

CHESS NOTES by J.H.J.

LAST Saturday Hampshire travelled to Devizes for their match against Wiltshire. The first team match proved to be quite a struggle and currently stands at 7½-6½ to us, although the two adjudications are in our favour. Perhaps my comments about the last county seconds game was taken to heart, for this time we ran out comfortable 10-6 winners.

1 M. J. Yeo 1, R. Haydon (195) 0; 2 J. H. Jones 0, T. Headlong (195) 1; 3, M. I. Walker 0, J. Garwell (192) 1; 4, M. L. Newbury 1, S. Kyrianides (204) 0; 5, S. Dean 0, D. Perreh (182) 1; 6, J. Hopkins 1, D. O'Byrne (157) 0; 7, J. A. Stenhouse v. A. W. Champion (157) (a); 8, A. D. Crossin ½, D. E. Ward (157) ½; 9, S. W. Knox 1, R. W. Rendell (165) 0; 10, J. R. Poulton 1, A. Ponting (108J) 0; 11, S. P. Pezet ½, M. Strange (149) ½; 12, P. Miller 0, R. Walker (-) 1; 13, T. I. Cowling 0, M. Webb (150) 1; 14, D. R. Neil v. P. Gill (140) (a); 15, L. C. Walters ½, E. Bromilow (149) ½; 16, M. R. Baker 1, M. Croasdale (-) 0.

And the second team results: 1, M. C. Hagan 1, M. Lovell (135) 0; 2, B. P. Sweeney ½, R. Wortley (140) ½; 3, S. J. Kent ½, E. J. Milward (129) ½; 4, J. Monk 1, E. Hartford (126) 0; 5, K. R. Noyce ½, D. Heywood (131) ½; 6, D. Culliford 0, R. Wardell (146) 1; 7, D. F. Thompson 1, A. Hurst (103) 0; 8, A. D. Smith 1, R. Carver (138) 0; 9, A. N. Mills 1, H. S. Bahia (121) 0; 10, K. Cornelius 1, T. M. Flanagan (-) 0; 11, P. J. Hebblethwaite ½, N. Ashay (117J) ½; 12, C. Blake 1, H. Light (-) 0; 13, H. Prior 1, M. Tomalin (-) 0; 14, C. W. Laxton 0, D. Pott (126) 1; 15, Q. Winch 0, G. S. Ashby (107) 1; 16, R. Prince 0, S. Connor (115) 1.

Here's a game from the second team match. White: H. Light. Black: C. Blake. The comments are by the winner.

1, e4, c5; 2, Nc3, Nc6; 3, g3, b6; 4, Bg2, Bb7; 5, Nf3, Nf6; 6, d3, e6; 7, b3, Be7; 8, 00, 00; 9, Bb2, Re8; 10, e4, d5! (Attacking White's pawn centre); 11, cxd5, exd5; 12, e5, Ng4; 13, Re1, d4; 14, Nb5, Qd7 (Black cannot take immediately); 15, a4, Bf8; 16, Na3, (rather passive) Ngxe5; 17, Ng5?, h6; 18, Ne4, f5; 19, f4, fxe4; 20, fxe5, e3 (on with the pawn!); 21, Nc4, Nxe5 (another pawn goes down); 22, Nxe5, Rxe5; 23, Bxb7, Qxb7; 24, Qe2, a5 (preventing b4); 25, Rf1, Rae8; 26, Rf3, Qd5; 27, Ra3, Qe6; 28, Ba1, Qg4; 29, Ra2, (White cannot play 29, Rxf8+, Rxf8; 30, Qxg4, e2!), Qe6; 30, Rb2, Bd6; 31, Rb1, Rb8; 32, Rb2, b5; 33, axb5 (maybe White should ignore this exchange), Rxb5; 34, Qd1, Qd5; 35, Kf1??, e2+ (wins!); 36, Rxe2, Qf3+ and White resigned.

Quite a nice game by a youngster who will be 11 at the end of the year. Come to think of it I could have done with some of his advice in my own game!

