

A Close Contest in Chess League

PORTSMOUTH College of Technology has now scored successive wins over the top two teams in Division II of Portsmouth and District Chess League.

So close is the scoring in this section that their latest win is sufficient to take them from bottom to third place in the table.

Detailed scores: College of Technology 3, Collingwood Apprentices "A" 2 (A. Godfrey 1, B. Bartle 0; T. Sliwinski ½, C. Wright ½; D. Rhoades ½, T. J. Search ½; A. R. Godfrey 0, G. Smith 1; M. Dyer 1, P. Giles 0)

TABLES

Division I

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Comm Ctr. A ..	5	3	0	12	3
NALGO	5	2	1	15	2½
Fareham A	4	2	0	11½	2
Gosport	3	1	1	6½	1½
Portsmouth	3	1	0	7	1

Division II

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. Apps. A ..	7	3	2	18½	4
Fareham B	6	3	1	16½	3½
Coll. of Tech. ..	6	3	0	14	3
St John's A	6	2	2	13½	3
R.N.P.L.	5	2	1	14	2½
Vospel	6	1	2	13½	2

Division III

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham C	5	4	0	16½	4
St John's B	5	4	0	15½	4
Comm. Ctr. B ..	6	3	1	17½	3½
Coll. App. B ..	4	2	0	9½	2
Westminster	1	1	1	9½	1½
Bridgemary	6	0	0	6½	0

In the district Individual Championship Tournament, remaining fifth round results are: Grant beat Farmer. Brad-

ing beat Ross, and Taylor beat Griffiths.

There are three more rounds to play. The position is very interesting at the moment, with two Fareham players (J. Borland and J. Grant) and two Community Centre players (R. W. Davis and D. O'Donovan) all sharing the lead with four points each.

Other scores to date are: Three points—Heywood, Taylor, Brading, Adams, West, Farmer, and Walmisley. Two and a half—Eaton and Pike. Two—Miller, White, and Ross. One—Ratter, Lee, and Griffiths.

SCHOOL CHESS

Portchester Secondary School is making a name for itself in local chess circles.

A friendly match was played against Bridgemary Community Centre, and the children, quite undeterred by the difference in ages of the two teams, won in fine style by four games to two.

Bearing in mind that Bridgemary's team contained three regular Third Division players and that none of the school's team are over 13, this is seen to be a remarkable performance.

Scores (Portchester School names

first): Barry Tinsling 0, T. Harris 1; Anthony Jones 0, I. McCaulder 1; Geraldine Taylor 1, T. Stephenson 0; Angela Martin 1, Mrs. F. McCaulder 0; David Williams 1, E. Swannell 0; John Leach 1, B. McCaulder 0.

PORTSMOUTH

An interim report from Portsmouth Chess Club shows that W. H. Pratten is well in the lead in the Club Championship Tournament with 4½ points from five games.

A. Hayes is second with 1½ points from three games.

In the Handicap Tournament H. C. Bailey leads with four points from four games.

"A game has normally three phases: the opening, in which you hope to get a better position; the middle-game in which you think you have the better position; and the ending, where you know you have a loss."—Dr. S. G. Tartakover (1887-1956).

LEAGUE OF SERVICE

Miss M. P. Bloore, of Portsmouth, spoke at the meeting of Fareham Congregational Church Women's League of Service. Mrs. D. J. Lewis (President) presided, and Mrs. A. Paffett read the lesson. Pianist was Mrs. A. Biggs.