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# Smith & Williamson British Championships 2006



Jonathan Rowson receiving the British Trophy from Smith & Williamson Chairman Gareth Pearce. Photograph by Peter Purland



Chairman of Smith & Williamson Gareth Pearce with IM Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant - 2nd in the British Championship & British Ladies Champion. Congratulations on being the 1st female British Championship runner-up. Photograph by Peter Purland

This year's event was held at Swansea University in a spacious area, which was split in to three, one for the British Championship, one for the junior events and one for the other adult events. There were also a good selection of side rooms where analysis, commentary, bookstall and subsidiary events could be held. Perhaps the only drawbacks were the lack of toilets on the same level as the playing areas and the fact that the place could be likened to a rabbit warren. I don't think any one lost on time through failing to find their way back to the playing area and the arbiters of the Seniors were kind to the player who got stuck in the lift! A total of 750 entrants were recorded, up on 2005 but down on the previous year. Certainly in the junior sections this was as a result of the lower graded English players not entering, possibly they need to be an accredited international to cross the Severn Bridge! This did not lead to a lessening of the standard and the results were truly British with trophy winners coming from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. One of our trophy winners was wearing a kilt when he received his cup.

The refreshments were above average with a good hot breakfast, choice of a hot or cold lunch and pastries and sandwiches at "Au Boulanger" (excuse my French) until 7pm each day. At the opening we were greeted with "Croeso i'r Prifysgol Cymru Abertawe" and when I said the next sentence in Welsh the juniors showed great consternation! However the welcome was warm (and long from one of the speakers) and the play hard. The weather was also kind to us and one second week player on being asked where he had been to get his tan said "Swansea – I just didn't play last week." As well as the chess the grass outside led to much soccer and, apart from one Scot who was impaled on a nail, there were no broken metatarsals or the like. The local pitch and putt also proved very popular as did the beaches of Mumbles and the Gower whilst the Potters Wheel was a great draw for some more mature (can I still use this word?) players. All in all an enjoyable time was had and Great Yarmouth 2007 will already be in most people's diaries.

# **British Champions 2006**

British – Jonathan Rowson British Ladies – Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant British Senior – John Littlewood

British U21 – Stephen Gordon

British U18 – Gawain Jones

British U18 Girls - Anya Corke

Major Open – Jonathan Hawkins

British U175 – Richard Bryant & Gordon

Stables

British U150 – Raymond Gamble, Jonathan Lai, Michael Lally & Nicola Thomas

British U125 – Nicholas Carding & Michael Gunn

British U100 – John Constable, Dinesh Jain, David Langridge & Lynsey Shovlin

British U16 – Daniel Hall & Joseff Thomas

British U15 – Calum MacQueen

British U15 Girls – Lateefah Messam-Sparks

British U14 - Connor Woods

British U14 Girls – Sheila Dines & Lateefah Messam-Sparks

British U13 – George Salimbeni

British U13 Girls - Sheila Dines

British U12 – Akash Jain

British U12 Girls – Megan Owens

British U11 - Robert White

British U11 Girls – Megan Owens & Maria Wang

British U10 – Thomas Senior

British U10 Girls - Maria Wang

British U9 – Ram Mohan

British U9 Girls – Radha Jain

British U8 - Robert Fitzgerald

British U8 Girls – Katherine Shepherd

5 Day Open AM Week 1 – Stephen

Connor & David Sully

5 Day Open AM Week 2 – Jamie Valmana Canto

5 Day Open PM Week 1 – Norman Stephenson & Michael Healey

5 Day Open PM Week 2 – Richard Bryant Weekender Atkins – Nigel Blades

Weekender Soanes – Neil Coward, Richard

Desmedt, Stephen Pride, Matthew Shaw & Paul Smith

Weekender Yates – Stephen Wright Rapidplay 6th August – Andrew Greet Rapidplay 13th August – Bogdan Lalic & Jaime Valmana Canto

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I would like to add my thanks to the Control Team and to all the other Officials. I was very pleased with the atmosphere at the event. Information was posted quickly, both on the notice boards and on the web, bulletins came out on time and Andrew Martin managed to contend with some famous names in the audience of the Commentary Room, I would especially like to thank the ECF Office Staff, who took over the secretarial duties following the untimely death of John Robinson, I do know how much of an

extra burden this has placed on them and I hope you will understand if we take a little longer than usual to finish off the little jobs that always remain after a congress is over.

Gareth Pearce of Smith & Williamson attended our Prizegiving. I would like to thank him for all the assistance that has been given to the Congress over the last 10 years.



David Welch, Congress Manager Photographs by Stephen Connor



# **Editorial**

I attended the 4NCL weekend at Sunningdale for Divisions 1, 2 and 3 to take in ECF

Memberships for those players who had not already joined the ECF. Just before play started in the main playing hall I was asked to accompany David Welch (Arbiter) to the front of the hall where I was



presented with a Welsh Dragon (the subtlety did not go unnoticed – dragon to dragon) on behalf of all the office staff at Battle. This was in appreciation for the extra work in processing entries for the British Championships at Swansea. Thanks David.

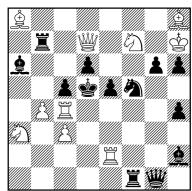
Cynthia Gurney, Editor

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# ECF BATSFORD COMPETITION

Congratulations to the July/August Winner
Carl Portman from Ardley, Nr Bicester
The Correct Answers are: 1. Qb5

Colin Vaughan 1st Prize, Chess, 1949 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 OYD

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



# ECFNews

Nominations for Election at the ECF AGM, 21 October 2006

The following candidates have been nominated. Elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting on 21 October in Bristol.

| Candidate          | Post                                 | Nominated By   |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Gerry Walsh        | President                            | Gerry Walsh - President  |
| Brian Driscoll     | President                            | Martin Regan - Cheshire & North Wales  |
|                    |                                      | Robert Richmond - Nottinghamshire  |
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| Martin Regan       | Chief Executive                      | Martin Regan - Cheshire & North Wales<br>Robert Richmond - Nottinghamshire                                 |
| Geoff Steele       | Director of Finance                  | Cyril Johnson - Acting CEO/Director of Junio<br>Chess  |
| Robert Richmond    | Director of Finance                  | Martin Regan - Cheshire & North Wales<br>Robert Richmond - Nottinghamshire                                 |
| Sean Hewitt        | Director of Home Chess               | Gordon Christie - Warwickshire<br>Julie Johnson - MCCU   |
| Peter Sowray       | Director of International Chess      | Jim Bingham - Leicestershire<br>Martin Regan - Cheshire & North Wales<br>Robert Richmond - Nottinghamshire |
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| Andrew Moore       | Director of Junior Chess & Education | Gordon Christie - Warwickshire   |
|                    |                                      | Ray Collett - Worcestershire   |
| Peter Wilson       | Director of Marketing                | Francis Bowers - Lincolnshire  |
|                    |                                      | Gary Cook - North Circular Chess League  |
|                    |                                      | Robert Gurney - Direct Members'  |
|                    |                                      | Representative   |
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| Cyril Johnson      | Director of Marketing                | Julie Johnson - MCCU   |
|                    |                                      | Cyril Johnson - Acting CEO/Director of Junio<br>Chess  |
| Mike Truran        | Non-Executive Director               | Mike Truran - Non-Executive Director   |
| John Wickham       | Non-Executive Director               | John Wickham - Non-Executive Director  |
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| Nigel Short        | FIDE Delegate                        | Martin Regan - Cheshire & North Wales  |
|                    |                                      | Robert Richmond - Nottinghamshire  |
| Mike Adams         | Chairman Finance Committee           | John Philpott - Chairman of Finance<br>Committee   |
| Ray Clark          | Finance Committee                    | John Philpott - Chairman of Finance<br>Committee   |
| Alan Martin        | Finance Committee                    | John Philpott - Chairman of Finance<br>Committee   |
| David Rowe         | Finance Committee                    | John Philpott - Chairman of Finance<br>Committee   |
| John Philpott      | Finance Committee                    | Gerry Walsh - President  |
| John Dunleavy      | Chairman of Governance Committee     | John Dunleavy - Chairman of Governance   |
| •                  |                                      | Committee  |
| Richard Haddrell   | Governance Committee                 | John Dunleavy - Chairman of Governance<br>Committee  |
| Andrew Leadbetter  | Governance Committee                 | John Dunleavy - Chairman of Governance<br>Committee  |
| John L Paines      | Governance Committee                 | John Dunleavy - Chairman of Governance<br>Committee  |
| John A Philpott    | Governance Committee                 | John Dunleavy - Chairman of Governance   |

# **ECF CLUB AND CONGRESS INSURANCE FOR 2006/7 NOW AVAILABLE**

Committee

Contact the ECF Office for further details 01424 775222

### **ECF Awards 2006**

**Club of the Year** - From some excellent submissions we selected 3C's (Children' Chess Club, Oldham). Founded in 1978 by three teachers who thought that children in Oldham should aspire to something to be proud of, the club now has something to shout about. As well as running nine teams in the local leagues, they have 2 in the 4NCL and have produced British champions through all age groups at the British Chess Championships.

**Small Club of the Year** - Of some very good submissions the best and most comprehensive was from Salisbury Chess Club. Despite a relatively small membership Salisbury manage to run several events and engage with the local community. We were impressed with the range of activities, including some charitable, and some for juniors.

**Magazine of the Year** - Out of four very good publications we selected "The Problemist", the magazine of the British Chess Problem Society. The editor of "The Problemist" is John Rice.

**Website of the Year** - The award, once again, attracted a lot of interest. The standard of websites has improved considerably giving the awards committee a difficult job. Our selection was www.penrithchess.org.uk and as well as its overall coverage we were impressed with the excellent links page. The webmaster is Bob Challis.

Presidents Awards - Three awards to:

Dr Jill Barber from Manchester

Zoe Ryle from Middlesex

Paul Habershon from Bedford Modern School..

Congratulations to those receiving the awards and to those who did not succeed this year, we will be advertising next years awards towards the end of the year, so keep an eye on the ECF Website and ChessMoves

John Wickham, Chairman, Awards Committee

# Player of the Year 2006

In recognition of her special achievement Jovanka Houska was presented with a crystal bowl by Gerry Walsh at the British Championships in Swansea. Well done Jovanka!



## Rapidplay Grading List

ECF will be producing a half-year Rapidplay Grading List in February or thereabouts. This will be an experiment, which if successful, ECF will consult with Unions, leagues and congresses as whether to introduce six-monthly lists for Standard play as well.

# County Match Controller Vacancy

The English Chess Federation (ECF) is seeking to appoint a County Match Controller, reporting to the Director of Home Chess. The duties of the post are given in the following job description. Reasonable expenses incurred in fulfilling the duties of the post will be reimbursed.

Anyone wishing to discuss this post should contact the Director of Home Chess, Chris Majer (01438 812781 or email: cemajer@aol.com)

#### **Job Description**

The County Match Controller is responsible to the ECF Director of Home Chess. The duties of the County Match controller are set out below:

- 1. Ensure the smooth running of the National Counties Team Championships. This involves the following competitions: Open, Minor, U175, U150, U125 and U100. Note: the Unions run the regional qualification stages, while the ECF runs the national stages, which consist of a preliminary round, quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals for each section.
- 2. This requires the jobholder to
  - Liaise with the Union organizers to establish the number of entrants from each Union and maintain an up to date list of contact details for county captains.
  - Do the draw for the competition.
  - Inform county captains and Union organizers of the draw for each round.
  - Liaise with county captains and Union organizers to obtain the results of matches.
  - Ensure that the ECF Office, Union websites and the Grading Officer receive copies of the match results including all individual results.
  - Deal with any disputes that may arise (with an appeal to the Home Chess Director if necessary).
  - Organize the finals (note: all counties finals are held at a single central venue).
  - Keep the Director of Home Chess informed of the progress of competitions.
  - Assist the Director of Home Chess with any redrafting of the rules of the competition that may be necessary from time to time.
- 3. The jobholder must have email.
- 4. The jobholder must have experience of organizing county matches and preferably should be an ECF Arbiter
- 5. The job entails a significant workload in the period March to June and, given the tight time schedule, the jobholder will need to respond promptly (i.e. normally within a couple of days) to enquiries during this period.

#### HAMPSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION 2006 CONGRESS

Venue: Eastleigh College, Eastleigh, Hants. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006 to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Open Tournament with U-160 and U140 Prizes U-125 Tournament with U-100 Prize

Details/Entry Forms from M Clarke, 9, Cherry Tree Court, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, Hants SO50 9SN Tel: 02380 615903 www.hampshirechess.co.uk

#### **Book of the Year 2006 Short List**

Our choice this year features two books where the quality of the writing is the distinguishing feature of the book. The other two books are first, the final volume in the best and most comprehensive chess history ever written and secondly one of the most entertaining books the judges have seen in years.

# Chess for Zebras Jonathan Rowson (Gambit) pp 255 £17.99

Three times British Champion, Rowson is a skilled writer and deliberately chose a startling title to catch the reader's attention. Using his formidable academic erudition Rowson explores in depth various aspects of chess playing and thinking. This is a book that is simultaneously challenging, stimulating, instructive and interesting.

# My Great Predecessors PartV Garry Kasparov (Everyman) pp 480 £25.00

In the fifth and final volume of his epic series on the world champions and their challengers, Kasparov considers just two players, Victor the Terrible (Korchnoi) and Anatoly the Twelfth (Karpov). As before the book is authoritative and comprehensive and particularly good on the three matches played between Korchnoi and Karpov. He clearly respects not only their chess talent but also their formidable, practical playing strength and resilience.

# The King Chess Pieces J H Donner (New in Chess) pp 391 £18.95

The Dutch grandmaster (1927-1988) was a chess writer, annotator, reporter and journalist famous for his humour, wit, irreverence and self mockery. The New in Chess team have collected all Donner's lifetime writings to Dutch chess magazines and news papers. All chess life (and much else) is covered in Donner's inimitable style. It is no wonder that an eminent chess editor chose The King as his "desert island" book.

#### Van Perlo's Endgame Tactics (New in Chess) pp 479 £18.95

Dutch correspondence grandmaster collected over 30 years tactical endgame positions that appealed to him. Von Perlo had a good chess eye, but above all he relishes and writes with wicked glee about the various misfortunes lying in wait for an unsuspecting player. The 1105(!) positions have been collated and edited by the New in Chess team. The result: great chess entertainment.

R B Edwards J Farrand J Toothill 6th September 2006

#### **Book of the Year 2005**



Photo by John Saunders: Garry receiving his award on 24 July 2006 from Julian and Ray.

# International

# More Women Represent England

Seven of England's top women players, all in the top ten, have represented their country and the ECF this year so far, more than for many years. Starting with Jovanka Houska at the Women's World Championship in March, representation continued with her and Jessie Gilbert at the European Women's Individual Championship in April, then with Jovanka, Heather Richards and Sabrina Chevannes at the European Women's Rapidplay Championship in May, followed by Jovanka, Jessie, Jana Bellin and Sopie Tidman at the Olympiads in May-June. All these events are covered on the ECF website. Finally, Harriet Hunt played for England at the Women's Chess Cup in July, which she reports in this issue.

Later in July came the shocking news of Jessie's tragic death. She will be much missed. It seems fitting to conclude with the last game she played for England, annotated by Mark Hebden.

Susan McFarland

# (1) Gilbert, Jessie LC (2144) - Rantanen, T (2123) [D12] 37th Olympiad w Turin ITA (13), 04.06.2006 [Mark Hebden]

It was with great shock and sadness that I heard of Jessie's death.I give below her final round game from the 2006 Turin Olympiad where I was there as captain and coach of the England womens team and Jessie was our board 2.The team had performed to about par but all were still up for playing the last match even tho' it was a morning game. 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qb3 Qc8 [6...Qc7 is the more normal continuation] 7.Bd2! Jessie immediately spots the right plan...down the c-line 7...a6?! Black should be thinking about developing some pieces rather than weakening crucial squares on the queen-side 8.Nc3 e6 9.Rc1 Nc6 10.Na4 Jessie highlights the error of Black's 7th move 10...Rb8? [10...Nd7 11.Ne5 Ndxe5 12.Nb6 Qb8 13.dxe5 Ra7 14.Be2 Be7 (14...Qxe5 15.Nc8 Ra8 16.Qxb7) 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Rxc6 Qxe5 17.Bc3 Qe4 18.0-0 0-0 19.Rc7 Bd6 20.Rxb7 Rxb7 21.Qxb7] 11.Bxa6!! For sure Jessie's greatest strength was her tactical ability 11...Bd6 [11... bxa6 12.Rxc6 Rxb3 13.Rxc8+ Kd7 14.Rxf8 is the point] 12.Rxc6 bxc6 [12...Qxc6 13.Bb5] 13.Bxc8 Rxb3 14.axb3 Bd3 15.Ne5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Ng4 17.Nc5 Bb5 18.Bc3 1-0

# Women's World Chess Cup

Dresden, 7th-8th July 2006



The German Chess Federation marked the country's hosting of the football World Cup with a rapid chess tournament for women in Dresden, the venue for the next Chess Olympiad in 2008. The tournament format paralleled, as far as possible, that of the football: a representative was invited from each of the same 32 countries, to compete in group and knock-out stages, with an attractive total prize-fund of £15,000. There is clearly no direct correspondence

between the strength of a country's football side and its women chess players, however! On

the one hand, this meant that a number of the world's top women players, from Russia, China and Georgia among others, were automatically excluded by their countries' failure to qualify for the football finals. At the other end, a number of the non-European countries where the profile of chess and particularly women's chess is very low, including Angola, Ivory Coast, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Japan, were unable to send a representative. As far as possible the German Federation replaced these with additional German players, but a number of the groups were played with only 3 competitors. Despite this, it was still an impressive field, including Susan Polgar (USA), Pia Cramling (Sweden), Monika Socko (Poland) and Elisabeth Paehtz (Germany) among others.

The drawing of lots for colours involved a penalty shoot-out against a goal-wall between Susan Polgar and Jana Jackova (Czech Republic). After a performance which made England's 1/3 strike rate against Portugal look like a success, Jana's better footwear finally won the day and the tournament got under way. We played in the café on the top floor of the department store Karstadt, providing an unexpected spectacle for the local shoppers pausing to enjoy their kaffee und kuchen.

I managed to top my group with a win over Pia Cramling, before facing Monika Socko in the second round. The knockout stages were played as 2-game mini-matches, and after squandering an excellent position with White in the first game, I only drew the second game as Black and went out 1.5-0.5.

As expected, Susan Polgar progressed competently through the bottom half of the draw, to meet local star Elisabeth Paehtz in a tense final. Elisabeth had overcome Pia Cramling, Ketino Kachiani-Gersinska (Germany/'Ivory Coast') and Marie Sebag (France) in typically gritty style, and played resourcefully to draw the first game against Polgar, but her resistance was finally broken in the second game, an interesting Dutch defence that went to 80 moves. Susan Polgar was therefore the well-deserving winner of the ?5,000 first prize and trophy.

I'd like to thank the German Chess
Federation and Dresden organising
committee for their fantastic hospitality
– they really treated us like special guests.
The organisers succeeded in generating
massive publicity for this event and for
the forthcoming European Individual
Championship 2007 and Olympiad 2008 in
Dresden – so I hope to return soon.

Harriet Hunt

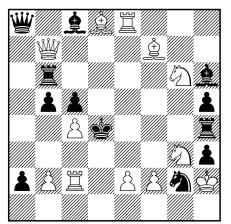
# World Chess Solving Championship Report

The Great Britain team of John Nunn, Colin McNab and Jonathan Mestel, sponsored by Winton Capital Management, retained the World Chess Solving Championship held in Wageningen, Netherlands on 1st-2nd August, after one of the toughest fought contests for years. The British had a disastrous start, scoring 20/30 in the two-move round to languish in 13th place amongst the 20 competing teams. Difficult sets of problems saw the lead change round by round, and a spirited fightback brought GB to the top in the penultimate round. They just held on to emerge winners ahead of Poland by 1? points. Final scores: 1st GB 148/180, 2nd Poland 146.25, 3rd Israel 139.25. Piotr Murdzia of Poland successfully defended his individual World title. Leading scores: 1st Piotr Murdzia 78.75/90, 2nd Jorma Paavilainen (Finland) 76.75, 3rd John Nunn 73. Other British scores: 10th Colin McNab 62, 14th Jonathan Mestel 59, 36th David Friedgood (solving as an individual) 48.75.

The Open Solving event was won by Michel Caillaud of France. Leading (and British) scores: 1st Michael Caillaud (France) 59.5/60, 2nd Piotr Murdzia (Poland) 54.5, 3rd Anatoly Mukoseev (Russia) 54.5 (slower time), 4th John Nunn 53.5, 22nd Jonathan Mestel 47.5, 30th Michael McDowell 45.5, 33rd David Friedgood 44, 47th Colin McNab 38 (93 competed).

In the first round of the WCSC solvers have 20 minutes to solve three two-movers. The following problem defeated many of the leading solvers.

#### Henk Prins - 1st Prize Probleemblad 1981 - Mate in 2



A problem with a large number of tries (moves with a single refutation) to catch the unwary. The main tries involve complex line opening and closing.

1.Re6? threatening

2.Nf5 fails to 1...Rf4! because 2.Rd2 is no longer mate. Similarly

1.Be6? fails to 1...Bf4! because 2.Re4 is no longer available. A pair

of tries on f4 fail to refutations on e6. 1.Nf4? (threats 2.Re4 and 2.Rd2) 1...Re6! (2.Nf5?) and 1.f4? (same threats) 1...Be6! (2.Bf6?). Other tries are 1.Rc3? Ne1!, 1.Bc7? Rd6!, 1.Bxh4 or Nxh4? Qxb7!

The key is 1.cxb5! threatening 2.Rc4, with variations 1...Re6 2.Nf5, 1...Be6 2.Bf6, 1...Qa4 2.Qd5 and 1...Ne3 2.Rd2.

Full results of the WCSC are available at www.sci.fi/~stniekat/pccc/wcsc06.htm

# **Interesting Article**

Burnley - Blindfold chess against 22: An article from the Lancashire Telegraph about a former BCF President - http://www.lancashireeveningtelegraph.co.uk/localinfo/lookingback/display.var.834561.0.burnley\_blindfold\_chess\_against\_22.php

# Book Reviews by Gary Lane

# The Queen's Indian by Peter Wells published by Gambit £12.99

It is about time somebody did a decent work on this popular opening and Englishman Peter Wells has come up trumps. The Queen's Indian can be confusing for some because it is not the complete answer to playing against 1 d4 but tends to be used in partnership by those who employ the Nimzo-Indian. That may sound confusing but Wells guides the reader around all the potential problems with ease, while providing entertaining games. The emphasis is more on explaining than going into minute detail and this is done well by pointing out the subtle differences in the move-order that can arise. There is no main game from 2006 but I think there is just about enough analysis for anyone to play the opening with confidence. A top investment for anyone who plays the Queen's Indian.

