

Chess Notes

Portsmouth Have a Formidable Team

THE first matches in the Hampshire League tournament have been completed. Portsmouth, who can field a truly formidable team now that A. J. Peters has joined them, inflicted heavy punishment on Cosham, while Fareham rather unexpectedly lost to Andover.

This looks like being an interesting contest and Portsmouth are quite capable of capturing the trophy.

Results. — Salisbury 1½, Bournemouth 3½. (F. S. Scanes 0, D. K. Bevis 1; W. W. Watson 0, E. W. Chandler 1; J. D. Herring 0, A. White 1; R. R. Tregear ½, G. Knott ½; A. J. Bentley 1, S. H. C. Lucas 0). Andover 3, Fareham 2. (C. H. Henshaw 1, T. J. De Buriatte 0; S. L. Russell 1, N. C. Taylor 0; J. M. Jarvis 1, Cmdr. P. Willcocks 0; A. J. Haddrell 0, A. J. Evans 1; G. D. Young 0, R. J. Tyack 1). Cosham 1, Portsmouth 4. (R. L. Paige 0, Dr. A. J. Pointon 1; G. Richardson 0, Cmdr. A. J. Peters 1; A. D. Crossin 1, Dr. B. G. Wells 0; T. E. Hollington 0, J. F. Watson 1; H. C. Smith 0, W. Makar 1).

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

Purbrook Park gave Prices School a shock in the Schools Section of the Portsmouth and District League. From all accounts, they should have drawn the match in the top division, which indicates that they gained some useful experience from last year's competitive play.

In the Under-15 Section, Purbrook beat Prices by the odd game.

There have been results in all three Division of the Senior Section during the week. Portsmouth Chess Club do not appear to be much weakened by having to divide their strength between two teams in Division I. Following last week's win by their "B" team, the "A" team has now beaten R.N.P.L., which is stronger than last year now that the ex-Kent player, W. J. E. Yeeles, has joined them.

Fareham "B" started their programme with a win against St John's, but the College "B" team had no difficulty in disposing of De Havilland, who were, in any case, one short.

Results.—

SENIOR SECTION

Division I. — R.N.P.L. 2, Ports-

mouth "A" 3. (A. F. Brameld ½, Dr. B. G. Wells ½; W. J. E. Yeeles ½, Dr. A. J. Pointon ½; W. J. Eaton 0, J. P. Price 1; E. Taylor 0, W. Makar 1; J. H. Jones 1, R. Prince 0).

Division II. — St John's "A" 1½, Fareham "B" 3½. (P. Pemberton-James 0, D. A. Bloxson 1; C. Thomas 0, B. A. Keen 1; A. Clark 1, M. Gibson 0; C. Moore ½, G. Houghton ½; P. Miller 0, W. Davies 1).

difficulty in disposing of De Havilland, St John's "B" 4. (B. Smith 0, A. Lakin 1; L. Langley 0, M. Rice 1; R. Ralls 1, R. Shaw-Brown 0; M. Woods 0, C. Leake 1; Default 0, L. Allaway 1).

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I (Section "A"). — Prices "A" 3, Purbrook "A" 2. (H. Curtis 1, S. Rook 0; R. J. Tyack ½, A. Leadbetter ½; B. A. Keen 1, K. Firth 0; C. Gay ½, A. Renouf ½; I. Crawford 0, N. Walker 1).

Division II (Section "B"). — Prices "B" 2, Purbrook "C" 3. (C. Mason 0, D. Nicholson 1; N. Davies 0, P. Druce 1; J. Parisot 1, S. Pritchard 0; C. Jones 1, R. Lintott 0; P. Przybycin 0, T. Pickles 1).

SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

It has already been reported that St John's "C" are the 1960/61 School Champions. What was omitted from the previous report was the fact that there had to be the preliminary formality of a play-off between the leaders of Section "A" of Division I in the Schools League (St John's "C") and the leaders of Section "B" (St John's "D").

This match was played some weeks ago and the result was St John's "C" 3, St John's "D" 2. (P. Pemberton-James 1, A. Clark 0; D. Peniston-Bird 0, C. Moore 1; C. Thomas 0, A. Lakin 1; K. Harrison 1, P. Miller 0; M. Rice 1, B. Davis 0).

PROBLEM

The key move in last week's problem by Mr. C. F. Way was 1. NxP. Then if 1. KxP(ch). 2. N-Q4 mate; if 1. K-B4(ch). 2. P-Q4 mate; if 1. B-B3. 2. Q-K4 mate; if 1. B-N7. 2. Q-N5 mate.