

4NCL Online League – Season 9 – Round 7 Report

Round 7 on April 16th saw the conclusion of the 9th 4NCL Online league – we now move into the “play-offs” to decide the Division Champions with Wessex A (Div 1) and Wessex B (Div 2) still in the fight.

For the 32 boards played we scored 14 wins, 7 draws and 11 losses which translated into 2 wins (Wessex B & Wessex D), 4 draws (Wessex A, Wessex C, Wessex E & Wessex G) and 2 losses (Wessex F & Wessex H)

Division 1

Our A team faced a useful looking Hertford 1 team with an FM on board 2 – we drew a tight match with a win from Mark & draws from Rolandas & David.

Wessex Some Stars A		2080	Hertford 1	1994
131	w	Lukosius, Rolandas	2129 e ½ - ½	Cheal, Barry A 2019 e
132	b	Pye, David E	2102 e ½ - ½	Byway, Paul V 1998 e
133	w	Cleary, Mark	2056 e 1 - 0	Fewell, Ewan 2024 c
134	b	Anderson, Peter W	2036 e 0 - 1	Capes, Ian 1937 c
			2 - 2	

Wessex A were unbeaten however with just 2 wins and a remarkable 5 draws in 7 rounds we found ourselves in a triple tie for 2nd place on 9 points then edged it by 16 to 15.5 game points to take the play-off place (ahead of, er, Hertford 1 !)

		rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	rd 7	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP	
1	Dundee City A	duna	bkna 4	fara 3½	her1 3	wesa 2	ekba 4	mrp 3	gil1 2	7	5	2	0	12	0	21½
2	Wessex Some Stars A	wesa	ekba 3	gil1 2	fara 2	duna 2	mrp 2	bkna 3	her1 2	7	2	5	0	9	0	16
3	Hertford 1	her1	mrp 2½	bkna 3½	duna 1	ekba 2	gil1 2½	fara 2	wesa 2	7	3	3	1	9	0	15½
4	Farnham A	fara	gil1 2½	duna ½	wesa 2	mrp 2	bkna 2½	her1 2	ekba 3	7	3	3	1	9	0	14½
5	Guildford 1	gil1	fara 1½	wesa 2	mrp 2½	bkna 2	her1 1½	ekba 2	duna 2	7	1	4	2	6	0	13½
6	East Kilbride A	ekba	wesa 1	mrp 2½	bkna 1½	her1 2	duna 0	gil1 2	fara 1	7	1	2	4	4	0	10
7	Barnet Knights A	bkna	duna 0	her1 ½	ekba 2½	gil1 2	fara 1½	wesa 1	mrp 2	7	1	2	4	4	0	9½
8	Morpeth	mrp	her1 1½	ekba 1½	gil1 1½	fara 2	wesa 2	duna 1	bkna 2	7	0	3	4	3	0	11½

Division 2

Our B team faced a lower graded Warwickshire Bears team who put up a great fight before we edged it 2.5 – 1.5 – our wins came from Roger & Mircea with a draw from Raj.

With 6 wins and 1 loss from 7 rounds we finished very comfortably in 2nd place and will be in the play-offs next week.

Wessex Some Stars B		1945	Warwickshire Bears		1590	
281	w	Pleasants, Allan J	2007 e	0 - 1	Shivakumar, Akshath	1738 e
282	b	Pentakota, Rajasekhar	1973 e	½ - ½	Amir, Zain	1640 e
283	w	Marsh, Roger D W	1907 e	1 - 0	Dhingra, Kanvansh	1500 e
284	b	Mesanan, Mircea-Marius	1894 e	1 - 0	Patel, Diah	1485 e
				2½ - 1½		

		rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	rd 7	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP	
1	Oxford 2	oxf2	tra 2½	dund 2½	saf3 3	wesb 3	wara 3	asha 2	stdy 3½	7	6	1	0	13	0	19½
2	Wessex Some Stars B	wesb	asha 2½	stdy 2½	tra 2½	oxf2 1	saf3 4	dund 3½	wara 2½	7	6	0	1	12	0	18½
3	Ashfield Anonymous A	asha	wesb 1½	wara 2	dund 3	stdy 2	tra 3½	oxf2 2	saf3 4	7	3	3	1	9	0	18
4	Warwickshire Bears	wara	dund 2½	asha 2	stdy 2	tra 1	oxf2 1	saf3 4	wesb 1½	7	2	2	3	6	0	14
5	Trelawny's Army	tra	oxf2 1½	saf3 1½	wesb 1½	wara 3	asha ½	stdy 2	dund 2½	7	2	1	4	5	0	12½
6	Stroud All Play	stdy	saf3 2	wesb 1½	wara 2	asha 2	dund 1	tra 2	oxf2 0	7	1	3	3	5	1	10½
7	Dundee City D	dund	wara 1½	oxf2 1½	asha 1	saf3 3½	stdy 3	wesb ½	tra 1½	7	2	0	5	4	0	12½
8	Shropshire & Friends 3	saf3	stdy 1½	tra 2	oxf2 1	dund 0	wesb 0	wara 0	asha 0	7	1	0	6	2	3	4½

Wessex C faced Oxford C in a tight match which we drew thanks to a win from Jamie and draws from Mike & Bill.

Oxford 3		1739	Wessex Some Stars C		1834	
221	w	Cole, Graham	1824 e	½ - ½	Krawczuk, Michael J	1887 e
222	b	Evans, Christopher J	1881 e	½ - ½	Adaway, William	1827 e
223	w	Henbest, Kevin B	1592 e	0 - 1	Doyle, Jamie	1827 e
224	b	Tishkin, Andrey	1660 c	1 - 0	Clancy, Martin J	1796 e
				2 - 2		

With 3 wins, 2 draws & 2 losses we finished on 8 points in 4th place - a 4-0 win would have seen us take 2nd place by half a game point – such small margins in this league....

		rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	rd 7	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP	
1	Heffalump Hunters	hhu	oxf3 3	bknb 3	dunc 3	saf2 4	ashb 3	wesc 3½	heb2 3½	7	7	0	0	14	0	23
2	Dundee City C	dunc	ashb 2	wesc 2½	hhu 1	oxf3 3½	bknb 4	heb2 1½	saf2 2½	7	4	1	2	9	0	17
3	Ashfield Anonymous B	ashb	dunc 2	saf2 2	heb2 2½	wesc 1½	hhu 1	oxf3 3½	bknb 3½	7	3	2	2	8	0	16
4	Wessex Some Stars C	wesc	bknb 3½	dunc 1½	saf2 2	ashb 2½	heb2 3½	hhu ½	oxf3 2	7	3	2	2	8	0	15½
5	Shropshire & Friends 2	saf2	heb2 2½	ashb 2	wesc 2	hhu 0	oxf3 1½	bknb 3	dunc 1½	7	2	2	3	6	0	12½
6	Oxford 3	oxf3	hhu 1	heb2 2½	bknb 2	dunc ½	saf2 2½	ashb 0	wesc 2	7	2	2	3	6	1	10½
7	Hebden Bridge 2	heb2	saf2 1½	oxf3 1½	ashb 1½	bknb 3	wesc ½	dunc 2½	hhu ½	7	2	0	5	4	0	11
8	Barnet Knights B	bknb	wesc ½	hhu 1	oxf3 2	heb2 1	dunc 0	saf2 ½	ashb 0	7	0	1	6	1	2	5

Division 3

Our D team outclassed their lower graded opposition and wins from Jamie, Tim, Joe & Rob saw a crushing 4-0 victory.

