5	1	1	1	1.5	2	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5	7 th
7	Kasimdzhanov, R.	UZB	g	2670	0.5	1	1	2	2.5	3	3	3	3.5	4.5	4.5	5	5.5	5.5	6 th
8	Topalov, Veselin	BUL	g	2788	1	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	1 st

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1	Leko, Peter	HUN	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	6.5
2	Morozevich, A.	RUS	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	7
3	Svidler, Peter	RUS	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	8.5
4	Polgar, Judit	HUN	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	4.5
5	Anand, Viswanathan	IND	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	8.5
6	Adams, Michael	ENG	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	5.5
7	Kasimdzhanov, R.	UZB	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	5.5
8	Topalov, Veselin	BUL	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	10

In the only decisive game of the last round, Peter Leko smashed the Sicilian defense of Rustam Kasimjanov in 48 moves to finish 5th with 6.5 points. Leko mustered a kingside attack with Queen and Rook on the h-file. Kasimjanov had to surrender the quality exchange on the 40th move giving up his Rook to prevent a Knight check. A desperate combination led to further loss of material and Kasimjanov resigned on the 48th move.

Kasimjanov finished with 5.5 points prevailing in the tie-break with more wins than Michael Adams, also with 5.5 points for 7th place. Judit picked up the rear with 4.5 points for 8th place.



21st European Club Cup 2005

18-24 September, St. Vincent, Aosta, Italy

An Amateur Team in Europe: Barbican London at the ECC 2005 by *Sam Collins*

This year's European Club Cup took place in St. Vincent, a mountain town above the scenic Aosta Valley of Northern Italy. The Barbican team consisted of GM Jonathan Parker, IMs Brian Kelly, Sam Collins and Mark Ferguson, FMs Maximillian Devereaux and Martin Taylor, Peter Taylor and WIM Ingrid Lauterbach and was supported by the Friends of Chess. Having attended several international team competitions I have to say that this was one of the most pleasant – excellent company, good wine (though our lunchtime bottle was the sole preserve of our resting player) and magnificent surroundings.

I should say at the outset that this report focuses exclusively on the Barbican team – anyone with an interest in the other (I won't say 'better') games from the event will have to look at the tournament website - www.scacchivda.com.

Final Ranking - Men

Rank	Team	+	=	-	MP	Pts.
1	Tomsk-400	6	0	1	12	29½
2	Polonia Plus GSM	6	0	1	12	29
3	NAO Chess Club	6	0	1	12	27½
4	Ural	4	2	1	10	28
5	Werder Bremen	5	0	2	10	27
6	TV Tegernsee	4	2	1	10	25½
7	I & A Tbilisi	4	2	1	10	24½
8	TPS	5	0	2	10	24½
9	Ashdod City Club	4	1	2	9	25½
10	Beer Sheva Chess Club	4	1	2	9	25½
35/48	Barbican London	3	0	4	6	18

Final Ranking - Women

Rank	Team	+	=	-	MP	Pts.
1	NTN Tbilisi	4	2	1	10	18½
2	Southern Ural	4	2	1	10	18
3	Internet CG Podgorica	4	2	1	10	16½
4	BAS Beograd	3	3	1	9	15
5	FINEK St. Petersburg	4	1	2	9	14½
6	Platina	4	1	2	9	13
7	MTK Budapest	4	0	3	8	15½
8	AVS	3	1	3	7	16
9	MIKA Yerevan	3	0	4	6	13½
10	Obudovac	1	1	5	3	7
11	Stukkenjagers	1	1	5	3	6½

Round One: A Good Start

Our opponents were later to unseat several IMs and show some good chess, but in this round they were rather easily disposed of. Apart from Jonathan Parker neutralising their only player, and Max Devereaux losing control of a promising position, all our games were won without much fuss.

Round Two: Predictable and Controversial

Round two was spent in combat with our good friends from Kazan. The late arrival of the official bus meant a loss of about 15 minutes for three of our players, but this was gradually reinstated by the arbiter in a triumph of natural justice over Kharlov (done while his clock was running on the black side of a Grunfeld – a violation of the rules, surely?). In pure chess

terms, we performed creditably, with three excellent draws – our losses were more varied, with me getting confused in a line on which I've written a book, Mark Ferguson playing very well but failing to hold a tricky Slav, and Parker losing on time in a position with very promising play for the exchange when the digital clock failed to respond to his touch. His opponent Rublevsky promptly signed both scoresheets and hurried to the other end of the hall, and despite our best efforts the game was marked down as a loss.

Round Three: Unmitigated Disaster

A round where everything went wrong against a far from invincible team. Jonathan Parker lost on time in a poor position; I got completely

outplayed; Mark's opponent played a good game and was fortunate to have such an amicable opponent when it emerged during the post-mortem that he had been getting advice on how to play the position during the game; Martin's opponent crashed through on e6. PP and Brian were our only sunbeams.

Round Four: Best Result Ever?

Perhaps shocked into action after the previous day's debacle, we managed to win despite being outrated on every board. Indeed, it could have been more, since Brian Kelly was unlucky to lose a rather level position and with it his shot at a GM norm. PP had a rather dodgy position and somehow managed to checkmate his opponent in a moment of brilliance, while our only win over a GM came



when Zelcic stopped protecting his pawns.

Round Five: A Tough Pairing

Again outrated on every board except on 1 where Brian's opponent has about 20 years of world-class play behind him, this was always going to be a tough match to hold. We started well when I drew in nine moves with Black, my opponent having been tricked into an unbearably dull Exchange Slav position. PP landed in a pawn down endgame following his beloved Kramnik repertoire, while our other Taylor was done down the f-file. Brian's game looked level all the way, while Max managed a draw by actually reading my book rather than writing it and instantly forgetting all the analysis. A mention must be made of Ingrid's excellent play which unfortunately fell short against her IM opponent.

Round Six: Losing a Winnable Match

A poor result for us. I take the lion's share of the blame, as one must after losing with White against a normal player. Brian's opponent played very well to gain an overwhelming position and, despite inaccurate technique, managed to convert. PP went down in a quiet Caro-Kann. Max won an excellent game.

Round Seven: An Easy Finish

No doubt motivated by the treasures accumulated by Mrs. Parker on her trip to Milan, which she had promised to distribute to our best players, most of our boys won without too much hassle. The only hiccup was my moment of blindness in an overwhelming position, compounded by rejection of a draw offer, subsequent idiocy and a loss.

We finished in 35th position, 12 spots below our seeding. This is down to the fact that, apart from Max, we had no players in really good form, and rounds three and six are the ones which could go differently in the future. Nonetheless, some good games were played and I'm confident that the club has the strength in depth to do very well in such company.

