

## 4NCL Online League – Season 9 – Round 2 Report

After our glorious Round 1 results with 6 match wins....Round 2 bought us back down to earth with a bang with just 2 match wins, 3 draws and 3 losses.

At an individual level, with 11 wins, 6 draws and 15 losses it was a tough evening at the office for many of the squad.

### Division 1

Our A team faced a lower graded Guildford 1 and drew 2-2 , with our wins coming from Jaimie & Mark. Jaimie commented "*I thought I'd take on Julien's Hennig-Schara gambit for a lark*" - he proceeded to make the gambit look very tame and transposed into a simple winning endgame.

<b>Wessex Some Stars A</b>		2129		<b>Guildford 1</b>		1958	
121	w	Lock, Gavin R		2218 e	0 - 1	Price, Gwilym	2134 e
122	b	Lukosius, Rolandas		2129 e	0 - 1	Punnett, Alan K	2056 e
123	w	Wilson, Jaimie		2114 e	1 - 0	Shepley, Julien M	1855 e
124	b	Cleary, Mark		2056 e	1 - 0	Duncalfe, Richard	1788 e
					2 - 2		

### Division 2

Our newly relegated B team won again with wins from Richard & Roger plus a draw from Raj – so far, so good in our battle to return to Div 1

<b>Wessex Some Stars B</b>		1981		<b>Stroud All Play</b>		1606	
271	w	Anderson, Peter W		2036 e	0 - 1	Dicks, Duncan	2303 c
272	b	Allis, Richard		2008 e	1 - 0	Walker, Adrian	1575 e
273	w	Pentakota, Rajasekhar		1973 e	½ - ½	Feeley, Joe	1444 u
274	b	Marsh, Roger D W		1907 e	1 - 0	Moore, Agatha	1102 u
					2½ - 1½		

Our Wessex C team faced a similar strength Dundee City C (as Dundee also have 8 teams we get a lot of Wessex v Dundee match-ups each season) and lost a tight match with 3 draws from John, Mike & Ted.

<b>Dundee City C</b>		1863		<b>Wessex Some Stars C</b>		1886	
231	w	Mooney, Graham	c	1862 e	½ - ½	Weatherlake, John P	1907 e
232	b	Crofts, Joshua C		1899 u	1 - 0	Mesanan, Mircea-Marius	1894 e
233	w	Borwell, Alan P		1889 e	½ - ½	Krawczuk, Michael J	1887 e
234	b	Kynoch, Richard		1805 e	½ - ½	Paul, Ted	1859 c
					2½ - 1½		

### Division 3

Our D team had a fierce battle against War & Piece Overlord with 4 decisive games – we drew 2-2 with our wins coming from Jamie D & Jamie C

<b>War &amp; Piece Overlord</b>		1702		<b>Wessex Some Stars D</b>		1801	
341	w	Tenin, Alex		1985 e	1 - 0	Adaway, William	1827 e
342	b	Ross, David C		1700 e	0 - 1	Doyle, Jamie	1827 e
343	w	Morrison, Munroe L		1614 e	0 - 1	Chilton, James I	1788 e
344	b	Townend, Ron		1509 c	1 - 0	Jones, Tim	1765 c
					2 - 2		

Our E team did well to edge a win against a higher graded English Deaf team with wins from Hugo & Robert plus a draw from Ed.

<b>Wessex Some Stars E</b>		1664		<b>English Deaf Chess Association A</b>		1771	
371	w	Charles, Steven		1693 e	0 - 1	Diug, Alexander	1846
372	b	Melling, Hugo		1669 c	1 - 0	MacLeod, Alasdair	1738 e
373	w	Blanden, Edward		1668 c	½ - ½	Freund, Michael P	1734 e
374	b	Halse, Robert		1627 c	1 - 0	Marchant-Winsor, Jordan	1767 u
					2½ - 1½		

#### Division 4

Our F team looked to have a tight match based on grades but were wiped out 4-0

<b>Charlton Cobras C</b>		1597	<b>Wessex Some Stars F</b>		1563	
441	w	Smith, Jonathan D	1640	1 - 0	Philidor, Tom	1597 c
442	b	Penumarthy, Ayush	1588 c	1 - 0	Hillman, Graham	1592 c
443	w	Chiu, Kelvin Yuk Lun	1650 u	1 - 0	Bucchi, Andrea	1569 c
444	b	Riddick, Alexander	1510 c	1 - 0	Peacock, Christopher	1496 e
				4 - 0		

#### Division 5

Our G team drew against a higher graded Calstock Killers team with Steve tying the match with a win after earlier draws from Ashraf & Michal.

<b>Wessex Some Stars G</b>		1460	<b>Calstock Killers</b>		1605	
571	w	Herrera, Manuel	1483 u	0 - 1	Trudeau, Gary	1692 c
572	b	Syed, Ashraf	1474 c	½ - ½	Kirkman, Nigel J	1635 c
573	w	Orszulak, Michal	1474 u	½ - ½	Reid, Mark	1572 c
574	b	Le Fevre, Stephen D	1412 e	1 - 0	Jenkins, Simon	1523 u
				2 - 2		

Wessex H lost 2-1 to Barnet Knights, with our only win coming from Tim.

Steve's opponent issued an "unrated" challenge, so the arbiters voided the game, hence the unusual score.

<b>Wessex Some Stars H</b>		1154	<b>Barnet Knights C</b>		1005	
621	w	McCullagh, Tim	1343 e	1 - 0	Morin, Julian	1096 e
622	b	Charles, Karen	1259 u	0 - 1	Ben-Eshak, Djad	987 c
623	w	Saunders, Steve	1057 c	0 - 0	Yeo, Alexander	978 c
624	b	Saunders, Rose	958 c	0 - 1	Iyer, Rishabh	962 c
				1 - 2		

So a disappointing evening overall, with wins for Wessex B & E, draws for Wessex A,D & G and losses for Wessex C,F & H

Hopefully round 3 will be a bit more joy 😊

### Stats-time

With just 2 rounds completed our 100% club is already down to 3 people in the race for the "golden pawn"

- ⇒ 2 points - Richard Allis, Jaimie Wilson & Jamie Doyle
- ⇒ 1.5 points – Ted Paul , Jamie Chilton & Roger Marsh

24 players have played in both rounds, 16 in just one round so a total of 40 players in action so far.

*Keith Gregory, Wessex Captain, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024*