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## National Girls' Team Championships Claremont Fan Court School, 7 May 2005



This prestigious team tournament was open to all female chess players, up to the age of 18. County sides, school teams or just groups of chess-friends were all welcome. Trophy winners pictured below. For more details see page 4.



# Editorial

There has been much activity on the junior front both at home and abroad as you will find in this issue, and it gives me great pleasure to be able to feature such a successful girls' junior event on the front page. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Claire Summerscale on this.

As the old adage goes "time flies when you're having fun" and it seems that Cynthia has now been away from the office for a long time, but all good things must come to an end!! (And by that I mean of course Cynthia enjoying the respite away from the office)! We are now looking forward to her return as we go to print.

Dawn Chalcraft  
Deputy Twinkle

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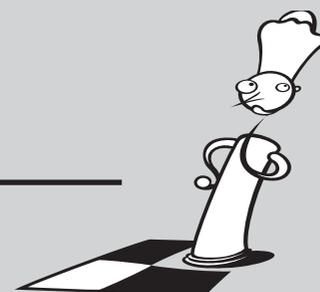
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# BCF News



## Historic Council Meeting

**At a historic Council meeting in Sheffield on 23rd April the British Chess Federation decided to engage in a major restructuring exercise. The principle change is that it will become a Company Limited by Guarantee and will simultaneously adopt the name English Chess Federation – a name which reflects more accurately the geographical area of its activities. These changes are scheduled to become effective on 22nd October 2005.**

One of the principal reasons for the change to a Company Limited by Guarantee is to ameliorate the risk that officers may be held personally liable for the debts of the organisation in excess of any assets. Indeed the fact that the BCF is currently an unincorporated body has been a factor in reducing the number of people willing to apply formally for Directorships.

At the same time as becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee there will be a number of other modifications to the structure of the organisation – one of which is an appreciable reduction in the size of the Board.

## Membership Changes

**The recent BCF Council on April 23rd approved a number of changes to membership.**

The concessionary price on the grading list will be abolished for all categories of membership with the 2005 list. A provisional list will be published on the website prior to the British Championship. The final list incorporating corrections to any identified errors will be printed later, towards the end of September, and will also be available on the website. These changes are expected to substantially reduce the sales of the printed list – hence the change.

The number of paying categories of membership will be streamlined from ten down to six. Renewals will not be permitted in the "concessionary full" categories (Sub £26) – **veteran, student, disabled and special** from **September 1st**. These categories will gradually phase out over the coming three years. Renewals will be permitted prior to September 1st and, apart from the grading list change above, the benefits of membership will be unchanged.

It is anticipated that most concessionary full members will want to become Standard

Members (Sub £16). There are a number of changes to the benefits of Standard and Junior membership. Concessionary entry fees to congresses will be introduced from **June 1st**, so this now applies to all BCF members. Previously this had only applied to Full and Concessionary Full members and caused some confusion. A three year membership option at £40 will be introduced from September 1st for Standard Membership (but not junior). The printed version of ChessMoves will not be a benefit of membership from the renewal date, though this may be purchased as an optional add-on. Instead On-line access to ChessMoves will be made available, and members notified by e-mail when a new edition is ready.

Last, but by no means least, the Northern Membership Scheme (NMS) was approved. This is a pilot scheme to be run by the NCCU. The key idea is that NMS Members will not pay game fee and the aim is that at least 50%-60% of graded players will become members (compared to about 10% currently BCF members). Subscriptions will be £10 adult and £5 junior, to be largely collected through the clubs, though players may also join at congresses in the NCCU or on direct application to **Bill O'Rourke, 101 Queens Park Road, Heywood, Lancashire, OL10 4JR.**



# Claremont Fan Court School & British Chess Federation present the **National Girls' Team Championships**



**This prestigious team tournament was open to all female chess players, up to the age of 18. County sides, school teams or just groups of chess-friends were all welcome.**

This festival of chess was held in the historic grounds of Claremont Fan Court School. The venue boasted picnic facilities, tours of the mansion and grounds and live video matches. The day started with a special presentation to the elite players by the Principal of Claremont Fan Court School, Mrs Patricia Farrar and the Mayor of Elmbridge, Councillor Martin Schofield (see photo above).

This was the largest ever girls' team championship in this country, with 235 players competing to win national titles in six different sections. The photography on the day was provided by Whyte Photography. Pictures can be viewed and purchased at <http://3294.e-printphoto.co.uk/whyte/>.

