

London Qualifier, October 29th 2016



*Oxford overcomes opponents in scintillating style!*

A record 22 teams entered the London qualifier of the 2020 series, but that didn't stop both Oxford sides impressing as they stormed into the super finals showing themselves to be one of the favourites. Having won the 'National University Chess Championships South' last February, Oxford were determined to display their dominance by sending an even stronger side than last time which showed as they convincingly won all their matches.

They will be joined by UCL and Imperial from the university section, while adult teams 'R2D2' and 'All Stars' made their way through as well, all of them finishing in the top six though some distance behind the eventual winners. However they will nevertheless certainly be a threat to everyone on finals day.

The increase in participants was most delightful, these championships offer the chance for many to access competitive tournaments, and several people either made their debuts for their team or played at their first ever Chess event. Long may it continue!

At the closing ceremony the head of Chess England and Middlesex County Chess Association

Adam Raoof kindly awarded the prizes to round off a tiring but thoroughly enjoyable day!

These events wouldn't have been able to expand like they have done without the help from our sponsors.

Chess & Bridge generously provided each player a gift bag with their latest magazine along with the equipment, prizes and scorecards, and Chess Openings Wizard generously gave three copies of their high quality software programs to the best three players.

We are most grateful for their support.

Many thanks for all those who came making it a success!

Peter Hornsby, 2020 Chess Founder and Director

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Round One:

Goldsmiths 0-4 Queen Mary's 'B'

Queen Mary's 'C' 0 -4 Imperial 'A'

Imperial 'B' 1-3 R2D2

Reading 0- 4 Kent 'A'

Kent 'B' 2- 2 Royal Holloway

Surrey 'A' 0 -4 LSE 'A'

LSE 'B' 3.5-0.5 Surrey 'B'

UCL 'A' 1 -3 Oxford 'A'

Oxford 'B' 2-2 UCL 'B'

UCL 'C' 1.5- 2.5 Barbarians

Queen Mary's 'A' 0-4 All Stars

Round Two:

Imperial 'A' 0 -4 Oxford 'A'

Kent 'A' 4-0 Barbarians

LSE 'A' 4-0 Queen Mary's 'B'

R2D2 4 -0 LSE 'B'

All Stars 4-0 Kent 'B'

Royal Holloway 1-3 Oxford 'B'

UCL ‘B’ 4-0 Goldsmiths

Reading 0.5 -3.5 UCL 'C'

Surrey 'A' 4-0 Imperial 'B'

Surrey 'B' 1.5-2.5 Queen Mary's 'A'

Queen Mary's 'C' 0-4 UCL 'A'

Round Three:

All Stars 3.5 -0.5 LSE 'A'

Oxford 'A' 3-1 Kent 'A'

Oxford 'B' 3.5-0.5 R2D2

LSE 'B' 0-4 UCL 'B'

Queen Mary's 'B’ 2-2 UCL 'C'

UCL 'A' 2 -2 Imperial 'A'

Queen Mary's 'A' 3-1 Surrey 'A'

Imperial 'B' 1-3 Royal Holloway

Kent 'B' 2-2 Queen Mary's 'C'

Goldsmiths 1.5-2.5 Reading

Barbarians 2.5- 1.5 Surrey ‘B’

Round Four:

Oxford 'A' 3.5-0.5 All Stars

UCL 'B' 2 -2 LSE 'A'

Kent 'A' 2.5-1.5 Oxford 'B'

R2D2 0.5 -3.5 Queen Mary's 'A'

Queen Mary's 'B' 0-4 UCL 'A'

Imperial 'A' 3-1 Royal Holloway

UCL 'C' 4-0 Surrey 'A'

Surrey 'B' 1 -3 Reading

Kent 'B' 0 -4 LSE 'B'

Queen Mary's 'C' 2 - 2 Goldsmiths

Imperial ‘B’ 2 -2 Barbarians

Round Five:

Queen Mary's 'A' 0-4 Oxford 'A'

All Stars 4-0 Kent 'A'

Imperial 'A' 3-1 UCL 'B'

Oxford 'B' 4- 0 UCL 'C'

LSE 'A' 1.5-2.5 UCL 'A'

Reading 0-4 R2D2

LSE 'B' 3-1 Queen Mary's 'B'

Royal Holloway 3 -1 Surrey 'B'

Surrey 'A' 4-0 Queen Mary's 'C'

Imperial 'B’ 4-0 Kent 'B'

Barbarians 2-2 Goldsmiths

Overall League Table:

(Highlighted sides qualify for Super Final)

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| Team | Played | Wins | Draws | Defeats | Total | Position |
| Oxford A | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 1st |
| All Stars | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 2nd |
| Oxford B | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 3rd |
| UCL A | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 4th |
| Imperial A | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 5th |
| R2D2 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 6th |
| Kent A | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 7th |
| LSE B | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 8th |
| Queen Mary’s A | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 9th |
| UCL B | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 10th |
| Barbarians | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 11th |
| LSE A | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 12th |
| UCL C | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 13th |
| Royal Holloway | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 14th |
| Surrey A | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 15th |
| Reading | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 16th |
| Imperial B | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 17th |
| Queen Mary’s B | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 18th |
| Goldsmiths | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 19th |
| Kent B | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 20nd |
| Queen Mary’s C | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 21st |
| Surrey B | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 22nd |

Individual Results:

(Highlighted in yellow=bronze medal, grey=silver medal, orange= gold medal)











