

# Irish Secondary Schools CheckMate Finals 2013

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The 2013 Secondary Schools CheckMate Finals was held Friday, 12-April-2013 at the South Court Hotel, Raheen, Limerick. Teams had qualified from Regional play-offs held around the country and 18 teams turned up, 72 players.

Many of the country's strongest Junior players were playing on some team, including the current u19's and u16's Irish Champions.

Chess clocks were used in all games with a fast Rapidplay time setting of 15 minutes each. Six rounds were played in total with a short break after round 4.

The tournament was run as an Individual swiss tournament, with Individual team members scores making a team score. Team members are barred from playing each other by the Computer software, thereby not causing any distortion to the results.

There were three clear team places and three clear Individual places, and no blitz play-off's were necessary.

Christian Brothers College, Cork took 1<sup>st</sup> place by a single half point to newcomers, Crescent College from Limerick who came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Castleknock College (Leinster Champions) came 3<sup>rd</sup> with only 1.5 game points behind the winners – the results were that close. (This was the winners 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive win)

Zaran Butt from Castleknock College took the Individual prize beating several Irish International players along the way. He was followed closely by Chris Young and Hugh Doyle who took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places respectively on tie-break.

## CheckMate Secondary Finals, 2013-Apr-12

### Team Standings

Place	Team-Name	Score	
1	<b>CHRISTIANS-CORK-A</b>	<b>18</b>	.....Irish Champions
2	<b>CRESCENT-COLLEGE-LIMERICK</b>	<b>17.5</b>	.....2nd placed team
3	<b>CASTLEKNOCK-DUBLIN</b>	<b>16.5</b>	.....3rd placed team
4	GARBALLY-COLLEGE-GALWAY	16	
5	ST-GERALDS-CASTLEBAR-MAYO	15	
6	ARD-SCOIL-RIS-LIMERICK	13	
7	SPIORAIID-NAOIMH-CORK-B	12.5	
8-9	SPIORAIID-NAOIMH-CORK-A	12	
	CHRISTIANS-CORK-B	12	
10	VILLIERS-LIMERICK	10.5	
11-12	SCOIL_MHUIRE-CARRICK-ON-SUIR	10	
	SPIORAIID-NAOIMH-CORK-C	10	
13-15	CHRISTIANS-CORK-C	9	
	CLONAKILTY-CORK	9	
	TULLA-CLARE-B	9	
16	MIDDLETON-CORK	8.5	
17	TULLA-CLARE-A	7	
18	SPIORAIID-NAOIMH-CORK-D	5.5	
19	ST-PATS-SHANNON-INDIVIDUAL	4.5	

It is a requirement in CheckMate and ChessZ finals that the individual winner must win on the Board, and not on a numbers based tie-breaking system. Positions after 1<sup>st</sup> place are decided by Computer tie-breaking. However this year no such Blitz play-off was necessary.



**CheckMate Champions 2013 – Christian Brothers College, Cork**



**Crescent College, Limerick - 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team**



Castleknock College, Dublin - 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team

## Individual Results

- 1st: Zaran Butt.....Irish Champion  
2nd: Chris Young  
3rd: Hugh Doyle



Chris Young, Zaran Butt, Hugh Doyle

# Cross Table

No	Player Name	School team	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Butt, Zaran	Castleknock-Dublin	6	27:W	36:W	4:W	30:W	8:W	2:W
2	Young, Chris	Crescent-College-Limerick	5	31:W	6:W	10:W	3:W	11:W	1:L
3	Doyle, Hugh	Christians-Cork-A	5	14:W	20:W	12:W	2:L	7:W	22:W
4	O'Mahony, Keegan	Christians-Cork-A	5	17:W	19:W	1:L	32:W	9:W	11:W
5	Reidy, Diarmuid	Crescent-College-Limerick	5	67:W	33:W	8:L	15:W	23:W	16:W
6	Doyle, Eoin	Christians-Cork-B	4.5	18:W	2:L	50:W	14:W	12:W	10:D
7	Murphy, Liam	Crescent-College-Limerick	4.5	44:W	21:W	9:D	28:W	3:L	27:W
8	Danaher, James	St-Pats-Shannon-Individual	4.5	0:D	50:W	5:W	26:W	1:L	13:W
9	Keating, Thomas	Ard-Scoil-Ris-Limerick	4.5	40:W	34:W	7:D	31:W	4:L	24:W
10	Keating, Geoffrey	Ard-Scoil-Ris-Limerick	4.5	43:W	51:W	2:L	47:W	19:W	6:D
11	Hearne, Catherine	Scoil_Mhuire-Carrick-on-Suir	4	42:W	13:W	29:W	24:W	2:L	4:L
12	McKenna-Carroll, Ruairi	Garbally-College-Galway	4	15:W	45:W	3:L	41:W	6:L	33:W
13	Albayrak, Bakii	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-B	4	59:W	11:L	66:W	18:W	17:W	8:L
14	Barrett, Conor	Garbally-College-Galway	4	3:L	48:W	36:W	6:L	39:W	29:W
15	O'Dowd, John	Christians-Cork-A	4	12:L	38:W	51:W	5:L	34:W	25:W
16	Alfred, Jeffrey	Villiers-Limerick	4	39:W	35:W	24:L	34:W	26:W	5:L
17	McKenna, Jack	Garbally-College-Galway	4	4:L	58:W	43:W	29:W	51:W	30:W
18	Lau, Alan	Castleknock-Dublin	4	6:L	54:W	40:W	13:L	36:W	35:W
19	Pawlak, Aleksander	St-Geralds-Castlebar-Mayo	4	54:W	4:L	45:W	56:W	10:L	38:W
20	Ryder, Stephen	St-Geralds-Castlebar-Mayo	4	58:W	3:L	42:W	25:L	31:W	37:W
21	Doran, Desmond	Christians-Cork-A	4	22:W	7:L	25:L	50:W	11:W	32:W
22	Bleahene, Shane	Garbally-College-Galway	4	21:L	67:W	33:W	46:W	30:W	3:L
23	Scallan, Dara	Villiers-Limerick	4	41:W	53:W	26:L	35:W	5:L	47:W
24	Kelly, Jack	St-Geralds-Castlebar-Mayo	3.5	55:W	28:W	16:W	11:L	25:D	9:L
25	Tsang, Howard	Castleknock-Dublin	3.5	68:W	30:L	21:W	20:W	24:D	19:L
26	O'Malley, Killian	St-Geralds-Castlebar-Mayo	3.5	47:W	65:W	23:W	8:L	16:L	28:D
27	Gallagher, Brendan	Christians-Cork-B	3.5	1:L	49:D	71:W	62:W	48:W	7:L
28	O'Mara, Martin	Tulla-Clare-B	3.5	71:W	24:L	61:W	7:L	46:W	26:D
29	Power, Eoin	Christians-Cork-B	3	37:W	32:W	11:L	17:L	53:W	14:L
30	Mohammed, Sufian	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-B	3	60:W	25:W	56:W	1:L	22:L	17:L
31	Matthews, Robbie	Clonakilty-Cork	3	2:L	37:W	53:W	9:L	20:L	51:W
32	Bourke, Conor	Crescent-College-Limerick	3	64:W	29:L	39:W	4:L	42:W	21:L
33	Leahy, Brian	Christians-Cork-C	3	38:W	5:L	22:L	60:W	56:W	12:L
34	Morley, Dylan	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-C	3	52:W	9:L	44:W	16:L	15:L	55:W
35	Newman, Dean	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-C	3	57:W	16:L	65:W	23:L	44:W	18:L
36	Ahmed, Baha	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-A	3	49:W	1:L	14:L	57:W	18:L	62:W
37	Moynihan, Darragh	Castleknock-Dublin	3	29:L	31:L	58:W	45:W	40:W	20:L
38	Mee, Sarah	Scoil_Mhuire-Carrick-on-Suir	3	33:L	15:L	55:W	68:W	41:W	19:L
