

# 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	3	0	7	2½
St John's "A"	3	2	1	8	2½
A.S.R.E.	3	2	1	8½	2
Fareham "B"	3	1	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).