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Durham County Junior Championships

Held at Red Rose School, Chester-le-Street on Saturday, 14th February

The Durham County Junior Championships were organised at Red Rose School by the Northumbria Junior Chess Association. 44 children took part in this event where the fact that it was half-term meant that several of our regulars were unable to attend. Four good tournaments were held.

At Under-9, Thomas Gholkar who lives in Hamsterley Mill but attends Newcastle Royal Grammar School was clear champion with 7 wins from his 7 games. Second was Ronny Dunbar from Tynemouth on 5/7 and third equal on 4½/7 were Andrew Louw and Oliver Bennett both also from RGS. Top girl and winner of the Durham Girls Championship was Lisa Ryan from Red Rose.

Two more RGS boys shared top spot in the U-11 Championship with 6/7. They were Matthew Bennett and Edward Dunn. Matthew, who took a gold medal, lives in Newcastle and so could not win the Durham Championship which went to Edward who lives in Chester-le-Street. Andrew Douglas was third on 5/7 and Aine Beldon from Tynemouth was the top girl on 4/7.

Jamie Sheerin of RGS scored 5½/6 in a combined U-14 and U-15 Championship and took a gold medal, but again, living in Newcastle, was not allowed to win the Durham title. Second place, a point behind was shared by Stephen Wardle (Tynemouth) and Thomas Mavin from Darlington. Thomas, still only 8, wins the Durham Championship at Under-13; Andrew Craggs (Red Rose) was awarded the Durham U-15 title.

There was a particularly good and hard fought tournament at Under-18 controlled by 15-year old Sophie Seeber who on this occasion preferred arbiting to playing herself! Eventually Christopher Wardle (Tynemouth) came out on top with 4½/5. Steven Aitchison (Tynemouth) was half a point behind. Third place on 3½/5 was shared between Patrick Beldon (Tynemouth) and Theon Rogers (RGS). Since Theon comes from Cleadon he became Durham County Champion.

We are, as always, grateful to Red Rose School, once again, for the use of their hall and to head teacher, Mrs Lees for presenting all the prizes.

CHESS FLIGHT TO IRELAND.



RGS Newcastle were due to play Methodist College, Belfast in the BCF Schools Championship. Instead of playing by telephone or at Stranraer as in the past, they flew to Belfast taking advantage of Ryanair's cheap flights.

Sadly the match was lost by 2-4 – the Lai brothers won on the top two boards and were very cross with the rest of the team!

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER 18 TOURNAMENT

1. Patrick BELDON	Thomas More	W+6 B+5 W+3 B-2 B+4	4
2. David BLACK	Red Rose	B+8 W-3 B+5 W+1 B+7	4
3. Theon ROGERS	RGS	W+7 B+2 B-1 W-4 W+8	3
4. Christopher WARDLE	Tynemouth	W-5 B+7 W+6 B+3 W-1	3
5. Sophie SEEBER	Forest Hall	B+4 W-1 W-2 B+8 W=6	2½
6. Steven AITCHISON	Tynemouth	B-1 W+8 B-4 W+7 B=5	2½
7. Robert McLEOD	West Denton	B-3 W-4 B+8 B-6 W-2	1
8. Stephen WARDLE	Tynemouth	W-2 B-6 W-7 W-5 B-3	0

Patrick Beldon is Northumberland U-18 Champion as David Black is from Chester-le-Street

UNDER 15/13 TOURNAMENT

1. Jonathan LAI	RGS	B+8 W+5 B+4 W=2 B+3 W+10 B+7	6½
2. Daniel LAI	RGS	B+4 W+10 W+3 B=1 B+5 W+6 W+8	6½
3. Christopher WALKER	RGS	B+9 W+7 B-2 W+6 W-1 B=4 B+5	4½
4. Samuel BELDON	Thomas More	W-2 B+11 W-1 B+9 W+7 W=3 +FF	4½
5. Daniel GALLIMORE	Durham	W+11 B-1 W+7 B+10 W-2 B+9 W-3	4
6. Scott MILNE	Thomas More	B-7 +FF W+8 B-3 W+10 B-2 W+11	4
7. Daniel LAVERICK	Durham	W+6 B-3 B-5 W+8 B-4 +FF W-1	3
8. Alexander MABERLY	Thomas More	W-1 W+9 B-6 B-7 +FF W+11 B-2	3
9. Jack PENDER	Thomas More	W-3 B-8 +FF W-4 B+11 W-5 B+10	3
10. Stephen STOREY	Thomas More	+FF B-2 W+11 W-5 B-6 B-1 W-9	2
11. David MULVANEY-SALES	Thomas More	B-5 W-4 B-10 +FF W-9 B-8 B-6	1

