Impressive Imperial triumph at record turnout in London qualifier!

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Over a hundred people from clubs and universities from 28 teams across the south of England took part in the London qualifier, all of whom contributed to a thrilling tournament.

Imperial’s dominant victories early on racking up game points were invaluable as it meant they could hold off a resurgent ‘Chess England’ side led by Adam Raoof (and greatly helped by Michael Healey scoring a brilliant 5/5), despite their 2-2 draw to a similarly strong LSE team who will be deservedly joining both of them in qualifying for the Grand Final in Birmingham in February 2019.

Last year’s winners Surbiton also made it through in 3rd place, their only slip up coming in a narrow 2.5-1.5 defeat to Durham Alumni, and they were treated to prizes given by Gideon Segez on behalf of ‘De-Code’ Chess software, our thanks to them.

2020 regulars UCL, Durham Alumni and Queen Mary’s qualified as well, along with welcome debutants Broadlands Chess Club, though all bar the latter had to win their final games in a tense finish.

We are most grateful to all who took part, our sponsors, Alexander Taylor for the pairings and arbitrating, and the University of Law for hosting the tournament so well as they have done since we first started running these events.

All the results and tables can be seen below:

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| **Team** | **Match Points** | **Game Points** |
| Imperial A | 13 | 17.5 |
| Chess England | 13 | 15.5 |
| Surbiton | 12 | 15 |
| LSE A | 11 | 14 |
| UCL A | 10 | 14.5 |
| Broadlands Chess Club | 10 | 12.5 |
| Durham Alumni | 10 | 12.5 |
| Queen Mary’s A | 9 | 12.5 |
| Kent A | 8 | 12 |
| Queen Mary’s D | 8 | 10 |
| King’s College A | 7 | 11.5 |
| Hide on Chess | 7 | 11 |
| King’s College B | 7 | 11 |
| LSE C | 7 | 10 |
| LSE B | 7 | 9.5 |
| Imperial B | 7 | 9 |
| Surrey A | 7 | 8.5 |
| Mushroom | 6 | 11 |
| Kent B | 6 | 8.5 |
| UCL B | 6 | 8.5 |
| LSE D | 5 | 7 |
| King Geoffrey | 4 | 8.5 |
| King’s College C | 4 | 6 |
| Queen Mary’s B | 4 | 5.5 |
| Queen Mary’s C | 3 | 5 |
| Imperial C | 2 | 5 |
| Barbarians | 0 | 1.5 |
| Surrey B | 0 | 0 |

Round 1:

Queen Mary’s A 4-0 Kings College C

Imperial A 3.5-1.5 UCL B

Hide on Chess 0.5-3.5 Surrey A

Kent A 4-0 LSE D

Imperial B 3-1 Queen Mary’s C

UCL 4-0 Barbarians

Imperial C 0-4 LSE A

Chess England 3-1 Kings College B

Surrey B 0-4 Broadlands Chess Club

Durham Alumni 4-0 Queen Mary’s D

LSE C 0-4 Kings College A

LSE B 0-4 Surbiton Chess Club

Mushrooms 4-0 Queen Mary’s B

King Geoffrey 2-2- Kent B

Round 2:

Kent B 1-3 Queen Mary’s A

Queen Mary’s D 2-2 LSE C

Surrey A 0-4 Imperial A

LSE B 4-0 Queen Mary’s C

Kent A 2-2 Kings College A

Chess England 2.5-1.5 LSE A

UCL B 4-0 Kings College C

Broadland Chess Club 2-2 Durham Alumni

Hide on Chess 4-0 Imperial C

Mushrooms 2-2 UCL A

Imperial B 1-3 Surbiton Chess Club

Kings College B 4-0 Surrey B

Queen Mary’s B 2-2 King Geoffrey

Round 3:

Surbiton Chess Club 1.5-2.5 Durham Alumni

LSE C 4-0 Queen Mary’s B

Imperial C 2-2 Queen Mary’s D

Kings College C 4-0 Queen Mary’s C

Surrey B 0-4 LSE D

Barbarians 0-4 Kings College B

Kings College A 0-4 Chess England

Surrey A 3-1 Kent B

Imperial A 4-0 Queen Mary’s A

LSE A 3-1 Kent A

UCL 3.5-0.5 Hide on Chess

LSE B 2-2 Imperial B

King Geoffrey 1-3 UCL B

Broadland Chess Club 3-1 Mushrooms

Round 4:

LSE 3-1 UCL A

UCL B 0-4 Surbiton Chess Club

Durham Alumni 0-4 Chess England

Broadland Chess Club 0-4 Imperial A

Mushrooms 2-2 Kent A

Barbarians 0.5- LSE C

Queen Mary’s A 4-0 Imperial B

Kings College A 4-0 LSE B

Kings College B 2-2 Surrey A

King Geoffrey 3-1 Imperial C

Kent B 1-3 Queen Mary’s D

Queen Mary’s B 3-1 Queen Mary’s C

Kings College C 0-4 Hide on Chess

Round 5:

Surbiton 2.5-1.5 Kings College A

Kent A 3-1 UCL B

Surrey A 0-4 Durham Alumni

UCL A 4-0 Kings College B

Queen Mary’s D 3-1 LSE D

LSE C 0.5-3.5 Broadland Chess Club

Imperial B 3-1 King Geoffrey

Imperial C 2-2- Kings College C

Queen Mary’s B 0.5-3.5 LSE B

Queen Mary’s A 1-2.5 Chess England

Imperial A 2-2 LSE A

Kent B 3-1 Barbarians

Hide on Chess 2-2 Mushrooms

Individual scores:

4 for Bronze, 4.5 Silver, 5 Gold

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| --- | --- |
| **Team** | **Player** |
|  |  | Round 1 | Round 2 |  | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Total Score |
| Barbarians | N/A | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.5 |
|  | N/A | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Chris Wong | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | George Repper | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0.5 | 1 | 1.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Broadlands | Richard Polaczek | 1 | 0.5 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3.5 |
|  | Andrew Brett | 1 | 1 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Gerald Moore | 1 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Dan Frean | 1 | 0.5 |  | 1 | 0 | 0.5 | 3 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 4 | 2 |  | 3 | 0 | 3.5 | 12.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 1 |  | 3 | 0 | 3 | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Durham Alumni | David Grant | 1 | 0.5 |  | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Sam Walker | 1 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Szymon Palucha | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Phil Purcell | 1 | 0.5 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2.5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 4 | 2 |  | 2.5 | 0 | 4 | 12.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 1 |  | 3 | 0 | 3 | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hide on Chess | Yuanze Li | 0.5 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3.5 |
|  | Wei Zhong | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Putong Qi | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Nicholas Berezovsky | 0 | 1 |  | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 3.5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0.5 | 4 |  | 0.5 | 4 | 2 | 11 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 3 |  | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imperial A | Li Tian Yeoh | 0.5 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4.5 |
|  | Constantin Mueller | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
|  | Aron Teh | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
|  | Adam Taylor | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 3.5 | 4 |  | 4 | 4 | 2 | 17.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 3 |  | 3 | 3 | 1 | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imperial B | Thomas Donaldson | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Francesco Salerno | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Ben Nevettert-Farman | 1 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Jonny Vincent | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 3 | 1 |  | 2 | 0 | 3 | 9 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imperial C | Alp Akatav | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Thivan Gunawardanar | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Hongting Xu | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Francesco De Virgiliis | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kent A | Vishnu | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Zygimantas Svitojus | 1 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Mark Nagy-Miticzky | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Ziyad Safouane | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 4 | 2 |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kent B | Ben Butler | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Jupiter | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Deckel Le Lange | 0.5 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.5 |
|  | Chris | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 2.5 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| King Geoffrey | Akshaya Ahuja | 1 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Jonathan Hoong | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
|  | Ravi Popat | 0.5 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.5 |
|  | Yemi Ogunyemi | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 1.5 | 2 |  | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| King's College A | Davit Mirozoyan | 1 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Daniel Lowe | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Garik Mirzoyan | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Maxim Dunn | 1 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 0.5 | 3.5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 4 | 2 |  | 0 | 4 | 1.5 | 11.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 1 |  | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| King's College B | Fedrico Barbero | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Stephanie Gu | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Ahsan Ahmed | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
|  | Tamerian Zhutayev | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 1 | 4 |  | 4 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 3 |  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| King's College C | Pascal Fard | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Tom Flaskamp | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|  | Pablo Scheffer | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|  | James Solway | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LSE A | Thomas Goldie | 1 | 0.5 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
|  | Harry Li | 1 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Ananthanarayanan Balaji | 1 | 0.5 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3.5 |
|  | Abhinav Bathula | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 4 | 2 |  | 3 | 3 | 2 | 14 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 1 |  | 3 | 3 | 1 | 11 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LSE B | Denis Shakhman | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Stefanus Phan | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|  | Yi De Fong | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|  | Stafan Voiculesu-Holvad | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0 | 4 |  | 2 | 0 | 3.5 | 9.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 3 |  | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LSE C | Lawrence Frape | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | 1.5 |
|  | Izaan Khan | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
|  | Vignesh Natarajan | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
|  | Thomas Dawtrey | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0 | 2 |  | 4 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 10 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 1 |  | 3 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LSE D | Xianquan Wei | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Christian Hansen | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Hiren Gupta | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Terence Lee | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mushrooms | Tim Pelling | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Luis Sanchez | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Nick Faulks | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Graham Alcock | 1 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 4 | 2 |  | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Queen Mary's A | Christopher Gallagher | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Florian Maier | 1 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
|  | Ian Teh | 1 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Keitel Cervantes | 1 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 0.5 | 3.5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 4 | 3 |  | 0 | 4 | 1.5 | 12.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 3 |  | 0 | 3 | 0 | 9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Queen Mary's B | Mughees Asif | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Malcolm Pereira | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Hassan Khokhar | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Blert Ademi | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0 | 2 |  | 0 | 3 | 0.5 | 5.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Queen Mary's C | Hansal Vaikkath | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
|  | Gautam Sharma | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Joseph Boyle | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Abhishek Pillali | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Queen Mary's D | Ibrahim Abouchakra | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Harry Morgan | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Ali Raad | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Felicien | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0 | 2 |  | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surbiton | Chris Briscoe | 1 | 1 |  | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 3.5 |
|  | Mark Josse | 1 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Jasper Tambini | 1 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Oliver Gill | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 0.5 | 4.5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 4 | 3 |  | 1.5 | 4 | 2.5 | 15 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 3 |  | 0 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surrey A | Yang Zhou | 0.5 | 0 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.5 |
|  | Matthew Masani | 1 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
|  | Max Cykiert | 1 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Sascha Richardson | 1 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 3.5 | 0 |  | 3 | 2 | 0 | 8.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 0 |  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surrey B | Lewis Mallet | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Jake Pichougov | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Chris Endacott | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | George Hornsby | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chess England | Gyula Meszaros | 1 | 0.5 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4.5 |
|  | Michael Healey | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
|  | Adam Raoof | 1 | 0.5 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3.5 |
|  | Jacques Tivillier | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 3 | 2 |  | 4 | 4 | 2.5 | 15.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 1 |  | 3 | 3 | 3 | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UCL A | Ravi Haria | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
|  | Diana Serbanescu | 1 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Lawrence Lee | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
|  | Sean Sullivan | 1 | 0 |  | 0.5 | 0 | 1 | 2.5 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 4 | 2 |  | 3.5 | 1 | 4 | 14.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 3 | 1 |  | 3 | 0 | 3 | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UCL B | Micheal Green | 0.5 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
|  | Dylan Mize | 0 | 1 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | Sebastian Burlacu | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
|  | Pietro Geuna | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|  | Gamepoints: | 0.5 | 4 |  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 8.5 |
|  | Matchpoints: | 0 | 3 |  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |