

Ben Purton is the new STRAT

Ben Purton is the new Strat after the climax of the British Land UK Chess Challenge in Sheffield on 21st and 22nd of August, 2004. This was Ben's first (and last) appearance in the Terafinal, and although he was by no means the top seed, he defeated his major rivals and then held Jonathan Lappage to a draw in the final round.

Ben won a cheque for £1,000, the title of STRAT and the Rotary Cup to be held for one year.

In second place were the Essex players, **Li Wu and Dana Hawrami**, who both have a chance for the title next year.



Ben Purton



Sabrina Chevannes

Top girl for the second year running was **Sabrina Chevannes**, although she was challenged strongly by her club mate Charlotte Wilcox. Sabrina was victorious in their individual encounter, but then Charlotte fought back with a knife-edge victory over James Hanley. In the last round Sabrina took a draw in a complicated position against Richard Glover, while Charlotte went down to second seed Li Wu.

Farris Ziyada

Rhian Hughes

The Under 11 prize and Cup this year will be shared between **Farris Ziyada** of Sussex and **Rhian Hughes** of Midlothian. This was Farris's first appearance in the Terafinal, whilst Rhian is already something of a veteran, having competed twice before. Rhian's performance was



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sensational, defeating number 3 seed, Matthew Dignam, in the first round and holding her own against much older players in subsequent rounds.

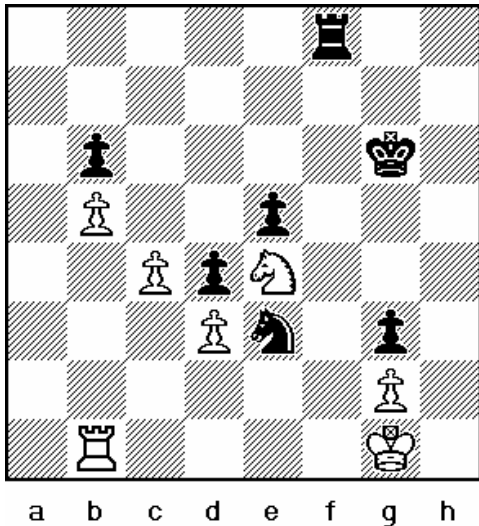
Top Under 9 player was **Craig Whitfield**, who survived a stomach upset on the second day to bring home the coveted prize.



Craig Whitfield

THE BOSS AT BAY

In the vital last round Jonathan Lappage, who had earlier conceded a draw to James Hanley, needed a win to overhaul Ben Purton in the race. Despite gaining a promising position, he was unable to find a strong continuation, and with time running out of the clock, his position also began to deteriorate.



8 In this position, Purton put a spurt on and decided to push through to the queening square with

7 36 c5 bxc5 37 Nxc5 Nd5 38 b6 Nc3 39 Re1

6 Now the pawn at g3, which Purton should have captured earlier, really becomes dangerous and Lappage could here have wrapped things up with 39 ... Rf2 40 b7 Ne2+ 41 Kh1 (41 Rxe2 Rxe2 42 Kf1 Rb2 wins for black) 41 ... Rf4 42 b8=Q Rh4++

5 Instead, with only a few minutes on the clock, Lappage goes on the defensive.

4 39 ... Rb8 40 b7 Kf5 41 Rxe5+ Kxe5 42 Nd7+ Kd6

3 43 Nxb8 Kc7 44 Nc6 Kxb7 and Purton generously offered a draw, thus securing himself victory in the tournament.



Sam Williams

THE CHALLENGERS

The Challengers sections were almost as strong as the Terafinal, consisting of players who had come second or third in the National Gigafinal. Altogether 111 players took part in two sections and the winner of Challengers A was **Sam Williams** of Hampshire, with the winner of Challengers B **William Bennet** from Rutland. Sam won the Northumbrian Plate and £500 and William won the Challengers Plate plus £500.



