

LAST WEEK I left you with a diagram that might be reached after the initial moves: 1, e4, e5; 1, Nf3, Nc6; 3, Nc3, Nf6; 4, Bb5, Bb4; 5, O-O.

You will have noticed that the Black King is missing but that's because the player of Black has it in his hand and is preparing to castle (well, move his King, anyway!).

So, it is Black's move.

Wrong!

It is actually White's move!! Why? Because Black has noticed (along with the Reader) that the board is the wrong way round (the White square must be the right-hand corner) and therefore the game must be restarted as fewer than six moves have been played.

Results from the opening round of the P.D.L. Individual championship went very much to form although informed sources tell me that the defending champion (K. Gregory) had more of a struggle than he anticipated.

B. Maund 0, W. Laxton 1; A. Carter 1, J. Coburn 0; M. Baker 0, D. Tunks 1; B. Cochran 0, K. Gregory 1; C. Wood 1, M. Baxter 0.

The draw for round 2, which must be completed by January 2, has kept my "big two" (Carter and Gregory) apart.

The draw is Gregory v. Wood; Laxton v. Carter; Tunks v. Cochran; Baxter v. Maund and Coburn v. Baker.

#### DIVISION I

Cosham A 2½, Portsmouth A 3½: 1, S. Dean 0, G. Oswald 1; A. F. C. Carter 1, D. Spurgeon 0; 3, D. Gibson 0, I. Bradley 1; 4, G. F. Abercrombie ½, R. Puchades ½; 5, C. Bryan 1, M. Hagan 0; 6, G. Train 0, S. Kent 1.

Manglers A 4, Fareham A 2: 1, K. D. F. Gregory 1, W. H. Silber 0; 2, E. N. Holland ½, J. R. Poulton ½; 3, M. Fowler ½, D. Evans ½;

4, D. Hannam 0, J. A. Coburn 1; 5, A. G. Scoffin 1, D. W. Coates 0; 6, E. M. Holland 1, A. F. Stroud 0.

Gosport A 2½, IBM A 2½: 1, J. H. Jones ½, J. G. Nicholson ½; 2, S. P. Pezet v. W. M. McDougall (u); 3, D. J. White 0, J. F. Wheeler 1; 4, M. D. Smith 1, P. J. Burns 0; 5, P. Groth ½, S. J. Smith ½; 6, K. S. O. Smith ½, A. J. R. Wilkinson ½.

#### DIVISION V

Leigh Park B 3½, Portsmouth E 2½: 1, D. Bennett 1, D. Bye 0; 2, K. Allen ½, J. Davison ½; 3, R. Smith 1, P. Rogers 0; 4, J. Sexton 0, M. Reeves 1; 5, F. Sandham 1, F. Guy 0; 6, V. Agius 0, S. Garside 1.

And, to finish, a study by L. I. Kubbel, 1929, with White to move and win. This is quite an interesting position well worth your effort even though the main line is eight moves long.

White to move.

## CHESS NOTES

by J.H.J.



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ALL DAY — SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24  
ALL DAY — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25  
AFTER 5 p.m. — THURSDAY  
ALL DAY — FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

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Healthy New Year  
from Joe, Jim & Jill*

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AEROBICS with Gay  
Every Saturday during  
SATURDAY CLUB (10-12)  
Every Friday (10-12)  
— For Senior Citizens

COMING SOON (February 1) — TUMBLE TOTS