

Chess Notes

WOOLSTON FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP?

WOOLSTON appear likely to regain the championship of the Hampshire League that they lost to Southampton last year.

By beating Southampton, they have established a useful lead, and their main rivals are now the strong Bournemouth team.

Portsmouth Chess Club have moved up into second place, but Fareham, with one more match to play, have obtained only one point.

Results:
Andover 1, Portsmouth 4 (S. L. Russell 0, A. Hayes 1; C. H. Henshaw 1, Dr. B. G. Wells 0; G. D. Young 0, J. Dymond 1; W. Howard 0, H. C. Bailey 1; C. J. Ambrose 0, D. M. Heywood 1).

Woolston 3, Southampton 2 (M. Thompson ½, P. Marshall ½; R. F. Pezet 1, G. L. Fritchard 0; M. E. Venham 0, A. C. Barton 1; R. S. Learmouth ½, J. Valler ½; D. A. Rowden 1, C. Newby 0).

	P	W	D	G	P
Woolston	4	4	0	12½	4
Portsmouth	4	2	1	12	3½
Southampton	4	2	1	11	2½
Bournemouth	3	2	0	8½	2
University	3	1	0	7	1
Fareham	0	1	0	0½	1
Andover	4	0	0	4½	0

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

Cosham beat R.N.P.L. in Division I of the Portsmouth League, even though they were

a player short. R.N.P.L. were themselves not at full strength, being without their star player, Dr. Holford.

Flu made it impossible for A.S.R.E. to raise a team and Portsmouth "B" obtained a walk-over to put them back at the top of Division II.

Portsmouth Grammar School "A" beat St John's "B," but although now only half a point behind the leaders, they have played one more match.

Results (Senior Section):
Division I.—R.N.P.L. 2, Cosham 3 (H. Hempleman 1, default 0; Capt. G. F. Britton 1, G. Richardson 0; G. E. Mellows 0, S. C. Noke 1; H. J. Taylor 0, C. F. Way 1; A. N. Dossert 0, A. Crossins 1).

Division II.—Portsmouth Grammar School "A" 2½, St John's "B" 1½ (D. F. Rhoades 0, P. James 1; J. P. Watson 1, K. Harrison 0; P. M. Collins 1, C. Green 0; P. Mihalop ½, F. Arisberg ½; R. Cath 1, A. Miller 0). A.S.R.E. 0, Portsmouth "B" 5 (by default).

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth "A"	7	4	0	25½	6
Fareham "A"	7	3	1	22	5½
Community Centre	7	3	1	21½	5½
R.N.P.L.	7	3	1	16	3½
Cosham	7	2	0	12	2
Gosport	7	0	1	8	½

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth "B"	10	2	0	20	2
Portsmouth G.S. "A"	11	7	1	22½	7½
Fareham "B"	9	7	0	27½	7
St John's "B"	9	5	0	20	5
A.S.R.E.	8	3	0	18½	3
St John's "A"	8	2	1	17	2½
Collingwood Apps.	10	0	0	0½	0

SCHOOLS SECTION

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth G.S. "B"	2	2	0	8	2
St John's "C"	3	1	1	6½	1½
Price's "A"	3	1	1	6½	1½
Gosport G.S. "A"	4	1	0	7½	1
St John's "D"	1	0	0	1½	0

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	G	P
Gosport G.S. "B"	5	5	0	21	5
St John's "E"	4	3	0	11½	3
St John's "F"	3	2	0	9½	2
Price's "B"	4	3	0	9½	2
Portsmouth G.S. "C"	2	0	0	4	0
Portchester Modern	2	0	0	2½	0
Portsmouth G.S. "D"	3	0	0	2	0

With five out of eight rounds completed, there are still 21 players fighting out this season's Individual Championship of the Portsmouth and District Chess League.

Leading positions are D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth Chess Club) 5 points, S. C. Noke and G. Richardson (both of Cosham Chess Club) 4; Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth Chess Club) 3½, and B. Carter (Community Centre) 3½.