

Leinster Chess Union's (LCU) Christmas Blitz 2025

The LCU's Annual Christmas Blitz took place recently in the Artane, Beaumont, Family Recreation Centre, the home of the Elm Mount Chess Club.

52 players took part in 8 all-play-all groups. The winner of Section A, and this year's LCU Blitz Champion, is Jason Liu (Gonzaga) with a perfect 7/7 score.

Other section winners were:

Daniil Nikolaev (5/8) (UCD);

Gabor Bolkeny (6.5/7) (Blanchardstown);

Liam Belton (6.5/8);

Neils Vedder (6.5/7) (Portmarnock);

Philip Drozdowski (5/6) (Blanchardstown);

Filipe Majero (5/6)

Mark Conway (6/7)

The other prize winners in each section were:

(Section A) - Gavin Melaugh (2nd on 4.5/7) and equal third place (Oisin O' Cuilleainain, Alice O' Gorman and Finn Cummins (all 4/7).

Section B - Runner-up Paul O' Neill (4.5/7) with Ciaran Quinn and Anastasia Kelbas in joint third place on 4/7.

Section C – George White and Fred Valdez Ameneiro joint second place on 5/7.

Section D – Runner Up Murray Liu on a score of 5.5/8.

Section E – Runner-up Eric Yuze Lin on a score of 6/7 with Sean Kinch and Thomas Syms joint third on 4/7.

Section F – Runner-up Sean Guinan (4.5/6).

Section G – Runner -up Pablo Garcia on a score of 3/6.

Section H – Runner-up Robertas Rukas (4.5/7) and Francis Doherty in third place on 4/7).

The cross-tables for each Section and some photographs from the prizegiving are copied below.

Leinster Chess Union Christmas Blitz 2025 Section D

Final Ranking

Rank	Name	Rating	FED	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	Belton Liam	1647	IRL	* *	½ 1	1 1	1 -	1 1	6½
2	Liu Murray	1829	IRL	½ 0	* *	0 1	1 1	1 1	5½
3	Bautista Philip	1744	IRL	0 0	1 0	* *	0 0	1 1	3
4	Rerot Pierre	1749	IRL	0 -	0 0	1 1	* *	0 1	3
5	Murphy Ronan J.	1708	IRL	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	* *	1

Leinster Chess Union Christmas Blitz Section E – Final Ranking

Ran k	Name	Rating	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1	Vedder Neils	1658	IRL	*	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	6½
2	Yuze Lin Eric	1631	IRL	½	*	1	1	½	1	1	1	6
3	Kinch Sean	1641	IRL	0	0	*	1	1	0	1	1	4
4	Syms Thomas	1688	IRL	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	4
5	O' Reilly Gerry	1599	IRL	0	½	0	0	*	1	1	0	2½
6	Compuesto Rannel	1600	IRL	0	0	1	0	0	*	0	1	2
7	Boldijar Nicu	1638	IRL	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1	2
8	Strickland Conor	1600	IRL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	*	1

Leinster Chess Union Christmas Blitz Section F – Final Ranking

Rank	Name	Rating	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	Drozdowski Philip	1600	IRL	*	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
2	Guinan Sean	1500	IRL	1	*	0	½	1	1	1	4½
3	Pasich Carrara Nicolas	1613	IRL	0	1	*	0	1	1	½	3½
4	Krasevskis Alvis	1566	IRL	0	½	1	*	0	1	1	3½
5	Dowman Charlie	1500	IRL	0	0	0	1	*	1	1	3
6	Yeromenko Serhiy	1540	IRL	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	1
7	Martin Seamus	1510	IRL	0	0	½	0	0	0	*	½

Leinster Chess Union Christmas Blitz 2025 Section G Final Ranking

Rank	Name	Rating	FED	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	Majero Filipe	1300	IRL	* *	1 1	1 1	0 1	5
2	Garcia Pablo	1200	IRL	0 0	* *	1 0	1 1	3
3	Zuyvytskyi Volodymyr	1400	IRL	0 0	0 1	* *	1 ½	2½
4	McKenna Oisin	1400	IRL	1 0	0 0	0 ½	* *	1½

Leinster Chess Union Christmas Blitz Section H Final Ranking

Rank	Name	Rating	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	Conway Mark	0	IRL	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2	Rukas Robertas	1200	IRL	0	*	1	1	1	½	1	4½
3	Doherty Francis	1185	IRL	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	4
4	McNamara Tim	0	IRL	0	0	0	*	1	1	1	3
5	Brogan Eoin	0	IRL	0	0	0	0	*	1	1	2
6	Kulkarni Neill	0	IRL	0	½	0	0	0	*	1	1½
7	Kulkarni Kiaan	0	IRL	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	0



Jason Liu (right) winner of Section A and the LCU's Christmas Blitz Champion for 2025 at the prize giving with the Tournament organiser Pat Fitzsimons. Photos of some of the other prize winners are copied below