The other main points to make, I suppose, are that we beat one very strong, higher rated Austrian team, due to Sam Collins' win with Black over a strong GM; and that one of our players, Maxim Devereaux, was on outstanding form and gained over 25 Elo points during the week. But to succeed at this level, one needs all the players in the team to be on form throughout the week, and in this respect we did not do as well as in 2003, when we finished in the top half of the field.

Great Britain Win World Chess Solving Championship

by Michael McDowell

The 29th World Chess Solving Championship, held in Eritrea, Greece, on 6th-7th September was a great success for the Great Britain team of Jonathan Mestel, John Nunn and Michael McDowell, who won the gold medal with 158.5 points from a possible 180, ahead of defending World Champions Israel (155.5) and European Champions Finland (148.5). The British team, who were sponsored by Winton Capital Management, were the first to win the event outright since 1986. Mestel and Nunn were in excellent form, taking silver and bronze respectively in the individual World Championship, which was won by the highest rated competitor, Piotr Murdzia of Poland. The Open Solving event, which precedes the World Championship, was won by Nunn, with Mestel taking silver and Boris Tummes of Germany bronze.

The solving events are a highlight of the annual World Congress of Chess Composition, which also features composing competitions. Successful British composers in this year's tournaments were Colin Sydenham, Tony Lewis, Michael McDowell, Jonathan Mestel, Colin McNab, and Christopher Jones, who also gained the title of FIDE Master for Composition.

More details are available at geocities.com/solvingchess

In the first round of the WCSC competitors have to solve three two-movers in 20 minutes. The following problem, which has many tries defeated by only one Black reply, proved especially tricky.

8; 2bN2nB; K4Qr1; R2N2pq; 1P2knP1; R7; 4r3; 6B1. White to play and mate in two moves

by A. van der Ven, Commended, Brisbane Courier 1925

BCF/ECF BATSFORD COMPETITION

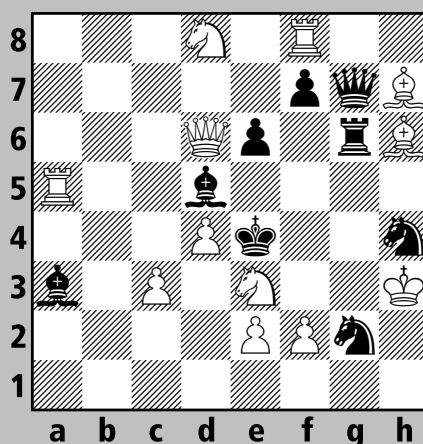
Congratulations to the September/October Winner James Nicolson from Manchester
The correct solution was 1.f6

Denis Saunders
The Problemist, 1987
White to play and mate in 2

Please send your answer (just the first move is sufficient) on a postcard to the

ECF Office, The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD

The first correct entry drawn on 10th January 2006 will win a Batsford voucher for any book on their current list.



BATSFORD

Solution: to chess solving problem
1.Bg8! threatening 2.Nc5; 1...Rc2 or Re2 2.Re3; 1...Nd3 2.Nc3; 1...Nf6 2.Qf3; 1...Rxf6+ 2.N5xf6; 1...Nge6 2.Qf5; 1...Bd6 2.Qd4; 1...Bb6 2.Qe5
Near misses are 1.NXc7? Nd3!, 1.Ne7? Nd3!, 1.N5b6? Nd3!, 1.Rg3? Be5!, 1.Bb6? Qxg4! and 1.Kb7? Qxg4!



Littlewood's Choice

by John Littlewood

Brett Lund, one of my North West Eagles team-mates, has had a good year. However, the following game (which I first saw after White's 32nd move!?) is so unlike the Brett I know that I just had to use it for this column along with a few of his comments. Brett's explanation (excuse?) was simple: "I had just been driven around Birmingham for 50 minutes looking for the hotel / I had scored the night before (at football!?) / Having half the squad missing, the team had no chance, so I didn't care about losing and could just enjoy myself ..." So, let's try to analyse, quoting Brett's comments as we go along.

4NCL Div 2, 22 October 2005

□ **Kemal Ozeren (Oxford 1)**

■ **Brett Lund (NW Eagles)**

1 d4 d6 2 c4 e5 3 d5?! f5 4 e4 Nf6 5 Nc3 fxe4 6 Nge2 Bf5 7 Ng3 Bg6 8 Bg5 Be7 9 Bxf6 gxf6 10 h4!?

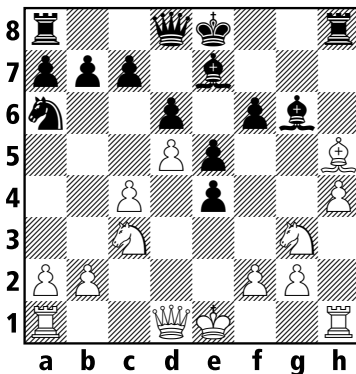
Capturing on e4 would allow 10...f5 with excellent play for Black so White does his utmost to prevent this.

10...h5

"If it were the last round in a congress I would probably have chosen ...Qd7 here but I could not help myself."

11 Be2 Na6 12 Bxh5

Surely 12 Nxh5 Kf7 13 Ng3 f5 14 h5 Bh7 15 h6 is better, although I still prefer Black. Now Brett shocks us all by sacrificing material...



12...Rxb5! 13 Nxh5 Kf7 14 g4 Nc5!

Better than the obvious 14...Bxh5 15 gxh5 f5 when 16 h5! gives White some counter-chances.

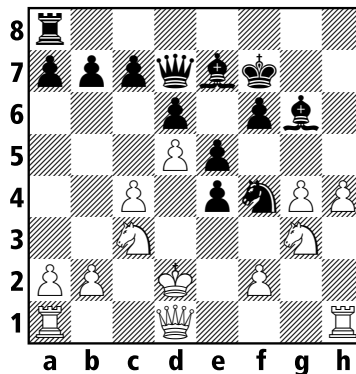
15 Ng3

"I had expected 15 Qe2 leaving this knight to cover f4 and giving White's king more options." Presumably, White was afraid of ...Bxh5 followed by ...f5 but then he could play Kd2 and seize the g-file.

15...Qd7 16 Qe2 Nd3+ 17 Kd2 Nf4 18 Qd1

White has thus wasted an important tempo but is at least controlling f5. "I now decided I would have a good think." And

he comes up with a startling idea which is more my style than his but which sets the scene for a thrilling finish.



18...c6! 19 Ngxe4 b5!?

The alternative 19...cxd5 20 cxd5 b5 is also strong (and far less risky!?) but perhaps Brett did not like 21 b4.

20 dxc6 Qe6!?

This is the bold move that gives the game its distinctive quality but, as we shall see, it may well be unsound. It was probably over the next few moves in a complex situation that Brett got into time-trouble.

21 cxb5 d5 22 Ng3 d4?!

