

Hampshire Chess Association Newsletter

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County News

Hampshire qualified for the quarter finals of the national stages of the county championship. Even though Hampshire were fourth in the qualifying group, group winners Devon preferred to play in the U175 and third place Wiltshire withdrew. Unfortunately, Hampshire had problems putting a strong enough team together for the match and ended up defaulting.

Hampshire played in the Chiltern League Jamboree on the 17th April and had great success in winning ahead of Oxford, Bucks and Berks. The match was played over 20 boards, with grading limits in five sections, Open, U175, U150, U125 and U100. Hampshire scored 13½ out of 20 and wins were obtained by the following Hampshire players:

Ian Thompson	David Pye	Roger Marsh
Fraser McLeod	John Wilkinson	Ken Retallack
Majid Manzouri	Martin Baxter	Mike White
Tim Boone	Oliver Payne	

The U125 team played a match against Berkshire in the Chiltern League on the 27th February. This was another great success for this team, as they won 9 - 7. Ken Retallack, again managed to supply a very good team and the following players won:

Bob Cleave	Gary Myatt	Peter Miller
Paul Flack	Ian Van Delft	Ken Retallack
Chris Lewis		

In the quarter finals of the BCF County Championship the U125 team played Warwickshire on the 9th May. A very close match ended in a 8-8 tie, which the board-count favoured Warwickshire. Individual wins were achieved by:

Matthew Gray	Ivan Willis	Peter Miller
Bruce Murray	Sam Williams	Ken Retallack

The U100 team were up against a very strong Essex side and lost 10-2. The sole winner for Hampshire was **John Kooner**.

Southampton Chess League

Division

One
Two
Three
Four

Winners

University A
British Rail A
Botley A
British Rail B

After a tough season in division one in which all teams lost at least three games, University A came through to deservedly win the title. It is good to see the University producing a strong team once again, after they slipped down to the lower divisions. University teams will always lose players, due to students moving on, so it is pleasing to see them achieving major successes again.

There were some excellent individual results this year. Prominent was both T.Boone and R.Cootes of Eastleigh Workings Mens Club winning all of their league games with 7/7 and 6/6 respectively.

Portsmouth Chess League

Division

One
Two
Three

Winners

Cosham A
Chichester B
Emsworth B

The Portsmouth League was not a close race this year, with Cosham A managing to win reasonably easily.

Games

The following is a game from the this years Southampton Chess League. By all accounts this is Stuart's first win against Bill, in the many years they have been playing. The majority of their games they have played against each other have ended in draws, but after Bill won the first encounter this season, Stuart was out for blood. This game was sent in by Ian Henderson, so if you have a game worth publishing, then please let me know.

Knox,S - Purkiss,B [C67]

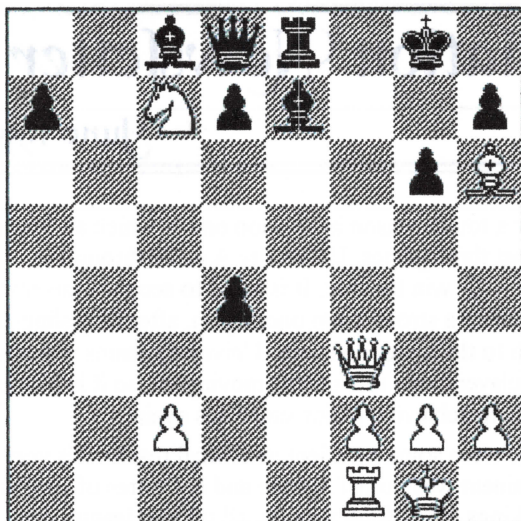
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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Be7 6.Qe2 Nd6 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.dxe5 Nf5?! [8...Nb7 Tarrasch] 9.Qe4 g6 10.Nd4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 0-0 [11...d5] 12.Bh6 Re8 13.Nc3 Rb8?! [13...d5; 13...c5] 14.Rad1!? [14.Ne4 is another possibility. If 14...Rb4 then 15.Nf6+] 14...c5 [If 14...Rxb2 15.Nd5! Rxc2 16.e6 f6 17.Nxe7+ Rxe7 (17...Qxe7 18.exd7) 18.Qxf6+- e.g. 18...Qe8 (18...Re2 19.Bg5 R2xe6 20.Qxe6+-) 19.exd7 Bxd7 20.Rde1] 15.Qd2 Rxb2 16.Nd5 Rxa2 It is hard to see what else Black can do apart from grab the pawns and hope... 17.Qc3 Ra4 [17...Ra6 is another defence, but also appears inadequate: 18.e6 f6 19.exd7 Bxd7 20.Qc4 Re6 21.Nf4 Bd6 22.Rfe1] 18.e6 Rd4 19.Rxd4 cxd4 20.exf7+ Kxf7 21.Qf3+ Kg8? [21...Bf6 offers better defensive chances after 22.Bg5 Bb7 23.Qxf6+ Qxf6 24.Nxf6] 22.Nxc7!+-