The National Girls' Championships were a huge success, with 235 competitors coming from all over the UK. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day such a triumph. With Claremont Fan Court School as a permanent home for this prestigious event, I'm sure that next year's tournament will be even better.

Information about forthcoming girls' tournaments can be found on my website [www.chessuk.com](http://www.chessuk.com)  
 Claire Summerscale, BCF Director of Women's Chess



# Changes to the Laws of Chess

## Effective 1 July 2005.

I have published a list of changes on the BCF website ([www.bcf.org.uk](http://www.bcf.org.uk)).

There are two important changes that affect you as a player and one which affects spectators.

You may no longer write down your moves in advance. A scoresheet should be a historical record of the game and not a place to analyse the moves ahead. You can expect penalties if you write down your intended move without good reason or if you put little marks in the space intended for your move. From 1st July, such behaviour is simply cheating. I don't think that any arbiter would object to references to the number of moves to be played e.g. underlining move 40. It will no longer be acceptable or necessary to cover the score sheet (a source of difficulty to the arbiter) and there is a greater chance that both your and your opponent's scoresheets will have the same number of moves recorded when an arbiter is assessing his time trouble priorities.

Mobile phones and other electronic means of communication are now banned, unless authorised by the arbiter. Watch out for announcements and notices telling you what to do. A (soundproof?) safety deposit box is one possibility, particularly for high level events. The Entry form may well ask you to leave your phone outside the venue. If you have brought your phone and don't know what to do with it, the arbiter will tell you. Where there is no special security system, I will probably ask that the phone is fully switched off and not used for any purpose in the areas to which players have access. Remember, if your phone makes a noise, you have committed two offences: disturbing the players around you and disobeying the arbiter. When you look at your phone and see 23 Ne5+ !! displayed, you will have committed a third offence. Don't expect any sympathy.

Spectators are now included in the Laws. They may be subject to ejection from the event for using a mobile phone, including letting it ring.

### NATIONAL GIRLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Section	Section winner	Best School Team
<b>Under 18</b>	<b>Silent Knights</b> Jessie Gilbert Naomi Miller Chantale Siresina Amisha Parmar	<b>Lady Eleanor Holles U18</b> Katie Bayliss Irum Sunderji Hannah Cox Karina Vorontsova-Heys
<b>Under 14</b>	<b>Thamesdown Junior Chess Club</b> Alex Torregrosa-Jones Emma-Louise Parker Samantha Musgrave Marjay Alojado	<b>Lady Eleanor Holles U14</b> Selina Khoo Jessica Thilaganathan Antonia Round Vaishnavi Khatau
<b>Under 11</b>	<b>Wiltshire Under 11</b> Megan Owens Rachel Davey Holly Carter Megan Cleeves	<b>Aughton St. Michael's Primary A</b> Sophie Williams Rachel Cass Chantale Belkhiri Alex Barnes
<b>Under 9</b>	<b>Oxford Girls</b> Maria Wang Fernanda White Chantelle Foster Sarah Garrett	<b>Wimbledon High School</b> Sophie Holmes Katherine Harris Tanya Milne Sophie Nixon
<b>Under 9 all play all</b>	<b>BCF 10</b> Natasha Sinha Anna Wang Sian Adeoye Rowan White	<b>Kensington Preparatory School</b> Tabitha Gibb Julia Routledge Manon Post Issy Jackson
<b>Relax with Chess</b>	<b>Bangalore Prasad</b>	

The quickplay finish (with no arbiter) appendix has changed. Now you are allowed to claim both that your opponent hadn't been trying to win and that there was no way he could win anyway. Despite this paradox, there is then an important improvement: once the game has been stopped, both players must co-operate to give as much evidence as possible to the appeal arbiter.

You may have wondered how the touch-move rules affect the promotion of a pawn to a piece. The piece is now considered chosen as soon as it has touched the promotion square.

*David Welch, BCF Chief Arbiter*

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# Junior News

## Inaugural Training/ Selection Tournament

On 26th and 27th March 2005, the inaugural Training/England Junior Selection Tournament was held at Foremarke School, Derby. The youngest competitor was 6 and the oldest was 17.

The age groups were arranged according to the planned selection tournaments that will be held at U20; U18; U16 and U14 levels, due to be organised to select the young players to represent England in the World and European tournaments 2006.



Entry to this event was by recommendation only and provided some very interesting observations mainly from Northern Chess Officials who verbally clearly demonstrated preference for tournament selection procedure over the paper sift system.

