

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. Dossett 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	2	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	6½	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).