

CHESS MOVES

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The British Chess Championships 2015

Jonathan Hawkins [below left] is this year's British Chess Champion and English Chess Champion, beating Keith Arkell in Round 11 to score $8\frac{1}{2}/11$, half a point ahead of Danny Gormally, David Howell and Nick Pert.

The British Women's Champion is Akshaya Kalaiyalahan [below right], who scored $6\frac{1}{2}/11$ and achieved a WIM Norm into the bargain! Akshaya also took the prize for the best performance in the Championship by a player graded under 2000.

A list of prizewinners can be found inside ... pictures are by Arnold Lutton



British Chess Championships 2015 - Prize Winners' List

Competition	Annual Trophy	Cash amount	Name	Club	Points
British Champion		£5,000.00	Jonathan Hawkins GM		8.5
English Champion		£1,500.00	Jonathan Hawkins GM		8.5
2nd=		£1,420.00	Danny Gormally GM		8
2nd=		£1,420.00	David Howell GM		8
2nd=		£1,420.00	Nicholas Pert GM		8
5th=		£150.00	Mark Hebden GM	Guildford 4NCL	7.5
5th=		£150.00	Richard Pert IM	Brentwood	7.5
5th=		£150.00	Aaron Summerscale GM		7.5
5th=		£150.00	Chris Ward GM		7.5
5th=		£150.00	Simon Williams GM		7.5
British Woman Champion		£500.00	Akshaya Kalaiyalahan	CCF	6.5
Under 21 Champion		£250.00	Peter Batchelor		7
Under 18 Champion		£250.00	Matthew Wadsworth	Maidenhead	7
Most improved rating 2300-2150		£200.00	Alistair Hill	Battersea	6
Most improved rating 2149-2000		£200.00	Adam A Taylor	Ashtead	5.5
Most improved rating U2000		£200.00	Akshaya Kalaiyalahan	CCF	6.5
British Over 50 Champion=		£300.00	Glenn House	Morecambe	5
British Over 50 Champion=		£300.00	Nigel Povah	Guildford	5
3rd		£100.00	John Pitcher	South Birmingham	4.5
British Over 65 Champion		£116.67	Paul Bielby	South Shields	4.5
British Over 65 Champion		£116.67	Paul Byway	Hertford	4.5
British Over 65 Champion		£116.67	Roger Emerson	Guildford	4.5
British Over 65 Champion		£116.67	David LeMoir		4.5
British Over 65 Champion		£116.67	Kenneth Norman		4.5
British Over 65 Champion		£116.67	Mike Surtees		4.5
British Over 65 Ladies Champion			Gillian Moore	Southampton	3
British Under 16 Champion		£250.00	Michael Ashworth	Wotton Hall	5
British Under 16 Champion girl			Zoe Varney	Cumnor	3
2nd=		£50.00	Samuel Herring	Oundle School	4.5
2nd=		£50.00	Taran Jina	Chess Masters	4.5
2nd=		£50.00	Billy Twigge-Molecey		4.5
British Under 15 Champion		£250.00	Daniel Gallagher	Maldon	5.5
British Under 15 Champion girl			Imogen Camp	Colwyn Bay	4.5
2nd=		£37.50	Callum Brewer	Sussex Juniors	5
2nd=		£37.50	Elliot Cocks	Chelmsford	5
2nd=		£37.50	Joshua Fernandes	Gosforth	5
2nd=		£37.50	Girinath Haridas	Dulwich College	5
British Under 14 Champion		£250.00	Jake Holton	Witney	5.5
British Under 14 Champion girl			Imogen Camp	Colwyn Bay	3.5
2nd=		£30.00	Elliot Cocks	Chelmsford	5
2nd=		£30.00	Koby Kalavannan	Surbiton	5
2nd=		£30.00	Dominic Miller	Worthing	5
2nd=		£30.00	Anshu Ramaiya	Surrey	5
2nd=		£30.00	Max Turner	Berwick	5
British Under 13 Champion		£250.00	Koby Kalavannan	Surbiton	6
British Under 13 Champion girl=			Sharon Daniel	Wigan Knights	3.5
British Under 13 Champion girl=			Shayanna Sivarajasingam,	Cardiff	3.5
2nd=		£100.00	Nugith Jayawarna	Heywood	5.5
3rd=		£16.67	Ilya Misyura,	Westminster Under School	5
3rd=		£16.67	Oscar Pollack	Hendon	5

3rd=	£16.67	Jonah Willow	West Nottingham	5
British Under 12 Champion=	£133.33	Mahima Raghavendra		6
British Under 12 Champion=	£133.33	Aditya Verma	Ilford	6
Briyish Under 12 Champion=	£133.33	Harvey Zhang	Crowthorne	5
British Under 11 Champion	£250.00	Aditya Verma	Ilford	7
British Under 11 Champion girl=		Nadia Jaufarally	Hertfordshire	5
2nd=	£75.00	Chirag Guha	North Cardiff	5.5
2nd=	£75.00	Adithya Paleri	Watford	5.5
British Under 10 Champion	£250.00	Venetia Sivarajasingham,	Cardiff	7
British Under 10 Champion boy		Arjun Kolani	Hastings	6
2nd	£100.00	Arjun Kolani	Hastings	6
3rd	£50.00	Savin Dias	Herts Juniors	5.5
British Under 9 Champion	£180.00	X Henry Yu	Wallington	5.5
British Under 9 Champion girl =		Anna Boyle	Cardiff	4
British Under 9 Champion girl =		Navieinaah Haridas	Wimbledon	4
British Under 9 Champion girl =		Radha Ratnesan	Surbiton	4
British Under 9 Champion girl =		Hiya Ray	St John's College	4
British Under 9 Champion girl =		Anum Sheikh	Ilford	4
British Under 9 Champion girl =		Julia Volovich	Cambridge	4
2nd=	£24.00	Ezra Brass	Barnet Knights	5
2nd=	£24.00	Dhruv Radhakrishnan	Watford	5
2nd=	£24.00	Jeff Tomy	Watford	5
2nd=	£24.00	Michael Uriely	Barnet Knights	5
2nd=	£24.00	Jacob Yoon	Barnet Knights	5
British Under 8 Champion	£100.00	Dhruv Radhakrishnan	Watford	5.5
British Under 8 Champion girl =		Keerthana Easwar		4
British Under 8 Champion girl =		Inaya Gandhi	Barnet Knights	4
British Under 8 Champion girl =		Radha Ratnesan	Surbiton	4
2nd=	£33.33	Samuel Beukes	Homefield	5
2nd=	£33.33	Joe H Birks	Lancashire Juniors	5
2nd=	£33.33	Savin Dias	Herts Juniors	5
British Under 180 Champion=	£100.00	Richard Bryant	Oswestry	4
British Under 180 Champion=	£100.00	Jonathan Collins	Bury St Edmunds	4
British Under 180 Champion=	£100.00	Alex Rossiter	Bristol Cabot	4
British Under 180 Champion=	£100.00	Sandy Ruxton		4
British Under 160 Champion=	£250.00	Rishul Karia		4.5
2nd=	£75.00	Nigel Livesey		4
2nd=	£75.00	Jonathan Wright		4
British Under 140 Champion	£250.00	Tim Herring	Oundle School	4.5
2nd=	£25.00	Stephen Emmerton	Fenton	4
2nd=	£25.00	David Gilbert	DHSS	4
2nd=	£25.00	Kamlesh Karia	Hendon	4
2nd=	£25.00	Robert Marks	Sutton Coldfield	4
2nd=	£25.00	Neville Pearce	Yorkshire Terriers	4
2nd=	£25.00	Clive Pemberton		4
British Under 120 Champion =	£133.33	Timothy Allen		4
British Under 120 Champion =	£133.33	Sean Doherty		4
British Under 120 Champion =	£133.33	Aman Gogna		4
Over 50 Under 150 Champion	£250.00	Bruce Oliver	Bridlington	4.5
2nd=	£75.00	C Andrew J Costeloe	Muswell Hill	4
2nd=	£75.00	David Gilbert	DHSS	4
Over 65 Under 150 Champion	£250.00	Roy Hadfield		4.5
2nd=	£37.50	Siegrun Macgilchrist		3.5
2nd=	£37.50	Dinah Norman		3.5

2nd=	£37.50	Peter Rawcliffe		3.5
2nd=	£37.50	Derek Simpson		3.5
Major Open City of Dundee	£600.00	Tamas Fodor Jr		9.5
2nd=	£350.00	Oliver Gill		8
2nd=	£350.00	Nathan Talbot		8
4th	£200.00	James Moreby		7.5
5 Day Morning – week 1 1st	£200.00	Philip Crocker		4
2nd=	£33.33	Tihana Ivekovic	Podsued	3.5
2nd=	£33.33	Ali Jaunooby	Denton	3.5
2nd=	£33.33	Tim Kett	North Cardiff	3.5
2nd=	£33.33	Jim Nicholson	York	3.5
2nd=	£33.33	David Onley	Combined Services	3.5
2nd=	£33.33	Mike Surtees		3.5
5 Day Afternoon – week 1 1st =	£100.00	Joseph Dalton	Jesmond	4
5 Day Afternoon – week 1 1st =	£100.00	Alex Freeland	Cardiff	4
5 Day Afternoon – week 1 1st =	£100.00	Tim Kett	North Cardiff	4
5 Day Afternoon – week 1 1st =	£100.00	Sam Walker	Durham University	4
5 Day Morning – week 2 1st =	£100.00	Philip Crocker		4
5 Day Morning – week 2 1st =	£100.00	Chris Davison		4
5 Day Morning – week 2 1st =	£100.00	Glenn House		4
5 Day Morning – week 2 1st =	£100.00	Graham Moore		4
5 Day Afternoon – week 2 1st =	£200.00	Jonathan Wells		4.5
2nd=	£40.00	Chris Davison		4
2nd=	£40.00	Timothy Foster		4
2nd=	£40.00	Max French		4
2nd=	£40.00	Ioana Gelip		4
2nd =	£40.00	Colin Ramage		4
Rapidplay Open 1st =	£120.00	Peter Batchelor		8.5
Rapidplay Open 1st =	£120.00	Mike Surtees		8.5
3rd=	£60.00	Agoston Mihalik	South Birmingham	8
Rapidplay U150 1st	£150.00	Elliot Cocks	Chelmsford	10
2nd	£90.00	Matthew Wilson	Newton Abbot	8
3rd	£60.00	Nicholas Mahoney	Barnby Dun Bishops	7.5
Rapidplay U125	£150.00	Stephen Crockett	Redditch	9
2nd=	£75.00	Omar Jassim		8
2nd=	£75.00	Jonathan Mahoney	Leeds	8
Weekenders				
Atkins				
1st	£150.00	John Carleton	Chester	5
2nd	£90.00	William Claridge-Hansen		4.5
3rd=	£10.00	Chris Archer-Lock	Maidenhead	3.5
3rd=	£10.00	Michael Basman	Surbiton	3.5
3rd=	£10.00	Philip Crocker		3.5
3rd=	£10.00	Paul Dargan	Imperial College	3.5
3rd=	£10.00	Graham Moore	Ipswich	3.5
3rd=	£10.00	Ken Wei Tan		3.5
Grading	£10.00	Chris Doran	Chester	3.5
Grading	£10.00	Nicholas Fordham	Streatham & Brixton	3.5
Grading	£10.00	Samuel Walker	Durham University	3.5
Grading	£10.00	Jonathan Wells	North Norfolk	3.5
Soanes				
1st	£150.00	Sherif Gonem	Braunstone	4.5
2nd=	£75.00	Dean Hartley	Amber Valley	3.5
2nd=	£75.00	Saravanna Bava Manickam,	Coventry	3.5

