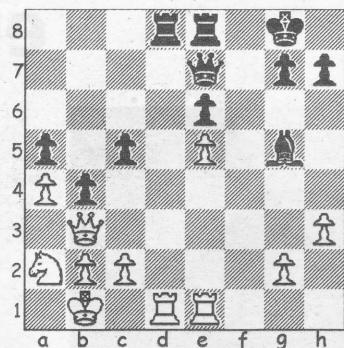


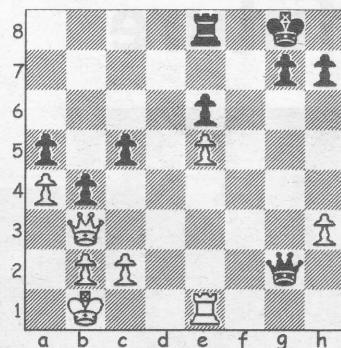
# **CHESS**

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DIAGRAM 1 27/3/2010



## DIAGRAM 2



Wimborne have dominated the opening round of the B&DCL Team Handicap KO competition with all three of their teams reaching the semi-final stage. The handicap system proved particularly effective this season as every match was extremely close and not one of the teams that progressed through actually won their match!

Results:- Dorchester 3 Wimborne B 3 (Wimborne B go through on tie-break by virtue of winning on the higher boards) Weymouth 3.5 Wimborne A 2.5 (Wimborne A go through with required 2.0 game points) Ringwood 3 Wimborne C 3 (Wimborne C go through with required 2.5 game points) Bridport 2.5 Southbourne 3.5 (Bridport go through with required 2.5 game points)

The following game, taken from the third round of the Major competition in the Dorset Congress, is a clinical display with a sting in its tail from the eventual winner of the event.

Jackson, P - Leeson, C  
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Philidor Defence (C)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Be7 3.N

exd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 The anti

ex4-5.Nxh4 Nf6 The anticipated transition to a Philidor's complete, White now responds by taking the game into somewhat unknown territory. 6.Be3 0-0 7.Bd3 White's development appears textbook, yet theory indicates that 7.Be2 is a more prudent option and it is not long before Black highlights the problem. 7...Nc6 8.Qd2 Ne5! Consecutive knight moves target the bishop and will either lead to an exchange or a loss of tempo due to the enforced retreat. 9.a3 Nxd3+ 10.Qxd3 Ng4 Employing the same tactic, this time with the added option of re-routing the knight to e5 to harass

the queen with the threat of 12...Be6 to follow. White therefore decides to jettison both bishops, should his opponent wish to make a second capture. 11.0-0-0 Nx e3 He does, and in the next passage of play the bishops versus knights confrontation becomes an inviting possibility. 12.Qxe3 Bf6 13.Kb1 Re8 14.Qd3 a6 15.Rhe1 Be6?! Defending against 16.Nd5, but also ceding the advantage of a bishop pair gained from the opening. 16.h3 b5 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qe3?! The white queen had nothing to fear on the d-file and an immediate 18.f4 would have meant that he kept pace with Black's pawn advance on the opposite wing. 18...Qe7 19.Na2 c5 20.f4 a5 Black has clearly stolen a march in the pawn storm race. 21.e5 dx e5 22.fx e5 Bg5 23.Qb3 b4 Rightly keeping the pressure on, as any delay allows White to counter-attack with 24.Re6 and a doubling of rooks. 24.a4 Rad8 (Diag 1) 25.Nc1? Desperate to bring the knight into play, White misses 25.Qc4, stemming the tide of pawns and preventing the breakthrough that occurs after the following, self-inflicted, exchanges. 25...Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Bxc1 27.Rxc1 Qg5 Winning at least one of two undefended pawns, but, sadly for White, by trying to protect his remaining kingside pawns a greater disaster awaits... 28.Re1 Qxg2 (Diag 2) 29.Re3?? Qf1+!...and a seemingly natural defensive move turns into one that entombs his queen! So, faced with the inevitable prospect of 30.Ka2 c4!, he resigned.

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