Ironically I have to report I did not receive one player recommendation from a Northern Chess official!

During the tournament, IM Lawrence Cooper played rapidplay games against leading contenders in each section starting with the U7 and finishing with the U17. Please see the report by Lawrence below.

Players drawn against Lawrence Cooper anticipating defeat were awarded a 1 point bye.

There were no prizes at this tournament. Partial entry fees were used to provide tuition. Other finance raised will be used to sponsor a grandmaster(s) to accompany young players to the World and European Championships. The objective of this tournament was not only to provide a winner but by using a flexible approach to the Swiss pairing system allowed not so strong older players to play against stronger younger players providing for more competitive chess.

Feedback from parents has been very encouraging.

Future training/selection events will be aimed at end and middle game techniques. It was commented that quite a few parents who had travelled from north of the country (these had been recommended by southern officials!!) would not be prepared to travel south of London because of cost. Therefore, parents have been invited to suggest venues which will hopefully incorporate the whole of England and enable more recommended juniors to take part. Coaches and professional players are invited to approach me stating their interest and terms. I am pleased to report that at the tournament two professional coaches approached me.

In preparation for the July 2006 World Championship, the selection procedure is required to be concluded by early April 2006. In view of this, the selection tournaments will be held in age descending order commencing with the U20s at a London based venue (to be confirmed) in early December 2005. The other tournaments will be held in tandem with other events. I invite organisers of suitable tournaments to approach me.

Following advice from the Management Board, very strong Junior players will be allowed to apply to the selection board for pre-selection for an England place.

*Alan Ruffle*

## Report from Lawrence Cooper:

Alan Ruffle first contacted me on the 5th March. He was organising a BCF Junior Selection Tournament and was looking for a titled player to play 5 rapid play games against the most promising juniors and also to help with coaching throughout the weekend. We quickly agreed terms and the event took place over the Easter weekend of March 26th and 27th at the Foremarke School near Milton, Derby. The ages involved ranged from 7 to Under 18 so an interesting weekend was guaranteed.

I approached the weekend with a certain amount of apprehension. I've only played around 15 graded games this season and the idea of facing 5 juniors who had nothing to lose was a bit unnerving. On the other hand, it was an exciting new venture and a chance for me to work with some of the most promising juniors in the country. After taking a somewhat scenic route I arrived at the school and proceedings soon got underway at around 10 o'clock. To my surprise I discovered I was to have five blacks, but given my inability to get an advantage with white this wasn't such a handicap!

The first round saw the same time limit for everyone, 30 minutes per player per game. Despite facing an Ungraded 7 year old, James Bowler, I was sufficiently wary to use the majority of my 30 minutes and ensure a fairly comfortable victory after a winning a pawn in the early middle game and mopping up in the endgame. Because of the rest of the players playing the same time limit I had little chance to observe the other games until I had finished. What already impressed me though was that, on the whole, the players were using their time wisely and few games finished in 5 or 10 minutes as one might expect with the age groups involved.

One innovation of Alan's was that after finishing my games I would have a post mortem and Alan would subsequently

frame and present a copy of the game signed by me with my comments to my opponents at the start of the next round.

In the second round, I again played with 30 minutes each whilst the main tournament played with an hour each. After carefully defusing my opponent's piece sacrifice in the Black Mardeimer gambit I was able to simplify to a winning ending. My opponent was J Thurgood graded 93 and aged 10. The combination of his age and grade made the game again more uncomfortable than one might expect. Having finished in around 40-45 minutes I was at last able to observe the other games whilst finding time to grab a spot of lunch and looking through as many junior's games as time would allow.

The third round proved to be my most difficult game against Dominic Foord who like myself is part of the ever-expanding Hilsmark Kingfisher set up. Despite his grading of 111 I was expecting a tough game. After equalising against my opponent's Birds Opening I took advantage of my opponent's dubious pawn sacrifice and liquidated to what I expected to be a fairly comfortable bishop ending where I had an extra pawn. However, due to my opponent's stubborn defence and my frustration as I entered my last 5 minutes I blundered the pawn back. Fortunately I was able to compose myself sufficiently to win the ending although I imagine he could have drawn had he not been so short of time. I had been impressed by his play in the endgame and was relieved to have secured the whole point in a game that went to the last seconds of the blitz finish. The juniors were now playing 3-hour games, 30 moves in 75 minutes followed by a 15-minute blitz finish. After this I was again able to look at the other games and go through several games as the juniors finished their games. My busy day finally drew to an end at around 5 o'clock.