Grading	£20.00	Judith Heffer	Bishop's Stortford	3
Grading	£20.00	Richard Leaper	Mutual Circle	3
Yates				
1st	£150.00	Stephen J Crockett	Redditch	5
2nd	£90.00	Hambel Willow	West Nottingham	4.5
3rd=	£20.00	Neal Fisher	Peterborough	4
3rd=	£20.00	Arnold Kirkland	Droitwich	4
3rd=	£20.00	Reece Whittington	Exeter	4
Grading	£40.00	Mark Smith	Edinburgh	4
Blitz 1st	£120.00	Ameet Ghasi		10.5
2nd	£70.00	Keith Arkell	Cheddleton	8.5
3rd=	£12.00	Stuart Conquest		8
3rd=	£12.00	Steven Jones		8
3rd=	£12.00	Anthony Zhang	Crowthorne	8
3rd=	£12.00	Charles Storey		8
3rd=	£12.00	Ankush Khandelwal		8
Other prizes				
Best Welsh Performance	Roy Clues	Venetia Sivarajasingham, Cardiff		
Services to the congress	Boxall Plate	Andrew Walker		
Cash awards				
Best Game in the British	Alexander Prize, £100.00	Glenn Flear	Guildford 4NCL	
Best Junior game week 1	£50.00	Aditya Verma	Ilford	
Best Junior game week 2	£50.00	tbc		



Candidates for the 2015 ECF Elections

The following candidates for the elections have been duly nominated by the deadline in accordance with section 12 of the Procedural Byelaws:

President

DOMINIC LAWSON, standing for re-election, nominated by the Warwickshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League and Leamington & District Chess League

Chief Executive

PHIL EHR, standing for re-election

Finance Director

DAVID EUSTACE, standing for re-election

Director of Home Chess

JOHN FOLEY, nominated by the Middlesex County Chess Association and Surrey County Chess Association
ALEX HOLOWCZAK, standing for re-election, nominated by the Midland Counties Chess Union, West of England Chess Union, Buckinghamshire County Chess Association, Hertfordshire Chess Association, Leicestershire & Rutland Chess Association, Staffordshire Chess Association, Warwickshire Chess Association, Worcestershire Chess Association, Yorkshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League, Briant Poulter Chess League, Bristol & District Chess League, British Universities' Chess Association, Cannock & District Chess League, Coventry & District Chess League, Leamington Chess League, South-East Lancashire Summer Chess League, Stockport Chess League, Wolverhampton & District Chess League, 4NCL, Atkins Congress, Coulsdon Chess Fellowship, Kidlington Congress, Leyland Chess Congress, London Junior Chess Championships, National Youth Chess Association, Scarborough Congress, UK Chess Academy, Witney Rapidplay, Witney Weekend Congress, Barnstaple Chess Club, the Friends of Chess, Chris Majer (Chairman of a Standing Committee), Mike Truran (Chairman of a Standing Committee), Chris Majer (Direct Members' representative), Stewart Reuben (Direct Members' representative), Robert Thompson (Direct Members' representative) and Andrew Farthing (Immediate Past Chief Executive)

Director of International Chess

DAVID OPENSHAW, standing for re-election

MALCOLM PEIN, nominated by the Devon County Chess Association, Somerset County Chess Association and Bristol & District Chess League

Director of Junior Chess & Education

TRACI WHITFIELD, standing for re-election, nominated by the Warwickshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League and Leamington & District Chess League

Director of Membership

DAVID THOMAS, standing for re-election, nominated by the Warwickshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League and Leamington & District Chess League

Commercial Director

BOB KANE, standing for re-election

2 Non-Executive Directors

JULIAN CLISSOLD, standing for re-election, nominated by the Manchester Chess Federation

JULIE DENNING, nominated by the Kent County Chess Association, Sussex County Chess Association and David Eustace (Director)

CHRIS FEGAN, nominated by John Foley (Director)

JACK RUDD, nominated by the Northern Counties Chess Union, Hertfordshire Chess Association, Worcestershire Chess Association and Briant Poulter Chess League

FIDE Delegate

MALCOLM PEIN, standing for re-election

Chairman of the Finance Committee

MIKE TRURAN, standing for re-election, nominated by the Warwickshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League and Leamington & District Chess League

Members of the Finance Committee

RAY CLARK (nominated by Mike Truran, Chairman of a Standing Committee)

IAN REYNOLDS (nominated by Mike Truran, Chairman of a Standing Committee)

Chairman of the Governance Committee

CHRIS MAJER, standing for re-election, nominated by the Warwickshire Chess Association, Birmingham & District Chess League and Leamington & District Chess League

Members of the Governance Committee

MIKE GUNN (nominated by Chris Majer, Chairman of a Standing Committee)

RICHARD HADDRELL (nominated by Chris Majer, Chairman of a Standing Committee)

ANDREW LEADBETTER (nominated by Chris Majer, Chairman of a Standing Committee)

DAVID ROBERTSON (nominated by Chris Majer, Chairman of a Standing Committee)

Election addresses can be found at <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/about/ecf-council-and-board/>

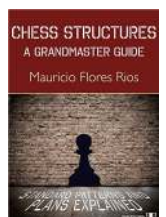
- John Philpott, ECF Company Secretary – 9 September 2015

ECF Book of the Year Shortlist 2015

The four books this year have individual identities, all of which feature different aspects of the game. Despite the difficulty of writing something original on the endgame, Benjamin has achieved just that. Two of the books complement each other very well – Rios has written an excellent middle game text book, while Gelfand reveals the difficulty even a world title challenger has in putting a text book into practise. Lastly, Kasparov's third and final volume of his best games brings to an end a series of chess books which have set a new standard for chess writing.

Mauricio Flores Rios | Quality Chess pp464 £21.95

The book was 'born out of my desire to guide players who, like me, struggle to apply their strategic knowledge to a practical game'. Rios shows exceptional clarity of organisation and selection of (nearly all contemporary) illustrative games. Each of the 140 games starts with 'Learning Objective' and concludes with 'Final Remarks'. In all, '28' chess structures are covered and the book finishes with 50 exercises. It is hard to imagine any student not learning from this book; but the problems of using this knowledge over the board, even for a world-class player, are discussed in the Gelfand book below.



Garry Kasparov Part III: 1993 – 2000

Garry Kasparov | Everyman pp501 £30.00

This volume, the third and last in Kasparov's best game series, brings to an end a sequence of books which started with My Great Predecessors, covered the matches with Karpov and concludes with Kasparov's best games. This volume contains, like all its predecessors, great games with outstanding annotations, even though in the narrative parts of this volume, Kasparov comes over as somewhat

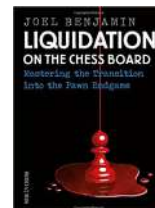


disenchanted with the chess world. This series of books set new standards in chess writing and publishing for which Book of the Year seems inadequate; a Lifetime Achievement Award seems more appropriate.

Liquidation on the Chess Board

Joel Benjamin | New in Chess pp254 £16.95

The subtitle 'Mastering the Transition into the Pawn Ending' explains the subject matter of this attractive and entertaining book. As far as I know this is the first book covering the subject specifically (though it has been mentioned en passant in end game text books). Benjamin's writing is entertaining and lively and shows his understanding of the practical issues of King and Pawn endings. Any one wondering about the merits of this volume should read the Prologue – The ABCs of Chess – which recounts Benjamin's experiences in an ending with Viktor Korchnoi.



Positional Decision Making in Chess

Boris Gelfand | Quality Chess pp284 £23.99

This remarkable book, written in collaboration with Jacob Aagaard, is an attempt to show how a world-class player (there are few with Gelfand's extensive top-level experience) thinks during the course of a game. As the title suggests, the games selected concentrate on aspects of positional play such as space advantage or the squeeze. Very interestingly, Gelfand admits to being strongly influenced by Akiba Rubinstein, a great player in the first half of the 20th century; a number of Rubinstein's games are included. Throughout, Gelfand is very honest about his thoughts and recollections during the games presented. As a result the book is a fascinating insight into the mind of a great chess player at work.



- Ray Edwards, Julian Farrand, Sean Marsh – 31st August 2015

Grand Prix 2014-15 Final Leader Boards

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	Ref	Name	Club/Area	Grade	Mem No	Pts
1	154721F	Cherniaev, Alexander	Hackney	236	S25369	652
2	105817E	Arkell, Keith CC	4NCL Cheddleton	234	G15972	646
3	282399J	Kalavannan, Koby	Coulsdon CF	186	JG6614	641
4	241589G	Jaunooby, Ali Reza	Denton	205	G4139	637
5	267990F	Landau, Jonathan	Hendon	182	G22677	620
6	242398E	Hjort, Helge	Hendon	185	G3467	619
7	112455K	Hebden, Mark L	4NCL Guildford	244	G4157	614
8	283656H	Golding, Alex	Coulsdon CF	180	JG17052	612
9	258768D	Merry, Alan B	Bury St Edmunds	226	JG17393	602
10	224790C	Villiers, Thomas	Muswell Hill	195	G17811	596

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	Ref	Name	Club/Area	Grade	Mem No	Pts
1	113386L	Ireland, David J	Coventry Chess	166	G24784	569
2	107574D	Bryant, Richard BE	Chester	176	G2289	565
3	104852B	Whitehead, Mark A	Rochdale	174	G15489	560
4	107035G	Boumphrey, Luke S	Atticus	172	G18517	556
5	116801A	Patrick, David A	Courier Halifax	160	G5137	552
6	270505K	Miu, Marinel	Watford	160	S19995	546
7	152545B	Ashcroft, Graham J	Preston	161	S25273	539
8	162291C	Jackson, Paul G	Coulsdon CF	161	G4609	529
9	111035E	Gamble, Raymond J	Spondon	160	G383	517
10	113478E	Jacob, Sydney J	Lewisham	166	G6237	517

