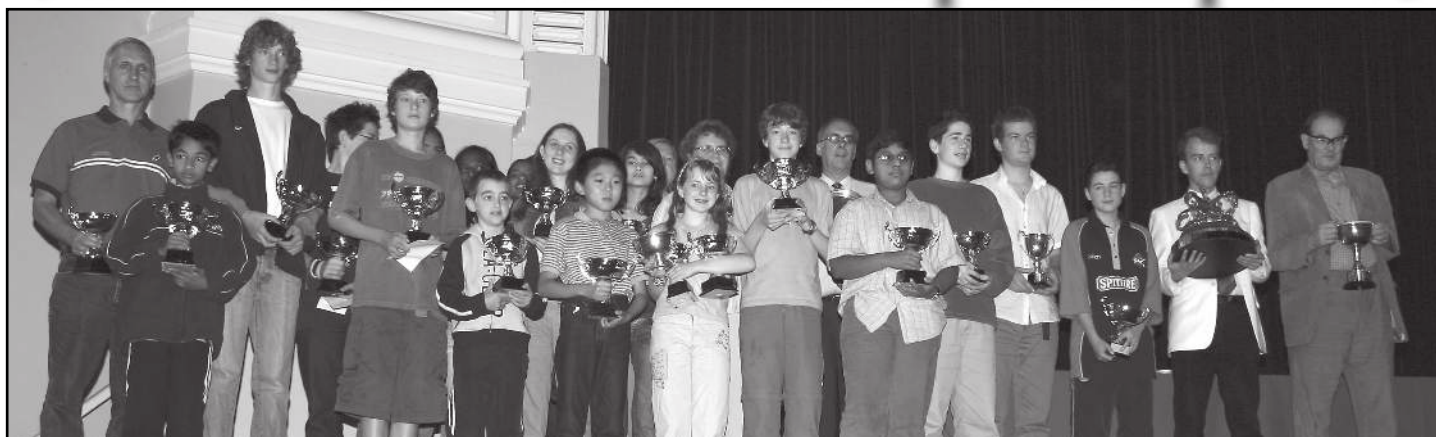




Smith & Williamson 92nd British Chess Championship 2005



The Smith and Williamson 92nd British Championship took place from 1st to 12th August in Douglas, capital of the Isle of Man. It finished in a second consecutive victory for the defending champion and favourite, Scotland's Jonathan Rowson.

The competition was absorbing and exciting throughout with Rowson recovering from an early poor start, including a defeat to 18 year old Timothy Woodward in round 2, but impressing with a rousing recovery culminating in his victory in the penultimate round over close competitor, Stuart Conquest. (Game featured overleaf).

The Villa Marina provided a magnificent and fitting setting for the Championships and was universally praised.

Several international players were in action instead at the European Team Championship in Gothenburg and the field was smaller than in recent years with 46 entrants. However, in attendance were three other grandmasters in addition to Rowson – Stuart Conquest, John Emms and Chris Ward; plus six IMs and a number of FIDE Masters (FMs).

Apart from his early defeat to Woodward (FM), Rowson also managed a draw in round six against Andrew Greet following terrible trouble. He won his other four games to reach the mid-point on 4.5/6, when Chris Ward led the field on 5/6.

Rowson was well placed however and he won a good game as White against Ward in round seven to lead together with Greet. Rowson then drew as Black against IM Stuart Haslinger and won in round 9 as White against 18-year-old Stephen Gordon from Oldham, who nevertheless proved to be a revelation, achieving 7/11 overall. With two rounds remaining, Rowson led together with Conquest and in their crucial encounter, he beat Conquest to open whole point cushion. He played Emms in the final round and had White, quickly gaining an advantage which induced Emms to offer the draw which saw Rowson confirmed as champion again on 8.5/11.

Conquest and Haslinger were second on 8, and Emms and Richard Pert (IM -the leader in the early rounds) made 7.5, ahead of Gordon and Ward 7.



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Jonathan Rowson with Chief Arbiter Alex McFarlane

Editorial

A replacement for Dawn has now commenced working in the BCF office, her name is Tina, and I am sure that she will fit in very well with the rest of us administrative slaves.

This is the last BCF ChessMoves, the next issue will be ECF. Let's hope that the ECF will achieve as much as the BCF has done over the last 101 years. There have been major changes in the membership structure, and I hope very much that those who have supported us in the past will continue to do so in our future as ECF.

Cynthia Gurney, Editor

British Champions:

British: 1st 8½/11 J Rowson

Major Open: 1st 8½/11 S Abu Sufian

Senior: 1st 6/7 D Anderton

U16: 1st= 5/7 D Hall, J Thomas,

C Russell, L Bayliss, P Constantinou

U14: 1st= 5/7 M David, A Khandelwal, J Thomas

U13: 1st= 5/7 D Groves, R Lobo

U12: 1st 5½/7 Y Zhou

U11: 1st 6/7 M Owens

U10: 1st= 6/7 J Lenier, S Sathyanandha

U9: 1st= 6/7 J Lenier, N Taylor

U8: 1st 5½/6 J Bowler

U175: 1st 4/5 S Connor

U150: 1st= 4/5 J Fallowfield, R Howley

U125: 1st 4½/5 A Winchcombe

U100: 1st= 4/5 E Farrington, D Jain, D McIntosh

5 Day Week 1: 1st= 3½/5 P Bielby,

M Cutmore, N Gill, H Hughes, P Stokes

5 Day Week 2: 1st 5/5 S Connor

Harry Baines Week 1:

1st 6½/9 M Kobylka

Harry Baines Week 2:

1st 7/9 M Kobylka

Atkins Weekender:

1st= 4/5 H Brechin, J Waugh

Manx Weekender:

1st= 4/5 D Forbes, R Furner, D Gilbert

Rapidplay 31 July:

1st 5½/6 P Marusenko

Rapidplay 7 August:

1st 5½/6 G Jones

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The Smith & Williamson British Championship

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The Smith & Williamson British Championships proved to be a momentous event and the 2006 Championship in Swansea is eagerly anticipated.



Playing Hall

Stuart Conquest v Jonathan Rowson

(Notes courtesy of Jonathan Speelman), Douglas 2005 (round 10), (Sicilian Najdorf)



Stuart Conquest receiving his cheque from Alex McFarlane

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 a4! 7 Bg5, Bc4, Be3 or Be2.

6...g6 Changing tacks with a Dragon (5...g6) in which the inclusion of the sixth moves means that White can't realistically play the normally dangerous lines in which he castles long.

7 Be2 Bg7 8 Be3 0-0 9 0-0 Nc6 10 f4

Bg4 Sometimes played in the analogous line of the Dragon (without a4 a6) this is possible because the combinative liquidations after either 11 Bxg4 Nxd4 12 Qxg4 Nxd4 or 12 Nxc6 Bxe2 13 Nxd8 Bxd1 turn out to be perfectly playable for Black.

11 Nb3 Qc8 12 Kh1 Bxe2 13 Qxe2 Qg4

The queen is actively placed here but also mildly exposed.

14 Rf3 Rac8 15 Rd1 Qh5 16 Bg1 Rfe8

17 Qf1?!

Somewhat carelessly allowing Black to advance on the queenside. Instead 17 h3 looks sensible not yet threatening g4 – which loses a pawn to ...Nxg4 – but somewhat restricting the enemy queen.

