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Introduction

There is an unusually large amount of news this week – two county matches, Handicap KO results, league results and LMC minutes – so this issue is four pages long instead of the usual two.

Ampleforth Junior Masters

The Notts Juniors' final scores were: Ankush Khandelwal 5; Kishan Lakhani and Amisha Parmar 3½; Michael Keetley 3; Toby Thurgood 2½; Anjali Lakhani and Peter Keetley 2; Jyoti Parmar 1. Amisha won the Game of the Round prize in Round 4.

County U125 Championship: Leics – Notts A

Derek Cronshaw

Two closely matched sides played out an appropriately close contest at Syston on 29 October. All games were keenly contested; our top boards did us proud by scoring 4½ points out of a possible 7.

The Notts captain scored an early win after offering a pawn for a ferocious attack and other wins were scored by Mick Harper, Len Darby and Darran Ince, until, with two games to go, we needed 1 point to secure the match. Dave Dunne did for his opponent (pun intended) and it was left to our young Vietnamese star, Gavin, to demonstrate his exemplary endgame technique in a same-colour bishop ending.

Leicestershire U125 – Nottinghamshire U125 A 29 October 2005

Board	Grade	Score	Grade
1 P. Harrison	(124)	½–½	M. Nailard (121)
2 L. Turner	(124)	0–1	N. Minh Ngoc (–)
3 T. Lee	(122)	½–½	A. Carlton (121)
4 C. Johnson	(119)	0–1	D. Ince (119)
5 A. Robinson	(117)	1–0	R. Willoughby (111)
6 S. Smith	(117)	0–1	M. Harper (107)
7 R. Toon	(110)	½–½	D. Griffiths (106)
8 D. Ward	(109)	1–0	I. Filingham (103)
9 R. Stone	(103)	1–0	Default
10 P. Cresswell	(105)	0–1	D. Cronshaw (105)
11 T. Pinckard	(107)	1–0	D. Lin (104)
12 B. Radesk	(101)	0–1	D. Dunne (99)
13 G. Hewitt	(100)	½–½	O. Exton (98)
14 T. Clay	(96)	0–1	L. Darby (97)
15 R. King	(88)	1–0	E. Williamson (96)
16 S. Preocanin	(78)	½–½	P. Smith (87)

7½–8½

County U125 Championship: Derbys – Notts B

Neil Graham

Derbyshire had begun the Under 125 zonal matches by playing with only 14 players against Leicestershire and being

comprehensively beaten. Against Nottinghamshire B, the home side were one player over-subscribed but were still outgraded throughout. Nottinghamshire were eventually all present, including one player who had forgotten but was, fortunately, local, and an extra player who turned up at Syston!

However, the vagaries of the grading system were, as usual, highlighted in that Notts had a last-gasp victory. The match started well enough with a quick win for Jonathan Day, and soon Notts had established a 3½–½ lead. Then the results began to change – top board Bob Taylor capitulated and Ian Harris, who had been a piece down for a considerable time, also lost, and by the time 12 boards were declared, Derbyshire had taken a 6½–5½ lead after several prospective extra half points looked to have been lost by the visitors. However, both Graham Gibson and Richard Myers converted their advantages to wins and then Colin Tribe drew in a game of fluctuating fortunes to give Notts an 8–7 lead.

The final game to finish involved Alan Robinson and Roger Walker. Alan's clock management had just about seen him through the first time control, but resulted in the loss of a piece immediately afterwards. With two advancing central connected passed pawns, the Ashfield player managed to create enough threats to force his opponent to repeat moves with only seconds left on the Nottinghamshire clock. A more mercenary opponent could well have played on secure in the knowledge that there was insufficient time for Alan to have done anything other than lose on time. So a win for Notts B, with Leicestershire to play in a qualifying decider.

