

## A SWEEPING WIN OVER STRONG SIDE

**T**HE sensation of the week was the sweeping win in the Hampshire League by Young Pompeians over the strong composite team drawn from the best players in the Bournemouth area. Sensation within sensation was the win in six moves by P. M. Collins against the very experienced S. H. C. Lucas. This went 1, P-K4, P-QB3; 2, P-Q4, P-Q4; 3, N-QB3, P x P; 4, N x P, N-Q2; 5, Q-K2, KN-B3??; 6, N-Q6 mate!

Had M. J. Dymond not made a weak move, when very short of time, our local boys might well have won 5-0.

The only other result in this competition is a win by Bournemouth against Salisbury. This latter team, although outside the County boundary, has been allowed to enter the Hampshire League Competition this year, as there is no corresponding contest in Wiltshire.

### SCORES.—

Bournemouth 1, Young Pompeians 4. (D. K. Bevis 0, G. L. Comben 1; E. W. Chandler 1, M. J. Dymond 0; S. H. C. Lucas 0, P. M. Collins 1; H. Pollard 0, M. March 1; W. G. Poulton 0, A. F. Brameld 1).

Bournemouth 3, Salisbury 2. (D. K. Bevis 1/2, W. R. Bale 1/2; E. W. Chandler 0, P. Allen 1; C. Mansfield 1/2, F. S. Scanes 1/2; S. H. C. Lucas 1, J. D. Herring 0; W. G. Poulton 1, E. Bowen 0).

Probably the most interesting result in the Portsmouth and District League is the snatching of half a point by R.N.P.L. from a strong Fareham team. This, following Portsmouth's loss to Cosham (previously reported), seems to indicate that the question of who will finish the season as Champions, is probably more open this year than it has been for some time.

### RESULTS—

#### SENIOR SECTION

##### Division 1

Community Centre 2, Fareham "A" 3. (R. W. Davis 0, N. C. Taylor 1; R. Carter 0, P. Cartmell 1; S. F. Adams 1, Default 0; L. West 1, A. S. La Lond 0, M. James 0, A. J. Evans 1).

R.N.P.L. 3 1/2, Portsmouth Grammar "A" 1 1/2. (W. J. Eaton 1/2, P. M. Collins 1/2; A. F. Brameld 1/2, J. F. Watson 1/2; P. J. Colson 1, T. Moore 0; H. W. Tripp 1/2, D. Watkins 1/2; E. Taylor 1, I. Mansell 0).

Fareham "A" 2 1/2, R.N.P.L. 2 1/2. (W. H. Pratten 1, W. J. Eaton 0; N. C. Taylor 1, A. F. Brameld 0; F. Johnson 1/2, P. J. Colson 1/2; A. S. La Lond 0, E. Taylor 1; A. J. Evans 0, H. W. Tripp 1).

##### Division 2

Portsmouth "B" 3 1/2, Fareham "B" 1 1/2. (W. Makar 0, J. Grant 1; M. March 1/2, E. G. Potter 1/2; J. P. Price 1, A. F. Garner 0; A. Bacon 1, G. D. Ratter 0, C. J. Champion 1, T. Bayliss 0).

Gosport "A" 4, De Havilland "A"

1. (J. Hardcastle 1/2, B. Smith 1/2; J. H. Jones 1, S. Shepherd 0; R. Clark 1/2, L. Langley 1/2; H. J. Taylor 1, R. Ralls 0; A. N. Dosssett 1, S. Harris 0).

##### Division 3

Portsmouth "C" 3, Cyanamid "B" 2. (J. E. Smith 1, A. Hollingdale 0; C. J. Campion 1, C. Mills 0, J. Cauty 1, R. Rudgeley 0; B. Press 0, T. Thomas 1; J. Hoskyn 0, A. Yarrow 1).

#### SCHOOLS SECTION

##### Division 1

St John's "E" 3 1/2, Portsmouth Grammar "C" 1 1/2. (A. Lakin 1, C. Goble 0; M. Rice 0, J. Huins 1; C. Malone 1, M. Westbrook 0; C. Leake 1/2, H. Gorton 1/2, P. Bicheno 1, A. Brown 0).

Both teams from St John's College are through to the next round in the National Schools Tournament. Their "A" team beat Ithen Grammar School by 3 1/2-2 1/2, while their "B" team finished 3-3 against Churcher's College, Petersfield.

As St John's "B" were two age groups lower than Churcher's, this was more than enough to give them a win on handicap. This gives our schools three teams in Round 2. Portsmouth Grammar School's success against Taunton's School having been previously reported.

##### Detailed scores.—

St John's "A" 3 1/2, Ithen Grammar 2 1/2. (P. Pemberton-James 1, M. Harvey 0; D. Peniston-Bird 1/2, D. Saunders 1/2; C. Thomas 1/2, M. Jupe 1/2; K. Harrison 1/2, M. Ryan 1/2; F. Aribarg 0, R. Midgley 1; A. Clark 1, D. Croucher 0).

St John's "B" 3, Churcher's College 3. (C. Moore 1, G. Brown 0; P. Miller 1, D. Kent 0; A. Lakin 0, R. Ferguson 1; M. Rice 0, F. Ferguson 1; C. Malone 0, D. Ethelston 1; B. O'Brien 1, A. Blake 0).

#### CHESS PROBLEM

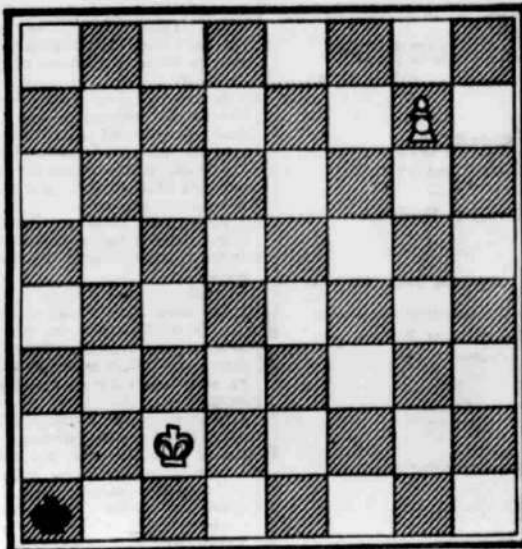
The position published on October 27 produced a lively crop of analysis. The actual game proceeded 35... K(2)-QN2? 36, R-Q2, R x P. 37, R x R, Q x R??

Both P. M. Collins (Portsmouth Grammar) and A. F. Brameld (Gosport) point out that Black could have still won by 37... P-Q7 (ch).

The snag is, however, that after 36... R x P, White can force a draw by perpetual check by playing 37, Q-Q5 (ch), and so it seems that the most that Black could have got out of it after his oversight on move 35 was a Draw.

The solution to last week's problem by P. M. Collins was K-N2. We have a problem this week sent in by a Southsea reader. Although very simple, we must remember that not all our readers are expert solvers. It may also act as a warning to our younger and more impetuous players.

Finally, Mr. R. Busby of Buckland, asks whether readers have heard of the shortest game on record, which he describes as "the Chinaman's Folly" — White to play from the initial position and lose in two moves.



WHITE TO MOVE, AND MATE IN TWO.