# Play the Queen's Gambit by Chris Ward published by Everyman £14.99

The opening has been played by world champions and attracted the attention of players at every level but how to cope with all the different replies? Ward is keen to present a repertoire for White that will allow people to try it at a weekend tournament and do well. Of course, he has his own chatty style which you either seem to love or hate so you soon learn that "...the Queen's Gambit – and how cool is that: a gambit that isn't even really a gambit!" is how he intends to treat the line. I like this style because you have the impression that he is really passionate about one of his favourite openings. There are no main games from 2006, which can be a worry if something new has turned up but the recommendations all seem reliable to cope with the latest fashions. A clear and concise repertoire for the improving player

# How to Choose a Chess Move by Andrew Soltis published by Batsford £15.99

It is all very well to memorise the opening but after several moves there is a need to form a plan and this is where Soltis helps. This is a book recommended to me and I can see why because the author attempts to make it easier to make a judgement on what to play. The attempt to work out how top players come to play certain moves helps to improve decision making skills. There are plenty of instructive examples and discussions on forming a plan by evaluating moves quickly and accurately to choose the best of them to play on the board. The chapters such as "How Much Analysis", "Reality check" and "Clock Consciousness" are a reminder that everyone needs a refresher course at some stage to reach another level. An interesting read with plenty of useful tips.

# Smart Chip from St.Petersburg by Genna Sossonko published by New in Chess £14.95

The forgotten stars of Soviet chess are remembered by Sosonko casting new light on some great players. This sounds encouraging but anyone really keen on such articles would have seen it all before in the pages of New in Chess magazine, apart from a couple of profiles designed to make up the 196 pages. If you are still keen then it is extremely interesting to see how another generation played the game and all relayed in smooth English helped by the translation talents of Sarah Hurst the former editor of ChessMoves. Hein Donner is now fondly remembered as a great writer and he is given deserved prominence in an effort to provide an insight to his character. The photos and memories make it an absorbing read.

# Junior News

# 2006 Glorney & Faber Cups Swansea

- A Hat Trick! Swansea 2nd - 4th August 2006



The competitions for the 59th Glorney Cup (teams-of-five, usually boys) and the 39th Faber Cup (teams-ofthree for girls) were held at Singleton Park, Swansea University in the week preceding the arrival there of the Smith and Williamson British Championships.

The site is part way along the coast from Swansea to The Mumbles and is said to be the nearest university campus to the sea anywhere in the world; the Gower Peninsula, near where it stands, is known to be one of the most beautiful places in all of Britain. Teams and accompanying adults were housed in student rooms on-site and all of the arrangements were the same as the last time we played here, in 2002. Everything went very smoothly again and the Welsh Chess Union organisers together with staff of Swansea University are to be congratulated and thanked for doing such a good job.

Peter Purland controlled the event, assisted by Kevin Staveley, and there were no problems of any kind during play - with good sportsmanship in evidence throughout. Richard Jones produced bulletins, which were made available soon after the day's play. An original plan to



hold the event in the main building of the campus was changed when Ian Eustis discovered that a brass band had scheduled their practice sessions nearby! We were relocated to good, alternative accommodation a safe distance away in the Keir Hardie Building [it was a source of wry amusement to the Team Manager that none of his charges had ever heard of this man].

The players selected for England, with their ECF grades (July 2006), were: **Faber** ... Yangshan Yu (128), Nicola Thomas (132) and Hannah Dale (128); **Glorney** ... Peter Constantinou (193), Daniel Hall (174), Charles Fry (177), Vedantha Kumar (174) and Chris Russell (179). All of them played up to their strengths and behaved perfectly during the tournament.

Owing to the very late withdrawal of the Czech teams and the decision of Scotland not to attend, the event was turned into a triangular, double-round tournament. Teams of local adult players were kind enough to step in to avoid byes and to give the youngsters a game during every session; the scores in those matches were not counted towards the final outcome.

Both England teams won their competitions this year - thus completing hat-tricks in the two cups, following Aberdeen 2004 and Liverpool 2005.

Heather Lang ... herself an ex-Scottish Faber player ... managed the English girls and helped during the joint coaching sessions with them. The support she gave the girls was a significant factor in their success.

IM Richard Palliser ... Glorney captain in the past and a very distinguished chess-author nowadays ... organised the coaching. Having this sort of fire-power in support of our players gave us a major advantage in pre-game preparation for the matches.

Individual Scores (from 4 games): **Faber**: - Yangshan Yu 1½; Nicola Thomas 4; Hannah Dale 3. **Glorney** - Peter Constantinou 2½; Daniel Hall 3; Charlie Fry 3½ Vedantha Kumar 2½; Chris Russell 4.

So, congratulations are due to our winning teams and our thanks go to Heather and Richard. All of the youngsters clearly enjoyed each others' company during the event and they were all able to make lots of new chess friends in Swansea.

Norman Stephenson [Team Manager]

#### Joseff Thomas (Wls) - Peter Constantinou (Eng)

1.e4 d5 2.d4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 c6 6.Bc4 Bf5 7.Ne5 e6 8.0-0 Bg6 9.h4 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Qd2 Nb6 12.Rad1 Nxc4 13.Nxc4 Bh5 14.Qf2 Bxd1 15.Rxd1 0-0 16.Be5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Bxh4 18.g3 Bg5 19.Bd6 Be7 20.Rf1 Bxd6 21.Nexd6 b5 22.Nb7 Qc7 23.Ncd6 Rab8 24.c4 bxc4 25.Nxf7 Rxf7 26.Qxf7+ Qxf7 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Nd6+ Ke7 29.Nxc4 Nb4 30.Ne5 Kd6 31.a3 Nc2 32.Kf2 Nxd4 33.Nc4+ Kd5 34.Ne3+ Ke4 35.Nc4 e5 0-1

| FABER C | UP         |            |          |            |            |          |       |
|---------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|-------|
|         | England #1 | Ireland #1 | Wales #1 | England #2 | Ireland #2 | Wales #2 | TOTAL |
| England | Х          | 11/2       | 2        | Х          | 3          | 2        | 81/2  |
| Ireland | 11/2       | Х          | 2        | 0          | Х          | 21/2     | 6     |
| Wales   | 1          | 1          | x        | 1          | 1/2        | x        | 31/2  |
| GLORNE  | Y CUP      |            |          |            |            |          |       |
|         | England #1 | Ireland #1 | Wales #1 | England #2 | Ireland #2 | Wales #2 | TOTAL |
| England | X          | 4          | 31/2     | X          | 4          | 4        | 151/2 |
| Ireland | 1          | X          | 41/2     | 1          | х          | 21/2     | 9     |
| Wales   | 11/2       | 1/2        | x        | 1          | 21/2       | Х        | 51/2  |

# Bromsgrove Young Masters

New venue, new county, new problems, but still the same enjoyment.











The event became part of the Bromsgrove School Festival of Chess, with a well attended one day congress. The accommodation was excellent, with well appointed kitchen and well-equipped games room which was patronised until closing time. Routh Hall, the actual playing hall was a majestic sound proofed Victorian structure in close proximity to the dining room, very useful!

**The Chess.** The event was a 24 player FIDE rated tournament for the first time, and was won by Ankush Khandelwal of Nottingham with a perfect score from 6 games. Murray David and Dominic Foord came equal second with 4 points. The ladies prize was won by Sheila Dines with 3½ points who fought off a challenge from Anjali Lakhani only making certain in the last round of her trophy and prize.

The One Day congress was accommodated in the Maths building of the school, and was well controlled by Sean Hewitt.

The last morning saw much hilarity with late commemorations of wedding anniversaries and presentations to a worthy controller.

An innovation was the giving of CDs to all the players with the game scores from the event, a permanent record of the event.

Grateful thanks are due to David Welch for his calm controlling, especially of riotous blitz tournaments, Bromsgrove School for providing excellent accommodation, location and food and the Championship Trophy which was presented by Phil Bird, the enterprises manager of the school. We look forward to going back next year.

Cyril Johnson



# 4th European Union Youth Chess Championship

## U10, U12 & U14 - Mureck, Austria, 8-17 August

The 4th European Union Youth Chess Championships has finished with 100 chess juniors from 21 countries competing in U10, U12 and U14 categories. The tournament was held in Mureck, Austria – a picturesque town in the rural south-east of the country. Superbly hosted, and well organised, the tournament has again proved successful with the players and their assorted team managers, coaches and parents.

The tournament is FIDE rated and comprises 9 rounds over 9 days. Time control is 90 minutes per player plus 30 seconds per move, with most games taking around 3 hours. The quality of the chess, especially at the top boards of each section, has been very high. It has been a tournament to remember!

Matt Hunt

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| Section | The Player | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Rd 6 | Rd 7 | Rd 8 | Rd 9 | Total |
|---------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| U14     | Callum     | 1    | 1/2  | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 51/2  |
|         | William    | 1    | 0    | 1/2  | 1/2  | 0    | 1    | 1/2  | 0    | 1/2  | 4     |
|         | Sharan     | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1/2  | 1/2  | 4     |
|         | Harry      | 1/2  | 0    | 1/2  | 0    | 1/2  | 1    | 1/2  | 0    | 1/2  | 31/2  |
|         | Edward     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1/2  | 0    | 11/2  |
| U12     | Samuel     | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1/2  | 1/2  | 6     |
|         | Daniel     | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1/2  | 41/2  |
|         | Victor     | 1    | 1/2  | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 61/2  |
|         | Polly      | 0    | 1/2  | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1/2  | 1    | 1/2  | 0    | 31/2  |
|         | Joseph     | 1    | 1/2  | 0    | 0    | 1/2  | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1/2  | 41/2  |
|         | Saravanan  | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 6     |
|         | Patrick    | 0    | 1/2  | 1/2  | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 4     |
|         | TOTAL      | 61/2 | 41/2 | 61/2 | 61/2 | 5    | 71/2 | 4    | 6    | 7    | 531/2 |