17...b5! 18 axb5 axb5 19 Re1

If White captures either way on b5 then the e pawn falls giving Black the edge.

19...b4 20 Nb5 d5 Breaking in the centre.

21 e5!? This allows the enemy knight to settle on e4. Instead 21 Rh3 Qg4 22 Rg3 was possible when if Black wants to avoid a draw

by repetition then he has to play 22...Qd7 but then 23 Nc5 Qd8 23 e5 is strong because the c5 knight controls e4 and a pawn sacrifice with 23...Ne4 is dubious. However, Conquest, a fearless warrior, very possibly saw this but decided that he wanted more than a draw.

21...Ne4 22 Qd3 e6 23 N3d4 23 Nd2 looks sensible.

23...Qh4 24 Ra1 Nxd4 25 Bxd4 Ra8 26 Rg1 Qe7 27 Nd6 Finally fighting against the knight but the exchanges which follow help Black.

27...Nxd6 28 Bc5 Qb7 29 Bxd6 Bf8 30 Bxf8 Rxf8 This pawn structure is potentially quite acceptable to White with minor pieces on the board – though in this case Rowson's e4 knight was a pain. But the exchanges have left Black with better targets than White so he now has a pleasant edge.

31 Qd2 Qe7 32 Rb3 Rfc8 33 f5?!

Panicking. But if 33 Rxb4 Rxc2 34 Qxc2 Qxb4 is very unpleasant.

33...exf5 34 Qxd5 Rab8 35 Re3 Rc5 36 Qb3 f6 36 Qd6 Qxd6 37 exd6 Rd5 - (possibly also 37...Rxc2) gives a clear advantage but this is also very bad.

36...Rxe5 37 Rxe5 Qxe5 38 h3 Rc8 39 Rd1 Qe2 40 Rd7 Rc4 41 Rb7 f4 42 Qf3 Trying to bail out but with his king stuck on the back rank the rook ending is lost.

42...Qxf3 43 gxf3 Kg7 44 b3 Rxc2 45 Rxb4 g5 46 Kg1 Kg6 47 Rb7 h6 48 b4 Rb2 49 b5 Kh5 50 Kf1 Or 50 Rxf7 Rxb5 51 Rh7 Kh4! 52 Rxh6+ Kg3 etc.

50...Kh4 51 Ke1 Kxh3 52 Kd1 Kg3 53 Kc1 Rb4 54 Kc2 Kxf3 55 Kc3 Rb1 56 Kc2 Re1 57 Rxf7 Re6 and Conquest resigned



Timothy Woodward v Jonathan Rowson (the eventual winner against the only person he lost to).

The Smith & Williamson British Championship

From the Director of Congress Chess

For many years, I have been an Arbiter at the British Chess Championships and more recently I have acted also as Deputy Director. I have never been quite certain how the Congress Office operated, but I think I know the situation on the 'shop floor' fairly well.

I had no reservations about asking Alex MacFarlane to be Chief Arbiter of the British Chess Championships. He maintained excellent conditions for the players and ensured the smooth day-to-day running of the tournaments. I took over Neil's position in the Office upstairs, so Alex and I did the jobs previously done by Neil, Alex and myself. This did set me to wondering what exactly I had been doing at Scarborough: the position of Deputy Director did not seem to be missed. Neil Graham, however, was missed. The Office did not seem quite the same without his merry quips, and I knew for the first time that the 'buck' really did stop here, and I had to make any critical decisions myself.

As a team, we are a fairly quirky lot, and I did my best to play to our strengths. Everyone worked very well together and there was little sign of tiredness towards the end of the second week. We had all worked hard, but not been pushed past the limit.

You may have noticed that I haven't yet mentioned the important people. The Congress would have been singularly boring without the players. The main events were well contested and all the extra activities were as well supported as they had been in a Congress twice the size. You will see lots of lists of winners, but all participants contribute a lot to the overall success of the event.

I really do thank Gareth Pearce of *Smith & Williamson* for his continued support and sponsorship. He opened the Congress together with David Cretney, the Manx Minister of Tourism and our President, Gerry Walsh.

It is tempting to list everyone, but so often this leads to missing out someone obvious. Everyone worked hard, and I do appreciate it, but I must make special mention of the friendly approach and quiet efficiency of the Villa Marina staff.



Gawain Jones v Alex Therrien

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The daily bulletin was a great success, the Cricketers did themselves proud, the Congress website received favourable comment and the great majority of the players enjoyed both the Chess and the delights of the Isle of Man. We were still meeting players a couple

of days after the Championships ended, when about half the Arbitering team spent a little longer on the Island before finally making our way home.

David Welch



British Junior Champions with David Welch (back row)

Barbican 4NCL entering European Club Cup 2005

This is to announce that Barbican 4NCL will, for the third time in four years, represent the BCF in the European Club Cup, held this year in St Vincent, Italy) on 18-24 September. The team will be captained in situ by IM Mark Ferguson, and will again be generously financially supported in this competition by the Friends of Chess.

Our team will be:

1 JONATHAN PARKER; 2 BRIAN KELLY; 3 SAM COLLINS; 4 MARK FERGUSON; 5 MAX DEVEREAUX; 6 MARTIN TAYLOR; 7 PETER TAYLOR; 8 INGRID LAUTERBACH

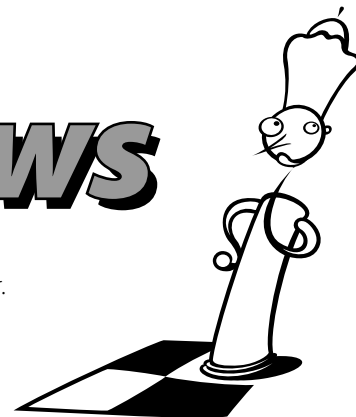
As before, each match is played over six boards, and board order within a team cannot be changed. In their last ECC (Rethymnon, Crete 2003) Barbican finished in the top half, just one place behind Clichy, who fielded Stuart Conquest on board five. On that occasion we finished as the fourth highest West European team, and (In Europe as in the 4NCL) the highest amateur team of all. We aim to repeat this success.

To qualify automatically, Barbican 4NCL 1 had to finish third in last season's 4NCL, which we did by virtue of beating Wood Green 2 in the last round. Since Wood Green's first team was its strongest ever in the last round, so too was its second team, which fielded 5 Gms and 3 IMs - but our 5-3 win was just one of a number of victories against such opposition for us, and we hope to build upon this momentum in Italy.

Game from the Barbican 4NCL 1 v Wood Green 2 match in May 2005, which secured our automatic qualification for the ECC this year: **M.Ferguson v J.Levitt (2441)**

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 exd5 Qxd5 5 Nf3 cxd4 6 Bc4 Qd6 7 Qe2 Nf6 8 Nb3 Nc6 9 Bg5 a6 10 0-0-0 b5 11 Bd3 Bb7 12 Nbd4 0-0-0 13 Be4! Qc7 14 Bxc6 Bxc6 15 Nxc6 Qxc6 16 Rxd8+ Kxd8 17 Qe5 Be7 18 Qb8+ Qc8 19 Rd1+ Nd7 20 Qxc8+ **1-0**

BCF News



Chess Club & Congress Insurance

We are pleased to announce that the BCF Club and Congress Insurance will be available again this year. The BCF is an appointed representative under FSA regulations. Renewal forms for those who have previously purchased our insurance have been sent out. If you require an insurance application form please contact the BCF Office.