Brett must have thought that this was winning easily or else he would have preferred not to allow the blockade on e4 and the opening of the a2-g8 diagonal. An alternative is 22...Bb4 23 a3 Ba5 24 b4 Bb6 with numerous threats.

23 Nce4 Kf8

"I have no choice because otherwise 24 Qb3 allows White to exchange queens or drive the knight to a worse square." Nevertheless, a 'cool' move to play against an opponent who is the 'exchange' and three pawns ahead! However, we cannot ignore the psychological effect on White who, after being put under the cosh from the start, suddenly feels he has play that will crush Black!

24 Qa4

White goes for it and who can blame him? "White has many options at this

point and I think he chose the wrong one but it must have been difficult to resist the thought of two connected passed pawns on the seventh rank supported by the queen!" Brett is in fact partially right: 24 Qb3! puts Black in trouble after both 24...Qxg4 25 f3 Qc8 26 Rac1 or 24...Nd5 25 Nf5! Bb4+ 26 Kc2 but White's move in the game is in no way losing, provided that he now consolidates before proceeding with his attack.

24...Qxg4

Va banque!

25 b6

No need to rush! With such a material advantage, the consolidating move 25 Rae1! screams out to be played, when both 25...Ng2 26 b6! and 25...Qf3 26 Qb3! defend adequately.

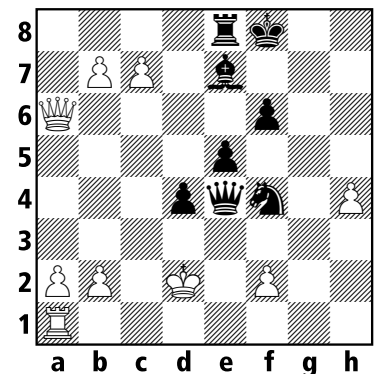
25...Bxe4 26 b7 Re8 27 Rhe1

27 Nxe4 allows mate in three.

27...Bd5 28 Ne4 Qf3! 29 Qb5 a6

A time-trouble move which can be answered by 30 b8Q axb5 31 Qxb5 Bxe4 32 c7 winning.

30 Qxa6 Bxe4 31 Rxe4 Qxe4 32 c7



32...d3!

Perfectly sound, of course, since Brett has no time to notice that the immediate 32...Bb4+! 33 Kd1 d3! 34 Qxf6+ Kg8 35 Qg5+ Kh7! forces mate after both 36 Qg1 Qe2+ and 36 Qf5+ Qxf5 37 b8Q Qg4+.

33 Qxf6+ Bxf6 34 b8Q Qe2+ 35 Kc3 Qc2+ 36 Kb4 Be7+

Presumably Brett's flag was about to drop here or he thought he could see a mate, because both 36...Qxb2+ and 36...Nd5+ would have produced immediate resignation.

37 Ka5 Qc5+ 38 Ka6 Qc6+ 39 Ka5

Or 39 Ka7 (if 39 Qb6 Ra8 mate) 39...Bc5+ followed by mate next move.

39...Qc5+ 40 Ka6

Or 40 Ka4 Nd5 winning.

40...Qd6+ 41 Ka5 Rxb8 0-1

Despite (or perhaps even because of!?) the mistakes, a most enjoyable game.



British Chess Federation Grand Prix 2004/5

The final tables are now, at last, confirmed. The delay was due firstly to domestic reasons and secondly to chasing up four events. This in practice elevated Mark Hebden to second place behind long time leader Andrew Greet in the Grand Prix but had little or no effect elsewhere.

The winners are as follows:

Grand Prix **Andrew Greet**
Female Prix **Sheila Dines**
Senior Prix **Barry Sandercock**
Junior Prix **Sheila Dines**
Disabled Prix **Jack Rudd**
Under 175 Prix **Michael Kobylka**
Under 150 Prix **Jinwoo Song**
Under 125 Prix **Phil Bull**
Under 100 Prix **John Constable**

There has been a huge increase in the workload this year in determining Grand Prix scores. 2004 was, of course, a part year but even so the amount of players scoring points rose substantially.

I have no idea if the Federation will be able to continue with the Grand Prix though a further extension year has been granted and this years events will continue until the Smith & Williamson British Championships in Swansea. Simply put if every player who appeared on the spreadsheets of qualifying players donated £4.00 there would be enough to keep the Grand Prix going in its current form with the same amount of prize money. If just one of those players could find a sponsor for the comparatively small amount that is needed for this event, the future of the Grand Prix would be assured.

Neil Graham.

Final Leader Boards

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	Greet, Andrew	Hillsmark	227
2	Hebden, Mark	Birstall	218
3	Rowson, Jonathan	Tron	191
4	Gormally, Danny	Charlton	172.5
5	Gordon, Stephen	Manchester	153
6	Pert, Nick	Slough	147
7	Wells, Peter	Swindon	143.5
8	Conquest, Stuart	Spain	143.5
9	Howell, David	Hastings	140.5
10	Sugden, John	Hastings	124.5
10	Cox, John	Cavendish	124.5

Female Prix (max 125 pts)

1	Dines, Sheila	Surrey	113.5
2	Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan	Edinburgh	105
3	Houska, Jovanka	Slough	104
4	Thilaganathan, Jessica	Surbiton	102
5	Anandajeyarajah, Thilagini	Richmond	97
6	Parmar, Amisha	Stapleford	90.5
7	Gilbert, Jessie	Coulsdon	90
8	Messam-Sparkes, Lateefah	Ilkeston	83
9	Blackburn, Sandra	Holmes Chapel	82
10	Hegarty, Sarah	Millfield	71.5

Junior Prix (max 125 pts)

1	Dines, Sheila	Surrey	113.5
2	Howell, David	Hastings	112.5
3	Sathyanandra, Saravanan	Barnet Knights	108.5
4	Bennet, William	Oakham	107
5	Gordon, Stephen	Manchester	106
6	Fowler, Simon	Coddon	106
7	Thilaganathan, Jessica	Surbiton	102
8	Constantinou, Peter	Bedford	98.5
9	Khandelwal, Ankush	Nottingham	97.5
10	Anandajeyarajah, Thilagini	Richmond	97

Senior Prix (max 125 pts)

1	Sandercock, Barry	Chalfont St Giles	104.5
2	Hjort, Helge	Hendon	102
3	Sherwin, James	Bath	92.5
4	Jowett, Conrad	Blackpool	81
5	Collyer, Geoff	Spalding	68
6	Farrell, Joe	Metropolitan	66
7	Riley, Adrian	Morris Motors	64.5
8	Aldersley, Ken	Nelson	63
9	Gardiner, Colin	Falmouth	62
10	Pemberton, Clive	Birmingham	61

Disabled Prix (max 75 pts)

