Strong Surbiton strike down all challengers!



Second London 2020 Qualifier 2017-18 Season 27th January 2018 Royal Holloway University

Surbiton Chess Club won all five matches to make it through, but had to battle extremely hard to eventually claim first place. After a convincing 4-0 victory over Durham Alumni in round one they almost came unstuck against Royal Holloway in the final minutes but prevailed in both endgames to win 3-1.

Durham Alumni A started in fine form with two 4-0 wins and then a 3.5-0.5 defeat of Kent A in the third round, their board one David Grant would become player of the tournament scoring 5/5. UCL had also started well but fell to a 3-1 defeat to Surbiton in the third round meaning that in effect the decider would be in the fourth round between Durham Alumni and Surbiton.

It was an extremely tight contest; in the end Surbiton narrowly squeezed home 2.5-1.5 to all but seal the title as they had a down-float in the final round where everything went according to plan as they thrashed Queen Mary’s A to complete the tournament.

UCL recovered from their Surbiton setback through wins in their final two rounds against Queen Mary’s and Durham Alumni B, which resulted in 2nd place as Durham Alumni dropped points with a 2-2 draw against Royal Holloway. It was enough for the hosts to take the final qualifying spot despite finishing 5th, as Durham Alumni B were ineligible to qualify though they impressed to take 4th position. Meanwhile Richard Collyers School on their debut picked up an impressive four points against Kent B and Queen Mary’s B in their first ever tournament which will put them in good stead for the future.

Many thanks to Daniel Lowe for booking the venue, and to our sponsors who provided the prizes and equipment; Chess and Bridge, ICC and Chess Openings Wizard.

Round One:

Queen Mary’s B 1.5-2.5 Richard Collyers College

Queen Mary’s A 0-4 Royal Holloway A

Durham Alumni B 0-4 Surbiton

Durham Alumni A 4-0 Royal Holloway B

Kent A 1.5-2.5 UCL

Kent B 1-3 King Geoffrey

Round Two:

UCL 4-0 Richard Collyers College

Royal Holloway B 1.5-2.5 Durham Alumni B

King Geoffrey 0-4 Durham Alumni A

Kent B 0-4 Queen Mary’s A

Queen Mary’s B 1-3 Kent A

Royal Holloway 1-3 Surbiton

Round Three:

UCL 1-3 Surbiton

Durham Alumni A 3.5-0.5 Kent A

Royal Holloway A 1.5-2.5 Durham Alumni B

Queen Mary’s A 3-1 King Geoffrey

Richard Collyers 2-2 Kent B

Royal Holloway B 3-1 Queen Mary’s B

Round Four

Surbiton 2.5-1.5 Durham Alumni A

Queen Mary’s B 1.5-2.5 Kent B

Durham Alumni B 4-0 Richard Collyers College

King Geoffrey 1-3 Royal Holloway A

UCL 3-1 Queen Mary’s A

Kent A 2-2 Royal Holloway B

Round Five

Royal Holloway B 3-1 Richard Collyers College

Royal Holloway A 2-2 Durham Alumni A

Queen Mary’s A 0-4 Surbiton

Kent B 1-3 Kent A

Durham Alumni B 0-4 UCL

King Geoffrey 4-0 Queen Mary’s B

FINAL TABLE:

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| Position | Team | Wins  | Draws | Losses  | Total |
| 1 | Surbiton  | 5 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 2 | UCL | 4 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| 3 | Durham Alumni A | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| 4 | Durham Alumni B | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| 5 | Royal Holloway A | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 6 | Kent A | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 7 | Royal Holloway B | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 8 | Queen Mary’s A | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| 9 | King Geoffrey | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| 10 | Richard Collyers College | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 11 | Kent B | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 12 | Queen Mary’s B  | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

Individual Results:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Round One | Round Two | Round Three | Round Four | Round Five | Total |
| UCL 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 BRONZE |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3.5 |
| Kent A 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 BRONZE |
| 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0.5  | 1 | 0.5  | 1 | 1 | 4 BRONZE |
| King Geoffrey 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 2.5 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 1.5 |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Queen Mary’s B 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.5 |
| 2 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 BRONZE |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Durham Alumni B 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 2.5 |
| 2 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.5 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Surbiton 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 BRONZE |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 BRONZE |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.5 | 1 | 4.5 SILVER |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 1 | 1 | 4 BRONZE |
| Queen Mary’s A 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 3 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Royal Holloway A 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 2.5 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 BRONZE |
| 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Collyers College 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Durham Alumni A 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 GOLD  |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.5 | 1 | 4.5 SILVER |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| Kent B 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | 1.5 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Royal Holloway B 1  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 0 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3.5 |
| 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |