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RECENT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 27-30 DECEMBER 1999 FORTWILLIAM GOLF CLUB, BELFAST

1-3. S.SCANNELL (WON ON TIEBREAK) T.DOUGLAS M.HOLMES 5.0
4-5. J.MCDONNELL S.MOORE 4.5
6-8. G.ANNESLEY D.MURTAGH J.NICHOLSON 4.0
9-10. R.MCMASTER A.SKELTON 3.5
11. R.BIANCHIN 3.0
12-13. A.DOUGLAS B.O'NEILL 2.5
14-15. D.MORELAND P.MCLOUGHLIN 2.0
16-17. D.COLLINS T.PARKER 1.5

ULSTER OPEN 5-6 FEBRUARY 2000 QUB STAFF COMMON ROOM, BELFAST

1-4. J.CAIRNS R.MCMASTER S.SCANNELL A.SKELTON 5.0
5. G.ANNESLEY 4.5
6-11. D.MORELAND F.MARLOWE D.MURRAY M.NEWMAN J.ORCHIN N.PILKIEWICZ 4.0
12-16. J.CANNING P.MCLOUGHLIN S.MOORE D.TRUESDALE M.WADDELL 3.5
17-22. A.BURNS A.COOTES C.DUNLEAVY T.PARKER W.STOREY J.STRAWBRIDGE 3.0
23-25. D.CUNNINGHAM S.McCANN J.McLEAN 2.5
26-30. A.BECKETT J.CAHOON J.CLIFFORD D.O'DONNELL J.WADDELL 2.0
31. K.FOX 1.5
32-34. M.KANE E.NESBITT J.WOODFIELD 1.0

GRADING PRIZES

UNDER 1800 1ST G.ANNESLEY 2ND M.NEWMAN
UNDER 1450 1ST J.ORCHIN 2ND F.MARLOWE

BUNRATTY MASTERS 11-13 FEBRUARY 2000

1-2. GM M.HEBDEN (WON TROPHY ON TIE-BREAK) GM J.NUNN 5.0
3-4. GM A.MILES IM M.TURNER 4.5
5-7. C.DALY (BEST IRISH PRIZE) GM J.LEVITT IM L.MCSHANE 4.0
8-13. S.COLLINS (GRADING PRIZE) P.DELANEY D.HOWELL IM M.ORR U.ROCHEV J.RYAN 3.5
14-21. S.BRADY J.HURLEY J.MCCARTHY D.MCMAHON G.O'CONNELL P.SHORT S.SCANNELL J.STOKLASA 3.0
22-23. M.O'CINNEIDE R.O'DONOVAN 2.5
24-28. H.BARBER M.CASTRICUM J.KENNEDY E.KEOGH J.MCDONNELL 2.0
29-32. P.CAFOLLA C.EGAN A.FOX R.O'BRIEN 1.5

**NEW TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 2000 QUB OPEN - SIX ROUND RAPIDPLAY
10.00AM - 7.00PM QUB STAFF COMMON ROOM ENTRY FEE £4 PRIZES £50, £30, £20
PRIZES MAY BE INCREASED DEPENDING ON ENTRY**

1999-2000 UCU LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION 1.	PLAYED.	WON.	LOST.	DRAWN.	POINTS.
R.V.H. A	14	10	1	3	71.0
FISHERWICK A	14	11	2	1	67.5
MALACHIANS	15	11	3	1	67.0
NEWTOWNARDS	14	4	7	3	43.5
BOMBARDIER	13	3	6	4	38.0
NORTH BELFAST	11	6	5	0	37.5
C.I.Y.M.S. A	13	2	7	4	36.5

CIVIL SERVICE	13	3	8	2	36.0
BANGOR A	12	0	12	0	17.5

DIVISION 2/3	PLAYED.	WON.	LOST.	DRAWN.	POINTS.	DIVISION.
MAGHERAFELT	15	8	1	6	69.5	3
SHORTS.	16	8	4	4	66.0	2
BANGOR B	14	9	2	3	64.5	2
RANDALSTOWN	15	10	5	0	64.5	3
FISHERWICK B	16	7	5	4	62.5	2
R.V.H. B	15	6	4	5	55.0	2
C.I.Y.M.S. B	15	5	8	2	43.5	2
R.V.H. C	16	4	12	0	38.5	3
FORTWILLIAM	15	2	10	3	35.5	3
BANGOR C	15	3	11	1	31.0	3

GLORNEY AND FABER CUPS 2000

These prestigious international junior competitions are being held in Dublin this summer and Alex Beckett has been seeking donations on behalf of the Ulster Chess Union to go towards the costs of holding these competitions, which the Irish Chess Union hosts every eight years. He is hoping to raise a grand total of £500. Below are the amounts already donated.

