

ECF, JUNIOR & LOCAL EVENTS SUPPLEMENT

The local congress scene has been fairly quiet, but the MCCU county season has kicked off. Unfortunately some county teams have failed to get off the ground & been withdrawn. The U175 jamboree date was already part of the calendar, sadly only 3 teams have confirmed entry, Northants, Manchester & Notts. The event will be held at Blackfords Club in Cannock on 20th January 2007. For those with an interest in County chess, please see the item about future team numbers in the main Newsletter.

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Braille Chess Association's Autumn Tournament, 27-29 October 2006 Solihull

D = Disabled; S = Senior; F = Female

Open

1st £90, 2nd £60, 3rd £30, 1 x GP £20 U110

	Name	From
1	CUMBERS, Paul	Sheffield
2	MORDUE, Tyson	Keynsham
3	ROSS, Chris (D)	Huntingdon
	LILLEY, Graham (D)	St. Helens
	ARMSTRONG, Bill (D)	Leek
6	DOYLE, Philip (D)	IRELAND
	WHITTLE, Les (D, S)	Morpeth
	HODGKINS, David (D)	Leamington Spa
9	CHAMBERS, Colin (D, S)	Cheltenham
	LOFTUS, Sean (D)	IRELAND
	BURNELL, Steve (D)	Leamington Spa
	PLECHATY, George (D)	Basildon
	WRAGG, Norman (D)	Sheffield
14	CASEY, Eamonn (D)	IRELAND
	PHILLIPS, George (D)	London
	SMITH, Phil	Derby
17	GORDON, Phil (D)	Isle of Wight
	MURPHY, Richard	Macclesfield
	KIRKHAM, Mark (D)	Sheffield
20	PRICE, Price (D, S)	Birmingham

Minor

1st £50, 2nd £35, 3rd £20, 1 x GP £15 U30

	Name	From
1	SOBERS, Orlando (D)	Birmingham
2	WICKETT, Gary (D)	Birmingham
3	OSBORNE, John (D)	London
	HAGUE, Mark (D)	London
5	CUTHBERT, Jim (D, S)	Sidcup
	PATCHING, Geoff (D, S)	Penzance
	HALL, Shane (D)	IRELAND
8	HARRINGTON, Richard (D)	Hemel Hempstead
	HODGES, Dorothy (F, D, S)	Bristol
10	RYAN, Leigh (F, D)	London

We hear that the Braille World Championships will be held in the UK in 2007 in Durham.

34th EDCA Congress & National Championship, 28-29 October 2006

Sheffield

Chris Kreuzer successfully defended his EDCA title in Sheffield with an unbeaten score of 4/5. Second place was very close with three players tied on 3.5 points but after applying the tie-break system, as Alasdair MacLeod beat both Robert Burnett and Lewis Martin, he was awarded 2nd place. Robert Burnett was 3rd with Lewis Martin 4th as Burnett had a better Sonneborg-Berger score.

The EDCA National Championship title went right to the wire with everything depending on the very last game to finish in the 5th round. Kreuzer needed at least a draw while MacLeod needed to win to reclaim the title he won in 2004. Both players certainly took their time, with the opening moves made carefully. MacLeod missed an opportunity to gain a clear

advantage in the middle game, instead going for a variation where he was a pawn up - but in a rook and pawn endgame. Kreuzer hung on in severe time trouble, making the last 15 plus moves to time control in less than 2 minutes. He even fought back in the endgame, gaining the initiative despite being a pawn down. Kreuzer forced a repetition of moves with MacLeod's turn to be in time trouble in the rapidplay finish, so giving him the EDCA National Championship for the second time.

In the Major tournament, Gary Hunter of Warrington found himself in hot streak of form to win the Major Section, his first EDCA trophy. John Christie from Scotland performed very consistently to win second place. Top seed David Whiston couldn't find top form in finishing third.

The EDCA would like to thank Sheffield Deaf Sports and Social Club for letting us have the use of their premises for the whole weekend.

Premier (5 rounds)

Total Prize money awarded in this section £90

Pos	Name	Club/Town	Grade	Score
1st	Chris Kreuzer	Whitton	148	4/5
2nd	Alasdair MacLeod	Worcester Park	141	3½/5
3rd	Robert Burnett	Dundee	138	3½/5
4th	Lewis Martin	Swindon	146	3½/5
5th	Peter Sharpe	Sheffield	126	2½/5
6th	James Kelberman	Purley	100	2½/5
7th	Ian Carmichael	Falkirk	125E	2½/5
8th	Michael Freund	Stanmore	119	2½/5
9th	Albert Kelberman	Grays	110E	2/5
10th	Barry David	Finchley	126	2/5
11th	Chris Williamson	Birmingham	100	1½/5
12th	Mick Simmons	Sheffield	101	½/5

Major (5 rounds)

Total Prize money awarded in this section £60

1st	Gary Hunter	Warrington	UG	4½/5
2nd	John Christie	Kirkcaldy	UG	3½/5
3rd	David Whiston	Sheffield	103	3/5
4th	Mark Towler	Aberdeen	UG	3/5
5th	Andrew McLean	Stirling	UG	3/5
6th	John Dearie	Riddrie	UG	2½/5
7th	John Brown	Borough Green	UG	2½/5
8th	Graham Duff	Dundee	UG	1½/5
9th	Des Masterson	Islington	UG	1/5
10th	Tom Selby	Stepney	UG	½/5

10th BDCL Rapidplay

Four Dwellings, Birmingham

15th October 2006

Open Section

1st = Matthew Turner (Millfield) 5 / 6

Ameet Ghasi (B'ham Univ)

3rd = Graeme Buckley (Wimbledon) 4½ / 6

Mike Basman (Surbiton)

u195= Chris Shephard (Nomads) 4 / 6

Russell James (South B'ham)

Ankush Khandelwal (Ashfield)

28 players

Major Section (u160)

1st Jeremy Fallowfield (Stourbridge) 5½ / 6

2nd = Kishan Lakhani (Long Eaton) 5 / 6

Tony Sadler (Solihull)

35 players

Intermediate Section (u125)

1st = Geoff Collyor (Spalding) 5 / 6

Andrew Moore (Stourbridge)

Henrik Stepanyan (Sutton Coldfield)

Kevin Bryant (Chessmates)

Phil Bull (Warley Quinborne)

51 players

Minor Section (u90)

1st = Alan Green (FICS) 5 / 6

Hugh Binnie (Musketeers)

Adam Parkinson (Northfield Checkmates)

46 players

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"Oh! this opponent, this collaborator against his will, whose notion of Beauty always differs from yours and whose means (strength, imagination, technique) are often too limited to help you effectively! What torment, to have your thinking and your fantasy tied down by another person!"

