

The Hampshire League competition has been slow in getting started this year and there are two unwelcome wins by default reported below. University have withdrawn, to the detriment of Southampton, who are deprived the advantage of their previous 3-2 win. Our local teams Portsmouth and Cosham now head their respective Divisions.

Division 1 ISLE OF WIGHT A 1½, KINSON 3½

(L.A. Stritton 0, M.R. Charter 1; S.J.E-Read ½, P.W. Anderson ½;
A.F. Behmber ½, E.R. Twamley ½; F. Wools 0, H.N. Dulson 1; F.J. Smith ½,
R.S. Underhill ½)

UNIVERSITY 0, PORTSMOUTH 5
(by default)

UNIVERSITY 2, SOUTHAMPTON 3

(G.D.J. Keane ½, M.W.J. Thompson ½; K.D.F. Gregory ½, J. Corfield ½;
J.S. Macauley 0, D.E. Bower 1; R. Kirkby 0, D. Beer 1; J. Sullivan 1,
D.W. Fryer 0)

PORTSMOUTH 5, GOSPORT 0

(G.E.J. Lambert 1, W.J.E. Yeeles 0; S.J. Hooker 1, J.F. Coles 0;
A.R. Cullinane 1, J.F.T. Charvill 0; D.J. Scotney 1, C.W.J. Trotter 0;
D.C. Spurgeon 1, J.A. Coburn 0)

GOSPORT ½, SOUTHAMPTON 4½

(J.F.T. Charvill ½, M.W.J. Thompson ½; H.E. Davies 0, J. Corfield 1;
C.W.J. Trotter 0, D.E. Bower 1; J.A. Coburn 0, R.M. Cameron 1;
P.J. Eales 0, D. Beer 1)

Division 2 : COSHAM 3, ISLE OF WIGHT B 2

(A.D. Crossin 1, J.W. Read 0; D. Smith 1, P.M. Hodgson 0; Default 0,
W.D. Groves 1; A.F. Langley 0, B. Joyce 1; B.C. Coppin 1, G. Lowndes 0)

COSHAM 5, ANDOVER 0 (by default)

ISLE OF WIGHT 2½, SALISBURY 2½

(A.F. Behmber 1, D.E. Ward 0; P.M. Hodgson 0, Maj. W.E. Bruges 1;
F.J. Smith 1, R.F.N. Wardell 0; J.W. Read 0, P. Fulton 1; E.R. Joyce ½,
Mrs. E.A. Hartford ½)

COSHAM 5, LEGGS 0

(A.D. Crossin 1, K. Brown 0; D. Smith 1, M. Giles 0; S. Dean 1, T. Hart 0;
A.F. Langley 1, C. Simmonds 0; B.C. Coppin 1, T. Waters 0)

TABLES

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Av.</u>
Portsmouth	3	3	0	13	2	6	4.3
Kinson	3	2	0	7½	7½	4	2½5
Southampton	2	1	0	6½	3½	2	3.2
Isle of Wight A	1	0	0	1½	3½	0	1.5
Gosport	3	0	0	1½	13½	0	0.5

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<u>Division 2</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Cosham	4	3	1	15½	4½	7	3.5
Polytechnic	3	2	1	9½	5½	5	3.2
Leggs (Andover)	3	1	0	4	11	2	1.3
Salisbury	3	0	2	7	8	2	2.3
Isle of Wight B	4	0	2	9	11	2	2.2
Andover	1	0	0	0	5	0	0.0

Snippets of news from the latest B.C.F. Newsletter:-

The next B.C.F. Congress at Brighton (8th - 20th August) is to be sponsored by the local Jewellers, Collingwoods of Conduit Street Limited, which will augment the prize fund by £750.

Glenn Lambert of Portsmouth Chess Club seems to have just got into the Cutty Sark £200 Petit Prix 1976. So far as I can see, he wins a bottle of whisky!

Hampshire's final score against Somerset in the Counties Championship was 8-8. They will now be hard put to it to retain the W.E.C.U. Championship title.

Other W.E.C.U. County results are Wilts 3½, Glos. 12½; Somerset 8½, Dorset 2½ (with 5 adjudications).

I published before Xmas a short series submitted by Arthur Brameld (Fareham) on the general theme "How to lose a won game". The game below has been sent in by S. Dean of Cosham, who had the black pieces against Warwick Silber (also of Fareham) in a recent League match, and which is notable in that Black manages to lose a won game twice in 36 moves:

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, P-K4; 5. NxN, NPxN; 6. N-B3, N-B3; 7. B-KN5, B-N5; 8. Q-B3, Q-R4; 9. BxN, BxN+;
 10. PxB, PxB; 11. B-B4, K-K2; 12. R-Q1, Q-B4; 13. Q-Q3, P-Q3; 14. 0-0, R-QN1; 15. R-N1, R-N3; 16. R-N3, P-KR4; 17. KR-N1, R-KN1; 18. RxR, PxR;
 19. K-B1, R-N4; 20. B-N3, P-B4; 21. Q-R3, B-Q2; 22. Q-R4, P-B3; 23. P-KB4, R-N5; 24. QxRP, RxP+; 25. K-K2, RxP+; 26. K-Q2 (see diagram) 26...Q-B7??
 (missing mate in two, i.e. 26...Q-K3+; 27. K-Q1, Q-K8 mate) 27. K-B1, R-B8+;
 28. K-N2, RxR+; 29. KxR, P-Q4; 30. Q-R7+, K-Q3; 31. Q-N7, Q-R5;
 32. P-N3, Q-N4; 33. Q-R8, P-N4; 34. P-QR4, PxP; 35. BxRP, P-K5;
 36. P-R4, QxNP?? 37. Q-N8+ Resigns.

J.E.C.G.

8; 3bk3; 1ppplp2; 2qlpplQ; 4r3; 1BP5; P1PK2PP; 1R6