

CHESS NOTES

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Latest
local
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details

THE following B.C.F. registrations have been received from P.D.L. by Peter Marshall: Cosham (14), Emsworth (11), Fareham (18), Gosport (27), IBM (21), Plessey (eight) and Portsmouth (23).

You should become a member of the B.C.F. if (a) you play in Divisions 1 or 2 of the P.D.L.; (b) you are required to play for the County; (c) you are required to play in B.C.F. Congress events; (d) you play in week-end events sponsored by the B.C.F.; or (e) you wish to be graded by the national computer.

If any of the above good reasons do not appeal, then join for philanthropic or jingoistic reasons!

Aid the junior game (which will lead to future achievements) or assist the game at national level. And remember that England have won silver medals in the last two Olympiads and, perhaps, via grass roots aid, a future team might be able to usurp the Russian team, who have invariably won the gold medals.

DIVISION 1

As a result of played-on games (1, S. Kent 1, A. F.

Brameld 0; 2, B. Cochran 0, S. Dean 1; 4, F. S. Adam Ali $\frac{1}{2}$, A. D. Crossin $\frac{1}{2}$; 6, B. K. Maund $\frac{1}{2}$, G. Train $\frac{1}{2}$) Portsmouth B lost by two games to four to Cosham A.

Gosport lead Fareham A $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ after played-on games were resolved (2, M. L. Newbury 1, T. R. S. Pavlovic 0; 5, J. H. Jones $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Evans $\frac{1}{2}$; 6, S. P. Pezel 1, J. Coburn 0 with Board Three, an adjudication, still to follow).



White to move

● The December 13 column had a diagram: 1k1r4; pp1r1p2; 4p1p1; 4P2p; q1p2P2; P1PbQ1pp; BP1R4; 2K1R3; with Black to move.

A. F. C. Carter of Cosham found a more decisive move than that played (33... Bb1) in the game won by A. F. Brameld, namely: 33... Bf5! It seems to me that White's only good reply would then be 34. Resigns!

The answer to 34. Red1, or 34. Red2, is Qc2 + 1 with mate next move, while if 34. Rh2, then Rd1 +; with mate to follow. Other moves leave White at least a rook down with no compensation, so, if you also found Bf5, then award yourself a pat on the back!

In the actual game Arthur Brameld recalls that he was in time trouble which explains his slight lapse of accuracy.

● I am prepared to be corrected but I believe that PORTSMOUTH is the only club in the P.D.L. that meet twice a week, every Wednesday and Saturday. The members can be found at the Southsea Community Centre, St Paul's Square.

The club is of such a size (25 members) to support five teams in the local league: A and B play in Division 1; C and D play in Division 3, while the E side are in Division 5. Two teams also play in the Hampshire League.

An internal championship and a challengers tournament ensure that members have available all the chess that they could want.

Graham Oswald is the club's current top player and regular readers will know well of his exploits in the Portsmouth Congress where he has, in past seasons, defeated G.M. Nigel Short and several I.M.s.

The club cater for all grades of player, while new members will always be welcome. For any further information contact the Secretary, D. Jeffery, on 825298.

● In this week's diagram (see above) you are White and have the option of playing on or accepting the draw that Black has offered. If you play on you will have to calculate a variation ten moves long... that does not lose! What is your decision?