

FINE WIN FOR PORTSMOUTH

PORTSMOUTH CHESS CLUB beat Portsmouth Community Centre in convincing style in the local "Derby" of the Hampshire League.

Detailed result:—Community Centre 1, Portsmouth 4 (L. West 0, W. H. Pratten 1; R. W. Davis 1, H. C. Bailey 0; S. F. Adams 0, A. Carter 1; D. O'Donovan 0, A. Bacon 1; Rev. H. Miller 0, D. M. Heywood 1.)

Woolston Community Centre (present champions) now head the table and will be difficult to displace on current form.

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Woolston	2	2	0	7½	2
Portsmouth	1	1	0	4	1
Basingstoke	1	1	0	4	1
Fareham	2	1	0	5	1
Andover	1	0	0	1	0
Comm. Ctr.	1	0	0	1	0
Southampton	1	0	0	1	0
Bournemouth	1	0	0	½	0

There has been a temporary cessation of "hostilities" during the holiday period in the Portsmouth League. Although the season is almost at the half-way stage, the question of First Division honours is still very open. Community Centre have a useful lead but Fareham, Gosport and Portsmouth are all within striking distance of them.

The Fareham Club has a strong grip on the other two Divisions but their 'B' and 'C' teams may be weakened later in the season as more players become 'frozen' in the higher sections.

Since play started in October over 100 players have so far taken part in this competition.

Division 1					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Comm. Ctr. 'A'	4	3	0	10	3
Fareham 'A'	4	2	0	11½	2
Gosport	3	1	1	6½	1½
Portsmouth	2	1	0	6	1
NALGO	3	0	1	6	0½

Division 2					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham 'B'	4	3	1	13	3½
R.N.P.L.	4	2	1	12	2½
Coll. Apps. 'A'	4	1	2	10	2
Vosper	4	1	1	9½	1½
St Johns 'A'	4	1	1	8	1½
Col. of Tech.	4	1	0	7½	1

Division 3					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham 'C'	4	4	0	14½	4
St Johns 'B'	5	4	0	15½	4
Coll. Apps. 'B'	4	2	0	9½	2
Comm. Ctr. 'B'	3	1	0	9	1
Westminster	3	1	0	7	1
Bridgeway	5	0	0	4½	0

COLLEGE TEAM

The Portsmouth College of Technology's team is a newcomer to the local League this

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season. Organized by student A Godfrey, the College Chess group now numbers nine players and there is a rumour that they may enter a second team next year.

In the early days of the League, there was quite a strong team, taking part which described itself as Municipal College, and although the present group is an entirely new enterprise, they still have something of the old tradition about them.

Their results so far this season probably belie their true strength as they have been experimenting with the team and several of the matches which they lost would have been won with that little extra experience.

All teenagers, they have much the same difficulties as Collingwood Apprentices in that whereas their players are rapidly improving with match practice, they all too soon move on, and the teams do not have the chance to settle down.

Incidentally, for the information of those still misguided enough to think that Chess is a game for old men, it is an interesting fact that over a third of the players now taking an active part in local competitive Chess are under 21.

Fareham Chess Club Wins

Promotion

FAREHAM CHESS CLUB finished in the first three in Division II of the Postal Chess League of Great Britain, and have therefore won promotion into the top Division for 1957.

Although they just failed in their attempt at winning the Lord Brabazon Trophy for the championship of the Second Division, their performance must be considered creditable in view of their promotion from Division III only last season.

Their second team finished in fifth place in Division IV.

Altogether, 64 teams competed and the Waterloo Club of Liverpool were the champions of the First Division.

CHESS MASTER'S VISIT

Fareham Chess Club has been fortunate indeed in securing the services of Mr. H. Golombek for a simultaneous display at Melgrade Hall, Fareham, on January 26.

Three times British champion, Mr. Golombek is one of Britain's few international masters and was captain of the English team that took part in the recent international tournament at Moscow.

He will be playing on 20 boards and his opposition, while predominantly made up of players from Fareham, will include several invited from other local clubs.

There will be plenty of room at the hall for visitors and spectators, who are invited.

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Fareham played their Hampshire League match against Bournemouth at Southampton by mutual arrangement and were unfortunate in having their top board, R. E. Walmisley, withdraw from the team at the last minute. A replacement could not be found in time and of the four players who travelled, N. C. Taylor lost on the clock to G. J. Coleman. W. C. Martin drew with G. W. S. Goggin and J. Grant was soundly beaten by Bournemouth Grammar schoolboy, M. S. Bodinetz. J. Borland's game against D. Richards on top board was unfinished, so the score at the moment is 3½—½ in Bournemouth's favour, with one game for adjudication.

Basingstoke beat Southampton by three games to two, and Portsmouth lost their match against Southampton by default.

Table:—

Team	P	W	D	O	Pt
Woolston Com. Ctr.	2	2	0	0	2
Basingstoke	2	2	0	0	2
Southampton	2	1	0	0	1
Bournemouth	2	1	0	0	1
Portsmouth	2	1	0	0	1
Fareham	2	1	0	0	1
Port. Com. Ctr.	1	0	0	0	0
Andover	1	0	0	0	0

First-round results in the Hampshire Chess Association Individual Championship are: Basingstoke beat Ryewski, Vine beat Russell, Dance beat Henshaw, Edmunds beat Ventham, Martin beat Taylor, and Pratten beat Borland.

LIGHTNING CHESS

Fareham Chess Club held its annual "Ten-seconds-a-move" lightning chess tournament with 14 members competing. The feature of the event was the struggle between the club President (W. C. Martin) and the winner for the previous two seasons, J. Borland. After running neck and neck for the first five rounds Borland broke down in the final game and allowed Martin to become the club's new "lightning" champion.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

NALGO scored a spectacular win against Portsmouth last week and are rewarded by a jump of two places in the First Division table.

In Division II, Fareham "B"

suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of Collingwood Apprentices, who were without their star player, J. Beardsmore-Hyde.

Detailed results:—

Division I.—NALGO 4, Portsmouth 1 (N. G. Lefevre 0, W. H. Pratten 1; R. P. Natrasa 1, H. C. Bailey 0; E. M. Spreadbury 1, A. Carter 0; H. W. Bignell 1, J. P. Price 0; C. M. Durman 1, D. M. Heywood 0).

Division II.—Fareham "B" 2, Collingwood Apprentices "A" 3 (G. W. Farmer 1, C. R. Lee 0; T. Saunders 0, C. Wright 1; E. G. Potter 0, T. J. Search 1; B. Hatcher 1, —, Bartie 0; G. Ratter 0, —, Giles 1).

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Division I

Team	P	W	D	O	Pt
Com. Ctr. "A"	4	3	0	1	3
Fareham "A"	4	2	0	1½	2
NALGO	4	1	1	1½	1½
Gosport	3	1	1	6½	1½
Portsmouth	3	1	0	7	1

Division II

Team	P	W	D	O	Pt
Fareham "B"	5	3	1	1½	3½
Coll. Appa. "A"	5	2	2	13	2
R.N.P.L.	4	2	1	12	2½
Vospur	4	1	1	8½	1½
St John's "A"	4	1	1	8	1½
Coll. of Technology	4	1	0	7½	1

Division III

Team	P	W	D	O	Pt
Fareham "C"	4	4	0	14½	4
St John's "B"	5	4	0	15½	4
Coll. Appa. "B"	4	3	0	9½	2
Com. Ctr. "B"	3	1	0	9	1
Westminster	3	1	0	7	1
Bridgeman	5	0	0	4½	0

Results so far received in the fourth round of the Portsmouth and District Individual Championship are:

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Davis beat West, Grant beat Brading, Farmer beat Adams, Walmisley beat Heywood, Eaton beat Ratter, Pike beat Pinhorne (def.), Ross beat White, and Taylor beat Lee.

GRADING LIST

The British Chess Federation Grading List for 1956 has just been published.

Local players included are W. H. Pratten (3b) and J. Borland, of Fareham (5b), while other Hampshire players are D. J. Richards (Bournemouth and Oxford University) (4a), M. E. Ventham (Woolston) (5a), and L. Vine (Eastleigh) (5a). Other names which will be recognized locally are I. R. E. Clark (5b), one time of Portsmouth and now West London, and J. B. Howson (3b), who played for Fareham during his period of National Service.

BOGNOR CONGRESS

The Bognor Regis and Southdean Chess Congress is being held from April 24 to May 4. Last year there were 184 entries and as the figure has risen by a steady 40 per annum since 1952, the organizers look forward with some confidence to a new record for 1957.

Apart from the Stevenson Memorial Tournament and the official S.C.C.U. Championships, there are five-day and seven-day minor tournaments catering for players of all strengths.

LOCAL CLUBS (12)

Cosham Chess Club is the last of the local clubs to be described in this column. They were one of the original six teams which combined to form the Portsmouth and District Chess League in 1947 and were League Champions in the seasons 1952-3 and 1954-5.

The season 1955-6 saw a falling-off in membership and they

had to withdraw one of their two teams. This season they felt that their membership did not justify even one team and they withdrew from the local League.

The club is still functioning and it is strange that, with its headquarters conveniently placed at Court Lane School, in an area not served by any other club, it does not have a much larger membership.

The acting Secretary, Mr. P. C. Way, of 12 Court Lane, Cosham, is carrying on in the firm belief that the present situation is only temporary and that the club will shortly return to its place of honour in Division I of the Portsmouth League. All chess players will wish him success in his difficult job, because in chess, as in other things, "nothing succeeds like success" and the job of keeping a club's head just above water is one which all honorary club officials know to be one of the most arduous tasks they can be asked to face.

Point Lead in Chess Contest

WITH a point lead, D. O'Donovan (Portsmouth Community Centre) is favourite for the Portsmouth and District Individual Chess Championship Tournament.

He won the fourth round "needle" game against J. Borland (Fareham).

With four more rounds to play O'Donovan has to meet his clubmate, R. W. Davis, in the next round.

R. Pinhorne (Community Centre) has withdrawn from the competition.

Pairings for the fifth round (score to date in brackets): Davis (3) v. O'Donovan (4); Walmisley (3) v. Borland (3); Grant (3) v. Farmer (3); Eaton (2½) v. West (2); Adams (2) v. Pike (2½); Brading (2) v. Ross (2); Griffiths v. Taylor (2); Lee (1) v. Heywood (2); White (1) v. Ratter (1); Miller (1) v. Phillips.

The fourth round game between Phillips and Griffiths is not yet finished.

COUNTY PAIRINGS

Pairings for the second round of the Hampshire Individual Championship are Baverstock (1) v. Edmunds (1); Ryzewski (0) v. Ventham (0); Taylor, Fareham (0) v. Borland, Fareham (0); Pratten (1) v. Martin, Fareham (1); Vine (1) v. Dance (1); Henshaw (0) v. Russell (0).

SCHOOL CONTESTS

The chess group at Portchester Secondary School held a Lightning Tournament last week, with 13 children competing.

Judy Watson won first place, narrowly beating Keith Hazzard on Sonneborne-Berger count.

Other placings were: 3, R. Hughes; 4, A. Martin; equal 5th, G. Taylor and B. Tinling; 6, A. Morley; 7, L. Bennett; 8, M. Cooper; 9, A. Jones; 10, J. Leach; 11, S. Merritt; 12, W. Long.

FAREHAM TOURNEY

With four of the eight rounds completed, J. Grant has obtained a clear point lead in Fareham Chess Club's Championship Tournament.

Messrs. Johnson, Taylor, Martin, Phillips and Walmisley are all close on his heels with three points each, and it would seem that an exciting finish is in sight.

QUOTATION

"Of all the varied amusements which the fertile mind of man has from time to time originated, we know of none which, for antiquity, variety, moral excellence and social enjoyment, can in any way be compared with the classic game of Chess . . . this aptly termed 'Science in play.'"—Howard Staunton (Chess Players' Chronicle, 1852).

COLLEGE TEAM IN THIRD PLACE

IN Division II of Portsmouth and District League, St John's College rise from fifth to third place following a win against R.N.P.L. and a draw with Vosper Sports and Social Club.

In Division III, Fareham "C" lose their unbeaten record, and Community Centre "B" move into third place in the table.

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Division I: St John's "A" 2½. Vosper 2½ (Bro. Charles ½, E. F. Phillips ½; T. F. Johnson 0, J. Grant 1; A. Perry 0, J. Bream 1; B. Cain 1, H. Goldsmith 0; F. Harkin 1, H. Cole 0).

R.N.P.L. 2, St John's "A" 3 (K. Harrison ½, Bro. Charles ½; H. Hempleman ½, T. F. Johnson ½; A. N. Dossett 1, A. Perry 0; E. Mitchell 0, B. Cain 1; A. Clear 0, F. Harkin 1).

Division III: Comm. Centre "B" 2½. Westminster 2½ (Woodthorpe ½, Randall ½; B. Ross 1, default 0; W. H. Wragg 0, Perch 1; F. Critchet 1, Blair 0; Miss S. White 0, Cheater 1).

Fareham "C" 2, Comm. Centre "B" 3 (A. P. Garner 0, E. Baker 1; T. Saunders 0, B. Ross 1; C. Brading 0, C. L. Keefe 1; M. Gibson 1, Jeasop 0; A. Lines 1, Miss S. White 0).

Division I	P	W	D	G	Pt
Comm. Centre "A"	4	3	0	10	3
Fareham "A"	4	2	0	11½	3
NALGO	4	1	1	10	1½
Gosport	3	1	1	6½	1½
Portsmouth	3	1	0	7	1

Division II	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham "B"	5	3	1	15	3½
Coll. App. "A"	5	2	2	13	3
St John's "A"	5	2	3	13½	3
R.N.P.L.	5	2	1	14	2½
Vosper	5	1	2	12	2
Coll. of Tech.	4	1	0	7½	1

Division III	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham "C"	5	4	0	16½	4
St John "B"	5	4	0	15½	4
Comm. Centre "B"	5	2	1	14½	2½
Coll. App. "B"	4	3	0	9½	2
Westminster	4	1	1	9½	1½
Bridgemary	5	0	0	4½	0

In the individual championship, Phillips won the fourth round match against Griffiths. Fifth round results so far received are.—West beat Eaton, Adams beat Pike, and Heywood beat Lee.

