

FINE WIN FOR PORTSMOUTH

PORTSMOUTH CHESS CLUB beat Portsmouth Community Centre in convincing style in the local "Derby" of the Hampshire League.

Detailed result:—Community Centre 1, Portsmouth 4 (L. West 0, W. H. Pratten 1; R. W. Davis 1, H. C. Bailey 0; S. F. Adams 0, A. Carter 1; D. O'Donovan 0, A. Bacon 1; Rev. H. Miller 0, D. M. Heywood 1.)

Woolston Community Centre (present champions) now head the table and will be difficult to displace on current form.

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Woolston	2	2	0	7½	2
Portsmouth	1	1	0	4	1
Basingstoke	1	1	0	4	1
Fareham	2	1	0	5	1
Andover	1	0	0	1	0
Comm. Ctr.	1	0	0	1	0
Southampton	1	0	0	1	0
Bournemouth	1	0	0	½	0

There has been a temporary cessation of "hostilities" during the holiday period in the Portsmouth League. Although the season is almost at the half-way stage, the question of First Division honours is still very open. Community Centre have a useful lead but Fareham, Gosport and Portsmouth are all within striking distance of them.

The Fareham Club has a strong grip on the other two Divisions but their 'B' and 'C' teams may be weakened later in the season as more players become 'frozen' in the higher sections.

Since play started in October over 100 players have so far taken part in this competition.

Division 1					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Comm. Ctr. 'A'	4	3	0	10	3
Fareham 'A'	4	2	0	11½	2
Gosport	3	1	1	6½	1½
Portsmouth	2	1	0	6	1
NALGO	3	0	1	6	0½

Division 2					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham 'B'	4	3	1	13	3½
R.N.P.L.	4	2	1	12	2½
Coll. Apps. 'A'	4	1	2	10	2
Vosper	4	1	1	9½	1½
St Johns 'A'	4	1	1	8	1½
Col. of Tech.	4	1	0	7½	1

Division 3					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham 'C'	4	4	0	14½	4
St Johns 'B'	5	4	0	15½	4
Coll. Apps. 'B'	4	2	0	9½	2
Comm. Ctr. 'B'	3	1	0	9	1
Westminster	3	1	0	7	1
Bridgeman	5	0	0	4½	0

COLLEGE TEAM

The Portsmouth College of Technology's team is a newcomer to the local League this

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season. Organized by student A Godfrey, the College Chess group now numbers nine players and there is a rumour that they may enter a second team next year.

In the early days of the League, there was quite a strong team, taking part which described itself as Municipal College, and although the present group is an entirely new enterprise, they still have something of the old tradition about them.

Their results so far this season probably belie their true strength as they have been experimenting with the team and several of the matches which they lost would have been won with that little extra experience.

All teenagers, they have much the same difficulties as Collingwood Apprentices in that whereas their players are rapidly improving with match practice, they all too soon move on, and the teams do not have the chance to settle down.

Incidentally, for the information of those still misguided enough to think that Chess is a game for old men, it is an interesting fact that over a third of the players now taking an active part in local competitive Chess are under 21.