		Watford	1429		Wessex Some Stars D	1751
331	w	Russell, Chris	1700 u	0 - 1	Chilton, James I	1788 e
332	b	Davids, Ewan	1578 u	0 - 1	Jones, Tim	1765 c
333	w	Turnbull, Peter J	1390 u	0 - 1	Coburn, Joseph A	1737
334	b	McKechnie, Joel	1048 c	0 - 1	Davenport, Robert	1717 c
				0 - 4		

With 3 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses our 8 points saw us finish in 5th place. With just 2 points separating the top 5 teams it was a very tight section.

			rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	rd 7	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP
1	Charlton Cobras B	chab	strb 3	bec 3	wat 4	dune 2	wapo 2	wesd ½	sug 4	7	4	2	1	10	0	18½
2	Beckenham	bec	wapo ½	chab 1	wesd 2½	wat 3	sug 2½	dune 3½	strb 2½	7	5	0	2	10	0	15½
3	War & Piece Overlord	wapo	bec 3½	wesd 2	sug 2	strb 1	chab 2	wat 4	dune 2½	7	3	3	1	9	0	17
4	Sheffield University Graduates	sug	wat 3½	dune 2½	wapo 2	wesd 2	bec 1½	strb 3	chab 0	7	3	2	2	8	0	14½
5	Wessex Some Stars D	wesd	dune 3½	wapo 2	bec 1	sug 2	strb 0	chab 3½	wat 4	7	3	2	2	8	1	16
6	Streatham B	strb	chab 1	wat 2	dune 2½	wapo 3	wesd 3	sug 1	bec 1½	7	3	1	3	7	0	14
7	Dundee City E	dune	wesd ½	sug 1½	strb 1½	chab 2	wat 2½	bec ½	wapo 1½	7	1	1	5	3	0	10
8	Watford	wat	sug ½	strb 2	chab -½	bec 1	dune 1½	wapo 0	wesd 0	7	0	1	6	1	1	4½

Our E team faced a higher graded Wells Hartbreakers 1 – wins from Hugo & Ed saw us hold them to a 2-2 draw.

Wells Hartbreakers 1		1782	Wessex Some Stars E		1682	
361	w	Waterfield, John W	1924 e	1 - 0	Moore, Gillian A	1700 e
362	b	Strong, Chris M	1807 e	1 - 0	Charles, Steven	1693 e
363	w	Eales, Robert	1700 o	0 - 1	Melling, Hugo	1669 c
364	b	Goatcher, Matthew W	1699 c	0 - 1	Blanden, Edward	1668 c
				2 - 2		

4 wins , 1 draw and 2 losses saw us finish with 9 points in 4th place – this was another very tight section so a 3.5 – 0.5 win would have seen us take 2nd place and get promoted !

		rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	rd 7	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP	
1	Lenzie Basilisks	lenb	ashc 3½	weg1 3½	coc 4	edc 2	wese 3½	gil2 3	her2 3	7	6	1	0	13	0	22½
2	Ashfield Anonymous C	ashc	lenb ½	coc 4	wese 2½	her2 2½	weg1 1½	edc 3½	gil2 2½	7	5	0	2	10	0	17
3	Wells Hartbreakers 1	weg1	her2 2½	lenb ½	edc 1	gil2 3½	ashc 2½	coc 4	wese 2	7	4	1	2	9	0	16
4	Wessex Some Stars E	wese	edc 2½	gil2 3	ashc 1½	coc 3½	lenb ½	her2 3	weg1 2	7	4	1	2	9	0	16
5	English Deaf Chess Association A	edc	wese 1½	her2 3	weg1 3	lenb 2	gil2 3	ashc 0	coc 1½	7	3	1	3	7	2	14
6	Guildford 2	gil2	coc 3	wese 1	her2 2½	weg1 ½	edc 1	lenb 1	ashc 1½	7	2	0	5	4	0	10½
7	Hertford 2	her2	weg1 1½	edc 1	gil2 1½	ashc 1½	coc 3½	wese 1	lenb 1	7	1	0	6	2	0	11
8	Cornish Choughs	coc	gil2 1	ashc 0	lenb 0	wese ½	her2 ½	weg1 0	edc 2½	7	1	0	6	2	3	4½

Division 4

Our F team lost to a lower graded Bishop Trojans team – our win came from Andrea with a draw from Chris.