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Fareham's two representatives (J. Borland and W. O. Martin) both lost their games to G. J. Coleman of Bournemouth in the Hampshire-Wiltshire stage of the British Championship Qualifying Tournament.

J. Borland has half a point from two games and cannot now qualify. W. O. Martin still has a chance if he beats both Borland and Copping (Swindon).

"Chess is a form of intellectual productiveness; thereon lies its peculiar charm, and intellectual productiveness is one of the greatest joys of human existence."

—Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch ("The Game of Chess, 1936").

NALGO in Running for Championship

AS if to prove that their recent 4-1 victory over Portsmouth was no fluke, NALGO have beaten the leaders of the Portsmouth and District Chess League. They are now in second place in Division I and are making a serious bid for championship honours this season.

Fareham, although dropping to third place, benefit by NALGO's effort in so far as they are now only one point behind Community Centre with a match in hand.

Incidentally, R. P. Natrass has now won eight games in succession at board two for NALGO. Other clubs will no doubt wish that they had such consistent players.

In Division II, Vosper travelled one short to H.M.S. Collingwood and lost to the Apprentices. Fareham "B" lost to College of Technology, and the combined result of these two matches is that the Apprentices have displaced the Fareham team at the top of the table.

There have been no changes in position in Division III, where Community Centre "B" won their match against Bridgemary, whose team have been strengthened by the return of Mr. E. Brooke, at present on leave from Nigeria.

Detailed results:

Division I.—NALGO 3, Comm. Ctr. "A" 2 (N. Lefevre 1, L. West 0; R. P. Natrass 1, R. W. Davis 0; H. Spreadbury 0, S. F. Adams 1; H. Signell 0, D. O'Donovan 1; C. H. Durman 1, W. H. Wrags 0).

Division II.—Coll. Apps. "A" 3½, Vosper 1½ (J. Beardsmore-Hyde ½, H. F. Phillips ½; T. Search 0, J. Grant 1; G. Wright 1, H. Goldsmith 0; P. Giles 1, S. Harris 0; B. Bartle 1, default 0). Fareham "B" 1½, Coll. of Tech. 3½ (M. Gibson 0, A. Godfrey 1; A. F. Garner 0, D. Rhoades 1; E. G. Potter 1, M. Dyer 0; T. Saunders ½, A. R. Godfrey ½; C. Brading 0, J. Hawkins 1).

Division III.—Comm. Ctr. "B" 3, Bridgemary 2 (Woodthorpe 1, L. McCaulder 0; E. Timpson 1, C. McCaulder 0; R. Ross 0, E. Brooke 1; C. L. Keefe 1, Mrs. F. McCaulder 0; Miss S. White 0, R. McCaulder 1).

TABLES

Division I	P W D G				Pt
	P	W	D	G	
Comm. Ctr. A ..	5	3	0	12	3
NALGO	5	2	1	13	2½
Fareham A	4	2	0	11½	2
Gosport	3	1	1	6½	1½
Portsmouth	3	1	0	7	1
Division II					
Division II	P W D G				Pt
	P	W	D	G	
Coll. Apps. A ...	6	3	2	16½	4
Fareham B	6	3	1	16½	3½
St John's A ...	6	2	2	13½	3
R.N.P.L.	5	2	1	14	2½
Vosper	6	1	2	13½	2
Coll. of Tech. ...	5	2	0	11	2
Division III					
Division III	P W D G				Pt
	P	W	D	G	
Fareham O	5	4	0	16½	4
St John's B	5	4	0	15½	4
Comm. Ctr. B ..	6	3	1	17½	3½
Coll. Apps. B ...	4	2	0	9½	2
Westminster ...	4	1	1	9½	1½
Bridgemary	6	0	0	6½	0

Further results received in the local Individual Championship (Round 5) are: Berland beat Walmisley, White beat Ratter, Miller beat Phillips (def.), and Davis beat O'Donovan. Mr. Phillips withdraws from the competition.

W. C. Martin (Fareham) drew his game with P. F. Copping (Swindon) in the County stage of the British Championship qualifying tournament. This ½ point was all Mr. Copping needed for first place and he will now pass on to the zonal stage of the competition.

Quotation.—"Chess is an art. In at least seven universities in foreign countries the game ranks in the curriculum with mathematics, music and painting . . . I only wish some of our universities would follow suit and that the British Council, which spends large sums of money annually on various arts, would include chess . . . I suppose that, after Association football, more people in the world play chess than any other game."—Sir Clarence Sudd in his opening speech at this year's Hastings Congress.

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 Tinning 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.

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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.

Portsmouth Club In Fine Form

PORTSMOUTH Chess Club hit top form when they beat the leaders of Division I of Portsmouth and District Chess League by 4½ games to a half.

They now share third place with Fareham, both teams having the same number of matches in hand over the teams above them.

Portsmouth play Fareham this week and the match will leave the winners in a strong position.

In Division II, Vosper Sports and Social Club climb to third place. Bottom of the table are R.N.P.L.

Westminster Airways drew their match with Collingwood Apprentices second string, but the placings in Division III remain unchanged.

Detailed scores:—

Division I.—Comm. Ctr. "A" ½, Portsmouth 4½ (R. W. Davis 0, W. H. Pratten 1; S. F. Adams 0, H. C. Bailey 1; D. O'Donovan 0, A. Carter 1; L. West ½, J. P. Price ½; R. I. Ross 0, D. M. Heywood 1).

Division II.—Vosper 3½, R.N.P.L. 1½ (E. P. Phillips 1, H. Hempleman 0; J. Grant 1, K. Harrison 0; H. Goldsmith 0, A. N. Dossert 1; S. Harris ½, A. Clear ½; W. Archer 1, E. Mitchell 0).

Division III.—Westminster 3½, Coll. Apps. "B" 2½ (Perd 1, Smale 0; Randall ½, Arthur ½; Blair 1, Lee 0; Cheater 0, Ling 1; default 0, Warren 1).

Tables:—

Division I						
	P	W	D	G	Pt	
Comm. Ctr. "A"	6	3	0	12½	3	
NALGO	5	2	1	13	2½	
Fareham "A"	4	3	0	11½	2	
Portsmouth	4	2	0	11½	2	
Gosport	3	1	1	6½	1½	
Division II						
	P	W	D	G	Pt	
Coll. Apps. "A"	7	3	2	16½	4	
Fareham "B"	6	3	1	16½	3½	
Vosper	7	2	2	17	3	
Coll. of Tech.	6	3	0	14	3	
St Johns "A"	6	2	2	13½	3	
R.N.P.L. v	6	2	1	15½	2½	
Division III						
	P	W	D	G	Pt	
Fareham "C"	5	4	0	16½	4	
St Johns "B"	5	4	0	15½	4	
Comm. Ctr. "B" ...	6	3	1	17	3½	
Coll. Apps. "B" ...	5	3	1	12	3½	
Westminster	5	1	2	12	2	
Bridgwater	5	0	0	6	0	

The rating figures of those players in the team tournament

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who have completed five games this season have been circulated to clubs.

Players with ratings in excess of 100 are R. P. Nattrass (NALGO) 176, L. West (Community Centre) 126, D. O'Donovan (Community Centre) 106, and R. W. Davis (Community Centre) 104.

COUNTY CONTEST

The second round of the Hampshire Individual Championship has been completed. Results: Edmunds beat Baverstock, Ryzewski beat Ventham, Taylor drew with Borland, Pratten beat Martin, Dance beat Vine, and Henshaw beat Russell.

Third-round pairings and scores to date are: Edmunds (2) v. Pratten (2), Dance (2) v. Ryzewski (1), Henshaw (1) v. Baverstock (1), Taylor (½) v. Vine (1), Borland (½) v. Martin (1), Ventham (0) v. Russell (0).

J. Borland beat W. C. Martin in the final game of the Hampshire-Wiltshire section of the British Championship Qualifying Tournament.

The full scores of the four players taking part are: P. F. Copping 2, G. J. Coleman 2, J. Borland 1½, and W. C. Martin 1.

"I have always a slight feeling of pity for the man who has no knowledge of Chess, just as I would pity the man who has remained ignorant of love. Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy." — Dr. Seibert Tarrasch ("The Game of Chess," 1936).

Chess League: Tussle for First Division Honours

INTEREST in the Portsmouth District Chess League is very much focussed at the moment on the struggle for First Division honours.

Portsmouth beat Fareham in what will probably prove to be the decisive match so far as Fareham's chances are concerned.

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Division I.—Portsmouth 3½, Fareham "A" 1½ (W. H. Pratten 1, R. Walmisley 0; H. C. Bailey 1, J. Borland 0; A. Carter 1, W. C. Martin 0; J. P. Price 0, F. Johnson 1; D. M. Heywood ½, N. G. Taylor ½).
Gosport 2, NALGO 3 (E. Taylor ½, N. Lefevre ½; G. O. Pike 0, R. Nattrass 1; W. J. Eaton ½, E. Blockley ½; J. S. Perry 1, C. H. Durman 0; H. Tripp 0, H. Williams 1).

Division III. — Westminster 1, St John's "B" 4 (P. Perch 0, P. Wilcox 1; T. Randall ½, R. O'Neil ½; S. Scammell ½, A. Green ½; J. Blair 0, M. Gilmore 1; Z. Navara 0, J. Young 1).

Division I	P	W	D	G	Pt
NALGO	6	3	1	16	3½
Portsmouth	5	3	0	15	3
Comm. Ctr. "A"	6	3	0	12½	3
Fareham "A"	5	2	0	13	2
Gosport	4	1	1	8½	1½

Division II	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. Apps. "A"	7	3	2	18½	4
Fareham "B"	6	3	1	16½	3½
Vosper	7	2	2	17	3
Coll. of Tech.	6	3	0	14	3
St John's "A"	6	2	2	13½	3
R.N.P.L.	6	2	1	15½	2½

Division III	P	W	D	G	Pt
St John's "B"	6	5	0	19½	5
Fareham "C"	5	4	0	16½	4
Comm. Ctr. "B"	6	3	1	17½	3½
Coll. Apps. "B"	5	2	1	12	2½
Westminster	6	1	2	13	2
Bridgemary	6	0	0	6½	0

More players have qualified for a rating by completing five games this season. Those whose rating figure at present exceeds 100 are W. H. Pratten (160), N. G. Lefevre (130), H. C. Bailey (128), R. Walmisley (128), A. Carter (123) and J. Borland (107).

Sixth Round results so far received in the Individual Tournament are: Davis beat Heywood, White beat Miller, West beat Pike and Ross beat Eaton (def).

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Portsmouth Chess Club have withdrawn their team from the Hampshire League because of transport difficulties, and their results to date have been deleted from the records. Portsmouth Community Centre narrowly lost their match

against Southampton, but have risen to fifth place as a result of the re-workings.

Detailed results:—
Portsmouth Community Centre 2, Southampton 3 (R. W. Davis 0, A. C. Barton 1; S. F. Adams ½, G. L. Pritchard ½; D. O'Donovan 0, J. D. Barham 1; L. West ½, H. Runham ½, R. Ross 1, W. J. Rhodes 0).
Bournemouth 2½, Andover 2½ (G. J. Coleman ½, S. L. Russell ½; E. W. Chandler 1, A. S. Dance 0; S. H. Lucas 0, I. Clarke 1; G. W. S. Goggin 1, J. R. Hoyle 0; M. Bodinets 0, G. D. Young 1).

Table	P	W	D	G	Pt
Woolston	3	3	0	13	3
Fareham	4	2	0	10	2
Basingstoke	4	2	0	8½	2
Bournemouth	3	1	1	7	1½
Ports. Comm. Ctr.	2	1	0	6	1
Southampton	3	1	0	6	1
Andover	3	0	1	4½	0½

COUNTY NEWS

At a recent fixtures meeting of the S.C.C.U., a re-grouping of counties for next season's matches was agreed. Seven Western Counties (Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Gloucester, Wiltshire and Monmouthshire) are forming a union of their own. The remaining 14 counties will be divided into a Northern and a Southern section, the latter consisting of Hampshire, Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Oxfordshire, Berks, and Bucks.

This will give Hampshire a much more attractive programme. Fifty board matches will be played against Kent, Surrey and Sussex (Amboyna Shield and S.C.C.U. Championship) and 20 board matches against the rest.

The result of the changes will be to give more local players a chance to represent their county.

CHESS AT PETERSFIELD

A reader has expressed regret that there seems to be no chess club in the Petersfield area and is willing to form one if sufficient support is forthcoming. Anyone interested should contact Mr. A. W. Warner, 28, Oaklands Road, Petersfield (Phone Petersfield 627).

HAMPSHIRE ARE THE CHAMPIONS AGAIN

HAMPSHIRE beat Gloucestershire by 13 games to 12 in the match held at Warminster for the final of the West of England Championship, and so retain the title and the "Harold Meek" Cup.

Of the five local players taking part, only W. H. Pratten and W. C. Martin won their games.

