



Schools Finals at Pontin's Brean Sands

Wednesday 2nd July and Thursday 3rd July saw 6 National Schools' titles decided. The U16, U14 and U12 sections of the UK National Schools Team Championships were played along with the English Primary Schools' Chess Association U11, U9 and small schools' championships.

In the U16 competition three schools moved to the front after three rounds and stayed there. Haberdashers' beat Magdalen College 3-2 and drew with Queen Elizabeth, Barnet to take the trophy with 24½ points, ahead of Queen Elizabeth's on 22½, and Magdalen on 20½. Board prizes were won by players from 5 Schools (there were two ties) Saravanan Sathyanandha (1) Athman Sivakumar (3) and Tom Senior (4) of Haberdashers' Amit Desai (2) of Queen Elizabeth's, Harry Mann (2) of Torquay Boys', Tom Lilburn (3) King Edwards' Birmingham, Jacob Trefethan (5) and Ben Stone (6) of Magdalen College. The U14 competition was dominated by Haberdashers' who only dropped three points in the whole tournament finishing 6 points ahead of King Edward's with Torquay Boys' a

further two points behind. Haberdashers also won the top four board prizes with Shyamel Patel, Daniel Lande, James Lawrence and Aneesh Aggarwal whilst the board five went to Marco Saccardi of Queen Elizabeth "C" team. In the U12s Aldro "A" team were never behind in the tournament and entered the last round with a 2 point advantage. They should have sealed it with a win against Broadclyst, the only primary school in the competition, but ended up losing 2-3. They then had an anguished wait whilst their nearest rivals, RGS Guildford and Queen Elizabeth's, battled it out. This game ended in stalemate giving Aldro the championship with 15½ points, 1½ clear of RGS who came second on tie break and Queen Elizabeths.' The board prizes here were fairly well distributed with Oliver Demerger (1) and Jeff Leung (2) of Torquay Boys', Ben Collins (3) of Queen Elizabeth's, E Ghent (4) and O Timms (6) of Aldro and James Royle (5) of Broadclyst all proving successful.

In the EPSCA events the U11s proved to be a rerun of the Hemsby semi-final with Dulwich College Prep, Eltham Col-

lege and Haberdashers' fighting for top spot. Going in to the final round Eltham held a half point lead over Dulwich and Haberdashers' with each team playing apparently similar opposition. There was much tooting and froing but eventually both Haberdashers' and Eltham won 3-2 whilst Dulwich secured that vital half point to tie with Eltham and take the title on board count in the drawn match between the teams.

In the U9s there were three teams on 15½ point after 5 rounds, Eltham College, Magdalen College and Nottingham High. In round six Eltham beat Nottingham 4½-1½ whilst Magdalen lost 1-4 to Holmfield. This put Eltham in a seemingly unassailable 3½ point lead. This proved true although Magdalen College fought hard all the way against them holding them to 3-2. Meanwhile Hallfield and Nottingham High "B" had drawn giving Rosemead, 4-1 winners over Nottingham High "A" the chance to come through in to second place.

Finally, disappointingly only two small schools entered so Heathfield and Blagdon went head to head over two rounds. Heathfield won round one 4-0 thus only needing a half point to secure victory. Blagdon held them 2-2 in the second round but Heathfield ran out winners 6-2

Finally a great vote of thanks needs to be given to Tony Corfe for the tremendous work he puts in, not just at the events but throughout the year. Fortunately he has got a very able assistant in Traci Whitfield – the two of them did 4 stays at Pontins as well as attending some

of the preliminary tournaments. The enjoyment gained by the young (and not so young in some cases) is great to see. Long may they continue.

Peter Purland

Anglo-Dutch Match 2008

Our annual match against Zukertort Chess Club from Amstelveen near Amsterdam took place over the weekend 21st-22nd June at Pontins Holiday Centre, Prestatyn, Denbighshire North Wales.

The format is the first round of the match on the Saturday morning, some free time to enjoy Pontins followed by a rapid play in the evening then the second round of the match on the Sunday morning. The teams consisted of 19 players this year with the England Under 11 players being: Greg Ackerman, Peter Batchelor, Nathasha Bogoda, Henry Broadley, Joshua Cavendish, Robert Fitzgerald, Chantelle Foster, Conrad Green, Felix Haxby, Amy Hoare, Daniel Lea, Joseph McPhillips, Ram Mohan, Shyam Moham, Gautham Reddiar, Adam Taylor, Milo Thrumble, Jamie Tilston and Roy Zhang.

