

Match Secretary's Report 2006

Summer Lightning

11 teams competed in last summer's summer lightning which was won by Bath who have now won the competition 4 seasons in a row.

League Divisional winners

41 teams competed in four leagues this season with two teams dropping out prior to last Christmas.

Division 1 was won by Bath A regaining the title after losing out to the University last season. Clifton A finished in second, with Horfield A and Downend A finishing 3rd and 4th. Clifton B suffered badly throughout the season failing for a long time to register any points.

Division 2 was won by Thornbury closely followed by an improving South Bristol team. Surprisingly Hanham A struggled for points alongside AXA.

Division 3 was won by runaway leaders Cabot who only dropped 3pts all season, with Yate A finishing second.

Division 4 was won by University B finishing on an impressive 30pts with Bath D finishing second on 25pts

We lost Civil Service from Division 3 and Yate C from Division 4 during this season

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Knockout winners

The League Knockout was recently won by Bath who beat the University

The Minor Cup goes to Horfield who overcame Clifton in the final

Alan Ashby

The winner of the Alan Ashby competition is Paul Hatchett (Patchway) who finished on *14.5pts* from a possible 15pts.

Players that have improved this season include Richard Jones (Nailsea), Andy Pickering (Clifton) and Nigel Saunders (Bath)

Statistics

The Grading thresholds for next season will be very similar to the ones we have just had.

(1-2)(2-3)(3-4)(4-5) - Divisions

142, 110, 91, 79 Last season

146, 111, 91, 72 New Season

Grading

All games played in the league and the knockout will soon be sent to the ECF for Grading in time for the new published list that comes out in August.

Results sheets

I get many results sent in now via email and this probably accounts for about half of all results. This has enabled me to update results quickly and has worked well. It is important for captains to keep a record of results on the signed Results Sheets as backup.

Adjourned Games in Division One have been slow to come in this season probably due to more clubs playing on a Tuesday night making re-arranging them more problematic. This has made it difficult as so many matches have been left in the balance until late in the season.

Website

Last October I created a new website address at www.chessit.co.uk to replace the blueyonder one. Gradually during the season I have added more pages to the links and the new format created seems to have been a success. I have plans for much more to be added in the way of online games, and to create a History of the Bristol League. Anyone is welcome to send me games, photos and articles that they would like published.

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