



# FOUR NATIONS CHESS LEAGUE

For the first time in many years, on the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> December 2008 all 4NCL divisions were able to play at the same venue. The 4NCL are extremely proud to be in partnership with the Barcelo Hinckley Island Hotel, which enables us to accommodate divisions 1, 2 & 3.



The hotel was spacious and welcoming and players and accompanying adults alike have let us know how impressed they were with Hinckley Island.



We look forward to our return visit in March 2009.

The Finance Director of the 4NCL, Mike Truran was happy to be on hand to present trophies to the previous season's division 1 & 2 winners.

Below left - Colin McNab collected the trophy for Division 2 winners, White Rose.  
Below right - Guildford-A&DC 1 captain Nigel Povah only had to relinquish the Division 1 trophy for several minutes, before it was re-presented to him.  
Congratulations to last season's winning teams.



## Division 1 Round 3 report by Jack Rudd

### Pool A

#### Cambridge University 1 vs. Guildford 2 (0.5-7.5)

The Guildford 2 side that had looked rather fragile in the first weekend was obviously in no mood to continue being so in the second. They won this match 7½-½; the only player to get a result for Cambridge was Joe Conlon. Indeed, he had the advantage for most of his game against Graeme Buckley, but the latter proved to know how to draw with rook against rook and bishop.

RD 3		CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 1	2283	v	GUILDFORD-A&DC 2	2440
1	w	Wong, Zi Jing	2414	0 - 1	Kosten, Anthony C	2510
2	b	Dearing, Eddie	2393	0 - 1	Prie, Eric	2491
3	w	Pinter, Gabor	2355	0 - 1	Flear, Glenn C	2473
4	b	Mah, Karl C C	2408	0 - 1	Shaw, John K	2469
5	w	Alfred, Nathan	2323	0 - 1	Cherniaev, Alexander	2438
6	b	Churm, Rohan M	2207	0 - 1	Tissir, Mohamed	2463
7	w	Conlon, Joe	2212	½ - ½	Buckley, Graeme	2399
8	b	Broomfield, Lucy (F)	1949	0 - 1	Sandu, Mihaela (F)	2273
				½-7½		

#### Wood Green Hilsmark Kingfisher 1 vs. White Rose (7.0-1.0)



Another one-sided result; White Rose's time at the top of the table proved short-lived as they lost 7-1 to a strong Wood Green Hilsmark Kingfisher side. Among the players to win for Wood Green Hilsmark Kingfisher was Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant, who got her final GM norm at the Olympiad, and now just needs a 2500 rating for the title. The following game will have helped her edge closer to it:

#### Arakhamia Grant, Ketevan (2448) - Gayson, Peter (2254) [B80]

4NCL Barcelo Hotel, Hinckley (3.125), 06.12.2008

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 Be7 8.Qd2 b5 9.g4 Bb7 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.g5** [11.Kb1 Nfd7 12.g5 Ne5 13.h4 Nbd7 14.h5 b4 15.Na4 Qa5 16.b3 Nc5 17.a3 Nxa4 18.axb4 Qc7 19.bxa4 Rc8 20.Rc1 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Qxc4 22.Nb3 d5 23.Na5 Qc7 24.c4 dxc4 25.f4 f6 Xu Jun (2535)-Tamin,U (2135)/Singapore 1995/1-0 (40); 11.h4 Nfd7 12.Nb3 Ne5 13.Bg2 Nc4 14.Qd3 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Nd7 16.Rhg1 Rc8 17.f4 b4 18.Rd3 a5 19.Qd4 e5 20.fxg5 Nxe5 21.Na1 Nxd3+ 22.cxd3 Bf6 0-1 Adaszewski,P (1600)-Mlodzinska,I (1871)/Leutersdorf 2006] **11...Nfd7 12.h4 Ne5 13.h5** [13.Bd3 Nxd3+ 14.Qxd3 Nd7 15.h5 Ne5 16.Qe2 Nc4 17.Kb1 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 0-0-0 19.Nb3 Kb8 20.Rhg1 Rc8 21.Rg2 Bc6 22.Qd3 b4 23.Ne2 Bb5 24.Qd2 e5 25.Ng3 a5 26.Nf5 Bf8 27.Qd5 Ba4 Henriques,S (2032)-Ferreira,S/Amadora 2000/1-0 (44)] **13...Nbd7 14.Qg2 b4 15.Na4** [15.Nb1 d5] **15...Nc5?!** [15...Qa5 16.b3 Nc5 is Fritz's suggestion, and I think I agree with it: the white king's protection seems to be collapsing.] **16.Nxc5** [16.g6!? is enterprising, but seems to come up short. 16...Nxa4 17.gxf7+ Kxf7 18.Nxe6 Kxe6 19.Qxg7 Kd7 gives back one piece to beat off the attack.] **16...dxc5 17.Nb3 a5 18.Bb5+ Bc6 19.Qe2 Qb6** [19...a4 20.Nxc5 b3 21.axb3 Bxc5 22.Bxc5 axb3 is hair-raising, but I think I'd rather have white: the h8 rook is not going to find it easy to join in the play.] **20.Bxc6+ Qxc6 21.f4 a4 22.Nd2 Nd7 23.g6** [23.h6? is a suggestion that only a computer would make: 23...g6 is an obvious, and good, rejoinder.] **23...b3 24.cxb3 axb3 25.a3**



