

The Preston Chess Congress 2012

A report on the progress of Alan Llewellyn in this congress



Introduction

I played with varying degrees of success in this competition, although I did ok I wasn't impressed by the way I started the competition, which meant I didn't fully compete for the title of winner.

The conditions were good, the playing area very nice and I like Preston as I went to University there, it was held at the Harrington Refectory, University of Central Lancashire, Preston. It was a 5 round tournament with one game being held on Friday night and two each on Saturday and Sunday both in a morning session and an afternoon.

The time control was 1 hour 40 minutes for 40 moves then 20 minutes back after the time control. The clocks were ordinary clocks which I liked better than digital.

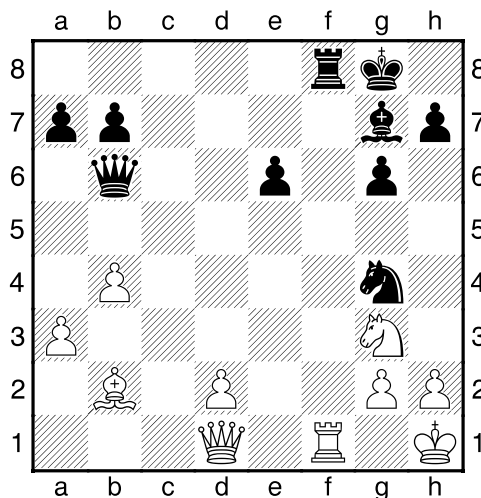
The Games

Round 1:- Taylor,James (1632) – Llewellyn,Alan Mansel (1752) [A03]

Preston Congress(Minor) Harrington Refectory –Preston (1), 16.11.2012

[Llewellyn,Alan Mansel]

My opponent plays a Bird opening and I reply with a Kings Indian setup to counter, I get a small advantage but then I make a mistake thinking I have an advantage which isn't there because of a check by a bishop, the game is lost as I lose a piece to the mistake but I play on. **1.f4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 c5 4.Bb5+ Bd7 5.Bxd7+ Qxd7 6.0-0 Nc6 7.b3 g6 8.Bb2 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.a3 d4 11.exd4 cxd4 12.Ne2 d3 13.Ng3 dxc2 14.Qxc2 Rac8 15.Qd1 e6 16.Rc1 Qc7 17.Ne5 Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Rxc1 20.Bxc1 Nd5 21.Bb2 f6 22.exf6 Nxf6 23.b4 Ng4??** Diagram



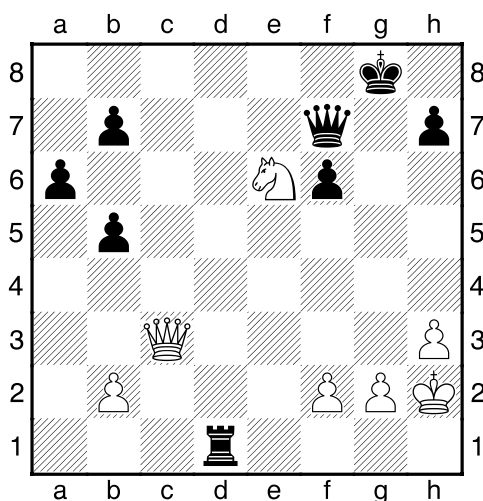
24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Bxg7+ Kxg7 26.Qxg4 a5 27.h3 axb4 28.axb4 Qd6 29.b5 Qxd2 30.Qxe6 h5 31.Qe7+ Kh8 32.Kh2 Qf4 33.Qe4 Qc7 34.Qxg6 Qe5 35.Qxh5+ 1-0

Round 2:- Llewellyn,Alan Mansel (1752) – Amir-Afshari,Farhad (1616) [A10]

Preston Congress(Minor) Harrington Refectory –Preston (2), 17.11.2012

[Llewellyn,Alan Mansel]

I get a strong winning position in this game then make a schoolboy error when I played really quickly for a few moves certain it was checkmate, rather idiotically it isn't mate because his Queen can defend but incredibly he does not see that fact and he resigns in a won position – I blame tiredness for my stupidity. Qc8 on move 29 instead of Qg3+ would have been mate and I would have seen it if I hadn't been so idiotic and moved fast. 1.c4 d5 2.cxd5 Nf6 3.e4 e6 4.Bb5+ Bd7 5.Qb3 exd5 6.e5 c6 7.exf6 cxb5 8.Qe3+ Be6 9.Nc3 d4 10.fxg7 Bxg7 11.Qg3 dxc3 12.Qxg7 cxd2+ 13.Bxd2 Rf8 14.Bb4 Nd7 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.Rxd7 Kxd7 17.Qd4+ Ke8 18.Bxf8 Rd8 19.Qc3 Qd7 20.Qc1 Kxf8 21.Nf3 Bxa2 22.0-0 Bb3 23.h3 f6 24.Qc3 Qf7 25.Nd4 Be6 26.Rd1± [⊖26.Re1±] 26...Kg8 27.Kh2 a6 28.Nxe6 Rxd1 Diagram



