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Petersfield Chess Club, participating for the first time in the Portsmouth & District League this season, required some competitive practice and Fareham Chess Club obliged with a team of six players.

The result was a 3 - 3 draw and so that the Petersfield players can assess the strength of their opponents, the current gradings of the Fareham players (named first) are shown below in brackets.

Details :

Bd. 1. C. Fairall (144) 0, W. Hazelton 1; Bd. 2. R. Kane (133) 1, B. Chambers 0;
Bd. 3. K. Irish (109) 1, G. Strouts 0; Bd. 4. E. Judd (115) 0, J. Harris 1;
Bd. 5. M. Hockey (108) 1, D. Ainslie 0; Bd. 6. Susan Bradberry (-) 0, P. Dodds 1

The only two other results so far are from Division 2 of the Portsmouth & District League :-

GOSPORT B 1½, FAREHAM B 4½

(P. Groth ½, R. Perrin ½; M. Smith 0, R.C. Clark 1; A. Elbourne 0, J.E.C. Grant 1;
P. Przybycin 1, A.J. Lancashire 0; H. White 0, C.E. Frazer 1; W.E. Portman 0,
M. Cole 1)

COMMUNITY CENTRE 5½, PORTSMOUTH B ½

(A.F.C. Carter ½, M.J. Cawston ½; K. Gregory 1, G. Waring 0; W.D. Muir 1,
B.V. Cochran 0; R.R. Carter 1, R. Prince 0; P.A. Rayment 1, S. Young 0;
N. Colter 1, S. Phillips 0)

There has been recently pointed out to me a comparatively new rule in this League which had completely escaped my notice; perhaps there are others who are unaware, and so

"Rule 14 (b) (iii) : Except for a club whose first team plays in Division 3, no player whose grade is 160 or more shall play in a lower Division than Division 2"

From the position shown, White forces a win by some very clever pawn play (Smyslov v. Penrose, Amsterdam 1954).

36. P-B5 PxP+; 37. KxP N-K3; 38. P-R5 (threatening P-N6); 38...N-Q5+;
39. K-K4 N-K3; 40. P-R6+ K-N1; 41. P-N6! N-Q1 (41...PxP; 42. P-R7+
K-R1; 43. NxP mate); 42. N-Q7 R-K1+; 43. K-Q5 and Black resigns.

I am sure that readers much prefer to see something from local play than the cleverest chess artistry from the past. Can I therefore make my usual pre-season appeal to all local players to send me anything they think will be of interest? Game scores, interesting positions or even anecdotes from 'around the Clubs' will be most welcome.

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5r2; R4pk1; p5p1; 2n1N1P1; 5PKP; 8; 8; 8.