Play in Division 3 of the Portsmouth & District League is now completed
and I.B.M. B deprive Plessey A of promotion by a mere half-game point following
their 5 - 1 win against Cosham C. Detailed results :

Division 3 :   Cosham C 5½, Polytechnic B ½

(A.D. Crossin 1, G. Adley 0; T. Williams 1, R. Hough 0; B.C. Coppin 1,
N.D. Argent 0; M. Sales ½, J. May ½; G. Train 1, P. Holsman 0; T. Woodroofe 1,
R. Poole 0.)

Fareham C 5, Polytechnic B 1

(K. Reed 1, N.D. Argent 0; C.V. Fairall 1, R.D. Hough 0; M. Cole ½, J. May ½;
D.C. Coates 1, R. Poole 0; A. Wykes ½, P. Holsman ½; J. Webb 1, D. Gittings 0.)

I.B.M. B 5, Cosham C 1

(I. Upton 1, A.D. Crossin 0; S. Hicks 1, B.C. Coppin 0; G. Jeftha ½, A. Williams ½;
J. Liddell 1, M. Sales 0; M. Dillistone ½, G. Train ½; C. Mann 1, T. Woodroofe 0.)

Leigh Park A 1, Plessey A 5

(N.G. Le Fevre 0, F.G. Dingwall 1; J.R. Mortlock 0, R.T.F. Williams 1;
S.D. Le Fevre 0, J. Heath 1; S. Willey 1, D.G. Foale 0; S. Dymel 0, E. Azulay 1;
A. Oakes 0, G. Howells 1.)

Final Table (Division 3)

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
I.B.M. B	10	7	2	40	20	16
Plessey A	10	8	0	39½	20½	16
Fareham C	10	4	2	33½	26½	10
Cosham C	10	3	2	28	32	8
Leigh Park A	10	2	4	25	35	8
Polytechnic B	10	0	2	14	46	2

Results from the "outside Portsmouth" Division of the middle schools
section of the Portsmouth & District League :

Waite End A 1, Purbrook 4

(M. Street 0, J.F. Middleton 1; T. Guit 0, Gillian Morris 1; N. Gardner 0,
B.G. Morris 1; L. Knight 1, T. Nicholson 0; R. Swales 0, D. Baxter 1.)

Purbrook 4, Waite End B 1

(F.J. Middleton 1, Rachel Dent 0; Gillian Morris 1, K. Moore 0; D.C. Baxter 0,
M. Duff 1; T.D. Nicholson 1, G. West 0; A. Flynn 1, P. Beavis 0.)

Horndean 3½, St. Peter's 1½

(K.D. McPhee 1, P. Taylor 0; N. Millard 1, D. Beauvoisin 0; N. Blick ½,
M. Brown ½; M. Harris 0, D. Jones 1; N. Harris 1, C. Wellsted 0.)

Farthingsgate 0, Horndean 5

(K. Ashmore 0, C.J. Pink 1, J. Morrison 0, K.D. McPhee 1, S. Davis 0,
N. Millard 1; M. Holmes 0, N. Blick 1; S. Roberts 0, C. Palmer 1.)

Purbrook 2½, Waterlooville Library 2½
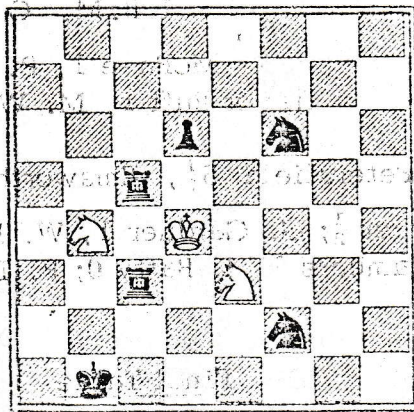
(F.J. Middleton 0, P.J. Rossiter 1; Gillian Morris 0, Caroline Hallett 1;
T. Nicholson ½, D. Millard ½; D. Baxter 1, G. Rees 0; A. Flynn 1, S. Millard 0.)

Purbrook 4, Farthingsgate 1

(F.J. Middleton 1, K. Ashmore 0; Gillian Morris 0, G. Morrison 1; T. Nicholson 1,
Debbie May 0; D. Baxter 1, S. Davis 0; Amanda Fraser 1, M. Holmes 0.)

Table (County Division)

	P	W	D	F	A	Pts
Horndean	5	5	0	19½	5½	10
Purbrook	5	3	1	16	9	7
Waterlooville Library	2	1	1	5½	4½	3
Waite End B	3	0	0	4	11	0
St. Peter's	1	0	0	1½	3½	0
Farthingsgate	3	0	0	1	14	0

Some more experimentation with the mini-Chess Computer; first I took
a "White to move and mate in 2". Problem by the late Prof. Andrade. I then
reversed the colours because the Computer can only play Black, so that the
position becomes as the diagram. The machine was switched on at its highest
level and "blinked" for some 36 hours before it came up with what it thought
was the key-move 1. .... R – B2. The correct key-move was 1. .... N – Q4.

As it had no means of knowing that it was supposed to find a mate for
Black in two moves only, perhaps it did not do so badly to find a "mate in 3"!

J.E.C.G.