

RGS Congress 2008

played in the Fenwick Hall on 11th October

The numbers for this year's Congress were disappointing, particularly for entries for the secondary schools section. However all who took part enjoyed a good day's chess with a number of outstanding achievements and some keen competition.

Only 4 entries for the U18 and U15 tournaments led to a three round all-play- all. The only u15, Daniel White (Framwellgate Moor) won the competition with Oliver Rice (Queen Elizabeth's, Hexham) and Benomi Dyop-West (Kings) sharing second place. Newcomer, Gareth Price (QEHS), came a long way last, but still won a bronze medal for 3rd in the U-18 section.

At U13, played as a 6 round Swiss, three RGS boys shared top place on 4½/6. They were John Abraham, Tom Cleminson and James Schofield. Rahul Bhagwat (again RGS) with 4/6 came close.

At U11 Urban Coningham (RGS), tournament favourite before the event, won the first 6 of his 7 games before getting careless at the end. He won the competition with 6/7 but the result looks closer than it really was. Chris Wilson (RGS), playing as well as I have seen him, and Andrew Gatenby (Red Rose) followed closely on 5½/7.

The U9 competition produced the real surprise of the day. Playing in his first ever tournament, 7-year old Manav Gupta(RGS) absolutely dominated the event winning all his 7 games with apparent ease. This was a quite remarkable achievement by the smallest boy taking part – if he continues to play like this he will become a real star. Last year's U8 Megafinal supremo, Daniel Bell (St Teresa's); Louis McBride (Tynemouth) and Parth Mannikar (The RGS U9 captain) who shared 2nd place on 5/7 were all among Manav's victims.

UNDER – 13 SECTION

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| 1 Thomas Cleminson (RGS) | 3b1 8w1 5b1 2w½ 4b0 7w1 | 4.5 |
| 2 James Schofield (RGS) | 9b1 5w½ 4b1 1b½ 6w1 3w½ | 4.5 |
| 3 John Abraham (RGS) | 1w0 10b1 7w1 6w1 5b1 2b½ | 4.5 |
| 4 Rahul Bhagwat (RGS) | 10w0 6b1 2w0 7b1 1w1 8b1 | 4 |
| 5 Uche Obonna (RGS) | 7w1 2b½ 1w0 9b1 3w0 10b1 | 3.5 |
| 6 Sophie Gatenby (Red Rose) | 8b1 4w0 10w1 3b0 2b0 9w1 | 3 |
| 7 Thomas Glenwright (T'mouth) | 5b0 9w1 3b0 4w0 8b1 1b0 | 2 |
| 8 Oliver Williams (RGS) | 6w0 1b0 9w½ 10b1 7w0 4w0 | 1.5 |
| 9 Callum Henfrey (RGS) | 2w0 7b0 8b½ 5w0 10w1 6b0 | 1.5 |
| 10 Ben Hogarth (RGS) | 4b1 3w0 6b0 8w0 9b0 5w0 | 1 |

