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BRITISH KNOCKOUT QUARTER-FINALS: BIG FOUR JOIN THE FRAY

- England top 4 Mickey Adams, David Howell, Gawain Jones and Luke McShane join the British Knockout Championship at the quarter-final stage.
- They join four qualifiers from Round 1, including giant-killing IMs Alan Merry and Ravi Haria, who knocked out GMs John Nunn and Matthew Turner, respectively.

LONDON (December 9, 2018) - England Olympiad team members Mickey Adams, David Howell, Gawain Jones and Luke McShane join the Quarter-Final stage today. **Live coverage** is available on the [London Chess Classic](http://www.londonchessclassic.com) website.



Mickey Adams GM 2706



David Howell GM 2697



Gawain Jones GM 2683



Luke McShane GM 2667

Quarter Finals (Sunday Dec. 9) *(First-named player is White in Game 1)*

1	Simon Williams	v	Mickey Adams
2	David Howell	v	Ravi Haria
3	Gawain Jones	v	Alan Merry
4	Jonathan Hawkins	v	Luke McShane

Round 1 saw two underdogs triumph: Alan Merry defeated John Nunn in their Armageddon playoff game, while Ravi Haria beat Matthew Turner 2-0 in their tie-break games.

Jonathan Hawkins beat Jovanka Houska in the tie-breaks, but only after Jovanka forced a playoff with a win in Classical Game 2. Meanwhile, Simon Williams beat Harriet Hunt 1.5-0.5 in their Classical match.

Quarter-Final Schedule:

Game 1: 1100 - 1500; Game 2: 1600 - 2000; Playoffs: 2030 - 2200.

Time limits:

Classical games: 90 mins plus 30 secs per move increment throughout.

Playoffs (2 games): 10 mins plus 5 secs per move increment throughout. If still undecided, Armageddon game 5 mins v 4 mins, with 2 secs increment per move from move 61.

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