

Chess Notes

Hampshire Sparkle In First County Match

HAMPSHIRE did exceptionally well against a strong Surrey team in the first County match of the season.

On the "top 20" (for the S.C.C.U. Championship) the score stands at $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $8\frac{1}{2}$ with three games for adjudication.

It is over the full 50 boards in the "Amboyna Shield" match, however, that Hampshire achieved the best result, the score standing at 25—20 in Hampshire's favour with five games for adjudication.

Hampshire must therefore win the "Amboyna" match and should run their opponents very close in the S.C.C.U. match.

Detailed scores of local players taking part:—

- Board 6, T. J. De Buriatte (Fareham) v. B. Bietski, for adjudication.
- 7, N. C. Taylor (Fareham) lost to C. H. Jago.
- 8, Cmdr. A. J. Peters (Portsmouth) drew with R. Weisz.
- 14, R. L. Paige (Cosham) lost to F. J. Prowse.
- 15, Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth) beat G. C. Nurse.
- 20, Y. J. E. Yeeles (Gosport) beat R. E. James.
- 21, A. F. Brameld (Gosport) lost to F. A. Davis.

25, P. M. Collins (Portsmouth) lost to P. M. Shaw.

28, W. Makar (Portsmouth) beat S. G. R. Champ.

30, B. S. Carter (Portsmouth Community Centre) v. C. S. Williams, for adjudication.

34, L. West (Portsmouth Community Centre) lost to B. Tombleson.

36, A. S. Le Lond (Portsmouth Community Centre) lost to A. M. Grayston.

37, J. H. Jones (Gosport) beat R. Taylor.

38, D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth) beat L. A. L. Montant.

39, T. E. Follington (Cosham) lost to D. W. Kay.

40, J. E. C. Grant (Fareham) lost to R. E. Boxall.

46, A. F. Garner (Fareham) lost to M. George.

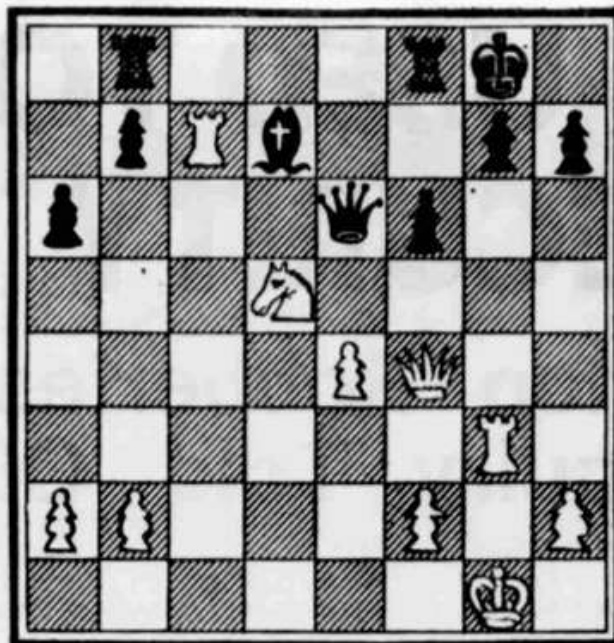
PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

Only one match result has become available this week, and this is in Division II of the Senior Section:—

- Vesper 2, Gosport "A" 3. (J. Grant $\frac{1}{2}$, H. W. Tripp $\frac{1}{2}$; E. G. Potter $\frac{1}{2}$, A. N. Dossett $\frac{1}{2}$; C. Brading $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Hardcastle $\frac{1}{2}$; R. Hughes 0, R. Clarke 1; A. Lynton $\frac{1}{2}$, H. J. Taylor $\frac{1}{2}$).

Gosport Grammar School has withdrawn its "C" team in the Schools

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WHITE

White to play and win a piece.

Section because of pressure of work for January examinations.

This will leave five teams in Section "B" of Division II and these teams will now play each other twice instead of once.

First round results in the Individual Championship of the Portsmouth and District League are as follows:—

- Richardson 1, Woods 0; Moir $\frac{1}{2}$, Collins $\frac{1}{2}$; West $\frac{1}{2}$, Bacon $\frac{1}{2}$; Potter 1, Lee 0; Price 1, Leggett 0; Yeeles 1, Follington 0; Taylor 0, Carter 1; Wells 0, Paige 1; Crossin 0, Eaton 1; Makar 1, Lamb 0; Grant 1 March 0; Evans 1, Adams 0; Smith (J.) 0, De Buriatte 1.

THIS WEEK'S DIAGRAM

Like most keen chess players, the writer carefully preserves the scores of all his past games. Looking through the "archives" recently, he came across a game played in October 1951, from which this week's published position arose (after Black's 29th move).

What was not obvious to him ten years ago now "sticks out like a sore thumb". He actually played a non-committal move and Black covered with 30... R-B2.

Being very wise after the event, it seems that White could have won a piece by 30. R x B!