The Hampshire Junior (Under-18) Individual Championship this year attracted an entry of 18 players and the title (and the Bullows Trophy) was retained by last year's winner, M.A. Pagden of Church Crookham with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points out of a possible 5. Runner-up was C. Rice of Andover with 4 points and our three Portsmouth lads (I.A. Welch, I.C. Kemp and S.D. Bell) were equal 3rd with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points each. Incidentally, Ian Welch is still only 12 years of age.

Match results and latest tables from what was previously known as the Schools' Section of the Portsmouth and District League (now re-named the Portsmouth & District Middle Schools Association):

Division 1: MAYFIELD A 11, ST. JOHN'S A 31

(Jane F. Seymour 1, C.P. Smith 0; I.C. Kemp 1, P.K. Wells 1; P. Welsh 0, M.D. Smith 1; J. Miller 0, M.E. Vernon 1; M. Fisher 0, M.J.P. Hampton 1)

Division 2: MAYFIELD B 0, ST. JOHN'S B 5

(P. Welsh 0, P.K. Wells 1; M. Fisher 0, M.D. Smith 1; K. Hammond 0, M.E. Vernon 1; D. Musker 0, M.J.P. Hampton 1; D. Hannam 0, T.R. Vernon 1)

Division 3B: PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR C 3, CITY OF PORTSMOUTH BOYS B 2

(P.C.R. Gurney 0, M. Lewry 1; D.I. Loten 1, S. Hoyle 0; J.F. Stewart 0, P. Clarke 1; M. Osmond-Smith 1, K. Orchard 0; T.L. McDowell 1, M. Paul 0)

ST. LUKE'S B 3, BROOM FIELD 2

(R. Triggs 1, P. O'Donoghue 0; Julia L. Scotney 1, P. Jones 0; Sally Mark 0, P. Carter 1; K. Lush 1, T. Cox 0; Heather Waring 0, A. Oakes 1)

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	P	<u>w</u>	Ð	E	Δ	Pts
Division 1						
St. John's A	1	1	0	3 1/2	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2
Mayfield A	1	0	0	11	$3\frac{1}{2}$	0
Portsmouth Grammar A	0	0	0 .	0	0	0
Division 2						
St. John's B	1	1	0	5	0	2
Great Salterns A	1	1	0	4	1	2
Mayfield B	2	1	0	3	7	2
St. Luke's A	2	0	0	3	7	0
Division 3A						
Priory	2	2	0	7분	2 1/2	4
Great Salterns B	2	2	0	6	4	4
City of Portsmouth A	1	0	0	2	3	0
Mayfield C	2	0	0	3	7	0
Portsmouth Grammar B	1	0	0	$1\frac{1}{2}$	31/2	0
St. John's C	0	0	0	0	0	0
Division 3B						
Great Salterns D	2	2	0	7	3	4
Waterlooville Library	2	2	0	7	3	4
Broom Field	3	1	0	7	8	. 2
St. Luke's B	3	1	0	7	8	2
Portsmouth Grammar C	2	L.	0	4	6	2
City of Portsmouth B	2	0	0	3	7	0

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Still with the Juniors, the Under-12's and Under-11's are organised separately under the expert direction of Mr. A. Slade and now number 17 teams arranged in two Divisions. No results to hand yet but hereunder the final Tables for last season:

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CHANGE AND	<u>P</u>	W	D	L	Pts.
Under-12	3.4			<del></del>	
Northgate	7	6	0	1	12
Langstone	7	5	0	2	10
Napier Napier	7	4	0	3	NEATT B
Cumberland A	7	3	0	4	6
St. Swithuns	4	2	0	2	4
Portsmouth Chess Club	4	2	0	2	4
Copnor	4	1	0	3	2
Westfield	5	0	0	5	ō
Under-11					
Waite End	5	5	0	0	10
Purbrook	5	4	0	1	8
Horndean	5	2	1	2	5
Meadowlands	3	0	1	2	.1
Cowplain	3	0	0	3	0
Cumberland	3	0	0	3	Ō

Finally, here is a game sent to me by A. Ruff, in which he had the Black pieces against J. Cherry in the Aaronsons Congress at Harrow in September. Personally, I dislike the "ultra modern" technique of the backward centre and double fianchetto, and I am pleased to see good old-fashioned direct attacking methods applied so successfully against it.

1. P-QB4 P-K4; 2. P-KN3 P-QB3; 3. B-N2 N-KB3; 4. P-QR3 P-Q4; 5. PxP PxP; 6. N-KB3 N-QB3; 7. 0-0 B-QB4; 8. P-K3 B-KN5; 9. Q-R4 0-0; 10. N-QB3 P-QR3; 11. P-QN4 P-QN4; 12. Q-B2 B-N3; 13. B-N2 QR-B1; 14. N-K2 N-Q5; 15. Q-Q1 NxN(K2); 16. QxN P-K5; 17. Q-K1 PxN; 18. B-R1 N-K5; 19. P-Q3 N-N4; 20. P-KR4 N-R6+; 21. K-R2 R-B7; 22. R-QN1 Q-Q3 (see diagram: one can only feel sympathy for White in this position) 23. R-KN1 NxP; 24. R-KB1 NxQP+; 25. B-N2 B-B2; 26. Q-Q1 R-K7; 27. QxN QxP+ Resigns.

J.E.C.G.

5rkl; 5ppp; pblq4; lplp4; lP4bP; P2PPpPn; lBr2PlK; lR2QRlB