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The final results of last season's Hampshire League competition have been much delayed because of difficulties experienced by the Tournament Conductor - not least of which was in endeavouring to persuade certain teams in the top Division to complete their programme.

The problem has been resolved by awarding a number of match wins by default. Fortunately, none of these affect the position of Southampton Chess Club as clear champions of Division 1, but the "games for and against" figures in this section were rendered meaningless and have been omitted in the Tables shown below.

Division 2 had no such troubles and Andover C.C. emerged narrow winners over Cosham.

Final Tables 1977/78

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Southampton	10	10	0	0	20
Portsmouth	10	6	0	4	12
I. O. W. A	10	5	1	4	11
Gosport	8	3	0	5	6
University	7	1	1	5	3
Polytechnic	7	0	0	7	0

<u>Division 2</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Games Average</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Andover	10	8	1	1	36	14	3.6	17
Cosham	10	8	1	1	33	17	3.3	17
Salisbury	10	5	2	3	27	23	2.7	12
Fareham	10	2	3	5	24	26	2.4	7
I. O. W. B	10	1	2	7	16	34	1.6	4
A. M. F. Leggs	10	1	1	8	14	36	1.4	3

Entry forms have now been sent to clubs for the new season, with the limit date for entry extended to 31st October.

Fareham Chess Club has a new General Secretary : R (Roger) A. Goldstone, 21 Morley Road, Portsmouth (Tel. 736473).

A good example of a win by means of forcing one or more remote passed pawns comes from the game Kotov v. Botvinnik (U.S.S.R. Championship 1955). From the diagrammed position Black plays 59...P-N4; 60. BPxP (if 60. RPxP P-R5; 61. B-Q6 B-B4; 62. P-N6 BxP; 63. P-B5 BxP; 64. KxP K-N7 and White is forced to give up his Bishop for the RP) 60...P-Q5+! 61. Pxp K-N6; 62. B-R3 KxP; 63. K-Q3 KxP; 64. K-K4 P-R5; 65. K-B3 B-Q4+ and White resigned.

J.E.C.G.

8; 8; 4blpl; 2Bp3p; 5P1P; 1pK1Pk2; 8; 8.