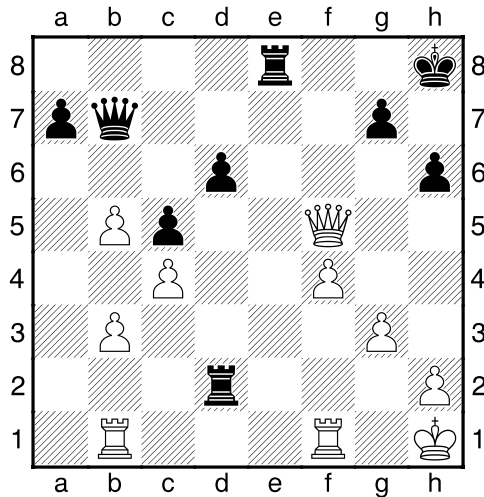
29.Qg3+?? [29.Qc8+ Rd8 30.Qxd8+ Qf8 31.Qxf8#] 29...Kh8 30.Qb8+ And in this totally won position for my opponent he resigned. 1-0

Round 3:- O'Rourke,Ben (1616) – Llewellyn,Alan Mansel (1752) [B05]

Preston Congress(Minor) Harrington Refectory –Preston (3), 17.11.2012

[Llewellyn,Alan Mansel]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 exd6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 c5 10.d5 N8d7 11.b3 Ne5 12.Be2 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nd7 15.Ne4 Ne5 16.Qg3 Bh4 17.Qh3 Ng6 18.f4 f5 19.Nd2 Bf6 20.Rb1 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Qf6 22.Nf3 Rae8 23.Ng5 h6 24.Ne6 Rf7 25.Be3 Bxe3 26.Qxe3 Nf8 27.Rfe1 Nxe6 28.dxe6 Rfe7 29.Qf3 Rxe6 30.Qd5 Qf7!? 31.Red1 b5 32.g3 [32.cxb5 Re1+! 33.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 34.Rxe1 Qxd5] 32...Kh8 33.Rf1 Qe7 34.Qxf5 Re2 35.a4 Rd2 36.axb5?? [⊖36.Qg4] 36...Qb7+ Diagram



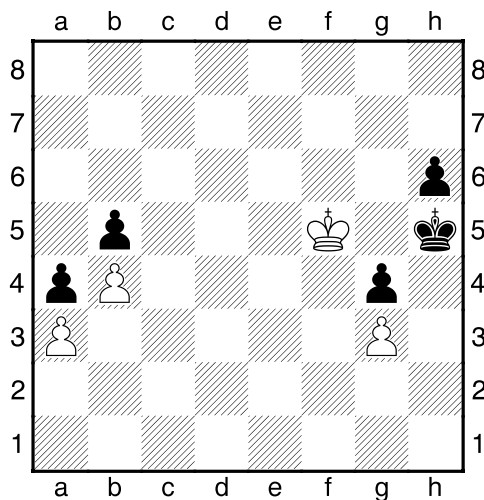
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Round 4:- Llewellyn,Alan Mansel (1752) – Wood,Michael (1684) [D07]

Preston Congress(Minor) Harrington Refectory –Preston (4), 18.11.2012

[Llewellyn,Alan Mansel]

In this game I get to a king and pawn endgame and ask for a draw rather stupidly not recognising that I had a weak pawn, my opponent must have thought it was won for him because he rather abruptly said No!!!, so we played on but I found in an apparently lost position an extraordinary response which created a draw. Instead of trying to go for his pawns after my King is outflanked, I force my opponent into a corner and trap his King. Even though he is a pawn up there is no escape to a win. **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.Ne5 Nxe5 8.dxe5 Nd7 9.cxd5 Nxe5 10.0-0 exd5 11.Qxd5 Qxd5 12.Nxd5 Bd6 13.Bd2 Be6 14.Nf4 Bc4 15.Bc3 Bxe2 16.Nxe2 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Rad8 18.Rd2 Ng4 19.h3 Nf6 20.Rad1 Ne4 21.Rd4 Nxc3?! 22.Nxc3 Kf8 23.Nb5 Re6 24.Nxd6 Rxd6 25.Rxd6 Rxd6 26.Rxd6 cxd6 27.Kf1 Ke7 28.Ke2 Ke6 29.Kd3 Kd5 30.g3 f5 31.b4 b5 32.f3 g5 33.h4 g4 34.fxg4 fxg4 35.e4+ Ke5 36.h5 d5! 37.exd5 Kxd5 38.a3 h6 39.Ke3 Ke5 40.Kd3 a6 41.Ke3 Kf5 42.Kd4 Kg5 43.Ke4 Kxh5 44.Kf5 a5 45.Kf4 a4 46.Kf5** Diagram



