

Interest in the Senior Section of the Portsmouth & District League is currently centred on the leading teams in Divisions 3 and 5. I.B.M's. win against Plessey puts them only two matches behind their rivals with a match in hand, whilst in Division 5, I.B.M. C and Co-op B are level pegging on match points but with the former team having the advantage of the match in hand.

Division 3 : Cosham C $2\frac{1}{2}$, Fareham C $3\frac{1}{2}$

(D. Harold 1, J.E.C. Grant 0; M. Sales 0, K. Reed 1; G. Train 1, A. Wykes 0; T. Woodroffe 0, J. Webb 1; A. Judd $\frac{1}{2}$, D.W. Coates $\frac{1}{2}$; S. Wilkinson 0, P. Higdon 1.)

Plessey A $1\frac{1}{2}$, I.B.M. B $4\frac{1}{2}$

(F. Dingwall $\frac{1}{2}$, I. Upton $\frac{1}{2}$; R.T.F. Williams 0, S. Hicks 1; D.G. Foale 0, G. Jeftha 1; E. Azulay 0, J. Liddell 1; G. Howells $\frac{1}{2}$, M.J. Dillistone $\frac{1}{2}$; C. Thomas $\frac{1}{2}$, C. Mann $\frac{1}{2}$.)

Polytechnic B 3, Leigh Park A 3

(K. Clements $\frac{1}{2}$, S.D. Le Fevre $\frac{1}{2}$; N. Argent 1, N.G. Le Fevre 0; R. Hough $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Mortlock $\frac{1}{2}$; C. Power 0, S. Dymel 1; A. Dennis 0, J.D. Gatt 1; D. Westbrook 1, R. Franklin 0.)

Division 4 : Emsworth $\frac{1}{2}$, Co-op A $5\frac{1}{2}$

(V. Lawrence $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Baillie $\frac{1}{2}$; A. Dumont 0, T.E. Hollington 1; B. Turner 0, B. O'Neil 1; B. Cook 0, R. Riley 1; P. Durkee 0, A. Ruff 1; M. Chalmers 0, S. Russell 1.)

Division 5 : Emsworth B $\frac{1}{2}$, Co-op C $5\frac{1}{2}$

(P. Robinson 0, A. Ruff 1; R. Dumont $\frac{1}{2}$, B. Daley $\frac{1}{2}$; B. Cook 0, H. Hills 1; C. Coldbreath 0, A. Daley 1; W. Knight 0, Tina Ruff 1; E.A. Coldbreath 0, Karen Illidge 1.)

I.B.M. C $4\frac{1}{2}$, Fareham F $1\frac{1}{2}$

(A. Dantas 0, J. Arney 1; J. Liddell 1, R. Morgan 0; B. Pratt $\frac{1}{2}$, S. Gainey $\frac{1}{2}$; P. Burns 1, Susan Bradberry 0; H. Oakley 1, Lynda Bradberry 0; A. Simmons 1, J.E. Arney 0.)

Fareham F 2, Co-op B 4

(R. Burstow 0, J. Baillie 1; R. Morgan 0, Terri Ruff 1; T. Marsh 1, K. McPhee 0; S. Gainey 1, C. Pink 0; Susan Bradberry 0, Emma Dove 1; Lynda Bradberry 0, Caroline Hallett 1.)

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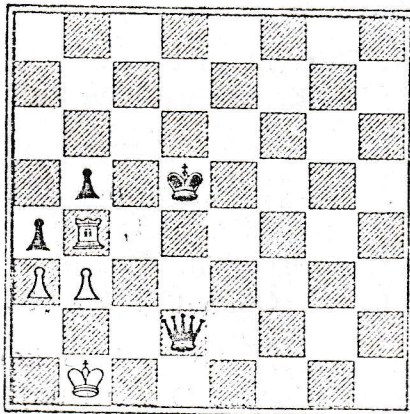
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	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Division 3 :						
Plessey A	10	8	0	38½	21½	16
I.B.M. B	9	6	2	35	19	14
Fareham C	9	3	2	28½	25½	8
Leigh Park A	10	2	4	26	34	8
Cosham C	8	2	2	21½	26½	6
Polytechnic B	8	0	2	12½	35½	2
Division 5 :						
I.B.M. C	8	6	1	30½	17½	13
Co-op B	9	6	1	33½	20½	13
Petersfield	7	4	1	28½	13½	9
Co-op C	9	4	1	29½	24½	9
Fareham F	8	1	1	12	36	3
Emsworth B	7	0	1	10	32	1

Having won my first 4 League match games this season, I thought I was running favourite for the "Ruth Rose" trophy; I then lost the next 5 games in a row! Present scores of the contestants :-

W. Pratten : 5 from 9 (55½%), J.E.C. Grant : 4½ from 10 (45%), A.J. Peters : 1 from 3 (33⅓%), W. Yeeles : 4½ from 8 (56¼%), and R.C. Clark : 4 from 10 (40%).

The position is from the game Yates - Tartakower (Bad Homburg, 1927) and Black believed that the pawn-ending was easily won : 56. ... Q x R?; 57. P x Q P x P; 58. K - N2 K - B5; 59. K - R3 P - N7; 60. K - R2!! (the move Black overlooked; now White obtains the opposition) 60. ... K x P; 61. K x P and the game is drawn.



J.E.C.G.