

European Union Individual Chess Championships

Liverpool World Museum

Wednesday 6th September to Friday 15th September 2006



FM Steve Giddins reports on round 10

Nigel Short became the outright winner of the 2006 EU Championship, by beating Mark Hebden in the 10th round, whilst his main rivals could only draw. The former world title challenger later declared himself "extremely chuffed" at having won on his first appearance in an international tournament in his home country, since 1989.

Hebden is a player whose opening repertoire is well-known, and has been almost constant for his entire chess-playing life. As Black against 1 e4, he plays only 1...e5, usually either the Marshall or a main line Chigorin. Short avoided these with 3 Bc4, secure in the knowledge that Hebden only ever plays 3...Nf6. Over recent years, just about every top-level player has abandoned the Two Knights Defence, on the basis that Black does not have enough compensation after 4 Ng5. Indeed, after the game, Short commented that "The Two Knights

just loses a pawn!", and he added that anybody who played the line regularly as Black "is taking their life in their hands". Hebden fought well, but never really had enough for his pawn, and eventually lost the ending.

Meanwhile, McShane and Sulskis both fought out hard draws with Gordon and Jones respectively. Unlike Short, McShane chose to avoid a theoretical dispute and chose the Trompowsky. He did not achieve much for a long time, and although a significant bout of manoeuvring eventually netted him an extra pawn in the N+P ending, Black's king was very active and he held the balance. Jones played the Scandinavian with 3...Qd6 against Sulskis. This line has been doing remarkably well for Black in recent times, notably in the hands of Dutch champion, Sergey Tiviakov. After some inaccuracies by Black in the early middlegame, Sulskis was soon well on top, and by move 25, he was completely winning, with an extra pawn and the better king. From then on, however, he made no progress at all against Jones' stubborn defence, and eventually drifted into a drawn rook ending. It is hard to pinpoint any one moment when he could have wrapped the game up, but 31 Qa5, with the idea of penetrating to b6 and b7, looks like one way of breaking down Black's resistance.

Simon Williams has had an excellent tournament, but today he hit the buffers big-time, losing in 19 moves, in under two hours. In an obscure line of his favourite Dutch, he produced the novelty 11...exf6?, instead of the compulsory 11...e6, which was played successfully in Kharitonov-Gajewski, San Augustin 2003. After White's obvious reply, he was already in trouble, and his 12th move simply lost the exchange, after which the position was already hopeless. Amongst the other leaders, there were wins for Bischoff, van der Weide and Galego, who all moved up into prize spots.

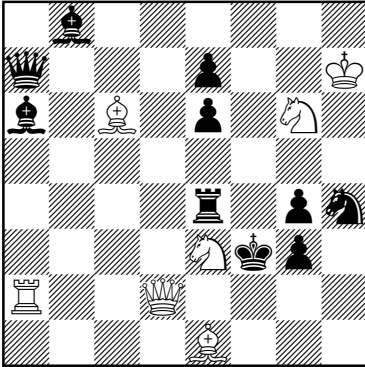
Thus ends a great 10 days' of chess. All credit is due to Dave Robertson, David Welch and all the many others, whose hard work and imagination has made such a huge success of this event. In fact, I would go so far as to say that everybody involved with the event is entitled to be "extremely chuffed". This year's tournament is "only" a curtain-raiser in the run-up to 2008, when Liverpool celebrates its EU Capital of Culture award. Next year, there are plans for another powerful international open, the budget for which is already in place, and will be more than double this year's. The final budget for 2008 is yet to be confirmed, but believe me, if the plans come to fruition, you will see a chess event, the like of which has not happened in this country for 70 or more years. All, being well, I will be there to bring you daily reports, and once again, will endeavour to get through the entire event, without once mentioning Cilla Black, Ken Dodd or The Beatles...



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Editorial

National Chess Library

A meeting was held at UCH on Thursday 31 October, present were Stuart Laing (Chair) UoB, Colin Monk UoB, Sarah Eatwell (notes) UoB, Cynthia Gurney ECF, Gerry Walsh ECF, Con Power, Pam Thomas. This was to discuss the progress of the National Chess Library.

The University have a long history of archiving special collections particularly in the Art & Design field and are keen to expand the Chess Collection at UCH. There are concerns that as IT takes over there will be less demand for books and a number of collections could be broken up or destroyed.

The collection will be catalogued on the University Library Management system, Talis, so it will be accessible to all via the UCH website.

It is envisaged that the English Chess Collection will rival that of Amsterdam and Florida.

To achieve this aim please donate any chess libraries/collections you may have (even one book). If all competitors in the Hastings Congress were to bring at least one book with them this would start the ball rolling. If you are downsizing in your home, or simply wish to re-house some of your collection here we are!

The official opening is envisaged for Spring 2007, more information to follow as it becomes available.

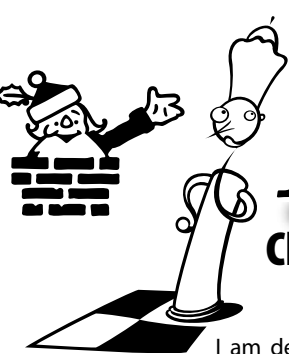
Also discussed were two further very exciting projects:

- 1) *MSc in Chess: University of Brighton are interested in running research programmes at UCH for Chess. There are already a number of theses available at the British Library, covering a number of different aspects of Chess. Research could cover many areas i.e. history, sociology, art, literature, maths, science & computing. Gerry advised that Chess has been banned a number of times throughout history. There are a lot of issues/themes that could be developed through research of the subject. Chess is currently very popular in primary schools and private schools; however there is not the interest in most secondary schools. The MSc could be a tool to get it back into Secondary schools. More work is needed to get it re-introduced into schools and a local academy could be the answer.*
- 2) *The English Chess Federation has set up a charitable trust in memory of John Robinson and the Trustees are interested in assisting with the promotion of a Hastings Young Masters Tournament, clearly this event could be held on the UCH site, and the university would welcome the opportunity to be involved.*

Cynthia Gurney, Editor



University Centre Hastings – home of the National Chess Library.



ECF News



Charities Bill to Define Sport for Charitable Purposes

I am delighted to announce that on 25 October HM Government amended The Charities Bill to define Sport for charitable purposes as "sport or games which promote health by involving physical or mental skill or exertion".

It seems there was no voice against the proposal and we now look forward to following the due process for recognition.

I am ever grateful to my colleagues on the committee for their efforts, Messrs Anderton, Fries, Heppinstall, Rodrigues and Watson. Special thanks to Liberal MP Dr Evan Harris who has devoted much of his time to this project.

I have been in touch with my contacts at the DCMS to offer thanks on behalf of the Federation.

Please visit www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmhansrd/cm061025/debtext/61025-0004.htm to view the House of Commons debate. The chess related part of the debate can be seen on the ECF website http://www.englishchess.org.uk/national/2006/charities-bill_oct06.htm (thank you to Stewart Reuben).

Gerry Walsh, English Chess Federation President

ECF Annual General Meeting Summary

All officers reports were approved.

Council decided to retain the principle of a central venue for the County Championship Final, the voting was 121 for, 65 against.

The game fee payers paper by the London League, SCCU and WECU was referred to the April Finance Meeting.

ECF Elections & Appointments

The following people were elected/appointed at the October ECF AGM in Bristol.

President G F Walsh seeking re-election * 145 votes; B Driscoll nominated by Cheshire & North Wales & Nottinghamshire 79; with 7 "none of the above". Mr Walsh was duly elected and resumed the chair

Chief Executive R Heppinstall seeking re-election 116 votes; M Regan nominated by Cheshire & North Wales & Nottinghamshire 119 votes (after 2 recounts). Mr Regan was duly elected

Director of Finance G F Steele FCA nominated by C Johnson withdrew. R Richmond IPFA nominated by Cheshire & North Wales & Nottinghamshire 153 votes with 51 none of the above"

Non-Executive Directors M Truran seeking re-election 170. J Wickham seeking re-election 160 with 9 votes "none of the above". Both were duly elected

Other Executive Directors

Director of Home Chess S Hewitt nominated by Warwickshire & MCCU withdrew

Director of Junior Chess & Education C Summerscale nominated by the London Chess League 181 votes. A Moore nominated by Warwickshire & Worcestershire * 19 votes . 8 votes none of the above" Mrs Summerscale was duly elected.

Director of International Chess P Sowray nominated by Cheshire & North Wales & Nottinghamshire 171 votes, 42 votes "none of the above" Mr Sowray was duly elected

Director of Marketing C Johnson nominated by MCCU * 70 votes . P J B Wilson nominated by DC Jarrett, Trustee & R Gurney, DM Rep * 119 votes. 29 votes "none of the above". Mr Wilson was duly elected

Other Officers

FIDE Delegate G F Walsh seeking re-election * 125 votes. N Short nominated by Cheshire & North Wales & Nottinghamshire * 81 votes with 5 votes for "none of the above". Mr Walsh was duly elected and resumed the chair

Standing Committees

Chairman of the Finance Committee M J Adams nominated by J A Philpott FCA, the present Chairman * 205 votes with 6 votes for "none of the above". Mr Adams was duly elected

Members of the Finance Committee R Clark } A Martin} nominated by J A Philpott FCA D Rowe } J A Philpott nominated by the President All duly elected nem con.

Chairman of the Governance Committee V J Dunleavy seeking re-election * 135 votes with 8 for "none of the above" with 28 votes spoiled. Mr Dunleavy was duly elected.