McDonald,N (2485) - Webb,R (2315) [B76]

4NCL, Birmingham ENG (3), 1998

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3
Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6
11.Kb1 Qc7 12.g4 Rfc8 13.g5 Nh5 14.Bxg7 Nxg7 15.Nd5
Qd7 16.h4 Rc5 17.f4 Rac8 18.Rh2 Bxd5 19.exd5 Rxc2



Rf8 23.Bxf8 Bxf8 24.Qd5+ Kh8 25.Ne6 Qf6 26.Nxf8 Qxf8
27.Qxd4+ Kg8 28.Qxa7 and after a few more moves up to
the time control, Black resigned. 1-0

Someone, who will remain anonymous has sent in this
miniature from the Southampton League. It seems that the
loser rather underestimated the Queen sacrifice! The
grading difference may have something to do with this. The
winner is graded 110 and the loser 160!

Summers,T - Buckley,M [A43]

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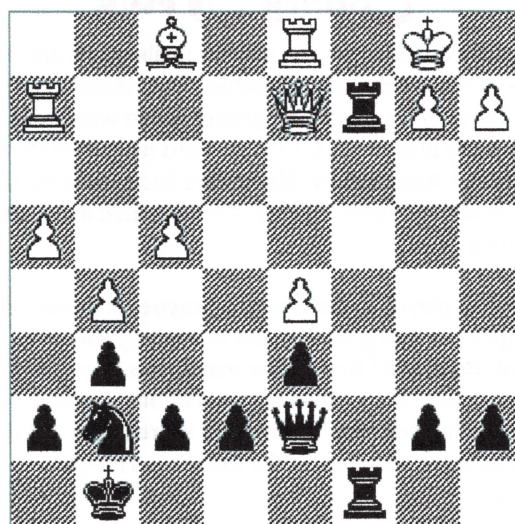
1.e4 e6 2.d4 c5 3.d5 Nf6 4.dxe6 fxe6 5.e5 Nd5 6.Qh5+ g6
7.Be2 gxf5 8.Bxf5+ Ke7 9.Bg5+ Nf6 10.Bxf6# 1-0

4NCL

Various players who have played in the Southampton and
Portsmouth leagues played in the 4NCL this year. The
Wessex team in particular was made up of players who
have played locally. Unfortunately Wessex were relegated
this year but good results were obtained by various players.

- R.Webb who has played for Southern Water achieved 6/11 on board 1 & 2, including wins over GM Neil McDonald (see below) and highly rated IM Jonathon Rowsen.
- Martin Simons who has also played for Southern Water drew with GM Peter Wells and GM Johnathon Mestel (an ex British Champion).
- Mike Yeo of Southampton beat GM John Levitt and IM Andrew Ledger.

Richard Webb's win against GM Neil McDonald. This
came in the third round when Wessex were playing against
the highly rated Invicta Knights team.



20.Qxc2 Rxc2 21.Rxc2 Nh5 22.Rd4 Qg4 23.Be2 Qxh4
24.Bxh5 gxh5 25.a3 Qg4 26.Ka2 h4 27.Rf2 h3 28.Rdd2
Qg3 29.Kb1 Kg7 30.Kc2 b5 31.Rf1 Qe3 32.Kd1 Kg6
33.Re2 Qd3+ 34.Ke1 Qg3+ 35.Kd2 h2 36.f5+ Kxg5 37.f6
exf6 38.Kc2 Qg1 39.Ree1 Qg2+ 40.Kb1 f5 41.Rc1 f4 0-1

English Success

Michael Adams won the Category 18 tournament at Dos
Hermanas in Spain. With a score of 6 out of 9, Adams won
by half a point from Vladimir Kramnik. Fine wins were
obtained against Peter Svidler, Judith Polgar and the old
war horse Victor Korchnoi.

It was also pleasing to see a English player finishing above
the Fide world champion Anatoly Karpov and the next
challenger to Gary Kasparov, namely Vishy Anand.

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old score sheets and show me your stunning victories,
glorious losses and flukey draws!

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