

241 Teams Enter the Schools' Tournament

PORTCHESTER Secondary Modern School were heavily defeated by the St John's College "B" team in the first round zonal stage of a national schools tournament.

This tournament (which has attracted an entry of 241 teams) is being run on a handicap basis according to age groups, but the Portchester team (average age 13 years 8 months) found themselves in the same group as St Johns (average age 14 years 8 months) and so could not take advantage of the handicap.

The additional experience

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proved decisive and only Barry Tining was able to score for Portchester by a hard-earned stalemate.

Full scores (St John's names first): C. Thomas 1, Geraldine Taylor 0; P. James 1, A. Jones 0; D. Peniston-Bird 1, R. Hughes 0; C. Green $\frac{1}{2}$; B. Tining $\frac{1}{2}$; F. Aribarg 1, Angela Martin 0; P. Miller 1, D. Williams 0. Total $\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The final list of entries for the 1957/8 Individual Championship Tournament of the Portsmouth and District Chess League is as follows: Community Centre, L. West, R. W. Davis, S. F. Adams, D. O'Donovan and E. Carter; Fareham, E. G. Potter, J. E. C. Grant, C. W. Brading and G. W. Farmer; Gosport, W. J. Eaton,

G. O. Pike, E. Taylor and D. F. Rhoades; Cosham, R. I. Ross and Mr. Noke; Portsmouth, D. M. Heywood; Portsmouth Grammar School, A. J. Maber; Independent entry, V. Lee.

DISABLED PLAYERS

The British Chess Federation and the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship are jointly sponsoring a scheme to arrange for disabled players to be put in touch with players able to visit them. The first Infantile Paralysis Fellowship Correspondence Championship is also being arranged and details of both these enterprises can be obtained from Mr. S. R. Hossell, 9, Middle Street, Taunton.

Quotation:

"Chess is so ancient that, by that distinction alone, it seems taken beyond the category of games altogether; and it has been said that it probably would have perished long ago, if it had not been destined to live forever." —

H. Bird (*Chess History and Reminiscences*)

The London-Birmingham road was blocked for half an hour at Markyate (Herts) by a lorry collision.