

## Press Report from 2025-01-01 to 2025-01-31

### B&DCL Div 1

B&DCL Div 1 Mon 6th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Away

Board Rating	Highcliffe B	V	Poole A	Rating
1 ( B ) 2036	Westrap, Christian F	0 - 1	Waddington, Mike P	2090
2 ( W ) 1869	Smith, Ken	0 - 1	Lee, Nicholas S	2117
3 ( B ) 1777	Smith, Matthew P	0 - 1	Booth, Zander	1825
4 ( W ) 1672	Salinger, Neil	0 - 1	O'Neill, Martin	1838
Total 7354		0 - 4		7870

Last update Martin O'Neill Mon 6th Jan 2025 23:20. Reported by Martin O'Neill Mon 6th Jan 2025 23:20. Verified By

B&DCL Div 1 Fri 10th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

Board Rating	Southbourne A	V	Ringwood A	Rating
1 ( B ) 2027	Forster, James Connor C	½ - ½	Goater, Kevin P	2087
2 ( W ) 2027	Foister, Steven AM	0 - 1	Anderson, Peter W	2098
3 ( B ) 2020	Simons, Martin J	1 - 0	Ormesher, Richard	1840
4 ( W ) 1822	Gamage, Anuhas	1 - 0	Clancy, Martin J	1819
Total 7896		2½ - 1½		7844

Last update Peter Anderson Sat 11th Jan 2025 08:22. Reported by Martin J Simons Fri 10th Jan 2025 23:58. Verified By Peter Anderson Sat 11th Jan 2025 08:22

All games were hard fought with the last to finish going to 61 moves.

B&DCL Div 1 Fri 10th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Away

Board Rating	Southbourne B	V	Wimborne A	Rating
1 ( B ) 2002	Schell, Finn	1 - 0	Pleasants, Allan J	2163
2 ( W ) 1930	Baker, Jacob	0 - 1	Barker, Edward	1998
3 ( B ) 1930	Laker, Leonard J	½ - ½	Clark, Ian C	1973
4 ( W ) 1771	Curran, Brian	0 - 1	Cleland, Nathaniel J	1857
Total 7633		1½ - 2½		7991

Last update Ian Clark Mon 13th Jan 2025 09:38. Reported by Martin J Simons Sat 11th Jan 2025 00:00. Verified By Ian Clark Mon 13th Jan 2025 09:38

A disaster for Southbourne B, with myself losing a game I should have won. The match result would then have been a draw or a win for us. Unfortunately the result leaves us firmly stuck at the bottom.

B&DCL Div 1 Mon 27th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Highcliffe A</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Southbourne B</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 2101	Jenks, C Bruce	0 - 1	Schell, Finn	2002
2 ( W ) 1913	Ursell, Adam R	1 - 0	Baker, Jacob	1930
3 ( B ) 1831	Halse, Robert	1 - 0	Edwards, Mark	1758
4 ( W ) 1828	Ursell, Richard W	1 - 0	Curran, Brian	1771
Total 7673		3 - 1		7461

Last update Adam Ursell Mon 27th Jan 2025 22:52. Reported by Adam Ursell Mon 27th Jan 2025 22:52. Verified By

Thanks to Southbourne for making the journey through the bad January weather.

First to finish was board 3 where Rob H continued his fine form to find what I believe was a tactic to go 2 clear passed pawns up which he duly converted.

Bruce and Finn had an interesting game with opposite sides castling, Bruce had equalised with black but played a couple moves that allowed for an initiative and Finn managed to convert.

Board 4 Dad had been testing for a while perhaps maintaining a slight advantage which as time got lower became larger and with a couple mistakes from Brian, Dad took full advantage to convert.

Board 2 I was the last to finish, I managed to make a bit of a mess of the opening, Jacob then played well to gain a solid edge with black (-1.6 at one point). But then with a couple of slower moves from Jacob and my strangely set up pieces managed to find some really good squares and the game had swung to +1.6. I didn't take the full advantage and the engine was having a workout in a complex ending but thankfully I managed to convert the game.

Thanks again to Southbourne for some interesting games and good luck for the rest of the season!

