

I am not sure if the following Tables of the Schools' Section of the Portsmouth & District League are the final story or whether there are some more match results to come, but only the third Division Championship seems to be in any doubt.

Tables (Schools' Section)

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<b>Division 1 :</b>						
Great Salterns A	2	1	1	6	4	3
Mayfield A	2	0	1	4	6	1
<b>Division 2 :</b>						
St. John's A	5	5	0	22	3	10
Portsmouth Grammar A	4	2	0	10½	9½	4
St. Luke's A	4	2	0	7½	12½	4
Mayfield B	5	0	0	5	20	0
<b>Division 3 :</b>						
St. John's B	4	4	0	17	3	8
Great Salterns C	5	4	0	17	8	8
Portsmouth Grammar B	4	1	1	7½	12½	3
Mayfield C	3	1	1	6½	8½	3
Great Salterns D	4	0	0	7	13	0
St. Luke's B	2	0	0	0	10	0

Examinations for the British Chess Federation's Certificates of Merit for Junior Chess Players are being held at Southsea Youth and Community Centre on Saturday, 28th May 1977 (2 p.m.). There are four levels of performance and any youngster wishing to test his own ability can enter on the day - just turn up.

The first round of the newly formed Summer League Competition for Under-14 year olds has been played at Portsmouth Chess Club, with the following results :

Division A

DOMINATORS 1½, LIVERPOOL 2½

(Peter Wells ½, Phillip Spurgeon ½; Nathan Bray 0, Phillip Gurney 1; Adrian Gurney 0, Gillian Morris 1; Stephen Roberts 1, Timothy Nicholson 0)

POMPEY 2, SOUTHSEA 2

(Michael Vernon 0, Ian Welch 1; Michael Hampton 1, Andrew Kensett 0; Graham Waters 1, Ricky Harden 0; Gordon Geddis 0, John Foster 1)

Division B

Gambiteers received a bye.

DRAGONS 2, PURBROOK 2

(Andrew Kluth 1, Alison Dixon 0; Gary Scotney 1, Emma Dove 0; David Kensett 0, Francis Middleton 1; Stephen Kensett 0, Bryan Morris 1)

CUMBERLAND 1, NOSMO KING 3

(Randall Walker 0, Terri Ruff 1; Stephen Harrington 1, Nathan Ruff 0; Janette Lewis 0, Lindsey Knight 1; Sara Keeling 0, Trevor Ruff 1)

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The position this week is an End Game Study by H.M. Mattison. White is to play and win and the only move is 1. P-B5! A tempting variation is 1. K-N4 K-N4; 2. P-R4, but this only leads to a draw. Black's only possible reply to White's 1. P-B5! to make a fight of it is 1...K-N4! All other moves (including the 'obvious' 1...PxP) lose quickly.

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8; 6pl; 6pp; 8; k5P2; 6K1; 6PP; 8