

With play in the Senior Section of the Portsmouth & District League now at the half-way stage, there have been some interesting movements in the Tables. The win of Fareham A over Cosham A not only takes Fareham out of the doldrums of Division 1, it very nearly puts Gosport A into second place.

New entrant, Co-op A, is making a strong bid for promotion from Division 4, whilst another new-comer to this competition, Petersfield, is more than holding its own in Division 5.

Detailed results:

Division 1: Fareham A  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , Cosham A  $2\frac{1}{2}$

(W.H. Pratten 0, A.F. Brameld 1; M.L. Newbury 1, D. Smith 0; M.M. Street 1, C.W. Bryan 0; W.H. Silber 0, S. Dean 1; D.C. Goddard  $\frac{1}{2}$ , A.D. Crossin  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; R.C. Clark 1, P.J. McEvoy 0.)

Portsmouth A 5, Cosham B 1

(G.E.J. Lamber  $\frac{1}{2}$ , D. Gibson  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; A.R. Cullinane  $\frac{1}{2}$ , I.C. Kemp  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; A.J. Peters 1, D. Harold 0; M. Cawston 1, A.F. Langley 0; P. Wells 1, G.F. Abercrombie 0; I. Welch 1, B.C. Coppin 0.)

Division 2: Community Centre A 4, Portsmouth C 2

(K.D.F. Gregory 1, P.K. Wells 0; A.F. Carter 1, I. Welch 0; W.D. Muir  $\frac{1}{2}$ , M. Vernon  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; R. Carter 1, P.M. Spurgeon 0; N. Colter  $\frac{1}{2}$ , M. Hampton  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; P.A. Rayment 0, C. Smith 1.)

Division 3: Fareham C 3, Leigh Park A 3

(K. Reed  $\frac{1}{2}$ , N. G. Le Fevre  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; A. Wykes  $\frac{1}{2}$ , J. Mortlock  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; C.V. Fairall 1, S. Dymel 0; D.C. Coates 1, M. Arnold 0; E.N. Judd 0, R. Smith 1; R. Kane 0, R. Collins 1.)

Cosham C  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , Plessey A  $4\frac{1}{2}$

(M. Sales 0, F.G. Dingwall 1; B. Coppin  $\frac{1}{2}$ , R.T.F. Williams  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; G. Train 1, J. Heath 0; T. Woodroffe 0, D.G. Foale 1; A. Judd 0, E. Azulay 1; B. Williams 0, G. Howells 1.)

Division 4: Fareham D  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , Fareham E  $1\frac{1}{2}$

(B. Massey 1, T. Marsh 0; P. Higdon 1, K. Reed 0; R. Goldstone 1, B. Lomas 0; D. Vella 1, R.G. Warwick 0; J. Craig 0, J.F. Cope 1; J. Bennett  $\frac{1}{2}$ , T. Griffin  $\frac{1}{2}$ .)

/Continued .....

Portsmouth D  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , CO-OP A  $3\frac{1}{2}$ 

(G. Waring 0, J. Baillie 1; S.F. Young  $\frac{1}{2}$ , T.E. Hollington  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; C. Smith 1, B. O'Neill 0; C. Hodgson 1, R. Riley 0; Julia Scotney 0, S. Russell 1; S.F. Phillips 0, Terri Ruff 1.)

Division 5 : Petersfield 6, Fareham F 0

W. Hazelton 1, D. Sheppard 0; G. Strout 1, S. Gainey 0; B. Chambers 1, P. Webb 0; J. Harris 1, Sue Bradberry 0; P. Dodd 1, Lynda Bradberry 0; D. Airsbie 1, M. Wareham 0.)

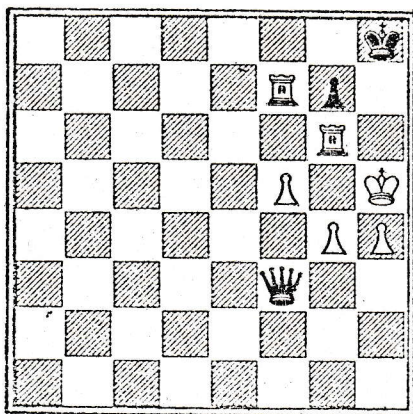
TABLES

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<u>Division 1 :</u>						
Portsmouth A	5	4	0	$19\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	8
Cosham A	5	3	0	$16\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$	6
Gosport A	5	3	0	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$	6
I.B.M. A	5	2	1	15	15	5
Fareham A	5	1	2	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$	4
Cosham B	5	0	1	10	20	1
<u>Division 2 :</u>						
Community Ctr. A	5	5	0	23	7	10
Portsmouth C	5	4	0	18	12	8
Polytechnic A	5	2	1	$13\frac{1}{2}$	$16\frac{1}{2}$	5
Fareham B	5	2	0	14	16	4
Portsmouth B	5	1	1	12	18	3
Gosport B	5	0	0	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$20\frac{1}{2}$	0
<u>Division 3 :</u>						
Plessey A	5	5	0	23	7	10
I.B.M. B	4	3	0	15	9	6
Fareham C	5	1	2	$16\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$	4
Cosham C	5	1	2	$14\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$	4
Leigh Park A	5	1	2	11	19	4
Polytechnic B	4	0	0	4	20	0
<u>Division 4 :</u>						
Co-op A	5	5	0	23	7	10
Plessey B	6	5	0	$22\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$	10
Portsmouth D	6	3	1	$18\frac{1}{2}$	$16\frac{1}{2}$	7
Fareham D	5	3	0	$17\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$	6
Leigh Park B	5	2	0	14	16	4
Fareham E	7	1	0	15	27	2
Emsworth A	6	0	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$27\frac{1}{2}$	1

/Continued .....

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<u>Division 5 :</u>						
I.B.M. C	4	4	0	17	7	8
Co-op B	5	4	0	19	11	8
Petersfield	5	3	0	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
Co-op C	5	2	0	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
Emsworth B	3	0	0	3	15	0
Fareham F	4	0	0	2	22	0

The position is from the game Bonham v Hooper, Hastings 1953, which went 1. R-B8 + (Black can easily form stalemate if either White rook takes the pawn) 1. .... K-R2; 2. P-B6? Q-Q4 +; 3. R-N5 (3. P-N5 Q-B6 mate) 3. .... P-N3 and brings off a rather clever mate. The point is - can White possibly do better than draw ?



J.E.C.G.