

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 [For RR's pictures 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 [For pictures see web page for links: [Follow the lads](#)]

Graded Championships We commented in week 1, apropos the British U175, that five rounds seems a short course for a national championship. (Don't seem to have retained that comment, but you see it here now. RR reports: "In response to feedback received, the Congress Managers have indicated that an increase in the number of rounds for the grading limited championships is under active consideration.")

British Championship

Essex Players	Score	Progressive Scores											
Lawrence Trent 2471m	5½/8	1	1½	2½	3½	3½	4½	4½	5½				
Andrew Lewis 2287f	3½/8	0	1	2	2	2½	3½	3½	3½				
John Anderson 2248	2½/8	½	1	1	1	2	2	2½	2½				
Subin Sen 2093	4/8	1	1	2	2½	2½	2½	3	4				
Ian Reynolds 2092	3½/8	½	1	1½	1½	1½	2½	3½	3½				

Round 7 pictures: [For pictures see web page for links: [Follow the lads](#)]

Pairings for R8 - 04-Aug 14:15

David Howell and Gawain Jones lead with 6/7, Simon Williams 6 followed by seven players on 5 and eight players (including Lawrence) on 4½.

Board 7 Gary Lane 2379 (4½) v Lawrence Trent 2471m (4½) - Picture

Board 19 Andrew Lewis 2287f (3½) 0-1 Ryan-Rhys Griffiths 2137 (3½)

Board 21 Peter Constantinou 2264 (3½) 1-0 Ian Reynolds 2092 (3½)

Board 28 James Adair 2124 (3) 0-1 Subin Sen 2093 (3)

Board 30 John Anderson 2248 (2½) 0-1 Victor Jones 2076 (2½)

Lawrence once more showed his resilience by coming back after a defeat by a GM to win his next game. And what a win! A brilliant attacking game by the Essex man putting IM Gary Lane to the sword. A knight sac (21...Nxb2) sparked off a coruscation of sacrifices in a sustained and brutal attack. Never mind it wasn't all sound, the unremitting onslaught was hard to defend against. Judge for yourself:

Lane,Gary William (2379) - Trent,Lawrence (2471) [C78]

British Championship, Torquay (8.7), 04.08.2009

[Play game in DGT Viewer](#)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.d3 h6 9.h3 0-0 10.a4 Rb8 11.axb5 axb5 12.Re1 Bb7 13.Nbd2 Bb6 14.Nf1 Ne7 15.Ng3 Ng6 16.d4 Re8 17.Bc2 Qd7 18.Be3 c5 19.d5 Bc8 20.c4 Nf4 21.cxb5 Nxb2 22.Kxg2 Qxh3+ 23.Kg1 Ng4 24.Nf1 f5 25.exf5 e4 26.N3h2 Bxf5 27.Ra3 Qh4 28.Ra4 Re5 29.Qd2 Rf8 30.Ra6 Bd8 31.Bf4 e3 32.Nxe3 Bxc2 33.Nxc2 Rh5 34.f3 Rxf4 35.Re8+ Kh7 36.Qd3+ Rhf5 37.fxc4 Qf2+ 38.Kh1 Bf6 39.gxf5 Rh4 0-1

In the other games, a win for Subin takes him to 4/8 and second spot in our quintet, as Andrew, Ian and John all lost.

All Round 7 games are now available in pgn download, or view on screen, but not yet R7.

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British Seniors

Ivor Smith is playing in the British Seniors, an event he won 10 years ago.

Ivor has 2½/4; Progressive: ½, 1, 1½, 2½

R4 Pairing - 04-Aug 09:30

Board 209 Ivor Smith 2132 (1½) 1-0 Ian Kelly 2063 (1½)

[Senior Pairings](#)

British U150

Essex Players	Score	Progressive Scores				
John Philpott 142	1½/2	½	1½			
David Smith 130	1/2	1	1			

R2 Pairings - 04-Aug 09:30

Board 64 David Smith 130 (1) 0-1 Guy Batchelor 145 (1)

Board 74 John Philpott 142 (½) 1-0 Bob Tokeley 145 (½)

John produced a passable performance in a queenless middlegame:

Philpott,John - Tokeley,Rob [A20]

British U150 (2), 04.08.2009

[Play game in DGT Viewer](#)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4 exd4 5.Qxd4 Na6 6.Nc3 Bc5 7.Qe5+ Qe7 8.Qxe7+ Bxe7 9.Bf4 d6
10.Rd1 Be6 11.b3 0-0-0 12.e4 h6 13.Nge2 Ng4 14.h3 g5 15.Bc1 Nf6 16.Ba3 c5 17.Nb5 Kb8
18.Bb2 Nb4 19.0-0 a6 20.Nxd6 Rhf8 21.e5 Bxd6 22.exd6 Ne8 23.a3 Nc6 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.g4
Nxd6 26.Be5 Kc7 27.Rd2 f6 28.Bh2 Rd7 29.Rfd1 Rfd8 30.Nc3 f5 31.gxf5 Bxf5 32.Na4 Bxh3
33.Nxc5 Bg4 34.Nxd7 Bxd1 35.Rxd6 Rxd7 36.Rxd1+ Kd8 37.Rxd7+ Kxd7 38.Kg2 Ke6 39.Kf3
Kf5 40.b4 h5 41.a4 g4+ 42.Ke3 1-0

[U150 Pairings](#)

5 Day Open am Week 2 3-Aug

Colin Ramage, Score 1/2; Progressive: 1, 1

R2 Pairing - 04-Aug 09:30

Board 49 Colin Ramage 149 (1) 0-1 Richard Bryant 159 (1)

[AM Week 2 Pairings](#)

5 Day Open pm Week 2 3-Aug 14:15

Colin Ramage, Score $\frac{1}{2}/2$; Progressive: 0, $\frac{1}{2}$

R2 Pairing - 04-Aug 14:15

Board 90 David Everitt 92 (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ 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](#)