William Bennet

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TERAFINAL RESULTS - THE SOURCE, SHEFFIELD, AUGUST 2004											
Count	FirstName	Last Name	U	Age	B/G	BCF LP/R	School	County	Score	Position	TITLE
1	Ben	Purton	U	18	B	177	Slough	Berks	16	1st	STRAT
2	Dana	Hawrami	U	13	B	166	Ilford County High	Essex	15	2nd=	SuperUltimo
3	Li	Wu	U	15	B	209	Bancroft's	Essex	15	2nd=	
4	Jonathan	Lappage	U	17	B	211	Magdalen College	Oxon	14	4th	
5	Sabrina	Chevannes	U	17	G	178	B'ham Checkmates CC	Warks	13	5th=	Best Girl
6	James	Hanley	U	14	B	176	Lancaster RGS	Lancs	13	5th=	SuperUltimo
7	Matthew	Dignam	U	16	B	195	Chesham High	Bucks	12	7th=	
8	Eugene	Geidelberg	U	12	B	117	Basingstoke JCC	Hants	12	7th=	SuperUltimo
9	Rhian	Hughes	U	10	G	93	South Morningside	Midlothian	12	7th=	Best U11=/SuperUltima
10	Farris	Ziyada	U	11	B	105	East Grinstead JCC	Sussex	12	7th=	Best U11=/SuperUltimo
11	Ankush	Khandelwal	U	13	B	162	Notts HS	Notts	12	7th=	
12	Kishan	Lakhani	U	12	B	131	Long Eaton CC/Notts High	Notts	12	7th=	SuperUltimo
13	Charlotte	Wilcox	U	16	G	134	B'ham Checkmates CC	Warks	12	7th=	
14	Richard	Glover	U	14	B	138	3 Cs	Lancs	11	14th	
15	Craig	Whitfield	U	9	B	109	Hassell	Staffs	9	15th=	Best U9/SuperUltimo (SOP)
16	George	Tunstall	U	10	B	97	Nine Mile Ride	Berks	9	15th=	SuperUltimo (SOP)
17	William	Boulton	U	10	B	82	Norwich JCC	Norfolk	9	15th=	
18	Charles	Court	U	12	B	118	Aldro	Surrey	9	15th=	
19	Benjamin	Dangoor	U	11	B	87	Colet Court	Surrey	9	15th=	
20	Dominic	Foord	U	11	B	111	Christchurch Brondesbury	Middx	9	15th=	
21	Abi	Fryer	U	13	G	79	East Grinstead JCC	Sussex	9	15th=	
22	Tom	Huband	U	9	B	92	Sir Robert Hitcham	Suffolk	9	15th=	
23	Peter	Keetley	U	10	B	87	Nottingham High Junior	Notts	9	15th=	
24	Jeffrey	Levicki	U	12	B	101	Magdalen College	Oxon	9	15th=	
25	Nipuna	Senaratne	U	10	B	93	QEGS	Yorks	9	15th=	
26	Jessica	Thilaganathan	U	11	G	99	L E H	Surrey	8	26th=	SuperUltima
27	David	Grant	U	11	B	112	East Grinstead JCC	Sussex	8	26th=	
28	George	Cloake	U	11	B	89	Grappenhall JCC	Cheshire	7	28th	
29	Nathan	Taylor	U	8	B	73	Swinton JCC	Lancs	6	29th=	SuperUltimo (SOP)
30	Deborah	Barnard	U	18	G		King Edward VII	Yorks	6	29th=	
31	Fay	Birch	U	10	G	68	Claremont	Surrey	6	29th=	
32	Adam	Freeman	U	10	B	83	Tameside JCC	Cheshire	6	29th=	
33	Dan	Levit	U	8	B	71	Brookland	Middx	6	29th=	
34	Thomas	Mavin	U	8	B	99	Yarm	Yorks	6	29th=	
35	Caroline	Foster	U	9	G	42	Wolsey Junior	Surrey	6	29th=	SuperUltima
36	Christopher	Hinchcliffe	U	7	B	54	St Peter's	Surrey	4	36th	SuperUltimo
37	Jayden	Gough	U	7	B	37	Yateley Manor	Hants	3	37th=	
38	Sienna	Lee	U	8	G		St Mark's S of C/Woodmansterne	Surrey	3	37th=	
39	Stephen	Wright	U	10	B	58	Foremarke Hall	Derbys	3	37th=	
40	Afira	Sutanto	U	7	G	67	(Carlton)	(Middx)	1	40th	
	Sheila	Dines	U	11	G	102	Old Palace	Surrey	3 w/d		

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CHALLENGERS SECTION A											
Count							Score	Pos.			
1	Sam	Williams	U	17	B	201	Basingstoke JCC	Hants	16	1st	
2	Peter	Constantinou	U	15	B	174	Bedford Modern	Beds	15	2nd=	
3	Ammar	Karim	U	18	B	169	B'ham Checkmates CC	Warks	15	2nd=	
4	Dani	Malik	U	13	B	131	B'ham Checkmates CC	Warks	15	2nd=	
5	Thilagini	Anandajeyarajah	U	12	G	74	Tolworth Girls	Surrey	13	5th=	Top Girl
6	Balvinder	Grewal	U	16	B	174	Notts HS	Notts	13	5th=	
7	Philip	Makepeace	U	15	B	154	Dr Challoner's	Bucks	13	5th=	
8	Tariq	Oozeerally	U	16	B	132	Whitgift	Surrey	13	5th=	
9	Andrew	Tucker	U	13	B	120	Crowborough JCC	Sussex	13	5th=	
14	Nathan	Riddell	U	11	B	75	Kinson CC	Dorset	12	10th=	Joint Top Under 11
10	Hamzah	Ali	U	10	B	74	Nottingham High Junior	Notts	12	10th=	Joint Top Under 11
11	Stephen	Cairns	U	16	B	103	Berkshire Junior Chess	Berks	12	10th=	Video/DVD
12	Martin	Cheung	U	14	B	102	Haberdashers' Aske's	Hertfordshire	12	10th=	Video/DVD
13	Liam	Rabbitte	U	13	B	114	Swinton JCC	Lancs	12	10th=	Video/DVD
CHALLENGERS SECTION B											
Count							Score	Pos.			
1	William	Bennet	U	16	B	180	Oakham	Rutland	18	1st	
2	Simon	Fowler	U	15	B	170	Dothill JCC	Shropshire	15	2nd=	
3	Graham	Hantman	U	14	B	142	Ashted JCC/Hampton	Surrey	15	2nd=	
4	E Josiah	Lutton	U	16	B	177	Basildon JCC	Essex	15	2nd=	
5	Kaiser	Malik	U	12	B	116	B'ham Checkmates CC	Warks	14	5th	
6	Jia Shen	Lee	U	13	B	129	St Olave's Grammar	Kent	13	6th=	Video/DVD
7	Richard	Westwood	U	17	B	173	B'ham Checkmates CC	Warks	13	6th=	Video/book
12	Claire	Morris	U	16	G	132	Cowley CC	Oxon	12	8th=	Top Girl
9	Robert	Glover	U	11	B	101	3 Cs	Lancs	12	8th=	Joint Top Under 11
14	Michael	Rabbitte	U	11	B	100	Monton Green	Lancs	12	8th=	Joint Top Under 11
16	Robert	Statham	U	11	B	65	Arnold Lodge	Warks	12	8th=	Joint Top Under 11
13	Joseph	Quinn	U	9	B	32	Dorset House/Crowborough JCC	Sussex	12	8th=	Joint Top Under 11
8	Michael	Compston	U	13	B	117	3 Cs	Lancs	12	8th=	Video/DVD
10	Ben	Lamy	U	18	B	105	Notts HS	Notts	12	8th=	Video/DVD
11	Robert	Lydiard	U	12	B	123	Cranmore	Surrey	12	8th=	Video/DVD
15	Ravi	Sharda	U	12	B	106	John Lyon	Middx	12	8th=	Video/DVD
17	Prasun	Chakravorty	U	17	B	171	Birkdale	Yorks	12	8th=	Video/DVD

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