

Notts News

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Introduction

Two reminders: there is still time to enter the County Championship (see box for details); and contributions for discussion about possible rule changes (see last week's item) in advance of the Rules Revision Meeting are invited.

17th Nottingham Rapidplay

This year's Nottingham Rapidplay was a success in its new home, with numbers up on last year. Local players won or shared first prize in all three sections. Prizewinners:

Open

- ◆ *1st equal:* M. Barnes (Gambit) and A. Byron (Wigston); £115 each

Major

- ◆ *1st:* A. Parmar (West Nottingham); £120
- ◆ *2nd:* T. Robinson (Redditch); £70

Minor

- ◆ *1st:* D. Lin (West Nottingham); £120
- ◆ *2nd equal:* P. Blackburn (Rugby), A. Littlewood (Rotherham Juniors), A. Draper (Birmingham Settlement) and D. Broughton (West Bridgford); £17.50 each

County U150 Championship: Staffs–Notts

Neil Graham

Notts had the bye in the fourth round of the above competition. Prior to the fourth round there were some 24 different possible outcomes, with all the five counties competing still in with a chance. The results from that round did not favour Notts – Leicestershire beat Warwickshire 8½–7½, whilst Staffordshire drew 8–8 with Greater Manchester. Without dwelling too much on the outcome of these matches, Notts entered the final round knowing that only a win against Staffordshire would suffice, but that their chances of progressing to the national finals were slim. The other remaining match was between Manchester and Leicestershire – a victory by either side would see them through to the final stages, whilst only the unlikeliest of results – a fourth successive draw for Manchester – would mean Notts could go forward. Warwickshire, meanwhile, could sit at home secure that despite their loss to Leicestershire they would qualify because of the arcane MCCU rules on tie breaks.

Notts were slightly weaker than normal and on paper the two teams were evenly matched; the grading difference between the teams being a matter of single points when added together. As it was, Notts took the lead and after eight results had established a 5½–2½ lead thanks to wins from Kevin Harvey and three Ashfield players. The half points continued to drift in, but Staffordshire started to pick up wins. After 13 boards were declared, the Notts lead had been cut to 7–6, with three Gambit players left to either win or lose the match. Drag Sudar duly obliged with a win and eventually

Brian Hayward, realising we led 8–6, agreed the draw to give us the match. I'm afraid I sloped off home then, convinced that Tony Wright's game would yield nothing more than a draw, only to find that he had engineered an unlikely win to give us a 9½–6½ victory.

Another unlikely scenario awaited me at home – Leicestershire and Greater Manchester had drawn their match after Leicestershire won three of the last four games to finish. Thus Notts had not only qualified, they had also retained the Midlands title. Here are the final placings:

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Tie break
Nottinghamshire	4	2	1	1	5	18–14
Warwickshire	4	2	1	1	5	17–13
Leicestershire	4	2	1	1	4	13–17
Greater Manchester	4	0	4	0	4	
Staffordshire	4	0	1	3	1	

The quarter-finals are on 20 May – hopefully we haven't expended all our luck in the Midland stages.

Staffordshire U150 – Nottinghamshire U150 18 March 2006

Board	Grade	Score	Grade
1	Stephane Pedder 148	½–½	Tim Lane 148
2	Martyn Harris 145	½–½	Brian Hayward 148
3	Derek Laight 144	½–½	Steve Hunter 140
4	Philip Porter 140	1–0	Keith Walters 140
5	Andrew Leadbetter 137	0–1	Kevin Harvey 138
6	Frank Wood 137	½–½	John Tassi 137
7	Steve Hill 134	0–1	Tony Wright 134
8	Manoy Arora 133	0–1	Neil Graham 136
9	Diarmid Gibson 134	½–½	Bill Ray 135
10	Alex Pready 131	½–½	Stan Cranmer 132
11	Michael Roberts 130e	1–0	George Murfet 131
12	Robert Fell 126	0–1	Drag Sudar 131
13	Roger Grainger 125	0–1	Phil Morgan 128
14	Steve Harris 125e	1–0	Keith Roper 125
15	John Day 118	½–½	Austen Carlton 121
16	Bob Daniels 122	0–1	Bob Taylor 124

6½–9½

County Championship: 1–2 April 2006

The Summit Centre, Pavilion Road, Kirkby in Ashfield,
Notts NG17 7LL

Entry forms from the NCA web site (<http://www.nottschess.org/>)

EPSCA Under 9 Midlands Zonal

Nottinghamshire hosted the English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 9 Midlands Zonal at Dovecote Primary School on 11 March. Five counties competed over 12 boards in a jamboree format, with the top three teams qualifying for the national final.

