



ECF ALL ENGLAND GIRLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS NORTHERN REGION

Sunday 31st May 2009, Aughton St. Michaels CE Primary School, Ormskirk

The 6th Northern Region Tournament of the All England Girls Chess Championships took place at Aughton St. Michaels CE Primary School, Ormskirk in Lancashire on May 31st 2009.

32 girls attended with an age range from Under 7 to Under 18. The arbiter was Julian Clissold and coaching was provided by Andrew Legge. There was the usual high quality entry but it was also pleasing to see some new faces at the tournament.

The Under 8's section was an all-play-all event and Carmel Barwick from Cheshire was victorious with 4/4, Skye Wiggins from Staffordshire was runner-up with 3/4 whilst Lauren Cornwell from Lancashire took the bronze medal in addition to the Under 7 trophy.

The Under 10's trophy went to Victoria Sung (Lancashire) who recorded 5/5. Lucy Towse (Lancashire) was runner-up with 3.5 points whilst Abigail Arnold (Yorkshire) and Angelica Fitzpatrick (Lancashire) took bronze medals with 3/5. There were no Under 9 girls so no trophy was awarded for this section.

The Under 12's trophy was awarded to Megumi Parbrook (Yorkshire) after a tie-break with Lancashire's Natalie Cass. Both girls finished with 4/5 after drawing with each other and with 3rd placed Phoebe Price from Lancashire. The tie-break confirmed after Natalie played Phoebe before Megumi did - a classic case of luck of the draw! Megumi also took home the Under 11 trophy.

The Under 14's and Under 18's enjoyed a terrific tournament with some highly graded players taking points off each other in games that went right to the wire. The two Under 18 players (both actually Under 17) finished level on 4/5 with Kiruthika Rajaswaran (Yorkshire) emerging triumphant after the tie-break was applied.

After suffering an early setback to Isobel Cotogni, last years Under 14 winner Rachel Cass (Lancashire) came back to retain her trophy with 3.5 points. Francesca Fozard (Yorkshire) was runner-up and Isobel Cotogni (Lancashire) and Imogen Stables (Yorkshire) won bronze medals

The best game prize was awarded to Carmel Barwick of Cheshire.

Many trophies and medals were awarded and many girls successfully qualified for the Gold Final.

Under 8	1 st	Carmel Barwick	4.0/4	Cheshire
	2 nd	Skye Wiggins	3.0	Staffordshire
	3 rd	Lauren Cornwell	2.0	Lancashire
	4 th	Hepzhi Leatherbarrow	1.0	Yorkshire
	5 th	Alex Holland	0.0	Lancashire
Under 7 Champion		Lauren Cornwell	2.0	Lancashire
Under 10	1 st	Victoria Sung	5.0/5	Lancashire
	2 nd	Lucy Towse	3.5	Lancashire
	3 rd	Abigail Arnold	3.0	Yorkshire
		Angelica Fitzpatrick		Lancashire
	5 th	Emma Crick	2.5	Staffordshire
	6 th	Zahra Ahmed	2.0	Yorkshire
	7 th	Lara Casey	1.0	Lancashire
	8 th	Ellie Griffiths	0.0	Lancashire
Under 9 Champion		Not awarded		
Under 12	1 st	Megumi Parbrook	4.0/5	Yorkshire
		Natalie Cass		Lancashire
	3 rd	Phoebe Price	3.5	Lancashire
	4 th	Emma Butler	3.0	Lancashire
		Nuala Fowler		Lancashire
	6 th	Anna Cunningham	2.5	Yorkshire
	7 th	Serena Motasham	2.0	Lancashire
		Jennifer Neil		Lancashire
	9 th	Elise Skeels-Caldwell	1.0	Lancashire
Megumi Parbrook		4.0	Yorkshire	
Under 11 Champion				
Under 14	1 st	Rachel Cass	3.5/5	Lancashire
	2 nd	Francesca Fozard	3.0	Yorkshire
	3 rd	Isobel Cotogni	2.5	Lancashire
		Imogen Stables		Yorkshire
	5 th	Susan Gorman	1.5	Cheshire
		Emma Jackson		Cheshire
		Emily Moss		Cheshire
	8 th	Rebecca Neil	1.0	Lancashire
Under 18	1 st	Kiruthika Rajaswaran	4.0/5	Yorkshire
		Amanda Hipshon		Yorkshire