Jonathan Lai is Northumberland U-15 Champion and Daniel Lai is U-13 Champion

UNDER 11 TOURNAMENT

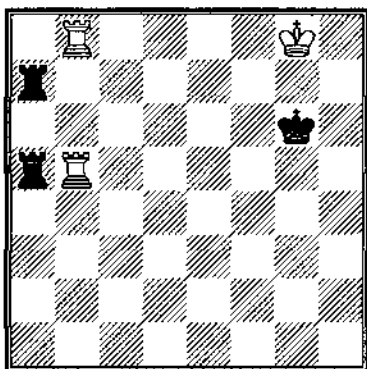
1. Ross MILLS	RGS	B+7 W+11 B+3 W+13 B+6 W+2 B+5	7
2. Andrew DOUGLAS	RGS	B+8 W+12 B+4 W-6 B+3 B-1 W+7	5
3. Matthew BENNETT	RGS	W+15 B+9 W-2 B+8 W-5 B+11 B+6	5
5. Hamish YAU	RGS	B=10 W-3 B+11 W+12 B+4 W+6 W-1	4½
6. George BILCLOUGH	RGS	B+19 W+13 B+14 B+2 W-1 B-5 W-4	4
7. Michael BURN	Red Rose	W-1 B+16 B-13 W+19 W+9 B+10 B-2	4
8. Liam CROSS-SMITH	Red Rose	W-2 B+20 W+18 W-4 B+14 W-3 B+11	4
9. Jamie RIDLEY-SMITH	RGS	B+14 W-4 B-12 W+17 B-7 W+19 B+16	4
10. Aine BELDON	Tynemouth	W=5 B-18 W+15 W-3 B+13 W-7 B+17	3½
11. Robin KERRISON	Tynemouth	W+20 B-1 W-5 B+18 B+12 W-4 W-8	3
12. James BUDD	Red Rose	W+18 B-2 W+9 B-5 W-11 B-16 B+20	3
13. Charles ANDERSON	RGS	W+16 B-6 W+7 B-1 W-10 B-14 B+19	3
14. Alastair CAMPBELL	Tynemouth	W-9 B+17 W-6 B+15 W-8 W+13 B-3	3
15. Nathaniel GRAHAM	RGS	B-4 W+19 B-10 W-14 B+20 W=17 W=18	3
16. Megan PATTIE	Tynemouth	B-13 W-7 B-17 W+20 B+19 W+12 W-9	3
17. Andrew GRAHAM	Marden Br.	B-3 W-14 W+16 B-9 W+18 B=15 W-10	2½
18. Alan NG	RGS	B-12 W+10 B-8 W-11 B-17 W+20 B=15	2½
19. Andrew SMITH	Marden Br.	W-6 B-15 W=20 B-7 W-16 B-9 W-13	½
20. Alex CLOWRY	Valley Gdns	B-11 W-8 B=19 B-16 W-15 B-18 W-12	½

UNDER 9 TOURNAMENT

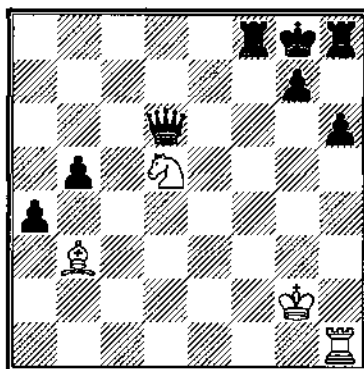
1. John BROOKER	RGS	B+5 W+7 B+2 W+6 B+3 B+8 W+4 B+10 W+12	9
2. Thomas LANGLEY	RGS	+FF B+8 W-1 B+4 W+7 B+6 W+3 W-5 B+11	7
3. Gavin MINTY	RGS	W+4 B+9 W-6 B+5 W-1 B+7 B-2 W+8 B+15	6
4. Peter CAMPBELL	Tynemouth	B-3 W+14 B+11 W-2 W+10 B+9 B-1 W+15 W+5	6
5. Stephen JAMFREY	Red Rose	W-1 +FF B=8 W-3 B+12 W+13 W+9 B+2 B-4	5½
6. Matthew ALDRIDGE	RGS	B+13 W+12 B+3 B-1 W-8 W-2 B+11 W-7 W=9	4½
7. Thomas GHOLKAR	RGS	B+14 B-1 W+15 W+9 B-2 W-3 W=12 B+6 B-13	4½
8. John ROWLAND	Red Rose	B+11 W-2 W=5 B+14 B+6 W-1 W-10 B-3 +FF	4½
9. Ronnie DUNBAR	Tynemouth	W+10 W-3 B+13 B-7 W+11 W-4 B-5 +FF B=6	4½
10. Jamie NAIK	RGS	B-9 W-11 B+12 W+13 B-4 W+15 B+8 W-1 W=14	4½
11. Ross MUSGRAVE	Red Rose	W-8 B+10 W-4 B+15 B-9 +FF W-6 B+14 W-2	4
12. Monty DETHICK	Tynemouth	W=15 B-6 W-10 +FF W-5 B+14 B=7 W+13 B-1	4
13. Anna BURN	Red Rose	W-6 B+15 W-9 B-10 W+14 B-5 +FF B-12 W+7	4
14. Lucy BROWN	Red Rose	W-7 B-4 +FF W-8 B-13 W-12 B+15 W-11 B=10	2½
15. Desmond BLOEMERS	Marden Br.	B=12 W-13 B-7 W-11 +FF B-10 W-14 B-4 W-3	1½

