

The Portsmouth Chess Congress attracted 146 entries, and by common consent was agreed to be one of the most enjoyable (and certainly the biggest) Congress event organised locally for many years. Leaders in the two sections :

Premier Tournament : Equal first/second - A.J. Whiteley and C.S. Crouch
(with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points from 6 games)

Equal third/fourth - P.E. Littlewood and S. Berry
(5 from 6)

Major Tournament : First - I.A. Welch ($5\frac{1}{2}$ from 6)

Equal second/third/fourth - B.A. Jacobs, C.J. Mason
and K. Robbins (5 from 6)

Ian Welch is only 12 years old (which makes his win a remarkable achievement) and Paul Littlewood (himself ranking as a Candidate Master) is the son of British Master J.E. Littlewood.

Match results and current tables in the two middle Divisions of the Portsmouth & District League :

Division 2 : POLYTECHNIC A 2, COSHAM B 4

(J. Lambert 0, D. Smith 1; P. Colwill 1, P.J. Markwell 0; C. O'Bee $\frac{1}{2}$,
A.J. Langley $\frac{1}{2}$; A.C. Grant 0, P.J. McEvoy 1; R.D. Hough $\frac{1}{2}$, T.D. Bell $\frac{1}{2}$;
D. Pennells 0, F. Abercrombie 1)

COSHAM B 3, PORTSMOUTH B 3

(D. Smith 1, T.E. Hollington 0; P.J. McEvoy 0, M.J. Cawston 1; A.J. Langley $\frac{1}{2}$,
R.M. Prince $\frac{1}{2}$; I. Kemp 1, A. Adams 0; P.J. Markwell 0, B. Cochran 1;
T.D. Bell $\frac{1}{2}$, C.J. Powell $\frac{1}{2}$)

COSHAM B $3\frac{1}{2}$, COSHAM C $2\frac{1}{2}$

(D. Smith 1, S. Dean 0; P. McEvoy $\frac{1}{2}$, G. Train $\frac{1}{2}$; A.F. Langley 1, B. Williams 0;
I. Kemp $\frac{1}{2}$, A. Judd $\frac{1}{2}$; P.J. Markwell $\frac{1}{2}$, B. Coppin $\frac{1}{2}$; T.D. Bell 0, A. Bowden 1)

GOSPORT B 2, COMMUNITY CENTRE B 4

(J. Coburn $\frac{1}{2}$, W.D. Muir $\frac{1}{2}$; P. Eales 0, P.A. Rayment 1; P. Groth $\frac{1}{2}$, N. Colter $\frac{1}{2}$;
I. Brewerton 1, K. Reed 0; L. Ward 0, J. Baker 1; W. Portman 0, R. Davis 1)

COSHAM C $3\frac{1}{2}$, COMMUNITY CENTRE B $2\frac{1}{2}$

(S. Dean $\frac{1}{2}$, P.A. Rayment $\frac{1}{2}$; B.C. Coppin 0, K. Reed 1; A. Bowden 0, N. Colter 1;
A. Judd 1, J.G. Hindle 0; G. Train 1, J. Baker 0; S. Wilkinson 1, J. Samson 0)

Division 3 : FAREHAM C 4, POLYTECHNIC B 2

(A.J. Lancaster 0, M. Buckley 1; D.W. Coates 0, P. Sargeant 1; E.N. Judd 1,
R.D. Hough 0; R.A. Kane 1, N. Argent 0; J. Craig 1, P. Hunter 0;
R.A. Goldstone 1, J. Telfer 0)

POLYTECHNIC B 2, LEIGH PARK A 4

(M. Buckley 1, N.G. Le Fevre 0; A. Grant 0, S.D. Le Fevre 1; P. Sargeant 1,
A.D. Harris 0; R.D. Hough 0, R. Smith 1; J. Telfer 0, J. Mortlock 1;
S. Sheehan 0, J.D.J. Gatt 1)

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Division 3 (Continued)GOSPORT C $\frac{1}{2}$, PORTSMOUTH C $5\frac{1}{2}$ (P.J. Groth $\frac{1}{2}$, I.A. Welch $\frac{1}{2}$; M. Smith 0, P.K. Wells 1; P. Curson 0, P. Spurgeon 1; A. Elbourn 0, M. Vernon 1; Mrs. M. Williams 0, G.D. Scotney 1; L. Ward 0, Julia Scotney 1)PORTSMOUTH C $5\frac{1}{2}$, EMSWORTH $\frac{1}{2}$ (C. rey Groves 1, V.M. Lawrence 0; P. Spurgeon 1, B. Turner 0; G. Scotney 1, M. Chalmers 0; J. Scotney $\frac{1}{2}$, B. Cook $\frac{1}{2}$; Terri Ruff 1, T. Barron 0; Tina Ruff 1, W. Knight 0)

GOSPORT C 1, LEIGH PARK A 5

(M. Smith 0, N.G. Le Fevre 1; A. Elbourn 1, S.D. Le Fevre 0; P. Curson 0, A.D. Harris 1; R. Brierly 0, R. Smith 1; L. Ward 0, J. Mortlock 1; J. Hurley 0, J.D.J. Gatt 1)

FAREHAM C 3, PORTSMOUTH C 3

(D.W. Coates 0, P.K. Wells 1; C.V. Fairall 1, I.A. Welch 0; M. Cole 1, P. Spurgeon 0; R.A. Kane 1, M. Vernon 0; E.N. Judd 0, M. Hampton 1; R.A. Goldstone 0, T. Ruff 1)

TABLES

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<u>Division 2</u>						
Cosham B	7	6	1	$27\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{1}{2}$	13
Portsmouth B	7	4	1	26	16	9
Polytechnic A	6	4	1	$21\frac{1}{2}$	$14\frac{1}{2}$	9
Community Ctr. B	8	3	1	$22\frac{1}{2}$	$25\frac{1}{2}$	7
Fareham B	7	3	0	20	22	6
Gosport B	7	2	0	18	24	4
Cosham C	8	1	0	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$33\frac{1}{2}$	2
<u>Division 3</u>						
Portsmouth C	7	6	1	31	11	13
Fareham C	8	5	1	$28\frac{1}{2}$	$19\frac{1}{2}$	11
I.B.M. B	7	5	0	28	14	10
Leigh Park A	7	4	0	$26\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$	8
Gosport C	8	2	1	15	33	3
Emsworth	7	0	2	10	32	2
Polytechnic B	6	0	1	11	25	1

The Problem this week is a brain-tickler by Gilbert Dobbs. White (to move) mates in four moves. Solution next week.

J.E.C.G.

8; 8; 8; 2Nk4; 4N3; 3p2p1; 8; 3K2Q1