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County U125 Championship: Notts A – Staffordshire

Derek Cronshaw

The Notts U125 A team won their semi-final match against Staffs by 9–7 at Spondon on 28 January and will play Warwickshire in the Midlands final.

Outgraded on all but two boards, the performance of the top four boards and of the juniors was noteworthy. Rob Willoughby made a welcome return to form, defeating Staffs' highest graded player, whilst his fellow club member, Phillip Burley, used the Morra Gambit to good effect against a very defensively minded player. Mike Nailard's was the first game to finish: a kingside attack winning the exchange and leaving two rooks dominant on the 7th. The ever-reliable Austin Carlton turned in a solid draw – three and a half points out of four!

More than a quarter of the team is made up of juniors: I am very proud of them and so is Notts. Toby Thurgood played an English Opening with great positional insight and was coolness itself under mate-in-one threats. Oliver Exton won a sharp dynamic tactical battle and Ted Pynegar made his opponent fight every inch of a long battle, only to be defeated by the clock in the end. Daniel Lin was the first to post a win, his opponent having locked his keys in his car and failing to make the venue. Daniel's smile said it all, and was a great morale booster. Eric Williamson played a difficult minor piece ending that was admired and praised by the senior players of both teams for its maturity and skill. Well done lads!

Please note the date of the final: Saturday 25 February.

Nottinghamshire U125 A – Staffordshire U125 28 January 2006

Board	Grade	Score	Grade
1 M. Nailard	121	1–0 J. Day	118
2 A. Carlton	121	½–½ S. Harris	120
3 P. Burley	115	1–0 K. Francis	116
4 R. Willoughby	111	1–0 R. Daniels	122
5 M. Harper	107	0–1 P. Leary	118
6 L. Bowen	106	0–1 D. Daniels	115
7 T. Thurgood	105	½–½ M. Wotton	113
8 D. Cronshaw	105	1–0 G. Rosser	113
9 D. Lin	104	1–0 <i>Default</i>	–
10 I. Fillingham	103	0–1 A. Stott	110
11 D. Dunne	99	½–½ A. Dobson	104
12 O. Exton	98	1–0 P. Broomhall	104
13 L. Darby	97	½–½ J. Montague	104
14 E. Pynegar	96	0–1 K. Jones	100
15 E. Williamson	96	1–0 S. Cooksey	100
16 P. Smith	87	0–1 P. Shaw	98
		9–7	

John Robinson

Neil Graham

The English Chess Federation has announced the death of John Robinson of Northamptonshire, who died peacefully in his sleep on 1 February after being taken seriously ill before Christmas.

John has acted as Chief Arbiter at the Nottingham Congress over a number of years and his other numerous duties have included British Championship Secretary and Events Director of the MCCU.

He was also one of the three chief arbiters of the 4NCL and his death follows that of the other chief arbiters Richard Furness in 2004 and Steve Boniface in October 2005.

Nottinghamshire County Championship

The County Championship will be held at The Summit Centre, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, on 1–2 April. More details to follow.

Gibtelecom Chess Festival, Gibraltar

Neil Graham writes to say that Bob Taylor (Ashfield) and Darran Ince (Nomads) have forsaken the English winter temporarily to compete at the Gibtelecom Chess Festival (<http://www.gibraltarchesscongress.com/>) in Gibraltar. Both played in the Challengers Week One competition, Darran scoring 3/5 and Bob 2/5. Neil comments: 'Both live in Mansfield so they must have been pretty fed up to find themselves paired together in the last round!'

Cleveland Congress

Ray Sayer (Ashfield) finished 2= in the Minor Section of the Cleveland Congress (20–22 January) with 4/5.

Handicap Knockout

The second round took place this week. The semi-final line up is Fiveways–Bigmat Yobs and West Nottingham Nightmare–The League Champions; dates and venues to be decided.