**25...c4 26.Qxc4** [26.gxf7+ Kxf7 27.Qxc4 may be a better move order, for reasons that will become clear later.]  
**26...Qxc4+ 27.Nxc4 hxc6** [27...Rc8 28.gxf7+ Kxf7 (28...Kd8?? 29.Bb6+) 29.Rxd7 Rxc4+ 30.Kd2 Rc2+ (30...Rxe4 31.Kd3 Ra4 32.Kc3) 31.Kd3 Rxb2 32.h6 Rd8 33.Rxd8 Bxd8 34.hxc6 Rg2 35.Bd4 Bf6 36.g8Q+ Rxc6 37.Rxh7+ Kg6 38.Rb7 and the ending is winning for white.] **28.Rxd7 Rc8?**



[28...Kxd7 is probably a better try: 29.Nb6+ Kc6 30.Nxa8 Bd8 and it doesn't look like white can extricate the knight: 31.Rd1 gxh5 32.Rd3 h4 33.Rc3+ Kb7 34.Nb6 h3 35.Nc4 Bb6!]

**29.Rd4 Bc5 30.Kd2 Bxd4 31.Nd6+ Kd7 32.Nxc8 Bxe3+ 33.Kxe3 Rxc8** [33...Kxc8 34.Rc1+ Kd7 35.hxc6] **34.hxc6 Rc2** [34...fxg6 35.Rd1+ Ke7 36.Rd3 Rb8 37.e5] **35.Rd1+ Ke7 36.Rd2 Rc1 37.gxf7 Kxf7 38.Rd3**

With this, the game is effectively over: white has two extra passed pawns on the queenside, which she can easily shepherd home. **38...Re1+ 39.Kd4 Rf1 40.Ke5 Rh1 41.Rxb3 Rh5+ 42.Kd6 Rh4 43.Rf3 Rh2 44.b4 Kf6 45.Rb3 Rd2+ 46.Kc5 Rc2+ 47.Kd4 Rd2+ 48.Rd3 Rb2 49.Rg3 g6 50.e5+ Kf5 51.Rg5+ Kxf4 52.Rxc6 Rb3 53.Rxe6 Rxa3 54.Rf6+ Kg5 55.b5 Ra4+ 56.Kd5 Rb4 57.b6 Rb1 58.Kc6 Rc1+ 59.Kd7 Rd1+ 60.Kc7 Re1 61.b7 Rxe5 62.Rd6 Rc5+ 63.Kb6 1-0**

RD 3		WOOD GREEN HILSMARK KINGFISHER 1	2468	v	WHITE ROSE 1	2315
1	w	Berczes, David	2514	1 - 0	Wells, Peter K	2516
2	b	Gordon, Stephen J	2521	1 - 0	Jones, Gawain C B	2548
3	w	Szabo, Krisztian *	2520	½ - ½	McNab, Colin	2455
4	b	Lalic, Bogdan	2531	½ - ½	Palliser, Richard	2407
5	w	Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan (F)	2448	1 - 0	Gayson, Peter M	2254
6	b	Greet, Andrew N	2440	1 - 0	Barrett, Steve J	2226
7	w	Berczes, Csaba	2399	1 - 0	Adams, David M	2177
8	b	Tiller, Bjorn	2370	1 - 0	Maroroa, Sue (F) *	1938
				7 - 1		

## South Wales Dragons 1 vs. Richmond (4.5-3.5)

Another match where unforeseen circumstances played a crucial part. On the morning of the match, Richmond's board 8 was forced to pull out due to illness. This proved critical for the match itself, as

Richmond went on to lose 4½-3½. It also had the knock-on effect of giving them two default penalty points on the Saturday and one on the Sunday, thus costing them a match point overall; this may be relevant come the end of the season.

