



# CROCKFORD'S PLATE

2014 – 2015



## FINAL

Holiday Inn

~ Birmingham Airport ~  
5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015

# 1 Times of Play

As a general principle, players should be seated and ready to play five minutes before the advertised starting time of each stanza. All players should be seated as a team at their home table by 12:55 on Saturday afternoon in readiness for a prompt start.

## **Saturday**

|            |                   |          |
|------------|-------------------|----------|
| Session I  | 1:00pm – 2:00pm   | Match 1  |
|            | 2:10pm – 3:10pm   |          |
|            | 3:20pm – 4:20pm   | Match 2  |
|            | 4:30pm – 5:30pm   |          |
|            | 5:40pm – 6:40pm   | Match 3a |
| Session II | 8:05pm – 9:05pm   | Match 3b |
|            | 9:15pm – 10:15pm  | Match 4  |
|            | 10:25pm – 11:25pm |          |

## **Sunday**

|             |                   |         |
|-------------|-------------------|---------|
| Session III | 10:30am – 11:30am | Match 5 |
|             | 11:40am – 12:40pm |         |
| Session IV  | 1:15pm – 2:15pm   | Match 6 |
|             | 2:25pm – 3:25pm   |         |
|             | 3:35pm – 4:35pm   | Match 7 |
|             | 4:45pm – 5:45pm   |         |

Results and presentation of trophy by 6:15pm

# 2 Format

Eight teams play a complete round-robin of 16-board matches. The full draw is listed within. Team captains are asked to collect an assignment card from the Tournament Director before the start of play. Matches are played in two halves, each of 8 boards. There is a compulsory change of opponents for the second half. Teams are 'at home' in either three or four of the matches.

The 'away' team are required to seat themselves first for the first half of the match. For the second half of the match, any pair of the home team who are retained must remain at the same table; the away team pairs change table/direction, and seat themselves after the home team are seated. See section 6 for a full description of this procedure, especially when teams consist of five or six players. Sitting-out players may watch play at any table, but may not watch their own team; neither may they follow a particular board(s).

### 3 Scoring

Scoring is by IMPs converted to VPs on the WBF scale.

|              |   |         |              |   |        |
|--------------|---|---------|--------------|---|--------|
| 0 - 1 IMPs   | – | 10 – 10 | 23 - 28 IMPs | – | 16 – 4 |
| 2 - 4 IMPs   | – | 11 – 9  | 29 - 35 IMPs | – | 17 – 3 |
| 5 - 8 IMPs   | – | 12 – 8  | 36 - 43 IMPs | – | 18 – 2 |
| 9 - 12 IMPs  | – | 13 – 7  | 44 - 53 IMPs | – | 19 – 1 |
| 13 - 17 IMPs | – | 14 – 6  | 54 or more   | – | 20 – 0 |
| 18 - 22 IMPs | – | 15 – 5  |              |   |        |

Teams are required to agree upon a half-time and full-time score with their opponents and to check that it agrees with the official score. A tie for first place will be split in accordance with standard EBU regulations as contained in the White Book.

### 4 Slow Play / Late Arrival

One hour is allowed for each set of 8 boards. This includes time for exchange of system information. Thereafter, both pairs — or the guilty pair — will be penalised according to the schedule below. For the purpose of that set out below, a single 'offence' is deemed to be anything up to five minutes of lateness. Thus, for example, a first offence of eight minutes lateness would constitute two offences. 1st offence – official warning; 2nd offence – ½ VP penalty; 3rd offence – 1 VP penalty. For subsequent offences, there shall be a 2 VP penalty, and the Tournament Director may also exercise his authority (herein confirmed) to require the removal of that pair from the next stanza (this to involve a change of partnerships in a team of four).

The penalty is upon the particular pair(s) involved. Thus, a team can be penalised in both halves of a match, and in both rooms.

Late arrival of up to five minutes shall result in less than the full playing time being available for the pair concerned. Thereafter, late arrival will be penalised by the removal of one board per eight minutes of lateness or part thereof, such boards to be scored as plus/minus 3 IMPs. Additional penalties may be assessed in Victory Points in particular circumstances and/or in the case of habitual offenders.

Please note that pairs should be seated five minutes before the advertised starting time of a stanza, and that the advertised starting time may be brought forward or delayed should circumstances so dictate.

## **5 General**

- (i) Bidding boxes will be used in all matches.
- (ii) EBU Level 5 systems and conventions are permitted.
- (iii) All hands have been pre-dealt by computer, and duplicated.
- (iv) Protest time in respect of any given session expires upon the commencement of the following session. Protest time in respect of the final session (session IV) expires 30 minutes after the final results of the competition have been published.
- (v) These and other regulations contained herein may be varied by the Director-in-Charge due to any special or unforeseen circumstances which may arise.