140-159

	Ref	Name	Club/Area	Grade	Mem No	Pts
1	248245K	Wright, Jonathan	London *	152	G5722	617
2	128713J	Wilson, Matthew R	Devon *	157	G17805	614
3	230106E	Clegg, Robert	Huddersfield	159	G3088	605
4	109622K	Desmedt, Richard E	Wombwell	157	G3411	565
5	170919H	Williams, Stephen	Cwmbran	140	S25816	553
6	283075K	Bovtramovics, Vlad	Russia	157	G18255	553
7	108722J	Connor, Michael I	Great Lever	152	S15540	549
8	112248E	Hartley, Dean M	Amber Valley	146	G4789	549
9	116382G	O’Gorman, Brendan	DHSS	152	G4320	543
10	109533L	Dean, Robert A	Pudsey	157	G9164	539

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	Ref	Name	Club/Area	Grade	Mem No	Pts
1	279615G	Crockett, Stephen J	Redditch	120	G6367	687
2	276572L	Egan, William J	Scunthorpe	133	G6039	613
3	129445D	Sommerville, Gordon	Buckley/Mold	124	S26350	605
4	123333G	Gilbert, David J	DHSS	133	G3430	569
5	143011H	White, Gary M	Priorslee Lions	133	G6822	548
6	154244J	McKeon, John E	Milton Keynes	122	G6326	538
7	139288J	Boustred, Noel J	Gosforth	124	S8192	533
8	247342C	Alexander, Ken RD	Tiverton	128	S6705	526
9	276212C	Mahony, Jonathan	Leeds	132	S18433	523
10	283350F	Bullock, Lee	London *	130	G18801	517

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	Ref	Name	Club/Area	Grade	Mem No	Pts
1	140257C	Fraser, Alan R	Becken’m & Bromley	107	G2908	615
2	258940A	Allen, Timothy S	Battersea	117	G4415	601
3	274379G	Macdonald, John R	Kings Head	114	G6972	590
4	274725L	Fraser, Chris A	West Bridgford	115	S19796	589
5	111052E	Gardiner, Colin J	Newmarket	109	S1469	552
6	163954H	Miles, Barry S	Coulsdon CF	119	G4976	546
7	111361G	Goldsmith, Jennifer	Harrow	107	G6876	542
8	156363E	Greenaway, Terence	Torquay	118	S17343	531
9	180180G	De Santos, Andrew R	Preston	112	G15092	515
10	157121H	Lesnik, Eric	Denton	104	S24868	508

Women’s Prix

	Ref	Name	Club/Area	Grade	Mem No	Pts
1	280882B	Varney, Zoe	Cumnor	160	JG17170	546
2	294266F	Sheikh, Anum	Middlesex Juniors	100	JG24565	542
3	111361G	Goldsmith, Jennifer	Harrow	107	G6876	542
4	291209A	Rahulan, Thivyaa	Cheddleton & Leek	129	JG17341	538
5	290588H	Somton, Anita	Bury Knights	138	JG6955	508
6	291801J	Desai, Nilomi	Surrey Juniors	114	JG22807	499
7	293599F	Volovich, Julia	Kings College CU	110	JG24317	497
8	291563H	Sawhney, Anisha	N. London Coll. Sch.	90	JG23132	491
9	288605E	Raghavendra, Mahima	Atherton	143	JG6900	490
10	280020C	Kalaiyalahan, Akshaya	Coulsdon CF	197	JG6425	478

Junior Prix

	Ref	Name	Club/Area	Grade	Mem No	Pts
1	282399J	Kalavannan, Koby	Coulsdon CF	186	JG6614	641
2	288604C	Munshi, Aditya	West Nottingham	163	JG18647	632
3	294585L	Ratnesan, Ranesh	Kingston *	130	JG24219	627
4	283656H	Golding, Alex	Coulsdon CF	180	JG17052	612
5	294003G	Pramod Paleri, Adithya	Watford *	142	G23838	610
6	275426F	Anilkumar, AP (jnr)	Coulsdon CF	172	G17157	609
7	258768D	Merry, Alan B	Bury St Edmunds	226	JG17393	602
8	287750J	Ahluwalia, Amardip	Sussex Juniors	152	JG17043	599
9	291291A	See, Tristian	Cambridgeshire *	130	JG17519	582
10	294993D	Yoon, Jacob D	Middlesex Juniors	72	JG24229	576

ECF Awards 2015

President's Award for Services to Chess 2015

Ray Edwards, Julian Farrand, Keith Richardson, David Sedgwick, Carl Portman

Magazine of the Year 2015 – British Chess Magazine

The longest-running chess magazine, now edited by James Pratt.

Congress of the Year – South Lakes, Cumbria

Approximately 180 people play in five sections, each with £500 prize money. There never seem to be any arguments. However, the crowning glory is the ballroom at the Cumbria Grand Hotel – there are glorious views from the playing area.

Small Club of the Year – Little Heath and Brookmans Park Chess Club in Potter's Bar

The name of the club was getting bigger than the actual club. Membership dropped to 9 and they meet in Chris Cook's home. He also teaches day classes to retired adults. Now they are up to 14 members and we should make the award as soon as possible before they become too big.

Club of the Year – Chester Chess Club

It has over 60 members, 40% of whom are juniors. It has about 20 teams in local leagues. The keyword is 'inclusivity'. Disabled players are welcomed and special arrangements made where necessary. It has an outstanding junior section.

Website of the Year – Yorkshire Chess – www.yorkshirechess.org

It provides details accounts of all local chess, but unusually it also provides material that is of interest outside the UK. e.g. The Fantasy Chess Olympiad. It has a growing chess forum and a number of magazine type articles are included.

The committee were impressed with the quality of the submissions. There were several of considerable merit for both club and website.

– *Stewart Reuben*

10 Reasons Why Chess is a Sport – John Foley

Use this link to read NED John Foley's article —

<http://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/blog/guest-blog/06-08-2015/question-sport>

Tournament Round-Up

Delancey UK Chess Challenge Terafinal

The Delancey UK Chess Challenge Terafinal was held at Loughborough School over the weekend of 15/16 August. Congratulations to Matthew Wadsworth, the overall winner, and to Chantelle Foster and Victoria Sit, the joint girls' winners. The results of the Challengers' events were:

Challengers A – winner Callum Brewer, top girl Naomi Wei

Challengers B – winner Harry Grieve, joint top girls Carmel Barwick and Elizabeth Ivanov

Challengers C – winner James Moreby, joint top girls Charlotte Bruce, Cassie Graham and Arushi Ramaiya

Results and cross tables can be found at <http://www.ukchesschallenge.com/>

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Division 1 (Ward-Higgs) was won by **Essex A** narrowly, on tie-break from Yorkshire A. Relegated are Hertfordshire & West Wales.

Division 2 (Sinclair) has been won by **Essex C** with Yorkshire C in 2nd place. Both these teams have declined promotion, so promotion is offered to the teams finishing 3rd & 4th. There are still two games ongoing which may need adjudicating. However, Suffolk & Staffordshire will finish 3rd & 4th & both have been offered promotion. Relegated are Durham & Merseyside.

Division 3 (Butler-Thomas) has been won by **Surrey B** with Warwickshire C in 2nd place. Both are promoted to the Sinclair.

Jorvik Chess Congress

This event was held at Holiday Inn York from 1st to 3rd September. A 6 round Swiss with 90 minutes each. Results in 2 sections as follows —

Section A – 22 entries

1st Chris Ross, Braille 5/6

2nd= Daniel Staples, York; John Gallagher, Leeds; Eric Gardiner, Hull; Brian Coop, Harrogate 4/6

6th= Arron Barker, York; Steve Benn, Carlisle; Brendan O'Gorman, DHSS; Stephen Pride, Cambridge; Tim Turner, York 3.5/6

11th= Alex Billings, York; Eric Key, York; Steven Potter, St Helens; Joel Wagg, York; Mark Whitehead, Rochdale 3/6

16th= Adam Ismail, York; John Cawston, York 2.5/6

18th= Alexander Combie, Newark; Siegrun MacGilchrist, Glasgow; Rich Wiltshir, Walsall 2/6

21st= Colin Robers, Bury St Edmunds and David Tate, Sheffield 1.5/6

Section B – 20 entries

1st = Stephen Greep, Hull; Paul Gelder, Leeds and Norman Andrews, York 4.5/6

4th= Ashley Clayton, York; Charles Clayton, Hull; Ralph Hewes, York 4/6

7th = Howard Brears, York and Neville Pearce, York 3.5/6

9th= William Egan, Scunthorpe; Stan Lovell, Scarborough; Athol MacGilchrist, Glasgow; Angus Ruthven, Edinburgh 3/6

13th= Steve Burton, Leeds; Ashley Carr, York; Kevin Markey, Gloucester 2.5/6

16th= John Light, Leeds; Robert Wardle, Nottingham 2/6

18th= Ranyl Hughes, Harrogate; Oliver McCoan, Norwich 1.5/6

20th Phil Higgins, Leeds 1/6

As usual, an enjoyable event in pleasant surroundings. There were some very good games played. All games will be graded by ECF and YCA ...

– Peter Cloudsdale, Organiser

6th IBCA Individual Championship

Chris Ross from the UK finished fourth in the 6th IBCA European Championships held in Lyon from 24 July to 2nd August. This was a magnificent achievement in this highly prestigious event. Chris finished with 6.5 out of 9 and an ELO of 2334 for the tournament. He lost out by half a point in the tie-break to be placed fourth. Despite losing to the top two, Chris drew with the third cede and beat the fourth. 64 players from 21 countries took part in the event.

Round 4.10 White Chris Ross (UK) (2184) vs Black Adrien Hervais (France) (2029)

1. d4 e6 2. c4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. cd5 Nd5 5. e4 Nc3 6. bc3 c5 7. Nf3 cd4 8. cd4 Bb4 9. Bd2 Bd2 10. Qd2 O-O 11. Be2 b6 12. O-O Bb7 13. Qe3 Nc6 14. Rad1 Re8 15. h4 Qe7 16. Bd3 Rad8 17. h5 Ba8 18. a3 Qa3 19. e5 g6 20. Ng5 Qe7 21. Ne4 Rf8 22. Nf6 Kg7 23. Qh3 h6 24. Qg3 Kh8 25. Qe3 Kg7 26. Qg3 Kh8 27. Qe3 Kg7 28. hg6 fg6 29. Bg6 Rh8 30. Be4 Kf8 31. Qf3 Rc8 32. Nd5 Qf7 33. Qa3 Kg8 34. Nf6 Kg7 35. Rd3 Rhf8 36. Rg3 Kh8 37. Qe3

Junior Chess

Glorney Cup 2015 – Day 3 and results

– from Chris Howell

A very exciting day in prospect with England narrowly/jointly leading 3 of the 4 events and with an outside chance of overtaking Ireland in the fourth – so all to play for!

Round 5: Wednesday 22/7/2015 am versus Scotland

Stokes:

Omeet surprised his opponent with the Sniper, netted 2 pawns and solid defence netted a great win as his opponent's time and position deteriorated.