#### **U14 Final Crosstable**

| Rk. | Name                   | Rtg  | FED | 1.Rd | 2.Rd            | 3.Rd | 4.Rd       | 5.Rd | 6.Rd | 7.Rd | 8.Rd            | 9.Rd       | Pts. |
|-----|------------------------|------|-----|------|-----------------|------|------------|------|------|------|-----------------|------------|------|
| 1   | Heimann Andreas        | 2198 | GER | 6s1  | 13w1            | 5s1  | 2w1        | 3s½  | 4w½  | 9s1  | 10s1            | $8w^{1/2}$ | 7,5  |
| 2   | Bebel Arkadiusz        | 2052 | POL | 16s1 | 12w1            | 10s1 | 1s0        | 5w1  | 6w1  | 3s½  | 9w1             | 4s½        | 7,0  |
| 3   | Bartos Tamas           | 2096 | HUN | 24s1 | 20w1            | 19s½ | 7w1        | 1w½  | 10s1 | 2w½  | 4s½             | 6w1        | 7,0  |
| 4   | Petenyi Tamas          | 2170 | SVK | 30w1 | 10s0            | 8w1  | 20s1       | 12w1 | 1s½  | 5s1  | $3w\frac{1}{2}$ | $2w^{1/2}$ | 6,5  |
| 5   | Bures Jaroslav         | 2046 | CZE | 26w1 | 18s1            | 1w0  | 19w1       | 2s0  | 12s1 | 4w0  | 11w1            | 10s1       | 6,0  |
| 6   | Schnegg Daniel         | 1890 | AUT | 1w0  | 31s1            | 25w½ | 21s1       | 20w1 | 2s0  | 7s1  | 13w1            | 3s0        | 5,5  |
| 7   | Kilpatrick Callum      | 2071 | ENG | 29w1 | 8s½             | 9w1  | 3s0        | 10w0 | 14s1 | 6w0  | 18s1            | 15w1       | 5,5  |
| 8   | Schreiner Peter        | 1990 | AUT | 14w1 | $7w\frac{1}{2}$ | 4s0  | 18s½       | 25w½ | 26s1 | 13w½ | 12s1            | 1s½        | 5,5  |
| 9   | Azad Razik             | 1926 | AUT | 25s½ | 27w1            | 7s0  | 28w1       | 19s1 | 11w1 | 1w0  | 2s0             | 14w1       | 5,5  |
| 10  | Kavcic Janez           | 1904 | SLO | 17s1 | 4w1             | 2w0  | 14s1       | 7s1  | 3w0  | 19s1 | 1w0             | 5w0        | 5,0  |
| 18  | Jones William          | 0    | ENG | 11s1 | 5w0             | 13s½ | $8w^{1/2}$ | 16s0 | 20w1 | 15s½ | 7w0             | 23s½       | 4,0  |
| 22  | Soni Sharan            | 0    | ENG | 20s0 | 24w1            | 12s0 | 30w1       | 13s0 | 28w1 | 11s0 | 23w½            | 19s½       | 4,0  |
| 27  | Streeter Harry         | 0    | ENG | 23w½ | 9s0             | 29w½ | 16s0       | 24s½ | 31w1 | 26w½ | 21s0            | 30w½       | 3,5  |
| 32  | Venmore Rowland Edward | 0    | ENG | 12s0 | 16w0            | 26w0 | 31s1       | 29w0 | 30s0 | 24s0 | 20w½            | 28s0       | 1,5  |

#### **U12 Final Crosstable**

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|-----|------------------------|------|-----|------|------------|------|------------|------------|------|------|-----------------|------------|------|
| Rk. | Name                   | Rtg  | FED | 1.Rd | 2.Rd       | 3.Rd | 4.Rd       | 5.Rd       | 6.Rd | 7.Rd | 8.Rd            | 9.Rd       | Pts. |
| 1   | Baekelant Eva          | 1988 | BEL | 35w1 | 20s1       | 6w0  | 27w1       | 19s1       | 2s1  | 10w1 | 4w1             | 3s½        | 7,5  |
| 2   | Jones Victor           | 0    | ENG | 16s1 | $4w^{1/2}$ | 13s1 | 9w1        | 6s1        | 1w0  | 12s1 | 3w0             | 10w1       | 6,5  |
| 3   | Neves Pedro            | 1867 | POR | 18w0 | 7s1        | 20w1 | 12s½       | $5w^{1/2}$ | 21s1 | 15w1 | 2s1             | 1w½        | 6,5  |
| 4   | Stankiewicz Pawel      | 1709 | POL | 31w1 | 2s½        | 11w1 | 10s½       | 18w1       | 13s½ | 14w1 | 1s0             | 7s½        | 6,0  |
| 5   | Tomazini Zan           | 0    | SLO | -1   | 32w1       | 8s1  | 6w0        | 3s½        | 14w0 | 9s½  | 21w1            | 17s1       | 6,0  |
| 6   | Sathyanandha Saravanan | 0    | ENG | 38w1 | 41w1       | 1s1  | 5s1        | 2w0        | 10s0 | 7w0  | 16s1            | 14w1       | 6,0  |
| 7   | Franklin Samuel        | 0    | ENG | 8s0  | 3w0        | 37s1 | 29w1       | 22s1       | 19w1 | 6s1  | 10s½            | $4w^{1/2}$ | 6,0  |
| 8   | Pagerka Martin         | 1948 | SVK | 7w1  | 18s1       | 5w0  | 17s1       | 10w0       | 33s1 | 13w½ | 14s½            | 12s1       | 6,0  |
| 9   | Visentin Lorenzo       | 1953 | ITA | 30s½ | 22w1       | 19w1 | 2s0        | 14s0       | 18w1 | 5w½  | 27s1            | 13w1       | 6,0  |
| 10  | Wertjanz David         | 1717 | AUT | 28s1 | 12w½       | 23s1 | $4w^{1/2}$ | 8s1        | 6w1  | 1s0  | $7w\frac{1}{2}$ | 2s0        | 5,5  |
| 18  | Hunt Daniel            | 0    | ENG | 3s1  | 8w0        | 41s1 | 32w1       | 4s0        | 9s0  | 17w0 | 36w1            | 21s½       | 4,5  |
| 23  | Quinn Joseph           | 0    | ENG | 26w1 | 15s½       | 10w0 | 33s0       | 24w½       | 38s1 | 16w0 | 29s1            | 25w½       | 4,5  |
| 29  | Stevens Patrick        | 0    | ENG | 20w0 | 35s½       | 33w½ | 7s0        | 26s1       | 32w1 | 22s0 | 23w0            | 36s1       | 4,0  |
| 31  | Lambert Polly          | 0    | ENG | 4s0  | 16w½       | 22s0 | 24s0       | -1         | 30w½ | 37w1 | 33s½            | 19w0       | 3,5  |



# European Youth Chess Championships

9-20 September 2006

The tournament was just finishing as we went to press, therefore a detailed report will feature in our next issue.

Photograph: The Squad and Gerry Walsh

#### This year, our representatives are:

Under 18 Li Wu, Simon A Fowler

Under 16 James L Hanley, Tom Pym, Ankush Khandelwal, Selina S H Khoo, Chantal Neomi Sirisena

Under 14 Callum J B Kilpatrick, Subin Sen, Amisha Parmar, Sheila Dines, Jessica A Thilaganathan

Under 12 Zhou Yang-Fan, Samuel Franklin, Savaranan Sathyanandha

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| Section | The Player                   | Rd 1  | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Rd 6 | Rd 7 | Rd 8 | Rd 9 | Total | Position |
|---------|------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|----------|
| U10g    | Radha Jain                   | 1/2   | 1/2  | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 6     | 9th =    |
| U10b    | Marcus Harvey                | 1     | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 4     |          |
| U12b    | Samuel Franklin              | 1/2   | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1/2  | 0    | 1/2  | 41/2  |          |
|         | Saravanan Sathyanandha       | 1     | 1/2  | 1/2  | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1/2  | 1/2  | 0    | 5     |          |
|         | Yang-Fan Zhou                | 1     | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 1/2  | 1/2  | 1    | 6     | 9th =    |
| U14g    | Sheila Dines (1926)          | 1     | 1    | 1/2  | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1/2  | 1    | 5     |          |
|         | Amisha Parmar (1971)         | 1     | 1/2  | 1/2  | 1/2  | 1    | 0    | 1/2  | 0    | 1/2  | 41/2  |          |
|         | Jessica Thilaganathan (1895) | 1     | 0    | 1/2  | 1/2  | 1/2  | 1/2  | 1/2  | 1/2  | 1    | 5     |          |
| U14b    | Callum Kilpatrick (2071)     | 1     | 0    | 1    | 1    | 1/2  | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 61/2  | 5th =    |
|         | Subin Sen (2039)             | 0     | 1/2  | 1/2  | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 1/2  | 41/2  |          |
| U16g    | Selina Khoo (1988)           | 1     | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1/2  | 41/2  |          |
|         | Chantal Sirisena (1950)      | 0     | 0    | 1/2  | 1    | 1    | 1/2  | 0    | 0    | 1/2  | 31/2  |          |
| U16b    | James Hanley (2155)          | 0     | 1    | 0    | 1/2  | 1    | 0    | 1/2  | 1    | 1    | 5     |          |
|         | Ankush Khandelwal (1974)     | 1/2   | 1    | 1/2  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 4     |          |
|         | Thomas Pym (2114)            | 0     | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3     |          |
| U18b    | Simon Fowler (2181)          | 1     | 0    | 0    | 1/2  | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 41/2  |          |
|         | Li Wu (2306)                 | 1     | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 5     |          |
|         | TOTAL                        | 111/2 | 9    | 61/2 | 8    | 12   | 7    | 9    | 6    | 11½  | 801/2 |          |

# **Squad Team Triumphs in Poland**

The Junior Squad sent two teams to the international Under 16 tournament at Jastrzebie Zdroj in Southern Poland. There were 32 teams from at least 11 different countries at the event and, for the purposes of the event our teams were christened Liverpool and London. The former were represented by Dan Hall, Vedantha Kumar, Robbie Coats and Selina Khoo whilst "London" was represented by Sebastian Pozzo, Xi Yang Guo, Edward Basham and Amisha Parmar. The tournament is very well organized and also funded by a European grant. As well as the chess there is a good social and sporting programme with visits to local mountains and spas as well as Table Tennis, Volleyball and 4-a-side soccer competitions. The teams were also invited in to a local organisers home for a typical Polish meal. The teams had also, independentrly, spent a night in Krakow to see what is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

In the chess, Liverpool started like a rocket and won their first five matches. The third day of the event saw the final four matches. The first, against St Petersburg, was drawn; Tallinn were dispatched 4-0 and the penultimate match against Rowne was also drawn. At this point nerves crept in and the match against Chrzanow (who were fighting for third place) was our only defeat. However 1.5 points was enough to ensure that we won the event even if it did mean the third tie break system (top board's result) to split us from Frydek Mistek (Czech). London had suffered from a computer!! The event awarded three points for a win and one for a draw. The computer awarded 2 for a win and, as London drew 6 games they suffered some horrendous upfloats. Thank goodness we still have arbiters who can arbit!! Despite this London only lost to Orlova and ended up in the prize list. Fortunately for "Liverpool" our hosts had checked if Easyjet would take four mountain bikes – they would and these were proudly returned to England. Vedantha Kumar, on board two, went through the tournament undefeated to be the 4th highest scoring player with 8\9.

One other success needs to be mentioned, Liverpool won the soccer (although a soccer headline "Liverpool triumph in Europe" is quite commonplace). Selina (who has won many chess medals) was really proud to have won a soccer medal! She played in goal and only conceded one in the competition – Reina needs to watch out!

Our thanks go to our hosts for their excellent organisation, Victor Cross and Nancy Mortimer for their encouragement and guidance and the players for their commitment and friendliness.

Peter Purland

# Littlewood's Choice

by John Littlewood

#### 4th Staunton Memorial 21 August 2006 Tea Bosboom Lanchava David Howell

King's Indian Defence E62

I rarely publish a long game but must make an exception this month with the following splendid effort by David Howell who, incidentally, had an unusual share of bad luck in this tournament.

#### 1d4Nf62c4g63Nf3 Bg74g30-0 5 Bg2 d6 6 Nc3 Nc6 7 0-0 Rb8 8 Re1 a6 9 Rb1 Nd7 10 b4 e6!? 11 a4?!

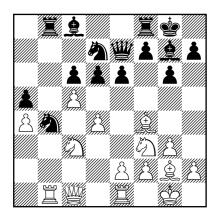
Allowing the following standard manoeuvre which sets the scene for dramatic action spear-headed by the knight about to reach b4.

# 11...a5! 12 b5 Nb4 13 Bf4 Qe7 14 Qc1 c5!

An excellent move which involves a promising exchange sacrifice leading to domination of the dark squares.

#### 15 bxc6 bxc6 16 c5?!

Casual thinking which results in a rapid refutation.



