

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:

[British Chess Championships Website](#)

Live games are broadcast. There are also now some videos on the Home page.

We will keep up to date with the latest news of our lads' progress on this page.

Colin Ramage, John Philpott and David Smith all start their events today, Mon 03-Aug (see panel right and their sections below).

Don't forget to use your Refresh button!

Roving Reporter

We are now getting regular reports from our 'Roving Reporter' to augment the sometimes slow data on subsidiary events. Roving Reporter contributions are annotated "RR" as the first contribution here:

Colin Ramage has entered today's Rapidplay. In round 1 he beat F. Burnham (86) with White. In round 2 he drew with M. Josse (181) as Black. In round 3 he is White against Keith Arkell!

Colin lost his game against Keith Arkell. In round 4 he drew as Black against R. Mitra (90). In round 5 he won as White against M. Ward (99). He was Black in the final round against D. Patrick and won. - RR

RR has a camera! - [see web page for links: [Follow the lads](#)]

Quiz night success An Essex team outscored the competition for a convincing win in this year's quiz night (02-Aug 20:00) at the British Championships, hosted by Kevin Staveley. Mike Adams, at one time a candidate for the Saxons but ending up on the Guildford team as the maximum team size was 6 adults, kindly took the team photo. - RR [see web page for links: [Follow the lads](#)]

British Championship

Essex Players	Score	Progressive Scores												
Lawrence Trent 2471m	4½/7	1	1½	2½	3½	3½	4½	4½						
Andrew Lewis 2287f	3½/7	0	1	2	2	2½	3½	3½						
John Anderson 2248	2½/7	½	1	1	1	2	2	2½						
Subin Sen 2093	3/7	1	1	2	2½	2½	2½	3						
Ian Reynolds 2092	3½/7	½	1	1½	1½	1½	2½	3½						

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Pairings for R7 - 03-Aug 14:15

The Draw for R7 gave three of the lads get an upfloat:

Board 2 Gawain Jones 2554g (5) 1-0 Lawrence Trent 2471m (4½)

Board 9 Andrew Lewis 2287f (3½) 0-1 Paul Littlewood 2358m (4)

Board 25 Nigel Birtwistle 2186 (3) ½-½ Subin Sen 2093 (2½)

Board 30 Andrew McClement 1893 (2½) 0-1 Ian Reynolds 2092 (2½)

Board 32 Daniel Rock 2037 (2) ½-½ John Anderson 2248 (2)

Lawrence's hopes of lifting the championship probably disappeared with his lost to Gawain Jones. Once again, as with his game against David Howell, Lawrence succumbed to a charging a-pawn in the ending. Andrew Lewis appeared at one point to be doing well, two pawns up with attacking prospects, but when his game fragmented, Paul Littlewood moved in to clean up. Subin and John both drew, but Ian Reynolds pulled himself up level with Andrew by winning with Black.

In the Live Games there is a five minute delay between move and transmission so expect the first moves at about 14:20.

All Round 6 games are now available in pgn download, or view on screen.

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British Seniors

Ivor Smith gets under way on Saturday 1st Aug in the British Seniors, an event he won 10 years ago.

Ivor has 1½/3; Progressive: ½, 1, 1½

Ivor drew in R3 against David Toms 1935 - *RR*

R4 Pairing - 04-Aug 09:30

Board 209 Ivor Smith 2132 (1½) v Ian Kelly 2063 (1½)

[Senior Pairings](#)

British U175

In the Final round, Rod Johnson drew with Alec Toll (158) and finished =3rd on 4/5 and a grading performance of 160 (+14).

1 Peter Mercs 165 4½/5; 2 Daniel Staples 147 4; =3rd Graham Blowers 137, George Dickson 166, Rod Johnson 146, Eric Key 152, Allan Pleasants 167, 3½; 32 players.

[U175 Cross table](#)

British U150

Essex Players	Score	Progressive Scores				
John Philpott 142	½/1	½				
David Smith 130	1/1	1				

In the U150 **John Philpott** played Lawrence Jones 120 and **David Smith** won his R1 game against Susan Fraser 90. John's game was Champion v Champion: Laurence, who is the father of Victor and William Jones, won the U125 championship last week while John arrived at the board as a member of the quiz night champions. Possibly the former was the more relevant consideration as this was John's first game since 22 April, and his rustiness showed as he missed several good chances to secure a clear advantage and eventually had to settle for a draw. - *RR*

R2 Pairings - 04-Aug 09:30

Board 64 David Smith 130 (1) v Guy Batchelor 145 (1)

Board 74 John Philpott 142 (½) v Bob Tokeley 145 (½)

[U150 Pairings](#)

5 Day Open am Week 2

In the 5 day Open AM, **Colin Ramage's** R1 opponent was Joe Jordan 60. Colin won this game. - *RR*

R2 Pairing - 04-Aug 09:30

Board 49 Colin Ramage 149 (1) v Richard Bryant 159 (1)

[AM Week 2 Pairings](#)

5 Day Open pm Week 2

In the week 2 PM Open, **Colin Ramage** is White in the first round against Roger Greatorex 124.

The game began: 1 e4 e5 2 d4 exd4 3 c3 dxc3 4 Bc4 cxb2 5 Bxb2 Nf6 6 e5 Bb4+ 7 Kf1 d5 8 exf6 dxc4... Chess, Jim, but not as we know it.

Update: Colin lost this game. Perhaps he might have done better with 8 Bb5, which Blackburne used to defeat Hanson in 1876. - *RR*

R2 Pairing - 04-Aug 14:15

Board 90 David Everitt 92 (1) v Colin Ramage 149 (0)

There is a wide range of gradings in this tournament and a clear favourite for the first prize. It is not the competitor graded 181, who might otherwise fancy his chances, it is Russian GM Alexander Cherniaev, a frequent competitor at the Ilford Congress.

[PM Week 2 Pairings](#)

Weekender - Atkins Open

No rest for the wicked. Having finished the U175 this morning, **Rod Johnson** begins his next tournament this evening at 19:00, the Weekender Atkins Open. Five rounds, one today, then two each tomorrow and Sunday.

No pairings, let alone results, have yet been published for the Atkins with the first round played last night and two more today.

Fortunately, our roving reporter has supplied the following sequence of results for **Rod Johnson** in the Weekender Atkins Open:

Round 1 - lost as Black v P. Tozer (165)

Round 2 - half point bye

Round 3 - drew as White v R. Bryant (159)

Round 4 - lost as Black v G. Morris (172)

Round 5 - drew as White against W. Elworthy (110).

Final score: 1½/5.

- RR

[Atkins Open Cross table](#)

British U9

Rory Johnson's main event, the U9 Championship takes place this weekend, playing Saturday and Sunday. During this time, they will play seven rounds; three on Saturday, four on Sunday.

RR: Details of Rory's games yesterday (Sat):

R1 Won as White against R. Nayak

R2 Lost as Black against V. Preshast

R3 Drew as White against D. Muir (70).

He lost his round 6 game, but rallied in the final round to finish with a win against E. Hapeshi as White. - RR

[U9 Cross table](#)

British U11

Rory Johnson - Rory's main event was the U9, so he played in a class above in the first week.

Rory finished with a draw and a final score of 3 points. More importantly, his grading performance of 34 is markedly above his current grade of 18. Though he started slowly, he finished with a win and two draws; in a group above his nominal level, this must give him much encouragement for the U9 event.

[U11 Cross table](#)