Yearbook 2006

Due to the imminent change from BCF to ECF publication of the Yearbook has been delayed until early 2006. Information forms will be sent out to the relevant persons/organisations in the near future.

BCF Management Board Meeting held 25th June 2005

The Management Board met on Saturday 25th June in Derby with CEO Roy Heppinstall in the Chair. Fourteen attended.

Conversion to a Company Limited by Guarantee and Change of Name.

A huge amount of detailed documentation had been and was being prepared in connection with these changes. It was agreed that all Officials and Managers of the English Chess Federation must be Direct Members of the Federation. It was also agreed that all such Officials and Managers should have one year contracts. The position of Secretary for the new Company would be advertised in due course. In view of these changes it was agreed to publish the next edition of the yearbook in January 2006.

NCCU Membership Scheme.

There had been some delay in finalising the Memorandum of Agreement with the NCCU to enable implementation of the Scheme.

Junior Activities.

Some unfortunate clashes of dates had occurred and it was agreed that all relevant Directors should consult regularly to avoid such problems. It was agreed to form a separate "ECF Youth Trust" prior to conversion in October and that this could be launched in conjunction with an appeal for Junior Funding.

General Funding.

It was agreed that £3000 from the Legacies Fund would be made available to the 2005/06 Hastings Congress. Other requests for funding were either declined or deferred pending receipt of further information.

Role of Match Captains.

The FIDE Rules on this were noted, but it was agreed that a realistic approach had to be adopted. The matter was referred to the Arbiters Association for further consideration.

Appointment of Arbiters.

Roger Edwards (North Staffordshire DCA) was appointed as a Senior Arbiter.

Awards 2005

2005 will be the last year of the BCF Awards, with next year the first of the English Chess Federation awards. The Awards committee's recommendations have been endorsed by the Management Board and will be reported to the AGM on 22 October. Those in receipt of the last BCF Awards are:

President's Award For Service To Chess

Three recipients:

Paul R Bielby - Based in the North East and one of the main Architects of the Northumbria Junior Chess Association. Also, publisher and editor of the junior newsletter of NJCA. His award recognises many years of service to adult and junior chess in NCCU.

Robert Howard Jones - Based in the West Country and also heavily involved in Junior Chess. Not only Junior chess but for adults also, and on a personal level he has played for his County, Devon, for 41 years. Again the award recognises many years of service to Chess.

John M Robinson - Known to many as a regular controller of BCF events during the last 20 years. Always ready and willing to come to tournaments and to give advice to those who are setting up new events. As well as work for the British Championships John now undertakes work for 4NCL and the award recognises the many years of work in these area of Chess.

Club Of The Year

Two strong nominations were received and Heywood Chess club were chosen for the award. In a relatively short space of time Heywood have grown to 60 members, a third of them juniors. The committee were impressed with the clubs policy of involving children of both sexes, handicapped children and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The club hosts the Heywood Congress, the second largest in the North West. Space does not allow a full record of all the activities that made Heywood Club of the Year.

There were no nominations for Small Club of the Year.

Website Of The Year

Once again a very popular award category with several nominations. The committee selected the 4NCL website, www.4ncl.co.uk, whose webmaster is P Sowray. The site has wealth of information regarding the 4NCL but with much more for those just browsing.

Magazine Of The Year

Another popular category and the award goes to the Northumberland Chess Association Bulletin, which is edited by John Wheeler. Whilst the magazine covers chess within the Northumberland area, it does so in an illuminating style with commentary, games and discussion.

International News

European Team Championship

Open Team Report

As we have become used to England doing well in such events as the European Team and the Olympiad we seem to forget that one of the major factors behind that success was an excellent sponsor in Duncan Lawrie. Since 2001 that has not been there. As a result we have to get used to a new reality which is that of a struggle for money to get a good side out to represent us. So failing to do the best thing I think that to send out a team that began the process of giving the next generation a crack of the whip turned out to be very successful in Gothenburg and the second best thing to do. As a result we should be very pleased with the teams performance in coming 13th (five places ahead of seeding) and dare I say it ahead of the Russians. Four members of the team got plus scores AND IMPROVED THEIR RATINGS.



Rupert Jones (2nd from right) with the Men's Team

Luke McShane on one for the first time had a very good tournament. He came to Gothenburg from an unfortunate experience in China and a little bit down in confidence and then played out of his skin. It looked like he was going to win a medal but two defeats late to Navarra and Vladimir Georgiev cost him his chance. However a fine win against Rozentalis in the last round still gave him an excellent plus three and 6/9 and a performance in excess of 2700. On board three and one of two making his debut was Danny Gormally. What a star we have in the making if we can only find ways to ease his travel fears. Despite all the worries about getting him there and then getting him back, once there he put them all to one side and played superb chess. With one round to go he was all set for a board prize. A quick draw in the last round and all his rivals winning cost him his chance yet a score of 5.5/8 and a performance rating of 2650 plus represented a fine debut.

The other debutante was Nick Pert and another fine debut it was. He went through the event unbeaten and ended up with plus 2. And now to the veteran of the team. Danny and Nick seemed to be in awe of the fact that Jon first made his debut for England in 1977 before some of them were born. And one thing you can get from Jon is solidity and an unbeaten performance. And finally let me congratulate Peter Wells on doing a fine job as captain

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though he would probably be the first person to admit that it did affect his play. Once we get a good sponsor again for the international team we can go back to having non playing captains and being less budget conscience. Another factor is that the team standings were done on match points. Our game points score was 21 which is just short of the total game points we scored in winning the event in 1997.

Our sincere thanks to the Swedish organisers who were very efficient in putting the whole thing together, whether it was from being met at the airport and delivered to the hotel in smart new Volvo's, generally everything was excellent. The venue and the hotel were all in the same place and with lots of space and the food got better.

All we need now is a good sponsor so we can get a team out again that can challenge for medals. Where the likes of Gormally and Pert (and let us not forget David Howell) can compete for places in a team with Adams, Short and McShane. Then we will give ourselves the chance to again win medals. Is there anybody out there reading this who can help? We are waiting to hear from you.

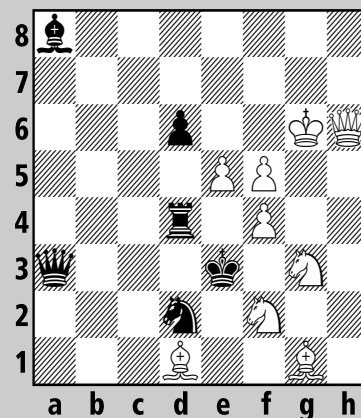
**Rupert Jones, BCF
International Director**

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Cape Times, 1956



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European Women Team Championship 2005

A captain's log...

The picturesque city of Gothenburg played host to the European Team Championships 2005. With a U2 concert on the first day and being situated next to Scandinavia's largest theme park, Gothenburg was truly a magnificent setting for such a prestigious international event.

