

# CHESS NOTES by J.H.J.

THE ANNUAL county quick-play teams tournament only attracted a field of eight teams to Sarisbury last Sunday. The small entry was convenient for an all-play-all competition and the form of scoring (three points for a won game and one for a draw) maintained the interest throughout.

Gosport entered the final round with consecutive wins against IBM (12-3); University A (10-4); Southampton, the defending champions (9-6); Portsmouth A (10-4); Portsmouth B (12-3) and Basingstoke (11-2). However, University A, despite their loss, had been demolishing the rest of the field and by the final round had reduced Gosport's lead to a single point.

This last round paired University A against Basingstoke whom they quickly crushed 15-0! Gosport were playing University B and after an early struggle established a 12-0 lead.

The last game to finish was on Board 1, and Martin Newbury with Black, slightly the worse for it and in trouble on time, was told not to accept a draw.

Fortunately the tension was too much for the White player who first dropped a piece before losing on time.

Result: 1, Gosport 79; 2, University A 78; 3, Southampton 67.

As well as team prizes there were awards for the best score on each board. These were won by 1, M. Yeo (Southampton) won 6, drawn 1; 2, J. H. Jones (Gosport) won 6, drawn 1; 3, D. E. Pye (Gosport) 7 wins; 4, R. Walker (University A) 7 wins; 5, F. S. Adam-Ali (Portsmouth A) and R. Walsh (Southampton) 6 wins.

To give a flavour of quick-play here is my round three encounter. The rate of play is half-an-hour each for the whole game.

White J.H.J., Black: 1. Stenhouse: 1, e4, d5(!); 2, exd5, Nf6; 3, c4, c6; 4, d4, exd5; 5, Nc3, Nc6; 6, Bg5, dxc4; 7, Ne5, 8, Nf3 (8, Qd4!); 9, Nxf3+, 9, Qxf3, Bg4; 10, Qf4, Qd7; 11, Bxc4, a6; 12, H3, Bh5; 13, O-O, Rc8; 14, Rfe1, h6; 15, Bxf6, gxf6; 16, d6, Rg8; 17, Nd5, Rg6; 18, Nxe7 (at this point in a "normal" game Black would resign but here tempus fugit); 19, Rxe7+, Qxe7; 20, dxe7, Kxe7; 21, Kf1!, Rg5; 22, Re1+, Kf8; 23, g4, Bg6; 24, h4, Rgc5; 25, Qxf6, Kg8; 26, Qxg6+ and Black resigned.

## DIVISION I

Gosport A stand 3-1 against Manglers A after the conceded results 2, M. L. Newbury 1, D. Hannam 0; 3, S. P. Pezet 0, E. N. Holland 1; with the outcome dependent upon the vagaries of the B.C.F. panel.

## DIVISION II

FAREHAM B ½, IBM A 2½; 1, D. E. Evans 0, J. G. Nicholson 1; 2, J. E. Arney ½, W. M. McDougall ½; 3, M. M. Street 0, J. F. Wheeler 1; 4, J. R.

Poulton v. P. J. Burns (a); 5, D. W. Coates v. B. S. Pratt (u); 6, T. A. Wykes v. G. D. Jefftha (a). Whoever wins this match should win the Division.

IBM B 4, PLESSEY 1-1, S. J. Smith v. P. A. Rayment (u); 2, J. M. Morris 1, D. G. Foale 0; 3, M. Jones ½, C. Wood ½; 4, A. J. R. Wilkinson 1, Default 0; 5, A. Ball 1, A. C. Rodger 0; 6, R. G. J. Hillier ½, P. Maddocks ½.

LEIGH PARK A 2½, COSHAM B 2½; A. J. Peters ½, A. D. Crossin ½; 2, S. J. Scott ½, G. Train ½; 3, N. G. LeFevre v. A. D. Smith (u); 4, J. N. Mortlock 0, M. R. Baker 1; 5, R. Smith ½, G. F. Abercrombie ½; 6, J. D. J. Gatt 1, A. F. Langley 0.

## DIVISION V

PETERSFIELD B 5, PAULSGROVE B 1: 1, G. Gardner 1, M. Baxter 0; 2, B. Chambers 1, P. Sibley 0; 3, D. Collinson 0, M. Sammut 1; 4, P. Flack 1, J. Taylor 0; 5, D. Anslie 1, D. Murton 0; 6, V. Phillips 1, J. Sims-Mindry 0.

Post Office is no longer able to raise a team for this division and as they only played two matches all their results have been cancelled. Any outstanding matches will count as a bye.

The revised league table (after six rounds):

Division V					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Petersfield B.....	5	3	1	17½	7
Portsmouth E.....	5	3	1	17½	7
Ermsworth B.....	5	2	1	15	5
Gosport D.....	4	1	3	12½	5
Paulsgrove B.....	5	0	0	9½	0

The third round of the P.D.L. Individual Championship went very much to form: R. H. Storr-Best 0, K. D. F. Gregory 1; R. V. Puchades ½, M. Jones ½; B. K. Maund v. S. J. Russell (u); D. A. Bloxson 1, M. R. Baker 0; B. V. Cochran 0, J. B. S. Cairns 1; W. Laxton 1, C. Wood 0.

Pairings for the next round are: Gregory (3) v. Puchades (2); Jones (2) v. Bloxson (2); Russell (1½+) v. Storr-Best (2); Cairns (1½) v. Maund (1+); Baker (1) v. Laxton (1); Wood (0) v. Cochran (0), and the limit-date is April 4.

This week by way of a change I leave you with an end-game position from Lund v. Nimzovitch (Oslo, 1921) and it is Black to play and win.



● Black to play