39	Delaney, Luke	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-A	3	16:L	57:W	32:L	52:W	14:L	59:W
40	Ahmed, Osama	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-B	3	9:L	55:W	18:L	65:W	37:L	52:W
41	Grant, Nathaniel	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-A	3	23:L	69:W	60:W	12:L	38:L	56:W
42	Craig, Rory	Christians-Cork-C	3	11:L	59:W	20:L	66:W	32:L	53:W
43	Barlow, Peter	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-A	3	10:L	52:W	17:L	48:L	63:W	54:W
44	Ellis, Carlon	Clonakilty-Cork	3	7:L	70:W	34:L	61:W	35:L	60:W
45	Saltanat, Shah	Christians-Cork-C	3	66:W	12:L	19:L	37:L	65:W	50:W
46	Lobo, Alex	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-B	2.5	8:L	63:W	62:W	22:L	28:L	48:D
47	Cowhig, Adrian	Midleton-Cork	2.5	26:L	71:D	49:W	10:L	57:W	23:L
48	Cassells, Jordan	Tulla-Clare-B	2.5	50:L	14:L	72:W	43:W	27:L	46:D
49	Daly, Cillian	Villiers-Limerick	2.5	36:L	27:D	47:L	71:W	52:L	69:W
50	Cronin, Sean	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-D	2	48:W	8:L	6:L	21:L	64:W	45:L
51	Forde, Eoin	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-D	2	63:W	10:L	15:L	67:W	21:L	31:L
52	Muller, Killian	Tulla-Clare-A	2	34:L	43:L	70:W	39:L	49:W	40:L
53	O'Sullivan, Jordan	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-C	2	69:W	23:L	31:L	54:W	29:L	42:L
54	Carew, Kevin	Midleton-Cork	2	19:L	18:L	59:W	53:L	66:W	43:L
55	Swanton, Jeffrey	Midleton-Cork	2	24:L	40:L	38:L	70:W	61:W	34:L
56	Paz, Gabriella	Scoil_Mhuire-Carrick-on-Suir	2	72:W	61:W	30:L	19:L	33:L	41:L
57	Stewinski, Michael	Tulla-Clare-A	2	35:L	39:L	64:W	36:L	47:L	67:W
58	Cowhig, Jack	Midleton-Cork	2	20:L	17:L	37:L	59:L	70:W	68:W
59	Hobbs, Gareth	Ard-Scoil-Ris-Limerick	2	13:L	42:L	54:L	58:W	71:W	39:L
60	McCarthy, Daniel	Ard-Scoil-Ris-Limerick	2	30:L	68:W	41:L	33:L	67:W	44:L
61	McKeown, Conor	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-C	2	62:W	56:L	28:L	44:L	55:L	71:W
62	Price, Ellana	Tulla-Clare-A	2	61:L	72:W	46:L	27:L	68:W	36:L
63	O'Mara, Cian	Tulla-Clare-B	2	51:L	46:L	68:L	72:W	43:L	66:W
64	Leroux, Maxime	Clonakilty-Cork	2	32:L	66:L	57:L	69:W	50:L	65:W
65	Mulhall, Luke	Tulla-Clare-B	1	70:W	26:L	35:L	40:L	45:L	64:L
66	Coe, Sarah	Scoil_Mhuire-Carrick-on-Suir	1	45:L	64:W	13:L	42:L	54:L	63:L
67	Bates, Sam	Clonakilty-Cork	1	5:L	22:L	69:W	51:L	60:L	57:L
68	Kirby, Jack	Christians-Cork-B	1	25:L	60:L	63:W	38:L	62:L	58:L
69	Daly, John	Tulla-Clare-A	1	53:L	41:L	67:L	64:L	72:W	49:L
70	Coughlan, Liam	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-D	1	65:L	44:L	52:L	55:L	58:L	72:W
71	Moynihan, Cathal	Spioraid-Naoimh-Cork-D	.5	28:L	47:D	27:L	49:L	59:L	61:L
72	Geary, Eoin	Christians-Cork-C	0	56:L	62:L	48:L	63:L	69:L	70:L

More photos...



**Zaran Butt – Irish CheckMate Champion**



**Scoil Mhuire, Carrick-on-Suir: the only Girls team to play**



**Room View**



**Room View**



**Results were posted live as they came in**



**Boards 1 and 2 at Round-6**



**Keegan O'Mahony and Catherine Hearne in the foreground**

**Geoffrey Keating and Eoin Doyle in the middle**



**Two of the 3-player Villiers team**

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