

This year's entry of 32 players to the Individual Championship Tournament of the Portsmouth & District League is the highest that I can recall. Results in Round 1 :-

E.N. Judd 0, A.J. Peters 1; K.J. Dean 0, A.D. Crossin 1; J. Baillie 0, R.M. Prince 1; S.F. Young 0, A.R. Cullinane 1; S.J. George 1, M.J.P. Hampton 0; J.A. Coburn 0, P.J. McEvoy 1; R.A. Riley 1, A. Ruff 0; A.D. Harris 0, S. Dean 1; D.J. Scotney 1, S. Dymel 0; S.D. Le Fevre 1, G.T. Baillie 0; B.V. Cochran 0, D. Wenham 1; Terri Ruff ½, J.A.D. Adams ½; M.E. Vernon 0, P.E. Littlewood 1; Jane Seymour 0, Carey Groves 1; R.D. Hough 1, I.A. Welch 0; P.L. Wells 1, D. Smith 0.

Round 2 is due to be played next Sunday.

Match results from the two lower divisions of the Senior Section team championship of the same League :-

Division 3 : PORTSMOUTH C 3½, FAREHAM C 2½

(I. Welch 1, M. Cole 0; P. Wells ½, R. Kane ½; P. Spurgeon 0, D. Coates 1; M. Vernon 1, S. Gainey 0; G.D. Scotney 1, K.J. Dean 0; T. Ruff 0, R.A. Goldstone 1)

POLYTECHNIC B ½, I.B.M.B 5½

(P.B. Sargeant ½, G. Jeftha ½; D. Pennells 0, S. Hicks 1; N. Argent 0, C. Mann 1; C. Smith 0, J. Liddell 1; S. Sheehan 0, D. Garwood 1; K. Herrington 0, H. Oakley 1)

GOSPORT C 1½, FAREHAM C 4½

(T. Stephenson 0, M. Cole 1; P. Curzon 0, D. Coates 1; M. Williams 0, E. Judd 1; T. Elbourn 1, K.J. Dean 0; R.J. Brearly ½, R.A. Goldstone ½; L. Ward 0, S. Gainey 1)

Division 4 : FAREHAM D 6, FAREHAM E 0

(W.D. Coward 1, D. Vella 0; B. Massey 1, R.G. Warwick 0; P. Higdon 1, J. Craig 0; J. Bennett 1, K. Williams 0; T. Marsh 1, S. Bradbury 0; K. Irish 1, D. Thorne 0)

PLESSEY 3, LEIGH PARK B 3

(D.G. Foale ½, A.D. Harris ½; E. Azulay 1, R. Smith 0; J. Heath 1, S. Dymel 0; G. Howells 0, J. Mortlock 1; C. Wheatley ½, R. Collins ½; T. Nazareth 0, J.D.J. Gatt 1)

PORTSMOUTH D 5½, DATAWORK ½

(R. Riley 1, C. Mairis 0; B. Cochran 1, D. Alexander 0; A. Ruff 1, T. Foster 0; S. Young 1, R. Dyer 0; A. Driscoll ½, M. Keating ½; D. Wenman 1, G. Potter 0)

First batch of results from the Schools Section of the local League :-

Division 3A: CITY OF PORTSMOUTH BOYS A 2, GREAT SALTERNS C 3

(I.A. Welch 1, A.R. Snook 0; P. Hearn 0, J.L. Malley 1; R. McGuire 1, M.G. Collier 0; M. Hamorack 0, D.J. Alexander 1; M. McCall 0, D.I. Smith 1)

Division 3B:

WATERLOOVILLE 4, CITY OF PORTSMOUTH BOYS B 1

(No details)

Two dates for Junior players (and Youth Chess Organisers) to remember :

- (a) the Hampshire Junior Individual Championship is being played at the Y.M.C.A., Old Portsmouth, on the weekend 26th/27th November - closing date for entries 23rd November.
- (b) although the Junior Tournament of the sixth Portsmouth Youth Chess Festival (Dupree and Phyllis Loe) is not due to be held until 31st March next, entry forms for boys under 13 years of age have to be completed before 2nd December and handed to their teachers.

This week, we have another near miss with young Dave Goddard of Fareham Chess Club (who had the black pieces) seeing a sure win disappear before his very eyes. The game actually went on its disastrous way with 22...BxB?; 23. RxR QxR; 24. NxB Q-B4+; 25. K-R1 R-K7; 26. Q-R8 N-N1; 27. QxP+ K-K1; 28. QxN+ K-Q2; 29. QxP+ Resigns.

What might have happened was 22...Q-B4!; 23. QR-Q1 B-B4; 24. PxB R(2)-K6 which should have been quite good enough for a win by Black.

J.E.C.G.

5k2; pplbrppl; 5n2; q2p1B2; 3N1PPQ; 2r4P; P7; 2R2RK1