Members of the Governance Committee R J Haddrell } A T Leadbetter } nominated by the Chairman of the Governance Committee. J L Paines } J A Philpott } All elected nem con.

Appointment of the Auditor Clifford Chandler of Goatcher Chandler nominated by M Adams, seconded S Rueben, appointed nem con.

Message from the ECF Chief Executive

Dear Member,

As the newly elected chief executive, I thought I'd take the opportunity to write a few words to briefly outline the challenges and opportunities ahead. I have already written to each of you about the issues surrounding Council's decision in October to reverse a previous decision concerning Game Fee exemption. You will, therefore, appreciate that membership matters form the backdrop to the challenges facing the Federation.

There is also the urgent need to find a sponsor for the British Championships. But in passing I should like to thank Smith & Williamson for its fantastic support over the years.

It is all too easy to focus on the problems and ignore the opportunities. Over the next year, the ECF hopes to unveil two new international tournaments. We also hope to strengthen our marketing efforts, so we reach a point where the benefits of Chess are more widely appreciated outside the chess world. One thing of which I am utterly certain is that Chess has more to offer than Sudoku!

Some of you will be aware that chess has taken a significant step forward towards the goal of being eligible for charitable status. We are not there yet, but the hard work of a handful of our officials and supporters is beginning to pay off. Things are not all gloomy and over the next year, I hope the board will be able to demonstrate this. Thank you for much needed support.

Martin Regan

Director of Home Chess Vacancy

The English Chess Federation invites applications for the post of Director of Home Chess. The successful applicant will work closely with the Chief Executive and other board members across a whole range of strategic chess initiatives and will have practical responsibilities for the performance of Managers in areas such as the County Championships and Grading. A full and detailed description of responsibilities will be sent to all applicants.

This key position within the Federation is voluntary, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed. The successful applicant is likely to have a track record in chess organisation, an ability to interact at board level, strong personnel and management skills and an appreciation of the many complex challenges and opportunities facing English Chess.



Applications, by letter or email should be sent to the ECF Office, The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD or office@englishchess.org.uk, by 15 December 2006.

ECF Board Meeting No. 11 Digest

The 11th meeting of the ECF Board took place on November 11, 2006 at the Britannia Hotel, Coventry. Eight directors were in attendance and five others were there by invitation. This is a digest and summation of the decisions taken. It is not an official ECF document.

Following Council's October decision to reverse its previous decision to exempt Direct Members (those outside MOs) from Game Fee, the board agreed that any league which could demonstrate that it been disadvantaged by Council's decision - for example by cutting fees on the basis of the original decision - would be compensated. The deadline for claims is December 15th.

The MO schemes were subjected to financial scrutiny and the 10 per cent early payment discount was shown, if extended nationwide, to be loss-making relative to Game Fee. The accounts of the ECF will be published annually on the website.

Various managers, officers and committee members were appointed. These will appear on the website. A new IT committee has been formed. The position of Home Chess Director is to be advertised in Chess Moves and on the website. The work to isolate the cause of an apparent grade deflation in certain grading bands was ongoing. If the problem is confirmed and a cause found, (and probably even if no cause is found) union, leagues and counties will be consulted about the various solutions on offer. It is hoped that a report together with recommendations will be put to Council in April.

Two new international FIDE rated tournaments are being planned, using monies from the Robinson Trust and the Legacies Fund. The ECF will accept CRB enhanced clearance from third parties, until its own infrastructure is in place. The main prize fund for the British Championship will be reduced and the sum put forward for conditions to encourage the entry of our top players. Concern was expressed about the soundness of the current international selection procedures and these are now to be examined. A database of local media is to be developed. The board voted to recommend to April Council that John Dunleavy, John Philpott, Roy Heppinstall, and Cyril Johnson be awarded the title of Honorary Life Vice President.

Presentation of 2006 ECF President's Award for Services to Chess to Paul Habershon

John Shaw (EACU Chairman) reports:



My apologies for breaking into your celebrations but, as I'm sure you're aware, Paul has played the occasional game of chess during his time at the school.

Every year the game honours just one or two people for their outstanding personal contribution and this year the award goes, I'm delighted to say,

to Paul. Now I promise to keep this brief but we couldn't let this pass without a brief review of his work - particularly as so much took place at the School

For the whole of his time at Bedford Modern School, Paul has organised and encouraged chess-playing at all levels. This has involved (amongst other things!) setting up and running after-school and lunchtime chess clubs aimed at both beginners and experienced players; he has taken squads of players to local congresses; arranging stays at the British Championships for anyone interested in playing in the various junior events there; arranging teams for the Sunday Times and Times National Schools Competitions; and arranging and playing in teams in the local Bedfordshire League.

As a result of his hard work, enthusiasm and diligence, Bedford Modern School has been the strongest school in the area for decades. There have been numerous qualifications to the National Stages of the Sunday Times and Times competitions and in 1974 the School travelled to London to play in the Finals, winning Silver Medals. This 1974 team included Jim Plaskett, already on his way to becoming a Grand Master and British Champion, and more recent teams have included Peter Constantinou, who was last year's British U-16 Champion.

However, Paul's work with Juniors has not just revolved around Bedford Modern School - he has also worked as a Regional Junior Coach, and encouraged the Bedford-based Ledger brothers on their way to International Titles. Of course, Paul has also been a successful player in his own right, playing Board 1 for the BMS team in the Bedfordshire League for many years. A career highlight was being a member of the Bedford team which won the National Club Championships in 2001 [*when they defeated a frighteningly strong Wood Green in the final - a turn up not far short of Crewe Alexandra winning the FA Cup*]. He has played in various Minor-County Championship-winning sides and he has won the Bedfordshire individual Championship a number of times. He's also qualified for the British Individual Championship on occasion

All in all, I'm sure you'll agree, quite an impressive record. Now this is a national award but, before we present it to Paul, could I just also extend the thanks of the East Anglian and Bedfordshire chess community for all that you have done for us. Thank you Paul.

Now, the formal bit. The ECF would like to thank Paul for all his chess work throughout his career, and I have great pleasure in presenting him with this token of its appreciation, the 2006 President's Award for Services to Chess.

Fly the Flag for England !

Over the next few months I propose to introduce a number of new initiatives to publicise chess throughout England and to introduce more new players to the game.

The last British Championships produced close to 40 players who won titles as British Champions of their categories. Few, if any, of these gained the publicity they deserved - on local radio or in local newspapers. Publicity in the media in those areas is FREE - we can all make use of those opportunities to promote chess. I know that local radio stations are keen to run brief "Features" items of local good news. Planned participation in a major chess event is just what they are looking for - a short interview covering what event is being entered, where and where it is to be held, whether the player has taken part before, etc. will gain us free publicity. There is almost always the prospect of a second interview after the event has taken place.

Every Radio Presenter I know will end such an interview with the words "You will come back in a couple of weeks and let us know how you got on, won't you ?". I am suggesting that we start with BBC Local Radio and then extend into the Commercial Radio Stations. National Radio and Television will take longer - but I am confident we can achieve that in time.

Local newspapers also welcome short articles on success in chess by local residents - and even by those who used to live in their locality. "Former local schoolboy/girl wins British Chess Title" is a headline we can, and should, see much more often. As with radio - "The Nationals" will take longer - but I am sure, in time, we can interest them in "Good news" articles about chess and chess-players. The support and co-operation of players, parents of juniors and of Congress and League organisers is needed - but we can make it happen. We can all work together to gain far greater publicity for English Chess by "Flying the Flag for England".

In due course I propose to post details on the ECF Website but in the meanwhile please contact me by e-mail at ecfmarketing@yahoo.co.uk so that we can work together to make this a reality. I can point you towards your local Radio Station and provide details of the type of question you are likely to be asked. I am also quite happy to make the initial contact with local radio in YOUR area if needed.

Peter J. B. Wilson, [Director of Marketing - English Chess Federation]

London Chess Olympiad looks like a killer move:

An article in the Telegraph by John Inverdale, regarding the 2012 Chess Olympiad.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/main.jhtml?xml=/sport/2006/10/25/soinve25.xml>

English Chess Federation Book of the Year 2006

The choice came down to two books this year. Garry Kasparov's My Great Predecessors V which covered Korchnoi and Karpov was excluded as the title matches between Kasparov and Karpov had been omitted – surely of the essence in assessing Karpov's career - since these epic contests will be covered in a later volume. However Kasparov's mammoth series has set new standards for writing about chess history.

Chess for Zebras

Jonathan Rowson (Gambit) pp255 £17.99

All Rowson's writings are interesting and readable and this book is no exception. Rowson uses his formidable academic erudition to explore in depth various aspects of chess playing and thinking. The chess content is remarkable for Rowson's honesty in analysing the strengths and weaknesses of his games. This is a book that is simultaneously challenging, stimulating, instructive and guaranteed to make any reader think about how he plays the game.

None the less the choice fell upon a totally different type of book, one which has not featured in the Book of the Year before, even though it is a popular genre.

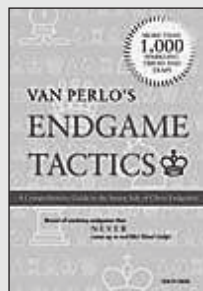
Van Perlo's Endgame Tactics

(New in Chess) pp479 £18.95

Collections of game positions for solving or instruction are not uncommon. Unfortunately many are computer generated with cursory instruction or comment added. This is emphatically not the case here. Van Perlo is a Dutch correspondence grandmaster who collected over a period of 30 years tactical end games that appealed to him. He cast his net wide and most of the 1105(!) positions were unknown to the judges. Van Perlo had a good chess eye for attractive situations and wrote about them in a humorous and entertaining manner. Above all he writes with wicked glee about the changes in fortune that lie in wait on the board for all players.

