

Big Entry for League

NINETEEN teams are taking part in the Senior Section of the Portsmouth and District Chess League this coming season. This is the biggest entry since the formation of the League in 1947, and in addition, there will be 13 teams competing in the newly-formed Schools section.

The line up will be as follows:

Senior Section.—Division I: Portsmouth, Farcham "A," Community Centre "A," NALGO, Cosham, Collingwood Apprentices "A" and Gosport. Division II: Farcham "B," A.S.R.E., Portsdown, R.N.P.L. "A," St John's "A," Portsmouth Grammar School "A," and College of Technology. Division III: Collingwood Apprentices "B," Farcham "C," Bridgeman, R.N.P.L. "B," St John's "B," and Community Centre "B."

Schools Section.—Division I (over 15): Price's School, Northern Grammar School, Portsmouth Grammar School, Gosport Grammar School and St John's College (two teams). Division II (under 15): Price's School, Northern Grammar School, Portchester Modern Secondary School, Portsmouth Grammar School, Gosport Grammar School and St John's College (two teams).

St John's College, by far the most chess conscious school in the district, will have six teams in the field, while the solitary challenge from the modern schools comes from Portchester.

POSTAL CHESS

The following local players have already agreed to play for Hampshire in this winter's County correspondence championship tournament: D. O'Donovan, R. W. Davis and L. West (Comm. Ctr.), Bro. Charles (St John's), W. H. Pratten and W. C. Martin (Farcham), W. Rose (Cosham) and H. A. Way² (Eauworth).

In the British Postal Chess League, Farcham Chess Club's "A" team is not firing too well in Division I. At the end of September, they were bottom of the table with only four wins out of 20 games completed. Farcham "B" in Division IV is doing rather better and are in ninth place with 12 wins out of 19 games.