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SHOCK DEFEAT MEANS CLUB CANNOT LOSE

FAREHAM CHESS CLUB are the new champions of the Portsmouth and District League, as Portsmouth's unexpected defeat by Cosham last week means that Fareham cannot now be overtaken.

The struggle for supremacy between the Portsmouth and Fareham clubs has been a feature of this competition for the last five years and is worth recounting:

The season 1955-56 saw Fareham regain the title from Cosham (having lost it to them the previous year).

In the 1956-57 season, Portsmouth experienced a resurgence and forced Fareham into second place.

The 1957-58 and 1958-59 seasons saw the same pattern, with Portsmouth champions and Fareham runners-up.

At the commencement of the present season, Fareham indicated their intention of making a comeback, and this year it was Portsmouth who could not stand the pace set by the Fareham club.

Regults:

Senior Section-Division 1

Cosham 119, Portsmouts "A" 11/2 S. C. Noke 12, Dr. A. J. Pointon 15; F. Way I, defaul 0; A. D. Crossin I. H. C. Basiey 0; T. Hollington 0, W. Makar 1; R. L. Paige I. D. M. teywood 0).

Division 2

Fareham "B" 5, Cvanamid c (A. F. Sarner I. B. Davis 0; C. Brading I. Thomas 0; R. Tyack I. M. Downer I; R. Hughes I. P. Halder 0; T. Bayliss I. R. Rudgeley 0).

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SENIOR SECTION Division 1

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Pairings in the 7th (and penultimate) round of the Portsmouth and District Individual Championship with scores to date in brackets, are:

Pointon (5½) v. Brameid (4½); Collins (5) v. Richardson (4); Wells (4½) v. Grant (4) Makar (4) v. La Lond (4); Carter, R. (3½) v. Taylor (3½); Crossin (3) v. Lee (3); Davis (3) v. Heywood (3) Smith, H. (2½) v. Farmer (2½); dams (3) v. Garner (2½); Potte v. Press (1); Noke (2½) v. Bradin (4); Elloxham (1) v. Smith, J. (2)

INTER-LEAGUE MATCH

Twenty players from six local clubs represented the Portsmouth and District League in the annual match against Southampton League. Although they put up a spirited fight they were unable to break the sequence of wins for the Southampton team.

Portsmouth Chess Club had the honour of providing the top six boards, while Gosport's contingent of five players did very well to collect four points between them.

The final score of Portsmouth League 8½, Southampton League 11½ was made up as follows:

PORTSMOUTH SOUTHAMPTON Bd. LEAGUE LEAGUE Dr A Pointon (Portsm th) M. Thompson Dr. B. Wells L. E. Vine (Portsm'th) Comben G. L. Pritchard Portsm th) Makar P. Marshal (Portsm'th)). P. Prica (Portsm'th) L. C. Walters D. Heywood (Portsm'th) P. M. Cotlina T. Cuipek M. Colling C. Newby (Ports. Gr.) W. J. Eaton D. Drew (Gospert) M. G. Ford Taylor (Gosport) R. Thorne Hellington. (Cosham) H. G. Delt (Cosham) F. Brameld C. J. G. Payne (Gosport) 4. F. Garner M. D. Thompson 1 (Fareham) F Adams R. Pets 15 (Com. Ctr.) R. I. Ross E. W. Engert . 1 (Com. Ctr.) C Brading (Farcham) R Tyack (Farcham) R Hughes (Farcham) J Jones T. Mumford 0 J. Popiel D. Kahn 1/2 K. Robinson (Gosport) Hardcastle Miss G. Moore (Gosport)

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