Scores (Hampshire players first):

W. H. Pratten 1, Dr. J. M. Aitken 0; D. McCus 0, D. V. Mardie 1; L. E. Vine ½, M. Poolake ½; M. Ventham 1, E. Reifenburg 0; T. O. Road ½, C. Welch ½; A. Edmonds ½, R. O. Fowis ½; G. J. Coleman

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½ J. Cullum ½; M. Thompson ½; A. R. Pitt ½; A. C. Pindar ½; J. Milton ½; R. E. Wainisley 0; R. Garalde 1; D. K. Bevis 1, R. Baxter 0; C. H. Henshaw ½, S. Draysey ½; E. G. Chandler ½, Dr. A. Devonshire ½; L. H. Day 1, A. White 0; A. C. Barton 1, M. Davies 0; J. Sorland 0, J. McGibben 1; L. C. Walters 1, Dr. T. Galla 0; S. L. Russell 0, H. H. Cotter 1; W. C. Martin 0, Mrs. Powis 0; H. L. Parsons 0, C. Braunholtz 1; G. L. Pritchard 1, J. G. Date 0; J. Hobbs 0, B. Hare 1; A. S. Dunge 0, D. Hopkins 1; R. W. Davis 1, W. Greenhow 1; L. Pretty 1, Mrs. Mardie 0.

Dr. J. M. Aitken is the present Scottish champion.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

The R.N. Physiological Laboratory won their postponed match against Ports-

New Officers Elected

At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Ex-Service Association's Joint Council, the following officers were elected: President, Brig. J. C. Friedberger; Vice-President, Mr. C. H. Francis (South African War Veterans Association); Chairman, Major R. T. Elwin (Royal Hampshire Association); Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. Newman (Royal Naval Association); Secretary, Mr. C. W. Bright (Royal Naval Association); Treasurer, Mr. L. Butt (Royal Signal Association).

The town council at King's Lynn, Norfolk, approved the development of a 50-acre site for the American Campbell Soup Co. to build a 337,000 canning factory.

mouth College of Technology and jump from bottom to third place in the Second Division table.

Bridgemary Community Centre scored their first win of the season at the expense of Westminster Airways.

Scores:
Division II.—R.N.P.L. 4, College of Tech. 2 (A. N. Dosssett 1, A. Godfrey 0; H. Hempleman 0, T. Sliwinski 1; K. Harrison 1, D. Rhoades 0; E. Mitchell 0, M. Dyer 1; A. Clear 1, J. Hawkins 0).

Division III.—Bridgemary 4, Westminster 1 (E. Brooke 1, P. Perch 0; C. McCaulder 0, R. Scammell 1; L. McCaulder 1, T. Randall 0; R. McCaulder 1, J. Blair 1; Mrs. F. McCaulder 1, J. Taylor 0).

	P	W	D	G	Pt
NALGO	6	3	1	16	3½
Portsmouth	5	3	0	15	3
Comm. Ctr. A	6	3	0	12½	3
Fareham A	5	2	0	12	2
Gosport	4	1	1	8½	1½

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. Apps. A ...	7	3	2	16½	4
Fareham B	6	3	1	16½	3½
R.N.P.L.	7	3	1	19½	3½
Vesper	7	2	2	17	3
Coll. of Tech. ...	7	3	0	16	3
St John's A	6	2	2	13½	3

	P	W	D	G	Pt
St John's B ...	6	5	0	19½	5
Fareham C	5	4	0	18½	4
Comm. Ctr. B ..	6	3	1	17½	3½
Coll. Apps. B ...	5	2	1	12	2½
Westminster ...	7	1	2	14	2
Bridgemary	7	1	0	10½	1

Further Individual Championship results received in the sixth round are O'Donovan beat Grant, and Farmer beat Brading.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

In the competition organized by the Hants Federation of Community Centres and involving Portsmouth, Woolston, and Bridgemary, Portsmouth Community Centre beat Bridgemary by four games to one.

Scores: R. W. Davis 0, E. Brookes 1; S. F. Adams 1, D. Harris 0; D. O'Donovan 1, R. McCaulder 0; L. West 1, T. Stephenson 0; C. L. Keefe 1, I. McCaulder 0.

QUOTATION

"Intimate conversation without a word spoken; thrilling activity in quiescence; triumph and defeat, hope and despondency, life and death, all within 64 squares; poetry and science reconciled; the ancient East at one with modern Europe—that is Chess."—Professor John Holland, *How to Play Chess* (1930-1932).

Record Entry for Chess

ENTRIES for this year's Bognor Regis and South-dean Chess Congress, to be held in April, are likely to exceed the record number of 184 received last year.

Already the entries for this ten-day international event have passed the 100 mark, and more than 30 have been received for the premier event—the Stevenson Memorial tournament, which includes the Southern Counties Chess Championship.

Each year the cost of running the Congress, which is now the biggest of its kind in the country, rises. Last year it cost £680, and this year it is expected to cost over £700. The Congress Director, Mr. J. N. Lomax, who is a member of the local Chess Club, is therefore appealing to local patrons to renew their support.

"In the past three years," he told the Evening News, "strenuous efforts have been made by other South Coast resorts to take this, now world famous Chess Congress away from Bognor, but thanks to those who do so much each year to ensure its financial success, we are able to keep this early season attraction here."

Most of the leading English players are expected to be competing in the premier event, and also some of the Continental masters, including Count O'Kelly de Galway, of Belgium, who won the event last year.

Portsmouth Now Have Clear Lead

WITH only two matches to play, Portsmouth Chess Club has established a half-point lead in the First Division of the Portsmouth and District Chess League.

Fareham "B" has re-established itself at the head

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of Division II, while Fareham "C" and St John's "B" now share first place in Division III.

Scores:
Division I: Portsmouth 3½, Gosport 1½ (W. H. Pratten 1, G. O. Pike 0; A. Carter ½, E. Taylor ½; H. C. Bailey 1, W. J. Eaton 0; J. P. Price 1; J. S. Perry 0; D. M. Heywood 0, H. W. Tripp 1).
Division II: St John's "A" 1½, Fareham "B" 3½ (Bro. Charles ½, E. G. Potter ½; T. Johnson 0, A. F. Garner 1; B. Cain 0, T. Saunders 1; F. Haskin 0, B. Hatcher 1; F. Wilcox 1, G. Ratter 0). College of Technology 3, R.N.P.L. 2 (T. Sliwinski 0, A. N. Dossett 1; M. Dyer 0, K. Harrison 1; A. Godfrey 1, H. Taylor 0; D. Rhoades 1, A. Clear 0; A. R. Godfrey 1, E. Mitchell 0).
Division III: Coll. Apps "B" 2, Comm. Ctre. "B" 3 (B. Bartle 0, E. Baker 1; C. Lee 0, R. Ross 1; N. Ling 0, C. L. Keefe 1; M. Smale 1, default 0; R. Warren 1, Miss S. White 0). Fareham "C" 3, Coll. Apps. "B" 2 (A. F. Garner 1, B. Bartle 0; T. Saunders 1, M. Smale 0; C. Brading 1, C. Lee 0; M. Gibson 0, N. Ling 1; A. Lines 0, R. Warren 1).

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	6	4	0	18½	4
NALGO	6	3	1	16	3½
Comm. Ctre. A	6	3	0	12½	3
Fareham A	5	2	0	13	2
Gosport	5	1	1	10	1½

Division II					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham B	7	4	1	20	4½
Coll. App. A	7	3	2	18½	4
Coll. of Tech.	8	4	0	19	4
R.N.P.L.	8	3	1	20½	3½
Vesper	7	2	2	17	3
St John's A	7	2	2	15	3

Division III					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham C	6	5	0	19½	5
St John's B	6	5	0	19½	5
Comm. Ctre. B	7	4	1	20½	4½
Coll. App. B	7	3	1	16	2½
Westminster	7	1	2	14	2
Bridgemary	7	1	0	10½	1

Further sixth round Individual Championship results: Griffiths beat Ratter; Walmisley drew with Taylor.

SCHOOL GAMES

Portchester Secondary Modern School narrowly lost their return match against Bridgemary Community Centre, who fielded a team entirely made up of members of the McCaulder family.

Scores (Bridgemary first):
R. McCaulder 1, Geraldine Taylor 0; I. McCaulder 1, Anthony Jones 0; C. McCaulder 0, Barry Tining 1; Mrs. P. McCaulder 1, Angela Martin 0; B. McCaulder 0, David Williams 1.

NATIONAL WEEK

All over the country during the week ending March 23, chess clubs will be arranging sections of the mammoth Teenagers v. Old Stagers match. Fareham Chess Club's contribution to this event is a 15 board match to be held at their Club next Thursday. Contingents to make up the Teenagers' team have been invited from H.M.S. Collingwood, Price's School, and Portchester Secondary School.

COUNTY SUCCESS

It is now learned that the first 16 boards of the match, Hampshire v. Gloucestershire, reported in these notes last week, was for the semi-final of the Montague Jones Cup competition. Hampshire, therefore, pass into the final of this competition as well as winning the West of England championship.

As a change from quotations praising chess, here is one which is rather critical. It is only fair to mention, however, that Mr. Shaw did not play the game.

A FINE EFFORT BY FAREHAM PLAYERS

FAREHAM, who were without the services of their regular top board, did well to defeat NALGO by four games to one.

In so doing, they rather spoil NALGO's championship aspirations, and at the same time give themselves an outside chance of retaining the title.

Portsmouth are still favourites, however, being a point ahead with two more matches to play.

Detailed scores.—

Division I: NALGO 1, Fareham 'A' 4 (N.G. Lefevre 0, J. Borland 1; R. P. Nattrass ½, W. C. Martin ½; E. Blockley 0, F. Johnson 1; H. Bignell 0, N. C. Taylor 1; C. H. Durman ½, E. G. Potter ½).

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. Ctr. 'A'	6	3	0	12½	3
Gosport	5	1	1	10	1½

Division II

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham 'B'	7	4	1	20	4½
Coll. App. 'A'	7	3	2	18½	4
Coll. of Tech.	8	4	0	18	4
R.N.P.L.	8	3	1	20½	3½
Vosper	7	2	2	17	3
St John's 'A'	7	2	2	15	3

Division III

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham 'C'	6	4	0	19½	5
St John's 'B'	6	5	0	19½	5
Comm. Ctr. 'B'	7	4	1	20½	4½
Coll. App. 'B'	7	2	1	16	2½
Westminster	7	1	2	14	2
Bridgemary	7	1	0	10½	1

F. Johnson (Fareham) has joined the privileged few with a rating (109) for the current season's play in excess of 100.

Pairings for the seventh and penultimate round of Portsmouth and District Individual Championship Tournament are Grant (4) v. Davis (5); Farmer (4) v. O'Donovan (5); Borland v. West (4); Adams v. Taylor (3½); Walmisley (3½) v. Ross

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(3); White (3) v. Brading (3); Easton (2½) v. Heywood (3); Pike (2½) v. Lee (2); Griffiths (2) v. Miller (2). Ratter (1) receives a bye.

The total scores to date of Borland and Adams are not shown as the result of the sixth round game between these two players has not yet been decided.

SCHOOL GAMES

A team from Portchester Secondary Modern School, comprising four 12-year-olds and one teacher played a friendly match with Vosper Sports and Social Club.

Vosper, practically at full second division strength, proved rather too big a handful for the School which went down fighting by one game to four.

Detailed scores (Portchester School first).—Geraldine Taylor 0, H. Goldsmith 1; David Williams 0, C. Brading 1; Robt. Morley 1, W. Archer 0; Richard Hughes 0, H. Cole 1; A. F. Garner 0, J. Grant 1.

WEST OF ENGLAND

There are 24 contestants for the West of England Individual Championship Title which will be decided at Bournemouth during Easter.

Representatives from Hampshire are W. H. Pratten (Fareham), D. J. Richards (Bournemouth), A. Samuels (Bournemouth), and L. Vine (Eastleigh).

Quotation: "Chess alone strengthen one's belief in the prodigious powers of the human race."—Gustav Schenk. ("The Passionate Game," 1937).

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their opponents were from H.M.S. Collingwood, Portchester Secondary School and St Mary's School, Gosport.

The result of this match will be added to those of the others being played throughout the country during National Chess Week and it is expected that this year more than 3,000 contestants will be taking part.

Scores:—J. Beardsmore-Hyde (C) ½, W. C. Martin ½; G. Wright (C) 0, J. Borland 1; T. J. Search (C) 0, F. Johnson 1; P. Giles (C) 0, N. C. Taylor 1; Geraldine Taylor (P) 0, J. Grant 1; N. Ling (C) 0, E. C. Potter 1; B. Tining (P) 0, B. Hatcher 1; Angela Martin (P) 0, G. Ratter 1; D. Williams (P) 0, A. F. Garner 1; A. Morley (P) 0, C. Brading 1; R. Hughes (P) 0, M. Gibson 1; J. Dawn (SM) 0, C. Barrell 1; Judy Watson (P) 0, P. Durnell 1; T. Dawn (SM) 0, D. Lambourne 1. (C=H.M.S. Collingwood, P=Portchester School, SM=St Marys).

Competition in Division II of the Portsmouth and District Chess League remains as keen as ever with only half-points separating the teams.

Collingwood Apprentices move up to top place following their win against R.N.P.L.

In Division III, the Apprentices' second team could do no more than draw with the much improved Bridgemary team.

Results.—
Div. II. R.N.P.L. 1½, Coll. Apps. 'A' 3½ (K. Harrison 1, C. Wright 0; A. N. Dossett 0, J. Beardsmore-Hyde 1; A. Clear 0, T. J. Search 1; E. Mitchell 0, C. R. Lee 1; H. Hempleman ½, P. Giles ½).
Div. III. Coll. Apps. 'B' 2½, Bridgemary 2½ (R. Allpress 1, D. Harris 0; M. Smale 0, I. McCaulder 1; C. R. Lee 0, E. Brooke 1; N. Ling ½, R. McCaulder ½; D. Arthur 1, Mrs. F. McCaulder 0).

