



White (to move), cannot prevent Black winning.

Championship Issue Gets Wider and Wider

FAREHAM could only manage to draw the vital match against Cosham, and, as a glance at the Tables will show, the Championship issue in the Portsmouth and District League is now more open than ever.

Portsmouth have yet to play R.N.P.L. whilst the score in the match Cosham "A" v. Portsmouth Grammar School stands at 2-1 in Cosham's favour with two games still in the hands of the Adjudicator.

Any one of the three leading teams are therefore still in a position to win the title and never before has there been such a close and exciting finish in this Tournament.

In Division 2, Fareham "B" move up into second place, and in Division 3, Fareham "C" have displaced St John's "B" at the top of the table.

Play has not yet recommenced in the School's Section, but there is one belated result from last term which has only just come to hand and which improves the position of Technical High "B" in Division 2.

RESULTS

SENIOR SECTION

Division 1: Cosham "A" 2½, Fareham "A" 2½ (G. Richardson 0, W. 1½, Pratton 1, R. L. Paige 1, P. J. Caffrell 0, S. C. Noko ½, de Buriatte ½, C. F. Way 1, A. S. La Lond 0, A. D. Crossin 0, W. C. Martin 1).

Division 2: Fareham "B" 3½, Cosham "B" 1½ (G. Farmer 1, Default 0, A. J. Evans 1, M. Leggitt 1, F. Garner 1, R. P. L. Pett 0, G. D. Ratter 0, S. Lamb 1, T. Bayliss ½, J. Hodgkinson ½).

Division 3: Fareham "C" 4½, Cyanamid "B" 1½ (D. A. Blossom 1, B. Davies 0, R. Tyack 1, N. H. J. Wood 0, T. Bayliss ½, A. Yarrow ½, P. Willcocks 1, C. Mills 0, G. Houghton 1, B. Hooper 0), Gosport "B" 1 (C. J. Campion 1, Default 0, F. Woods 1, Default 0, E. J. Carty 1, P. Bennett 0, J. E. Smith 0, J. Stratton 1, B. J. Press 1, S. G. Lucas 0), Gosport "B" 1, Fareham "C" 4 (D. Bying 0, D. A. Blossom 1, P. Bennett 0, R. Tyack 1, Mrs. L. Clear 0, B. A. Keen 1, J. Stratton 1, C. Pines 0, S. G. Lucas 0, G. Houghton 1).

Schools' Section.—Division 2: Technical High "B" 4, Fareham Sec. 1 (Tech. High team.—C. Davis 1, Robertson 1, D. Riddell 1, J. Brindle 1, R. Bowyer 1. Details of Fareham Sec. team not available).

TABLES

SENIOR SECTION

Division 1					
	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "A"	10	5	2	29	7
Portsmouth "A"	9	6	0	28½	6
Cosham "A"	9	5	2	27	6
R.N.P.L.	9	3	3	25	4½
Comm. Ctr.	9	2	1	15½	2½
Ports. Gramm "A"	8	1	0	9	1
Division 2					
	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth "B"	10	9	0	34½	9
Fareham "B"	9	6	—	27½	6
Gosport "A"	9	5	0	27	5
St John's "A"	10	5	0	26½	5
Cosham "B"	9	2	0	14½	2
De Havilland "A"	9	1	0	10	1
Division 3					
	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "C"	9	7	2	31½	8
St John's "B"	10	7	0	32	7
Portsmouth "C"	10	4	3	28	5½
De Havilland "B"	9	4	1	21	4½
Gosport "B"	9	2	2	19	3
Cyanamid "B"	9	0	0	10½	0

SCHOOLS' SECTION

Division 1					
	P	W	D	G	P
St John's "C"	7	6	1	24½	6½
Prices "A"	6	5	1	21½	5½
Ports. Gramm "B"	7	3	0	18	1
Gosp. Gramm "A"	5	1	1	10	1
Purbrook "A"	1	0	0	6	0
Division 2					
	P	W	D	G	P
St John's "D"	8	7	0	31½	7
Tech. High "A"	7	4	0	29	4½
Portchester Mod.	6	4	1	19½	4½
Gosp. Gramm "B"	6	2	0	12	2
Purbrook "B"	7	0	0	7	0
Division 3					
	P	W	D	G	P
St John's "E"	7	7	0	31	7
St John's "F"	7	5	0	26½	5
Ports. Gramm "C"	5	2	0	13½	3
Tech. High "B"	5	2	0	11	2
Gosp. Gramm "C"	6	2	0	11	2
Purbrook "C"	6	1	1	9½	1½
Fareham Sec.	4	1	0	4	1
Prices "B"	6	0	1	7½	½

In the Individual Championship of the Portsmouth and District League, 23 players go into the final round with P. M. Collins (Portsmouth Grammar) and Dr. A. J. Pointon (Portsmouth) sharing the lead with 5½ points each.

Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth), J. H. Jones (Gosport) and G. Richardson (Cosham) all have five points but must rely on the game Collins v. Pointon being a draw if they are to have a chance for the title.

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

The Young Pompeians beat Portsmouth and are now only half a point behind Fareham with a match in hand. This is against Woolston and they need only a draw to secure the Hampshire League title and trophy.

Scores: Portsmouth, 2; Young Pompeians 3 (Dr. A. J. Pointon 1, M. J. Dymond 0, Lt. D. K. Butler 0, P. M. Collins 1, W. Makar 0, A. E. Bramwell 1, J. P. Price ½, M. March ½, D. M. Heywood ½, J. H. Jones ½).

TABLE

	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham	8	6	0	25	6
Young Pompeians	8	5	1	25	5½
Portsmouth	8	5	0	25½	5
Southampton	7	3	1	17	3½
Cosham	6	3	0	15	3
Bournemouth	6	3	0	15	2
Woolston	6	3	0	14½	2
Salisbury	7	2	0	14	2
Andover	7	1	0	8	1

In the County Individual Championship Tournament, pairings for the seventh and final round (with scores to date in brackets) are: Thompson (3½) v. Edmonds (1); Vine (1½) v. Henshaw (3½); Russell (3½) v. Hardins (4); Hollington (3) v. Barton (2); Marshall (2) v. Wells (2); Smith (2) v. Hocking (1½); Brameld (3) v. Valler (2½).

PROBLEM

The key move in last week's problem by Mr. W. E. Caine was Q-B5.

This week we have a position from local play that went for Adjudication. It arose in the game R. P. L. Pett (Cosham) v. A. E. Garner (Fareham) in the recent Second Division Portsmouth League match, and provides an interesting example of a forced win by Black in the end-game.

The Adjudicator's "key moves" will be published next week.

LATE NEWS

Hampshire League. — Young Pompeians won 5-0 (by default) against Woolston.
Portsmouth League. — Portsmouth Grammar "A" 1, Cosham "A" 4.

Many Terrorists Killed In Angola