# 16...dxc5! 17 Bxb8 cxd4 18 Nxd4 Bxd4!.

Time is of the essence.

#### 19 Bf4 f5!

From now on Black completely controls the game.

#### 20 Be3 e5 21 Rd1 Qc5 22 Rb3

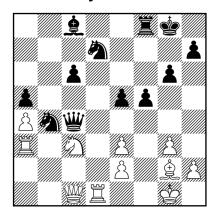
Note that already White has no square for his knight after 23 Bxd4?? exd4.

#### 22...Qc4! 23 Ra3 Bxe3!

Introducing a vital new element involving the exclusion of White's bishop from the game!

#### 24 fxe3

The exchange had to be given back after 24 Qxe3 Nc2 but Black is still winning.



#### 24...e4! 25 Qd2

Already White is having to grovel, with her rooks looking far less valuable than Black's two knights; 25 g4!? had to be played now (or never!) but without much hope.

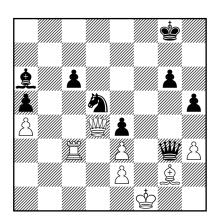
#### 25...Ne5 26 Raa1 Qf7 27 Qd4 Qe7 28 Rac1 Ba6 29 h3 h5! 30 Qb6 Nc4! 31 Qd4 Qg5 32 Nxe4!?

Desperation but what else is there?

#### 32...fxe4 33 Rxc4 Qxg3 34 Rf1?!

Better is 34 Qxe4 when Black would have probably played the sharp 34... Bxc4 35 Qxc4+ Nd5 36 Qxc6 Nxe3 when 37 Rd6 allows 37...Rf1 mate, or 37 Rc1 allows 37...Nxg2! 38 Qxg2 Qxe3+, or finally 37 Rb1 Kh7! (threatening 38...Rf2) 38 Kh1 Rf2 39 Rg1 Ng4! 40 hxg4 Qh4+ followed by mate.

#### 34...Rxf1+ 35 Kxf1 Nd5! 36 Rc3



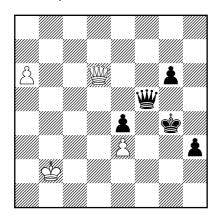
#### 36...Bxe2+! 37 Kxe2 Qxg2+ 38 Ke1 Qg1+ 39 Ke2 Qg2+ 40 Ke1 Qh1+ 41 Kd2 Qh2+

Having reached move 40, David must now carefully assess the inevitable queen ending which is surely winning for him but needs careful handling to enable his king to advance up the

42 Kc1 Nxc3 43 Qd8+ Kf7 44 Qd7+

Kf6! 45Qxc6+ Kg546 Qxc3 Qg1+ 47 Kc2 Qf2+ 48 Kb1 Qf5! 49 Qe1 Qxh3 50 Qxa5+ Kg4! 51 Qb6 Qf1+ 52 Kb2 Qf5 53 a5 h4 54 a6 h3 55 Qd6

Or 55 a7 h2 56 a8(Q) h1(Q) 57 Qac6 Qe5+ 58 Qc3 Qh2+ 59 Kb3 Qxc3+ 60 Kxc3 Qe5+ followed by 60...g5 winning comfortably.



#### 55...Qf2+ 56 Ka3

White would love to play 56 Kb1 but then 56...Qg1+! 57 Kb2 h2 58 Qxg6+ (58 a7 Qf2+! wins both pawns) 58...Kf3 wins easily.

56...Qxe3+ 57 Ka4 g5 58 Qd7+ Kg3 59 Qc7+ Qf4 60 Qc3+ e3+ 61 Kb5h2 62 Qe1+ Qf2 63 Qc1 Qf5+ 64 Kb6 Qe6+ 65 Kc7 Qe5+ 66 Kb6 Qd4+ 67 Kb7 Qe4+ 0-1

Clearly, here's a young man with great potential.

#### **Chessmen at Northiam**

Frewen College, an independent co-educational school for children with Specific Learning Difficulties, in East Sussex, recently opened their gardens to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme, and guess what they had – a giant chess board! Many have been re-planted and will take some time to cover the metal framework.



# Canning Chess Set

#### **Dear Chess Player,**

Our family, descended from Alfred George Richard Canning, Civil Engineer (b. we don't know where, c. 1785; d. 1851 Rotherhithe), has had a chess set in it for several generations. We would very much like to know more about the set. I've have just now put some photos up online, with a bit of the history, at http://www. lionsgrip.com/ChessSetDetails.html . We are wondering if Alfred could have made the set. The set was given to my grandfather by my great grandfather, George Canning of Paris and Cleveland, who was Alfred's grandson (no birth record exists for George, however, even though his two brothers' births were duly registered with the British Consul in Paris). George's photo may be seen at http://www.lionsgrip.com/ famchataugua.html (he is person "Z").

About Alfred: Alfred was said to have been the "the youngest son of a most honorable family." We know almost nothing about him, except that he was very, very avid for making naval things, including lifesaving inventions for use at sea. His several sons became prominent citizens wherever they settled. One became an MP in Australia; another, Rafton Canning (the one who passed on this chess set if it was indeed made by Alfred), married a woman who was raised by a noblewoman, Mme. Lannes the Duchess of Montebello, in the Court of Napoleon III; another became the Senior Professor for Greek Literature at the Athenaeum in Madrid. Alfred's wife, Anne Powell Canning, was for a time the Mistress of a fashionable Paris salon where English, nevertheless, was often spoken.

Alfred made munitions and naval things. His sons lived many years in France but we're not sure he ever visited them there. He was supposedly decorated by the Prince Consort for his inventions, and some of his letters are archived in the Royal Society for the Arts, London.

If you can tell us anything at all about the set by looking at the photos, we would be very grateful. Just knowing which country it was made in would be a great start. I would be happy to take more photos to your specifications, if you wish. And of course, we're very happy to answer any questions you may have.

On another tack, while looking into this, it occurs to me to ask, would you have any knowledge of the items that Napoleon III made on his wood lathe during his years in England following the fall of the Second Empire?

#### Gratefully yours, Kim Salisbury

Please contact the ECF Office if you have any information to pass on to the family.

# **Civil Service Chess Association v Combined Services Chess Association**

Report by K. J. Thurlow and D. G. Mills.

| Board No. | Civil Service CA  | Grade |     |     | Combined Services CA | Grade |
|-----------|-------------------|-------|-----|-----|----------------------|-------|
| 1         | Walker, M. G.     | 198   | 0   | 1   | Hammond, A. J. C.    | 201   |
| 2         | McCague, B.       | 175E  | 1   | 0   | Thurlow, K. J.       | 173   |
| 3         | Harley-Yeo, G.    | 176   | 1/2 | 1/2 | Doye, P.             | 153   |
| 4         | Bowers, F. J.     | 164   | 0   | 1   | Walsh, S. J. F.      | 159   |
| 5         | Archer, R.        | 160   | 1/2 | 1/2 | Kay, J. J.           | 138   |
| 6         | Appleby, S.       | 153   | 1   | 0   | Lefevre, S.          | 122   |
| 7         | Baillie, D.       | 142   | 1   | 0   | O'Byrne, D.          | 138   |
| 8         | Baker, M.         | 141   | 0   | 1   | Foulds, A.           | 139   |
| 9         | Smith, G. M.      | 133   | 1   | 0   | Morrison, M.         | 128   |
| 10        | Coles, M.         | 131   | 1   | 0   | Ball, P.             | 120   |
| 11        | Dalby, A.         | 126   | 1/2 | 1/2 | Martin, P.           | 110   |
| 12        | Wood, K.          | 99    | 1   | 0   | Field, S.            | 103   |
| 13        | Jones, M.         | 99    | 0   | 1   | Davies, A. M.        | 105   |
| 14        | Strickland, I. D. | 89    | 1/2 | 1/2 | Brown, H.            | 90    |
| 15        | Cattermole, J.    | 76    | 0   | 1   | Lake, M.             | 84    |
| 16        | Sant, M.          | 37    | 0   | 1   | Ball, A.             | 80    |
|           |                   |       | 8   | 8   |                      |       |

The second Representative Chess Match of 2006 saw the Civil Service Chess Association host the Combined Services Chess Association at Whiteley Village, near Walton on Thames, Surrey on 17th June. Paul Martin who played for the Royal Air Force Chess Association – a predecessor of the Combined Services Chess Association – suggested the village hall as a suitable venue and it proved popular with both teams. Plenty of room, quiet (apart from clock chimes each quarter hour), a buffet, a bar nearby and a bookstall provided by Francis Bowers. What more could a player desire½ Very little other than significantly lower temperatures! It was stiflingly hot so the captains hope to move the 2007 fixture to a less taxing date – possibly in May.

Assembling a 16 board team proved time consuming. I contacted virtually everyone who appears on my list of potential players for Representative Fixtures and still fell short of the number required. Fortunately a telephone call to David Gilbert of the DHSS Chess Club in London resulted in a couple of volunteers, enabling me to take on the role on non-playing captain/reporter/organiser. Andy Hammond, captain of the Combined Services team, experienced similar problems. Several members of his team withdrew in the days prior to the fixture, however, Steven Walsh, Secretary of the Athenaeum Chess Club, was able to supply some guests. Eventually the match commenced with a full complement of players on either side.

As may be seen from the match result sheet, the Civil Service enjoyed a significant grading advantage, yet it was not reflected in play overall. After a rapid loss on board eight we gradually built up a two point advantage. Nevertheless, events on the boards still in play suggested a close finish. The Combined Services eventually drew level and then took a one point lead with one board still to be completed. Fortunately, Kevin Wood remained composed, converting a piece for pawn advantage into an endgame win to secure a drawn match.

Since organising my first match as captain in these Representative Fixtures against the Royal Air Force Chess Association and, in more recent years, the Combined Services Chess Association, the overall score has now reached Civil Service Chess Association 5 wins, Combined Services Chess Association 2 wins with 2 draws. In fairness to our opponents they have usually been outgraded and it has been rare for them to lose by a significant margin. In 2007 the Combined Services Chess Association will host this fixture, possibly in the Midlands at RAF Cosford.

# **English Chess Federation Grand Prix 2005/6**

#### **Neil Graham reports:**

#### The winners of the 2005/6 Grand Prix are as follows:-

Grand Prix Winner Andrew Greet £2000 2nd Mark Hebden £800 3rd Danny Gormally £400 Female Prix Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant £200 Senior Prix Richard Desmedt £200 Junior Prix Ankush Khandelwal £200 Disabled Prix Jack Rudd £200 Under 175 Prix Donny Muter £200 Under 150 Prix Russell Goodfellow £200 Under 125 Prix Colin Eckloff £200 Under 100 Prix Michael Barker £200

The following players receive £50 discount in any event in the 2006 British Championship Sheila Dines, Akash Jain, Helge Hjort, Dean Hartley, Malcolm Armstrong, Robert Clegg, David Curtis and Ian Strickland.

The final tables incorporates results from the Smith and Williamson British Championships, the South Wales International, the National Junior Squad Young Masters plus weekend events in Wales and Chester.

Despite strong late showings from both Mark Hebden and Danny Gormally, Andrew Greet could not be overhauled in the Grand Prix. In the Female Prix both Selina Khoo and Dinah Norman reached maximum points but it was Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant whose outstanding performance in the Smith and Williamson British Championships enabled her to finish a clear first. In the Junior Prix, a host of players reached the maximum score mark following the Junior events in the Smith and Williamson British Championships – however Ankush Khandelwal increased his total with an outstanding first place in the Young Masters Tournament and thus maintained his lead over his rivals. In the Disabled Prix, Jack Rudd overhauled Dean Hartley at the top by increasing his %score at the South Wales International. As suggested previously although the minor places changed there were no late challenges to the winners of any of the Graded Prix sections. Finally to the Senior Prix where both Harry Lamb and Ray Gamble reached the maximum courtesy of fine results at Chester but they were still well behind runaway winner Richard Desmedt.