Sunday got underway at 10 o'clock and I found myself facing Jia Shen Lee graded 129. I emerged from the Nimzo-

Indian with a slight advantage and set about trying to exploit his doubled c pawns. As so often happens, whilst winning a pawn, I allowed him to gain counterplay on the kingside and he had a couple of improvements that gave him plenty of compensation for the pawn. In the game itself, I was able to stop any attack developing and swap down to an ending with an extra pawn, which was to prove decisive in the blitz finish. Despite my opponent getting a difficult position from the opening I was impressed that he'd shown the imagination to sacrifice a pawn and drum up counterplay whilst he had the chance. After the game I was again able to look around the other games before the inevitable deluge of requests to analyse games as the juniors finished their morning round.

The afternoon round saw my toughest pairing, black against P Roberson aged 15 and graded 179. Surprisingly, he lost a pawn to a book trap in the early stages of a Ruy Lopez exchange. Although the position was by no means lost the shock to the system meant that he never recovered and from his point of view the game became a nightmare. After the game I inadvertently raised his spirits by losing a couple of blitz games although I managed to just about break even. I'm sure he has a bright future and this game will merely be a blip in his progress. After the game I was able to find time to play some blitz with other juniors and look through some more games before time ran out and parents with long journeys ahead started to whisk the children away.

On a personal level I enjoyed the weekend although I found the combination of playing and coaching quite tiring. Everyone seemed to enjoy the weekend and the experiment of me playing the rapidplay games and then coaching afterwards seemed to be a success. I would like to say a special thank you to Alan Ruffle for organising and his wife for manning the refreshments. He was assisted by Paul Hardstaff and Paul Martin, a teacher from the school. David Rumens was also a big help assisting with the coaching.

## Ami d'échecs !

### We have received the following letter ...

I am the 15 year old teenager's mother, who is very found of Chess. My son, Théo, likes long parties but blitz too; his rating, in France, is 1960 elo.

We are living in the South of France, in Montpellier, near the Mediterranean sea, and I would like to find an English boy of his age who likes chess too, and would be interested to come in France on holidays to make an exchange. He could spend about 15 days in our family during the Summer holidays and Théo could spend about 15 days in the Summer holidays (from the 10th of June to the end of August), in his correspondant's family to improve his English.... Please, can you help me, and ask some teenagers of your Chess Club if they are interested by an exchange?

The children could begin to know each other and play chess by mail or MSN Messenger.

Théo's addresses are:

**mabuze\_le\_moudjaidine@hotmail.com** for MSN messenger and **theoroc@free.fr** for mail. My email adress is: **a.boutitie@free.fr**

Théo likes sports too: Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball, Football.... , music and cinema. Regarding to the period when Théo's correspondant comes in France, it would perhaps be possible for the boys to participate together in a chess tournament.

Anyway, we live at 10 km of the sea which is very pleasant in Summer and we will probably spend some holidays in the South of Alpes this summer and Théo's correspondant would accompany us. Thank you very much for your help.

Yours sincerely

**Anne Boutitie**

## Obituaries

Sadly, the following chess friends are no longer with us, **Lord Callaghan, John Eyre, John A Fuller, Isaac Iglesias, Kenneth Messere** and **Simon Webb**. A full account of all these obituaries can be read on our website **www.bcf.org.uk**.

# Results Round-up

### English Deaf Chess Association Qualifying Tournament

**22-24 April 2005**

- 1st Richard Dunn, (BCF 136, Hampstead), 3.5/5  
2nd Lewis Martin, (BCF 117, Swindon), 3/5  
3rd Phillip Gardner, (BCF 157, Letchworth), 3/5  
4th Chris Kreuzer, (BCF 141, Twickenham), 2.5/5  
5th Ilan Dwek, (BCF 130, Cricklewood), 1.5/5  
6th Barry David, (BCF 125, Finchley), 1.5/5

Congratulations to the top 4 players who earn the right to represent England in the next World Team Championship for the Deaf to be held in Italy next year. The 5 man team is completed by Alasdair MacLeod who earns automatic selection as the current EDCA Champion.

Lewis Martin, 13, proved that his 4th place in the EDCA National Championship last October in Romford was no fluke as he comfortably earned selection in 2nd place on tie-break narrowly ahead of 7 times EDCA Champion Phillip Gardner.

