

4NCL Online League – Season 9 – Round 4 Report

So Round 4 on March 5th saw a lot of tight matches, resulting in 2 wins, 4 draws and 2 losses.

At an individual level we scored a modest 12 wins, 7 draws and 13 losses.

So on to the team specifics.....

Division 1

Our A team faced a very strong Dundee City A team and held them 2-2 with wins from Gavin & Mark. Gavin's win was an exciting up & downer which saw him beat an IM with the black pieces.

With 4 rounds played our A team are unbeaten (one win, three draws) and are in equal 2nd place having now played the top seed, with a great chance of going into the play-offs in 2nd place.

Dundee City A		2266		Wessex Some Stars A		2122	
111	w	Polaczek, Richard	i	2349 e	0 - 1	Lock, Gavin R	2218 e
112	b	McDonald, Ian		2287 e	1 - 0	Pye, David E	2102 e
113	w	Vijayakumar, Rishi		2270 e	1 - 0	Wilson, Jaimie	2114 e
114	b	Findlay, David John		2161 e	0 - 1	Cleary, Mark	2056 e
				2 - 2			

Division 2

Our B team faced a lower graded Oxford 2 team who played beyond their grade to win 3-1 – our consolation win coming from Roger.

With 4 rounds played we are now in 2nd place and, having played the 1st, 3rd & 4th teams, are in with a great chance of making the play-offs.

Wessex Some Stars B		1981		Oxford 2		1863	
261	w	Anderson, Peter W		2036 e	0 - 1	Evans, Christopher J	1881 e
262	b	Allis, Richard		2008 e	0 - 1	Staples, Neil	1946 e
263	w	Pentakota, Rajasekhar		1973 e	0 - 1	Amoako, Selikem PJ	1801 e
264	b	Marsh, Roger D W		1907 e	1 - 0	Cole, Graham	1824 e

Wessex C had a very tight match with 3 draws (from Mircea, Mike & Bill) and a win from Jamie Doyle (now our only 4 points from 4 rounds player) to edge the match 2.5 – 1.5. With 5 points from 4 rounds we are in 2nd place and still in with a shout of the play-offs, although we have a very tough match to come against the top team.

Ashfield Anonymous B		1787	Wessex Some Stars C		1858	
241	w	Flynn, David	1921 e	½ - ½	Mesesan, Mircea-Marius	1894 e
242	b	Bromilow, Edward T	1731 e	½ - ½	Krawczuk, Michael J	1887 e
243	w	Bentley, Alex	1757 e	½ - ½	Adaway, William	1827 e
244	b	Morgan, Philip D	1742 c	0 - 1	Doyle, Jamie	1827 e
				1½ - 2½		

Division 3

Our D team had a tight match and drew 2-2 with a win from Phil and draws from Tim & Joe.

With 4 points from 4 matches we are currently in 6th place and looking likely to finish mid-table.

Wessex Some Stars D		1747	Sheffield University Graduates		1771	
341	w	Chilton, James I	1788 e	0 - 1	Taylor, Robert K	1988 e
342	b	Jones, Tim	1765 c	½ - ½	McSheehy, Chris J	1717 c
343	w	Coburn, Joseph A	1737	½ - ½	Moore, Brian	1710 u
344	b	Pinto, Phil B	1700 e	1 - 0	Ainley, Elliot	1671 u
				2 - 2		

Our E team significantly out-graded their Cornish opponents and won very comfortably with wins from Hugo, Robert & Doug and a draw from Steven. With 6 points from 8 we are in 2nd place with a great chance of reaching the play-offs.

Cornish Choughs		1320	Wessex Some Stars E		1652	
381	w	Renshaw, Ian	1395 c	½ - ½	Charles, Steven	1693 e
382	b	May, Philip	1379 u	0 - 1	Melling, Hugo	1669 c
383	w	James, John	1241 c	0 - 1	Halse, Robert	1627 c
384	b	Brown, Hugh	1267 c	0 - 1	Blythe, Douglas	1620 c
				½ - 3½		

Division 4

Our F team were out-graded on every board but held Bromley to a draw with wins from Graham & Andrea. This was our first point and with 1 point from 8 we remain bottom of the table and will need a minor miracle to stay up!

Wessex Some Stars F		1566		Bromley		1704	
441	w	Hillman, Graham		1592 c	1 - 0	Dovey, Andrew Jw	1910 c
442	b	Philidor, Tom		1597 c	0 - 1	Charlesworth, Henry	1801 c
443	w	Bucchi, Andrea		1569 c	1 - 0	Lima, Nilton	1651 u
444	b	Pua, Nathaniel		1509 u	0 - 1	Foreman, Anthony	1455 c
					2 - 2		

Division 5

Our G team faced a much higher graded team in Better Call Tal and lost 3.5 – 0.5 with our consolation draw coming from Kevin. We're now in 9th place with 5 points from 8 and looking likely to finish mid-table.

Wessex Some Stars G		1424		Better Call Tal		1791	
541	w	Herrera, Manuel		1483 u	0 - 1	Nguyen, Anh	2017 e
542	b	Syed, Ashraf		1474 c	0 - 1	Honarvarmahalati, Hooman	1849 e
543	w	Huntley, Kevin		1399 e	½ - ½	Fawcett, James	1703 u
544	b	McCullagh, Tim		1343 e	0 - 1	Richards, Nathan	1596 u
					½ - 3½		

Wessex H had a close match on paper and so it provided with wins from Karen & George securing a 2-2 draw.

Wessex Some Stars H		1109		Colchester JFF C		1046	
661	w	Charles, Karen		1259 u	1 - 0	Vivek, Gautham Charan	1144 u
662	b	Wright, George A		1165 e	1 - 0	Kariyawasam, Alexander	1130 u
663	w	Saunders, Steve		1057 c	0 - 1	Zhao, Ian	984 u
664	b	Saunders, Rose		958 c	0 - 1	Hoxha, Oliver	928 c
					2 - 2		

So a balanced overall set of results with wins for Wessex C & Wessex E, draws for Wessex A, Wessex D, Wessex F Wessex H and losses for Wessex B & Wessex G.

Stats-time

With 4 rounds completed our 100% club is down to a single player, Jamie Doyle, in the race for the “golden pawn”

- ⇒ 4 points - Jamie Doyle
- ⇒ 3.5 points – Hugo Melling, Roger Marsh

19 players have played in all 4 rounds, with 46 players having played so far.

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