1	Rudd, Jack	Bristol	58.5
2	Hartley, Dean	Chesterfield	55.5
3	Lewis, Martin	Swindon	45.5
4	Blencowe, Ian	Gloucester	29.5
5	Ross, Chris	Peterborough	29
6	Wragg, Norman	Sheffield	25
7	Hilton, Steve	Scotland	23
8	Patterson, Martin	Newport	21
9	Metcalfe, William	Cleveland	21
10	Lovell, Stan	Redcar	18

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

1	Kobylka, Michael	Wood Green	105
2	Cutmore, David	Wood Green	75.5
3	Low, Ying Min	Cambridge Univ	60
4	Clegg, Chris	Kingston	58.5
5	Cutmore, Martin	Folkestone	58
6	McIntyre, Paul	South Norwood	45
7	Jarvis, Derek	Breadsall	45
8	Jamieson, Ian	Axminster	45
9	Eccles, Anthony	Chingford	36
10	Duckers, Harvey	Crowthorne	35

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

1	Song, Jinwoo	Kings Head	102
2	Clegg, Robert	Huddersfield	88
3	Patrick, David	Calderdale	76
4	O'Gorman, Brendan	London	75.5
5	Jiang, Jimmy	Waltham Forest	74
6	Lord, Peter	Hayes	65.5
7	Goodfellow, Russell	Tunbridge Wells	59
8	Rahman, Azizur	Metropolitan	58.5
9	Boumphrey, Luke	Atticus	58.5
10	Pride, Stephen	Cambridge	55.5

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

1	Bull, Phil	Warley Quinborne	109.5
2	Bryant, Marc	Hastings	84.5
3	Fleischer, Jeff	Coulsdon	76.5
4	Desmedt, Richard	Wombwell	69
5	Wells, Simon	Ashfield	57
6	Cameron, Ben	Willesden	47
7	Smith, Gary P	Sheffield	44.5
8	Brady, David	Chingford	41.5
9	Blackburn, John	Holmes Chapel	40.5
10	Shakerchi, Tegan	Ashstead	39
10	Herbert, Stephen	Forest of Dean	39

Graded Prix (U100) (max 125 pts)

1	Constable, John	Coulsdon	77
2	Dunne, Dave	Nottingham	70
3	Duncan, Anthony	Islington	60
4	Wadsworth, Barry	Calderdale	50
5	Lee, Stephen	Sheffield	50
6	Holborow, Matthew	Northumberland	44
7	Jain, Dinesh	Pinner	41.5
8	Walker, Roger	Belper	40.5
9	Lamb, Ian	Bolton	40
10	Moss, Peter	Halifax	38



Obituaries

John Bisson

John Bisson died in October aged 90. It was his influence which caused the Guernsey Chess Federation to join FIDE and he founded the Guernsey Chess Festival, the latest edition of which concluded on Sunday 23 October.

He played in 8 Olympiads for the island and was non-playing match captain in a further two. He played in over 50 of the Guernsey-Jersey Challenge Matches.

He loved chess and his administrative work for the game gave untold pleasure to many players. Guernsey is only a small part of FIDE, but many of their officials had the greatest regard and affection for this tiny jewel of an island.

Our condolences to his wife Peggy and son Roy.

Stewart Reuben

Stephen R Boniface (1951 - 2005)



The sudden and unexpected death of Steve Boniface, aged 54, the westcountry's best-known chess organiser, has been announced.

Born and raised in Northampton, while still at school he started playing at the White Melville Club in the town. He came to the westcountry in 1970 when he took up a three year teacher training course at Rolle College, Exmouth. The fact that the local chess club met in the College made it easy for him to get quickly and fully

immersed in Devon chess. Although completing the course, he didn't take up teaching but became interested in the then new world of computers, which later became his career.

He remained in the Exmouth area throughout the '70s, a time when the weekend congress became an established feature of the British chess scene. He played in them and quickly became interested in their organisation. His first organised event was the Exmouth Primary Schools Chess Congress in 1976, which he organised with fellow club member, Bob Jones. It was immediately clear that this was his metier, and he soon moved on to larger, adult events.

In 1980, he left the county to become a computer maintenance operator with a large insurance company in Brighton. But he regularly returned to the west as he became controller of long-established and prestigious events at Paignton, Torquay, Exeter and the peripatetic West of England Championship.

His day job took him to Bristol in the early 1990s and with its active chess league he was in his element. His services as a tournament arbiter grew in demand as his talents became increasingly recognised nationwide. Eventually he retired early in 1999 and was free to devote himself fully to chess. Without losing touch with his existing westcountry events, he became involved in, to mention but a few more, the British Championships, the Guernsey Congress and the 4NCL

In 2000, he devised the formula for a new event, the Royal Beacon Seniors Congress, held next to Rolle College, Exmouth, which he ran for its first five years. At the time, it was Leonard Barden's opinion that this was the first and only event of its kind in the UK.

Eventually, he was awarded the title of International Arbiter by the world's governing body, one of only a handful in the UK. He was also very active in the Chess Arbiters' Association, helping to train many up-and-coming controllers.

Many tributes have been paid to his unstinting work for the chess

cause, all of which refer to his warm and convivial personality at chess tournaments, one which could generally defuse potentially difficult situations with a light touch without compromising his position as the man in charge, able to take tough decisions if necessary. Off-duty, he could amuse his colleagues for hours with a fund of stories about the follies and foibles of chess players. He was a well-respected and greatly popular servant to the game, whose loss will be deeply felt by players and fellow organisers for years to come.

He was unmarried and is survived by his brother and two nieces, Kate and Samantha. Our condolences go to his family.

RH Jones

Phillip Church Born 6th June 1954 and died suddenly at home 18th October 2005

Phil Church, happy family man, dedicated teacher and chess enthusiast was one of those rare individuals who really make a difference. Phil took great pleasure in providing opportunities for others to shine. He worked diligently in educating his pupils at Cape Hill Primary School, Smethwick, to the best of his ability and in assisting his colleagues. In the Worcestershire chess scene he started up an U100 team and was a great support for the U125 team. At Redditch Chess Club he became Secretary at the beginning of 2003 and was very much the club's driving force. He was also an influential member of Headless Cross Chess Club. In the world of internet chess he built up a friendship with players from Nieuwerkerk near Rotterdam in Holland and set up Redditch v Nieuwerkerk internet tournaments. He followed this up with organising a visit of half a dozen Worcestershire players to Holland to take part in a Nieuwerkerk Quickplay Tournament.

Phil took up chess at the age of 40 and soon discovered a love for gambit play. His favourites were the Danish, Budapest and Blackmar Diemer Gambits but he had quite a few

others in his repertoire. His attacking forthright play could be devastating for the unwary and he notched up an impressive list of victims with his gambits, many of them mated in less than 10 moves. One well known Birmingham League player, who shall remain nameless, sat with his head in his hands in disbelief for at least five minutes after one of Phil's early mates. In the last round of a Spectrum tournament in Birmingham Phil's opponent was concerned about how long the game would go on for as he had a train to catch. Phil assured him that the game was not likely to take too long, launched into a Latvian Gambit and mated the poor man in 9 moves. Needless to say the train was caught.

