

Editors Note

Enclosed with this edition of Checkmate are the renewal forms for next season.

Unfortunately due to ever increasing costs of running the SCCA we have had to increase the annual subscription from £5-00 to £6-00.

British CC Championship 2009-2010

The BFCC Executive Committee has introduced important changes for the 2009-10 BCCC as follows:

Championship section to have a minimum of 11 and maximum of 15 players.

Winners and runners up of Candidates to be promoted to Championship (no more than 3 Candidates sections)

GM, SIM and IM title holders and players with a current ICCF rating of 2350 or above not otherwise qualified may apply for direct entry to the Championship section (this will depend on vacancies and a place cannot be guaranteed).

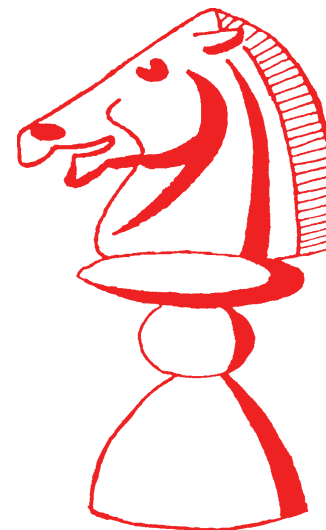
There will be double promotion from the 3 ongoing Candidates sections.

The entry fee remains at £12 and entries should be sent to Phill Beckett, Brough House, Retford, Notts., DN22 0NQ. Please specify membership of BFCC or a named affiliated CC organisation. If applying for direct entry to the Championship, please state your qualification and whether you would be willing to play in a Candidates section if there is no suitable vacancy. Payment by cheque (payable to 'BFCC') or by PayPal through the BFCC web site and send the relevant information separately (e-mail Phill via the 'contact us' page)

If there is anything different that you would like to see in "Checkmate" please let me know by email or post.

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As always, please check that your results are correct and complete, and let me know if they are not. It is quite a task to keep up with results arriving by post, email and phone.

Also I repeat my reminder that the results printed show what the SCCA players scored in the games i.e. 1 1 means 2 wins for us, not one win for each player! If you want your games to be considered for publication in "Checkmate" please send the scores to John Vivante-Sowter, our Games Editor, rather than to me. The standard is very high in this event and so far our results are somewhat disappointing, though John Vivante-Sowter has had a very good win on Board 1.

British Correspondence Chess Team Championship 2008-2009					
Adjudication date is the 30th September 2009					
B1	John Vivante-Sowter	1	v	½	R Smith Revenue & Customs
B2	Keith Franks	½	v	0	R V M Hall Old Bradfordians
B3	John Dyson		v		N Limbert Sheffield
B4	Peter Sanderson	½	v	0	R J Wakefield HSBC
B5	David Hamblin		v		K W McLaughlin BCCA "A"
B6	Robert Pallett	½	v	0	J M Sargent CS Administrators
B7	Geoff Lloyd	½	v	½	G Patrick BCCA "B"
B8	Edward Sowden	½	v	0	M Doxey Square Bashers
B9	Peter Ackley		v		B Askew Mensa
Current Team Score 4½ / 10½ points					

In the BCCL Championship Section our "B" team has made very good progress, will they do better than the "A" team this year?

Unfortunately Alan Stacey had to resign his games in the Scottish League due to his wife's illness. We wish them well.