A new format had been introduced for the Women's team championship, whereas in previous years the teams had simply consisted of two players and a reserve the teams had been doubled to four players and a reserve. This change had severe implications on many countries; many could not send teams as it was so expensive, others had problems finding players of a reasonable strength who could participate. In effect the change only really benefited a few countries that had the depth to perform consistently. However despite the changes in place, the actual strength of the top teams was phenomenal several of them could have happily held their own in the Open team section. The young Russian team, were the runaway favourites, they were so strong that former World Championship Contender Alisa Galliamova could only make the reserve board. Hot on their heels were the Georgians who were further strengthened by the last minute arrival of Maia Chiburdanidze. However in the end, it was Poland and its team of International Masters who finished somewhat surprisingly first.

Rank	Team	+	=	-	MP	Pts
1	Poland	6	3	0	15	23
2	Georgia	5	4	0	14	21½
3	Russia	5	2	2	12	22
13	England	3	3	3	9	20½



Rupert Jones (BCF International Director) with the Women's Team

Bo.	Name	Rtg	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts.	RtgAvg	Rp
1	IM Houska Jovanka	2342	ENG	½	1	0	1	½	½	1	1	½	6.0	2285	2410
2	IM Lalic Susan	2362	ENG	0	1	0	1	1	½	1	0	4.5	2261	2304	
3	WIM Richards Heather	2150	ENG	½	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	5.5	2212	2353	
4	WIM Lauterbach Ingrid	2156	ENG	0	0			0		1	0	1.0	2119	1879	
5	WFM Gilbert Jessie	2151	ENG	0	1	1		0	1		½	3.5	2097	2154	

Although we were without our regular top board Harriet Hunt, we managed to field a very strong team of myself (captain), IM Susan Lalic, WIM Heather Richards, WIM Ingrid Lauterbach and WFM Jessie Gilbert. Despite our low seeding (18 out of 27), the return of Susan and the injection of young blood in the shape of Jessie filled us with optimism. Our main goal was to finish in the top ten and play at least one of the strongest teams and after a somewhat an unlucky start we managed to stage a magnificent comeback to finish in thirteenth place.

It was a great honour that I was chosen to be captain although I was a little bit nervous as to how both the team and myself but I needn't have worried the whole team had such a positive attitude that it made my job very easy. On top board I scored six points from nine, I was happy with my performance although typically I had hoped for a few more wins!! After nearly four years of absence from serious chess it was a welcome sight to have Susan back on the team. Such is her strength and experience that despite her absence she managed a very creditable 4.5 out of eight holding her own against many strong players. Heather has had an incredible summer this year picking up an average thirty rating points per tournament and in Gothenburg it was no exception. Scoring a magnificent 5.5 out of 8 she played in her characteristic attacking style managing a fine win over International Master Svetlana Prudnikova from Serbia and Montenegro. Jessie managed to shake off the curse that has haunted newcomers in the previous years. With her enthusiasm and optimism coupled with some calm logical play she was a real asset to the team. I am sure that we will see much more of her in later years. This tournament turned into something of a nightmare for Ingrid but even so to her credit she put in 100% effort into every game even though she was very unlucky not to have scored more points.

Jovanka Houska



Jovanka Houska (left) on Board 1

Junior News

England Success in Glorney & Faber 2005



From left to right: Robert Heaton, Richard Westwood, Simon Fowler, Peter Constantinou, Paul Lam, Claire Morris, Charlotte Wilcox and Chantal Sirisena.

England successfully defended the Glorney and Faber Cups at Liverpool Hope University from July 26th to 29th.

The Glorney Cup started with a surprise, England only drawing with Belgium $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, whilst Scotland and the Czech Republic both scored $3\frac{1}{2}$. The latter kept in front with a 5-0 defeat of Wales, whilst England had a comprehensive win over Scotland by $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in round 2.

The third round saw some surprising results. England also scored 5 against Wales, but the Czechs lost $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ against Belgium whilst Scotland won the Celtic battle 3-2. Round 4 saw another impressive England win with Ireland just getting one draw, Wales getting the same score against Belgium but the Czechs only beating Scotland 3-2. This meant that the scores going into the last round were England $16\frac{1}{2}$, Belgium $14\frac{1}{2}$, Czech Republic 13, Scotland 9, Ireland 5, Wales 2. In the final round, England scored their second maximum against the Czech, Wales lost $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ to Ireland and Scotland lost by the same score to Belgium. Simon

Fowler scored 5/5 on top board, Peter Constantinou scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ on board 2, Robert Heaton scored 4 on board 3, Richard Westwood $3\frac{1}{2}$ on board 4 whilst Paul Lam scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ on board 5. The fact that just two boards were lost out of 25 underlines the excellent play of all 5 boys.

The Faber Cup saw 3 England teams. The first round saw a major shock with the C team, put together by Ian Hughes from the girls of Augthon St Michael's School to ensure an even number of teams, beating Belgium 2-1. The England A team beat the B team $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ whilst the Czechs beat Ireland 3-0. Round 2 saw the Irish lose by the same score to England A whilst the B team defeated the C team 2-1 whilst the Czechs drew with the Belgians. Round 3 saw Ireland draw with England B whilst England A beat Belgium and the Czechs beat England C both by 3-0. Ireland gained their first win in Round 4 against England C by 2-1 whilst England A and the Czechs had a hard fought draw and Belgium had revenge against England with a 3-0 win against the B team.

The final round saw England A beat the C team 3-0, the Czechs win 2-1 against the B team and Ireland and Belgium draw. This ensured that England A won with 13 points, from the Czechs on 11, Belgium on 7 points, Ireland and England B 5 and the England C team scoring 4 points.

The England A team did not lose a single game with scores of 4 for Chantal Sirisena and $4\frac{1}{2}$ for Charlotte Wilcox and Claire Morris. The B team were handicapped by a player not arriving, but Jessica Thilaganathan and Hannah Dale both did well with scores of $2\frac{1}{2}$ each. The C team came into the event with no preparation, but did exceptionally well. Sophie Williams took on the top boards without success or any luck, whilst Rachel Cass and Chantale Belkhir with 1 and 2 points respectively must be congratulated.

Thanks are due to Peter Purland for his help and advice and excellent controlling. Norman Stephen son took on the role of Manager at very short notice and Cherokee Shrines looked after the young ladies. What gives the greatest pleasure to the reporter was a phone call from another manager after the event, saying this was the first event he has been to when there were no complaints about the players. We must also thank the authorities of Hope University Liverpool, especially the ladies of the conference office, Alex Landy, Anna Maloney and Doreen Heaney. Finally, a big thank you to the players who did everything that could be expected of them, and more.

