

CHIPPING SODBURY RAPIDPLAY

10th October 2015

OPEN SECTION (16 players)

The Open was the biggest of the three sections. Clifton brought out all their big guns for the occasion, and it was nice to see Paul Helbig back in action.

Cobb drew the first two rounds while Beaumont won one and drew one. At this point Chris Timmins was the leader with 2/2.

After Cobb's 4th round win over Beaumont, three players led on 3, with another 3 just behind on 2½. In the end it all looked rather inevitable, with Clifton sweeping the board for the main places.



Round 4 – Beaumont v Cobb

1st = Chris Beaumont, James Cobb, Lewis Martin 4½

Grading – Under 185 Craig Kennedy 3½
Under 170 Dominic Bennett 3

MAJOR SECTION (8 players)

This wasn't exactly a Swiss. I used a system passed on to me by Geoff Gammon to do the pairings. It was what I like to refer to as a MPM (most play most). Richard Wiltshir (there's no e), who has told me he intends to play hundreds of games this year, both standard and rapidplay, in order to get an accurate grade, is playing every weekend, sometimes twice! He led pretty much throughout, though it was a close run thing. After 3 rounds, five of the eight players were on 2. There were only two draws throughout the entire tournament. Out of the total 24 games played in this section, 14 of them were won by black. Alan Papier had a bit of a nightmare, but recovered in the last two rounds to finish with a respectable score.



The entire Major section

1st Richard Wiltshir 4½
2nd = Duncan Macarthur 4
Steve Woolgar

MINOR SECTION (14 players)

It was a rare and beautiful sight, in a tournament hosted by Yate Chess Club, to see 3 Yate players taking part. Long may it continue. University's Richard Porter was the highest graded player, but he struggled a bit in the early rounds, and at the half way point was on 1½. At that point, Steve Crockett from Redditch was leading Yate's Kevin Langmaid by half a point, but Kevin won their round 4 match to go into joint lead with Alastair Drummond (Cabot). Kevin and Alastair had drawn in round 2, so when Alastair lost to Steve in round 5, there was no one to stop Kevin. Nice to keep some prize money 'in house'.

1st Kevin Langmaid (Yate) 5½

2nd Steve Crockett (Redditch) 5

Grading – Under 110 Grant Daly (Downend) 3

Under 90 Jason Leroy (Patchway) 3



Play under way