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Player	Grade	Number	Last game date
John Ellison	2190	106	January 2009
Bob Ryan	2182	13	April 2009
Peter Pickering ↑	2179	37	April 2009
Eric Blackwell ↑	2173	28	April 2009
Chris Lund-Yates \$	2173	165	April 2008
Mike Gifford	2168	373	April 2009
Andy Allport ↑	2152	66	April 2009
David Beech	2145	18	April 2009
Stan Warren	2140	12	April 2009
Paul Czyrski	2124	50	April 2009
Nigel Aitken ↑	2120 (p)	6	January 2009
Peter McGuire	2119	35	April 2009
Graham Ash	2098	60	April 2009
Ms Laura Dare ↑	2096	16	April 2009
Jonathan Webley	2089	22	April 2009
David Rimmer \$	2079 (p)	8	October 2007
Tony Rixon ↑	2062	48	April 2009
Reg Stockwell	2060	22	January 2009
Charles Neil	2043	43	April 2009
Roger Oscroft	2023	146	April 2009
Peter Morgan	2022	34	April 2009
Frank Ainsworth ↑	2018	30	April 2009
Colin White \$	2011	20	April 2009
Alan Stacey	1964	176	April 2009
Martin Hardwick	1918	32	April 2009
Dave Roberts \$	1912	34	April 2009
Peter Dare ↑	1874	95	April 2009
Rating List Increase ↑			
New entry #			
Members to be deleted \$			
Provisional grade based on 9 results or less (p)			
Gradings Officer Jonathan Webley			

SCCA Internal Grading List July 2009			
Player	Grade	Number	Last game date
SIM Ian Pheby	2569	150	April 2009
Keith Franks	2547	80	April 2009
Robert Pallett ↑	2513	74	April 2009
John Dyson	2480	34	April 2009
John Etherington ↑	2464	51	April 2009
David Cumming ↑	2461	28	April 2009
Brian Goodwin ↑	2419	90	April 2009
Derek Price	2408	100	April 2008
Heinrich Schwenk ↑	2393	29	April 2009
Frank Eastwood ↑	2379	30	April 2009
David Hamblin ↑	2366	17	April 2009
Ray Pomeroy ↑	2365	188	April 2009
Rupert Ansell ↑	2344	72	April 2009
Geoff Phillips #	2310	10	April 2009
Geoff Rosser	2309	348	April 2009
James Cairney ↑	2302	42	April 2009
Ernest Allan	2285	202	April 2009
James Waddington	2274	41	April 2009
Simon Brown	2265	22	October 2008
Austin Lockwood	2253	25	October 2008
Mark Alan Green	2253	11	April 2009
Robert White	2233	16	January 2009
Brian Black ↑	2232	18	April 2009
Chris Dowell	2229	176	April 2009
Stephen Williams	2229	15	April 2009
Carl Pinel ↑	2227	38	April 2009
David Richardson	2224	49	April 2009
Gavin Ross	2217	240	April 2009
Peter Grant ↑	2210	150	April 2009
Gordon Barron #	2208 (p)	8	April 2009

British Correspondence Chess League 2008-2009					
Adjudication Date 30th September 2009					
Social "A"			Championship Division		
B1	John Vivante-Sowter	½	v	½	K W McLaughlin Social "B"
B2	Keith Franks		v		C Kidd Eight of Hearts
B3	John Dyson		v		D Jaundrell Warrington
B4	Peter Sanderson		v		G Hibbard Mensa "A"
B5	Robert Pallett		v		C S Lane CS Bureaucrats
B6	Geoff Lloyd		v		D M Howard Sheffield "B"
B7	Peter Ackley	½	v	½	D Glossop Sheffield "B"
B8	John Etherington		v		D H Clitheroe Ubique
Current Team Score 2 / 4 points					
Social "B"			Championship Division		
B1	Keith McLaughlin	½	v	½	John Vivante-Sowter Social "A"
B2	Edward Sowden	1	v	1	D Grobler Sheffield "B"
B3	David Cumming	½	v	½	J S Shaw Ubique
B4	Henry Schwenk		v		A Maxwell CS Bureaucrats
B5	Geoff Rosser	1	v	½	P Buswell Hastings
B6	Simon Brown	1	v	1	F Reynolds (def) Warrington
B7	Guy de Visme		v		A Reynolds Warrington
B8	David Richardson		v		A Read Eight of Hearts
Current Team Score 7½ / 10 points					
Social "C"			Division Two		
B1	Gavin Ross	0	v	0	J Coats Nine Counties
B2	Peter Grant		v		G Barron Insurance "B"
B3	Chris Dowell		v		Mark Pateman Eight of Hearts "C"
B4	Peter Morgan	1	v	1	R Upton 10 Counties
B5	Martin Hardwick		v		N Lovesey Hagley Knights
B6	Robert White		v		A O'Hare CS Gentlemen
B7	Alan Stacey	0	v	0	S Burton Insurance "B"
B8	Peter Dare		v		C Dickson 9 Counties
Current Team Score 2 / 6 points					