Alexander Alekhine, foreword to 'Mes Problèmes et études d'échecs', Fred. Lazard, 1929

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BRITISH RAPIDPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006
NORTHBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE
HALIFAX 4/5TH NOVEMBER

OPEN

SCORE	PLACE	PRIZES	Grade	Prize
8.5	D	GORMALLY	243	£375.00
	R	PALLISER	215	£375.00
8	M	HEBDEN	252	£87.50
	J	RADOVANOVIC	201	£87.50
7.5	C	HANLEY	227	£16.67
	S	HASLINGER	214	£16.67
	J	COBB	208	£16.67

GRADING PRIZES

200 - 186	7	D EGGLESTON	187	£40.00
185 - 166	6	S FOWLER	185	£20.00
		J HANLEY	183	£20.00
u166	5.5	J NICHOLSON	160	£40.00

MAJOR

9	M	RUSTON	159	£325.00
8	S	SATHYANANDHA	148	£160.00
7.5	D	MCKERRACHER	164	£16.67
	W	WILLIAMS	149	£16.67
	P	EVANS	142	£16.67

GRADING PRIZES

152 - 145	7	C ARCHER-LOCK	150	£40.00
u145	6.5	A JAIN	141	£40.00

INTERMEDIATE

9	S	SATHYANANDHA	126	£300.00
8.5	E	AUCKLAND	118	£150.00
8	A	COMBIE	127	£87.50
	P	CATTERMOLE	122	£87.50
7.5	P	MULLEADY	133	£16.67
	J	WAGENBACH	120	£40.00
	S	WALKER	102	£40.00

GRADING PRIZES

126 - 118	7	G CONROY	126	£8.33
		M PARSONS	118	£8.33
117 - 110	7	J ADAIR	116	£40.00
u110	6	A HO	109	£16.67

MINOR

10	C	DAVISON	98	£250.00
9	B	CLARKE	87	£130.00
8.5	V	JONES	105	£80.00
	A	LANG	101	£80.00
8	N	BOUSTRED	100	£40.00

GRADING PRIZES

98 - 93	7.5	J CLEEVES	98	£8.00
		T MAHENTHRAN	98	£8.00
		N RIGBY	96	£8.00
		A YOUNGS	95	£8.00
		N TALBOT	93	£8.00
92 - 83	6.5	A SIVAKUMAR	92	£20.00
		C CHADWICK	87	£20.00
82 - 67	7	I STONE	77	£20.00
		J BALDWIN	67	£20.00
u67	7.5	M BROWN	62	£40.00

U11 ETQ

5.5	N TAYLOR	93
	C YATES	65
5	S MOHAN	77
4.5	P WELLER	93
	H BROADLEY	57

U16

6	A GALLIANO	113
5	E WILLIAMS	88
3.5	T JONES	56
	P WILLIAMS	46

U14

5	T THURGOOD	103
3	E WILLIAMS	88
	E LIM	74
	L CLARKE	61
	T JONES	56

U10

5	R JAIN	66
4	S MOHAN	77
	R MOHAN	71
	M CLEEVES	69
	J HORTON	67
	M WALSH	57
3.5	J GAHIR	71
	M THRUMBLE	67
	P GERLAGH	UG

SUNDAY EVENT

5	P WATSON	167	£80.00
4	C SHEPHARD	186	£45.00
	J STEPHENSON	167	£45.00

GRADING PRIZES

u110		D MORGAN	67	£30.00
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Scarborough International Congress, 20-22 October 2006

Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough.

Open

1st =	R Shaw	Derbyshire
	R Palliser	Harrogate
	A Ledger	Sheffield
	D Gormally	Durham City
	J Hawkins	Co Durham
	C Hanley	Lancaster
	D Eggleston	Durham

Players on 3 points

A M James
G Utyuzhnikova

Major

1st =	R M Horner	Gateshead
	C Eckloff	Birmingham
	P Jazkiwskyj	London
	L Wells	Thirsk

Intermediate

1st =	G Smith	Sutton, N. Yorks
	D Sudar	Nottingham
3rd =	J Taylor	Leeds
	J Konarski	Galashiels
	G Collyer	Spalding

Player on 3 points

M Khakimova

Player on 1½ points

N Wragg

Sheffield

Minor

1st =

S Benn

Carlisle

T Greenway

Berks

M Bryant

Hastings

4th =

N Boustred

Newcastle Upon Tyne

V Luzajic

Stoke on Trent

C Reeves

Cornwall

I C Stone

Carlisle

Player on 2½ points

C Robson

Foundation

1st

G Clarke

Durham

2nd

S Milson

Lincs

3rd =

E Davies

Leeds

G Marshall

Hartlepool

K Marshall

Sheffield

S Russell

Leeds

K Aldersley

Nelson

J Hipshon

Leeds

Player on 2½ points

A Milson

In addition to the above prize winners:

M Barnes of Nottingham received £50 as a Grading Prize

(U188) for scoring 3/5 and D Jameson of Conway received £50

also as a Grading Prize (U163) for scoring 3½/5. S Benn (1st in the Minor) has donated his prize money to charity.

7th Leek Congress 8-10 September 2006

Marling Ltd Section (Under-210)

1

Robert Shaw

Cheddleton & Leek/ High Peak

2 =

Lawrence Cooper

Stafford

David Hulmes

Stockport

Alex Richardson

Newcastle

Slow Starter

Dave Risley

Macclesfield

Landon Memorial Trophy

Robert Shaw

Alton Towers Section (Under-135)

1

Maurice Hill

Nottingham Nomads

2 =

Robbie Coats

Brown Jack (Swindon)

Jon Blackburn

Holmes Chapel

Slow Starter

Nick Wright

Newcastle

Roger Walker

Belper

Brian Ross

Abergavenny

A H Brooks & Co Section (Under-100)

1

Philip Hallen

Cheddleton & Leek

2

David Hallen

Cheddleton & Leek

3 =

David Rose

Cheddleton & Leek

George Scattergood

Holmes Chapel

Joe Morrison

Sheffield

Slow Starter

Matthew Wyza

Cheddleton & Leek

Calum Young

Cheddleton & Leek

Jim Waddington

Bolton

Ray Bradney

Stockport

Rob Shaw wins Leek Chess Congress

Another successful Leek Chess Congress saw club member

Rob Shaw win the top Marling Ltd section, Maurice Hill, from

Nottingham, win the middle Alton Towers section and club

member Philip Hallen win the bottom A H Brooks section after playing five games over the weekend.