The New in Chess team has edited and organised the material so that there is considerable instructional content in the book. But the winning factor for the judges was the sheer entertainment value - a rare commodity in the chess world these days.

R B Edwards,
J Farrand,
J Toothill
8th October 2006



International News

XI Individual World Chess Championship for the Blind 2006

Britain had two representatives in the championship in Goa Oct 8th to 18th. Steve Hilton playing in his first Championship produced a steady performance and finished with 4.5 from 9. Our main hope was Chris Ross, current British Blind champion out to improve on his previous 5.5 score. The event was won with a thrilling final round victory by Berlinsky against Krylov both of Russia. Chris finished again with 5.5 from 9, two points behind the winner.

In an earlier round Chris was actually clearly winning against Berlinsky but an error cost him the game and his chances of finishing in the top places. Nevertheless he battled hard in later rounds and finished by beating a former champion, Magnusson of Sweden in the last round. In time pressure Ross had this crucial position against Berlinsky

Ross White v Berlinsky Black

8; k6p; 4p3; 1Qp2p2; 1p6; 4P3; 2p2PPP; 3q1RK1

Position after 33.... Kxa7

34. Qxc5

Chris didn't realise that the white queen would be overloaded with covering the c1 queening square and blockading the b pawn.

With 34. Qa4+ and , 35.Rxd1 he wins easily.

The game went

34... Ka6 35. Qc4+ Ka5 36. g3 Ka4 37. Qa2+ (White could have tried 37 Qa6+ Kb3 38 Qxe6+ Kb2 39 Qe5+ Kb1 40 Qxf5 Qxf1+ 41 Kxf1 b3 42 Qd3 b2 with a draw but time trouble makes that difficult to spot)Kb5 38. Qb2 Kc4 39. Kg2 b3 40. h3 e5 41. h4 h5 42. Kg1 f4 43. exf4 exf4 44. Kg2 f3+ 45. Kg1 Kb4 46. g4 Qd7 47. Ra1 Qxg4+ 48. Kf1 Qg2+ 49. Ke1 Qg1+ 50. Kd2 Qxf2+ 51. Kd3 Qe2+ 52. Kd4 Qc4+ 53. Ke3 Qc3+ **0-1**

World titles sometimes hinge on such events. Chris's hopes faded and Berlinsky went on to win the crown.

Bill Armstrong Publicity Officer
Braille Chess Association

For more info visit the official tournament website www.aicfb.org and the Braille Chess Association website www.braillechess.org.uk

I.C.S.C. World Deaf Team

Chess Championship

Hungary, 8-17 September 2006

The England team finished a very creditable 7th, above their 10th seeding. The team got off to a bright start after a 1st round 2.5 - 1.5 victory against the 2nd seeds, Ukraine, thanks to Chris Kreuzer's miniature against an 2291 ELO-rated opponent. For many rounds the England team were in contention for a medal but came up against the strongest opposition in Russia and Germany and suffered their heaviest defeats. The team finished the competition on a bright note by holding the 5th seeds Poland to a 2 - 2 draw and preventing them from gaining the bronze medals.

Russia won their 4th successive World Championship gold closely followed by Germany with the silver and Hungary bronze.

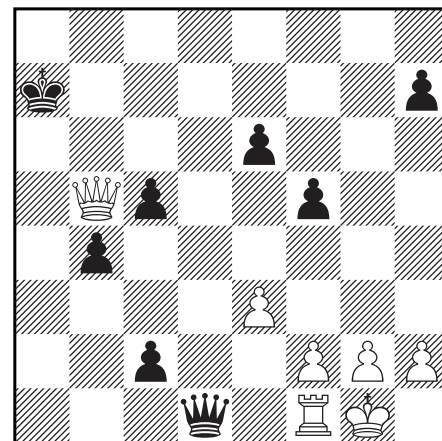
See <http://msssz.hu/chess/results.html> for more information.

The English Deaf Chess Association would like to thank the Friends of Chess, London Deaf Chess Club, Sheffield Deaf Chess Club and the many individual donors whose loyal support made this valuable experience possible.

Chris Kreuzer (England) ECF 148 v.

Andrei Reutov (Ukraine) ELO 2291

(1st round, Board 1)



1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6 8. Na3 Be7 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. Nd5 b5 11. Qd2 f5 12. Nxe7 Nxe7 13. O-O-O fxe4 14. Nxb5 axb5 15. Bxb5+ Bd7 16. Qxd6 Bxb5 17. Qxe5 Bd3 18. Qxh8+ Kd7 19. Qxd8+ **1-0**

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European Club Cup

8-14 October, Austria.

There were two English-based teams. Gawain Jones 2430 played board 1 for Slough Sharks and scored 5.5/7, exceeding the GM norm by 0.5 points, with a rating performance of 2672. This is his second GM, the first of which was in Liverpool. He will need a further 10 games. This is a typical leap forward of somebody in his gap year. The rest of the team did less well winning 3 matches and amassing 18 game points from a possible 42. they finished 37th. Ben Purton (captain) 2091 3.5/7 2062 RP. Malcolm Armstrong 2101 1.5/7 1700. Ben Edgell 2012 3.5/7 1918. The remainder of the team were Scottish. Gawain's result justifies the support offered the team by The Friends of Chess. Hilsmark Kingfisher also won 3 matches but gained 19 points, finishing 36th. Theirs was a more international team, led by Ulf Andersson (Sweden). Simon Williams 2473 4/7 Rp 2501, edging closer to 2500 and the GM title. Andrew Greet 2439 3.5/7 2408. Jovanka Houska 2364 3.5/7 2264(?) Lawrence Cooper 2309 2/5 2172. Mark Hogarth was the non-playing captain.



Photo by Ben Purton – Hungarians v Slough Sharks

36. Hilsmark Kingfisher (6 / 19)

Bo.	Name	Rtg	FED	FideliD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts.	Rt Av	Rp
1	GM Andersson Ulf	2542	SWE	1700014	½	½	½	½				2,0	2571	2571
2	GM Arkell Keith C	2479	ENG	400270	1	0	½	½	½	½	½	3,5	2521	2521
3	IM Williams Simon	2473	ENG	404454	1	½	1	0	0	1	½	4,0	2451	2501
4	IM Greet Andrew	2439	ENG	405817	1	0	1	½	½	0	½	3,5	2408	2408
5	IM Houska Jovanka	2364	ENG	405094	0	½	1	0	1	½	½	3,5	2293	2264
6	IM Cooper Lawrence	2309	ENG	401536					0	1	0	1,0	2297	2172
7	Lindner Daniel	2271	GER	4645804	½	0		0	1	0	0	1,5	2240	2014
8	Hogarth Mark	1921	ENG	412104								0,0	2331	0

37. Slough Sharks Chess Team (6 / 18)

Bo.	Name	Rtg	FED	FideliD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts.	Rt Av	Rp
1	IM Jones Gawain C	2430	ENG	409561	1	1	1	0	1	1	½	5,5	2442	2672
2	Tweedie Steven	2239	SCO	2401550	0	0	1	1	0	0	½	2,5	2261	2130
3	Kafka Graeme	2136	SCO	2401487	0	0	½	0	½	0	½	1,5	2195	1936
4	Purton Ben	2091	ENG	411132	0	½	1	½	½	0	1	3,5	2119	2062
5	Armstrong Malcolm	2101	ENG	409049	0	0	½	0	½	0	½	1,5	2016	1700
6	Edgell Ben P	2012	ENG	412589	0	½	½	0	1	½	1	3,5	2004	1918

Stewart Reuben

Pride & Prejudice Team TV Debut



Congratulations to the Pride & Prejudice 4 Nations Chess League team, who appeared on the BBC2 quiz show Eggheads on the 25th October. Further details about this groundbreaking team can be found on the website for Women and Girls' Chess - www.chessuk.com

Book Reviews

by Gary Lane

Petrosian vs the Elite

by Ray Keene and Julian Simpole

published by Batsford £15.99

This year at the world under twenty championships there was a solemn moment when the players were asked to lay flowers at the statue of a great player. This went well until someone loudly enquired, "who is that? The answer was Tigran Petrosian world champion 1963-9, a hero in his native Armenia and the subject of this intriguing book. The basic facts are that 71 games are examined in depth with the emphasis on words rather than analysis. Raymond Keene's style is popular with club players who like his chatty style, which should be well known because he has written more chess books than anyone else in England. The authors mention that they 'cannot blame a computer program- which we rarely employed- for any blunders which have persisted' Well, this is an old fashioned view and certainly makes a change from endless analysis supplied by Fritz.

An entertaining insight to a great player who deserves respect from a new generation.

Discovering Chess Openings

by John Emms

published by Everyman £14.99

There are many people who tip Emms to beat Ray Keene's record for writing numerous chess books and he must be popular being always in demand from publishers. In this instance the player who is just starting has the world of openings revealed in a step-by-step guide with the emphasis on keeping things simple. It starts off with reasons why going for checkmate in four moves won't work and what to do when facing it. There is even time to debate the reasons why White should refrain from playing a4 and h4 in order to move the rooks. There is plenty of useful knowledge for an aspiring player with lots of comment on popular lines so someone can make an informed judgement on which opening to play.

