



B.S.C.C.

The Bishop's Stortford Chess Club



U1750 Knockout Competition
End of Season Report
2022/23

Players	Grade
Andrew Cowlin	1748
Adam Hirst	1650
Thomas Barnard	1648
Charles Willbe	1623
Neil Thompson	1623
Perry Greenberg	1340
Alex Thompson	1597

Captains Report

An early game in the season. And once we had established that colours were coin tossed, away we went. The team had already been hamstrung by deficient captancy. Not realising that our most eligible player was, in fact, eligible. Given the wide chasm of chess ability between what should have been Board 1 and 2, this was not clever. And then Charles lost early! An opening he knows but completely forgot how to play. Luckily, Alex was playing (and his dad). Their wins, along with a handsome game from Perry, ensured the win.

Less known about this game. But kudos to Neil and Perry who ensured the win was ours. This meant another final, the second in a row for this team, against a very strong St. Albans.

An away match meant a long drive before we even started. Then things got spicy for Thomas, before we even got started, with his car parked on my drive as we left in mine... it decided to go for a little walk! He can add in the details. 😊 The St. Albans team were always going to be a tough ask. Indeed, their B5 was higher graded than 4 of our own team! And this showed. Perry had a great game but did succumb to the first loss. This was swiftly followed by a draw (standard) from Charles and a win from me. With boards 1 and 2 still in play, a win from either would have given us a trophy victory. Alas, it was not to be. Andrew was eventually forced into submission. Thomas suffered the only defeat he had through the entire season. 3.5 – 1.5 to St. Albans was richly deserved.

Adam Hirst

Date	Opposition		Team		Score	Opposition		Grade
10.10.22	Letchworth & Hitchin		1	Adam Hirst	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	Tom Woodhouse		1679
			2	Charles Willbe	0 - 1	Adam Jimenez		1632
	Venue	Result	3	Neil Thompson	1 - 0	Richard Pearson		1540
	Away	WIN	4	Perry Greenberg	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	Davis Nicholson		1562
Notes			5	Alex Thompson	1 - 0	Matthew Ellman		1437
			B.S.C.C.		3 - 2	Letchworth & Hitchin		

Date	Opposition		Team		Score	Opposition		Grade
26/01/23	Enfield		1	Andrew Cowlin	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	Kyriacos Kyriacou		1586
			2	Adam Hirst	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	Oshada Athulathmudali		1599
	Venue	Result	3	Thomas Barnard	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	Stephen John Palmer		1564
	Home	WIN	4	Neil Thompson	1 - 0	Mark McWilliams		1519
Notes			5	Perry Greenberg	1 - 0	Steven March		1348
			B.S.C.C.		$3\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$	Enfield		

Date	Opposition		Team		Score	Opposition		Grade
19/06/23	St. Albans		1	Andrew Cowlin	0 - 1	Ian Cross		1787
			2	Thomas Barnard	0 - 1	Matthew Ball		1779
	Venue	Result	3	Adam Hirst	1 - 0	John Beverley		1751
	Away	Loss	4	Charles Willbe	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	Stephen Taylor		1597
Notes	The Final! For the 2 nd time in a row.		5	Perry Greenberg	0 - 1	Lubomir Botev		1674
			B.S.C.C.		$1\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$	St. Albans		