*Congratulations to Gavin Wall of Richmond who celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday at the 4NCL - Claire.*



**Roberts,David Llewelyn (2144) - Mitchem,Nicholas (1971) [B81]**

4NCL Barcelo Hotel, Hinckley (3.137), 06.12.2008

[Rudd, Jack]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4 Nc6 7.g5 Nd7 8.Be3 Nb6 9.h4 d5** [9...Be7 10.Rg1 d5 11.exd5 exd5 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.Qxf5 d4 17.0-0-0 c5 18.Ne4 Qd5 19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.c3 f5 21.gxf6 Nxf6 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 ½-½ Hagarova,Z (2364)-Vlcek,S (2258)/Banska Stiavnica 2006] **10.Qf3!?** [10.Bb5 Bd7 11.exd5 Nxd5 (11...exd5 12.Qe2 Be7 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Nb3 (RR 14.f4 Bb4 15.Nb3 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qc8 17.Qf2 d4 18.cxd4 Nb4 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.c3 N4d5 21.Bd2 Rac8 22.Kb1 Na4 23.Ka1 Naxc3 24.Bxc3 Rxc3 25.Rc1 Rfc8 26.Rxc3 Rxc3 27.Re1 f6 28.f5 Nb4 Gruenfeld,Y-Dizdar,G/Graz 1981/1-0 (41)) 14...Be6 15.f4 (15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.Bxc5 Re8 17.Qf3 a6 18.Bf1 Rc8 19.Qg3 Nd7 20.Be3 Qa5 21.Bd4 Nxd4 22.Rxd4 Nb8 23.h5 Qc5 24.Rd2 Nc6 25.Bg2 Rcd8 26.h6 g6 27.Rhd1 Qc4 28.Bxd5 Bxd5 29.Rxd5 Rc8 Guseinov,A (2200)-Klovsky,R (2200)/Moscow 1979/1-0 (33)) 15...Re8 16.h5 Bb4 17.Qd3 Nc4 18.Bc5 Bxc5 19.Nxc5 Qd6 20.Qxc4 1-0 Glek,I (2530)-Dydyshko,V (2500)/Azov 1991) 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Qe2 Be7 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.c3 Qa5 16.Bd3 Qxa2 17.Bb1 Qc4 18.Qc2 g6 19.h5 Nxd4 20.Rxd4 Bf5 21.Qd1 Qc8 22.Rdh4 d4 23.Bxf5 Qxf5 24.Qxd4 Bxg5 1-0 Minic,D-Navarovszky,L/Cacak 1969] **10...Bb4 11.Bb5 Bxc3+?! Slightly odd: black can play this capture at any time, so why rush to do so? 12.bxc3 Bd7 13.h5 a6** [Another playable line is 13...Ne5 14.Qg3 Qc8 15.Bf4 Nec4] **14.Bxc6 Bxc6?**



[14...bxc6 15.g6 Qe7] **15.g6! hxg6 16.hxg6 Rxh1+ 17.Ke2!** Black may have overlooked this zwischenzug; this way, the rook on a1 comes straight into the attack. **17...Qf6** [17...f6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Rxh1 Kd7 20.Rh7] **18.Qxf6 gxf6 19.Rxh1 Kd7** The only way to defend the threatened knight without dropping the rook. **20.gxf7 Rf8** [20...dxe4 21.Bc1 Rf8 (21...Ke7 22.Rh7 Nc4 23.Bh6) 22.Rh7 Nd5 23.Bh6] **21.Rh7 Nc4 22.Bh6 1-0**

RD 3		SOUTH WALES DRAGONS 1	2200	v	RICHMOND	2184
1	w	Cobb, James E	2451	½ - ½	Bates, Richard A	2387
2	b	Cooper, John G	2362	½ - ½	Wall, Gavin	2307
3	w	Morris, Charles F	2195	0 - 1	Bisby, Daniel L	2287
4	b	Zeidler, Sven P	2224	0 - 1	Muter, Donny	2190
5	w	O'Neill, Paul	2204	1 - 0	Meyer, Gordon	2161
6	b	James, David J	2137	½ - ½	Franklin, Michael J	2232
7	w	Roberts, David L	2144	1 - 0	Mitchem, Nicholas D	1971
8	b	Blackburn, Suzie (F)	1883	1 - 0	Sirisena, Chantal N (def) (F)	1935
				4½-3½		