Donations from Chess Clubs

CIYMS £25 Shorts £25 North Belfast £25 Fisherwick £37

Derry £10 Civil Service £25 Bangor £50 Newtownards £25

Individual donations

Michael Holmes £10 Ron Henderson £15 Arthur Cootes £10

David Houston £25

Civil Service Chess Tournament 1999

£2 added to each entry fee making a total of £100

Total collected to date £382

These figures do not include any donations made directly to the Irish Chess Union.

UCU KNOCK-OUT CUP SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2000

FIRST ROUND

FISHERWICK A	4-1	RVH B
K. Greer 2180	1-0	D. Cunningham 1531
R. McMaster 2064	1-0	S. McCann 1537

J. Cairns 2004	1-0	D. Tumilson 1473
B. Thompson 1755	1-0	S. Linton
W. Grier 1729	0-1	J. Ong
SHORTS	2½-2½	CIVIL SERVICE
J. Bradley 1808	0-1	T. Esmonde 1882
D. Robb 1761	1-0	S. Moore 1764
S. McConaghy 1659	½-½	G. Harvey 1706
J. Kennedy 1545	0-1	A. Cootes 1674
D. Truesdale 1540	1-0	D. Jackson 1560
FISHERWICK B	1-4	NORTH BELFAST A
N. Green 1664	0-1	D. Houston 2235
J. McLean 1653	0-1	S. Scannell 2184
G. Pollock 1565	1-0	A. Skelton 2004
A. Beckett 1502	0-1	N. Pilkiewicz 1925
G. Collins 1308	0-1	D. Mallaghan 1861
NORTH BELFAST B	4½-½	BANGOR
S. Morgan 2007	1-0	M. Newman 1723
J. Woods 1542	1-0	B. Jamison 1682
J. Guthrie	½-½	T. Beckett 1628
B. McCaughey 1528	1-0	R. Proctor 1591
J. Cahoon 1153	1-0	S. McCartney 1101
RVH A	4½-½	RANDALSTOWN
M. Holmes 2061	½-½	D. Moreland 1817

B. O'Neill 1641	1-0	J. Waddell 1423
N. Fisher 1702	1-0	E. Nesbitt 1245
T. Parker 1629	1-0	P. Irvine 1305
L. Holmes 1391	1-0	B. Bradley

The four teams winning their matches went into the semi-finals of the Knock-out Cup, with the six teams failing to win their matches going into the Plate competition.

SEMI-FINALS

RVH A	½-4½	NORTH BELFAST A
M. Holmes 2061	0-1	D. Houston 2235
B. O'Neill 1641	½-½	S. Scannell 2184
N. Fisher 1702	0-1	A. Skelton 2004
T. Parker 1629	0-1	N. Pilkiewicz 1925
L. Holmes 1391	0-1	D. Mallaghan 1861
NORTH BELFAST B	2-3	FISHERWICK A
S. Morgan 2007	0-1	K. Greer 2180
G. Annesley 1782	0-1	R. McMaster 2064
J. Guthrie	0-1	J. Cairns 2004
B. McCaughey 1528	1-0	B. Thompson 1755
J. Cahoon 1153	1-0	W. Grier 1729

North Belfast A and Fisherwick A will now play a double-round final to determine this year's winners of the Knock-out Cup.

PLATE COMPETITION

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Fisherwick C, QUB and RVH C, the three lowest rated teams, went directly into the Plate competition, where they played a Rapidplay tournament to decide which two teams would progress to the quarter-finals of the Plate. RVH C was the team to be eliminated.

FISHERWICK C	5-0	QUB
RVH C	0-5	FISHERWICK C
QUB	3-2	RVH C

QUARTER-FINALS

FISHERWICK C	1-4	CIVIL SERVICE
D. Collins 1442	0-1	T. Esmonde 1882
I. Woodfield 1327	0-1	S. Moore 1764
N. Todd 1205	1-0	G. Harvey 1706
J. Woodfield 1250	0-1	A. Cootes 1674
G. Todd 1117	0-1	D. Jackson 1560
SHORTS	3½-1½	FISHERWICK B
J. Bradley 1808	½-½	N. Green 1664
D. Robb 1761	1-0	J. McLean 1653
S. McConaghy 1659	½-½	G. Pollock 1565
J. Kennedy 1545	½-½	A. Beckett 1502
D. Truesdale 1540	1-0	G. Collins 1308
QUB	2½-2½	RVH B
R. Triggs	1-0	D. Cunningham 1531
D. O'Donnell	1-0	S. McCann 1537
C. Black	0-1	D. Tumilson 1473
J. O'Donnell	0-1	J. Ong
-. Cheah	½-½	S. Linton
QUB won on board count		
BANGOR	2½-2½	RANDALSTOWN
M. Newman 1723	½-½	D. Moreland 1817
B. Jamison 1682	1-0	J. Waddell 1423
T. Beckett 1628	0-1	E. Nesbitt 1245
R. Proctor 1591	0-1	P. Irvine 1305

S. McCartney 1101	1-0	B. Bradley
		Rand'stown won on board count

Civil Service, Shorts, QUB and Randalstown go through to the semi-finals of the Plate.

