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Executive Committee meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting takes place on Thursday 16 November. If there is anything that you would like the EC to discuss, please contact the Secretary, Andrew Walker.

Scarborough Congress 2006

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Scarborough is held on the same weekend in October every year and this year attracted approximately 280 players. For many years it has been a very popular event for Nottinghamshire players. I imagine the large prize money (£1000 in each of the five sections) attracts many players. However, for me, having never scored higher than 2½ in six previous visits, the attraction is that it's by the sea. We had great weather on Friday and Saturday, and I especially enjoyed Saturday evening relaxing in a bar with Mike, Graham, Dot and players from all over the country with us sampling the odd real ale (or brandy) or two.

In the Open section David Coates scored 2 points and Michael Barnes received a grading prize for scoring 3 out of 5, losing only to GM D. Gormally.

In the Major (U156) Alex Combie recovered from a slow start to finish on 3. I was joint 1st in the Intermediate (U136) with 4½ points. I forgot to record James Thomson's final score – sorry James.

In the Minor (U116) Ray Sayer and Ben Hobson each scored 2 points, and Graham Gibson scored 2½ playing swashbuckling chess (I promised not to mention that he missed a mate in one – oops). In the Foundation (U96) Dot scored 2 points.

Seven of those nine played in last April's county championship (CC) and four of those seven played in the September 2004 CC. At least five people who played at Scarborough in 2005 played at the CC this year. Others wanted to play at Scarborough but settled for the CC. Therefore both events lost out on potential entries and income, and many players are disappointed at not being able to play in both events. I hope the Executive Committee supports Nottinghamshire players' desires to play in both events by ensuring that next year's CC does not clash with Scarborough.

County Championship

A round-up of some remaining bits and pieces after the County Championship.

Prizes for those winners who weren't able to collect them in person have been sent out (one or two will be handed over in person).

The Game of the Day prizes have been settled. Remember that these prizes aren't 'best game' prizes – they're awarded to the game on each day that I most enjoyed, judged on entirely subjective criteria. The Saturday prize is shared by

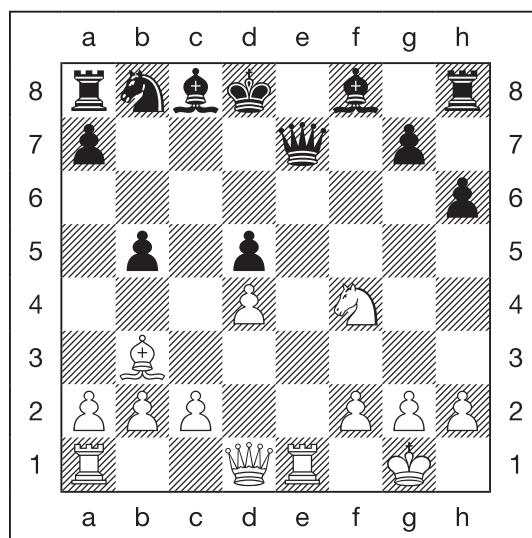
Anjali Lakhani and Gary Hopkinson for their fighting draw: Anjali came out of the opening with a winning position, but Gary hung in and scrambled his way to a perpetual check.

Lakhani, Anjali – Hopkinson, Gary

U125 (Round 1), 21 October 2006

Analysis by Fritz 9

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nxf7!? The Cochrane Gambit. This is a positional sacrifice based on the idea that the strong pawn centre that White obtains, coupled with the looseness of the Black kingside, will be sufficient compensation for the small material deficit. Karpov and Bronstein have both spoken out in its favour, although neither ever employed it in a serious game. **4...Kxf7 5.d4 Qe7** Black cannot touch the e-pawn: **5...Nxe4 6.Qh5+ g6 7.Qd5+ Kg7 8.Qxe4 6.Nc3 c6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Bc4+ d5** Black faces a difficult choice: **9...Kg6 10.Qd3 Kh7 11.0-0-0 Be7 12.Kb1** preserves dynamic equality, but White will soon launch a huge kingside pawn storm that will be hard to stop. **10.exd5 b5 11.Bb3 Qe7+ 12.Ne2 12.Kf1** causes even more trouble: **12...Kg6 13.dxc6** and now Black doesn't even have a nominal material advantage. **12...Ke8? 12...Kg6** is necessary. **13.0-0 cxd5 14.Re1 Kd8 15.Nf4**



