

British Chess Championships 2009, Torquay - 26 July to 8 Aug

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The 2009 British Chess Championships, currently on in Torquay, include entries from 11 Essex players. Follow their progress on this page and on the BCC website via this link:

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Live games are broadcast.

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British Championship

Lawrence Trent won his fourth round British Championship game against GM Simon Williams in stirring fashion. He is now on the leading score of 3½/4 since the top board pairing Gawain Jones v David Howell, both on 3 at the start of the round, was drawn.

From a Sicilian defence, the players castled on opposite wings. Williams sac'd his b-pawn for the attack and Lawrence came under heavy pressure. With his queen out of play on b1, Lawrence somehow managed to chart his way through a complex middlegame and, with nifty footwork and sharp counter-punching, came out of the melee the exchange and three pawns ahead. With nothing more to play for, Williams resigned.

Trent, Lawrence (2471) - Williams, Simon Kim (2527)

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5 e6 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Rhe1 0-0 11.Kb1 Qc7 12.Qd2 Rfd8 13.Nd4 b5 14.Ncxb5 Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Qc5 16.Nc3 Rab8 17.Ka1 h6 18.Bh4 Qb4 19.Qc1 Rdc8 20.Rd3 d5 21.f3 Rb6 22.Bf2 Ra6 23.exd5 Qa5 24.Qb1 Bb4 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.Bd4 Nd7 27.Rde3 Rc4 28.Rd1 e5 29.Bxe5 Nxe5 30.Rd5 Qc7 31.Nb5 Qc6 32.Rdx5 Bc5 33.Rb3 Ra5 34.Nc3 Bd4 35.Rxa5 Rxc3 36.Rxc3 Bxc3 37.Ra3 Bf6 38.Rd3 a5 39.c3 a4 40.a3 1-0

Eventually Boards 11-19 came on live broadcast and we could then find that Subin Sen produced another spirited performance to draw with IM Gary Lane. Subin worked up a potent K-side attack, but the IM had just enough counterplay to keep afloat, the draw being agreed when they reached a R & P ending.

Unfortunately, Andrew Lewis was not able to progress his score. Playing the black side of a c3 Sicilian, against GM Danny Gormally, Andrew found his king stuck in the centre and pressure coming from two directions. He eventually managed to extricate himself from this predicament, but at the cost of the exchange.

John Anderson and Ian Reynolds both lost today.

Essex Players	Score	Progressive Scores			
Lawrence Trent 2471m	3½/4	1	1½	2½	3½
Andrew Lewis 2287f	2/4	0	1	2	2
John Anderson 2248	1/4	½	1	1	1
Subin Sen 2093	2½/4	1	1	2	2½
Ian Reynolds 2092	1½/4	½	1	1½	1½

Pairings for R4 - 30-July 14:15

Board 2 Lawrence Trent 2471m (2½) 1-0 Simon Williams 2527g (2½)

Board 7 Danny Gormally 2490g (2) 1-0 Andrew Lewis 2287f (2)

Board 15 Gary Lane 2379m (2) ½-½ Subin Sen 2093 (2)

Board 20 Ian Reynolds 2092 (1½) 0-1 Chris Briscoe 2268 (1½)

Board 27 John Anderson 2248 (1) 0-1 Sarah Hegarty 2098 (1)

Live games broadcast were initially only boards 1-10, which covered Lawrence and Andrew, but late in the afternoon, we also got 11-19 including Subin.

All Round 4 games are now available in pgn download, or view on screen.

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British U175

Rod Johnson had white against Gordon Farrar (135) in Round 4 and won again to take him to 3/4. Rod is in a group of five players on 3/4 behind two leaders on 3½. One round to go.

[U175 Pairings](#)

British U11

Rory Johnson - Be aware that Rory's other event is the U9, so he is playing in a class above this week.

Excellent news for Rory who drew with black in Round 5 in the morning, and, in the afternoon went one better with his first win over the board in Round 6. He now has 2½/6. One round to go.

[U11 Pairings](#)