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County U150 Championship: Greater Manchester–Notts

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Last season Notts managed just one match point in encounters with Warwickshire and Greater Manchester, but with a 9½–6½ victory over the latter at Stoke we've garnered maximum points this year against our rivals.

The match was rather marred as Manchester, the home side, defaulted two boards, giving Notts an initial lead which they never lost. From the point of view of selection, Notts welcomed back Ian Kingston, Stan Cranmer, Dave Flynn and John Tassi. I intended some squad rotation with the amount of talent available this year; unfortunately I had to step in myself and I am indebted to Bob Taylor for also substituting after a withdrawal. I hope that everyone will get at least one match in the zonal stages.

Will Place, who was just about the last to finish at Warwickshire, broke through his opponent's centre and forced an early resignation, whilst I suffered from my usual complaint of initiating complications that I was unable to fathom and gave away a clear win. Nevertheless a draw gave Notts an early 3½–½ lead.

Although Oliver Exton lost, two further wins from Kevin and Bob gave Notts a healthy 5½–1½ advantage. It was at this point that the points started to dry up, despite some further draws. With five games still playing Notts led by 7–4, but I was extremely thankful to see Alex Combie find a winning pawn push after his opponent had missed a drawing line, taking us to eight points. Manchester then narrowed the gap to 8–6, but

Ian, who had always had a draw in hand, outplayed his opponent in a rook and pawn ending to secure the match. Brian had looked to be scoring the full point on Board 1, but as the clock was turned away from me, I hadn't realised that he was in huge time pressure. In the end his game finished in a perpetual check.

We have the bye in the next round so don't play again till February, and as I thought we were at home in this match (we weren't) both final games will be in Nottingham in the New Year.

British Rapidplay Championships

The British Rapidplay Championships were held in Halifax on 4–5 November. A good number of Nottinghamshire players took part. (Please let me know if I've omitted anyone from the list.)

- ♦ *Open* (11 rounds): Ankush Khandelwal (Nomads) 5½
- ♦ *Major* (U166, 11 rounds): Amisha Parmar (West Nottingham) 5½, Daniel Wells (Newark) 4
- ♦ *Intermediate* (U136, 11 rounds): Alex Combie (Newark) 8 (=3rd; £87.50), Janos Wagenbach (Mansfield) 7½
- ♦ *Minor* (U106, 11 rounds): Brandon Clarke (NPSCA) 9, Darran Ince (Nomads) 7, Hamzah Ali (Gambit) 5½, Dave Dunne (Fiveways) 4½
- ♦ *Junior* (U16 & U14, 5 rounds): Toby Thurgood (Nomads) 5 (1st), Eamonn Lim (West Nottingham) 3 (2nd), Aarav Gupta-Kaistha (West Nottingham) 2½
- ♦ *Junior* (U12 & U10, 5 rounds): Aman Ruparelia (NPSCA) 3, Keval Rughani (NPSCA) 2, Yash Gupta (West Nottingham) 2, Daniel Thurgood (Nomads) ½
- ♦ *Under 11* England Trial Qualifier (6 rounds): Andrew Garside (West Nottingham) 3½, Arun Maini (West Nottingham) 3, Ross Mackay (West Nottingham) 2½, Thomas Wild (West Nottingham) 2, Neel Kothari (NPSCA) 1½, Hari Patel (NPSCA) 1½

David Levens was present as an arbiter and as an England Junior selector.

Sheffield Congress

Two Notts players are listed among the prizewinners at the Sheffield Congress (4–5 November). In the Major (U165), Derek Jarvis (Ashfield) scored 4½/5 to finish in first place, while Ben Hobson (Gambit) scored 3/5 in the Challengers (U100).

Handicap Knockout Round 1

One more Round 1 result received; one more result to come in.