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	6	4	0	18½	4
NALGO	7	2	1	17	3½
Fareham 'A'	6	3	0	17	3
Comm. Ctr. 'A'	6	2	0	12½	3
Gosport	5	1	1	10	1½
Division II					
Coll. Apps. 'A'	8	4	2	22	5
Fareham 'B'	7	4	1	20	4½
Coll. of Tech.	8	4	0	19	4
R.N.P.L.	9	3	1	22	3½
Vesper	7	2	2	17	3
St Johns 'A'	7	2	2	15	3
Division III					
Fareham 'C'	6	5	0	19½	5
St Johns 'B'	6	5	0	19½	5
Comm. Ctr. 'B'	7	4	1	20½	4½
Coll. Apps. 'B'	8	2	2	16½	3
Westminster	7	1	2	14	2
Bridgemary	8	1	1	13	1½

Results in the third round of the Hampshire Individual Championship were Henshaw beat Baverstock, Borland beat Martin, Dance beat Ryzowski, Pratten beat Edmunds and Taylor beat Vine, this last result being a very good effort by the Young Fareham player.

Hampshire Failed to Keep "Double"

HAMPSHIRE lost their match against Hertfordshire by seven games to 13 in the final of the Montague-Jones Cup Competition.

They failed to repeat last season's "double" and must be content with the West of England title.

Fareham's four representatives (Messrs. Pratten, Walmisley, Borland and Martin) could muster only one-and-a-half points between them.

Scores (Hampshire names first):
 W. H. Pratten 0, G. S. Wheatcroft 1; D. McCue 0, M. H. Levers 1; L. E. Vine ½, W. E. Fryer ½; M. E. Ventham 1, H. C. Lewis 0; A. M. Edmonds 1, J. S. Russell 0; M. Thompson 0, D. Gilbertson 1; I. H. Day ½, A. P. Primett ½; A. C. Pindar 0, J. M. Scott 1; G. Coleman 0, P. May 1; A. C. Barton ½, G. Orchard ½; L. C. Walters 0, G. L. Sutton 1; T. Chandler ½, E. Lyne ½; G. L. Fritchard 0, T. Laskiewicz 1; J. Hobbs 0, R. Crowson 1; R. E. Walmisley 0, D. Townley 1; D. K. Bevis ½, H. L. Palmer ½; C. H. Henshaw 1, E. Lawrence 0; J. Borland 1, W. Maes 0; R. S. Learmouth 0, E. B. Sandercock 1; W. C. Martin ½, E. G. Ansell ½.

In the County Individual Championship tournament, Ventham beat Russell in the remaining third round game.

Pairings for the fourth round and scores to date are: Pratten (3) v. Dance (3), Edmunds (2) v. Henshaw (2), Vine (1) v. Borland (1½), Ryzewski (1) v. Taylor (1½), Martin (1) v. Ventham (1), and Russell (0) v. Beverstock (1).

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Fareham's "B" and "C" teams improved their chances of topping their respective Divisions when they beat R.N.P.L. and Westminster Airways.

The defeat of St John's "B" by up-and-coming Bridgemary also helps the Fareham club.

St John's "A" lift themselves from the bottom of Division II to third place by their decisive win against College of Technology.

Results:—

Division II.—St John's "A" 4½, College of Technology ½ (Bro. Charles 1, default 0; T. Johnson 1, A. Godfrey 0; A. Perry 1, A. R. Godfrey 0; P. Harkin 1, M. Dyer 0; B. Cain ½, D. Rhodes ½).
 Fareham "B" 3, R.N.P.L. 2 (G. W. Farmer ½, K. Harrison ½; E. G. Potter 1, A. N. Dossett 0; T.

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Saunders 1, A. Glass 0; B. Hatcher ½, H. Hempleman ½; G. Ratter 0, H. Taylor 1).

Division III.—Bridgemary 3, St John's "B" 2 (C. McCaulder 0, R. O'Neil 1; E. Brooke 1, A. Green 0; I. McCaulder 1, J. Young 0; R. McCaulder 0, F. Brown 1; Mrs. F. McCaulder 1, F. Aribara 0).

Fareham "C" 5, Westminster 0 (C. Brading 1, P. Perch 0; A. P. Garner 1, J. Blair 0; M. Gibson 1, T. Randall 0; A. Lines 1, M. Jeffries 0; G. Barrell 1, default 0).

	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. Cen. "A"	6	3	0	12½	3
Gosport	5	1	1	10	1½

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham "B"	5	5	1	23	5½
Coll. Apps. "A"	5	4	2	22	5
St John's "A"	5	3	2	19½	4
Coll. of Tech.	9	4	0	19½	4
R.N.P.L.	10	3	1	24	3½
Vosper	7	2	2	17	3

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham "C"	7	6	0	24½	6
St John's "B"	7	5	0	21½	5
Comm. Cen. "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	2

POINT LEAD

In the Individual Championship tournament, seventh round results so far received are: O'Donovan beat Farmer, Grant beat Davis, West beat Borland, White beat Brading, Heywood beat Eaton, Pike beat Lee, and Miller beat Griffiths.

The result of the unfinished sixth round game, Borland v. Adams, was a win for Borland.

The situation now is that D. O'Donovan (Community Centre) with six points has a lead over Davis, Grant, Borland and West, who all have five points.

Quotation.—"Greek and Latin are to all other languages in the world what the game of chess is to the game of draughts, and what a beautiful dance is to the common gait."
 —Sir William Jones (Works, 1799).

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	Pt
Portsmouth	6	4	0	18½
NALGO	7	3	1	17
Fareham "A"	6	3	0	17
Comm. Centre "A"	7	3	0	14½
Gosport	6	2	1	13

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

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

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

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").

FAREHAM ARE STILL DIV. II FAVOURITES

ONLY Collingwood Apprentices and Fareham are now in the running for Second Division honours and promotion in the Portsmouth and District Chess League.

Although Fareham, with a match in hand, are still favourites, the outcome will probably be decided when these two teams meet in their final match of the season.

Fareham "C" have built up a strong lead in the Third Division, but are still not sure of top place. Bridgemary wind up their programme with three-and-a-half points, all obtained from their last four matches.

Division 2.—Coll. Apps. "A" 4, St John's "A" 1 (J. Beardsmore-Hyde 0, Bro. Charles 1; T. J. Search 1, E. Tribe 0; C. Wright 1, T. Johnson 0; P. Giles 1, default 0; C. R. Lee 1, F. Harkin 0).

Vosper 1, St John's "A" 4 (E. F. Phillips 0, Bro. Charles 1; J. Grant 1, E. Tribe 0; J. Bream 0, T. Johnson 1; H. Goldsmith 0, B. Cain 1; H. Cole 0, F. Harkin 1).

Division 3.—Bridgemary 3, Fareham "C" 2 (C. McCaulder 1, A. F. Garner 0; I. McCaulder 0, P. Durnell 1; E. Brooke 1, M. Gibson 0; R. McCaulder 0, C. Brading 1; Mrs. F. McCaulder 1, A. Lines 0).

Coll. Apps. "B" 3, Westminster 2 (P. Allpress 1, P. Perch 0; B. Bartle 1, J. Blair 0; R. Warren 0, T. Randall 1; N. Ling 0, Z. Navara 1; D. Arthur 1, A. Butler 0).

St John's "B" 2, Fareham "C" 3 (P. Wilcox 1, F. Newell 0; R. O'Neil 0, P. Durnell 1; A. Green 1, A. F. Garner 0; J. Young 0, C. Brading 1; M. Gilmore 0, M. Gibson 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. Ctr. "A"	7	3	0	14½	3
Gosport	6	2	1	13	2½

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. Apps. "A"	9	5	2	26	6
Fareham "B"	8	5	1	23	5½
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	8	2	2	18	3

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham "C"	9	7	0	29½	7
St John's "B"	8	5	0	23½	5
Comm. Ctr. "B"	7	4	1	20½	4½

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Coll. Apps. "B"	9	3	2	21½	4
Bridgemary	10	3	1	19	3½
Westminster	9	1	2	16	2

In the Individual Championship, Ross beat Walmisley by default in the remaining seventh round game. Walmisley has withdrawn from the tournament because of business pressure. As the competitors go into the final round, D. O'Donovan, of Portsmouth Community Centre, has a clear point lead and needs only to draw to win the title.

Pairings for the eighth round and scores to date are: Taylor (4½) v. D. O'Donovan (6), West (5) v. Grant (5), Davis (5) v. White (4), Heywood (4) v. Borland (5), Ross (4) v. Farmer (4), Pike (3½) v. Miller (3), Eaton (2½) v. Adams (3), Brading (3) v. Ratter (2), Lee (2) v. Griffiths (2).

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Woolston Community Centre are now certain of retaining the Championship title of the Hampshire League, and with one more match to play, look like repeating last year's record of winning all their matches. Southampton improve their position by their win against Andover.

Woolston 4, Portsmouth Comm. Ctr. 1 (T. O. Read 1, R. W. Davis 0; A. Edmonds 1, T. Moucher 0; R. S. Larmouth 1, L. West 0; I. Cohen 0, S. F. Adams 1; L. H. Day 1, D. O'Donovan 0).

Southampton 3½, Andover 1½.
Andover 0, Woolston 5.

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Woolston	5	5	0	22	5
Fareham	5	3	0	14	3
Southampton	4	2	0	9½	2
Basingstoke	4	2	0	8½	2
Bournemouth	3	1	1	7	1½
Ports. Comm. Ctr.	4	1	0	8	1
Andover	5	0	1	6	½

Quotation.—"Chess would deserve the name of a science, if its utility was not limited to those who understand it"—The Count de Brall (Letter to Mr. Addington, 1789).

"Ambassadors" Assemble For Chess Tourney

WOMAN'S VIEW ON CHESS

"There has never been a champion woman chess player. That is because a woman with her instinctive intuition has found out that chess is a frivolous waste of time."

Sir Clarence Sudd, President of the Sussex County Chess Association, opening the Chess Congress at Bognor Regis yesterday.

BOGNOR REGIS and Southdean Chess Congress began yesterday, at Middleton-on-Sea, without its two star attractions — Bronstein and Petrosian the Russian masters, whose entry had been cancelled by telegram from Moscow.

"We are very sorry that our Russian friends cannot be with us," said Sir Clarence Sudd, President of the Sussex County Chess Association, who performed the opening ceremony.

Sir Clarence pointed out that all those playing were in effect, ambassadors for their various countries, and would be judged by their demeanour and behaviour.

"Another great point in this Congress will be your physical fitness," he said.

The Chairman, Mr. F. G. Hill, welcoming the delegates, said he was pleased to see so many young people there.

It was a matter of regret that the Russians had been unable to attend, but there were still seven nations represented, and there was always another year.

There are 170 entries for the Congress, including representatives from Belgium, Portugal, U.S.A., New Zealand, Yugoslavia, Germany, and Denmark. Of these, 43 have entered for the 10-day Stevenson Memorial Tournament.

The oldest competitor is D. Fawcett (London), who has just celebrated his 91st birthday.

In the first round of the Stevenson Tournament, Count

O'Kelly de Galway, last year's winner, was drawn against Borland, and J. Durao, the Portuguese champion, against Rosselson.

Won Title At First Attempt

MR. D. O'DONOVAN of Portsmouth Community Centre Chess Club is the new individual champion of Portsmouth and District Chess League.

A comparative newcomer to local chess, he was playing fifth board in Community

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Centre's Division II team at the start of the 1955/6 season. Since then he has improved steadily, and has now won this title at his first attempt.

His victims en route to the championship were Messrs. Adams, Borland, Farmer, Grant, West, and Walmisley. He drew with E. Taylor and lost only to his club mate R. Davis.

The runner-up is still undecided. J. Grant has six points but J. Borland with five points still has a game to play.

Final round results so far received are Lee beat Griffiths, and draws resulted from the games Taylor v. O'Donovan, Davis v. White, and Ross v. Farmer.

There is one more round to play in the Fareham Chess Club Championship Tournament, and at the moment their Secretary, J. Grant, has managed to keep his narrow half point lead.

His vital seventh round game with Club President W. C. Martin lasted 4½ hours and resulted in a draw.

Several players are taking part in Easter Congresses and play in the fourth round has been held up.

N. C. Taylor, of Fareham Chess Club, beat S. Ryzewski (Southampton) and now has 2½ points. W. H. Pratten (Fareham) and A. S. Dance (Andover) still lead with three points each, and have not yet played their fourth round game.

"It is also confirmed by the canon law, that clerks are permitted to play at Chess; even if any clerk plays at Chess, and should quarrel in consequence of so playing, and kill his man, such homicide shall be accounted casual and not voluntary: which would not be allowed after any other game, and the reason is, because 'dabat operam rei licitae'—he employeth himself in a lawful work."
—Dr. Alessandro Salvio (Il Puttino, 1634).

Fareham's Fine Win

FAREHAM CHESS CLUB finished their Hampshire League programme in fine style with a five games to nil win

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against Andover thereby improving their chances of becoming runners-up in this competition.

Detailed scores (Fareham names first):—J. Bolland 1, S. L. Russell 0; W. C. Martin 1, G. Young 0; N. C. Taylor 1, A. Dance 0; E. P. Phillips 1, J. Hoyle 0; J. Grant 1, W. Gadd 0.

Table:

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Woolston	5	5	0	22	5
Fareham	6	4	0	19	4
Southampton	4	2	0	9½	2
Basingstoke	4	2	0	8½	2
Bournemouth	3	1	1	7	1½
Porta. Comm. Ctr.	4	1	0	8	1
Andover	6	0	1	8	½

Portsmouth League: In the Portsmouth and District Chess League, Westminster Airways had little chance against Community Centre with only three players. The last match of the season in Division III between Community Centre and Fareham is now going to decide the question of the championship of that section.

Detailed scores:—
Division 3.—Westminster 1, Comm. Ctr. 'B' 4 (P. Ferch 0, R. Carter 1; T. Randall 1, R. Ross 0; Default 0. O. Keele 1; Default 0, R. Pinhorn 1; A. Butler 0, T. Moucher 1).

TABLES

Division 1

	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. Ctr. 'A' ...	7	3	0	14½	3
Gosport	6	2	1	13	2½

Division 2

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. Apps. 'A'	9	5	2	26	6
Fareham 'B'	8	5	1	23	5½
St John's 'A'	10	4	2	24½	5
Coll. of Tech.	9	4	0	19½	4
R.N.P.D.	10	3	1	24	3½
Vosper	8	2	2	18	3

Division 3

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham 'C'	9	7	0	28½	7
St John's 'B'	10	4	1	31	6½
Comm. Ctr. 'B'	9	5	2	27	6
Coll. Apps. 'B'	10	3	2	21½	4
Bridgemary	10	3	1	18	3½
Westminster	10	1	2	17	2

County Individual: Outstanding fourth round results in the Hants Individual Championship were Pratten beat Dance and Ventham beat Martin. Pairings for the 5th round and scores to date are Pratten (4) v. Henshaw (3), Dance (3) v. Taylor (2½), Ventham (2) v. Vine (3), Bolland (1½) v. Edmunds (3), Baverstock (1) v. Martin (1), and Russell (1) v. Ryszewski (1).

Quotation: "Kings have power to raise low things and to abase high things, and make of their subjects like men at Chess; a Pawn to take a Bishop or a Knight, and to cry up or down any of their subjects." — King James I (Speech to Parliament, 1609).

Fareham are New League Champions

FAREHAM'S "C" team beat Community Centre in the last and decisive match of the season in Division III of the Portsmouth and District Chess League and thereby obtain first place and promotion. It being their first year and

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also the first experience of competitive Chess of their Match Captain, A. F. Garner, they have done very well to win eight of their 10 matches.

In Division II, Fareham "B" could do no more than draw with Collingwood Apprentices and now need to beat Vosper if they are to head this table.

Portsmouth Chess Club have strengthened their chances of winning the League Championship trophy by defeating Gosport.

Detailed scores—
Division I.—Gosport 2, Portsmouth 1 (E. Taylor 0, A. Carter 1; G. O. Pike 0, A. Bacon 0; J. S. Perry 1, D. M. Heywood 0).

Division II.—Coll. Appa. "A" 2½, Fareham "B" 2½ (J. Beardmore-Hyde 0, E. G. Potter 1, T. J. Search 1, T. Saunders 0, C. Wright ½, B. Hatcher ½; F. Giles 0, F. Durnell 1; C. R. Lee 1, G. Ratter 0).

Division III.—Comm. Ctr. "B" 1, Fareham "C" 4 (R. Carter 0, F. Durnell 1; R. Pinhorn 0, C. Brading 1; R. Ross 0, A. F. Garner 1; C. Keefe 1, M. Gibson 0; T. Mouncher 0, A. Lines 1).

Division I	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	7	5	0	21½	5
N.A.L.G.O.	7	3	1	17	3½
Fareham "A"	0	0	0	0	0
Comm. Ctr. "A"	7	3	0	14½	3
Gosport	7	3	1	15	3½

Division II	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. App. "A"	10	5	3	22½	6½
Fareham "B"	9	5	3	23½	6
St John's "A"	10	4	2	24½	5
Coll. of Tech.	9	4	0	19½	4
R.N.F.L.	10	3	1	24	3½
Vosper	10	3	2	18	3

Division III	P	W	D	G	Pt
Fareham "C"	10	7	0	23½	4
St John's "B"	10	0	1	21	6½
Comm. Ctr. "B"	10	5	2	22	6
Coll. App. "B"	10	3	1	21½	4
Bridgwater	10	1	1	15	3½
Westminster	10	1	3	17	3

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Portsmouth Community Centre did remarkably well to beat Basingstoke in the Hampshire League whilst fielding only three players, and are rewarded for their effort by climbing to fourth place in the table.

Detailed results—
Basingstoke 2, Portsmouth Comm. Ctr. 3 (C. Henshaw 0, R. W. Davis 1; J. Schneller 1, Default 0; R. Clegg 0, S. P. Adams 1; R. Strevens 0, D. O'Donovan 1; K. Latring 1, Default 0).

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Woolston	5	5	0	22	5
Fareham	6	4	0	19	4
Southampton	4	2	0	9½	2
Ports. Comm. Ctr.	5	2	0	11	2
Basingstoke	5	2	0	10½	2
Bournemouth	2	1	7	7	1½
Andover	6	0	1	6	½

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

W. H. Pratten is this season's Champion of Portsmouth Chess Club, with A. Carter runner-up.

Fareham Chess Club's Championship Tournament has also been completed and their Hon. Secretary, J. E. C. Grant, is the new Club Champion. N. C. Taylor was runner-up and W. C. Martin (Club President) came third. Other players who completed the competition (in order of finishing were)—B. Hatcher, T. Saunders, J. Borland, E. G. Potter, F. Johnson, E. F. Phillips, G. W. Farmer, R. Walmisley, G. D. Ratter, C. W. Brading, A. Lines, M. Gibson, C. W. Barrell, A. F. Garner and F. C. D. Newell.

M. Gibson retains the Cordery Trophy for the best performance by a junior member.

Quotation:
"Fantastic scenes of mimic war I sing,
Undoubted warriors and a routed King;
How two mock realms, their glory to maintain
Marshaled their squadrons on the checkered plain.
—Marcus Vida, Bishop of Alba (1490-1566).

Portsmouth Club Wins The Chess League Championship

FAREHAM were unfortunate in being at less than full strength when they met Community Centre, and lost by the odd game.

Although they later beat Gosport, they complete their programme with only four points.

This means that Portsmouth Chess Club are winners of the Portsmouth and District Chess League Championship Trophy for 1956/57.

Although helped by the services of W. H. Pratten at top board this season, it is a commendable effort on the part of all concerned to win the title, hampered as they have been by shortage of members and accommodation difficulties. (All this season's "home" matches have been played in their opponents' clubrooms).

Portsmouth have twice previously won the championship of the League title — in 1947/48 and 1949/50.

In Division II, the score in the match between Vosper and Fareham "B" stands at two games to two with one game in the hands of the adjudicator.

This result will decide whether Collingwood Apprentices or Fareham "B" are to head this Division and obtain promotion into the senior section.

Detailed scores:—

Division I

Community Centre "A" 3, Fareham "A" 2 (R. W. Davis 0, J. Borland 1; S. F. Adams 1, F. Johnson 0; D. O'Donovan 0, N. C. Taylor 1;

L. West 1, T. Saunders 0; E. Woodthorpe 1, P. Durnell 0); Fareham "A" 3, Gosport 2 (R. Walmisley 1, G. O. Pike 0; J. Borland 1, E. Taylor 0; W. C. Martin ½, W. J. Eaton ½; N. C. Taylor 0, J. S. Perry 1; F. Johnson ½, H. W. Tripp ½).

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	G	Pts
Portsmouth	7	5	0	21½	5
Fareham "A"	5	4	0	22	4
Comm Ctre. "A"	8	4	0	17½	4
NALGO	7	3	1	17	3½
Gosport	8	2	1	17	2½

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	G	Pts
Coll. Apps. "A"	10	5	3	28½	6½
Fareham "B"	9	5	2	25½	6
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	8	2	2	18	3

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Two local players are at present leading in the Hampshire Chess Association Individual Championship Tourna-

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ment. W. H. Pratten has built up a commanding lead, and with two games to play is one-and-a-half points ahead of his nearest rival, N. C. Taylor, of Fareham.

Results in the fifth round were: Pratten 1, Henshaw 0; Dance 0, Taylor 1; Borland 0, Edmunds 1; Ventham ½, Vine 0; Baverstock ½, Martin ½; Russell 1, Ryzewski 0.

Pairing for round six (and scores to date) are: Taylor (3½) v. Pratten (5), Dance (3) v. Edmunds (3), Henshaw (3) v. Vine (2½), Baverstock (1½) v. Ventham (2½), Martin (1½)

v. Russell (2), Ryzewski (1) v. Borland (1½).

Quotation: "During the reign of David, King of Israel, it was said that the daughter of a Rabbi was a match for any man at Chess, and to this day it is the only game allowed on the Sabbath." — Georges Koitanowski (En Passant, 1938).

FOUR MORE ACCIDENTS

There were 39 road accidents in the Havant and Waterloo Urban District in May, the month in which the petrol came off the ration, bringing an increase in the number of vehicles on the road.

The number of accidents causing serious injury rose from one in April to eight, a slight injury accidents rose from five to eight, while there were eight accidents in which animals were involved.

The total number of accidents was an increase of four on the previous month.

YOUTH CLUB

The Rev. J. R. Bailey (President) was Chairman at the annual meeting of Drayton Methodist Youth Club. Officers elected were: Secretary, Miss J. Winter; Assistant Secretary, Mr. I. Smith; Treasurer, Mr. R. Bailey; Assistant Treasurer, Mr. G. Stevenson; Boy Captain, Mr. E. Gutteridge; Girl Captain, Miss W. Whitehead; Games Captain, Mr. D. Brown. Mr. B. Stowe and Miss M. Crewe were elected as club representatives to the committee.

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).

Pratten in Top Place

WHETHER the one outstanding match between College of Technology and Vosper Sports Club is played, the Chess season has now virtually ended, and most of our Club and League administrators will be busy preparing for next season's activities.

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About 130 players took part in the Portsmouth and District League team contest and 395 games were played, of which only 16 required the adjudicator's decision.

Players' individual performances in this competition are measured by a rating system, and fittingly enough, W. H. Pratten, of Portsmouth Chess Club, heads the list.

The list of those players with a rating of 100 or more is as follows: W. H. Pratten (Portsmouth) 184, R. Natrass (NALGO) 176, H. C. Bailey (Portsmouth) 157, A. Carter (Portsmouth) 143, R. E. Walmisley (Fareham) 133, W. C. Martin (Fareham) 120, J. Borland (Fareham) 118, N. G. Lefevre (NALGO) 116, G. O. Pike (Gosport) 115, R. W. Davis (Comm. Ctr.) 111, E. Taylor (Gosport) 108, S. F. Adams (Comm. Ctr.) 107, P. Johnson (Fareham) 105.

CULTURAL EXHIBITION

Fareham Chess Club is having a stand at the Fareham 1957 Cultural Exhibition being held at the Connaught Drill Hall, Fareham, in July. There will be a variety of exhibits and entertainments and all proceeds are in aid of local benevolent funds (British Legion, SSAFA, Lord Roberts, F.H.S. Workshops).

Quotation:

"Long time the war in equal balance hung;
Till, unforeseen, an ivory courser sprang,
And, wildly prancing in an evil hour,
Attack'd at once the monarch and the tower."

—Sir William Jones (Caissa: A Poem, 1763).

Did Well in First Year

FAREHAM and Portsmouth Community Centre did well to take second and third places respectively in the Hampshire Chess League for 1956/57, and Portsmouth Community Centre's performance was all the more remarkable for being their first attempt in this competition.

Bournemouth did not complete their programme, and the final placings were:

Woolston Comm. Ctr. ...	8	6	8	36	1
Fareham	6	4	6	19	4
Portsmouth Comm. Ctr.	5	2	6	11	2
Basingstoke	5	2	6	18½	2
Southampton	5	2	6	18½	2
Bournemouth	3	1	1	7	1½
Andover	6	8	1	6	½

Lancashire won the 1957 Counties Correspondence Chess Championship with 22 points. Hampshire (last year's winners) could muster only 18½ points to share 8th/9th places with Suffolk.

Of the local players taking part, S. Parnell, K. S. Walker, A. R. Cooper (all of Portsmouth) and W. C. Martin (Fareham) won their games, whilst W. H. Pratten and R. E. Walmisley (Fareham) obtained draws.

The County Chess Association suffered a loss by the death of its correspondence chess conductor, Mr. C. Bullows, of Bournemouth. Mr. J. E. C. Grant (Fareham) has been appointed to carry on this task during the coming season.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth and District Chess League is being held next week. Several proposals have been put forward for improving the competition, and already news has been received of two new teams—A.S.R.E., Portsdown and R.N. Physiological Laboratory "B." Cosham Chess Club (who withdrew last season) will probably also be taking part again.

Presentation of the Championship Trophy

THE annual meeting of Portsmouth and District Chess League was well attended and representatives from 115 Clubs and schools saw Mr. W. H. Pratten accept the Team Championship Trophy on behalf of Portsmouth Chess Club.

Mr. D. O'Donovan (Portsmouth Community Centre), winner of the Individual Championship Tournament, was presented with the Bell Trophy.

Applications for affiliation were approved by the meeting from A.S.R.E., Cosham Chess Club, Northern Grammar School, Price's School, Gosport Grammar School and Portchester Secondary School.

It now seems certain that two new School Divisions will be formed within the League—one for over 15's and one for under

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15's. With the existing senior Divisions, this will make five Divisions in all for the coming season.

Officers elected were:—President, Mr. H. A. Way; Vice-President, Mr. C. F. Way; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. E. C. Grant; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. E. C. Grant; Hon. Adjudicator, Mr. H. A. Way; Hon. Auditor, Mr. F. C. D. Newell.

Six local players helped Hampshire draw their first 50 board match against Kent in the Amboyna Shield Competition.

W. C. Martin (Fareham) won, while J. E. C. Grant (Fareham) and A. Carter (Portsmouth) obtained draws. W. H. Pratten and J. Borland (Fareham), and R. W. Davis (Portsmouth Community Centre) lost their games.

The first 20 boards were for S.C.C.U. championship competition, and Hampshire lost this

match by 8 games to 12. The lower boards more than held their own, however, and the total score of 25—25 was a very creditable performance against a strong Metropolitan County.

