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A victory for the Wey Valley Under-9s!



The Wey Valley (Surrey) Under-9 Chess Team achieved an outstanding result in the EPSCA (English Primary Schools Chess Association) National Championships, winning by the narrowest of margins. The tournament took place at Warden Park School in Sussex on April 24th. It was the ultimate test of skill and nerve for England's top 12 Under-9 teams, as they went into combat hoping to be crowned England champions

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Editorial



This is the first issue of Chess Moves not to be professionally printed and sent out by post. Chess Moves will be printed within the Office and sent to those subscribers who register with the Office to

continue to receive the newsletter by post. For those members who are happy to receive it by electronic means, please ensure the office has your up-to-date email

- Cynthia Gurney

The President's Diary



In the past few weeks, I've visited a number of events and clubs around the country but there are two I feel I should mention.

Firstly, the Blackpool Conference ... wow!

I had the privilege of playing in this tournament a few years ago but it seems to have gained in strength and is now an amazing weekend of players ready to demonstrate their love of the 64 squares on a massive scale. Hundreds upon hundreds of people doing battle in the eminently suitable Imperial Hotel on the Lancashire seafront was an inspiring sight and I offer my congratulations and admiration for all those who made this event such an incredible success.

Secondly, I was invited to the Hastings Chess Club for an evening which was gratefully accepted and thoroughly enjoyed. Although I'd lived in Brighton for a number of years and played in the Hastings Congress on many occasions, I'd never been to the club, so this was an opportunity not to be missed. I must congratulate everyone there for a fascinating and exciting few hours. For such an historic institution to be secure (the club own its own premises which in this day and age is an immense blessing) and in the hands of such passionate and knowledgeable people is a compliment to all who pass through its doors. The history in both its displays and especially the library were engrossing and I would encourage anyone who was able to visit the club to do so. Con Power has invited me to open this year's Hastings Congress - if I am free, I would be truly honoured to oblige

ECF News

Cut in DCMS Grant to the ECF

I was informed yesterday (25/5/10) that the DCMS grant for 2010/11 to the ECF had been cut from £60,000 to £45,000 as part of the savings measures the Government is committed to.

Plainly this poses difficult challenges for the ECF.

The Board will be reviewing the implications of the cut in the grant at its June meeting after which a further statement will be made (see website for the letter)

Chris Majer - CEO

Vacancies at the ECF

Representative for Standard and Junior

Members & Representative for Basic and Basic Junior Members (to be re-elected, Oct. AGM)

The ECF is seeking a candidate to fulfil these roles.

Please would all interested parties contact the ECF Office by email (office@englishchess.org.uk) or telephone (01424 775222)

Controller, Counties Rapidplay Championships

The ECF is looking for an ambitious organiser who would like to take on the Counties Rapidplay Championships and reinvent them for the 21st Century. Proposals should be sent to the Director of Home Chess on director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk

Manager of Prisons Chess

There are more people in prison now than ever before. Chess is viewed by HMG as being an aid to resettlement of offenders and teaching many of the same values which are encouraged in our chess for schools program. There is a need for someone to set up and co-ordinate chess in the prisons in England. The needs and opportunities vary from establishment to establishment.

Preliminary contact has been made with the Dept for Justice and the successful candidate would be expected to build on the initial contacts and with assistance from others organise teaching and support for the inmates. Anyone wishing to discuss this post should contact the Director of Home Chess on

director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk

Manager of Chess for Schools

Reports to Director of Junior Chess & Education Has overall responsibility for supervising the ECF element of the national Chess for Schools scheme. This includes -

Supporting the sponsors Holooid Plastics in the delivery of the chess sets to the schools. This will require that the Manager ensures that the ECF is represented at approximately 15 events held

throughout the country at which the representative will be required to speak on behalf of the ECF. Development and sale of follow-up support packages to schools

The establishment of a national network of affiliated chess academies.

Responsibility for identification and implementation of any other measures necessary to ensure the success of the Chess for Schools scheme.

Responsibility for the work of any officers who may be appointed with agreement of the ECF Board to support the initiative.

Liaison with any other ECF officers who are supporting the scheme and in particular the Chief Executive, Director of Marketing, the Manager of Coaching, and the ECF Office.

Notes: CRB Enhanced Disclosure is required.

The Manager is required to respond with due diligence to communications from members of the ECF Board, members of the Federation and the general public. An honorarium will be payable to a suitably qualified officer. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

The ideal candidate will: Have a successful track record in project management; Be a good public speaker; Have experience in junior organisation
Anyone wishing to discuss this post should contact the Director of Junior Chess and Education on director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk

Direct Member Representatives

Nominations are invited for Direct Member Representatives to take office for a period of one year after the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 16 October 2010. For the purpose of the election of Representatives, Direct Members are grouped into the following four categories:

(a) Honorary Life Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Corporate Vice Presidents, Honorary Life Members and Life Members.

(b) Full Direct Members, Family Members, Veteran Members, Student Members, Special Members and Members with Disabilities.

(c) Standard Members and Junior Members.

(d) Basic Members and Basic Junior Members.

Each of these four categories is entitled to elect two Representatives. Nominations are sought among the four categories. If there are more than two nominations in any category, a first two past the post election will be held in that category in accordance with instructions to be issued by the Board.