### Great Yarmouth Congress

**23-24 April 2005**

**Premier U218**

- Shaun Munson, Ipswich, 4/5, 181  
Raymond Ilett, Peterborough, 4/5, 152  
David LeMoir, Fakenham, 3½, 190  
Keneth McEwan, Broadland, 3½, 182

**Major U160**

- David E Hall, Norwich Dons, 4½/5, 156  
Callum Kilpatrick, Dulwich, 4½/5, 141  
David Owen, Broadland, 4/5, 131  
Raymond Kearsley, Wimbledon, 3/5, 132  
John K Robinson, Braunstone, 3/5, 158

**Intermediate U125**

- Andrew Donnelly, Wymondham, 4/5, 117

- Paul Stanley, Skelmersdale, 4/5, 123  
David Donaghy, Ipswich, 3½/5, 91  
Jeff Fleischer, Coulsdon, 3½/5, 120  
Colin Gardiner, Falmouth, 3½/5, 116  
Stanley Kassell, Gt. Yarmouth, 3½/5, 104  
Keith Osborne, Norwich Dons, 3½/5, 114  
John Rayner, Loughton, 3½/5, 100  
John Sowerby, Brightlingsea, 3½/5, 107  
Michael Coughtrey, Clacton, 3/5, 101

**Minor U100**

- Louis Bristow, Norfolk & Norwich, 4½/5, 96  
Peter Housden, Bedford, 4/5, 97  
Paul Cox, Broadland, 3½/5, 95  
Ian Riddoch, Barnet Elizabeth, 3½/5, 88  
Nicholas Slater, Norwich Juniors, 3½/5, \*95

### Central London Rapidplay

**24 April 2005**

**Premier Section**

- = 1st Rafal Tymrakewitz, 203, 5/6, London SW18  
Tom Weber, 200, 5/6, Brighton  
= 3rd Macak Steran, 214, 4/6, Hackney  
Stanley Chola, 161, 4/6, Reading

**Major Section**

- 1st Christopher Clegg, 136, 5/6, Kingston/Wimbledon  
= 2nd John K. Stephens, 161, 4½/6, Imperial College  
Brian Nsonga, 150, 4½/6, Dartford

**Minor Section**

- 1st Peter Lord, 115, 6/6, Hayes (Middx)  
2nd E Barry Sandercock, 111, 5/6, Chalfont St Giles  
3rd Adrian Riley, 100, 4½/6, Morris Motors

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# St John Parish Church Junior Chess Club

**Celebrated its 1st Birthday Party on 19 April 2005!**



It was started by Girl Captain Emily Hughes, with a Prayer she had written herself.

*Dear Lord,  
We give thanks for our Chess Club here at St John's as we celebrate our first year, thank you for all those who give their time to make this club such a success. May we go forward knowing that you are always with us,*

*encouraging and guiding us in all we do.  
this we ask in your name  
Amen.*

Then a presentation by Richard Shepherd MP, with Certificates. Yes we had a Birthday Cake as well.

*Ray & Hazel Dolan.*



## Braille Chess Association's AGM Tournament 8-10 April 2005

The Braille Chess Association (BCA) held its Annual General meeting (AGM) Tournament at the Sleep Inn, Newton Aycliffe, on Friday 8 - Sunday 10 April. This tournament was generously supported by the Freemasons of County Durham and Northumbrian Water, and members of Darlington Lions club gave up a lot of time to help with transport.

Principal results.

**Open** (22 competitors)

1st Chris Ross (Huntingdon) 4.5/5

2nd Tyson Mordue (Bristol) 4/5

3rd-7th= Alec Crombie (Uppingham), Michael Delaney (Dublin),

Sean Loftus (Dublin), McQuillan (Southampton), Les Whittle (Morpeth)

Norman Wragg (Sheffield) 3.5/5

**U100 Grading prizes:** Yan Kit Chan (Nottingham), Richard Murphy (Macclesfield), George Plechaty (Basildon), Peter Price (Birmingham), Roger Waters (Taunton) 2/5

**Minor** (8 competitors)

1st Shirley Watkins (Blackpool) 4.5/5

2nd Orlando Sobers (Birmingham) 4/5

3rd Tony Murray (Dublin) 3/5



*Chris Ross receives his prize from Tournament Controller Julie Leonard*



*Shirley Watkins receives her prize from Tournament Controller Julie Leonard*

# Littlewood's Choice

by John Littlewood

Games involving central play in defence against a wing attack are always fascinating and this month's game between two very promising players is particularly so.