Position after 15.Nf4

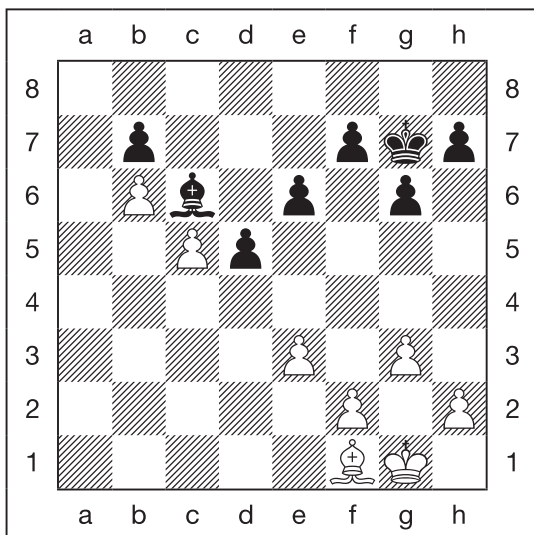
Black remains a piece up, but his king is exposed, his queen is attacked, and none of his other pieces have yet moved. White, on the other hand, is ready to throw everything at the enemy king. **15...Qg5 16.Bxd5 16.Qf3** is stronger: **16...Nc6 17.Bxd5 Nxd4 18.Qe4 Bd6 19.Ng6 Qh5 20.g3 Nf3+ 21.Qxf3 Qxg6 22.Bxa8 16...Qxf4 17.Bxa8 Bd6** Black's last few moves represent a good practical decision: handing over some material to help with development. **18.g3 Qf6 19.Qf3** White should probably try to open up more lines of attack against Black's king, e.g. **19.a4 b4 20.c4 bxc3 21.bxc3 Rf8** However, the pressure against f2 is awkward. **19...Qg6?! 19...Qxf3 20.**

Bxf3 Rf8 removes the danger to the king. **20.Be4 Bg4 21. Qc3 Qf7 22.Qa5+ Qc7 23.Qxb5 Bd7 24.Qb7?! White** has been increasing her advantage, and now 24.Qd3 Be6 25.Rac1 Bc4 26.Qd2 Kc8 27.b3 Be6 28.c4 would be very hard to meet, as Black's pieces get kicked around by the white pawns. **24...Nc6 25.Qxc7+** As before, the queens should stay on, e.g. 25.Qa8+ Qc8 26.Bxc6 Bxc6 27.Qxa7 **25...Kxc7 26.d5** Missing the right plan: 26.Rad1 Rd8 27.c3 Ne7 28.b3 Be6 29.c4, rolling the pawns forward. **26...Ne5 27.f4 Ng4 28.a3 Bc5+ 29.Kg2 Ne3+** With the white king exposed, Black has counterchances. **30.Kh1 Bh3** Even better is 30...Re8 31.Bf3 Nxc2 32.Rxe8 Bxe8 33.Rc1 Bg6 and Black is close to some kind of equality. **31.b4 Bb6?** Giving White one last clear chance. **32.Rac1!** [White returns the favour. 32.c4 Bd4 (32...Nxc4? 33.Rac1) 33.Ra2 wins. **32...Ng4 33.c4** 33.Re2 is the only way to play for a win: 33...Re8 34.c4 Bd4 35.Rd1 Nf2+ 36.Rxf2 Bxf2 37.Bg2 Bg4, but it won't be easy. Now Black forces the draw. **33...Nf2+ 34.Kg1 Bd4 35.Bf3** Or 35.Bg2 Ng4+ 36.Kh1 (36.Kf1? Nxh2+ 37.Ke2 Bxg2) 36...Nf2+ with a perpetual. **35...Nd3+ 36.Kh1** Capturing either rook would only give White winning chances, so Black gives perpetual check. 1/2-1/2

Sunday's prize goes to Sally McIntosh for her endgame against Hamzah Ali. It's a fine example of how to play a good vs. bad bishop ending.