Representatives are members of Council and must be and remain Direct members in the category for which they are elected throughout their period of office. New nominations need to be made by a Direct Member who is in the same group of members as the nominee and accepted by the latter. To be eligible, signed nominations and acceptances must be received at the ECF office by noon on Friday 27th August 2010

Can you help?

For blind players, keeping up with chess developments and news has never been easy. The Braille Chess Association (BCA) works hard to meet this need but relies on sighted volunteers to turn printed magazines into audio versions its members can use. Large magazines demand a real commitment, but if the load is shared out the task is less forbidding. If you could spare time to read parts of a magazine as an audio version, the BCA would be happy to provide the recorder and arrange the circulation of your valued input.

Some readers find this regular commitment actually helps their own chess development but the main benefits are to those who otherwise would miss a valuable resource.

Please contact Mark Kirkham
m.kirkham@braillechess.org.uk



WILL YOUR CHILD BE COMPETING AT THIS YEAR'S BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS?
IF SO, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The BBC Documentaries unit is making a 60-minute film about the British Chess Championships this year. The completed documentary will be broadcast on BBC2 at the beginning of next year, in an award-winning documentary strand called 'Wonderland'.

We would like to focus on competitors who are thirteen and under, and their families, and would seek to reflect their sense of excitement in the lead-up to the event and their experience of the Championships themselves. At this early stage we would love to speak to as many people as possible, with no commitment whatsoever on your part to being filmed for the programme.

If you are interested to find out more please contact assistant producer Marco Crivellari – marco.crivellari@bbc.co.uk
Direct line: 0208 008 2862

The Surrey youngsters, who won the Southern Zones Qualifier to earn their place in the National Finals, got off to a slow start and were in fourth position after the first round. Unimpressed with the team's opening performance, organiser and coach Mike Basman whipped the squad into shape with a motivational pep talk. This seemed to do the trick and after round two out of three, Surrey were within striking distance of the winners' trophy and the coveted national title.



Tharshan Kuhendiran (Burlington Primary) and Andrew Smales (Feltonfleet Prep), were powerhouses on the top two boards, both winning all three of their games. Also providing flawless results were Akshaya Kalai (Christ Church, New Malden), Max Elliott (Thames Ditton Junior School), Shrey Sachdeva (Homefield) and Anna

Purvis (Rowan). Anna's third round triumph against main rivals Barnet proved to be decisive. It all came down to the wire, with first place hanging on the last game between Kent and Barnet. Proceedings went Surrey's way as Barnet conceded and after the closest competition in history, the talented Surrey juniors emerged victorious. Final scores out of a possible 36 were Wey Valley 27, Kent 26.5 and Barnet 26

e2e4 Warrington Chess Congress 7-9 May

Keith Arkell won the FIDE-rated Open with 4.5/5, half a point ahead of Ben Hague, Ryszard Maciol, Miroslav Gruca and Malcolm Peacock.

The Major was won by Brendan Kane on 4/5. Robert Taylor, Golam Shabir Ali, Robert Frith and Damian McCarthy all finished 2nd= on 3.5/5.

33rd Open Donostia-San Sebastian (ESP), 28 Mar - 4 Apr 2010

Andrew Ledger scored 6.5/9 and Jonathan Nelson scored 6.

First Saturday Tournaments Budapest IM_A MAY 2010

Mark Lyell is playing in IM Tournament A and is

currently on 4.5/9.

Future events:

e2e4 Sunningdale Congress 28-31 May

Please all view the ECF calendar [www.englishchess.org.uk] for a list of all domestic events

2010 World Universities' Chess Championship 4-12 September Zurich

If any eligible students are interested in playing in the event above please contact Alex Holowczak at admin@buca.org.uk for further details.

In addition to the individual websites the latest international chess news can be found at the following link:

<http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic809.html>

I encourage players to send me details of events they or others are playing in abroad and I will do my best to include them in my round-up.

Lawrence Cooper, Director of International Chess
English Chess Federation 11/05/10

Isaac Sanders Wins the Golders Green Rapidplay!

110 played on the 17th April 2010



OPEN

Isaac Sanders (194, Hendon - 11 years old and a performance of 225 ECF!) - 5.5/6

Victor Jones 4.5/6

Grading - Johnathan Bourne (Brown Jack) and Ben Spink (Snodland) 4/6

MAJOR

Helge Hjort (Hendon) and Vincent Sagues 4.5/6

Grading Prizes to Nasarullah Sheikh and Richard Bedwell 4/6

MINOR

Gary Smith 5.5/6

Alex Meynell 5/6

Grading - Kumar Dixit 4.5/6

AMATEUR

Anuj Mavinkurve and Barry Miles

Grading - Elliot Ainley U105



Over the Easter holidays 125 players from all over the country took part in the 38th annual Prep School Chess Championships. The standard of play was outstanding in the Championship section and the individual and team competitions were very close.

Day 1

Teams arrived early on the Wednesday morning or on the previous evening and we all met for the opening meeting at 11.00am. There were 50 players in the Championship section and 75 players in the preliminary groups which were mini tournaments to sort the players into playing strength for the next two days.

The winners of the preliminary groups were Ben Wood (Aldro) group 1, Freya Finnegan (Cophthorne) group 2, Oscar Plant (Millfield) group 3 and Ivan Steblyuk (St Anselms) group 4.

The Championship players played 3 rounds and the leaders after the first day were last years' joint winner Daniel Sutton from Great Walstead and Gwilym Price from Aldro with 3 wins out of 3. In the evening all the boarding players had activities organised by Mr Tuddenham which included snooker, pool, table football and table tennis.

Day 2

Rounds 4 and 5 were played in the Championship with Daniel Sutton maintaining his 100% score despite two more tough games for him. Harvey Paull from Twickenham Prep had moved into 2nd place on 4.5.

Sections A,B,C and D started and they all played 3 rounds. The lower sections had a coaching session at the start of the day with a variety of themes were covered by the coaches. In the afternoon most of the schools went off to Chessington World of Adventure and had an afternoon of fun and excitement.

When we came back the children had a five a side football competition to look forward to and the adults had a special evening meal to look forward to. The winners of the football were St Anselms from Bakewell in Derbyshire. Congratulations to them and thanks to Monsieur Lombardot for refereeing.

Day 3

The final two rounds of the Championship were played together with the final 3 rounds for the other sections. We also had coaching again for sections B,C and D.

Lunch was followed by the prize giving where the achievements of the players were rewarded with a wide variety of medals, trophies and book tokens. We were pleased to have grand master Matthew



Turner to present the prizes.

Prizes

IAPS National Champion 2010 Daniel Sutton 6.5\7

IAPS U.11 joint champions Aloysius Lip (Hallfield)

and Daniel Muir (Reigate St Marys) 5.5\7

IAPS National Girls Champion Freya Finnegan (Cophthorne) 3\6 Section A

Section A winner Luke Thorne (St. Anselms) 6\6

Section B winner Daniel Gooda (Cophthorne) 5\6

Section C winner Kishen Singh (Twickenham Prep) 6\6

Section D joint winners Michael Macleod (Hawthorns) and Gabriel Byrne (Aldro) 5\6

Best Game Prize – Neil Deo for his game against Josh Higgs

Hodgson Cup for the top U.13 team

1st= Hallfield and Nottingham High School 18.5
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

3rd Twickenham Prep 17.5

David Bull Cup for the top U.11 team

1st= Hallfield and Nottingham High School 18.5
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

3rd Reigate St Marys 15.5

Congratulations to all the players on their excellent behaviour

- David Archer, IAPS Chess Co-ordinator

Frome Chess Congress - Estd. 1990

British Championships Qualifier, ECF Grand Prix Event, Somerset County Championships

2010 Results

On May 7th to 9th the Twenty First Frome Chess Congress was held at Selwood Middle School. 155 players entered and winners were:

Open :-

First: (4/5) James Sherwin (Bath) Arturo Wong (Chard & Ilminster)

Third (3.5/5) Allan Pleasants (Weymouth)

British Championship Qualifying Place Arturo Wong (Reserve Allan Pleasants)

Major (U170):-

First (4.5/5) John Footner (Telford)

Second (4/5) Roger Greatorax (Llangollen)

Third (3.5/5) Thomas Anderson (Southampton)

Steve Dean (Sidmouth)

Raymond Gamble (Spondon) Alan Papier (Bristol & Clifton)

Stephen Williams (Colchester)

U146 Grading

Christopher Leeson (Weymouth)

Prize (3/5)

Intermediate (U140):-

First (4.5/5) David Woodruff (Keynsham)

Second (4/5) Paul Errington (Bournemouth)

Stanislaw Guziewicz (Poland)

E. Barry Sandercock (Buckinghamshire)

U126 Grading

Peter Bending (Cheltenham)

Prize (3.5/5)

Minor (U115):-

First (5/5) Alan Evans (Sportsman Club, Kent)

Second (4.5/5) Brian Aldwin (Exeter)

Third (4/5) John Leon (Bath) Norman Mackie (Wimborne)

U91 Grading

Thomas Thorpe (Pete's Potentials) Alec Shute (Bath)

Prize (3.5/5) Chris Cheeseman (Sportsman, Kent)

Somerset Trophies

Denys Bonner (Highest placed Somerset player in the Open): James Sherwin (Bath)

Leon York Memorial (Highest placed Somerset player in the Major): Stephen Williams (Colchester)

Roy Hossell (Highest placed Somerset player in the Intermediate): David Woodruff (Keynsham)

Cyril Chapman (Highest placed Somerset player in the Minor): John Leon (Bath)

Jean Mackereth (Highest placed ungraded Somerset player in the Minor) Peter Horne (Norton Radstock)

Cuprinol Trophy (Highest scoring West of England Junior in any section): Thomas Thorpe (Pete's Potentials) 3.5/5 in the Minor (on tie break with

Alec Shute of Bath)

Team Competition - Sportsman Club (Kent)