Nottinghamshire's steady performance in the first two rounds was followed by a storming 10/12 in the final round, which took them six points clear of the field to take first place very comfortably. Lincolnshire looked like they would be the main opposition after Round 1, but they faded badly and were overtaken by Cambridgeshire..

Team	R1	R2	R3	Total
1 Nottinghamshire	8½	8	10	26½
2 Cambridgeshire	5½	7	8	20½
3 Lincolnshire	8½	6	4½	19
4 Northamptonshire	5½	6½	6	18
5 Staffordshire	2	2½	1½	6

Congress round-up

Various Notts players have been competing around the country in recent weeks. In the South of England Junior Championships (4–5 February), Kishan Lakhani (Long Eaton) scored 4½/5 to finish 1st= (2nd on tiebreak) in the Under 14 section and Toby Thurgood (West Nottingham) scored 3/5 in the Under 12s. In the Warwickshire Championships (18–19 February), Amisha Parmar (West Nottingham) scored 3½/5 in the U160 section, and finally Stan Cranmer (Ashfield) shared first place in the Major at the East Devon Congress (3–5 March) with a score of 4/5.

Nottingham Congress: 22–23 April

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

Gambit 1 – University 1				
1 Barnes, M.	(190)	1	– 0	Posazhennikov, A. (193)
2 Mercks, P.	(172)	1	– 0	Walker, A. (169)
3 Swain, J.	(172)	½	– ½	Lee, D. (165)
4 Hayward, B.	(148)	1	– 0	McBeth, M. (160)
5 Roper, K.	(125)	1	– 0	Billingham, J. (155)
4½ – ½				

University 2 – West Bridgford 1				
1 Thompson, I.	(168)	0	– 1	Richmond, R. (188)
2 Emanuel, J.	(164)	½	– ½	Truman, R. (164)
3 Somekh, J.	(165)	1	– 0	Thompson, B. (156)
4 Clare, A.	(163)	½	– ½	Budd, C. (–)
5 Chilton, J.	(128)	1	– 0	Hill, F. (107)
3 – 2				

Mansfield 1 – Newark 1				
1 Tait, J.	(194)	1	– 0	Wells, D. (153)
2 Cantrill, C.	(150)	1	– 0	Shutt, K. (159)
3 Morrison, K.	(159)	0	– 1	Ladds, G. (144)
4 Foreman, S.	(143)	½	– ½	Blake, R. (133)
5 Wagenbach, J.	(133)	0	– 1	Combie, A. (126)
2½ – 2½				

Gambit 2 – University 2				
1 Sudar, D.	(131)	0	– 1	Thompson, I. (168)
2 Wright, A.	(134)	1	– 0	Clare, A. (163)
3 Soki, Z.	(–)	1	– 0	Satz, A. (144)
4 Hunter, S.	(140)	1	– 0	Tassi, J. (137)
5 Roper, K.	(125)	½	– ½	Chilton, J. (128)
3½ – 1½				

University 1 – Mansfield 1				
1 Posazhennikov, A.	(193)	0	– 1	Tait, J. (194)
2 Walker, A.	(169)	½	– ½	Cantrill, C. (150)
3 Lee, D.	(165)	1	– 0	Morrison, K. (159)
4 McBeth, M.	(160)	1	– 0	Foreman, S. (143)
5 Billingham, J.	(155)	0	– 1	Wagenbach, J. (133)
2½ – 2½				

West Nottingham 1 – Ashfield 1				
1 Levens, D.	(155)	1	– 0	Halfpenny, G. (175)
2 Grewal, B.	(177)	½	– ½	Burke, S. (163)
3 Parmar, A.	(150)	0	– 1	Webster, R. (154)
4 Mehton, A.	(153)	½	– ½	Graham, N. (136)
5 Kingston, I.	(144)	0	– 1	Morgan, P. (128)
2 – 3				

Division 2

No new results.

