

# KEEN STRUGGLE AMONG THREE TOP CLUBS

THERE has been a keen struggle for position among the three strongest teams in the Portsmouth and District League this week.

The final score, after adjudication, in the Cosham versus Fareham match was 3½ to 1½ in Fareham's favour.

This rather put Cosham out of the running and Fareham found themselves for a short while at the top above Portsmouth by a mere ½ game point.

Portsmouth then visited Fareham, and with both teams conscious of the fact that the match could very well decide the championship, a hard battle ensued.

Fareham, not quite at full strength, put up a stiff resistance, but finally lost by the odd game.

## Chess Notes

Portsmouth are therefore back at the top and look likely to retain the title that they won from Fareham last season.

In the second division, R.N.P.L. beat College of Technology and also return to the top of the table.

Bridgemary, leaders of division III, were beaten by lowly R.N.P.L. "B," but still retain top position.

Detailed Scores (Senior Section):  
Division I.—Cosham 1½, Fareham "A" 3½ (C. F. Way 0, J. Borland 1;

S. C. Noke 0, W. C. Martin 1; R. Tims 1, G. W. Farmer 0; H. S. White 0, J. Grant 1; R. I. Ross ½, P. T. Durnell ½).

Fareham "A" 2, Portsmouth 3 (W. C. Martin 0, A. Carter 1; J. Borland 1, H. C. Bailey 0; J. Grant 1, A. Hayes 0; P. T. Durnell 0, M. Dymond 1; A. F. Garner, 0, D. M. Heywood 1).

Division II.—College of Technology 1½, R.N.P.L. "A" 3½ (R. Kubiaz 0, J. M. Holford 1; P. Czernik 0, K. Harrison 1; J. Shenton 0, A. N. Dossett 1; J. Eibro ½, H. Hempleman ½; J. Rowe 1, H. J. Taylor 0).

Division III.—R.N.P.L. "B" 4, Bridgemary 1 (A. Clear 1, default 0; E. Mitchell 1, default 0; P. Bennett 1, C. McCaulder 0; A. Ferrier 0, R. McCaulder 1; H. Athawes 1, Mrs. F. McCaulder 0).

### Division I

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth	0	4	2	19½	3
Fareham "A"	0	4	0	19½	4
Cosham	5	2	2	15	3
Coll. Apps. "A"	5	0	3	10	1½
Comm. Ctr.	5	1	1	9	1½
Gosport	5	0	2	7	1

### Division II

	P	W	D	G	Pt
R.N.P.L. "A"	5	4	1	15	4½
St John's "A"	5	3	2	14½	4
Fareham "B"	5	3	0	15	3
A.S.R.E.	5	2	0	12	2
Ports. Grammar "A"	4	0	1	8½	½
Coll. of Tech	4	0	0	5	0

### Division III

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Bridgemary	4	3	0	10	3
Fareham "C"	3	2	0	11	2
St John's "B"	4	2	0	10	2
Coll. Apps. "B"	3	1	0	7	1
R.N.P.L. "B"	4	1	0	7	1

## SCHOOL SECTION

### Division I

	P	W	D	G	Pt
N. Grammar "A"	3	2	1	12	2½
St John's "C"	3	2	0	8½	2
Pmo Grammar "B"	3	1	1	7	1½
St John's "D"	2	1	0	5½	1
Gosport Grammar "A"	4	1	0	6	1
Price's "A"	2	0	0	1	0

### Division II (Under 15)

	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portchester Mod.	3	3	0	9½	3
Pmo Grammar "C"	4	2	1	13	2½
Gosport Grammar "B"	5	3	0	11½	2
St John's "E"	2	1	1	6	1½
Price's "B"	3	1	1	7½	1½
St John's "F"	3	1	0	5½	1
N. Grammar "B"	4	0	1	7	½

## COUNTY EVENT

After two rounds in the Hampshire Individual Championship, only W. H. Pratten (Fareham) and C. H. Henshaw (Basingstoke) have maximum points. Remaining second round results were Henshaw beat Borland and Ventham beat Hobbe. Pairings for round III (with scores to date) are Henshaw (2) v. Pratten (2); West (1½) v. Thompson (1½); Russell (1) v. Cull-

name (1½); Ventham (1½) v. Borland (1); Britton (1) v. Vine (½); Samuel (½) v. Hobbe (0); and Martin (0) v. Davis (0).

## BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Hampshire stage of the British Championship Qualifying Tournament, a three-corner contest between J. A. C. Borland, W. C. Martin (both of Fareham) and M. E. Ventham (Southampton) has resulted in M. E. Ventham passing on into the next stage of the competition. Actual scores in the games played were Borland 1, Martin 0; Martin 0, Ventham 1; Ventham ½, Borland ½; and, in the replay to break the tie, Ventham 1, Borland 0.