



B.S.C.C. Rapid Play Tournament 22/23



Sat 04/03/23

A welcome return & the 12th B.S.C.C. Rapid Play Tournament took place on a rather fine, if windy, Saturday afternoon. There has been a 4yr hiatus due to the pandemic, and this event has been sorely missed. There were 2 trophies at stake: the 'Crosby Cup' for the overall winner and the 'Capsey Cup' for the winner of those in the lower half draw.

The standard grades are used as most players currently do not have a formal Rapid Play grade.

Players involved:

The Crosby Cup	
Player	Standard
Ieuan Ward	2285
William Young	2014
Lou Stap	1914
Gary Thurston	1860
Lara Osiyemi	1816
Tim Acton	1769
Andrew Cowlin	1745
Nigel Kerby	1743
Maxime Kuhry	1691
Adam Hirst	1663

The Capsey Cup	
Player	Standard
Thomas Barnard	1663
Callum Davall	1629
Neil Thompson	1625
Charles Willbe	1621
Perry Greenberg	1376
Sebastian Blanco	1339
Angelo Panayiotou	1327
Nathan Wong	1291
Sam Richardson	1200*
Hanako Ward	1200*

(* Estimates Only)

The tournament was a Swiss 5 rounder and the results for each round can be found below. For the first time we had twenty members take part in the tournament. I think this has to be a record. Timing was Fischer Rapid (25 mins +10 secs per move).

Round 1		
White		Black
Ieuan Ward	1 - 0	Thomas Barnard
Callum Davall	0 - 1	William Young
Lou Stap	1 - 0	Neil Thompson
Charles Willbe	0 - 1	Gary Thurston
Lara Osiyemi	½ - ½	Perry Greenberg
Sebastian Blanco	0 - 1	Tim Acton
Andrew Cowlin	1 - 0	Angelo Panayiotou
Nathan Wong	0 - 1	Nigel Kerby
Maxime Kuhry	0 - 1	Sam Richardson
Hanako Ward	0 - 1	Adam Hirst

Highlights

The top half against the bottom half and all the signs were heading to a clean sweep from the top half. Then, right at the death, Sam pulled a good win out of the bag. Well done him!

Round 2		
White		Black
Tim Acton	0 - 1	Ieuan Ward
William Young	0 - 1	Andrew Cowlin
Nigel Kerby	0 - 1	Lou Stap
Gary Thurston	1 - 0	Adam Hirst
Sam Richardson	0 - 1	Lara Osiyemi
Perry Greenberg	1 - 0	Maxime Kuhry
Thomas Barnard	1 - 0	Sebastian Blanco
Angelo Panayiotou	0 - 1	Callum Davall
Neil Thompson	1 - 0	Nathan Wong
Hanako Ward	0 - 1	Charles Willbe

Highlights

And so, to the business end...

Gary has clearly been practicing so tricky openings against the, shall we say, more gullible.

Williams match against Andrew was always going to be tasty, and it looked very even in the middle. It went down to a single second for Andrew & Williams flag falling at the last hurdle.

Nathans king looked to be going on its own adventure from 1 end of the board to the other, but all on its own before resigning.

Round 3		
White		Black
Ieuan Ward	1 - 0	Gary Thurston
Lou Stap	0 - 1	Andrew Cowlin
Lara Osiyemi	0 - 1	William Young
Tim Acton	1 - 0	Perry Greenberg
Callum Davall	0 - 1	Nigel Kerby
Adam Hirst	0 - 1	Sam Richardson
Charles Willbe	0 - 1	Thomas Barnard
Sebastian Blanco	0 - 1	Neil Thompson
Maxime Kuhry	1 - 0	Hanako Ward
Nathan Wong	0 - 1	Angelo Panayiotou

Highlights

A good round for black.

Sam has to be contender for the player of the tournament, with a resounding win. Shame there's no trophy for such an accolade!

Perry was having a brilliant game against Tim. He took it right to the end before Tim finally prevailed.

Gary was giving it the beans against Ieuan. Definitely doing better than his beloved West Ham. He had to be careful with his time, so nothing new there. However, the 'Anaconda' struck again. Slowly squeezing the lifeblood out of his opponent till the poor man's eyes popped out and his heart went into arrest.

Round 4		
White		Black
Andrew Cowlin	½ - ½	Ieuan Ward
William Young	1 - 0	Nigel Kerby
Thomas Barnard	0 - 1	Lou Stap
Gary Thurston	1 - 0	Neil Thompson
Sam Richardson	0 - 1	Tim Acton
Adam Hirst	½ - ½	Lara Osiyemi
Perry Greenberg	1 - 0	Callum Davall
Angelo Panayiotou	0 - 1	Maxime Kuhry
Nathan Wong	0 - 1	Charles Will be
Hanako Ward	1 - 0	Sebastian Blanco

Highlights

Another cracker from Perry. This time against Callum, who pushed right to the very end. A nice combination saw Perry prevail.

Sam again, was showing us just how good a player he is and how great a player he can be. The win from Tim down to experience?

A great draw from Andrew puts him in real contention for the big prize.

Hanako got a win. Maybe a few pointers from Captain Benjamin Sisko?!

Round 5		
White		Black
Ieuan Ward	½ - ½	William Young
Tim Acton	½ - ½	Andrew Cowlin
Lou Stap	1 - 0	Gary Thurston
Nigel Kerby	1 - 0	Perry Greenberg
Lara Osiyemi	½ - ½	Thomas Barnard
Maxime Kuhry	1 - 0	Charles Willbe
Neil Thompson	1 - 0	Sam Richardson
Angelo Panayiotou	0 - 1	Adam Hirst
Callum Davall	1 - 0	Hanako Ward
Sebastian Blanco	1 - 0	Nathan Wong

Highlights

A good win for Neil against a brilliant Sam.

Angelo had a real nifty start. He has clearly been practicing openings.

Lou got a good win against Gary.

A rather inauspicious start from Maxime at the beginning of the tournament, but he certainly ended strongly with 3 wins in the last 3 rounds.

Which brings us to the end of this year's B.S.C.C. Rapid Play Tournament for 2019. Sincere congratulations to **Andrew** for winning the Tournament. Well done also to **Neil** for being the winner of the Capsey Cup.

A big thank you to everyone who took part. Ieuan, for 'Bringing his Daughter to the Slaughter.' Although, as the day progressed, some impressive games meant not everybody was found to 'Run to the Hills'. Sam, whose median score demonstrated just what a 'Trooper' he was all afternoon. Can I also mention Charles & Gary for helping set the room up. Maxime for the biscuits. (Especially the Cow Biscuits – the only empty packet at the end).

The night was ended at The Shadhona restaurant where an incredibly good meal, and quite a few brews, were had by all. Photos of the day can be found on Instagram/website. It's been a while since we have done this, and it was thoroughly enjoyable.

Pos.	Player	Score	Modified Median	Winners
1 st	Andrew Cowlin	4	15	Crosby Cup Winner
2 nd	Ieuan Ward	4	14	
3 rd	Lou Stap	4	13	
	William Young	3½	13½	
	Tim Acton	3½	12½	
	Gary Thurston	3	13½	
	Nigel Kerby	3	12	
	Neil Thompson	3	10	Capsey Cup Winner
	Maxime Kuhry	3	7½	
	Thomas Barnard	2½	8½	
	Perry Greenberg	2½	8½	
	Lara Osiyemi	2½	7½	
	Adam Hirst	2½	5½	
	Sam Richardson	2	11	
	Callum Davall	2	7½	
	Charles Willbe	2	6½	
	Angelo Panayiotou	1	7½	
	Hanako Ward	1	7½	
	Sebastian Blanco	1	6½	
	Nathan Wong	0	7	

Please note: the software uses the 'Modified Median' system (a revision of Harkness/Buchholz system) for tie breaking in Swiss-system tournaments. I could explain this, but William has asked for that honour, should anyone ask. He simply requests that you ask him separately, so that he can repeat the explanation several times over.

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Adam Hirst