

## 2<sup>ND</sup> CLEETHORPES RAPIDPLAY CHESS – SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023



A total of 99 entrants gathered on a glorious sunny day at the Cleethorpes Leisure Centre for the annual Cleethorpes Rapidplay event.

The Open had a small but strong field led by GM Daniel Gormally who secured first place with a flawless 6/6 score and a performance rating of 3038. Along the way he overcame both IM Gediminas Sarakauskas and Kamila Hryshchenko (The current British Ladies Rapidplay Champion), who shared second place on 4/6.



GM Danny Gormally



Kamila Hryshchenko



IM Gediminas Sarakauskas

In the Major U1900 section it was a tight battle right to the end, with Raven Morello remaining unbeaten on 5/6 to take first place, half a point clear of joint runners-up M John Cawston, George Boothman and Richard Desmedt.



Major winner Raven Morello (left)

Even tighter was the Minor U1600 where no less than 5 players shared first place on 5/6

Rosa Morello, Richard Harrison, Jacob Smith, Peter Taylor and Robert Arthurnton all took home £65 as their share of the prize fund. (Pictured below L-R)



Thanks to the kind sponsorship from Select Cars Grimsby, Keith May Accounting Services and Giftware Solutions Ltd enabled us to offer a prize fund of just under £1400, including 6 Grading prizes. Thanks too for the excellent venue provided by Lincs Inspire and the hard work by Gavin Johnstone and staff at the centre. Arbiters Douglas Vleeshouwer and Jo Hutchinson ensured the event ran smoothly all day. Photos by Martin Pettinger Photography.



The Arbiters

All results and cross-table can be viewed via QR code below or at <https://chess-results.com/tnr776823.aspx?lan=1>  
Report by K McCarthy/N Birtwistle – congress organisers.  
Next Rapidplay will be in Lincoln on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

