

Portsmouth Beaten by Strong Southampton Team

PORTSMOUTH and District lost a keen match against Southampton in last Saturday's annual Inter-League encounter at Fareham.

Southampton were not at full strength, but could still muster eight regular County players. Against this galaxy of talent, Portsmouth and District did surprisingly well to hold their visitors to equal scores on the first 16 boards.

The local team's tail failed to wag, however, and the final score was 8 games to 12 in Southampton's favour.

Detailed scores (Portsmouth and District names first):
 W. H. Pratten (Fareham) 1, M. E. Ventham 2; J. Borland (Fareham) 3, T. O. Read 1; Dr. J. M. Holford (R.N.P.L.) 1, L. E. Vine 2; A. Carter (Portsmouth) 1, P. Marshall 2; L. West (Comm. Ctr.) 2, M. Thompson 1; W. C. Martin (Fareham) 2, G. Daw 1; J. Beardsmore-Hyde (Collingwood) 2, G. L. Pritchard 1; E. J. Underhill

Chess Notes

(A.S.R.E.) 2, Dr. L. Cohen 1; A. N. Dossett (R.N.P.L.) 2, R. S. Learnmouth 1; W. J. Easton (Gosport) 1/2, M. V. Stone 1/2; H. E. White (Cosham) 1, J. R. Wilkinson 2; E. Taylor (Gosport) 1, D. K. Toys 2; D. F. Rhoades (Gosport) 2, T. Clupek 1; D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth) 1, D. Groves 2; R. I. Ross (Cosham) 1/2, D. Blackman 1/2; K. W. Harrison (R.N.P.L.) 1, D. Drew 2; A. F. Garner (Fareham) 2, G. Savercock 1; R. McCaulder (Bridgemary) 2, B. D. Hasling 1; T. Peake (Collingwood) 2, G. Morgan 1; F. Harkin (St John's) 2, J. Chapman 1.

Portsmouth League

This week's play in the Senior Section has taken both Portsmouth and R.N.P.L. one step nearer the championship of their respective divisions. In Division III, Fareham beat St John's College by the odd game and may still overhaul Bridgemary, who are having trouble finding enough players to raise a team at the moment.

Main interest seems to be centred on the top division in the Schools Section at the moment. Portsmouth Grammar School's runaway win against St John's "D" puts them at the top of the table and the five game points may be very useful to them in a tight finish.

Senior Section

Division I: Portsmouth 4, Community Centre 1 (A. Carter 1, R. Davis 2; H. C. Bailey 2, L. West 1; A. Hayes 1, P. Gray 2; M. Dymond 1, R. Nofz 2; D. M. Heywood 1, M. Smith 2).

Division II: A.S.R.E. 1, R.N.P.L. "A" (E. Underhill 2, J. M. Holford 1; A. E. Roberts 1/2, K. W. Harrison 1/2; G. Ratter 2, A. N. Dossett 1; J. Padley 1/2, A. J. Clear 1/2; G. Green 2, H. J. Taylor 1).

Division III: Fareham "C" 3, St John's "B" 2 (C. H. West 1, F. Brown 2; M. Gibson 1, K. Harrison 2; T. Bayliss 1, C. Thomas 2; A. Line 2, B. Neave 1; Geraldine Taylor 2, P. James 1).

Schools Section

Div. I: Portsmouth Grammar School "B" 5, St John's "D" 2 (Venn 1, Brown 2; Maber 1, Harrison 2; Rhoades 1, Thomas 2; Walker 1, Peniston-Bird 2; Harper 1, Neave 2).

SENIOR SECTION

Division I	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth	7	5	2	23 1/2	4
Fareham "A"	6	4	0	19 1/2	4
Cosham	6	3	2	19	4
Coll. Apps. "A"	6	0	3	11	1 1/2
Comm. Centre	6	1	1	10	1 1/2
Gosport	5	0	2	7	1

Division II	P	W	D	G	P
R.N.P.L. "A"	7	6	1	22 1/2	5 1/2
Fareham "B"	7	3	2	17 1/2	4
St John's "A"	6	3	2	16 1/2	4
A.S.R.E.	7	3	0	17	3
Pmo Grammar "A"	5	0	1	10	1 1/2
Coll. of Tech.	6	0	0	7 1/2	0

Division III	P	W	D	G	P
Bridgemary	5	4	0	13	4
Fareham "C"	6	3	0	14	3
Coll. Apps. "B"	4	2	0	10	2
St John's "B"	6	2	0	14	3
R.N.P.L. "B"	5	3	0	12	3

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I	P	W	D	G	P
Pmo Grammar "B"	4	3	1	15 1/2	3 1/2
N. Grammar "A"	3	2	1	12	2 1/2
St John's "C"	3	2	0	9 1/2	2
St John's "D"	3	1	0	5 1/2	1
Gosport Grammar "A"	4	0	0	6	0
Prices "A"	3	0	0	3 1/2	0

Division II	P	W	D	G	P
Pmo Grammar "C"	5	3	1	17	3 1/2
Portchester Mod.	4	3	0	10 1/2	3
St John's "E"	3	2	1	10	2 1/2
Gosport Grammar "B"	5	2	0	13 1/2	2
Prices "B"	3	1	0	6	1 1/2
St John's "F"	3	1	0	5 1/2	1
N. Grammar "B"	4	0	1	7	1 1/2

Individual Tournaments

S. C. Noke, Cosham Chess Club Secretary, won his sixth successive game in the Portsmouth Individual Championship when he beat L. West (Comm. Ctr.) and will now be difficult to stop in the title race.

Other sixth round results received are Taylor 1/2, Pike 1/2, and Potter 0, Eatoh 1.

In the County Individual Championship, L. West lost to M. Thompson, L. Vine beat Capt. Britton, and H. A. Samuels beat J. Hobbs by default (Hobbs has withdrawn from the competition).