

Warrington Mates in the 4NCL 25-26 Season.

Going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend at Coventry the Mates were 6<sup>th</sup> in the table.

Saturday was a match against the Welsh team Rhyfelwyr Essyllwg, lower than The Mates in the table, but with a stronger team on paper.

As has happened on every Saturday so far this season, The Mates lost.

<b>Warrington Mates</b> 2013			<b>Rhyfelwyr Essyllwg</b> 2070		
321	w	Norris, Ethan	2223	e	½ - ½
322	b	Mazek, Marek	2154	e	1 - 0
323	w	Kay, Lee P	1983	e	½ - ½
324	b	McCarthy, Damian	1955	e	0 - 1
325	w	Newton, Robert A	1914	e	0 - 1
326	b	Potter, Steven	1854	e	0 - 1

2-4

The evening meal was at the hotel. The Mates have eaten there before and it was as good this time as it was last time. There's been to some interesting evening meal venues in Coventry, but still there's no go to option yet.

Sunday The Mates needed to bounce back against Ashfield. Again The Mates were outgraded as a team, but only by 8 points. As per every Sunday this season the bounce back happened. A 5 -1 win maybe flattered us, but a one in the win column, is a one in the win column, there's no points in chess for artistic interpretation.

<b>Ashfield 1</b>			<b>2021</b>			<b>Warrington Mates</b> 2013		
361	w	Cumbers, Paul	2198	e	0 - 1	Norris, Ethan	2223	e
362	b	Coates, David H	2078	e	0 - 1	Mazek, Marek	2154	e
363	w	Gunaratne, Senith Thenula	2075	e	0 - 1	Kay, Lee P	1983	e
364	b	Griffin-Young, Sebastian	1915	e	1 - 0	Newton, Robert A	1914	e
365	w	Truman, Richard G	1949	e	0 - 1	Mulleady, Peter J	1950	e
366	b	Bahtiyar, Furkan	1916	e	0 - 1	Potter, Steven	1854	e

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That leaves The Mates with an important question. Why is there a 0/3 score on Saturdays, yet a 3/3 score on Sundays?

The table leaves The Mates in 5<sup>th</sup> place, well above the bottom team, but with a large number of teams only 1 point behind.

		MP	GP
1	CSC/Kingston 2	10	24
2	Golden Cockerels	9	20½
3	Sussex Martlets 2	9	19½
4	Poole Patzers 2-4	7	19
5	Warrington Mates	6	19½
6	Oxford 2	5	20
7	Surbiton	5	17½

8	Rhyfelwyr Essyllwg	5	17
9	Ashfield 1	5	16
10	Iceni 1	5	15½
11	The MASCeteers	4	17
12	Celtic Tigers 22	10½	

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Going into the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend at Coventry the Mates were 5<sup>th</sup> in the table and welcomed Jamie to the team's ranks as mate number 10.

Saturday was a match against Poole Patzers, and for the first time 7 players travelled, so the team had a substitute if required. The match didn't go well though, a 4.5-1.5 loss to a higher graded team, without a win.

Warrington Mates		2029	Poole Patzers		2124			
341	w	Norris, Ethan	2223	e	0 - 1	Stubbs, Oliver	c	2203
342	b	Mazek, Marek	2154	e	½ - ½	Majeed, Haroon		2224 e
343	w	Barnes, Jamie	2075	e	½ - ½	Gomez, Daniel		2185 e
344	b	Kay, Lee P	1983	e	½ - ½	Waddington, Mike P	f	2084 e
345	w	Furness, Robert M	1886	e	0 - 1	Thomas, James		2104 e
346	b	Potter, Steven	1854	e	0 - 1	Weatherlake, John P		1947 e

The evening meal.

The Mates went to a Turkish restaurant called Antalya. It must be a chain restaurant as the team passed another one on the way there. The food was great, there was plenty of it and was well cooked.

Sunday replicated the previous weekend, having had a bad result on the Saturday, Sunday was the total opposite, a comfortable win without losing a game.

Celtic Tigers 2		1836	Warrington Mates		2023
351	w	Quinn, John M	2072	0 - 1	Norris, Ethan
352	b	Pedersen, Carsten	2017	½ - ½	Mazek, Marek
353	w	Cranston, Adam	1808	½ - ½	Barnes, Jamie
354	b	Sturt, Charles A	1754	0 - 1	Mulleady, Peter J
355	w	Hoong, Jonathan	* 1723	e	1950 e
356	b	Rose, Peter	1642	½ - ½	Furness, Robert M
				0 - 1	Potter, Steven
					1886 e
					1854 e

So the the Mates slip 1 place in the table, but are looking up more than down. The next weekend should help define the season with games against Rhyfelwyr Essyllwg and Ashfield 1, who are both currently placed below the Mates.

## Division Three Knights

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	MP	GP
1	CSC/Kingston 2				4-2	3½- 2½		4½- 1½	4½- 1½				8	16½
2	Sussex Martlets 2				3½- 2½	3-3		3½- 2½			5-1		7	15
3	Golden Cockerels				3-3			3½- 2½	4½- 1½		3-3		6	14
4	Iceni 1			2½- 3½	3-3					3½- 2½		3½- 2½	5	12½
5	Poole Patzers	2-4	3-3				4½- 1½			3-3		4	12½	
6	Warrington Mates	2½- 3½				1½- 4½				4-2	4½- 1½		4	12½
7	Oxford 2		2½-						3-3	2½-	5-1		3	13

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	MP	GP		
				3½												
8	Surbiton	1½- 4½			2½- 3½			3-3					3	10½		
9	Ashfield 1	1½- 4½			1½- 4½								4-2	3-3	3	10
10	The MASCeteers				2½- 3½		2-4	3½- 2½					2	10		
11	Celtic Tigers 2		1-5	3-3		3-3	1½- 4½		2-4				2	8½		
12	Rhyfelwyr Essyllwg				2½- 3½			1-5	2½- 3½	3-3			1	9		