Norfolk versus Essex - County Champs

Played at Great Shelford on Sunday 9 May

B1/W Mike Harris 204 1-0 David Sands 2120

B2/B Caius Turner 197 0-1 Jonathan Rogers 201

B3/W Ben Collinson 192 ½-½ Andrew Lewis 207

B4/B Stephen Orton 189 0-1 John Hodgson 193

B5/W Terry Turner 178 1-0 George O'Toole 195

B6/B Jonathan Wells 172 0-1 Russell White 186

B7/W David Hall 172 ½-½ Tim Hebbes 186

B8/B Marek Przygoda 168 0-1 Ivan Myall 185

B9/W Mervyn Hughes 167 ½-½ Jeff Goldberg 183

B10/B Steve Moore 169 0-1 Kevin White 183

B11/W Jonathan Burrows 164 1-0 Justin Baptie 181

B12/B Brian Jeffery 162 ½-½ David Spearman 180

B13/W Dave Twitchell 162 0-1 John White 179

B14/B Graham Blowers 161 ½-½ Larry Marden 178

B15/W Michael Whiting 158 ½-½ D Ian Reynolds 174

B16/B Antony Hall 158 ½-½ David Millward 172

Final score - Norfolk 6½ / 9½ Essex

Sussex versus Warwickshire - County Champs

Played at Bourne End on Saturday 8 May

B1 FELIKS J KWIATKOWSKI 199 ½-½ JOHN NAYLOR 195

B2 BRIAN J DENMAN 199 0-1 TONY M HYNES 199

B3 DONALD MACFARLANE 196 1-0 COLIN ECKLOFF 169

B4 GARETH ANTHONY 196 1-0 PABLO PADILLA 184

B5 DAVID J GRANT 196 1-0 ANDREW J D BARUCH 191

B6 PETER G FARR 195 1-0 KEITH L ESCOTT 186

B7 KENNETH I NORMAN 194 1-0 DAVID J IRELAND 178

B8 PETER D KEMP 194 1-0 RICHARD W SMITH 177

B9 ROBERT V ELLISTON 183 1-0 ALAN D LLOYD 173

B10 GEOFFREY H JAMES 183 ½-½ ALAN AGNEW 170

B11 RICHARD J ALMOND 181 ½-½ MARTIN D SMYTH 174

B12 RASA EVICIUTE 180 ½-½ ROBERT H WILDIG 179

B13 PAUL A BATCHELOR 177 1-0 NICHOLAS FORDHAM 171

B14 MARK BROOM 173 1-0 SIMON C A SMITH 160

B15 BRIAN P DONNELLY 174 0-1 JOSEPH J STEWART 168

B16 JEFFREY BOARDMAN 171 1-0 DEFAULT

Final score - Sussex 12 / 4 Warwickshire

2009-2010 Season Final Weekend

A report by Lawrence Cooper and Claire Summerscale

The 4 Nations Chess League is the UK's premier chess league. Since its inception in 1993 it has grown and thrived and players from all over the world have represented the many teams that compete in the most prestigious team chess event held in the UK. The final weekend of the 2009-2010 4NCL season took place from May 1st-3rd, with the top two divisions being played at Sunningdale Park and the 3rd Division taking place at Wokefield Park. Players in the 4NCL are fortunate to have such spectacular surroundings at these venues and we would like to say thank you to De Vere Venues. We would also like to extend our thanks to the Barcelo hotel chain who also accommodate us throughout the season.

Congratulations to Wood Green Hilsmark Kingfisher 1, Sambuca Sharks and Rhyfelwyr Essyllwg who won Divisions 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

Division 1

Division 1 looked to be a two horse race between Wood Green and Pride & Prejudice with the teams being separated on game points at the start of the weekend. However, Barbican and White Rose were only one match point behind and rounds 10 and 11 would see the leaders playing against the teams in 3rd and 4th. Whilst round 9 saw all four teams win their respective matches Wood Green extended their lead over Pride and Prejudice by winning 6.5-1.5 compared to P&P who won 5.5-2.5. Round 10 saw Wood Green facing White Rose and Pride & Prejudice facing Barbican. Wood Green overpowered White Rose, winning 6-2 despite the odd scare along the way. The Barbican match was truly remarkable. Pride and Prejudice were on average 120 points higher on every board but despite being led by Mickey Adams and David Howell, Barbican recorded an amazing 6-2 victory. Wins for Jonathan Parker against David Howell, Mark Ferguson against Glenn Flear, Sam Collins against John Emms and John Cox against Harriet Hunt and four hard fought draws saw them home. Barbican has always been a tough and resilient team who push the professional teams hard every year but I don't think anyone saw this demolition coming. Unexpectedly, this left us with a title decider in round 11. Wood Green were a point ahead of Barbican which meant 4-4 would be enough for them to retain their title. A hard fought match resulted which ended in a 6-2 victory for Wood Green. Wins for Jon Ludvig Hammer against Matthew Turner, Nick Pert against Sam Collins, David Berczes against Mark Ferguson and Andrew Greet against Ingrid Lauterbach ensured Barbican were unable to repeat their heroics of the previous day. Andrew Greet also achieved a GM norm with his win on board 8 and I should also mention that he had drawn with Mickey Adams in a hard fought struggle on board 1 in round 9 when he was playing for the Wood Green 2nd team!