Scottish Correspondence Chess League 2008-2009

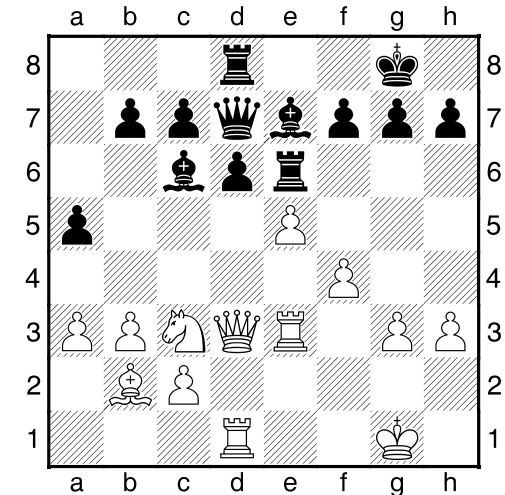
Social "A" Division One					
Adjudication Date 29th November 2009					
B1	Keith Franks		v		I Mackintosh Perth Correspondents
B2	John Dyson	1	v	1	R Bauld CS "A"
B3	Peter Sanderson	1	v	½	C A Macgregor Knights OTB "A"
B4	Robert Pallett	1	v	½	R Ryan CS "B"
B5	Peter Ackley		v		P Dare Black Knight
Current Team Score 5 / 6 points					
Social "B"		Division Two			
B1	Simon Brown		v		Ray Pomeroy CS "C"
			v		David Richardson Social "C"
B2	James Cairney	1	v	1	G D Bicknell CS "C"
			v		C Dowell Social "C"
B3	John Etherington		v		V Hubbuck CS "C"
			v		M Gifford Social "C"
B4	Geoff Rosser	1	v	1	I Lewyk CS "C"
		1	v		P Morgan Social "C"
B5	Graham Ash		v		A O'Hare CS "C"
		1	v	1	A Stacey Social "C"
Current Team Score 7 / 7 points					
Social "C"		Division Two			
B1	David Richardson		v		Ray Pomeroy CS "C"
			v		Simon Brown Social "B"
B2	Chris Dowell		v		G D Bicknell CS "C"
			v		J Cairney Social "B"
B3	Mike Gifford	0	v		V Hubbuck CS "C"
			v		J Etherington Social "B"
B4	Peter Morgan	½	v	½	I Lewyk CS "C"
			v	0	Geoff Rosser Social "B"
B5	Alan Stacey	0	v	0	A O'Hare CS "C"
		0	v	0	Graham Ash Social "B"
Current Team Score 1 / 8 points					

Preston - Birmingham and Edgbaston

Ruy Lopez [C66]

1854

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 ♘f6 4.0-0 ♙e7 5.♞e1 d6 6.d4 exd4
 7.♘xd4 ♙d7 8.♘xc6 ♙xc6 9.♙d3 0-0 10.♘c3 ♗d7 11.a3 a5
 12.b3 ♘g4 13.♙b2 ♙f6 14.h3 ♘e5 15.f4 ♘xd3 16.♗xd3 ♞ae8
 17.e5 ♙h4 18.♞e3 ♞e6 19.♞d1 ♞d8 20.g3 ♙e7



21.♘d5 dxe5 22.♘xe7+ ♞xe7 23.♞xe5 ♗xd3 24.♞xd3 ♞xe5
 25.♙xe5 ♞xd3 26.cxd3 a4 27.bxa4 ♙xa4 28.♙xc7 f5 29.♙f2 ♙
 f7 30.♙e3 h5 31.♙d4 ♙e6 32.♙c5 g6 33.h4 ♙c6 34.d4 ♙d5
 35.a4 ♙e4 36.a5 Drawn.

