

The first round draw in the Hampshire League, for matches which are due to be played by 25th November, is

Division 1 : Southampton University v. Portsmouth and Southampton v. Andover; Isle of Wight A have the bye.

Division 2 : Fareham v. Cosham, Polytechnic v. A.M.F. Legg and Salisbury v. Isle of Wight B.

Results from the Portsmouth & District League :

Division 3 : LEIGH PARK A  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , POLYTECHNIC B  $2\frac{1}{2}$

(N.G. Le Fevre  $\frac{1}{2}$ , R.D. Hough  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; J. Mortlock 0, N.D. Argent 1; S.D. Le Fevre 1, J. May 0; M. Arnold 0, P. Holsman 1; R. Smith 1, H. Lindsay 0; R. Collins 1, B. Poole 0)

COSHAM C  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , I.B.M. B  $4\frac{1}{2}$

(B. Coppin  $\frac{1}{2}$ , S. Hicks  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; G. Train 0, A. Mackie 1; B. Williams 0, I. Upton 1; A. Judd 0, J. Liddell 1; T. Woodroffe 1, H. Oakley 0; B. Wilkinson 0, W. Kelly 1)

Division 5 : PETERSFIELD  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , CO-OP B  $3\frac{1}{2}$

(W. Hazelton  $\frac{1}{2}$ , J. Baillie  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; B. Chambers 1, Terri Ruff 0; G. Strouts 1, J. Foster 0; Default 0, K. McPhee 1; P. Dodd 0, C. Pink 1; D. Ainsie 0, P. Rossiter 1)

Polytechnic's four nominated players for their A team are P. Colwill, A.C. Grant, P. Sargeant and J. Torrealba.

Disaster struck me very recently in a Correspondence game with a Mr. R. Carter of Birmingham (who had the White pieces), which went as follows :-

1. P-K4 P-K4; 2. N-KB3 N-QB3; 3. P-Q4 PxP; 4. B-QB4 N-B3;  
5. 0-0 NxP; 6. R-K1 P-Q4; 7. BxP QxB; 8. N-QB Q-KR4; 9. NxN B-KN5??  
(9...B-K3 is the only possible correct move); 10. N-B6 dbl.+k-Q1 (Even at this stage I was so upset at the thought of losing my Q, I quite overlooked the mate next move) 11. R-K8 mate.

Last week, I recorded my surprise at discovering that I first played Roy Carter, of Community Centre, over 25 years ago. The position shown arose from the game between A.F. Langley (who had the White pieces) and myself in the match Cosham B v. Fareham on 11th March 1952. It is interesting that we are still playing for the same Clubs after all this time.

From the position reached, I played 28...R(B1)-B6?, giving myself the question mark and a note "the obvious move is 28...NxP!". After 28 years, I can only think that I overlooked the fact that my QR was en prise, so the agreed draw that resulted after the following 6 more moves was probably fair -

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29. N-N5 R-N6; 30. P-R4 N-K2; 31. B-B7 N-Q2; 32. KR-K1 N-QB3;  
33. KR-QB1 N-R4; 34. B-K5 N-B5.

This was all before grading was thought of, so whether or not we are better players now is open to question. What is certain is that it is well worth keeping (and indexing) all one's games.

J.E.C.G.

2r3kl; N4ppp; lp3nnl; 3p4; 3P2P1; P3rPB1; 6P1; R4RK1