

Chess Notes

POOR SEASON FOR HAMPSHIRE

HAMPSHIRE lost their S.C.C.U. match against Berkshire by 9½ to 10½.

A Hayes, of Portsmouth Chess Club, was awarded a win against Dr. C. Slade on Board 9, and the games of A. C. Barton and J. Valler were drawn.

Hampshire are having a poor season and so far have lost four matches and won one in this competition. Their next and last match of the current competition is against Buckinghamshire on March 7.

The County Individual Championship has reached an interesting stage. With 4 out of 7 rounds completed, P. F. Pezet and A. M. Edmonds (both of Woolston Chess Club) lead with 3½ points. They must now play each other and one of them should emerge with a clear lead.

Nearest challengers from Portsmouth and District are Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth Chess Club), W. C. Martin (Fareham Chess Club) and Capt. G. P. Britton (R.N.P.L.), all with 2½ points.

M. Maker (Portsmouth Chess Club) has 1½ points and L. West (Community Centre) 1 point.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

Fareham "B" are now level with Portsmouth "B" on match points in Division 2 of the Portsmouth League, although Portsmouth "B" have a slightly better games average. These two teams meet on March 4 in a match that could well decide this season's promotion issue.

In the Schools' section, Prices' "A" team drew a keenly contested match against a strong St John's "C" team, but their "B" team were heavily defeated by St John's "E."

RESULTS

Senior Section

Division II: St John's "B" 3½, Collingwood Apps. 1½ (P. James 1, J. Beardmore-Hyde 1; K. Harrison 1, R. Craig 1; C. Green 1, Default 1; F. Arlberg 1, D. Hanscomb 1; A. Miller ½, P. Mindenhall ½).

Fareham "B" 3, A.S.R.E. 3 (E. G. Potter 1, E. Underhill 1; T. Bayliss 1, A. E. Roberts 1; F. Johnson 1, G. Rafter 1; R. Hughes 1, R. Attwood 1; Default 1, F. Field 1).

Schools Section

Division I: Prices "A" 2½, St John's "C" 2½ (A. Clewer 1, P. Wilcox 1; R. Tyack 1, E. Woo 1; J. Smith ½, F. Brown ½; Gisborne 1, C. Thomas 1; B. Keen 1, D. Peniston-Bird 1).

Division II: St John's "E" 4½, Prices "B" ½ (C. Moore 1, Alder 1; R. Shaw-Brown 1, R. Downes 1; B. Davis ½, M. Earrey ½; C. Dawes

1, M. Murrell 1; J. Markham 1, P. Flavell 1).

St John's "F" 3½, Portchester Mod. 1½ (B. Davis ½, R. Hughes ½; C. Dawes 1, A. Jones 1; W. Wilcocks 1, A. Wrenn 1; W. Markham 1, G. Taylor 1; A. Clark 1, W. Waller 1).

TABLES

Senior Section

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth "A"	7	6	0	25½	6
Fareham "A"	7	5	1	22	5½
Community Ctr	7	3	1	21½	3½
R.N.P.L.	6	3	1	14	2½
Cosham	6	1	0	9	1
Gosport	7	0	1	8	½

Division II					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth "B"	9	7	0	24	7
Fareham "B"	9	7	0	27½	7
Ports. G.S. "A"	10	6	1	20	6½
St John's "B"	8	5	0	18½	5
A.S.R.E.	8	3	0	15½	3
St John's "A"	8	1	1	17	2½
Collingwood Apps. ...	10	0	0	9½	0

Schools Section

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Ports. G.S. "B"	2	2	0	8	3
St John's "C"	2	1	1	6½	1½
Prices "A"	3	1	1	6½	1½
Gosport G.S. "A"	4	1	0	7½	1
St John's "D"	1	0	0	1½	0

Division II					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Gosport G.S. "B"	5	5	0	21	5
St John's "E"	4	3	0	11½	3
St John's "F"	3	2	0	9½	2
Prices "B"	4	2	0	9½	2
Ports. G.S. "C"	2	0	0	4	0
Portchester Mod.	2	0	0	2½	0
Ports. G.S. "D"	2	0	0	2	0

Further fifth round results in the Portsmouth Individual Championship are: Heywood beat Wells, Carter beat Cartmell (def.), and Collins beat Potter.

D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth Chess Club) has thus increased his lead and is now one whole point ahead of the two Cosham players, S. C. Noke and G. Richardson.

SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE

The annual fixture between Portsmouth League and Southampton is this year due to be played on April 18. The First Division championship seems to rest between Southampton, Bramtoco and Old Tauntonians. Southampton are in a very strong position, being a match in hand.

Table—Division I

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Southampton	7	6	0	23½	6
Bramtoco	6	6	0	24	6
Old Tauntonians	8	5	0	22½	5
Woolston	8	4	1	23	4½
University	7	1	1	12½	1½
Old Edwardians	8	0	0	8	0