

32nd Nottingham Rapidplay 29 January 2023

Thanks are due to all those who made this year's Rapidplay one of the best from the perspective of the Tournaments Committee (Steve Burke, Simon Scott and John Swain) fellow arbiters and organisers.

We did wonder what the effects might be with two clashing events in Stockport and Norfolk but we were reassured having welcome support in the form of a loss guarantee from the Nottinghamshire Chess Foundation and very generous sponsorship once again from arbiter Marcel Taylor. As it happened, we reached capacity (160) a couple of days beforehand, a record for the Rapidplay and regrettably had to turn away sixteen late applicants. At least the NCF's loss guarantee did not need to be applied.

Unusually, the Playing Hall was set out for the needs of a bobbin lace group (!!) on the Saturday, with many of the tables and chairs not in their usual places. This turned out to be ideal, because we were able to place tables where we wanted them in a different configuration, with the control desk at the far end of the Hall, which meant more players could be accommodated under the low ceiling lights. Thanks are due to those who helped set up on Saturday evening, including arbiters Simon Scott, Marcel Taylor and Hambel Willow, and those who completed the setting up on Sunday morning, especially the very willing players who turned up early and set up many of the pieces.

As for the chess? I cannot recall a more major-incident-free and good-humoured event! It was certainly helpful, compared to the Rapidplay in 2022, allowing spectators to stay in the Playing Hall, provided they did not switch on gadgets until the last game in each round was completed. Some needed to be reminded about this.

These same people, together with arbiter Mike Naylor, cash administrators Steve Burke and Graham Neil and further player-volunteers made packing away a lot easier at the end. Thanks are due to Ed Jones and Nottinghamshire Primary Schools Chess Association which provided all of the sets and boards and about half of the clocks and West Nottingham Chess Club for the use of their clocks. Parents, Stephen Humphreys, Marc Richmond, Pat and Caroline Sykes assisted by Graham Neil cheerfully supervised the urn; donations to Ukrainian Relief, including some from players when paying their entry fees, amounted to a very impressive £185 including Gift Aid.

Finally, a big thank-you to Barry Jones, caretaker at Nottingham High School for his cheerful and willing help and other school staff who helped in numerous ways.

John Swain

See below for results and prizes.

32nd Nottingham Rapidplay 2023 Open						
Final Ranking after 6 Rounds						
Rank	Name	Rating	Club/City	Score		
1	IM Ghasi Ameet K	2638		5.5	1st	£250
2	FM Dong Bao Nghia	2318	Battersea	5	2nd	£100
3	GM Hebden Mark L	2550	Syston	4.5	3rd=	£17
	Ismail Mohammed Aayan	2249	Kent Juniors	4.5	3rd=	£17
	Murphy Hugh W	2174	Rushden	4.5	3rd=	£17
6	Khandelwal Ankush	2287		4		
	Gulijevs Eldars	1696	West Nottingham	4	U1975	£25
8	IM Willow Jonah B	2464	West Nottingham	3.5		
	Okhai Shabir	2298	West Bridgford/Syston	3.5		
	Mercs Peter J	2073	Gambit	3.5	U2100=	£7
	Coates David H	2022	Lincoln	3.5	U2100=	£7
	Mikalajunas Kajus	1856	Loughborough	3.5	U2100=	£7
	Raju Sooraj Menothuparambil	Est.1833		3.5		
	Cooper Dylan E	1567	Newcastle-Under-Lyme	3.5	U2100=	£7
15	Kemp Paul R	2041	Linton	3		
	Burke Steven J	2026	Ashfield	3	Slow St	£13
	Broughton Daniel	2020	West Bridgford	3		
	Kuhendiran Tharshan	1986	Nottingham University	3		
	Gordon Sean	1913		3	Slow St	£13
20	Walker Tim D	2119	West Bridgford	2.5		
	Brown Tom	2069	Braunstone	2.5		
	Cast Julian	2053		2.5		
	Benzaira Sammy	2027	Nottingham University	2.5		
	Clarke Ian M	1980	Market Harborough	2.5		
	Sagyaman Francis W	1954	Coventry	2.5		
26	Humphreys Stuart	1959	Radcliffe & Bingham	2		
	Sudar Dragoljub	1930	Gambit	2		
	Fewell Ewan	1921	Nottingham University	2		
	Flynn David	1879	Nomads (Notts)	2		
30	Biwi James	1884		1.5		
	Farrall David J	1861	Shepshed	1.5		
32	Baer Bruce L	2074	Mutual Circle	1		
	Graham Danny	1743	West Bridgford	1		
34	Ziezio Lukasz	2215		0		
	Hotten Jacob	0	University of Lincoln	0		
	Mun John	0		0		