B&DCL Div 1 Tue 28th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Bournemouth A</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Ringwood A</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1902	Stokes-Carter, Dennis	½ - ½	Goater, Kevin P	2087
2 ( W ) 1838	Belcher, WG	0 - 1	Anderson, Peter W	2098
3 ( B ) 1842	Schumacher, E James	1 - 0	Willetts, Graham J	1858
4 ( W ) 1795	Aris, Lindsay P	1 - 0	Ormesher, Richard	1840
Total 7377		2½ - 1½		7883

Last update Peter Anderson Wed 29th Jan 2025 11:35. Reported by Dennis Stokes-Carter Tue 28th Jan 2025 22:51. Verified By Peter Anderson Wed 29th Jan 2025 11:35

A good match with all boards being competitive and interesting games. Thank you to Ringwood for such a good match

## **B&DCL Div 2**

B&DCL Div 2 Mon 6th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Draw

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Wimborne B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>New Milton A</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1857	Cleland, Nathaniel J	1 - 0	Buckley, Martin GS	1946

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Wimborne B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>New Milton A</b>	<b>Rating</b>
2 ( W ) 1818	Culleton, Steve E	0 - 1	Du Toit, Reenen J	1867
3 ( B ) 1777	Wilcock, Peter	½ - ½	Jones, Tim	1802
4 ( W ) 1737	Hillman, Graham	½ - ½	Manning, Peter A	1750
Total 7189		2 - 2		7365

Last update Graham Hillman Tue 7th Jan 2025 16:00. Reported by Tim Jones Mon 6th Jan 2025 23:16. Verified By Graham Hillman Tue 7th Jan 2025 16:00

First to finish was a (perhaps too early) agreed draw on board 3. Next to finish was board 1 with a win for Wimborne in a close end game that looked a draw. Graham claimed a draw for Wimborne while down on material which left board 2 as the last to finish. Well played Reenen with an excellent finish to salvage a match point for New Milton.

B&DCL Div 2 Mon 13th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Highcliffe C</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Southbourne C</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1749	Trach, Thomas	0 - 1	Gamage, Anuhas	1822
2 ( W ) 1672	Salinger, Neil	1 - 0	Edwards, Mark	1758
3 ( B ) 1632	Powell, Robert	1 - 0(def)	Default	0000
4 ( W ) 1479	Salinger, Ron	1 - 0(def)	Default	0000
Total 6532		3 - 1		3580

Last update Mark Edwards Tue 14th Jan 2025 10:55. Reported by Richard Ursell Mon 13th Jan 2025 23:32. Verified By Mark Edwards Tue 14th Jan 2025 10:55

B&DCL Div 2 Mon 13th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Away

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Wimborne B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Poole C</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1818	Culleton, Steve E	0 - 1	Fretwell, Ellis	1801
2 ( W ) 1777	Wilcock, Peter	½ - ½	Matko, Andy	1798
3 ( B ) 1737	Hillman, Graham	0 - 1	Camopy, Leo	1776
4 ( W ) 1691	Bowley, John R	½ - ½	Joyce, Tim	1725
Total 7023		1 - 3		7100

Last update Andrew Matko Tue 14th Jan 2025 20:29. Reported by Graham Hillman Tue 14th Jan 2025 09:54. Verified By Andrew Matko Tue 14th Jan 2025 20:29

An early opening error by myself was picked up by the precocious Leo Camopy , it was one way traffic from move 8 . But finishing early gives one the opportunity to observe other games ! 5 of the 8 players tonight opted to Castle long , ensuring some exciting open and attacking play , which at one point could have gone either way . Peter's game against Andy was very interesting and it looked like Peter would break open Andy's King position and mate him , but Andy had a resourceful back row Mate threat ensuring he transitioned to a 2 rooks vs Q ending with a huddle of central Pawns to protect against Peter's marauding Q . Steve and Ellis had complicated Rook & knights middle game where the smallest of margins either side were looking to be taken advantage of - eventually Ellis took that and converted. John & Tim had an exciting game where Tim lost the Exchange ( knight for Rook ) towards the end of the middlegame. John should have converted but Tim held on and even had his own threats . It was the last game to finish and both players were going to enter the red time

zone. The players agreed a draw . Well played Poole and thanks for hosting the match due to Home venue issues. g

B&DCL Div 2 Tue 14th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Away

**Board Rating New Milton A V Bournemouth B Rating**

1 ( B ) 1946	Buckley, Martin GS	0 - 1	Meyer, Thorsten	1814
2 ( W ) 1802	Jones, Tim	½ - ½	Bolton, Stephen	1770
3 ( B ) 1750	Manning, Peter A	0 - 1	Aris, Lindsay P	1795
4 ( W ) 1624	Belinger, John	½ - ½	Miles, Daniel	1717
Total 7122		1 - 3		7096

Last update Tim Jones Tue 14th Jan 2025 22:55. Reported by Tim Jones Tue 14th Jan 2025 22:55.  
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Congrats to Bournemouth. All games played in a friendly atmosphere - Bournemouths two wins on boards 1 and 3 proved decisive.

B&DCL Div 2 Tue 28th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

**Board Rating New Milton A V Highcliffe C Rating**

1 ( B ) 1867	Du Toit, Reenen J	½ - ½	Trach, Thomas	1749
2 ( W ) 1802	Jones, Tim	1 - 0	Powell, Robert	1632
3 ( B ) 1750	Manning, Peter A	½ - ½	Kageler, Susan	1626
4 ( W ) 1624	Belinger, John	½ - ½	Salinger, Ron	1479
Total 7043		2½ - 1½		6486

Last update Tim Jones Tue 28th Jan 2025 22:55. Reported by Tim Jones Tue 28th Jan 2025 22:55.  
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Four good games played in a competitive and friendly spirit. In the end, the higher rated team came out on top but it could have gone either way with all games close.

### **B&DCL Div 3**

B&DCL Div 3 Mon 20th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

**Board Rating Highcliffe D V Bournemouth C Rating**

1 ( B ) 1496	Versey, Jack RP	1 - 0	Jackson, Paul A	1680
2 ( W ) 1479	Salinger, Ron	1 - 0	Errington, Simon	1674
3 ( B ) 1320	Ursell, Dan	½ - ½	Errington, Paul T	1611
4 ( W ) 1352	Jenkins, John H	½ - ½	Christopher, Tegan	1460
Total 5647		3 - 1		6425

Last update Paul Errington Tue 21st Jan 2025 20:02. Reported by Richard Ursell Mon 20th Jan 2025 21:53. Verified By Paul Errington Tue 21st Jan 2025 20:02

A hard thought game which would have given me grey hairs if I had any. Thanks to Jack for turning out for the first time this year. It looked an interesting game but I did not see much as my match with Simon took all my concentration. I managed to gain a piece early on but squandered it in an exchange of pieces later on, but my rook to a knight advantage became decisive. Dan seemed to

have the advantage with a passed pawn against Paul but Paul defended cleverly and a draw was agreed. Its a pity that John is not listed in the football pools because he would be a banker for a draw. I did not see much of the match but it was a battle and the last to finish. Thanks to Bournemouth for sporting contest.

B&DCL Div 3 Mon 20th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Away

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Ringwood B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Poole D</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1794	Melling, Hugo	1 - 0	Camopy, Leo	1776
2 ( W ) 1630	Schofield, Julian	0 - 1	Joyce, Tim	1725
3 ( B ) 1625	Day, Malcolm	½ - ½	Guirdham, Damon	1613
4 ( W ) 1495	Rushworth, Tim	0 - 1	Sanderson, Tony	1619
Total 6544		1½ - 2½		6733

Last update Damon Guirdham Mon 20th Jan 2025 23:11. Reported by Julian M Schofield Mon 20th Jan 2025 21:36. Verified By Damon Guirdham Mon 20th Jan 2025 23:11

Thanks for turning up Poole, well played. See you soon.

B&DCL Div 3 Mon 20th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Wimborne C</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Southbourne D</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1730	Mallon, Stuart	½ - ½	Foley, Chris	1619
2 ( W ) 1691	Bowley, John R	1 - 0	Orszulak, Michal	1563
3 ( B ) 1650	Foster, Charlie	1 - 0	Sandy, Paul	1567
4 ( W ) 1600	Bourne, Will	0 - 1	Harris, John E	1504
Total 6671		2½ - 1½		6253

Last update John Harris Tue 21st Jan 2025 08:48. Reported by John Richard Bowley Tue 21st Jan 2025 07:45. Verified By John Harris Tue 21st Jan 2025 08:48

With Wimborne having grading advantage on all boards, it was still even at half time with a win a piece on boards 3 and 4. The pub was empty by the time the other two games finished, win for Wimborne on 2. Left a pawn ending (6 pawns each) on top board and a race for queening the pawns. Draw agreed leaving Wimborne scraping through in a close contest.

