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EPSCA Under 9 Midlands Zonal

Nottinghamshire hosted the English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 9 Midlands Zonal tournament at Dovecote School on 10 March. After a surprise late entry, necessitating a quick dash across town to obtain replacement jamboree pairings for six teams instead of five, the competition got under way only 15 minutes behind schedule.

Nottinghamshire jumped into an early lead which they never relinquished. In the race for the other two qualification places, Hertfordshire always held a narrow edge over Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire; Northamptonshire eventually took third place.

Nottinghamshire thus won the EPSCA Under 9 Midlands Championship for the fifth successive year.

Team	R1	R2	R3	Total
1 Nottinghamshire	10	9	7	26
2 Hertfordshire	7½	6½	5½	19½
3 Northamptonshire	7½	4½	6½	18½
4 Lincolnshire	6½	5	6	17½
5 Cambridgeshire	2	5	8	15
6 Staffordshire	2½	6	3	11½

4NCL Rapidplay

Tony Wright

The 4NCL management have put together a rapidplay tournament on the weekend of 30 June and 1 July (see <http://www.4ncl.co.uk/rapidplay.htm>). It will be played over 10 rounds (five rounds per day) using a Fischer time control (20 minutes + 10 seconds per move). It will be held at one of the De Veres hotels, near Newport Pagnell.

Each match will require four players per team, but a squad of six may rotate through the rounds. The teams and players do not have to be existing 4NCL registered, but 4NCL rules will apply. I expect this will be a strong event with the top teams fielding GMs. The cost of entry will be £40 per team (then add for the travel, accommodation, food etc.).

If anyone is interested please let me know.

Six-monthly grading list proposed

The ECF is considering whether or not to publish new standard play grades every six months instead of annually (see http://www.englishchess.org.uk/grading/2007/six-monthly-gl_mar07.htm).

Warwickshire Congress

At the Warwickshire Congress (17-18 March), Lateefah Messam-Sparks (West Nottingham) scored 4½/5 to share first place in the U130 section. Roger Walker (Mansfield) took a share of third place with 3½.

Erratum

In the U125 match report last week, the table of results was incorrectly headed. The teams were those given in the main heading for that item.

League results

Division 1

In the Newark 1-University 1 result reported last week, University 1's Board 2 should have been Darren Lee, not Paul Lam.

Gambit 1 – University 1					
1 Barnes, M.	(186)	1	–	0	Lee, D. (163)
2 Mercks, P.	(176)	1	–	0	Walker, A. (162)
3 Swain, J.	(170)	1	–	0	Poole, T. (–)
4 Hayward, B.	(148)	1	–	0	Default (–)
5 Roper, K.	(143)	1	–	0	Default (–)
		5	–	0	

Division 2

Long Eaton – West Nottingham 1					
1 Evans, R.	(181)	1	–	0	Nguyen, M. N. (186)
2 Lakhani, K.	(166)	1	–	0	Levens, D. (167)
3 Robins, A.	(146)	0	–	1	Basey, M. (–)
4 Gibson, G. T.	(144)	1	–	0	Keetley, M. (136)
5 Lakhani, A.	(116)	½	–	½	Kingston, I. (143)
		3½	–	1½	

Grantham 1 – Ashfield 2					
1 Payne, N.	(168)	½	–	½	Taylor, R. (127)
2 Holt, C.	(134)	0	–	1	Jarvis, D. (148)
3 Palmer, T.	(113)	½	–	½	Graham, N. (133)
4 Mason, B.	(102)	½	–	½	Morgan, D. P. (134)
5 Cumbers, C.	(76)	0	–	1	Cranmer, S. (139)
		1½	–	3½	

Division 3

Nomads 2 – Newark 2					
1 Ince, D.	(116)	0	–	1	Combie, A. (139)
2 Thurgood, T.	(109)	½	–	½	Aiton, K. (131)
3 Pynegar, T.	(106)	0	–	1	Wollerton, G. (123)
4 Darby, L.	(107)	½	–	½	Myers, R. (115)
5 Cronshaw, D.	(96)	0	–	1	Hargreaves, M. (73)
		1	–	4	

Gambit 3 – Mansfield 2					
1 Tassi, J.	(131)	0	–	1	Wagenbach, J. (132)
2 Gibson, G.	(107)	½	–	½	Oldham, B. (130)
3 Hopkinson, G.	(101)	1	–	0	Smith, V. (114)
4 Brown, A.	(87)	½	–	½	Harrison, R. (99)
5 Chambers, A.	(–)	0	–	1	Walker, R. (104)
		2½	–	2½	

