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## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 1999-2000

**ULSTER SENIOR** 27/30 December 1999 at Fortwilliam Golf Club

**ULSTER OPEN** 5/6 February 2000 at QUB Staff Common Room

**CITY OF BELFAST** 1/2 April 2000 at QUB Staff Common Room

**BELFAST CIVIC FESTIVAL** 20/21 May 2000 at QUB Staff Common Room

**WILLIAMSON SHIELD (SPONSORED BY AB BUSINESS ASSOCIATES)**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1999 VENUE: RVH CLUB**

**TOURNAMENT CONTROLLER: TOM CLARKE:**

**SENIOR: 14 COMPETITORS:**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> MICHAEL HOLMES 5/6  
2<sup>ND</sup> = NICHOLAS PILKIEWICZ AND RICHARD MCMASTER 4½  
4<sup>TH</sup> GARETH ANNESLEY 4  
5<sup>TH</sup> = PAUL MCLOUGHLIN (GRADING PRIZE WINNER) AND NEIL FISHER 3½  
7<sup>TH</sup> = MARK NEWMAN, DES MORELAND AND DAVID BARLOW 3  
10<sup>TH</sup> STEPHEN MCCANN 2½  
11<sup>TH</sup> = DANNY MALLAGHAN AND RON HENDERSON 2  
13<sup>TH</sup> = TONY PARKER AND WILLIAM STOREY 1

**JUNIOR: 12 COMPETITORS:**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> DAVE TUMILSON 5  
2<sup>ND</sup> = DAVID COLLINS AND IAN WOODFIELD 4  
4<sup>TH</sup> JONATHAN WOODFIELD 3½ (GRADING PRIZE WINNER)  
5<sup>TH</sup> = BRIAN LAPPIN, LIAM ELLIOTT, SEAN LINTON AND JOHN CAHOON 3  
9<sup>TH</sup> LOUIS HOLMES 2½  
10<sup>TH</sup> = DARREN GRAY AND JONATHAN CLIFFORD 2  
12<sup>TH</sup> ED MORGAN 1

**8<sup>TH</sup> MONARCH ASSURANCE OPEN, ISLE OF MAN**  
**6<sup>TH</sup>-14 NOVEMBER 1999**

This very strong Swiss attracted a seven-strong Irish contingent, including three Ulster players, Keith Allen, Dermot Murtagh and John Nicholson. Irish champion Colm Daly drew with the co-winners Shipov and Sutovsky while Allen (now resident in the Isle of Man) beat strong English GM John Emms.

**Final scores:**

1-2 GM Emil Sutovsky (2587) and GM Sergei Shipov (2658) 6½/9  
3-10 GM Nigel Short (2675), GM Lev Psakhis (2581), GM Sergei Tiviakov (2611), GM Petr Kiriakov (2554), IM Jonathan Parker (2523), GM Aleksander Schneider (2551), GM Chris Ward (2473) and GM Bogdan Lalic (2550) 6/9

**Irish players:**

GM Alexander Baburin (2593) 5½; Joe Ryan (2280) 5;  
FM Colm Daly (2378), Keith Allen (2233) and Sam Collins (2097) 4½;  
John Nicholson (2023) and Dermot Murtagh 2.

**Nicholson,J (2023) - Hickman,J (2125) [B07]**  
**Monarch Assurance Open Isle of Man (3), 08.11.1999**  
**[Notes based on comments by Nicholson]**

**1.e4 d6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 c6** This off-beat system is a favourite of Hickman's, but John was well prepared for it. **4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 e6 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Nfd7 9.Be3 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Bb4 11.f5** A typical Nicholson idea, prepared to accept structural weaknesses in order to keep his attack going. **11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 g6 13.fxe6 fxe6 14.Qg4 c5 15.dxc5 Qc6** Black hopes to consolidate his position with this move, but White's next comes as a nasty surprise. **16.Bb5! Qxb5<sup>TM</sup> 17.Qxe6+ Kd8 17...Kf8 18.Bh6# 18.Rxd5 Kc8 18...Kc8 19.c6 Qxc6 20.Rc5 19.c6 1-0**

**Allen,K (2233) - Emms,J (2586) [E35]  
 Monarch Assurance Open Isle of Man (7), 12.11.1999  
 [Notes by McAlister]**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 c5 7.dxc5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.e3 Nc6** Emms has contributed the chapter on the Nimzo-Indian in the new one volume chess opening bible, Nunn's Chess Openings, and he gives this move a !? **10.Nge2 Bf5 11.Qd2 d4 12.Nxd4 0-0-0 13.0-0-0 Bxc5 14.Bd3** 14.Ncb5 looks better because Black cannot play 14...a6 because of 15.Qc3 **14...Bxd4 15.exd4 Rxd4 16.Qe3 Rxd3 17.Rxd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 Qxg2** Black has gained a pawn, but White now tries to find some counterplay. **20.Qf5+ Kb8 21.Rd1 f6 22.h4 Re8 23.a3 a6 24.Ka2 Ne5 25.Rd4 Rc8 26.Ne4 Qf1 27.Nd6 Rc7 28.Rb4 Qc1** [28...b5 was probably best here.] **29.f4! g6?** 29...Nf7 allows White to regain his pawn by 30.Nxb7 Rxb7 31.Rxb7+ Kxb7 32.Qd5+ Kb8 33.Qxf7 Qxf4 34.Qf8+ Kc7 35.Qxg7+ but this was still probably Black's best move; 29...a5 also appears possible when after 30.Rb3 a4 31.Rb4 Qc6 32.fxe5 Qd5+ 33.Kb1 Qd1+ 34.Ka2 Qd5+ it is perpetual check (34...Rc1 threatening mate at a1 is met by 35.Rxb7+ Ka8 36.Ra7+ Kxa7 37.Qd7+ Kb6 38.Qb5+ Kc7 39.Qb7+ Kd8 40.Nf7+ Ke8 41.Nd6+ with perpetual check) **30.Qxf6 Nc6 31.Rc4 Qf1** 31...Qh1 was better here when after 32.Qf8+ (32.Qxg6 is answered by 32...Qd5) 32...Ka7 33.Nc8+ Rxc8 34.Qxc8 Qxh4 Black can still fight on. **32.Qxg6** Now White has a winning advantage. **32...Ka7 33.Qxh6 Rd7 34.Rc3 Qd1 35.Nc4 Qg1 36.Qg5 Qf2 37.Ne5 Nxe5 38.fxe5 Rd2 39.Qe3+ Qxe3 40.Rxe3 Rd8 41.e6 1-0**

