Match Secretary's Report 2004

Summer Lightning

11 teams competed in last summer's summer lightning which was won by Bath who finished on 8pts, 2 ahead of their nearest rivals Downend and Grendel who managed 6 pts..

League Divisional winners

43 teams competed in five leagues this season 3 down on last year.

Division 1 was won by Bath A who were unbeaten throughout the season and only dropped 3 points all season finishing on 33 points from 18 games. Horfield A finished in second place 9 points adrift of Bath on 24pts from 18, with Clifton and Downend finishing in 3rd and 4th spot respectively. At the opposite end Keynsham A and Downend B struggled to avoid the drop.

Division 2 was won by Clevedon B who managed to achieve back to back promotions. Clifton B finished second ahead of Thornbury B in third place.

Division 3 was won by Clifton C who managed 27pts with Horfield C coming a close second on 25pts.

Division 4 was won by Harambee who finished with an impressive 31pts from 18 games,13 ahead of second placed Civil Service.

Division 5 was won by Keynsham B with Patchway finishing strongly in 2nd place.

Knockout winners

The League Knockout was won by a Clifton team who proved too strong in the end for Thornbury who did well to get to the final.

The Minor Cup is still in the balance and awaiting the result of appeals involving adjudications between Grendel and Harambee.

Alan Ashby

The winner of the Alan Ashby competition is Alan Papier (Clifton) who finished on *21pts* from a massive 42 games

Notable players that have improved this season include Michael White (University), George Crockart (Hanham), Nigel Peters (Nailsea) and Peter Chaplin (Downend)

Statistics

The Grading thresholds for next season will be higher in Divisions 1 & 2, with the lower divisions remaining about the same as last year.

(1-2)(2-3)(3-4)(4-5)(5-6) - Divisions 139, 106, 97, 77, 51 Last season 144, 112, 95, 76, 63 New Season

Defaults

Unfortunately the UWE found it difficult to complete the season and defaulted a number of games towards the end of this season as matches clashed with studies. A number of matches have been conceded by telephone calls made just prior to the 48 hour rule which is a trend that we want to avoid.

Results sheets

A lot more results have come via e mail and this has enabled me to publish the results quickly. All the results are now in concerning Divisions 1 to 4, with only Division 5 letting slip towards the end of the season.

Website

All the results and stats during the season have been published on the website and can be accessed online or downloaded and viewed in Excel.

I hope to continue to improve the website in the future, adding games and links etc and any chess related material that is suitable.

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