

# CHESS NOTES

by J.H.J.

THE re-emergence of the Gosport club, after a break of many years, passed off as something more than a whimper yet short of a bang when they drew their opening encounter with the promoted team Salisbury in last week's match.

Roger Marsh, who lives in Gosport yet plays on a high board for Buckinghamshire, was presented with a piece (in a drawish position) to win but, as a measure of compensation, David Bloxsom avoided winning when comfortably ahead by two pawns.

For Salisbury their board three played up to his name (Champion!) when he demolished Mike Smith while their bottom board took advantage of time pressure to clinch a win against Steve Hughes.

The outcome of the match depended upon the top board result where the Black player was a qualifier for last year's British Championship.

White: J.H.J. Black: R. C. Lynn

1, e4, e6; 2, d4, d5; 3, Nc3, Bb4; 4, e5, c5; 5, a3, Bxc3+; 6, bxc3, Qc7; 7, Qg4, f5; 8, Qg3, Nc6(?); (8, ... Ne7 was played in the first game of the Tal v. Botvinnik match 1960 which continued 9, Qxg7, Rg8; 10, Qxh7, cxd4; 11, Kd1?, Bd7; 12, Qh5+!, Ng6; 13, Ne2, d3!; 14, cxd3, Ba4+?; 15, Ke1, Qxe5; 16, Bg5!, Nc6; 17, d4,

Qc7; 18, h4!, e5; 19, Rh3, Qf7; 20, dxe5, Ncxe5; 21, Re3, Kd7; 22, Rb1, b6; 23, Nf4, Rae8; 24, Rb4!, Bc6; 26, Rxf4, Ng6; 27, Rd4, Rxe3+; 28, fxe3, Kc7; 29, c4, dxc4; 30, Bxc4, Qg7; 31, Bxg8, Qxg8; 32, h5, (0:1)) 9, Bb5, Qf7?; (9, ... Ne7; 10, Qxg7, Rg8; 11, Qxh7, Rxxg2?; 12, Qh5+, Ng6; 13, Kf1, Rg4; 14, f3, end. An interesting try is 9, ... cxd4; 10, Bxc6(!), bxc6; 11, cxd4, Ba6; 12, hr, 000!); 13, Qc3, leading to an altogether different position) 10, Bxc6+!, bxc6; 11, Rb1? (Trite. 11, a4!, or 11, Nf3) Ba6; 12, Nf3, Ne7; 13, h, (Suddenly White's position is difficult to develop) Kd7; (13, ... Qh5!; 14, Bg5, Ng6; 15, dxc5, Kd7; 16, Rb4, h6; 17, Be3, Nf8; with g5 to follow) 14, h5, Rhb8; (14, ... Rg8!) 15, Ra1, (Yes, move 11 was wrong) h6; 16, a4!, cxd4; 17, Nxd4, Bc4!; 18, Ba3, Nc8; (18, ... Rg8!) 19, a5, a6; 20, Kd2, Rb7; 21, Qf4(!), (Threat 22, g4. White has ten minutes to the time-control at move 36) Rc7; 22, Bc5, Ke8?; (22, ... Ne7;) 23, Bd6!, c5; (Now Black has ten minutes left) 24, Nxe6!?, Qxe6; (If 24, ... Rc6; 25, Qxf5!, Nxd6; 26, exd6, Rxd6; 27, Rae1) 25, Bxc7, Kd7; 26, Bb6, Kc6; 27, Rab1, (two minutes remain) Bb5; (five minutes remain) 28, Rhe1, Nxb6; (If 28, ... Ne7; 29, Qe3) 29, axb6, Kxb6; 30, Qg3, Ra7; 31, Qg5, Qxg6; 32, hxg6, Re7; 33, f4, Re6; 34, g4(!), Rxxg6; 35, e6(!), Kc7; 36, Rxb5(!), axb5; 37, e7, (1:0).

Details: Salisbury 2½, Gosport 2½ — 1, R. C. Lynn 0, J. H. Jones 1; 2, D. E. Ward 0, R. Marsh 1; 3, K. Champion 1, M. D. Smith 0; 4, J. E. Milward ½, D. A. Bloxsom ½; 5, D. H. Pott 1, S. Hughes 0.