

# Won Title At First Attempt

**M**R. D. O'DONOVAN of Portsmouth Community Centre Chess Club is the new individual champion of Portsmouth and District Chess League.

A comparative newcomer to local chess, he was playing fifth board in Community

## Chess Notes

Centre's Division II team at the start of the 1955/6 season. Since then he has improved steadily, and has now won this title at his first attempt.

His victims en route to the championship were Messrs. Adams, Borland, Farmer, Grant, West, and Walmisley. He drew with E. Taylor and lost only to his club mate R. Davis.

The runner-up is still undecided. J. Grant has six points but J. Borland with five points still has a game to play.

Final round results so far received are Lee beat Griffiths, and draws resulted from the games Taylor v. O'Donovan, Davis v. White, and Ross v. Farmer.

There is one more round to play in the Fareham Chess Club Championship Tournament, and at the moment their Secretary, J. Grant, has managed to keep his narrow half point lead.

His vital seventh round game with Club President W. C. Martin lasted 4½ hours and resulted in a draw.

Several players are taking part in Easter Congresses and play in the fourth round has been held up.

N. C. Taylor, of Fareham Chess Club, beat S. Ryzewski (Southampton) and now has 2½ points. W. H. Pratten (Fareham) and A. S. Dance (Andover) still lead with three points each, and have not yet played their fourth round game.

*"It is also confirmed by the canon law, that clerks are permitted to play at Chess; even if any clerk plays at Chess, and should quarrel in consequence of so playing, and kill his man, such homicide shall be accounted casual and not voluntary; which would not be allowed after any other game, and the reason is, because 'dabat operam rei licitae'—he employeth himself in a lawful work."*  
—Dr. Alessandro Salvio (Il Puttino, 1634).