

CHESS NOTES

by J.H.J.

THE LEAGUE Secretary, John Wheeler (IBM), took care to create a hiatus in the fixture-list so that no matches were scheduled over the extended holiday period of Easter through May Day. This was probably a move welcomed by the members especially as the weather has been so clement. Also it explains the recent lack of match results . . . the league has not finished (as some thought!)

DIVISION II

Cosham B ran out easy 4½-1½ winners over Plessey when these played-on games were resolved.

1. M. R. Baker ½, C. Wood ½, 5. G. F. Abercrombie 1, J. B. S. Cairns 0, 6. A. F. Langley ½, P. Middlelocks ½.

Current leaders: IBM A, P9 W8 L1 G40½ (1) Pt16.

DIVISION III

The B.C.F. Adjudication Panel handed down the result 2. M. Jones ½, N. Purkis ½ which produced a drawn match, 3 all, between IBM C and Portsmouth C. Current leaders: Gosport B P8 W6 D1 L1 G 31½ Pt13.

DIVISION IV

Paulsgrove A finally lost 2-4 to Emsworth A when the B.C.F. Panel gave their decision, 3. S. F. Phillips 0, R. Perry 1; Current leaders, Emsworth A P8 W6 D1 L1 G24½ Pt13 with Paulsgrove A trailing by a single point.

DIVISION V

Petersfield B and Emsworth B drew 3-3 as a consequence of these adjudicated results, 4. P. Flack ½, J. Delaney ½, 5. D. Collingson 0, D. Pollard 1.

Emsworth B 3½, Portsmouth E 2½.
1. A. Quick 0, S. Cragg 1, 2. A. Whitehead ½, M. Newbury ½, 3. D. Wilson 1, J. Steward 0, 4. D. Pollard 1, R. Prince 0, 5. J. Delaney 0, P. Rogers 1, 6. M. Levy 1, W. Laxton 0.

Current leaders: Emsworth B P8 W4 D2 L2 G26 Pt10 with Petersfield B half a game point behind but with a match in hand.

The results of round four of the P.D.L. Individual Championship were: K. D. F. Gregory 1, R. V. Puchades 0; M. Jones 1, Default 0; S. J. Russell 0, R.

H. Storr-Best 1; J. B. S. Cairns ½, B. K. Maund ½; M. R. Baker 1, W. Laxton 0; C. Wood 1, B. V. Cochran 0.

Round five, for which the limit-date is 23 May, has the following pairings: Jones (3) v. Gregory (4); Storr-Best (3) v. Baker (2); D. A. Bloxson (2) v. Cairns (2); Maund (1½+) v. Puchades (2); Wood (1) v. Russell (1½+), and Laxton (1) v. Cochran (0).

The British Chess Federation issue a weekly magazine prosaically titled "News Flash" which, due to recent exigencies, only appears every three (1½) weeks. It contains information not only up to National level, but also quite detailed news from abroad. Using this source here is a game from the recent Zone 3 (Warsaw group 2) tournament.

White: J. Pinter (G. M. Hungary, 2570), Black: A. Negulescu (I. M. Rumania, 2395).

1. d4, d5, 2. c4, dxc4, 3. Nf3, c5, 4. e3, Nf6, 5. Bxc4, e6, 6. 00, cxd4, 7. exd4, Be7, 8. Ne3, 00, 9. Re1, a6, 10. a4, Nc6, 11. Bg5, Nb4, 12. Ne5, Nfd5, 13. Bd2, Nb6?, 14. Bh3, Qxd4; (Black needs to swipe this pawn to compensate for his wretched position) 15. a5, Nd7; (15. ... Nfd5?) 16. Re4, Qc5, 17. Nxd7, Bxd7, 18. Rxb4?, Qxb4; 19. Nd5!, Qh4?; (10. ... Qd6?, 20. Bb4, doesn't save the bishop, but 19. ... Qd4; immediately would have later given Black back-rank mating possibilities) 20. g3, Qd4; 21. Nxe7+, Kh8; 22. Be3, Qxd1+, 23. Rxd1, Bb5, 24. Rd4!, Rfe8, 25. Bb4, Rad8; 26. Rf4, f6; 27. Bxe6, (without 20. g3, White would have to lose a tempo securing his first rank) Rxe7, 28. Bxe7, Rd1+, 29. Kg2, Bcb+, 30. Kh3, Re1, (see diagram. So Black seems to have got back into the game) 31. Rxh6!, (but White has other ideas!) h6, 32. Rf8+, Kh7; 33. Bf5+, g6; 34. Bb4, Re5, 35. Bc3!, (1.0) Pinter went on to win the event with 7½/11 and thereby qualified for the Interzonal stage of the current cycle of World Championship tournaments.

