

The entry for the coming Portsmouth & District League team competition sets yet another record, and it was decided at the recent Annual General Meeting that the 32 teams taking part will be arranged in five Divisions, as under :-

Division 1 : Portsmouth A, I.B.M. A, Fareham A, Cosham A, Gosport A and Cosham B.

Division 2: Community Ctr. A, Portsmouth B, Fareham B, Polytechnic A, Gosport B and Portsmouth C.

Division 3 : Cosham C, I.B.M. B, Fareham C, Leigh Park A, Polytechnic B and Plessey A.

Division 4 : Emsworth A, Leigh Park B, Fareham D, Portsmouth D, Co-op A, Plessey B and Fareham E.

Division 5 : Datawork, Co-op B, Petersfield, I.B.M. C, Co-op C, Emsworth B and Fareham F.

Teams from Co-op and Petersfield are participating for the first time.

A proposal that the rate of play in matches be increased was defeated and the rules remain very much as in last season.

Entries received to date for the Schools' Section include two new names - Crofton School, Stubbington, and Priory School, Southsea, and will be arranged :-

Division 1 : St. John's A, Mayfield A, Portsmouth Grammar A.

Division 2 : St. John's B, Broomfield A, Crofton A, Portsmouth Grammar B, Great Salterns A, Waterlooville A, Priory A.

Division 3 : Section A : Great Salterns B, Priory B, St. John's C, Waterlooville B.

Section B : City of Portsmouth Boys A, Portsmouth Grammar B, St. Luke's A, Mayfield B.

More good news for Juniors : a Junior Chess Tournament, sponsored by the Fareham Chess Club, and organised by Wilf Pratten will be held in the Library, Fareham, on 20th and 21st April next. It will be limited to boys and girls under the age of 14 on that date and whose permanent home is in the Borough of Fareham. Entry fee 50p; entry forms from W.H. Pratten, 49 Thorni Avenue, Fareham PO15 6NX.

The position this week is from another brilliancy from Dr. Alekhine (v. Kussman, New York, 1924). The game went: 16. Q-N5+! (Black cannot play 16...QxQ because of 17. N-B6+ mate!) 16...N-Q2; 17. KR-K1 B-N5; 18. N-B6 dbl.+ K-B1; 19. NxN+ RxN; 20. Q-K5! and Black resigns.

3rkblr; pp3plp; lq4pl; 4nN2; 4N3; 8; PP2QPPP; R4RK1

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