The demotion pool saw Jutes of Kent and Poisoned

Pawns both needing to win all three matches to have a realistic chance of staying up whilst Guildford 2 and South Wales Dragons needed a good weekend to put pressure on Oxford, Barbican 2 and Pandora's Box. Round 9 kept all the teams involved as Jutes of Kent defeated Pandora's Box despite a shock loss for Simon Williams on top board and Poisoned Pawns defeated Guildford 2. Barbican 2 had an important win to ease their relegation fears whilst Betsson made certain of top-flight chess next season. In round 10, three of the relegation places were effectively decided. Barbican 2 won to leave Pandora's Box looking over their shoulder in the last round, whilst losses for Guildford 2, Jutes of Kent and Poisoned Pawns relegated Jutes, leaving the other two hoping for a mathematical miracle on the final day. In contrast, the wins that Oxford and South Wales Dragons secured meant that their round 11 clash would leave the winner certain of survival, whilst the loser would have to depend on other results to go their way. Oxford secured their Division 1 status by defeating South Wales Dragons 5-3, thanks to wins on the bottom four boards. Pandora's Box also survived after a tense 4-4 draw with Guildford 2 thanks to wins on boards 2, 3 and 4. Betsson defeated Barbican 2 to top the demotion pool whilst Jutes of Kent were condemned to a surprise bottom place after a 5-3 loss to Poisoned Pawns. I won't embarrass the Jutes player whose mobile made a noise to level the scores at 1-1 by mentioning his name! Andrew Greet secured his first GM norm and Graham Morrison, Alexei Slavin, Peter Sowray and Ian Thompson made IM norms.



Division 2

The promotion pool of Division 2 was more about who won the title than promotion, as 5th placed Barbican Youth could only be promoted if Barbican 2 in Division 1 were relegated! This meant that barring a late surge from AMCA Dragons, the top four teams would go up even if one slipped into 5th place. Cheddleton and Sambuca Sharks went into the weekend with very strong sides whilst e2e4.org.uk looked capable of giving them stern opposition. Ultimately, the Sharks ran out deserved winners of the league with 4.5-3.5 victories against Warwickshire Select, e2e4.org.uk and Cheddleton. Warwickshire Select defeated AMCA Dragons 4.5-3.5 in round 11 to ensure they held onto fifth place and were therefore promoted as Barbican Youth, despite finishing 4th, could not be promoted as Barbican already have two



teams in the top division. The demotion pool in Division 2 was all about two relegation places as Guildford 3 and

FCA Solutions were already relegated and Brown Jack became the third team to go after losing to Celtic Tigers in round 10. The scores prior to round 11 saw Bristol & White Rose 2 on 9 points, Anglian & Wessex on 8 and Celtic Tigers on 7. Anglian & Wessex ensured their safety with comfortable wins against the bottom two teams. Bristol lost narrowly to Brown Jack, which left Celtic Tigers needing to beat White Rose to survive. They duly won 5.5-2.5. Had they won 5-3 this would have left three teams on 9 match points and 32 game points each!



Division 3

Division 3 looked very close at the start of the weekend with many teams capable of claiming one of the four promotion places. When the dust had settled, Rhyfelwyr Essyllwg won the league, ahead of Sambuca Black Sheep on game points and 3Cs claimed third place to make a welcome return to the top two divisions. Cambridge University claimed the final place ahead of Wessex 2. Amongst the many teams that narrowly missed out,



Warwickshire Select 2 appeared the unluckiest, losing to Wessex 2 3.5-2.5 and dropping to sixth when a win would have seen them edge out Cambridge for the final promotion place.

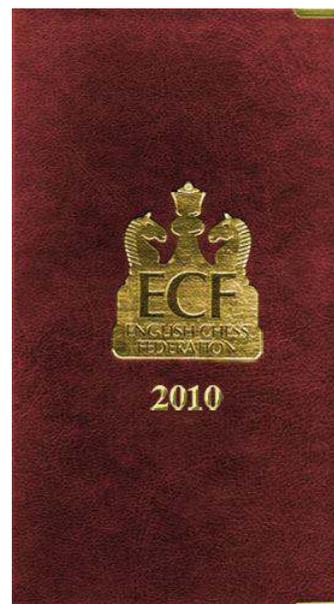
You can view results and information about the 4ncl at the 4NCL website - <http://www.4ncl.co.uk/>

The Gibraltar Middle Schools' Tournament

This was held on Sunday 18th April and the only downside was only one player from St Christopher's played. Consequently we gave each team a bye in one round. That apart our new venture of having a second section for B and C teams was a great success with four teams playing a double round all play all and some very good games resulting. The winners were Loreto with Bishop Fitzgerald B as runners up. Next year the Hebrew School are talking about a C team and St Anne's about a B team which would give us 6 teams and the same timings as the A team.

The A team competition was dominated by Bishop Fitzgerald who never dropped more than one point in a round. Second were Loreto but they were run close by the Hebrew School who came third only losing 3-2 to Loreto (and, of course, Bishop Fitzgerald). The winners of the two sections received cups or medals whilst best board prizes were awarded to the best score by a player on each board in the main tournament who had not otherwise received a prize. These went to Samuel Marrache (Hebrew School), Jonathan Garson (Hebrew School), Max McGiffen (Loreto), Shaun Dalli (St Anne's), Ritesh Aidasani (Loreto) and Purab Chawda (St Anne's). Thanks are due to Dave Welch and Ian Campbell for the excellent job they did controlling the play and to the coaches and teachers for their help in getting the teams there.