Full score (Hampshire names first):—

W. H. Pratten 0, A. Phillips 1; A. Samuels $\frac{1}{2}$, N. G. Hammond $\frac{1}{2}$; M. Ventham 0, A. Maris 1; L. E. Vine 0, J. B. Howson 1; T. Reade 0, P. B. Cooke 1; D. McCue 1, H. Fulton 0; G. J. Coleman 1, J. Rumble 0; A. Edmonds 1, P. Franks 0; J. Howard 0, A. Duke 1; R. M. Goode 0, H. Bean 1; P. Marshall 1, G. Bird 0; A. C. Barton $\frac{1}{2}$, C. Girling $\frac{1}{2}$; A. J. Peters $\frac{1}{2}$, V. Messere $\frac{1}{2}$; S. Baker 0; M. McDonald Ross 1; J. Borland 0; M. McBain 1; J. Eldridge 0, V. Tempest 1; J. Shepherd $\frac{1}{2}$, B. Glaze $\frac{1}{2}$; L. Walters $\frac{1}{2}$, R. Smith $\frac{1}{2}$; S. L. Russell $\frac{1}{2}$, E. Hobbs $\frac{1}{2}$; C. H. Henshaw 1, D. Browning 0. Total S.C.C.U. match: 4—12.

W. C. Martin 1, J. Keeble 0; R. S. Learmouth $\frac{1}{2}$, Rev. Greenhaugh $\frac{1}{2}$; G. Pritchard 0, F. Champion 1; B. Levy $\frac{1}{2}$, P. Hampson $\frac{1}{2}$; F. H. Walton $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Wilder $\frac{1}{2}$; G. Daw 1, N. Westbrook 0; J. Hobbs 1, B. Thomas 0; L. Cohen 1, H. Cox 0; default 0, T. Fuller 1; J. E. C. Grant $\frac{1}{2}$, A. La Lond $\frac{1}{2}$; M. Stone 0, R. Smith 1; A. Carter $\frac{1}{2}$, G. Volsik $\frac{1}{2}$; G. Smith 1, G. Homan 0; L. Pretty 1, L. Hiscock 0; P. Eastwood 1, W. Rylands 0; G. Goggin 0, T. Hardman 1; J. Parker 0, H. Cox 1; R. Johnson 1, J. L. Jones 0; T. Cuipey 1, A. Pearson 0; N. Wilkins 0, Dr. Fricker 1; R. W. Davis 0, S. Paul 1; H. L. Parsons 1, R. Middleton 0; D. Toye 0, D. Pitt 1; M. Moore 0, B. Stimson 1; C. Payne 1, H. Samek 0; M. Hodgson 1, W. Nichols 0; D. Drew 1, M. Goode 0; H. G. Dell 0, Miss A. Jarne 1; G. Johnson 1, W. Busbridge 0; (default) $\frac{1}{2}$, (default) $\frac{1}{2}$.

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.

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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. Way (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.

St John's College Gain Another Success

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE now have both their teams through into the second round zonal stage of the National Schools Tournament.

Following the "B" team's win against Portchester Secondary School, St John's "A" defeated Portsmouth Grammar School "A" by 4—2 as follows (St John's names first): Shaw-Brown 0, Venn 1; Cullinane 1, Maber 0; Barrett 0, Rhoades 1; Moore 1, Corbett 0; Dawes 1, Fulton 0; Davis 1, Geoffries 0.

In the Senior Section of the Portsmouth and District Chess League, Fareham "C" got off to a good start against R.N. Physiological Laboratory's new "B" team, and Bridgemary won by a narrow margin against St John's College "B." Detailed scores:—

Division III.—Fareham "C" 5, R.N.P.L. "B" 0 (N. C. Taylor 1, Dr. H. J. Taylor 0; C. W. Brading 1, A. J. R. Clear 0; T. Bayliss 1, P. B. Bennett 0; A. L. Line 1, Mrs. D. Clear 0; M. Gibson 1, Miss Castle 0).
Bridgemary 3, St John's "B" 2 (C. McCaulder 1, F. Brown 0; I. McCaulder 0, C. Thomas 1; L. Springthorne 0, P. James 1; R. McCaulder 1, D. Peniston-Bird 0; Mrs. F. McCaulder 1, B. Neave 0).

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Although Bournemouth has dropped out of this season's Hampshire League Tournament, a new team has been put in by Southampton University. With

B. H. Levy as match Captain and A. Samuels available to play for them, this team should give a good account of itself.

Full list of teams taking part:

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Andover, Basingstoke, Fareham, Portsmouth Community Centre, Southampton, Southampton University and Woolston.

CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGE

Mr. H. Golombek (who last winter gave a simultaneous display at Fareham) has been selected by F.I.D.E. to act as judge in the return World Championship match between the Russian players Smyslov and Botvinnik.

Quotation. — "An ingenious game, played or performed with little round pieces of wood, on a board divided into 64 squares, where art and address are so indispensably requisite, that chance seems to have no place, and a person never loses but by his own fault."—Universal Dictionary of Arts and Sciences (1727).

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.

Hampshire Hold Strong Rivals

HAMPSHIRE did well to hold a strong Oxfordshire team to a score of 9-0, with two games for adjudication, at the Southern Counties Chess Championship match held at Reading.

Handicapped by three of their best players failing to appear, Hampshire put in two reserves and had to let the third game go by default.

Fareham again provided four players, W. H. Pratten and J. Borland obtaining draws, J. E. C. Grant losing and W. C. Martin having his game unfinished. Full scores (Hampshire names first) as follows:—

W. H. Pratten $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Richards $\frac{1}{2}$; A. Samuels $\frac{1}{2}$, R. Hall $\frac{1}{2}$; M. Venham 0, H. Czateski 1; L. E. Vine 1, B. Saczac 0; G. Coleman 1, A. Azam 0; T. O. Read $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Taylor $\frac{1}{2}$; P. Marshall $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Booth $\frac{1}{2}$; C. G. Goggin 0, J. Walker 1; Cmdr A. J. Peters 0, G. Saigany 0; S. L. Russell 1, J. Bradley 0; R. M. Goode 0, M. Footner 1; M. Thompson 1, M. Singer 0; J. Borland $\frac{1}{2}$, Dr. N. Lawrence $\frac{1}{2}$; Default 0, D. Cowley 1; C. H. Henshaw 1, W. McDougal 0; J. Shepherd 1, J. Cherry 0; G. Daw 0, S. Dunkell 1; W. C. Martin 0, J. D. Wynn 0; A. C. Barton $\frac{1}{2}$, N. Delneve $\frac{1}{2}$; J. E. C. Grant 0, H. Delneve 1.

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Cosham Chess Club's new Secretary, as well as being an able administrator, is quite a strong player. With R. Tims again playing for them, this team should be a force to be reckoned with this season. They certainly proved too strong for NALGO,

who were unfortunately one player short.

Best win of the week was Community Centre's 5-0 victory at Gosport. Portsmouth Grammar School drew their first match in the senior section, while Collingwood Apprentices 'B' obtained a walkover against Community Centre 'B'.

Detailed scores:—

Division I.—Cosham $\frac{3}{2}$, NALGO $\frac{1}{2}$ (C. F. Way 1, R. P. Nattress 0; S. C.

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Noke $\frac{1}{2}$, N. G. Lefevre $\frac{1}{2}$; R. Tims 0, E. M. Spreadbury 1, H. S. White 1, E. Stockley 0; D. Johns 1, default 0.

Gosport 0, Community Centre 'A' 1 (E. Taylor 0, R. W. Davis 1; G. O. Pike 0, L. West 1; W. J. Eaton 0, S. F. Adams 1; H. W. Tripp 0, B. Carter 1; D. Rhoades 0, J. Condon 1).

Division II.—St John's 'A' $\frac{3}{2}$, Portsmouth Grammar School 'A' $\frac{1}{2}$ (T. F. Johnson 0, J. Venn 1; F. Harkin 0, A. Maher $\frac{1}{2}$; B. Perry 0, P. Collins 1; P. Wilcox 1, W. Wood-Roe 0; A. Green 1, J. Watson 0).

Division III.—Collingwood Apprentices 'B' 5, Community Centre 'B' 0 (by default).

SCHOOLS CONTEST

The two teams from St John's College have been paired against Sholing Modern School for Girls and King Edward VI School,

Southampton, in the second round zonal stage of the National Schools Tournament.

Quotation. — "This game or kingly pastime is not only devoid of craft, fraud and guile, swearing, impatience, fretting and falling out, but also breedeth in the players a certaine studie, wit, pollicie, forecasts and memorie not only in the play thereof, but also in action of publick government, both in peace and warre." — Marcus Vida (Bishop of Alba) Schacchia Ludus, 1527.

FAREHAM LOSE FIRST MATCH

FAREHAM lost their first match of the season in the Hampshire League against Southampton by four games to one. Surprise of the match was the appearance of A. Samuels on top board for Southampton when it had been expected that he would be playing for Southampton University.

His game with J. A. C. Borland was the high spot of the match and an interesting 'post mortem' followed a keenly - contested struggle.

The other interesting game was between N. C. Taylor and Southampton's match captain and County player, A. C. Barton. This was unfinished, but although a lot

of play was left, it was agreed that Taylor's positional and slight material advantage was sufficient for him to eventually win and Southampton conceded the game without invoking the adjudicator's decision.

Detailed scores (Fareham names first):—J. A. C. Borland 0, A. Samuels 1; N. C. Taylor 1, A. C. Barton 0; J. E. C. Grant 0, G. L. Pritchard 1; J. Krustins 0, F. H. Walton 1; A. F. Garner 0, J. Howards 1.

Portsmouth continue on their winning way in the Portsmouth and District Chess League, beating a strong Fareham team by three games to one, with one game for adjudication.

Collingwood Apprentices (promoted this season) drew their first match in the top division, the result being held up pending receipt of the adjudicator's decision on the unfinished game between E. Taylor and J. Beardsmore-Hyde.

Incidentally, local players will be glad to see T. J. Search back in the team after a session in hospital.

In Division II, A.S.R.E. won their first match comfortably while St John's "A" narrowly beat Fareham "B."

St John's top board (T. F. Johnson) put up a particularly creditable performance in holding Fareham's N. C. Taylor to a draw.

Portsmouth Club Make Good Start

PORTSMOUTH Chess Club started their new season's programme in a manner which indicates they have every intention of retaining the League Championship Trophy.

Mr. Alan Hayes (Champion of the Portsmouth Club some 25 years ago) has been persuaded to return to competitive chess and will strengthen the Portsmouth team considerably.

R.N.P.L., who have also been strengthened by the acquisition of a strong player in Mr. J. Holford, narrowly beat Portsmouth Grammar School. This school, although it has obtained only half a point from its first two matches, has already justified its inclusion in the 2nd Division of the Senior Section, and will almost certainly improve as it gains experience.

Play has started in the School's Section of the League with Gosport Grammar School beating

Division III					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. App. "B"	1	1	0	0	1
Fareham "C"	1	1	0	0	1
Bridgwater	1	1	0	0	1
St John's "B"	1	0	0	0	0
Comm. Ctr. "B"	1	0	0	0	0
R.N.P.L. "B"	1	0	0	0	0

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Fareham Chess Club has been again asked to run the Hampshire stage of the British Championship Qualifying Competition. This will be a three-corner contest between W. C. Martin and J. A. C. Borland (both of Fareham) and M. E. Ventham (Southampton). The winner will pass into the zonal final stage with four players from Surrey and two from Kent.

COUNTY CHESS

Portsmouth and District is well represented in Hampshire's team for the 1958 Counties Correspondence Chess Championship. Full list in playing order is as follows:—

W. H. Pratten (Fareham), L. E. Vine (Eastleigh), P. A. Ursell (Bournemouth), H. A. Way (Emsworth), G. J. Coleman (Bournemouth), Cmdr. A. J. Peters (Slough), A. C. Barton (Southampton), M. E. Ventham (Southampton), F. L. Taylor (Solihull), Bro. Charles (Southsea), F. H. Walton (Southampton), R. C. Mitchell (Southampton), C. H. Henshaw (Basingstoke), G. L. Pritchard (Southampton), E. E. Wedon (Shanklin), R. S. Learmouth (Southampton), I. H. Day (Southampton), S. L. Russell (Broughton), H. W. Varker (Bournemouth), W. C. Martin (Fareham), P. M. Hodgson (Sandown), D. O'Donovan (Portsmouth), K. S. W. Walker (Southsea), A. R. Cooper (Southsea), H. C. Bailey (Southsea), R. W. Davis (Portsmouth), L. West (Southsea), H. J. Draper (Bournemouth), J. E. C. Grant (Fareham), W. Rose (Cosham).

Play is due to start on December 1 and will go on until June 30, 1958.

Quotation.—

KATHERINE: I pray you, Sir, is it your will

To make a stale of me among these mates?

("The Taming of the Shrew.")

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Price's School, Fareham, in Division 1, but losing against the same school in Division 2 by the odd game.

Detailed scores:—

Senior Section
Division 1: Comm. Ctr "A" ½, Portsmouth 4½. (R. W. Davis 0, R. Carter 1; L. West 0, A. Hayes 1; S. F. Adams ½, A. Bacon ½; B. Carter 0, D. Heywood 1; J. Smith 0, M. Dymond 1.)
Division 2: P. G. Sch. "A" 2, R.N.P.L. "A" 3. (J. Venn 0, J. Holford 1; P. Collins 0, K. Harrison 1; A. Maber 1, A. Dossell 0; D. Warrell 0, H. Hempleman 1; J. Watson 1, Dr. H. J. Taylor 0.)

Schools Section
Division 1: Price's "A" 1, Gosport Grammar "A" 4. (Tyack 0, Berryman 1; Smith 0, Dodds 1; Vine 0, Campion 1; Roberts 0, White 1; Clewer 1, Pringle 0.)
Division 2: Gosport Grammar "B" 2, Prices "B" 3. (Jones 0, Evans 1; McBeth 0, Keen 1; Brameld 1, Cambourne 0; Marriott 1, Downes 0; Lowe 0, Kiddie 1.)

TABLES (SENIOR SECTION)

Division	I				
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	1	1	0	4½	1
Cosham	1	1	0	3½	1
Comm. Ctr. "A"	2	1	0	5½	1
NALGO	1	0	0	1½	0
Gosport	1	0	0	0	0
Fareham "A"	0	0	0	0	0
Coll. App. "A"	0	0	0	0	0
Division	II				
	P	W	D	G	Pt
R.N.P.L. "B"	1	1	0	3	1
St John's "A"	1	0	1	2½	½
P.G.S. "A"	2	0	1	4½	½
A.S.R.E.	0	0	0	0	0
Fareham "B"	0	0	0	0	0
Coll. of Tech.	0	0	0	0	0

Division I.—Gosport 2½, Collingwood Apps. "A" 2½ (E. Taylor 0, J. Beardsmore-Hyde 1; G. O. Pike 0, C. Wright 1; W. J. Eaton ½, T. J. Search ½; H. W. Tripp 1, C. Lee 0; D. F. Rhoades 1, P. Giles 0).

Division II.—Fareham "B" 2, St Johns "A" 3 (N. C. Taylor ½, T. F. Johnson ½; P. Durnell 0, F. Harkin 1; F. Newell 1, B. Perry 0; A. F. Garner ½, P. Wilcox ½; C. W. Brading 0, A. Green 1).

A.S.R.E. 3½, Coll. of Technology 1½ (A. E. Robert 1, —, Shenton 0; R. Benjamin 0, Edington 1; E. Underhill 1, Ramsbottom 0; R. Attwood ½, J. Elbro ½; G. D. Ratter 1, Forley 0).

TABLES (Senior Section)

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	2	2	0	7½	2
Cosham	1	1	0	3½	1
Comm. Ctr. "A" ..	2	1	0	5½	1
Coll. App. "A"	1	0	1	2½	0½
Gosport	2	0	1	2½	0½
NALGO	1	0	0	1½	0
Fareham "A"	1	0	0	1	0
Division II					
St John's "A"	2	1	1	5½	1½
A.S.R.E.	1	1	0	3½	1
R.N.P.L. "A"	1	1	0	3	1
P.G.S. "A"	2	0	1	4½	0½
Fareham "B"	1	0	0	2	0
Cl. of Tech.	1	0	0	1½	0
Division III					
Coll. of App. "B" ..	1	1	0	5	1
Fareham "C" ...	1	1	0	5	1
Bridgemary	1	1	0	3	1
St John's "B" ..	1	0	0	2	0
Comm. Ctr. "B" ..	1	0	0	0	0
R.N.P.L. "B"	1	0	0	0	0

Results of the first round of the individual championship tournament of the Portsmouth League are as follows:—

Noke beat Ross, Eaton beat Pike, Rhoades beat Taylor, Heywood beat West, Davis beat Adams, O'Donovan beat Carter, Maber beat Lee, Farmer beat Potter, and Brading beat Grant.

Pairings for the second round are Davis v. Noke, Rhoades v. Farmer, Brading v. Eaton, Heywood v. O'Donovan, Grant v. Maber, Potter v. Taylor, Lee v. Pike, Carter v. Adams, and West v. Ross.

Quotation.—

"And when she (Queen Elizabeth) was in private, she would recreate herself with various discourses, a game of chess, dancing or singing.
Edmund Bohun (1645-99).
The Character of Queen Elizabeth, 1693.

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Hampshire Have Deserved Win Over Oxford

THE two unfinished games in the Southern Counties Chess Championship match between Hampshire and Oxfordshire were adjudicated W. C. Martin (Fareham) $\frac{1}{2}$, J. D. Wyatt $\frac{1}{2}$, and Cmdr. A. J. Peters 1, G. Szigany 0. Hampshire, therefore, beat Oxfordshire by $10\frac{1}{2}$ games to $9\frac{1}{2}$, a narrow but very commendable victory.

In the County Individual Championship Tournament, the final list of entrants for this year's competition is Inst-Capt. G. B. Britton (Portsmouth), A. R. Collinane (Portsmouth), R. W. Davis (Portsmouth), G. H. Henshaw (Basingstoke), J. Hobbs (Southampton), W. C. Martin (Fareham), W. H. Pratten (Fareham), S. L. Russell (Broughton), M. Thompson (Southampton), M. E. Venham (Southampton), L. E. Vine (Eastleigh), and L. West (Portsmouth).

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

There has been a big crop of results this week. In Division I Fareham's outstanding game against Portsmouth was adjudicated a draw and the final score is recorded below.

Result:—

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Division I—Portsmouth $3\frac{1}{2}$, Fareham "A" $1\frac{1}{2}$ (A. Carter $\frac{1}{2}$, W. C. Martin $\frac{1}{2}$; A. Hayes 1, J. Borland 0; H. C. Bailey 1, J. Grant 0; D. M. Heywood & N. C. Taylor 1; M. Dymond 1, F. Johnson 0).
NALGO $1\frac{1}{2}$, Gosport $3\frac{1}{2}$ (R. Natrass 0, E. Taylor 1; N. G. Lefevre 1, J. S. Perry 0; E. Spreadbury 0, W. J. Eaton 1; E. Blockley $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Tripp $\frac{1}{2}$;

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M. Khan 0, D. F. Rhoades 1).
Fareham "A" 4, Community Centre "A" 1 (J. Borland 1, R. W. Davis 0; W. C. Martin $\frac{1}{2}$, L. West $\frac{1}{2}$; N. C. Taylor 1, default 0; J. Grant $\frac{1}{2}$, B. Carter $\frac{1}{2}$; F. Johnson 1, default 0).
Division II.—R.N.P.L. "A" 3, A.S.R.E. 2 (J. Holford 1, A. E. Roberts 0; K. Harrison 1, R. Benjamin 0; A. Dosssett $\frac{1}{2}$, E. Underhill $\frac{1}{2}$; H. J. Taylor 0, J. Paddley -; H. Hempleman $\frac{1}{2}$, G. D. Ratter $\frac{1}{2}$).
College of Technology $\frac{1}{2}$, Fareham "B" $\frac{1}{2}$ (Butler 0, J. Borland 1; Edington 0, N. C. Taylor 1; J. Elbro $\frac{1}{2}$, B. Hatcher $\frac{1}{2}$; Harris 0, A. F. Garner 1; Forley 0, C. Brading 1).
Division III.—Fareham "C" 2, Bridgemyary 3 (J. Krustins 1, L. Springthorpe 0; T. Bayliss 0, I. McCaulder 1; A. Line 0, Mrs. F. McCaulder 1; M. Gibson 0, R. McCaulder 1; E. Weston 1, D. Harris 0).
St John's "B" 1, Fareham "C" 4 (F. Brown 0, G. W. Farmer 1; Harrison 0, E. Weston 1; C. Thomas 0, M. Gibson 1; D. Peniston-Bird 1, R. Hughes 0; B. Neave 0, A. Jones 1).
R.N.P.L. "B" 2, Collingwood Apps. "B" 3 (E. A. Mitchell $\frac{1}{2}$, N. E. Ling $\frac{1}{2}$; A. Clear 0, C. Lee 1; P. Bennett $\frac{1}{2}$, P. Giles $\frac{1}{2}$; A. Ferrier 1, R. Warren 0; H. Athawes 0, D. Arthur 1).
Community Centre "B" 3, Bridgemyary 1 (B. Carter 1, C. McCaulder 0; S. F. Adams 1, I. McCaulder 0; J. Smith 0, L. Springthorpe 1; P. Gray 1, R. McCaulder 0; T. Moucher 0, Mrs. F. McCaulder 1).

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I.—St John's "C" $\frac{1}{2}$, Portsmouth Grammar School "B" $\frac{1}{2}$ (F. Harkin 0, J. Venn 1; A. Perry 0, A. Maber 1; P. Wilcox $\frac{1}{2}$, P. Collins $\frac{1}{2}$; A. Green 0, Rhoades 1; F. Brown 0, Harper 1).
Division II.—Gosport Grammar School "B" 3, Portsmouth Grammar School "C" 2 (Jones 0, Collins 1;

Brameld 1, Cath 0; McBeth 1, Parr 0; Marriott 1, Wood-Roe 0; Williams 0, Fulton 1).

TABLES (SENIOR I SECTION)

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	2	2	0	2	2
Gosport	3	1	1	6	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Cosham	1	1	0	$3\frac{1}{2}$	1
Fareham "A"	2	1	0	$5\frac{1}{2}$	1
Comm. Ctr. "A"	3	1	0	$6\frac{1}{2}$	1
Coll. App. "A"	1	0	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
NALGO	2	0	0	3	0
Division II					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
R.N.P.L.	2	2	0	6	2
St John's "A"	2	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Fareham "B"	2	1	0	$6\frac{1}{2}$	1
A.S.R.E.	3	1	0	$5\frac{1}{2}$	1
Port. G.S. "A"	2	0	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Coll. of Tech.	2	0	0	2	0
Division III					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. App. "B"	2	2	0	8	2
Fareham "C"	3	2	0	11	2
Bridgemyary	3	2	0	8	2
Comm. Ctr. "B"	2	1	0	3	1
St John's "B"	2	0	0	3	0
R.N.P.L. "B"	2	0	0	2	0

POSTAL CHESS

Bridgemyary Community Centre has started a six-board match by correspondence with Oslo Schakselkap, Norway's leading Chess Club.

The Police Commended

PORTSMOUTH Magistrates yesterday commended the police for prompt action in reporting a dangerous vehicle to the Ministry of Transport inspector.

The vehicle, a market lorry, was banned from the road and its owner, Percy Albert Sprake (42), greengrocer, of 125, Somerville Road, Southsea, was fined a total of £6 on five summonses.

P.C. Robert Sydney Wanhill, who examined the lorry, told the court that there was 9in. excess play in the steering due to serious wear in the steering box, which would cause it to wander.

"All the tyres were defective, and the offside front had four deep splits, the others being smooth and worn through in many places," he said. They are liable to a violent burst at any time.

P.C. Wanhill said he also found that a defective exhaust allowed poisonous fumes to escape into the driver's cab, and there was excessive sideways rock on the rear wheel, likely to affect control.

The fines were: defective steering, £2; dangerous tyres, £2; dangerous parts, £1; defective silencer, 10s.; no horn, 10s.

P.C. Jack Russell also gave evidence.

"We congratulate the police in getting the vehicle off the road," said Major W. H. Powell (presiding).

NALGO Withdraw From League

AFTER five years in the Portsmouth and District Chess League (four of them in the top Division), NALGO have been forced by circumstances to withdraw.

They have never had many players and several of those they had last season have ceased to be available. Mr. Spreadbury, their match captain and secretary, has, therefore, reluctantly decided that it is not a practical proposition to carry on.

All local players will regret this loss of a popular team, none more so than the members of the Gosport and Cosham Clubs who lose a hard-earned match point by the withdrawal.

Over-the-board play during the week brought half a point to Cosham and H.M.S. Collingwood Apprentices in Division I, while R.N.P.L. "A" won their third

Lambourne 0, Llewellyn 1; Kiddle 0, Hodgkinson 1).

Tables (Senior Section)

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	2	2	0	0	2
Fareham "A"	2	1	0	0	1 1/2
Coll. Apps. "A"	2	0	2	1	1
Comm. Ctr. "A"	2	1	0	0	1 1/2
Cosham	1	0	1	1	1 1/2
Gosport	2	0	1	1	1 1/2
Division II					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
R.N.P.L. "A"	3	2	0	0	3 1/2
St John's "A"	2	1	1	0	2 1/2
Fareham "B"	2	1	0	0	1 1/2
A.S.R.E.	2	1	0	0	1 1/2
F.G.S. "A"	2	0	1	0	1 1/2
Coll. of Tech.	2	0	0	2	0
Division III					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Coll. Apps. "B"	2	2	0	0	3
Fareham "C"	2	2	0	0	3
Bridgeman	2	1	0	0	2
Comm. Ctr. "B"	2	0	0	2	1
St John's "B"	2	0	0	2	1
R.N.P.L. "B"	2	0	0	2	0

Tables (Schools' Section)

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
North. G. Sch. "A"	1	1	0	0	1
Port. G. Sch. "A"	1	1	0	0	1 1/2
Gos. G. Sch. "A"	1	1	0	0	1
St John's "C"	1	0	0	1	1/2
Prices "A"	2	0	0	1	0
St John's "D"	0	0	0	0	0
Division II					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Prices "B"	2	1	1	0	1 1/2
Port. G. Sch. "C"	2	1	0	0	1 1/2
Gos. G. Sch. "B"	2	1	0	0	1
North. G.S. "B"	1	0	1	0	1 1/2
St John's "E"	1	0	0	1	1/2
St John's "F"	0	0	0	0	0
Portch. Mod.	0	0	0	0	0

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Portsmouth Community Centre lost their first round Hampshire League match against Southampton University, Mr. Brian Carter being the only player of the local team to score.

Basingstoke had a runaway win against Andover in the remaining match of round one.

Detailed scores:—

Southampton University 4, Portsmouth Community Centre 1 (T. O. Read

I. R. W. Davis 0; J. Trifeldt 1, L. West 0; B. H. Levy 1, M. Dymond 0; D. Blackman 0, B. Carter 1; D. Groves 1, default 0; Basingstoke 3, Andover 0 (C. H. Henshaw 1, S. L. Russell 0; J. Parker 1, J. D. Bartley 0; R. Dudman 1, J. R. Hoyle 0; J. Mather 1, G. D. Young 0; R. Johnson 1, W. J. Howard 0).

Quotation. — The Prime Minister, speaking at the Lord Mayor's Banquet: "We must not forget the Russians are probably the best chess players in the world. It is a game in which the keen player does not mind how long it lasts and in which he experiments with different openings. So we must be patient and enduring."

