

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.

Chess Notes

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).