

WOOLSTON RETAIN UNBEATEN RECORD

ALTHOUGH playing one short against Basingstoke, Woolston Community Centre managed to retain their unbeaten record in the Hampshire League.

But they have had to concede top place to Southampton, who are making a strong bid for the championship title this season.

Detailed scores:

Basingstoke 2, Woolston 3 (C. H. Henshaw 1, Default 0; J. B. Parker 0, Dr. L. Cohen 1; J. Schneller 0, G. Daw 1; J. Johnstone 1, T. Ciupek 0; R. Radford 0, D. Drew 1).

Southampton 4½, Basingstoke ½ (A. Samuels ½, C. H. Henshaw ½; A. C. Barton 1, J. B. Parker 0; G. L. Pritchard 1, W. Byrne 0; F. H. Walton 1, J. Johnstone 0; J. Howard 1, H. R. Johnson 0).

	P	W	D	G	P
Southampton	2	2	0	8½	2
Woolston	2	2	0	7	2
S'ampton University ...	1	1	0	4	1
Basingstoke	3	1	0	7½	1
Portsmouth Comm. Ctr.	1	0	0	1	0
Fareham	2	0	0	2	0
Andover	1	0	0	0	0

The final scores in the recent Hants v. Sussex match (after adjudication of the unfinished games) were Hants 7½, Sussex 12½, in the S.C.C.U. section, and Hants 17½, Sussex 32½ over the whole 50 boards for the Amboyna Shield Competition. Sussex are the present holders of the Shield.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

There has been no play in the Portsmouth and District Chess League this week, but there has been a result in the top division of the senior section.

Cosham turned up for their match at Portsmouth Community Centre only to find that the Twyford Avenue Club, hit by sickness and other troubles could not raise a team.

Cosham thus received a win by default, which, although it does not alter their position in the table, considerably improves their chances of overhauling the leaders.

Community Centre, on the other hand, drop one place as a result of lowered games average.

Chess Notes

Division I

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth	5	3	2	16½	4
Fareham "A"	4	3	0	14	3
Cosham	4	2	2	13½	3
Coll. Apps. "A"	1	6	2	7½	1
Comm. Ctr.	4	1	0	6½	1
Gosport	5	0	2	7	1

Latest results received in the Hants County Individual Tournament (round two) are: Pratten beat Russell, and Thompson beat Martin.

In the Portsmouth Individual Championship, fourth round results are: Davis beat Grant (after being a whole rook down at one stage) and Noke beat Rhoades. S. K. Noke, of Cosham, therefore now has a clear lead of one point at the half-way stage.

POSTAL MATCHES

The list of players who have come forward to take up the challenge from the British Correspondence Chess Association now numbers 20.

Several clubs have yet to reply to the appeal, but it is hoped to complete the team in the coming week.

Two young players from Hampshire did well in recent congresses. M. E. Ventham (Southampton) shared equal fourth place (out of ten players) in the International Under-21 Tournament at Plymouth. He was also awarded the prize for the best game.

M. J. Dymond, of Portsmouth Chess Club, obtained second place in the One-Week Open Tournament ("A" Section) at Hastings, finishing only half-a-point behind the winner, Dr. F. B. Akeroyd (Whitby).

Quotation:

"To know the moves is trifling fame;

'Tis genius only, plays the game."

—Jean Baptiste Rousseau
1671—1741.