Finally, the player from Syston, Hamzah Ali, did arrive at the venue and played a graded game with Derbyshire's extra

Derbyshire U125 – Nottinghamshire U125 B 29 October 2005

Board	Grade	Score	Grade
1 David Hoddy	124	1–0	Bob Taylor 124
2 Paul O'Flanagan	114	½–½	Colin Tribe 124
3 Barry Archer	112	1–0	Ian Harris 122
4 Doug Bramley	101	½–½	Benny Lim 120
5 Roger Walker	97	½–½	Alan Robinson 114
6 Ron Harrison	97	½–½	Ray Sayer 109
7 Sally McIntosh	96	0–1	Alan Morrey 108
8 Graham Pace	96	0–1	Richard Myers 107
9 P. Sheldon	89	0–1	Norman Davies 104
10 Howard Bradbury	88	0–1	Graham Gibson 99
11 Nigel Marshall	88	½–½	Amar Mann 95
12 Nigel Wright	87	0–1	Jonathan Day 99
13 Phil Smith	78	½–½	Anthony Rourke 98
14 M. J. Orridge	84	1–0	Matthew Moore 88
15 John Waller	72	½–½	Paul Todd 85
16 Steve Watson	–	1–0	Edwin Justice 76

7½–8½

player, which the Nottinghamshire junior won. The mix-up was entirely due to a communication problem between the captain and the player's parents and my inability to remember the difference between Leicestershire and Derbyshire.

Handicap Knockout

Results from four of the eight first round matches are in. Fiveways, West Nottingham Nightmare, Gambit Boys and Bigmat Yobs are through to Round 2.

Round 1

West Nottingham Daydream – Fiveways

Fiveways		B1	B2	B3	Total	
A1	Flynn, D.	(137)	0	1	1	2
A2	Best, I.	(116)	0	½	1	1½
A3	Thorsen, A.	(104)	½	0	1	1½
					5	

West Nottingham Daydream		A1	A2	A3	Total	
B1	Grewal, B.	(178)	1	1	½	2½
B2	Collins, J.	(136)	0	½	1	1½
B3	Willoughby, R.	(111)	0	0	0	0
					4	

West Nottingham Nightmare – Radcliffe Rockets

West Nottingham Nightmare		B1	B2	B3	Total	
A1	Minh Ngoc, N.	(145e)	1	1	1	3
A2	Kingston, I.	(144)	1	1	1	3
A3	Burley, P.	(115)	½	1	½	2
					8	

Radcliffe Rockets		A1	A2	A3	Total	
B1	Day, T.	(154)	0	0	½	½
B2	Murfet, G.	(131)	0	0	0	0
B3	Taylor, M.	(126)	0	0	½	½
					1	

Gambit Boys – West Nottingham Fantasy

West Nottingham Fantasy		B1	B2	B3	Total	
A1	Lin, D.	(104)	0	0	0	0
A2	Day, J.	(99)	0	0	1	1
A3	Crawley, J.	(78)	0	0	½	½
					1½	

Gambit Boys		A1	A2	A3	Total	
B1	Mercs, P.	(172)	1	1	1	3
B2	Roper, K.	(125)	1	1	1	3
B3	Carlton, A.	(121)	1	0	½	1½
					7½	

Bingham Bombers – Bigmat Yobs

Bingham Bombers		B1	B2	B3	Total	
A1	London, N.	(131)	0	0	½	½
A2	Nailard, M.	(121)	½	0	0	½
A3	Redburn, B.	(95)	0	0	1	1
					2	

Bigmat Yobs		A1	A2	A3	Total	
B1	Barnes, M.	(190)	1	½	1	2½
B2	Sudar, D.	(131)	1	1	1	3
B3	Prescott, J.	(102)	½	1	0	1½
					7	

League results

Following the week's break for the first round of the Handicap KO, all outstanding league results are now in and the league tables, at least until Monday night, are up to date.

Division 1

Mansfield 1 – West Bridgford 1							
1	Tait, J.	(194)	0	–	1	Richmond, R.	(188)
2	Cantrill, C.	(150)	0	–	1	Truman, R.	(164)
3	Morrison, K.	(159)	½	–	½	Thompson, B.	(156)
4	Wagenbach, J.	(133)	1	–	0	Lavelle, T.	(113)
5	Oldham, B.	(128)	1	–	0	Hill, F.	(107)
					2½	–	2½

Division 2

Radcliffe & Bingham 1 – Nomads 1							
1	Day, T.	(154)	0	–	1	Khandelwal, A.	(177)
2	London, N.	(133)	½	–	½	Hill, M.	(134)
3	Murfet, G.	(131)	0	–	1	Kendall, T.	(119)
4	Toms, D.	(131)	1	–	0	Troubridge, P.	(104)
5	Nailard, M.	(121)	1	–	0	Potter, J.	(–)
					2½	–	2½

