

West Nottingham Chess Club

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Introduction

I'll begin with an apology for the long gap between this issue and the last. The intention was to publish this as soon as the league season was over and all the results were known, but the final league tables only appeared during the weekend of the Nottingham Congress, more than two weeks after the final matches. This is the first chance since then that I've had to put fingers to keyboard.

Inevitably, a lot of news has built up, so there's a lot to pack in and some items have been held over to the next issue.

Friday club nights

We have one more Friday club night left this season: a blitz tournament on 27 May. The previous one, on 4 March, was won by Amisha Parmar (6/6), followed by Phil Burley (5) and Eric Williamson (4½).

On 15 April, Ian Kingston took on all-comers in a simultaneous display. The final score was 9–1 to Ian; Daniel Lin was the sole winner.

Club championship

Round 3 of the club championship is almost complete: see the web site for full details. Billy Grewal and David Levens are out in front with 3/3, followed by a large chasing pack on 2 points.

Match results

The league season proved to be a satisfactory one, with two teams promoted and none relegated. The only real disappointment was the narrow failure to get one of our teams out of Division 4.

First team (Division 1)

Survival was assured with a couple of matches to spare. The title went to Mansfield 1 when Gambit 1 failed to win their final match.

West Nottingham 1 1½–3½ Ashfield 1
West Bridgford 1 1–4 West Nottingham 1
West Nottingham 1 2–3 University 1
Grantham 1 3–2 West Nottingham 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Mansfield 1	16	12	2	2	51½	28½	23	0	26
2 Gambit 1	16	10	5	1	51	29	22	0	25
3 University 1	16	9	2	5	47½	32½	15	0	20
4 University 2	16	7	3	6	41	39	2	0	17
5 Ashfield 1	16	7	2	7	40	40	0	0	16
6 West Nottingham 1	16	4	4	8	38	42	–4	0	12
7 West Bridgford 1	16	5	2	9	30½	49½	–19	0	12
8 Nomads 1	16	4	3	9	34½	45½	–11	0	11
9 Grantham 1*	16	1	3	12	26	54	–28	–4	1

*Points deducted for defaulted match(es)

Second team (Division 3)

The second team wrapped up promotion with ease, winning by a huge margin.

West Nottingham 2 4–0 Bunkers 2
Fiveways 2 1½–3½ West Nottingham 2
University 3 1½–3½ West Nottingham 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 2	12	11	0	1	45	15	30	0	22
2 Ashfield 4	12	6	4	2	34½	25½	9	0	16
3 Fiveways 2	12	5	3	4	32½	27½	5	0	13
4 University 3	12	6	1	5	29½	30½	–1	0	13
5 Bunkers 2	12	5	0	7	28½	31½	–3	0	10
6 Gambit 3	12	3	1	8	22½	37½	–15	0	7
7 West Bridgford 2*	12	1	1	10	17½	42½	–25	–2	1

Third team (Division 4)

Division 4 turned into a bizarre six-way battle for promotion in which the third team were always one win short of really challenging.

West Nottingham 3 2–3 Nomads 3
Newark 2 2–3 West Nottingham 3
West Nottingham 3 3–2 Grantham 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Gambit 4	12	6	3	3	35	25	10	0	15
2 Nomads 3	12	7	0	5	33½	26½	7	0	14
3 West Nottingham 4	12	6	2	4	32½	27½	5	0	14
4 West Nottingham 3	12	6	1	5	30½	29½	1	0	13
5 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	12	5	2	5	28½	31½	-3	0	12
6 Grantham 2	12	5	1	6	28½	31½	-3	0	11
7 Newark 2*	12	2	1	9	21½	38½	-17	-4	1

*Points deducted for defaulted match(es)

Fourth team (Division 4)

Promotion slipped away at the last gasp, as Nomads 3 finished strongly.

West Nottingham 4 2½–2½ Gambit 4
Radcliffe & Bingham 2 1–4 West Nottingham 4
Nomads 3 4–1 West Nottingham 4

See the third team section for the league table.

Fifth team (Division 5)

A strong finish pulled the team up to mid-table.

University 4 2–2 West Nottingham 5
West Nottingham 5 2–2 Bunkers 3
Nomads 4 1–3 West Nottingham 5
West Nottingham 5 4–0 Long Eaton 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Ashfield 5	14	8	3	3	37	19	18	0	19
2 Bunkers 3	14	7	5	2	35½	20½	15	0	19
3 Nomads 4*	14	6	5	3	29	27	2	-2	15
4 University 4*	14	4	6	4	28	28	0	-2	12
5 West Nottingham 5	14	4	4	6	25	31	-6	0	12
6 Gambit 5*	14	6	2	6	24½	31½	-7	-4	10
7 Long Eaton 3	14	3	3	8	25	31	-6	0	9
8 Long Eaton 2	14	3	2	9	20	36	-16	0	8

*Points deducted for defaulted match(es)

Derby & District League (Division 3)

West Nottingham ran neck and neck with Breadsall B and Derby/Mickleover C until the final weeks of the season, when wins over both rivals saw us pull away to win the division by a convincing margin – unbeaten.

Lichfield 2–2 West Nottingham
Belper C 1–3 West Nottingham
West Nottingham 4–0 Spondon D
Trent B 2–2 West Nottingham
Spondon C 1–3 West Nottingham
West Nottingham 3–1 Breadsall B
Derby/Mickleover C 1–3 West Nottingham
West Nottingham 3–1 Rolls Royce C

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham	18	14	4	0	51½	20½	31	0	32
2 Derby/Mickleover C	18	12	4	2	47½	24½	23	0	28
3 Belper C	18	9	5	4	45½	26½	19	0	23
4 Breadsall B	18	9	4	5	40	32	8	0	22
5 Trent B	18	7	5	6	36½	35½	1	0	19
6 Lichfield	18	7	4	7	35	37	-2	0	18
7 Spondon C	18	6	4	8	36	36	0	0	16
8 Long Eaton B	18	4	4	10	32	40	-8	0	12
9 Spondon D	18	2	2	14	19½	52½	-33	0	6
10 Rolls Royce C	18	0	4	14	16½	55½	-39	0	4

Nottingham Congress

There's just space for a quick run-down of results from the Nottingham Congress (13–15 May). WNCC members' results (all scores out of 6 points):

- 👤 **Open:** David Levens 2
- 👤 **Major:** Derek Jarvis 4½ (2nd=); Amisha Parmar 3½; Ian Kingston 3½ John Collins 3; Ian Harris 3
- 👤 **Minor:** Dominic Heining and Toby Thurgood 4½ (3rd=); Eric Williamson 4; Jonathan Day 3½; Tracey Clegg 3; Daniel Lin 2½; Lateefah Messam-Sparks 2½; Ashton Alfred 2; Lawrence Alfred ½

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