

# Portsmouth Club Make Good Start

**P**ORTSMOUTH Chess Club started their new season's programme in a manner which indicates they have every intention of retaining the League Championship Trophy.

Mr. Alan Hayes (Champion of the Portsmouth Club some 25 years ago) has been persuaded to return to competitive chess and will strengthen the Portsmouth team considerably.

R.N.P.L., who have also been strengthened by the acquisition of a strong player in Mr. J. Holford, narrowly beat Portsmouth Grammar School. This school, although it has obtained only half a point from its first two matches, has already justified its inclusion in the 2nd Division of the Senior Section, and will almost certainly improve as it gains experience.

Play has started in the School's Section of the League with Gosport Grammar School beating

Division III					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. App. "B" .....	1	1	0	0	1
Fareham "C" .....	1	1	0	0	1
Bridgwater .....	1	1	0	0	1
St John's "B" .....	1	0	0	0	0
Comm. Ctr. "B" .....	1	0	0	0	0
R.N.P.L. "B" .....	1	0	0	0	0

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Fareham Chess Club has been again asked to run the Hampshire stage of the British Championship Qualifying Competition. This will be a three-corner contest between W. C. Martin and J. A. C. Borland (both of Fareham) and M. E. Ventham (Southampton). The winner will pass into the zonal final stage with four players from Surrey and two from Kent.

## COUNTY CHESS

Portsmouth and District is well represented in Hampshire's team for the 1958 Counties Correspondence Chess Championship. Full list in playing order is as follows:—

W. H. Pratten (Fareham), L. E. Vine (Eastleigh), P. A. Ursell (Bournemouth), H. A. Way (Emsworth), G. J. Coleman (Bournemouth), Cmdr. A. J. Peters (Slough), A. C. Barton (Southampton), M. E. Ventham (Southampton), F. L. Taylor (Solihull), Bro. Charles (Southsea), F. H. Walton (Southampton), R. C. Mitchell (Southampton), C. H. Henshaw (Basingstoke), G. L. Pritchard (Southampton), E. E. Wedon (Shanklin), R. S. Learmouth (Southampton), I. H. Day (Southampton), S. L. Russell (Broughton), H. W. Varker (Bournemouth), W. C. Martin (Fareham), P. M. Hodgson (Sandown), D. O'Donovan (Portsmouth), K. S. W. Walker (Southsea), A. R. Cooper (Southsea), H. C. Bailey (Southsea), R. W. Davis (Portsmouth), L. West (Southsea), H. J. Draper (Bournemouth), J. E. C. Grant (Fareham), W. Rose (Cosham).

Play is due to start on December 1 and will go on until June 30, 1958.

## Quotation.—

KATHERINE: I pray you, Sir, is it your will

To make a stale of me among these mates?

("The Taming of the Shrew.")

## Chess Notes

Price's School, Fareham, in Division 1, but losing against the same school in Division 2 by the odd game.

### Detailed scores:—

#### Senior Section

Division 1: Comm. Ctr "A" ½, Portsmouth 4½. (R. W. Davis 0, R. Carter 1; L. West 0, A. Hayes 1; S. F. Adams ½, A. Bacon ½; B. Carter 0, D. Heywood 1; J. Smith 0, M. Dymond 1.)  
Division 2: P. G. Sch. "A" 2, R.N.P.L. "A" 3. (J. Venn 0, J. Holford 1; P. Collins 0, K. Harrison 1; A. Maber 1, A. Dossell 0; D. Warrell 0, H. Hempleman 1; J. Watson 1, Dr. H. J. Taylor 0.)

#### Schools Section

Division 1: Price's "A" 1, Gosport Grammar "A" 4. (Tyack 0, Berryman 1; Smith 0, Dodds 1; Vine 0, Campion 1; Roberts 0, White 1; Clewer 1, Pringle 0.)  
Division 2: Gosport Grammar "B" 2, Prices "B" 3. (Jones 0, Evans 1; McBeth 0, Keen 1; Brameld 1, Cambourne 0; Marriott 1, Downes 0; Lowe 0, Kiddie 1.)

### TABLES (SENIOR SECTION)

Division	I				
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth .....	1	1	0	4½	1
Cosham .....	1	1	0	3½	1
Comm. Ctr. "A" .....	2	1	0	5½	1
NALGO .....	1	0	0	1½	0
Gosport .....	1	0	0	0	0
Fareham "A" .....	0	0	0	0	0
Coll. App. "A" .....	0	0	0	0	0
Division	II				
	P	W	D	G	Pt
R.N.P.L. "B" .....	1	1	0	3	1
St John's "A" .....	1	0	1	2½	½
P.G.S. "A" .....	2	0	1	4½	½
A.S.R.E. ....	0	0	0	0	0
Fareham "B" .....	0	0	0	0	0
Coll. of Tech. ....	0	0	0	0	0