Grantham 1 – Radcliffe & Bingham 1

1	Payne, N.	(168)	1	–	0	Buttery, J.	(84)
2	Pierbattisti, G.	(141)	1	–	0	Taylor, M.	(126)
3	Holt, C.	(128)	1	–	0	Murfet, G.	(131)
4	Palmer, T.	(107)	1	–	0	Nailard, M.	(121)
5	Mason, B.	(102)	1	–	0	Morrell, L.	(89)
					5	–	0

Division 3

Nomads 2 – University 3							
1	Marriott, R.	(131)	0	–	1	Tassi, J.	(137)
2	Troubridge, P.	(104)	0	–	1	Chilton, J.	(128)
3	Exton, O.	(98)	½	–	½	Jones, D.	(–)
4	Cronshaw, D.	(105)	0	–	1	Jacobs, P.	(98)
5	Darby, L.	(97)	0	–	1	Bardsley, C.	(–)
					½	–	4½

Bunkers 2 – Mansfield 2

1	Jennings, G.	(133)	1	–	0	Wagenbach, J.	(133)
2	Lim, B.	(120)	½	–	½	Oldham, B.	(128)
3	Spencer, A.	(106)	0	–	1	Smith, V.	(119)
4	Harvey, K.	(138)	1	–	0	Default	(–)
5	Moore, M.	(88)	1	–	0	Default	(–)
					3	–	2

Division 4

No matches this week.

Division 5

University 4 – Long Eaton 3							
1	Davies, P.	(–)	0	–	1	Bryce, W.	(71)
2	Hamby, S.	(–)	0	–	1	Bentley, A.	(50)
3	Ferris, S.	(–)	1	–	0	Carr, W.	(–)
4	Ashworth, B.	(–)	0	–	1	Robins, C.	(–)
					1	–	3

University 4 – Long Eaton 2

1 Evans, M.	(77)	0	-	1	Lakhani, A.	(101)
2 Zhou, S.	(-)	1	-	0	Moss, R.	(79)
3 Hamby, S.	(-)	1	-	0	Robins, R.	(-)
4 Jones, D.	(-)	1	-	0	Bentley, A.	(50)
		3	-	1		

West Bridgford 2 – University 4

1 Hill, F.	(107)	1	-	0	Yang, J.	(104)
2 Milford, M.	(66)	1	-	0	Dimude, M.	(-)
3 Bradwell, F.	(73)	1	-	0	Gayle, M.	(-)
4 Tys, S.	(68)	1	-	0	Keene, E.	(-)
		4	-	4		

Bunkers 4 – Long Eaton 2

1 Cairney, K.	(-)	0	-	1	Davies, N.	(-)
2 James, M.	(0)	0	-	1	Somers, M.	(-)
3 Collins, A.	(-)	0	-	1	Bentley, A.	(50)
4 <i>Default</i>	(-)	½	-	½	<i>Default</i>	(-)
		½	-	3½		

League tables**Division 1**

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Gambit 1	4	3	1	0	11½	8½	3	0	7
2 Ashfield 1	4	2	1	1	12	8	4	0	5
3 Mansfield 1	3	2	1	0	8½	6½	2	0	5
4 Newark 1	4	2	1	1	11	9	2	0	5
5 West Nottingham 1	4	2	0	2	11	9	2	0	4
6 Gambit 2	4	0	3	1	9½	10½	-1	0	3
7 University 1	3	1	0	2	5½	9½	-4	0	2
8 West Bridgford 1	5	0	2	3	9½	15½	-6	0	2
9 University 2	3	0	1	2	6½	8½	-2	0	1

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Grantham 1	5	4	1	0	17½	7½	10	0	9
2 Bunkers 1	3	3	0	0	12	3	9	0	6
3 Long Eaton 1	4	3	0	1	13½	6½	7	0	6
4 West Nottingham 2	4	3	0	1	12	8	4	0	6
5 Nomads 1	4	0	2	2	8	12	-4	0	2
6 Ashfield 2	4	0	1	3	7	13	-6	0	1
7 Fiveways 1	4	0	1	3	5	15	-10	0	1
8 Radcliffe & Bingham 1	4	0	1	3	5	15	-10	0	1