Approaching 100 players turned up for the 7th Leek Congress, organised by Cheddleton & Leek Chess Club at Westwood College on September 8,9 and 10, who were put into playing grade order and split into three sponsored sections graded under-210, under-135 and under-100.

In the Marling section, third seed Rob Shaw (195) drew with top seed International Master Lawrence Cooper (209), from Stafford, and, in the last round, beat second seed David Hulmes (201), from Stockport, in the very last game in the Congress to finish, becoming clear winner on 4/5.

Cooper and Hulmes finished equal second on 3½/5 with Alex Richardson (188), from Newcastle, while Dave Risley, from Macclesfield, won the slow starter prize with 3/5 and Shaw also won the Landon Memorial Trophy.

Club members Dave Buxton and Yangshi Yu (17) shared equal fifth on 3/5 while Phil Birks scored 2½/5 and Simon Edwards got 2/5.

Maurice Hill also scored 4/5 in winning the Alton Towers section while Jon Blackburn, from Holmes Chapel, and Robbie Coats (15), from the Brown Jack, Swindon, club, shared second place on 3½/5.

Club member Roger Walker shared the slow starter prize with Brian Ross, from Abergavenny, and Nick Wright, from Newcastle, with 2½/5, while club member Yangshan Yu (17) just missed out by finishing equal fourth on 3/5.

The best performance of the weekend was by club member Philip Hallen in winning the A H Brooks section with a perfect 5/5, while David Hallen was second on 4/5 and club member David Rose shared equal third on 3½/5 with Joe Morrison, from Sheffield, and George Scattergood, from Holmes Chapel. The slow starter prize was shared by club members Matthew Wyza and Calum Young (15) with Ray Bradney, from Stockport, and Jim Waddington, from Bolton, with 2½/5.

Club member Peter Hallen (16) came equal sixth with 3/5, while club members Ebrahim Arshad (14), Emma Atkins and Gus Brain all scored 2/5. Also playing from the club, in different sections, were Colin Abell, Ian Champion, James Nicol and John Yee.

The club, which is open to anyone for games, analysis or coaching, meets every Friday from 7.30 pm at Leek United Building Society's Norbury House, Strangman Street, Leek.

Details from Robert Milner On 01782 550112 or

www.cheddletonandleekchess.co.uk.

Nottinghamshire County Championship 2006

21–22 October at Beeston Youth and Community Centre.

Winners:

County Champion: Alex Posazhennikov (University)

County U150 Champion: Oliver Exton (Nomads)

County U125 Champion: George Murfet (Radcliffe & Bingham)

County U100 Champion: Len Morrell (Radcliffe & Bingham)

County Junior Champion: Kishan Lakhani (Long Eaton)

OSWESTRY RAPIDPLAY

22ND October The Community Centre at Froncysyllte

Local Newport player Nick Rutter won the event for the 3 year in a row, scoring 5.5 out of 6.

Runner up was Richard Bryant of Telepost.

Grading prizes went to Stephen Lloyd of Chester; Alan Silver of Church Stretton; John Simmons of Ryhl & Johns Casewell of Telepost.

Alex Taylor of Newport won the junior prize, beating Glyn Morris graded 175 on the way.

**ALL ENGLAND GIRLS
EASTERN REGION FINALS**
NOTTINGHAM 19TH NOVEMBER

Trophy Winners:

Under 18 Lateefah Messam-Sparks
Under 14 Jennifer Horsfall
Under 12 Evie Hollingworth
Under 11 Amy Milson / Deborah Jarvis
Under 10 Emma Bentley
Under 9 Anouska Nichols
Under 8 Katherine Archer

ALSO QUALIFIED FOR THE FINALS

Anjali Lakhani	U18
Jennifer Horsfall	U14
Juliet Donaghy	U14
Bethan Pearson	U14
Srilekhini Kadari	U14
Amy Milson	U12
Deborah Jarvis	U12
Eleanor Ekserdjian	U12
Ellen Scattergood	U12
Misha Chapman	U12
Sophie Tullett	U12
Lauren Betteridge	U12
Chantelle Foster	U10
Claire Ehr	U10
Zoe Slattery	U10
Anouska Nichols	U10
Charlotte Croft	U10
Afira Sutanto	U10
Imogen Allen	U10
Sophie Hudspeth	U10
Viktoria Lyon	U10
Dauida Mottram-Epson	U10

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10 Dec - [Bury Rapidplay](#), Elizabeth Suite, Town Hall, Bury
[BL9 0SW](#).

Anthony Lee, 22 Campbell Close, Walshaw, Bury, Lancs BL8
3BB (Tel: 0161 764 2243 (before 10 pm), Email:
burychesscongress@tesco.net)

6-7 Jan - [Wrekin Congress](#), Court Centre, Madeley, Telford.
Colin Roberts, 85 Haybridge Avenue, Hadley, Telford TF1 5JT
(Tel: 07974 083939, Email: colinjroberts@blueyonder.co.uk)

27-28 Jan - [Spectrum Chess - 11th Dudley Congress](#), The
Ward Arms Hotel, Dudley, West Midlands [DY1 4RN](#).
Norman Went, 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Essex RM13
8JT (Tel: 01708 551617, Mobile: 07905 360659, Email:
spectrumchess@hotmail.com)

4 Feb - [Stockport Rapidplay](#), The Guildhall, 196 Wellington
Road South, Stockport [SK1 3UA](#).
Peter Taylor, 10 Lodge Farm Close, Bramhall, Stockport SK7
3BZ
(Tel: 0161 440 0733, Email: pht@rover12.wanadoo.co.uk)

18 Feb - [18th Nottinghamshire Rapidplay](#), Bramcote Hills
Sport and Community College.
Robert Richmond, 25 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford,
Nottingham NG2 7QZ (Tel: 0115 945 5908, Email:
Robrchmnd@aol.com)

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"When you absolutely don't know what to do anymore, it is  
time to panic."  
John van der Wiel.  
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COUNTY MATCH RESULTS