**CURRENT STANDINGS IN UCU LEAGUES 1999-2000**

**DIVISION 1**

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	POINTS
R.V.H. "A"	5	4	0	1	26.0
FISHERWICK "A"	5	4	1	0	23.5
MALACHIANS	6	3	2	1	23.5
NORTH BELFAST	5	4	1	0	23.0
NEWTOWNARDS	6	2	1	3	20.0
C.I.Y.M.S. "A"	5	1	2	2	15.0
BOMBARDIER	6	1	4	1	14.5
CIVIL SERVICE	5	1	3	1	14.0
BANGOR "A"	5	0	5	0	9.0

**DIVISION 2/3**

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	POINTS
MAGHERAFELT	7	3	1	3	29.0
BANGOR "B"	5	5	0	0	28.5
RANDALSTOWN	6	4	2	0	26.5
SHORTS	6	3	2	1	24.5

R.V.H. "B"	5	3	0	2	23.5
FISHERWICK "B"	6	2	2	2	22.5
R.V.H. "C"	8	2	5	1	20.5
BANGOR "C"	7	2	4	1	18.5
FORTWILLIAM	7	1	5	1	17.5
C.I.Y.M.S. "B"	7	1	6	0	11.0

**NORKOM MASTERS, KILKENNY 26-28 NOVEMBER 1999**

**6 Round Swiss: 36 Competitors: Final Scores:**

**1-2 Bogdan Lalic (GM 2550) Julian Hodgson (GM 2605) 5.0**  
**3-5 Mark Hebden (GM 2510) Jan Timman (GM 2650) Paul Delaney (FM 2305) 4.5**  
**6-8 Michael Adams (GM 2708) Alexander Baburin (GM 2593) Uri Rochev (2290) 4.0**  
**9-15 Luke McShane (IM 2467) Mark Heidenfeld (IM 2368) Matthew Turner (IM 2478)**  
**Mark Ferguson (IM 2371) Dharma Tjiam (2344) Mel O'Cinneide (2252) Tom Clarke(2204)3.5**

In the subsidiary sections **John Strawbridge** won the Veterans prize.

**ULSTER INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**BANGOR GOLF CLUB DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> TO 5<sup>TH</sup> 1999**

**INTERMEDIATE: 6 ROUND SWISS: 18 PLAYERS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Gareth Annesley 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Newman**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Brendan Jamison Grading prize David Collins**

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
G. ANNESLEY	1782	+04W	+02B	+05W	+09B	=03W +07B	5.5
M. NEWMAN	1680	+16W	-01W	+04B	+05W	+06B =03W	4.5
B. JAMISON	1713	+15W	-05B	+13W	+07W	=01B =02B	4.0
T. BECKETT	1616	-01B	+15B	-02W	+17B	+10W =05W	3.5
D. COLLINS	1517	+12W	+03W	-01B	-02B	+11W =04B	3.5
C. DUNLEAVY	1567	=11W	=12B	+16B	=T/B	-02W +13B	3.5
S. McCONAGHY	1659	=T/B	+17W	+11W	-03B	+09W -01B	3.5
J. STRAWBRIDGE	1679	=T/B	-10B	=12W	+11B	+15W =09W	3.5
P. McLOUGHLIN	1643	+18W	=13B	+10W	-01W	-07B =08B	3.0
S. MOORE	1775	=14B	+08W	-09B	=13W	-04B +12W	3.0
A. COOTES	1681	=06B	+14W	-07B	-08W	-05B +15W	2.5
R. HENDERSON	1671	-05B	=06W	=08B	+14W	=13B -02B	2.5
T. PARKER	1629	+17B	=09W	-03B	=10B	=12W -06W	2.5
R. PROCTOR	1591	=10W	-11B	-15W	-12B	+W/O +16W	2.5
J. CLARKE	1581	-03B	-04W	+14B	+16W	-08B -11B	2.0
D. CUNNINGHAM	1531	-02B	+18B	-06W	-15B	+17W -14B	2.0
S. LYNN	1245	-13W	-07B	+18W	-04W	-16B +BYE	2.0
W. STOREY	1507	-09B	-16W	-17B	=T/B	-DEF -W/D	0.5

**JUNIOR: 5 ROUND AMERICAN: 6 COMPETITORS:**

**1st Michael Kane 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Cooper**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	POINTS
1. M. KANE	1261	X	1	1	1	1	0 4.0
2. N. COOPER	1480	0	X	1	1	1	= 3.5
3. J. CAHOON	1153	0	0	0	X	1	0 1 2.0
4. J. CLIFFORD	----	0	0	0	X	1	1 2.0
5. S. LAW	1121	0	0	1	0	X	1 2.0
6. E. MORGAN	1324	1	=	0	0	0	X 1.5

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**