4NCL Online League – Season 9 – Round 1 report

Season 9 kicked off on 23rd January 2024 with 8 Wessex teams in action across the 5 divisions. The overall league still seems to be thriving, long after the COVID years which started it, with 90+ teams participating.

Division 1

Our A team faced a far lower graded East Kilbride team who proceeded to play well enough to give me some anxious moments before we prevailed 3-1, with wins from Jaimie & Peter plus draws from Gavin & Rolandas.

East Kilbride A		1587		**Wessex Some Stars A**		2124	
131	w	Dobbie, Graham	1799 e	½ - ½	Lock, Gavin R	2218 e
132	b	Stewart, Alastair G	1576 o	½ - ½	Lukosius, Rolandas	2129 e
133	w	Roul, Tushar	1548 e	0 - 1	Wilson, Jaimie	2114 e
134	b	Robertson, Jim	1425 e	0 - 1	Anderson, Peter W	2036 e
				1 - 3		

Division 2

Our newly relegated B team had a far more competitive match grade-wise and edged it with wins from Ricard & Mircea plus a draw from Roger.

Ashfield Anonymous A		1864		**Wessex Some Stars B**	1945		
261	w	Flynn, David	1921 e	0 - 1	Allis, Richard	2008 e
262	b	Combie, Alex B	1917 e	1 - 0	Pentakota, Rajasekhar	1973 e
263	w	Lane, Tim A	1842 e	½ - ½	Marsh, Roger D W	1907 e
264	b	Ladds, Graham I	1777 c	0 - 1	Mesesan, Mircea-Marius	1894 e
				1½ - 2½		

Our C team heavily outgraded Barnet Knights and notched up a comfortable victory with wins from Ted, Bill & Jamie plus a draw from Mike.

Wessex Some Stars C		1850		**Barnet Knights B**	1442		
231	w	Krawczuk, Michael J	1887 e	½ - ½	Pochalwar, Siddhant	1515 u
232	b	Paul, Ted	1859 c	1 - 0	Tiers, Antoine	1505 u
233	w	Adaway, William	1827 e	1 - 0	Patel, Leela Maya	1444 c
234	b	Doyle, Jamie	1827 e	1 - 0	Rasalingam, Rishi	1304 c
				3½ - ½		

Division 3

Our D team had the first of many Wessex v Dundee matches (they are the only other squad with 8 teams so will be frequent opponents throughout the season) and beat Dundee E comfortably with wins from Joe, Chris & Phil plus a draw from Jamie.

Wessex Some Stars D		1731		**Dundee City E**		1572		
321	w	Chilton, James I		1788 e	½ - ½	Robertson, John		1559 u
322	b	Coburn, Joseph A		1737	1 - 0	Duff, Stuart		1591 e
323	w	Leeson, Chris J P		1702 c	1 - 0	Hunter, Matthew		1578 u
324	b	Pinto, Phil B		1700 e	1 - 0	Harley, Trevor		1561 u
					3½ - ½			

Our E team were out graded on every board and rose to the challenge to win the match, wins coming from Hugo & Robert, plus a draw from Ed.

Wessex Some Stars E		1664		**English Deaf Chess Association A**		1771		
371	w	Charles, Steven		1693 e	0 - 1	Diug, Alexander		1846
372	b	Melling, Hugo		1669 c	1 - 0	MacLeod, Alasdair		1738 e
373	w	Blanden, Edward		1668 c	½ - ½	Freund, Michael P		1734 e
374	b	Halse, Robert		1627 c	1 - 0	Marchant-Winsor, Jordan		1767 u
					2½ - 1½			

Division 4

Our F team looked to have a tight match based on grades but had a fairly tough evening, scoring just 2 draws from Graham & Andrea to lose 3-1

Wessex Some Stars F		1572		**Hebden Bridge 3**		1507		
421	w	Blythe, Douglas		1620 c	0 - 1	Hutchinson, Scott		1703 u
422	b	Hillman, Graham		1592 c	½ - ½	Kerrane, John		1557 c
423	w	Bucchi, Andrea		1569 c	½ - ½	Hill, Ollie		1568 c
424	b	Pua, Nathaniel		1509 u	0 - 1	Nolan, Matthew		1200 o
					1 - 3			

Division 5

Our G team won comfortably against a low graded Barnet Knights D with wins from Manuel, Tim & Karen plus a draw from Kevin.

Barnet Knights D		1003		**Wessex Some Stars G**		1371	
581	w	Iyer, Shrinivas	1085 c	0 - 1	Herrera, Manuel	1483 u
582	b	Ben-Eshak, Djad	987 c	½ - ½	Huntley, Kevin	1399 e
583	w	Iyer, Rishabh	962 c	0 - 1	McCullagh, Tim	1343 e
584	b	Yeo, Alexander	978 c	0 - 1	Charles, Karen	1259 u
				½ - 3½		

Wessex H came up against a tough Dartford Knightmares B team and had a nightmare evening, losing 4-0

Dartford Knightmares B		1423		**Wessex Some Stars H**	1085	
641	w	Devalia, Aadishesh	1466 e	1 - 0	Wright, George A	1165 e
642	b	Danov, Miroslav	1508 c	1 - 0	Hardwick, Martin E	1160 u
643	w	Hoang, Toan	1458 u	1 - 0	Saunders, Steve	1057 c
644	b	Fourie, Nathan	1262 u	1 - 0	Saunders, Rose	958 c
				4 - 0		

So a great evening overall, with Wessex A, B, C, D, E & G teams all winning – there aren't many evenings when 6 Wessex teams win – long may this continue 😊

Keith Gregory, Wessex Captain, 25th January 2024