Greater Manchester U150 – Nottinghamshire U125 11 November 2006

Board	Grade	Score	Grade
1 Brian Hayward	148	½–½	Mark Roberts 148
2 Keith Brameld	143	0–1	Philip Armstong 146
3 Ian Kingston	143	1–0	Michael Compston 144
4 Kevin Harvey	142	1–0	Cory Hazlehurst 139
5 Keith Roper	143	0–1	Matthew Pollard 136
6 Steve Hunter	139	1–0	Default –
7 Tim Lane	139	½–½	David Pardoe 141
8 Stan Cranmer	139	0–1	Joao Rita 135
9 Alex Combie	139	1–0	Mick Connor 131
10 Will Place	135	1–0	Jim Nicolson 132
11 Neil Graham	133	½–½	Ghassan El Gehani 136
12 Dave Flynn	132	½–½	Richard Gavin 129
13 John Tassi	131	½–½	Jon Lonsdale 128
14 Phil Morgan	134	1–0	Default –
15 Oliver Exton	128	0–1	Alan Beresford 120
16 Bob Taylor	127	1–0	Ray Sumner 112

9½–6½

Fiveways – West Nottingham Daydream

Fiveways		B1	B2	B3	Total
A1 Best, I.	(117)	0	1	1	2
A2 Griffiths, D.	(106)	0	½	0	½
A3 Thorsen, A.	(105)	1	0	0	1

3½

West Nottingham Daydream		A1	A2	A3	
B1 Nguyen, M. N.	(186)	1	1	0	2
B2 Levens, D.	(167)	0	½	1	1½
B3 Basey, M.	(155e)	0	1	1	2

5½

League results

Division 1

University 2 – West Bridgford 1

1 Grewal, B.	(177)	½	–	½	Richmond, R.	(194)
2 Thompson, I.	(167)	0	–	1	Walker, T.	(167)
3 Emanuel, J.	(160)	1	–	0	Thompson, B.	(150)
4 Clare, A.	(153)	1	–	0	Budd, C.	(128)
5 Miers, J.	(133)	0	–	1	Place, W.	(135)

2½ – 2½

Division 2

Gambit 2 – Ashfield 2

1 Swain, J.	(170)	0	–	1	Taylor, R.	(127)
2 Wright, A. J.	(154)	1	–	0	Morgan, D. P.	(134)
3 Hunter, S.	(139)	1	–	0	Graham, N.	(133)
4 Soki, Z.	(151)	0	–	1	Robinson, A.	(117)
5 Edwards, R.	(126)	½	–	½	Cranmer, S.	(139)

2½ – 2½

Grantham 1 – West Nottingham 1

1 Payne, N.	(168)	1	–	0	Levens, D.	(167)
2 Default	(–)	0	–	1	Basey, M.	(–)
3 Palmer, T.	(113)	0	–	1	Kingston, I.	(143)
4 Mason, B.	(102)	0	–	1	Burley, P.	(116)
5 Cumbers, C.	(76)	1	–	0	Clegg, T.	(58)

1½ – 3½

½ point penalty applied: Rule D9

Division 3

West Nottingham 3 – Bunkers 2

1 Day, J.	(119)	1	–	0	Harvey, K.	(142)
2 Willoughby, R.	(113)	1	–	0	Moore, M.	(104)
3 Burley, P.	(114)	½	–	½	Allen, P.	(95)
4 Williamson, E.	(114)	1	–	0	Wilson, R.	(74)
5 Zhang, M.	(78)	1	–	0	Blampied, D.	(60)

4½ – ½

Mansfield 2 – Fiveways

1 Wagenbach, J.	(132)	1	–	0	Flynn, D.	(132)
2 Oldham, B.	(130)	0	–	1	Best, I.	(117)
3 Wall, M.	(118)	1	–	0	Bowen, L.	(113)
4 Smith, V.	(114)	0	–	1	Griffiths, D.	(106)
5 Connelly, K.	(–)	0	–	1	Thorsen, A.	(105)

2 – 3

Division 4

Nomads 3 – Ashfield 4

1 Thurgood, T.	(109)	1	–	0	Wright, N.	(98)
2 Pynegar, T.	(106)	½	–	½	Clarke, P.	(94)
3 Pynegar, H.	(86)	½	–	½	Potter, C.	(90)
4 Smith, P.	(87)	½	–	½	McIntosh, S.	(91)
5 Dawson, R.	(74)	1	–	0	Dyce, R.	(83)

3½ – 1½

Gambit 4 – Nomads 3

1 Harper, M.	(109)	½	–	½	Thurgood, T.	(109)
2 Hobson, B.	(99)	0	–	1	Smith, P.	(87)
3 Gretton, M.	(89)	0	–	1	Dawson, R.	(74)
4 Padvis, D.	(100)	1	–	0	Default	(–)
5 Fillingham, I.	(94)	1	–	0	Craig, G.	(–)

