

MIDLAND COUNTIES  
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## Midland Individual Championships 1992-93

Darwin Suite, Derby Assembly Rooms  
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### Report from Neil Graham

In the strongest Midland Individual for some years Grandmasters Glenn Flear and Mark Hebden were in a strong field which included IM Keith Arkell and defending champion Andrew Ledger. A Round One setback for Keith against Nottingham University player David Neale meant that the Derby-based player was a point behind when he met the outright leader Andrew Ledger in Round Six. Andrew had won his first five games, including one against Mark Hebden, and could afford a draw in his last game, against Keith. However it was not to be, there was a 36-move victory for Keith. These two players were joined in a three-way tie by Glenn Flear, who was unbeaten, conceding draws to Hebden and Lawrence Cooper (Stafford).

Outright fourth was Stephen Joseph (Nottingham Gambit) with 4½/6. As well as becoming the MCCU nominee to the 1993 British Championship, Stephen, a former British Under-15 Champion, won the Midland Under-21 and Under-18 titles.

### Midland Individual (32 entries)

1st= Keith Arkell (Derby),  
Glenn Flear (Leicester),  
Andrew Ledger (Bedford) 5/6;

4th Stephen Joseph (Nottingham) 4½/6;  
5th= Mark Hebden (Leicester),  
Lawrence Cooper (Stafford),  
David Ledger (Bedford),  
John Molyneux (Belper) 4/6;  
U-21 and U-18 Champion : Stephen Joseph;  
U-16 Champion :  
Aron Cohen (Leicester) 3/6;  
British Champion nominee : Stephen Joseph;  
Under-185 Grading Prize : John Molyneux.

### Midland Major (68 entries)

1st John Robinson (Leicester) 5½/6;  
2nd= Phil Briggs (Tamworth),  
Tommy Matko (Glasgow),  
Peter Mercs (Nottingham),  
Robert Newton (Morecambe) 5/6;  
Under-155 Grading Prize :  
Andrew Dyce (Sutton-in-Ashfield) 4/6;  
Under-140 Grading Prize :  
Mark Greenwood (Loughborough) 4/6.

### Midland Minor (75 entries)

1st= Rod Burroughs (London),  
Joseph Farrell (London),  
John Brief (London),  
Adam Blake (Nottingham University),  
Jaswant Gill (Derby) 5/6;  
Under-110 Grading Prize :  
Michael Robinson (Rushall) 4/6;  
Under-95 Grading Prize :  
Phil Smith (Rolls-Royce) 4/6;  
Best Ungraded Score :  
Nigel Beard (Derby),  
Paul Hopkins (Sutton Coldfield) 4/6;  
Prixette Qualifying Score :  
Abigail Dyce (Sutton-in-Ashfield) 4/6.

## M.C.C.U County Championships 1992-93

## Results from Neil Beasley

## Open Championship

West Zone	GM	Shrops	Staffs	Warks	Worcs	Pts	Posn
Greater Manchester	*	11½ - 4½	6 - 10	8 - 8	11 - 5	5	2nd
Shropshire	4½ - 11½	*	2 - 14	8 - 8	8 - 8	2	4th
Staffordshire	10 - 6	14 - 2	*	9½ - 6½	11 - 5	8	1st
Warwickshire	8 - 8	8 - 8	6½ - 9½	*	10 - 6	4	3rd
Worcestershire	5 - 11	8 - 8	5 - 11	6 - 10	*	1	5th

East Zone	Derbys	Leics	Lincs	Norths	Notts	Pts	Posn
Derbyshire	*	8 - 8	9 - 7	8½ - 7½	9 - 7	7	2nd
Leicestershire	8 - 8	*	14 - 2	17 - 3	11½ - 8½	7	1st
Lincolnshire	7 - 9	2 - 14	*	11 - 5	5 - 11	2	4th
Northamptonshire	7½ - 8½	3 - 17	5 - 11	*	5 - 11	0	5th
Nottinghamshire	7 - 9	8½ - 11½	11 - 5	11 - 5	*	4	3rd

Major Semi-Finals : Staffordshire 9½-6½ Derbyshire ; Leicestershire 9-9 Greater Manchester\*

Major Final : Staffordshire 6½-9½ Greater Manchester

Minor Semi-Finals : Shropshire 10-6 Northamptonshire ; Lincolnshire 8-8 Worcestershire\*

U-175 Championship	GM	Leics	Lincs	Notts	Staffs	Warks	Pts	Posn
Greater Manchester	*	11 - 5	8½ - 7½	11 - 5	11½ - 4½	7 - 9	6	2nd
Leicestershire	5 - 11	*	9 - 7	6½ - 9½	11½ - 4½	9½ - 6½	4	4th
Lincolnshire	7½ - 8½	7 - 9	*	3½ - 12½	W/O	3½ - 12½	0	5th
Nottinghamshire	5 - 11	9½ - 6½	12½ - 3½	*	W/O	6 - 8	4	3rd
Staffordshire	4½ - 11½	4½ - 11½	W/D	Default	*	W/D	0	
Warwickshire	9 - 7	6½ - 9½	12½ - 3½	8 - 6	W/O	*	6	1st

Staffordshire withdrew after two matches; results expunged. W/D means withdrew. W/O means walkover.