To date the total of players who have scored Grand Prix points (at 25th August 2006):

|                   | 2005 | iviax | 2006 | iviax |
|-------------------|------|-------|------|-------|
| <b>Grand Prix</b> | 242  | 1     | 267  | 3     |
| Female Prix       | 107  | 6     | 115  | 9     |
| Senior Prix       | 214  | 3     | 261  | 10    |
| Junior Prix       | 362  | 9     | 406  | 10    |
| Disabled Prix     | 34   | 2     | 39   | 3     |
| Under 175         | 94   | 1     | 100  | 1     |
| Under 150         | 170  | 1     | 186  | 1     |
| Under 125         | 164  | 1     | 174  | 1     |
| Under 100         | 129  | 0     | 127  | 0     |
| Total             | 1516 | 24    | 1675 | 38    |
|                   |      |       |      |       |

#### **Previous updates**

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|----------|--------|----|----------|------|----|
| 9 Jan    | 848    | 5  | 24 Feb   | 1076 | 11 |
| 20 Jan   | 880    | 6  | 9 Mar    | 1129 | 14 |
| 27 Jan   | 905    | 7  | 16 Mar   | 1172 | 14 |
| 3 Feb    | 916    | 7  | 30 Mar   | 1248 | 16 |
| 10 Feb   | 978    | 7  | 12 Apr   | 1291 | 16 |
| 17 Feb   | 1028   | 9  | 28 Apr   | 1329 | 18 |
| 5th May  | 1364   | 18 | 6th Jul  | 1525 | 22 |
| 12th May | 1389   | 19 | 21st Jul | 1537 | 24 |
| 19th May | 1418   | 20 | 4th Aug  | 1580 | 24 |
| 1st Jun  | 1444   | 20 | 8th Aug  | 1614 | 26 |
| 8th Jun  | 1450   | 20 | 15th Aug | 1632 | 29 |
| 28th Jun | 1497   | 21 |          |      |    |
|          |        |    |          |      |    |

The total of qualifying scorers in 2006 reached 1675 – a 10% increase over last year. In addition the number of players reaching maximum increased from 24 to 38 with the Senior Prix showing the highest rate of increase. 569 tournaments have been assessed.

#### **Final Leader Boards**

Players' names in bold have already reached the maximum possible score..

#### Grand Prix (max 250 pts)

| 1  | Greet, Andrew, Hillsmark K   | 230.5 |
|----|------------------------------|-------|
| 2  | Hebden, Mark, Leicester      | 228   |
| 3  | Gormally, Danny, Guildford   | 224.5 |
| 4  | Palliser, Richard, Harrogate | 162   |
| 5  | Jones, Richard, Wales        | 162   |
| 6  | Haslinger, Stewart, Formby   | 154   |
| 7  | Ansell, Simon, Hackney       | 149.5 |
| 8  | Williams, Simon, Hillsmark K | 142   |
| 9  | Hawkins, Jonathan, Durham    | 140   |
| 10 | Davies, Nigel, 3cs           | 125   |
| _  |                              |       |

| Female Prix (max 125 pts) |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1                         | Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan, Edinburgh113.5  |
| 2                         | Dines, Sheila, Old Palace 102             |
| 3                         | Houska, Jovanka, Slough 100.5             |
| 4                         | Parmar, Amisha, West Notts99              |
| 5                         | Chevannes, Sabrina, Checkmate91           |
| 6                         | Anandajeyarajah, Thilagini, Richmond 90.5 |
| 7                         | Khoo, Selina, Surrey88                    |
| 8                         | Jain, Radha, Pinner85                     |
| 9                         | Thilaganathan, Jessica, Richmond82        |
| 10                        | Norman, Dinah, Crowthorne77.5             |

#### Junior Prix (max 125 pts)

| 1  | Khandelwal, Ankush, Nottingham 112.5 |
|----|--------------------------------------|
| 2  | Jain, Akash, Pinner 109.5            |
| 3  | Eggleston, Thomas, Durham 107        |
| 4  | Roberson, Peter, Basingstoke 106     |
| 5  | Pym, Thomas, Oswestry 104            |
| 6  | Lenier, Jude, Crowborough 102        |
| 7  | Dines, Sheila, Sanderstead 102       |
| 8  | Whitfield, Craig, Cheddleton 101     |
| 9  | Poobalasingam, Peter, Richmond 99.5  |
| 10 | Bennet, William, Oakham98.5          |
|    |                                      |

#### Senior Prix (max 125 pts)

| 2 | Hjort, Helge, Hendon 103               |
|---|--|
| 3 | Gamble, Ray, Derby102.5                |
| 4 | Fraser, Alan, Beckenham 99.5           |
| 5 | Kearsley, Raymond, Wimbledon98         |
| 6 | Lally, Mike, Sheffield96.5             |
| 7 | Lamb, Harry, Bolton94                  |
| 8 | Sandercock, Barry, Chalfont St Giles93 |
| 9 | Sherwin, James, Bath91                 |

10 Jowett, Conrad, Blackpool ...... 81.5

1 Desmedt, Richard, Netherton....... 115.5

#### Disabled Prix (max 75 pts)

| 1  | Rudd, Jack, Bristol              | 58   |
|----|----------------------------------|------|
| 2  | Hartley, Dean, Amber Valley      | 56.5 |
| 3  | Blencowe, lan, Gloucester        | 45.5 |
| 4  | Martin, Lewis, Swindon           | 43.5 |
| 5  | Lilley, Graham, Aigburth         | 39   |
| 6  | Whitfield, John, Ottery St Marys | 32   |
| 7  | Ross, Chris, Huntingdon          | 24   |
| 8  | Armstrong, Bill, Cheddleton      | 22.5 |
| 9  | Chambers, Colin, Cheltenham      | 21   |
| 10 | Gallagher, John, Leeds           | 19   |
|    |                                  |      |

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

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| ı  | wuter, Donny, Fulnam           | 112  |
|----|--------------------------------|------|
| 2  | Armstrong, Malcolm, Stafford   | 86   |
| 3  | Huq, Robin, Battersea          | 79   |
| 4  | O'Gorman, Brendan, London      | 71   |
| 5  | French, Angus, Streatham       | 68   |
| 6  | Bryant, Richard, Telepost      | 55.5 |
| 7  | Ackley, Peter, Hayes           | 52.5 |
| 8  | Round, Michael, Rose Foregrove | 52   |
| 9  | Milnes, John, Bradford         | 52   |
| 10 | Rahman, K Azizur, Ilford       | 50   |
|    |                                |      |

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

|    | ` ' ' '                               |      |
|----|---------------------------------------|------|
| 1  | Goodfellow, Russell, Tunbridge Wells. | 110  |
| 2  | Clegg, Robert, Huddersfield           | 80.5 |
| 3  | Fallowfield, Jeremy, Stourbridge      | 71.5 |
| 4  | Lord, Peter, Hayes                    | 69   |
| 5  | Campbell, Eoin, Edinburgh             | 66.5 |
| 6  | Adcock, Jamie, Reading                | 56.5 |
| 7  | Dunne, David, Nottingham              | 40   |
| 8  | Jain, Dinesh, Pinner                  | 39   |
| 9  | Colledge, Dave, Calderdale            | 37.5 |
| 10 | Dickerson, Trevor, Maldon             | 36.5 |

# Graded Prix (124-100) (max 125 pts) 1 Eckloff, Colin, Birmingham......111.5

| 2 | Curtis, David, Haywards Heath  | 82   |
|---|--------------------------------|------|
| 3 | Blackburn, John, Holmes Chapel | 74.5 |
| 4 | Gartside, Carl, High Peak      | 72   |
| 5 | Mutale, Michael, Barking       | 63.5 |
| 6 | Jaworski, Leszer, Slough       | 58.5 |
| 7 | Shah, Dipak Kumar, Harrow      | 51   |
| 8 | Panier Alan Bristol & Clifton  | 50   |

9 Ince, Darran, Mansfield ......50

10 Cubitt, David, Wandering Drgns......47

#### Graded Prix (U100) (max 125 pts)

| Graded Prix (U 100) (max 125 pts) |   |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| 1                                 | Barker, Michael, Ashton-under-Lyme 72.5 |  |
| 2                                 | Strickland, Ian, Leeds54                |  |
| 3                                 | Grange, James, Bangor49.5               |  |
| 4                                 | Constable, John, Coulsdon48             |  |
| 5                                 | Derbyshire, Warren, Chorley42           |  |
| 6                                 | Galloway, James, Andover40              |  |
| 7                                 | Dunne, David, Nottingham40              |  |
| 8                                 | Jain, Dinesh, Pinner39                  |  |
| 9                                 | Colledge, Dave, Calderdale37.5          |  |
| 10                                | Dickerson, Trevor, Maldon36.5           |  |



#### CCF Rapidplay 8 July 2006

**Open / Under 170:** Nick Briggs, Beckenham, u177, 6/6; Anthony Cullen, Wimbledon, 170, 4½/6; Ian Snape, CCF, 184, 4/6

**Under 140:** Paul Kendall, Metropolitan, 114, 4½/6; Brendan O'Gorman, DHSS, 123, 4½/6; Paul Jackson, CCF, 133, 4½/6 **Under 110:** Paul Barkshire, CCF, 108, 4½/6; David Gilbert, DHSS, 87, 4/6; Thomas Rixon, Hemel Hempstead, 104, 4/6; Ben Silverstein, CCF, 24, 4/6; Greg Breed, Eastcote, 95, 4/6; Radha Jain, Pinner, 39, 3½/6

**Under 80:** Christine Constable, CCF, 72, 5/6; George Galliano, CCF, 41, 5/6; Fred Coombes, CCF, 50, 4½/6

#### National Chess Junior Squad Young Masters 18-23 July 2006

Ankush Khandelwal, 7½; Simon Fowler, 7; Matthew Harborne, 7; Peter Roberson, 7; William Bennet, 6½; Balvinder Grewal, 6½; Thomas Pym, 6½

#### NCJS Weekend Congress 22-23 July 2006

Akash Jain, 115, 5; James Adair, 62, 4; Tom Huband, 90, 4; Alexander Jelicic, 53, 4; Jude Lenier, 96, 4; Lewis Martin, 135, 4; Elyes Ribgy-Zeghlache, 83, 4; George Salimbeni, 92, 4; Senthuran Sathyanandha, 130, 4; Edward Basham, 102, 3½; Thomas Middleton, 95, 3½; Dashiell Shaw, 72, 3½

# The Weald Congress (KJCA/SJC) 29-30 July 2006

**Open:** Martin Taylor FM, Rainham CC, 205, 4/5; Dave Ledger FM, Bedford CC, 205, 4/5; Chris W. Baker IM, Haywards Heath CC, 207, 3½/5; Andrew Bigg, Coulsdon CC, 198, 3½/5; Graeme Buckley IM, Wimbledon CC, 213, 3½/5; Susan Lalic IM (F), Wallington & Carshalton CC, 198, 3½/5

Major: Victor Jones, Lewisham CC, 116, 5/5; Alex Galliano, East Grinstead CC, 127, 4/5; David Faulkner, Welwyn & Hatfield CC, 158, 3½/5; David Grant, East Grinstead CC, 134, 3½/5; Andrew Winchcombe, Maidenhead CC, 129, 3½/5 Intermediate: Marc Bryant, Hastings & St. Leonards CC, 115, 4/5; Thilagini Anandajeyarajah (F), Richmond CC, 117, 4/5; Robbie Coats, Brown Jack CC, 126, 4/5; David Norton, East Grinstead CC, 114, 4/5

Minor: Sam Woolacott, Ashford CC, 64, 4½/5; Robert White, Addlestone CC, 75, 4/5; Gary Bennett, Copthorne, 95, 3½/5; Paul Buswell, Hastings & St. Leonards CC, 98, 3½/5; Charles Davies, Crowborough CC, 89, 3½/5; Martin Goode, Coulsdon CC, 75, 3½/5; Nick Mansfield, Bognor & Arun CC, 85, 3½/5; Siddhu Reddiar, Orpington, 63, 3½/5; Oskar Schortz, Crowborough CC, 77, 3½/5; David Simpkins, East Grinstead CC, 96, 3½/5

# Chester Charity Congress 29-30 July 2006

**Major:** Lim Chin Lee, 4½/5, £350.00; A Walton, 3½/5, £91.67; H Lamb, 3½/5, £91.67; M Surtees, 3½/5, £91.67 **Intermediate:** R Palmer, 4½/5, £350.00; R J Gamble, 4/5, £91.67; Yu Yangshi, 4/5.