## **6 Seating of Home Team and Away Teams**

- (i) The teams meet according to the schedule printed in the programme. The Home Team sits throughout in the N/S position in the Green Section and in the E/W position in the Orange Section.
- (ii) The Home Team has the right for the first half of the match to nominate its players after the Away Team has nominated theirs. Thus, the Away team must seat themselves at N/S Orange and E/W Green at the commencement of the match.
- (iii) For the second half of the match, any pair of the Home Team which is retained must remain at the same table and, unless sub-paragraph (viii) applies, any pair of the Away Team which is retained must change tables and direction.
- (iv) A change of pairs or partnership may be made only after half of the match has been played.
- (v) A change of partnership creates a new pair.
- (vi) A substitute pair for the second half takes the place of the pair which it is replacing.
- (vii) When the Home Team has nominated its players for the second half, the Away Team will nominate its players.
- (viii) If, for the second half, the Home Team has a new pair at both tables, then the Away Team may seat themselves in any manner they wish.

- (ix) No change other than those referred to above may be made unless authorised by the Tournament Director in charge. Such permission will only be given in case of illness or in exceptional circumstances.

## 7 Master Point Awards and Prizes

Master Point awards are 'per player', and are subject to that player having played at least 1/3 of the boards in the stage of the event involved.

- (i) Per match won: 0.50 Green Point (0.25 for a draw).

- (ii) For overall ranking:
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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 12.00 Greens |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 6.00 Greens  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 3.50 Greens  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 1.50 Greens  |

By contrast, prizes are quoted strictly on a 'per team' basis, regardless of whether this be a team of four, five or six players. Prizes will be credited to the captain's EBU account, and may be redeemed at any time on application to the EBU.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | £160 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | £80 |
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## 8 The Teams (by random draw)

- (1) Andy Hughes (Captain), Martin Brook, Miles Cowling, Dave Huggett, Steve Preston
- (2) Julian Merrill (Captain), Liz Commins, Christopher Page, Andrew Prothero, Paul Roberts, David Stevenson
- (3) Robert Miller (Captain), Daniel Baines, Jim Deacon, Mark Tilley, Chris Wormleighton
- (4) Nick Forward (Captain), Steve Allerston, Stewart Fishburne, Simon Harrison, Ian Thompson, Mike Willoughby
- (5) David Elvin (Captain), David Dawson, Christine Dyer, Jeremy Fitzpatrick, Denny Wade
- (6) Jerry Harouni (Captain), Richard Bowdery, Gary Jones, Andrew Murphy, Ray Robinson
- (7) Jeremy Baker (Captain), James Guiton, Fred Hotchen, Richard Hyde, Alister McDonold, John Sherringham
- (8) Michael Kaltz (Captain), Chris Cook, Andy Fenn, Peter Lewy, Adrian Scheps

# 9 The Schedule of Play

## SATURDAY

Tbl Teams

### Match 1 (1:00)

|   |       |         |   |         |
|---|-------|---------|---|---------|
| 1 | 1 v 3 | Hughes  | v | Miller  |
| 2 | 6 v 5 | Harouni | v | Elvin   |
| 3 | 7 v 4 | Baker   | v | Forward |
| 4 | 8 v 2 | Kaltz   | v | Merrill |

### Match 2 (3:20)

|   |       |         |   |         |
|---|-------|---------|---|---------|
| 1 | 5 v 8 | Elvin   | v | Kaltz   |
| 2 | 2 v 1 | Merrill | v | Hughes  |
| 3 | 3 v 7 | Miller  | v | Baker   |
| 4 | 4 v 6 | Forward | v | Harouni |

### Match 3 (5:40)

|   |       |         |   |         |
|---|-------|---------|---|---------|
| 1 | 5 v 7 | Elvin   | v | Baker   |
| 2 | 6 v 8 | Harouni | v | Kaltz   |
| 3 | 3 v 2 | Miller  | v | Merrill |
| 4 | 4 v 1 | Forward | v | Hughes  |

### Match 4 (9:15)

|   |       |         |   |         |
|---|-------|---------|---|---------|
| 1 | 1 v 5 | Hughes  | v | Elvin   |
| 2 | 2 v 4 | Merrill | v | Forward |
| 3 | 7 v 6 | Baker   | v | Harouni |
| 4 | 8 v 3 | Kaltz   | v | Miller  |

**IMP score**

**Half-time Full-time**

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## SUNDAY

Tbl Teams

### Match 5 (10:30)

|   |       |         |   |         |
|---|-------|---------|---|---------|
| 1 | 5 v 4 | Elvin   | v | Forward |
| 2 | 6 v 3 | Harouni | v | Miller  |
| 3 | 7 v 2 | Baker   | v | Merrill |
| 4 | 8 v 1 | Kaltz   | v | Hughes  |

### Match 6 (1:15)

|   |       |         |   |         |
|---|-------|---------|---|---------|
| 1 | 5 v 2 | Elvin   | v | Merrill |
| 2 | 6 v 1 | Harouni | v | Hughes  |
| 3 | 7 v 8 | Baker   | v | Kaltz   |
| 4 | 4 v 3 | Forward | v | Miller  |

### Match 7 (3:35)

|   |       |         |   |         |
|---|-------|---------|---|---------|
| 1 | 1 v 7 | Hughes  | v | Baker   |
| 2 | 2 v 6 | Merrill | v | Harouni |
| 3 | 3 v 5 | Miller  | v | Elvin   |
| 4 | 8 v 4 | Kaltz   | v | Forward |

**IMP score**

**Half-time Full-time**

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