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After a run of four consecutive appearances in the finals of the B.C.F. Junior Team Championship Tournament, Hampshire's Juniors came sadly to grief in the 1977 Championship when they met the three other regional champions (Middlesex, Lancashire and Warwickshire) at Birmingham, collecting a meagre three points with one game for adjudication. The girls' team also finished bottom with a half point. On the other hand, the distinction of representing the West of England Chess Union four times running must be a source of pride to our otherwise disappointed County Junior Organiser. Individual scores :

Open: Bd.1. M.A. Pagden 0; Bd.2. A.J.Griffiths 1; Bd.3. S.J. Hooker 0; Bd.4. Jane Seymour 0; Bd.5. C.D. Harris 0; Bd.6. D.C. Spurgeon 0; Bd.7. I.T. Sherman 1; Bd.8. M.E. Buckmaster 0; Bd.9. C. Rice adj.; Bd.10. S.D. Bell 0; Bd.11. R.C. Noyce 1; Bd.12. P.J. Markwell 0.

Girls : Bd.1. Sharon Prince 0; Bd.2. Carey Groves $\frac{1}{2}$; Bd.3. Julia Scotney 0; Bd.4. Terri Ruff 0; Bd.5. Tina Ruff 0; Bd.6. Erica Paul 0.

Final placings and scores (ties are resolved by "sum total of opponents' scores" method) in the Portsmouth & District Individual Championship Tournament were : 1st. A.R. Cullinane $6\frac{1}{2}$, 2nd. D.J.Scotney 6, 3rd. D. Smith 5, 4th C.D.Harris $4\frac{1}{2}$, 5th. Carey Groves $4\frac{1}{2}$, 6th. P.J. McEvoy 4, 7th. Jane Seymour 4, 8th. A.D. Crossin 4, 9th. I.A. Welch 4, 10th. G.E. Feltham $3\frac{1}{2}$, 11th. T.E.Hollington $3\frac{1}{2}$, 12th. M.J. Cawston $3\frac{1}{2}$, 13th. Sharon Prince 3, 14th. A.D. Harris 3, 15th. P.J. Sibley 3, 16th. P.K. Wells 3, 17th. S. Dymel 3, 18th R.M.Prince $2\frac{1}{2}$, 19th. D. Wenman 2, 20th. A. Ruff 2, 21st P.H.Starkey 1.

The following sparkling game is between Juniors Ian Welch and Sharon Prince in the final round of the above Tournament :

1. P-K4 P-K3; 2. P-Q4 P-Q4; 3. N-Q2 PxP; 4. NxP N-Q2; 5. N-KB3 KN-B3; 6. B-KN5 B-K2; 7. NxN+ NxN; 8. B-Q3 P-KR3; 9. B-K3 P-QN3; 10. Q-K2 B-Q3; 11. 0-0-0 0-0; 12. N-K5 B-N2; 13. P-KB3 N-Q4; 14. B-Q2 N-B3; 15. P-KN4 N-R2; 16. P-KR4 P-KB3; 17. N-N6 R-K1; 18. KR-N1 P-QB4; 19. P-KB4 N-KB1; 20. P-N5 RPxP; 21. NxN KxN; 22. RPxP PxQP; 23. B-N6 Q-B2; 24. Q-R5 KR-QB1; 25. Q-R8+ K-K2; 26. QxP+ K-Q1; 27. QxP+ B-K2; 28. QxQ+ Resigns, which is perhaps frustrating for Black who has been sitting with mate on the move for the past four moves (see diagram).

Portsmouth & District League - Senior Section

My own joy has been made complete by the narrow escape from relegation of my own team, Fareham B, thanks to a little help from Community Centre B.

Division 2 : LEIGH PARK A 2, COMMUNITY CENTRE B 4

(N.G. Le Fevre $\frac{1}{2}$, W.D. Muir $\frac{1}{2}$; A.D. Harris $\frac{1}{2}$, S.C.Downton $\frac{1}{2}$; S.D. Le Fevre 0, C.V. Fairall 1; J. Mortlock 0, J.R. Webb 1; J.D.J. Gatt 1, C.E. Darley 0; R. Smith 0, K. Reed 1)

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

(M.L. Newbury 1, Default 0; H.A. Tadevossian $\frac{1}{2}$, N.G. Le Fevre $\frac{1}{2}$; A.J.Lancashire $\frac{1}{2}$, A.D. Harris $\frac{1}{2}$; M. Cole 1, J. Mortlock 0; W. Francis $\frac{1}{2}$, J.D.J. Gatt $\frac{1}{2}$; S. Edds 0, S. Dymel 1)

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TABLE - Division 2

| | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
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| Portsmouth B | 11 | 8 | 2 | 40 | 26 | 18 |
| Community Centre B | 11 | 5 | 3 | 37 | 29 | 13 |
| Cosham B | 8 | 4 | 2-3 | 24½ 27½ | 23½ 26½ | 10 11 |
| Gosport B | 12 | 3 | 3 | 35½ | 36½ | 9 |
| Polytechnic A | 11 | 4 | 1 | 32 | 34 | 9 |
| Fareham B | 11 12 | 3 | 3-4 | 24½ 27½ | 41½ 44½ | 9 10 |
| Leigh Park A | 12 | 3 | 2 | 34½ | 37½ | 8 |

Division 4 : GOSPORT C 6, SCHRODER 0
(by default)

EMSWORTH 4, FAREHAM D 2

(V.M. Lawrence 1, R. Burstow 0; R. Dumont 0, S. Gainey 1; J. Miller 1,
R. Sankey 0; O. Rogers 1, M. Gibbon 0; W. Turner 0, J. Bennett 1;
P.J. Durkee 1, T. Marsh 0)

The final score in the Inter-League match was Portsmouth 19, Southampton 17
and the adjudicated results of the unfinished games, Bd.4. W. McDougall 1,
I.A. Stenhouse 0; Bd.7. D. Smith 0, S.M. Perry 1.

At the last count 57 boys and 18 girls have entered the Sir William Dupree/
Phyllis Loe Tournament which is to take place at Portsmouth Girls' School
commencing 18th April.

J.E.C.G.

rlrk4; pbqlb3; lp2plB1; 6P1; 3Q1P2; 8; PPPB4; 2KR2R1