

# Chess Notes by J.H.J.

RATHER belatedly I can reveal the details of the Final of the Cole Plate which completes all the outstanding results from last season.

Portsmouth A 4½, Paulsgrove A ½.

1, G. Oswald 1, P. McEvoy 0; 2, N. Purkiss 1, C. Smith 0; 3, N. Ruff ½, S. Phillips ½; 4, R. Stafford 1, D. Worsfold 0; 5, W. Laxton 1, D. Scotney 0.

Graeme Oswald has been kind enough to send me the score of the top board game: the notes are based on those of the winner.

White: P. McEvoy, Black: G. Oswald.  
1. b3, b6; (the rate of play is 30 moves in an hour, then a quarter of an hour each to complete the game. In some way this explains the eccentric opening!) 2. Bb2, Bb7; 3. e3, Nf6; 4. Nf3, c5; 5. Be2, d6; 6. 00, Nbd7; 7. Nh4?!, (in order to exchange the light-square Bishop. 7. Ne1 is better) g5!?!; 8. Bf3, d5; 9. Nf5, e6; 10. Ng3, Bd6; (10. ... Rg8!) 11. c4, Rg8; 12. cxd5, Nxd5; 13. Ne4?, (better 13. Nbc3, Nxc3; 14. dxc3, Bxf3; 15. Qxd6!?, Bb7 =) Bc7; 14. Nbc3, g4!; (white's idea has simply invited the attack) 15. Bxg4, Nxc3; 16. Nxc3, Bxh2+; (16. ... Qh4; 17. h3, h5; was an alternative motif) 17. Kxh2, Qh4+; 18. Kg1, (18. Bh3, allows a quick finish with Rxc2+) Rxc2; 19. f3, Rxc2+!; 20. Kxc2, 000; 21. Rg1, Ne5; 22. Ne4, (after 22. e4, simplest is Ba6 and, if say 23. d3, then Nxd3 leads to a quick finish) Rg8+; 23. Kf1, (0:1) (as Qh3+ will force mate).

Matches have now started in the local league and it would appear that Cosham could well be struggling in this year's competition if, as is strongly rumoured, they do not have the services of Arthur Brameld.

DIVISION I: Cosham A 1½, I.B.M. A 3½. 1, S. Dean 0, J. G. Nicholson 1; 2, A.F.C. Carter ½, W. M. McDougall ½; 3, D. Gibson 1, J. F. Wheeler 0; 4, A. D.

Crossin 0, R. E. Hartley 1; 5, C. W. Bryan 0, P. J. Burns 1; 6, G. Train v. S. J. Smith (p).

Portsmouth A 4½, Fareham A 1½. 1, G. Oswald ½, A. Corkett ½; 2, D. Spurgeon ½, T. R. S. Pavlovic ½; 4, I. Bradley 1, J. R. Poulton 0; 4, R. Puchades 1, D. Evans 0; 5, M. Hagan ½, W. H. Silber ½; 6, S. Kent 1, J. A. Coburn 0.

DIVISION III: Plessey A 3½, Paulsgrove A 2½. 1, R. T. Williams 0, P. McEvoy 1; 2, P. A. Rayment 1, C. Smith 0; 3, Q. Foale 1, S. Phillips 0; 4, C. Wood 1, D. Worsfold 0; 5, P. Haddocks ½, M. Baxter ½; 6, J. B. S. Cairns 0, M. Sammut 1.

Portsmouth D 1, Portsmouth C 5. 1, B. Cochran 0, A. Daley 1; 2, Default 0, N. Seville 1; 3, R. Prince 0, S. Garside 1; 4, D. Jeffery 1, F. Guy 0; 5, P. Rogers 0, B. K. Maund 1; 6, R. White 0, W. Laxton 1.

Petersfield A 3½, Fareham C 2½. 1, R. H. Storr-Best 1, J. D. Eva 0; 2, G. D. Gardner 0, A. Chandler 1; 3, G. R. Dent ½, M. J. Butler ½; 4, P. Flack 0, A. Cagnasso 1; 5, B. W. Chambers 1, A. Stroud 0; 6, R. A. Mullenger 1, B. Massey 0.

I gave you a clue that the study 2K5/7p/8/8/6pP/8/2k3P1/8, with White to move and draw, carried an echo from an earlier column.

1. Kd7, Kd3; 2. Ke6, Ke3; 3. Kf5, g3; 4. Kg4!, Kf2; 5. Kh3! when Black has nothing better than 5. ... h5; (½:½).

The astute reader may have noticed an alternative try for a win by Black. 1. Kd7, Kd3; 2. Ke6, Ke3; 3. Kf5, h5; 4. Kg5, Kf2; 5. Kxh5, g3; 6. Kg6!, Kxg2; 7. h5, Kf3; 8. h6, g2; 9. h7, g1 = Q+; 10. Kf7!, but this is a theoretical draw as Black cannot gain time to advance his King (by the usual strategem of forcing the White King in front of his pawn) for that position would be stalemate.