

## NORTH TYNESIDE CHAMPIONSHIPS at St Thomas More, 26 April

Tim and Abi Adams organised this tournament at St Thomas More School on 26th April. Gerry Beldon and I ran the computer. Craig Borwick from St Thomas More gave away the prizes at the end.

Unsurprisingly David Griffin dominated the Over-11 tournament. The RGS heavy brigade headed the U-11s, the decisive match occurred when the rapidly improving, Ibrahim Nasser, beat Urban Coningham in R5. Abhishek Kamath lost to Urban in R1, but came through strongly in the rest of the day. Georgina Lobb won the girl's prize in this section.

Zheming Zhang completely overwhelmed the opposition at U-9. He is the most naturally gifted player of his age (just turned 7) that I have seen since Martyn Jones at the same age won the British U-9 Championship in 1993. Even more frighteningly we saw his 3-year old younger brother playing chess, having to stand on his chair to be able to reach the pieces! The surprise packet to me at this age-group was Joseph Dalton who played really well to take second place equal with the more experienced Parth Mannikar and Louis McBride. I am kicking myself for having left Joseph out of this year's RGS Prestatyn teams. Top girl in this section was the diminutive Aaranye Nodiyal who more than held her own with the boys.

### **OVER-11 SECTION**

										<b>Score</b>
1	David Griffin (Hetton Lyons)	3b1	4w1	2w1	bye	5b1	2b½	2w1		6.5
2	Oliver Rice (QEHS Hexham)	bye	5b1	1b0	4w1	3w1	1w½	1b0		4.5
3	Matthew Coulson (St Thomas More)	1w0	bye	4b1	5w0	2b0	4w1	5b1		4
4	Dominic Byrne (St Thomas More)	5w1	1b0	3w0	2b0	bye	3b0	bye		3
5	Ryan Dack (John Spence)	4b0	2w0	bye	3b1	1w0	bye	3w0		3

### **UNDER-11 SECTION**

										<b>Score</b>
1	Ibrahim Nasser (RGS)	10b1	8w1	11w1	6b1	3w1	2b½	5b1		6.5
2	Abishek Kamath (RGS)	3w0	13b1	12w1	4b1	8w1	1w½	11b1		5.5
3	Urban Coningham (RGS)	2b1	5w1	6w1	11b1	1b0	7w1	4b½		5.5
4	Arjun Anilkumar (RGS)	7w1	11b0	5b1	2w0	6w1	10b1	3w½		4.5
5	Thomas Posner (RGS)	13w1	3b0	4w0	12b1	9w1	8b1	1w0		4
6	Jack Hughes (St Teresa's)	15b1	14w1	3b0	1w0	4b0	12w1	13b1		4
7	Joshua Hansell (Gosforth)	4b0	9w1	14b0	13w1	11w1	3b0	bye		4
8	Angus Clarke (Ponteland)	12w1	1b0	15w1	14b1	2b0	5w0	9b½		3.5
9	Hisham Nasser (RGS)	11w0	7b0	10b1	15w1	5b0	bye	8w½		3.5
10	Chris Graney-Ward (St T)	1w0	12b0	9w0	bye	15b1	4w0	14b1		3
11	Nicholas Byrne (St T)	9b1	4w1	1b0	3w0	7b0	14w1	2w0		3
12	Georgina Lobb (St T)	8b0	10w1	2b0	5w0	bye	6b0	15w1		3
13	Peter Black (St T)	5b0	2w0	bye	7b0	14w1	15b1	6w0		3
14	Sam Whitehurst (RGS)	bye	6b0	7w1	8w0	13b0	11b0	10w0		2
15	Kieran Watson (Gosforth)	6w0	bye	8b0	9b0	10w0	13w0	12b0		1

**Note: St T = St. Teresa's**

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UNDER-9 SECTION

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1	Zheming Zhang (Cragside)	9b1	4w1	6b1	3w1	10w1	2b1	8w1	7
2	Joseph Dalton (RGS)	6w0	15b1	8b1	12w1	3b1	1w0	13b1	5
3	Louis McBride (Tynemouth)	bye	7w1	12b1	1b0	2w0	4w1	10b1	5
4	Parth Mannikar (RGS)	8w1	1b0	5w1	13w1	12b1	3b0	6w1	5
5	Daniel Bell (St T)	10b0	11w1	4b0	9w1	6b0	14w1	12w1	4
6	Anthony Lai (RGS)	2b1	13w1	1w0	10b0	5w1	7b1	4b0	4
7	Aaranya Nodiyal (NPS)	14w1	3b0	10b0	11w1	13b1	6w0	bye	4
8	Omkar Dixit (RGS)	4b0	14b1	2w0	15w1	9b1	10w1	1b0	4
9	George Jones (RGS)	1w0	bye	13b1	5b0	8w0	15b1	14w1	4
10	Aidan Byrne (St T)	5w1	12b0	7w1	6w1	1b0	8b0	3w0	3
11	Mark Broughton (St T)	12w0	5b0	14w1	7b0	bye	13w0	15b1	3
12	Peter Owen (NPS)	11b1	10w1	3w0	2b0	4w0	bye	5b0	3
13	Darina Andriychenko (St T)	15w1	6b0	9w0	4b0	7w0	11b1	2w0	2
14	Augustus Coningham (RGS)	7b0	8w0	11b0	bye	15w1	5b0	9b0	2
15	Sam Watson (Grange First)	13b0	2w0	bye	8b0	14b0	9w0	11w0	1

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