McIntosh, Sally – Ali, Hamzah
U100 (Round 4), 22 October 2006
Analysis by Fritz 9

1.Nf3 d6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d3 Nf6 5.c4 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7. Nc3 Bd7 8.d4 d5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Ne5 Bc6 11.e3 e6 12. b4 a6 13.a4 Ne8 14.Ba3 Nd6 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 Be8 17.Qb3 Kh8 18.Bxd6 Rxa1 19.Bxf8 Rxf1 + 20.Bxf1 Bxf8 21.Na4 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Bxd7 23.Nc5 Bxc5 24.dxc5 Qc8 25.Qc3+ Kg8 26.b6 Bc6 27.Qe5 Qf8 28.Qc3 Qg7 29. Qxg7+ Kxg7



Position after 29...Kxg7

This endgame is level. Black's bad bishop is offset by his superior king position and kingside pawn majority. If Black plays actively, he should be able to draw without too much difficulty. White, on the other hand, needs to activate her king quickly if she is to make progress. **30.Bg2** This deters Black from thinking about ...e5 and ...d4, since an exchange of bishops will leave White with a won pawn ending. **30...Kf6 31.Kf1 Ke5** This looks active, but in fact it loses time. Instead, 31...g5 32.f4 Kf5 33.Ke2 f6 34.Kd3 e5 allows Black to hold

easy equality. **32.Ke2 Kf6 33.Kd3 Ke7 34.Kd4 Kf6** Black has made no progress with his passive defence, whereas White has brought her king to its best square. If it were Black's move here ...e5+ would hold the balance, but it is White's turn and Sally finds the best move. **35.f4! Kf5?** This is not the strongest defence. Black had to try a passive approach instead, trying to blockade the position, but White should still be able to win, e.g. 35...Ke7 36.g4 f5 37.h3 Ba4 38.g5 Kd7 39.Kc3 Bb5 (39...Kc6 40.Kb4 Bb5 41.Bf3 Bf1 42.Bd1 Kd7 43.Ba4+ Kc8 44.h4 Be2 45.Kc3 Kd8 46.Kd4 Ba6 (46...Ke7 47.c6 wins)) 40.Bf3 Kd8 41.Bd1 Bf1 42.Ba4! Bxh3 43.Kd4 Bf1 44.Ke5 Kc8 (44...Ke7 45.c6 again) 45.Kd6 Kb8 46.Bd7 Bd3 and Black's pawns start to disappear. **36.h3 h5 37.Bf3 Kf6** Black cannot prevent White's threat of e4: 37...g5 38.Bxh5 Kf6 39.Bf3 Kf5 40.Bg2 gxf4 41.e4+ dxe4 42.Bxe4+ Bxe4 43.g4+ Kg6 44.Kxe4, followed by the breakthrough sacrifice at c6. **38.e4 Ke7 38... Bd7 39.exd5 exd5 40.Bxd5 Bc8 41.c6 bxc6 42.Bxc6** is an easy win for White. **39.exd5 exd5 40.Bxd5 Bxd5 41.Kxd5** Now the bishops are off and White has won a pawn. Black can prevent the c6 breakthrough, but the game is effectively over. **41...Kd7 42.g4 hxc4 43.hxc4 f6 44.g5 fxg5 45.fxg5 Kd8 46.Kd6 Kc8 47.Ke7 Kb8 48.Kf6** There is a quicker way here: 48.Kd7 Ka8 49.c6 bxc6 50.Kc7 c5 51.b7+ Ka7 52.b8Q+ Ka6 53.Qb6#, but the game continuation is simple and safe. **48...Kc8 49.Kxg6 Kd7 50.Kf5 1-0**

These games, as well as all of the games from the Championship section, are available on the web site.

All-England Girls Championships, Eastern region

The All-England Girls Championships, Eastern region take place on Sunday 19 November at Bramcote Hills Sports and Community College, Moor Lane, Beeston NG9 3GE.

