

The result of Hampshire's second County Championship match of the season is delicately poised with Hants  $7\frac{1}{2}$  Somerset  $7\frac{1}{2}$ , and one game for adjudication, but Hants won the Minor Counties match on boards 17-32 by 8-6 with two for adjudication. Only five local players took part : Bd.4. A.R. Cullinane  $\frac{1}{2}$ , A. Roberts  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Bd.7. S. Dean 1, K. Shipton 0; Bd.15. W.H. Silber  $\frac{1}{2}$ , H. Brocklesby  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Bd.24. D.C. Spurgeon 1, D. Byron 0; Bd.27. M.M. Street 1, D. Woodruff 0.

Results from the 3rd round of the Portsmouth & District Individual Championship Tournament (with scores to date in brackets) :

T.E. Hollington (2) 0, P. McEvoy (3) 1; A.D. Crossin ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) 1, Sharon Prince ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) 0; I.A. Welch (2) 1, P.K. Wells (1) 0; G.E. Feltham (1) 0, D. Smith (2) 1; A.R. Cullinane ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ )  $\frac{1}{2}$ , D.J. Scotney ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ )  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; A. Harris ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) 1, G.E.J. Lambert 0; S. Dymel (1) 0, Jane Seymour (2) 1; Carey Groves ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ )  $\frac{1}{2}$ , C.D. Harris ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ )  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; R.M. Prince (1) 1, P.H. Starkey (0) 0; M.J. Cawston (1) 1, Wenman (0) 0; P.J. Sibley (1) 1, A. Ruff (0) 0. Lambert lost his game by default and has withdrawn from the tournament.

The game between Ian Welch and Peter Wells (both only 11 years of age) is set out below, as, and in the words of the Tournament Conductor. "the class of this game has to be seen to be believed".

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3 P-Q3; 3. P-Q4 PxP; 4. NxP N-KB3; 5. N-QB3 P-QR3; 6. B-N5 P-K3; 7. P-B4 B-K2; 8. Q-B3 Q-B2; 9. 0-0-0 QN-Q2; 10. B-Q3 P-QN4; 11. KR-K1 B-N2; 12. Q-N3 P-R3; 13. BxN BxB; 14. BxP PxB?; 15. N(4)xP Q-N1; 16. NxP+ K-B1; 17. NxBP KxN; 18. RxN+ B-K2; 19. RxB+ KxR; 20. QxP+ K-Q3; 21. R-Q1+ K-B3; 22. Q-Q7+ K-N3; 23. R-Q6+ K-B4; 24. P-QN4+ Resigns. To which I add my own comment "How about that for a sustained attack? "

Bob Cullinane has sent me the following game which he won in the recent Southampton 'Open' Tournament and which demonstrates a sharp refutation of the currently popular Benko Gambit.

1. P-Q4 N-KB3; 2. P-QB4 P-B4; 3. P-Q5 P-QN4; 4. PxP P-QR3; 5. N-QB3 (this is the latest counter to the gambit) 5...PxP; 6. P-K4 P-N5; 7. N-N5 P-Q3; 8. B-KB4 Q-R4 (8...QN-Q2 is perhaps better); 9. P-K5 B-Q2? (Black is never out of trouble from here on) 10. NxP+: PxN; 11. PxN PxP; 12. B-Q3 N-R3; 13. Q-K2+ K-Q1; 14. N-B3 N-B2; 15. B-B4 R-KN1; 16. 0-0 R-N5?; 17. P-KN3 K-B1; 18. N-Q2 K-N2; 19. N-K4 N-K1 (19...R-K1; 20. Q-Q3 B-B4; 21. NxP+ BxN; 22. QxB RxB; 23. PxR R-N1+; 24. K-R1 wins) 20. P-QR3 P-B4; 21. N-Q2 N-B3; 22. N-N3 Q-N3; 23. PxP (breaking open Black's Queen side - see diagram) 23...QxP; 24. RxR KxR; 25. P-B3 RxB (short of time, Black seeks complications in exchange sacrifice); 26. R-R1+ K-N1; 27. PxR N-R4; 28. Q-N2! QxB (28... NxP; 29. Q-N8 N-N3; 30. QxBP QxB; 31. QxB QxN; 32. Q-Q8+ wins); 29. Q-N8 QxN; 30. QxB+ B-B1; 31. QxP+ K-N2; 32. Q-B6+ K-N1; 33. R-R8 mate.

The key move in last week's 2-mover problem was 1. Q-R7 (1...R-QN1; 2. N-B7 or 1...R-B1, K1 or Q1; 2. PxR(Q) or 1...any other, 2 QxR).

Match results from the Schools' Section of the local League :

Division 1 :                    MAYFIELD A  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , GREAT SALTERNS A  $2\frac{1}{2}$

(Jane F. Seymour  $\frac{1}{2}$ , D.C. Spurgeon  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; I.C. Kemp 1, M. Hobson 0; P. Welsh 0, S.J. George 1; I. Witcombe 1, P.J. Wolstencroft 0; K. Griggs 0, R.S. Husselby 1)

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Division 2 :                   MAYFIELD B 2, PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR A 3  
 (S. Miller 1, D.A. Hayward 0; D. Hannam 0, P.D. Tusler 1; M. Fisher 0,  
 A.J. Harris 1; I.D. Pitts 0, D.J. Houghton 1; S. Symonds 1, S.D. Kneller 0)

ST. JOHN'S A 5, MAYFIELD B 0

(C.P. Smith 1, S. Miller 0; P.K. Wells 1, K. Austin 0; M.D. Smith 1, M. Fisher 0;  
 M.E. Vernon 1, S. Symonds 0; M.J.P. Hampton 1, K. Hammond 0)

Division 3 :                   GREAT SALTERNS C 4, MAYFIELD C 1

(R.S. Hesselby  $\frac{1}{2}$ , P. Welsh  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; P.J. Wolstencroft  $\frac{1}{2}$ , J. Miller  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; S. New 1, T. Fisher 0;  
 M.G. Collier 1, D. Musker 0; J.L. Malley 1, default 0)

MAYFIELD C 1, ST. JOHN'S B 4

(P. Welsh 1, M.D. Smith 0; J. Miller 0, P.K. Wells 1; K. Richards 0, M.E. Vernon 1;  
 L. Zeffert 0, M.R.B. Thompson 1; D. Musker 0, T.R. Vernon 1)

PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR B 3, GREATSALTERNS D 2

(L.C. Ledwith 1, D.H. Morton 0; P.C. Wren 0, S. New 1; I.D. Giles 0, M.G.  
 Collier 1; D. Christensen 1, N.P. Strange 0; G.D. Cameron 1, R.J. Dobson 0)

r4b2; 1klblplp; 1qlpln2; 2p1p2; 1PB2Br1; 1N4P1; 1P2QP1P; R4RK1

CULLINANE v. BENNETT

position after 23. PxP