

Chess Notes

FAREHAM TITLE HOPES RECEIVE SETBACK

FAREHAM'S "A" team experienced a set-back in the struggle for supremacy in the Portsmouth League when, with their strongest team out, they could do no better than finish 2—2 against R.N.P.L. with one game for adjudication.

Being a pawn down in this unfinished game, they can hope for nothing better than a draw, and a half point for the match.

This will narrow Fareham's lead over Portsmouth and encourage the latter team to make renewed efforts to retain the title.

The key game in the closely-fought match was both exciting and unusual. P. Cartmell (Fareham), in an endeavour to play an aggressive game, was aiming at the Evans Gambit. It was then a question of the "biter being bitten," for E. Taylor (R.N.P.L.) played the "Wilkes Barre" defence, and the Fareham player lost in 16 moves, after defending desperately for most of the game.

For the benefit of those (like Mr. Cartmell) who have never before heard of this line, it goes:

1. P-K4 P-K4; 2. N-KB3 N-QB3; 3. B-B4 N-KB3; 4. N-N3 B-B4; 5. N×P B×P (ch).

The normal continuation is: 6. K-K2; but the game in question went:

6. K-B1 Q-K2; 7. N×R P-Q4; 8. K×B N×P (ch); 9. K-B1 Q-R5; 10. Q-B3 B-K3; 11. B-N5 K-K2; 12. P-RN3 Q-R6 (ch); 13. K-N1 R-KB1; 14. Q-N2 Q×Q (ch); 15. K×Q R-B7 (ch); 16. K-N1 N-Q5; 17. Resigns.

DECISIVE WIN

In the Second Division, Fareham's "B" team were more successful and managed to obtain a decisive win over Portsmouth "B."

Scores:

Senior Section — Division II: Portsmouth "B" 1, Fareham "B" 4 (W. Makar 1, A. F. Garner 2; J. E. Smith 0. C. Brading 1; A. Bacon 0, R. Hughes 1; R. Speller 0, T. Bayliss 1; B. March 0, D. Bloxham 1).

TABLES SENIOR SECTION

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham "A"	3	2	0	11	3
Portsmouth "A"	4	2	0	12	2
Comm. Ctr.	3	1	0	5½	1
R.N.P.L.	3	1	0	4½	1
Cosham	2	0	0	4	0
Division II					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham "B"	6	5	1	21½	5½
Portsmouth "B"	5	3	1	16	1½
Gosport	4	2	2	15	3
Ports. Gramm. "A"	4	2	0	12½	3
St John's "A"	4	1	0	6	1
St John's "B"	5	0	0	6	0
Cyanamid	4	0	0	2	0

A new Chess Club has been formed at the Southsea Community Centre. At the moment membership is nine, most of whom are beginners.

Talks are being arranged by experienced players, and it is hoped to put a team in the local Chess League next season.