Bunkers A – West Nottingham Nightmare

Bunkers A	B1	B2	B3	Total	
A1 Brameld, K.	(142)	1	0	1	2
A2 Harvey, K.	(138)	0	0	0	0
A3 Radford, M.	(120)	0	1	½	1½
				3½	
West Nottingham Nightmare	A1	A2	A3		
B1 Nguyen, M. N.	(175e)	0	1	1	2
B2 Kingston, I.	(144)	1	1	0	2
B3 Burley, P.	(115)	0	1	½	1½
				5½	

Ashfield Astra – Bigmat Yobs

Bigmat Yobs		B1	B2	B3	Total
A1 Barnes, M.	(190)	1	½	1	2½
A2 Wright, A. J.	(134)	1	0	1	2
A3 Gibson, G.	(99)	0	0	0	0
					4½

Ashfield Astra		A1	A2	A3	Total
B1 Halfpenny, G.	(175)	0	0	1	1
B2 Webster, R.	(154)	½	1	1	2½
B3 Morgan, P.	(128)	0	0	1	1
					4½

Bigmat Yobs win as lower-graded team

Fiveways – Ashfield Allstars

Ashfield Allstars		B1	B2	B3	Total
A1 Morrey, A.	(108)	0	0	0	0
A2 Jackson, M.	(108)	½	0	0	½
A3 Potter, C.	(87)	1	1	1	3
					3½

Fiveways		A1	A2	A3	Total
B1 Flynn, D.	(137)	1	½	0	1½
B2 Bhayat, S.	(127)	1	1	0	2
B3 Thorsen, A.	(104)	1	1	0	2
					5½

The League Champions – Gambit Boys

Gambit Boys		B1	B2	B3	Total
A1 Mercs, P.	(172)	0	0	1	1
A2 Roper, K.	(126)	0	0	0	0
A3 Carlton, A.	(121)	0	0	0	0
					1

The League Champions		A1	A2	A3	Total
B1 Tait, J.	(194)	1	1	1	3
B2 Morrison, K.	(159)	1	1	1	3
B3 Wagenbach, J.	(133)	0	1	1	2
					8

Nottingham Rapidplay: 12 March Nottingham Congress: 22–23 April

Both at Bramcote Hills Sport and Community College,
Moor Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3GA

Entry forms from the NCA web site (<http://www.nottschess.org/>) or Congress Secretary Tony Wright (0115 917 2468)

League results

Division 1

No results this week.

Division 2

Grantham 1 – Ashfield 2

1 Payne, N.	(168)	1	–	0	Morgan, D.	(128)
2 Pierbattisti, G.	(141)	1	–	0	Robinson, A.	(114)
3 Holt, C.	(128)	½	–	½	Cranmer, S.	(132)
4 Mason, B.	(102)	0	–	1	Sayer, R.	(109)
5 Smith, P.	(78)	0	–	1	Lewis, T.	(109)

2½ – 2½

Division 3

No results this week.

Division 4

Newark 2 – West Nottingham 4

1 Aiton, K.	(129)	0	–	1	Messam-Sparks, L.	(107)
2 Combie, A.	(126)	1	–	0	Day, J.	(99)
3 Myers, R.	(107)	½	–	½	Williamson, E.	(96)
4 Harper, G.	(78)	1	–	0	Clegg, T.	(49)
5 Wollerton, G.	(132)	1	–	0	Default	(–)

3½ – 1½

Division 5

No results this week

League tables

Just the updated divisions. See last week's issue or the website for Divisions 1, 3 and 5.

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Bunkers 1	9	7	1	1	30½	14½	16	0	15
2 West Nottingham 2	8	6	1	1	25½	14½	11	0	13
3 Grantham 1	9	5	3	1	27	18	9	0	13
4 Nomads 1	9	2	3	4	19½	25½	–6	0	7
5 Ashfield 2	9	2	2	5	19	26	–7	0	6
6 Long Eaton 1	9	4	0	5	22½	22½	0	–4	4
7 Radcliffe & Bingham 1	8	1	2	5	16½	23½	–7	0	4
8 Fiveways 1	9	1	2	6	14½	30½	–16	0	4

Division 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Newark 2	9	9	0	0	32½	12½	20	0	18
2 West Nottingham 3	9	5	1	3	25	20	5	0	11
3 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	9	5	0	4	25	20	5	0	10
4 Ashfield 5	9	5	0	4	21	24	–3	0	10
5 Gambit 4	9	3	3	3	22½	22½	0	0	9
6 Nomads 3	9	3	2	4	24	21	3	0	8
7 West Nottingham 4	9	2	1	6	17	28	–11	0	5
8 Bunkers 3	9	0	1	8	13	32	–19	0	1