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Whereas the final positions in Division 1 of the Hampshire League have been clear for some time, a good deal of confusion has existed in Division 2. At the time of the County Annual General Meeting, it was announced that Cosham were Second Division Champions because Polytechnic had not reported all their match results. It subsequently transpired that Polytechnic had played (and won) the matches in question, and it could be only assumed that their reports had been lost in the post.

However, all is now resolved and the final tables are :

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Game Pts.</u>	<u>Match Pts.</u>	<u>Game Pts. Average</u>
Division 1 :						
Southampton	8	7	0	26	14	3.7
Portsmouth	8	4	1	23	9	3.2
Wight A	8	4	0	18½	8	2.3
Kinson	8	2	2	15½	6	2.2
Gosport	8	0	1	8	1	1.1
Division 2 :						
Polytechnic	8	6	1	27	13	3.4
Cosham	8	5	1	21½	11	3.0
Salisbury	8	2	2	16	6	2.2
Legg	8	3	0	9½	6	1.4
Wight B	8	0	2	11	2	2.2

Comdr. A.J. Peters gave notice at the same A.G.M. that he found both Grading and Conducting two Leagues rather too much and wished to give up the Hampshire League. I am glad to hear that Dave Smith of Cosham Club has volunteered for this important task.

Partly to celebrate 30 years existence and partly to publicise their present activities, Fareham Chess Club intends to hold a Display in Fareham shopping precinct during the week 15th - 20th August. This will be done in conjunction with the Royal Navy and Arthur Brameld (the present R.N. Chess Champion as well as Club Champion) will be present most of the time to take on all comers. In this, he will be assisted by Warwick Silber and Martin Street. A demonstration set of computerised chess will also be on show.

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46 players competed in the Fareham Chess Club Championship Tournament during the season just ended - which must be something of a local club record. Here are the first 24 places, with ties broken by 'sum of opponents scores' method :

- 1st. A.F. Brameld, 2nd. W.H. Pratten (6½ pts.) 3rd. W.H. Silber (5 pts.)
- 4th. H.A. Tadevossian, 5th. T.J. de Buriatte, 6th. D.W. Coates, 7th. F. Nyo,
- 8th. C.E. Frazer, 9th. T. Birks, 10th. W.D. Coward, 11th. S. Gainey (4½ pts.),
- 12th. J.E.C. Grant, 13th. M. Cole, 14th. A.J. Lancashire, 15th. R.A. Goldstone,
- 16th. J. Bennett (4 pts.), 17th. A.J. Evans, 18th. B. Massey, 19th. E.N. Judd,
- 20th. K. Irish, 21st. W. Francis (3½ pts.), 22nd. M.J. Hockey, 23rd. R. Burstow,
- 24th. B. Mills (3 pts.).

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Starting from the position of knowing practically nothing about Chess Problems, readers may be glad to hear that at least I have been reading up the jargon and am beginning to see the light. The position published this week is composed by Otto Wurzburg (Atlanta Journal, September 1939) and is a "mutate", which means that the key move changes one or more of the set mates. Here only one set mate is changed but both the key and the new mate are most striking. With all this help and guidance, readers should have no difficulty in solving!

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Caption for diagram : White to move and mate in 2.