

# THE ROAR

## CELTIC TIGERS OFFICIAL UPDATE

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### NEW LOGO

Let me know your thoughts?



*New Tiger Klaudia Kulon, FIDE: 2352 starts the season with a solid 2/2 performance.*

### WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE ROAR, A MATCH REPORT FOR THE WEEKEND AND A PLACE TO UPDATE ABOUT ADDITIONAL CLUB NEWS.

IF ANYONE WANTS TO WRITE A PIECE OR ARTICLE PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND ME SOMETHING AFTER THE WEEKEND AND I WILL INCLUDE IT.

I FIRSTLY NEED TO THANK PETER KEMP FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK OVER THE YEARS KEEPING THIS CLUB NOT ONLY GOING, BUT TAKING IT ALL THE WAY TO DIVISION 1 TO COMPETE WITH THE PROFESSIONALS!

I HOPE I CAN KEEP THE TIGER LEGACY ALIVE, AND MAINTAIN THE SAME STANDARDS THAT HE HAS OVER THE COMING YEAR(S). ☺

CHRIS

### PRE-MATCH

GOING INTO OUR FIRST MATCH IN DIVISION TWO SINCE WE WERE CROWNED CHAMPIONS IN 15-16, WE NOW FOUND OURSELVES BEING THE LOWEST SEEDDED SIDE (BY RATING) WITHIN THE DIVISION, TO ADD TO THIS WE WERE PLAYING AT OUR LEAST FAVORITE VENUE, TELFORD.

TO STRENGTHEN THE SQUAD, WE WERE JOINED BY WGM KLAUDIA KULON WHO FLEW IN FROM POZNAN, POLAND FOR HER FIRST TASTE TIGER STYLE CHESS. HERE IS HER FAN PAGE:

[\(HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ARCYMISTRZYNIKLAUDIAKULON/\)](https://www.facebook.com/ARCYMISTRZYNIKLAUDIAKULON/)

SHE WILL BE BACK JOINING US ONCE AGAIN LATER IN THE SEASON.

FINALLY, AS USUAL, I DID MY BEST TO GET RYSZARD INTO HIS MORE NATURAL STATE SO HE COULD BE ON HIS A-GAME! (UNFORTUNATELY I DIDN'T RECOVER AS WELL AS HE DID AFTER WE PARTIED TILL 2AM).



## ROUND 1

THIS WAS ALWAYS GOING TO BE A CHALLENGING ROUND, WITH GRANTHAM SHARKS OUT RATING US BY ABOUT 25 POINTS ON AVERAGE PER BOARD, BUT PRACTICALLY THIS WAS SKEWED BY KLAUDIA, SO OUR BOARDS 5-8 HAD A DIFFICULT CHALLENGE TO TRY AND HOLD FOR THE TEAM.

AS WELL AS A STRONG PERFORMANCE ON THE BOTTOM BOARDS. (1.5/4 IS FAIRLY DECENT CONSIDERING), OUR TOP BOARDS, THE ANCHORS OF THE TEAM REALLY PULLED THROUGH AND TOOK A LOT OF THE PRESSURE OFF.

Celtic Tigers		2090		Grantham Sharks 2		2114
w	Kulon, Klaudia	wg	2352	1 - 0	Varnam, Liam D	2083
b	Maciol, Ryszard		2162	1 - 0	Birtwistle, Nigel	2155
w	Quinn, John M		2169	1 - 0	Willis, Rupert	2163
b	Pedersen, Carsten		2144	½ - ½	Purton, Ben J	2109
w	Way, Julian M	f	2013	1 - 0	Milson, Samuel A	2110
b	Skulte, Christopher		1957	0 - 1	Head, Louise	w 2106
w	Larter, Nick J.		1839	½ - ½	Kafka, Graeme	2074
b	Buttell, David		1782	0 - 1	Munshi, Aditya	j 2056

SOME KEY MOMENTS:

- 1: JOHN QUINN (WHITE) WINS 1 MOVE LATER, AFTER BLACK PLAYS Kxh8 TO SAVE HIS QUEEN
- 2: JULIAN (WHITE) FINDS A WINNING MOVE AFTER BLACK PLAYED h6, CAN YOU FIND IT?
- 3: NICKS OPPONENT (BLACK), HAD TO DECIDE c5 OR h6 FOR THE BISHOP, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST SQUARE? (LUCKY FOR US, HE CHOSE THE WRONG ONE, AND IT ENDED IN A PERPETUAL)



I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT WE WERE FEELING THE BUZZ OF TIGER SPIRIT!

