

Hampshire beat Somerset by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  -  $5\frac{1}{2}$  (with one game for adjudication) at Frome in the Counties Championship. Details

P. Littlewood 1, Moore 0; M.W.J. Thompson v Northage adj.; Bell 1, Whitcutt 0; A.R. Cullinane 1, Pool 0; Bower 0, Tuck 1; Corfield 1, C'Mahoney 0; Newbury 1, Hick 0; Andrews  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Stringer  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; McDougall 0, Sellars 1; Keene 1, Chapman 0; Beer 1, Gregory 0; Sharman 0, Fielding 1; Dean 1, Borkowski 0; Walters 1, Crouner 0; Chivers 0, Neagle 1; Davies 0, Byron 1)

Other W.E.C.U. Championship match results : Wiltshire  $9\frac{1}{2}$ , Cornwall  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ; Gloucestershire 12, Cornwall 4; Devon  $9\frac{1}{2}$ , Wiltshire  $5\frac{1}{2}$ .

Not many match results following the holiday period.

Portsmouth District League Senior Section :-

Division 1 : I.B.M. A  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , PORTSMOUTH A  $3\frac{1}{2}$

(J.F. Wheeler 0, G.E.J. Lambert 1; W. McLougall 1, A.J. Peters 0; R.E. Hartley  $\frac{1}{2}$ , D.J. Scotney  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; J.M. Morris 1, J.F. Seymour 0; C. Jeftha 0, D.C. Spurgeon 1; J. Liddell 0, M.J. Cawston 1)

Division 3 : FAREHAM C 4, I.B.M. B 2

(A.J. Lancashire 1, C. Jeftha 0; C. Fairall 0, S. Hicks 1; M. Cole 1, I. Upton 0; D.W. Coates 1, D. Ong 0; E.N. Judd 0, J. Liddell 1; R.A. Goldstone 1, H. Lutton 0)

Division 4 : DATAWORK 0, PLESSEY 6

(G. Mairis 0, E. Azulay 1; R. Loyer 0, I. Foale 1; D. Richardson def. C. Wheatley 1; C. Potter 0, K. Armstrong 1; N. Johnson 0, T. Nazareth 1; D. Alexander 0, C. Thomas 1)

FAREHAM E 1, FAREHAM D 5

(J. Cope 0, P. Higdon 1; D. Sheppard 0, B. Massey 1; J. Craig 0, W.D. Coward 1; R. Warwick 0, D. Vail 1; W. Morgan 0, M.J. Hockey 1; C. Nunn 1, K. Irish 0)

Schools Section :-

Division 3A: PORTSMOUTH GR. B 1, ST. JOHN'S C 4

(P.C. Wren 0, P.K. Wells 1; L.C. Ledwith 0, M.D. Smith 1; I.D. Giles 0, M.E. Vernon 1; A.R. Smith 0, M.J.P. Hampton 1; C.D. Lennon 1, T.R. Vernon 0)

PORTSMOUTH GR. B 2, GT. SALTERNS C 3

(I.D. Giles 1, J.L. Malley 0; L.C. Ledwith 0, M.C. Collier 1; A.R. Smith 0, D.J. Alexander 1; G.D. Cameron 1, D.I. Smith 0; Default 0, A.R. Snook 1)

Division 3B: BROCKFIELD 2, ST. LUKE'S B 3

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

PORTSMOUTH C 2, GT. SALTERNS D 3

(P.C.R. Gurney 1, D.E. Wingham 0; L.I. Loten 0, L.F. Perkins 1; D. Christensen 0, G.M. Fitzgerald 1; M. Osmond-Smith 1, B.P. Wood 0; I.C. Lines 0, M.D. Banthorpe 1)

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The Portsmouth Chess Congress is this year being held at the Y.M.C.A., Penny Street, over the weekend 3rd, 4th and 5th February. There are two sections, Premier and Major, with first prizes of £120 and £100 respectively. The Major is restricted to players graded under 150. Entry fees (either tournament) £4.50 adults, £3.50 juniors. Entry forms from (and to) P. McEvoy, 77 Lime Grove, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth. Closing date 30th January.

The following game between M.L. Newbury and D. Gibson from the match Fareham A v Cosham A was recorded by another Fareham member who said that because he found it so exciting, he could not take his eyes off it.

1. P-Q4 N-KB3; 2. P-QB4 P-KN3; 3. N-QB3 P-Q4; 4. B-B4 B-N2; 5. P-K3 P-B4;  
 6. QPxP Q-R4; 7. R-B1 N-K5; 8. PxP NxN; 9. Q-Q2 QxRP; 10. PxN Q-R4;  
 11. B-B4 QxBP; 12. B-R2 0-0; 13. N-K2 R-Q1; 14. 0-0 N-Q2 (and I make  
 White three tempi ahead in development) 15. P-K4 N-K4; 16. BxN BxB;  
 17. N-Q4 P-QR4; 18. P-KB4 B-N2; 19. K-R1 P-QN4; 20. P-K5 B-QR3;  
 21. P-B5 KR-QB1; 22. PxP RPxP; 23. Q-B4 R-B1; 24. P-Q6 P-K3; 25. QR-K1  
 QxBP; 26. R-K3 Q-Q7; (see diagram) 27. NxKP PxN; 28. BxP+ K-R2;  
 29. R-R3+ B-R3; 30. RxB+ K-N2 (white cannot take black's queen because of  
 the threat of ...RxR mate) 31. RxP+ KxR; 32. B-B7+ RxB; 33. QxR+ K-N4;  
 34. R-B5+ and black resigns.

J.E.C.G.

r4rk1; 5pbl; b2Pplpl; pp2P3; 3N1Q2; 4R3; B2q2PP; 5R1K