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Results of local Clubs in the first round of the National Club Championship (no details as yet):

Portsmouth 4, Parkstone 2
Fareham 2, Southampton University 4
Cosham 4, Chichester 2

Fareham, the only local Club to be knocked out in round 1, will now participate in the B.C.F. Plate Competition.

Counties' Championship results from the West of England Chess Union:

Wiltshire 7, Cornwall 9
Dorset 5, Gloucester 11
Devon 9, Somerset 7
Gloucester 13½, Cornwall 2½
Devon 9½, Wiltshire 3½

Minor Counties:

Dorset 2 5½, Gloucester 2 10½
Devon 2 11, Somerset 2 5
Gloucester 2 11½ Cornwall 2 3½

I understand that Hampshire lost the Championship match v. Somerset, but won their minor Counties match. We also won the more recent Championship match v. Cornwall but details are not yet available.

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

Division 2: Broomfield 2, Gt. Salterns A 3

(A. Oakes 0, D.C. Spurgeon 1; A. Stonebridge 0, J.L. Malley 1; P. Carter 0, M.G. Collier 1; J. Stares 1, D. Watson 0; P. O'Donoghue 1, D. Ireland 0.)

St. John's B 4, Priory 1

(No details).

Division 3 A: Gt. Salterns B 0, Waterlooville B 5

(D. Ireland 0, P. Rossiter 1; P.M. Simon 0, Caroline Hallett 1; Tracey Phillips 0, G. Rees 1; C. Garrard 0, F.J. Middleton 1; J. Lock 0, P.M. Watkins 1).

Division 3 B: Portsmouth Grammar C 3½, St. Luke's 1½

(P.C.R. Gurney 0, Julia Scotney 1; M. Osmond-Smith ½, Heather Waring ½; A.J. Tucker 1, H. Newman 0; D.I. Loten 1, J. McKeen 0; D. Sutton 1, J. Byles 0).

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Division 1: Cosham B 1½, Cosham A 4½

(D. Gibson 0, A.F. Brameld 1; D. Harold ½, D. Smith ½; A.F. Langley 0, C.W. Bryan 1; V. Harrison 0, S. Dean 1; G.F. Abercrombie 0, P.J. McEvoy 1; G. Train 1, S. Wilkinson 0).

Cosham A $1\frac{1}{2}$, Portsmouth A $4\frac{1}{2}$

(A.F. Brameld 1, A. J. Peters 0; D. Smith 0, A.R. Cullinane 1; S. Dean $\frac{1}{2}$, M.J. Cawston $\frac{1}{2}$; A.D. Crossin 0, P. Wells 1; P.J. McEvoy 0, Cary Groves 1; M. Sales 0, I.A. Welch 1.).

Gosport A 4, Cosham B 2

(J.F.T. Charvill 0, D. Gibson 1; W.J.E. Yeeles 1, D. Harold 0; P. Groth $\frac{1}{2}$, A.F. Langley $\frac{1}{2}$; J. Coles 1, V. Harrison 0; C.W. Trotter 1, G.F. Abercrombie 0; H.E. Davies $\frac{1}{2}$, B.C. Coppin $\frac{1}{2}$.).

Fareham A $2\frac{1}{2}$, Gosport A $3\frac{1}{2}$

(M. Newbury 0, J.F.T. Charvill 1; W.H. Pratten $\frac{1}{2}$, W.J.E. Yeeles $\frac{1}{2}$; M.M. Street $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Coburn $\frac{1}{2}$; D.C. Goddard $\frac{1}{2}$, C. Trotter $\frac{1}{2}$; W.H. Silber $\frac{1}{2}$, P.J. Eales $\frac{1}{2}$; T.J. de Buriatte $\frac{1}{2}$, P. Groth $\frac{1}{2}$.).

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

(G. Lambert 1, W. McDougal 0; A.J. Peters 0, J.F. Wheeler 1; A.R. Cullinane $\frac{1}{2}$, J.M. Morris $\frac{1}{2}$; M.J. Cawston 0, R.E. Hartley 1; D. Scotney 1, I. Upton 0; P. Wells 0, S. Hicks 1.).

Table (Division 1)

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Portsmouth A	4	3	0	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$	6
Cosham A	4	3	0	14	10	6
IBM A	3	2	0	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$	4
Gosport A	4	2	0	11	13	4
Fareham A	3	0	1	8	10	1
Cosham B	4	0	1	9	15	1

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? The game proceeded 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.