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION

Board	Col	SHROPSHIRE	Ref	Grade	Res	MANCHESTER	Ref	Grade	Res
1	W	Ferrington, Nigel M	110539F	177	0	Hulmes, D	113216H	201	1
2	B	Fowler, Simon A	188544D	193	1/2	Smith, A	119158F	196	1/2
3	W	Rutter, Nick J	118369C	187	1	Pickles, S	194523D	196	0
4	B	Pym, Thomas TW	200052A	184	1	Jaunooby, A	241589G	193	0
5	W	Gostelow, David W	111451H	162	0	Surtees, M	119904D	192	1
6	B	Graham, Nick	111494D	162	0	Beach, R	106435G	189	1
7	W	Bryant, Richard BE	107574D	159	1	Mapira, S	240310K	175	0
8	B	Palmer, Ryan	259177H	152	0	Lee, D	154079J	165	1
9	W	Pugh, Glyn	117515E	150	1	Tyton, A	104797J	154	0
10	B	Neal, Toby	129064C	147	0	Armstrong, P	256709L	146	1
11	W	Roberts, Colin J	118009F	146	1	Hesford, M	240721J	141	0
12	B	Edwards, Gareth	242385G	141	DEF	Hazlehurst, C	182909K	139	WO
13	W	Graham, Louis	209212J	139	0	Pardoe, D	157151F	141	1
14	B	Link, Gerald C	114450K	135	1	Newell, D	116151K	134	0
15	W	Wilson, Iain R	126868F	129	1/2	Nicolson, J	142857D	132	1/2
16	B	Peck, Windsor WA	116900C	122	1/2 7.5	Kierman, D	127547B	122	1/2 8.5

OPEN MINOR SECTION

Board	Col	DERBYSHIRE	Ref	Grade	Res	LINCOLNSHIRE	Ref	Grade	Res
1	B	M Alcock	105573C	187	1/2	Jason Dilley	109683H	175	1/2
2	W	S Gilmore	111264J	161	0	Nigel Birtwistle	106801F	171	1
3	B	M Johnson	113695B	160	160 E	Nick Payne	152255D	168	0
4	W	Waldemar Mroz	new	160 E	1/2	Daniel Wells	231112E	167	1/2
5	B	R Allen	105641E	154	1/2	Kevin McCarthy	244268B	161	1/2
6	W	T Bould	107033C	158	0	David Coates	222105G	161	1
7	B	R Gamble	111035E	149	1/2	Francis Bowers	107071L	155	1/2
8	W	R Forey	110757E	149	1/2	Graham Ladds	113979E	154	1/2
9	B	D Andrews	105744D	146	1	Keith Palmer	116655E	152	0
10	W	D Jarvis	173444B	148	1/2	Ian McDonald	222114H	149	1/2
11	B	A Downham	127966L	154	1	Ted Nottingham	116272L	149	0
12	W	P Moore	115733E	155	0	Denis Georgiou	111157H	141	1
13	B	R T Farley	110431H	143	1/2	Geoff Collyer	160353L	133	1/2
14	W	J Hoddy	112778A	146	1	Mike Kelly	182506K	130	0
15	B	M Hill	112669G	132	1/2	Jan vanGemeran	120802A	128	1/2
16	W	D Brown	107427B	120	1	Lee Hall	264167H	125	0
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OPEN MINOR SECTION

Board	Col	WORCESTER	Ref	Grade	Res	STAFFORD	Ref	Grade	Res
1	W	JOHN EDGE	110076C	179	1	PAUL WALLACE	104823F	203	0
2	B	G.M. BOYCE	107110F	165	0.5	DAVID ANDERTON	105731F	196	0.5
3	W	PETER KITSON	126745B	171	0	ALEX RICHARDSON	117886G	188	1
4	B	JEREMY FALLOWFIELD	242226J	162	0	DARREN WHEELER	121442B	184	1
5	W	NIGEL TOWERS	165392B	157	0	JANA BELLIN	115510G	181	1
6	B	NICHOLAS FALLOWFIELD	128865K	146	0	GERALD ACEY	105462E	181	1
7	W	MAURICE BISSELL	106812L	142	0	PATRICK BENNETT	106612C	174	1
8	B	ERIC HORWILL	113026C	137	1	ALAN CROMBLEHOLME	109109J	173	0D
9	W	RAY COLLETT	108621C	141	0	NICHOLAS WALKER	157248K	173	1
10	B	STEPHEN FOSTER	110802F	131	1	JOHN MANGWENGWENDE	245055A	171	0
11	W	ANDREW WIGGINS	156972H	126	0.5	DAVID COOPER	108830A	169	0
12	B	JULIE WILSON	170913G	126	0	JOHN KEAVENEY	209464C	163	1
13	W	DAVID SCRIVEN	233503H	126	0	JOHN TURNER	120687E	163	1
14	B	STEVE JUKES	113972B	125	0	MARK HANDLEY	112022A	156	1
15	W	MICHAEL KITCHEN	183526K	99	0	DAVID PRITCHARD	143016G	150	1
16	B	TERRANCE POUNTNEY	183529E	90	0 4	JOHN STANFORTH	119583K	144	1 12

U150 SECTION

Board	Col	MANCHESTER	Ref	Grade	Res	NOTTINGHAM	Ref	Grade	Res
1	W	Mark Roberts	234770C	148	1/2	Brian Hayward	112398B	148	1/2
2	B	Philip Armstrong	256709L	146	1	Keith Brameld	125733L	143	0
3	W	Michael Compston	222457E	144	0	Ian Kingston	257837c	144	1
4	B	Cory Hazlehurst	189209K	139	0	Kevin Harvey	222174F	142	1
5	W	Matthew Pollard	117260j	136	1	Keith Roper	118199D	143	0
6	B	default			0	Steve Hunter	113252a	139	1
7	W	David Pardoe	157151F	141	1/2	Tim Lane	114054b	139	1/2
8	B	Joao Rita		135e	1	Stan Cranmer	151489b	139	0
9	W	Mick Connor	108711D	131	0	Alex Combie	191288e	139	1
10	B	Jim Nicolson	142857D	132	0	Will Place	183129L	135	1
11	W	Ghassan El Gehani	256352G	136	1/2	Neil Graham	111493b	133	1/2
12	B	Richard Gavin	111116E	129	1/2	Dave Flynn	155703j	132	1/2
13	W	Jon Lonsdale	143105F	128	1/2	John Tassi	120066f	131	1/2
14	B	default			0	Phil Morgan	115766F	134	1
15	W	Alan Beresford	106649d	120	1	Oliver Exton	245830F	128	0
16	B	Ray Sumner	104765G	112	0 6 1/2	Bob Taylor	104775k	127	1
									9 1/2

U150 SECTION

Board	Col	WARWICKS	Ref	Grade	Res	NOTTINGHAM	Ref	Grade	Res
1	W	Richard Reynolds	117643L	146	1/2	Brian Hayward	112398B	148	1/2
2	B	Robert Wallman	121042H	146	0	Keith Brameld	125733L	143	1
3	W	Trevor Holt	112923f	145	1	Keith Roper	118199D	143	0
4	B	Mark Cundy	109211L	145	1/2	Kevin Harvey	222174F	142	1/2
5	W	Neil Clarke	256344H	141	1/2	Matt Basey	164278k	148*	1/2
6	B	Darren Lee	173454e	141	0	Steve Hunter	113252a	139	1
7	W	Gary Hope	183305E	140	1/2	Tim Lane	114054b	139	1/2
8	B	Robert Walker	172198H	140	1	Alex Combie	191288e	139	0
9	W	Adrian Fowkes	230867J	140	0	Will Place	183129L	135	1
10	B	Colin Eckloff	221130a	138	1	Phil Morgan	115766F	134	0
11	W	Keith Thomas	120270E	137	0	Drag Sudar	119873H	134	1
12	B	Chris Evans	143240a	137	0	Neil Graham	111493b	133	1
13	W	Phil Bull	230875f	133	0	Bill Ray	117696b	131	1
14	B	Jon Turner	155226A	121	1	Oliver Exton	245830F	128	0
15	W	John Fahy	233507E	130	1	Bob Taylor	104775k	127	0
16	B	Alan Burnett	104148E	130	1/2 7.5	Anjali Lakhani	231102B	117	1/2 8.5

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Board	Col	WARWICKS	Ref	Grade	Res	DERBYSHIRE	Ref	Grade	Res
1	B	Biddle, Mike A	106714L	124	1/2	Carter, Mark AK	164809D	123	1/2
2	W	Hider, A Joe	259314C	124	0	Brown, David J	107427B	120	1
3	B	Rawson, Louis S	129117J	123	1/2	Hoddy, David	210955E	119	1/2
4	W	Asbury, Jon A	105876K	122	1	Smith, Vaughan WG	119378J	114	0
5	B	Warren, Kenneth E	129958L	122	1	Ellis, Peter	231472B	106	0
6	W	Seale, Dennis	264076E	122	0	Alldread, Luke S	166478F	103	1
7	B	Hodgskin, Paul	125832B	122	1	Bramley, Douglas	107186F	99	0
8	W	Turner, Jon	155226A	121	1	Loomes, Herbert TT	114581C	99	0
9	B	Cotton, Andrew	108929J	120	1/2	Harrison, Ronald SS	112223L	99	1/2
10	W	Harrington, Michael J	156103A	119	0	Sheldon, P	187429K	97	1
11	B	Llewelyn, John D	114495K	119	1/2	Bradbury, Howard	233557J	84	1/2
12	W	Phipps, Malcolm	117082L	118	1	Orridge, MJ	116506K	80	0
13	B	Walker, Mike BA	120981E	117	1	Smith, Phil	152320L	75	0
14	W	Gilbert, Kim T	111228E	111	1	Horrell, I		U/G	0
15	B	Tallis, Mark E	120034D	108	1	DEFAULT			0
16	W	Horsley, Dennis M	113012C	106	1	DEFAULT			0
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Board	Col	NOTTINGHAM	Ref	Grade	Score	LEICESTER	Ref	Grade	Score
1		Messam-Sparks, Lateefa		120	0	Smith, Stephen		124	1
2		Taylor, Marcel		120	0.5	Oliver, John		123	0.5
3		Day, Jonathan		119	0	Manger, John		121	1
4		Ince, Darren		116	0.5	Potter, Karl		UG	0.5
5		Williamson, Eric		114	1	Collins, Bob		119	0
6		Willoughby, Robert		114	0	Hazell, George		117	1
7		Murlet, George		113	1	Booley, Graham		115	0
8		Yang, Jixin		112	0	Johnson, Andy		112	1
9		Darby, Len		107	1	Smith, Richard		112	0D
10		Nailard, Mike		106	0	Robinson, Tony		11	1
11		Thacker, Steve		105	0	Adlard, Lea		107	1
12		Durne, David		100	0	Johnson, Cyril		102	1
13		Cronshaw, Derek		96	0	Clarke, Brandon		97	1
14		Morrell, Len		88	0.5	Clark, Paul		98	0.5
15		Zhang, Michael		82	0.5	Hewitt, Graham		96	0.5
16		Todd, Paul		81	0	Salter, Dick		96	1
				5					11

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Board	Col	WORCESTER	Ref	Grade	Score	WARWICKS	Ref	Grade	Score
1		Jackson, Gary	152157D	123	0.5	Biddle, Michael	106714L	124	0.5
2		Boyle, Antony	125717B	122	1	Asbury, John.A	105876K	122	0
3		Truscott, Ian	120615B	121	0.5	Rawson, Louis	129117J	123	0.5
4		Bingham, John	156960A	119	0.5	Warren, Ken	129958L	122	0.5
5		Kirkland, Arnold	128994K	118	0	Hider, J	259314C	124	1
6		Podlesak, Mark	192102C	115	0	Hodgskin, Paul	125832B	122	1
7		Watson, William	121232B	114	0	Turner, J	155226A	121	1
8		Clack, Ian	108369H	113	0	Seale, Denis	264076E	122	1
9		Sanders, Russell	248735E	108	1	Cotton, Andy	108929J	120	0
10		Thomas, Paul	120284E	107	0.5	Harrington, Michael	156103A	119	0.5
11		Ellis, Ian	248739B	107	1	Llewellyn, John	114495K	119	0
12		Curry, Don	179081L	104	1	Phipps, Malcolm	117082L	118	0
13		Durnell, Ken	109978E	100	0.5	Jimenez, Frank C	113645J	107	0.5
14		Bott, Doug	183289L	97	0	Gilbert, Kim	111228E	111	1
15		Clack, Michele	108370D	97	0.5	Tallis, Mark E	120034D	108	0.5
16		Banks, Peter	165118D	93	0	Horsley, Denis	113012C	106	1
				7					9

U100 SECTION

Board	Col	STAFFORD A	Ref	Grade	Score	SHROPSHIRE	Ref	Grade	Score
1		P. Crozet	176457D	98	0	G. Vizokai	120879C	99	1
2		B. Hall	131900L	95	0	R. Brown	107507L	98	1
3		S Jones	113908D	92	0	N. Sampson	165333H	95	1
4		C. Billings		90	0	A. Lewis	179279K	94	1
5		R. Brodie	10322L	88	½	S. Davies	143009K	95	½
6		D. Molineux	131946C	86	1	D. Ogundipe	143781B	90	0
7		S. Wilson	126890K	85	0	A. Taylor	248954F	90	1
8		A. Colabella	108613D	83	1	D. Powell	117343B	86	0
9		P. Evans	128860L	81	0	P. Broderick	136890E	76	1
10		K. Moore	181458S	80	1	P. Mellor	248946G	67	0
11		R. Dawson	266345E	79	1	C. Lovejoy		52	0
12		R. Gogerty	111339C	78	½	J. Newey		u/g	½
				5					7

U100 SECTION

Board	Col	WORCESTER	Ref	Grade	Score	STAFFORD B	Ref	Grade	Score
1	W	Doug Bott	183289L	97	½	Paul Shelley	118855A	99	½
2	B	Michelle Clack	108370D	97	0	Paul Clapham	186538K	95	1
3	W	Fred Freshwater	129881B	93	½	Kamal Kabiri	266804L	95	½
4	B	Maureen Clark	108407D	92	½	Geoff Lee	266811H	90	½
5	W	Richard Collett	108620A	92	1	John Newton	253876D	86	0
6	B	Michael Daniels	165988B	92	0	Eddie Rubin	234912H	95	1
7	W	John Loynes	185413G	91	1	Rob Brock	107327J	82	0
8	B	Penny Wood	228368C	91	1	Callum Young	262078K	84	0
9	W	Terry Pountney	183529E	90	½	Karl Mustafa	249951E	72	½
10	B	Martin Borley	255598A	80	1	Peter Tideswell	180498E	68	0
11	W	Richard Turner	157246F	80	½	Andrew Smith	241608G	59	½
12	B	William Pugh	117518L	74	½	Andrew Ng		U/G	½
				7					5

U100 SECTION

Board	Col	NOTTINGHAM	Ref	Grade	Score	LEICESTER B	Ref	Grade	Score
1	W	Terry Norris-Hunt	258663A	68	½	George Winterton	162084J	82	½
2	B	Nigel Wright	253102B	98	1	Alan Butler	250153D	83	0
3	W	Amar Mann	185150A	96	1	Richard Davis	250154F	83	0
4	B	Derek Cronshaw	142502E	96	1	Darren Robinson	261890E	U/G	0
5	W	Ian Fillingham	234483L	94	1	Tom Lester	242365A	78	0
6	B	Sally McIntosh	155818D	91	1	David Foulds	110807E	77	0
7	W	Len Morrell	115804B	88	½	Don Lockton	243449A	72	½
8	B	Peter Smith	166604G	87	½	Peter Wood	104882L	67	½
9	W	Henry Pynegar	240706B	86	1	Misha Knight	240093F	67	0
10	B	John Buttery	130241D	84	1	Peter Poolan	260180B	61	0
11	W	Edwin Justice	246335A	81	1	Stephen Tatlow	240393G	33	0
12	B	Hamzah Ali	255748E	77	0	Julie Johnson	113690C	30	1
				9.5					2.5

Board	Col	LEICESTER A	Ref	Grade	Score	WARWICKS	Ref	Grade	Score
1		Clark, Paul R	263003F	98	½	R Anderton	183693G	99	½
2		Thornton, Mike	120374F	98	½	P Hardstaff	112088J	96	½
3		Hulford, Frank S	133762C	97	0	P Hodgkinson	249822E	95	1
4		Hewitt, Graham	243445D	96	½	P Woodward	152732A	93	½
5		Hollingworth, Stuart	260174G	92	0	R Leaper	192092D	92	1
6		Stone, Robert	162056D	92	½	W Elliott	172063G	92	½
7		Toon, Jeffrey	120515J	91	½	G M Gee	157194B	90	½
8		Clay, Terry F	143593A	89	1	J Hill	187470G	90	0
9		Adams,(Mick)	253513A	89	0	A Parkinson	263575G	89	1
10		King, Ron WD	243448K	86	1	S Bowen	263574E	84	0
11		Preocanin, Stevan	192189H	87	1	B Garner	152146K	83	0
12		Creasey, John	161912D	85	1	J Rourke	221496K	80	0
				6½					5½

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	SHROPSHIRE				MANCHESTER				
Board	Col	Ref	Grade	Score	Ref	Grade	Score		
1	W	Ferrington, Nigel M	110539F	177	0	Hulmes, D	113216H	201	1
2	B	Fowler, Simon A	188544D	193	1/2	Smith, A	119158F	196	1/2
3	W	Rutter, Nick J	118369C	187	1	Pickles, S	194523D	196	0
4	B	Pym, Thomas TW	200052A	184	1	Jaunooby, A	241589G	193	0
5	W	Gostelow, David W	111451H	162	0	Surtees, M	119904D	192	1
6	B	Graham, Nick	111494D	162	0	Beach, R	106435G	189	1
7	W	Bryant, Richard BE	107574D	159	1	Mapira, S	240310K	175	0
8	B	Palmer, Ryan	259177H	152	0	Lee, D	154079J	165	1
9	W	Pugh, Glyn	117515E	150	1	Tyton, A	104797J	154	0
10	B	Neal, Toby	129064C	147	0	Armstrong, P	256709L	146	1
11	W	Roberts, Colin J	118009F	146	1	Hesford, M	240721J	141	0
12	B	Edwards, Gareth	242385G	141	DEF	Hazlehurst, C	182909K	139	WO
13	W	Graham, Louis	209212J	139	0	Pardoe, D	157151F	141	1
14	B	Link, Gerald C	114450K	135	1	Newell, D	116151K	134	0
15	W	Wilson, Iain R	126868F	129	1/2	Nicolson, J	142857D	132	1/2
16	B	Peck, Windsor WA	116900C	122	1/2 7.5	Kierman, D	127547B	122	1/2 8.5

WOR SECTION

Board	Col	LINCOLN	Ref	Grade	Score	WORCESTER	Ref	Grade	Score
1	B	Jason Dilley	109683H	175	1/2	John Edge		179	1/2
2	W	Nigel Birtwistle	106801F	171	1/2	Mike Boyle		175	1/2
3	B	Nick Payne	152255D	168	1/2	Peter Kitson		170	1/2
4	W	Daniel Wells	231112E	167	1/2	Steve Mellor		159	
5	B	Kevin McCarthy	244268B	161	1	Nigel Towers		157	0
6	W	David Coates	222105G	161	1	Nick Fallowfield	-	146	0
7	B	Francis Bowers	107071L	155	1/2	Maurice Bissell	-	142	1/2
8	W	Denis Georgiou	111157H	141	0	Eric Horwill		137	1
9	B	Ross Blake	106866A	137	1/2	John Foxall		137	1/2
10	W	Geoff Collyer	160353L	133	1/2	Roy Collett		135	1/2
11	B	John Mainwaring	104372K	129	1/2	Andrew Wiggins		127	1/2
12	W	Jan vanGemeren	120802A	128	1/2	Dave Scriven		126	
13	B	Lee Hall	264167H	125	1/2	Andy Ambrose		125	1/2
14	W	Bernard Pratten	227383C	114	0	Steve Jukes		125	1
15	B	Keith Noons	116272L	110	1	John Bingham		119	0
16	W	Peter Sherlock	152036C	109	1/2 8 1/2	Giles Stanton		113	1/2 7 1/2

U100 SECTION

Board	Col	SHROPSHIRE	Ref	Grade	Score	STAFFORD B	Ref	Grade	Score
1	W	G. VISOKAI	120879C	99	1	PAUL SHELLEY	118855A	99	0
2		R. BROWN	107507L	98	1/2	PAUL CLAPHAM default	186538K	95	1/2
3		M. SAMPSON	165333H	95	1	EDDIE RUBIN	234912H	95	0
4		A. LEWIS	179279K	94	1/2	GEOF LEE	266811H	90	1/2
5		S. DAVIES	143009K	95	0	EMMA ATKINS	185226H	88	1
6		A. TAYLOR	248954F	90	0	MATTHEW WYZA	240298B	85	1
7		D. OGUMDIPE	143781B	86	0	CARL MUSTAFA	249951E	72	0
8		A.JONES	157897C	86	1	PETER TIDESWELL	180498E	68	0
9		D. POWELL	117343B	86	1	ANDREW SMITH	241608G	59	0
10		A. PICKLES	179299E	76	0	DAVID SMITH		UG	1/2
11		H. GRAHAM		66	1/2	GUS BRAIN	210382F	57	0
12		P. MELLOR	218946G	67	1				
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14		TOTAL			6 1/2	TOTAL			5 1/2
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16									

U100 SECTION

Board	Col	STAFFORD A	Ref	Grade	Score	WORCESTER	Ref	Grade	Score
1	B	Doug Bott	183298L	97	1	Bryan Hall		95	0
2	W	Michele Clack	108370D	97	1	Simon Jones		92	0
3	B	Fred Freshwater	129881B	93	1/2	Michael Page		88	1/2
4	W	Maureen Clark	108407D	92	1	Robert Brodie		88	0
5	B	Richard Collett	108620A	92	1/2	Paul O'Donoghue		87	1/2
6	W	John Loynes	185413G	91	0	David Molineux		86	1
7	B	Terry Pountney	183529E	90	1/2	Tony Colabella		83	1/2
8	W	Marin Boreley	255598A	80	0	Peter Evans		81	1
9	B	Richard Turner	157246F	80	1	Kevin Moore		80	0
10	W	William Pugh	117518L	74	0	Richard Dawson		79	1
11	B	John Holmberg	165486L	66	0	Ray Gogerty		78	1
12	W	Francis O'Gorman		UG	1	Paul Guest		77	0
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15									
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U100 SECTION

Board	Col	WARWICKS	Ref	Grade	Score	LEICESTER B	Ref	Grade	Score
1		Robin Anderton	183693G	99	1	George Winterton	Default		0
2		Peter Hodgkinson	249822E	95	0	Alan Butler	250153D	83	1
3		Pauline Woodward	152732A	93	0	Richard Davis	250154F	83	1
4		Richard Leaper	192092D	92	0	Darren Robinson		UG	1
5		William Elliott	172063G	92	1	David Foulds	Default		0
6		John Pakenham	116631G	92	1	Pete Wood	Default		0
7		Graham M Gee	157194B	90	1	Stephen Tatlow	240393G	33	0
8		Adam Parkinson	187470G	89	1	Julie Johnson	113690C	30	0
9		John Burke	221348F	86	1	Default			0
10		Steven Bowen	263574E	84	1	Default			0
11		Bram Garner	152146K	83	1	Default			0
12		Joe Rourke	152146K	80	1	Default			0
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15									
16						9			3

U100 SECTION

Board	Col	LEICESTER A	Ref	Grade	Score	NOTTINGHAM	Ref	Grade	Score
1		Clark, Paul R	263003F	98	1/2	Ben Hobson	112768J	98	
2		Hulford, Frank S	133762C	98	0	Derek Cronshaw	142502E	96	
3		Hewitt, Graham	243445D	97	1/2	Ian Fillingham	234483L	94	
4		Stone, Robert	162056D	92	1	Len Morrell	115804B	88	
5		Hollingworth, Stuart	260174G	92	1	Peter Smith	166604G	87	
6		Toon, Jeffrey	120515J	91	1	John Buttery	130241D	84	
7		Clay, Terry F	143593A	89	1	Paul Todd	152050H	81	
8		Adams,(Mick)	253513A	89	1/2	Ebrahim Fredericks	165520G	76	
9		Eastlake, Charles	260171A	87	1	Malcolm Hargreaves	125869C	73	
10		Preocanin, Stevan	192189H	87	1/2	Terry Norris-Hunt	258663A	68	
11		King, Ron WD	243448K	86	1/2	Dorothy Blampied	106873J	60	
12		Creasey, John		85	1/2	K Heath	112441K	55	
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16						8			4

COUNTY MATCH RESULTS

FOR SECTION

Board	Col	STAFFORD	Ref	Grade	Score	DERBYS	Ref	Grade	Score
1		LAWRENCE COOPER	108844A	209	1	DAVID LATHAM	210998J	168	0
2		DAVID ANDERTON	105731F	196	1	SIMON GILMORE	111264J	161	0
3		ALEX RICHARDSON	117886G	188	1	MICHAEL JOHNSON	113695B	160	0
4		DARREN WHEELER	121442B	184	1	WALDEMAR MROZ		E	0
5		GERALD ACEY	105462E	181	0.5	TREVOR BOULD	107033C	158	0.5
6		LEE GRINSELL	111759C	174	1	PAUL MOORE	115733E	157	0
7		PATRICK BENNETT	106612C	174	0	ALAN DOWNHAM	127966L	154	1
8		ALAN CROMBLEHOLME	109109J	173	1	DAVID KENT	127483B	155	0
9		NICHOLAS WALKER	157248K	173	1	DEFAULT			0
10		JOHN MANGWENGWENDE	245055A	171	1	JOHN HODDY JANOS	112778A	146	0
11		DAVID COOPER	108830A	169	0.5	WAGENBACH	120919L	132	0.5
12		RICHARD WESTWOOD	191000A	169	0.5	PAUL KELMAN	165437J	129	0.5
13		MALCOLM ARMSTRONG	105843F	164	1	ANDREW GRANT	111512B	123	0
14		JOHN KEAVENEY	209464C	163	1	MAURICE HILL	112669G	132	0
15		MARK HANDLEY	112022A	156	0.5	DAVID BROWN	107427B	120	0.5
16		DAVID PRITCHARD	143016G	150	1	DAVID HODDY	210955E	119	0
					13				3

