

CAMBRIDGESHIRE RAPIDPLAY REPORT

The sixth Cambridgeshire Rapidplay, held on Sunday 29 April, attracted 76 entries, a record for Rapidplays held in Peterborough. Competitors came from a wide area, as far apart as Edinburgh, Derbyshire and Sussex. It was particularly pleasing to see so many junior players: in the Challengers Tournament eighteen were aged 13 or under.

The prizes were shared between local players and visitors. In the Open Ieuan Ward from Bishop's Stortford was the winner, followed by Cambridgeshire's Andrew Timosenko and Norman Hutchinson. Dean Hartley from Amber Valley in Derbyshire, a regular at our Rapidplays, was a popular winner of the Major Tournament. The Challengers produced a six-way tie for first place, including the youngest competitor Ieysaa bin-Suhail from Wisbech (aged 7) and Cambridge's Claudia Bazyk (aged 9).

The full prize list is given below.

OPEN

1st Ieuan Ward (Bishop's Stortford) 4.5/5 £100

2nd= Andrew Timosenko (Peterborough) and Norman Hutchinson (Linton)
3.5/5 £37.50 each

Under 175 grading prize Steve Burke (Ashfield) 2.5/5 £25

Andrew Timosenko won the Jack Taylor trophy for the highest-placed Cambridgeshire player (on tie-break).

MAJOR

1st Dean Hartley (Amber Valley) 4.5/5 £100

2nd= Joshua Higgs (Worth Abbey, Sussex), Peter Rawcliffe (Milton Keynes), Alan Prince (Edinburgh), Glyn Ward (Peterborough) 4/5 £18.75 each

Under 140 grading prize Joshua Higgs £25

CHALLENGERS

1st= Claudia Bazyk (Cambridge), Ieysaa bin-Suhail (Wisbech), Melchoir Chui (Cambridge), Sam Herring (Oundle School), Peter Housden (Bedford), and Owen Robinson (Northants Juniors) 5/6 £25 each

Under 100 grading prize Peter Housden and Melchoir Chui £10 each

Under 13 junior prize Owen Robinson £20

Under 11 junior prize Ieysaa bin-Suhail and Claudia Bazyk £10 each

Finally, may I thank all those who took part and helped to make the event such a success. My thanks too to joint controller Patrick Ribbands, ECF arbiter and bookstall provider Francis Bowers, treasurer Norman Hutchinson, and in particular to Claire Turp and my wife Alison who provided the catering at short notice when we needed to change venue.

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