His sudden death leaves a big gap in the Redditch and Worcestershire chess world. He will be sadly missed.

Phil is survived by his wife Therese and three daughters, Megan, Pippa and Anna.

Paul Watson

I regret to announce the sad and unexpected news that Sussex County Secretary Paul Watson died recently. He collapsed whilst in a Brighton store and had already died on arrival at Hospital. He was due to meet for a meal in the evening with Paul and other chess friends and it obviously caused concern that someone so reliable failed to arrive. Upon contacting the Police to report their concern the events of the day were discovered.

Paul of course will be greatly missed as he has put in a mountain of work for our County Association over many years, and will be hard to replace as he always seemed to me the motivational force in Sussex.

*Richard Almond
Sussex Open Match Secretary*

Book Reviews

*by Garry Lane
carried over to the
next issue*

Calendar of Events

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

* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix

@ denotes FIDE Rated Event # denotes British Championship Qualifying Tournament ~ denotes ECF Graded Event

1 Dec: **HENDON BLITZ**

St Alban's Church Hall. A Raooof (Tel: 020 8202 0982, Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

3 Dec: **SUSSEX JUNIOR CHESS CHRISTMAS TRAINING DAY & PARTY**

Haywards Heath. S Fraser (Tel: 01342 318918)

~@ 3-4 Dec: **4NCL, Division 4**

West Bromwich Moat House. J Robinson (Tel: 01536 261697, Email: robinson@chessstanion.ndo.co.uk)

~*#3-4 Dec: **52nd HITCHIN CONGRESS**

The Priory School. B Judkins (Tel: 01462 641768, Email: brianjdkns@aol.com)

~3-4 Dec: **SURREY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (CCF)**

Coulsdon. H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: surreyjuniorchess@ccfworld.com)

~ 4 Dec: **HITCHIN LONDON JUNIOR QUALIFIER**

The Priory School. B Judkins (Tel: 01462 641768, Email: brianjdkns@aol.com)

~* 4 Dec: **KJCA BROADSTAIRS JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

St George's School. P Bayliss (Tel: 01732 700500, Email: kjca.pb@btinternet.com)

~# 9-11 Dec: **BRISTOL WINTER CONGRESS**

Cotham School. G Mill-Wilson (Tel: 01454 880162, Email: tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk)

~* 10 Dec: **GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY**

St Alban's Church Hall. A Raooof (Tel: 020 8202 0982, Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

~* 11 Dec: **BURY RAPIDPLAY**

Town Hall. B Sharples (Tel: 0161 764 6353 before 10 p.m., Email: burychessclub@pcfp.co.uk)

~* 11 Dec: **CENTRAL LONDON RAPIDPLAY**

International Students House. C Todd (Tel: 020 8381 4406, Email: jrweight44@yahoo.co.uk)

~* 11 Dec: **44th NUNEATON CONGRESS**

Etone Sports Centre. R Woodcock (Tel: 024 7634 8037, Email: chessroy@tinyworld.co.uk)

~ 12-16 Dec: **CCF CHRISTMAS IM NORM INTERNATIONAL**

Coulsdon. H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

17 Dec: **RICHMOND MASTER GROUP ETNA**

Community Centre. S Kenyon (Tel: 07796 411452, Email: rjccdeputy@btopenworld.com)

~* 17-18 Dec: **CCF CHRISTMAS CONGRESS**

Coulsdon. H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~*#@ 28 Dec- 8 Jan: **2006 HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS**

Horntye Park Sports Complex. C Power (Tel/Fax: 01424 431970, Email: conpowr@aol.com)

January 2006

~*#6-8 Jan: **FULPRINT 19TH YORK CONGRESS**

Derwent College. N Pearce (Tel: 01904 491287, 07814 874338)

~* 7 Jan: **GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY**

St Alban's Church Hall. A Raooof (Tel: 020 8202 0982, Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

~* 7 Jan: **10th HASTINGS JUNIOR OPEN**

St. Mary's Star of the Sea. Louise Lambert (Tel: 01342 321020, Email: Mmarkimbirt@aol.com)

~* 7-8 Jan: **HASTINGS WEEKEND CONGRESS**

Horntye Park Sports Complex. C Power (Tel/Fax: 01424 431970, Email: conpowr@aol.com)

~* 8 Jan: **63rd RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY**

White House Community Association. S Kenyon (Tel: 07796 411452, Email: rjccdeputy@btopenworld.com)

~ 8 Jan: **SURREY JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY GRAND PRIX 2 (CCF)**

Coulsdon. H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: surreyjuniorchess@ccfworld.com)

~* 14 Jan: **CCF RAPIDPLAY**

Coulsdon. H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

14 Jan: **SUSSEX JUNIOR CHESS TRAINING DAY**

Cuckfield. S Fraser (Tel: 01342 318918)

~@ 14-15 Jan: **4NCL, Divisions 1, 2 & 3**

Paragon Hotel, Birmingham. J Robinson (Tel: 01536 261697, Email: robinson@chessstanion.ndo.co.uk)

*~@ 14-22 Jan: **BANDANACHESS.COM 3rd SATURDAY GM NORM EVENT**

Newcastle Upon Tyne. C Storey (Tel: 0191 230 0613, Email: director@bandanachess.com)

~ 15 Jan: **11th HEYWOOD RAPIDPLAY**

Civic Centre. W O'Rourke (Tel: 01706 627874, Email: worchessnu1@ntlworld.com)

~* 20-22 Jan: **CLEVELAND CONGRESS**

Hillcarter Hotel. G Marshall (Tel: 01429 426374, 07818 486928, Email: grahammarshall2000@hotmail.com)

21 Jan: **EPSCA RAPIDPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

~ 21 Jan: **SURREY JUNIOR - TEAM TRAINING DAY 1 (CCF)**

Coulsdon. H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: surreyjuniorchess@ccfworld.com)

~*#@ 27-29 Jan & 11-12 Feb: **WELLINGTON COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL**

Wellington College. R Clark (Tel: 01753 883300, Email: rayclark.mc@tiscali.co.uk)

~ 28 Jan: **CCF JUNIOR GRAND PRIX - ROUND 2**

Coulsdon. H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

28 Jan: **HORSHAM GRAND PRIX**

Greenway. S Fraser (Tel: 01342 318918)

28 Jan: **RICHMOND MASTER GROUP, ETNA**

Community Centre. S Kenyon (Tel: 07796 411452, Email: rjccdeputy@btopenworld.com)

~ 28 Jan: **8th YORK ONE DAY RAPIDPLAY**

The Elmbank Hotel. P Cloudsdale (Tel: 01904 767177, Email: pcloudsdale@hotmail.com)