Division 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Ashfield 3	4	3	0	1	13½	6½	7	0	6
2 Gambit 3	3	3	0	0	9½	5½	4	0	6
3 Fiveways 2	4	1	2	1	10	10	0	0	4
4 Bunkers 2	3	1	1	1	7½	7½	0	0	3
5 Mansfield 2	4	1	1	2	9	11	-2	0	3
6 Ashfield 4	4	1	0	3	9	11	-2	0	2
7 Nomads 2	3	1	0	2	5½	9½	-4	0	2
8 University 3	3	1	0	2	6	9	-3	-2	0

Division 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Newark 2	3	3	0	0	12½	2½	10	0	6
2 Ashfield 5	4	3	0	1	11	9	2	0	6
3 West Nottingham 3	3	2	0	1	9	6	3	0	4
4 Nomads 3	3	1	1	1	7½	7½	0	0	3
5 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	2	1	0	1	4½	5½	-1	0	2
6 West Nottingham 4	3	1	0	2	7	8	-1	0	2
7 Gambit 4	4	0	2	2	7½	12½	-5	0	2
8 Bunkers 3	4	0	1	3	6	14	-8	0	1

Division 5

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Long Eaton 3	5	3	1	1	10	10	0	0	7
2 West Bridgford 2	3	3	0	0	11	1	10	0	6
3 Gambit 5	4	2	1	1	9	7	2	0	5
4 Grantham 2	4	2	0	2	9½	6½	3	0	4
5 West Nottingham 5	4	1	1	2	7	9	-2	0	3
6 West Nottingham 6	4	1	1	2	6½	9½	-3	0	3
7 Long Eaton 2	4	1	0	3	7	9	-2	0	2
8 Bunkers 4	3	1	0	2	4	8	-4	0	2
9 University 4	3	1	0	2	4	8	-4	0	2

League Management Committee Minutes

The minutes of LCM meetings will be published in Notts News from now on. You can also read them on the web site.

Minutes of the LMC meeting held at Gambit Chess Club on 19/07/2005

Present: Wallace Bryce (WB), Steve Burke (SB), Ian Fillingham (IF), Maurice Hill (MH), David Levens (DL), Alex Posazhennikov (AP), Drag Sudar (DS)

Maurice Hill was elected chairman.

Minutes of the meeting on 22/03/2005

DS was asked to refer in the fixtures handbook to the rules regarding the fall of the flag and the recording of moves.

SB said that he and Marcel Taylor (a member of the previous LMC) were disappointed that at the rules revision meeting (RRM) in June 2005 members of the LMC had voted against a proposal (Schedule F) that they had supported in principle at the meeting in March, and he felt that the LMC members should support proposals made on behalf of the LMC. There was sympathy with that view but some agreed that it was possible for people to change their mind between an LMC meeting and the RRM, or during the RRM.

League entries

DS reported that all 13 clubs had eventually submitted their entries and that 41 teams had been entered with West Bridgford and Grantham both asking that their 2nd team be placed in the lowest division.

The LMC decided upon a league structure of 5 divisions with 9, 8, 8, 8 & 8 teams in them (details can be found in the fixtures handbook issued last August to clubs and captains). DS suggested that the 1st division should be reduced to 8 teams but the LMC decided against.

Rule B8 – Exemption from quick play finishes

DS reported that only 2 clubs had remembered to reapply for exemptions from quick play finishes for the members of their clubs that had had the exemption in the previous season. DS had prompted the other 4 clubs (as he wanted to avoid those clubs making the application in September when they realised the players were no longer exempt) who then made the requests. After some discussion, although there was a general consensus that most of the 6 should not be exempt, the LMC reluctantly decided to grant exemptions to all 6 players feeling it would be unfair to remove exemptions that had been granted for a number of years.

A request by Radcliffe & Bingham for exemption for D. Toms was rejected. The LMC agreed that managing time on the clock was each player's responsibility and an integral part of league chess.

Any other business

MH asked DS to mention in the fixtures handbook that Nomads had lost money due to having to hire a room for a match only for the opponents to default.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.