**n Simon Williams**

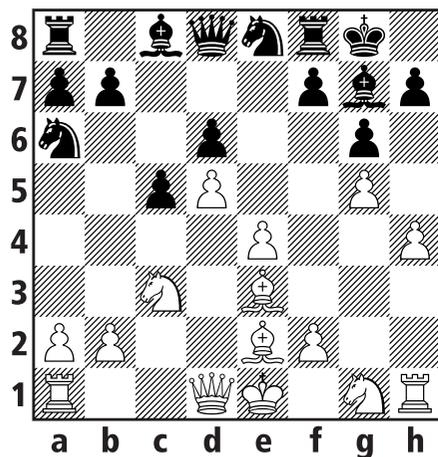
**n Craig Hanley**

4NCL, Betsson vs North West Eagles, Round 10, 1 May 2005

**1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 0-0 6 Be3 Na6 7 g4!?c5! 8 d5 e6 9 g5 Ne8 10 h4**

In this situation, with Black's knight two moves away from the key square c6, it is worthwhile examining the little-played move 10 dxe6!? when recapturing with the pawn will weaken Black's K side and delay his development, whereas 10...Bxe6 will slow down his central counter-attack.

**10...exd5 11 cxd5**



**11...f5!**

Rightly recognising the urgent need to attack the centre before the swashbuckling Williams homes in on his king.

**12 gxf6 Nxf6 13 e5?!**

Surely the immediate 13 h5 offered White the best chance of developing his K side attack, whereas his next two moves only help Black to coordinate his forces in a way beyond his wildest dreams. Admittedly, Simon soon realises all this and aims for a tactical melee in the hope of throwing Craig off guard ...

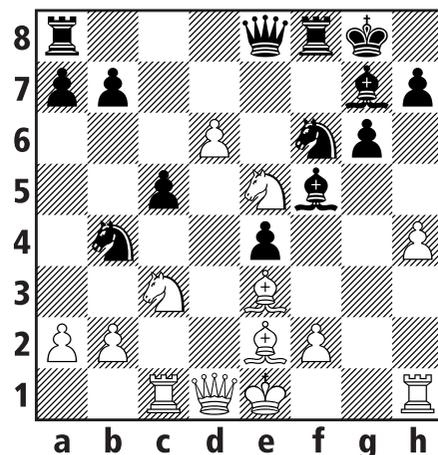
**13...dxe5 14 d6 Bf5 15 Nf3**

Belatedly the knight comes into play.

**15...Nb4! 16 Rc1 e4!**

The d3 square will become very important.

**17 Ne5 Qe8!**



**18 Nb5?!**

Since after 18 Bf4? Nh5! 19 Bxh5 Bxe5 Black wins comfortably and 18 Ng4? loses at least the exchange, Simon launches an ingenious piece sacrifice which is ultimately doomed to failure and yet dangerous enough to unbalance a nervous defender.

**18...Qxe5 19 Rxc5 Nfd5 20 Bd4 Qe6 21 Rc7?!**

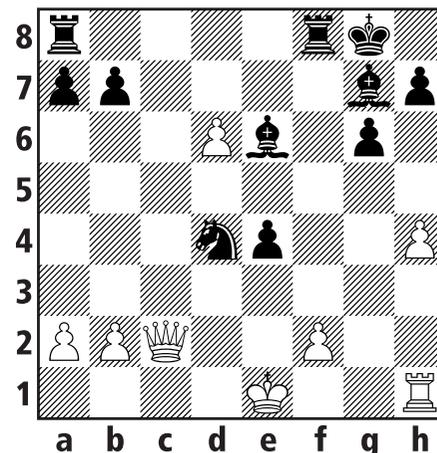
Perhaps Simon originally intended the powerful-looking 21 Bxg7 (not 21 Bc4 at once because of 21...Bxd4 22 Qxd4 Nc2+) 21...Kxg7 22 Bc4, but this fails to 22...Nd3+ 23 Kf1 Ne3+! 24 fxe3 Bg4+ 25 Kg2 Bf3+! 26 Kg1 Qxc4 winning a piece.

**21...Nd3+! 22 Qxd3**

Or 22 Bxd3 exd3+ 23 Kf1 (23 Kd2 Bh6+ and mate in 2) 23...Bxd4 24 Nxd4 Qe4! winning.

**22...Nxc7! 23 Qc2 Nxb5! 24 Bc4 Nxd4!**

**25 Bxe6+ Bxe6**



**26 Qxe4 Rae8 27 0-0 Rf4! 28 Qxb7 Rg4+ 29 Kh1**

Or 29 Kh2 Rxh4+ 30 Kg3 Ne2+! 31 Kf3 (or 31 Kxh4 Bf6 mate) 31...Bg4+ 32 Kg2 Bh3+ with mate after 33 Kh2 Bxf1 or 33 Kf3 Rf4.