Oli misplayed the opening slightly and wisely took a quick draw in a potentially difficult position.

Ben also had a quick draw where his opponent's doubled pawns gave him some useful open lines in compensation. Tim played an enterprising piece sacrifice in the opening and won his piece back with a won ending which he converted neatly.

Max saw his kingside collapse under a vicious attack, sacked material to survive, nearly grabbed a draw a rook down, won some material back but went down in a close ending

Teddy played a good steady game and took advantage of a suicidal king advance by his opponent to get a winning ending and duly won it.

But Wales' fine win against Ireland put them half-a-point ahead of us going into the final round!

Robinson:

Harry drummed up a strong king-side attack for a slight material deficit but could not quite break through and went down in time trouble.

Alfie developed a slight initiative on the black side of a Benko but could make no headway and the endgame was always drawn.

Jake played a nice game but could not win a slightly better ending as black.

Elliot tried everything to win his ending but also had to settle for a draw.

Matthew lost control of the c-file early on resulting in a lost pawn and despite stout resistance eventually went down in an endgame.

Alex won a classic queen-side majority endgame efficiently, a really good performance.

The Irish extended their lead to six points meaning that a good second place was now the realistic aim for our

Robinson team.

In the Glorney:

Ollie had a typical king's Indian Attack game where black's queen-side activity balanced white's king-side attack and a draw was the result.

John broke through with a lovely sacrificial attack and consolidated his extra material to win convincingly.

Daniel played a brilliancy on the black side of the King's Indian – "the best game of my life!"

Michael neutralised a slight initiative for his opponent and gained a comfortable draw.

Joseph had a nice plus throughout and finished with a neat tactic for another win.

Despite this superb 4-1 win the Irish edged up to us with a 4.5 – 0.5 win themselves.



In the Gilbert:

Katherine won another long game in fine positional style to move to a superb 4.5/5.

Emily obtained a lovely attacking position with a choice of good continuations and won nicely with a winning rook sacrifice.

Zoe achieved a solid draw on the black side of the Gruenfeld.

The excellent score of 2.5 was matched by the Irish to leave it all square in this tournament too!

Round 6: – Wednesday 22/7/2015 pm v Ireland

So the scene was set for a most thrillingly exciting last round with three trophies very much up for grabs. Firstly the one team not in realistic contention, the Robinson had an excellent win over the new Champions, Ireland, with wins from Harry and Alex and draws from Alfie, Jake and Matthew, and so confirmed an excellent second place – the Irish won the U12 Stokes 2 years ago so this was no great surprise.

All three of the other competitions went right to the wire; the Scottish Stokes side did us some real favours with good early wins over the Welsh, but then gave one won game away to put the Welsh back into contention; their

match ended 3-3, meaning that England needed 4 against the Irish to win by a clear point or 3.5 to go into a really tight tie-break! Omeet was bang-in-form by now and romped to victory on board 1, completing a 2/2 day, while Oli played a technically perfect rook- and then pawn- endgame to register another vital point, taking him to 4.5/6; Ben Headlong also hit top form to make it a clean sweep of the top 3 boards. This left Tim and Teddy to take draws from good positions to clinch the win; Max could not quite save his ending. So we won the Stokes!!!



Earlier we had wrapped up the Gilbert trophy as Katherine, in brilliant form throughout, took her score to 5.5/6 and Zoe took a draw to clinch the trophy at least on tie-break, with Emily eventually going down in a tricky endgame much later. Our second trophy – the Gilbert had been retained! So this left just the Glorney Cup itself to be decided, with another great sacrificial win from John and a draw from Daniel putting us on the brink – Michel lost to leave us needing to squeeze a point-and-a-half from 2 tiny advantages in endgames, both Ollie and Joseph so nearly converted but the Irish held to win their first Glorney for many, many years; perhaps a fitting reward for their truly excellent laying on of the event as well as their team's fine play. So 2nd (and that only on tiebreak) for England in the Glorney.

Two wins and two good second places made for a happy party, which showed its gratitude to our coaches Andrew Martin and Loz Cooper and head-of-delegation Jay Atara

ECF Chess Academy

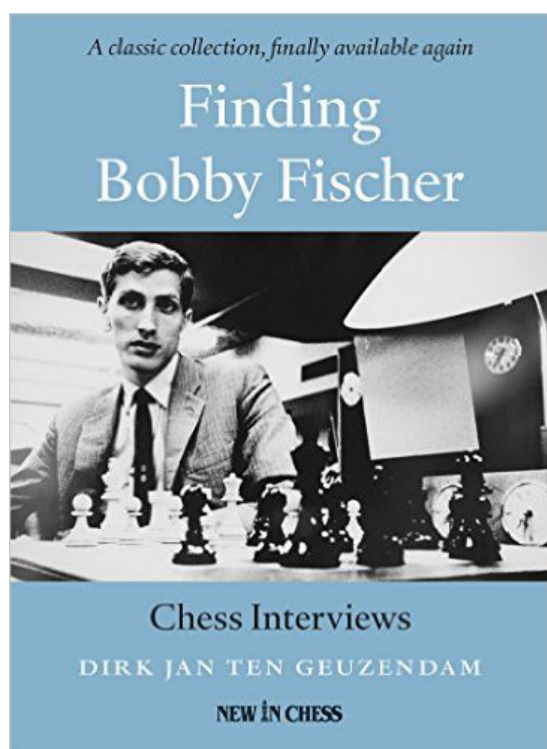
The English Chess Federation (ECF) is laying foundations for chess education of the future in creating its chess academy. This prospectus is in two parts comprising firstly the academy itself and secondly the International Programme offered by the academy. The first part will help you to understand about the academy: its aims; what membership of the academy itself means; how the academy is structured at the moment and how it will be developed in the future to include a range of activities and programmes that will help different levels of players. The second part of the prospectus tells you about the International Programme which is the first programme that members of the academy can apply to join. This programme is an ambitious and challenging 3 year programme which aims to develop chess players who are either already playing at major international events or aiming to achieve that level of play.

More here --- http://englishchess.org.uk/Juniors/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Academy_Prospectus.pdf

Book Reviews by Gary Lane

Finding Bobby Fischer - Chess Interviews

by Dirk Jan Ten Geuzendam, published by New In Chess, 286 pages £18.99



After the first couple of chapters the question comes up whether the famous names are still alive? The answer is sadly no because this book was first printed in 1994 and the latest edition is almost identical to the original according to the author. Basically, anyone who has seen the long interviews in New In Chess magazine will have read Dirk's work and know to expect some probing questions. The meeting with legends such as Bent Larsen, Lev Polugaevsky and Mikhail Botvinnik are poignant and a reflection of old school thoughts on the game. There are also interesting interviews with some people that you might not expect such as Dr Meindert Niemeijer a celebrated book collector and the award winning novelist Tim Krabbé who is also a strong chess player. The title of the book comes from a meeting with the reclusive World Champion in 1992 when Fischer competed against Boris Spassky in Sveti Stefan. The author really only makes a few observations as the American signs his copy of My 60 Memorable Games and is dismissive of his questions. Instead Garry Kasparov figures prominently, which is hardly surprisingly because he was World Champion at the time but now it is very dated especially as the great man has given numerous interviews since and even changed his views once or twice.

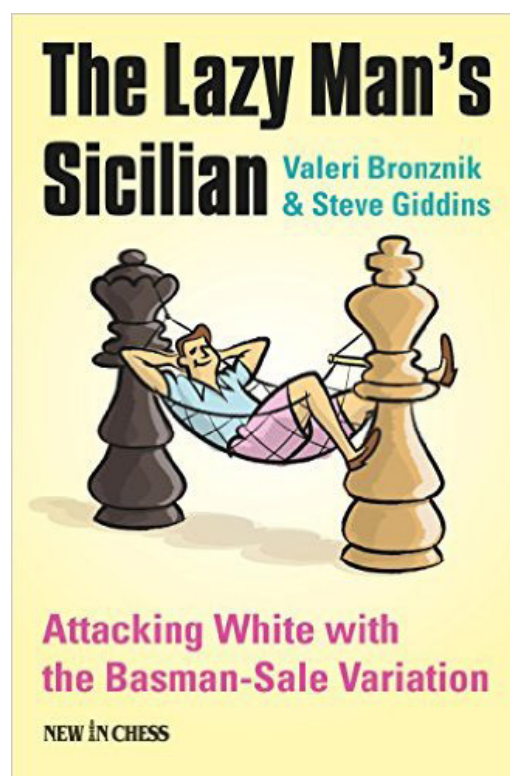
A connoisseur will appreciate the insight into the minds of outstanding chess talents.

The Lazy Man's Sicilian - Attacking White with the Basman-Sale Variation

by Valeri Bronznik & Steve Giddins (New In Chess) 222 pages.

A weekend tournament is a good place to play something different in the opening as it can make the difference between a grading prize or missing the closing ceremony. The Ukrainian, Bronznik wrote a book in German that was published in 2004 which examined the variation 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 and now 4...Bc5. He named it after a couple of strong players who had played it and special mention must go to Britain's Michael Basman who nowadays is highly regarded as a schools chess organiser but in the 1970s/80s was renowned as a formidable tournament campaigner who often played weird and wacky openings. His credit for the opening is shared with Srdjan Sale, which explains the sub-title. The book has lots of good ideas but the main games are old with the most recent one being 2004. The translator Englishman Steve Giddins has made a valiant effort to update material but it is a hard task to decide whether to swamp the reader with new material or limit the variations to stop the reader being obliged to learn a vast amount of theory.

A good way to understand an opening and surprise future opponents.



