

LONDON CHESS CLASSIC: major UK tournament and coming soon...

The **LONDON CHESS CLASSIC** at the **Olympia Conference Centre**, 8-15th December 2009.

The 8 players in this all-play-all are:

- ÿ World no.3 **Magnus Carlsen** (only 18 years old, currently being trained by Gary Kasparov! and surely destined to be a future World Champion)
 - ÿ ex World Champ **Vladimir Kramnik**
 - ÿ the exciting **Hikaru Nakamura** from the USA
 - ÿ China's new 2692 Elo talent **Hua Ni**
-and then there's 4 Brits!
- ÿ **Michael Adams**
 - ÿ the very much back to form **Nigel Short** who's rating has recently passed Adams',
 - ÿ the very likeable **Luke McShane** who sadly doesn't appear in tournaments very often now, but was something of a chess prodigy and who still plays regular high level Club chess abroad
 - ÿ and finally the new British Champion, with a terrific score of 9 out of 11, another 18 year old, **David Howell**.



The highest level Chess tournament in London for 25 years

8 PLAYERS ALL PLAY ALL

MAGNUS CARLSEN • VLADIMIR KRAMNIK • HIKARU NAKAMURA • HUA NI
World Number 3 Former World Champion "H-Bomb" - US Champion China

MICHAEL ADAMS • NIGEL SHORT • LUKE MCSHANE • DAVID HOWELL

**4 WORLD CLASS PLAYERS FACE THE
4 HIGHEST RATED ENGLISH GRANDMASTERS**

Further information at www.londonchessclassic.com and in next month's CHESS

It's a star-studded field and all of the players are combative, so it promises to be a very exciting event!

If you can get to London - DO! You can watch the games live of course, and there will be plenty of other tournaments & rapid-plays, an every evening blitz, plus coaching and other events taking place over the same period, all in the Auditorium. There's plenty of seating and of course a giant Screen displaying the moves of all the main tournament games, and a GM Commentary Room where Julian Hodgson, Jonathan Rowson, Malcolm Pein and others will discuss the games in progress and answer questions!

- § Mon 7/Dec will be the Opening Ceremony and a Blindfold Display.
- § Tue-Thu 8-10/Dec: Rounds 1, 2 and 3 starting at 2pm.
- § Fri 11/Dec: Rest Day
- § Sat-Mon 12-14/Dec: Rounds 4, 5 and 6, again starting at 2pm
- § Tue 15/Dec: Final round 7 starting at 12noon.

Tickets are £10 a day (or £50 for all 7 rounds), and children are free (!). You can purchase these NOW by ringing the CHESS shop on **020 7388 2404**