**29...Rxh4+ 30 Kg2 Bh3+ 31 Kg3**

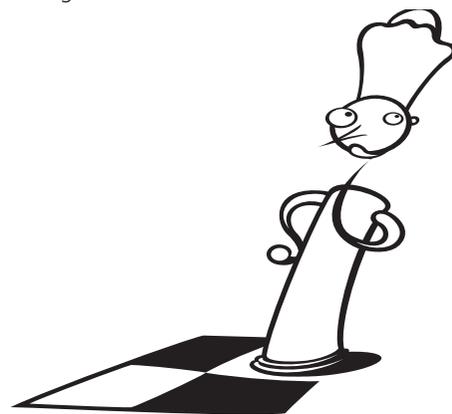
Or 31 Kg1 Ne2+ followed by mate.

**31...Nf5+ 32 Kf3 Bh6!**

The last of a series of excellent moves. White could of course resign but generously allows his opponent to play out the mate.

**33 Qb3+ Kf8 34 d7 Rf4 mate**

A splendid game which Craig and his North West Eagles team-mates will remember for a long time.



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# Calendar of Events

(For a more comprehensive list of events visit our website at [www.bcf.org.uk](http://www.bcf.org.uk))

\* denotes British Chess Federation Grand Prix

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

## June 2005

### ~\*3-5 Jun - 9th South Lakes Open Congress

Cumbria Grand Hotel.  
T Blower (Tel: 01229 472100,  
Email: trevor.blower@talkgas.net)

### ~\*#4-5 Jun - Eacu Congress

Newmarket.  
R Freeman (Tel: 07961 121010, Fax: 0870 770 4377,  
Email: richard@fcasolutions.co.uk)

### ~\*5 Jun - Leek Rapidplay

St Edward's Middle School.  
R Milner (Tel: 01782 550112)

### ~11 Jun - County Championship – Semi Finals

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

### ~\*11 Jun - Golders Green Rapidplay

St Alban's Church Hall.  
Adam Raoof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982;  
Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com,  
website: www.adamraoof.tk)

### ~\*12 Jun - Central London Rapidplay

International Students House, London.  
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### ~18 Jun - National County U18 Team Championships

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### ~#18-19 Jun - 11th Heywood Congress

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### 19 Jun - Bury St Edmunds Junior Congress

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### ~\*24-26 Jun - 4th Yeovil Summer Congress

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## July 2005

### ~2 Jul - County Championship – Final

Ratcliffe College, Syston, Leicester (see 15)

### ~\*3 Jul - Frodsham Rapidplay

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### ~\*3 Jul - KJCA Kent Junior Grand Prix Final

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### ~\*3 Jul - Richmond Rapidplay

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### ~\*8-10 Jul - Manchester Summer Congress

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### 9-10 Jul - UK Chess Challenge National Gigafinal

South of England.  
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### @9-14 Jul - 2nd South Wales International Congress

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### ~10 Jul - National Club Championship Finals

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### ~\*10 Jul - Walsall Kipping Rapidplay

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### \*15-17 Jul - 14th South Wales Summer Congress

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### ~\*16 Jul - Golders Green Rapidplay

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### 16-17 Jul - UK Chess Challenge National Gigafinal

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### \*17 Jul - British Blitz

Stafford.  
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### ~\*23 Jul - CCF Rapidplay

Coulsdon.  
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### ~\*#@ 31 Jul - 13 Aug - SMITH & WILLIAMSON

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## British Chess Federation Grand Prix

Leader Boards - 5th May 2005

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	Gormally, Danny Charlton	172.5
2	Hebden, Mark Birstall	170
3	Greet, Andrew Hillsmark	165
4	Howell, David Hastings	140.5
5	Pert, Nick Slough	129

### Female Prix (max 125 pts)

1	<b>Dines, Sheila</b> Surrey	109
2	<b>Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan</b> Edinburgh	105
3	<b>Houska, Jovanka</b> Slough	104
4	<b>Thilaganathan, Jessica</b> Surbiton	102
5	<b>Anandajeyarajah, Thilagini</b> Richmond	97