32nd Nottingham Rapidplay 2023 Major						
Final Ranking after 6 Rounds						
Rank	Name	Rating	Club/City	Score		
1	Wills Thomas	1863	Sasca	5	1st	£175
2	Lewis Christopher D	1861	Newport (Shropshire)	4.5	2nd=	£27
	Tolon Adman Devran	1738		4.5	2nd=	£27
	Humphreys Benjamin	1639	West Bridgford	4.5	2nd=	£27
	Dooley Max	1280	Beeston	4.5	2nd=	£27
6	Bromilow Edward T	1718	Rolls Royce Derby	4	U1800	£25
7	Klingelhofer Jan	1896	Gambit	3.5		
	Monterde Angel	1850	Leeds	3.5		
9	Turner David J	1833	Bourne End	3		
	Hardman Daniel	1808	Ashfield	3	Slow St	£13
	Brown Jules	1765	Lincoln	3	Slow St	£13
12	Maladkar Lavanya	1765	West Nottingham	2.5		
	Waterman Nick I	1652		2.5		
	Cant Alexander	1619	Kings School Grantham	2.5		
	Sullivan Luke	1616	Rugeley	2.5		
16	Desmedt Richard E	1780	Barnsley	2		
	Stokes Richard	1707	Stamford	2		
	Erentz David	1700	Radcliffe & Bingham	2		
	Mitchell Robert	1667	Shepshed Rooks	2		
	Abrahart R (Bob)	1561	West Bridgford	2		
21	London Nick J	1730	Radcliffe & Bingham	1.5		
22	Allen Andrew	1742	Worksop	0.5		
	Greatorex Roger	1732		0.5		

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32nd Nottingham Rapidplay 2023 Intermediate						
Final Ranking after 6 Rounds						
Rank	Name	Rating	Club/City	Score		
1	Passariello Andrea	1602		6	1st	£175
2	Dabner Tom	1626	Nottingham University	5	2nd=	£53
	Sasikumar Srivathsan	1547	Leeds Juniors	5	2nd=	£53
4	Hatton David	1689	Rolls Royce Derby	4		
	Chedd Neil	1660	New England Peterborough	4	Slow St	£13
	Utinans Janis	1600	Syston	4		
	Gallagher Kevin J	1574	Rolls Royce Derby	4	Slow St	£13
	Collis James	Est.1563	Belper	4		
	Gunarathne Senith	1562	Nottinghamshire	4	U1600=	£13

			Juniors	
	Bull Dave	1550	Lincoln	4
11	McDonald Ian	1612	Lincoln	3.5
	Watkinson Phil K	1550	Wigston	3.5
13	Ward Glyn	1689	Loughborough	3
	Carr Matthew	1647	Rugeley	3
	Gibson Graham J	1629	Gambit	3
	Robinson Martyn	1625		3
	Wootton Stephen G	1578	Rolls Royce Derby	3
	Wright Nigel	1575	Ashfield	3
19	Blumenow Daniel	1686	Rolls Royce Derby	2.5
	Meyer Dylan	1674	Rolls Royce Derby	2.5
	Redburn Barry T	1659	Radcliffe & Bingham	2.5
	Lever Brian	1530	Clay Cross	2.5
	Haddon Jonty	1179		2.5
24	Fancourt Leslie J	1518	Cheddleton & Leek	2
	Mottram Paul	1496	Wigston	2
	Mehta Sophie	1406	Leicestershire Juniors	2
27	James Benjamin	1469	Nottingham Central	1.5
28	Hughes Richard	1678		1
	Harper Michael J	1631	Gambit	1
	Beacroft Leo	1603	Gambit	1
	Shepherd James	1600		1

