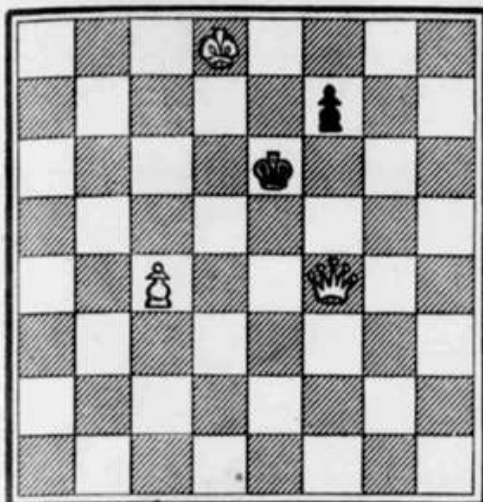


Chess Notes

Problem by W. E. CAINE (SOUTHSEA)
BLACK (Two Pieces)



WHITE (Three Pieces)
White to move and mate in two.

Young Pompeians Silence Critics

OUR local team of "teenagers," the Young Pompeians, were in devastating form when they met Salisbury, and are making a very determined bid for the Hampshire League title. The vital match in this competition is Portsmouth v. Young Pompeians, the result of which should be available next week.

The Young Pompeians came into being only this season and their creation was something in the nature of a protest by a group of "Angry Young Men." Feeling frustrated that they were not being taken seriously enough by the older players (who pick the teams!), they got together and formed a team of their own with the intention of proving their ability.

There were some misgivings among the more conservative elements of the local chess world, but it may as well be said that the youngsters have already more than proved their point.

If they now manage to gain the championship in their first season, it will be a very remarkable achievement indeed.

Result.—Salisbury 9, Young Pompeians 3 (P. S. Scanes 9, P. M. Collins 1; W. Watson 8, M. J. Dymond 1; J. D. Herring 8, A. F. Brameld 1; C. Lingard 8, M. March 1; G. Collins 8, J. H. Jones 1)

	P.	W.	D.	G.	P.
Fareham	8	6	9	23	6
Portsmouth	7	5	8	23½	3
Young Pompeians	6	4	1	22	4½
Southampton	7	2	1	27	2½
Cosham	6	3	8	15	3
Bournemouth	6	3	8	13	3
Woolston	6	2	8	14½	2
Salisbury	7	2	8	14	2
Andover	7	1	8	1	1

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

There have been no match results reported during the week. In the Individual Championship the pairings for the final round have been delayed because of the postponement of certain key games in the penultimate round.

Seventh round results so far to hand are:—Wells 9, Panton 1; Hollington 8, Collins 1; Paige 1, Adams 8; Watson 1, Comben 9; Evans 1, Smith (J) 8; Crossin 1, Heywood 9; Smith (H) 1, Farmer 9; Moir 9, Brameld 1; Blossom 1, Grant 9.

POSTAL CHESS

Both Hampshire teams continue to improve their overall position following three more results received:

Hants I.—R. S. Learmouth beat A. J. Revell (Suffolk). (Total to date 5½ points from ten games completed).

Hants II.—S. H. Newsome lost to P. Thursfield (Surrey II); G. Yates beat N. D. Mudie (Iste of Man). (Total to date 4½ points from 12 games completed).

SCHOOL CHESS

There seems to be every likelihood of Paulsgrove Secondary Modern School for Boys entering a team in the Schools Section of the Portsmouth and District League next season.

The fact that yet another modern school is challenging the grammar

schools is very encouraging, and it is hoped that others will follow Paulsgrove's lead.

It would be helpful if any school chess organizer contemplating such a step would get in touch with the League Secretary straight way, so that the newcomers can take part in any policy discussions during the summer months.

What would be particularly welcome is a team from a girls' school. Surely our local girls are not afraid to match the boys in brain power?

THESE NOTES

Normally this column shuts down for the summer months. Several readers have urged its continuance this year and it is hoped to be able to do so fortnightly.

Mr. W. Ross of Cosham has gone a long way to make this a practical proposition by promising to supply a series of short articles on Famous Hampshire Chess Players of the Past. He has already submitted several such articles and has obviously undertaken a good deal of research.

These articles will appear during the summer months when Chess news is in short supply.

PROBLEM

The solution to last week's end-game, as submitted by Mr. J. E. Smith of Portsmouth Chess Club was as follows:

1. P — QN4; 2. P x P e.p.; 3. K — K1; 4. P — N4; 5. P — R4; 6. P — QN4; 7. P x P; 8. K — Q3; 9. KR4; 6. P — R5 and white wins.

This week we have another "two-mover" by Mr. W. E. Caine of Southsea.