

The adjudicated result of the one unfinished game in Hampshire's opening event of the season (W.E.C.U. Senior Jamboree) was D. Bell (Hants)  $\frac{1}{2}$ , R.J. Gregory (Somerset)  $\frac{1}{2}$ . This left Hampshire and Somerset joint leaders with  $7\frac{1}{2}$  points each but, according to the latest B.C.F. "News Flash", it means that Hampshire retains the Bristol Cup. Whether this is on the elimination of bottom board score or because another County has to score more points to take the Trophy away from us is not clear.

From the same source, I note that Stephen Kensett won the Portsmouth Under-8 Championship and his brother the Under-10; Carey Groves won the Under-16 title as well as the Girls Under-16.

I have recently received a letter from the provisional Honorary Secretary of the newly-formed Petersfield Community Centre Chess Club (Mr. P.P. Linn, Malpas, Reservoir Lane, Petersfield, GU32 2HZ) who is seeking friendly fixtures. I have passed to him names and addresses of several local Club Secretaries but as it must be a good thing to see a new Club born, I trust that all concerned will give them every encouragement.

Repeated attempts at successive League A.G.M.'s to solve the problem of the unfinished game in local match play have resulted in little improvement; of the 15 match scores from the Senior Section of the local League that I have so far received, the following five are incomplete pending adjudication :

Division 1 :	PORTSMOUTH A	2	, I.B.M. A	0
	COMMUNITY CENTRE A	$2\frac{1}{2}$	, FAREHAM A	$2\frac{1}{2}$
	FAREHAM A	$1\frac{1}{2}$	, I.B.M. A	$3\frac{1}{2}$
	COSHAM A	2	, COMMUNITY CENTRE A	2

Division 3 :	PORTSMOUTH D	4,	LEIGH PARK B	1
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One method which has been considered for completing unfinished games both in team play and in individual contests is the 10 minute play-off. An interesting article on this subject by Stewart Reuben appears in October's "Chess" and this method undoubtedly has shortcomings as anyone who has had a won game on adjournment only to lose it because he is not good at Lightning Chess will confirm. To quote from that magazine "...with the gamble of the quick play-off superimposed on the weaknesses of the Swiss System, there may be a reversion to 'normal' chess soon".

In this week's composed study by T.B. Gorgiev, white must exercise all his ingenuity to escape with a draw by stalemate - 1. K-N5 K-Q4; 2. P-B4+ K-Q3; 3. P-B5+ K-Q2; 4. P-B6+ K-Q3; 5. P-B7 R-KR1; 6. K-R6 K-Q2; 7. K-R7 K-B6! (if 7...K-B1; 8. K-R8!); 8. P-B8(Q)+ (if 8. P-N7 KxP wins or if 8. K-R6 R-R1 mate) 8...RxQ; 9. P-N7 R-B2; 10. K-R8 RxP stalemate!

1r6; 8; 1P6; 8; 1K1K4; 8; 2P5; 8.