## **B&DCL Div 4**

B&DCL Div 4 Mon 6th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Draw

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Wimborne D</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>New Milton B</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1550	Davis, Jensen	0 - 1	Mackay, Ross M	1625
2 ( W ) 1508	Mills, Andre F	0 - 1	Jolly, Barry MS	1585
3 ( B ) 1374	Lewis, David W	1 - 0	Newman, Kurt	1400
4 ( W ) 1475	BEALES, Ralph G	1 - 0	Evans, Mike	1400
Total 5907		2 - 2		6010

Last update Ralph BEALES Mon 6th Jan 2025 22:10. Reported by Ralph BEALES Mon 6th Jan 2025 22:10. Verified By

A tale of missed oportunitis for New Milton.

On boatd 2, after a dubious knight move, Andre found his rook and queen forked so gave up two rooks for my queen My rooks controlled the board to some extent, but it took an error of judgement to gift his queen.

Ross opened up Jensen's king side in decisive fashion.

Kurt had a clear advantage against David, but left his position too open, and watched his advantage slip away, although he did miss a last ditch opportunity to turn the tables back in his favour.

Mike was the exchange and two pawns to the good, but left a bishop 'en pris'. Even so, he had numerous chances to guarantee a draw, and even keep open the prospect of a win, but failed to take them.

B&DCL Div 4 Tue 7th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Draw

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Bournemouth D</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Poole E</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1633	Harrison, John	½ - ½	Kulkarni, Harshal	1484
2 ( W ) 1499	Grubb, Jake	1 - 0	Stetsyuk, Petr	1372
3 ( B ) 1580	Alderton, Andrew M	0 - 1	Brown, Bailey	1350
4 ( W ) 1473	Ackerman, Tony	½ - ½	Mercer, Harry	1314
Total 6185		2 - 2		5520

Last update Tony Ackerman Wed 8th Jan 2025 13:28. Reported by Harshal Kulkarni Tue 7th Jan 2025 21:48. Verified By Tony Ackerman Wed 8th Jan 2025 13:28

Thanks Tony and team for hosting us. The new venue is good. Poole E was bit underrated today against Bournemouth I had team of juniors made me feel young. I was first to finish against John on board one with quiet draw leaving the juniors to fight for Poole. Petr had tough opponent but he was fighting well in Rook endgame but one slip at the end ended in loss. Bailey had great position and a blunder from Andrew led him to win. Harry had mating attack but Tony had better position not sure why they agreed a draw Thanks Bournemouth for hosting the match

B&DCL Div 4 Mon 27th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Away

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Wimborne D</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Bournemouth D</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1650	Foster, Charlie	0 - 1	Harrison, John	1633
2 ( W ) 1550	Davis, Jensen	0 - 1	Grubb, Jake	1499
3 ( B ) 1475	BEALES, Ralph G	0 - 1	Alderton, Andrew M	1580
4 ( W ) 1374	Lewis, David W	½ - ½	Ackerman, Tony	1473
Total 6049		½ - 3½		6185

Last update Ralph BEALES Tue 28th Jan 2025 11:21. Reported by Tony Ackerman Tue 28th Jan 2025 10:12. Verified By Ralph BEALES Tue 28th Jan 2025 11:21

Thank you to Wimborne for hosting, I didn't see much of the top two boards, but Jake was first to finish on board 2. Andrew managed to infiltrate his Knight with check ,and deny Ralph castling rights, eventually leading to checkmating the Black king. I was slightly worse in the opening, but got a decent advantage mid game, as we were 2-0 up, I decided to force the exchange of Queens rather than be aggressive, which equalled the position, David has some back rank mate threats , but again I forced the exchange of Rooks , and we agreed a draw. John had a long game but came through to

end the night. Thank you to all Wimborne players and we look forward to our next match later in the season.

## DCL Div 1

DCL Div 1 Mon 20th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Poole A</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Dorchester A</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 2117	Lee, Nicholas S	1 - 0	Hardie, David JW	1804
2 ( W ) 2032	Duggan, Michael FG	1 - 0	Searing, Geoff C	1845
3 ( B ) 2015	Weatherlake, John P	½ - ½	Potter, Mark A	1842
4 ( W ) 1825	Booth, Zander	1 - 0	Harbour, John J	1779
Total 7989		3½ - ½		7270

Last update Nick Lee Tue 21st Jan 2025 09:00. Reported by Nick Lee Tue 21st Jan 2025 09:00.  
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DCL Div 1 Tue 21st Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Draw

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Weymouth A</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Bournemouth</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 2087	Goater, Kevin P	½ - ½	Simons, Martin J	2020
2 ( W ) 2163	Pleasants, Allan J	½ - ½	Belcher, WG	1838
3 ( B ) 1980	Freeman, Jon A	½ - ½	Meyer, Thorsten	1814
4 ( W ) 1893	Pittman, Frank J	½ - ½	Aris, Lindsay P	1795
Total 8123		2 - 2		7467

Last update Allan Pleasants Wed 22nd Jan 2025 08:10. Reported by Martin J Simons Tue 21st Jan 2025 23:25. Verified By Allan Pleasants Wed 22nd Jan 2025 08:10

Advantage seemed to be gained by white on all boards, but all games ended drawn perhaps by lack of confidence, tiredness, fear of losing, stubborn defense or a combination of these factors. We will try again later in the season to have a decisive game.

