

Chess Notes

Fareham Need One Win to Keep Title

FAREHAM beat Portsmouth in that vital First Division match, which will quite probably mean that they retain the Portsmouth and District League Championship title. The Fareham team has one more match to play (v. Cosham) and if they win, they are champions.

Portsmouth were unlucky in that circumstances necessitated their fielding a much weakened team, and perhaps Fareham were fortunate that W. C. Martin has returned to the fray at this crucial stage.

Whatever the outcome, this season has provided a close and exciting struggle between the three leading clubs.

In the same Division, R.N.P.L. scored a win against a depleted Community Centre team which seems to be dogged by illness of its playing members.

Apart from these two results, the holidays, the Dupree Tournament and the Bognor Congress have combined to make it a practically blank week so far as matches are concerned.

RESULTS

SENIOR SECTION

Division I. — Portsmouth "A" 2, Fareham "A" 2 (Dr. A. J. Puntton 1, T. de Barante 4; W. Makar 4, R. Cattell 1; H. C. Bailey 4, W. C. Martin 1; D. M. Heywood 4, A. S. La Lard 1; W. Woodthorpe 1; F. Johnson 4; R.N.P.L. 4, Community Centre 1. (Dr. J. Eaton 1, Default 4; A. F. Brameld 1, B. S. Carter 4; P. J. Cavan 4, A. Bayes 1; E. Taylor 1, Default 4; H. W. Tripp 4, M. James 1).

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "A"	9	6	1	25½	45½
Portsmouth "A"	9	6	0	24½	45
Cosham "A"	9	5	1	24½	39½
R.N.P.L.	9	5	2	25	44½
Comm. Centre	9	2	1	15½	29½
Portsmouth "B"	9	1	0	9	1

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth "B"	10	9	0	24½	49
Gusport "A"	9	5	0	27	41
Fareham "B"	9	5	0	24	41
St John's "A"	10	5	0	20½	35
Cosham "B"	9	2	0	13	27
Dr. Havillands	9	1	0	10	1

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	G	P
St John's "B"	10	7	0	12	7
Fareham "C"	9	5	0	13	6
Portsmouth "C"	9	2	2	22	40½
Dr. Havillands "B"	9	4	1	17	40½
Gusport "B"	9	2	1	17	40½
Cranford "B"	9	0	0	10	0

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

The Portsmouth League match reported above was mutually agreed by Fareham and Portsmouth, to count as in the Hampshire League contest. This puts Fareham at the top of the table, with all their fixtures completed.

They have now the rather trying experience of waiting to see if either Portsmouth or Young Pompeians can overtake them.

Both these teams won their latest matches and it can still be a very close thing.

The one thing now certain, however, is that the Hampshire League Trophy will come to Portsmouth and District after a very lengthy sojourn in the Southampton area.

Scores. — Young Pompeians 5, Andover 4; (P. M. Collins 1, C. H. Houslay 4; M. J. Dymond 1, S. L. Russel 4; A. F. Brameld 1, W. A. Heward 4; M. March 1, L. A. Porter 5; J. H. Jones 1, Miles 4). Woodson 2, Portsmouth 2. (A. M. Edmonds 1; Dr. A. J. Puntton 1; G. Daw 1; Dr. B. G. Wells 4; R. S. Learmouth 1; Lieut. D. K. Butler 1; M. D. Thomson 4; W. Makar 1; H. G. Hill 4; D. M. Heywood 1).

The result Woodson v. Portsmouth also counts for the Hampshire Federation of Community Centres contest.

TABLE

	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham	9	6	0	23	46
Portsmouth	9	5	0	23½	43
Young Pompeians	9	5	1	17	30½
Southampton	9	5	1	17	30½
Cosham	9	5	0	15	31
Bournemouth	9	2	0	15	27
Woodson	9	2	0	14½	27
Salisbury	9	2	0	14	27
Andover	7	1	0	8	1

POSTAL CHESS

After a rather bad start, Hampshire's No. 1 team is now picking up and has a 54 per cent. score.

The second team is not doing quite so well and are only averaging 33½ per cent. to date.

Hampshire I. — A. M. Edmonds beat O. Murdoch (Bucks); H. L. Paterson drew with E. G. Walker (Somerset); S. L. Russell beat H. R. Jenkins (Lanex). Total score to date 4½ points from nine games.

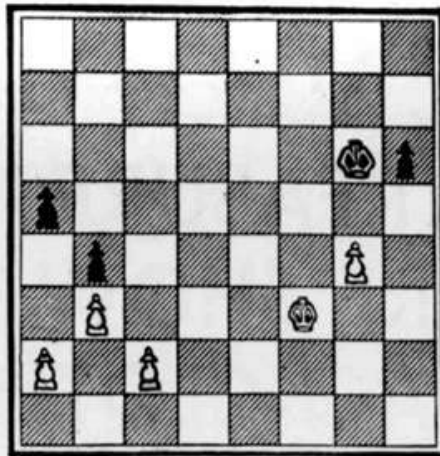
Hampshire II. — A. F. Garner lost to T. M. Gregory (Cumberland); H. J. Deane beat A. E. Fisher (Mon); H. P. Muir drew with W. H. Snell (Cornwall); M. G. Ford drew with S. Metcalfe (Durham); J. H. Jones lost to D. H. Long (Leicestershire). Total score to date — three points from five games.

COUNTY NEWS

The results of the five unfinished games in the Hampshire v. Oxfordshire match were as follows. — I. C. Walters 1, H. Booth 4; A. C. Barton 4, N. Wilson 1; B. D. Harding 4, A. Leggett 1; L. E. Vine 1, B. Dickinson 4; J. B. Parker 4, A. Coulson 1; D. G. Graves 4, D. del Nevo 1.

The final score was Hampshire 9, Oxfordshire 11.

Some round County individual results



White to move and win.

so far received are, — Harding 1, Vine 4; Hollington ½, Marshall ½; Hocking 4, Brameld 1.

PROBLEM

This week we have an interesting end-game study sent in by Mr. J. L. Smith of Portsmouth. White is to play and wins in six moves. Full solution next week.