

The fixture list for the coming season in the Hampshire League is in circulation with 11 teams grouped in two Divisions as under :-

Division 1

Southampton  
Isle of Wight A  
Gosport  
Kinson  
Portsmouth

Division 2

Salisbury  
Cosham  
A.M.F. Leggs  
Isle of Wight B  
Andover  
Portsmouth Polytechnic

A.M.F. Leggs is a new entry from Andover district, and it is still hoped that Southampton University will take part and so make the number of teams in Division 1 up to 6.

In the Schools Section of the Portsmouth & District League there are only 13 entries, of which only two are in Division 1. The actual arrangement is

Division 1 : Mayfield A and Great Salterns A

Division 2 : Ports. Grammar A, St. Luke's A, Mayfield B, Great Salterns B and St. John's A.

Division 3 : St. John's B, Ports. Grammar B, Mayfield C, St. Luke's D, Great Salterns C and Great Salterns D.

Entry forms are now available from the Hampshire Match Captain (Iain Stenhouse, 29 Woodside Court, Woodside Road, Southampton SO2 1GR) for the 1976 Southampton Open Tournament taking place 29/30/31 October at the College of Technology, Southampton. First prize is £120 as well as £225 in other prizes, and entry fee is £4.20 (£3 for Under-18's).

I recently suffered a humiliating defeat in a telephone game at the hands of an otherwise very pleasant Anglican priest living in Burnley, and am still wondering what went wrong. Perhaps readers would either offer their advice or at least their condolences.

White - Rev. J.K. Russon; Black - J.E.C. Grant

1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, N-KB3; 3. B-B4, NxP; 4. P-Q4, PxP; 5. QxP, N-KB3; 6. N-B3, P-B3; 7. B-KN5, B-K2; 8. 0-0-0, 0-0; 9. KR-K1, P-Q4; 10. Q-R4, QN-Q2; 11. B-Q3, P-KN3; 12. N-K5, NxN; (at which stage Black says to White "Quite an attack you have on"; White replies with a low chuckle "It is as a game played by Morphy") 13. RxN, B-Q2; 14. RxB! QxR; 15. BxN (and Black is not only down in material, but has a positional problem on his hands) 15...Q-K3; 16. P-KR3, P-KR3; 17. P-KN4, K-R2 whereupon Black says "I have the feeling of hanging on with my finger tips" and White gives another low chuckle); 18. R-R1, P-B4 (I had thoughts of driving White's Bishop away from its Q3 or at least allowing my Q an escape route) 19. P-KN5, P-KR4; 20. QxP+ Resigns. (Mate next move and I just did not see it coming).

The End Game study published this week is a composition by M.S. Liburkin and White proceeds as follows: 1. N-B1, RxNP; 2. P-B7, R-Q4+ (Black cannot play R-QB4 on account of 3. N-N3+) 3. N-Q3! RxN+; 4. K-B2, R-Q5; 5. P-B8=R! R-QR5; 7. K-N3! and wins, since the rook cannot move from R5 owing to the mating threat on B1.

J.E.C.G.

8; 8; 2P5; 1Pr5; 8; 8; N7; k2K4

White to play and win.