

Final placings in the W.E.C.U. English Counties Championship were :

Devon $5\frac{1}{2}$, Gloucester $4\frac{1}{2}$, Somerset $3\frac{1}{2}$, Dorset 3, Hants $2\frac{1}{2}$, Cornwall $1\frac{1}{2}$ and Wilts $\frac{1}{2}$,

and in the Minor Counties Championship :

Devon 4, Dorset, Gloucester ^{Dorset and} and Hants 3, Somerset 2 and Wilts 0.

Perhaps the most meritorious performance of the season was heavily out-graded Cornwall's victory over Gloucester by 10-6.

Dupree/Loe Portsmouth Youth Festival

Final scores and placings :-

Dupree :-

Open: P.J. Lee $5\frac{1}{2}$, S.J. Hooker and T.P. Love 4, P.B. Eastlake 3, I.C. Kemp $2\frac{1}{2}$, P.J. Markwell 2, P.D. Tusler 0.

Under-16 : D.C. Spurgeon 4, F.T. George and C.T. Rowe $3\frac{1}{2}$, S. Smith $2\frac{1}{2}$, M.J.P. Hampton $1\frac{1}{2}$, T. Acheson 0.

Under-13 (first 3 places only) : P.K. Wells 5, I.A. Welch 4, T.R. Vernon 3,

Under-11 (first 3 places only) : M.E. Vernon 7, G.D. Scotney and P.M. Spurgeon 5.

Phyllis Loe :-

Open: (combined with under-16 Girls) : Triple tie with 2 points from 4 by Carey Groves, Sharon Prince and Jane Seymour.

Under-13 : (first 3 places only) : Julia Scotney 7, Terri Ruff 6, Tina Ruff 5.

Two amusing stories told to me by an Assistant Controller at the above Youth Festival :

A. Young lad to Assistant Controller: "Sir, can I have more than one Queen?"
A.C. to Y.L. : "You can have as many Queens as you can get your pawns onto the 8th rank".

A short while later Y.L. has five Queens and finds that he has given stalemate!

B. Y.L. to A.C.: "Sir, is this mate? "

A.C. to Y.L. "It certainly is, but how come that your opponent's King is in triple check (Queen, Rook and Bishop)?"

Y.L. to A.C. : "One of them must have been there for some time and neither of us saw it".

After unsuccessfully trying to reconstruct the game back to where the error was made, game directed to be started again.

Further match scores from the Senior Section of the Portsmouth & District League shown below; there is more competition at the bottom of Division 1 (to avoid relegation) than there is at the top.

Division 1 : GOSPORT A $1\frac{1}{2}$, COMMUNITY CENTRE A $4\frac{1}{2}$
(I.A. Stenhouse 0, K.D.F. Gregory 1; J.F.T. Charvill 0, A.R. Cullinane 1;
W.J.E. Yeeles 0, A.F.C. Carter 1; H.E. Davies 0, W.D. Muir 1;
C.W.J. Trotter $\frac{1}{2}$, P.A. Rayment $\frac{1}{2}$; P.J. Eales 1, R.R. Carter 0)

GOSPORT A 3, I.B.M. A 3
(D. Stringer 0, J.F. Wheeler 1; J.H. Jones 1, N.E. Jackson 0; I.A. Stenhouse $\frac{1}{2}$,
R.E. Hartley $\frac{1}{2}$; W.J.E. Yeeles 0, G.D. Jeftha 1; J.F.T. Charvill 1,
A. Brereton 0; H.E. Davies $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Coghlan $\frac{1}{2}$)

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TABLE (Division 1)

	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Community Centre A	10	7	2	36	24	16
Portsmouth A	10	5	1	34	26	11
Cosham A	9	4	2	25½	28½	10
Fareham A	10	2	3	29½	30½	7
Gosport A	10	2	3	26	34	7
I.B.M. A	9	2	3	23	31	7

Division 2 : COSHAM B 1½, PORTSMOUTH B 4½

(A.D. Crossin ½, G.E. Feltham ½; P.C. McEvoy 1, Sharon M. Prince 0;
P.J. Markwell 0, M.J. Cawston 1; G.F. Abercrombie 0, B.V. Cochran 1;
B.C. Coppin 0, R.M. Prince 1; G. Train 0, C.J. Powell 1)

POLYTECHNIC A 3, COSHAM B 3

(Default 0, A.D. Crossin 1; M.J. Ashdown ½, P.J. McEvoy ½; J.H. Lambert 1,
G. Train 0; R.D. Whidbourne ½, B.C. Coppin ½; R.J. Richardson 0,
G.F. Abercrombie 1; N.D. Argent 1, S. Wilkinson 0)

Division 3 : PORTSMOUTH D 4½, PORTSMOUTH C 1½

(I.A. Welch 1, M.J. Cawston 0; P.K. Wells 1, C.J. Powell 0; P.M. Spurgeon 1,
A. Ruff 0; G.D. Scotney 0, R. Riley 1; M.E. Vernon 1, D. Wenman 0;
Julia Scotney ½, S. Young ½).

This week's diagram is an End Game Study by N.D. Grigoriev - White to play and win. It is remarkable what he has contrived to fashion out of a position with only four pieces on the board. Full solution next week.

J.E.C.G.

8; 2p5; 6K1; 8; 8; 5k2; P7; 8