DCL Div 1 Tue 7th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Draw

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Bournemouth</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Dorchester A</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 2020	Simons, Martin J	½ - ½	Waddington, Mike P	2090
2 ( W ) 1842	Schumacher, E James	1 - 0(def)	Default	0000
3 ( B ) 1814	Meyer, Thorsten	½ - ½	Searing, Geoff C	1845
4 ( W ) 1795	Aris, Lindsay P	0 - 1	Hardie, David JW	1804
Total 7471		2 - 2		5739

Last update Martin J Simons Tue 7th Jan 2025 22:34. Reported by Martin J Simons Tue 7th Jan 2025 22:34. Verified By

A draw was a fair result and means both teams are no longer on nil points!

Unfortunately, Dorchester A only turned up with 3 players but all these 3 games were all very

competitive. Perhaps Bournemouth A should have won on board 4 but the other 2 games were hard fought draws.

Well played Dorchester A and good luck for the rest of the season.

DCL Div 1 Thu 16th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Draw

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Yeovil A</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Poole A</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 2002	Batson, Adam	0 - 1	Lee, Nicholas S	2117
2 ( W ) 1938	Felicio, Fernando	1 - 0	Weatherlake, John P	2015
3 ( B ) 1828	Freeman, Darren	1 - 0	Matko, Andy	1798
4 ( W ) 1763	Baker, Mark R	0 - 1	Joyce, Tim	1725
Total 7531		2 - 2		7655

Last update Nick Lee Sat 18th Jan 2025 11:36. Reported by Adam Batson Thu 16th Jan 2025 23:45.  
Verified By Nick Lee Sat 18th Jan 2025 11:36

DCL Div 1 Mon 20th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Highcliffe A</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Yeovil A</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 2101	Jenks, C Bruce	0 - 1	Batson, Adam	2002
2 ( W ) 1947	Bowden, Madison B	1 - 0	Felicio, Fernando	1938
3 ( B ) 1822	Gamage, Anuhas	1 - 0	Freeman, Darren	1828
4 ( W ) 1831	Halse, Robert	1 - 0	Baker, Mark R	1763
Total 7701		3 - 1		7531

Last update Adam Batson Thu 23rd Jan 2025 23:36. Reported by Adam Ursell Tue 21st Jan 2025 00:00. Verified By Adam Batson Thu 23rd Jan 2025 23:36

4 tough battles on the night from what I'm hearing.

A convincing Highcliffe debut for Anuhas. "If you can't beat him, bring him on board"... or something along those lines.

Trusty Robert Halse continuing his excellent performances of late.

I believe the other games were also hard fought battles with Mads and Adam coming out on top.

Thank you to Yeovil for the games and well played to all.

## **DCL Div 2**

DCL Div 2 Wed 22nd Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Away

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Yeovil B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Weymouth B</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1938	Felicio, Fernando	1 - 0	Searing, Geoff C	1845
2 ( W ) 1763	Baker, Mark R	½ - ½	Leeson, Chris JP	1782



<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Yeovil B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Weymouth B</b>	<b>Rating</b>
3 ( B ) 1652	Manimala, Binoy	0 - 1	Blake, Steve	1736
4 ( W ) 1685	Alsop, Thomas A	0 - 1	Steevens, Malcolm J	1681
Total 7038		1½ - 2½		7044

Last update Mark Baker Thu 23rd Jan 2025 23:25. Reported by Malcolm Steevens Thu 23rd Jan 2025 20:12. Verified By Mark Baker Thu 23rd Jan 2025 23:25

