

Stronger Team, But Portsmouth Are Defeated

WITH D. O'DONOVAN available once again and A. Cullinane assisting them, Portsmouth Community Centre's team was stronger than it has been for some time when it met Fareham last week in the Portsmouth League.

Even so, Fareham had a comfortable win, and Community Centre, having previously been beaten by Gosport, have now sunk to the bottom of the First Division table.

In Division II, St Johns beat Portsmouth Grammar School and although the College's position is strengthened, there is no change in the order of teams in the table.

In the schools section St John's "C" displace Northern Grammar at second place in

Chess Notes

Division I, but Northern Grammar still have a match in hand. In Division II, St John's "E" are challenging the leaders, while Portchester appear to be faltering after a remarkably good run.

RESULTS

Senior Section

Division I.—Community Centre 1, Gosport 4 (R. Davis 0, G. O. Pike 1; L. West 0, E. Taylor 1; B. Carter 1, W. J. Eaton 0; P. Gray 0, D. F. Rhoades 1; R. Nofz 0, H. W. Tripp 1). Community Centre 1½, Fareham "A" 3½ (R. Davis 0, J. Borland 1; L. West 0, W. C. Martin 1; A. Cullinane ½, J. Grant ½; D. O'Donovan 1, P. Lunnell 0; R. Nofz 0, A. P. Garner 1).

Division II.—Portsmouth Grammar "A" 2, St John's "A" 3 (J. Venn 0, Bro. Charles 1; A. Mabel 1, F. Harkin 0; P. Collins 1, A. Perry 0; D. Harper 0, A. Green 1; J. Watson 0, F. Brown 1).

Schools Section

Division I.—St John's "C" 3, Prices "A" 2 (Harkin 1, Clewer 0; Perry 1, Smith 0; Green 0, Tyack 1; Brown 1, Roberts 0; Harrison 0, Holden 1).

Division II.—Portchester Modern 2, Gosport Grammar "B" 3 (Hughes 0, Marriot 1; Taylor 1, Betteridge 0; Williams 0, Brameld 1; Tinning 0, Jones 1; Wrenn 1, McBeth 0). Prices "B" 2, St John's "E" 3 (Evans ½, James ½; Curtis 1, Green 0; Keen 0, Aribarg 1; Lambourne ½, Shaw-Brown ½; Kiddie 0, Cullinane 1).

TABLES

Senior Section

Division I

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth	7	5	2	23½	6
Fareham "A"	7	5	0	23	5
Cosham	6	3	2	19	4
Gosport	6	1	2	11	2
Coll. Apps. "A"	6	0	3	11	1½
Comm. Centre	8	1	1	12½	1½

DOCKERS GO BACK

The 350 dockers who went on strike at Liverpool, yesterday, resumed work today.

	P	W	D	G	P
R.N.P.L. "A"	7	6	1	22½	6½
Fareham "B"	7	5	0	21½	5
St John's "A"	7	4	2	19½	5
A.S.R.E.	7	3	0	17	3
Pmo. Gram. "A"	6	0	1	12	½
Coll. of Tech	6	0	0	7½	0

	P	W	D	G	P
Bridgemary	5	4	0	13	4
Fareham "C"	6	3	0	16	3
Coll. Apps. "B"	4	2	0	10	2
R.N.P.L. "B"	5	2	0	12	2
St John's "B"	6	2	0	14	2

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I

	P	W	D	G	P
Pmo Gram. "B"	4	3	1	15½	3½
St John's "C"	4	3	0	11½	3
North Gram "A"	3	2	1	12	2½
St John's "D"	3	1	0	5½	1
Gosport Gram "A"	4	1	0	6	1
Prices "A"	4	0	0	4½	0

Division II

	P	W	D	G	P
Pmo Gram "C"	5	3	1	17	3½
St John's "E"	4	3	1	13	3½
Portchester Mod.	5	3	0	12½	3
Gosport Gram "B"	6	3	0	14½	3
Prices "B"	5	1	1	10½	1½
St John's "F"	3	1	0	5½	1
North Gram. "B"	4	0	1	7	½

The following players have the highest ratings at the moment, according to the system used to access the relative strengths of those taking part in the League's matches:—

A. Carter (Portsmouth) 137, H. C. Bailey (Portsmouth) 120, W. C. Martin (Fareham) 110, J. Grant (Fareham) 103, J. Borland (Fareham) 107, J. Beardsmore-Hyde (Collingwood) 106, and A. Hayes (Portsmouth) 91.

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Portsmouth Community Centre came near to defeating Woolston Community Centre in the Hampshire League match, but they are still without a win in this competition.

Scores (Portsmouth Community Centre names first): R. Davis 0, M. Ventham 1; L. West 0, G. Daw 1; A. Cullinane 0, D. Drew 1; M. Dymond 1, H. G. Dell 0; R. Nofz 1, B. Feast 0.

Table

	P	W	D	G	P
Southampton	4	3	1	15	3½
Southampton U.	4	3	1	14½	3½
Woolston	4	3	0	12	3
Fareham	3	1	0	6½	1
Basingstoke	4	1	0	8	1
Pmo Com. Ctr.	3	0	0	4	0
Andover	2	0	0	0	0

NEW H.Q.

Portsmouth Chess Club has acquired a new clubroom in The Strand, Southsea, where they will now be meeting on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This club already has the strongest team in the district and recently appointed a new Secretary (Mr. J. P. Price).

These new headquarters may be just what the club needs to put it back on the road to being the biggest chess organization in the area and new members will find themselves very welcome in these new and comfortable quarters.