

Decision on Game Points in Close End

THERE has been a close and exciting finish in the Third Division of the Portsmouth & District League.

Fareham "C" won their last match of the season against Collingwood Apprentices "B" and so become Third Division Champions. Even so, the issue was decided on a narrow margin of game points and each of the three leading teams won five matches.

At the bottom of the table, the "wooden spoon" goes to St John's "B" by the smallest possible margin of half a game point.

Over 200 players took part in the season's activities, and 580 games were played in the two sections.

Results:

Division III.—Coll. Apprentices "B" 1, Fareham "C" 4 (N. Ling 0, E. J. Weston 1; P. Giles 0, T. Bayliss 1; M. Frost 0, M. Gibson 1; G. Preston 0, A. L. Line 1; R. Smale 1, Default 0). **Final Tables:**

SENIOR SECTION

Division I

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth	10	8	2	37	9
Fareham	10	8	0	33½	8
Cosham	10	4	2	27½	5
Gosport	10	3	2	18	4
Comm Ctr.	10	2	1	18½	2½
Coll Apps "A" ..	10	0	3	15½	1½

Division II

	P	W	D	G	P
R.N.P.L. "A"	10	9	1	33½	9½
St John's "A"	10	6	2	30	7
Fareham "B"	10	5	0	25	5
P.G. Sch. "A"	10	4	1	26½	4½
A.S.R.E.	10	4	0	22	4
Coll. of Tech	10	0	0	13	0

Division III

	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "C"	8	5	0	25	5
Coll Apps "B"	8	5	0	22	5
Bridgemary	8	5	0	17½	5
R.N.P.L. "B"	8	2	1	18	2½
St John's "B"	8	2	1	17½	2½

Chess Notes

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I

	P	W	D	G	P
Ports. Gramm "B" ...	5	4	1	18½	4½
St John's "C"	5	4	0	14½	4
North. Gramm "A" ...	5	3	1	18½	3½
St John's "D"	5	2	0	9	2
Gosport Gramm "A" ..	5	1	0	8	1
Prices "A"	5	0	0	6½	0

Division II (Under 15)

	P	W	D	G	P
St John's "E"	6	5	1	19	5½
Ports. Gramm "C" ...	6	4	1	21	4½
Gosport Gramm "B" ..	6	3	0	14½	3
Portchester Modern ...	6	3	0	13½	3
St John's "F"	6	2	0	12½	2
Prices "B"	6	1	1	12½	1½
North. Gramm "B" ...	6	1	1	12	1½

Remaining last round results in the Individual championship of the Portsmouth League were Pike beat O'Donovan and Lee beat Farmer, both by default.

Final placings are.—1, S. C. Noke (8 pts.); 2, D. M. Heywood (7); 3, D. O'Donovan (5); 4, R. W. Davis (5); 5, G. O. Pike (4½); 6, J. Grant (4); 7, D. F. Rhoades (4); 8, V. Lee (4); 9, A. J. Maber (4); 10, E. G. Potter (4); 11, W. G. Eaton (3½); 12, E. Taylor (3½); 13, C. Brading (3); 14, L. West (3); 15, G. W. Farmer (2½).

COUNTY CHESS

Hampshire now has 12 points from 19 games completed in the County Correspondence Championship Competition, latest results being.—Bd 2, L. E. Vine (Eastleigh) beat V. C. Dancer (Derbyshire); Bd. 23, K. S. W. Walker (Southsea) beat R. J. Manfield (Essex). In the Hants Individual Championship, fifth round results so far received are.—Thompson ½, Pratter ½; Borland ½, Vine ½; West ½, Cullinane ½; Davis ½, Britton ½.