The final rounds of the Knock-out Cup and the Plate will be played on Sunday 7th May 2000. There will be an individual rapidplay tournament played alongside, open to all.

FIFTY YEARS AGO: THE IRISH CHAMPIONSHIP BELFAST JULY 1950

No annotated games available this issue (don't be shy, everyone) so I decided to delve back into history. The games and annotations are taken from the Belfast News-Letter. The winner of the championship was Vincent Maher with a score of 7½ out of 8. 22 competed.

Bewley,T.H. - Nash,W. [D85] Irish Championship Belfast, July 1950

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.Be3 Bg7 8.f4

A risky variation involving pawn sacrifices.

8...Qa5

But this is a bad reply, taking the Queen rather out of play. In this game the queen takes no further part. Better is 8...Nc6 or 8...cxd4

9.Kf2

Allowing the pawn to go but gaining time by avoiding a possible check.

9...0-0 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.d5 Rd8 12.h4 Bxc3 13.h5 e5

He cannot afford to take the rook, but the text move prevents the return of the bishop to the defence of the king and makes the eventual discovered check more powerful. 13...Bg7 was perhaps best.

14.hxg6 fxg6 15.Bc4 Be6

All very nice until the white queen moves.

16.f5 gxf5 17.Ng5 f4 18.Qh5

Very fine leaving two pieces en prise.

18...fxe3+ 19.Kg3 Rd7 20.dxe6 Re7

20...Rg7 21.e7+ Kh8 22.Qxh7+ and mate next move.

21.Nf7

RR 21.... Kf8 22.Qh6+ Ke8 23.Qxh7 Rc7 24.Qg8+ Ke7 25.Qg5+ Kf8 26.Rh8# **1-0**

Maher,V - Jackson,D.G. [B03] Irish Championship Belfast, July 1950

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 Nc6 7.Be3 f6

Always a bad move in Black's defence. Here it opens to White a distinct and promising line of attack. 7...Bf5 is correct.

8.Bd3 g6 9.e6

White would do better to defend the e-pawn by 9.Nf3 or else exchange it off.

9...f5

An oversight probably. Best was 9...Bxe6 getting three dangerous pawns for the knight and ending the attack.

10.Bxf5 Bg7

Of course if 10...gxf5 11.Qh5#

11.Qg4

Threatening 12.Bxg6+ again.

Nxd4 12.Bxg6+ Kf8 13.Ne2 Nxe2

13...Nxe6 was the best defence but still hardly adequate.

14.Rf1+

And White now forces mate.

14...Nf4

RR 14...Kg8 15.Bf7+ Kf8 16.Be8+

- A. 16...Kxe8 17.Qh5#;
- B. 16...Bf6 17.Bh6+ Kxe8 18.Qh5#;
- C. 16...Nf4 17.Qxf4+ Bf6 (17...Kxe8 18.Qf7#; 17...Kg8 18.Qf7#) 18.Qh6+ Kxe8 19.Qh5+ Kf8 20.Qf7#;
- D. 16...Kg8 17.Rf8+ Kxf8 18.Qf5+ Bf6 19.Bh6+ Kxe8 (19...Kg8 20.Bf7#) 20.Qh5#]

15.Qxf4+ Bf6 16.Qh6+ Kg8 17.Bf7# 1-0

**Heaney,R.A. - Tormey,T.T. [B92]
Irish Championship Belfast, July 1950**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Kh1 Nb6 10.f4 Qc7
11.fxe5 dxe5 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Nd2 Rd8 14.Qe1 Ng8 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Rd1 0-0 17.Bd3 Nc6 18.a3 Nd4
19.Qh4**

In view of the position of the white bishop this move should have warned Black of his danger.

19...Nc4

But Black just plays the move White probably hoped for. 19...g6 first was necessary.

20.Nd5

Neatly cutting off the knight from the support of the bishop, and by the threat to the queen and the subsequent threat of mate, winning a piece.

20...Bxd5 21.exd5 g6 22.Nxc4 Rxd5 23.Ne3 Qd8 24.Qh6 Rd6 25.Bc4 g5 26.Qh5 1-0

**STILL TO COME THIS SEASON
ALL EVENTS AT QUB STAFF COMMON ROOM**

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QUB OPEN RAPIDPLAY.....8 APRIL 2000

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