The England team hit the floor running and coasted through the first round to the tune of 14½-4½ but we have played the Dutch too often to think this would last.

That evening the Dutch requested an



EDITOR'S FOREWORD AND BASIC ADVICE

by **Andrew Martin**
International Master

EDITORIAL

I've had quite a few letters recently on the subject of 'pushy parents'. Are you a pushy parent? I know if I was so described, either to my face or behind my back, the hackles would start to rise.

So I've compiled a brief checklist which I compare myself against to find out the truth.

THE CHECKLIST

- 1) Do I regularly talk about the achievements of my children to others?
- 2) Do I actively advertise these achievements or try to promote them, with or without the consent of my son or daughter?
- 3) Do I brag about my children?
- 4) Am I a frustrated chess player, trying to extend my own career through the games of my child?
- 5) Am I overloading my child with too much coaching or advice, particularly from myself?

You will all know about the **'Chess for Schools'** project being administered by the ECF. We have assembled a task force to move the project along and have made **important recommendations**.

A crucial meeting will be held in **Birmingham** on **July 26th** where ECF members can vote for these recommendations, which I think we should. The plans are first class. If you can go, please vote for progress and the future of chess for our children. Further details may be found on the **ECF website**.

6) Do I hang around in the tournament hall, watching the games of my offspring?

7) Do I get involved in discussions about those games with others while the games are in progress?

8) Do I ever think my child is hard done by and make these feelings known?

9) Do I frequently insist my child studies chess, even if he/she doesn't want to?

You get the gist. There are probably quite a few more things I could put on the list, but that will do for now. What do you think?

Andrew



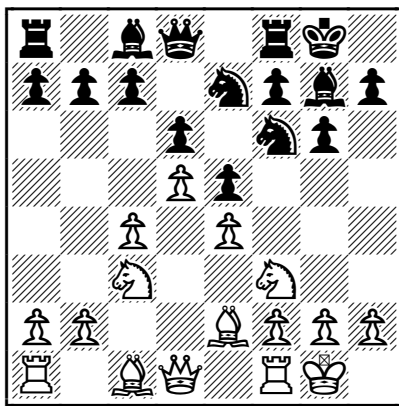
Bent Larsen (2515) - Christian Gabriel (2555)
[E97]

Bad Homburg, July 21, 1998

I make no apologies for using older games in this column. Great games of

chess were not only played in 2008! Such is the depth to which the main line of the King's Indian has been analysed, one might be forgiven for thinking that there is nothing original left to be discovered. Yet here we see Bent Larsen in his later years, using 9. a4 to good effect, adding something new to the arsenal of accumulated knowledge.

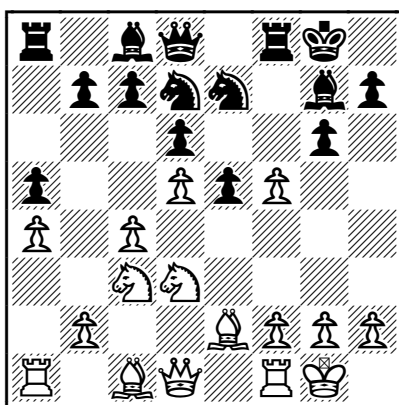
1.c4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7



9.a4 a5

All the Black players seem to have agreed that 9...a5 is the best move, fixing b4. Basically, Black is trying to slow White down for as long as it takes to get the kingside attack rolling. But here we see Larsen turning the tables with a K-side attack of his own.

10.Ne1 Nd7 11.Nd3 f5 12.exf5!?N



Larsen's new idea. Of course, the notion of taking on f5 and then trying to halt the K-side advance with f2-f4 isn't original at all and dates from Larsen's heyday in the 50's and 60's. But White is encouraging Black to recapture with the g-pawn and open up his King.

12...gxf5 13.Ra3!

Excellent! The rook moves to a flexible position on the third rank and may possibly come to the K-side!

13...Ng6

He tries to solve the position of the problem Knight on e7. However, that same Knight could play a role if Black attacks d5.

So 13...Nf6 14.f4 e4 15.Nf2 c6 is possible, although I still prefer White after 16.Be3 cxd5 17.cxd5 Qe8 18.Rb3! Black has interrupted White's plan, but at the cost of queenside weaknesses.;

13...f4 suggested by Danny King is critical, locking out the Bishop on c1, and perhaps the rook on a3. Of course the drawback is losing control of the e4 square. King feels that White should tackle the move directly with 14.g3 (14. Ne4?! Nf6 15.Bf3 Nf5) 14...Ng6 15.Kh1 Nf6 (15...fxg3 16.hxg3 (16.fxc3±) 16... Nf6 17.Kg2±) 16.gxf4 (16.Rg1) 16...e4 17.Ne1∞

14.Kh1!