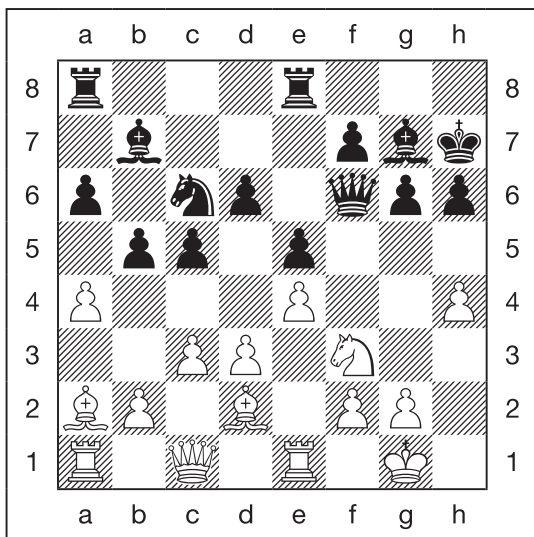
Registration 10:00 a.m. Prize-giving 5:00 p.m.; Under 18, Under 14, Under 12, Under 10 and Under 8 sections; Details and entry forms from <http://www.chessuk.com/>.

Adams – Hunter

Following last week's report of Steve Hunter's game against Michael Adams, here's the game itself.

Adams, Michael (2732) – Hunter, Steve
Simultaneous display, 1 October 2006
Analysis by Fritz 9

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 This is either very brave or very foolhardy. Adams probably knows more about the Anti-Marshall systems that follow his next move than anyone alive. On the other hand, Black certainly won't be quickly crushed – slow manoeuvring is typical. **8.a4 Bb7 9.d3 d6 10.Nbd2 Na5 11. Ba2 c5 12.Nf1 Re8** This natural move has been tried a few times, most notably by Peter Leko against Gary Kasparov at Linares, 2001. Kasparov won that game, and most other examples also went in White's favour. **13.Bd2 Nc6 14.c3 Bf8 15.Ng5 Re7 16.Ne3 h6 17.Nf3** Fritz likes 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18. axb5 axb5 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Qb3+ Kg6 21.Qxb5, but it's not very convincing. **17...g6 18.h4 Bg7 19.Nd5 Re8** Black could simplify here: 19...Nxd5 20.Bxd5 Na5 21.Bxb7 Rxb7 22.axb5 axb5 leaving White with only a small advantage. The move played allows White to exploit his extra space. **20.Qc1 Kh7** Leaving the f-pawn undefended, which gives Adams a tactical opportunity. **21.Nxf6+ Qxf6**



Position after 21...Qxf6

22.Bd5 Adams misses his chance: 22.Ng5+! hxg5 23.Bxg5 Bh6 24.Bxf6 Bxc1 25.Rexcl, with an extra pawn and a dominant bishop pair. **22...Rf8 23.h5 Nd8? 24.axb5** Exploiting the inadequately defended rook at a8 to win a pawn. Adams probably expected to win easily from here; instead, Steve fights back with some excellent defensive work. **24...Qe7 25.c4 Ne6 26.bxa6 Rxa6 27.Rxa6 Bxa6 28.Be3** 28.b4 is better, either gaining a passed pawn or creating tactical opportunities for White after 28...cxb4 29.Bxb4, e.g. 29...Nc5 30.Qa3 Bc8 31.d4 exd4 32.e5 Qd7 33.exd6 Ne6 34.hxg6+, when Black's position is falling apart everywhere. **28...Bb7 29.Nd2 Rb8 30.Qc2 Bc8 31.hxg6+ fxg6 32.g3** Creating weaknesses around the white king. Black has plenty of compensation for the pawn now. **32...Ng5 33.Bxg5 Qxg5 34.Ra1 Bg4 35.Nf1 h5 36.Nh2 Bh3 37.Qe2 Rf8 38.Re1 Bh6 39.b3 Qf6 40.Ra1 Qg5 41.Re1 Qf6 42.Ra1** Steve has created enough pressure against White's king to persuade Adams that it would be dangerous to play on. 1/2-1/2

League results

Eligibility

Captains please note: if your team fields a player new to your club you are required, under Rule C6(a), to send details to the Records Secretary (Ian Kingston) as specified by that rule. If the player does not meet the automatic eligibility criteria, then Rule C6(b) applies and prior permission must be obtained from the LMC.

Time spent chasing after these details is time wasted. Please help by saving me the effort. An email will suffice.