From *The Preston Guardian*, Saturday August 19 1854. ½–½

THE CORRESPONDENCE MATCHES OF THE PRESTON CHESS CLUB 1854-1856

By Carlo Alberto Pagni [Milano – I] and Ivo Fasiori [Prato – I]

Correspondence play was, in the 19th century, a formidable mean of exchange of chess ideas and knowledge between groups of players, living miles apart, which had little or no opportunity to meet at the chess board. An extraordinary panorama of that was given in the historic book by Max Lange *Correspondenz-Partien. Gesammelt und erläutert von L.Bledow. Zweite bedeutend vermehrte Auflage herausgegeben von Dr.M.Lange.* [Leipzig Verlag von Veit & Comp., 1872, 138 pp.]. But a lot of games played both in Europe and extra-European countries, whose text had been published only in local newspapers and not on specialized magazines, escaped the research of Lange. So they have been completely forgotten.

The players of Preston had been engaged in correspondence match in 1852-1854 against the Lancaster players and the Hull Chess Club. In the two-game match Lancaster-Preston, in Preston was playing the Literary and Philosophical Society. The games against the Hull Chess Club, played in a row 1852-1853 and 1853-1854, have been reported as played by the Preston Chess Club. And that is strange enough if, as reported by *The Preston Guardian*, Saturday, August 19, 1854, the Preston Chess Club had been established "last winter", thus at the end of December 1853 or at the beginning of the 1854.

Two Preston Chess Club's games played in 1854 and 1856 had not been reported in the Max Lange book. Thus they are unknown to the modern readers. Here they are.

The two-game match, to be played simultaneously, Preston versus Birmingham and Edgbaston opened in 1854 officially the activity of the Preston Chess Club. "On the establishment of this institution last winter", *The Preston Guardian* Saturday August 19, 1854, wrote "it was determined to give a little élat to the opening by sending a challenge to one of the best provincial clubs. Accordingly the club challenged the Birmingham and Edgbaston Chess Club". One game had been concluded in August 1854, while the other was still pending.

This is our first international match for a few years, at the invitation of the German Correspondence Chess Club based in Bremen.

It looks as if this German team is considerably stronger than ours.

FRIENDLY EMAIL MATCH				
SCCA V DESC 2008-2009				
B1	Peter Doye		v	G Limley
B2	Keith Franks	0	v	½ R Mislin
B3	Robert Pallett	½	v	½ K Auburger
B4	Heinrich Schwenk	½	v	½ S Zielinski
B5	Ray Pomeroy	½	v	0 M Achatz
B6	Peter Ackley	½	v	0 T Urlau
B7	James Cairney	½	v	0 F Irmer
B8	Edward Sowden		v	S Schubert
B9	Michael Furmston	0	v	H Hansen
B10	Geoff Rosser	0	v	0 H-J Schulz
B11	Graham Ash	0	v	K Steingrüber
B12	Gavin Ross		v	0 A Kapfenstein
B13	David Richardson		v	0 H Krebs
B14	Rupert Ansell		v	N Heymann
B15	Anthony Rixon	0	v	0 W Staelzel
Score to date		SCCA 4		DESC 16

Schemingmind Webserver League Division 4C				
SCCA		Republica Argentina "A"		
B1	John Vivante-Sowter		v	Netferatu
B2	Rod		v	Oskyrain
B3	David Cumming		v	Jorge Anibal Dekmak
B4	Jimc		v	Danielchess
B5	Midlander		v	Tahue
Current Team Score		0 / 0 points		

As well as the Scottish Postal League, we have two teams in the Scottish CCA Webserver League, which started this year. There are five teams of four Players in each division. Each player plays one game against four opponents, The player with the same board number in the other teams. It seems that this System of play suits some people well at least it eliminates the dreaded clerical error!

If you are interested In joining any of our Teams, please let me Know.

