

### Jesmond Pawns Report for the Season 2010-11

The Jesmond Pawns team fulfilled its main purpose of introducing young players to League chess in the second division of the Northumberland League. At one stage of the season it looked rather as if we would lose all our matches and come last, but two victories towards the end of the season raised our league position to 10<sup>th</sup> out of the 11 teams. This may seem a poor result as compared with coming in the top half last season, but then we had a much older side and had regularly included a number of adult players.

Apart from one occasion when I substituted on board 1, our 'veterans' were the two 13-year olds. All the rest are much younger. In the table below I give the ages (March 2011) against the names of the players. What I found most heartening was, that despite their moderate results, I still had players clamouring to take part in our league matches – indeed it was only lack of time on my part that prevented us running a second Pawns team. I am very grateful to all the players (and their parents) who made my job so easy and enjoyable.

The season's statistics

Matches played 10; won 2; lost 8; match points 4; game points 16; position 10<sup>th</sup>/11

Individual results

	(Age)	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Total	Percentage
Adam Clark	(13)	7	0	2	5	1	14%
Zheming Zhang	(9)	9	2	3	4	3.5	39%
Chris Wilson	(13)	8	0	2	6	1	12.5%
Hugo Meecham	(10)	4	0	2	2	1	25%
William Wilkinson	(10)	6	2*	1	3	2.5	42%
Anthony Lai	(10)	6	3	2	1	4	67%
Daksh Sharma	(10)	3	1	0	2	1	33%
Parth Mannikar	(11)	3	0	0	3	0	0%
James Ferrier	(11)	2	1*	0	1	1	50%
Joseph Dalton	(10)	1	0	0	1	0	0%

\* Includes a win by default when an opponent failed to arrive.

As the only player with a score >50% I recommend Anthony Lai as the Pawns 'Player of the Year'.

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