UNDER-11 SECTION

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| 1 Urban Coningham (RGS) | 28b1 5w1 7b1 6w1 2b1 4w1 3b0 | 6 |
| 2 Christopher Wilson (RGS) | 22w1 15b1 10w1 18b1 1w0 8b1 6w½ | 5.5 |
| 3 Andrew Gatenby (Red Rose) | 5b0 28w½ 27b1 12w1 18w1 6b1 1w1 | 5.5 |
| 4 Akhil Gupta (RGS) | 6b0 17w1 19b1 7w1 10w1 1b0 9w1 | 5 |
| 5 Martin Wright (AFriars) | 3w1 1b0 24w1 8b0 19w1 11b1 15b1 | 5 |
| 6 Mark Rowden (S Shields) | 4w1 16w1 8b1 1b0 20w1 3w0 2b½ | 4.5 |
| 7 Arjun Anilkumar (RGS) | 23w1 26b1 1w0 4b0 14w1 20b1 8w½ | 4.5 |
| 8 Edward Williams (RGS) | 17w1 25b1 6w0 5w1 13b1 2w0 7b½ | 4.5 |
| 9 Jack Hughes (St Tes) | 13b0 14b1 11w1 20w0 12b1 10w1 4b0 | 4 |
| 10 Abhishek Kamath (RGS) | 12w1 11w1 2b0 13w1 4b0 9b0 19w1 | 4 |
| 11 Harry Jones (RGS) | 14w1 10b0 9b0 21w1 24b1 5w0 13b1 | 4 |
| 12 Jasper Williams (RGS) | 10b0 27w1 25w1 3b0 9w0 17b1 20w1 | 4 |
| 13 Eashan Patel (RGS) | 9w1 18b½ 15w1 10b0 8w0 16b1 11w0 | 3.5 |
| 14 Sam Whitehurst (RGS) | 11b0 9w0 17b1 27w1 7b0 25w1 18b½ | 3.5 |
| 15 James Tovee (RGS) | 20b1 2w0 13b0 16w½ 23b1 18b1 5w0 | 3.5 |
| 16 Angus Clarke (Stamf'dh'm) | 19w1 6b0 18w0 15b½ 26b1 13w0 23b1 | 3.5 |
| 17 Tabitha Burnett (RGS) | 8b0 4b0 14w0 22b1 21w1 12w0 25b1 | 3 |
| 18 Ibrahim Nasser (RGS) | 24b1 13w½ 16b1 2w0 3b0 15w0 14w½ | 3 |
| 19 Ikenna Obonna (RGS) | 16b0 23b1 4w0 25w1 5b0 24w1 10b0 | 3 |
| 20 James Ferrier (RGS) | 15w0 22b1 28w1 9b1 6b0 7w0 12b0 | 3 |
| 21 David Foo (Kings) | 25b0 24w0 22w1 11b0 17b0 26w1 27w1 | 3 |
| 22 Will Simpson (RGS) | 2b0 20w0 21b0 17w0 27b½ bye1 24w1 | 2.5 |
| 23 Thomas Posner (RGS) | 7b0 19w0 26w½ bye1 15w0 27b1 16w0 | 2.5 |
| 24 Joseph Kirtley (RGS) | 18w0 21b1 5b0 26w1 11w0 19b0 22b0 | 2. |
| 25 Asheek Sarkar (RGS) | 21w1 8w0 12b0 19b0 bye1 14b0 17w0 | 2 |
| 26 Hisham Nasser (RGS) | 27b½ 7w0 23b½ 24b0 16w0 21b0 bye1 | 2 |
| 27 Daniel Jenkins (Kings) | 26w½ 12b0 3w0 14b0 22w½ 23w0 21b0 | 1 |
| 28 Naman Garg (RGS) | 1w0 3b½ 20b0 withdrew ill | 0.5 |

UNDER-9 SECTION

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| 1 Manav Gupta (RGS) | 8w1 15b1 4w1 3b1 2w1 6b1 7w1 | 7 |
| 2 Daniel Bell (St Tes) | 3b1 9w1 12b1 11w1 1b0 4b0 6w1 | 5 |
| 3 Louis McBride T'mouth) | 2w0 16b1 7w1 1w0 13b1 8w1 4b1 | 5 |
| 4 Parth Mannikar (RGS) | 16w1 7b1 1b0 12w1 11b1 2w1 3w0 | 5 |
| 5 Gus Coningham (RGS) | 7w0 8b0 bye1 16w½ 17w1 14b1 11b1 | 4.5 |
| 6 Anthony Lai (RGS) | bye1 11w0 10b1 8w1 12b1 1w0 2b0 | 4 |
| 7 Omkar Dixit (RGS) | 5b1 4w0 3b0 10w1 16b1 11w1 1b0 | 4 |
| 8 Daksh Sharma (RGS) | 1b0 5w1 15w1 6b0 9w1 3b0 13w1 | 4 |
| 9 Will Murgatroyd (RGS) | 13w1 2b0 11b0 15w1 8b0 12w½ 17b1 | 3.5 |
| 10 Cameron Kirk (RGS) | 12b0 17w1 6w0 7b0 15b½ 16w1 bye1 | 3.5 |
| 11 George Jones (RGS) | 14w1 6b1 9w1 2b0 4w0 7b0 5w0 | 3 |
| 12 Jack Johnstone (RGS) | 10w1 14b1 2w0 4b0 6w0 9b½ 16w½ | 3 |
| 13 Mark Broughton (St Tes) | 9b0 bye1 16b0 14b1 3w0 17w1 8b0 | 3 |
| 14 Finlay Brechin (RGS) | 11b0 12w0 17b1 13w0 bye1 5w0 15w1 | 3 |
| 15 Hamish Burnett (RGS) | 17b1 1w0 8b0 9b0 10w½ bye1 14b0 | 2.5 |
| 16 Rohit Lawrence (RGS) | 4b0 3w0 13w1 5b½ 7w0 10b0 12b½ | 2 |
| 17 Chidera Obonna (RGS) | 15w0 10b0 14w0 bye1 5b0 13b0 9w0 | 1 |