ECF Event Calendar

KEY --- @ FIDE rated; # British Championships qualifying tournament; * English Chess Federation Grand Prix;
~ ECF Graded Event; Y Juniors only; + English Youth Grand Prix

~ **18-20 Sep Bradford Chess Congress**, Latvian Welfare Club, Clifton Villas, Manningham, Bradford BD8 7BY
Contact: Stuart Swire Email: bradfordchess@blueyonder.co.uk Tel: 01274 411817 Website: <http://www.bradfordchess.co.uk> - starts 7:00PM ends 6:30PM. 3 tournaments - Open, Major 170 and under, Minor 135 and under

~ **19 Sep Chess4urapidplay**, The Dean Court Community Centre, Pinnocks Way, Oxford OX2 9DG Contact: Adrian Kelly Riley and Tamal Matilal Email: adriankriley@gmail.com Tel: 07803909472 Website: <http://www.chess4u.club> - starts 10:30AM ends 5:45PM. A Rapidplay tournament consisting of six 30 minute rounds. Sections: Open, Major Under170, Minor Under 145, and amateur Under 120

~* **19 Sep Poplar Rapid-Play**, St. Nicholas Church Centre, Ettrick Street, Poplar, London E14 0QD Contact: Norman Went Email: DocklandsChess@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07905 360659 Website: <http://www.spanglefish.com/docklandschessclub> - starts 10:30AM ends 6:00PM. Six round Swiss rapid-play events with two grade band sections. Major Under 171 and Minor Under 130. All moves in 30 minutes per player per game

~ **20 Sep ECF Secondary School Rapidplay Chess Tournament**, Eton College, Berks. SL4 6DW Contact: Neill Cooper Email: manager.secondary@englishchess.org.uk - starts 10.15am ends 5.00pm. 5 round Swiss rapid play tournament. Digital chess clocks: all moves in 20 minutes + 5 sec/move. All games will be ECF graded. Teams will consist of 6 players in school years 6 to 13. Schools can enter one or two teams. Squads can have up to 9 players with 6 playing in any match. £10.00 per team (cheques payable to English Chess Federation)

@ **20 Sep European Youth Chess Championship**, Zatica Sports Hall, Porec, Croatia Contact: Zeljko Kiseljak Email: porec2015@gmail.com Website: www.porec2015.org

~*Y **20 Sep YKJCA GP 1 - LONDON JUNIOR Qualifier**, The Judd School, Brook Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2PN Contact: Krishna Shiatis Email: webmaster@kjca.org Website: <http://www.kjca.org/event/115> - starts 9:00AM ends 5:30PM. Rapidplay for juniors - all welcome! London Junior Qualifier

~@ **25-27 Sep 51st Northumberland Chess Congress**, The Parks Leisure Centre, North Shields, North Shields, Tyne and Wear NE29 6TL Contact: Lara Barnes Email: larabarnes@btinternet.com Tel: 01670 540848 FIDE-rated Open, Major, Minor and Foundation

~* **25-27 Sep 8th Castle Chess Portsmouth**, The Lysses House Hotel, 51 High Street, Fareham, Hampshire PO16 7BQ Contact: Tony Corfe Email: enquiries@castlechess.co.uk Website: www.castlechess.co.uk - starts 7:00PM ends 6:00PM. 6 round event - Open including Premier U180, Major U160 including Intermediate U140, Minor U120 including Challengers U100

~ **25-27 Sep 52nd Hull Chess Congress**, Hull University, Staff House (Myton Rooms) Cottingham Rd. HU6 7RX Contact: Steve King Email: president@hullchess.com Tel: 07985484750 Website: http://www.hullchess.com/hull_congress2015.html - starts 7:00PM ends 5:35PM. New, excellent venue, lots of playing space and ample parking. Total Prize money £3,800 Four sections: Open, Major (U166), Intermediate (U141) and Minor (U116). In each section prizes of £450 (first), £250 (second), £150 (third) plus 2 grading prizes (£50 each). Round One Friday 19.00; Rounds Two and Three Saturday 10.00 - 17.35; Rounds Four and Five Sunday 10.00-17.35. Dedicated accommodation booking line : <https://aws.passkey.com/event/13779689/owner/9563948/home>

26 Sep Chess Freedom 4.5 Rapidplay Tournament, Jurys Inn, Clarendon Road, Watford WD17 1JA Contact: Marinel Miu Email: watfordrapidplay@gmail.com Website: <http://watfordrapidplay.blogspot.co.uk/p/blog-page.html> - starts 10:30AM ends 6:00PM. Organised by Watford Rapid-Play - 4.5 out of 6 guarantees £100, 1st Place £250, 2nd Place £150. The best player in last 4 rounds - £100. Competitive guaranteed prizes, excellent playing conditions, limited number of entries to 40 players

~Y **26 Sep LJCH Hertfordshire Qualifying Tournament**, Mount Grace School, Church Road, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 1EZ. Contact: Michael Flatt Email: hsc@gmx.com Website: <http://hertfordshireschoolschessassociation.com/> - starts 10:00AM ends 5:30PM. LJCC Qualifier for U8, U10, U12. Additional tournament for U16

~* @ **26 Sep CCF Autumn Rapid Play**, 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Tel: 020 8645 586 Website: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/Rapidplay_Autumn.html - starts 10:15AM ends 6:30PM. A one day FIDE-rated rapidplay, with an Open section and (subject to entries) more sections. We are aiming for at least 3 sections in total based on recent numbers

~* @ **26-27 Sep 32nd Hampstead Congress U2200/U1900/U135**, Henderson Court Day Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's

Ave, London, Greater London NW3 6NS Contact: Adam Raoof Email adamraoof@gmail.com Website <http://www.hampsteadchess.blogspot.co.uk/> - starts 10:30AM ends 5:30PM

~ **27 Sep Witney Rapidplay**, The Batt School, Corn Street, Witney OX28 6DY Contact: Mike Truran Email Website Sections: Senior, Junior Major and Junior Minor

27 Sep KJCA Coaching Day 1, Bradbourne Park Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3LB Contact: Krishna Shiatis Email: webmaster@kjca.org Website: <http://www.kjca.org/event/124> - starts 6:55AM ends 4:15PM - Coaching days for KJCA are designed to teach children from beginner level all the way to advanced. Please see KJCA website for the different classes and levels. The coaching programme is run by and has been designed by Chris Ward GM.

@ 1 Oct Hendon 'First Thursday' FIDE Blitz, Golders Green Unitarians Church, Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London NW11 8BS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com - One section, 10 minutes per player per game, six rounds, FIDE rated

~**Y+ 3 Oct Junior 4NCL**, Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport, Coventry Road B26 Contact: Mike Truran Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk

~ **3 Oct Peter Clarke Memorial Tournament (3rd Bude Rapidplay)**, Bude New Life Centre, 35, The Strand, Bude, Cornwall EX23 8RA Contact: John Constable Email: chess@budechess.co.uk Tel: 01288353070 Website: <http://www.budechess.co.uk> - starts 10:30AM ends 6:00PM. 6 round 30 min each rapidplay in Memory of Peter Clarke

~***#@ 3-11 Oct PokerStars Isle of Man International Masters**, Villa Marina, Isle of Man IM1 2HP Contact: Alan Ormsby Email: masters@iominternational.com Website: <http://iominternationalchess.com> - 9 round Swiss open, with a prize fund of £32,000. Rate of play: 100/40, 50/20, then 15 minutes for remaining moves, with 30 seconds added per move from the start. See website for further details

~**@ 5-11 Oct PokerStars Isle of Man International**, Villa Marina, Isle of Man IM1 2HP Contact: Brian Woodard Email: major@iominternationalchess.com Website: <http://iominternationalchess.com> - two sections: Major (FIDE 2100 and below) and Minor (FIDE 1750 and below). 7 round Swiss. Total prize fund of £3,700.00. Rate of play 100/40, 50/20 with 30 seconds per move from the start.

~* **9-11 Oct 1st Castle Chess Harrogate**, Old Swan Hotel, Swan Rd, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 2SR Contact: Tony Corfe Email enquiries@castlechess.co.uk Website www.castlechess.co.uk - starts 7:00PM ends 6:00. 6 round event - Open including Premier U180, Major U160 including Intermediate U140, Minor U120 including Challengers U100

9-11 Oct Dundee & Angus Congress, David Lloyd Leisure, Ethiebeaton Park, Monifieth by Dundee DD5 4HB Contact: Keith Rose Email: director@dundee-congress.co.uk Tel: 01382 534863 Website: <http://www.dundee-congress.co.uk> - starts 7:00PM ends 6:00. Prize fund - £2090. Open, Challengers (167) Major (142), Minor (117). Free junior coaching. Reduced price use of venue sport/fitness facilities

~***@ 10 Oct Golders Green Rapidplay Congress**, Golders Green Church Hall, West Heath Drive, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raoof Email adamraoof@gmail.com Website <http://www.goldersgreenchess.blogspot.co.uk> - starts 10:30AM ends 5:45PM. Open, Under 170, Under 145 and Under 120 sections, 6 round Swiss open, £500.00 prize fund

~* **10 Oct Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay**, The Old Grammar School, Broad St., Chipping Sodbury BS37 6AD Contact: Graham Mill-Wilson Email: tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk Tel: 07790167415 Website: <http://tugmw4.wix.com/yate-chess-club> - starts 10:30AM ends 6:00PM. Six round Swiss rapidplay in 3 sections - Open, Under 155, Under 125. Nice venue, popular twice yearly event

~**Y 10 Oct Chelmsford Junior Tournament**, Kings Road Primary School, Kings Road, Chelmsford CM1 2BB Contact: Dave Hawkins Email: davehawkins126@gmail.com Tel: 020 8531 5066 Website: <http://ejca.co.uk> - starts 9:30AM ends 5:30PM. Essex Junior Grand Prix 2015-16 Round One. LJCC qualifying tournament

~**Y 10 Oct York Junior Chess Congress**, Archbishop of York's CE Junior School, Copmanthorpe Lane, Bishopthorpe, York YO23 2QT Contact: John Hipshon Email: jr.hipshon@ntlworld.com Tel: 01132267759 Website: <http://www.yorkshirejuniorchess.org> - starts 10:00AM ends 4:30PM. Major Section: Open to any player. Prizes: 1st £60, 2nd £30, 3rd £15. Trophy for the winner.

Intermediate Section: Open to players with an ECF/YCA grade below 110. Trophies for the top 3 and best girl. Age group prizes will be awarded depending on entry.

Minor Section: Open to any player with no grade or below 40 (some tournament experience would be required). Trophies for the top 3. Best girl medal. Medals in each age group.

Novice Section (age limit U11 years of age on 1st September 2015): Open to any player with limited experience or first tournament. Trophy for the overall winner and then medals in each age group. Medal for the best girl

~**@ 11 Oct 20th Birmingham Rapidplay**, Quinborne Community Centre, Ridgacre Road, Quinton, Birmingham,

West Midlands B32 Contact: Alex Holowczak Email: alexholowczak@gmail.com Website: <http://www.birminghamchess.org.uk/> - Four sections – Open, Major, Intermediate, Minor

~* **11 Oct Cambridgeshire Rapidplay**, Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB22 4NE Contact: Paul Kemp Email: paulkemp64@gmail.com - A five round Rapidplay with four tournaments: Open, Major (U160), Challengers (U120) and Junior. Over £700 prize fund

~* **17 Oct Poplar Rapid-Play**, St. Nicholas Church Centre, Ettrick Street, Poplar, London E14 0QD Contact: Norman Went Email: DocklandsChess@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07905 360659 Website: <http://www.spanglefish.com/docklandschessclub> - starts 10:30AM ends 6:00PM. Six round Swiss rapid-play events with two grade band sections. Major Under 171 and Minor Under 130. All moves in 30 minutes per player per game

~Y **17 Oct Sussex Junior Worth Rapidplay LJCC Qualifier**, Worth School, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, West Sussex RH10 4SD Contact: Sandra Manchester Email: entrymanager@sussexjuniorchess.org Website: <http://www.sussexjuniorchess.org> - 6 round Swiss rapidplay in 4 sections - U8, U10, U12, U18. U8-U12 are LJCC qualifiers. Open to all aged U18 on 31 August 2015

~ **17-18 Oct Third Witney Weekend Congress**, Cokethorpe School, Witney, Oxfordshire OX29 7PU Contact: Mike Truran Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk Website: www.witneychess.co.uk Sponsored by Cokethorpe School

@ **17-25 Oct HWP Haarlem Mastertournament**, Stedelijk Gymnasium, Haarlem, Netherlands Contact: ptuijp@chello.nl Website: <http://www.haarlemse-meesters.nl>

~Y **18 Oct 16th Chess Coaching Services Tournament and Training Day**, John Keble Church, Church Close Edgware, Middlesex HA8 9NS Contact: Rob Willmoth Email: robwillmoth@hotmail.co.uk Website: <http://www.chesscoachingservices.co.uk> - starts 12:30PM ends 6:00PM. The only tournament in the UK that provides specific training and a graded tournament organised by Rob Willmoth and International Master Lorin D'Costa. The subjects being taught are displayed on the entry form beforehand, so you can decide if the training categories are suitable for your child. Children are split into groups according to ability and allocated a professional coach

~Y **18 Oct KJCA GP 2 - Skinners**, The Skinners School, St John's Rd, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9PG Contact: Krishna Shiatis Email: webmaster@kjca.org Website: <http://www.kjca.org/event/113> - starts 9:00AM ends 5:30PM. ECF graded Rapidplay, London Junior Qualifier, all juniors welcome!

