

## Pennine Cup 2004

For the second year in a row the Pennine Cup Competition for Under-16s was reduced to a straight match between Northumbria and Lancashire even though all eight Northern Counties were invited to take part. This must be a particular sadness to NCCU President, Dr Bill O'Rourke whose brainchild this event is. However the event was a great success for those taking part. As well as playing two competitive games the two teams were given individual coaching by grown up experts after their games. Bill O'Rourke himself and Paul Bielby gave talks on endgames and chess combinations respectively.

Northumbria won the first two games to finish in Round 1, but after that it was mostly Lancashire. Honours were even on the top four boards where the standard of play was much stronger than that on the lower boards but by half-time Lancashire held an almost unassailable 10-6 lead. The second round was much closer, but still Lancashire held the edge coming out overall winners by 19-13. Nonetheless there were some excellent performances by Northumberland youngsters. In particular Sophie Seeber, Edward Farrington and Sam Beldon won both their games. These three had represented Northumbria before but we had no fewer than 8 debutants who were awarded county colours ties after the event.

In a surprise presentation the NJCA were presented with a British Chess Federation Schools Award. This was in fact a belated 2003 award for services to junior chess and consisted of an engraved board and a digital chess clock.

R1 Northumbria 6		Lancashire 10
Jonathan Lai	0 – 1	Dominic Rabbitte
Erik Kapas	1 – 0	Paul Tinton
Daniel Lai	1 – 0	Liam Rabbitte
Sameer Ganatra	0 – 1	Mark Talbot
Matthew Taylor	0 – 1	Michael Rabbitte
Alex Taylor	0 – 1	Daniel Walmesley
Sophie Seeber	1 – 0	Ulysses Woods
Xinzhuo Huang	0 – 1	James McConnachi
Edward Farrington	1 – 0	Nicholas Grimshaw
Ross Mills	0 – 1	Nathan Talbot
Thomas Russell	0 – 1	Danny Reeves
Jamie Sheerin	0 – 1	Tom Pilkington
Sam Beldon	1 – 0	Danny Russett
Andrew Douglas	0 – 1	Charlotte Wood
Chris Goodship	1 – 0	Chris Rees
Robin Kerrison	0 – 1	Jonathan Crawford

R2 Northumbria 7		Lancashire 9
Erik Kapas	½ - ½	Dominic Rabbite
Jonathan Lai	1 – 0	Paul Tinton
Sameer Ganatra	½- ½	Liam Rabbitte
Daniel Lai	0 – 1	Mark Talbot
Alex Taylor	0 – 1	Michael Rabbitte
Matthew Taylor	0 – 1	Daniel Walmesley
Xinzhuo Huang	0 – 1	Ulysses Woods
Sophie Seeber	1 – 0	James McConnachie
Ross Mills	1 – 0	Nicholas Grimshaw
Edward Farrington	1 – 0	Nathan Talbot
Jamie Sheerin	0 – 1	Danny Reeves
Thomas Russell	1 – 0	Tom Pilkington
Andrew Douglas	0 – 1	Danny Russett
Sam Beldon	1 – 0	Charlotte Wood
Robin Kerrison	0 – 1	Chris Rees
Chris Goodship	0 – 1	Jonathan Crawford
Totals: Northumbria 13		Lancashire 19

Two of the games

### Paul Tinton - Jonathan Lai

Two Knights Defence

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Na5 6. Bb5 c6 7. dxc6 bxc6 8. Be2 h6 9. Nf3 e4 10. Ne5 Qd4 11. Ng4 Bxg4 12. Bxg4 Bc5 13. O-O e3 14. Bf3 exf2 15. Kh1 O-O 16. c3 Qh4 17. b4 Bd6 18. g3 Bxg3 19. Rxf2 Bxf2 20. Kg2 Rfe8 21. Qf1 Ng4 22. Bxg4 Qxg4 23. Kxf2 Re5 24. Qd3 Rf5 25. Ke1 Re8 26. Qe3 Qg1 27. Ke2 Rxe3 28. dxe3 Qf1 29. Kd2 Rf2#

### Edward Farrington – Nicholas Grimshaw

English Opening

1. c4 Nc6 2. g3 b6 3. Bg2 Bb7 4. Nc3 g6 5. b3 Bg7 6. Bb2 Nf6 7. Nf3 e6 8. d3 Qe7 9. Nb5 O-O-O 10. O-O a6 11. Nbd4 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 c5 13. Bb2 Ne8 14. Bxg7 Nxd7 15. Rc1 h5 16. d4 d5 17. cxd5 exd5 18. dxc5 bxc5 19. b4 Ne6 20. bxc5 Kb8 21. c6 Ka8 22. cxb7 Kxb7 23. Ne5 Nc5 24. Rxc5 Rxc5 25. Nxf7 Rhf8 26. Nxd8 Rxd8 27. Qb1 Ka7 28. Qxg6 Qa5 29. Kf7 Ka8 30. Rb1 Rb8 31. Bxd5 1-0