With 100% scores Ross Mills at U-11 and John Brooker at U-9 are Champions. Our thanks go to St Thomas More School for hosting these Championships and especially to Debbie Mulroy who arranged it and presented the prizes at the end

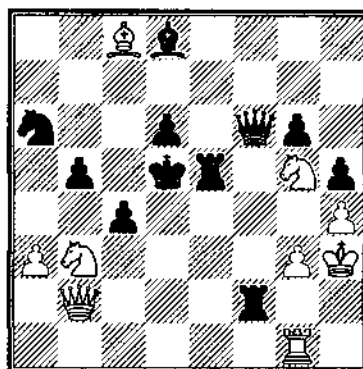
Puzzles – White to move and give checkmate!



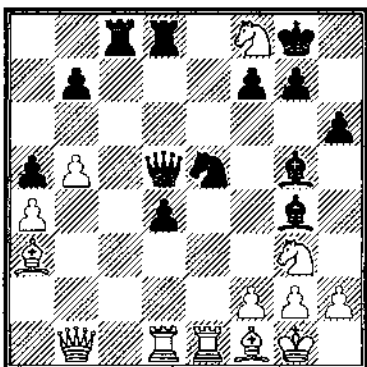
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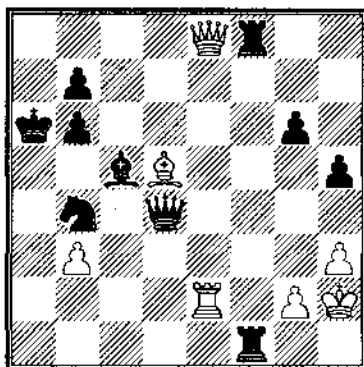
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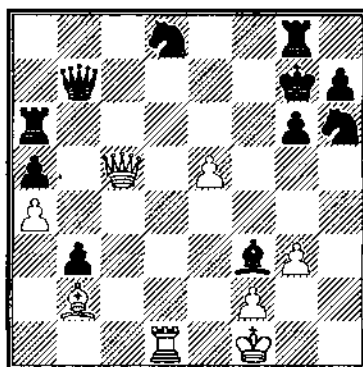
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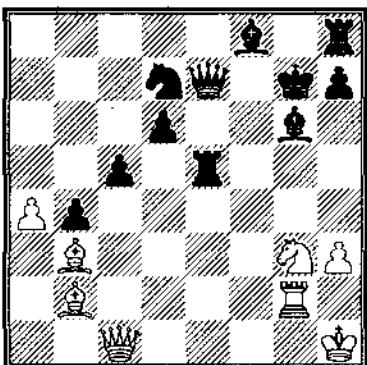
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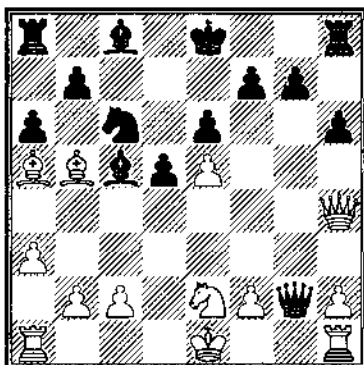
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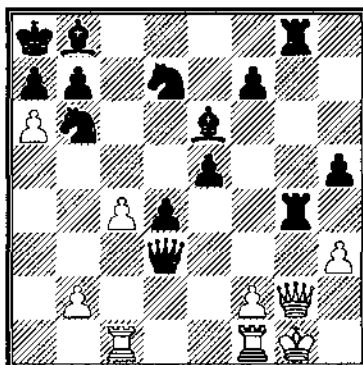
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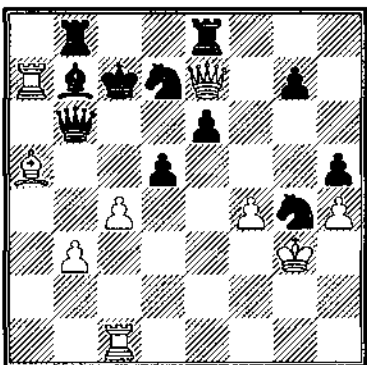
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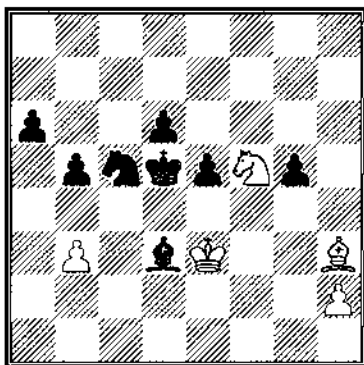
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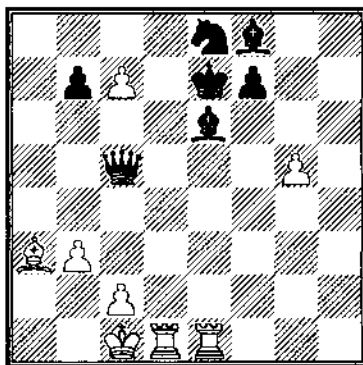
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NORTHUMBRIA MEGAFINAL XXXI

