Cobb is Champ in Tense Finish

Bristol League Congress, 5-7 February 1999



This year's League Congress (more photos) had a very healthy entry of about 100 players, considerably up on last season, and there were 27 entries via the Web site. The Open Section was particularly well-supported with a total entry of 24.

Unfortunately, last year's Bristol Champion, Chris Baker, was not back to defend his title but, in compensation, there were a number of new faces in the Open. Simon Bibby and Paul Griffiths (both Bath) were making their first appearances, and it was another newcomer, Nick Jakubovics (Horfield) who made the early running, storming to 3/3.

In the fourth round, Nick beat Tyson Mordue to become sole leader, where he had to face Charles Cobb (University) who was clear second, half a point behind. With the Championship and £80 first prize resting on it, the game was tense: Nick managed to put a piece *en prise* and Charles missed it! Nick went on to lose on time so Charles Cobb becomes the Bristol Champion for the first time.



Open

1	C Cobb	Bristol University	4.5	£80
2=	N Jakubovics	Horfield	4	£40 each
	T Mordue	Keynsham		
GP (U-170)	P Chaplin	Grendel	3	£30

Under-150

1	T Nitz	Bath University	4.5	£50
2	L Beckford	Harambee	4	£30
3=	C Johnson	Grendel	3	£5 each

	D Tipper	Downend		
	R Allen	Clifton		
	Shane Roberts	Cossham		
GP	Sam Buckley	Keynsham	3	£15

Under-115

Nick Harrington took the Section 3 trophy on tie break in a 5-way tie.

1=	N Harrington	Bristol University	4	£30 each
	D Neagle	South Bristol		
	F Donaghy	Horfield		
	M J Collier	Cabot		
	P Plerstorff	Cabot		
GP (u-105)	H J Draisey	Horfield	3	£10 each
	G Wright	Harambee		
GP (u-95) =	P Flexman	Grendel	3	£10 each
	J Gardner	Yate		

Under-80

1	G Strickland	Horfield	4.5	£50
2=	J Cattran	Grendel	4	£22.50 each
	R Lobb	Yate		
GP	A Cameron	Harambee	2.5	£7.50 each
	K West	Civil Service		