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*NEW FORMULA PROVEN:*

*TEAM SPIRIT > FIDE RATING*

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## DINNER

OUR GOOD TEAMMATE PETER KITCHEN CAME AND JOINED THE TEAM FOR A FEAST OF EPIC PROPORTIONS (IF RYSZARDS PLATE WAS ANYTHING TO GO BY). CARSTEN WAS SO EXCITED HE NEEDED TO TAKE A TIME-OUT, AND JULIAN, SOME WOULD SAY THE LEAST MATURE OF THE GROUP, WENT TO BED EARLY TO BE IN TOP SHAPE FOR THE SUNDAY MATCH! UNFORTUNATELY KLAUDIA COULDN'T JOIN US FOR DINNER, BUT THERE IS ALWAYS NEXT TIME.

## ROUND 2

ROUND TWO SAW US PLAYING AGAINST A MUCH UNCHANGED KINGS HEAD TEAM WHO BEAT THE TIGERS 5.5-2.5 IN THE DIVISION ONE DEMOTION POOL LAST YEAR. (SEE RESULT BELOW)

Kings Head			2160		Celtic Tigers			2141
w	Tukpetov, Evgeny		2247	0 - 1	Hoffmann, Hendrik	f	2336	
b	McMichael, Richard J	c	2218	1 - 0	Schoene, Maria	wi	2287	
w	Okike, David		2190	1 - 0	Maciol, Ryszard		2139	
b	Guthrie, David		2168	1 - 0	Mitra, Roman C		2093	
w	Sun, Xinyue	w	2130	1 - 0	Pedersen, Carsten		2165	
b	Mackenzie, Colin		2095 e	½ - ½	Quinn, John M		2152	
w	Gilfillan, Andrew		2072 e	½ - ½	Larter, Nick J.		1816	
b	Disu, Kayode		2087 e	½ - ½	Buttall, David		1748	

KINGS HEAD WERE ONCE AGAIN THE HIGHER RATED TEAM, BUT WHAT IS AN ELEPHANT TO A TIGER, JUST A BIGGER DINNER!

WE STUCK TO THE GAME PLAN (MADE UP POST GAMES), OF WINNING THE TOP AND BOTTOM BOARDS WHERE WE HAD THE RATING ADVANTAGES, AND TRY AND HOLD THE REST. IT WORKED PERFECTLY!!!

I BELIEVE WE HAD SOME CHANCES TO WIN THE MATCH BY A MUCH GREATER MARGIN BUT SUCH IS THE TIGER SPIRIT, WE ONLY EAT WHAT WE NEED TO. A GREAT ROUND BY EVERYONE INVOLVED, WITH LOTS OF GREAT CHESS BEING PLAYED.

Kings Head			2131		Celtic Tigers			2090
w	McMichael, Richard J	c	2231	0 - 1	Kulon, Klaudia	wg	2352	
b	Tukpetov, Evgeny		2213	1 - 0	Maciol, Ryszard		2162	
w	Okike, David		2198	½ - ½	Quinn, John M		2169	
b	Guthrie, David		2174	½ - ½	Pedersen, Carsten		2144	
w	Lewis, Alex		2165	½ - ½	Way, Julian M	f	2013	
b	Gilfillan, Andrew		1990	½ - ½	Skulte, Christopher		1957	
w	Disu, Kayode		1948	½ - ½	Larter, Nick J.		1839	
b	Usharovsky, Ron	j	1533	0 - 1	Buttall, David		1782	

SOME KEY MOMENTS:

- 1: KLAUDIA (BLACK), ESCAPES A MATING NET, BY REPOSITIONING HER QUEEN TO E5 (AFTER EATING D3)
- 2: NICK (BLACK) TAKES AN ADVANTAGE AFTER HIS OPPONENT PLAYS G3. SEE IT?
- 3: DAVE (WHITE) WINS THE EXCHANGE WITH A WELL-TIMED A5 THEN B4 PUSH, BEFORE WINNING THE GAME.



