

## FRIAR'S CUP TOURNAMENT, CARLISLE, 2007

This, the Cumbria Teams of 4 Tournament for Juniors was held at Austin Friars School, Carlisle on 15 December 2007. The tournament drew a good entry, as it has for the last ten years. The entry from Royal Grammar School, Newcastle was reduced in number this year since this tournament was after the end of the school term. (The entire RGS first team was missing, mainly at a Medlink conference at Nottingham University). Entries from Greenwood Academy and Georgetown School in Scotland made this very much an international tournament. Here Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School is from Penrith, not Wakefield

The differences in age and experience among teams and players was reflected in the games played: there were a lot of very thoughtful and skilful games which showed a huge knowledge of the game and there were also a number which showed a flexible attitude to the laws of chess and a creative approach to the game. Above all there was a lot of fun had and a big willingness to learn and a blissful unawareness of the noise levels that 120+ young people can make as they concentrate on their moves.

Both sections were very competitive. In the primary section five teams could still win going into the last round; in the secondary three teams were in with a chance with just a few minutes of the final round to play. Congratulations to the teams from Newcastle and Ayrshire who made the long trip to Carlisle well worth while by making off with the overall winners' trophies. Congratulations to Stanwix and Austin Friars who won the trophies for the winning Cumbria teams. Congratulations, too to all the other teams who didn't win trophies but played their part in making this another enjoyable tournament.

As always, thanks must go to Syd Cassidy, Cumbria's indefatigable Junior Organiser, and his control team from Austin Friars, who ran everything cheerfully and efficiently. (This account is very largely based on Syd's report on the Cumbria CA website)

### Results

| Primary                              | Secondary                       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| RGS Aardvarks (Newcastle on Tyne) 17 | Greenwood Academy (Ayrshire) 16 |
| Georgetown A (Dumfries) 14.5         | Austin Friars A (Carlisle) 14.5 |
| RGS Dragons (Newcastle on Tyne) 14   | RGS A (Newcastle on Tyne) 13.5  |
| Stanwix A (Carlisle) 13              | Austin Friars B (Carlisle) 11   |
| Belah (Carlisle) 13                  | RGS B (Newcastle on Tyne) 10.5  |
| St Monica's Kings (Carlisle) 12.5    | William Howard A (Brampton) 8.5 |
| RGS Bruins (Newcastle on Tyne) 12    | QEGS (Penrith) 7.5              |
| St Monica's Knights (Carlisle) 11    | William Howard B (Brampton) 6   |
| St Margaret Mary (Carlisle) 11       | Barbarians (Cumbria) 4.5        |
| Hunter Hall (Penrith) 10.5           |                                 |
| Georgetown B (Dumfries) 10.5         |                                 |
| RGS Cats (Newcastle on Tyne) 10.5    |                                 |
| Kingmoor (Carlisle) 10               |                                 |
| Rockcliffe (Carlisle) 8.5            |                                 |
| St Monica's Rebels (Carlisle) 8      |                                 |
| Calthwaite (Penrith) 8               |                                 |
| Georgetown C (Dumfries) 8            |                                 |
| Scotby (Carlisle) 8                  |                                 |
| Thursby A (Carlisle) 7.5             |                                 |
| Thursby B (Carlisle) 7.5             |                                 |
| Stanwix B (Carlisle) 6               |                                 |