

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

Chess Notes

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 Walmisley has withdrawn from the tournament because of business pressure.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).