U1600= £13

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32nd Nottingham Rapidplay 2023 Minor				
Final Ranking after 6 Rounds				
Rank	Name	Rating	Club/City	Score
1	Bryant Jeffrey	1508	Cumnor	5
	Dow Gavin	1408	Radcliffe & Bingham	5
	Tavener Sean	1350		5
	Reghu Jyothika Ullukaranparambil	1348		5
5	Bentley-Davies Ross	1488		4
	Watson Andrew T	1421	Skegness	4
	Sagyaman Vassily M	1332	Coventry	4
	Nair Aryan	1293	West Nottingham	4
	Gulijevs Ramizs	1014		4
10	Convalle Pietro	1458	Leeds	3.5
	Griffin-Young Sebastian	1432	West Nottingham	3.5
	Hill Granville	1425	Latimer	3.5
	Krasnov Maksim	1396	West Nottingham	3.5
	Halford-Maw Samuel	1345		3.5
	Sykes Robin	1337	West Nottingham	3.5

1st= £70

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Slow St £25

U1375 £25

	Butler Rene	1296	Market Harborough	3.5
17	Job Lijith	1450	Spondon	3
	Cooper Ron	1448	Kettering	3
	Davidson Alistair	1443	Radcliffe & Bingham	3
	Talmacel Marian-Silviu	1417	Gambit	3
	Watson Ronald	1386	Gambit	3
22	Lee Richard	1512		2.5
	Richmond Frank	1438	West Bridgford	2.5
	Fischer Paul	1437	Lincoln	2.5
	Thorpe Dudley	1329	Clay Cross	2.5
	Galloway Peter	1306	Leeds	2.5
27	Arthurton Robert J	1499	Skegness	2
	Smithson Sean	1455	Nomads (Notts)	2
	Erentz Phil	1342	Radcliffe & Bingham	2
	Walker Daniel	1319	West Bridgford	2
31	Bettam Ray	1485	Coleshill	1.5
	Stapleton Dean	1444	West Nottingham	1.5
	Fores Craig	1428	Clay Cross	1.5
	Towers Joshua	1200	Gambit	1.5
35	Handa Yash	1168	West Bridgford	1
36	Sharma Aaryan	1455		0.5

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32nd Nottingham Rapidplay 2023 Improvers					
Final Ranking after 6 Rounds					
Rank	Name	Rating	Club/City	Score	
1	Roychowdhury Aashita	1282	Leeds Juniors	5	1st= £94
	Frings Mick J	1243	Nottingham Central (Formerly N	5	1st= £94
	Stokes Matthew	1076	Nottinghamshire Juniors	5	1st= £94
4	Knight Terry	1269	Derby	4.5	
	Khosravi-Nik Kazem	1170	Tynemouth	4.5	
6	Markham James	1274		4	
	Surrige Aiden	1250	Empingham	4	
	Tomsett Jonah	1222	West Nottingham	4	
	Tamilselvan Tara	856		4	U1150 £25
10	Mehta Hatle	1209	Braunstone	3.5	
	Gulijevs Artemijs	1121	West Nottingham	3.5	
	Gunarathne Miheli	993	Nottinghamshire Juniors	3.5	
13	Rathnaiah Mohanbabu	1287	West Bridgford	3	
	Babu Rohan	1271	West Bridgford	3	
	Blake Piotr	1180	Nottingham University	3	

	Frings Joseph	1164		3	
	Bryant Otto	1096	Oxfordshire Juniors	3	
	Garuda Hasana	1065	She Plays To Win	3	Slow St £7
	Garton Oscar	1059	Notts Juniors	3	Slow St £7
	Mehta Zara	1053	Leicestershire Juniors	3	Slow St £7
	Sudagar Vidhyuth Kavin	967		3	Slow St £7
22	Peddi Sai Pranav	1026		2.5	
23	Hu Kaidi	1118	Notts Juniors	2	
	Marsden Carter	1070		2	
	Dent Jos	1039	Beeston	2	
	Brewster Toby	947	West Nottingham	2	
	Quinnell Matthew	928	Notts Juniors	2	
	Gomez Luca	794	West Bridgford	2	
	Amirthanathan Adam	673	West Bridgford	2	
	Smithson Tom	535		2	
31	King David	550		1.5	
32	Lowe Walter	800	West Nottingham	1	
	Brown Oliver	700	West Nottingham	1	
	Taylor Jack	416		1	

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