Division 1

*Newark 1 – University 2

1 Ladds, G.	(154)	0	–	1	Hillman, J.	(168)
2 Blake, R.	(137)	0	–	1	Thompson, I.	(167)
3 Burridge, I.	(138)	0	–	1	Emanuel, J.	(160)
4 Combie, A.	(139)	0	–	1	Clare, A.	(153)
5 Aiton, K.	(131)	0	–	1	Yang, J.	(112)
		0	–	5		

West Bridgford 1 – Bunkers 1

1 Richmond, R.	(194)	1	–	0	Brameld, K.	(143)
2 Truman, R.	(167)	1	–	0	Jennings, G.	(143)
3 Walker, T.	(167)	1/2	–	1/2	Harrison, J.	(150)
4 Thompson, B.	(150)	1/2	–	1/2	Harvey, K.	(142)
5 Place, W.	(135)	1	–	0	Lim, B.	(119)
		4	–	1		

*University 2 – Mansfield 1

1 Therrien, A.	(190)	1	–	0	Tait, J.	(197)
2 Grewal, B.	(177)	1/2	–	1/2	Cantrill, C.	(155)
3 Hillman, J.	(168)	0	–	1	Morrison, K.	(160)
4 Somekh, J.	(166)	1	–	0	Foreman, S.	(145)
5 Thompson, I.	(167)	1/2	–	1/2	Wagenbach, J.	(132)
		3	–	2		

University 1 – Newark 1

1 Posazhennikov, A.	(185)	0	–	1	Wells, D.	(167)
2 Lam, P.	(181)	1	–	0	Ladds, G.	(154)
3 Lee, D.	(163)	1	–	0	Blake, R.	(137)
4 Walker, A.	(162)	1	–	0	Combie, A.	(139)
5 McBeth, M.	(154)	1	–	0	Wollerton, G.	(123)
		4	–	1		

Division 2

Long Eaton – Ashfield 2

1 Evans, R.	(181)	1	–	0	Jarvis, D.	(148)
2 Gibson, G. T.	(144)	1	–	0	Graham, N.	(133)
3 Brown, D.	(120)	1	–	0	Morgan, D. P.	(134)
4 Davies, N.	(116)	1	–	0	Robinson, A.	(117)
5 Bozon, A.	(140)	1/2	–	1/2	Cranmer, S.	(139)
		4 1/2	–	1/2		

Division 3

*Mansfield 2 – Gambit 3

1 Wagenbach, J.	(132)	1/2	–	1/2	Gibson, G.	(107)
2 Smith, V.	(114)	1	–	0	Roper, K.	(143)
3 Wall, M.	(–)	1	–	0	Chambers, A.	(–)
4 Connelly, K.	(–)	1/2	–	1/2	Fillingham, I.	(94)
5 Walker, R.	(104)	0	–	1	Hopkinson, G.	(101)
		3	–	2		

Nomads 2 – West Nottingham 3

1 Marriott, R.	(121)	0	–	1	Keetley, M.	(136)
2 Default	(–)	0	–	1	Messam-Sparks, L.	(121)
3 Darby, L.	(107)	1	–	0	Nehra, P.	(–)
4 Cronshaw, D.	(96)	0	–	1	Burley, P.	(116)
5 Smith, P.	(87)	0	–	1	Williamson, E.	(114)
		1/2	–	4 1/2		

1/2 point penalty applied: Rule D9

Division 4

*Radcliffe & Bingham 2 – Ashfield 5

1 Nailard, M.	(106)	1/2	–	1/2	Dyce, R.	(83)
2 Morrell, L.	(88)	1/2	–	1/2	Todd, P.	(81)
3 Buttery, J.	(84)	1/2	–	1/2	Norris-Hunt, T.	(68)
4 Falgate, M.	(74)	1	–	0	Pacitto, A.	(–)
5 Attwood, C.	(–)	1	–	0	Saunders, R.	(–)
		3 1/2	–	1 1/2		

Ashfield 4 – Gambit 4

1 Wright, N.	(98)	½	–	½	Harper, M.	(109)
2 Clarke, P.	(94)	1	–	0	Hobson, B.	(99)
3 Potter, C.	(90)	1	–	0	Gretton, M.	(89)
4 McIntosh, S.	(91)	½	–	½	Padvis, D.	(100)
5 Dyce, R.	(83)	½	–	½	Fillingham, I.	(94)