The NJCA organised the UK Chess Challenge Megafinal on Saturday, 1st May at the Prospect Building, on Sunderland University's Riverside Campus.

The total number of youngsters taking part this year was just over 180 – this is down on the totals for the last two years. However this is explained by the fact that there was a new Megafinal in York and that schools from South of the Tees were expected to go to York.

A great many grown-ups also came to help with controlling the tournament and, as organiser, I am most grateful to them – we could not have managed without and, in fact, the reduced numbers meant more space and a generally more satisfactory megafinal.

Numbers were such that all the over-14s played in a single tournament. There was a Girls tournament combining U-12, U-11 and U-10 girls. This meant separate Boys competitions in these age-groups. The rest of the tournaments were mixed.

The list of qualifiers for the Gigafinal is given below. It is very noticeable that almost all the top places went to members of Junior Chess Clubs and to schools who offer a serious programme of chess coaching. Hartlepool, Tynemouth and Jesmond Junior Chess Clubs were all well represented. This is not to decry the work of those teachers who run school clubs without outside help and we were delighted to see several 'new' schools taking part in this years competition.

The next stage of the competition is the Gigafinal in Manchester on 10th July. We know that this is summer holidays for many of you, but hope that we will be well represented there.

Gigafinalists

U-18

Peter Harker (HartlepoolJCC) 4 Supremo

U-17

Patrick Beldon (Tynemouth) 5½ Supremo

Matthew Hammond (Hartlepool) 4½

U-16

Steven Aitchison (Tynemouth) 5 Supremo

U-15

Stephen Wardle (Tynemouth) 4 Supremo

Sophie Seeber (Tynemouth) 3 Suprema

U-14

Jonathan Lai (RGS Newcastle) 6 Supremo

Thomas Russell (RGS) 4

Christopher Rennie (H'pool) 4

U-13

Daniel Lai (RGS Newcastle) 5½ Supremo

Philippa Woodward (Ferryhill) ½ Suprema

Michael Atkins (RGS) 4½

Archit Israni (RGS) 4

Samuel Beldon (Tynemouth) 4

U-12

Christopher Walker (RGS) 5½ Supremo

Donna Boxx (Hartlepool JCC) 3 Suprema

Jonathan Harding (St Joseph's) 5

William Jackson (RGS) 4½

Joe Hamilton (Dyke House) 4½

Max Jones (RGS) 4½

Yueyang Chao (RGS) 4

U-11

Christopher Goodship (RGS) 6 Supremo

Ji Sun Oh (Teesside Prep) 5½ Suprema

Catriona Bruce (Links) 4½

Jenny Openshaw (Links) 4

Ross Mills (RGS) 5

Matthew Bennett (RGS) 5

Andrew Douglas (RGS) 5

Hamish Yau (RGS) 4

Mark Parker (Tynemouth) 4

James Lavery (St Cuthbert's) 4

Michael Burn (Red Rose) 4

Liam Cross-Smith (Red Rose) 4

Chris Charlton (M'stone Moor) 4

Dillon Zhou (Abbey Road) 4

U-10

George Bilclough (RGS) 6 Supremo

Vidya Shyam-Sundar (T'side) 4 Suprema

Jonathan Clark (RGS) 5

Andrew Lister (Whinfield) 4

Tom Bulmer (Links) 4

Rory Morris (RGS) 4

Peter Taylor (Easington) 4

David Seymour (Links) 4

Robin Kerrison (Tynemouth) 4

U-9

Gavin Minty (RGS) 6 Supremo

Isabel Morley (Teesside) 3½ Suprema

Adam Hall (Whinfield) 5

Peter Vaughan (Hartlepool) 4

Ishan Deshpande (RGS) 4

John Brooker (RGS) 4

U-8

Ronnie Dunbar (Tynemouth) 6 Supremo

Molly Bean (Teesside) 3½ Suprema

Johnathon Archer (Easington) 4

Marcus Williams (Whinfield) 4

U-7

Liam Simpson (Easington) 2½ Supremo

