

# Chess notes by J.H.J.

KEITH GREGORY, the Controller of the Cole competitions (the League quick-play K.O. tournaments), has provided me with the latest batch of results:

Cole Cup, semi-finals: Portsmouth B 1, IBM A 4; Manglers 2, Cosham A 3.

Cole Plate, quarter-finals: Paulsgrove A 3, Paulsgrove B 2; Fareham C 5, IBM C 0 (by default); IBM B 5, Post Office 0 (by default); Portsmouth A 3, Fareham A 2.

The draw for the semi-finals has kept the strongest teams apart and if the results to to form then a good final should be the outcome.

Portsmouth A v. Fareham C; IBM B v. Paulsgrove A and the limit date is March 15.

Last week I left you with a position by Troitsky: 4B3; 8; 6N1; 5p1; 1r4p1; 6pk; 7b; 4K2Q; with White to move, that leads to a neat conclusion: 1, Bc6!! (White has to stop 1... g2; no matter what the apparent cost)... Rb1+ (insufficient 1.

Rb2; 2, Bg2+; Rxc2; 3, Nf4+); 2, Ke2, Rxc1; 3, Bg2+!!; Kxc2; 4, Nf4+; Kgl (so White's immolation has nearly created a self-blockade of Black's pieces that only requires one tempo to close the final square); 5, Ke1!; g2; 6, Ne2+ Mate!

## DIVISION I

GOSPORT A 4½, COSHAM A 1½ was the result after the played-off game 3, D. E. Pye 0, A. F. C. Carter 1 was resolved.

Portsmouth B are tying their match with Manglers A 2½-2½ with the result 6, B. K. Maund 1, R. Davies 0.

## DIVISION II

PLESSEY ½, IBM A 4½ with IBM extending their lead with the result 4, C. Wood 0, R. E. Hartley 1.

## DIVISION III

FAREHAM C 4, GOSPORT B 2: 1, J. Monk 1, P. Eales 0; 2, A. Chandler 1, A. Crouch 0; 3, A. F. Stroud 1, C. T. Emery 0; 4, M. J. Butler ½, J. Penn ½; 5, R. C. Clark 0, H. Golding 1; 6, H. Tadevossian ½, W. F. Isbell ½.

Gosport B lost their undefeated record when they fielded a team lacking four first choice players, nevertheless Fareham played very well as they won on the top boards thereby destroying unbeaten records of their opponents (Eales, Emery 100 per cent., Crouch one draw).

PETERSFIELD A 5, PORTSMOUTH D 1: 1, Simon Le Blancq 1, F. S. Adam-Ali 0; 2, H. Storr-Best 1, B. K. Maund 0; 3, G. Gardner 1, D. Jeffery 0; 4, G. Dent 0, J. Steward 1; 5, B. Chambers 1, P. Rogers 0; 6, P. Flack 1, E. Nancarrow 0.

Clearly the last match of the season between Petersfield A and Gosport B will resolve this division especially if Gosport manage to lose their penultimate match.

IBM C 2½, PORTSMOUTH C 2½: 1, A. Ball 1, L. Powell 0; 2, M. Jones v. N.

Purkis (a); 3, G. Benner 0, P. Smith 1; 4, A. Wilkinson 1, M. Newbury 0; 5, T. Pitton ½, R. Stafford ½; 6, G. Mason 0, W. Laxton 1.

I made a faulty transcription of the results of Portsmouth C and D when I last issued the divisional table so here is the amended (and now hopefully correct) table. The IBM C-Portsmouth C unfinished match is not included.

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Gosport B.....	8	6	1	31½	13
Petersfield A.....	8	5	1	27	11
Portsmouth C.....	7	4	1	24½	9
Fareham C.....	8	4	1	24	9
Portsmouth D.....	8	2	0	21	4
IBM C.....	7	0	0	11	0

## DIVISION IV

GOSPORT C 3½, MANGLERS B 2½: 1, H. Golding 0, A. G. Scoffin 1; 2, A. Crouch 0, M. Folwer 1; 3, K. S. O. Smith ½, K. J. Frisby ½; 4, C. T. Emery 1, S. Millard 0; 5, P. Groth 1, R. Davies 0; 6, Mrs. S. Tovey 1, J. Brassell 0.

LEIGH PARK B 2½, FAREHAM D 3½: 1, J. D. Gatt 0, H. Tadevossian 1; 2, S. J. Scott ½, B. Massey ½; 3, R. Smith ½, S. Evans ½; 4, J. Sexton 1, C. Lusher 0; 5, A. Charlwood ½, M. Sygrove ½; 6, V. Agins 0, N. Lusher 1.

## DIVISION V

GOSPORT D 4, PORTSMOUTH E 2: 1, P. Groth 1, J. Steward 0; 2, A. Crouch 1, W. Laxton 0; 3, J. Penn 1, R. Prince 0; 4, A. J. Elbourn 0, F. Guy 1; 5, K. S. O. Smith 0, P. Rogers 1; 6, A. D. Hemmens 1, E. Nancarrow 0.

This year local players will have few excuses for missing the County A.G.M. which will be held at the Henry Cort Community School, Hillson Drive, Fareham. The meeting will start at 7.30 and all members of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

Superficially this week's study by H. Weenink, 1927, looks an easy win for Black. After all, the White rook is already opposed by passed pawns on the sixth rank (which even quite inexperienced players "know" is a win for the pawns), so you have to find the draw for White who has the move!

White to move



a b c d e f g h