Larsen liked this type of mysterious King move. White tucks the King away, envisaging f2-f4 or g2-g4 at a later date. Although he may never get around to actually playing either of those moves, it's useful to preserve the option.

Or 14.f4—King.

14...Rf7 15.f4!

White now has a very active game and his

pieces are much better coordinated. Black has been outplayed in the opening.

15...b6

Personally I think Black should take on f4, at least bringing his Knights into the game:

15...exf4 16.Nxf4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Ne5 18.Nb5±;

15...e4 16.Nf2 Nf6 17.Nb5± (But not yet 17.g4 fxg4 18.Nxg4 Bf5 19.Ne3 Qd7̄)

16.Nb5

That's another downside of 9...a5, all those moves ago.

16...Nf6 17.fxe5

17.Nf2 also keeps White's advantage: 17...Nxf4 (17...exf4 18.Rh3 Ne4 19.Nd3 Be5 20.Bf3 Re7 21.Qc2 Qf8 22.Rh5 Qf6 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.b3!±) 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Rf3 Ne4 20.Nxe4 fxe4 21.Rxf4 Rxf4 22.Rxf4 Bxb2 23.Bg4!→

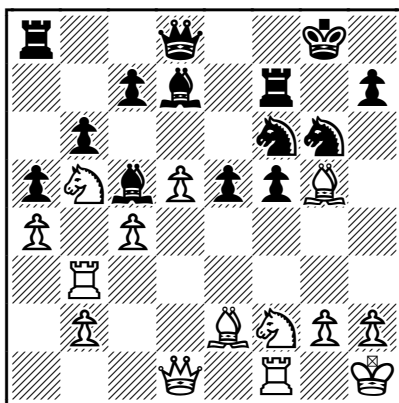
17...dxe5

17...Nxe5 18.Nf4 Ne4 19.Rh3 conclusively demonstrates the usefulness of the Rook on a3.

18.Nf2 Bf8 19.Rb3 Bd7

After 19...Bc5!?! comes 20.Nd3 Bf8 21.Bg5 Be7 22.Qd2±

20.Bg5 Bc5



21.Qb1!

White plays with an extra Rook for the

time being; that's why he is better.

21...e4 22.Nh3

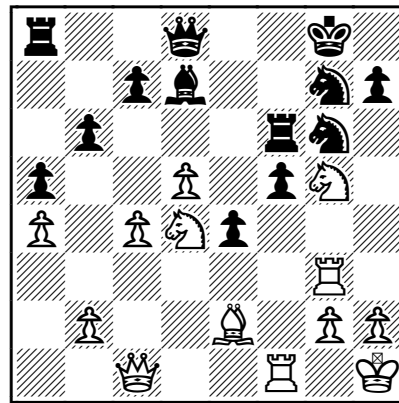
Moving to blockade the black pawns, after which white can think about g2-g4 to crack them apart.

22...Be7 23.Qc1± Ne8 24.Rg3! Bxg5

25.Nxg5 Rf6

25...Rg7 26.Nd4 f4 27.Nge6±

26.Nd4 Ng7



27.c5!

Threatening Bc4 with an attack on the King.

27...Kh8

27...bxc5 28.Qxc5 Rd6 29.Nde6±



28.c6! Bc8

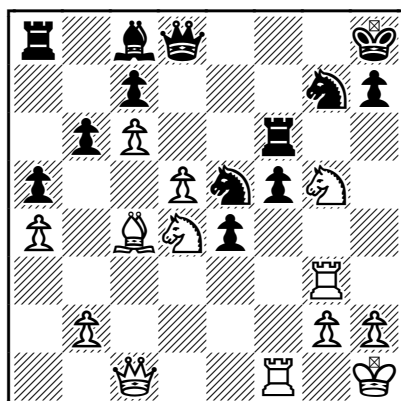
28...Be8 29.Nde6 Nxe6 30.Nxe6 Qd6 31.Qg5 Rxe6 32.dxe6 Qxe6 33.Rxf5+-

29.Bc4

As Huzman recounts, the last preparatory move before White starts the decisive attack. Note the Rook on a8 which has

still not yet entered the fray.

29...Ne5



30.Rh3! h6?