### Junior Prix (max 125 pts)

1	<b>Howell, David</b> Hastings	112.5
2	<b>Dines, Sheila</b> Surrey	109
3	<b>Thilaganathan, Jessica</b> Surbiton	102
4	<b>Anandajeyarajah, Thilagini</b> Richmond	97
5	Hawrami, Dana Ilford	84

### Senior Prix (max 125 pts)

1	<b>Hjort, Helge</b> Hendon	100.5
2	<b>Sandercock, Barry</b> Chalfont St Giles	98
3	Jowett, Conrad Blackpool	72
4	Collyer, Geoff Spalding	68
5	Farrell, Joe Metropolitan	66

### Disabled Prix (max 75 pts)

1	<b>Rudd, Jack</b> Bristol	58.5
2	<b>Hartley, Dean</b> Chesterfield	55.5
3	Lewis, Martin Swindon	33.5
4	Ross, Chris Peterborough	29
5	Wragg, Norman Sheffield	25

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

1	<b>Kobylka, Michael</b> Wood Green	95.5
2	Cutmore, Martin Folkestone	58
3	Clegg, Chris Kingston	45.5
4	Jamieson, Ian Axminster	45
5	Cutmore, David Wood Green	42

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

1	Song, Jinwoo Kings Head	68
2	Jiang, Jimmy Waltham Forest	64
3	O'Gorman, Brendan London	63.5
4	Patrick, David Calderdale	59
5	Clegg, Robert Huddersfield	56.5

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

1	<b>Bull, Phil</b> Warley Quinborne	107.5
2	Desmedt, Richard Wombwell	69
3	Fleischer, Jeff Coulsdon	60.5
4	Wells, Simon Ashfield	57
5	Bryant, Marc Hastings	48.5

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

1	Dunne, Dave Nottingham	70
2	Constable, John Coulsdon	64.5
3	Duncan, Anthony Islington	60
4	Wadsworth, Barry Calderdale	50
5	Lee, Stephen Sheffield	42

# 1st World School Chess Championship

2005 Is The School Chess Year In All Fide Countries!!

Halkidiki, April 21st – 29th 2005

In October last year I received an unexpected phone call from FIDE, informing me that a new event to celebrate chess in schools was to be organised by our good friends Theodoros and Viron Tsobatzoglou on behalf of FIDE by the Greek Chess Federation. This fitted in very nicely with the 'Chess in Schools Project' we had been doing with the DfES . I was delighted to be able to give full backing to the new event and undertook to organise a team at no cost to the Junior budget as it had not been agreed under the 2004/5 financial projections.

We travelled to Greece with 10 players, 2 chess coaches, 12 parents/siblings & 2 team managers. The total number of participants reached 195 from 19 countries. The statistics below show that we had the 4th = largest team, but mysteriously with 11 rather than 10 players! Our 'mystery' player was 7 year old Rory Fraser who was invited to participate by the organisers so that there would not be a bye in the U8s.

**The England Team:** Coaches GM Neil McDonald & FM Thomas Rendle – Players Vedantha Kumar, Joe & Nick Frazer, Toby & Dan Hall, Harry Streeter, Kishan & Anjali Lakhani, Michael Keetley, Daniel Wells, special guest player Rory Fraser and team 'mascot' Natalie Wells. **Under 12s** Anjali Lakhani 4.5/9 24th=; Nick Fraser 3.5/9 32nd= **Under 14s** Kishan Lakhani 5/9 11th=; Harry Streeter 4/9 25th=; Toby Hall 3.5/9 32nd= **Under 16s** Daniel Wells 5.5/9 7th=; Daniel Hall; Vedantha Kumar 5/9 15th=; Joe Fraser; Michael Keetley 4/9 29th=

Daniel Wells was presented with a medal by Alexander Kostyev, President of the International School Chess Union, for the best performance by an unrated player. Unfortunately Daniel had a bye in the first round and then had 8 rated players. Normally 9 rated players are required for a FIDE rating but it is possible that, under these circumstances, he may be awarded a full rating. Vedantha achieved the 3rd best performance by an unrated player and also received a medal. Many thanks to all the competitors, parents, coaches and organisers for making this a most successful and enjoyable occasion.

GM Matthew Turner, BCF Director of Coaching

## Statistics

No	COU	8	10	12	14	16	SUM
1	GRE	11	20	26	16	14	87
2	RSA		8	7	8	11	34
3	IND	5	1	3	2	2	13
4	RUS	2	1	2	2	4	11
<b>5</b>	<b>ENG</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>
6	POL	2	1	3	1	2	9



Team get together on the first evening



Harry and Toby ready for their round 8 encounter

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