A good way to understand the basic principles of the openings.

Starting Out: Sicilian Scheveningen

by Craig Pritchett

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The series of Starting Out books has been successful because it reveals some standard ideas in the opening and gently eases the reader into a complex opening. The drawback is that the lack of detail means it might be tricky to play at tournament level. This problem is addressed by Pritchett who places the emphasis on ideas and explanation but wisely mentions that it is not possible to cover everything on such a large subject. Therefore, he covers the main variations together with hints and tips on what to against the various alternatives. The illustrative games include the latest plans but also nods at history by exploring old examples that have shaped the opening.

An easy way to learn a top opening.



Short, Nigel (2676) -

Hebden, Mark (2532) [C58]

**EU Championship Liverpool (10.1),
15.09.2006**

**1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5
Na5 6 Bb5+ c6 7 dxc6 bxc6 8 Qf3**

This old move has for years been regarded as giving Black a strong initiative, but in recent times, the cold reality of computer analysis has made people realise that Black may just be a pawn down for not enough. John van der Wiel has been at the forefront of rehabilitating the move.

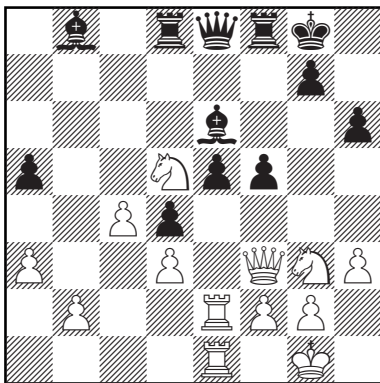
8...h6 9 Ne4 Nd5 10 Ba4

Van der Wiel prefers 10 Nbc3 here, but Short was following some analysis that he had done a couple of years ago, with the Ukrainian teenage super-talent, Sergey Kariakin.

**10...Be7 11 d3 0-0 12 0-0 f5 13 Ng3 Be6 14
Re1 Bd6 15 c4 Ne7 16 Bd2 c5 17 Nc3 a6 18
Nd5 Nac6 19 Bxc6**

This is the logical follow-up to White's plan, which is to pressurise e5, but Fritz 9 is hot to trot with the strange move 19 Nh5!?. Looking more closely, it does seem surprisingly strong. The knight will drop into f4 at some stage, exploiting the loose Black bishop on e6.

**19...Nxc6 20 Bc3 Qe8 21 h3 Rd8 22 Re2 Bb8
23 Rae1 a5 24 a3 Nd4 25 Bxd4 cxd4**



26 Nb6?!

Here, the exchange sacrifice 26 Rxe5 comes strongly into consideration.

**26...e4 27 dxe4 f4 28 Nf1 Qc6 29 Nd5 Qxc4
30 Nd2 Qb5 31 Qb3 Qxb3**

Over the past few moves, White has lost most of his advantage. At this point, Black offered a draw, but this was declined.

**32 Nxb3 Bxd5 33 exd5 Rxd5 34 Rd2 Be5 35
Nc1 a4 36 Nd3 Bd6 37 Rc2**

Thanks to the knight on d3, White retains a small advantage. Black's pawn on a4 is more vulnerable than White's on b2, which is defended by the knight-blockader.

37...f3 38 g3 h5 39 Rc4 h4 40 g4 Ra5?

Losing without much fight. A better try was 40...Rb8 41 Rxa4 Rb3, when White still has significant technical problems to solve.

41 Rxd4 Rf6 42 Ree4

Now a4 goes as well, and the rest is silence.

**42...Bc7 43 Kf1 Rc6 44 Rxa4 Rxa4 45 Rxa4
Rd6 46 Ne1 Rd1 47 Re4 Rb1 48 Re8+ Kh7
49 Rf8 Bd6 50 Rxf3 Rxb2 51 Rc3 Be5 52 Rd3
Bb8 53 Nf3 Ba7 54 Rd2 Rb3 55 Kg2 Rxa3 56
Nxb4 Bb8 57 Nf3 Bf4 58 Rd4 g5 59 h4 1-0**

Pos	Player	Na	Ti	FIDE	Rtng	Score
1	Short, Nigel D.....	ENG	g		2676	7½
2	Sulskis, Sarunas	LTU	g		2514	7
3	McShane, Luke J.....	ENG	g		2614	7
4	Gordon, Stephen J.....	ENG	m		2443	7
5	Jones, Gawain CB.....	ENG	m		2416	7
6	Galego, Luis	POR	g		2528	7



Dalguise Activity Chess Weekend

13-15 October 2006

Now in its third year, the event seems to get better and better with another astounding success and fun filled weekend had by all. Our numbers again increased to 59 participants this year as we braved ourselves to new heights, speeds and generally puzzling activities in the unique event which combines physical activities with a challenging mind game, chess.

The participant arrived from 3.30pm on Friday 13th, lucky for some, and were met by myself, John and our 'group buddies' from the centre Helen and Laura who guided the arrivals to put their bags down in the common room and head for the traditional all-in football game on the front lawn. As more of the participants came they were guided to their rooms which had been allocated in the house over 3 floors to lay their belongings and meet in the hall for an official welcome, grouping, PGL do's and don'ts which was then followed by a tour of the centre and after dinner a fire drill.

Eventually all 59 arrived and the tournament began around 7pm, this year we once again played in the cafeteria and after the initial confusion of setting up a further talk with the group of our can and cant's with a Q&A, play began! As always there were some early upsets and after 2 games some of the older participants escorted the younger players back to the house so that those who were roomed together could become better acquainted, have the odd feast and for some a well earned rest.

It was a shock to the system getting up on Saturday morning at 8am for some, although the younger ones seemed to embrace it, the same could not be said for the older and experienced members of the group who seemed to forget the Saturday morning feeling from last year when they stayed awake until the earlier hours, needless to say the occasional few looked a little rough but managed to perk up after some caffeine intake and breakfast.

Then to the fun part... the activities! Each day our routine consisted of breakfast from 8am, 2 activities, lunch, 2 more activities and dinner with a little spare time to chill out. Thankfully the weather stayed dry and mild over the weekend, which for us was perfect. We were lucky to get all the activities we requested this year, the firm favourites remained but with a mix of some new ones, which resulted in some interesting positions and we're not talking about on a chess board! Acrobatics on the catwalk, upside down on the zip-wire and suspended around 45 feet high in the air on giant swing (see pictures below); the activities were as follows: **1st Matthew O'Donnell 6/6; 2nd = Ian MacGregor 5/6 Calum MacQueen 5/6 Connor Woods 5/6; 1250+ GP Andrew McClement 4½/6; 850 - 1249 GP Francis Batchelor 4/6; 400-850 GP George**



Robertson 3½/6; U400 Adam Shannon 3½/6; Best Adult Phil Thomas 5/6; Best Girl Natalie Donohue 4/6; Late Starter Charlotte Childs 3/6; Giant Killer Taylor Panton 560 points difference; Best in Activity Group One Hayley Donohue; Two Mark Meehan; Three Kiron Roy; Four Keiran O'Donnell

Challenge Course; Cat Walk; Giant Swing; Initiative Exercises; Jacobs Ladder; Sequoia Scramble; Trapeze; Zip Wire

At dinner on Saturday night we had a special surprise for Kevin Childs who celebrated his birthday treat at the centre, with the sing along of 'Happy Birthday'. In the evening the tournament continued with 4 rounds from 7pm onwards, although it finished a little later than expected everyone's spirits remained high and enthusiastic as play continued. After round 6 a decisive victory by Matthew O'Donnell sealed his triumph of the prestigious title, beating 2 of our 3 top seeds who we set a bounty upon should someone score against them. Thanks go to our helpers Stephen O'Donnell and Fiona Petrie who ran the tournament smoothly and to the players who helped set and pack up after the tournament was finished.

After the tournament, generally a good night's sleep was had by all eventually; the fresh air and physical elements took their toll. As Sunday morning dawned the usual routine was implemented in addition to packing up and finding the missing socks under the bed! After a full day's activities and group photo, parents began to appear to collect their little angels. They were treated to a complimentary coffee whilst they waited for other groups to exit the hall before we invaded for the spectacular finale... prize giving. We do enjoy meeting the parents who we are now getting to know better each year however unfortunately we are a tiny bit rushed to socialise more but we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

My thanks go to our new President of Chess Scotland, Donald Wilson who kindly took the time to drop in and get the low down on Dalguise Activity Weekend on Sunday afternoon and also present certificates to the participants. Prizes were as follows;

All in all everyone appeared to have had a great weekend at Dalguise with smiley faces all round on departure. We would like to commend all the juniors who took part on their excellent behaviour, manners and co-operation over the weekend. We were impressed with the level of enthusiasm and effort put in by everyone who rose to the challenge, hopefully everyone made new friends and will look forward to returning next year which is provisionally booked for the 5 - 7 October 2007. We would welcome your comments and suggestions; positive or otherwise as it helps us publicise and improve the standard of the event. Until next year!

Kind Regards Lynsey Shovlin, Event Organiser
Check out www.dalguisechess.piczo.com for more pictures and details of the event!



Junior News

European Youth Championship 2006 Herceg Novi, 9-20 September



English players with the five coaches

During the first half of the stay everyone struggled with the heat, with fans brought into rooms and doors left ajar to provide ventilation. Then came day on day of extraordinary rain, causing a black-out in the region one evening, stranding many players in their hotel in nearby Igalo on the last morning as a river broke its banks. Amidst all of this the English players kept their cool and performed well, aided by the team of five coaches who tirelessly helped prepare for the sessions and analyse performances. A special thanks to Robert Bellin, Andrew Greet, Jovanka Houska, Neil McDonald and Thomas Rendle.

