



The Bishop's Stortford Chess Club

Match Report B.S.C.C. T2 V Royston 2

Date	Opposition		Team		Score	Opposition	Grade
Mon 7 Oct 2019	Royston 2		153	Lara Osiyemi	0 – 1	Martin Pinner	166
			146	Laurie Mercer	½ - ½	Andrew Chapman	160
			137	Tim Acton	1 - 0	Paul Walton	159
			135	Andrew Cowlin (C)	½ - ½	Stephen Pride	137
	Venue	Result	128	Adam Hirst	½ - ½	Brian Judkins	134
	Away	Draw		B.S.C.C. T2	2½ - 2½	Royston 2	
Notes	A tough start to the season vs a strong side. We had opportunities to come away with a win, but in the end a draw was a good result.						

Individual Players Reports

Board 1 Lara	I played with white pieces and came out on top in a Nimzo Indian defence in the opening and early middle game only to relinquish all my advantages in the endgame as usual. I definitely need improvement on my endgame. Good game though.
Board 2 Laurie	My game, black again, was my Sicilian dragon against a closed fianchetto attack. My opponent I suspected a good positional player, so I played quite aggressively on the queenside with pawn pushes and rook on the knight file. I halted his kingside ambitions but with my opponent forcing knight exchanges it became a different game with bishops and rooks. Although I had a space advantage the game was very drawish and I didn't feel my opponent would make a silly mistake. A draw was agreed.
Board 3 Tim	I was white, and the game turned into a dynamic English. My opponent put his pawns on e5 and f5, which hinted at attacking intentions. So I attacked in the middle - with pawns; and he attacked on both flanks, simultaneously with gangs of pieces, any many tactical pitfalls to negotiate. My opponent's foxy strategy succumbed to the hedgehog plan of my queen's pawn, which rolled irresistibly straight through the chaos to expose the vacant h1-a8 diagonal for my own personal use and which, in the wake of the vacant d-file created by my queen pawn, proved too much. My opponent had to endure heavy loss of material, or get mated. Very satisfying because there were no blunders or gross mistakes for once.
Board 4 Andrew	I had a bit of a strange game, had a bit of a moment on move 1 and played 1..f5 against 1.Nc3 which seems like total nonsense after 2.e4. However, it did get us both out of theory after move 1! This led to me spending a huge amount of time in the opening to avoid getting punished and had time trouble for the rest of the game. The game got very sharp and I ended up getting a decent position and into an ending 2 pawns up, which I unfortunately couldn't convert so ended up with a draw (with 10 seconds left on my clock)!
Board5 Adam	1.e4 e5 2.c4 Nf6 At this point I really considered the Urusov Gambit, because I really like it if the opponent is unsure about it. I had done it against Royston the season before and won the game in 7 moves – Nigel would have been proud (although I still took my time in playing it). Trouble was, I had never played my opponent before, didn't know his grade and wasn't playing for my team. Not wanting to let Andrew down in his first match I opted for the safe option. This was pretty much how the game went throughout. I had some play in the middle which forced his king side open, but he had play in the centre of the board. I did sacrifice a pawn at the end which allowed me a neat pin and the pawn regained but wasn't able to make my late push stick or gain any real advantage. A draw was offered and accepted. A fair result, I felt.