Weymouth old boys travelled to Somerset to take on the tractor boys on their own turf; and came away with their first win of the season. However it was first blood to Yeovil on board one where Geoff lost fairly quickly.....I didn't see the game but could tell by Geoff's body language that he wasn't "comfortable". Meanwhile Steve's opponent turned up a bit late and was then playing catch up and managed to lose a piece fairly early on whilst palying too quickly. My opponent played quite well in the opening but brought his queen out too quickly and was then targetted enabling me to win a pawn after acouple of minor piece exchanges. On board 2 Chris was playing a warm up match for the Dorset Closed against Mark, and managed to also win a pawn when the game then came down to rook and bishop and pawns.....lots of manouvering then ensued but with opposite coloured bishops on the board it always looked a bit drawish. Back to my game where I managed to win another pawn with lots of threats, simplified taking queens off and then my opponent blundered by leaving his rook en prise and promptly resigned graciously. So the score was one all but Steve was winning and Chris at worst drawing.....so I took my leave of Yeovil and left them to it, confident that the old boys would bring home the bacon! I didn't want to leave Yeovil too late because I've heard that funny things can happen late at night on the A37 back towards Dorchester.....you can imagine that I was very relieved when I saw the sign saying "welcome back to Dorset!" Its been probably 30-40 years since I last played chess in Yeovil; when I was one of the Weymouth younger boys.....I think against Ken Preston-Wise.....remember him anyone?

DCL Div 2 Thu 9th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Dorchester B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Poole B</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1842	Potter, Mark A	½ - ½	Weatherlake, John P	2015
2 ( W ) 1804	Hardie, David JW	½ - ½	Matko, Andy	1798
3 ( B ) 1775	Gill-Martin, Simon	1 - 0	Joyce, Tim	1725
4 ( W ) 1575	Farrall, Steve	½ - ½	Kulkarni, Harshal	1484
Total 6996		2½ - 1½		7022

Last update Mark Potter Fri 10th Jan 2025 08:35. Reported by Mark Potter Fri 10th Jan 2025 08:35. Verified By

DCL Div 2 Mon 13th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Highcliffe B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Purbeck A</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1869	Smith, Ken	½ - ½	Coles, John F	1767
2 ( W ) 1828	Ursell, Richard W	½ - ½	Mount, Derek	1652
3 ( B ) 1802	Jones, Tim	½ - ½	Peacock, Joe	1600
4 ( W ) 1619	Foley, Chris	1 - 0	Orszulak, Michal	1563
Total 7118		2½ - 1½		6582

Last update Richard Ursell Mon 13th Jan 2025 23:37. Reported by Richard Ursell Mon 13th Jan 2025 23:37. Verified By

DCL Div 2 Mon 27th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Purbeck A</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Dorchester C</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1767	Coles, John F	½ - ½	Young, Andrew	1806
2 ( W ) 1652	Mount, Derek	0 - 1	Harbour, John J	1779
3 ( B ) 1640	Stout, Nicholas B	1 - 0	Aldwinckle, David	1761
4 ( W ) 1600	Peacock, Joe	1 - 0	Webb, Christopher G	1631
Total 6659		2½ - 1½		6977

Last update Martin J Simons Tue 28th Jan 2025 12:04. Reported by Martin J Simons Tue 28th Jan 2025 12:04. Verified By

A narrow win for Purbeck in a close-fought match. First to finish was board 1 where Andrew had some initiative for a sacrificed a pawn but when he won it back the game simplified into a level endgame and the players agreed a draw. On board 4, Joe won a piece when he attacked Chris's knight on g6 with a pawn on h5 and the knight had nowhere to go. Eventually most of the pieces were swapped off leaving Joe still a piece up so Chris resigned. The game on board 2 was pretty level until Derek had a choice of how to defend against a back-rank mate and he unfortunately (from his point of view!) chose the wrong one and was caught in a mating net. So the result depended on the last game to finish on board 3. This was level for much of the game with both players having chances but Nick managed to saddle David with two pawn weaknesses on e4 and b3. Somehow (I missed this bit) he not only won the pawn on b3 but he ended up with passed pawns on e3 and d3. The e3 pawn fell but the the d pawn queened and David resigned shortly after. So Purbeck's first win of the season!

DCL Div 2 Mon 27th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Away

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Dorchester B</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1858	Willetts, Graham J	½ - ½	Potter, Mark A	1842
2 ( W ) 1801	Perrin, Richard D	0 - 1	Hampson, Joshua T	1808
3 ( B ) 1794	Melling, Hugo	0 - 1	Gill-Martin, Simon	1775
4 ( W ) 1568	Wykes, T Alan	0 - 1	Gilbert, Tom	1400
Total 7021		½ - 3½		6825

Last update Malcolm Day Tue 28th Jan 2025 11:26. Reported by Mark Potter Tue 28th Jan 2025 07:57. Verified By Malcolm Day Tue 28th Jan 2025 11:26

Thanks Dorchester for travelling to Ringwood despite the wind and rain - but not for crushing us so completely. After the draw on B1 I thought we might win narrowly or at least draw, but that goes to show how inobservant a non-playing captain can be! Anyway, well done Dorchester, still unbeaten after 5 matches.

DCL Div 2 Thu 30th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Away

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Wimborne A</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Yeovil B</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1857	Cleland, Nathaniel J	0 - 1	Freeman, Darren	1828
2 ( W ) 1777	Wilcock, Peter	0 - 1	Baker, Mark R	1763

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Wimborne A</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Yeovil B</b>	<b>Rating</b>
3 ( B ) 1730	Mallon, Stuart	0 - 1	Alsop, Thomas A	1685
4 ( W ) 1691	Bowley, John R	1 - 0	Mills, Nigel	1550
Total 7055		1 - 3		6826

Last update John Richard Bowley Fri 31st Jan 2025 07:33. Reported by Mark Baker Fri 31st Jan 2025 00:47. Verified By John Richard Bowley Fri 31st Jan 2025 07:33

Although slightly out-graded, results went Yeovil's way. An error on board 1 saw a reasonably quick result. Board 2 got into a level K N +7Ps ending on move 33 with black offering a draw on move 40, which was declined. Bd 3 went Yeovil's way with the Queen mating after a few checks. Bd 4 then went Wimborne's way. At this point, back on board 2, it looked like Wimborne had the advantage. Fortunately, I managed to remove white's problem pawn, and win the K + 3P ending after about 80 moves. Computer analysis after said I was lucky. Bloody computers!

### DCL Div 3

DCL Div 3 Mon 27th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Highcliffe C</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Weymouth C</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1802	Jones, Tim	1 - 0	Blake, Steve	1736
2 ( W ) 1626	Kageler, Susan	½ - ½	Balem, John E	1530
3 ( B ) 1479	Salinger, Ron	1 - 0	Labouchardiere, Andre	1379
4 ( W ) 1320	Ursell, Dan	1 - 0	Ellery, Michael	1173
Total 6227		3½ - ½		5818

Last update Andre LaBouchardiere Thu 30th Jan 2025 16:14. Reported by Daniel Ursell Mon 27th Jan 2025 22:34. Verified By Andre LaBouchardiere Thu 30th Jan 2025 16:14

DCL Div 3 Mon 9th Dec 2024 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Purbeck B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Weymouth C</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1640	Stout, Nicholas B	½ - ½	Blake, Steve	1736
2 ( W ) 1600	Peacock, Joe	0 - 1	Steevens, Malcolm J	1681
3 ( B ) 1578	Beling, Jeremy	1 - 0	Labouchardiere, Andre	1379
4 ( W ) 1563	Orszulak, Michal	1 - 0	Ellery, Michael	1173
Total 6381		2½ - 1½		5969

Last update Andre LaBouchardiere Thu 30th Jan 2025 16:15. Reported by Nicholas Stout Mon 9th Dec 2024 23:43. Verified By Andre LaBouchardiere Thu 30th Jan 2025 16:15

Purbeck outgraded Weymouth on the bottom two boards winning both games. Malcolm Steevens won for Weymouth on board 2. The match turned on board 1 where despite white's space advantage a locked pawn structure and a good knight versus a bad bishop enabled black to keep things equal and a draw was agreed giving Purbeck the match.

DCL Div 3 Mon 13th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Wimborne B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Weymouth C</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1673	Young, Simon	½ - ½	Blake, Steve	1736

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Wimborne B</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Weymouth C</b>	<b>Rating</b>
2 ( W ) 1650	Foster, Charlie	1 - 0	Balem, John E	1530
3 ( B ) 1600	Bourne, Will	1 - 0	Ellery, Michael	1173
4 ( W ) 1475	BEALES, Ralph G	1 - 0	Venter, Karla	1000
Total 6398		3½ - ½		5439

Last update Andre LaBouchardiere Thu 30th Jan 2025 16:14. Reported by Simon Young Mon 13th Jan 2025 21:57. Verified By Andre LaBouchardiere Thu 30th Jan 2025 16:14

Our first match of 2025, against Weymouth. There was a significant difference in ratings, particularly noticeable on boards 3 and 4.