## Barbican 1 vs. Sambuca Sharks (7.5-0.5)

Ben Purton, the captain of Sambuca Sharks, requested beforehand that this be one of the round's live internet games. By the end, he was quite relieved that it wasn't. The match wasn't quite as one-sided as the 7½-½ score-line suggests, but one suspects the Sharks are not going to be too displeased when the first group stage ends and their matches against the really strong teams end.

RD 3		BARBICAN 4NCL 1	2385	v	SAMBUCA SHARKS	2143
1	w	Parker, Jonathan	2538	1 - 0	Rendle, Thomas E	2385
2	b	Turner, Matthew J	2505	1 - 0	Krensing, Jan	2287
3	w	Ferguson, Mark	2398	1 - 0	Martyn, Rafe	2293
4	b	Collinson, Adam	2389	½ - ½	Williams, Samuel G	2218
5	w	Knott, Simon	2348	1 - 0	Roberson, Peter T	2236
6	b	Cox, John J	2381	1 - 0	Purton, Ben J	2106
7	w	Berry, Neil	2323	1 - 0	Makepeace, Philip J	2027
8	b	Regan, Natasha (F)	2197	1 - 0	Sainbayar, Anuurai (F) *	1590
				7½-½		

## Pool B

### Northwest Eagles vs. Betsson.com (2.0-6.0)

3 out of 3 for the Ledger brothers helped Betsson to their first win of the season. The only player to win for the Eagles was John Redmond, who managed to trap Bob Eames's queen in the centre of the board. The bottom board game between Adeline Chaumont and Lynne Morrison was an excellent example of how random chess can get during a time-scramble.

RD 3		NORTH WEST EAGLES	2169	v	BETSSON.COM	2284
1	w	Morrison, Graham	2328	½ - ½	Hunt, Adam C	2431
2	b	Coates, Kenneth G	2241	0 - 1	Ledger, Andrew J	2429
3	w	Hulmes, David I	2203	½ - ½	Webb, Laurence E	2347
4	b	Redmond, John	2199	1 - 0	Eames, Robert G	2329
5	w	Charleshouse, Glenn L	2194	0 - 1	Ledger, David J	2254
6	b	Jaunooby, Ali	2145	0 - 1	Nelson, Jonathan	2247
7	w	Mulligan, Stephen	2113	0 - 1	Ledger, Stephen C	2151
8	b	Morrison, Lynne (F)	1926	0 - 1	Chaumont, Adeline (F) *	2083
				2 - 6		

### Wood Green Hilsmark Kingfisher 2 vs. Pride and Prejudice (4.0-4.0)

The only drawn match of round 3, and indeed six of the individual games were draws. Wood Green Hilsmark Kingfisher 2's win unsurprisingly came on board seven, where they had a significant rating advantage and the white pieces (*not quite the board 7 super-sub I was hoping to be – Claire*). Rather more of a shock was that the same was true of their loss on board five, in which Sheila Sahl beat Matthew Broomfield.

Right – Sheila Sahl and Aaron Summerscale preparing before their WGHK match.



RD 3		WOOD GREEN HILSMARK KINGFISHER 2	2303	v	PRIDE AND PREJUDICE	2296
1	w	Houska, Jovanka (F)	2399	½ - ½	Emms, John M	2489
2	b	Martin, Andrew D	2425	½ - ½	Ward, Chris G	2431
3	w	McDonald, Neil	2398	½ - ½	Summerscale, Aaron	2467
4	b	Sowray, Peter J	2316	½ - ½	Hunt, Harriet (F)	2462
5	w	Broomfield, Matthew	2344	0 - 1	Sahl, Sheila (F)	2219
6	b	Lindner, Daniel	2242	½ - ½	Zhou, Yang-Fan	2276
7	w	Fowler, Simon	2214	1 - 0	Summerscale, Claire E (F)	2007
8	b	Hegarty, Sarah (F)	2088	½ - ½	Auckland, Elliott	2017
				4 - 4		



Two of the sharpest dressed members of the 4NCL. Elliott and Aaron.

