

Chess Comp 2013 - Results/Report

Chess and the City 6 - Manchester Rapidplay 17 March 2013

The sixth Manchester Rapidplay Chess Tournament was held at the Etihad (City of Manchester) Stadium on Sunday 17 March 2013. The event was organised by Sport4life on behalf of the Eagle Chess Club in association with the Manchester Chess Federation (MCF).

Thanks to Tony Lloyd, Police Commissioner for Greater Manchester for his kind words at the Opening Ceremony; and to the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Elaine Boyes for presenting the prizes.

An innovation this year was to move from 3 to 4 sections, and for the event to be FIDE rated.

We were disappointed with the numbers, with 88 playing, following some withdrawals due to illness, and a clash with a weekend event at Buxton.

The MCF would like to thank the sponsors, New East Manchester Ltd, Street Games and Equity Solutions; Chess Direct who supplied the bookstall; all the staff of Manchester City FC and the stadium who helped to make us welcome; and especially all the staff from Sport4Life.

With a number of photographers in attendance, look out for the post event publicity. Some photos will appear at <http://www.manchesterchessfederation.co.uk/>

The entry fees were again tiered to encourage early entry, £15 before mid-February and £20 in advance. Despite this, a few players turned up to pay £25 on the day. There was a £5 entry fee discount for juniors, but an extra £6 charged to non-ECF members (silver or above).

My thanks go to controllers (all new FIDE Arbiters) Fiona Green, Julian Clissold and Rod Middleton; and to Rod for grading the results.

In the U100 section (30 players), the first prize was shared by 5/6 Trophies were won by:

Jack Healings (Cheddleton & Leek), Tom Green (Greater Manchester Juniors), Tom Nixon (Staffs) and Jack Mundy (3Cs) each winning £35

The U80 grading prize was shared with 4/6 by:

Dominic Taylor (Cheddleton & Leek) and Jack Yang (Chester Juniors) each winning £15

In the U130 section (17 players); first prize was shared with 5/6 by:

Kevin Ye and Robert McLean (both 3Cs), each winning £75

Third with 4/6 was Gerry Whitehead (Eccles), winning £25

The U115 grading prize was won with 4/6 by:

Nugith Jayawarna (Tameside), winning £30

In the U160 section (25 players), the prizes were:

First was Tim Hilton (Denton) with 5.5/6, winning £120

Second was Russell Goodfellow (Tunbridge Wells) with 5/6, winning £80

Joint third were Jason Lau (3Cs), Jose Pablo Lopez (Denton) and Julien Moussou (France) with 4.5/6, each winning £13

The U145 grading prize was won with 4/6 by:

Dipak Shah (Harrow), winning £30

In the Open section (16 players), the prizes were:

First was Joseph McPhillips (Bolton) with 5/6, winning £150

Second was Robert Shaw (Buxton) 4.5/6 winning £100

Joint third were with 4/6- Alex Longson (Marple), Alan Walton (3Cs) and Sarah Hegarty (Marple) each winning £17

The U180 grading prize was won with 3.5 /6 by:

Jake Manton (3Cs), winning £30

The Junior (U18 on 1 September 2012) Trophies were won by:

1. Joseph McPhillips (Bolton)
2. Robert McLean (3Cs)
3. Jack Mundy (3Cs)

We hope to stage the event again next year, subject to stadium availability.

Mick Norris MCF President