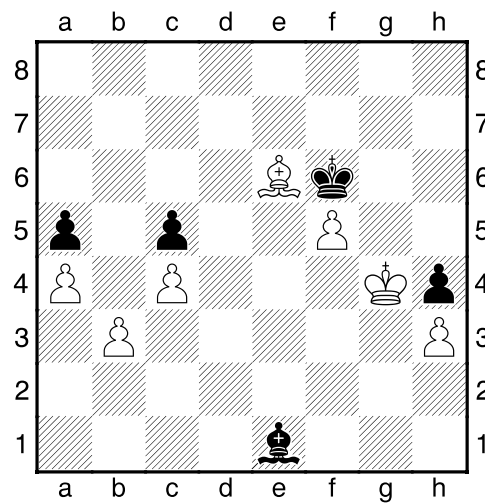
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Round 5:- Blackburn,Sandra (1632) – Llewellyn,Alan Mansel (1752) [A48]

Preston Congress(Minor) Harrington Refectory –Preston (5), 18.11.2012

[Llewellyn,Alan Mansel]

I usually lose against women but here I find that an opposite coloured Bishop endgame saves the day, Sandra keeps trying for the win but the position doesn't warrant it. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3** [6.dxc5 e5 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.cxd6 e4 9.Bxe4 h6 10.Bxf6 Nxf6+-] **6...0-0 7.Bc2 Nc6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 dxe5 13.Rd1 Qe7 14.Nd2 Rad8 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 b6 17.Rd5 Rxd5 18.Qxd5 Rd8 19.Qc4 Rd2 20.Bb3 Bf6 21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1 e4 23.Bb3 Be5 24.Qd5 Kg7 25.a4 Kf8 26.Qa8+ Kg7 27.Qd5 Kf8 28.g3 h5?± [28...Bd6±] 29.Qxe4 Bd6 30.Qxe7+ Kxe7 31.f4 g5 32.Kf2 h4 33.Bd5 a5 34.c4 Bc7 35.b3 Bd6 36.Kf3 f5 37.gxh4 gxh4 38.e4 fxe4+ 39.Bxe4 Kf8 40.Kg4 Be7 41.f5 Bd8 42.Kh5 Kg7 43.Bd5 Bf6 44.Kg4 Bd8 45.Be6 Bf6 46.Kf4 Bd8 47.Ke5 Bc7+ 48.Kd5 Bd8?! [48...Bf4 49.Kc6 Bd2!=] 49.Kc6 Kf8 50.Kd7 Bf6 51.Kc7!? Bc3 52.Kxb6 Bb4 53.Kc6?! [53.f6 Ke8 54.Kc6 Ba3 55.Bd5 Bb4 56.Kd6 Ba3 57.Ke6 Kf8 58.Be4 Bb4=] 53...Ke7 54.Kd5 Kf6 55.Ke4 Bc3 56.Kf4 Bb4 57.Kg4 Be1 58.Bd5 Bg3 59.Be6 Be1 60.Bd5 Bf2 61.Be6 Be1** Diagram



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Conclusion

Although I played well and found some great moves my chess was unusually error prone also this tournament, I sometimes make mistakes in most tournaments but usually only under pressure not usually in even positions. Still I did ok in this tournament finishing with 3 points and in 12th position out of 42 players. The full results are given in the next page.

25th Preston Chess Congress
Minor

Venue: Univ of Central Lancashire
Date: 16 Nov 12 to 18 Nov 12
Controller: Mr Geoff Jones
Timings: First 40 moves in 100 mins. 20 mins to completion.

