

4NCL Online League – Season 9 – Round 6 report

So Round 6 on April 2nd saw 8 x Wessex teams in action, resulting in 4 match wins, 1 match draw and 3 match losses.

For the 32 boards played we scored 16 wins, just 4 draws and 12 losses so a reasonable day at the office. We had to dig deep with various regulars out of action and had no less than 4 x “C-Play if desperate” in action :-)

Division 1

Our A team faced a lower graded Barnet Knights A and won comfortably despite dogged resistance with all games going past 21:00 and Jaimie coming unstuck in a tricky middlegame he was pressing to win. Wins from Gavin, Rolandas & David saw us still win 3-1.

Barnet Knights A		1883	Wessex Some Stars A		2140	
121	w	Ethelontis, Alexandros N	2062 e	0 - 1	Lock, Gavin R	2218 e
122	b	Rasalingam, Haran	2002 e	0 - 1	Lukosius, Rolandas	2129 e
123	w	Eedle, Eric F	1896 e	1 - 0	Wilson, Jaimie	2114 e
124	b	Karia, Kamlesh	1573	0 - 1	Pye, David E	2102 e
				1 - 3		

With 6 rounds played our A team are still unbeaten (two wins, four draws) and are in 2nd place – if we can draw our final game against the 3rd placed team we will secure a place in the play-offs and a chance to defend our Div 1 title!

			rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP
1	Dundee City A	duna	bkna 4	fara 3½	her1 3	wesa 2	ekba 4	mrp 3	6	5	1	0	11	0	19½
2	Wessex Some Stars A	wesa	ekba 3	gil1 2	fara 2	duna 2	mrp 2	bkna 3	6	2	4	0	8	0	14
3	Hertford 1	her1	mrp 2½	bkna 3½	duna 1	ekba 2	gil1 2½	fara 2	6	3	2	1	8	0	13½
4	Farnham A	fara	gil1 2½	duna ½	wesa 2	mrp 2	bkna 2½	her1 2	6	2	3	1	7	0	11½
5	Guildford 1	gil1	fara 1½	wesa 2	mrp 2½	bkna 2	her1 1½	ekba 2	6	1	3	2	5	0	11½
6	East Kilbride A	ekba	wesa 1	mrp 2½	bkna 1½	her1 2	duna 0	gil1 2	6	1	2	3	4	0	9
7	Barnet Knights A	bkna	duna 0	her1 ½	ekba 2½	gil1 2	fara 1½	wesa 1	6	1	1	4	3	0	7½
8	Morpeth	mrp	her1 1½	ekba 1½	gil1 1½	fara 2	wesa 2	duna 1	6	0	2	4	2	0	9½

Division 2

Our B team faced a lower graded Dundee City D and overwhelmed them in a very comfortable 3.5 – 1.5 win, with Mark, Richard & Raj all winning and a solid draw from Peter.

#randomfact1 => Richard had won his game by 19:49 when most games were still getting underway – the game was played at a blistering pace, as they packed 34 moves into this time and Richard finished with more than the 45 mins he started with (🤔)

#randomfact2 => Peter's opponent's moves had an "accuracy" of 95% capped by Peter with 96%.

Dundee City D		1705	Wessex Some Stars B		2018	
251	w	Kynoch, Richard	1805 e	0 - 1	Cleary, Mark	2056 e
252	b	Brennan, J Ross	1678 u	½ - ½	Anderson, Peter W	2036 e
253	w	Anderson, James	1642 e	0 - 1	Allis, Richard	2008 e
254	b	Hackney, Leyton	1696 e	0 - 1	Pentakota, Rajasekhar	1973 e
				½ - 3½		