### Bristol 1 vs. The GAMBIT Ads (2.5-5.5)

“I just kept on making third-rate moves” said Chris Beaumont of his play in this match. This was a common complaint amongst our top boards, and the ADs' grandmasters took full advantage. The one consolation in our 5½-2½ defeat was this nice win by John Curtis:

**Curtis, John (2122) - Cafferty, Bernard (2179) [A47]**

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[Rudd, Jack]

**1.d4 e6 2.Nd2 c5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Ngf3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c3 Be7**



**8.e4** This used to be thought harmless, because black has an obvious plan for winning the two bishops, which Cafferty now plays... **8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Nb4? 10.Bb1 Ba6 11.Re1 Nd3 12.Bxd3 Bxd3**



**13.d5!** The move that revived this line for white. **13...Bc5** [13...0-0 14.d6 Bxd6 15.e5; 13...d6 14.Qb3 Ba6 15.Qa4+] **14.b4!** Giving up a pawn to catch the black king in the centre. **14...Bxb4 15.Qb3 Bxd2 16.Nxd2 Ba6 17.Ba3 b5 18.Rac1** Black is completely tied up; there is no way to complete his development. **18...Qa5 19.Bb4 Qb6 20.Qg3 Rg8 21.Re3** [21.Bc5 Qb8 22.Bd6 Qb6 23.Be5 Kf8 24.Bc7 Qb7 25.Qd6+ Ke8 26.Ba5 1-0 Gomez,F (2414)-Blees,A (2402)/Varadero 2000] **21...Bb7 22.Bc5 Qd8 23.e5 Bxd5** [23...d6 24.exf6 dxc5 25.dxe6 Qxd2 26.Rce1; 23...Nxd5 24.Ne4 Qc7 25.Nd6+ Kd8 26.Qh4+ g5 27.Qxh7 Rf8 28.Qg7]

**24.exf6 Qxf6 25.Qd6 Qg5** [25...Bc6 26.Bd4 Qd8 27.Rxc6 dxc6 28.Qxc6+ Ke7 29.Bc5+ Kf6 30.Ne4+ Kg6 31.Rg3+ Kh6 32.Nd6 with mate to follow soon.] **26.Rg3 Qd8 27.Rxg7 1-0**

RD 3		BRISTOL 1	2213	v	THE GAMBIT ADS	2332
1	w	Cobb, Charles	2407	0 - 1	Speelman, Jonathan S	2530
2	b	Rudd, Jack	2344	0 - 1	Chandler, Murray G	2515
3	w	Buckley, David E	2244	0 - 1	Davies, Nigel R	2490
4	b	Beaumont, Chris	2317	0 - 1	Richardson, John R	2308
5	w	Dilleigh, Stephen P	2147	½ - ½	Snape, Ian	2219
6	b	Pickering, Andrew *	2160	½ - ½	Wheeler, Darren P	2234
7	w	Curtis, John	2122	1 - 0	Cafferty, Bernard	2179
8	b	Smith, Olivia (F)	1961	½ - ½	Bellin, Jana (F)	2183
				2½-5½		

## Guildford 1 vs. Barbican 2 (7.0-1.0)

Guildford 1 continued to be in no mood to hang about, although they didn't manage to win by quite as high a margin as their second team, Barbican 2 managing to score 1 point with draws by Craig Pritchett and Peter Taylor against Nick Pert and Danny King respectively. The pick of the games was probably Stuart Conquest's win against Chris Dorrington, in which the British champion sacrificed a piece for a long-running attack.

RD 3		GUILDFORD-A&DC 1	2521	v	BARBICAN 4NCL 2	2268
1	w	Rowson, Jonathan	2596	1 - 0	Rogers, Jonathan W	2347
2	b	Howell, David W L	2593	1 - 0	Eggleston, David J	2368
3	w	Cornette, Matthieu	2548	1 - 0	Lewis, Andrew P	2277
4	b	Pert, Nicholas	2532	½ - ½	Pritchett, Craig W	2308
5	w	Conquest, Stuart C	2526	1 - 0	Dorrington, Christopher	2259
6	b	King, Daniel J	2518	½ - ½	Taylor, Peter	2254
7	w	Hebden, Mark L	2515	1 - 0	Franklin, Samuel	2156
8	b	Lalic, Susan (F)	2341	1 - 0	Lauterbach, Ingrid (F)	2178
				7 - 1		

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