Bunkers 2 – Fiveways

1	Harvey, K.	(142)	1	– 0	Flynn, D.	(132)
2	Carter, M.	(123)	½	– ½	Best, I.	(117)
3	Moore, M.	(104)	1	– 0	Bowen, L.	(113)
4	Frings, M.	(70)	0	– 1	Griffiths, D.	(106)
5	Parham, S.	(59)	1	– 0	Thorsen, A.	(105)
3½ – 1½						

Division 4

West Bridgford 2 – West Nottingham 4

1	Hill, F.	(102)	½	– ½	Williamson, E.	(114)
2	Milford, M.	(69)	½	– ½	Thacker, S.	(105)
3	Gold, D.	(–)	0	– 1	Crawley, J.	(67)
4	Gill, R.	(–)	½	– ½	Berdunov, N.	(–)
5	Tys, S.	(70)	0	– 1	Zhang, M.	(78)
1½ – 3½						

Ashfield 5 – Radcliffe & Bingham 2

1	Justice, E.	(81)	½	– ½	Nailard, M.	(106)
2	Todd, P.	(81)	0	– 1	Redburn, B.	(95)
3	Swift, S.	(–)	1	– 0	Morley, S.	(88)
4	Pacitto, A.	(–)	½	– ½	Morrell, L.	(88)
5	Beeby, F.	(50)	½	– ½	Falgate, M.	(74)
2½ – 2½						

Division 5

University 4 – West Nottingham 7

1	Pym, J.	(106)	1	– 0	Maini, K.	(–)
2	Hamby, S.	(–)	0	– 1	Gupta, Y.	(10)
3	Keller, S.	(–)	1	– 0	Ford, C.	(–)
4	Alberzov, R.	(–)	1	– 0	Maini, A.	(0)
3 – 1						

League tables

With less than two months to go, almost nothing has been decided in terms of promotion and relegation. Bearing in mind that the shaded zones in these tables indicate *provisional* promotion and relegation zones, subject to possible league restructuring each year, the following key indicates teams whose fate (positive or negative) has been decided:

- c Division champion
- p Promoted
- r Relegated

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 University 2	11	8	1	2	35½	19½	16	0	17
2 West Bridgford 1	11	6	3	2	32	23	9	0	15
3 Ashfield 1	11	6	2	3	31	24	7	0	14
4 Gambit 1	11	4	3	4	28½	26½	2	0	11
5 Mansfield 1	11	4	3	4	28½	26½	2	0	11
6 University 1	12	5	1	6	28	32	–4	0	11
7 Bunkers 1	11	2	1	8	19½	35½	–16	0	5
8 Newark 1	10	1	2	7	17	33	–16	0	4

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 PWest Nottingham 1	12	10	0	2	39½	20½	19	0	20
2 Long Eaton	11	9	1	1	37	18	19	0	19
3 West Nottingham 2	11	6	1	4	30	25	5	0	13
4 Gambit 2	11	5	1	5	30	25	5	0	11
5 Ashfield 2	12	4	2	6	27	33	–6	0	10
6 Nomads 1	11	3	1	7	24	31	–7	0	7
7 Grantham 1	11	3	1	7	20	35	–15	0	7
8 Ashfield 3	11	1	1	9	17½	37½	–20	0	3

Division 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Radcliffe & Bingham 1	11	8	0	3	31	24	7	0	16
2 West Nottingham 3	10	5	2	3	27	23	4	0	12
3 Mansfield 2	9	5	1	3	27	18	9	0	11
4 Newark 2	9	4	1	4	26	19	7	0	9
5 Fiveways	10	4	1	5	22	28	–6	0	9
6 Bunkers 2	8	3	1	4	15½	24½	–9	0	7
7 Gambit 3	10	2	2	6	22½	27½	–5	0	6
8 Nomads 2	9	2	2	5	19	26	–7	0	6

Division 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 4	11	7	3	1	34½	20½	14	0	17
2 Gambit 4	10	6	3	1	28½	21½	7	0	15
3 University 3	10	6	2	2	31	19	12	0	14
4 Ashfield 4	12	5	3	4	32	28	4	0	13
5 Nomads 3	10	5	1	4	28	22	6	0	11
6 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	11	3	2	6	24½	30½	–6	0	8
7 Ashfield 5	11	1	2	8	17½	37½	–20	0	4
8 West Bridgford 2	9	0	2	7	14	31	–17	0	2

Division 5

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 5	9	5	2	2	24½	11½	13	0	12
2 Grantham 2	8	5	2	1	21½	10½	11	0	12
3 University 4	10	4	2	4	20½	19½	1	0	10
4 Gambit 5	9	3	4	2	17½	18½	–1	0	10
5 Bunkers 3	10	3	4	3	19	21	–2	0	10
6 West Nottingham 7	10	3	1	6	15½	24½	–9	0	7
7 West Nottingham 6	10	2	1	7	13½	26½	–13	0	5