



Highlights of 2008/09 season

Shropshire Junior Chess Academy

- *monthly meetings established with support of Trinity School*
- *home grown coaching course and certification*
- *accreditation of first three knights of Shropshire junior chess, and first pawn*

Success of Juniors in Shropshire league

- *Shrewsbury finished 4th with 5 wins and 3 draws*
- *Newport finished 5th with 3 wins and 2 draws*
- *both teams had four players with over 50% average*
- *Good performances as reserves including Francis Rooney 5/8 for Stretton B and Athar Mehmood 4/8 for Newport B*
- *Coddon B juniors - Peter Mellor 7.5/11 for B team and Nathanael Paul 9.5/11 for B team and 7/12 for A team!*

UK chess challenge

- *42 Shropshire juniors in Megafinal held in Hereford in May*
- *22 qualified for the Gigafinal - takes place in Oldham 18/19 July*

Outstanding performances

- *Athar Mehmood first match for England U14 in Poland last month and achieved highest board score playing on board 2.*
- *Athar won Wrekin minor with 5/5*
- *Peter Mellor won junior prize at Nottingham with 3.5/5 in U100*
- *Nathanael Paul scored 3/5 in U130 at Chester last weekend*

Under 100 team

- *lots of close matches with good individual results on top boards*
- *on top 6 boards, drew 3/3 in two matches and won one 3.5/2.5*
- *results include Nathanael Paul 4.5/6, Athar Mehmood 3/5, Angelica Dean and Francis Rooney 2.5/6; Peter Mellor, Mark Richards, Huw Davenport, Matthew Best and Jamie Allan 2/6*

Tasks for 2009/10

- *recruit more primary school age players*
- *maintain secondary school player momentum and support their continuing chess development*

Francis Best and Steve Rooney

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