With 6 rounds played we are now in 2nd place with 10 points from 12 and guaranteed 1st or 2nd place (depending on last round results) i.e. a place in the play-offs

			rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP
1	Oxford 2	oxf2	tra 2½	dund 2½	saf3 3	wesb 3	wara 3	asha 2	6	5	1	0	11	0	16
2	Wessex Some Stars B	wesb	asha 2½	stdy 2½	tra 2½	oxf2 1	saf3 4	dund 3½	6	5	0	1	10	0	16
3	Ashfield Anonymous A	asha	wesb 1½	wara 2	dund 3	stdy 2	tra 3½	oxf2 2	6	2	3	1	7	0	14
4	Warwickshire Bears	wara	dund 2½	asha 2	stdy 2	tra 1	oxf2 1	saf3 4	6	2	2	2	6	0	12½
5	Stroud All Play	stdy	saf3 2	wesb 1½	wara 2	asha 2	dund 1	tra 2	6	1	3	2	5	0	10½
6	Dundee City D	dund	wara 1½	oxf2 1½	asha 1	saf3 3½	stdy 3	wesb ½	6	2	0	4	4	0	11
7	Trelawny's Army	tra	oxf2 1½	saf3 1½	wesb 1½	wara 3	asha ½	stdy 2	6	1	1	4	3	0	10
8	Shropshire & Friends 3	saf3	stdy 1½	tra 2	oxf2 1	dund 0	wesb 0	wara 0	6	1	0	5	2	3	4½

Wessex C faced very strong opposition in the Heffalump Hunters
(I'm using FIDE grades as they are more relevant)

Board 1 – a 2381 IM from Macedonia

Board 2 – a 2033 from Belgium

Board 3 – a 2038 from Belgium

Board 4 – a 2113 from Belgium

None of their team seem to play much (if any) OTB chess in the UK which surprises me as they are a small squad running just one team.

Somewhat “out-gunned” we went down to a 3.5 – 0.5 loss with Mike getting a great result with the black pieces i.e. a draw against the 2113 on board 4

Wessex Some Stars C		1898	Heffalump Hunters		2022	
241	w	Marsh, Roger D W	1907 e	0 - 1	Nikolovski, Nikola	2381
242	b	Weatherlake, John P	1907 e	0 - 1	Chaerle, Josse	2033
243	w	Mesanan, Mircea-Marius	1894 e	0 - 1	Carpentier, Jannes	1919 e
244	b	Krawczuk, Michael J	1887 e	½ - ½	Vanden Bussche, Steven	1756 e
				½ - 3½		

With 7 points from 12 we are in 3rd place and need the “right results” in round 7 to go into the play-offs. Given Wessex B are already promoted to Division 1 we cannot go up as there's a limit of 2 teams per squad per division for Div 1-4.

		rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP	
1	Heffalump Hunters	hhu	oxf3 3	bknb 3	dunc 3	saf2 4	ashb 3	wesc 3½	6	6	0	0	12	0	19½
2	Dundee City C	dunc	ashb 2	wesc 2½	hhu 1	oxf3 3½	bknb 4	heb2 1½	6	3	1	2	7	0	14½
3	Wessex Some Stars C	wesc	bknb 3½	dunc 1½	saf2 2	ashb 2½	heb2 3½	hhu ½	6	3	1	2	7	0	13½
4	Ashfield Anonymous B	ashb	dunc 2	saf2 2	heb2 2½	wesc 1½	hhu 1	oxf3 3½	6	2	2	2	6	0	12½
5	Shropshire & Friends 2	saf2	heb2 2½	ashb 2	wesc 2	hhu 0	oxf3 1½	bknb 3	6	2	2	2	6	0	11
6	Oxford 3	oxf3	hhu 1	heb2 2½	bknb 2	dunc ½	saf2 2½	ashb 0	6	2	1	3	5	1	8½
7	Hebden Bridge 2	heb2	saf2 1½	oxf3 1½	ashb 1½	bknb 3	wesc ½	dunc 2½	6	2	0	4	4	0	10½
8	Barnet Knights B	bknb	wesc ½	hhu 1	oxf3 2	heb2 1	dunc 0	saf2 ½	6	0	1	5	1	1	5

Division 3

Our D team looked to have a grade advantage and duly won comfortably with wins from Bill, Jamie D & Jamie C plus a draw from Tim.