Division 3

Nomads 2 – Mansfield 2				
1 Pynegar, H.	(75)	0	– 1	Wagenbach, J. (133)
2 Troubridge, P.	(104)	0	– 1	Ze, C. (–)
3 Ivas, A.	(–)	0	– 1	Oldham, B. (128)
4 Pynegar, T.	(96)	0	– 1	Smith, V. (119)
5 Darby, L.	(97)	1	– 0	Epro, J. (93)
1 – 4				

Fiveways 2 – University 3				
1 Bowen, L.	(106)	0	– 1	Satz, A. (144)
2 Thorsen, A.	(104)	0	– 1	Tassi, J. (137)
3 Dunne, D.	(99)	0	– 1	Jacobs, P. (98)
4 Griffiths, D.	(106)	1	– 0	Default (–)
5 Birks, D.	(93)	1	– 0	Default (–)
2 – 3				

Bunkers 2 – Ashfield 4				
1 Harvey, K.	(138)	½	– ½	Clarke, P. (96)
2 Allen, P.	(102)	1	– 0	Perkins, K. (89)
3 Moore, M.	(88)	1	– 0	Justice, E. (76)
4 Frings, M.	(71)	½	– ½	Dyce, R. (86)
5 Blampied, D.	(66)	½	– ½	Todd, P. (85)
3½ – 1½				

University 3 – Gambit 3

1	Chilton, J.	(128)	0	–	1	Carlton, A.	(121)
2	Satz, A.	(144)	½	–	½	Fillingham, I.	(103)
3	Ferris, S.	(–)	0	–	1	Hopkinson, G.	(106)
4	Yang, J.	(104)	1	–	0	Harper, M.	(107)
5	Jacobs, P.	(98)	1	–	0	Gibson, G.	(99)
2½ – 3½							

Division 4**Radcliffe & Bingham 2 – Gambit 4**

1	Nailard, M.	(121)	0	–	1	Harper, M.	(107)
2	Redburn, B.	(95)	½	–	½	Hobson, B.	(104)
3	Morrell, L.	(89)	0	–	1	Padvis, D.	(104)
4	Morley, S.	(84)	0	–	1	Groves, A.	(76)
5	Buttery, J.	(84)	0	–	1	Gretton, M.	(80)
½ – 4½							

Nomads 3 – West Nottingham 3

1	Exton, O.	(98)	0	–	1	Harris, I.	(122)
2	Pynegar, T.	(96)	1	–	0	Nehra, P.	(–)
3	Darby, L.	(97)	1	–	0	Hinton, G.	(135)
4	Ivas, A.	(–)	0	–	1	Willoughby, R.	(111)
5	Smith, P.	(87)	0	–	1	Burley, P.	(115)
2 – 3							

Division 5**Long Eaton 2 – Grantham 2**

1	Davies, N.	(104)	1	–	0	Mason, B.	(102)
2	Moss, R.	(79)	1	–	0	Cumbers, C.	(84)
3	Robins, L.	(34)	0	–	1	Allgood, R.	(83)
4	Robins, C.	(–)	½	–	½	Smith, R.	(–)
2½ – 1½							

Gambit 5 – West Nottingham 6

1	Fredericks, E.	(80)	½	–	½	Alfred, A.	(–)
2	Heath, K.	(64)	0	–	1	Zhang, M.	(–)
3	Mosley, S.	(44)	1	–	0	Gupta, Y.	(–)
4	Downie, S.	(–)	1	–	0	Henegan, S.	(–)
2½ – 1½							