29 Jan: **BARNET SCHOOLS CHESS ASSOCIATION INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Edgware. L Winston (Tel: 020 8959 8376, Email: bsca@lauriewinston.demon.co.uk)



Results Round-Up

Liverpool Congress

2-4 September 2005

Open: Stewart Haslinger, Formby, 228, 4; Richard Palliser, York, 223, 4; Howard Hughes, Burnley/Heywood, 188, 4

Major: Miroslav Stankovic, EEC, 149, 4½; David Bryan, Altrincham & Hale, 141, 4½

Minor: Jim Wiseman, Atticus, 109, 4½; Paul Kent, 79, 4½

CCF Autumn Congress

3-4 September 2005

Open: Eyal Deutsch, Israel, 222, 4½/5

Under 170: Donny Muter, Fulham Area, 155, 4½/5

Under 145: Shaun Alley, Newham, 138, 4/5; Russell Goodfellow, Tunbridge Wells, 134, 4/5

Under 120: Alan Hayes, Portsmouth Area, 101, 4/5; Nicholas Fordham, 110, 4/5; Samuel Franklin, Crystal Palace, 108, 4/5

Under 90: Anand Krishnan, St Marks, 68, 4/5; Duke Quinton, Coulsdon, 67, 4/5; Dunstan Rodrigues, South Norwood, 67, 4/5

55th Paignton Congress

4-10 September 2005

Premier: Stephen Berry, Kings Head, 213, 6/7

Challengers: Andrew Footner, Yeovil, 159, 6/7
Intermediate: Omer Namouk, Hastings, 118, 6/7

Minor: Stephen Simpson, London, 91, 6/7

American: Michael Kimber, Oxford, 137, 4½/7; Nigel Dennis, Maidenhead, 141, 4½

5-Round Morning: Ben Giles, New Zealand, 152, 4½/5

Leamington Rapidplay

11 September 2005

U200: Mason Don, Shirley, 197, 5/6

U160: Legge Andrew, 157, 5½/6

U130: Pritchard David, Walsall Kipping, 129, 6/6

U100: Lakhani Anjeli, Long Eaton, 97, 5½/6

U70: Johnson Andy, Daventry, 66, 5½/6

61st Richmond Rapidplay

11 September 2005

Open: Michael Basman, 5½/6

Major (Under 160): Mark Josse, 5/6

Intermediate (Under 120): Graham Hantman, 5½/6

Minor (Under 80): Alain Gaudeau, 5½/6

Bradford Congress

16-18 September 2005

Open: S Ansell, Betsson 4NCL, 4½/5

Major: M Round, Rose Forgrove, 4/5; S

Appleby, Burnley, 4/5; G Conroy, Rose Forgrove, 4/5

Minor: N Pearce, York RI, 4½/5; D Colledge, Calder, 4½/5

Northumberland Congress

23-25 September 2005

Open: Graeme Oswald, Durham City, 4/5; Charlie Storey, Newcastle, 4/5

Major (U150): Cyrill Fomin, Gateshead, 4½/5

Minor (U120): William Noble, Gateshead, 4½/5; Stewart McKay, Hamilton, 4½/5

Tyro (U90): Colin McGarty, Leam Lane, 3½/5; Bill Wilson, Hartlepool, 3½/5; Brian Davison, Gateshead, 3½/5; Kevin Rowden, South Shields, 3½/5;

Junior (U13 Rapidplay): Russell Edwards, Sheffield, 7/8

CCF Rapidplay

24 September 2005

Open & Under 170 Merged: John-Paul Wallace, Australia, 224 (elo), 6/6

Under 140: Jude Lenier, Crowborough, 93, 5/6; Brandan O'Gorman, DHSS, 123, 5/6

Under 110: Roland Johnson, Brentwood, 106, 5/6

Under 80: Antonio De Donatis, Woking Area, U62, 5/6

14th Monarch Assurance Isle of Man Masters

24 Sept - 2 Oct 2005

Areshchenko, Alexander, UKR, 2625, 7;

Shabalov, Alexander, USA, 2593, 7

KJCA Lee Junior Rapidplay

2 October 2005

Under 8: Alexei Davis, Eltham, 5½/6

Under 10: Jasdeep Gahir, South Norwood CC, 54, 5½/6

Under 12: Dunstan Rodrigues, Lewisham CC, 101, 5½/6; Alex Schymyck, Beckenham, 75, 5½/6

Under 14: Joe Kidson, Dulwich, 91, 4½/5

Under 18: Akash Jain, Pinner CC, 114, 4½/5

3rd Leicester Rapidplay

Major (U171): Malik, Kaiser, Checkmate, 123, 5½

Intermediate (U136): Humaimi, Nasrul, Warwick University, 130, 5½

Minor (U101): Evans, Paul, Littlethorpe, 97, 5½

Golders Green Rapidplay

15 October 2005

Open: Harris, Costas, e215, 5

U160: Huq, Robin, 142, 5½; Kumar, Vedantha, 139, 5½

U130: Pepe, Salvatore, 125, 5

U100: Thorpe, Walter M, 86, 6

Sussex Junior Chess

Chichester Grand Prix

15 October 2005

Junior U10 Rapidplay: Shyam Mohan, SJC, 50, 5½

Junior U12 Rapidplay: Joseph Quinn, SJC, 48, 5½

Junior U18 Rapidplay: James Foster, Kent, 50, 6

Buckinghamshire Junior Congress

16 October 2005

Under 8: Charlie Basham, 5½/6

Under 10: Maria Wang, 5½/6

Under 12: Aditya Gupta, 5½/6; Ilya Iyengar, 5½/6

Under 14: Anand Krishnan, 5/6; David Saunders, 5/6

Under 18: James C Foster, 5/6

29th Scarborough

International Congress

21-23 October 2005

Open: B Addison, Hartlepool, 4½; R Palliser, Harrogate, 4½

Major: R Gamble, Derby, 4½; D Muter, London, 4½

Intermediate: R Greatorex, Coventry, 4½

Minor: C Eckloff, Birmingham, 5

Foundation: I D Strickland, Leeds, 5

Central London Rapidplay

23 October 2005

Premier: Stephen Berry, Kings Head, 197, 4/5

Major: Brian Fitzpatrick, Australia, 155, 5½/6

Minor: David McNish, Edmonton, 111, 5/6

Braille Chess Association's

International Autumn

Tournament

28-30 October 2005

Open: Mordue, Tyson, 195, 4; Lilley, Graham, 4

Minor: Cuthbert, Jim, 60, 5

33rd English Deaf Chess

Association Congress &

National Championship

29-30 October 2005

Premier: Christopher Kreuzer, Twickenham, 149, 4½/5

Major: Mick Simmons, Sheffield, 87, 4/5

Pinner Open Rapidplay

30 October 2005

M Kobola, Hayes & Albany, 5½, 151

2nd Civil Service Open

Congress

5-6 November 2005

Open: Alexander Cherniaev, London, 4½, 230

Major (U-160): Mark Ruston, London, 4½, 157

Minor (U-120): Dipak Kumar Shah, Harrow, 5, 107





The England players in full regalia – Photo by Matt Hunt

Junior News

European Youth Chess Championships

13-28 September 2005

by Matt Hunt and Harriet Hunt

This year 643 players from 42 different countries took part in the European Youth Chess Championship in the picturesque town of Herceg Novi, on the coast of Montenegro. The tournament was

well organised by the Serbia & Montenegro Chess Federation and included many top players from the 2005 World Youth Championships. In total 13 players competed under the England flag: three in the U10 categories, two in each of the U12, U14 and U16 categories, and four players in the U18s including IM Gawain Jones (U18B).