- from Peter Purland

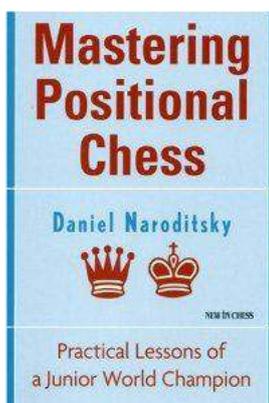


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Mastering Positional Chess

by Daniel Naroditsky

Published by New in Chess, £17.99



The publicity for the book is rather impressive with the world's youngest author and already a former World Junior Champion. Well, you have to Google him to find out that it means he won the under-12 title on tie-break but fair enough it is a rather prestigious championship. The story goes that this

young FIDE Master collected positions to help him improve his play over the years and here is the end product. It is clear that the majority of examples are well known to keen players but he is likely to appeal to the younger generation who need to know the classics. I noted the famous game Short-Timman where Nigel walks his own king up the board to deliver checkmate. That game was played in 1991 and I still remember the tremendous excitement at such brilliance in the newspaper columns of the time. Daniel wasn't even born until 1995.

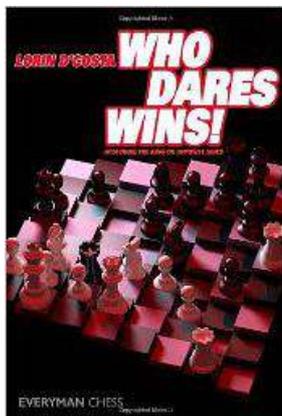
A first class work to help improving players move up to the next level.

Who Dares Wins! Attacking the King on Opposite Sides

by Lorin D'Costa

Published by Everyman, £15.99

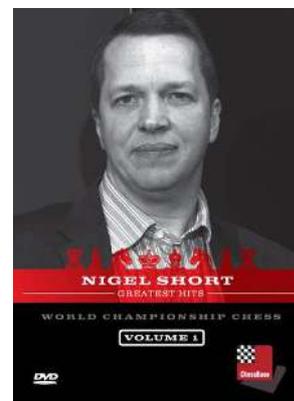
It can be a nervous experience when your opponent castles on the opposite side and starts attacking. If you need some experience of how to handle the positions then this book is the perfect way to learn. In an impressive debut the English writer guides the reader through a series of brilliant games with instructive comments to help anyone play like the star players. An entertaining way to improve attacking skills.



Nigel Short: Greatest Hits Volume 1 (PC-DVD)

Produced by Chessbase, £29.95

There are not many English chess players who are famous enough to have a gold Blue Peter badge and appear in Heineken adverts on television. The thing about Nigel is that he has been well known for a long time and has enjoyed a stellar career, which saw him almost reach the top with his legendary World Championship match against Garry Kasparov in London 1993. A book on his best games is still eagerly awaited but in the meantime he has chosen fourteen games for the DVD.



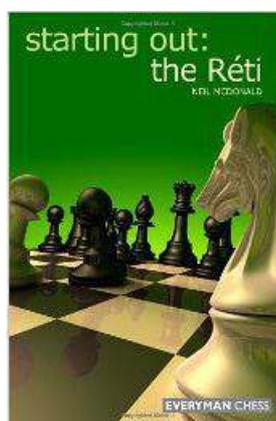
There will be those who have already gathered from his newspaper columns that his sense of humour can be waspish. His admirers think he is provocative in the style of the great Dutch writer Donner while others think he needs to improve his quips. I have always thought that as long as you don't take him too seriously he is a lot of fun. You have to like the man to enjoy the anecdotes and naturally his insights on the game are to be admired.

If you only buy a single DVD this year make sure it is this one.

Starting Out: The Réti

by Neil McDonald

Published by Everyman, £15.99



This is a primer for who wish to play 1 Nf3 and confront 1...d5 with 2 c4. The author from Gravesend is an accomplished writer and cannot help himself from giving out thought provoking advice such as, "A chess player should always be looking to the future - where his pieces need to be, not where they have come from in the past." An essential guide to the Réti.

The Isle of Man welcomes Chess for Schools!



Schools across the Isle of Man have received free chess sets as part of the nationwide charitable initiative Chess for Schools. To mark the occasion local Education and Children Minister Eddie Teare brought a personal touch to the action by delivering chess sets to children at Cronk-y-Berry Primary School in Douglas.

Chess for Schools is a nationwide initiative that aims to deliver 10 free chess sets to every one of England's 25,000 schools, in an effort to promote strategic thinking, brain games and the creation of school chess clubs and inter-school chess tournaments.

"There are so many activities that children can undertake, but there are few as rewarding and stimulating as chess," says Minister Eddie Teare. "It encourages strategic thinking and also develops a competitive spirit, which we all need if we are to develop to our full potential. I am pleased that the Chess for Schools initiative has decided to include the Isle of Man in its programme as I am sure that it will be of considerable benefit to our school children."

Some useful links about the Isle of Man event -

<http://www.manxradio.com/listen.aspx>

(go to Wednesday Shows and click on Mandate AM - 55mins 55secs)

<http://www.gov.im/education/ViewNews.gov?page=lib/news/education/isleofmanwelcome.xml&meuid=11570>

<http://www.isleofman.com/News/local/article.aspx?article=25971&area=communityhome&cat=2>

<http://www.iomguide.com/news/general-news.php?story=105698>

Chess for Schools is an ongoing programme with nearly 8,000 schools signed up to the first phase.

