

Final scores in the County Stage (Area D) of the British Championship Qualifying Tournament were (all out of five games) :

A.F. Brameld $4\frac{1}{2}$, D.H. Cummings and I.G. Kelly $3\frac{1}{2}$ each, B.J. Denman 2, I.R. Rudgely 1 and M.M. Street $\frac{1}{2}$.

Arthur Brameld thus goes on to the next stage, but Kelly and Denman will need to play-off to decide who will qualify with him.

Those local players who perhaps did not know Derek Bond, Secretary of the West of England Chess Union, personally, will be as shocked as I was to hear of his sudden and untimely death just before Xmas. He will not be easily replaced.

Match results :-

Portsmouth & District League

Senior Section

Division 1 : I.B.M. A 3, COSHAM A 3

(J.F. Wheeler 1, D. Gibson 0; N.E. Jackson 1, S. Dean 0; W. Mc Dougall 0, D. Smith 1; R.E. Hartley 0, C.W. Bryan 1; J. Liddell 0, A.D. Crossin 1; G.D. Jefftha 1, A.F. Langley 0.

Division 2 : COSHAM B 3, GOSPORT B 3

(P.J. Markwell $\frac{1}{2}$, R.C. Clark $\frac{1}{2}$; A.D. Crossin $\frac{1}{2}$, P.J. Eales $\frac{1}{2}$; G. Train 0, C.W.J. Trotter 1; T.E. Hollington 0, J.A. Coburn 1; G.F. Abercrombie 1, P. Groth 0; B.C. Coppin 1, R. Ellis 0)

POLYTECHNIC A $5\frac{1}{2}$, GOSPORT B $\frac{1}{2}$

(P.W. Mottram 1, J.A. Coburn 0; R.D. Whidbourne 1, C.W.J. Trotter 0; R.J. Richardson $\frac{1}{2}$, P.D. Eales $\frac{1}{2}$; J. Lambert 1, W.E. Portman 0; C.O'Bee 1, C.P. Smith 0; N.D. Argent 1, R. Ellis 0)

COSHAM B $1\frac{1}{2}$, POLYTECHNIC A $4\frac{1}{2}$

(A.F. Langley 0, R.D. Whidbourne 1; P.J. Markwell $\frac{1}{2}$, P.W. Mottram $\frac{1}{2}$; G. Train 0, D. Goddard 1; F.G. Abercrombie 0, R.J. Richardson 1; B.C. Coppin 0, J. Lambert 1; T.E. Hollington 1, C. O'Bee 0)

Division 3 : COSHAM C 5, POLYTECHNIC B 1

(G. Train 1, J. Torrealba 0; T.E. Hollington 1, C.O'Bee 0; S. Wilkinson 1, M.J. Langford 0; A.H. Judd $\frac{1}{2}$, R.J. Watson $\frac{1}{2}$; A.J. Charlwood $\frac{1}{2}$, N.E. Argent $\frac{1}{2}$; T. Woodruffe 1, P. Hunter 0)

COSHAM C $4\frac{1}{2}$, PORTSMOUTH C $1\frac{1}{2}$

(P.B. Eastlake 1, A. Driscoll 0; B.C. Coppin $\frac{1}{2}$, R.M. Prince $\frac{1}{2}$; A.H. Judd 1, C.J. Powell 0; T. Woodroffe 0, A. Ruff 1; S. Wilkinson 1, S. Young 0; A.J. Charlwood 1, D. Wenman 0)

Division 4 : SCHRODER 4, POLYTECHNIC C 2

(A.J. Harrison 1, M.T. Habens 0; J. Roberts 0, R. Hough 1; A.R. Baldwin 1, R. Flewitt 0; S.C. Ashburn 0, D. Young 1; G. Waring 1, G. Williams 0; S. Jetha 1, F. Rahimi 0)

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Division 4 (Continued)

POLYTECHNIC C 4, FAREHAM D 2

(J. Torrealba 1, R. Sankey 0; R. Hough 1, V. Windram 0; R. Flewitt 1, M. Gibbon 0; S. Afshari 1, S. Sheppard 0; D. Young 0, S. Gainey 1; Default 0, S. Bennett 1)

FAREHAM D 3, SCHRODER 3

(W.D. Coward 0, A.J. Harrison 1; V. Windram 0, J. Roberts 1; M. Gibbon 0, A.R. Baldwin 1; R. Burslow 1, S.C. Ashburn 0; S. Gainey 1, G. Maycock 0; R. Sankey 1, Default 0)

POLYTECHNIC C 3½, I.B.M. B 2½

(A. Shari 1, G.D. Jeftha 0; M.T. Hagens ½, J. Liddell ½; R. Hough 1, D. Garwood 0; Mohammed 1, H. Oakley 0; D. Young 0, C. Hoey 1; S. Odeleye 1, D. Cook 0)

TABLES

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<u>Division 1 :</u>						
Cosham A	5	3	1	16½	13½	7
Community Centre A	5	2	2	16½	13½	6
Portsmouth A	5	3	0	16½	13½	6
Fareham A	5	1	2	14½	15½	4
I.B.M. A	4	1	2	11	13	4
Gosport A	4	0	1	9	15	1
<u>Division 2 :</u>						
Polytechnic A	5	3	1	20½	9½	7
Portsmouth B	4	3	0	12½	11½	6
Cosham B	6	2	2	17½	18½	6
Leigh Park A	4	2	1	14½	9½	5
Community Centre B	4	2	1	14	10	5
Gosport B	6	1	1	14½	21½	3
Fareham B	5	0	2	8½	21½	2
<u>Division 3 :</u>						
Cosham C	5	4	0	21	9	8
Portsmouth D	5	3	0	17	13	6
Fareham C	5	2	2	15	15	6
Polytechnic B	5	2	0	13½	16½	4
Portsmouth C	5	1	1	13	17	3
Leigh Park B	5	1	1	10½	19½	3
<u>Division 4 :</u>						
Gosport C	5	4	0	20½	9½	8
I.B.M. B	4	3	0	15	9	6
Polytechnic C	5	3	0	16	14	6
Emsworth	5	2	0	13½	16½	4
Schroder	5	1	1	10½	19½	3
Fareham D	4	0	1	8½	15½	1

Most Chessplayers have a position indelibly imprinted on their memory where they think they may have missed a win but cannot prove the point. Reg Clark has sent me one such, which arose in a County match against Kent 10 years ago. He (White) had sacrificed a Knight for three pawns somewhere in the middle game and arrived at the position shown below after Black's 31st move. Both players being short of time, a draw was agreed. Is there a win for White?

6k1; pB6; 8; 2P4b; 1P1n3P; P5K1; 2r5; R7.