IONSHIP SECTION

Board	Col	SHROPSHIRE	Ref	Grade	Score	LEICESTER	Ref	Grade	Score
1	B	Cox, John J	108997D	218	1	Burrows, M	125697L	191	0
2	W	Ferrington, Nigel M	110539F	177	0	Byron, A	107857E	181	1
3	B	Fowler, Simon A	188544D	193	0.5	Burgess, R	107674H	170	0.5
4	W	Rutter, Nick J	118369C	187	0.5	Edwards, L Alan	110122F	180	0.5
5	B	Gostelow, David W	111451H	162	0	Robinson, John K	118096E	167	1
6	W	Graham, Nick	111494D	162	0.5	Miller, J	115535A	156	0.5
7	B	Footner, John K	110730G	161	0	Bingham, J	106748F	161	1
8	W	Everington, David MH	110368E	159	1	Jex, A	113642C	155	0
9	B	Palmer, Ryan	259177H	152	1	Farrall, D	213110K	142	1
10	W	Pugh, Glyn	117515E	150	0	Turner, L	232919A	148	1
11	B	Neal, Toby	129064C	147	0	Hewitt, S	112575J	139	1
12	W	Roberts, Colin J	118009F	146	0.5	Tate, M	120070H	137	0.5
13	B	Edwards, Gareth	242385G	141	0	Harrison, P	112216C	127	1
14	W	Graham, Louis	209212J	139	1	Turvey, S	153473H	129	0
15	B	Tarr, Steve	166164E	131	0.5	Wylie, S	104886H	130	0.5
16	W	Wilson, Iain R	126868F	129	1	Booley, G	106989F	115	0
					7.5				8.5

TABLES

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Position	Teams	PI	W	D	L	GP	Pts
1	G MANCHESTER	1	1	0	0	8.5	2
1	LEICESTERSHIRE	1	1	0	0	8.5	2
3	SHROPSHIRE	2	0	0	2	15	0
4	WARWICKSHIRE	0	0	0	0	0	0

OPEN MINOR

Position	Teams	PI	W	D	L	GP	Pts
1	STAFFORDSHIRE	2	2	0	0	25	4
2	LINCOLNSHIRE	2	1	0	1	16	2
3	DERBYSHIRE	2	1	0	1	12	2
4	WORCESTERSHIRE	2	0	0	2	12	0

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Position	Teams	PI	W	D	L	GP	Pts
1	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	2	2	0	0	18	4
2	WARWICKSHIRE	1	0	0	1	7.5	0
3	GREATERT	1	0	0	1	6.5	0
4	LEICESTERSHIRE	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	STAFFORDSHIRE	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Position	Teams	PI	W	D	L	GP	Pts
1	WARWICKSHIRE	2	2	0	0	20	4
2	LEICESTERSHIRE	1	1	0	0	11	2
3	WORCESTERSHIRE	1	0	0	1	7	0
4	DERBYSHIRE	1	0	0	1	5	0
4	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	1	0	0	1	5	0
6	SHROPSHIRE	0	0	0	0	0	0

U100 WEST

Position	Teams	PI	W	D	L	GP	Pts
1	SHROPSHIRE	2	2	0	0	14	4
2	WORCESTERSHIRE	2	1	0	1	13	2
3	STAFFORDSHIREA	2	1	0	1	12	2
4	STAFFORDSHIREB	2	0	0	2	11	0

U100 EAST

Position	Teams	PI	W	D	L	GP	Pts
1	LEICESTERSHIRE A	2	2	0	0	15	4
2	WARWICKSHIRE	2	1	0	1	15	2
3	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	2	1	0	1	14	2
4	LEICESTERSHIRE B	2	0	0	2	5.5	0

THE STORY BEHIND THE SCORE

What happened to the Leicestershire U100 B team against Warwickshire, 7 boards defaulted?!

As the unfortunate captain I can tell you all about it.

The Saturday before the match thought the team was virtually complete & transport all sorted. How wrong I was! Contacted various players to finalise arrangements, that's when the trouble started. "Sorry I can't play after all" "Oh I forgot all about it" Proceed to ring various possible replacements, no sooner is one replacement found, than someone else pulls out.

Wednesday before the match, receive phone call informing me that one of the vehicles intended to take players to Birmingham is playing up & might not be fixed in time for Saturday. Said vehicle is being looked at Thursday, an update will be given on Thursday night. Also find out that an alternative vehicle is not available, partner needs car.

Thursday, haven't heard from another driver, ring him. No he can't have the car, wife needs it to transport kids. Speak to another player nearby who had indicated that he didn't think he could play, explain situation, no he can't play, but he could loan a car to his club mate if he had the type of insurance that covered him for other cars. Wait for result of conversation between the 2. No phone call on the state of play with the other vehicle.

Friday, message left to say that problem vehicle is okay for drive to Birmingham. Establish that loan of car has been fixed. Breathe sigh of relief, looks as though things are back on track. However, phone call received another player is not now available. Try to get in touch with player who said he would play if I was desperate, no reply, leave messages on his landline & mobile.

Saturday morning, haven't heard from player I left messages for last night. 9.35am another player rings up pulling out ill. Still cannot contact my reserve player. Know I will be at least 1 short, ring opposing captain & let her know. 11.30am receive another message from father of father & son due to play, father is ill so neither he nor his son can play. They live out in the east of the county, no way someone can pick up son, it's his first match anyway so he probably wouldn't want to go without Dad. 11.45 just about to leave the house to walk down to meet up with my lift, phone rings, another youngster due to play is ill & Mum has left it to the last minute hoping they might recover.

Arrive at match 4 boards down, offer profuse apologies to opposing captain. 2 vehicles & 5 players present at match start time, where is the 3rd car? Try to ring mobile phone number I have for a passenger in the car, number comes up invalid so I have no way of contacting them. We agree to wait a while, but still no sign of the missing players, no option but to start the match. Default time comes & goes with still no sign of the missing group. They never arrive. Worry in case they have been involved in an accident.

Travel home. Ring car driver, he got hopelessly lost despite pulling direction off the internet. Having reached the point when he knew they couldn't get to the venue before default time he decided to head home.

Why do I do this job?!

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Captain Leicestershire & Rutland U100's