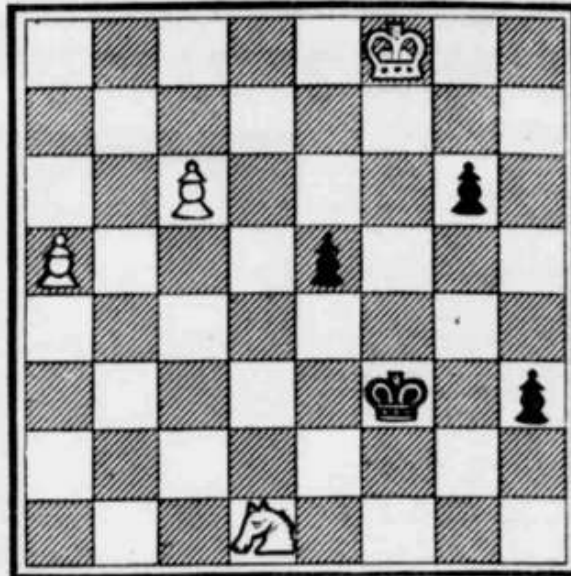


Chess Notes

Portsmouth Club Likely Champions

BLACK (4 PIECES)

WHITE (4 PIECES)



White to play and win.

TWO local teams obtained convincing wins in the Hampshire League competition last week, and it now looks quite likely that some club in the Portsmouth area will be this season's champions.

If this happens, it must be for the first time for a good many years and will be yet another indication of the steadily mounting enthusiasm for the game in this part of the county.

The detailed scores are:
Southampton 1½, Fareham 3½.
(J. Valler 0, P. J. Cartmell 1; G. L. Pritchard 0, T. de Burriatte 1; P. L. Marshall ½, A. S. La Lond ½; H. L. Parsons ½, G. W. S. Goggin ½; A. C. Barton ½, R. Tyack ½).

Andover 0, Portsmouth 5. (C. H. Henshaw 0, Dr. A. J. Pointon 1; S. L. Russell 0, Dr. B. G. Wells 1; W. A. Howard 0, Lieut. D. K. Butler 1; G. D. Young 0, W. Makar 1; J. Haines 0, D. M. Heywood 1).

	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham	5	4	0	15½	4
Portsmouth	4	3	0	15	3
Bournemouth	4	3	0	10	3
Young Pompeians	3	2	0	8½	2
Southampton	4	2	0	9½	2
Woolston	4	1	0	8½	1
Salisbury	4	1	0	8	1
Cosham	4	1	0	7½	1
Andover	4	1	0	6½	1

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

Our local clubs have rejoined battle after the Christmas break and Cosham are now ahead of Portsmouth by the narrowest of possible margins in Division I of the Portsmouth and District League.

Division II shows Fareham 'B' improving their position slightly, while in Division III, Fareham 'C' move to the top.

SENIOR SECTION

Division I.—R.N.P.L. 2, Portsmouth 'A' 3. (A. F. Brameld 0, Dr. A. J. Pointon 1; W. J. Eaton ½, Dr. B. G. Wells ½; P. J. Colson 1, M. Dymond 0; H. W. Tripp 0, Lieut. D. K. Butler 1; E. Taylor ½, D. M. Heywood ½).

Division II.—Fareham 'B' 3½, Gosport 'A' 1½. (J. Grant 0; J. H. Jones 1; A. J. Evans 1, J. Hardcastle 0; E. G. Potter ½, A. D. Dosssett ½; G. D. Ratter 1, A. Wallis 0; A. F. Garner 1, H. J. Taylor 0).

Division III.—Cyanamid 'B' 1, Fareham 'C' 4. (R. Ruddle 0, D. A. Blossom 1; C. Mills 0, B. Keen 1; T. Thomas 0, R. Tyack 1; A. Yarrow 0, F. Gay 1; B. Hooper 1, Mrs. Gay 0).

Gosport 'B' 3, Cyanamid 'B' 2. (H. W. Tripp ½, B. Davies ½; R. Clark ½, N. H. J. Wood ½; D. J. Byng 1, A. Yarrow 0; P. B. Bennett ½, R. Rudgely ½; Mrs. L. Clear ½, C. Mills ½).

TABLES

	P	W	D	G	P
Cosham 'A'	5	4	0	17	4
Portsmouth 'A'	5	4	0	16½	4
Fareham 'A'	5	2	1	12	2½
R.N.P.L.	5	1	2	17	2
Ports. Gramm 'A'	4	1	0	5½	1
Comm. Centre	4	0	0	7	0½

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth 'B'	4	4	0	15	4
Fareham 'B'	5	4	0	17	4
Gosport 'A'	4	3	0	13	3
Cosham 'B'	4	1	0	6½	1
De Havilland 'A'	4	1	0	5	1
St John's 'A'	5	0	0	8½	0

	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham 'C'	4	3	1	14½	3½
St John's 'B'	4	3	0	13	3
Gosport 'B'	5	2	2	14½	2
Portsmouth 'C'	4	1	2	9	2
De Havilland 'B'	4	1	1	7½	1½
Cyanamid 'B'	5	0	0	6½	0

In the Portsmouth and District Individual Tournament further fourth round results are Pointon 0 Richardson 1; and Paige 1 La Lond 0.

SCHOOL CHESS

It is understood that Cmdr. A. J. Peters, who is among the top six boards in Hampshire's County team, is now on the staff of Southern Grammar School. There is a thriving Chess Club in existence there and they already have one strong player in M. March.

Having an experienced and expert instructor at hand makes all the difference to a School Chess Group, and without doubt, we shall be hearing a lot more of Southern Grammar in the local chess world before long.

PROBLEM

The key move in last week's problem by Mr. W. E. Caine was K-N3.

Here we have published a rather remarkable End-Game study composed some years ago by Mr. W. H. Patten of Fareham. From the diagrammed position, the game proceeds quietly enough with:

1. P-B7, P-R7; 2. P-B8(Q), P-R8(O). Then the fireworks start—3. Q-N4+! KxQ (forced); 4. N-B7+; K-B5; 5. N x O; P-K5; 6. P-R6, P-E6; P-R7, P-K7.

The remaining moves in this interesting solution will be published next week.