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The first round of the Individual Championship of the Portsmouth & District League takes place on Sunday, 12th November. Anyone wishing to take part who has not already entered should get in touch with the Tournament Conductor, M.J. Cawston of 18 Livingstone Road, Southsea, immediately (published closing date 5th November, but late entries will be accepted provided they are received 48 hours before the tournament starts)

The likely line-up of teams in this year's Hampshire League Competition are

Division 1 : Southampton, Portsmouth, Wight A, Southampton University and Andover.

Division 2 : Polytechnic, Salisbury, Fareham, Wight B, A.M.F. Leggs (Andover), and Cosham.

Last date for entry was extended to 31st October.

Team results from the Schools' Section of the Portsmouth & District League :

Division 2 :        BROOM FIELD A 1, PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR B 4

(A. Oakes 1, J.R. Jenkins 0; P. O'Donoghue 0, P.C. Wren 1; P. Carter 0, I.D. Giles 1; A. Stonebridge 0, G.D. Cameron 1; J. Stares 0, A.L. Jeram 1)

Division 3A :        PRIORY B 5, GREAT SALTERNS B 0

(D. Lines 1, D. Ireland 0; J. Weaver 1, G.M. Fitzgerald 0; T. Man 1, C. Garrard 0; D. Wainwright 1, P. Simon 0; S. Harrington 1, J. Lock 0)

Division 3B :        CITY OF PORTSMOUTH BOYS A 3, PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR C 2

(I.A. Welch 1, M. Osmond-Smith 0; P. Clarke 1, P.C.R. Gurney 0; M.P. Hamorak 0, A.J. Tucker 1; R.G. Maguire 1, D.I. Loten 0; S. Grainger 0, T. Gingell 1)

The position diagrammed is a composition by F.J. Prokop and White is to play and draw. Notice that to accomplish this, the Queen must offer herself as a sacrifice in three different ways :

1. QxP (N2) P-K7+; 2. K-N8 B-R7+ (if 2...P-K8 = Q; 3. Q-B3+ QxQ stalemate)
3. K-B8 B-B4+ (if 3...P-K8 = Q; 4. Q-Q2+ QxQ stalemate) 4. K-Q8 P-K8 = Q;
5. QxP+ KxQ stalemate.

J.E.C.G.

8; Q7; 8; kp6; 4b3; 4p3; 1p2Q3; 6b1