

Fareham, Cosham are Challenging

ACTIVITY in the Portsmouth Chess League during the past week has been confined to Division I of the Senior Section, and an interesting position is developing.

Gosport shook the champions by forcing a draw, only to lose heavily to Fareham a few days later. Portsmouth's lead has thus been narrowed and both Fareham and Cosham are within striking distance.

Much will depend on the result

Chess Notes

of the Cosham v. Fareham match due to be played on January 23.

In the Individual Championship Tournament of the Portsmouth League (Round IV), West beat Brading and Heywood beat Potter.

In the Hants individual tournament, the two outstanding first round results were Davis 0, Cullinane 1 and Venham 1/2, Thompson 1/2. Players with one point after Round I are therefore Pratten, Russell, Borland, Henshaw and Cullinane.

INTER-LEAGUE MATCH

The 20-board match between the Portsmouth and Southampton

Chess Leagues is being held on Saturday, March 1, at Fareham. An invitation is being sent to all clubs in the Senior Section of the Portsmouth League asking them to provide their strongest players.

Detailed scores:—

Gosport 2 1/2, Portsmouth 2 1/2 (W. J. Eaton 0, A. Carter 1; G. O. Pike 1, A. Hayes 0; E. Taylor 0, H. C. Bailey 1; H. W. Tripp 1, J. P. Price 0; D. F. Rhoades 1/2, D. M. Heywood 1/2).

Fareham "A" 4 1/2, Gosport 1/2 (J. Borland 1, G. O. Pike 0; W. C. Martin 1, E. Taylor 0; J. Grant 1, W. J. Eaton 0; G. W. Farmer 1/2, H. W. Tripp 1/2; P. Durnell, D. F. Rhoades 0).

TABLES (SENIOR SECTION)

Division I

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth	5	3	2	16 1/2	4
Fareham "A"	4	3	0	14	3
Cosham	3	1	2	8 1/2	2
Comm. Ctr.	3	1	0	6 1/2	1
Coll. Apps. "A"	4	0	2	7 1/2	1
Gosport	5	0	2	7	1

Division II

	P	W	D	G	P
R.N.P.L. "A"	4	3	1	11 1/2	3 1/2
St John's "A"	4	2	2	11 1/2	3
Fareham "B"	4	2	0	12	2
A.S.R.E.	4	2	0	10	2
Portsmouth Grammar	3	0	1	6 1/2	1/2
Coll. of Tech.	3	0	0	3 1/2	0

Division III

	P	W	D	G	P
Bridgemary	3	3	0	9	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"	3	0	0	3	0