R J Gamble, 4/5, £91.67; Yu Yangshi, 4/5, £91.67; E Livesy, 4/5, £91.67

**Minor:** J Reese, 4½/5, £350.00; J Nemcek, 4/5, £91.67; C Gartside, 4/5, £91.67; R J Frith, 4/5, £91.67

Foundation: P Coleman, 4/5, £89.29; J Grange, 4/5, £89.29; C Brown, 4/5, £89.29; C Clayton, 4/5, £89.29; J Stirrup, 4/5, £89.29; D Buckland, 4/5, £89.29; S Mitchenson, 4/5, £89.29

**Team Prize:** Caergwrle B, £40.00; 3C's Oldham, £40.00

#### Staunton Memorial Tournament

14-19 August 2006

The Fourth Staunton Memorial

Tournament took place at Simpson's in the Strand and Wellington College Berkshire on 14-19 August. This was the strongest round robin event to be held in Britain for over 20 years. Ivan Sokolov 9/11. Michael Adams and Jan Timman 8.5, all three were undefeated, but 45 of the 66 games had positive results. Michael 2732 had a performance rating 2708. Peter Wells 2480 5.5 PR 2520. Jon Speelman 2541 5 2479. David Howell 2479 3.5 2387. Jonathan Levitt 2431 3 2350.

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## 37th Thanet Congress

18-20 August 2006

**Open:** Philip Morris, Charlton, 4/5; John Anderson, Shell (Essex), 3½/5; Steve Barrett, White Rose, 3½/5; Francis Rayner, Hastings, 3½/5; Martin Taylor, Rainham (Kent), 3½/5; David Collier, Bristol, 3½/5; Colin Crouch, Pinner, 3½/5

**Major (U160):** Chris Carr, Ashtead, 4/5; R J Everson, Dartford, 4/5; David Horton, Broadstairs, 4/5; Anthony Marcham, Dartford, 4/5

**Intermediate (U125):** Marc Bryant, Hastings, 4½/5; Neil Lister, Whitstable, 4/5; Steve Guy, Ramsgate, 4/5; Matthew Bunn, Snodland, 4/5

Minor (U100): Michael Page, Broadstairs, 4½/5; David Orr, Dartford, 4/5; R Burroughs, Metropolitan, 4/5; Martyn Milgate, Birchington, 4/5; G Foxon, Wokingham, 4/5; Alan Fraser, Beckenham, 4/5; Mark Stone, Petts Wood, 4/5

#### UK Chess Challenge Terafinal

19-20 August 2006

**Terafinal:** Hanley, James, Lancaster RGS, 189, 5½; Poobalasingam, Peter S, Millfield, 189, 5½; Wu, Li, Bancrofts, 215, 5; Eggleston, David J, Hetton, 200, 5; Khandelwal, Ankush, Notts High, 187, 5; Lakhani, Kishan, Notts High, 166, 4½; Lutton, E Josiah, Palmers College, 170, 4½

Challengers A: Eggleston, Thomas, Hetton, 186, 5½; Bennet, William, Oakham, 198, 5; Malik, Kaiser, King Edward's, Birmingham, 148, 5; Rabbitte, Dominic, Tameside, 157, 5; Makepeace, Philip, Dr Challoners Grammar, 167, 5; Lin, Daniel, Notts High, 117, 4½; Weller, Jean-Luc, York RI, 109, 4½; Prescott, Adam P, Crowborough, 161, 4½ Challengers B: Roberson, Peter, Basingstoke, 193, 6; Kneebone, Jeremy, Cape Cornwall, 147, 5½; Grewal, Balvinder, Notts High, 177, 5; Thomas,

Joseff, Monmouth, 177, 5; Cairns, Stephen, Little Heath, 94, 5

#### **42nd Berks & Bucks** Congress

26-28 August 2006

Championship: Ken Coates,

Crowthorne, 188 A, 41/2/6; Liam Varnam, Maidenhead, 162 A, 4½/6; Richard Webb, Basingstoke, 200 A, 4½/6; John Wager, Maidenhead, 178 B, 4/6; Lewis Martin, Newbury, 146 A, 3½/6; Challengers: Andrew Winchcombe, Maidenhead, 129 A, 5/6; lan McAllan, Sidcup, 143 A, 4½/6; Mick Kimber, North Oxford, 132 A, 4/6 Lightning: Richard Webb, Basingstoke, 200 A, 41/2/6; Stephen Cairns, Reading, 122 A, 41/2/6; Chris Briscoe, Kingston, 178 A, 4; Jim Stayt, Reading, 170 C, 4; Roger Barnett, Redhill, 109 B, 4; Paul Cooksey, Basingstoke, 201 A, 31/2

Reserves "A": James Adair, Reading, 116 A, 5/6; Stephen Cairns, Reading, 122 A, 4½; John Gillespie, BT, Reading, 121 B, 4; Richard Evans, Wycombe & Hazle, 111 C, 4

Reserves "B": Maria Wang, Cowley, 91 A, 5½/6; Antony Sage, Bath, 99 B, 4; Gerald Blight, Reading, 107 A, 4; Gordon Brown, Sandhurst, 100 A, 4; Alan Fraser, Beckenham & Bromley, 87 A, 31/2; Alan Willis, 96 D, 31/2; Richard Dulley, Staines, 104 B, 3½

Reserves "C": Mark Stone, Petts Wood & Orping, 80 A, 5/6; Keith Hylands, Watford, 78 D, 41/2; Megan Cleeves, Thamesdown Juniors, 76 D, 4½; Harry Cleeves, Thamesdown Juniors, 79 C, 4

#### **Herefordshire Congress** 26-28 August 2006

Open: AT Mordue, Downend, 194, 5, £220.00; P Holt, Olton, 175, 41/2, £90.00; P Wallace, Lichfield, 203, 41/2, £90.00 Major: B O'Gorman, DHSS, 144, 5, £160.00; C S Purry, Frome, 140, 41/2, £46.67; G Shepherd, Church Stretton, 129, 4½, £46.67; C McKinley, Sedgemoor, 134, 4½, £46.67

Minor: R Lawrence, Sutton Coldfield, 114, 5, £120.00; A Silver, Church Stretton, 108, 41/2, £43.34; J M Walker, Leicester, 97, 4½, £43.34; R Walker, Belper, 104, 4½, £43.34

## **Grangemouth Congress**

1-3 September 2006

Premier: A Grant, Cathcard, 4/5; C MacDonald, J-Stirling, 4/5; D Grassie, Aberdeen, 4/5

Challengers: M Chisholm, Edinburgh, 4½/5; J Konarski, Gala, 4/5; F Murray, Edinburgh, 4/5

Major: M Monaghan, Grangemouth, 4½/5; J Smith, Grangemouth, 4/5; S Phillips, Glasgow, 3½/5; A Birnie, Irvine, 3½/5; A McQueen, Glasgow, 3½/5; K Aitchison, Edinburgh, 3½/5; P Tait, Dalmuir, 31/2/5; S McGilchrist, F-Carrick,

Minor: C Vipond, J-Edinburgh, 4½/5; G Grant, F-Dunfermline, 3½/5; A Grant, J-Stonehaven, 3½/5; L Ingram, J-Glenrothes, 3½/5

#### **Godalming Chess Club Open Tournament**

2 September 2006

About fifty players from as far as Oxford travelled to Shackleford to play in this annual tournament.

There were 4 sections with adults and juniors playing in the Open section and 3 age group sections. Godalming club members were on hand to supervise the games and parents from Aldro School provided refreshments.

Many thanks to Mark Fulleylove the Godalming Chess Club Chairman for presenting the prizes.

Godalming will be fielding 4 teams in the Borders League this year and any adults or juniors wishing to play for one of the teams or join the club, should contact David Archer at archerd@aldro. org

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Top prize winners:

Open: Ian Mason, 5\5; Tom Maxwell, Magdalen College School, 4\5

**Under 11:** Katherine Shepherd, Stamford Green, 41/2\5; Eamon Devaney-Dykes, Magdalen, 4\5; Henry Charatan, Aldro, 3\5

**Under 10:** Thomas Higgins-Toon, Barrow Hills, 41/2\5; Alicia Mason, Surbiton High, 4\5; Nathan Sames, Magdalen, 3½\5

**Under 9:** Alex Anderton, Magdalen, 5\5; Robert Hewett, Aldro, 4\5; Elliott Ghent, Aldro, 31/2\5

#### **Basingstoke Rapidplay** 3 September 2006

Basingstoke Rapidplay was held at 'Maydene' Bridge & Chess Club on Sunday, 3rd September 2006. Eighteen players took part, a goodly increase on

recent modest turnouts.

1st Martin Cutmore (Wood Green) 6/7; 2nd David Cutmore (Wood Green) 41/2; 3rd George Crockhart (Hanley Folk Centre). Two grading prizes went to Mahendran Thanurshan (Pinner) who scored 4 in the U-100s and in the U-75s, a prize to Larry Bailey (Ireland) who got 3½.

