2024 Hampshire Rapidplay:

(Eastleigh, 7th September)

The 2024 Hampshire Rapidplay was held at Barton Peveril 6th Form College in Eastleigh on Saturday 7th September with 61 entrants in one section. As the tournament was so popular the prize fund was increased to over £680.

With only one section, the tournament provided a great opportunity for lower rated players take on the best leading to several upsets. In addition, it helped grow over-the-board chess in Hampshire with at least 5 entrants who hadn't played over-the-board before.

Steven Jones won the tournament with an unbeaten 6/6, ahead of a three-way tie for second between Richard Webb, Ian Thompson and Jamie Wilson.

This was the first time Barton Peveril has been a venue for a Hampshire Chess tournament and everyone praised the location and playing conditions. It is likely that future quickplay tournaments will be held in the same venue, hopefully with the welcome addition of one of the college cafés being open during the day.

Results:

1st	Steven Jones (Basingstoke)	6/6
2nd=	Richard Webb (Crowthorne), Ian Thompson (Crowthorne), Jamie Wilson (Chichester)	5/6
5th	Alex Vaughan (University of York)	4.5/6

Best Junior	Zac Welling (Guildford)	4.5/6
Best U1800	Steven Coe (Chichester), Thomas Philidor (Fareham), Niclas Hordnes (Southampton), Francis Pakes (Hampshire), Stephen Pollyn (Wimborne), Adam Ursell (Highcliffe), Phil Pinto (Emsworth)	4/6
Best U1600	Zander Booth (Poole)	4/6
Best U1400	Andy Haynes (Fareham)	3/6

The full list of results can be found here.

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