

The ninth Cambridgeshire Rapidplay was held in Peterborough on Sunday 21 April. 54 players competed in three tournaments, with entrants coming from as far away as Sussex, Oxfordshire, Louth and Lowestoft. But it was the local players who took most of the prizes, including first place in the three tournaments. The full results were as follows:

OPEN TOURNAMENT

1st: Andrew Timoshenko (Peterborough) 4.5/5

2nd: Chris Davison (Cambridge) and Martyn Goodger (Ely) 3.5/5

Grading prize (under 175): Chris Davison

Junior (under 18) prize: Joshua Higgs (Worth School) 1.5/5

Jack Taylor trophy (for highest-placed Cambridgeshire player): Andrew Timoshenko

MAJOR TOURNAMENT

1st: Paul McMahon (Royston) 4.5/5

2nd: Colin Payne (Norwich Dons) 4/5

3rd: Sam Caraway (New England), Phil Turp (New England) and Marcus Connolly (Peterborough) 3.5/5

Grading Prize (under 140): Colin Payne

Junior (under 16) prize: Karthik Saravanan (Lowestoft) 3/5

CHALLENGERS TOURNAMENT

1st: Neal Fisher (Peterborough) 5/5

2nd: Eva Ressel (Chessmates, Northampton) and Max Miller (Chesspoints, Northampton) 4/5

Grading prize (under 100): John Grasham (Louth) 3.5/5

Junior (under 14) prize: Eva Ressel

Junior (under 11) prize: Max Miller

Finally may I thank all those who took part, together with the ECF arbiters John Wickham, Francis Bowers and Patrick Ribbands, Francis Bowers again for providing the equipment and bookstall, and Claire Turp and Alison Kemp for the catering.

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