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, cxd5; 5, Nc3, Nc6; 6, Bg5, dxc4; 7, Nc5, 8, Nf3 (8,Qd4'), 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, Nxc7 (at this point in a "normal" game Black would resign but here tempus fugit), Bxc7; 19, Rxc7+, Qxc7; 20, dxc7, Kxc7; 21, Kf11, Rg5; 22, Rc1+, 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. Jeftha (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.

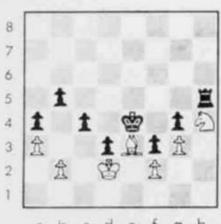
The revised league table (after six rounds):

Division V PWDG Petersfield B. 5 3 171/2 Portsmouth E 15 Emsworth B 5 2 5 3 1212 Gosport D 4 45 Paulsgrove B..... 5 0 0 915

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

Pairings for the next round are: Gregory (3) v. Puchades (2); Jones (2) v. Bloxsom (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.



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