@ **18 Oct 41st Guernsey International Chess Festival**, Peninsula Hotel GY6 8JP Contact: Fred Hamperl Email: hamperlfred@hotmail.com Website: <http://www.guernseychessclub.org.gg/festival/festival.htm> - This tournament will once again be held at the popular Peninsula Hotel on Guernsey's sandy west coast. There are discounted room rates for chess players at this high quality hotel

~# **23-25 Oct 39th Scarborough Chess Congress**, The Ocean Room, Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough YO11 2HD Contact: Maggie Butterworth Email: scarboroughchess@gmail.com Tel: 01709 889854 Website: <http://www.scarboroughchesscongress.org.uk/> - starts 6:45PM ends 6:15PM. Five round weekend congress with five sections and over £5500 in prize money. Fantastic venue at Scarborough Spa. Refreshments available throughout

~* @ **24-25 Oct 33rd Hampstead Congress U2200/U1900/U135**, Henderson Court Day Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Ave, London, Greater London NW3 6NS Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Website: <http://www.hampsteadchess.blogspot.co.uk/> - starts 10:30AM ends 5:30PM

24-25 Oct Metropolitan Chess Club Congress, City of London Boys School, London Contact: John Kitchen Website: <http://www.metchess.org/>

~*# **24-25 Oct 33rd Bury St Edmunds Congress**, The Apex, Charter Square, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk Contact: Steve Lovell Email: steve@lovell.link Tel: 01284750154 Website: <http://www.bsecongress.org.uk> - starts 9:30AM ends 6:00PM. 5 Round Swiss - Open, U170, U145, U120

~ **30 Oct 50th Dorset Open Chess Congress**, Carrington House Hotel, 27-31 Knyveton Road, Bournemouth, BH1 3QQ Contact: Ian Clark Email: dorset@bournemouthchesscongress.org.uk Website: <http://www.bournemouthchesscongress.org.uk> The tournament is 50th anniversary and all prizes have been increased to attract a higher level of entries. The venue is the Carrington House Hotel which is the same venue as for the Bournemouth Grand. Online entries will be accepted from July 2015

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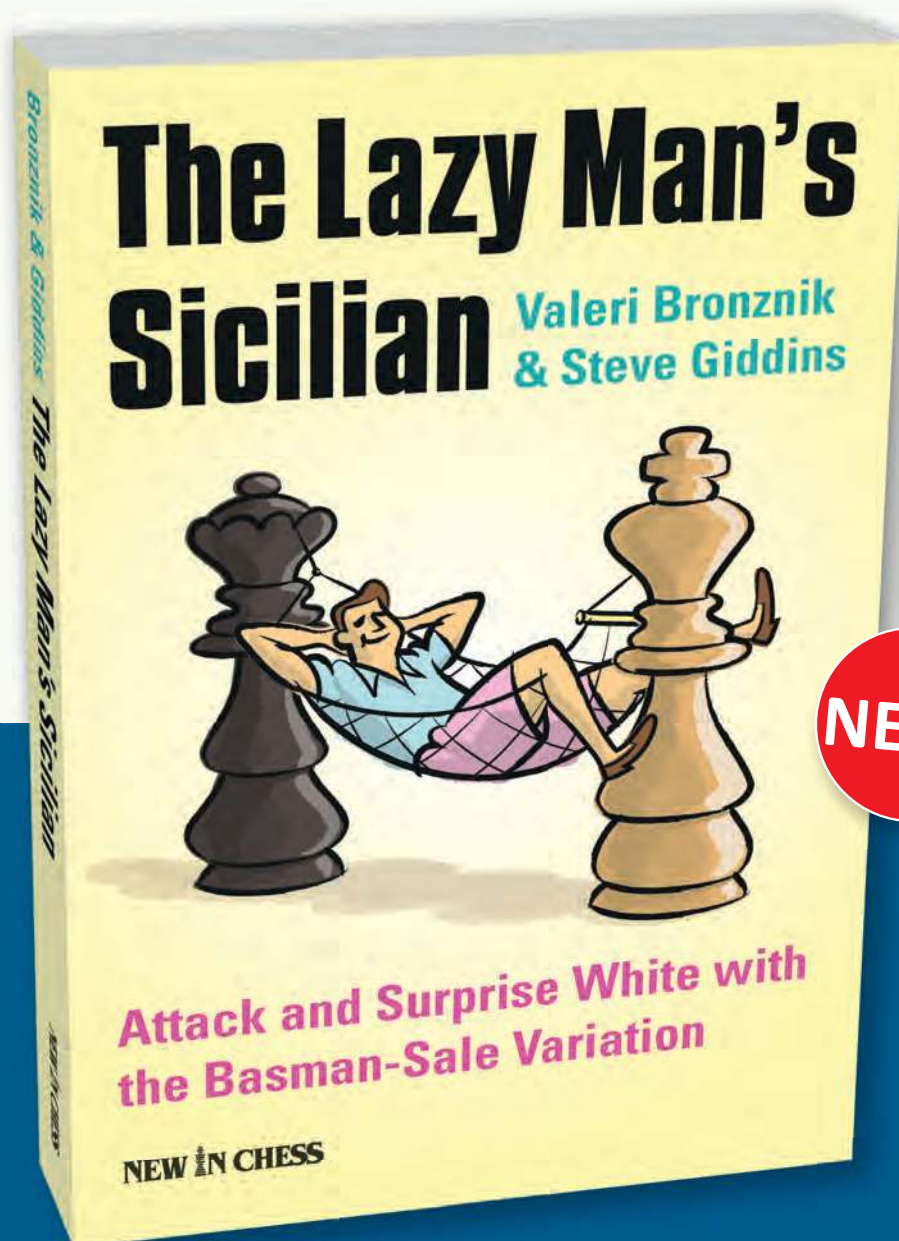
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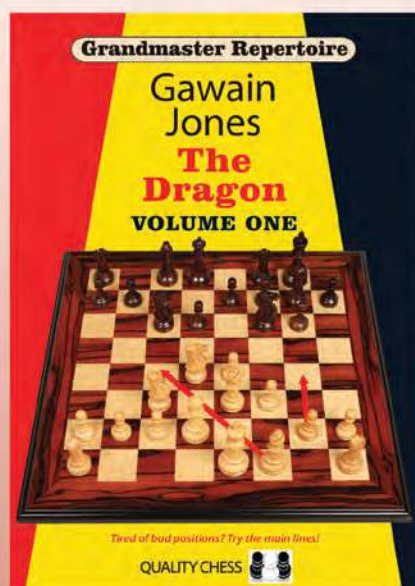
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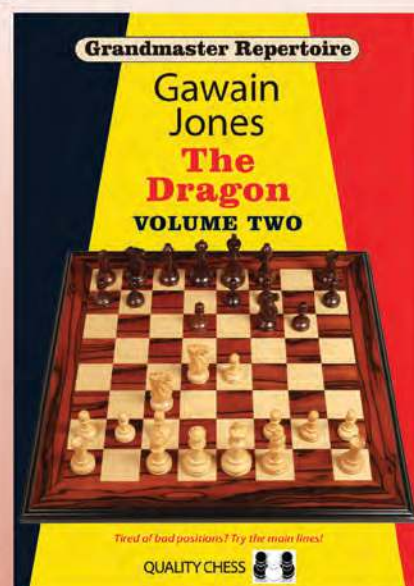


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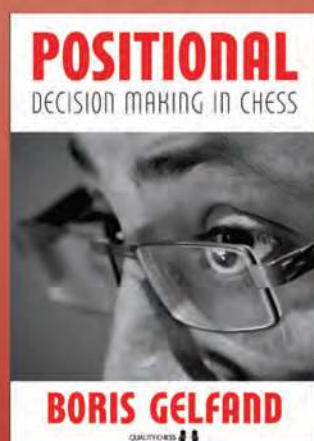


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BATTLE – On the eve of the British Championships, the ECF announced its awards for 2015. We were delighted to see our popular columnist Carl Portman receive a President's Award for Services to Chess, partly in view of his work with chess in prisons. President's awards also went to Ray Edwards, Julian Farrand, Keith Richardson and David Sedgwick.

The awards are not just about individuals, with www.yorkshirechess.org being named Website of the Year and South Lakes the 2015 Congress of the Year. We were also delighted to see two fine clubs being recognised, Chester winning Club of the Year, while the Small Club award went to Little Heath and Brookmans Park Chess Club. They are a driving force behind chess in Potters Bar, largely thanks to Chris Cook who hosts coaching sessions and even some matches in his home.

BIRMINGHAM – Peter Wells hotfooted it from Cardiff (see our next item), but couldn't prevent the Hungarian Grandmaster Tamas Fodor from claiming the £500 top prize as the 4NCL returned to the Holiday Inn at Birmingham Airport for a congress (17–19 July).

Open: 1 Tamas Fodor (Hendon) 4½/5, 2 Peter Wells (Swindon) 4, 3–6 Glenn House (Morecombe), James Jackson (Northampton), Hugh Murphy (Rushden), Donald Mason (Shirley) 3½.



London-based Hungarian GM Tamas Fodor walked away with the £500 top prize at the recent 4NCL FIDE-Rated Congress, despite stiff opposition from Mark Hebden, James Jackson, and Peter Wells. Tamas also picked up just £100 more than that as the winner of the Major Open at the British, which as the top seed by some margin, he won by 1½ points.

