

13 FEB 2009

DIAGRAM 1

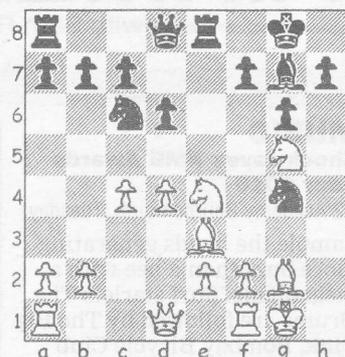
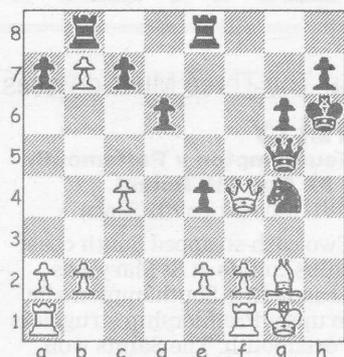


DIAGRAM 2



THE opening round draw for the B&DCL Team Handicap KO competition has produced some fascinating ties, ranging from a cross-county trek to Bridport for the Southbourne team to three difficult away matches for the strong Wimborne contingent.

The draw in full is as follows – Dorchester v Wimborne B, Weymouth v Wimborne A, Ringwood v Wimborne C and Bridport v Southbourne. Team captains are advised that the grading differential rules apply to the six board teams to produce the required scores before the start of each match and this round is to be completed by March 19.

The following game, taken from the recent Dorset Closed Championship, is a fluctuating battle eventually decided by a costly oversight.

Jenks, B – Clancy, M

Dorset Closed Championship, 2010

King's Indian: Panno Variation

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 d6 8.h3 White could revert to the main line here with 8.d5, whereupon 8...Ne7 9.e4 Ne8 insists on a far more cagey opening strategy for Black than the one he is allowed to pursue in this game. 8...e4 9.Ng5 Re8 10.Be3 Bf5?! The knight looks offside and Black might have been tempted by 10...h6 11.Ngxg4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxh3 13.Bxh3 Rxe4 and a comfortable middlegame. 11.g4 Bxg4!? Black is obviously keen to take the initiative with this piece for two pawns sacrifice and his attack-

ing instinct leads to a wild passage of play. 12.hxg4 Nxg4 13.Ncxe4 (Diag 1) f5! Nothing is gained by delaying this duel threat to the knights with the intermezzo 13...Nxe3, as 14.fxe3 f5 15.Qb3! fxe4 16.Nxe4 ending in equality. 14.d5 fxe4 15.Bf4!? Calling a brief halt to the exchanges, as 15.dxc6? Nxe3 16.fxe3 Qxg5 puts White in serious trouble. 15...Be5 16.dxc6 Bxf4 17.Qd5+ Much better than a passive 17.Nh3, which, after 17...Bh2+ 18.Kh1 bxc6, merely confirms Black's two-pawn advantage with no concerns over counterplay. 17...Kg7 18.cxb7 Rb8 19.Qf7+ Kh6 20.Qxf4 Qxg5 (Diag 2) Black appears to be working on the correct premise that, if the queens are removed and with the b-pawn hanging, a single pawn advantage should be enough. However, White has other ideas... 21.Qg3 e3?... and his opponent promptly blunders into another bout of unnecessary sharp play instead. 22.f4! Qf5 23.Bh3 A vicious piece-winning pin that can be slowly improved upon by the manoeuvre Rf3/Qg2, followed by Rg3 or Bxg4, should Black defend with 23...Kh5, so he lets the piece go. 23...Rxb7 24.Bxg4 Qc2 25.b3 a5 26.Bd7 and Black, once again faced with a material deficit, but this time with no compensatory attacking options, resigned.

● Any enquiries regarding the Chess column should be addressed to Alan Dommert by emailing a.j.dommert@btinternet.com