

Chess Notes

KEEN STRUGGLE FOR LEADERSHIP

THE struggle for leadership in the Under-15 Division of the Schools' Section in the Portsmouth League has been intensified.

Portchester Modern lost to St John's "E" and although they finish equal with Gosport Grammar on match points, they have been kept in second place by a mere half game point. Even so, this performance by Portchester Modern must go down in the records as a remarkably good effort and a great encouragement for other modern schools who are thinking about forming chess sections.

Meanwhile St John's "E" have won two more matches and are making a strong bid for the title. They have only to win their their remaining match by the odd game to make sure of topping the table.

In the Senior Section, St John's "A" share a point with Portsmouth "B," but St John's "B" lost heavily to Gosport.

Results.

Senior Section, Division II. — St John's "E" 1, Gosport 4. (G. Green 1, A. F. Brameld 1; C. Green 0, A. N. Dossell 1; F. Ariburg 1, G. E. Mellows 1; P. Cullinane 0, J. Hardeastle 1; M. Willocks 1, H. J. Taylor 1). St John's "A" 2½, Portsmouth "B" 2½. (P. Pemberton-James 1, W. Makar 0; D. Peniston-Bird 0, J. Smith 1; C. Thomas 1, A. Bacon 0; K. Harrison 1, J. Cauty 1; S. Bates ½, B. March ½).

Schools Section, Division I. — Portsmouth Grammar School "B" 2½, St John's "C" 1½. (P. M. Collins 1, P. Pemberton-James 0; D. Watkins 0, D. Peniston-Bird 1; A. Fulton 1, C. Thomas 0; I. Mansell ½, K. Harrison ½; T. Moore 1, S. Bates 0).

Division II. — Portsmouth Grammar "C" 3, St John's "E" 5. (M. Westbrook 1, B. Davis 1; H. Gorton 1; A. Clark 1; D. Jones 0, C. Moore 1; J. Sims 1, A. Lakin 1; C. Goble 0, R. Shaw-Brown 1). St John's "E" 4, Price's "B" 1. (B. Davis 1, Default 0; A. Clark 1, R. Dudson 0; C. Moore 0, A. Vickers 1; A. Lakin 1, M. Davies 0; R. Shaw-Brown 1, M. Warriess 0). St John's "E" 4, Portchester Modern 1. (B. Davis 1, D. Coates ½; A. Clark ½, W. Wallen ½; C. Moore 1, A. Wynn 0; A. Lakin 1, N. Tinsling 0; R. Shaw-Brown 1, D. Muzzridge 0).

SENIOR SECTION

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "A"	5	4	1	17	4½
Portsmouth "A"	5	3	0	13½	3
R.N.P.L.	5	1	2	9½	2
Comm. Centre	5	1	1	12½	1½
Cosham	4	1	0	7½	1

Division II					
	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "B"	7	0	1	25½	6½
Gosport	7	5	2	26	6
Portsmouth "B"	7	4	2	22½	5
Price's Grammar "A"	6	3	0	16	3
St John's "A"	7	2	1	13½	2½
St John's "B"	8	1	0	13	1
Cranford	8	0	0	3½	0

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	P
Price's "A"	2	2	0	6	2
Gosport Grammar "A"	4	2	0	10½	3½
St John's "A"	2	1	0	5	1
Price's Grammar "B"	2	1	0	5	1
St John's "D"	2	0	0	3½	0

Division II

	P	W	D	G	P
Gosport Gramm. "B"	6	5	0	19½	5
Portchester Mod.	6	5	0	19	5
St John's "E"	5	4	0	19	4
St John's "F"	4	1	0	9	1
Price's "B"	5	1	0	8½	1
Port. Gramm. "C"	5	1	0	6	1
Fareham Sec.	3	0	0	4	0

CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Individual Championship, further fifth round results are: Pointon 1, Collins 0; Noke 0, Adams 1; Heywood 1, Carter (B) 0; Brading 0, Taylor 1; Farmer 0, Richardson 1.

Dr. Wells and Dr. Pointon (both of Portsmouth Chess Club) now share the lead with 4½ points, followed by P. M. Collins (Portsmouth Grammar School) and J. Grant (Fareham) each with four points.

B. S. Carter, has had to withdraw from the competition.

The combined team of Cosham and of Community Centre players lost to the strong composite Bournemouth team in the Hampshire League by one game to four. Detailed scores were as follows. — J. A. Henley 1, G. Richardson 0; E. W. Chandler 1, R. W. Davis 0; D. K. Bevis 1, R. Carter 0; G. W. S. Goggin 1, R. I. Ross 0; S. S. Michaels 0; A. Crossin 1.

Fareham put up a spirited fight against Woolston in this same competition, the score standing 1½—1½ with two games in the hands of the adjudicator.

TABLE

	P	W	D	G	P
Woolston	4	4	0	12½	4
Bournemouth	4	4	0	15½	4
Fareham	4	2	0	11	2
Southampton	4	2	0	10½	2
Portsmouth	3	1	1	7½	1½
Cosham/Comm. Ctr.	4	1	0	8½	1
University	4	0	1	5½	1½
Andover	2	0	0	4	0