Major: 1–2 Julian Shepley (Guildford) Eric Bennett (Bray) 4½, 3–6 Robert Taylor (Preston), Dion Huang (Ilford), Nick Burrows (Cowley), Zoe Varnay (Cumnor) 3½.

Minor: 1 Nathan Mills (Brixham) 5, 2–4 Adrian Walker (Stroud), Jon Asbury (Shirley), Robert Marks (Sutton Coldfield) 4.

CARDIFF – Bulgarian Grandmaster Boris Chatalbashev claimed the top prize at the South Wales International, a 67-player Open held this year on the outskirts of the Welsh capital (11–17 July).

Leading Scores: 1 Boris Chatalbashev 8/10, 2–3 Monchil Nikolov (both BUL), Peter Wells 7½, 4–7 Danny Gormally, Jack Rudd (all ENG), Marian Petrov (BUL), Jesper Lauridsen (DEN) 7.

Chatalbashev was content with draws against his fellow Bulgarian GMs, but won when it counted, squeezing poor Keith Arkell to death in the final round after sacrificing a pawn for an early bind. At the opposite end of the event, he had displayed somewhat different skills to burst out of the traps.

M.Staniforth–B.Chatalbashev Cardiff 2015



24...fxe5! 25 dxe5 ♗xe5 26 ♔e1

26 ♔e1 was no better way of defending the rook, which falls after 26...xf2! 27 ♗xf2 ♔f6+.

26...xf2! 0–1

Neatly overloading. Once again, White is undone by the location of his rook.

EDINBURGH – The strong-finishing Jacob Aagaard shared second place in the Scottish Championship (11–19 July), landing up just half a point shy of Oleg Korneev. However, the Quality Chess supremo is once again representing Denmark these days, allowing FM Neil Berry to claim the Scottish title with a fine 2508 performance.

Leading Scores: 1 Oleg Korneev (ESP) 7½/9, 2–5 Erik van den Doel (NED), Jacob Aagaard (DEN), Neil Berry (SCO), Pall Thorarinsson (ISL) 7, 6–10 Ivan Farago (HUN), Craig Pritchett, Jonathan Grant (both SCO), Gabriel Petesch (USA), Mark Lapidus (ESP) 6½.



Congratulations to FIDE Master Neil Berry who is the newly crowned Scottish Champion.

Neil finished equal second in Edinburgh, scoring 7/9 for a TPR of 2508, and was the only player to defeat the eventual winner, Oleg Korneev, now representing Spain and who otherwise proved a cut above.

J.Aagaard–R.Birkett Scottish Ch., Edinburgh 2015 Modern Defence

1 e4 d6 2 d4 g6 3 ♘f3 ♗g7 4 ♕c4 e6

Black's Hippo approach makes good sense against White's set-up, blunting the bishop. Indeed, it was recommended by Aagaard's now Quality Chess colleague Colin McNab in *Dangerous Weapons: The Pirc and Modern*.

5 ♖e2 ♗e7 6 ♗bd2

However, McNab was silent on this move. Black should now continue to set up his Hippo with some combination of ...a6, ...b6 and ...♗bd7. Birkett's choice is too ambitious.

6...c5? 7 dxc5 dxc5 8 e5!



The grandmaster is quick to pinpoint the downside to Black's play. Already his dark squares are creaking and the e5-pawn a worthy investment for that.

8...♖bc6 9 ♖e4 ♗xe5 10 ♗xe5 ♕xe5 11 ♕g5 ♖a5+

It's hard to imagine Black's king surviving 11...0-0 12 ♗f6+ ♕xf6 13 ♕xf6 and 11...♕xb2? 12 c3! would have won on the spot, in view of 12...♕xa1 13 ♗f6+ ♕f8 14 ♕h6#.

12 c3 ♗c6 13 ♗f6+

White elects to get on with it, although he might have first brought all his pieces into play with 13 f4 ♕g7 14 ♗d6+ ♕f8 15 ♖d1. In either case, Black's position is pretty disgusting. **13...♕f8 14 ♕h6+!**

The simple 14 ♖e3 would have tempted many, but Aagaard has spotted a powerful plan to wrest control of the a1-h8 diagonal.

14...♕e7 15 ♗e4 b5

15...f5 would also have been met with 16 f4, and if 16...♕c7 17 ♗g5!? ♕xf4 18 0-0 with a huge initiative.

16 f4!

The point of White's play as Black's dark squares continue to creak.

16...♕c7 17 ♕g7 ♖g8



Now White might check and take on b5, but Aagaard found something much more dangerous.

18 ♖f2! bxc4 19 ♖h4+ g5

Desperate, but Birkett no doubt didn't feel he would survive 19...f6 20 ♖xh7 ♖f8 21 ♕xf8+ ♕xf8 22 ♗xf6 and, indeed, 22...♗d8 (22...♕xf4 23 ♖xg6 ♕e7 24 0-0 ♕e3+ 25 ♕h1 leaves the black king rather defenceless) 23 ♖xg6 ♗f7 24 0-0 ♕e7 25 ♖ae1 would have left White with a pretty powerful, ongoing initiative.

20 ♖xg5+ f6 21 ♗xf6 ♖xg7

Losing on the spot, but 21...♖d8 22 ♗xh7+ would surely have been decisive too, as shown by 22...♕e8 (or 22...♗d7 23 ♗f6+ ♕e7 24 ♗e4+ ♕f7 25 ♕e5!) 23 ♖g6+ ♗d7 24 ♗f6+ ♕e7 25 ♗e4, leaving only the attacking forces as a model of harmony.

22 ♖xg7+ ♗d6 23 ♗e8+ 1-0

Powerful play from Aagaard.

GOLDERS GREEN – Adam Raoof's monthly rapidplays continue to prove popular, as well as strong. On July 18th the Open was even won with an impressive 6/6.

Open: 1 Zhuo Ren Lim (Lewes) 6/6, 2 Adam

Taylor (Colchester) 5, 3-4 Jonathan Pein (Barnet), Subramanian Aravind (India) 4.

Major: 1-2 Benjamin Franklin (Battersea), Robert Stern (Albany) 5, 3 Rishul Karia (Barnet) 4½.

Minor: 1 Yu-Chin Lim (Harrow) 5½, 2 Ian Bush (Oxford) 5, 3-4 David McNish (Enfield), Salvatore Pepe (Hendon) 4½.

Amateur: 1 Alexander Evdokimov (London) 5½, 2 Adah Ogah (Harrow) 5, 3 David Bluestone (London) 4½.

Cambridge student Yang-Fan Zhou hasn't been seen too much this summer, but made a welcome return to action in the 8th August edition, claiming first prize in the top section.

Open: 1 Yang-Fan Zhou (South Norwood) 5½/6, 2-4 Peter Roberson (St Albans), Bo Lindberg (Sweden), Thomas Villiers (Muswell Hill) 4½.

Major: 1 Rohan Bansal (Lewisham) 5½, 2 Claudiu Puiu (Romania) 5, 3 Mark Littleton (Wimborne) 4½.

Minor: 1-3 Myroslav Sema (Oxford), Martin Stoykov (Bulgaria), John Ganey (S. Norwood) 4½.

Amateur: 1 Alejandro Garcia Oviedo (Spain) 5½, 2 Geoffrey Simms (Surbiton) 5, 3-4 Tony Bynnersley (London), Jeff Fleischer (Coulsdon) 4½.

LEEDS – The Leeds Congress (17-19 July) attracted a healthy entry, including the prolific Mike Surtees who enjoyed further success.

Open: 1-2 Mike Surtees (Bolton), Eric Gardner (Hull) 4/5, 3-6 Peter Shaw (Wakefield), Harry Li (Alwoodley), Jim Nicholson (Whixley), Martins Burns (Stockport) 3½.

Major: 1-2 Firas Almazedi (West Leeds), Francis Best (Shrewsbury) 4½, 3-7 Ben Scattergood (Holmes Chapel), Taran Jina (Harpending), Colin Proctor (Copperworks), Mick Connor (Great Lever), Peter Braham (Alwoodley) 3½.

Intermediate: 1 Andrew Ross (Rose Forgrove) 5, 2 Zana Aziz (Leeds) 3½, 3-7 David Tate (Ravenfield), Nigel Redmond (Pudsey), Roger Walker (Belper), Asha Jina (Harpending), Mate Ther (Harrogate) 3.

Minor: 1 Christopher Fraser (West Bridgford) 4½, 2-4 Nicholas Wright (Newcastle-under-Lyme), Colin Gardiner (Newmarket), Phil Shaughnessy (Urmston) 3½.



Mike Surtees shared first prize at the recent Leeds Congress and then followed it up with another share of first in the Over-65 section at the British Championships.

TEDDINGTON – Richard James celebrated his 65th birthday with friends at the Railway pub in Teddington on 28th July 2015, and also marked his 50th year of being a member of Richmond & Twickenham Chess Club, writes John Saunders. The former 'Addicts' columnist and renowned chess teacher is one of the most popular and respected people in the world of chess. Many of his friends celebrated with him, while notable chess artist Nette Robinson painted Richard's likeness and baked a chess cake to celebrate the occasion.



WARWICK UNIVERSITY – The British Chess Championships took place at the University of Warwick's campus on the edge of Coventry (25 July - 8 August).

Over-65: 1-6 Paul Bielby (South Shields), Paul Byway (Hertford), Roger Emerson (Guildford), David LeMoir (Fakenham), Kenneth Norman (Wokingham), Mike Surtees (Bolton) 4½/6; Ladies' Champion, Gillian Moore (Southampton) 3.

Over-50: 1-2 Nigel Povah (Guildford), Glenn House (Morecombe) 5/6, 3 John Pitcher (Birmingham) 4½.

Under-16: 1 Michael Ashworth (Wotton Hall) 5/7, 2-4 Billy Twigge-Molecey (Crowborough), Samuel Herring (Oundle), Taran Jina (Harpending) 4½.

Under-15: 1 Daniel Gallagher (Maldon) 5½/7, 2-5 Callum Brewer (Brighton), Elliot Cocks (Chelmsford), Joshua Fernandes (Gosforth), Girinath Haridas (Wimbledon) 5; Girls' Champion, Imogen Camp (Colwyn Bay) 4½.

Under-14: 1 Jake Holton (Witney) 5½/7, 2-6 Elliot Cocks (Chelmsford), Koby Kalavannan (Surbiton), Dominic Miller (Worthing), Anshu Ramaiya (Surrey), Max Turner (Berwick) 5; Girls' Champion, Imogen Camp (Colwyn Bay) 4½.

Under-13: 1 Koby Kalavannan (Surbiton) 6/7, 2 Nugith Jayawarna (Heywood) 5½, 3-5 Ilya Misyura (Westminster), Oscar Pollack (Hendon), Jonah Willow (West Nottingham) 5; Girls' Champion, Sharon Daniel (Wigan), Shayanna Sivarajasingam (Cardiff) 3½.