The next Rapidplay will be on Sunday 1st October 2006 (Joe French 01256 472537)

#### **Leamington Rapidplay** 10 September 2006

U200: James Russell, 4NCL Warks Select, 191, 5/6; Mason Don, Shirley & Lucas, 187, 4½/6; Rutter Nicholas, Newport, 176, 41/2/6

**U160:** Ponter Ian, Downend & Fishponds, 146, 6/6; Ackley Peter, Leamington, 156, 5/6; Sadler Tony, Solihull, 147, 4½/6; Mitchell Stephen, Slough, 149, 4½/6; Davis Lee, Barry, 155,

U130: Eckloff Colin, Whoberley, 127, 5½/6; Stepanyan Henrik, Sutton Coldfield, 115, 5/6; Walker Samuel, Wycombe & H'mere, 102, 5/6; Blackburn Clive, Coventry, 84, 5/6; Exton Oliver, Nomads, 128, 41/2/6; Price Andrew, Leamington, 128, 41/2/6

**U100:** Jones Adam, Coventry, 99, 5/6; Davison Chris, Cambridge, 98, 5/6; Langham Rod, Wantage, 98, 41/2/6; Francis Kenneth, Mercia, 97, 41/2/6; Weaving Richard, Checkmate, 91, 4/6 ;Riley Adrian, Cowley, 97, 4/6 U70: Clarke Owen, Leamington, 65, 6/6; Stepanyan Astghik, Sutton Coldfield, u/g, 5/6; Compton Mark, Whitwhich, 5/6; Raison Alex, Coventry, u/g, 4½/6; Blampied Dorothy, Bunkers, 68, 41/2/6; Raison Kathy, Coventry, u/g, 3½/6

#### 67th Richmond Rapidplay 10 September 2006

Open: Rafe Martyn, Imperial College, 203, 5/6; Michael Basman, Chessington, 215, 4½/6; Richard Bates, Richmond, 210, 4½/6; Marcus Osborne, Coulsdon, 198, 4/6; Ian Snape, Coulsdon, 186, 4/6 Major U160: Akash Jain, Pinner, 141, 5/6; Victor Jones, Lewisham, 105, 5/6; Sajid Nurmohamed, Hounslow, 127, 31/2/6

Intermediate U120: Peter Lord, Hayes, 119, 5/6; Joshua Pineda, Richmond Jun, 104, 5/6; Ian Mason, New Malden, 72, 4½/6; Benjamin Andrew, Surrey Juniors, 94, 4/6; Thanurshan Mahenthran, Pinner,

Minor U80: Jasper Tambini, Richmond Juniors, 78, 51/2/6; Stuart Townsend, Teddington, 50, 5½/6; Cameron Kelly, Richmond Juniors, 56, 5/6; Barry Miles, Eastcote, 78, 4/6; David Bradbury, Richmond Juniors, 63, 4/6; Vincenzo Giannattasio, Italy, 50, 4/6; Raphael Lambert, Wey Valley, 54, 4/6; Tim Powell, Surbiton, 79, 4/6; Max Wood-Robinson, Richmond Juniors, 62, 4/6

# **Calendar of Events**

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

\* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix

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

#### ~\* 1 Oct KJCA Lee Junior RAPIDPLAY

Colfe's School, London.

Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,

Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com) South-East London Qualifying Event for the London Junior Chess Championships.

#### ~ 1 Oct North of England Rapidplay with Michael Adams Simul. Sheffield.

D Bentley (Tel: 01246 221016, 07727 107147,

## Email: northofenglands@yahoo.co.uk) 2 Oct Wiltshire 5 Minute Championship,

The Brown Jack Pub, Wroughton.

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

#### ~ 6-8 Oct Dorset Congress,

Rembrandt Hotel, Weymouth. F Kingdon (Tel: 01305 812237, Email: dorset.chess.cong@btinternet.com)

## ~ 7 Oct CCF Kent/Middlesex/Surrey/Sussex Junior Grand Prix, Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302, Email: chess@ccfworld.com) London Junior Championships Qualifier

#### ~ 7 Oct Oxford City Chess Club Quickplay,

Magdalen College School.

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

#### ~\* 7 Oct SJC U8 Closed Tournament, Lindfield.

Louise Lambert (Tel: 01732 743228, Email: MmarkImbrt@aol.com)

#### ~\* 7-8 Oct Metropolitan Congress

Bishopsgate Institute, London.

R Hamilton (Tel: 020 7608 1545, Email: rayhamilton@lineone. net)

#### 8 Oct KJCA ECF Certificate of Excellence Coaching Day

Amherst School, Sevenoaks.

Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,

Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

 $\sim^* 8$  Oct **5th Leicester Rapidplay**, Countesthorpe College. S Hewitt (Tel: 0116 279 1030, Email: sean@leicesterchess. co.uk)

#### 13-15 Oct Dalguise Activity Chess Weekend

Dalguise Activity Centre.

Lynsey Shovlin (Tel: 01738 627965,

Email: lynseyshovlin@hotmail.com)

13-15 Oct **West Wales Congress**, The Dolphin Hotel, Swansea. L Philpin (Tel: 01792 418711, Email: newsilure@ hotmail.com)

#### ~\* 14 Oct Golders Green Rapidplay

St Alban's Church Hall, NW11.

Adam Raoof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982, Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

14 Oct **SCCU U18 Jamboree**, Wilson's School, Wallington. N Cooper (Email: nsc@cplusc.co.uk)

## ~\*# 14-15 Oct **24th Bury St Edmunds Congress**, Corn Exchange.

Bob Jones (Tel: 01284 811555,

Email: bobjoneschess@btinternet.com)

### ~ 15 Oct **10th Birmingham & District Chess League Rapidplay**, Four Dwellings High School.

K Langston (Tel: 0121 585 9663,

Email: kenneth.langston@btopenworld.com)

#### \*@ 15 Oct 32nd Fortis Guernsey International Chess

Festival, Peninsula Hotel.

F Hamperl (Tel: 01481 239088,

Email: hamperlfred@hotmail.com)

15 Oct **Richmond Junior Congress**, Teddington School. Richard James (Tel: 020 8898 0362, Email: richard@chesskids. com)

#### 15 Oct 06 - 31 Jul 07 British Ladies Correspondence

**Championships**, Entries by 30/9/06.

K Escott (Tel: 07831 563536, Email: birproof@eversheds.com)

#### \* 20-22 Oct Dundee & Angus Congress

Next Generation Club, Monifieth.

K Rose (Tel: 01382 53486,

Email: director@dundee-congress.co.uk)

### \*# 20-22 Oct SCARBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, Spa Grand Hall.

K Jones (Tel: 01751 433031, Email: laroche17@tiscali.co.uk)

#### 21 Oct Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay

Stanshawe Court Hotel, Yate.

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

#### ~\* 21 Oct **SJC Chichester Junior Rapidplay**, Chichester. Louise Lambert (Tel: 01732 743228, Email: MmarkImbrt@ aol.com)

#### ~\* 27-29 Oct Braille Chess Association INTERNATIONAL

Autumn Tournament, Moat House Hotel, Solihull.

Stan Lovell (Tel: 01642 775 668;

Email: stan@chessboard.freeserve.co.uk)

#### 29 Oct 5th AMCA Grand Prix,

Aldro School, Godalming.

D Archer (Tel: 01483 810266,

Email: david@andrewmartinchessacademy.com)

#### ~ 29 Oct **ORMSKIRK RAPIDPLAY**, Ormskirk Civic Hall.

S Jacquest (Tel: 0151 531 7541,

Email: ormskirkrapidplay@btinternet.com)

#### ~ 29 Oct 10th Pinner Junior Tournament,

University of Westminster.

G Snow (Tel: 020 7736 5693,

Email: grahamsnow@supanet.com) London Junior Qualifier

## ~ 29 Oct **3rd Pinner Rapidplay**, University of Westminster. G Snow (Tel: 020 7736 5693,

Email: grahamsnow@supanet.com)

#### ~\* 29 Oct 68th Richmond Rapidplay,

White House Community Association, Hampton. Richard James (Tel: 020 8898 0362, Email: richard@chesskids.

#### ~ 3 Nov Basingstoke Rapidplay

Basingstoke Chess Club, Maydene.

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

#### ~\* 4-5 Nov British Rapidplay

North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax.

S Burton (Tel: 0113 256 8157)

#### ~\* 4-5 Nov Spectrum Chess - 7th Sheffield Congress

The Sitwell Arms Hotel, Renishaw.

Norman Went (Tel: 01708 551617,

Email: spectrumchess@hotmail.com)

#### 5 Nov **Glasgow Congress**, Holyrood Secondary School.

Ken Stewart (Tel: 01236 431394,

Email: kstewart9@blueyonder.co.uk)

### ~ 10-12 Nov **Hampshire Chess Association Congress**, Eastleigh College.

J Wheeler (Tel: 023 9237 9905, Email: john.wheeler@care4free.net)

#### ~\* 11 Nov Golders Green Rapidplay

St Alban's Church Hall, NW11.

Adam Raoof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982, Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

#### ~\* 11-12 Nov 3rd Civil Service Open Congress,

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. P Pickering (Tel: 020 8445 2807, Email: pe.pickering@virgin. net)

#### $\sim \! \! @$ 11-12 Nov **4NCL**, Divisions 1, 2, & 3

Britannia Hotel, Coventry.

Mike Truran (Tel: 01993 708645, Email: mike@mtruran.fsnet. co.uk)

#### ~ 11-12 Nov Guildford Junior Congress,

Royal Grammar School. A Thorn (Tel: 01483 880600 Email: alan.thorn@which.net)

#### ~ 12 Nov Hampshire London Qualiftying Event

Sherfield School, Sherfield on Loddon.

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

#### ~\* 12 Nov **KJCA Sidcup Junior Rapidplay**, Kemnal College.

Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,

Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

#### ~\* 13-17 Nov **7th Royal Beacon Seniors Congress**

Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth.

R H Jones (Tel: 01395 223340, Email: bobjones@eclipse.co.uk)

# 17-19 Nov **43rd Hull Congress**, University of Hull. M Ieronimo. (Tel: 01482 501816, Email: congress@h-d-c-a.org.uk)

#### ~ 18 Nov CCF Champions' League Chess - Kent, Coulsdon.

Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302,

Email: chess@ccfworld.com)

#### ~\* 18 Nov **SJC Horsham Junior Rapidplay**, Horsham. Louise Lambert (Tel: 01732 743228, Email: MmarkImbrt@aol.

com) London Junior Qualifier

#### 19 Nov BOLTON RAPIDPLAY, Bolton Excel Centre.

R Middleton (Tel: 01204 383634,

Email: Roderick.Middleton@tesco.net)

#### ~\* 24-26 Nov Preston Congress,

County Council Offices, Pitt Street.

M Peacock (Tel: 01772 740882, Email: malcolm@mpeacock.demon.co.uk)

# ~\*# 24-26 Nov **TORBAY CONGRESS**, The Belgrave Hotel. R Chubb (Tel: 01626 888255, Email: ray.chubb@care4free.net)

# ~ 25 Nov CCF Champions' League Chess – surrey east & sussex, Coulsdon.

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

#### ~\* 25 Nov **OXFORD UNIVERSITY RAPIDPLAY**, Lincoln

College, Turl Street.

K Smallbone (Tel: 07971 631919,

Email: kieran.smallbone@new.ox.ac.uk)

## $\sim$ 26 Nov CCF Champions' League Chess – surrey west & the rest, Coulsdon.

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

#### ~\* 26 Nov Central London Rapidplay,

International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street.

C Todd (Tel: 020 8381 4406. Email: c.todd@hotmail.co.uk)

# 26 Nov KJCA Chris Ward's Family & Friends' Tournament & Christmas Party, Amherst School, Sevenoaks.

Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420, Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

## ~\* 26 Nov Steve Webster Memorial One Day Rapidplay Congress. Bradford.

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

#### 26 Nov SJC U9 & U11 Closed Tournaments, Copthorne.

Louise Lambert (Tel: 01732 743228,

Email: MmarkImbrt@aol.com)

26 Nov **Wiltshire Team-Rapidplay Tournament**, Nationwide Head Office, Swindon.

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

#### ~ 26 Nov **Woodbridge Junior Open**, Woodbridge School. A Hunt (Tel: 01394 615000, Email: ahunt@woodbridge.

suffolk.sch.uk) London Junior Championship qualifier

#### 26 Nov Yorkshire Girls Open Championships, Alcuin

School, Leeds. J Hipshon (Tel: 0113 217 6296,

Email: jr.hipshon@ntlworld.com) Includes West Yorkshire Girls Championships