



4 Nations Chess League Junior Championship Results

If the juniors, parents and venue all work in harmony together, organising junior chess tournaments is one of life's true pleasures. The first weekend of the 4 Nations Chess League Junior Championships proved to be one such occasion.

The Championships were hosted by DeVere Venues at Wokefield Park. An excellent venue for the event, reasonably priced accommodation, free wireless internet throughout, spa and golf course for the parents and ample extremely well laid-out tournament space. "Why can't all chess tournaments be held in such a great venue?" was a comment that I heard on a number of occasions over the weekend.



We hope to return to Wokefield for next season's Junior 4NCL Championships.

The tournament was open to all competitors under the age of 18. Teams of 4 players including school and club sides and groups of chess friends, battled it out over the course of the weekend. 96 children aged 7-17 attended and the strength and experience of competitors varied from those attending their first tournament to seasoned international players.





The second weekend of the Junior 4NCL will take place at Latimer Place, Buckinghamshire on 28th February – 1st March 2009. Teams that were not able to attend the first weekend are extremely welcome to enter a team into the Latimer weekend. Please contact me for further information: chessuk@btinternet.com

Competitors played two tournament games on Saturday and one on Sunday. The time control for all games was 90 minutes for 30 moves and then a 15 minute quick-play finish. There were some extremely exciting games that went right down to the wire.

Professional chess coaching was provided throughout the day to all entrants and included structured lectures and coaches constantly on hand to analyse games and give advice. Thank you to Rosalind Kieran, Thomas Rendle and Nick Pert.

Some teams were able to bring their own coaches, including the valuable services of Peter Sowray of Richmond Junior Chess Club and Adam Hunt of Woodbridge School, who are pictured here, along with a coaching lecture from Nick and Ros.



We closed Saturday's action with an exciting evening Exchange tournament, which included some junior/parent teams.



For those without my misspent youth, you play exchange sitting next to your partner. When they capture a piece, you may add it to your board. It's fast, furious and massive amounts of fun.

In addition to the 1st and 2nd prizes, slightly more unusual bonus prizes were awarded, including a Best Jumper prize!

After 3 Rounds, the tournament positions are as below:

Under 18

Position	Team	Match Points/6	Game Points		
1 st	Wellington College	6	10.5	Felix Ynojosa Akash Jain	Alex Galliano Lateefah Messam-Sparks
2 nd =	AMCA Vipers	4	7.0	Matthew Ward Louis Payne	John Dickin Tarun Malhotra
	North London Knights	4	7.0	Tibor Jones Joseph Levene	Aidan McGiff Morris Stranger
4 th	Cardiff 1	4	6.0	Yinglun Teng Adrian Delpont	Danny Gottschalk Varun Varma
5 th	Perfect Pawns	4	5.0	Peter Williams Maria Wang	Eugene Daley Anna Wang
6 th	Chess Heroes	3	7.5	Henrik Stepanyan Marcus Harvey	Astghik Stepanyan Kyle Reed
7 th	Cardiff 2	3	7.0	Alex Freeland Alex Wills	Alex Bullen Matthew Bold
8 th	Woodbridge School	3	6.5	E Venmore Rowland Anna Egorova	Patrick Stevens Sam Gaffney
9 th	Richmond Bishops	2	5.5	Theodore Dias T Rajaratnam	Harvey Khandohla Neil Deo
10 th	Richmond Knights	0	3.0	Jasper Tambini Michael Pettit	Alex Boitier Charlie Nettleton
11 th	Richmond All Stars	0	1.0	Edward Ko M Wood-Robinson	Robin Bjalon Young Deok Park

Under 11

Position	Team	Match Points/6	Game Points		
1 st	Killer Kings	6	12	Ravi Haria Lawrence Lee	George Lawrence Vincent Lee
2 nd =	Richmond A	4	8.0	Jaek Simms Paul Calderon	Alexandre Blanc James Adshead
	Richmond B	4	8.0	Jonathan Pein Paul Waddingham	Lorenz Lehmann Leila Sackur
4 th	Basingstoke JCC	4	5.0	Alex Cross James Butler	Edward Howard-Jones
5 th	Notting Hill & Ealing	2	6.0	Emma Claxton Ella Sowerbutts	Elena Colato Rachel East
6 th =	Bute House Prep Sch	2	4.0	Clover Godsall Victoria Paines	Aia Nishio Alexa Woodhouse
7 th	King's College School	2	4.0	Jack Hagger A Kozhevnikov	Alex Burrell Kristian Prosser



The Killer Kings,
after their successful weekend.

Under 9

Position	Team	Match Points/6	Game Points		
1 st	Chess Nuts	6	11.0	William Claridge Sebastian Larsson Carl Breindel	James Colebourn Oliver Larsson
2 nd	Basingstoke JCC	4	6.0	Liam Vandamme Harry Grieve	Tom Payne Jacob Fay
3 rd	King's College & Fulham	3	7.0	Hugo Williams George Dickin	Francis Thompson Stefano Richardson
4 th	Bute House Prep Sch	3	6.0	Skye McCullagh Asha Sandhu	Susannah Boyle Amrita Sandhu
5 th	Charterhouse Square	2	4.0	J Pothalingam Matthew Smith	Freddie Whitehead Sabrina Ossman



A couple of the new teams that we are delighted to welcome to competitive chess. Well done to the girls from Bute House Preparatory School and Notting Hill & Ealing High School.



Congratulations to those who scored 100% in their tournament games over the weekend:

William Claridge
James Colebourn
Alex Galliano
Ravi Haria
Marcus Harvey
Sebastian Larsson
George Lawrence

Lawrence Lee
Vincent Lee
Tarun Malhotra
Aidan McGiff
Lateefah Messam-Sparks
Kristian Prosser
Paul Waddingham

A special prize was presented to 7 year old Alessia Colato, who was taught how to write her moves down first thing Saturday morning and then proceeded to correctly score a 40 move game. Well done Alessia.

Pictured just after their final round on Sunday, some of the under 9s and 11s
And below, Lateefah from Wellington and Jack from King's College.



You can find some of the tournament games here:

http://www.4ncl.co.uk/0809_junior.pgn

Please contact me if you would like to enter a team into the 2nd Junior 4NCL weekend
or have any questions about the Junior 4NCL.

Claire Summerscale, 4NCL Chairman: chessuk@btinternet.com