

4NCL Online League – Season 9 – Round 3 report

So Round 3 saw a repeat of Round 2 in terms of match results i.e. 2 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses.

At an individual level, with 12 wins, 6 draws and 14 losses it was another tough evening at the office for many of the squad.

Division 1

Our A team faced a lower graded Farnham A team and had a great battle before drawing 2-2 after a win from Jaimie and draws from Rolandas & Mark. Jaimie's game finished abruptly after his opponent accidentally resigned in a balanced position – one of the perils of online chess 😞

With 3 rounds played our A team are unbeaten (one win, two draws) and are in 3rd place although we have yet to meet the 2 top teams – those matches will be crucial.

Farnham A		2049		Wessex Some Stars A		2129	
141	w	Frostick, Clive A		2176 e	1 - 0	Lock, Gavin R	2218 e
142	b	Garwood, Colin		2052 c	½ - ½	Lukosius, Rolandas	2129 e
143	w	Warren, Alex M		2004 e	0 - 1	Wilson, Jaimie	2114 e
144	b	Wallace, Adrian D		1964 u	½ - ½	Cleary, Mark	2056 e
					2 - 2		

Division 2

Our B team won again with wins from Raj & Roger plus a draw from Richard. With three wins from three we're equal first in our group with a great chance to return to Division 1

Trelawny's Army		1778		Wessex Some Stars B		1981	
271	w	Retallick, Lloyd		1897 e	1 - 0	Anderson, Peter W	2036 e
272	b	Hassall, Mark I		1872 e	½ - ½	Allis, Richard	2008 e
273	w	Morgan, Jamie		1773 e	0 - 1	Pentakota, Rajasekhar	1973 e
274	b	Jones, Bryan		1573 c	0 - 1	Marsh, Roger D W	1907 e
					1½ - 2½		

Our Wessex C team faced an *IDENTICALLY* graded Shropshire & Friends 2 team and appropriately drew the match, albeit with 4 decisive results, with White winning on every board – our two wins came from Mircea & Jamie. With 3 points from 6 we're currently 4th of 8 in our group and looking likely to finish mid-table

Bill's opponent played with an astonishing 98% accuracy – I will watch his future games with interest.

Wessex Some Stars C		1858	Shropshire & Friends 2		1858	
221	w	Mesesan, Mircea-Marius	1894 e	1 - 0	Walsh, Marcus	1962 e
222	b	Krawczuk, Michael J	1887 e	0 - 1	Friedgood, David	2046 e
223	w	Doyle, Jamie	1827 e	1 - 0	Lovatt, Peter G	1772 u
224	b	Adaway, William	1827 e	0 - 1	Bailey, Adrian	1652 e
				2 - 2		

Division 3

Our D team started with a disappointing default loss and went down 1 – 2.5 to Beckenham, with our win coming from Gillian plus a draw from “super-sub” Frank. Luckily the penalty deduction for the default did not affect the match result – that would have been salt in the wounds!

With 3 points from 6 we are currently 4th from 8 in our group and looking like a mid-table finish.

Wessex Some Stars D		1731	Beckenham		1710	
311	w	Chilton, James I	1788 e	0 - 1	Baltrunas, Evaldas	1813 e
312	b	Pittman, Frank J	1737 c	½ - ½	Lewin, John H	1826 e
313	w	Leeson, Chris J P	1702 c	d - 1	Madden, Steve	1739 e
314	b	Moore, Gillian A	1700 e	1 - 0	East, Robin	1462 c
				-½		
				1 - 2½		

Our E team faced a similar strength Ashfield Anonymous C and lost a tight match 2.5-1.5 with our win coming from Phil and a draw from Hugo.

With 4 points from 6 we're in equal 2nd place in our group and may be in with a chance of promotion

Wessex Some Stars E		1682	Ashfield Anonymous C		1660	
361	w	Pinto, Phil B	1700 e	1 - 0	Morgan, Philip D	1742 c
362	b	Charles, Steven	1693 e	0 - 1	Robins, Andrew	1710 c
363	w	Melling, Hugo	1669 c	½ - ½	Taylor, Robert P	1653 e
364	b	Blanden, Edward	1668 c	0 - 1	Gulijevs, Eldars	1538 e
				1½ - 2½		

Division 4

Our F team were out-graded on every board and went down 3.5 – 0.5, our draw coming from Michal. With 3 heavy losses from 3 rounds we're rooted at the bottom of our group and will need some great results to avoid relegation.

Wessex Some Stars F		1505	Wells Hartbreakers 2		1626	
411	w	Bucchi, Andrea	1569 c	0 - 1	Johnson, RN Phil	1668 c
412	b	Peacock, Christopher	1496 e	0 - 1	Hayes, Solomon	1673 e
413	w	Herrera, Manuel	1483 u	0 - 1	Jukes, Ben	1593 c
414	b	Orszulak, Michal	1474 u	½ - ½	Roome, Gregory	1571 u
				½ - 3½		

Division 5

Our G team faced a much higher graded team in Settle and had a great evening to win 3-1, with wins from Ralph (on his debut), Stephen & Tim.

With 5 points from 6 we are currently equal 2nd (with 5 other teams!) and could get promoted if we can keep this up.

Settle		1568	Wessex Some Stars G		1397	
561	w	Woodbridge, Charles	1823 c	0 - 1	BEALES, Ralph	1434 u
562	b	Edbury, Mike	1599 c	0 - 1	Le Fevre, Stephen D	1412 e
563	w	Beard, Michael	1400 u	1 - 0	Huntley, Kevin	1399 e
564	b	Dillon, L	1451 u	0 - 1	McCullagh, Tim	1343 e
				1 - 3		

Wessex H started with a default win on board 4 - with a win from Karen that saw us draw the match 2-2. This was our first point so we now lie 30th of 33 with one point from six – I suspect we will struggle to get out of the bottom quarter.

Barnet Knights D		975	Wessex Some Stars H		1108	
661	w	Ben-Eshak, Djad	987 c	0 - 1	Charles, Karen	1259 u
662	b	Yeo, Alexander	978 c	1 - 0	Hardwick, Martin E	1160 u
663	w	Iyer, Rishabh	962 c	1 - 0	Saunders, Steve	1057 c
664	b	default	u	d - 1	Saunders, Rose	958 c
				2 - 2		

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

Hopefully round 4, the season mid-point, will see our fortunes improve.

Stats-time

With 3 rounds completed our 100% club is down to 3 people in the race for the “golden pawn”

- ⇒ 3 points - Jaimie Wilson, Jamie Doyle & Tim McCullagh
- ⇒ 2.5 points – Hugo Melling, Roger Marsh, Richard Allis,

20 players have played in ALL 3 rounds, with 44 players having played so far.

Keith Gregory, Wessex Captain, 21st February 2024