

C H E S S N O T E S

20th September, 1976

The 26 names set out below show the Gradings of those registered local players whose names begin N-S. This controversial issue has now, I hope, been finally resolved, as the Executive Committee of the W.E.C.U. decided (in response to an appeal from the Hampshire Executive) to modify their previous ruling (that is, to publish the names but not the grading numbers of unregistered players in future Grading Lists) and to allow the gradings of unregistered Junior players to appear but for the first time only. The idea is to let Junior Organisers at least know of up-and-coming Juniors' existence; if the Junior concerned wishes to see both his name and grading number in the next list, he must be registered through his County.

One other doubt has been removed; the W.E.C.U. are to stick to their previous ruling that all games in all tournaments which allow 'sudden-death' endings will be excluded from the grading routine.

F. Northover (Fareham)	148 (-)	D.J. Scotney (Portsmouth)	157 (155)
P.J. Patience (Gosport)	190 (-)	Miss J.L.Scotney (Portsmouth)	94 (100)
A.J. Peters (Portsmouth)	166 (172)	Miss J.F. Seymour (Portsmouth)	149 (137)
E.G. Potter (Fareham)	118 (119)	W.H. Silber (Fareham)	164 (161)
C.J. Powell (Portsmouth)	102 (-)	Miss A. Smith (Portsmouth)	110 (-)
W.H. Pratten (Fareham)	165 (176)	D. Smith (Cosham)	166 (156)
A.J. Price (I. of W.)	169 (156)	F.J. Smith (I. of W.)	137 (147)
R.M. Prince (Portsmouth)	120 (124)	R.S. Smith (Cosham)	138 (119)
Miss S.M. Prince (Portsmouth)	133 (124)	M.C. Southwell (Fareham)	158 (156)
V.L. Prior (Fareham)	119 (-)	D.C. Spurgeon (Portsmouth)	151 (126)
J.W. Read (I. of W.)	131 (123)	I.A. Stenhouse (Gosport)	150 (165)
S.J.E. Read (I. of W.)	154 (144)	M.M. Street (Fareham)	149 (143)
I.C. Schreiber (Fareham)	150 (-)	D.R. Stringer (Gosport)	164 (161)

The following amusing skirmish was played in the Veterans' Section of the recent B.C.F. Congress in Portsmouth:

White: Alfred Milner (the former Lancashire Match-Captain)
Black: W.H. Pratten (the former Hampshire Match-Captain)

1. P-QB4, N-KB3; 2. N-QB3, P-Q4; 3. PxP, NxP; 4. P-KN3, P-K4; 5. B-N2, P-QB3; 6. N-B3, N-Q2; 7. 0-0, B-K2; 8. P-Q4, NxN; 9. PxN, PxP;
10. PxP, 0-0; 11. P-QR4, R-K1; 12. P-K3, B-B3; 13. Q-B2, N-N3; 14. B-QR3, B-N5; 15. P-R5, N-Q4; 16. KR-N1, NxP; 17. Q-R4, NxB; 18. KxN, BxN+;
19. KxB, Q-Q4+; 20. K-N4, Q-N7; 21. R-KB1, P-R4+; 22. K-B4, Q-K5 mate.

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* Mr. W.H. Pratten has retired from the active management of the two tournaments but remains a Trustee of the Girls' charity. He has been the Tournament Director and Chief Controller since 1946 - which is something of a record in chess administration.

The Trust founded by Miss Phyllis Loe during her Lord Mayoralty of Portsmouth has now been granted permanent charitable status. This means that together with the trust founded by the late Sir William Dupree in 1932 the entire school population of the City is eligible to compete in a perpetual annual chess tournament.

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It is believed that Portsmouth is the only city not only in Britain but in the world where the children are thus favoured.

Miss Loe's Trust, however, needs more power to its capital fund and donations should be sent to the City Treasurer, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth.

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Quite a startling key-move in this week's 3-mover by Shinkman; don't read on if you wish to solve it the hard way - 1. N-R8 (followed by 1...K-Q3; 2. K-Q4, K-B3; 3. Q-Q5 mate).

J.E.C.G.

8; 2N2Q2; 8; 4k3; 8; 3K4; 8; 8.

White to move and mate in 3.