

● **HEYWOOD Chess Club** has been in action, playing three matches over the past week.

In the Bury and Rochdale Rapid Play League, the Heywood A team was missing several vital players and was beaten by Blue Club A team, the final score being 7 to 3.

However, Heywood had wins from Martyn Hamer and Bill O'Rourke.

In the B division of the Bury and Rochdale League, Heywood Chess Club's B team beat Blue Club C team by 2.5 to 1.5, with wins from Steve Hutchinson and Con Carey and a draw from Steve Flaherty.

In the East Lancs League, Heywood was away at Rossendale against their C team and ended up winning by 3.5 to 1.5, with wins from Peter Hurn, James Wildsmith and Ross Greenhalgh and a draw on the top board by Mark Southby.

In a recent county match, Lancashire beat Merseyside by a narrow margin - 6.5 to 5.5.

There were five players from the Heywood Chess Club, who managed to score 4.5 of the county's 6.5 total.

Winners were Steve Mason, Mark Southby, Tony Jinks and Peter Hurn, and there was also a draw from Dave Thorpe, putting the team in the county quarter finals, to be played this summer.

Since 1995, Heywood Chess Club has been meeting to play chess, with members varying in strength, from novice to grandmaster.

The club can cater for all levels of experience and currently has 12 teams in the local leagues.