On the way out we were diverted to Podgerica, capital of Montenegro - independent since June - from where a coach took us in the dark to the hotel at Herceg Novi. We woke the next day to the beautiful sight of the Adriatic sea and mountains.



Herceg Novi majorettes light up the closing ceremony

There was a chance to do some exploring on a boat during the free day after Round 5. A highlight was a visit to the picturesque Our Lady of the Rock near Perast, a chapel on its own island built in C15-C17 where mariners would pray for a safe journey. Our voyage

home was via the Serbian capital Belgrade. Over the week everyone got to know each other so well they hardly needed the red T-shirts for the journey back.

Harriet Hunt, ECF Manager of International Junior Chess, oversaw all the preparation; Krishna Parmar and Erik and Rosie Khoo were charged with the task of managing an unusually big party of 17 players and parents, all of whom played their part. In particular, Quan Zhou was on hand with technical help for the internet and Charika Sirisena collated data on the computer. With Russia, England and other countries not entering the World Youth Championship in October there was a record number of participants for the European championship this year and the standard was very high.

It was striking what a high proportion of the players were from Russia, former Soviet Union states and Eastern Europe. These countries accounted for three quarters of the top twenty seeds in the sections in which our party competed (see chart).



Over the course of the nine days our group
Tournament Director Vladimir Sakotic congratulates Radha and Callum on their top ten finish

Results summary and analysis

	England Player.....Seed	Players in section	No of seeded players	Titled players	Score	Score (%)	Position - Points	Position - Tie Break	No of rated opp	Rated opp av rating	Games as White
U10 Girls	Radha Jain-	64	3	-	6	67	9	10	-	-	5
U10 Boys	Marcus Harvey-	80	17	-	4	44	49	52	3	1965	4
U12 Boys	Samuel Franklin.....-	99	40	4	4.5	50	41	47	8	1913	5
	Saravanan Sathanandha.....-	99	40	4	5	56	27	34	9	1923	5
	Yang-Fan Zhou.....-	99	40	4	6	67	9	12	8	1944	4
U14 Girls	Sheila Dines (1926).....27	68	46	8	5	56	20	23	8	1958	5
	Amisha Parmar (1971).....18	68	46	8	4.5	50	32	34	7	1920	5
	Jessica Thilaganathan 1895).....34	68	46	8	5	56	20	25	4	1998	4
U14 Boys	Callum Kilpatrick (2071).....34	87	57	5	6.5	72	5	7	7	2185	5
	Subin Sen (2039).....37	87	57	5	4.5	50	39	46	2	2048	4
U16 Girls	Selina Khoo (1988).....29	62	55	8	4.5	50	28	31	8	1992	5
	Chantal Sirisena (1950).....35	62	55	8	3.5	39	46	49	6	2003	5
U16 Boys	James Hanley (2155).....44	82	71	14	5	56	25	39	9	2107	5
	Ankush Khandelwal (1974).....65	82	71	14	4	44	47	50	8	2258	4
	Thomas Pym (2114).....54	82	71	14	3	33	66	69	7	2198	4
U18 Boys	Simon Fowler (2181).....48	74	71	22	4.5	50	34	40	9	2258	4
	Li Wu (2306).....33	74	71	22	5	56	22	25	9	2300	5

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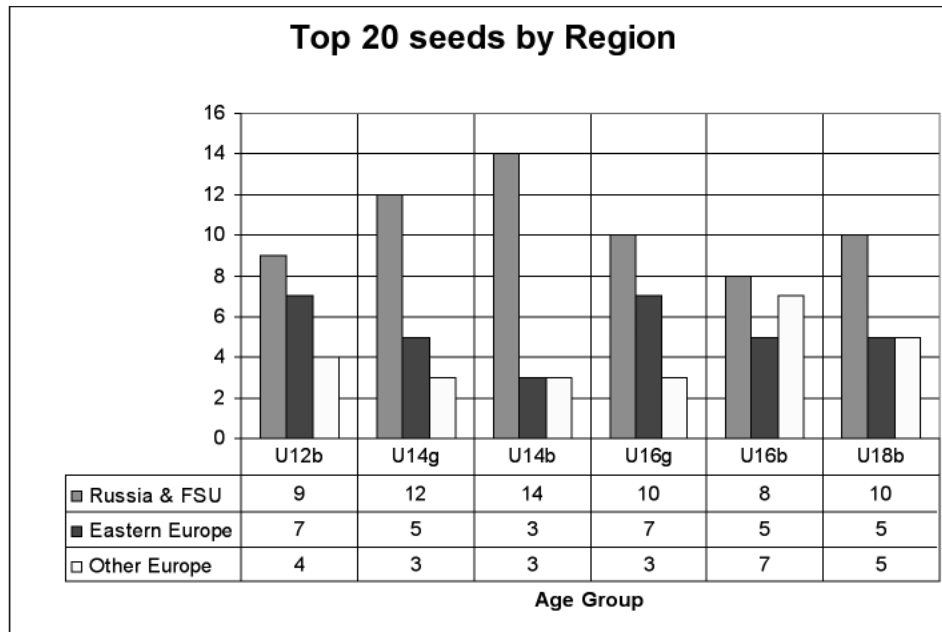
Seed - Position at start based on FIDE rating; **Players in section** - Total entrants in section; **Number of seeded players** - Total of FIDE rated players in section; **Titled players** - FM, IM, WFM, WIM; **Score** - Points scored over 9 rounds; **Score (%)** - Percent of possible points; **Position (points)** - Often equal; **Position (tie break)** - Ordered within equal points by tie-break calculations; **Number of rated opponents** - Number of rated opponents played; **Rated opponents average rating** - Measure of strength of opponents; **Games as white** - 4 or 5 out of 9

played against opponents from 34 countries, with 68% of these games against opponents from Russia, FSU states and Eastern Europe. The combined final score equates to a highly respectable 54% of possible points, with 12 players finishing in the top half of their sections.

ECF president Gerry Walsh was there as Chairman of the Appeals Committee besides attending meetings of the European Chess Union, for which he serves as Deputy President. The venue for next year was confirmed as Croatia, and for 2008 once more as Montenegro. Gerry thanked all the schools for allowing pupils to come away during term time. Indeed several of them brought school work along to do in any available free time.

The results are summarised in the table with some extra data to give an idea of the standard of the sections and games. Callum, Yang-Fan and Radha distinguished themselves with a top ten finishing position in their sections. Andrew Greet has specially annotated an outstanding game of Callum's against a Russian FM. For further games annotated by the coaches, lots of photographs and commentary on how the trip unfolded day by day, see the report on the ECF website www.englishchess.org.uk/events.

Gideon Franklin



Kilpatrick, Callum (2071) - Gritsenko, Andrey (2367) [B87]

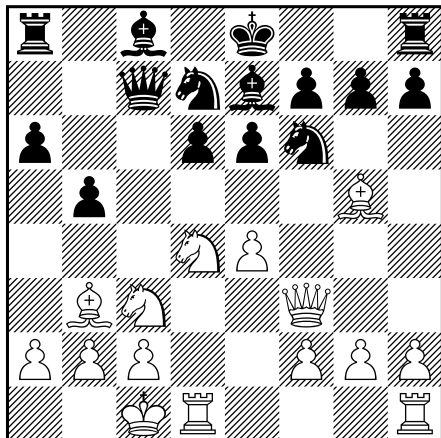
Boys U14 (round 4), 13.09.2006

[Greet, Andrew]

In the following game England's Callum Kilpatrick slaughters a Russian FIDE Master rated almost 300 points above him.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 b5 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.0-0-0 Nbd7

Before the game we had prepared an extremely sharp and aggressive response to Gritsenko's favourite Najdorf. Here is where the fun starts...

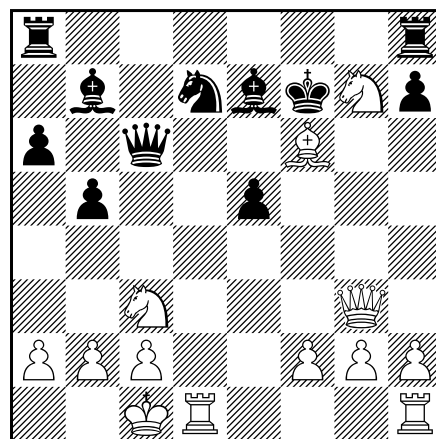


11.e5! Bb7 12.Qg3 dxe5

[12...Nxe5 is the alternative, which also leads to great

complications.] **13.Bxe6!** In this variation of the Najdorf it is quite thematic for White to sacrifice a piece in order to rip through the black king's protective pawn cover.