Long Eaton 3 – University 4

<i>Walkover</i>	<i>Default</i>
4 – 0	

West Nottingham 5 – Bunkers 4

1	Needham, R.	(55)	1	–	0	Frings, M.	(71)
2	Clegg, T.	(49)	1	–	0	Cairney, K.	(–)
3	Needham, M.	(–)	1	–	0	James, M.	(0)
4	Gupta-Kaistha, A.	(–)	1	–	0	Sims, P.	(–)
4 – 0							

West Nottingham 6 – University 4

1	Zhang, M.	(–)	0	–	1	Pym, J.	(–)
2	Williamson, P.	(–)	0	–	1	Hamby, S.	(–)
3	Williamson, O.	(–)	0	–	1	Shah, K.	(–)
4	Keetley, C.	(–)	1	–	0	Default	(–)
1 – 3							

League tables

With promotion and relegation battles soon to be decided, now is a good time to remind everybody that there is no absolute guarantee that teams landing in the grey zones in these tables will be automatically promoted or relegated. Restructuring of divisions at the start of a new season can result in adjustments.

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt	
1	Gambit 1	13	10	1	2	43	22	21	0	21
2	Mansfield 1	14	8	5	1	39	31	8	0	21
3	Ashfield 1	14	7	3	4	37	33	4	0	17
4	Newark 1	13	6	2	5	33½	31½	2	0	14
5	University 2	14	5	4	5	36	34	2	0	14
6	University 1	14	4	3	7	29½	40½	–11	0	11
7	West Bridgford 1	13	3	4	6	30½	34½	–4	0	10
8	Gambit 2	13	2	4	7	27	38	–11	0	8
9	West Nottingham 1	14	3	0	11	29½	40½	–11	–2	4

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt	
1	Bunkers 1	10	8	1	1	33½	16½	17	0	17
2	West Nottingham 2	11	7	1	3	32½	22½	10	0	15
3	Grantham 1	10	5	3	2	28½	21½	7	0	13
4	Ashfield 2	12	4	2	6	27	33	–6	0	10
5	Nomads 1	10	3	3	4	23	27	–4	0	9
6	Long Eaton 1	10	5	0	5	25½	24½	1	–4	6
7	Radcliffe & Bingham 1	10	2	2	6	22½	27½	–5	0	6
8	Fiveways 1	11	1	2	8	17½	37½	–20	0	4

Division 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt	
1	Bunkers 2	11	7	3	1	33½	21½	12	0	17
2	Gambit 3	12	6	3	3	34	26	8	0	15
3	Ashfield 3	10	7	0	3	30½	19½	11	0	14
4	Mansfield 2	10	5	3	2	29	21	8	0	13
5	Fiveways 2	10	2	5	3	23½	26½	–3	0	9
6	University 3	10	3	3	4	23	27	–4	–2	7
7	Nomads 2	11	1	3	7	19½	35½	–16	0	5
8	Ashfield 4	12	1	2	9	22	38	–16	0	4

Division 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt	
1	Newark 2	10	10	0	0	35½	14½	21	0	20
2	West Nottingham 3	11	7	1	3	32	23	9	0	15
3	Gambit 4	12	5	3	4	33	27	6	0	13
4	Radcliffe & Bingham 2	11	6	0	5	28½	26½	2	0	12
5	Nomads 3	11	4	2	5	30	25	5	0	10
6	Ashfield 5	12	5	0	7	25	35	–10	0	10
7	West Nottingham 4	12	4	1	7	26	34	–8	0	9
8	Bunkers 3	11	0	1	10	15	40	–25	0	1

Division 5

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1	West Bridgford 2	12	9	1	2	32½	15½	17	0	19
2	Long Eaton 3	13	9	1	3	30½	21½	9	0	19
3	Grantham 2	13	7	1	5	30½	21½	9	0	15
4	Long Eaton 2	12	7	1	4	28½	19½	9	0	15
5	West Nottingham 5	14	6	2	6	30½	25½	5	0	14
6	University 4	12	7	1	4	25	23	2	-2	13
7	Bunkers 4	13	3	0	10	18½	33½	-15	0	6
8	Gambit 5	11	3	2	6	17½	26½	-9	-4	4
9	West Nottingham 6	14	1	1	12	14½	41½	-27	0	3