Kathryn Marshall (Teesside) 3 Suprema

TEACHERS Remember to enter your schools for the 2005 UK Chess Challenge and the 2005 EPSCA team tournaments this term. Contact the editor for details

Pennine Cup 2004

The Pennine Cup, for Uner-16s, is a tournament to which all the Northern Counties are invited to send teams. Organised by Dr Bill O'Rourke, the Secretary of the Northern Counties Chess Union, this year it was played at Darlington at the end of February. Rather sadly only Lancashire and the NJCA produced teams on the day. This was the only sour note – for the rest it was their loss. They missed a splendid days chess and an extremely close and competitive competition. Additionally top BCF Coach, Gary Kenworthy, gave two lively and entertaining lectures on aspects of the openings. He also analysed the games with the players after the games were over.

It was a bitterly cold and snowy morning (some 8 inches in Newcastle) when the team bus set off for Darlington. All the players turned up on time and the whole day ran like clockwork. In the first round Lancashire had White on each board and somewhat to the surprise of team manager, Paul Bielby, the NJCA took an early lead in the early stages. Particularly pleasing were wins by two debutants, David Black and Tom Beckwith. There were further wins for the regulars, Theon Rogers, Steven Aitchison, Edward Farrington and Sophie Seeber (the only girl among the 30 players). And to cap the round, Jonathan Lai on top board scored with a crushing attack against the Lancashire captain, David Hart, much the strongest rated player on either side. At half time the NJCA led by 7-5 with 3 drawn games.

Just before the start of the second round Gary Kenworthy presented county colours ties to the five boys making their first appearances for the county; David Black, David Armstrong, Tom Beckwith, Chris Walker and Sam Beldon.

In the second round, Lancashire re-established the natural order of things (They had, of course, held the Pennine Cup for the past 5 years) and soon wiped out our lead. David Armstrong fought back from a lost position to give us a degree of hope. Michael Atkins won easily and three of our players, Sophie Seeber, Theon Rogers and Edward Farrington all scored a second win. But Lancashire won 9 other games and when the final move was made (Alex Taylor holding on to a draw with seconds left on his clock) Lancashire had won the match by 16-14.

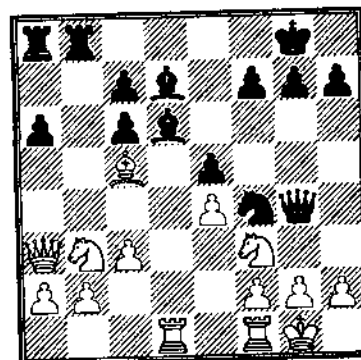
After leading at half-time we were perhaps disappointed to lose at the end. But on paper Lancashire should have scored a more convincing win and our kids had done us proud. As Bill O'Rourke commented at the end of the day Chess was the winner. All the games from the match will appear on the NCCU website and, hopefully on the NJCA website in due course.

Pennine Cup, Round1, Board 1

David Hart – Jonathan Lai

Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6
 4.♗a4 d6 5.O-O ♗g4 6.c3 ♞f6
 7.d3 ♘ge7 8.♗e3 ♘g6 9.♗c6 bc
*White's queen now takes a foray into the
 queenside, away from the main action, as we
 shall see.* 10.♞a4 ♗d7 11.♘bd2 ♗e7
 12.d4 O-O 13.♞ad1 ♞e6 14.♞a5
 ♞fb8 15.de de 16.♘b3 ♗d6
 17.♗c5 ♘f4 18.♞a3 ♞g4 *Suddenly
 White has no defences on the king side.*



19.♘h4 ♞h4 20.f3 ♘e2 21.♗h1
 ♘g3 *White resigns (Notes from Bill
 O'Rourke)*