Scottish CCA Webserver League Division One				
Adjudication Date 27th November 2009				
B1	Peter Doye	v		S Gillam
		½	v	½ Iain Mackintosh
		½	v	½ J M Sargeant
		½	v	½ G Pyrich
B2	Robert Pallett	v		D Edney
		½	v	½ Alan Borwell
			v	P Coast
		0	v	1 A Bell
B3	Geoff Lloyd	0	v	1 C MacGregor
		½	v	½ K Paine
		1	v	0 R Ryan
		1	v	0 D Dempster
B4	Edward Sowden	1	v	0 J Grant
		1	v	0 D Harvey
		1	v	0 G Bicknell
		1	v	0 W Burnett
Current Team Score 8½ / 13 points				
Scottish CCA Webserver League Division Two				
Adjudication Date 27th November 2009				
B1	Rod Ewan	1	v	0 J Anderson
			v	H Colder
		1	v	0 E Spencer
		1	v	0 Ray Pomeroy
B2	Heinrich Schwenk	½	v	½ J Binnie
			v	A MacMillen
		1	v	0 A Rowe
			v	R Loughran
B3	Geoff Rosser	1	v	0 Pat Moir
		0	v	1 John Murray
		1	v	0 John Wilman
			v	Ian Jamieson
B4	Graham Ash	1	v	0 M Hardwick
			v	W Taylor
			v	J Kelly
		1	v	0 S Miller
Current Team Score 8½ / 10 points				

New Continuous Tournament No F13				
Players	1	2	3	Points
1st John Etherington	-	2	2	4
2nd Gavin Ross	0	-	1½	1½
3rd Alan Stacey	0	½	-	½
CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN ETHERINGTON his SECOND WIN				
New Continuous Tournament No F14				
Players	1	2	3	Points
Geoff Phillips	-		2	2
Mike Gifford		-		
Paul Czynski	0		-	0
CONGRATULATIONS TO GEOFF PHILLIPS his FIRST WIN				
New Continuous Tournament No F15				
Players	1	2	3	Points
1st James Cairney	-	2	2	2
Mark Green	0	-		
Steve Williams	0		-	0
CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES CAIRNEY his FIRST WIN				
New Continuous Tournament No F17				
Players	1	2	3	Points
David Cumming	-	2	1	3
Carl Pinel	0	-		0
Rupert Ansell	0		-	0
New Continuous Tournament No F18				
Players	1	2	3	Points
John Etherington	-			
Geoff Phillips		-		
James Waddington			-	
New Continuous Tournament No F19				
Players	1	2	3	Points
Ray Bull	-			
Mike Gifford		-		
Gordon Barron			-	

New Continuous Tournament No Q56					
Players	1	2	3	Points	
1st Geoff Phillips	-	2	2	4	
Stephen Williams	0	-	1	1	
Stan Warren	0	0	-	0	

New Continuous Tournament No Q58					
Players	1	2	3	Points	
Mike Gifford	-	2	1	3	
Gregory Bailey	0	-	2	2	
Jonathan Webley	0	0	-	0	

New Continuous Tournament No Q59					
Players	1	2	3	Points	
Charles Neil	-	1½		1½	
Nigel Aitken	½	-	1	1½	
Paul Czynski		1	-	1	

New Continuous Tournament No Q61					
Players	1	2	3	Points	
1st John Ellison	-	2	2	4	
Charles Neil	0	-		0	
Peter Morgan	0		-	0	

New Continuous Tournament No Q63					
Players	1	2	3	Points	
1st John Etherington	-	2	2	4	
2nd= Peter Grant	0	-	1	1	
2nd= Ray Bull	0	1	-	1	

New Continuous Tournament No Q64					
Players	1	2	3	Points	
1st Ray Bull	-	2	2	4	
2nd Bob Ryan	0	-	2	2	
3rd Alan Stacey	0	0	-	0	

League Tournament 2009-2010							
Division 1							
Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	Points
1 Robert Pallett	-	1 x	1 ½	1 ½	1 1	1 1	8
2 Brian Goodwin	x 0	-		1 x	1 1		3
3 Ray Pomeroy	½ 0		-	1 1	1 1		4 ½
4 Geoff Rosser	½ 0	x 0	0 0	-	1 0	1 1	3 ½
5 Gavin Ross	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	-		1
6 Mike Gifford	0 0			0 0			0

