



JUNIOR 4 NATIONS CHESS LEAGUE

Weekend 1 report by Claire Summerscale – 28th-29th November 2009

The first weekend of the Junior 4NCL started in fine form, in the excellent surroundings of De Vere Venues Wokefield Park. Tranquil acres of parkland, golf and a spa for the parents and a computer area complete with Nintendo and Wii for the children in between rounds.



We were pleased to welcome 37 teams of junior players to this ever expanding tournament and hope to see even more teams join us at the second weekend 27th-28th February 2010. We are proud to offer free top class coaching to all competitors at this event, which included lessons from IM Andrew Martin and former World Junior Champion Ruth Sheldon.



Our spectacular and extremely well attended evening event was an exchange tournament. There were no barriers to entry and competitors ages ranged from 4-80!



And so to the real business of the weekend.

Under 18

We were excited to be able to offer a FIDE rated under 18 section for the first time this year and hope to see this expand into the largest and most successful junior FIDE rated event in the UK. We attracted some extremely strong players and expect them to be joined by more teams at the February 2010 weekend.

Teams scored 2 points for a won match and 1 point for a drawn match.



The under 18 time control meant they were able to play 3 rounds over the weekend.



Current standings are below:

	1	2	3	Points
Reading Rooks	2	2	2	6
French Fries	2	0	2	4
Cardiff AJs	2	1	1	4
Woodbridge school	1	2	1	4
Winchester College	0	2	1	3
Winchester & Basingstoke Wildcats	2	1	0	3
Pride and Prejudice	1	2	0	3
Cardiff Crowns	0	0	2	2
Richmond Junior Under 18	0	0	1	1
Chess Point	0	0	0	0

Under 14



	1	2	3	4	5	Points
Queen's Gambits	2	2	2	1	2	9
Yateley Manor u14	1	0	2	2	2	7
Richmond Juniors u14	1	2	0	2	1	6
King's College Junior School	2	2	0	1	1	6
Headington School	0	0	2	0	0	2

Under 11



	1	2	3	4	5	Points
Basingstoke A	2	2	2	2	2	10
Richmond Junior u11	2	2	2	1	1	8
Basingstoke B	2	2	2	0	2	8
Yateley Manor u11 A	2	2	0	2	1	7
Kings of Chaos	0	2	2	1	0	5
Heathside u11	2	0	0	1	2	5
Yateley Manor u11 B	0	0	0	2	2	4
Yateley Manor u11 C	0	0	2	1	0	3
St Mary & St Michael						
Bishops	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Mary & St Michael Knights	0	0	0	0	0	0

Under 9

9 teams competed for glory in this hard-fought section. The games started off extremely quickly, but by the end of the weekend, players were concentration much harder and playing much slower. Congratulations to all.



	1	2	3	4	5	Points
Fulham Prep School	2	1	2	2	2	9
Heathside u9	1	2	2	2	2	9
Richmond Juniors u9	2	2	0	2	2	8
Leopard Tigers	2	2	0	1	2	7
Yateley Manor u9 A	1	1	2	2	0	6
Basingstoke Tigers	0	1	0	1	1	3
Yateley Manor u9 B	1	0	2	0	0	3
Fireball	1	0	0	0	1	2
King's House & King's College	0	1	0	0	0	1

Individual round and team results will be available separately on the 4ncl website: <http://www.4ncl.co.uk> Please do not hesitate to contact me if any of the results are incorrect.

We welcome new teams for the 2nd weekend in February. Please contact Claire Summerscale if you require any further details or to enter a new team: chessuk@btinternet.com

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