Cyril Johnson,
Acting Director of Junior Chess & Education

Glorney Cup

TEAM	Belgium	Czech Rep	England	Ireland	Scotland	Wales	Score	Place
Belgium		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	18	2nd
Czech Rep	$1\frac{1}{2}$		0	$3\frac{1}{2}$	3	5	13	3rd
England	$2\frac{1}{2}$	5		$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	$21\frac{1}{2}$	1st
Ireland	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		2	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$	5th
Scotland	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	3		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	4th
Wales	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$	6th

Faber Cup

TEAM	Belgium	Czech Rep	England "A"	Ireland	England "B"	England "C"	Score	Place
Belgium		$1\frac{1}{2}$	0	$1\frac{1}{2}$	3	1	7	3rd
Czech Rep	$1\frac{1}{2}$		$1\frac{1}{2}$	3	2	3	11	2nd
England "A"	3	$1\frac{1}{2}$		3	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	13	1st
Ireland	$1\frac{1}{2}$	0	0		$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	5	4th
England "B"	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$		2	5	5th
England "C"	2	0	0	1	1		4	6th

World Youth Chess Championships

Belfort, France, 18th to 30th July 2005

Last round Report:

Eric Khoo (Assistant to Team Manager) reports from Belfort:

It is the last round of this year's World Youth Chess Championships. The WYCC is not a normal competition. It involves the best or chosen representatives of each country in the world to compete in a fair and level field environment. It is an event in which the representatives are proud to be chosen and should endeavour to prepare and perform the best possible for their countries. More importantly, the hosting nation and federations of participating countries should ensure that all appropriate organisation (in the name of fairplay, playing support and environment) should be adequately provided for the competitors.

It is the opinion of the English team management that this year, although the running of the chess competition was of quality, the supporting environment had not been up to standard, especially on food, transportation, security, hygiene and over-hot playing conditions. We hope that the future organisation for this event can be improved to rectify these types of deficiencies. In today's last round, we scored 3 wins and 2 draws. George, Sheila and Gawain won to chalk up a final score of 6, 7 & 7 points respectively. Dana drew to score 6.5 points while Li drew to make the highest English score of 7.5 points.

On the whole, all the players performed well and almost everyone was on a positive score, i.e. above a 50% level. This is one of the best team performances from England. Notable achievements are: Stephanie improved from her previous record in WYCC; Craig achieved the best Under 10 Boys performance for the last few years; Li threatened the top boards in the Under 16 Boys and was in the running for a medal until the 8th round; Gawain was in his last WYCC and also in top form with medal chance until round 8.

It must be reported that we were just able to successfully maintain high team spirits this year with significant help from all parents onsite, despite the adverse conditions - thanks to Mrs Whitfield for assisting in the language barriers and the coaches for continuing to work hard in preparing the players in a what can be only described as a very hostile environment to compete in such a prestigious event.

A special thanks to the management team of the Hotel Arianis in Sochaux who had been very kind to the England team in providing a conference room to allow our players to do their training every day. The Arianis hotel has a very high standard of service and is strongly recommended for visitors to Sochaux. Well done team, until next year. **More results, reports and photos are available at www.bcfservices.org.uk/wy2005.**



3rd European Community Youth Championships

Under 10s, 12s & 14s

Mureck, Austria, 18th to 26th August 2005

The England Team



Peter Turner reports from Mureck: The team managed by Gill & Peter Turner and coached by GM Matthew Turner, GM Mark Hebden & GM Neil McDonald travelled from Stansted to Graz. The Welsh, Irish & Scots teams were also on the flight. A coach was waiting to take us to register at the tournament in Mureck and then onto our excellent accommodation in nearby Misselsdorf. As last year we were staying in the Hotel Fabiani so were not surprised by the very warm welcome received. Rosemarie Fabiani had asked for the England team to be accommodated in her hotel. This delighted us as the youngsters, and parents, were keen to take advantage of the tennis, table tennis, cycling and very pleasant environment. There are 21 nations competing, our squad of 13 players is the second largest behind the host nation.

Day 2: A good start to the championships with Subin on 3/3 and 4 players only ½ appoint off the lead. A hectic day for Joseph, an excellent game and then the 'surprise party'. A most enjoyable event, Mr & Mrs Fabiani provided a great meal with special drinks for the children and a huge cake with candles & sparklers. The cake was brought in with impressive ceremony to the tune of Happy Birthday played by Mr Fabiani on his harmonica.

Day 6: Things are getting very tough on the top boards with lots of quality chess being played. Players and managers are beginning to assess medal chances over the last three rounds. For those of you not familiar with this particular event it is worth being aware that we have a championship within a championship. The girls & boys are playing together in their age groups so in addition to the overall championship titles we have to keep an eye on the leading girl players in each group. In the case of a girl being the overall European Champion then I believe she is also the European Girl Champion.

Organising these events is a huge task and responsibility. The BCF England Team wish to put on record their sincere thanks to Erick Gigerl and his team for a marvelous event and hope to return to Austria next year. Particular thanks to those working long days in the Championship office. Thanks to Erich for his encouragement for the England team, to Walter Kostner who finds time to send these reports back to England for me and to IM Egon Brestian who provides us with an electronic version of the bulletin to enable the coaches and player to input all the games into their ChessBase programs. **More results, reports and photos are available at www.bcfservices.org.uk/ecy2005**

Littlewood's Choice

Congratulations to Luke McShane on his fine performance in Spain! In particular his victory with Black against Korchnoi in the final round was a splendid effort despite his missing a forced win and having to pull out all the stops in the endgame.

Igualada 2005

□ Viktor Korchnoi

■ Luke McShane

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 Bd2!?

A rare line and in my opinion not a particularly good one if White is planning to advance his pawn to e4 and present Black with an important tempo. Perhaps White was hoping to confuse his young opponent; if so, his plan back-fired and rapidly allowed Luke to obtain the initiative.

5...Bg7 6 e4 Nb6!

Of course! Black switches to a well-known alternative line in which the tempo gained prevents White from playing the key prophylactic move h3.

7 Be3 0-0 8 f4!?

Despite my great admiration for Korchnoi's play, I fail to see how, having already lost a tempo, he can make such a committal move. Any decent Grünfeld player is now in his element.

8...Nc6!

Even 8...f5 is possible but I prefer this reciprocal loss of a tempo immediately creating an advanced pawn centre which can be attacked before White has time to consolidate.

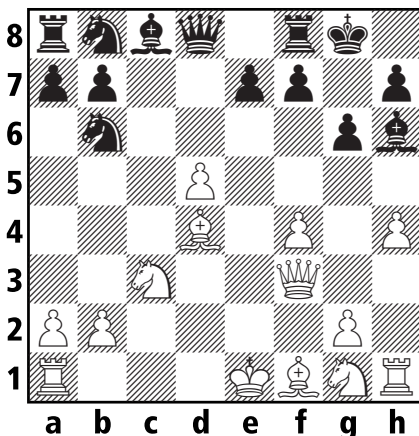
9 d5

Now 9 Nf3 can be answered by 9...Bg4!

9...Nb8 10 Bd4 Bh6 11 Qf3 c6! 12 h4?

I have to give this a question mark. White must see to his development rather than bluff his way out by introducing the spurious threat of h5. However, Black needs to launch his central attack brutally and immediately.

12...cxd5 13 exd5



13...e5!!

A startling but logical move based on the need to prevent Q side castling whilst aiming to exploit the weakened g4 square and the unguarded bishop on d4. Rarely have I seen Korchnoi so rapidly outplayed in the opening...

14 Bxe5

Or 14 fxe5 Nc6! 15 Rd1 Nxd4 16 Rxd4 Re8! with strong pressure.

14...N8d7 15 Bd4

Not of course 15 0-0-0? Nxe5.

15...Nf6! 16 0-0-0 Qd6! 17 Bxf6 Qxf6 18 g3 Bg7 19 Rh2

White guards the b2 pawn, because 19 d6 B6! would immediately threaten ...Bxa2.

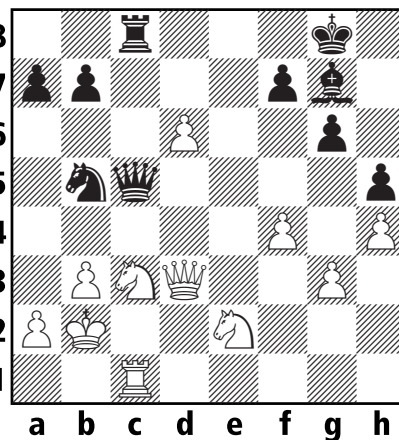
19...h5 20 Bh3 Nc4 21 Kb1 Re8

Now the e3 square is vulnerable which means that White must exchange his rook guarding the second rank.

22 Qd3 Qa6 23 Bxc8

The fact that Korchnoi has to bring Black's QR into play is indicative of his desperation.

23...Raxc8 24 Re2 Rxe2 25 Ngxe2 Qb6! 26 b3 Na3+ 27 Kb2 Nb5 28 Rc1 Qc5 29 d6!?



The last chance of interrupting the flow of Black's play and it has some success because Luke now unnecessarily panics about a possible d7 and feels compelled to exchange into a favourable bishop v knight ending. Luke's next move is not the best way of exploiting his advantage: the knight on e3 screams out to be attacked, so 29...Re8!! was called for, giving us 30 d7 Rxe2+ 31 Qxe2 Bxc3+ 32 Kc2 (32 Kb1 Na3 mate) 32 ...Na3+ 33 Kd1 Qg1+ followed by mate, or else 30 Rc2 Re3 31 Qc4 Qa3+ 32 Kb1 Nxc3+ 33 Rxc3 Bxc3 34 Nxc3 Re1+ mating.

Although I have not consulted Luke on this matter, I imagine that he had first intended 29...Qa3+ 30 Kb1 Nxc3+ 31 Nxc3? Qxc1+! 32 Kxc1 Rxc3+ winning the queen and stopping the d-pawn, but then saw that here 31 Rxc3! Bxc3 32 Nxc3 would give White swindling chances.

29...Nxc3 30 Nxc3 Rd8 31 d7 Qc6 32 Kb1 Rxd7 33 Qe4 Rc7 34 Qxc6 Rxc6 35 Nd5 Rxc1+ 36 Kxc1

So we have reached a position where theoretically, with pawns on both sides of the board and a clear weakness on g3, the bishop is superior to the knight. However, to exploit this against an endgame player of Korchnoi's calibre needed both boldness and nerve. Luke is lacking in neither and must have delighted his mentor Speelman with the following play...

36...Bd4! 37 Kd2!

So that he can answer 37...Bf2 with 38 Nf6+ and 39 Ne4.

37...Kf8 38 Ne3 Ke7 39 Kd3 Bc5 40 Ke4 Kf6!

Happy to go into a king and pawn ending if need be and planning to answer 41 Nd5+ with 41...Ke6 42 Nc7+ Kd7 43 Nd5 Kd6 giving lines similar to the game; or here 43...Bf2 restricting White more.

41 Nc4 Ke6 42 Na5 f5+!

He cannot make any progress without this move even though it weakens g6.

43 Kf3 b5 44 Nc6 Kd5 45 Ne5 Kd4!

The final breakthrough.

46 Nxc6 Kc3 47 Ne5 a5 48 Ke2

I would have expected the last throw of 48 g4! even though it fails to 48...fxg4+ 49 Nxc6 hxc4+ (or simply 49...Kb2) 50 Kxc4 Kb2 51 f5 Kxa2 52 Kg5 Kxb3 53 h5 a4 54 h6 Bd4 55 f6 Bxf6+ 56 Kxf6 a3 57 h7 a2 58 h8Q a1Q+ winning.

48...Bb6 49 Nc6 Kb2 50 b4 a4 51 Kd3 Kxa2 52 Kc2 Ka3 53 Ne7 Kxb4 54 Nxf5 a3 55 g4 hxg4 56 h5 g3! 0-1

Diverting the knight from the d4 square so that after 57 Nxc3 Bd4! 58 Kb1 Kb3 queens the pawn. Bravo!

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Book Reviews

by Gary Lane

Fire On Board Part II: 1997-2004

by Alexei Shirov published by Everyman £17.99

This is the sequel to Shirov's best selling games collections and he comes up with another gem. A long introduction gives a chance to discover the real man behind the chessboard and it is rather revealing at times. There are some players who have the gift of excluding outside pressures when playing but you can hardly blame his loss of form, when he returns home to find his house empty and his wife has left after cleaning out the bank account. Now it might be too personal for some but he is not backward when criticising Kasparov and Kramnik for what he sees as their conspiracy against him for putting obstacles in his way for the world championship match, which he earned by beating the latter. The bulk of the book is packed with entertaining games, which are illuminated by notes where he plays brilliantly and occasionally admits to missing certain things at the board. This quality makes it an interesting read as he fights the world's top players with success. There is even mention of one of England's favourite stars when he competes against a certain Mr Short. We are given a clue what to expect when he writes before move one "This was the second game in a row that Nigel let me win his queen..." The price is rather hefty but it is just about worth it for a superb collection of attacking games.

Najdorf: Life and Games

by Thomas Lissowski, Adrian Mikhalchishin and Miguel Najdorf published by Batsford £14.99

Miguel Najdorf is regarded as a gentleman chess player from another era. He played at the Chess Olympiad in Buenos Aires in 1939 and upon declaration of World War 2 had no chance of returning to Poland and resided in Argentina. He was considered one of the best players in the world and continued to play at an elite level which included major victories at strong tournaments such as Amsterdam 1950 and 1962 at the Capablanca Memorial in Havana ahead of Polougaevsky, Smyslov and Spassky. Although he died in 1997 this book pieces together his marvellous tournament career, spiced with history and a reliance on his own notes for the games. It is an education to find out the history of famous tournaments and amusing anecdotes as Najdorf takes on no less than 11 world champions during his lifetime, although he claimed to of played another in a dream! His name lingers on with the opening Najdorf Sicilian but his games reflect another generation that has developed chess. An enjoyable read.

Garry Kasparov's Greatest Chess Games volume 1

by Igor Stohl published by Gambit £22.50

This hardback edition has the task of presenting 74 games in detail to reflect the genius that is Garry Kasparov. Perhaps the first question to ask yourself is why spend so much money on a book that is not written by the champion? Indeed there are plans for Garry himself to start work on such a project so this has to be aimed at those without the patience to wait for the definitive account. The difference with other books that have examined these games is that Stohl has put a huge amount of effort to get things right by analysing in depth. Using Kasparov's notes in various magazines has certainly helped this but at least there has been a commendable effort to add clarity to the old games, which were originally analysed before computer software was available. The real drawback is that there are no new comments from the man himself so we will have to wait to hear what he really thinks of Shirov.