The Seniors sections of the British Championships continue to prove popular with 121 entrants in this year's editions. The Over-50 Championship finished in a tie between IM Nigel Povah (pictured above), and FM Glenn House (pictured below).



Under-12: 1-3 Mahima Raghavendra (Atherton, also the Girls' Champion), Aditya Verma (Ilford), Harvey Zhang (Crowthorne) 6/7.

Under-11: 1 Aditya Verma (Ilford) 7/7, 2-3 Chirag Guha (North Cardiff), Adithya Paleri (Watford) 5½; Girls' Champion, Nadia Jaufarally (Colchester) 5.

Under-10: 1 Venetia Sivarajasingham (Cardiff, also the Girls' Champion) 7/7, 2 Arjun Kolani (Hastings) 6, 3 Savin Dias (Herts) 5½.

Under-9: 1 Henry Yu (Wallington) 5½/6, 2-6 Ezra Brass, Michael Uriely, Jacob Yoon (all Barnet), Dhruv Radhakrishnan, Jeff Tomy (both Watford) 5; Girls' Champion, Anna Boyle (Cardiff), Navieinaah Haridas (Wimbledon), Radha Ratnesan (Surbiton), Hiya Ray (Newcastle-under-Lyme), Anum Sheikh (Ilford), Julia Volovich (Cambridge) 4.



A name for the future - Aditya Verma won the Under-11 section with a perfect score of 7/7. Here he is pictured receiving his prize from David Anderton.

Under-8: 1 Dhruv Radhakrishnan (Watford) 5½/6, 2-4 Samuel Beukes (Homefield), Joe Birks (Lancashire), Savin Dias (Herts) 5; Girls' Champion, Keerthana Easwar (India), Inaya Gandhi (Barnet), Radha Ratnesan (Surbiton) 4.

Under-180: 1-4 Richard Bryant (Oswestry), Jonathan Collins (Bury St Edmunds), Alex Rossiter (Bristol), Sandy Ruxton (Oxford) 4/5.

Under-160: 1 Rishul Karia (Barnet) 4½/5, 2-3 Nigel Livesey (Marple), Jonathan Wright (Richmond) 4.

Under-140: 1 Tim Herring (Oundle) 4½/5, 2-7 Stephen Emmerton (Fenton), David Gilbert (Sidcup), Kamlesh Karia (Hendon), Robert Marks (Sutton Coldfield), Neville Pearce (York), Clive Pemberton (South Birmingham) 4.

Under-120: 1-3 Timothy Allen (Battersea), Sean Doherty (Newdigate), Aman Gogna (Barnet) 4/5.

Over-65, Under-150: 1 Roy Hadfield (Leamington) 4½/5, 2-5 Peter Rawcliffe (Milton Keynes), Siegrun Macgilchrist (Carrick), Dinah Norman (Wokingham), Derek Simpson (Hemel Hempstead) 3½.

Over-50, Under-150: 1 Bruce Oliver (Bridlington) 4½/5, 2-3 Andrew Costeloe (Muswell Hill), David Gilbert (Sidcup) 4.

Major Open: 1 Tamas Fodor (Hendon) 9½/11, 2-3 Oliver Gill (Southampton), Nathan Talbot (Wigan) 8.

Week One, Morning: 1 Philip Crocker (London) 4/5, 2-7 Tihana Ivekovic (Croatia), Ali Jaunooby (Denton), Tim Kett (Cardiff), Jim Nicholson (Whitley), David Onley (Combined Services), Mike Surtees (Bolton) 3½.

Week One, Afternoon: 1-4 Joseph Dalton (Jesmond), Alex Freeland, Tim Kett (both Cardiff), Sam Walker (Durham) 4/5.

Week Two, Morning: 1-4 Philip Crocker (London), Chris Davison (Cambridge), Glenn House (Morecombe), Graham Moore (Ipswich) 4/5.

Week Two, Afternoon: 1 Jonathan Wells (North Norfolk) 4½/5, 2-6 Chris Davison (Cambridge), Timothy Foster (Guildford), Max French (Street), Ioana Gelip (Romania), Colin Ramage (Barking) 4.

Rapidplay Open: 1-2 Peter Batchelor (Willesden), Mike Surtees (Bolton) 8½/11, 3 Agoston Mihalik (South Birmingham) 8.

Rapidplay Under-150: 1 Elliot Cocks (Chelmsford) 10/11, 2 Matthew Wilson (Newton Abbot) 8, 3 Nicholas Mahoney (Barnby Dun) 7½.

Rapidplay Under-125: 1 Stephen Crockett (Redditch) 9/11, 2-3 Omar Jassim, Jonathan Mahoney (Leeds) 8.

Weekend Atkins: 1 John Carleton (Chester) 5/5, 2 William Claridge-Hansen (Aylesbury) 4½, 3-12 Mike Basman (Surbiton), Philip Crocker, Paul Dargan (both London), Graham Moore (Ipswich), Christopher Archer-Lock (Maidenhead), Tan Ken Wei, Jonathan Wells (North Norfolk), Chris Doran (Chester), Samuel Walker (Durham), Nicholas Fordham (Streatham) 3½.

Weekend Soanes: 1 Sherif Gonem (Braunstone) 4½/5, 2-3 Dean Hartley (Amber Valley), Saravanna Manickam (Coventry) 3½.

Weekend Yates: 1 Stephen Crockett (Redditch) 5/5, 2 Hambel Willow (West Nottingham) 4½, 3-6 Arnold Kirkland (Droitwich), Reece Whittington (Exeter), Neal Fisher (Peterborough), Mark Smith (Edinburgh) 4.



Nathan Talbot (Wigan Knights) finished equal second in the Major Open, adding a massive 76 points to his current rating of 2035. Nathan was competing in the event alongside his similarly rated, older brother, Mark, whom he managed to defeat in the fifth round.

Aside from its Hungarian GM winner, the Major Open was sadly once again a pale shadow of its former self, whereas in contrast the Seniors events were all a success. Indeed, the presence of some of the Over-50s and even Over-65s Champions would have strengthened the Championship proper. Top seeds IM Nigel Povah and FM Glenn House eventually tied for first in the former, while the latter saw a number of brutal attacks.

K.Norman-A.Summers

British Over-65 Championship 2015



While ugly, 27 f3 f5 would at least enable Black to plug lines, so Norman preferred to sacrifice.

27 f3 !! f5

Perhaps not the best defence, but Black was a goner in any case as 27...fxg6 28 f3 unfurls a vicious double threat. 28...d7 covers the more pressing issue, but after 29 f7+ g8 30 f6 ! there's no defence, as shown by 30...f8 (or 30...c7 31 xe6 c8 32 fxg6+ dxc6 33 fxg6+ f8 34 e4) 31 fxg6+ ! h7 (31...dxc6 32 fxg6+ h8 33 fxh5+ g8 34 g6+ h8 35 f6+ g8 36 e4 mates) 32 fxe6+ f5 33 d6 and Black has to resign in view of his seriously ill coordinated forces.

28 fx7 !! xf7 29 fx7 xf7 30 f3+ d6

30...g7 31 xe6 d6 32 f5 would have been equally crushing, and if 32...c8 33 g5+ .

31 f7+ 1-0

M.Surtees-N.Hutchinson

British Over-65 Championship 2015
Caro-Kann Defence

1 e4 c6 2 d2 d5 3 e5

A Surtees speciality. Now 3...d4! is an excellent way to cross White's plans; Hutchinson prefers something more conventional.

3...c5 4 b4 !? cxb4 5 a3 b3

A reasonable try to cross White's intentions. More common is 5...dxc6 6 d4 , after which 6...e6 7 axb4 xb4+ 8 c3 a5 9 d3 d7 10 d5 ! led to a famous miniature in the Championship proper,

Surtees-Houska, Liverpool 2008.

6 cxb3 d4 7 d2 g1 !



Classic Surtees. White ignores standard opening conventions to place his king's knight on its best square, not worrying about the loss of time involved.

7...d5?!

Creative in kind, but 7...dxc6 8 d3 (or 8 f4 f5) 8...g4 would have been more to the point.

8 d3 c6 9 c4 c5 ?!

This runs into a strong pawn sacrifice. Having said 'A', Black really had to say 'B' with 9...e4+.

10 0-0! fxe5 11 fxe5 fxe5 12 e1 d6 13 a4 !

An important square clearance. Suddenly Black's position doesn't look so pleasant with White's queenside pieces set to zoom into play.

13...d7? 14 f3 g6 15 xb7 ! c6

This was the point behind Black's sloppy 13th, but Surtees has assessed the resulting position much the better.

16 xc6+ xc6 17 b5 c8 18 b2



White's lead in development continues to pose major difficulties and now Black quickly collapses.

18...d3 19 c1 d7 20 a3 a6 21 xc6 xc6 22 xc6+ xc6 23 c1+ b7 ? 24 d4 f6 25 a5+ b8 26 d6+ 1-0

The knight will land on f7 as 26...a8 27 d8 d6 28 c8+ a7 29 d4 would be mate. Who would have thought after seven moves that only White would complete development and make full use of all his pieces?



A little bird just told me

A round-up of what the top players and chess personalities have been saying on Twitter

Keith Arkell - @Atomrod

Gave everything, even playing Sicilian instead of Caro. It wasn't to be, but congrats to my opponent Jonathan Hawkins, British Champion!

David Howell - @DavidHowellGM

I was mentally weak today, and everything just felt wrong this fortnight. But many congratulations to Jonathan Hawkins, a worthy champion.

Daniel Gormally - @elgransenor1

I'm like the Jimmy White of British chess. Hawkins is Stephen Hendry :D

Mark Talbot - @Mark7albot

On way back from the best British chess championships yet. #britishchess

Nigel Short - @nigelshortchess

I have no idea what David Navara is smoking, but I would like some too. #crazykingmarch

Gawain Jones - @GMGawain

After 8 rounds of the #PolitikenCup I've played a grand total of 67 moves with Black and 285 with White. Another tournament with no draws.

Peter Doggers - @peterdoggers

Haven't felt the good old excitement about an upcoming opening book for a while, but @GMGawain spurred some!

Millionaire Chess - @HighStakesChess

We are still very thrilled with the great news of @FabianoCaruana taking part in our tournament!

Anish Giri - @anishgiri

Back to the usual 12 hour long working day. Feeling great. #chess #chess

Hikaru Nakamura - @GMHikaru

Fun fact of the day: I am 12.5% German, 12.5% Swedish, 50% Japanese and 25% mix of randomness!

Stefan Löffler @StefanLoeffler

For the first time half of top ten in chess not from Europe, as Ding overtakes Aronian in live ratings www.2700chess.com #eurocrisis



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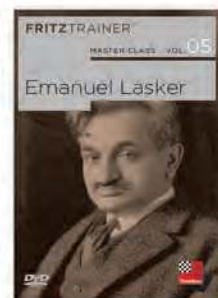
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