CHESS NOTES

The Individual Championship of the Portsmouth & District League got away to a smooth start with 32 players participating in round one. Detailed results:

S.F. Phillips 0, M.J. Cawston 1; A. Daley 1, P. Thompson 0; I.A. Welch $\frac{1}{2}$, Carey Groves $\frac{1}{2}$; A.D. Crossin 1, P. Rossiter 0; G.T. Baillie 0, G.E.J. Lambert 1; C. Pink 0, D. Smith 1; N. Colter 1, P.A. Rayment 0; A.R. Cullinane 1, S.F. Young 0; M.J.P. Hampton 0, D.J. Scotney 1; B.V. Cochran $\frac{1}{2}$, Julia Scotney $\frac{1}{2}$; Jane Seymour 1, H. Hills 0; M.G.Arnold 0, Terri Ruff 1; S. Russell 1, Katie Vasey 0; K.D.F. Gregory 1, G. Scotney 0; P.K. Wells v. A.J. Peters adjourned.

Match results:

Division 1: COSHAM A $4\frac{1}{2}$, GOSPORT $1\frac{1}{2}$

(A.F. Brameld 1, J.F.C. Charvill 0; D. Smith 1, J. Coburn 0; C.W. Bryan $\frac{1}{2}$, W.J.E. Yeeles $\frac{1}{2}$; S. Dean 1, C. Trotter 0; A.D. Crossin 0, P.J. Eales 1; P. McEvoy 1, P. Groth 0)

COSHAM B $2\frac{1}{2}$, I.B.M. A $3\frac{1}{2}$

(D. Gibson $\frac{1}{2}$, W. McDougall $\frac{1}{2}$; A.F. Langley $\frac{1}{2}$, J.F. Wheeler $\frac{1}{2}$; C.F. Abercrombie 0, R.E. Hartley 1; V. Harrison 1, S. Hicks 0; B.C. Coppin 0, I. Upton 1; G. Train $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Liddell $\frac{1}{2}$)

GOSPORT A 2, PORTSMOUTH A 4

(J.F.T. Charvill 0, C. Zuidema 1; W.J.E. Yeeles 0, G. Lambert 1; J. Coburn 1, A. Cullinane 0; P.J. Eales 0, M.J. Cawston 1; C. Trotter 1, P. Wells 0; W.E. Portman 0, I. Welch 1)

Division 4: FAREHAM D $4\frac{1}{2}$, EMSWORTH A $1\frac{1}{2}$

(P. Higdon 1, V.M. Lawrence 0; S. Gainey 1, M. Danks 0; R.A. Goldstone 1, B. Turner 0; D. Vella 1, M. Chalmers 0; M.J. Hockey 0, P. Durkee 1; J. Craig $\frac{1}{2}$, P. Robinson $\frac{1}{2}$)

PORTSMOUTH D $1\frac{1}{2}$, PLESSEY B $3\frac{1}{2}$

(C. Hodgson 0, D. Foale 0; T. Cook 0, C. Wheatley 1; S. Phillips 0, G. Howells 1; T. Atkinson $\frac{1}{2}$, A. Ball $\frac{1}{2}$; N. Miller 1, S. Nairn 0; M. Curley 0, C. Thomas 1 - the game Hodgson v. Foale being recorded 0-0 because the latter, who won, becomes the first to be penalised under the new rule 14b(3).)

EMSWORTH A $2\frac{1}{2}$, LEIGH PARK B $3\frac{1}{2}$

This is a correction of the result previously recorded as a win for Leigh Park $1\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$. The game B. Turner v. A.D. Harris was awarded as a win for Turner, as Harris is registered for play only in the A team.

Division 5: CO-OP C $2\frac{1}{2}$, I.B.M. C $3\frac{1}{2}$

(S. Russell 0, P. Burns 1; H. Hills $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Cakley $\frac{1}{2}$; C. Tullett 0, B. Pratt 1; Sue Johnson 0, F. Savage 1; Karen Illidge 1, D. Myers 0; Catherine Vasey 1, A. Simmons 0)

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Entry forms and full details are now available from the County Junior Organiser, Terry Hollington, for the following Junior Championship Tournaments, which are to be held at John Hansons School, Croye Close, Andover, as under:

Under-16 Open (for the Russell Trophy) - Saturday and Sunday, 9/10 December

Under-14 Girls (for the Jane Seymour Cup) and the Under-18 Open (for the Bullows Trophy) - both on Saturday and Sunday, 13/14 January.

This week's position has been sent to me by Harold Davies of Gosport Chess Club and arose from one of his recent local games. Black, a pawn down, is to move and wishes to avoid the exchange of rooks, especially as his bishop has far less scope than White's knight. Moreover, the bishop can soon be driven from its present square, and has no flight unless the Black rook moves. If it goes from the back rank, then White's R-Q8 compels its return. The question is, therefore, has Black a better move than the one he now plays?

39...R-KR1; 40. K-K4 P-KR4; 41. PxP PxP; 42. P-KB5 B-B1; 43. P-KR4 K-R3; 44. R-KN2 P-N4; 45. R-KN5 B-N2+; 46. K-B4 P-N5; 47. RxP+K-N2; 48. RxR and Black resigns.

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2r5; 1p3pk1; p3bNpp; 4P3; 5PP1; 1P2K3; P2R3P; 8.