Division 2A							
Players	1	2	3	4	5	Points	
1 Peter Grant	-	1 1	½ ½	1 x	1 1		6
2 David Richardson	0 0	-	½ ½	1 x	x 0		2
3 Carl Pinel	½ ½	½ ½	-		1 x		3
4 Andrew Allport	x 0	x 0		-	x 0		0
5 Peter Pickering	0 0	1 x	x 0	1 x	-		2

Division 2B							
Players	1	2	3	4	5	Points	
1 Heinrich Schwenk	-	½ ½	½ ½	1 1	1 1		6
2 John Etherington	½ ½	-	1 ½	1 1	1 1		6 ½
3 Peter Ackley	½ 0		-				½
4 Chris Dowell	0 0	0 0		-	x 1		1
5 Roger Oscroft	0 0	0 0		0 x	-		0

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN ETHERINGTON

Division 3							
Players	1	2	3	4	5	Points	
1 David Cumming	-	1 1		1 1			4
2 Peter Morgan	0 0	-			x 0		0
3 Stefan Dung			-				0
4 Peter Dare	0 0			-			0
5 Gregory Bailey		1 x			-		1

Controller Gavin Ross email gavros.ross@btopenworld.com

Congratulations to John Etherington who has narrowly beaten Heinrich Schwenk
 For first place in Division 2B, however the other results come in.

Club Championship Tournament 2009-2010								
Championship Section								
Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Points
1 John Dyson	1		½					½
2 David Hamblin		1						0
3 John Etherington	½		1	½		½	1	2½
4 Robert Pallett			½	1				½
5 Brian Goodwin					1			0
6 Peter Ackley			½			1		½
7 David Richardson			0				1	0
Candidates Section "A"								
Players	1	2	3	4	5	Points		
1 Ray Pomeroy	1		0			0		
2 Gordon Barron		1	0			0		
3 David Cummings	1	1	1	1		3		
4 Carl Pinel			0	1		0		
5 A Mathiopoulos					1	0		
Candidates Section "B"								
Players	1	2	3	4	Points			
1 Peter Grant	1		1		1			
2 Tony Rixon		1	1		1			
3 Alan Stacey	0	0	1	0	0			
4 Peter Dare			1	1	1			
5 Stefan Dung	Withdrawn							
Controller Alan Stacey Mobile 07728-743209								

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NEW CONTINUOUS TOURNAMENTS				
Updated June 2009				
Tournament Controller				
Ray Pomeroy, 7 Hawthorn Rise, Prestbury, Macclesfield, SK10 4AJ.				
Telephone 01625-828119				
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New Continuous Tournament No Q40				
Players	1	2	3	Points
1st James Cairney	1	1	2	3
2nd Rupert Ansell	1		1	2
3rd Tony Rixon	0	0		0
New Continuous Tournament No Q46				
Players	1	2	3	Points
1st= Stephen Williams	1	1	2	3
1st= Peter Pickering	1		2	3
3rd Bob White	0	0		0
New Continuous Tournament No Q47				
Players	1	2	3	Points
1st Mike Gifford	1	2	2	4
2nd Gavin Ross	0		2	2
3rd Nigel Aitken	0	0		0
New Continuous Tournament No Q48				
Players	1	2	3	Points
1st Brian Black	1	2	2	4
2nd Tony Rixon	0		2	2
W/D Stefan Dung	0	0		0
New Continuous Tournament No Q49				
Players	1	2	3	Points
1st Geoff Rosser	1	2	2	4
2nd Robert Norris	0		2	2
W/D Stefan Dung	0	0		0

