

Hampshire's Girls team missed what was probably their best chance ever of becoming National Junior Champions in the B.C.F. Finals played at Birmingham. Both Surrey and Warwick were without their regular top boards and our number one board made an uncharacteristic blunder to lose her game. Lancs were then successful in their claim on an adjudication against Surrey and Hants eventually were beaten into second place on board count. A sad little story, indeed. Detailed scores:

Bd.1. Jane Seymour 0, Angela Eagle (Lancs) 1; Bd.2. Carey Groves 1, Sarah Churchill (Surrey) 0; Bd.3. Sharon Prince 1, Sarah Coupe (Warwick) 0; Bd.4. Julia Scotney 0, Mina Eaves (Warwick) 1; Bd.5. Terri Ruff 1, Caroline Lane (Surrey) 0; Bd.6. Tina Ruff 1, Elizabeth Lee (Lancs) 0.

In the play-off for the Individual Championship of the Portsmouth & District League the results were Littlewood 2, Wells 0; Littlewood 2, Smith 0; Smith $1\frac{1}{2}$, Wells $\frac{1}{2}$. Paul Littlewood thus deservedly becomes the 1977/78 Champion.

A Friendly match between Fareham Chess Club and the newly formed Co-op Chess Club resulted in a decisive win for the visitors by 9 games to 5. Fareham fielded a weak team made up of ungraded players but Co-op's performance was nevertheless praiseworthy. Scores:

Bd.1	D. Coates	0	P. McEvoy	1
Bd.2	S. Gainey	0	T.E. Hollington	1
Bd.3	R. Burstow	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Ruff	1/2
Bd.4	J.F. Cope	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. Russell	1/2 1/2
Bd.5	J.M. Bennett		H. Hills	î
Bd.6	N. Bradbury	0	Terri Ruff	1
Bd.7	P. Webb	0	D. Wenman	1
Bd.8	E.N. Judd	1	Tina Ruff	0
Bd.9	G. Cawte	0	T. Baillie	1
Bd.10	S. Bradberry	0	C. Tullett	1
Bd.11	T. Hill	1	J. Barr	0
Bd.12	A. Cripps	0	R. Colliss	1
Bd.13	L. Bradberry	1	P. Gonnella	0
Bd.14	D. Thorne	<u>1</u>	D. Embling	0
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Match results from the Under-11 section of the Portsmouth Middle Schools League :-

PURBROOK JUNIOR 4, HART PLAIN 1

(B. Morris 1, A. Tucker 0; D. Baxter 0, D. Elson 1; Gillian Morris 1, A. Cikthup 0; F. Middleton 1, D. Clark 0; T. Nicholson 1, J. Summers 0)

NAPIER 1, PURBROOK JUNIOR 4

(A. Thornhill 0, B. Morris 1; Helen Mitchley 0, Gillian Morris 1; K. Vasey 1, D. Baxter 0; P. French 0, F. Middleton 1; J. Scammells 0, T. Nicholson 1)

HART PLAIN 3, ST. JOHN'S 2

(A. Tucker 1, A. Daly 0; D. Elson 1, S. Johnson 0; A. Colthup 0, W. Houseley 1; D. Clark 0, J. Brading 1; J. Oldaker 1, J. Cook 0)

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HORNDEAN 3, WAITE END 2

(N. Blick O, S. Evans 1; N. Millard 1, Lindsay Knight 0; C. Pink 1, N. Gardner 0; K. NcPhee 1, C. Rigelsford 0; N. Atha 0, T. Guit 1)

HORNDEAN 4, PURBROOK JUNIOR 1

(N. Blick 1, D. Baxter 0; N. Millard 1, Gillian Morris 0; C. Pink 0, B. Morris 1; K. McPhee 1, F. Middleton 0; N. Atha 1, T. Nicholson 0)

PURBROOK JUNIOR 4, ST. JOHN'S 1

(D. Baxter 0, A. Daley 1; B. Morris 1, S. Johnson 0; Gillian Morris 1, W. Houseley 0; F. Middleton 1, D. Golden 0; T. Nicholson 1, J. Cooke 0)

White can win in the position shown in the diagram by 1. P-N4+ (1...QxP; 2. QxQ+ and Black loses the Bishop). Instead he plays 1. QxRP+?? no doubt thinking he can win the Bishop next move. Only after 1...K-N5 did White see that either 2. RxB or 2. Q-N6+ would be simply met by 2...K-R6 threatening unpreventable mate; so White had to resign.

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6Q1; 1bR4p; 4pp2; p4k2; 7P; 4PqP1; P4P2; 6K1.