

British Championships Report – 10th October

British Championships Final Round 9 – Hull

The British championships was a close fought battle with the lead changing hands several times during the course of the week between 2nd and 10th October, and the top ten players at the start of round 9 as follows:

Rk.	SNo		Name	FED	Rtg	Club/City	TB1
1	1	GM	Pert Nicholas	ENG	2548	Sandhurst	6,0
	8	IM	Ledger Andrew J	ENG	2329	Sheffield	6,0
3	3	FM	Harvey Marcus R	ENG	2465	Witney / 4ncl Wood Green	5,5
	4	GM	Hebden Mark L	ENG	2455	Syston	5,5
5	2	GM	Gormally Daniel W	ENG	2480	Blackthorne Russia	5,0
	9	FM	Olson Hamish	SCO	2273	Bon Accord	5,0
7	5	IM	Mcphillips Joseph	ENG	2425	Bolton	4,5
	6	GM	Arkell Keith C	ENG	2380	Cheddleton	4,5
	13	WFM	Sucikova Svetlana	SVK	2175	White Rose	4,5
	16		Finn Peter	ENG	1959	Wycombe And Hazlemere	4,5

Nick Pert and IM Ledger were out in front with 6 points, followed by FM Marcus Harvey and GM Mark Hebden on 5.5 and GM Danny Gormally and FM Hamish Olson on 5. This meant that there was everything to play for going into the final round with any of the top 4 players in a position to take the title.

1	3	FM	Harvey Marcus R	2465	5½	6	GM	Pert Nicholas	2548	1
2	9	FM	Olson Hamish	2273	5	6	IM	Ledger Andrew J	2329	8
3	6	GM	Arkell Keith C	2380	4½	5½	GM	Hebden Mark L	2455	4
4	2	GM	Gormally Daniel W	2480	5	4½	WFM	Sucikova Svetlana	2175	13
5	19		Khoury Theo	1814	4	4½	IM	Mcphillips Joseph	2425	5
6	17		Willison Steven	1936	2	4½		Finn Peter	1959	16
7	15		Starley Robert	2057	4	3		Stubbs Oliver	1925	18

The final round started at 10-00 am on Sunday morning with commentary from GM Peter Wells and WIM Natasha Regan on the twitch commentary channel here.

https://www.twitch.tv/ecf_commentary

Individual games were broadcast on pgn broadcast channels on chess.com, chessbomb, lichess, chess24 and followchess.

Marcus Harvey had white against Nick Pert with a queens gambit declined and an early queen exchange leading to a draw putting Nick on 6.5 points.

Hamish Olson had white against the other leader Andrew Ledger with a Queen's Gambit Slav variation played and Hamish managing a win from a sharp middlegame position.

Keith had the white pieces in his match against Mark. Mark played a King's Indian defence with a series of exchanges leading to a rook and pawn ending where Mark had a slight advantage but Keith managed to hold.

The draw agreement meant that Mark finished on 6 points and Nick Pert became the 107th British Champion with 6.5 point out of 9.

Results for round 9 were as below.

<https://chess-results.com/tnr581778.aspx>

Pairings/Results												
Round 9 on 2021/10/10 at 1000												
Bo.	No.			Name	Rtg	Pts.	Result	Pts.		Name	Rtg	No.
1	3		FM	Harvey Marcus R	2465	5½	½ - ½	6	GM	Pert Nicholas	2548	1
2	9		FM	Olson Hamish	2273	5	1 - 0	6	IM	Ledger Andrew J	2329	8
3	6		GM	Arkell Keith C	2380	4½	½ - ½	5½	GM	Hebden Mark L	2455	4
4	2		GM	Gormally Daniel W	2480	5	1 - 0	4½	WFM	Sucikova Svetlana	2175	13
5	19			Khoury Theo	1814	4	0 - 1	4½	IM	Mcphillips Joseph	2425	5
6	17			Willison Steven	1936	2	0 - 1	4½		Finn Peter	1959	16
7	15			Starley Robert	2057	4	0 - 1	3		Stubbs Oliver	1925	18

Final standings as follows for the top 11 players:

Final Ranking after 9 Rounds								
Rk.	SNo			Name	FED	Rtg	Club/City	TB1
1	1		GM	Pert Nicholas	ENG	2548	Sandhurst	6,5
2	2		GM	Gormally Daniel W	ENG	2480	Blackthorne Russia	6,0
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	4		GM	Hebden Mark L	ENG	2455	Syston	6,0
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	16			Finn Peter	ENG	1959	Wycombe And Hazlemere	5,5
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10	13		WFM	Sucikova Svetlana	SVK	2175	White Rose	4,5
	14		WFM	Head Louise	ENG	2090	Crowthorne	4,5

Well played all in the 107th British Champs and congratulations to the new **British Champion Nick Pert** finishing on 6.5 out of 9, closely followed by Danny Gormally, Marcus Harvey, Mark Hebden, Andrew Ledger & Hamish Olson who all finished on 6 out of 9.

Seniors Round 7 – Milton Keynes






Meanwhile the final round 7 of the Seniors events was also starting at 10-00 am on Sunday morning in Milton Keynes.

Again the games were available on chess.com, chessbomb and lichess.

Over 50 Championship

In the Over 50 Championship **FM Mike Waddington** won his final round game against Jeremy Fraser Mitchell, and ended up with 6 points to become the **British Over 50 Champion** with final standings as follows for the top 5 players.





<https://chess-results.com/tnr581886.aspx>

Final Ranking after 7 Rounds							
Rk.	SNo		Name	FED	Rtg	Club/City	TB1
1	10		FM Waddington Mike P	ENG	2047	Dorchester	6,0
2	3		Robson Ian A	ENG	2189	Wotton Hall	5,0
	8		Mason Donald J	ENG	2062	Shirley & Wythall	5,0
4	4		CM Kett Timothy J	WLS	2156	4ncl West Is Best	4,5
	6		Crocker Philip J	ENG	2109	Chester	4,5

Over 65 Championship

Leader **Roger de Coverley** had been on an unbeaten run with 5.5 out of 6 going into the final round. He lost his round 9 game against Phil Stimpson but was still the clear winner and **British Over 65 Champion** with 5.5 points out of 7. Final standings were as follows for the top 4 players.

<https://chess-results.com/tnr581888.aspx>

Final Ranking after 7 Rounds							
Rk.	SNo		Name	FED	Rtg	Club/City	TB1
1	15		De Coverly Roger D	ENG	1863	Bourne End	5,5
2	4		Myall Ivan J	ENG	2011	Chelmsford	5,0
3	7		Stimpson Philip M	ENG	1949	Guildford	4,5
4	6		Habershon Paul F	ENG	1977	Bedford	4,5

Congratulations go to both of the Seniors British Champions and well played all.