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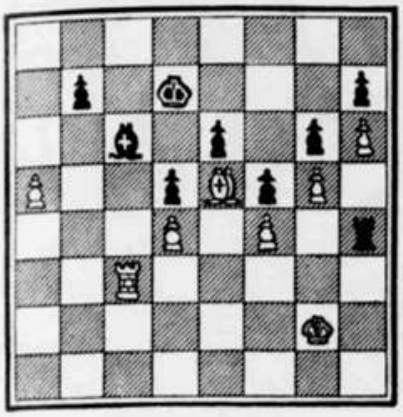

Major Championship Issues Resolved

THE two major championship issues have finally been resolved—Young Pompeians are champions of Hampshire, and Portsmouth Chess Club regain the championship of Portsmouth and District.

This has been a truly remarkable season, with the tension maintained right up to the last moment in both competitions.

For a while, no doubt, both Fareham and Portsmouth had visions of securing the "double," but they must rest content that the Hampshire League Trophy has at last come to the Portsmouth district.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

Portsmouth "A" and Cosham "A" secured 4-1 wins in their last matches of the season, and the final table is Portsmouth, Cosham and Fareham, with only 2½ game points separating them. This is the closest finish recorded in this competition.

Gosport "A" beat Fareham "B" to win championship in Division II, while Fareham "C" won their final match to become Third Division Champions by two clear points.

In the Schools Section, Portsmouth Grammar School beat Gosport Grammar and complete their programme in Section "A" with "half-marks."

RESULTS

SENIOR SECTION

Division I.—Portsmouth Grammar "A" 1, Cosham "A" 4 (P. M. Collins 4, R. L. Page 1; J. F. Watson 4, G. Richardson 1; I. Moore 4, C. F. Ware 1; C. Gobble 4, S. C. Nuke 1; I. Marsell 1, T. Hillington ½). Portsmouth "A" 4, R.N.P.L. 1 (Dr. A. J. Phillips 1; A. F. Brunold 4, M. Dymond 1; W. J. Eaton 4; W. Maher 1, P. Collins 4; M. March 1, J. H. Jones 4; D. M. Heywood 4, H. J. Taylor 1).

Division II.—Gosport "A" 3, Fareham "B" 1 (J. H. Jones 1, G. W. S. Knight 4; J. Handcastle ½, J. Grant 3; A. Clark ½, F. G. Potter ½; H. J. Taylor 4, A. F. Garrod 1; G. Mitchell 1, T. H. Bayliss 4).

Division III.—Dr. Hawklands "B" 3½, Fareham "C" 2½ (F. Woods 4, R. Tiack 1; J. Simmons 4, D. A. Simons 1; D. Walker 4, C. Pinto 1; R. Fisher ½, G. Houghton ½; S. Nevin 1, Default 4).

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I (Section "A").—Gosport Grammar "A" 1½, Portsmouth Grammar "B" 3½ (R. Jones 4, P. M. Collins 1; C. Pringle ½, D. Watson ½; Marsom 1, A. Fulton 4; W. Fates 4, C. Gobble 1; G. Williams 4, I. Marsell 1).

SENIOR SECTION

Division I

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth "A"	10	7	0	27½	7
Cosham "A"	10	6	2	31	7
Fareham "A"	10	6	2	30	7
R.N.P.L.	10	3	2	26	4½
Cosham "B"	9	2	1	15½	2½
Portsmouth Grammar "A"	9	1	0	10	1

Division II

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth "B"	10	8	0	34½	8
Gosport "A"	10	6	0	30	6
Fareham "B"	10	5	0	29½	5
W. Eaton "A"	10	3	0	21½	3
Cosham "B"	9	2	0	14½	2
Dr. Hawkhands "A"	9	1	0	10	1

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "C"	10	8	2	35	8
W. Eaton "B"	10	7	0	32	7
Portsmouth "C"	10	4	3	28	3½
Dr. Hawkhands "B"	10	4	1	27½	4½
Gosport "B"	9	2	0	19	2
Cosham "B"	9	0	0	10½	0

SCHOOLS' SECTION

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	G	P
W. Eaton "C"	7	6	1	24½	6½
Portsmouth "A"	7	5	1	22½	5½
Portsmouth Grammar "B"	7	4	0	21½	4
Gosport Grammar "A"	7	1	0	11½	1
Portsmouth "B"	7	0	0	6	0

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	G	P
W. Eaton "D"	7	7	0	31½	7
Portsmouth "A"	7	4	1	26	4½
Portsmouth Mat.	7	4	1	26½	4½
Gosport Grammar "B"	7	1	0	17	1
Portsmouth "B"	7	0	0	7	0

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	G	P
W. Eaton "E"	7	7	0	31	7
W. Eaton "F"	7	5	0	26½	5
Portsmouth Grammar "C"	7	4	0	22½	4
Portsmouth "C"	7	3	0	21	3
Gosport Grammar "C"	7	3	0	21	3
Portsmouth "D"	7	1	0	9½	1½
Fareham Tec.	7	1	0	9	1
Portsmouth "E"	7	0	1	7½	½

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

It came as something of an anticlimax that the Young Pompeians clinched the championship title by a narrow margin. But this does not detract from their magnificent achievement of winning this competition at the first attempt.

In their matches they conceded only one point—a loss to Fareham and a drawn match against Southampton.

Meanwhile, Cosham improved their position following a useful win against Southampton, and the one remaining game to whose is to see whether our Cosham friends can take the first four places in the final table.

RESULTS

Young Pompeians 5, Woolston 0. (By default, Woolston unable to raise a travel). Cosham 4, Southampton 1 (G. Richardson 1; J. Valler ½; R. L. Page 1; D. A. Rawdon ½; S. C. Nuke ½; H. L. Parsons ½; A. D. Cronin ½; Default ½; T. Hollington ½; A. C. Burton ½). Woolston 2, Bournemouth 3 (M. Thompson ½; D. K. Bryce ½; A. Edmonds 1; E. W. Chandler ½; M. D. Thomson 0; S. H. C. Lucas 1; H. G. Dell ½; A. Pike ½; Miss G. Moore 0; S. J. Tilry 1).

Correction of result previously published: Salisbury 1, Young Pompeians 4 (P. M. Collins lost on time to F. S. Scanz).

TABLE

	P	W	D	G	P
Young Pompeians	8	6	1	28	6½
Fareham	8	6	0	25	6
Portsmouth	8	5	0	25½	5
Cosham	7	4	0	19	4
Bournemouth	7	4	0	16	4
Southampton	6	3	1	18	3½
Salisbury	7	2	0	15	2
Woolston	8	2	0	10½	2
Andover	7	1	0	8	1

PROBLEM

The Adjudicator's analysis in last week's "End-Game" study was:

1. P — R4 P — R4 ! (or 1. K — G5. 1. P. — N4 ?)
2. P x P K — B4

This week we have an interesting position arrived at in a recent game between J. H. Jones (Gosport) and D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth).

Heywood (black) is a pawn up and has the move.

Because any other move appears to lose, he is forced to play . . . R — N5+. White cannot afford to let his opponent's rook go free and so is obliged to play K — B2. Thereupon, we reach a draw by repetition, black alternating between N5 and R5 and White between B2 and N2.