Pos	Player	ECF		R O U N D S					A	B	C	D
		Grade	Code	1	2	3	4	5				
1	Quinn, Kenny.....	144B	253126E	b35+	w23+	b27+	w16+	w3=	4½	5	879	176
2	Allen, Timothy S.....	126X	258940A	b5=	w10+	b17=	w27+	b16+	4	5	849	170
3	Blackburn, Jon EW.....	142X	178103A	bye=	w32+	b30+	w5+	b1=	4	4	675	169
4	Roberts, Anthony J.....	141X	188628K	b39+	w30=	b6=	w14+	b7+	4	5	796	159
5	Nefyodov, Pavel.....	144B	269520A	w2=	b11+	w29+	b3-	w19+	3½	5	746	149
6	Wood, Michael.....	133D	127001B	bye=	b31+	w4=	b12=	w24+	3½	4	618	155
7	Beardsley, Martin.....	138B	180331B	b41+	w38+	b16-	w23+	w4-	3	5	681	136
8	Blackburn, Sandra G.....	129X	178127D	bye=	b26=	w14=	b31+	w12=	3	4	549	137
9	Dean, Angelica.....	131X	273523E	b38-	w41+	b13-	w26+	b30+	3	5	678	136
10	Horman, Paul A.....	136X	245804E	bye=	b2-	w18+	b29+	w15=	3	4	526	132
11	Jinks, Anthony.....	127A	147523L	bye=	w5-	b40+	w32=	b27+	3	4	560	140
12	Llewellyn, Alan M.....	144A	142739J	b23-	w25+	b35+	w6=	b8=	3	5	696	139
13	McCabe, Frank.....	183*	150029G	bye=	b15=	w9+	b24=	w17=	3	4	622	156
14	Riley, Christopher.....	135A	155822F	bye=	w40+	b8=	b4-	w32+	3	4	550	138
15	Walker, Roger W.....	131X	120998L	bye=	w13=	b38+	w17=	b10=	3	4	598	150
16	Whitfield, John.....	144C	121556F	w21+	b19+	w7+	b1-	w2-	3	5	723	145
17	Wood, Peter C.....	139A	127012G	w22+	b29=	w2=	b15=	b13=	3	5	724	145
18	Camp, Imogen AL.....	104A	275554D	b33+	w27-	b10-	w35=	bye+	2½	4	484	121
19	Camp, Syringa Lyn.....	136A	120714D	b36+	w16-	b37+	w22=	b5-	2½	5	645	129
20	Dobson, John.....	139B	109739J	bye=	w37=	b32=	w30=	b22=	2½	4	477	119
21	Jameson, Nick.....	129A	268009K	b16-	w35-	b41+	w38=	b37+	2½	5	606	121
22	Walker, Nigel.....	123E	274176D	b17-	w33+	bye=	b19=	w20=	2½	4	548	137
23	Taylor, James.....	129D	275505B	w12+	b1-	w26+	b7-	w28=	2½	5	683	137
24	Wiseman, Jim K.....	138A	126943E	b32-	w39+	b36+	w13=	b6-	2½	5	675	135
25	Amir-Afshari, Farhad.....	127C	105699C	bye=	b12-	w31-	b39+	w29=	2	4	429	107
26	Barnett, Mike J.....	125d	106268C	bye=	w8=	b23-	b9-	w40+	2	4	447	112
27	Boustred, Noel J.....	136X	139288J	w34+	b18+	w1-	b2-	w11-	2	5	572	114
28	Farthing, Michael.....	132X	289044G	b30-	w36-	b34+	w37=	b23=	2	5	549	110
29	Friar, Colin.....	115B	271760J	b42+	w17=	b5-	w10-	b25=	2	5	631	126
30	Glover, Gordon L.....	115X	256834C	w28+	b4=	w3-	b20=	w9-	2	5	635	127
31	Green, Tom DA.....	95D	265036J	bye=	w6-	b25+	w8-	b34=	2	4	460	115
32	Henderson, William FN....	122B	112502D	w24+	b3-	w20=	b11=	b14-	2	5	631	126
33	Horne, Michael.....	134A	166452K	w18-	b22-	w39-	bye+	b38+	2	4	354	89
34	Jowett, Conrad J.....	121C	113954L	b27-	bye=	w28-	b40+	w31=	2	4	421	105
35	O'Rourke, Ben.....	128C	160714F	w1-	b21+	w12-	b18=	w36=	2	5	588	118
36	Swift, Mike.....	117C	119961E	w19-	b28+	w24-	bye=	b35=	2	4	484	121
37	Harrington, Peter.....	117C	152551H	bye=	b20=	w19-	b28=	w21-	1½	4	436	109
38	Robertson, Alan B.....	102B	170176K	w9+	b7-	w15-	b21=	w33-	1½	5	563	113
39	Fielding, Christopher....	125B	264358D	w4-	b24-	b33+	w25-		1	4	440	110
40	Cook, Dave W.....	108A	188042B	bye=	b14-	w11-	w34-	b26-	½	4	308	77
41	Baron, Lee.....	115A	166521C	w7-	b9-	w21-			0	3	248	83
42	Whiteside, Ronnie.....	135A	134030L	w29-					0	1	65	65

Index:

- A = Player's score
- B = Number of graded games played
- C = Total grading points
- D = Grading performance