

Individual Cross-table Results

	A : Cheshire and North Wales				B: Oldham				C: Lancashire			
1	Martin Brown	B1 w	C1 b	1½	Mitchell Burke	A1 b	C2 w	1	Michael Rabbitte	B2 b	A1 w	1
		½	1			½	½			1	0	
2	Chris Chadwick	C2 b	B2 w	1	Thomas Clements	C1 w	A2 b	1	Jamie Horton	A2 w	B1 b	½
		1	0			0	1			0	½	
3	George Cloake	C4 b	B3 w	1½	Sam Towse	C3 w	A3 b	½	Rachael Cass	B3 b	A4 w	1
		1	½			0	½			1	0	
4	Josh Oxley	B4 w	C3b	1	Nathan Gittens	A4 b	C4 w	2	Jordan Lewis	A3 w	B4 b	0
		0	1			1	1			0	0	
5	Marvin Hayes	C5 b	B6 w	2	Daniel Lea	A6 b	C5 w	1½	Judd Bennett	A5 w	B5 b	½
		1	1			1	½			0	½	
6	Iwan Griffiths	B5 w	C6 b	0	Lance Fox	C6 w	A5 b	1	Matthew Fanning	B6 b	A6 w	1
		0	0			1	0			0	1	
7	James Fidal	C7 w	B8 b	2	Ridam Shard	A8 w	C7 b	0	Lothian Innes	A7 b	b7 w	1
		1	1			0	0			0	1	
8	Ben Scattergood	B7 b	C8 w	1	Lara Buckley	C8 b	A7 w	0	Ben Ateuyi	B8 w	A8 b	2
		1	0			0	0			1	1	
9	Edwin Brophy	C10w	B9 b	1½	Phoebe Price	C9 b	a9 w	½	Natalie Cass	B9 w	A10b	2
		1	½			0	½			1	1	
10	Joshua Hollins	B10b	C9 w	0	Tim Hitton	A10w	C10b	1½	Connor Heelis	A9b	B10w	½
		0	0			1	½			0	½	
11	Joseph McCrave	B11b	C11w	1	Connor Atherton	A11w	C12b	0	Dominic Lewis	B12w	A11b	2
		1	0			0	0			1	1	
12	Max Kitshoff	C12w	B12b	1	Mark Williams	C11b	A12w	1	Samir Samadov	A12b	B11w	1
		1	0			0	1			0	1	

Totals	8½	5	13½		4½	5½	10		5	7½	12½
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The NCCU Under 18 Jamboree took place at Winwick, Warrington this week-end.

Three associations sent teams and after the draw for letters, it was Cheshire and North Wales (A), Oldham (B) and Lancashire (C).

The three-team jamboree throws an interesting format of every player playing someone from each of the other 2 teams over the 2 rounds. However, only 1 player in 3 plays both games against a player of the same board number: 2 in 3 play 1 game against the same board, and another against a board lower (odd board numbers) or higher (even board numbers.)

The event was played in a fine sporting spirit and it was interesting to compare the players and the teams. Grades ranged from near-200 to ungraded, and ages ranged from 18 down to 8. The balance of the teams varied also. Every player in the Oldham team came from the Three C's Chess Club, and Lancashire players came from a variety of different clubs. Cheshire and North Wales had 6 players from Grappenhall Chess club, along with 6 more from all over Cheshire and North Wales !

After a 'hectic half hour' of getting everything set up, the match got underway pretty much as scheduled. Cheshire and North Wales got off to a good start with wins on the lower boards. Both Lancashire and Oldham then fought back but the first round ended with Cheshire and North Wales retaining their early advantage to finish on 8½ points to Lancashire's 5 and Oldham's 4½

It was good to see all the players out for wins - short or boring draws were strictly off the agenda ! Only one match out of the 18 played in the first round was drawn – and that was only when very little was left in terms of pieces or time !

(First round game-by-game timeline below.)

Matches remaining →	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12
County ↓	Cum Score ↓												TOTAL Rnd 1
Cheshire and North Wales	0	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	8	8½
Oldham	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	4	4½
Lancashire	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	5	5

Lancashire and Oldham both came out fighting at the start of the second round, and after all the teams had completed their first 4 games, the order of the teams was the same but now the scores were 10 – 8 – 6 (see below), and we were in for a very close contest !

Lancashire got the better of the early head-to-head battles with Cheshire and North Wales, but the latter clung onto their advantage until Lancashire's board 6 win levelled the scores. It was now 12½ points each and 'penalty shoot-out' time between the C & NW board 4 and the Lancs board 3 - whichever player won, won the match for their team (fortunately the players weren't aware of this !)

In the end, and after a mad time scramble, Cheshire and North Wales clinched the win and so retain the NCCU Under 18 trophy.

FINAL ROUND 'LIVE' TOTALS

- Cumulative scores / matches remaining

Matches remaining →	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	FINAL TOTAL
County ↓	Cum Total ↓												
Cheshire & North Wales	8½	8½	9	9	10	10	10½	11 ½	11 ½	12½	12½	12½	13½
Oldham	4½	4½	5½	6	6	6½	6½	7½	7½	8	8½	9	10
Lancashire	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	10	10½	11	11½	12½	12½

Well done to everyone who took part in this event.

Special thanks go to Bill O'Rourke for managing the Lancashire team, Roger Glover and John Walton the Oldham team and George Davison for Cheshire and North Wales.

Also to George Scattergood for handling the scorecharts so accurately (when under intense pressure !), and all the helpers who worked hard setting up, tidying up, and generally contributing magnificently to the smooth running of the event. The lunchtime buffet, provided along with the venue for only £3 a head, went down especially well !

Hopefully, with it's contrasts and it's excitement, the tournament will help to inspire the juniors to continue playing, and enjoying, plenty more chess in the future.

Well done and congratulations to all.

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