

Hampshire lost both Counties Championship and Minor Counties matches against Devonshire, with scores of $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$ and $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $11\frac{1}{2}$ (with one adjudication) respectively. Scores of local players taking part :-

Bd.3. A.R. Cullinane (Portsmouth) 1, G. Wheeler 0; Bd.10. W.J.E. Yeeles (Gosport) $\frac{1}{2}$, K. Schofield $\frac{1}{2}$; Bd.12. W.H. Silber (Fareham) 1, B. Clapp 0; Bd.23. C.W.J. Trotter (Gosport) 0, A. Footner 1; Bd.27. J.Coburn (Gosport) 0, S. Arnold 1; Bd.29. C. O'Bee (Polytechnic) $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Miles $\frac{1}{2}$; Bd.32. R. Ellis (Gosport) 0, D. Smith 1.

Another Counties Championship result: Somerset 12, Wiltshire 4.

14 amendments to the 1976 W.E.C.U. Grading List relate to players in the Isle of Wight; all, no doubt, arising from the late arrival of last season's results. Figures in brackets are those that appeared in the original list :

S. Cole 108 (-), J. Ferrari 95 (100), R.W. Gallimore 140 (144), W.D. Groves 128 (121), B.R. Joyce 114 (117), P. Leffley 78 (-), G.Lowndes 110 (-), S. Murray 110 (-), A.J. Price 173 (169), S.J.E. Read 161 (154), L.A. Stritten 192 (197), B. Webb 123 (126), D. Whitmore 91 (-), F.Wools 155(143).

Local match results :

Portsmouth & District League - Senior Section

Division 1 : I.B.M. A $3\frac{1}{2}$, GOSPORT A $2\frac{1}{2}$

(J.F. Wheeler $\frac{1}{2}$, J.F.T. Charvill $\frac{1}{2}$; M.E. Jackson 1, C.W.J. Trotter 0; W. Mc Dougall 0, J.A. Coburn 1; R.E. Hartley 1, P. Groth 0; J. Liddell 0, S.R. Williams 1; J. Coghlan 1, Mrs. M. Williams 0)

FAREHAM A $2\frac{1}{2}$, GOSPORT A $3\frac{1}{2}$

(A.F. Brameld 1, J.F.T. Charvill 0; W.H. Pratten $\frac{1}{2}$, I.A. Stenhouse $\frac{1}{2}$; W.H. Silber 0, H.E. Davies 1; H.A. Tadevossian $\frac{1}{2}$, R.C. Clark $\frac{1}{2}$; T.J. de Burtatte $\frac{1}{2}$, C.W.J. Trotter $\frac{1}{2}$; M.M. Street 0, J.A. Coburn 1)

COMMUNITY CENTRE A 4, COSHAM A 2

(A.R. Cullinane 1, D. Gibson 0; K.D.F. Gregory 1, S. Dean 0; A.F.C. Carter 1, A.D. Crossin 0; P.A. Rayment 0, D. Smith 1; W.D. Muir 1, A.F. Langley 0; R.R. Carter 0, C.W. Bryan 1)

Division 2 : COSHAM B $3\frac{1}{2}$, COMMUNITY CENTRE B $2\frac{1}{2}$

(A.D. Crossin 0, W.D. Muir 1; P.B. Eastlake 1, S.C. Downton 0; P.J. McEvoy $\frac{1}{2}$, P.A. Rayment $\frac{1}{2}$; P.J. Markwell 1, J.R. Webb 0; G.F. Abercrombie 1, K. Reed 0; B.C. Coppin 0, C.V. Fairall 1)

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

(G.D. Feltham 1, P.W. Mottram 0; D.C. Spurgeon $\frac{1}{2}$, M.J. Ashdown $\frac{1}{2}$; C.D. Harris 1, R.D. Whidbourne 0; M.J. Cawston 1, D.C. Goddard 0; Sharon M. Prince 1, R.J. Richardson 0; B.V. Cochran 0, J.H. Lambert 1)

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Division 2 (Contd.) :

COMMUNITY CENTRE B $3\frac{1}{2}$, LEIGH PARK A $2\frac{1}{2}$

(W.D. Muir $\frac{1}{2}$, M.C. Southwell $\frac{1}{2}$; P.A. Rayment $\frac{1}{2}$, N.G. Le Fevre $\frac{1}{2}$; J.R. Webb $\frac{1}{2}$,
A.D. Harris $\frac{1}{2}$; S.C. Downton 1, S.D. Le Fevre 0; K. Reed $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Mortlock $\frac{1}{2}$;
A.E. Baker $\frac{1}{2}$, S. Dymel $\frac{1}{2}$)

TABLES

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<u>Division 1</u>						
Portsmouth A	6	4	0	22	14	8
Community Centre A	6	3	2	$20\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$	8
Cosham A	7	3	1	19	23	7
I.B.M. A	5	2	2	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$	6
Fareham A	6	1	2	17	19	4
Gosport A	6	1	1	15	21	3
<u>Division 2</u>						
Portsmouth B	7	5	1	25	17	11
Cosham B	7	3	2	21	21	8
Polytechnic A	6	3	1	22	14	7
Community Centre B	6	3	1	20	16	7
Leigh Park A	6	2	1	19	17	5
Gosport B	7	2	1	$18\frac{1}{2}$	$23\frac{1}{2}$	5
Fareham	7	0	3	$12\frac{1}{2}$	$29\frac{1}{2}$	3

National Club Championship (Plate Competition) - Round 2

GOSPORT $1\frac{1}{2}$, COSHAM $4\frac{1}{2}$

(W.J.E. Yeeles 0, D. Gibson 1; J.H. Charvill 0, S. Dean 1; J. Coburn 0,
A.D. Crossin 1; P.J. Eales 0, D. Smith 1; C.W.J. Trotter $\frac{1}{2}$, P.J. Markwell $\frac{1}{2}$;
C. Smith 1, F. Abercrombie 0)

The final score in the Inter-League Schools match was

SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOLS $11\frac{1}{2}$, PORTSMOUTH SCHOOLS $8\frac{1}{2}$
- adjudicated results Bd.4. K.J. Carroll $\frac{1}{2}$, D.C. Spurgeon $\frac{1}{2}$ and Bd.17. T.Wright $\frac{1}{2}$,
M.R.B. Thompson $\frac{1}{2}$.

Latest positions in the Portsmouth & District Children's League are :

Under 12 Section

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Points</u>
Langstone A	3	3
Northgate	2	2
St. Swithuns	2	1
Portsmouth Chess Club	2	1
Napier	2	1
Cumberland	3	1
Westfield	4	0

Under 11 Section

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Points</u>
Waite End	2	2
Purbrook	2	1
Meadowlands	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
Horndean	2	$\frac{1}{2}$
Cumberland	1	0

This week a very simple problem; White to move and mate in 4.

J.E.C.G.

8; 8; 8; 8; 2R5; 4k3; 4P3; 4K3

White to move and mate in four moves.