

# Chess notes by J.H.J.

TWO WEEKS ago I broached the idea of increasing the size of teams in the P.D.L. — Division I and II to be eight aside (even nine or 10!) with lower teams to be increased to seven.

John Wheeler (J.W.) has put forward a few thoughts. He thinks that larger teams "may cause problems for small clubs" and cites Plessey as an example where their total membership is about seven players. To counter this might it also encourage the "small clubs" to canvass for more support?

"Larger teams means fewer games for those players who regularly play for more than one team" (J.W.).

I don't envisage that there would be a reduction in the total number of teams in the league, in which case there would be more total boards in play i.e. more chess, not less! (and let that be our slogan?).

J.W. also expresses the view that "larger teams probably means fewer teams."

Taking Portsmouth as an example (they have two teams in the upper divisions, five teams in all) they might have to "find" seven extra players. Alternatively they could nominate two extra players and simply have one member play in every other match (50 games!).

However, something between these two contrived schemes would actually obtain.

## HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

### Division II

**SALISBURY 4, PORTSMOUTH B 1:** G. Comben 1, B. Cochran 0; 2, D. E. Ward 1, J. Stewart 0; 3, Mrs. E. A. Hartford 1, D. Jeffery 0; 4, D. Pott 0, R. Prince 1; 5, S. Wales 1, R. Billingsley 0.

**BASINGSTOKE B 1, LEIGH PARK 4:** 1, E. Smith 0, A. J. Peters

1; 2, O. Worsfold ½, G. Bailey ½; 3, M. Bowhay ½, N. G. LeFevre ½; 4, B. Kocan 0, J. N. Mortlock 1; 5, Default 0, S. J. Scott 1.

**SALISBURY 3, LEGG B 2, BASINGSTOKE B 3, SALISBURY 2.**

**LEGG B 1, PORTSMOUTH B 4:** 1, F. Kelly 1, D. Jeffery 0; 2, C. L. Simmons 0, R. Prince 1; 3, D. Shelley 0, J. Stewart 1; 4, P. Brown 0, R. Billingsley 1; 5, M. Edwards 0, F. Guy 1.

**LEIGH PARK 2½, SOUTHAMPTON B 2½:** 1, G. Bailey 0, D. Webb 1; 2, N. G. LeFevre 1, D. Gardner 0; 3, J. N. Mortlock 0, T. O'Farrell 1; 4, S. J. Scott ½, A. Summers ½; 5, J. R. Sexton 1, G. Winch 0.

**SOUTHAMPTON B 5, LEGG B 0.**

**PORTSMOUTH B 3½, BASINGSTOKE B 1½:** 1, M. Winterbotham ½, M. Bowhay ½; 2, B. Cochran 1, J. Shaddick 0; 3, R. Prince 1, K. Bacon 0; 4, W. Laxton 0, B. Kocan 1; 5, R. Billingsley 1, J. French 0.

**SALISBURY 2½, LEIGH PARK 2½:** 1, R. Lynn 1, A. J. Peters 0; 2, D. Ward 0, N. G. LeFevre 1; 3, D. Hinsley 0, S. D. LeFevre 1; 4, E. Hartford ½, J. N. Mortlock ½; 5, D. Pott 1, J. R. Sexton 0.

**LEGG B 1½, BASINGSTOKE B 3½.**

**SALISBURY 4½, SOUTHAMPTON B ½.**

**LEIGH PARK 3, PORTSMOUTH B 2:** 1, A. J. Peters 0, S. Kent 1; 2, S. P. LeFevre 1, W. Laxton 0; 3, N. G. LeFevre 0, B. Cochran 1; 4, J. N. Mortlock 1, R. Prince 0; 5, J. R. Sexton 1, F. Guy 0.

**SOUTHAMPTON B 1, BASINGSTOKE B 4.**

**LEGG B ½, LEIGH PARK 4½:** 1, K. V. Gadd 0, A. J. Peters 1; 2, D. Shelley ½, N. G. LeFevre ½; 3, G. North 0, J. N. Mortlock 1; 4, P.

Brown 0, J. R. Sexton 1; 5, M. Edwards 0, S. J. Scott 1.

**PORTSMOUTH B 1, SALISBURY 4:** 1, F. S. Adam-Ali 0, R. Lynn 1; 2, J. Stewart 1, D. E. Ward 0; 3, B. Cochran 0, D. Hinsley 1; 4, F. Guy 0, D. H. Pott 1; 5, R. Prince 0, P. Hillier 1.

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Salisbury	10	8	1	38½	17
Basingstoke B	10	7	0	30	14
Leigh Park	10	5	2	27½	12
Southampton B	10	4	1	24	9
Portsmouth B	10	4	0	23½	8
Legg B	10	0	0	6½	0

Salisbury are the County League Division II Champions and are promoted to Division I.

Most readers will know that Gary Kasparov (U.S.S.R.) is the current world champion, so here is one of his early games. White: Magaramov. Black: Kasparov (4th match game, 1979): 1, d4, Nf6; 2, c4, e6 (in his youth Kasparov had a marked preference for the King's Indian ...); 3, Nf3, c5; (... or Benoni. Now, he's 24!) 4, g3, cxd4; 5, Nxd4, d5(!); 6, Bg2(!); e5!; 7, Nf3, e4!; 8, Nd4 dxc4; 9, Nc3, Bc5; 10, Qa4+, Bd7 (10, ... Nc6??; 11, Nxc6, wins); 11, Qxc4, Qb6; 12, Bc3, Nc6! (12, ... Qxb2??; 13, Rb1, Qa3; 14, Ndb5, wins); 13, Nc2, Bxc3; 14, Nxe3 (see diagram. A curious position in which Black simply concentrated an active development) Na5; (0:1). The match for the flight B U.S.S.R. championship ended tied at two-and-a-half each.