Knockout Tournament No 197				
Preliminary	Ryan	2 - 0	Ms L Dare	
Round	Ash	2 - 0	Roberts	Withdrawal
Adj 30/04/2009	Waddington	1½ - ½	Stacey	Minor
	Cumming	1½ - ½	Cairney	Minor
Semi-Final	Ryan	v	Ash	
Adj 30/04/2010	Waddington	0 - 2	Cumming	
Knockout Tournament No 199				
Preliminary	Guy de Visme	½ - 1½	Pickering	
Round	Waddington	v	Rixon	
Adj 31/08/2009	Blackwell	2 - 0	Stacey	
	Gifford	v	Ryan	
Knockout Tournament No 200				
Preliminary	Mathiopoulas	v	Cairney	
Round	Ackley	0 - 2	Etherington	
Adj 31/01/2010	Phillips	v	Bull	
	Oscroft	2 - 0	Dung	Withdrawal
Knockout Tournament No 201				
Preliminary	Dung	0 - 2	Gifford	Withdrawal
Round	Grant	v	Ash	
Adj 31/01/2010	Rixon	v	Warren	
	Bull	v	Oscroft	
Knockout Tournament No 202				
Preliminary	Vaughan	v	Phillips	
Round	Ainsworth	v	Blackwell	
Adj 28/02/2009	Cairney	v	Dowell	
	Pheby	v	Cumming	
Knockout Tournament No 203				
Preliminary	Stacey	0 - 2	Oscroft	Withdrawal
Round	Grant	v	de Visme	
Adj 31/03/2010	Neil	v	Ainsworth	
	Ash	v	R White	

Green, Mark A. - Cumming, David R. [A07]

Social CCA Q.62 CT, 2008

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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.c4 White has chosen a quiet line in the Reti Opening. **7...a5 8.cxd5 N 8...Qxd5** Black is already equal. **9.Nh4** Maybe Black won't notice his Queen is attacked? The only merit of this move is that it allows f2-f4, which white never plays! (JVS) **9...Qh5 10.Nc4** [10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Ndf3 wrecks Black's pawns, but leaves the white king too exposed on the light squares (JVS)] **10...Bg4 11.Re1 Nd4 12.Nf3 Bxf3** Black is compensated for the loss of the 2B's by the centralisation of his 2N's! (JVS) **13.exf3** [Or 13.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 14.exf3 Nd5µ JVS] **13...Nd5 14.Bd2 e6 15.g4?** This prawn stab fatally weakens the White Kingside, leaving it vulnerable to a sacrificial Kingside attack from Black! (DRC) [The immediate 15.Nxa5 might be preferable to 15.g4, when I had intended to continue with ... 15...Ra6 anyway, e.g. 16.a3 Rb6 17.Nc4 Rb3 18.f4 Qxd1 19.Raxd1 Rxd3 20.Ne3 Nb3 21.Nxd5 exd5 22.Bb4 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 c5 24.Be1] **15...Qh4µ 16.Nxa5 Ra6!** Played in order to protect the e-prawn, as I was planning the subsequent prawn stab 17...f5! [The immediate 16...f5 was also possible.] **17.Nc4 f5!** Taking full advantage of 15.g4? White cannot prevent the opening of lines to his King (JVS) **18.Ne5?!** [Not that 18.gxf5 Rxf5 etc. is any better! (JVS)] **18...fxg4 19.Nxg4 Qd8!→** Reculer pour mieux sauter, as they say in France (JVS) **20.Nh6+** White fiddles while Rome burns (JVS) **20...Kh8 21.Ng4 c5 22.a3 Qc7!** Eyeing up the prawn on h2, as well as further pressuring the e5 square (DRC) **23.Rc1** Too slow, but too late to make much difference in any case [e.g. 23.Re4 h5 24.Ne3 Nf4!→ (DRC)] **23...h5 24.Ne3 Nf4 25.Bf1 25...Nxd3!** [All roads lead to Rome e.g. 25...Nh3+ 26.Bxh3 Nxf3+ 27.Qxf3 Rxf3 28.Bg2 Rf4 29.Nc4 b5 30.Bxf4 Qxf4 31.Ne3 Bd4 32.Rc2 Qg5 33.h3 h4 34.Ng4 Qf4 etc. but I prefer the text move. (DRC)] **26.Bxd3 Nxf3+ 27.Kf1?** [Relatively better but still losing was 27.Qxf3 Rxf3 28.Bxa6 bxa6 29.Bc3 Rh3 30.Nf1 Qf4 31.Re3 c4 32.Rxh3 Qxc1 33.Rf3 Bxc3 34.bxc3 Qxa3 which is hopeless for White (DRC)] **27...Qxh2 28.Bxa6? Nd4!** [Putting the final nail in the white king's coffin. The writing is on the wall. As he faces massive short-term material loss, with inevitable checkmate to follow, White resigns e.g. 28...Nd4 29.f3 Nxf3 30.Ng2 Nxd2+ 31.Ke2 Qxg2+ 32.Kd3 Qd5+ 33.Kc2 (33.Ke2 Qe4+ 34.Kxd2 Rd8+ 35.Bd3 Qxd3#) 33...Bh6! (threat ...Qb3#) and mates against any defence. Black's knights were heroes, white's wandering donkeys, a couple of zeros (JVS)] **0-1**

