

Beats Fareham Man to Secure Title

M. THOMPSON, of Southampton, is the 1958 Individual Chess Champion of Hampshire.

He beat J. Borland (Fareham) in the final round of the Hampshire Individual Championship Tournament to gain six points and an unassailable position.

Last year's winner, W. H. Pratten, of Fareham, finished

with 5½ points, but may yet have to share second place with M. E. Ventham (Southampton) if the latter wins his remaining game.

POSTAL CHESS

Portsmouth and District Chess League are leading 5½-2½ in the 36-board challenge match against the British Correspondence Chess Association.

Wins have so far been obtained by S. C. Noke (Cosham), G. W. Farmer (Fareham), Lieut.-Cmdr. Green (A.S.R.E.), C. W. Brading (Fareham), J. E. Smith (Portsmouth). L. West (Community Centre) earned a draw.

In the Counties and District Correspondence Championship, Hampshire's final placing was somewhat disappointing. After four points had been disallowed for ineligible players who had taken part, the total score amounted to only 12 points.

This means that Hampshire will be playing in the newly-formed Second Division of this competition during the coming season.

Full scores in the tournament just ended are as follows (Hampshire players first):

W. H. Pratten 0 (def), G. S. Sell (Northumberland) 1; L. E. Vine 0, V. C. Dancer (Derbyshire) 1; P. A. Ursell 1, R. McCleod (Norfolk) 0; H. A. Way ½, A. Sayers (Durham) ½; G. J. Coleman 1, G. H. Simmons (Lincs) 0; Cmdr. A. J. Peters 1, B. M. Gibbs (Beds) 0; A. C. Barton ½, R. Hayhoe (Suffolk) ½; M. E. Ventham ½, S. H. Willetts (Worcs) ½; F. L. Taylor 0, J. D. Solomon (Surrey) 1; Bro. Charles 0, L. J. Dent (Middlesex) 1; F. H. Walton, J. T. Smith (Lancs) 1; R. C. Mitchell 0, R. M. Morgan (Somerset) 1; C. H. Henshaw 1, M. E. Davis (Warwick) 0; G. L. Pritchard 1, F. Whitham (Cheshire) 0; E. E. Weedon 0, D. G. Wells (Glos) 1; R. S. Learmouth 1, J. G. Weller (Cambridgeshire) 0; I. H. Day 0, T. Guy (Sussex) 1; S. L. Russell 0, P. Barker (Wilts) 1; H. W. Varker 1, V. Hender (Bucks) 0; W. C. Martin 1, R. D. Fleming (Kent) 0; P. M. Hodgson 0, A. R. Agg (Staffs) 1; D. O'Donovan 0 (def), J. Atkinson (Cumberland & W.) 1; K. S. W. Walker 0, R. J. Mansfield (Essex) 1; A. R. Cooper 0, Miss Cariyon (Devon) 1; H. C. Bailey 1, F. C. Willson (Salop & Hereford) 0; R. W. Davis 0, W. H. Thomas (Monmouth) 1; L. West 0, R. P. Ross (Yorks) 1; H. J. Draper ½, E. R. Harrison (Derks) ½; J. E. C. Grant 1, T. Fisher (Cornwall) 0; W. Rose 0, G. Billingham (Dorset) 1.
Hampshire total 12, opponents 18.

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