

Woolston Are Still a Conquering Force

FAREHAM Chess Club lost its second match of the season in the Hampshire League when it was defeated by Woolston Community Centre by four games to one.

Woolston, who have been undefeated champions of this League for the past three seasons have lost several of their stronger players. Nevertheless, they are still a formidable fighting force and are not likely to relinquish their title easily.

Detailed scores (Woolston names first): Dr L. Cohen $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Borland $\frac{1}{2}$; R. S. Learmouth 1, W. C. Martin 0; G. Daw 1, J. Grant 0; D. Drew 1,

Chess Notes

A. J. Maber 0; C. N. Bask $\frac{1}{2}$, A. F. Garner $\frac{1}{2}$.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

There was a general slackening-off in activity in the Portsmouth and District Chess League as the Christmas holiday approached. Fareham "A" beat H.M.S. Collingwood Apprentices "A" and move up into second place in Division I.

Results (Senior Section):

Division I—Fareham "A" 4, Collingwood Apprentices "A" 1 (W. C. Martin $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Beardmore-Hyde $\frac{1}{2}$; J. Borland 1, C. Wright 0; F. Johnson $\frac{1}{2}$, T. Search $\frac{1}{2}$; J. Grant 1, N. Ling 0; P. Durnell 1, P. Giles 0).

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	3	3	0	11	3
Fareham "A"	3	2	0	9	2
Cosham	3	1	1	6	1 1/2
Comm. Centre	3	1	0	6	1
Coll. Apps. "A"	4	0	2	7	1
Gosport	3	0	1	4	1/2

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

At the end of the third round of the Portsmouth and District Individual Championship Tournament, the lead is shared between S. C. Noke (Cosham) and D. F.

Rhoades (Gosport and Portsmouth Grammar School) with three points each. In accordance with the rules of the Swiss system, these two players must now play each other.

There have been two more withdrawals (S. F. Adams and R. I. Ross) and there are now 15 players left to fight for the title.

Remaining third round results were Noke beat Heywood, West beat Adams (default) and Davis beat Maber. Pairings for the fourth round and scores to date are—

Noke (3) v. Rhoades (3), Grant (3) v. Davis (2), West (2) v. Brading (2), Potter (1 1/2) v. Heywood (2), Taylor (1 1/2) v. O'Donovan (2), Lee (1) v. Eaton (1), Pike (1) v. Maber (1). G. W. Farmer (1) has a bye in this round.