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Knockout Tournament No 181				
Preliminary	Eastwood	1 - 0	Gifford	Major
Round	Webley	2 - 0	Chesters	W/O
Adj 31/07/2007	Richardson	2 - 0	Stockwell	
	Waddington	1 - 1	Allan	Draws
Semi-Final	Eastwood	2 - 0	Webley	
Adj 31/07/2008	Richardson	0 - 2	Allan	
Final	Eastwood	1½ - ½	Black	
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Knockout Tournament No 187				
Preliminary	R White	2 - 0	Ms L Dare	
Round	Gifford	1 - 1	de Visme	Draws
Adj 31/08/2008	Ryan	½ - 1½	Black	
	C White	0 - 2	Pinel	
Semi-Final	R White	2 - 0	de Visme	
Adj 31/05/2009	Black	v	Pinel	
Knockout Tournament No 190				
Preliminary	Hardwick	0 - 2	Gifford	
Round	Pinel	1 - 1	Warren	Major
Adj 31/08/2008	Dare	0 - 2	Ainsworth	
	Etherington	2 - 0	Stacey	
Semi-Final	Gifford	0 - 2	Pinel	
Adj 31/05/2009	Ainsworth	0 - 2	Etherington	Withdrawal
Final	Pinel	v	Etherington	

Knockout Tournament No 192				
Preliminary	Hardwick	2 - 0	Roberts	
Round	Gifford	0 - 2	Ansell	
Adj 31/12/2008	Stacey	0 - 2	Beech	
	Etherington	2 - 0	Colin White	
Semi-Final	Hardwick	v	Ansell	
Adj 31/12/2009	Beech	0 - 2	Etherington	Withdrawal
Knockout Tournament No 194				
Preliminary	Gifford	2 - 0	Neil	
Round	Morgan	2 - 0	Ms L Dare	
Adj 31/03/2009	Waddington	0 - 2	Ansell	
	Beech	0 - 2	Rixon	
Semi-Final	Gifford	v	Morgan	
Adj 30/04/2010	Ansell	v	Rixon	
Knockout Tournament No 195				
Preliminary	Dare	0 - 2	Warren	
Round	Hardwick	1 - 0	Morgan	Major
Adj 30/04/2009	Neil	2 - 0	Stacey	
	Ainsworth	0 - 2	Rixon	Withdrawal
Semi-Final	Warren	v	Hardwick	
Adj 30/04/2010	Neil	v	Rixon	
Knockout Tournament No 196				
Preliminary	Green	2 - 0	Gifford	
Round	Pickering	1 - 1	Waddington	Draws
Adj 30/04/2009	Rosser	1½ - ½	Grant	Minor
	Pomeroy	1 - 1	Ansell	Draws
Semi-Final	Green	v	Waddington	
Adj 30/04/2010	Rosser	v	Ansell	
Knockout Tournament No 198				
Preliminary	Pallett	1½ - ½	Pheby	Minor
Round	Ansell	2 - 0	Lockwood	
Adj 30/08/2009	Etherington	1 - 1	Franks	Draws
	Schwenk	v	Bailey	