

Whereas Fareham B is now right outside the relegation zone, I wish the same could be said for Fareham A, which now has an anxious wait for the adjudicated results of the outstanding games of the two teams below them. P. & D. League results :-

Division 1 : FAREHAM A 2, COMMUNITY CENTRE A 4
 (A.F. Brameld $\frac{1}{2}$, K.D.F. Gregory $\frac{1}{2}$; W.H. Pratten 0, A.R. Cullinane 1;
 W.H. Silber 0, A.F.C. Carter 1; J.E.C. Grant $\frac{1}{2}$, W.D. Muir $\frac{1}{2}$; T.J. de Buriatte $\frac{1}{2}$,
 P.A. Rayment $\frac{1}{2}$; M.M. Street $\frac{1}{2}$, R.R. Carter $\frac{1}{2}$)

I.B.M. A 1, FAREHAM A 5

(J.F. Wheeler 0, A.F. Brameld 1; W. McDougall 0, M.L. Newbury 1;
 R.E. Hartley 1, W.H. Pratten 0; G.D. Jeftha 0, W.H. Silber 1; J. Liddell 0,
 M.M. Street 1; C. Mann 0, T.J. de Buriatte 1)

PORTSMOUTH A $2\frac{1}{2}$, COMMUNITY CENTRE A $3\frac{1}{2}$

(G.E.J. Lambert $\frac{1}{2}$, A.R. Cullinane $\frac{1}{2}$; S.J. Hooker 1, K.D.F. Gregory 0;
 A.J. Peters 0, A.F.C. Carter 1; D.J. Scotney 0, W.D. Muir 1; Jane F. Seymour 0,
 R.R. Carter 1; D.C. Spurgeon 1, P.A. Rayment 0)

GOSPORT A 3, COSHAM A 3

(W.J.E. Yeeles 0, D. Smith 1; J.F.T. Charvill $\frac{1}{2}$, A.D. Crossin $\frac{1}{2}$; J.H. Jones 1,
 S. Dean 0; I.A. Stenhouse $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Gibson $\frac{1}{2}$; H.E. Davies $\frac{1}{2}$, A.F. Langley $\frac{1}{2}$;
 J.F. Coles $\frac{1}{2}$, G.F. Abercrombie $\frac{1}{2}$)

Division 2 : COSHAM B 3, FAREHAM B 3

(P.J. McEvoy 0, H.A. Tadevossian 1; P.J. Markwell 1, A.J. Lancashire 0;
 A.F. Langley 1, M. Cole 0; G.F. Abercrombie 0, J.R. Craig 1; G. Train 0,
 S. Edds 1; B.C. Coppin 1, D.W. Coates 0)

T A B L E S

	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Division 1 :						
Community Centre A	9	6	2	$31\frac{1}{2}$	$22\frac{1}{2}$	14
Portsmouth A	10	5	1	34	26	11
Cosham A	9	4	2	$25\frac{1}{2}$	$28\frac{1}{2}$	10
Fareham A	10	2	3	$29\frac{1}{2}$	$30\frac{1}{2}$	7
Gosport A	8	2	2	$21\frac{1}{2}$	$26\frac{1}{2}$	6
I.B.M. A	8	2	2	20	28	6
Division 2 :						
Portsmouth B	11	8	2	40	26	18
Community Centre B	11	5	3	37	29	13
Cosham B	9	4	3	$27\frac{1}{2}$	$26\frac{1}{2}$	11
Fareham B	12	3	4	$27\frac{1}{2}$	$44\frac{1}{2}$	10
Gosport B	12	3	3	$35\frac{1}{2}$	$36\frac{1}{2}$	9
Polytechnic A	11	4	1	32	34	9
Leigh Park	12	3	2	$34\frac{1}{2}$	$37\frac{1}{2}$	8

The Championship of the Hampshire League is now looking like a straight battle between Portsmouth and Southampton, with Polytechnic in with a good chance of Second Division honours.

Division 1 : GOSPORT $2\frac{1}{2}$, KINSON $2\frac{1}{2}$

(J.F.T. Charvill 0, M.R. Carter 1; H.E. Davies $\frac{1}{2}$, E.R. Twamley $\frac{1}{2}$;
 C.W.J. Trotter 1, H.N. Dulson 0; J.A. Coburn 1, R. Underhill 0; R. Ellis 0,
 S. Crisp 1)

Division 1 (Continued) :

PORTSMOUTH $\frac{1}{2}$, SOUTHAMPTON $4\frac{1}{2}$

(G.E.J. Lambert $\frac{1}{2}$, M.W.J. Thompson $\frac{1}{2}$, S.J. Hooker 0, A.J. Berry 1; A.R. Cullinane 0, D.E. Bower 1; D.J. Scotney 0, R.M. Cameron 1; D.C. Spurgeon 0, D. Beer 1)

Division 2 : SALISBURY 3, COSHAM 2

(D.E. Ward 1, D. Smith 0; C. Szentmihaly 0, A.D. Crossin 1; Major W.E. Bruges 0, S. Dean 1; Mrs. E.A. Hartford 1, B.C. Coppin 0; F. Fulton 1, A.F. Langley 0)

POLYTECHNIC 4, COSHAM 1

(A.P. LeFevre 1, A.D. Crossin 0; M.J. Ashdown 1, D. Smith 0; J.H. Lambert 1, S. Dean 0; D.C. Goddard 0, P.J. Maxwell 1; R.J. Richardson 1, A.F. Langley 0)

COSHAM $3\frac{1}{2}$, POLYTECHNIC $1\frac{1}{2}$

(A.D. Crossin $\frac{1}{2}$, J.H. Lambert $\frac{1}{2}$; D. Smith 1, M.J. Ashdown 0; S. Dean $\frac{1}{2}$, R.D. Whidbourne $\frac{1}{2}$; A.F. Langley 1, R.J. Richardson 0; B.C. Coppin $\frac{1}{2}$, D.C. Goddard $\frac{1}{2}$)

SALISBURY 1, POLYTECHNIC 4

(D.E. Ward 1, P.W. Mottram 0; J.L.F. Denning 0, M.J. Ashdown 1; Major W.E. Bruges 0, J.H. Lambert 1; Mrs. E. Hartford 0, R.J. Richardson 1; R.F.N. Wardell 0, C. O'Bea 1)

TABLES

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Av.</u>
Division 1 :							
Portsmouth	6	4	1	20	10	9	3.3
Southampton	5	4	0	18	7	8	3.6
Kinson	6	2	2	14	16	6	2.3
Wight A	4	1	0	7	13	2	1.7
Gosport	5	0	1	6	19	1	1.2
Division 2 :							
Polytechnic	6	4	1	19	11	9	3.2
Cosham	6	3	1	17	13	7	2.8
Salisbury	5	2	1	$12\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$	5	2.5
A.M.F. Legg	5	2	0	8	17	4	1.6
Wight B	4	0	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$	1	2.1

The diagrammed position (White to move) is submitted by John Wheeler (I.B.M.) and is one that was given as a draw by the adjudicator. He (who was Black) would have liked to appeal against this decision, but finds that the local League's rules do not allow for appeals. He has sent me three pages of close analysis in support of his opinion, which I trust he will forgive me for not publishing in full. It is, however, an interesting position. (Black has 2B against B+N on an open board and strong pressure on the long diagonal. He also has the chance of creating a powerful, if isolated, passed QP) and perhaps readers might try their luck at finding a win for Black. Or is it really a draw after all?

J.E.C.G.