

CHESS BID TO AVOID RELEGATION

AS the season draws to a close, the less successful teams are making a special effort to escape from the relegation zone in each division. Gosport Chess Club helped themselves considerably in this respect at the expense of Com-

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munity Centre when they won a keenly contested match by the narrowest of margins.

Detailed scores:—

Division I.—Gosport 3, Community Centre "A" 2 (E. Taylor 1, S. F. Adams 0; G. O. Pike 0, R. W. Davis 1; W. J. Eaton 1, D. O'Donovan 0; H. W. Tripp 1, L. West 0; Mrs. Pike 0, A. Bell 1).

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	6	4	0	18½	4
NALGO	7	3	1	17	3½
Fareham "A"	6	3	0	17	3
Comm. Centre "A"	7	3	0	14½	3
Gosport	6	2	1	13	2½

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham "B"	8	5	1	23	5½
Coll. Apps "A"	8	4	2	22	5
St John's "A"	8	3	2	19½	4
Coll. of Tech.	9	4	9	10½	4
R.N.P.L.	10	3	1	24	3½
Vesper	7	2	2	17	3

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham "C"	7	6	0	24½	6
St John's "B"	7	5	0	21½	5
Comm. Centre "B"	7	4	1	20½	4½
Coll. Apps "B"	8	2	2	18½	3
Bridgemary	9	2	1	16	2½
Westminster	8	1	2	14	2½

In the Individual Championship Tournament of the Portsmouth and District Chess League, a further seventh-round result is Taylor beat Adams.

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Fareham obtained a decisive win over Portsmouth Community Centre in the Hampshire League and, with only one match to play, against bottom team Andover, now have a good chance of finishing runners-up in this competition. It is too much to hope that they might win the championship, as Woolston's team of young county players is practically unbeatable.

Detailed scores:—

Community Centre 1, Fareham 4 (R. W. Davis 0, R. E. Walmisley 1; S. F. Adams 0, J. Borland 1; R. Carter 1, W. C. Martin 0; L. West 0, N. C. Taylor 1; A. Bell 0, E. F. Phillips 1).

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Woolston	3	3	0	13	3
Fareham	5	3	0	14	3
Basingstoke	4	2	0	8½	2
Bournemouth	3	1	1	7	1½
Foris, Comm. Cen.	3	1	0	7	1
Southampton	3	1	0	6	1
Andover	3	0	1	4½	½

The U.S.S.R. Chess Federa-

tion has accepted an invitation to send two Soviet masters to play in the Bognor Regis Stevenson Memorial Tournament after Easter. This will be the first occasion that Russian masters have appeared at Bognor. It is also expected that strong players will be coming from Yugoslavia, Denmark, Portugal, and Belgium.

As on previous occasions, the highest placed British entrant with Southern County qualifications will become Southern Counties champion.

TEENAGERS' MATCH

With a few results still to come in, the latest score in the Teenagers v. Old Stagers match (in which Fareham took part and which was played all over the country) is: Old Stagers 911, Teenagers 560.

A total of 2,942 players have therefore taken part, and it seems probable, with the few outstanding games included, that this year's ambitious target of 3,000 players will be exceeded.

QUOTATION

"The Eighth Square at last!" she cried. . . . "Oh, how glad I am to get here. And what is this on my head?" — Lewis Carroll ("Through the Looking Glass").