## Under-150 Championship

West Zone	GM	Shrops	Staffs	Warks	Worcs	Pts	Posn
Greater Manchester	*	12 - 4	8 - 8	8½ - 11½	10½ - 5½	5	2nd
Shropshire	4 - 12	*	6 - 10	7 - 9	8½ - 7½	2	4th
Staffordshire	8 - 8	10 - 6	*	6 - 10	8½ - 7½	5	3rd
Warwickshire	11½ - 8½	9 - 7	10 - 6	*	4 - 12	6	1st
Worcestershire	5½ - 10½	7½ - 8½	7½ - 8½	12 - 4	*	2	5th

East Zone	Derbys	Leics	Norths	Notts	Pts	Posn
Derbyshire	*	7 - 9	5 - 11	Default	0	4th
Leicestershire	9 - 7	*	8 - 8	7 - 9	3	3rd
Northamptonshire	11 - 5	8 - 8	*	8½ - 7½	5	1st
Nottinghamshire	W/O	9 - 7	7½ - 8½	*	4	2nd

Semi-Finals : Warwickshire 6½-9½ Nottinghamshire ; Northamptonshire 8-8 Greater Manchester

## Under-125 Championship

West Zone	Derbys	GM	Shrops	Staffs	Warks	Pts	Posn
Derbyshire B	*	6 - 6	6 - 6	5½ - 6½	4 - 8	2	5th
Gr Manchester	6 - 6	*	8 - 4	4½ - 7½	6 - 6	4	2nd
Shropshire	6 - 6	4 - 8	*	6 - 6	8½ - 3½	4	3rd
Staffordshire	6½ - 5½	7½ - 4½	6 - 6	*	7 - 5	7	1st
Warwickshire	8 - 4	6 - 6	3½ - 8½	5 - 7	*	3	4th

East Zone	Derbys	Leics-A	Leics-B	Lincs	Notts-A	Notts-J	Pts	Posn
Derbyshire A	*	4½ - 7½	9½ - 2½	6 - 10	2½ - 9½	10 - 2	4	3rd=
Leicestershire A	7½ - 4½	*	10 - 6	4 - 8	7 - 5	9½ - 2½	8	2nd
Leicestershire B	2½ - 9½	6 - 10	*	3½ - 8½	3½ - 8½	4 - 8	0	6th
Lincolnshire	10 - 6	8 - 4	8½ - 3½	*	7 - 5	9 - 3	10	1st
Nottinghamshire A	9½ - 2½	5 - 7	8½ - 3½	5 - 7	*	5½ - 6½	4	3rd=
Nottinghams. Jnr	2 - 10	2½ - 9½	8 - 4	3 - 9	6½ - 5½	*	4	3rd=

Semi-Finals : Staffordshire 7-5 Leicestershire ; Lincolnshire 6-6 Greater Manchester\*

Final : Staffordshire\* 6-6 Greater Manchester. Here and elsewhere \* indicates win on tie-break.

### B.C.F. Counties Under-18 Team Championships Nuneaton, 3rd April 1993.

Report from J. M. Robinson

The new rules allowing for any unclaimed places to be filled favoured the MCCU, who supplied Greater Manchester, Staffordshire and Lincolnshire to fill three of the places left vacant by the Welsh Union. On the day all of them did better than the teams who had claimed a place by right, with Greater Manchester runners up to Middlesex in the Open and Staffordshire winning the Minor.

#### Open

1	Middlesex	9½/12
2	Greater Manchester	7
3	Suffolk	5½
4	Warwickshire	5
5=	Wiltshire	4½
5=	Lancashire	4½

#### Minor

1	Staffordshire	8/12
2	Somerset	7½
3	Hunts. & Peterborough	7
4	Northumberland	5½
5	Nottinghamshire	4½
6	Oxfordshire	3½

#### Girls Open

1	Suffolk	5½/6
2	Kent	4
3	Oxfordshire	3½
4=	Middlesex	2
4=	Devon	2
6	Staffordshire	1

#### Girls Minor

1	Somerset	4/6
2=	Northumberland	3
2=	Essex	3
2=	Lincolnshire	3
5=	Wiltshire	2½
5=	Leicestershire	2½

### Birstall Chess Congress

7th November 1993

Results from A. R. Whitehead

There were a total of 139 entrants.

#### Open (Six Rounds)

1	G.Quillan (Leicester University)	5½
2	M.Hebden (Braunstone)	5
3=	A.Ledger (Bedford)	4½
	C.Baker (Bristol)	4½
	L.Cooper (Stafford)	4½

#### Major (Six Rounds)

1	A.Dawson (Kenilworth)	5½
2=	J.Calder (Market Harborough)	5
	D.Garnett	5

#### Minor (Six Rounds)

1	C.Blackburn (Northampton)	5½
2=	N.Hall (Birstall)	5
	R.Wilkinson	5
	S.Smith (Wigston)	5

### Goodyear Congress 1992

Results from Graham Humphreys

#### Open (28 entries)

1	J.Hodgson (Streatham)	4½/5
2=	G.Buckley (Bushbury)	4
	J.Miles (Birmingham)	4
	P.Wells (Cowley)	4

#### Major (27 entries)

1	C.P.Hibbard (Lichfield)	4½/5
2=	J.A.Friar (West Bromwich)	4
	M.May (Goodyear)	4
	J.R.Nicolson (Manchester)	4

#### Minor (48 entries)

1	J.H.Lee (Dudley)	4½/5
2=	M.Johnson (Dudley)	4
	M.Robertson (Rushall)	4
	G.Viszokai (Coddon)	4
	N.Walker (West Bromwich)	4