

The next two local clubs with the highest number of registered players appearing in the latest Grading Lists are Portsmouth (22) and Cosham (16). Individual grading numbers :-

Portsmouth

M.J. Cawston 131 (120); B.V. Cochran 114 (127); A.R. Cullinane 184 (169); A. Driscoll 109 (111); G.E. Feltham 162 (150); Miss C. Groves 136 (118); C.D. Harris 167 (151); S.J. Hooker 170 (177); G.E.J. Lambert 198 (205); P.J. Lee 197 (195); T.P. Love 177 (182); A.J. Peters 171 (166); C.J. Powell 106 (102); R.M. Prince 117 (120); Miss S.M. Prince 149 (133); A. Ruff 86 (-); D.J. Scotney 161 (157); Miss J. Scotney 100 (94); Miss J.F. Seymour 149 (149); D.C. Spurgeon 151 (151); D. Wenman 76 (-); S.F. Young 98 (-).

Cosham

G.F. Abercrombie 140 (130); C.W. Bryan 156 (150); A.J. Charlwood 103 (98); B.C. Coppin 139 (122); A.D. Crossin 151 (158); S. Dean 159 (170); D. Gibson 168 (172); T.E. Hollington 139 (143); A.H. Judd 101 (97); A.F. Langley 139 (136); P. McEvoy 151 (146); P.J. Markwell 153 (147); D. Smith 162 (166); G. Train 132 (136); S. Wilkinson 117 (113); T. Woodroffe 115 (-).

Apart from the Senior Jamboree at Exeter on 1st October, Hampshire's fixtures for the coming season are :-

Oct 22	v	Dorset 32 boards	-	Southampton
	v	Berks (friendly) 20 boards	-	Southampton
Oct 29	v	Royal Navy(friendly)15 boards-		H.M.S. Daedalus
Dec 10	v	Somerset 32 boards	-	Frome
Jan 21	v	Cornwall 160 boards	-	Exeter
Feb 11	v	Devon 32 boards	-	Weymouth
Feb 25	v	Wilts 32 boards	-	Salisbury
Mar 18	v	Glos 32 boards	-	Warminster

Other dates on the 1977/78 calendar are

- Feb 3/5 Portsmouth Open
- Mar 4 Junior Jamboree - Ilminster

I hear that a thriving Junior Chess Club has sprung up in Waterlooville. Meetings are 4.30 - 7 p.m. on Fridays at the Waterlooville Public Library in the Shopping Precinct and attendances are averaging around 80 youngsters! They have played one match against the Juniors of Southsea Community Centre, which they lost 3 - 7. Thanks are due to Peter Bone (of the Library) and (I expect) to some support from Terry Hollington.

This week's Problem is by E. Neuhans Jr. (American Chess Bulletin 1940) and first glance shows Black in a stalemate position. The key must therefore be a waiting move which relieves the stalemate. Do not forget that the Black pawn can promote to a Knight as well as a Queen.

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8; 8; 8; 7B; 3K4; 1N6; Qpk5; 8.

CAPTION : White to move and mate in 2.