

# Chess notes by J.H.J.

AS I indicated in an earlier column the outcome of the county match against Devon would be close. In fact we were narrowly defeated by 8½ to 7½ when the B.C.F. panel handed down a win for Yeo, a loss for Failer and draws for Walker and Bell in the outstanding adjudications.

Today Hampshire are playing Dorset at Parkstone while the last match (against Gloucestershire) will be played on March 14. To qualify for the B.C.F. inter-county play-offs we must certainly win the last match by a reasonable margin.

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## DIVISION I

Fareham A 2, Cosham A 1 — 1, T. R. S. Pavlovic 1 A. F. Brameld 0; 2, W. H. Silber ½, S. Dean ½; 3, D. E. Evans v. A. F. Carter (u); 4, J. A. Coburn v. A. D. Crossin (u); 5, D. W. Coates v. C. W. Bryant (u); 6, T. A. Wykes ½, G. F. Train ½.

Portsmouth A 1½, Portsmouth B 1½ — 1, G. Oswald v. F. S. Adam-Ali (u); 2, D. Spurgeon ½, S. Kent ½; 3, I. Bradley 0, N. StVile 1; 4, R. Puchades 1, S. Cragg 0; 5, M. Hagan v. B. Maund (u); 6, N. Purkis v. B. Cochran (u).

Gosport A 2, Manglers A 0 — 1, R. C. Noyce v. K. D. F. Gregory (a); 2, M. L. Newbury v. D. Hannam (u); 3, S. P. Pezet v. E. N. Holland (a); 4, D. E. Pye 1, M. Fowler 0; 5, M. D. Smith v. A. G. Scoffin (a); 6, D. J. White 1, R. Davies 0.

This round of matches looks well contested with no outcome yet resolved. Manglers and Portsmouth B are clearly playing for survival in the division while the remainder are trying to keep in touch with Gosport so as to take advantage of any slip by that team.

## DIVISION III

The adjudication returned from the B.C.F. panel for the Gosport B v. Fareham C match was given as, 3, D. A. Blossom ½, A. F. Stroud ½, leaving Gosport 4-2 winners. I understand that this may not be the final result as Gosport have initiated an appeal.

## DIVISION IV

Gosport C 4½, Leigh Park B 1½ — 1, H. Golding 1, J. Morlock 0; 2, A. Crouch

½, S. J. Scott ½; 3, K. S. O. Smith 1, R. Smith 0; 4, P. Groth 1, J. Sexton 0; 5, Mrs. S. Tovey 0, A. Charlwood 1; 6, R. Strong 1, V. Agius 0.

## DIVISION V

Portsmouth E lost by 4-2 to Petersfield B when the B.C.F. returned the result, 5, R. M. Prince ½, J. Terry ½.

This week's diagram initiates the conclusion of one of my games played at Southampton during the summer B.C.F. tournament.

White — J. Stewart; Black — J.H.J. (see diagram. The continuation starts with Black's 18th move).

18. ... g4; 19. Bb6, Qf8; 20. Nb5, gxf3; 21. gxf3, Bh3; 22. Kf2, (If 22. Rf2 then Qh6; 23. Kh1, Rg7; 24. Rg1, Ng3 +; 25. hxg3, fxg3; with threats! White if 22. Rd1 (c1) (b1), then Qg7 +; 23. Kf2, Qg2 +; 24. Ke1, Nxe4! wins e.g. 25. fxe4, Bh4 +; 26. Bf2, Bxf2 +; 27. Nxf2, Qf1 +; 28. Kd2, Qxf2 +; (Regaining the material and maintaining the attack) Bxf1, 29. Rxf1, Kh8; 24. Nc7, Re8; 25. Ne6, Qh6; 26. Ke1, Ng7; 27. Bg1, Nxe6; 28. dxe6, Rg7; 29. Qxb7, Rcg8; 30. Qb6, Qh3!; 31. Bd1, Nxe4; 32. Nf2, Qsf1 +!; (Both sides had only minutes to the time control at move 40 which explains the following sketchy play) 33. Kxf1, Rxf1 +; 34. Ke2, Nxf2!; 35. Ba4, Nd1!; 36. Kd3, Ne3; 37. Qc7, R1g7; 38. Qxa5, Nf5; 39. b4, Nd4; 40. Bd7, Nxf3; 41. b5, Nxf2; 42. Bc6, Rg3 +; 42. Ke4, f3; and White resigned.



● Black to move