Distribution is being handled in a phased national roll out programme. In addition to the Isle of Man, schools across East Sussex, Surrey, Stockton on Tees, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and Oxfordshire have also received sets.

Holloid Plastics, one of the country's leading plastic injection moulding specialists, teamed up with the English Chess Federation (ECF) to create Chess for Schools. Holloid is making all of the 250,000 chess sets needed to complete the project as part of its 2009 - 2012 charity programme



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Congratulations to the March/April Winner!

Mr Derek Green of Alrewas

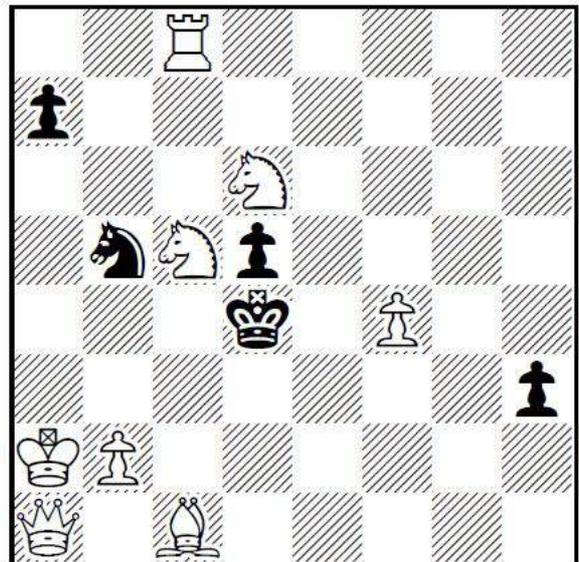
The correct answer was - **Q.b1**

Here's another puzzler ...

Jeremy Morse

Manchester Guardian, 1954

White to play and mate in 2



Please send your answer (just the first move is sufficient) on a postcard to the ECF Office, The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD

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Leader Boards as at 26th April 2010

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| Name | Club/Area | Pts |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----|
| Junior Prix | | |
| 1 Ynojosa, Felix Jose | Reading | 656 |
| 2 Jones, Steven A | Grappenhall | 644 |
| 3 Jones, Victor GL | Kent Junior Congresses | 620 |
| 4 Murphy, Conor E | Kent Junior Congresses | 617 |
| 5 Banh, Michael | Coulsdon CF | 588 |
| 6 Kenyon, Mark A | West Nottingham | 576 |
| 7 Jain, Akash | Pinner | 570 |
| 8 Vir, Prashast | Homefield Prep School | 567 |
| 9 Muir, Daniel M | Coulsdon CF | 565 |
| 10 Foo, William J | Berkshire Junior | 561 |

Graded Prix (160-179)

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| 1 Bryant, Richard BE | Telepost (Shrewsbury) | 574 |
| 2 Staples, Daniel J | Battersea | 568 |
| 3 Cutmore, David A | Wood Green | 549 |
| 4 Doran, Chris | Chester | 529 |
| 5 O’Gorman, Brendan | DHSS | 525 |
| 6 Patrick, David A | Courier Halifax | 523 |
| 7 Kelly, Paul J | Hastings & St Leonards | 514 |
| 8 Key, Eric A | York RI | 501 |
| 9 Creatorex, Roger | Llangollen | 500 |
| 10 Price, Andrew | Leamington | 493 |

Graded Prix (140-159)

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|------------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1 Clegg, Robert | Huddersfield | 581 |
| 2 Bishop, Geoffrey L | Chislehurst | 557 |
| 3 Desmedt, Richard E | Netherton | 537 |
| 4 Wright, Jonathan | London | 529 |
| 5 Jackson, Paul G | Coulsdon CF | 525 |
| 6 Hartley, Dean M | Amber Valley | 502 |
| 7 Gartside, Carl | High Peak | 492 |
| 8 Coward, Neil | AXA Lytham | 482 |
| 9 Connor, Michael I | Great Lever | 479 |
| 10 Goodfellow, Russell | Tunbridge Wells | 479 |

Graded Prix (120-139)

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|-----------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1 Crouch, Timothy J | Kings Head | 559 |
| 2 Allen, Timothy S | Battersea | 545 |
| 3 Gilbert, David J | DHSS | 533 |
| 4 Buckell, David J | Pendle | 530 |
| 5 Foley, Phil T | Upminster | 515 |
| 6 Stone, Mark R | Petts Wood & Orpington | 513 |
| 7 Torrance, John | Metropolitan | 512 |
| 8 Yiamakis, Albert | Guildford | 508 |
| 9 Sandercock, E Barry | Buckinghamshire | 506 |
| 10 Blencowe, Ian P | Gloucester | 496 |

Graded Prix (U120)

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| 1 Fraser, Alan R | Beckenham & Bromley | 615 |
| 2 Miles, Barry S | Middlesex CCA | 561 |
| 3 McKeon, John E | Milton Keynes | 553 |
| 4 Bailey, Gregory L | Netherton | 506 |
| 5 Robson, Caroline J | Barnet Elizabeth | 500 |
| 6 Brooks, Harry J | Great Lever | 487 |
| 7 Coleman, Patrick N | Lytham ex-Servicemen | 469 |
| 8 Waddington, James | Bolton | 464 |
| 9 De Santos, Andrew R | Preston | 427 |
| 10 Welch, Hazel | Seaton | 424 |

Florencio Campomanes



Campo was born in 1927 and died on the 3rd of May, 2010. He was President of FIDE from 1982 to 1995 and then Honorary President from 1996.

