

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Top Section

- 2025 Venkata Hemanth Myneni, Maidenhead
David Purle, Wokingham
- 2024 Venkata Hemanth Myneni, Maidenhead
Calvin Chris Biju, Maidenhead
- 2023 Calvin Chris Biju, Maidenhead
Sahil Cherukuru, Shinfield
- 2022 Josh Sharma, Maidenhead

Under 12

- 2025 Mithran Subburaj, Lower Earley
- 2024 Bartosz Cieslik, Northwood
- 2023 Zack Norris, Gloucester
- 2022 Andrii Poliakov, Ukraine
- 2019 Aayush Dewangan, Langley
- 2018 Gaurav Kamath, Ascot

Under 10

- 2025 Christian Delfaud, Bromley
- 2024 Anay Deshpande, Reading
- 2023 William Zhang, Ascot
- 2022 Sujan Nargund, Hounslow
- 2019 Owen Wang, Southampton
Akshansh Bhardwaj, Langley
- 2018 Soham Kumar, Maidenhead

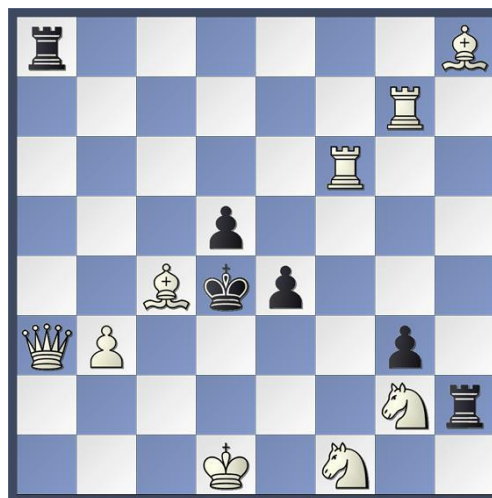
Under 8

- 2025 Kian Abraham, Ebbsfleet
- 2024 Haadhvin Dave Croos, Wallington
- 2023 Advik Saxena, London SW20
- 2022 Adamjeet Singh, Bradford
- 2019 Gavin Wang, Southampton
- 2018 Sam Sundar, London E11

CONGRESS PROBLEM

White to play and mate in two moves.

Black (6 Men)



White (9 Men)

English Chess Federation Membership

All participants should have ECF membership at "junior gold" or higher level

One year's free ECF junior gold membership is available for junior players who have not previously been members of the ECF. Details: -

Membership rates & joining details – English Chess Federation

<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-membership-rates-and-joining-details/>

DIRECTIONS

The postcode SL6 4QQ directs to the long school entrance drive off Cannon Lane. At the school gate turn left and park in the sports hall car park.



24th Claires Court PTA Chess Festival

Saturday 3 October 2026

Clares Court Junior School Sports Hall
Cannon Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire
Postcode for Sat Nav SL6 4QQ

London Qualifying Sections: U/12, U/10 & U/8

Top Section for children age U/18 and over
12 and for children U/12 already qualified
for the London Junior Championships

All sections rated ECF Rapid Play

Arrival Time 11.45 a.m.

Start Time: 12.00 noon

Finish Time: 6.00p.m.

Six Rounds

20 minutes + 5 seconds per move

Trophies for winner, runner-up, and third
place awarded in each section

Refreshments on sale

Entry Fee £10 by Wed 30 September
Late fees apply.



London Qualifying Sections

The sections are U/12, U/10 & U/8 all qualifying for the London Junior Chess Championships, and all six rounds. Ages on 31 August 2026 apply to all sections.

Top Section

There will be a top section for children age over 12 and under 18 on 31 Aug 2026 over six rounds. Children under 12 may also play in this section.

Pairings

Pairings will be in accordance with the swiss system. Everyone plays in all rounds.

Rate of Play in All Sections

All moves in 20 minutes each
Plus 5 seconds per move from the start

Tie Splits will be by: -

- 1) Direct encounter
- 2) Sum of opponents scores
- 3) Play-off with 5 minutes + 5 seconds per move

Entries on the Day should arrive half an hour before the start of play, and may miss the first round if they arrive less than 15 minutes before the start of play

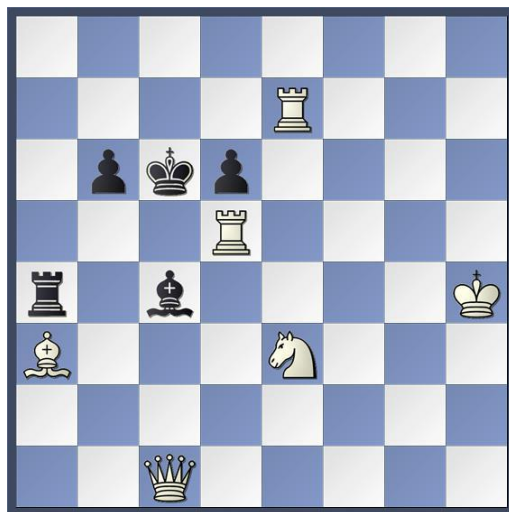
Illegal Move Rule An illegal move is completed once the opponent's clock has been started. If either player has less than five minutes left on the clock and an illegal move is made, the arbiter may award the opponent one minute for the first offence, and one minute for the second offence. Three illegal moves by the same player when either player has less than five minutes will lead to the loss of the game.



SOLUTION TO 2025 PROBLEM

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Black (5 Men)



White (6 Men)

White to play and mate in two moves

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| 1 Nc2 | |
| 1.....R moves | 2 Nb4 mate |
| 1.....B x d5 | 2 Nd4 mate |
| 1.....B other moves. | 2 Nb4 mate |
| 1.....b5 | 2 R x d6 mate |
| 1.....K x d5 | 2 Qh1 mate |

Parents Responsibility

The organisers accept no responsibility for any loss, theft, or accident during an event. Adult supervision will only be provided in the tournament hall. Parents are responsible for their children during the event and agree to the terms and conditions in this entry form as a condition of entry, and that player's results and rating information may be published to the internet, and that email addresses and child's details supplied may be used for future events.

ENTRY DETAILS

Entry is: -

by email to Nigel Dennis
nigelwdennis@btinternet.com

with BACS payment to
Maidenhead Junior Chess Club
Barclays Bank sort code 20-74-09
account number 43765997

Other methods of payment may be accepted by arrangement.

Entrants to previous Maidenhead Junior Tournaments only need to give the name of the child entering with any changed details, date of event entering and section entering.

New entrants must give: -

Full names of child entering
Boy or Girl
Home Postal address
Name of school
Telephone number
Date of birth and age
ECF membership number
Email address
Date of event entering
Section entering

Entry Fees

£10 by Wednesday 30 September
£12 on Thursday 1 October
£14 on Friday 2 October
£17 on the day
Additional £3 for ECF non-members
And ECF Bronze members

See also information about

Entries on the day
ECF Membership