13...fxe6 14.Nxe6 Qc6 15.Nxg7+ Kf7 16.Bxf6



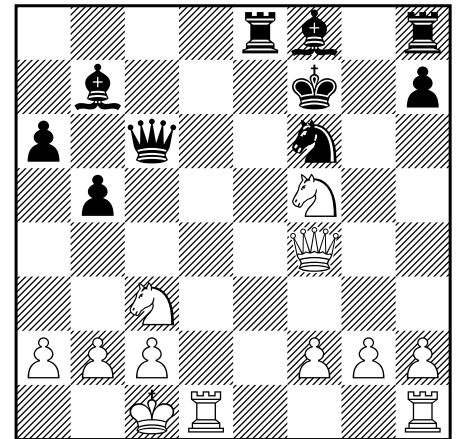
16...Nxf6

[Amazingly Callum had already reached this position in a previous game! Kilpatrick - Azad, European Union Youth Ch 2006 continued with 16...Bxf6 17.Nf5 Nb6 18.Nd6+ Ke7 19.Rhe1 Qxg2 20.Rxe5+ Kf8 21.Rf5 Nd7 22.Nxb7 Qxb7 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 24.Rxf6+ Ke8 25.Qe5+ Kd8 26.Rd6 Re8 27.Qf6+ Kc8 28.Rxd7 Kxd7 29.Ne4 Rxe4 30.Qf5+ Re6 31.Qd5+ and Black resigned. It is not clear whether Black ought to recapture with bishop or knight. Both options lead to positions in which White enjoys long-lasting pressure in return for the small material investment. Theoretically Black may be able to defend, but in practice it will always be difficult.]

17.Nf5 Bf8 18.Qxe5 Re8

[We looked at 18...Qc5 19.Qf4 in our preparation, and concluded that Black would be set for a tough defence. Gritsenko's move leads to similar types of positions.]

19.Qf4



19...h5?

This is a losing move. In all fairness to Gritsenko, he had been walking a tightrope for several moves. He had been caught in a prepared variation and was already over an hour behind on the clock, so it is hardly surprising that he eventually slipped up. Instead 19...Qc8, 19...Qe6 or 19...Kg8 were all playable, although the Black position remains quite precarious in all cases.

20.Nd6+!

Now Black is completely busted.

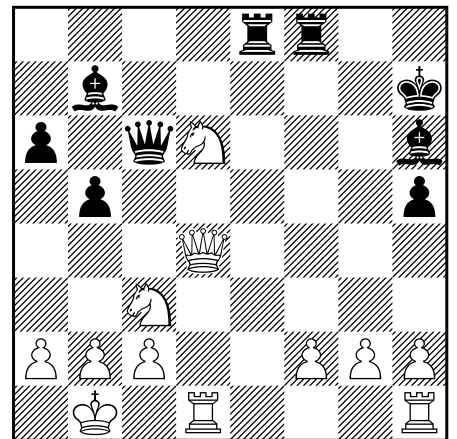
20...Kg6

[20...Bxd6 21.Rxd6 leaves Black with no satisfactory defence to the dual attacks on c6 and f6.]

21.Qf5+ Kg7 22.Qg5+

Now White regains his sacrificed piece 'for free', while retaining his three extra pawns...not to mention Black's king, which remains highly vulnerable.

22...Kh7 23.Qxf6 Bh6+ 24.Kb1 Rhf8 25.Qd4



Black could almost have resigned here, but decides to struggle on for a while. The rest of the game sees Callum maintain control of the position while gradually forcing exchanges to reach an easily won ending.

25...Rd8 26.Qd3+ Kg8 27.Rhe1 Bg7 28.Re7 Rd7 29.Rxd7 Qxd7 30.Nxb7 Qxb7 31.f3 h4 32.Nd5 Qf7 33.f4 Re8 34.g4 hxg3 35.hxg3 Qh5 36.a3 Qg4 37.Rh1 Kf7 38.Nc7 Re7 39.Nxa6 Qe6 40.Nb4 Rd7 41.f5 Qe7 42.Qb3+ Kf8 43.Nd3 Qe4 44.Qb4+ Qxb4 45.axb4 Rd4 46.Rf1 Bf6 47.Rf4 Rd7 48.g4 Kg7 49.Nc5 Rd1+ 50.Ka2 Rg1 51.Ne6+ Kf7 52.Re4 1-0



Results Round-Up

7th Leek Congress

8-10 September 2006

Marling Ltd Section (Under-210): Robert Shaw, Cheddleton & Leek/ High Peak, 4; Lawrence Cooper, Stafford, 3½; David Hulmes, Stockport, 3½; Alex Richardson, Newcastle, 3½

Alton Towers Section (Under-135): Maurice Hill, Nottingham Nomads, 4; Robbie Coats, Brown Jack (Swindon), 3½; Jon Blackburn, Holmes Chapel, 3½

A H Brooks & Co Section (Under-100): Philip Hallen, Cheddleton & Leek, 5; David Hallen, Cheddleton & Leek, 4; David Rose, Cheddleton & Leek, 3½; George Scattergood, Holmes Chapel, 3½; Joe Morrison, Sheffield, 3½

42nd Northumberland

County Congress

22-24 September 2006

Open Section: Jonathan Hawkins, Leam Lane, 4/5, £200; Andy Lawson, 3/5, £50; Ray Illett, Peterborough, 3/5, £50; Michael Round, Rose Forgrove, 3/5, £50

Major Section: Kyrill Fomin, Gateshead, 4½/5, £200; Andy Barber, Mold, 3½/5, £75; Kevin Wilson, Darlington, 3½/5, £75

Minor Section: Gary Clarke, Consett, 4½/5, £200; Matthew Hoborow, Kings, 4/5, £50; Kevin Rowden, South Shields, 4/5, £50; Peter Crichton, Tynedale, 4/5, £50

Junior Rapidplay: Tom Gholkar, RGS, 7/8, £10; Elliot Warriner, York, 7/8, £10; Adam Clark, RGS, 5½/8; Christopher de Planta, York, 5½/8

CCF Rapidplay

23 September 2006

Under 150: Helge Hjort, Hendon, 149, 5/6; Paul Kelly, Hastings, 139, 4½/6; Guy Batchelor, Willesden & Brent, 145, 3/6; Chris Clegg, Kingston, 145, 3/6

Under 125: Peter Wilson, Mushrooms, 120, 5/6; Jacques Tivillier, Surbiton, 112, 4½/6; Allen Miller, Dulwich Plough, 118, 4/6

Under 100: Howard Curtis, CCF, 99, 5½/6; Jeff Fleischer, CCF, 97, 4½/6; Andrew Rubio, Metropolitan, 99, 4½/6

Spectrum Chess -

10th Dudley Congress

23-24 September 2006

Challengers Tournament: Steve Braid, Chelmsley Wood *, 99, 80%; Sue L Farrington, Beckenham & Bromley, 93, 80%; Kevin R Marshall, Sheffield Nomads, 94, 80%; David Molineux, Bushbury, 86, 80%; John D Merry, Salford *, 98, 70%; Alan Bloom, Willesden, 79, 60%; Alan R Fraser, Beckenham & Bromley, 87, 60%; Astghik Stepanyan, Sutton Coldfield, 60%

Minor Tournament: Richard E Desmedt, Wombwell, 121, 90%; Carl Gartside, High Peak, 118, 80%; Adrian P Somerfield, Stourbridge, 115, 70%; Henrik Stepanyan, Sutton Coldfield, 115, 70%; Ian P Blencowe, Gloucester, 114, 60%; John Clark, Worcester City, 77, 60%; Garry Evans, Birmingham *, 60%; Peter L Loach, Handsworth Wood *, 114, 60%

Major/Open Tournament: Golam S Ali, South Birmingham, 151, 100%; Alan K Crombleholme, Bushbury, 173, 70%; Peter Jaszkiwskij, East Ham, 155, 70%; Liam M Hylands, Birmingham *, 161, 60%; Nigel S Towers, Redditch, 157, 60%

Worcestershire Open Junior

Rapidplay

24 September 2006

Adult rapidplay winner – Ray Dolan

U9: Leo Tsoi, 6/6; Oliver Scanlon, 4; Matthew Scanlon, 4; Aloysius Lip, 4

U11: Jack Scanlon, 5/5; Hugh Harris, 3½; Dominic Jones, 3

U13: Elliot Langley, 6/6; Kieran Jeffrey, 5; Ashley Davis, 4

U18: Alaric Stephen; Peter Brankin; Adam Field

Central London Rapidplay

24 September 2006

Major: Robin Haldane, Streatham, 169, 4½; Ndhlovic Lanende, Charlton, 171, 4½; James McDonnell, GLCC, 135, 4½

Minor: Dipak Shah, Harrow, 111, 5½; Barry Sandercock, Bucks, 114, 5; Paul Blackwell, Mitcham, 112, 5; Michael Mutale, Barking, 120, 5

Basingstoke Rapidplay

1 October 2006

The event was held at 'Maydene' Bridge & Chess Club. Eight players took part, a modest turnout which allowed an all-play-all.

1st G Evans (Birmingham) 5½/7; 2nd S Roberts (Portsmouth) 4½; 3rd = J French (Basingstoke), J Pharoah (Thurrock) & J Carr (Portsmouth) all 4; 6th M Wilson (Basingstoke) 3½; 7th E Foster (Winchester) 2 and 8th T Robinson (Basingstoke) ½. The next Rapidplay will be held before Bonfire Night, on Sunday 5th November 2006 (Joe French 01256 472537).

