



HAMPSHIRE 50-BOARD RESULT IN DOUBT

HAMPSHIRE met Kent in the first 50 board chess match of the season. The first 20 boards were for the Southern Counties Chess Union Championship Tournament, and this match Hants lost by seven matches to 13.

The whole 50 boards were for the Amboyna Shield Competition and this result is in doubt pending the adjudication of a number of unfinished games.

Fareham Chess Club supplied five players for this event, who fared as follows:—

Board 1.—W. H. Pratten lost to A. Phillips (ex-joint British Champion) after launching a furious King side attack which did not quite come off.

Board 13.—J. Borland drew a keenly contested game.

Board 16.—W. C. Martin struggled hard for a long time against the disadvantage of the lost exchange, but finally had to admit defeat.

Board 24.—J. E. C. Grant made an error in the early stages but fought back to earn a draw.

Board 28.—A. F. Garner (playing his first game for the County) got involved in a highly-complex positional game and has good chances of a draw on adjudication.

Other local players taking part were Capt. G. P. Britton, who drew on board 15 and L. West (Community Centre) who played a very steady game to win on board 23.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth and District Chess

League, the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, as follows: President, H. A. Way; Vice-President, C. F. Way; Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, J. E. C. Grant; Hon. Adjudicator, H. A. Way.

Several clubs had not finally decided how many teams they would be fielding this season and the arrangement of teams in divisions had to be held over.

The final score in the postal chess match between the League and the British Correspondence Chess Association was 14—22 in B.C.C.A.'s favour.

In the words of the opposing match captain, "This was a very commendable effort on the part of Portsmouth and District."

The opposition were able to draw from all over the British Isles.

Additional points were earned by the local team as follows:

Wins.—E. G. Potter (Fareham) and R. J. Attwood (A.S.R.E.).

Draws.—M. J. Dymond (Portsmouth), A. F. Garner (Fareham), J. Padley (A.S.R.E.), S. Smith (A.S.R.E.), C. McCaulder (Bridgemary), and R. McCaulder (Bridgemary).