The England contingent took a while to recover from the 12-hour journey, and made a slow start to the tournament, scoring 4/13 in the first round. However Ankush Khandelwal (U14B) achieved a draw with the 10th seed, and Maria Wang (U10G) and Daniel Hunt (U10B) both won - a fine start to their first ever European Championships. Maria had another good win in round 2, but Daniel was paired against the Russian 3rd seed and found himself outplayed. Amisha Parmar (U14G) also faced a highly-rated opponent, WIM Mariya Muzychuk of Ukraine, and achieved a promising opening but then went astray in the middlegame.

After 3 rounds most of the England players were on the scoreboard, with Sarah Hegarty (U18G) and Chantal Sirisena (U16G) winning particularly quickly. For the first time the group of players made more than 50% overall, scoring 7/13. Some tough pairings resulted the following day – Ankush met his match in an opponent rated nearly 400 points higher than him, while Amisha went down fighting to the top seed in her section. There are no easy points in a tournament of this calibre – by round 5 all our players were showing the strain of having to work really hard for every draw or win.



Maria Wang (U10G) – Photo by Matt Hunt



Debriefing (clockwise): Maria, Harriet Hunt, James, Danny and Tom – Photo by Matt Hunt

As a coach it's always nice when pre-game preparation pays off at the board – Daniel started the tournament with 1½/4, but things began to look up after this fine win:



Ankush Khandelwal – Photo by Matt Hunt



□ **White: Daniel Hunt**
(England – U10B)

■ **Black: Sanan Rahimli**
(Azerbaijan)

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6
7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6
10.Nd5 f5 11.Bxb5!?**

Danny surprises his opponent with a piece sacrifice in the Sicilian Sveshnikov, a dangerous weapon against an unprepared opponent.

11...axb5 12.Nxb5 Qa5+?!

Black goes astray immediately – he can't take the knight, so this queen check shouldn't achieve very much.

13.b4?!

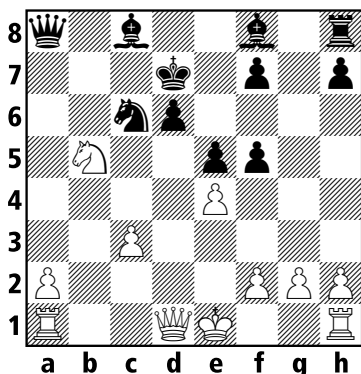
Better was 13.c3 – if 13...Qxb5?? 14.Nc7+

**13...Nxb4 14.Ndc7+ Kd7 15.c3 Nc6
16.Nxa8**

Danny is keen to regain some material, but 16.Qh5! was very strong.

16...Qxa8

16...Qxb5 perhaps looks more natural, but Danny pointed out that 17.Rb1 followed by Nb6+ is good



17.Qd5!

An excellent move.

17...fxe4 18.Qxf7+ Be7 19.Qf5+?

Danny rounds up another pawn, but better was 19.Rd1! – e.g. 19...Bb7 20.Rxd6+ Kc8 21.Qe6+ Kb8 22.Rxc6 Bxc6 23.Qxe5+ Kb7 24.Qxe7+ Kb6 25.Nd4 being one way to continue the attack

**19...Kd8 20.Qxe4 Be6 21.0–0 Rg8
22.Rfd1 Kd7 23.f3**

Now Black is right back in the game and threatening some tactics of his own, e.g. 23.Qxh7? Nd4!

23...Qa6 24.a4 Qb6+ 25.Kh1 Qc5?

25...Qf2 would have caused Danny a few difficulties

26.Rd2!

Danny prepares to double rooks and renew his attack in the centre. Struggling to find a good response to this plan, the

Azerbaijani boy makes the final mistake.

**26...Bb3 27.Qxh7 Bd5?? 28.Rad1
1–0**

After the mid-tournament rest-day, the English players' results improved notably. Round 6 saw the first wins for James Abrams (U10B) and Robert Heaton (U18B), who had found the going tough in the early part of the event, but both boys made excellent recoveries in the second week to finish on creditable scores of 4/9. Subin Sen (U12B) and Daniel also capitalised on tactical errors to win, propelling Daniel into the top half of the table and the leading English scorer. Round 7 saw further improvement with an excellent score of 9/13, including wins by all four U18 players.

The momentum building amongst the England party showed with a rocket start by the boys in Round 8: Ankush finished in just 50 minutes with a smashing win, and Gawain only 15 minutes later with a win also. The younger players, in contrast, played slow and thoughtful chess – Daniel increased his score to 5/8 by finding a nice checkmate in the endgame.

The intensive exposure to chess at international championships such as these mean that our players have the opportunity to learn a lot in a short space of time, improving both their general understanding of chess and knowledge of specific opening variations. The players frequently helped one another with their preparation for the games – it was particularly nice to see Maria win in the final round using an opening

that Daniel had taught her just that morning. The Sicilian Dragon is an ever-popular topic of debate in junior chess, and Tom Pym (U16B) gave an able display of attacking chess with this opening in the final round, providing an inspiration to some of his younger compatriots. Ankush secured an excellent last-round win against a much higher-rated opponent to finish as one of two leading England scorers on 5½/9, Daniel being the other. Special congratulations to these two boys.

So a much better second half brought the total England score to exactly 50% overall, with all the players showing real fighting spirit to overcome adversity. Well done everyone, and many thanks to all the parents who provided great support throughout the event, and to Harriet Hunt and Lawrence Trent whose unstinting work in preparing and coaching the players often paid dividends the very same day!