KJCA Lee Junior Rapidplay

1 October 2006

Under 18: William Jones, Lewisham CC, 113, 4½; Lyall Bayliss, Crowborough CC, 143, 4; Victor Jones, Lewisham CC, 105, 3½

Under 14: Duncan Bell, Beckenham, 72, 4½; Jasdeep Gahir, Lewisham CC, 71, 4½; Alistair Jones, East Grinstead CC, 68, 3; Connor Lambert, Tunbridge Wells, 39, 3

Under 12: Baven Balendran, Beckenham, 60, 5; Robert Lobo, Orpington, 72, 4½; Christopher Dunne, Wimbledon CC, 85, 4½; Andrew Zhao, Carnegie CC, 50, 4½; Benedict Rodrigues, Crystal Palace & Croydon CC, 44, 4½; Arthur Stern, Dulwich, 25, 4

Under 10: Nicholas Clanchy, Balham, 48, 6; Adam Taylor, Sutton, 62, 5; Gautham Reddiar,

Petts Wood & Orpington CC, 31, 4½

Under 8: Hector Huser, Balham, 6; Conor Murphy, Bexley, 5; Nicholas West, Battersea, 4

North of England Rapidplay

1 October 2006

The event took place at Eckington Nr Sheffield. ECF President Gerry Walsh attended. 101 players took part. All counties from the Midlands and North were represented.

Winners were - Open: Chris Shepherd Sheffield.

Major: 11 year old Armenian Henrick Stepanyan, Birmingham.

Minor: Nicholas Rigby Leeds.

Players came from Scotland Ireland Wales Holland and one visitor from Hong Kong.

The Michael Adams Simul was a great success with twenty four players taking part. Starting at 7:30 pm and not finishing until the final player 9 year old Emma Bentley Chesterfield was comprehensively beaten at 10:20pm. The grades and game standards of the players were extremely high with five players achieving a draw. Eleven year old Henrick Stepanyan won the trophy from Michael Adams for the best game. John Fryer Anthony Pickering and Steve Hunter also received awards.

Website: www.northofenglands.co.uk

Metropolitan Congress

7-8 October 2006

Open: M Hebden, Birstall, 243, 5/5; A Cherniaev, Hackney, 239, 4/5; D Ledger, Bedford, 205, 4/5; A Stone, Streatham, 184, 4/5; C Crouch, Pinner, 208, 3½/5; B McCague, Thurrock, 141, 3½/5; M Basman, Surbiton, 215, 3/5; H Milligan, Surrey, 159, 3/5

Major: P Dupré, Addlestone, 160, 5/5; C Atako, Redhill, 150, 4½/5; M Crichton, Cavendish, 160, 4/5; R Kruszynski, Metropolitan, 146, 4/5; W Jones, Lewisham, 123, 4/5; M Mutale, W. Forest, 115, 4/5

Minor: N Rigby, Leeds Junior, 115, 5/5; E Auckland, Crowborough, 121, 4½/5; K Groce, Roding, 119, 4½/5; D Shah, Harrow, 125, 4/5; K Mehendale, Ashted, 120, 4/5; J Fleischer, Croydon, 119, 4/5; V Jones, Bromley, 116, 4/5; R Hale, Lewisham, 116, 4/5; P Kendall, 108E, 4/5

Golders Green Rapidplay

14 October 2006

Open: Stefan Macak, 199, 5, £45; James T Sherwin, 202, 5, £45; Peter P Taylor, 193, 4½; Tim E Rogers, 160, 3½, £15 U175

U160: Philip E Goldstein, e150, 5, £30 UNG; Helge Hjort, 149, 4½, £60; Amir Helman, 144, 4, £10 U145; Michael M Mutale, 120, 4, £10 U145

U130: Kevin P Millward, 119, 5, £45; Salvatore Pepe, 119, 5, £45; Peter Hughes, 112, 4½, £20 U115; Cledwyn Davies, e130, 4

U100: David Everitt, 78, 5, £60; Ray Butcher, 83, 4½, £15; Ken M Hedger, 90, 4½, £15; Niccolo Hilgendorf, e103, 4, £15 U85; Walter M Thorpe, 92, 4; Lee Jackson, e130, 4; David Ben-Nathan, 121, 4

15th Aldro Annual Inter Schools Chess Tournament

21 October 2006

36 teams took part this year in three age groups and five different sections. Having a major and minor section gives some of the smaller teams a chance of winning. The regular schools did well again but it was good to see some new teams entering for the first time. The standard of play was excellent overall with many teams with a county player on top board.

U13 section;

1st Magdalen College School, 2nd Homefield, 3rd Aldro.

U11 Major section;

1st= Magdalen College A, St.Dunstans A, Aldro A and Milbourne Lodge.

U11 Minor section;

1st =Magdalen College B and Twickenham Prep B, 3rd Aldro B.

U9 Major section;

1st Homefield A, 2nd Aldro A, 3rd St Dunstans.

U9 Minor section;

1st Homefield B, 2nd Aldro B, 3rd Homefield C.

Aldro School website www.aldro.org. Next term we hold the U12, U10 and U8 age groups. Entry forms can be obtained from David Archer at Aldro School (archerd@aldro.org).

Richmond Junior Congress

15 October 2006

Under 18: Balraj Gill, Surrey Juniors, 80, 4½/6; Joshua Pineda, Richmond Juniors, 104, 4/6; Jack Harding, Richmond Juniors, 107, 3½/6

Under 12: David Bradbury, Richmond Juniors, 63, 5½/6; Benedict Tso, Richmond Juniors, 65, 5/6; Dominic Pozzo, Richmond Juniors, 61, 4/6

Under 10: Peter Andreev, Richmond Juniors, 64, 5½/6; Max Wood-Robinson, Richmond Juniors, 62, 5½/6; Thomas Higgins-Toon, Surrey Juniors, 47, 4½/6; Alfred Drinkwater, Richmond Juniors, 6, 4/6

Under 8: Paul Calderon, Richmond Juniors, 5½/6; Jake Simms, Richmond Juniors, 4½/6; Will Styles, Richmond Juniors, 4½/6; Dominic Tso, Richmond Juniors, 4/6

Scarborough International Congress

20-22 October 2006

Open: R Shaw, Derbyshire, 4/5, £128.57; R Palliser, Harrogate, 4/5, £128.57; A Ledger, Sheffield, 4/5, £128.57; D Gormally, Durham City, 4/5, £128.57; J Hawkins, Co Durham, 4/5, £128.57; C Hanley, Lancaster, 4/5, £128.57; D Eggleston, Durham, 4/5, £128.57

Major: R M Horner, Gateshead, 4/5, £250.00; C Eckloff, Birmingham, 4/5, £250.00; P Jaszkiwskyj, London, 4/5, £250.00; L Wells, Thirsk, 4/5, £250.00

Intermediate: G Smith, Sutton, N. Yorks, 4½/5, £375.00; D Sudar, Nottingham, 4½/5, £375.00; J Taylor, Leeds, 4/5, £83.33;

J Konarski, Galashiels, 4/5, £83.33; G Collyer, Spalding, 4/5, £83.33

Minor: S Benn, Carlisle, 4½/5, £300.00; T Greenway, Berks, 4½/5, £300.00; M Bryant, Hastings, 4½/5, £300.00; N Boustred, Newcastle Upon Tyne, 4/5, £25.00; V Luzajic, Stoke on Trent, 4/5, £25.00; C Reeves, Cornwall, 4/5, £25.00; I C Stone, Carlisle, 4/5, £25.00

Foundation: G Clarke, Durham, 5/5, £500.00; S Milson, Lincs, 4½/5, £250.00; E Davies, Leeds, 4/5, £41.66; G Marshall, Hartlepool, 4/5, £41.66; K Marshall, Sheffield, 4/5, £41.66; S Russell, Leeds, 4/5, £41.66; K Aldersley, Nelson, 4/5, £41.66; J Hipshon, Leeds, 4/5, £41.66

Braille Chess Association's Autumn Tournament

27-29 October 2006

D = Disabled; S = Senior; F = Female

Open: Paul Cumbers, Sheffield, 190, 4/5, £75; Tyson Mordue, Keynsham, 194, 4, £75; Chris Ross (D), Huntingdon, 176, 3½, £10; Graham Lilley (D), St. Helens, 174, 3½, £10; Bill Armstrong (D), Leek, 148, 3½, £10

Minor: Orlando Sobers (D), Birmingham, 51, 4½/5, £50; Gary Wickett (D), Birmingham, U, 3½, £35; John Osborne (D), London, 44, 3, £10; Mark Hague(D), London, 44, 3, £10

34th EDCA Congress & National Championship

28-29 October 2006

Chris Kreuzer successfully defended his EDCA title in Sheffield with an unbeaten score of 4/5. Second place was very close with three players tied on 3.5 points but after applying the tie-break system, as Alasdair MacLeod beat both Robert Burnett and Lewis Martin, he was awarded 2nd place. Robert Burnett was 3rd with Lewis Martin 4th as Burnett had a better Sonneborg-Berger score.

The EDCA National Championship title went right to the wire with everything depending on the very last game to finish in the 5th round. Kreuzer needed at least a draw while MacLeod needed to win to reclaim the title he won in 2004. Both players certainly took their time, with the opening moves made carefully. MacLeod missed an opportunity to gain a clear advantage in the middle game, instead going for a variation where he was a pawn up - but in a rook and pawn endgame. Kreuzer hung on in severe time trouble, making the last 15 plus moves to time control in less than 2 minutes. He even fought back in the endgame, gaining the initiative despite being a pawn down. Kreuzer forced a repetition of moves with MacLeod's turn to be in time trouble in the rapidplay finish, so giving him the EDCA National Championship for the second time. In the Major tournament, Gary Hunter of Warrington found himself in hot streak of form to win the Major Section, his first EDCA trophy. John Christie from Scotland performed very consistently to win second place. Top seed David Whiston couldn't find top form in finishing third.

The EDCA would like to thank Sheffield Deaf Sports and Social Club for letting us have the use of their premises for the whole weekend.