Unfortunately, I didn't really see much of Will and Michael's game which finished first. Board 4 seemed to be going all Karla's way at the beginning with a four pawn advantage. Ralph came back and managed to secure a checkmate after chasing the King around for a bit. However, he was suitably impressed by his opponent and believes Karla's game will only get better.

My game against Steve, started off with a Queens Gambit and we developed our pieces. As usual I thought I was doing better than I was, the post analysis showed Steve was definitely better at a couple of key points. I somehow defended and the position became closed. Meanwhile board 3 had got very spicy with John being attacked by just about every piece Charlie had. Eventually the pressure was too much and Charlie secured a third win.

At this point, I took my chance and offered Steve a draw which he accepted (thankfully) as the game wasn't really going anywhere.

Thanks to Weymouth for making the trip, see you a bit later in the year.

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<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Highcliffe C</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Poole C</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1831	Halse, Robert	1 - 0	O.Neill, Martin	1838
2 ( W ) 1626	Kageler, Susan	½ - ½	Guirdham, Damon	1613
3 ( B ) 1552	Horne, Theo	1 - 0	Kulkarni, Harshal	1484
4 ( W ) 1320	Ursell, Dan	1 - 0	Stetsyuk, Petr	1372
Total 6329		3½ - ½		6307

Last update Daniel Ursell Tue 14th Jan 2025 10:24. Reported by Harshal Kulkarni Mon 13th Jan 2025 21:55. Verified By Daniel Ursell Tue 14th Jan 2025 10:24

Thanks highcliffe for hosting the match Two evenly matched teams Poole C is jinxed with Queen blunders Martin lost a winning position by a Queen blunder Damon had a quiet draw I was outplayed and punished by good preparation Petr refused a draw earlier and fought till the end but had tough end game to defend Thanks highcliffe for hosting

DCL Div 3 Thu 16th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Dorchester D</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Purbeck B</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1804	Hardie, David JW	½ - ½	Stout, Nicholas B	1640

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Dorchester D</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Purbeck B</b>	<b>Rating</b>
2 ( W ) 1400	Gilbert, Tom	1 - 0	Peacock, Joe	1600
3 ( B ) 1400	Gerety, Jadan	0 - 1	Parker, Matthew	1510
4 ( W ) 1250	Morgan, Benjamin	1 - 0	Edmonds, Tony	1400
Total 5854		2½ - 1½		6150

Last update Nicholas Stout Fri 17th Jan 2025 09:37. Reported by Mark Potter Fri 17th Jan 2025 07:36. Verified By Nicholas Stout Fri 17th Jan 2025 09:37

This was a very well contested match. Neither side seemed to get an opening advantage on Board 1 and a draw was agreed. Next to finish was Board 4 where Ben nicely converted his material advantage. Board 3 involved a very long endgame with Matthew skilfully converting a R + 2Ps v R + P into a win. Board 2 was the last to finish. After an interesting middle game Tom managed a win a very hard fought minor piece ending in which he had an extra pawn. Many thanks to Purbeck for a tense match.

## **B&DCL Div 5**

B&DCL Div 5 Mon 13th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Away

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Poole F</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Southbourne E</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1350	Brown, Bailey	0 - 1	Harris, John E	1504
2 ( W ) 1312	Burt, David F	½ - ½	Spalding, Mark W	1397
3 ( B ) 1224	Bailey, Stephen	0 - 1	Chaliuk, Yehor	1250
4 ( W ) 0000	Default		Default	0000
Total 3886		½ - 2½		4151

Last update John Harris Wed 15th Jan 2025 16:24. Reported by Martin J Simons Tue 14th Jan 2025 13:40. Verified By John Harris Wed 15th Jan 2025 16:24

B&DCL Div 5 Tue 14th Jan 2025 00:00 Winner: Home

<b>Board Rating</b>	<b>Bournemouth E</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Poole G</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1 ( B ) 1460	Christopher, Tegan	1 - 0	Mercer, Harry	1314
2 ( W ) 1472	Spence, Chris	1 - 0	Anand, Kavinmithran	1250
3 ( B ) 1344	Ghose, Azhar	1 - 0	Richer, Michael	1000
4 ( W ) 1218	Erhardt, Peter	1 - 0	Clift, Adrian	1100
Total 5494		4 - 0		4664

Last update Martin J Simons Wed 15th Jan 2025 05:57. Reported by Martin J Simons Wed 15th Jan 2025 05:57. Verified By

Thank you to Poole G team players for some good games of chess this evening in our new club house !