Wessex Some Stars D		1801	Charlton Cobras B		1685	
331	w	Adaway, William	1827 e	1 - 0	Wagstaff-Hall, James	1878 c
332	b	Doyle, Jamie	1827 e	1 - 0	Fearnley-Sanders, Ben	1635 u
333	w	Chilton, James I	1788 e	1 - 0	Jones, Humphrey C N	1586 c
334	b	Jones, Tim	1765 c	½ - ½	Stebbings, Robert J	1642 c
				3½ - ½		

With 6 points from 12 we are still in 6th place and safe from relegation with a round to spare



			rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP
1	Charlton Cobras B	chab	strb 3	bec 3	wat 4	dune 2	wapo 2	wesd ½	6	3	2	1	8	0	14½
2	Sheffield University Graduates	sug	wat 3½	dune 2½	wapo 2	wesd 2	bec 1½	strb 3	6	3	2	1	8	0	14½
3	Beckenham	bec	wapo ½	chab 1	wesd 2½	wat 3	sug 2½	dune 3½	6	4	0	2	8	0	13
4	War & Piece Overlord	wapo	bec 3½	wesd 2	sug 2	strb 1	chab 2	wat 4	6	2	3	1	7	0	14½
5	Streatham B	strb	chab 1	wat 2	dune 2½	wapo 3	wesd 3	sug 1	6	3	1	2	7	0	12½
6	Wessex Some Stars D	wesd	dune 3½	wapo 2	bec 1	sug 2	strb 0	chab 3½	6	2	2	2	6	1	12
7	Dundee City E	dune	wesd ½	sug 1½	strb 1½	chab 2	wat 2½	bec ½	6	1	1	4	3	0	8½
8	Watford	wat	sug ½	strb 2	chab -½	bec 1	dune 1½	wapo 0	6	0	1	5	1	1	4½

Our E team faced a lower graded Hertford 2 team and duly won 3-1, our wins coming from super sub Franz, plus Joe & Robert.

Wessex Some Stars E		1731		Hertford 2	1475	
381	w	Pittman, Frank J		1737 c	1 - 0	Rudd, David R
382	b	T'hart, Gerard		1735 c	0 - 1	Zsibrita, Steve
383	w	Coburn, Joseph A		1737	1 - 0	Lynch, Mark
384	b	Davenport, Robert		1717 c	1 - 0	Hurley, James
					3 - 1	

With 8 points from 12 we are in equal 2nd place with 2 other teams – the “right results” in round 7 could see us get promoted!

			rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP
1	Lenzie Basilisks	lenb	ashc 3½	weg1 3½	coc 4	edc 2	wese 3½	gil2 3	6	5	1	0	11	0	19½
2	Ashfield Anonymous C	ashc	lenb ½	coc 4	wese 2½	her2 2½	weg1 1½	edc 3½	6	4	0	2	8	0	14½
3	Wells Hartbreakers 1	weg1	her2 2½	lenb ½	edc 1	gil2 3½	ashc 2½	coc 4	6	4	0	2	8	0	14
4	Wessex Some Stars E	wese	edc 2½	gil2 3	ashc 1½	coc 3½	lenb ½	her2 3	6	4	0	2	8	0	14
5	English Deaf Chess Association A	edc	wese 1½	her2 3	weg1 3	lenb 2	gil2 3	ashc 0	6	3	1	2	7	2	12½
6	Guildford 2	gil2	coc 3	wese 1	her2 2½	weg1 ½	edc 1	lenb 1	6	2	0	4	4	0	9
7	Hertford 2	her2	weg1 1½	edc 1	gil2 1½	ashc 1½	coc 3½	wese 1	6	1	0	5	2	0	10
8	Cornish Choughs	coc	gil2 1	ashc 0	lenb 0	wese ½	her2 ½	weg1 0	6	0	0	6	0	2	2

Division 4

Our F team lost to a higher graded Worcestershire Wolfpack B team 1.5 – 2.5 with our win coming from Hugo and our draw from Ed.

Wessex Some Stars F		1646	Worcestershire Wolfpack B		1691	
431	w	Melling, Hugo	1669 c	1 - 0	Collett, Ray A	1770 c
432	b	Blanden, Edward	1668 c	½ - ½	Flynn, Seamus	1674 e
433	w	Halse, Robert	1627 c	0 - 1	Sutton, Rob	1670 c
434	b	Blythe, Douglas	1620 c	0 - 1	Shaw, Tony	1652 c
				1½ - 2½		

With 3 points from 12 we are currently in 8th place (of 8) and will need a minor miracle to stay up 😞

			rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP
1	Worcestershire Wolfpack B	wwpb	saf4 4	weg2 2½	bau 4	heb3 3	chac 2½	wesf 2½	6	6	0	0	12	1	18½
2	Charlton Cobras C	chac	weg2 2	wesf 4	brm 2½	saf4 2	wwpb 1½	bau 3	6	3	2	1	8	0	15
3	Wells Hartbreakers 2	weg2	chac 2	wwpb 1	wesf 3½	bau 2	brm 2	heb3 3	6	2	3	1	7	0	13½
4	Bromley	brm	bau 3	heb3 4	chac 1½	wesf 2	weg2 2	saf4 1½	6	2	2	2	6	0	14
5	Hebden Bridge 3	heb3	wesf 3	brm 0	saf4 2	wwpb 1	bau 2½	weg2 1	6	2	1	3	5	0	9½
6	Shropshire & Friends 4	saf4	wwpb 0	bau ½	heb3 2	chac 2	wesf 1½	brm 2½	6	1	2	3	4	1	8½
7	Bishop Trojans	bau	brm 1	saf4 3	wwpb 0	weg2 2	heb3 1½	chac 1	6	1	1	4	3	0	8½
8	Wessex Some Stars F	wesf	heb3 1	chac 0	weg2 ½	brm 2	saf4 2½	wwpb 1½	6	1	1	4	3	0	7½

Division 5

Our G team faced English Deaf Chess Association B and grade-wise we looked in with a good chance although we went down 3-1 with our only win coming from Andrea. With 5 points from 12 we are in 20th place and will likely finish mid-table

Wessex Stars G		1505		English Deaf Chess Association B		1190	
581	w	Bucchi, Andrea		1569 c	1 - 0	Fletcher, Ben J	1355 c
582	b	Peacock, Christopher		1496 e	0 - 1	Lane, Clifford	1183 c
583	w	Herrera, Manuel		1483 u	0 - 1	Paul, James	1182 e
584	b	Orszulak, Michal		1474 u	0 - 1	Masterson, Desmond	1040 u
					1 - 3		

Wessex H had a close match with Lenzie Dementors which ended 2-2. Our wins came from Kevin & Rose (her first OTVB win of the season with a brutal attack on the enemy king which was checkmated on g4, far from safety)

Wessex Some Stars H		1144		Lenzie Dementors		920	
611	w	Huntley, Kevin		1399 e	1 - 0	Padakanti, Ashrith Rao	1081 u
612	b	Wright, George A		1165 e	0 - 1	Huang, Yushu	900 u
613	w	Saunders, Steve		1057 c	0 - 1	Oren Woods, Rowan	900 u
614	b	Saunders, Rose		958 c	1 - 0	Sathiyamoorthy, Magizhan	800 u
					2 - 2		

Wessex H, like Wessex G, have 5 points from 12 and are in 22nd place so could yet finish above Wessex G (!) You can see the Division 5 table at <https://www.4nclresults.co.uk/2023-24/media/online/9th/prog-div5.html>

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

Stats-time

With 5 rounds completed a rare loss for Roger Marsh (admittedly against an IM!) has shaken up the race for the "golden pawn"

- ⇒ 5 points – Jamie Doyle, Hugo Melling
- ⇒ 4.5points – Roger Marsh, Richard Allis, Mark Cleary.

We still have 11 players who have played in ALL 6 rounds, with 49 different players having played in at least one round so far.

Keith Gregory, Wessex Captain, April 3rd 2024