He founded the Philippine Chess Federation which joined FIDE in 1956. He was extremely successful

in popularising chess particularly in the developing countries, including, of course, particularly his own. He was very successful in raising large sums of money for chess and his friendship with Marcos when he was President of the Philippines was particularly useful.

He was quite a strong player, loved playing our beautiful game and would spend hours playing blitz. He was particularly fond of the Campo-Kan 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d6.

He was a particularly astute politician and could run circles around most of the leading FIDE administrative figures. Campo and Ray Keene were the principal architects of the 1984 USSR v Rest of the World Match. At the first meeting I told him and Ray that I was uninterested in chess politics. They chorused, ‘Then FIDE is not for you.’ Another time when he and I were having dinner, he said, ‘They call me a crook. I’m not a crook, cunning is my art.’

Anybody who is associated with administration of any sport for such a long time is bound to have made controversial decisions, none more so than his prematurely stopping the 1984-5 Karpov v Kasparov World championship match.

Campo told me that was when he first conceived the ambition to become FIDE President. He also had the ambition to visit every FIDE federation, but was unsuccessful in this endeavour, partly because he encouraged more and more federations to join.

Our condolences to his family.

- Stewart Reuben

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3 Jun | First Thursday Hendon Blitz, Golders Green Parish Church NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Website: <http://www.hendonchessclub.com> Entry form: <http://www.hendonchessclub.com>

5 Jun | 2nd Bristol Rapidplay, Filton Sports & Leisure Club, Elm Park, Bristol BS34 7PS Contact: Graham Mill-Wilson Email: tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk Organiser's address: 8 Lyndale Road, Yate, Bristol, BS37 4D3 sections - Open, U160, U130. Entry fee all sections £15. OAP, UB40, Students, Juniors, Disabled deduct £2. 6 rounds - 25 mins. on the clock. Good facilities, easy access, free on-site parking. Rounds begin at 1100, 1200, 1300, 1500, 1600, 1700

5-12 Jun | Stephen Eastwick-Field Memorial Tournament, Whitehall Hotel, Bournemouth Contact: Stan Lovell, 2 Plaxton Court, Scarborough, YO12 6QT Tel: 01723 373447 Email: stan.lovell@tiscali.co.uk A chess event for visually impaired players graded 140 and below - including coaching and a full social programme

#~* 5-6 Jun | EACU Congress, The Turner Hall, Church Lane, Newmarket CB8 0HL Contact: Richard Freeman Email: richard@fcasolutions.co.uk Website: <http://www.eacu.org.uk> - 5-round Swiss tournament with 3 sections - Open, under-170 and under-130. Features the final leg of the EACU Individual Championship. Telephone enquiries to Richard Freeman on 01908-234014 or to the dedicated Congress mobile phone number (with answerphone) 07851-479866

6 Jun | CharlieChess.com 6th June Rapidplay, Whitley Bay Bridge Club, 220 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay, North Tyneside Contact: Charlie Storey Email: storey@charliechess.com Website: <http://www.charliechess.com> Tel: 07719 070349 Part of the North East Chess Festival

27 Jun | ECF Under 18 & Under 13 County Championships 2010, Wilson's School, Mollison Drive, Wallington, Surrey SM6 9JW Contact: Neill Cooper Email: nsc@cplusc.co.uk Tel: 01883 624051

12 Jun | Golders Green Rapidplay, Golders Green Parish Church Hall, West Heath Drive, Golders Green, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raoof Website: <http://goldersgreenchess.blogspot.com/>

***~@# 18-20 Jun | 9th Yeovil Summer Chess Congress**, Westfield School, Stiby Road, Yeovil, Somerset Contact: Jack Rudd Email: jackelshallrudd@aol.com Entry form: <http://www.chessdevon.co.uk/html/yef.pdf> Organiser's address: The Red House, 25-26 Bridgeland Street, Bideford, Devon, EX39 2PZ Includes FIDE Rated Open and Major sections. Incorporates the Somerset Junior and Senior championships

19 Jun | Richmond Junior Chess Club - Blitz, ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham TW1 2AR Contact: Peter Sowray Email: psowray@googlemail.com Website: www.rjcc.org.uk Entry form: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk/blitz100619.pdf>

19 Jun | County Championships Semi-Finals

***~ 26-27 Jun | Chester Congress**, The Cheshire View, Plough Lane, Christleton CH3 7BA Contact: D Dickson Tel: 01978 760058 Website: www.chesterchess.org

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~ 2-4 July | Harrogate Chess Congress, The Conservative Club, East Parade, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 5LQ Contact: Noel Boustred Email: nboustred@yahoo.co.uk

3-4 Jul | The British Land UK Chess Challenge Southern Gigafinal, Wellington College Contact: Mike Basman Email: ukchesschallenge@aol.com Website: <http://www.ukchesschallenge.com/>

***~#@ 25 July - 7 August | BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS**, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ <http://www.britishchess2010.com/>