Bishop Trojans		1308	Wessex Some Stars F		1571	
431	w	Berry, Robert	1479 c	1 - 0	Halse, Robert	1627 c
432	b	Edmundson, Deborah	1361 c	1 - 0	Hillman, Graham	1592 c
433	w	Siddle, Michael	1400 c	0 - 1	Bucchi, Andrea	1569 c
434	b	Edmundson, Mark	992 u	½ - ½	Peacock, Christopher	1496 e
				2½ - 1½		

The F team has had a tough season and with 1 win, 1 draw and 5 losses finished in 8th place on 3 points so they will be joining our G & H teams in Div 5 next season – I suspect they will bounce back !

		rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	rd 6	rd 7	P	W	D	L	MP	Def	GP	
1	Worcestershire Wolfpack B	wwpb	saf4 4	weg2 2½	bau 4	heb3 3	chac 2½	wesf 2½	brm 2	7	6	1	0	13	1	20½
2	Charlton Cobras C	chac	weg2 2	wesf 4	brm 2½	saf4 2	wwpb 1½	bau 3	heb3 3	7	4	2	1	10	0	18
3	Wells Hartbreakers 2	weg2	chac 2	wwpb 1	wesf 3½	bau 2	brm 2	heb3 3	saf4 3½	7	3	3	1	9	0	17
4	Bromley	brm	bau 3	heb3 4	chac 1½	wesf 2	weg2 2	saf4 1½	wwpb 2	7	2	3	2	7	0	16
5	Bishop Trojans	bau	brm 1	saf4 3	wwpb 0	weg2 2	heb3 1½	chac 1	wesf 2½	7	2	1	4	5	0	11
6	Hebden Bridge 3	heb3	wesf 3	brm 0	saf4 2	wwpb 1	bau 2½	weg2 1	chac 1	7	2	1	4	5	0	10½
7	Shropshire & Friends 4	saf4	wwpb 0	bau ½	heb3 2	chac 2	wesf 1½	brm 2½	weg2 ½	7	1	2	4	4	1	9
8	Wessex Some Stars F	wesf	heb3 1	chac 0	weg2 ½	brm 2	saf4 2½	wwpb 1½	bau 1½	7	1	1	5	3	0	9

Division 5

Our G team faced Dartford Knightmares Band grade-wise we looked in with a good chance although we drew 2-2 with white winning on every board – our wins coming from Michal & Tim. With 2 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses we finished on 6 points in 18th place (of 33)

Dartford Knightmares B		1214	Wessex Some Stars G		1424
601	w	Devalia, Aadishesh	1466 e	1 - 0	Herrera, Manuel 1483 u
602	b	Hajaj, Sayed	1344 u	0 - 1	Orszulak, Michal 1474 u
603	w	Fourie, Nathan	1262 u	1 - 0	Huntley, Kevin 1399 e
604	b	Siu, Hayden	787 u	0 - 1	McCullagh, Tim 1343 e
				2 - 2	

Wessex H lost a close match to Chess Challengers C 2.5 – 1.5 – a win from Rose and a draw from Karen. With 1 win , 3 draws and 3 losses we finished with 5 points in 26th place.

Chess Challengers C		1088	Wessex Some Stars H		1109
611	w	Botnari, Sofia	1156 u	½ - ½	Charles, Karen 1259 u
612	b	Tewari, Vivaan	1109 u	1 - 0	Wright, George A 1165 e
613	w	Ajit, Surya	1090 u	1 - 0	Saunders, Steve 1057 c
614	b	Joshi, Tanay	1000 u	0 - 1	Saunders, Rose 958 c
				2½ - 1½	

Stats-time

With all 7 rounds completed the “golden pawn” for points scored was shared by two of our younger guns just ahead of two more mature guns 😊 Congrats to Jamie & Hugo !

- ⇒ 6 points – Jamie Doyle (+6,-1) , Hugo Melling (+5, =2)
- ⇒ 5.5 points – Roger Marsh, Mark Cleary

Remarkably 9 players played in ALL 7 rounds, with 49 different players having played in at least one round.

Our 100% club were Raj Pentakota, Mircea-Marius Mesesan, Jamie Doyle, Andrea Bucchi, Peter Anderson, Bill Adaway, Roger Marsh, Hugo Melling & Manuel Herrera

Keith Gregory, Wessex Captain, April 19th 2024