

# Chess notes by J.H.J.

LAST WEEK, I left you with 3N4; 8; 3k1P2; 8; 8; 2p2plp; 7P; 7K; and it was White to move and draw.

Clearly White has to gain time to bring the Knight back for the defence to be successful. 1, f7, Ke7 (as the f-pawn will queen with check Black has no real alternative); 2, Ne6!, Kxf7; 3, Ng5+, Kf6; 4, Nxf3!, c2 (otherwise 5, Nd1/c2); 5, Ng1! (1/2:1/2).

If 5, . . . , c1=Q; or 5, . . . , c1=R; then White is stalemated while after other promotions the simple 6, Nxf3 ensures the draw. A king move allows 6, Ne2 which also guarantees a draw.

## DIVISION I

GOSPORT A 3½, PORTSMOUTH A 1½; 1, R. C. Noyce v. G. Oswald (u); 2, D. J. White 1, Default 0; 3, S. P. Pezet v. R. Puchades (u); 4, M. L. Newbury ½, M. C. Hagan ½; 5, D. A. Bloxson 1, N. Ruff 0; 6, D. Pye 1, N. Purkis 0.

PORTSMOUTH B 4½, FAREHAM A 1½; 1, S. Kent 1, T. R. S. Pavlovic 0; 2, H. Vernon 1, D. Evans 0; 3, B. Sweeney 1, W. Silber 0; 4, Linda Cunningham ½, J. Poulton ½; 5, B. Maund 0, J. Coburn 1; 6, B. Cochran 1, Default 0.

So Portsmouth B, who are relegated end their season with an extravagant flourish to hint at what might have been.

MANGLERS A 0, COSHAM A 1; 1, K. D. F. Gregory v. A. F. Brameld (u); 2, E. N. Holland v. S. Dean (u); 3, Hannam v. A. F. C. Carter (u); 4, A. G. Scoffin v. D. Gibson (u); 5, N. A. L. Phillips 0, A. D. Crossin 1; 6, M. Fowler v. C. W. Bryan (u).

And Cosham A may yet end their wretched season (league champions for the previous four seasons!) by gaining the runners-up position if they manage a massive victory here (5½-½, or 6-0). Manglers will clearly try to avoid being mangled!

## DIVISION III

GOSPORT B 4½, PORTSMOUTH C 1½; 1, M. D. Smith 1, M. C. Hagan 0; 2, D. J. White 0, N. Purkis 1; 3, P. J. Eales ½, W. Laxton ½; 4, B. E. Gale 1, A. Valma 0; 5, K. S. O. Smith 1, M. Tunnicliffe 0; 6, H. Golding 1, J. Ingram 0.

Gosport B will win this division unless Petersfield A beat them 6-0 in the final match of the season (Petersfield are currently in second place!).

## DIVISION IV

GOSPORT C 2½, PAULSGROVE A 3½; 1, H. Golding 0, P. McEvoy 1; 2, A. Crouch ½, C. Smith ½; 3, K. S. O. Smith ½, S. Phillips ½; 4, P. Groth 1, D. Worsfold 0; 5, A. Elbourn 0, M. Baxter 1; 6, Mrs. S. Tovey ½, P. Sibley ½. PAULSGROVE A 4, LEIGH PARK B 2; 1, P. McEvoy 1, S. Scott 0; 2, C. Smith ½, R. Smith ½; 3, S. Phillips ½, J. Sexton ½; 4, D. Worsfold 0, A. Charlwood 1; 5, M. Baster 1, D. Bennett 0; 6, P. Sibley 1, A. Agius 0.

Now Paulsgrove A have to await the results of Emsworth A to see which of these two teams will be the divisional champions.

Let me draw to our attention the British Champion-

ship qualifying tournament to be held at Southampton University May 29 — May 31. There will be six rounds Friday (one), Saturday (three), and Sunday (two) and the entry fee is £10 with £185 in the prize fund, while the winner and runner-up will have free entry to the British to be played at Swansea (August 3-15). The limit date for entries is May 26 to L. T. Walker, 3, Rowley Drive, Botley SO3 2SN (tel. Botley 6528).

## HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

### DIVISION I

BASINGSTOKE A 2, UNIVERSITY 2½  
PORTSMOUTH A 0, UNIVERSITY 5; 1, F. S. Adam-All 0, R. C. Noyce 1; 2, M. Hagan 0, J. Fraser-Mitchell 1; 3, Default 0, R. Walker 1; 4, S. Kent 0, S. Gaynor 1; 5, W. Laxton 0, J. Gould 1.

SOUTHAMPTON A 2½, UNIVERSITY 2½  
IBM 3, BASINGSTOKE A 2; 1, K. Gregory ½, J. Fowler ½; 2, J. Wheeler ½, K. Hyde ½; 3, R. Hartley 1, A. Cox 0; 4, G. Jefftha 0, D. Brothers 1; 5, K. Gledstone 1, Default 0.

LEGG A 3, PORTSMOUTH A 2; 1, J. Attwood 1, D. Spurgeon 0; 2, S. W. Know 1, M. Hagan 0; 3, D. F. Thompson ½, F. S. Adam-All ½; 4, T. Gray ½, S. Cragg ½; 5, K. V. Gadd 0, N. Ruff 1.

PORTSMOUTH A 5, SOUTHAMPTON 0 (the visiting team were unable to raise a team).

BASINGSTOKE 2, LEGG A 3  
UNIVERSITY 4½, IBM ½; 1, P. Johnstone ½, K. Gregory ½; 2, A. Faller ½, W. McDougall 0; 3, R. Thomas 1, S. Smith 0; 4, J. Fraser-Mitchell 1, P. Burns 0; 5, R. Wiaker 1, K. Gledstone 0.

LEGG A 1, UNIVERSITY 4  
BASINGSTOKE A 5, PORTSMOUTH A 0 (this time Portsmouth failed to raise a team).

IBM 2½, SOUTHAMPTON A 2½; 1, K. Gregory ½, M. Buckmaster ½; 2, W. McDougall 1, M. Walker 0; 3, R. Hartley 1, L. Walters 0; 4, K. Gledstone 0, T. Lane 1; 5, A. Ball 0, D. Neil 1.

SOUTHAMPTON A 1½, LEGG A 3½  
UNIVERSITY 5, BASINGSTOKE A 0  
PORTSMOUTH A 2½, IBM 2½; 1, F. S. Adam-All 0, J. Wheeler 1; 2, D. Spurgeon ½, S. Smith ½; 3, M. Hagan ½, R. Hartley ½; 4, P. Smith ½, A. Ball ½; 5, J. Steward 1, G. Jefftha 0.

	P	W	D	G	Pt
University	10	8	2	40½	18
Basingstoke A	10	6	1	31	13
IBM	10	4	2	19½	10
Legg A	10	3	1	22	7
Portsmouth A	10	3	1	19½	7
Southampton A	10	1	3	17½	5

Congratulations to University, who retain the County League Championship. They were impressive winners, and went through the season undefeated. Southampton A, who were last season's Division II winners, found the going tough and are relegated.

Next week, I will give the Division II details courtesy of the controller, Brian Cochran.

# Young fans flex fingers

**BUDDING** chess champs are flexing their fingers in the run-up to a junior tournament at Cowplain.

Dozens of youngsters will be playing "pawn to king-4" — the opening move — when they take part in the South-East Hampshire Griffin Open Junior Chess Tournament.

The competition takes place at Cowplain Comprehensive School, Hart Plain Avenue, on May 23 and 24, and is open to chess fanatics up to the age of 18.

"It started life as the Waterlooville Library Junior Chess Club Championship," said tournament organizer Mrs. Gill Holland.

"But it turned out to

be so popular that we decided to open it up to include the whole of Hampshire.

"Last year, we even had entries from as far afield as Somerset, so really it is open to any youngsters interested in chess."

The tournament will be split into categories for the under-18s, under-14s, under-12s, under-tens, and under-

eights.

Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the various competitions, and the tournament also includes the under-ten Hampshire County Championship.

Entry forms are available from the Waterlooville Library, The Precinct, or phone Waterlooville 262638. All entries should be in by May 22.