My Most Memorable Games

by Boris Gelfand published by Edition Olms £17.99

The introduction is titled 'Making of a Classical Grandmaster' and aims to give some background to Gelfand's chess life. After a short while it soon becomes clear that it is not even written by him. It seems bizarre that the author cannot be bothered to detail his fascination with the game and how it has evolved through the years. It might be because it gives the writer Dirk Poldauf a chance to applaud his client's chess stardom and mention a few vaguely controversial issues. Apparently in 1999 Boris wrote a 'courageous article' while the US bombed Belgrade that pointed out that Yugoslavia had in the past arranged rather nice chess tournaments. It is best to leave such trivia behind and the games are excellent. The actual chess analysis and comment is first rate and the choice of examples is careful thought out with classics from the big tournaments. There are also lesser known games such as against Michael Adams at an open tournament from 1988, which is memorable because the Englishman missed a two move win allowing a lucky escape. An intriguing insight to the games of an elite player.

Results Round-Up

NCJS Young Masters

19-24 July 2005

FIDE Rated

David Eggleston, Durham, 8/10
William Bennet, Oakham, 7/10
Balvinder Grewal, Nottingham, 7/10
Simon Fowler, Coddon, 6½/10
Matthew Harborne, RGS Guildford, 6½/10
Peter Roberson, Hampshire, 6½/10

Under 16 Weekend

James C Foster, Coulsdon, 5/5
Dominic Foord, Willesden, 4½/5
Andrew Tucker, Crowborough, 4½/5
Jonathan Fallman, Loughton, 4/5
Jeremy Kneebone, Penwith, 4/5
Saravanan Sathyanandha, Haberdashers, 4/5
Andrew Winchcombe, Maidenhead, 4/5
Lewis Martin, Swindon, 3/5

CCF Rapidplay

23 July 2005

Open & Under 170

Jovanka Houska, Halsmark Kingfisher, 5/6, 202, 1st
Timothy Woodward, Richmond Juniors, 4.5/6, 224, 2nd
Marcus Osborne, Coulsdon, 4/6, 182, 3rd=
Petr Marusenko, Crystal Palace, 4/6, 214, 3rd=
Ian Snape, Coulsdon, 4/6, 178, 3rd=

Under 140

Paul Jackson, Coulsdon, 4½/6, 136, 1st=
Jinwoo Song, Kingston, 4½/6, 139, 1st=
Neil Cannon, Beckenham & Bromley, 4/6, 131, 3rd=
K Azizur Rahman, Metropolitan, 4/6, 127, 3rd=

Under 110

Joe Xuereb, Coulsdon, 6/6, 97, 1st
David Gilbert, DHSS, 4½/6, 91, 2nd
Benjamin Andrew, Ibstock Place, 4/6, 98, 3rd=
Ishan Ramdewar, South Norwood, 4/6, 76, 3rd=

Under 80

Duke Quinton, Coulsdon, 5½/6, 37, 1st
Christine Constable (f), Coulsdon, 4/6, 68, 2nd=
Robert Lobo (j), Petts Wood, 4/6, 60, 2nd=
David Everitt (s), Haywards Heath, 4/6, 79, 2nd=
John Constable, Coulsdon, 4/6, 71, 2nd=
Kin Ming Hung, Oxfordshire Area, 4/6, U, 2nd=

Hendon 'First Thursday'

10-minute Blitz

4 August 2005

22 played.

Roy Sagall (165) 6/6; Stephen Coles (173) 5/6; Dan Ellis (153) 4/6; Malcolm Gesthuysen (120) 4/6; Jonathan Rubeck (130) 4/6; Ike Chukwunonye (140) 3.5/6; Jamie Hillman (172) 3.5/6; David Ben-Nathan (130) 3.5/6

Next Blitz first Thursday of each month.

See www.adamraoof.tk for details.

Golders Green Rapidplay

13 August 2005

This month, no less than 99 players competed over four sections.

In total, £440 in prizes were awarded this month. www.adamraoof.tk

OPEN

(14 players - £110.00 in prizes)

Lawrence Trent (IM), 212, 4½, £45.00, =1st

Lawrence Cooper (IM), 208, 4½, £45.00, =1st

Colin Crouch (IM), 214, 4.0

Jovica Radovanovic, 195, 4.0

Gary Senior, 168, 4.0, £20.00

U175

Theo Rocland, UNG, 3½

MAJOR U160

(19 players - £110.00 in prizes)

Tony Wells, 117, 5.0, £60.00, 1st

Peter Ackley, 152, 4½, £15.00, =2nd

Carl Hetherington, 146, 4½, £15.00, =2nd

Branko Pribanich, 158, 4.0

Helge Hjort, 150, 4.0

Shaun Alley (J), 134, 4.0, £20.00

U145

Subin Sen (J), 145, 3½,

Robin Huq, 142, 3½

David Ben-Nathan, 113, 3½

MINOR U130

(27 players - £110.00 in prizes)

Neil Kaplan (RSA), 120e, 5½, £30.00, =1st

Peter Lord, 117, 5½, £30.00, =1st

Brendan O'Gorman, 123, 4½

Peter Morrey (V), 122, 4½

Russell Goodfellow, 116, 4.0

Gus Aaron (V), 122e, 4.0

Ronnie Cohen, 115, 4.0

Peter Hughes, 128, 3½

Ti Chen, 124, 3½

Paul Blackwell, 112, 3½, £10.00, =U115

Kevin Bryant, 106, 3½, £10.00, =U115

AMATEUR U100

(39 players - £110.00 in prizes)

Walter Thorpe (V), 90, 5½, £60.00, 1st

Peter Scott (V), 98, 5, £30.00, 2nd

Finlo Rohrer, 95, 4½

Ian Leighton (V), 92, 4½

Ben Cameron, 91, 4½

Joshua Pineda (J), 89, 4½

David Dunne (V), 97, 4.0

Ashley Stewart, 97, 4.0

Aaron Ironmonger, 94, 4.0

David Buckland (V), 79, 4.0, £10.00, =U85

Faye Ainscow (V), 77, 4.0, £10.00, =U85

Nnemdi Obiekwe (J), 98, 3½

Soni Sharan (J), 94, 3½

Caroline Robson (F), 89, 3½

Andrew Rubio (V), 87, 3½

Victor Litvin (V), 80, 3½

John Hill (V), 73, 3½

Paul Hatswell, UNG, 3½

Braille Chess Association British Chess

Championships for the Blind

13-20 August 2005 held at the
Auckland Hotel in Morecambe
Championship

1 ROSS Chris, 183, Huntingdon, 5, 1st, £100

2 HILTON Steve, 159, Greenock, 4½, 2nd=, £40

3 ARMSTRONG (S) William, 147, Leek, 3½

4 CHAMBERS (S) Colin, 146, Cheltenham, 4

5 GALLAGHER John, 128, Leeds, 4, £15

6 WRAGG (S) Norman, 119, Sheffield, 3½

7 THACKER Steve, 107, Nottingham, 4½, 2nd=, £40

8 LOVELL (S) Stan, 103, Redcar, 3½

9 GORDON Philip, 102, Isle of Wight, 3

10 PHILLIPS George, 81, Richmond, 1

11 DAVEY (S) Alan, 79, Cheltenham, 2

12 IRVING (J) Alastair, 59, Carlisle, 3½, £15

Minor

1 PERHAM (S) Brian, 67, Colchester, 6½, 1st, £30

2 BROWN (F,S) Christine, 41, Cheltenham, 4½, 4th, £10

3 HODGES (F,S) Dorothy, 5, Bristol, 2, 6th, £15

4 SOBERS Orlando, 72, Birmingham, 5½, 2nd, £10

5 PATCHING (S) Geoff, 45, Penzance, 5½, 2nd, £15

6 HARRINGTON Richard, 12, Hemel Hempstead, 1, 7th

7 DYTE Alan U, Bristol, 0, 8th

8 BROWN (S) Robin, 32, Cheltenham, 3, 5th

F = Female,

J = Junior (14-21),

S = Senior

Calendar of Events

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

* denotes British Chess Federation Grand Prix

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

~*#@24 Sep-2 Oct

14th MONARCH ASSURANCE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Isle of Man.

