



# OLTON CHESS CLUB



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### ITS OLTON v OLTON – AGAIN !!

With both the first and second teams making it through round one of the Terrill Trophy, it would have been reasonable to expect one of our teams to progress to round 3.

Enter John Fahy, the League Records Secretary with a bag of numbers and the paperwork for round 2.

With the honour of drawing the first team out, I predictably pulled out the number for Olton 2A. Trevor Holt, on the other side of the board in our friendly game, reached over to the bag whilst concentrating on the board. Olton 1 – brilliant.

At least we can't blame anyone but ourselves this time.

And whilst Olton I/II clashes seem to crop up with the frequency of England v Germany football clashes, there have been a number of repeat performances in the matches so far.

Alan Lloyd has played Gary Hope in the Olton 1A v 1B

Leamington League match, the Olton 1 v South B'ham B clash and now their match against South B'ham C. Richard Reynolds has played Tim Lane in the annual friendly and the South B'ham B match, drawing both times. Rob Wallman has also played the same player twice in recent matches involving the same club.

Both Olton's top teams have played a South B'ham side in round 1 of the Terrill and its all been very confusing. Whatever the result in round 2, Olton will at least be represented in the next round and hopefully progress further in the competition. It was the South B'ham A side that knocked Division 2A out in the semi-final of last year's Terrill Trophy.

It is expected that this round of repeats will cease once the matches between the two clubs are out of the way.

### FRIENDLY DOUBLE BLOW

After the poor performance by Olton in the annual friendly against Shirley, there was some hope of a better showing against South Birmingham.

The opposition were somewhat depleted at the top end compared to recent years, but still had comparable grades to their opposite numbers.

Even so, the Olton top boards wilted on the night, the only real results coming from Alan Lloyd's draw and a win for Robert Reynolds. Richard Reynolds recorded a draw in a worse position when the match result was no longer in doubt.

The story down the order wasn't much better, but there were draws for John Asbury, Jim Gillespie and Dave Stockwin. Bram Garner had a good win against Ron Hardy and Peter Simpson might have done better than a draw on board 18. John Clulee beat Bill Yeomans on bottom board, as Olton had the extra player. The result appears on the back page. Here we have Robert Reynolds game from board 6.

**WHITE** D.Whitmore **BLACK** R.Reynolds

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| 1. Nf3  | Nf6       |
| 2. c4   | c6        |
| 3. g3   | d5        |
| 4. b3   | Be7       |
| 5. Bb2  | O-O       |
| 6. Bg2  | c6        |
| 7. O-O  | Na6       |
| 8. d4   | Ne4       |
| 9. Nfd2 | f5        |
| 10. f3  | Nf6       |
| 11. a3  | Qe8       |
| 12. e4  | fxe4 (f4; |

13.e5 Nd7 or dxe4; 13.fxe4 e5 are also possible)

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| 13. fxe4                             | Qg6 |
| 14. Nc3 (Qe2)                        | Nc7 |
| 15. Qe2                              | Re8 |
| 16. Bf3                              | h5  |
| 17. Rf2 (Rae1 may be an improvement) |     |

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| 17. ....   | Bd7  |
| 18. R1f1   | e5 !? (Ng4; 19.Bxg4 hxg4; 20.Nd1 is safe, but white retains an edge) |
| 19. dxe5   | Ng4  |
| 20. Bxg4 (exd5 Nxf2; 21.Qxf2 Rf8 should be ok for White) |  |
| 20. ....   | Bxg4   |
| 21. Nf3  | Bc5  |
| 22. exd5   | cxd5   |
| 23. b4 ? (cxd5)  | Bxf2+  |
| 24. Rxf2   | Rad8   |
| 25. cxd5   | Nxd5   |
| 26. Qc4  | Be6 (playable is Bxf3; 27.Rxf3 Rxe5)                                 |
| 27. Nd4  | Rc8  |
| 28. Qb5  | Nxc3   |
| 29. Resigns  |  |

Now, here is a game from board 5 in the Division 2 Olton AvB match. A possible comedy corner candidate in descriptive notation.