Premier: Chris Kreuzer, Whitton, 148, 4/5; Alasdair MacLeod, Worcester Park, 141, 3½/5; Robert Burnett, Dundee, 138, 3½/5; Lewis Martin, Swindon, 146, 3½/5; Peter Sharpe, Sheffield, 126, 2½/5; James Kelberman, Purley, 100, 2½/5; Ian Carmichael, Falkirk, 125E, 2½/5; Michael Freund, Stanmore, 119, 2½/5

Major: Gary Hunter, Warrington, UG, 4½/5; John Christie, Kirkcaldy, UG, 3½/5; David Whiston, Sheffield, 103, 3/5; Mark Towler, Aberdeen, UG, 3/5; Andrew McLean, Stirling, UG, 3/5

68th Richmond Rapidplay

29 October 2006

Open: Alexander Cherniaev, Russia, 229, 5/6; Richard Bates, Richmond, 210, 4½/6; Graeme Buckley, Wimbledon, 225, 4½/6; James Sherwin, Bath, 202, 3½/6

Major: Martin Cutmore, Folkestone, 149, 5½/6; Saravanan Sathyanandha, Haberdashers Askes, 148, 5/6; Helge Hjort, Hendon, 149, 4/6; Peter Ackley, Hayes, 156, 4/6; Chino Atako, Horley, 143, 4/6; James McDonnell, Streatham, 135, 4/6; Noah Schlesinger, Richmond Juniors, 134, 4/6; Yang-Fan Zhou, Richmond Juniors, 157, 4/6

Intermediate: Stuart Townsend, Teddington, 100, 5½/6; Paul Kendall, East Ham, 108, 5/6; Peter Szabo, Metropolitan, 105, 4/6; David Curtis, Haywards Heath, 119, 4/6; Laurence Jones, Lewisham, 101, 4/6; Talal Shakerchi, Fleet, 99, 4/6; Anuk Sirisena, Richmond Juniors, 117, 4/6; Andrew Winchcombe, Maidenhead, 116, 4/6

Minor: Timothy Powell, Surbiton, 79, 5½/6; Ayse Karel (F), Kingston, 73, 4½/6; Christine Constable (F), Coulsdon, 70, 4/6; Victor Litvin, London NW, 75, 4/6; Arnav Ahuja, Richmond Juniors, 77, 4/6; Miles Thomas, Lewisham, 68, 4/6; Max Wood-Robinson, Richmond Juniors, 62, 4/6; Rustico Pineda, Shepperton, 49, 3½/6

British Rapidplay 2006

The event took place at The North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax, with eleven rounds over November the 4th and 5th. Over 360 entrants took part in the British Chess Rapidplay Championships. An ECF supported event, and covered on the Internet at www.british-rapidplay.org.uk the weekend was very successful and saw players from all over the United Kingdom. The main Open event saw several Grand Masters and International Masters. The main Open event was won by GM Danny Gormally and IM Richard Palliser with 8.5 points out of 11. In the other sections there were wins as follows: Major - Mark Ruston, 9/11; Intermediate - S Sathyanandha, 9/11; Minor - C Davison, 10/11; Sunday Event - Pwatson, 5/5; Under 16 - Toby Thurgood, 5/5; Under 16 One Day - Alexander Galliano, 6/6; Under 12 - Jain Rahda, 5/5; Under 11 Trial - N Taylor & C Yates, 5.5/6

Our thanks to all the players, controllers and organizers
B Kitson, Chairman BRChess



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

2 Dec CHESSABIT RAPIDPLAY

9 Gracechurch Street, London.
P Cszasz (Tel: 07857 347363,
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2 Dec KJCA ECF CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE COACHING DAY

Sandwich Technology School.
Sue Maguire (Tel: 020 8656 6420,
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2 Dec SJC SUSSEX GIRLS TOURNAMENT

Haywards Heath.
Louise Lambert (Tel: 01732 743228,
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~@ 2-3 Dec 4NCL

Division 4, Park Inn Hotel, West Bromwich.
Mike Truran (Tel: 01993 708645,
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~ 2-3 Dec CCF JUNIOR CONGRESS

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

~*#2-3 Dec 53rd HERTS CONGRESS

Meridian School, Royston.
B Judkins (Tel: 01462 641768,
Email: hcacongress@ntlworld.com)

~ 3 Dec HERTS LONDON JUNIOR QUALIFIER

Meridian School, Royston.
B Judkins (Tel: 01462 641768,
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~# 8-10 Dec BRISTOL WINTER CONGRESS

Cotham School.
G Mill-Wilson (Tel: 01454 880162,
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~* 9 Dec GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY

St Alban's Church Hall, NW11.
Adam Raoof (Tel/Fax: 020 8202 0982,
Email: adamraoof@yahoo.com)

~* 9-10 Dec LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (U14 & U10)

University of Westminster, Harrow Campus.
M Shaw (Tel: 020 8931 2276, Email: congress@ljcc.co.uk)

~* 9-10 Dec NORTHWICK PARK CONGRESS (OPEN, U140, U90)

University of Westminster, Harrow Campus.
M Shaw (Tel: 020 8931 2276, Email: congress@ljcc.co.uk)

10 Dec 6th AMCA GRAND PRIX

Wellington College, Crowthorne.
D Archer (Tel: 01483 810266,
Email: david@andrewmartinchessacademy.com)

~* 10 Dec BURY RAPIDPLAY

Elizabeth Suite, Town Hall.
A Lee (Tel: 0161 764 2243 (before 10 pm),
Email: burychesscongress@tesco.net)

~ 11-15 Dec CCF CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL

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

14 Dec 7th NORTH LONDON INDIVIDUAL BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP

Priory Court Community Centre, Walthamstow.
G Cook (Tel: 020 8472 1999,
Email: ncclsecretary@yahoo.co.uk)

~* 16-17 Dec CCF CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

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

~*#@ 28-30 Dec LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (U8, U12, U16 & U18/U21/FIDE RATED)

(the U8 is Friday & Saturday only), University of Westminster, Harrow Campus.
M Shaw (Tel: 020 8931 2276, Email: congress@ljcc.co.uk)

~*# 28-30 Dec LONDON CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

University of Westminster, Harrow Campus.
M Shaw (Tel: 020 8931 2276, Email: congress@ljcc.co.uk)

~*# 28 Dec-7 Jan 2007 HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

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

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~*#5-7 Jan 20th YORK FULPRINT CONGRESS

Exhibition Centre, University of York.
N Pearce (Tel: 01904 491287)

~* 6 Jan GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY

St Alban's Church Hall, NW11.
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~* 6 Jan SJC HASTINGS JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY

Hastings.
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~*#6-7 Jan HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND CONGRESS

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

~* 6-7 Jan WREKIN CONGRESS

Court Centre, Madeley.
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~* 7 Jan 69th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY

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~ 13 Jan ALL ENGLAND GIRLS' CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS - SOUTHERN REGION

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~* 13 Jan CCF RAPIDPLAY

Coulsdon.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302
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~* 13 Jan KJCA BECKENHAM JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY

Langley Park Boys School.
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~@ 13-14 Jan 4NCL

Divisions 1, 2, & 3, Britannia Hotel, Coventry.
Mike Truran (Tel: 01993 708645,
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~* 19-21 Jan 4th CLEVELAND WEEKEND CONGRESS

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20 Jan EPSCA RAPIDPLAY

Liverpool.
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~ 21 Jan HEYWOOD RAPIDPLAY

Civic Centre, Wood Street.
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21 Jan KJCA ECF CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE COACHING DAY

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~ 21 Jan NORFOLK QUICKPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

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~*# 23 Jan - 1 Feb GIBTELECOM CHESS FESTIVAL

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S Reuben (Tel: 020 8892 6660,
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~ 27 Jan ALL ENGLAND GIRLS' CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS - WESTERN REGION

Bath.
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Email: chessuk@btinternet.com)

~ 27 Jan CCF SURREY (& SUSSEX) JUNIOR GRAND PRIX 2

Coulsdon.
Howard Curtis & Scott Freeman (Tel: 020 8645 0302
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27 Jan YORK ONE DAY RAPIDPLAY

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P Cloudsdale (Tel: 01904 767177,
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~* 27-28 Jan SPECTRUM CHESS - 11th DUDLEY CONGRESS

The Ward Arms Hotel, Dudley, West Midlands DY1 4RN

~*#3-4 Feb 30th KIDLINGTON CONGRESS

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N Jones (Tel: 01993 772952, Fax: 01993 706206,
Email: pekakroef@btconnect.com)

3-4 Feb SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

(Junior event), Yateley Manor School.
Joe French (Tel: 01256 472537,
Email: joefrench33@msn.com)

~* 4 Feb STOCKPORT RAPIDPLY

The Guildhall, 196 Wellington Rd South.
P Taylor (Tel: 0161 440 0733,
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~*# 9-11 Feb & 17-18 Feb WELLINGTON COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL

Crowthorne.
R Clark (Tel: 01753 883300,
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~* 10 Feb GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY

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~* 10 Feb KJCA GRAVESEND JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY

Gravesend Grammar School.
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~@ 10-11 Feb 4NCL

Division 4, Initial Style Conferences, Sunningdale.
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~ 10-11 Feb BWCA NATIONAL GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS & WOMEN'S RAPIDPLAY

(11 Feb), The Elmbank Hotel, York.
Evelyn Flint (Tel: 01245 351541)

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