

Chess notes by J.H.J.

REGULAR readers will be aware that I play both in the P.D.L. and the Southampton League. One advantage of this arrangement is that I am able to experiment with openings in one league as a prelude to their use in the other. Also I meet a greater variety of (unusual) defences which gives me encouragement to investigate these variations analysed at some depth in books and monographs devoted to theory.

White: J.H.J. Black: J. Godber (165J).

1, e4, e5; 2, Nf3, Nc6; 3, Bb5, f5!?!; (This is in vogue with members of the Southampton club) 4, d4, (Other alternatives are 4, Nc3, or the interesting 4, Qe2) fxe4; 5, Ne5?!. (This "natural" move should lose by force after 5, . . ., Nxe5; 6, dxe5, c6; with the mundane threat of Qa5 + winning the e-pawn, and then, presumably, the game. White can aim for complications with 7, Nc3, cxb5; 8, Nxe4, d5; 9, exd6, Nf6; 10, Ng5, Qa5 +; 11, Bd2, b4!; but has insufficient compensation for his material deficit) Nf6?; 6, Bg5, Be7; 7, Bxf6(!), Bxf6; 8, Nc3(!), Bxe5; (Black suffers after 8, . . ., OO; from 9, Bc4 +, while 8, . . ., Nxe5; 9, dxe5, Be7; — 9, . . ., Bxe5?? 10, Qh5 +, — is to White's advantage) 9, Bxc6, dxc6; 10, Qh5 +, g6; 11, Qxe5 +, Kf7; (Now White's attack plays itself) 12, OO, Bf5; 13, d5(!), c5; 14, d6, c6; 15, Qf4, Kg7; 16, g4, Bd7; 17, Nxe4, Rf8; 18, Qe5 +, Kg8; (Black has been forced to artificially castle but this does him no good) 19, g5, Bf5; 20, Nf6 +, Kf7; 21, Rhe1, Re8; 22, Nxe8, (1:0) (Black will either lose his King or, according to choice, his Queen material and then King).

The apparent run of poor form by Gosport A in the P.D.L. continued when they failed to beat Portsmouth A. On top board Bob Nouce omitted to play Rh3 at the opportune moment, and, although the attacking plan wasn't concrete, it was obvious in the replay that Graeme Oswald's defensive resources were very limited: the attack would have prevailed. Then Steve Pezet overlooked the mundane Nxe5 which lost him a pawn and then the game. Still Portsmouth played very solidly, and notwithstanding they deserved their victory.

DIVISION I

Fareham A 1½, Cosham A 2½: 1, A. R. Corkett 1, D. Gibson 0; 2, T. R. S. Pavlovic 0, S. Dean 1; 3, D. Evans 0, A. F. C. Carter 1; 4, J. Monk v. A. D. Crossin (u); 5, W. H. Silber v. C. W. Bryan (u); 6, J. A. Coburn ½, A. F. Langley ½.

IBM A 2½, Manglers A 1½: 1, W. M. McDougall v. K. D. F. Gregory (u); 2, J. F. Wheeler 1, E. N. Holland 0; 3, R. E. Hartley v. D. Hannam (u); 4, P. J. Burns 1, A. G. Crocker 0; 5, S. J. Smith ½, A. G. Scoffin ½; 6, G. D. Jeftha 0, K. J. Frisby 1.

Portsmouth A 4, Gosport A 2: 1, G. Oswald 1, R. C. Noyce 0; 2, D. Spurgeon ½, M. L. Newbury ½; 3, I. Bradley ½, J. H. Jones ½; 4, R. Puchades 1, S. P. Pezet 0; 5, M. Hagan ½, D. J. White ½; 6, S. Kent ½, D. A. Bloxson ½.

DIVISION II

Gosport B 3, Fareham B 1: 1, D. A. Bloxson v. J. Monk (a); 2, D. J. White 1, D. Coates 0; 3, B. E. Gale 1, M. Butler 0; 4, K. S. O. Smith 1, T. A. Wykes 0; 5, H. Golding 0, A. Chandler 1; 6, A. Elbourn v. R. Clark (a).

Fareham B stand 2½ each with Portsmouth B after these played-on games were resolved: 3, D. W. Coates 1, B. K. Maund 0; 6, T. A. Wykes ½, C. W. Laxton ½.

DIVISION III

Petersfield A 2½, Plessey 2½: 1, S. Le Blancq 1, R. T. F. Williams 0; 2, R. H. Storr-Best 0, P. A. Rayment 1; 3, P. Flack 0, D. G. Foale 1; 4, G. R. Dent 1, C. Wood 0; 5, D. Collinson v. P. R. Maddocks (a); 6, B. W. Chambers ½, A. C. Rodger ½.

DIVISION V

Portsmouth E 4, Paulsgrove B 2: 1, D. Bye 1, J. Taylor 0; 2, P. Rodgers 0, M. Sammit 1; 3, R. Nutland 1, D. Murton 0; 4, F. Guy 1, G. Clair 0; 5, R. White 0, J. Sims-Mindry 1; 6, L. Davidson 1, J. Gutteridge 0.

Finally I will leave you with this study by J. Brenew, 1934. It is White to move and draw.



White to move.