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Section	England Player (seeding)	Total Points	Position (out of)
U18B	Gawain Jones (10)	4½/9	34th of 66
	Robert Heaton (57)	4/9	45th of 66
U18G	Jessie Gilbert (21)	5/9	22nd of 50
	Sarah Hegarty (43)	4/9	37th of 50
U16B	Tom Pym (51)	3½/9	60th of 72
U16G	Chantal Sirisena (38)	4½/9	35th of 61
U14B	Ankush Khandelwal (47)	5½/9	21st of 75
U14G	Amisha Parmar (18)	5/9	23rd of 51
U12B	Subin Sen (12)	5/9	32nd of 79
U12G	Anjali Lakhani	3½/9	42nd of 56
U10B	Daniel Hunt	5½/9	19th of 73
	James Abrams	4/9	50th of 73
U10G	Maria Wang	4½/9	28th of 59

The Battle of the Giants

**Leiderdorp,
The Netherlands
October 22nd & 23rd 2005**



When the ECF's Manager of Coaching received an invitation for a County team to represent England at a tournament in Holland he passed it on to Jonathan Tuck of Sussex to put a team together. There were four age groups with four players in each and the Tournament was going to consist of teams from 5 countries, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany and England.

There was a large range of abilities on show at the Tournament, from novices to World and European Championship representatives with FIDE ratings of 2200.

On Saturday, after the Opening Ceremony where our only girl player, Polly Lambert, had to dress up as a pawn, we sat down to our first game in the league section of the tournament against our hosts SV Leiderdorp. Leiderdorp, the holders of the trophy, are one of the biggest and best clubs in Holland with talented youngsters travelling from all over the country to play for them. After a promising start, Rhys Cumming winning quickly, it became apparent we were faced with a stiff task. So it proved as we went down 10.5 to 5.5. Although there were a few games that could have gone either way.

So we had to win our remaining 2 games to qualify for the Championship semi-finals. Our next game was against Le Perchay, a chess club from just outside Paris. After a stern lecture from Jonathan, the team came out fighting, determined to prove themselves. The results reflected this and we quickly ran up a winning score going to 14-0 before Adam Prescott lost on the top board in an exciting encounter, but to a 20 year old with a much higher grading. Nevertheless at that point the whole team were relieved to be back in the game, every player had at least one win.

So the decider for a semi final place was set up with Harlem Chess Club, as they had beaten Le Perchay convincingly in the first round. Our nerves were quickly settled though and the players all played very solidly to win this round 13.5 – 2.5. So a pleasing day, Farris Ziyada and Rhys had both scored 3 out of 3. However we knew the hardest part of the competition was to come.

In the Evening our hosts fed us a delicious Chinese meal and laid on entertainment, so we arrived back at the hostel to swap notes with our fellow competitors and get a good nights sleep.

We were drawn to play Vlaanderen from Belgium, the pre-tournament favourites, they were strong in every section and we knew we would have to play at our very best to compete with them. Although the players played solidly they were just too strong for us and we ended up losing 14-2, with only Adam Prescott and David Grant getting draws and Grant Bucher getting a fine captain's win.

There was a surprise in the other semi-final with Zukertort, another Dutch chess club, edging out Leiderdorp in the final game to qualify for the final, so we were faced with our first opponents again in the 3rd place play-off.

After a quick chat with the Team Manager, we decided to change around the board order so all our

team would play different players. Fortunately Sussex played a lot better this time and ran out narrow winners 9.5- 6.5 in a very exciting finish so we had achieved 3rd place and won a very nice trophy with medals to boot. In the final Vlaanderen beat Zukertort to take the main trophy and 400 euros.

Sussex Junior Chess would like to thank Roald Vahl and all the parents at SV Leiderdorp for their fantastic hospitality and their generosity in providing the accommodation, food and local transport for the event. We would also like to thank Schutten IT for their overall sponsorship of the event, and our own sponsors Deutsch who kindly provided the funds for our team shirts.

Full details of the match can be found on the website www.battleofthegiants.nl

Sussex Junior Chess team

Under-20: Adam Prescott (Uckfield) 2, Joe Fraser (East Grinstead) 3, Grant Bucher (Hurstpierpoint) 3.5, Andrew Tucker (Ditchling) 2.5

Under-14: David Grant (Balcombe) 2.5, George Salimbeni (Staplefield) 2, Tristan Blundell (Hurstpierpoint) 2, Farris Ziyada (Crawley) 3

Under-12: Alex Galliano (Crawley) 3.5, Rhys Cumming (Brighton) 4, Joseph Quinn (Storrington) 3, Ben Blundell (Hurstpierpoint) 3

Under-10: Jude Lenier (Hastings) 3, Charlie Mills (Storrington) 2, Polly Lambert (East Grinstead) 3, Barnaby Paul (Billingshurst) 3



Kings Chess Congress

Kings Congress, held in the Kings Hall at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Is an annual open one-day event run by the Northumbria Junior Chess Association. Mrs Marjorie Dodds, town crier of Chester-le-Street and friend of the Northumberland Chess Association, opened proceedings by announcing two special presentations given by Gerry Walsh - one a President's Award to Paul Bielby and the other the Magazine of the Year Award to the Northumberland Chess Association Bulletin. Mrs. Dodds also announced the start of play in Round 1.

Gerry Walsh and Marjorie Dodds

The Open Section was won by IM Richard Palliser (Harrogate) with a score of 4/5, half a point ahead of 5 players including GM Daniel Gormally.

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

A welcome to you all today
To the chess congress here at Kings
But we're here as well to celebrate other things
You may not be aware
That you are in the company of talents rare
There are those here whose services to chess
Include teaching, playing and no less
Than – how many years? And multitudinous matches
And writing newspaper and magazine dispatches
Arbiters of renown
At congresses in city and in town
Today is a great day for chess in the north east
Celebrating two awards from the English Chess Federation
Given for years of dedication

So now I would like to introduce the president of the English Chess Federation
Mr Gerry Walsh to explain and present the awards.

Marjorie Dodds
Town Crier of Chester-le-Street



- Open:** 1 IM Richard Palliser, 4/5; 2 = GM Daniel Gormally, David Eggleston, Thomas Eggleston, Damien Gabriel, Roger Coathup, 3½/5
Minor: 1 = Steven Aitchison, Paul Costello, 4½/5; 3 = Robert Forsythe, Jim Rogers, Daniel O'Dowd, 4/5
Under 16: 1 Simon Love, 4½/5; 2 Thomas Glover, 4/5; 3 Max Jones, 3½/5
Under 12: 1 = Pierre Weller, Jean-Luc Weller, 7½/8; 3 = Thomas Gholkar, Russell Edwards 5½/8
Under 9: 1 John Abraham, RGS, 7½/8; 2 George Wyatt, 6½/8; 3 Thomas Aldridge, 5/8



British Rapidplay Championships

12th/13th November 2005, North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax

HEBDEN POWERS TO RAPIDPLAY GLORY

Leicester Grandmaster Mark Hebden powered his way to his fourth British Rapidplay Championship with an impressive 9.5/11. Hebden was chased down to the wire by Danny Gormally who had to be content with the runners up prize finishing with a very strong 9/11. Young pretenders Craig Hanley and Stewart Haslinger shared third place watching from a respectful distance with 7.5/11 each.