C H E S S   N O T E S

M.W.J. Thompson (Southampton) is the winner of the 1976/77 Hampshire Senior Individual Championship, which was again run in conjunction with the Southampton University Championship Tournament.   Full scores :

M.W.J. Thompson 6½; Equal 2nd/3rd, A.R. Cullinane and S. Macaulay 6; D.J. Kewley 5½; S.M. Chivers and P. Mitchell 5; P. Avari 4½; D.A. Beer, K. Davies and I.A. Stenhouse 4; M. Buckmaster, A.D. Crossin and J.Sullivan 3½; D.J. Carpenter, S. Cool and J.J. Evans 3; R. Walmisley 2½; M. Buckley ½.

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. O-O 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.

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

Division 1 :   MAYFIELD A 2½, GREAT SALTERNS A 2½

(Jane F. Seymour ½, D.C. Spurgeon ½; 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)

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)

ST. LUKE'S A 1, ST. JOHN'S A 4

(S. Lowater 0, C.P. Smith 1; D.B. Boothroyd 0, P.I. Wells 1; S. Lewis 1, M.D. Smith 0; M. Woodfield 0, M.E. Vernon 1; G. Mason 0, M.J.P.Hampton 1)

Division 3 :   GREAT SALTERNS C 4, MAYFIELD C 1

(R.S. Husselby ½, P. Welsh ½; P.J. Wolstencroft ½, J. Miller ½; 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, GREAT SALTERNS 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)

Division 3 (Continued)

ST. JOHN'S B 5, ST. LUKE'S B 0

(M.D.Smith 1, G. Jones 0; M.E. Vernon 1, B. Knight 0; M.W.Thompson 1,
P. Stewart 0; M.J.P. Hampton 1, T. Cann 0; T.R. Vernon 1, D. Maxwell 0)

PORTSMOUTH B 2½, MAYFIELD C 2½

(L.C. Ledwith 0, P. Welsh 1; P.C. Wren ½, J. Miller ½; D. Christensen 0,
T. Fisher 1; I.D. Giles 1, L. Zeffert 0; G.D. Cameron 1, D. Musker 0)

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Round 3)

PORTSMOUTH 1, BRIGHTON 5

(G.E.J. Lambert ½, B. Denham ½; A.R. Cullinane 0, G.D. James 1; A.J. Peters 0,
J.C. Henshaw 1; S.J. Hooker ½, J. Simpole ½; D.J. Scotney 0, D.G.A.Shallcross 1;
G.E. Feltham 0, J. Scanlan 1)

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Division 2 :   POLYTECHNIC 4, LEGGS 1

(M.J. Ashdown 0, D. Gaffney 1; D.C. Goddard 1, T. Hart 0; R.D. Whidbourne 1,
G. Simmonds 0; R.J. Richardson 1, T. Waters 0; J. Lambert 1, M. Giles 0)

COSHAM 2½, SALISBURY 2½

(S. Dean ½, J. Denning ½; A.D. Crossin 0, D.E. Ward 1; D. Smith 1, Dr. P.H.P.
Hopkins 0; A.F. Langley 1, C. Szentmihaly 0; B.C. Coppin 0, Major W.E.Bruges 1)

ISLE OF WIGHT B 2½, POLYTECHNIC 2½

(A.F. Behmber 0, M.J. Ashdown 1; J.W. Read ½, D.C. Goddard ½; F.J. Smith 0,
J. Lambert 1; F. Wools 1, C. O'Bee 0; B.R. Joyce 1, M.J. Langford 0)

The solution to last week's Help-mate problem was

1...K-B4; 2. P-R8(N) K-K3; 3. K-R7 K-Q2; 4. P-N8(B) K-B1; 5. N-N6 mate.

J.E.C.G.

r4b2; 1k1b1p1p; 1q1p1n2; 2pP1p2; 1PB2Br1; 1N4P1; 1P2⊕P1P; R4RK1

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position after 23. PxP