

Point Lead in Chess Contest

WITH a point lead, D. O'Donovan (Portsmouth Community Centre) is favourite for the Portsmouth and District Individual Chess Championship Tournament.

He won the fourth round "needle" game against J. Borland (Fareham).

With four more rounds to play O'Donovan has to meet his clubmate, R. W. Davis, in the next round.

R. Pinhorne (Community Centre) has withdrawn from the competition.

Pairings for the fifth round (score to date in brackets): Davis (3) v. O'Donovan (4); Walmisley (3) v. Borland (3); Grant (3) v. Farmer (3); Eaton (2½) v. West (2); Adams (2) v. Pike (2½); Brading (2) v. Ross (2); Griffiths v. Taylor (2); Lee (1) v. Heywood (2); White (1) v. Ratter (1); Miller (1) v. Phillips.

The fourth round game between Phillips and Griffiths is not yet finished.

COUNTY PAIRINGS

Pairings for the second round of the Hampshire Individual Championship are Baverstock (1) v. Edmunds (1); Ryzewski (0) v. Ventham (0); Taylor, Fareham (0) v. Borland, Fareham (0); Pratten (1) v. Martin, Fareham (1); Vine (1) v. Dance (1); Henshaw (0) v. Russell (0).

SCHOOL CONTESTS

The chess group at Portchester Secondary School held a Lightning Tournament last week, with 13 children competing.

Judy Watson won first place, narrowly beating Keith Hazzard on Sonneborne-Berger count.

Other placings were: 3, R. Hughes; 4, A. Martin; equal 5th, G. Taylor and B. Tinling; 6, A. Morley; 7, L. Bennett; 8, M. Cooper; 9, A. Jones; 10, J. Leach; 11, S. Merritt; 12, W. Long.

FAREHAM TOURNEY

With four of the eight rounds completed, J. Grant has obtained a clear point lead in Fareham Chess Club's Championship Tournament.

Messrs. Johnson, Taylor, Martin, Phillips and Walmisley are all close on his heels with three points each, and it would seem that an exciting finish is in sight.

QUOTATION

"Of all the varied amusements which the fertile mind of man has from time to time originated, we know of none which, for antiquity, variety, moral excellence and social enjoyment, can in any way be compared with the classic game of Chess . . . this aptly termed 'Science in play.'"—Howard Staunton (Chess Players' Chronicle, 1852).