

# CHESS NOTES By J.H.J.

NOT OFTEN would I be able to report that "rain stopped play," but few players would be surprised that the county match against Devon was a casualty of the recent hurricane. I will pass on any details of the rearranged fixture as they become available.

In our own area the league is at last in full swing, so here are the latest results:

## DIVISION I

IBM A were comfortable 4-2 winners over Cosham A after the board six game resulted S. J. Smith  $\frac{1}{2}$ , G. Grain  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Gosport A  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , Manglers A  $2\frac{1}{2}$ : 1, R. C. Noyce  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , K. D. F. Gregory  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2, B. E. Gale 0, E. N. Holland 1; 3, J. H. Jones  $\frac{1}{2}$ , M. Fowler  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4, M. D. Smith 1, D. Hannam 0; 5, D. A. Bloxson  $\frac{1}{2}$ , A. G. Scoffin  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6, S. P. Pezet 1, R. Davies 0.

## DIVISION II

Cosham B  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , Leigh Park A  $3\frac{1}{2}$ : 1, G. Train  $\frac{1}{2}$ , S. D. Le Fevre  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2, R. R. Carter 0, D. Bennett 1; 3, M. R. Baker 0, N. G. Le Fevre 1; 4, G. F. Abercrombie 0, S. J. Scott 1; 5, A. D. Smith 1, J. J. D. Gatt 0; 6, A. F. Langley 1, J. N. Mortlock 0.

Portsmouth B 3, IBM B 3: 1, S. J. Kent 0, J. M. Morris 1; 2, D. Jeffery 1, S. J. Smith 0; 3, S. M. Cragg  $\frac{1}{2}$ , P. Burns  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4, B. K. Maund  $\frac{1}{2}$ , B. Pratt  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5, J. Steward 0, H. Alston 1; 6, S. P. Garside 1, R. G. J. Hillier 0.

## DIVISION III

Fareham C  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , Plessey  $3\frac{1}{2}$ : 1, A. Chandler 0, R. T. F. Williams 1; 2, M. J. Butler 1, P. A. Rayment 0; 3, A. F. Stroud 0, C. Wood 1; 4, A. Cagnasso  $\frac{1}{2}$ , D. G. Foale  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5, R. C. Clark  $\frac{1}{2}$ , P. R. Maddocks  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6, C. Lusher  $\frac{1}{2}$ , A. C. Rodger  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Portsmouth C  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , Petersfield A  $3\frac{1}{2}$ : 1, S. Cragg 0, R. H. Storr-Best 1; 2, B. Maund 1, B. W. Chamber 0; 3, S. Garside 0, P. F. Flack 1; 4, W. Laxton  $\frac{1}{2}$ , D. P. Collinson  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5, F. Guy 0, D. Ainslie 1; 6, R. Nutland 1, J. Storr-Best 0.

Portsmouth D 3, Paulsgrove A 3: 1, B. Cochran 1, P. McEvoy 0; 2, D. Jeffery  $\frac{1}{2}$ , C. Smith  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3, J. Steward 1, S. Phillips 0; 4, R. Prince  $\frac{1}{2}$ , D. Worsfold  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5, P. Rogers 0, M. Baxter 1; R. White 0, P. Sibley 1.

## DIVISION IV

Emsworth A 5, Manglers B 1: 1, D. Tunks 1, D. Hannam 0; 2, M. Body 1, R. Davies 0; 3, G. Vosper 1, E. M. Holland 0; 4, K. Hyman 0, A. G. Crocker 1; 5, A. Quick 1, J. A. Brassell 0; 6, B. Walker 1, M. G. Crocker 0.

## DIVISION V

Emsworth B 3, Gosport D 3: 1, A. Quick 0, J. Penn 1; 2, A. Whitehead 1, R. Russell 0; 3, A. Vosper 0, A. Elbourne 1; 4, J. Delaney 0, J. Adams 1; 5, V. Phillips 1, A. Hemmens 0; 6, J. Bailey 1, I. Barforth 0.

Leigh Park B  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , Paulsgrove B  $1\frac{1}{2}$ : 1, D. Bennett 1, J. Taylor 0; 2, K. W. Allen  $\frac{1}{2}$ , M. Sammut  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3, R. Smith 1, D. Murton 0; 4, J. Mortlock 1, G. Claire 0; 5, A. Charlwood 0, J. Sims-Mindry 1; 6, J. Sexton 1, L. Diamond 0.

The Individual Championship pairings have been drawn and the limit date is November 21: B. Maund v. W. Laxton; A. Carter v. J. Coburn; M. Baker v. D. Tunks; B. Cochran v. K. Gregory; C. Wood v. M. Baxter.

Keith Gregory, the defending champion, is the favourite for the title but I expect Tony Carter to be in close contention.

Looking back through past columns I notice that I have been remiss in not mentioning postal chess. Here to redress the balance is a game from the semi-final stage of the British Open. Steve qualified with 5/6 (no losses) in the preliminaries and currently has  $2\frac{1}{2}/3$  with five games to complete.

White: S. P. Pezet. Black: M. MacLeod: 1, e4, e5; 2, f4, d5; 3, exd5, e4 (a recent try to enhance the Falkbeer Counter Gambit is to offer a further pawn by 3, ... c6!? although the game Hellers v. Klaric, Amsterdam 1985 highlights Black's problems. That game went 4, Nc3, exf4; 5, Nf3, Nc6; 6, d4, cxd5!; 7, Bxf4, Bd6; 8, Bg5!?, Be6; 9, Bd3, Nbd7; 10, O-O, h6; 11, Bh4, O-O?!; 12, Qd2, Qb8; 13, Rae1, Bf4; 14, Qe2, Re8; 15, Ne5, g5?; 16, Rxf4!, gxf4; 17, Qf3, Kg7; 18, Qxf4, Ng4; 19, Rf1, Ndx5; 20, dxe5, Qxc7; 21, h3, Qb6+; 22, Kh1, Qe3; 23, Bf6+, Kf8; 24, hxg4, Qxf4; 25, Rxf4, a6; 26, Rd4 (1:0)); 4, d3, Nf6; 5, dxe4, Nxe4; 6, Nf3, Bc5; 7, Qe2, Bf5 (if 7, ... Bf2+; 8, Kd1, Qxd5+; 9, N3d2 with 10, Nc3 to follow and Black loses material); 8, Nc3, Qe7; 9, Be3, Bxe3; 10, Qxe3, Nxc3; 11, Qxe7+, Kxe7; 12, bxc3, Be4; 13, Ng5!?, Bxd5; 14, O-O-O!?, Bxa2; 15, Kb2!, Be6; 16, f5!, Bxf5; 17, Bc4, Nc6 (this is now a little late. Instead of the Bishop's tour, which admittedly garnered pawns, Black would have been better advised to develop his pieces. As it is they now stand around impotently while the Black Kings heads back to the box!); 18, Nxf7, Rhe8; 19, Rhe1+, Kf6; 20, Rf1 (19, ... Kf8; is also met by 20, Rf1), Kg6; 21, g4!, Bxg4 (if 21, ... Be6; say, then 22, h4! threatening mate transposes to similar positions as in the game); 22, Rd5 (threat 23, Rg5 mate. If 22, ... h5?; 23, Bd3+, Bf5; 24, Rdx5, Kh7; 25, Rxh5+, Kg8; 26, Rh8 mate. Or 22, ... h6; 23, Bd3+, Bf5; 24, Rdx5, Kh7; 25, Rg5+, Kg8; 26, Nxe6+, Kh8; 27, Nf7+, Kg8; 28, Rh5 and Black loses material), (1:0).