

Portsmouth Club Wins The Chess League Championship

FAREHAM were unfortunate in being at less than full strength when they met Community Centre, and lost by the odd game.

Although they later beat Gosport, they complete their programme with only four points.

This means that Portsmouth Chess Club are winners of the Portsmouth and District Chess League Championship Trophy for 1956/57.

Although helped by the services of W. H. Pratten at top board this season, it is a commendable effort on the part of all concerned to win the title, hampered as they have been by shortage of members and accommodation difficulties. (All this season's "home" matches have been played in their opponents' clubrooms).

Portsmouth have twice previously won the championship of the League title — in 1947/48 and 1949/50.

In Division II, the score in the match between Vosper and Fareham "B" stands at two games to two with one game in the hands of the adjudicator.

This result will decide whether Collingwood Apprentices or Fareham "B" are to head this Division and obtain promotion into the senior section.

Detailed scores:—

Division I

Community Centre "A" 3, Fareham "A" 2 (R. W. Davis 0, J. Borland 1; S. F. Adams 1, F. Johnson 0; D. O'Donovan 0, N. C. Taylor 1;

L. West 1, T. Saunders 0; E. Woodthorpe 1, P. Durnell 0); Fareham "A" 3, Gosport 2 (R. Walmisley 1, G. O. Pike 0; J. Borland 1, E. Taylor 0; W. C. Martin ½, W. J. Eaton ½; N. C. Taylor 0, J. S. Perry 1; F. Johnson ½, H. W. Tripp ½).

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	G	Pts
Portsmouth	7	5	0	21½	5
Fareham "A"	5	4	0	22	4
Comm Ctre. "A"	8	4	0	17½	4
NALGO	7	3	1	17	3½
Gosport	8	2	1	17	2½

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	G	Pts
Coll. Apps. "A"	10	5	3	28½	6½
Fareham "B"	9	5	2	25½	6
St John's "A"	10	4	2	24½	5
Coll. of Tech.	9	4	0	19½	4
R.N.P.L.	10	3	1	24	3½
Vosper	8	2	2	18	3

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Two local players are at present leading in the Hampshire Chess Association Individual Championship Tourna-

Chess Notes

ment. W. H. Pratten has built up a commanding lead, and with two games to play is one-and-a-half points ahead of his nearest rival, N. C. Taylor, of Fareham.

Results in the fifth round were: Pratten 1, Henshaw 0; Dance 0, Taylor 1; Borland 0, Edmunds 1; Ventham ½, Vine 0; Baverstock ½, Martin ½; Russell 1, Ryzewski 0.

Pairing for round six (and scores to date) are: Taylor (3½) v. Pratten (5), Dance (3) v. Edmunds (3), Henshaw (3) v. Vine (2½), Baverstock (1½) v. Ventham (2½), Martin (1½)

v. Russell (2), Ryzewski (1) v. Borland (1½).

Quotation: "During the reign of David, King of Israel, it was said that the daughter of a Rabbi was a match for any man at Chess, and to this day it is the only game allowed on the Sabbath." — Georges Koitanowski (En Passant, 1938).

FOUR MORE ACCIDENTS

There were 39 road accidents in the Havant and Waterloo Urban District in May, the month in which the petrol came off the ration, bringing an increase in the number of vehicles on the road.

The number of accidents causing serious injury rose from one in April to eight, a slight injury accidents rose from five to eight, while there were eight accidents in which animals were involved.

The total number of accidents was an increase of four on the previous month.

YOUTH CLUB

The Rev. J. R. Bailey (President) was Chairman at the annual meeting of Drayton Methodist Youth Club. Officers elected were: Secretary, Miss J. Winter; Assistant Secretary, Mr. I. Smith; Treasurer, Mr. R. Bailey; Assistant Treasurer, Mr. G. Stevenson; Boy Captain, Mr. E. Gutteridge; Girl Captain, Miss W. Whitehead; Games Captain, Mr. D. Brown. Mr. B. Stowe and Miss M. Crewe were elected as club representatives to the committee.