## SEASON PROGRESS

WE FINISH THE WEEKEND ON 100%, INCLUDING WINS AGAINST TWO TEAMS THAT ARE LIKELY TO MAKE THE PROMOTION POOL, PUTTING US IN A STRONG POSITION. SOME WOULD SAY, MAYBE TOO STRONG A POSITION....



**Hendrik Hoffmann** Well done to everybody involved. Got to be careful now - lest we are going to be promoted again 😊

Haha · Reply · 👍👎 3 · 11 hrs

HERE IS THE CURRENT TABLE. WHICH IS REALLY COOL, AS IT'S PERFECTLY SYMMETRICAL.

### Division 2a

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	GP	Pts
1 Manx Liberty				5½-2½	5½-2½				11	4
2 Celtic Tigers			5-3			4½-3½			9½	4
3 Grantham Sharks 2		3-5					5-3		8	2
4 Sussex Martlets 1	2½-5½							4½-3½	7	2
5 Wood Green Monarchs	2½-5½							4½-3½	7	2
6 Kings Head		3½-4½					4-4		7½	1
7 Barbican Youth			3-5			4-4			7	1
8 White Rose 2				3½-4½	3½-4½				7	0

## MANAGERS PLAYER OF THE WEEKEND

THIS WAS A REALLY TOUGH CALL, AS THERE WAS SO MANY GREAT MOMENTS OF HEROISM. LOTS OF GREAT WINS, GOOD TEAM DECISIONS, DIGGING IN DEEP TO SALVAGE POSITIONS, BREAKING LOSING STREAKS!

ALAS, WE ARE A TEAM, BUT THE SHOUT OUT FOR WEEK ONE GOES TO SOMEONE WHO WAS HIGHLY OUT-GRADED EACH DAY, AND QUICK RESULTS REALLY SET THE TONE OF THE MATCH (ALONG WITH HIS REGULAR HUMOROUS COMMENTS):

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*PLAYER OF THE WEEKEND:*

*JULIAN WAY*

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## OTHER NEWS

**T-SHIRTS:** CONSIDERING SOME UPDATED SHIRTS FOR THE TEAM. I WANT TO TRY AND LOCK IN A SPONSOR FIRST. LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE LOGO ON PG 1, AND I WILL GET TO WORK ON THE REST.

**DONATIONS:** ANY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME (PRIVACY KEPT AT ALL TIMES), CONTACT ME.

**PICTURES:** IF YOU HAVE ANY PHOTO'S FROM THE WEEKEND, PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO ME.

**TECH:** I AM CONSIDERING MAKING A SMALL WEBSITE, AND TWITTER/FACEBOOK, I AM TRYING TO WORK OUT WHAT WILL BE THE EASIEST TO MAINTAIN. PUTTING UP SOME HISTORY OF THE CLUB, AS WELL AS RECENT RESULTS AND MATCH REPORTS. ANY SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME.

**2<sup>ND</sup> CELTIC TIGERS TEAM:** I HAVE SPOKEN WITH A FEW PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PLAYING 4NCL NEXT SEASON. UNSURE IF THIS WILL GO AHEAD OR NOT, BUT FEEL FREE TO MENTION IT TO ANY FRIENDS TO SEE IF THEY MIGHT BE INTERESTED TOO SO WE CAN GET A SOLID SQUAD GOING.

## REMAINING ROUNDS

### JANUARY:

WEEKEND 2 | ROUNDS 3-4  
13-14 JANUARY 2018  
ST JOHNS HOTEL SOLIHULL

### FEBRUARY:

WEEKEND 3 | ROUNDS 5-6  
10-11 FEBRUARY 2018  
PARK INN NORTHAMPTON

### MARCH:

WEEKEND 4 | ROUNDS 7-8  
17-18 MARCH 2018  
DE VERE WOKEFIELD ESTATE

### MAY:

WEEKEND 5 | ROUNDS 9-11  
5-7 MAY 2018  
PARK INN TELFORD

**THAT'S A WRAP!**

**REMEMBER**

**“NOBODY FUCKS WITH A TIGER”**