30...h5□ was the only move to prolong matters after which White has many strong moves: 31.Bb3 (31.Nde6 Bxe6 32.Nxe6 Qd6 33.Nxg7 Kxg7 34.Rxh5±; 31.b3! Qe7 32.Nde6 Bxe6 33.Nxe6 Qf7 34.Nxg7 Kxg7 35.Qg5+ Qg6 36.Qf4! Nxc4 37.Rg3±; 31.Nge6 Bxe6 32.Nxe6 Qd6 33.Nf4 Kg8 34.Nxh5 Nxh5 35.Rxh5 Raf8 36.Qc3 Nxc4 37.Qxc4±) 31...Nd3 32.Qd1+-; 30...Nxc4 31.Nxh7!+-

31.Nxe4!+- fxe4 32.Rxf6 Bxh3

32...Qxf6 33.Rxh6+

33.Rxh6+ Kg8 34.d6+ 1-0

A superb game from Larsen, where the pawn move a2-a4 was used in a most unexpected way.

English Primary Schools' Chess Association Schools' Championship

This year sees the 40th anniversary of the Schools' Championship, the first event having taken place in 1968/9 when Broad Square CP School Liverpool were champions. The Under 9 Championship came in 10 years later and Chadsway CP

School Wolverhampton took home the trophy. In those days it was a knock out tournament whereas today we have zonal events with the top half qualifying for semi-finals at one of three Pontins Centres. This year 154 schools entered 197 U11 teams and 157 U9 teams which were divided into 19 zones. At the semi-finals held at Brean Sands (Somerset), Hemsby (Norfolk) and Prestatyn (Denbighshire) a total of 1086 players took part in the main tournament, whilst 348 played in the plate (a competition for teams who do not qualify for the main competition but want to come along anyway) and 38 played in an Anglo Dutch match at Prestatyn giving a grand total of 1472 players. From the three zones 8 teams qualify for the finals which will be held at Brean Sands and will be reported next month. From the zonals the U9 qualifiers were Homefield, Magdalen College, Rosemead, Eltham College, Devonshire House, Nottingham High "A", Hallfield and Nottingham High "B". Four of these schools have never played in a final before whilst it is also the first time a "B" team has qualified for the finals. The U11s saw far more of the usual faces; Homefield, Magdalen College, Sheen Mount, Haberdashers' Aske, Eltham College, Dulwich College Prep, Nottingham High "A" and QEGS Wakefield. All three events proved friendly with hard fought matches and the players enjoyed their time at Pontins immensely. Not only will the finalists get a second visit to Pontins but they will also miss three days of school – what a bonus for those who do well!!

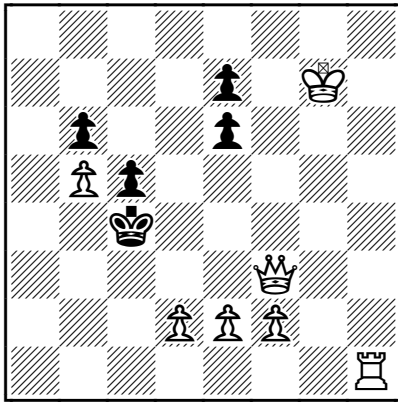
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JULY'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

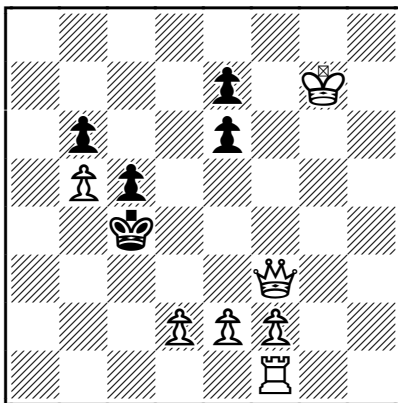
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PUZZLE OF JULY ANSWER

J Berger 1887



1.Rf1!!



A very surprising opening move!

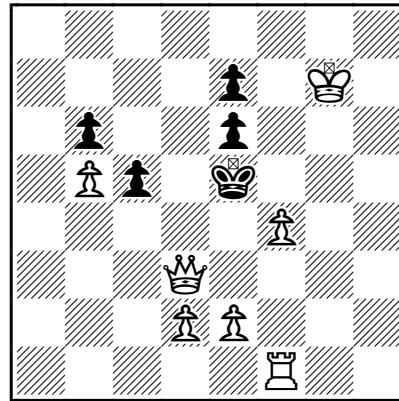
1...Kd4

1...e5 2.Rb1 Kd4 (2...e4 3.Qxe4#)
3.Qd3#;

1...Kxb5 2.Rb1+ Ka6 (2...Kc4 3.Qd3#)
3.Qa8#

2.Qd3+ Ke5 3.f4#

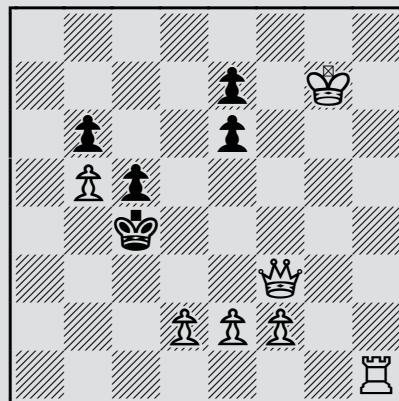
Yes, that was the point!



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THE AUGUST PUZZLE



Sam Loyd 1876

White to play and mate in three.

Please try to solve these puzzles on your own, without referring to an analysis engine!

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National Girls'

Team Championships 2008

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Possibly the best chess tournament in the world!

Girls travelled from all across the UK to take part in this fantastic event, which was held in the glamorous setting of Claremont Fan Court School.



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We were delighted to be able to start this tournament, as in previous years with an elite presentation for the top English juniors.



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Thank you to the Principal of Claremont Mrs. Farrar and the main sponsor of the National Girls' Team Championships Matthew Pierce for their help and support.



Everyone, without exception, had a great day. The chess played was superb. The weather, venue and tournament atmosphere was perfect. Congratulations to all competitors.

Thank you to the International Chess School for providing the excellent prize of 6 months free chess coaching for the winning under 18 team.



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We have a fantastic team of people, whose help makes this event such a success. Thank you to Mike Basman, Ray Ryan, Pauline Foster, Fiona Petrie, Maya Haria, Rosalind Kieran, Jake Miller, Paul Gladstone and Harriet Hunt for providing the excellent coaching.



Results

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Under 9					
Best Under 7 team	Under Seven Smashers	Egene	Natasha	Teresa	Francesca
Best School team	Old Palace Queens	Victoria	Sophia	Kateeja	Callisto
3rd	Mother Hubbard and Bute House	Fiona	Tara	Asha	Skye
2nd	Cruel Kings	Shefali	Aneesa	Alice	Tamara
1st	Old Palace Queens	Victoria	Sophia	Kateeja	Callisto



The Under Seven Smashers



Congratulations to the section winning Surrey Sharks.

Under 11					
Best School team	Wimbledon High School	Rachel	Georgia	Isobel	Susannah
3rd	Wimbledon High School	Rachel	Georgia	Isobel	Susannah
2nd	Kentish Belles	Yasmin	Elizabeth	Vishal	Sophie
1st	Surrey Sharks	Katherine	Alicia	Eleanor	Amber

I always like to introduce new exciting elements to this tournament. Chess TV is a big hit, where games are beamed live to the parents. Tournament tee-shirts also proved really popular this year.



Under 14					
1st =	Midlands Queens	Astghik	Gabby	Philomena	Katie
	Brave Bishops	Evie	Lucy		
Under 18					
2nd	Flamingos	Sheila	Danae	Anurair	Kavitha
1st	The Right Move	Selina	Jessica	Hannah	Angelica

ALL ENGLAND GIRLS' CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gold Finals 2008

R I T was, it must be said, an unusual way to spend my birthday. However, it was a **G** E great day. I've built these championships up over a period of 5 years, with the help of some fantastic people. It's the involvement of parents, organisers, coaches and the **H** T players that makes this tournament so special each year. Thank you to all involved. It's been a pleasure.



Age Group	Title Winner
Under 18	Lateefah Messam-Sparks
Under 14	Rachel Cass
Under 12	Isobel Cotogni
Under 11	Emma Bentley, Radha Jain
Under 10	Katherine Shepherd
Under 9	Yasmin Giles
Under 8	Sadie Barr

Section Results: Under 18



Francesca missed the group photo but wanted to model the glamorous tournament sweatshirts for me.

In addition to their tournament victories, I'm pleased that we are able to offer each section winner 10 hours of free chess coaching, to help prepare them to retain their titles next year.

Congratulations to all the competitors.



Position	Name	Pts./5
1st	Lateefah Messam-Sparks	4.0
2nd =	Angelica Ynojosa, Sheila Dines	3.5
4th =	Hannah Dale, Anjali Lakhani	2.5
6th =	Jade Stirrup, Amanda Hipshon	2.0
8th	Rebekah Brown	1.0

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Section Results: Under 14



Section Results: Under 10

Position	Name	Pts./5
1st	Katherine Shepherd	5.0
2nd =	Natalie Cass, Helen Mazalon, Elizabeth Elgar, Yasmin Giles	4.0
6th =	Zoe Strong, Louise Head, Lucy Towse, Lara Buckley, Rhiya Sood, Mollie Hesketh, Georgia Guilbert, Sophie Wahts, Victoria Sung	3.0
15th =	Tiyash Banerjee, Karina Chan, Sophie Hudspeth, Eleanor Craig-Fisher, Sana Zaman, Katherine Archer, Imogen Allen, Laura Jackson	2.0
23rd =	Olivia Mackenzie, Helen Jones	1.5
25th =	Aarti Jalan, Zoe Spink, Raveena Rao	1.0

Position	Name	Pts./5
1st	Rachel Cass	4.5
2nd	Danae Kokossis	4.0
3rd	Abigail Pritchard	3.5
4th =	Aashna Mahajan, Astghik Stepanyan	3.0
6th	Sarah Ryder	2.5
7th	Yasmin Niksaz	0.5

Section Results: Under 8



Section Results: Under 12

Position	Name	Pts./5
1st	Isobel Cotogni	5.0
2nd =	Emma Bentley, Radha Jain	4.0
4th =	Chantelle Foster, Francesca Fozard	3.5
6th =	Phoebe Price, Amy Milson, Misha Chapman, Ruth Chadwick, Elizabeth Coupe	3.0
11th =	Philomena Lip, Ella Macleod, Imogen Stables Francesca Kamil, Mathilda Pynegar	2.0
16th	Susan Gorman	1.5
17th	Annabel Watkins, Charlotte Croft, Helen Fishwick	1.0
20th	Emma Jackson	0.5



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Section Results: Under 8

Position	Name	Pts./5
1st	Sadie Barr	5.0
2nd	Zara Hussain	4.0
3rd	Lauren Smith	3.0
4th	Pranali Gadoya	2.0
5th	Ayesha Patel	1.0

County Awards

Berkshire	Angelica Ynojosa
Cheshire	Susan Gorman
Derbyshire	Emma Bentley
Hertfordshire	Radha Jain
Kent	Zara Hussain, Yasmin Giles, Elizabeth Elgar
Lancashire	Isobel Cotogni
Lincolnshire	Amy Milson, Misha Chapman
Middlesex	Sadie Barr
Norfolk	Karina Chan
Nottinghamshire	Lateefah Messam-Sparks
Oxfordshire	Chantelle Foster
Somerset	Zoe Strong
Surrey	Katherine Shepherd
Warwickshire	Astghik Stepanyan
Yorkshire	Francesca Fozard



Congratulations to all competitors and especially the trophy winners.

Claire Summerscale

Anglo-Dutch Match cont. from page 2

early start for the rapid play as their national team was playing that strange game with the round ball—and not playing it very well as it turned out.

We invited the U11 school teams to send their board one to join the two international teams in the rapid play and a total of 53 players took part. The Dutch demonstrated their superiority in this form of chess with only Roy Zhang able to keep pace with the leaders. He lost in the final round to Tjark Vos who ended up with maximum points whilst Roy got the prize for the best English player.

Stephen Chung from Merchant Taylors' Crosby got the best non-international prize with 3 points. He claimed the scalps of two English and one Dutch international.

After their disappointment on the soccer field and their heavy loss in round one we warned our team that they would be back thirsting for revenge. They got it to the tune of 11-8 but we had the points in the bag and took the match 22½-15½.

It was pleasing to see every English player getting at least half a point whilst Joseph McPhillips, Gautham Reddiar, Adam Taylor and Jamie Tilston are to be congratulated on scoring two points.

We look forward to our trip to Holland next year whilst our next match this year is in Flanders at the end of August.

Peter Purland



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Best Answers to Quizzes on page 13

1. 1. Qf3.
2. 1. Bf1.
3. 1. Nfg5 or Neg5.
4. 1. Rxf7!
5. 1... Qh4+ 2. g3 Qxh6.
6. 1. Rxg6 hxg6 2. Qxg6 Bf6
3. Ng5.

Enter some upcoming tournaments!

All the great players, including the current ones, have said that one of their primary ways of improvement came from playing lots of games—lots of games.

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