

We have a triple-tie at the end of the 7th and final round of the Portsmouth & District Individual Championship, between P.E. Littlewood, D. Smith and P.K. Wells (all with 6 points) and a play-off will be necessary. It was unfortunate that Paul Littlewood was forced to default in this round due to serious illness in his fiancée's family.

Winner of the Under-16 Hampshire Championship (Russell Trophy) was also P.K. Wells (5/6), with 4½ points from I.A. Welch, S.D. Bell, Carey Groves and I.J. Upton, and 3½ points from P.M. Spurgeon, J.A. Forder, M.E. Vernon and C. Smith. The Under-14 Girls County Championship (Jane Seymour Cup) was won by Julia Scotney (5½), followed by Terri Ruff (4½), Karen Illidge (4) and Emma Dove and Rachel Rutter (3½).

More news from the Juniors; Great Salterns are through to the final section of the Sunday Times National Schools Tournament, as although they lost the match against Godalming College by 2½ - 3½, they won on handicap (difference of three years in the average ages of the players). Detailed scores (Gt. Salterns names first) :

D.C. Spurgeon ½, T. Williams ½; S.J. George ½, N. Bowley ½; R.S. Hasselby 0, J. Shipley 1; J.L. Malley 1, T. Christmas 0; M.G. Collier 0, C. Hall 1; G.M. Fitzgerald ½, J. Hibbert ½)

Two match results from the Portsmouth Schools' League :

Division 3A : GREAT SALTERNS C 1, ST. JOHN'S C 4

(D.I. Smith 0, P.K. Wells 1; J.L. Malley 0, M.D. Smith 1; M.G. Collier 0, M.E. Vernon 1; G.M. Fitzgerald 0, M.J.P. Hampton 1; D.J. Alexander 1, T.R. Vernon 0)

Division 3B : GREAT SALTERNS D 2, WATERLOOVILLE LIBRARY 3

(G.M. Fitzgerald 0, Tina Ruff 1; D.L. Wingham 0, Trevor Ruff 1; L.F. Perkins 0, Nathan Ruff 1; B. Turner 1, P.M. Watkins 0; P. Stephens 1, Karen Illidge 0)

Results and latest Table from Division 4 of the Portsmouth League are as under.

Discerning readers will observe that John Jones, who has for some years been lost by Chess to the world of Bridge, has returned at top board for Datawork.

DATAWORK 2, LEIGH PARK B 4

(J.H. Jones 1, A.D. Harris 0; T. Atkinson 0, J. Mortlock 1; G. Mairis 0, J.D.J. Gatt 1; G. Potter 0, R. Smith 1; A. Frost 0, S. Dymel 1; M. Keating 1, R. Collins 0)

FAREHAM D 1½, LEIGH PARK B 4½

(P. Higdon 1, A.D. Harris 0; B. Massey 0, R. Smith 1; M.J. Hockey 0, J. Mortlock 1; R. Burstow ½, S. Dymel ½; D. Vail 0, J.D.J. Gatt 1; K. Irish 0, E. Poliszczuk 1)

PORTSMOUTH D 1½, PLESSEY 4½

(S. Young 0, E. Azulay 1; J. Drummond 0, D.G. Foale 1; D. Wenman ½, J. Heath ½; H. McDonald 1, R. Armstrong 0; R. Hopkinson 0, C. Thomas 1; T. Blewdon 0, G. Howells 1)

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PORTSMOUTH D $3\frac{1}{2}$, FAREHAM D $2\frac{1}{2}$

(N. Purchase $\frac{1}{2}$, P. Higdon $\frac{1}{2}$; S. Young 1, B. Massey 0; N. Miller 1, D. Coward 0; D. Wenham 0, D. Vail 1; J. Drummond 1, R. Burstow 0; - Tozer 0, J. Bennett 1)

TABLE
(Division 4)

| | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Leigh Park B | 9 | 7 | 2 | 40 | 14 | 16 |
| Plessey | 8 | 6 | 2 | $36\frac{1}{2}$ | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | 14 |
| Fareham D | 9 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 24 | 8 |
| Portsmouth D | 9 | 4 | 0 | 25 | 29 | 8 |
| Fareham E | 8 | 2 | 0 | $11\frac{1}{2}$ | $36\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 |
| Data work | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 35 | 0 |

The position shown is from one of my Correspondence Games which ended suddenly last week. My opponent (who is a piece down, but who has been trying for some time to mate me in the corner) played 26...R-Q6?? I replied 27. QxP+, whereupon to my surprise he answered 27... Resigns. On examination, I saw that he could hardly play 27...Q-B2 (because this costs him a rook) so he must play 27...K-N1. This enables White to win with the following combination:

28. RxP+! KxR; R-N1+K-R1; 30. Q-B6+K-R2; 31. Q-N7 mate. I would have liked to have said that I saw all that when I made my 27th move, but the truth is, I did not!

J.E.C.G.

2kq2rl; 1plrlp2; p7; 2p2N1p; P1Q1PP2; 2P5; 8; RR5K