

Southampton Chess League 2010-11 Division 3 Analysis – Edward Davies 13/08/2011

Division Summary

Division 3 consisted of 6 teams in a 5 board double round robin of 10 rounds, and 57 players participated. The final result was a very close call between Salisbury B and Winchester B, both of whom dominated the division and finished on an impressive 8 match wins and 2 draws, (with no losses, and their only draws against each other), but Salisbury B were clear winners with a game score of 37.5 compared to Winchester B's 33.5. Ordnance Survey B were third with 4 wins and a draw followed by Southampton University C with 3 wins and 2 draws, Ringwood with 2 wins and a draw, and Southampton C with 1 win.

(Note: A match between Salisbury B and Southampton University C was defaulted which gave an automatic game score of 5; perhaps such defaulted matches ought not to be counted in the game score when it comes to a tie break, and the equivalent match for the other team – in this case Winchester B vs Southampton University C - would be discounted as well, just counting the remaining 9 rounds. Salisbury B would still have won with a game score of 32.5 compared to Winchester B's 30, but this shows the potential for defaulted matches having an arguably unfair effect on the tie break.)

Team Summaries

(NB: the highest grading performances and percent scores are based on players who played 4 or more games.)

Salisbury B:

Andy Manning had an excellent result with the 2nd highest GP in the division of 164.5, joint 3rd to 4th highest points score of 7, the joint 2nd to 3rd highest percentage score of 87.5%, and the 2nd highest performance above a player's grade with +35.5. Chris Kenward scored an outstanding 8 wins and 1 draw, with the number one percentage score of 94.4%, joint 1st to 2nd highest points score of 8.5, the 6th highest GP of 148.4, and the 4th highest performance above a player's grade with +26.4. Peter Donaldson had the 7th highest GP with 147.8, joint 9th to 10th highest points score of 5.5, and the joint 7th to 8th highest percentage score of 68.8%. Keith Bateman had the 9th highest GP with 146.6.

Winchester B:

Ian Hardwick had a very impressive performance with 7 wins and 3 draws, and was the only player to remain undefeated across all 10 rounds of the tournament; he had the joint 1st to 2nd highest points score of 8.5, the 5th highest GP of 155.5, and the 4th highest percentage score of 85%. Robin Atkins had the 3rd highest GP with 159.8. Mike White had the 8th highest GP with 147.1, joint 9th to 10th highest points score of 5.5, and the joint 7th to 8th highest percentage score with 68.8%. Bob Cleave had the joint 5th to 8th

highest points score of 6 and the joint 9th to 10th highest percentage score of 66.7%.

Ordnance Survey B:

Brian Gale had the joint 5th to 8th highest points score of 6 and the joint 9th to 10th highest percentage score with 66.7%.

Southampton University C:

Tommy Slater had the 4th highest GP in the division with 159.3, joint 5th to 6th highest percentage score of 75%, and the 3rd highest performance above a player's grade with +27.3, and Ricky Vaja had the 10th highest GP of 142, joint 5th to 8th highest points score of 6, joint 5th to 6th highest percentage score of 75%, and the number one performance above a player's grade with a huge +54.

Ringwood:

Kenny Harman had the highest GP in the division with 172.8, the joint 3rd to 4th highest points score of 7, and the joint 2nd to 3rd highest percentage score of 87.5%.