3½ – 1½

University 3 – West Nottingham 4

1 Satz, A.	(146)	0	–	1	Williamson, E.	(114)
2 Yang, J.	(112)	1	–	0	Willoughby, R.	(114)
3 Jacobs, P.	(101)	0	–	1	Day, J.	(119)
4 Jones, D.	(–)	1	–	0	Thacker, S.	(105)
5 Evans, M.	(80)	½	–	½	Crawley, J.	(67)

2½ – 2½

Division 5

University 4 – Grantham 2

1 Hamby, S.	(–)	0	–	1	Mason, B.	(102)
2 Finch, D.	(–)	0	–	1	Cumbers, C.	(76)
3 Lansdell, B.	(–)	0	–	1	Smith, P.	(78)
4 Akers, N.	(–)	0	–	1	Allgood, R.	(85)

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University 4 – West Nottingham 6

1 Pym, J.	(–)	0	–	1	Zhang, M.	(78)
2 Hamby, S.	(–)	½	–	½	Alfred, A.	(63)
3 Keller, S.	(–)	0	–	1	Alfred, L.	(22)
4 Lansdell, B.	(–)	1	–	0	Williamson, O.	(30)

1½ – 2½

League tables

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 University 2	3	3	0	0	11½	3½	8	0	6
2 Ashfield 1	3	2	1	0	10	5	5	0	5
3 University 1	3	2	0	1	8½	6½	2	0	4
4 West Bridgford 1	3	2	0	1	8½	6½	2	0	4
5 Mansfield 1	3	1	1	1	8	7	1	0	3
6 Bunkers 1	3	1	0	2	6	9	–3	0	2
7 Gambit 1	3	0	0	3	5	10	–5	0	0
8 Newark 1	3	0	0	3	2½	12½	–10	0	0

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 1	4	4	0	0	15½	4½	11	0	8
2 Long Eaton	3	3	0	0	11½	3½	8	0	6
3 West Nottingham 2	3	2	0	1	8	7	1	0	4
4 Nomads 1	3	2	0	1	7½	7½	0	0	4
5 Ashfield 2	4	1	0	3	7	13	–6	0	2
6 Gambit 2	2	0	0	2	4	6	–2	0	0
7 Ashfield 3	3	0	0	3	5	10	–5	0	0
8 Grantham 1	2	0	0	2	1½	8½	–7	0	0

Division 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Radcliffe & Bingham 1	3	3	0	0	10½	4½	6	0	6
2 West Nottingham 3	3	2	0	1	9	6	3	0	4
3 Nomads 2	3	1	1	1	7	8	–1	0	3
4 Gambit 3	2	1	0	1	6	4	2	0	2
5 Bunkers 2	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	0	2
6 Mansfield 2	3	1	0	2	6½	8½	–2	0	2
7 Newark 2	2	0	1	1	4	6	–2	0	1
8 Fiveways	2	0	0	2	2	8	–6	0	0

Division 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 4	4	3	1	0	13	7	6	0	7
2 Ashfield 4	4	2	1	1	12	8	4	0	5
3 Gambit 4	3	2	0	1	8	7	1	0	4
4 Nomads 3	2	1	1	0	7½	2½	5	0	3
5 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	3	1	1	1	7½	7½	0	0	3
6 University 3	2	0	1	1	4½	5½	–1	0	1
7 West Bridgford 2	2	0	1	1	4½	5½	–1	0	1
8 Ashfield 5	4	0	0	4	3	17	–14	0	0

Division 5

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 5	2	2	0	0	8	0	8	0	4
2 Bunkers 3	2	2	0	0	5	3	2	0	4
3 Grantham 2	2	1	1	0	6	2	4	0	3
4 University 4	3	1	0	2	5	7	–2	0	2
5 West Nottingham 7	3	1	0	2	4½	7½	–3	0	2
6 West Nottingham 6	4	1	0	3	5	11	–6	0	2
7 Gambit 5	2	0	1	1	2½	5½	–3	0	1