

Hampshire Hold Strong Rivals

HAMPSHIRE did well to hold a strong Oxfordshire team to a score of 9-0, with two games for adjudication, at the Southern Counties Chess Championship match held at Reading.

Handicapped by three of their best players failing to appear, Hampshire put in two reserves and had to let the third game go by default.

Fareham again provided four players, W. H. Pratten and J. Borland obtaining draws, J. E. C. Grant losing and W. C. Martin having his game unfinished. Full scores (Hampshire names first) as follows:—

W. H. Pratten $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Richards $\frac{1}{2}$; A. Samuels $\frac{1}{2}$, R. Hall $\frac{1}{2}$; M. Venham 0, H. Czateski 1; L. E. Vine 1, B. Saczac 0; G. Coleman 1, A. Azam 0; T. O. Read $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Taylor $\frac{1}{2}$; P. Marshall $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Booth $\frac{1}{2}$; C. G. Goggin 0, J. Walker 1; Cmdr A. J. Peters 0, G. Saigany 0; S. L. Russell 1, J. Bradley 0; R. M. Goode 0, M. Footner 1; M. Thompson 1, M. Singer 0; J. Borland $\frac{1}{2}$, Dr. N. Lawrence $\frac{1}{2}$; Default 0, D. Cowley 1; C. H. Henshaw 1, W. McDougal 0; J. Shepherd 1, J. Cherry 0; G. Daw 0, S. Dunkell 1; W. C. Martin 0, J. D. Wynn 0; A. C. Barton $\frac{1}{2}$, N. Delneve $\frac{1}{2}$; J. E. C. Grant 0, H. Delneve 1.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

Cosham Chess Club's new Secretary, as well as being an able administrator, is quite a strong player. With R. Tims again playing for them, this team should be a force to be reckoned with this season. They certainly proved too strong for NALGO,

who were unfortunately one player short.

Best win of the week was Community Centre's 5-0 victory at Gosport. Portsmouth Grammar School drew their first match in the senior section, while Collingwood Apprentices 'B' obtained a walkover against Community Centre 'B'.

Detailed scores:—

Division I.—Cosham $\frac{3}{2}$, NALGO $\frac{1}{2}$ (C. F. Way 1, R. P. Nattress 0; S. C.

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Noke $\frac{1}{2}$, N. G. Lefevre $\frac{1}{2}$; R. Tims 0, E. M. Spreadbury 1, H. S. White 1, E. Stockley 0; D. Johns 1, default 0.

Gosport 0, Community Centre 'A' 1 (E. Taylor 0, R. W. Davis 1; G. O. Pike 0, L. West 1; W. J. Eaton 0, S. F. Adams 1; H. W. Tripp 0, B. Carter 1; D. Rhoades 0, J. Condon 1).

Division II.—St John's 'A' $\frac{3}{2}$, Portsmouth Grammar School 'A' $\frac{1}{2}$ (T. F. Johnson 0, J. Venn 1; F. Harkin 0, A. Maher $\frac{1}{2}$; B. Perry 0, P. Collins 1; P. Wilcox 1, W. Wood-Roe 0; A. Green 1, J. Watson 0).

Division III.—Collingwood Apprentices 'B' 5, Community Centre 'B' 0 (by default).

SCHOOLS CONTEST

The two teams from St John's College have been paired against Sholing Modern School for Girls and King Edward VI School,

Southampton, in the second round zonal stage of the National Schools Tournament.

Quotation. — "This game or kingly pastime is not only devoid of craft, fraud and guile, swearing, impatience, fretting and falling out, but also breedeth in the players a certaine studie, wit, pollicie, forecasts and memorie not only in the play thereof, but also in action of publick government, both in peace and warre." — Marcus Vida (Bishop of Alba) Schacchia Ludus, 1527.