

APPRENTICES GAIN PROMOTION NOW

THE result of the adjudication in the unfinished game in the Fareham "B" v Vosper match was a draw and the final score was therefore 2½—2½.

This means that H.M.S. Collingwood Apprentices have won promotion into the top Division by the smallest of possible margins over the Fareham team—half a game point.

This is an effort of which the Collingwood lads can well be proud, and it will be interesting to see how they can hold

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their own against the best players in the area.

In Division I the new champions beat NALGO and finished the season two clear points above last year's holders, Fareham, who are runners-up.

Detailed scores:

Division I.—Portsmouth "A" 4, NALGO 1 (W. H. Pratten 1, N. G. Lefevre 0; H. C. Bailey 1, R. P. Natrass 0; A. Carter 1, C. H. Durman 0; J. P. Price 1, E. Blockley 0; D. M. Heywood 0, H. Bignell 1).
 Division II.—Vosper 2½, Fareham "B" 2½ (J. Grant 1, E. G. Potter 0; E. F. Phillips 1, T. Saunders 0; J. Bream ½, A. F. Garner ½; H. Goldsmith 0, B. Hatcher 1; W. Archer 0, M. Gibson 1).

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth A ...	8	6	0	25½	6
Fareham A	8	4	0	22	4
Comm. Ctr. A ...	8	4	0	17½	4
NALGO	8	3	1	18	3½
Gosport	8	2	1	17	2½
Division II					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. App. A ...	10	5	3	28½	6½
Fareham B	10	5	3	28	6½
St John's A	10	4	2	24½	5
Coll. of Tech. ...	9	4	0	19½	4
R.N.P.L.	10	3	1	24	3½
Vosper	9	3	3	20½	3½
Division III					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham C	10	8	0	33½	8
St John's B	10	6	1	31	6½
Comm. Ctr. B ...	10	5	2	28	6
Coll. App. B ...	10	3	2	21½	4
Bridgemary	10	3	1	19	3½
Westminster ...	10	1	2	17	2

COUNTY CHAMPION

Mr. W. H. Pratten (of Fareham and Portsmouth Chess Club) beat N. C. Taylor (Fare-

ham Chess Club) in the sixth round game of the Hampshire individual championship tournament and is now certain to be this year's County champion.

This tournament was run on a totally new basis this year and 12 players entered. Previously only the winners and runners-up of the local League Individual Competitions were eligible, which meant that strong players had to take part in what was, to them, a rather tedious preliminary tournament. Now that there is an open entry, it is expected that there will be more taking part next season.

Quotation: "The most important of all chess rules; that which lays down that when a piece has once been touched, it must be moved, whatever the circumstances. . . . The royal game was intended to show kings the consequence of action—a salutary lesson."—Gustav Schenk (The Passionate Game, 1937).