D Hemsley (Tel: 01624 833742, Email: chess@manx.net)

~*#@26 Sep-2 Oct

MONARCH ASSURANCE MAJOR/MINOR

Isle of Man.

D Hemsley (Tel: 01624 833742, Email: chess@manx.net)

OCTOBER

~ 1 Oct

ALL ENGLAND GIRLS' NORTHERN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Ormskirk.

Claire Summerscale (Tel: 020 8874 0135,

Email: chessuk@btinternet.com)

1 Oct

1st BRITISH INTERNET SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Andrew Martin (Email: Andrew@wizard100.demon.co.uk)

~ 1 Oct

OXFORD CITY QUICKPLAY

Magdalen College School.

I Brooke (Tel: 01865 372470, Email: ibrooke29@yahoo.co.uk)

1 Oct SUSSEX U8 CHAMPIONSHIP & TRAINING DAY

Lindfield.

S Fraser (Tel: 01342 318918)

~ 2 Oct

ALL ENGLAND GIRLS' EASTERN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Nottingham.

Claire Summerscale (Tel: 020 8874 0135,

Email: chessuk@btinternet.com)

~* 2 Oct

KJCA LEE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

London SE12 8AW.

M Ghezelayagh (Tel: 020 8468 7580,

Email: manuch@vodafone.net)

* 7-9 Oct

AYRESHIRE CONGRESS

Ayr College.

A Steel (Tel: 01563 528226, Email: ayrshirechess@hotmail.co.uk)

7-9 Oct

DALGUISE ACTIVITY CHESS WEEKEND

Perthshire.

L Shovlin (Tel: 01738 627965, Email: Lynseyshovlin@hotmail.com)

~ 7-9 Oct

41st DORSET CONGRESS

Weymouth.

F Kingdon (Tel: 01305 812237 - before 9pm,

Email: dorset.chess.cong@btinternet.com)

~ 8 Oct

CCF JUNIOR GRAND PRIX - ROUND 1

Coulsdon.

H Curtis & S Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302,

Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

~* 8-9 Oct

METROPOLITAN CHESS CLUB CONGRESS

London EC2.

R Hamilton (Tel: 020 7608 1545 or 07867 765531,

Email: rayhamilton@lineone.net)

9 Oct

BEDFORD JUNIOR OPEN CONGRESS

Bedford Modern School.

S Pike (Tel: 01234 823795, Email: steve.pike6@btopenworld.com)

9 Oct

3rd LEICESTER RAPIDPLAY

Countesthorpe.

S Hewitt (Tel: 0116 279 1030, 07845 518 972,

Email: sean@leicesterchess.co.uk)

10 Oct

WILTSHIRE QUICKPLAY

Wroughton.

T Ransom (Tel: 01225 774538, Email: tony.ransom461@mod.uk)

* 14-16 Oct

38th WEST WALES CONGRESS

Swansea.

L Philpin (Tel: 01792 418711, Email: newsilure@hotmail.com)

15 Oct

CHICHESTER GRAND PRIX

Chichester.

S Fraser (Tel: 01342 318918)

15 Oct

CHIPPING SODBURY RAPIDPLAY

Yate.

G Mill-Wilson (Tel: 01454 880162,

Email: tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk)

~* 15 Oct

GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY

St Alban's Church Hall NW11.

A Raof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982; Email: adamraof@yahoo.com)

~*# 15-16 Oct

23rd BURY ST EDMUNDS CONGRESS

Corn Exchange.

B Jones (Tel: 01284 811555, Email: bobjoneschess@btinternet.com)

*~@ 15-23 Oct

BANDANACHESS.COM 3rd SATURDAY GM NORM EVENT

Newcastle Upon Tyne.

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

15 Oct 05 - 31 Jul 06

BRITISH LADIES CORRESPONDENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries by 30/9/05.

K Escott (Tel: 07831 563536 (H) / 0121 232 1673 (W))

~* 16 Oct

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE RAPIDPLAY

Quinton. K Langston (Tel: 0121 550 3729)

~ 16 Oct

ORMSKIRK RAPIDPLAY

Ormskirk Civic Hall.

S Jacquest (Tel: 0151 531 7541 (p.m.),

Email: ormskirkrapidplay@btinternet.com)

~ 16 Oct

RICHMOND JUNIOR CONGRESS

Hampton.

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

~*# 16-22 Oct

31st GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

Castel.

F Hamperl (Tel: 01481 239088, Email: hamperlfred@hotmail.com)

* 21-23 Oct

DUNDEE CONGRESS

Monifieth.

K Rose (Tel: 01382 534863, Email: director@dundee-congress.co.uk)

~*# 21-23 Oct

SCARBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Spa Complex. K Jones (Tel: 01751 433031 or 07711 282433,

Email: laroche17@tiscali.co.uk)

~@ 22-23 Oct

4NCL, Divisions 1, 2 & 3

Birmingham. J Robinson

(Tel: 01536 261697, e-mail: robinson@chessstanion.ndo.co.uk)

~* 23 Oct

CENTRAL LONDON RAPIDPLAY

London W1N 5HD.

C Todd (Tel: 020 8381 4406, 07798 517 870,

Email: jrweight44@yahoo.co.uk)

~*# 27-30 Oct

AMPLEFORTH JUNIOR MASTERS

North Yorkshire.

Mrs G S Turner (Tel: 01724 866433)

~* 28-30 Oct

BRILLE CHESS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

Bedford Moat House Hotel. S Lovell

(Tel: 01642 775 668; Email: stan@chessboard.freemove.co.uk)

~ 29 Oct

PETER SHAW MEMORIAL NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT

C Johnson

(Tel: 0116 260 9012, E-mail: bcfhomechess@yahoo.co.uk)

~ 30 Oct

9th PINNER JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

University of Westminster. G Snow (Tel: 020 7736 5693,

Email: graham@pinnerchess.org)

~* 30 Oct

2nd PINNER OPEN RAPIDPLAY

University of Westminster. G Snow (Tel: 020 7736 5693, Email: graham@pinnerchess.org)

British Chess

Federation Grand Prix

Provisional Final Leader Boards

- 22nd August 2005

The Provisional Final Grand Prix tables are below which include all events played at the Smith and Williamson British Championships. A number of results have still to be submitted and before a definitive final table is given these results are still being chased up. The definitive final tables will be published on the BCF website. It is unlikely that there will be any changes to section winners. 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	Hillsmark227
2	Rowson, Jonathan	Troon191
3	Hebden, Mark	Birstall188
4	Gormally, Danny	Charlton172.5

Female Prix (max 125 pts)

1	Dines, Sheila	Surrey113.5
2	Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan	Edinburgh105
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