DIVISION I

All these matches have been completed after played-on games were resolved.

Manglers A 3, Cosham A 3 (1, K. D. F. Gregory 1, S. Dean 0; 3, M. Fowler 0, D. Gibson 1; 5, A. G. Scoffin 1, C. W. Bryan 0).

IBM A 3½, Portsmouth A 2½ (2, W. McDougall 1, D. C. Spurgeon 0; 3, J. F. Wheeler 0, I. R. Bradley 1; 4, R. E. Hartley ½, R. V. Puchades ½; 5, S. J. Smith 1, M. C. Hagan 0).

Fareham A 3½, Gosport A 2½ (1, A. Corkell ½, R. Marsh ½).

So Gosport's run of 12 unbeaten matches in the P.D.L. is brought to an end.

DIVISION II

IBM B 2½, Cosham B 3½ (1, S. J. Smith 1, G. Train 0; 2, S. Prince 0, M. R. Baker 1; 3, Default 0, A. D. Smith 1; 4, A. J. Wilkinson ½, G. F. Abercrombie ½; 5, H. Alston 1, A. F. Langley 0; 6, K. Gledstone 0, T. W. Woodroffe 1).

Fareham B 1, Portsmouth B 2 (1, J. Coburn 1, S. J. Kent 0; 2, M. Street 0, M. C. Hagan 1; 3, D. Coates v. B. K. Maund (u); 4, J. Monk v. D. Jeffery (a); 5, M. Butler 0, B. Cochran 1; 6, J. A. Wykes v. C. W. Laxton (u).

DIVISION III

Fareham C 5, Portsmouth D 1 (1, M. J. Butler 1, B. Cochran 0; 2, A. Chandler ½, D. Jeffery ½; 3, A. Cagnasso ½, R. Prince ½; 4, R. C. Clark 1, R. White 0; 5, A. F. Stroud 1, P. Rogers 0; 6, C. Lusher 1, E. Nancarrow 0).

Portsmouth C 1½, Paulsgrove A 4½ (1, B. K. Maund ½, P. McEvoy ½; 2, D. Bye 0, C. Smith 1; 3, C. W. Laxton 0, M. Baxter 1; 4, F. Guy 0, P. Sibley 1; 5, R. Nutland 0, S. Phillips 1; 6, M. Reeves 1, D. Worsfold 0).

DIVISION IV

Gosport C 1, Emsworth A 5 (1, H. Golding 0, D. tunks 1; 2, K. S. O. Smith ½, M. Body ½; 3, P. Groth 0, G. Vosper 1; 4, S. Tovey 0, A. Quick 1; 5, J. Penn ½, K. Hyman ½; 6, R. Strong 0, D. Pollard 1).

DIVISION V

Gosport D 3½, Leigh Park B 2½ (1, J. Penn 0, D. Bennett 1; 2, R. Russell 1, Default 0; 3, J. Adams 0, D. Mortlock 1; 4, A. Elbourn 1, K. Allen 0; 5, R. Brierley 1, A. Charlwood 0; 6, P. Williams ½, V. Agins ½).

Portsmouth E 2, Emsworth B 4 (1, C. W. Laxton 1, A. Quick 0; 2, P. Rogers 0, B. Walker 1; 3, R. Nutland 0, A. J. Vosper 1; 4, E. Nancarrow 0, V. Phillips 1; 5, F. Guy 0, A. Dann 1; 6, R. White 1, Default 0).

I have received details of the Barclays Bank Open Junior Tournament organized by the County Association over the week-end of December 4-6 at Oak Farm School, Farnborough. There will be three sections: Under 18; Under 14; and Under Ten (with ages calculated as at August 31). Having respective entry fees of £6, £5 and £4.

A prize fund totalling £310 is on offer so hurry to get your entry in by December 1 to L. T. Walker (who will be the Tournament Director), 3, Rowley Drive, Botley SO3 2SN. Telephone (04892) 6528.