Sale of Work Aids Renovation

Ryde Baptist Church held a sale of work yesterday. The proceeds will be divided between church funds and a renovation fund.

Mr. A. S. Danbury (Church Secretary), who presided at the opening, said the renovation work now being carried out would cost £300, and of this amount, £150 has so far been raised. He hoped the sale proceeds would take them near the target.

The decorated stalls contained articles made by members of the Baptist Women's League during their weekly meetings. They included rugs made by the oldest member, 92-year-old Mrs. A. Bone, who was present.

The sale was opened by Mrs. E. J. Willis, of Westcliff-on-Sea, wife of the Rev. E. J. Willis, who was the Baptist Minister at Ryde from 1947-52.

Mrs. Willis was presented with a gift by Margaret Dove, and Mr. Danbury and Mrs. Danbury (Vice-President of the Baptist Women's League) received buttonholes from Janet Homden.

A concert in the evening was arranged by Captain A. Grist.

Chess Notes

match of the season in Division II of the senior section.

In the Schools' Section, Northern Grammar School made a good start to their programme by defeating Prices' School, Fareham, by five games to nil.

Detailed scores:—
Senior section.—Division I: Coll Apps. "A" 2 1/2, Cosham 2 1/2 (J. Beardmore-Hyde 1/2, C. F. Way 1/2; T. J. Search 1, S. C. Noke 0; C. Wright 1/2, R. Tims 1/2; C. R. Lee 1/2, H. S. White 1/2; P. Giles 0, R. Ross 1). Division II: Fareham "B" 2, R.N.P.L. "A" 3 (J. Borland 0, J. Hafford 1; E. Potter 1/2, K. Harrison 1/2; B. Hatcher 0, A. Dosssett 1; J. Krustins 1/2, H. Hempleman 1/2, A. F. Garner 1, R. J. Taylor 0).

Schools section.—Division I: Prices "A" 0, Northern Grammar School "A" 3 (Tyack 0, Speller 1; Clewer 0, Walker 1; Vine 0, Kent-Watson 1; Smith 0, Frisby 1; Roberts 0, Jenkins 1). Division II: St John's "E" 1/2, Portsmouth Grammar School "C" 4 1/2 (Cullinane 0, Collins 1; Dawes 0, Cath 1; Davis 0, Parr 1; Markham 0, Wood-Roe 1; Constable 1/2, Maber 1/2); Prices "B" 2 1/2, Northern Grammar School "A" 2 1/2 (Evans 1, Ford 0; Curtis 1, Bevis 0; Keen 1/2, Foote 1/2;

NOW WATCH THE SECUNDRIANS...

An interesting result in the Portsmouth League this week was Portchester Secondary Modern School's win against Price's School in the Under-15 Division.

This was Portchester's first match this season. Prices "B" have already beaten Gosport Grammar "B" and drawn with Northern Grammar "D." Although it is rather early to draw definite conclusions, this win by Portchester should start other Modern Schools in the district thinking about challenging the Grammar Schools next season.

In the Senior Section, Portsmouth improved their chances of retaining the championship by winning their third successive match.

SENIOR SECTION

Division I.—Cosham $3\frac{1}{2}$, Gosport $1\frac{1}{2}$ (C. F. Way 1, default 0; S. C. Noke 1, E. Taylor 0; R. Tims 0, W. J. Eaton 1; H. S. White 1, H. Tripp 0; R. Ross $\frac{1}{2}$, D. F. Rhoades $\frac{1}{2}$). Coll. Apps "A" $1\frac{1}{2}$, Portsmouth $3\frac{1}{2}$ (J. Beardsmore-Hyde $\frac{1}{2}$, A. Carter $\frac{1}{2}$; T. Search 0, A.

Division II					
	P	W	D	G	P
G'port Grammar B	4	2	0	$9\frac{1}{2}$	2
Prices B	3	1	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
St John's F	1	1	0	$3\frac{1}{2}$	1
Ports. Grammar B	2	1	0	$6\frac{1}{2}$	1
P'tchester Mod.	1	1	0	3	1
North Grammar B	2	0	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
St John's E	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results so far received in the third round of the Portsmouth Individual Championship Tournament are Potter beat Ross, Grant beat Eaton, and O'Donovan beat Lee.

In the County Individual Championship (first round), Henshaw beat Vine, Borland beat Samuels, Pratten beat Martin and Britton drew with West.

In the first round of the Hampshire section of the British Championship Qualifying Tournament J. A. C. Borland beat W. C. Martin.

POSTAL CHESS

With adjudication time now to hand, Fareham Chess Club's "A" team lies 15th in Division I of the Postal Chess League with a meagre $9\frac{1}{2}$ points for 31 games completed.

Their "B" team is doing rather better in Division IV and is sixth with 13 points for 26 games.

Chess Notes

Hayes 1; C. Wright $\frac{1}{2}$, H. C. Bailey $\frac{1}{2}$; C. R. Lee $\frac{1}{2}$, J. F. Price $\frac{1}{2}$; P. Giles 0, D. Parkes 1).

Division III.—Coll. Apps. "B" 2, Bridgemary 3 (N. Ling 1, D. Harris 0; P. Giles 1, T. Stephenson 0; C. R. Lee 0, R. McCaulder 1; D. Arthur 0, D. Thomas 1; Peake 0, Mrs. F. McCaulder 1).

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division II.—Price's "B" 2, Portchester Mod. 3 (Evans 0, Hughes 1; Curtis 0, Taylor 1; Keen 1, Jones 0; Lambourne 1, Martin 0; Kiddie 0, Wrenn 1).

SENIOR SECTION

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth	3	2	0	$11\frac{1}{2}$	3
Cosham	1	1	1	4	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Fareham "A"	1	0	0	$5\frac{1}{2}$	1
Coll. Apps. "A"	0	2	0	$6\frac{1}{2}$	1
Comm. Centre	1	0	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1
Gosport	0	1	1	4	$\frac{1}{2}$

Division II					
	P	W	D	G	P
R.N.P.L. "A"	3	0	0	0	2
A.S.R.E.	2	0	0	$8\frac{1}{2}$	2
St John's "A"	1	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Fareham "B"	1	0	0	$6\frac{1}{2}$	1
P.G.S. "A"	0	1	0	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Coll. of Tech.	0	0	0	2	0

Division III					
	P	W	D	G	P
Bridgemary	3	3	0	9	3
Fareham "C"	3	2	0	11	3
Coll. Apps. "B"	1	0	0	5	1
St John's "B"	0	0	0	2	0
R.N.P.L. "B"	0	0	0	2	0

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	P
North. Grammar A	3	2	0	$9\frac{1}{2}$	2
Ports. Grammar A	1	1	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1
St John's C	2	1	0	$5\frac{1}{2}$	1
G'port Grammar A	3	1	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1
Prices A	2	0	0	1	0
St John's D	0	0	0	0	0

St John's Out of the Schools' Tournament

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE ended their successful run in the National Schools Tournament when they were knocked out at the area semi-final stage by Bitterne Park School, Southampton.

Actually, the score was three games all, but because of the handicapping system, St John's needed to win by 4-2 to pass into the final. Scorers for St John's were: F. Harkin and A. Perry, who won, and A. Green and F. Brown who obtained half a point each.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

In the Portsmouth and District Chess League, Portsmouth, R.N.P.L. and Bridgemary continue to head their respective divisions of the Senior Section, but St John's "A" move up into second place in Division II. St John's "B" have also improved their position in Division III but have played one more match than their competitors.

There has been considerable activity in the Schools' Section, and although Northern Grammar School "A" still lead in Division I, they had to concede the first half-point of the season to their nearest rivals, Portsmouth Grammar School "B." In Division II, Portsmouth Grammar School's "C" team has jumped to the top and are well placed with two matches in hand over Gosport Grammar School "B."

Results.

Senior Section

Division II. — St John's "A" 3½, College of Technology 1½ (T Johnson 1, Shenton 0; F. Harkin 1, R. Butler 0; A. Perry ½, J. Elbro ½; P. Wilcox 1, A. Godfrey 0; A. Green 0, J. Rowe 1.)

Division III.—R.N.P.L. "B" 1, St John's "B" 4 (A. Clear 0, F. Brown 1; E. Mitchell 1, K. Harrison 0; P. Bennett 0, C. Thomas 1; H. Athawes 0, D. Peniston-Bird 1; Mrs. D. Clear 0, B. Neave 1). St John's "B" 3, Collingwood Apprentices "B" 2 (F. Brown 1, N. Ling 0; K. Harrison 0, C. R. Lee 1; C. Thomas 1, P. Giles 0; D. Peniston-Bird 1, Peake 0; B. Neave 0, D. Arthur 1.)

Schools' Section

Division I. — St John's "D" 3½, Gosport Grammar "A" 1½ (Brown 0, Berryman 1; Thomas 1, Dodds 0; James 1, Campion 0; Peniston-Bird ½, White ½; Neave 1, Pringle 0) Northern

Chess Notes

Grammar "A" 2½, Portsmouth Grammar "B" 2½ (Speller ½, Maber ½; Walker 0, Jones 1; Watson ½, Rhoades ½; Frisby 1, Harper 0; Jenkins ½, Watson ½).

Division II. — St John's "F" 3, Gosport Grammar "B" 2 (Cullinane 1, McBeth 0; Shaw-Brown 0, Brameld 1; Moore 0, Jones 1; Dawes 1, Marriott 0; Davis 1, Rance 0). Portsmouth Grammar "C" 4, Northern Grammar "B" 1 (Collins 1, McIntosa 0; Cath 1, Llewellyn 0; Parr 0, Bevis 1; Jeffreys 1, Kenward 0; Wood-Roe 1, Foote 0).

SENIOR SECTION

Division I	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth	3	3	0	11½	3
Cosham	2	1	1	6	1½
Fareham "A"	2	1	0	5½	1
Coll. App "A"	2	0	2	6½	1
Comm. Ctr.	1	0	0	6½	1
Gosport	3	0	1	4	½

Division II

P	W	D	G	P	
R.N.P.L. "A"	3	0	0	7	2½
St John's "A"	3	1	0	8	2½
A.S.R.E.	3	1	0	8½	2
Fareham "B"	3	0	0	8½	1½
Ports. Grammar "A"	3	0	1	6½	½
Coll. of Tech.	3	0	0	3½	0

Division III

P	W	D	G	P	
Bridgemary	3	3	0	9	3
Fareham "C"	3	2	0	11	3
St John's "B"	4	2	0	10	2
Coll. Apps. "B"	3	1	0	7	1
R.N.P.L. "B"	3	0	0	3	0

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I

P	W	D	G	P	
North. Grammar "A"	3	2	1	12	2½
Ports Grammar "B"	2	1	1	7	1½
St John's "D"	1	1	0	3½	1
St John's "C"	2	1	0	5½	1
G'port Grammar "A"	4	1	0	6	0
Prices "A"	2	0	0	1	0

Division II

P	W	D	G	P	
Ports. Grammar "C"	3	2	0	10½	2½
G'port Grammar "B"	5	2	0	11½	2
Prices "B"	3	1	1	7½	1½
St John's "E"	1	0	0	3½	½
Portchester Mod.	1	1	0	3	1
St John's "F"	2	1	0	3½	1
North. Grammar "B"	3	0	1	5½	½

In the Individual Championship of the Portsmouth League, further third round results are: Rhoades beat Brading and Taylor beat Farmer.

Quotation: "I know at Chesse a Pawn before the King is ever much played upon." — Francis Bacon (1561-1626).

(Apologie Concerning the late Earl of Essex).

Woolston Are Still a Conquering Force

FAREHAM Chess Club lost its second match of the season in the Hampshire League when it was defeated by Woolston Community Centre by four games to one.

Woolston, who have been undefeated champions of this League for the past three seasons have lost several of their stronger players. Nevertheless, they are still a formidable fighting force and are not likely to relinquish their title easily.

Detailed scores (Woolston names first): Dr L. Cohen $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Borland $\frac{1}{2}$; R. S. Learmouth 1, W. C. Martin 0; G. Daw 1, J. Grant 0; D. Drew 1,

Chess Notes

A. J. Maber 0; C. N. Bask $\frac{1}{2}$, A. F. Garner $\frac{1}{2}$.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

There was a general slackening-off in activity in the Portsmouth and District Chess League as the Christmas holiday approached. Fareham "A" beat H.M.S. Collingwood Apprentices "A" and move up into second place in Division I.

Results (Senior Section):

Division I—Fareham "A" 4, Collingwood Apprentices "A" 1 (W. C. Martin $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Beardmore-Hyde $\frac{1}{2}$; J. Borland 1, C. Wright 0; F. Johnson $\frac{1}{2}$, T. Search $\frac{1}{2}$; J. Grant 1, N. Ling 0; P. Durnell 1, P. Giles 0).

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	3	3	0	11	3
Fareham "A"	3	2	0	9	2
Cosham	3	1	1	6	1 1/2
Comm. Centre	3	1	0	6	1
Coll. Apps. "A"	4	0	2	7	1
Gosport	3	0	1	4	1/2

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

At the end of the third round of the Portsmouth and District Individual Championship Tournament, the lead is shared between S. C. Noke (Cosham) and D. F.

Rhoades (Gosport and Portsmouth Grammar School) with three points each. In accordance with the rules of the Swiss system, these two players must now play each other.

There have been two more withdrawals (S. F. Adams and R. I. Ross) and there are now 15 players left to fight for the title.

Remaining third round results were Noke beat Heywood, West beat Adams (default) and Davis beat Maber. Pairings for the fourth round and scores to date are—

Noke (3) v. Rhoades (3), Grant (3) v. Davis (2), West (2) v. Brading (2), Potter (1 1/2) v. Heywood (2), Taylor (1 1/2) v. O'Donovan (2), Lee (1) v. Eaton (1), Pike (1) v. Maber (1). G. W. Farmer (1) has a bye in this round.