3 – 2

½ point penalty applied: Rule D9

Ashfield 4 – University 3

1 Morrey, A.	(104)	0	–	1	Satz, A.	(146)
2 Wright, N.	(98)	1	–	0	Yang, J.	(112)
3 Clarke, P.	(94)	0	–	1	Jones, D.	(–)
4 Potter, C.	(90)	0	–	1	Zhou, S.	(–)
5 McIntosh, S.	(91)	1	–	0	Default	(–)

2 – 3

Division 5

West Nottingham 5 – Grantham 2

1 Lim, E.	(74)	0	–	1	Mason, B.	(102)
2 Clegg, T.	(58)	0	–	1	Cumbers, C.	(76)
3 Alfred, A.	(63)	½	–	½	Smith, P.	(78)
4 Gupta-Kaistha, A.	(44)	1	–	0	Default	(–)

1½ – 2½

West Nottingham 7 – University 4

1 Maini, D.	(–)	0	–	1	Pym, J.	(–)
2 Gupta, D.	(–)	0	–	1	Hamby, S.	(–)
3 Gupta, Y.	(10)	0	–	1	Ferris, S.	(–)
4 Maini, A.	(0)	1	–	0	Cornfield, J.	(–)

1 – 3

League tables

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 University 2	5	4	1	0	18	7	11	0	9
2 West Bridgford 1	5	3	1	1	14	11	3	0	7
3 Ashfield 1	4	2	1	1	12	8	4	0	5
4 Mansfield 1	4	2	1	1	11	9	2	0	5
5 University 1	4	2	0	2	10½	9½	1	0	4
6 Bunkers 1	4	1	0	3	7	13	–6	0	2
7 Newark 1	4	1	0	3	6½	13½	–7	0	2
8 Gambit 1	4	0	0	4	6	14	–8	0	0

Division 2

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1	West Nottingham 1	6	6	0	0	22	8	14	0	12
2	Long Eaton	4	3	0	1	13½	6½	7	0	6
3	West Nottingham 2	4	3	0	1	11½	8½	3	0	6
4	Nomads 1	3	2	0	1	7½	7½	0	0	4
5	Gambit 2	5	1	1	3	11	14	-3	0	3
6	Ashfield 2	6	1	1	4	11½	18½	-7	0	3
7	Grantham 1	5	1	0	4	8	17	-9	0	2
8	Ashfield 3	3	0	0	3	5	10	-5	0	0

Division 3

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1	West Nottingham 3	4	3	0	1	13½	6½	7	0	6
2	Radcliffe & Bingham 1	4	3	0	1	12½	7½	5	0	6
3	Nomads 2	4	2	1	1	10	10	0	0	5
4	Fiveways	4	2	0	2	8	12	-4	0	4
5	Newark 2	3	1	1	1	9	6	3	0	3
6	Gambit 3	3	1	0	2	8	7	1	0	2
7	Mansfield 2	4	1	0	3	8½	11½	-3	0	2
8	Bunkers 2	4	1	0	3	5½	14½	-9	0	2

Division 4

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1	West Nottingham 4	5	4	1	0	18	7	11	0	9
2	Nomads 3	5	3	1	1	16	9	7	0	7
3	Gambit 4	4	3	0	1	11	9	2	0	6
4	University 3	6	2	2	2	15½	14½	1	0	6
5	Ashfield 4	6	2	1	3	15½	14½	1	0	5
6	Radcliffe & Bingham 2	4	1	1	2	9	11	-2	0	3
7	West Bridgford 2	3	0	2	1	7	8	-1	0	2
8	Ashfield 5	5	0	0	5	3	22	-19	0	0

Division 5

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1	Grantham 2	5	3	1	1	13	7	6	0	7
2	West Nottingham 5	4	2	1	1	11½	4½	7	0	5
3	Bunkers 3	4	2	1	1	8½	7½	1	0	5
4	University 4	4	2	0	2	8	8	0	0	4
5	West Nottingham 7	5	2	0	3	8½	11½	-3	0	4
6	Gambit 5	3	1	1	1	5	7	-2	0	3
7	West Nottingham 6	5	1	0	4	5½	14½	-9	0	2