**WHITE** R.Liszewski **BLACK** W.Archibald

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| 1. P-Q4   | N-KB3  |
| 2. P-QB4  | P-Q4   |
| 3. N-QB3  | PxP    |
| 4. P-K3   | N-B3   |
| 5. BxP    | P-K3   |
| 6. P-B4   | P-QN3  |
| 7. N-B3   | B-N5   |
| 8. O-O    | BxN    |
| 9. PxB    | O-O    |
| 10. Q-B2  | B-N2   |
| 11. B-R3  | B-K1   |
| 12. QR-K1 | N-Q4 ? |

(Black leaves the K-side defenceless and the central pawns are free to advance)

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| 13. N-N5 | P-KN3   |
| 14. P-K4 | N(4)-K2 |
| 15. P-R4 | R-B1    |
| 16. P-B5 | NxQP ?! |

(Black tries to stall the attack with a sacrifice)

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| 17. PxN  | QxPch   |
| 18. R-B2 | NPxP    |
| 19. NxKP | Q-K4    |
| 20. N-N5 | K-N2 ?? |
| 21. B-N2 | Resigns |

### OPENING RESULTS

#### Division 1

Olton I 5½-½ South B'ham IA	Lichfield 5½-½ Olton
S.B'ham B 1½-3½ Olton	Olton 4-2 Bushbury
Olton ½-2½ South B'ham C (3 left)	

#### Division 2A

Olton A 4-2 Olton B	Solihull 5-1 Olton
South B'ham II 2-4 Olton IIA	

#### Division 2B

Olton 2½-3½ Warley Quinborne	Birmingham 4-2 Olton
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#### Division 4

Sutton Coldfield 3-3 Olton	Olton 3-2 Shirley
Redditch V 3½-3 Olton IV	

#### Division 6

Redditch 3-1 Olton	Olton 3-1 Warley Quin.
Olton 3½-½ W.M,Police	Westminster 1-3 Olton

#### Olton 1A

Olton 2½-1½ Sol Checkmates	Olton A 3-1 Olton B
Banbury 2½-2½ Olton (Cup, Banbury win on tie-break)	

#### Olton 1B

Olton 2½-1½ Banbury A	Olton 2-2 Solihull A
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#### Olton 2C

Olton C were withdrawn

## BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE NEWS

Division I were thumped in their opening match against Lichfield, but have beaten South Birmingham B and Bushbury. South Birmingham A were two players light in the Terrill Trophy match and were easily beaten.

Division 2A beat the B team fairly comfortably, but were thrashed by Solihull. They made it through Terrill round 1 with some good play mixed in with a little luck.

The 2B team have also lost narrowly to Warley and Birmingham.

Division 4 have at least 2 points from 2 matches. They have a bye in the Barrington Plate, after losing in round 1 of the Townshend Trophy.

Division 6 started with a disastrous mix up in their first match, but have won the next three in style. Their match against Warley saw probably the oldest Olton team on average to compete in the League. John Clulee on top board was the youngest, with Peter Simpson on board 2, both drawing. Meanwhile, Bill Yeomans won on three, using his King as a battering ram and Ian Thornley wrapped up board 4 with an entertaining game ending in checkmate.

Here is a game from the Division 1 match against Bushbury.

**WHITE** Phil Holt  
**BLACK** L.Grinsell

1. e4 c5  
2. c3 b6 ?!  
3. d4 Ba6 ?!  
*(Trying to avoid the main lines, but this dubious play soon leads to trouble)*  
4. Bxa6 Nxa6  
5. Nf3 Nc7  
6. dxc5 bxc5  
7. O-O d6  
8. Na3 *(Heading for the inviting square c4)*  
8. .... Nf6  
9. Bg5 g6 ?! *(Of course not 9.... Nxe4 as 10. Qa4+ wins a piece, but 9... Ne6 seems safer)*

10. e5 dxe5  
11. Qa4+ Qd7  
12. Qc4 Qd5  
13. Qa4+ *(I repeated here as...)*  
13. .... Qd7  
14. Qa5 *(this is the better square putting pressure on the c7 knight)*  
14. .... Bg7  
15. Nxe5 Qc8  
16. Qa4+ ! Kf8 *(After 16... Nd7 17. Nac4 Bxe5 18. Nxe5 f6 19. Bxf6 ! exf6 20. Nxd7 White is winning)*  
17. Rad1 h6  
18. Bh4 Ne6  
19. Rfe1 g5  
20. Bg3 Nh5  
21. Nac4 Nxb3  
22. hxc3 Bf6  
23. Rd7 Kg7 ? *(Black blunders allowing)*  
24. Nxf7 ! Nf8 *(24... Kxf7 ?? 25. Nd6+ wins the queen)*  
25. Rxa7 *(25. Rd8 might be even stronger but short of time I decided to take the easy route)*  
25. .... Rxa7  
26. Qxa7 Rh7  
27. Nfd6 Qc6  
28. Nf5+ Kg8  
29. Nxe7+ Bxe7  
30. Rxe7 Qd5  
31. Ne3 *(31. Rxb7 ?? Qd1+ would allow perpetual check)*  
31. .... Rxe7  
32. Qxe7 Qxa2  
33. Qf6 *(Here I missed 33. Ng4! which wins on the spot)*  
33. .... Qxb2 ?  
34. Nf5 Resigns

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

### 2009-10

Subscriptions for season 2009-10 are now due. Please see John Clulee with your money as soon as possible. The club needs subscriptions in to cover costs such as League fees and other expenses. Rates are unchanged from last year – £21 for full members and £11 for O.A.Ps & Juniors. Tyseley club subscriptions are due in January and can be paid in with the chess club ones if required. Please let John know if you wish to do this.

## OLTON v SOUTH B'HAM

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|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 1. Alan Lloyd (173)      | ½-½ | Kevin Hurney (180)    |
| 2. Richard Smith (177)   | 0-1 | Martin Smyth (174)    |
| 3. Mark Cundy (169)      | 0-1 | David Dunn (174)      |
| 4. Robert Wallman (173)  | 0-1 | Simon Williams (166)  |
| 5. Rich Reynolds (170)   | ½-½ | Tim Lane (163)        |
| 6. Robert Reynolds (159) | 1-0 | Darren Whitmore (162) |
| 7. Ken Allen (152)       | 0-1 | Neil Clarke (157)     |
| 8. Rich Liszewski (150)  | 0-1 | Darren Lee (155)      |
| 9. Andy Cottom (141)     | 0-1 | Sean Ralph (155)      |
| 10. John Asbury (142)    | ½-½ | Peter Sherman (153)   |
| 11. W. Archibald (140)   | 0-1 | Terry Walker (151)    |
| 12. Jim Gillespie (136)  | ½-½ | Paul Swatridge (142)  |
| 13. Dave Stockwin (134)  | ½-½ | Derek Stockhall (141) |
| 14. Keith Lawson (113)   | 0-1 | Fred Dickson (141)    |
| 15. Tom Evans (107)      | 0-1 | Ralph Weber (135)     |
| 16. Bramwell Garner (93) | 1-0 | Ron Hardy (125)       |
| 17. Peter Singh (105)    | 0-1 | Tim Tidman (116)      |
| 18. Peter Simpson (91)   | ½-½ | Ed Baker (--)         |
| 19. John Clulee (95)     | 1-0 | Bill Yeomans (79)     |
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## LEAMINGTON LEAGUE

Olton 1A managed to beat the 1B side, although the games were closely contested.

Richard Smith v Trevor Holt on board 2 was the most entertaining of the games, which was eventually drawn. The A side have also beaten Solihull Checkmates, but they lost to Banbury in the Cup on board elimination.

The B team have beaten Banbury and drawn with Solihull. Trevor Holt was the winner in the first match and Robert Reynolds was the winner against Solihull.

Unfortunately, the C team was withdrawn for the want of a captain and organiser.

Here is a game from last season's Division 2C match against Banbury.

**WHITE** P.Trewhela  
**BLACK** A.Cottom

1. d4 e6  
2. Nf3 c5  
3. e3 Nc6  
4. c3 Nf6  
5. Bd3 d5  
6. Nbd2 c4 *(Be7 or Bd6 keep things level)*  
7. Bc2 a6  
8. e4 Be7  
9. e5 Nd7  
10. O-O f6
11. exf6 Nxf6  
12. Re1 O-O  
13. Qe2 Bd6  
14. Nf1 *(Ne5 a5; 15.b3 keeps up the pressure)*  
14. .... e5  
15. dxe5 Nxe5  
16. Nxe5 Bxe5  
17. Bg5 Bd6  
18. Rad1 Bg4  
19. f3 Bh5  
20. Bxf6 *(Ne3 Qb6; 21. Kh1 or 20. ...Bc5; 21. Kh1)*  
20. .... Rxf6  
21. Rxd5 ? *(Ne3 Bf7; 22. Qd2 would be an improvement)*  
21. .... Bxb2 +  
22. Nxb2 Qxd5  
23. Rd1 Qc5 +  
24. Kh1 Re8  
25. Qd2 Bf7  
26. Be4 Rh6  
27. Re1 b5  
28. g4 Rd6  
29. Qc2 Bg6  
30. Nf1 Qg5  
31. Kg2 Bxe4  
32. Rxe4 Red8  
33. Re2 Rh6  
34. Kg1 Qf4  
35. Kg2 Rf6

The game score is recorded as drawn, although Black is clearly winning. We can only assume that the match was over and the bar beckoned. 35. ...Rd3 would have made the breakthrough : 36. Re8+ Kf7; 37.Qe2 Qe3.

*Richard Reynolds*