

School New Champions

PLAY in the Schools' Section of the Portsmouth and District Chess League came to an exciting close. Northern Grammar lost their vital match against St Johns "C," and Portsmouth Grammar School are therefore the new Schools' champions.

St Johns "C" become runners-up, and Northern Grammar have to be content with third place.

In Division II, Portsmouth Grammar came near to making it a 'double,' but were displaced at the last moment by St Johns "E" who are now the 'Under-15' champions.

Both Portsmouth Grammar "B" and St Johns "E" have achieved the additional distinction of remaining undefeated throughout the season.

This is the first occasion that the Schools have played under the rules of the Portsmouth League, and after such a keen

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contest, it seems probable that more Schools will wish to enter teams in the autumn.

Play in the Senior Section saw Portsmouth Chess Club beat Cosham, but they are still not certain of retaining the championship title. For Fareham to have even a bare chance of overtaking, however, Portsmouth will need to lose heavily to Gosport in their remaining match. Meanwhile, the Fareham Club beat the Apprentices by the odd game at H.M.S. Collingwood and so keep alive the now rather forlorn hope of overhauling the champions.

In Division II, St Johns are making a final effort to catch R.N.P.L., while in Division III, Collingwood Apprentices "B" are establishing themselves more firmly at the top of the table.

SENIOR SECTION

Division I. Cosham 1½, Portsmouth 3½ (S. C. Noke 0, A. Carter 1; C. F. Way ½, H. C. Bailey ½; R. Tims 0, A. Hayes 1; H. S. White 1, W. Maker 0;

R. 1. Ross 0, D. M. Heywood 1), Collingwood Apprentices "A" 2, Fareham 3 (J. Bearmore-Hyde 0, J. Borand 1; P. Giles 0, W. C. Martin 1; N. Ling 1, J. Grant 0; D. Arthur 1, G. W. Farmer 0; T. Peake 0, C. H. West 1).

Division II. A.S.R.E. ½, St Johns "A" 4½ (E. Underhill ½, Bro. Charles ½; A. E. Roberts 0, E. Tribe 1; J. Padley 0, F. Harkin 1; G. Ratter 0, A. Perry 1; G. Green 0, P. Wilcox 1).

Division III. St Johns "B" 2½, R.N.P.L. "B" 2½ (F. Brown 0, E. Mitchell 1; K. Harrison ½, A. Clear ½; C. Thomas 1, P. Bennett 0; D. Peniston-Bird 1, Mrs. D. Clear 0; B. Neave 0, H. Athawes 1).

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I. Northern Grammar "A" 2, St Johns "C" 3 (Speller 1, Harkin 0; Walker 0, Perry 1; Fisby 0, Wilcox 1; Jenkins 1, Green 0; Meech 0, Brown 1). Prizes "A" 2, St Johns "D" 3 (Clewley 1, Peniston-Bird 0; Tyack 1, Harrison 0; Smith 0, Thomas 1; Evans 0, Neave 1; Gisbourne 0, Miller 1).

Division II. Northern Grammar "B" 2, St Johns "E" 3 (McIntosh 1, James 0; Llewellyn 0, Green 1; Bevis 1, Aribarg 0; Kimber 0, Miller 1; Birt 0, Shaw-Brown 1). St Johns "F" 3, Prizes "B" 2 (Cullinane 0, Evans 1; Moore 0, Curtis 1; Dawes 1, Keen 0; Davis 1, default 0; Markham 1, Welch 0).

COUNTY CHESS

Hampshire have so far scored five wins in eight games in the County and District Correspondence Chess Championship. Latest results received are.—(Bd. 10) Bro. Charles (Southsea) lost to I. J. Dent (Middlesex), (Bd. 13) C. H. Henshaw (Basingstoke) beat M. E. Davis (Warwickshire),—in 18 moves, 14 of them in "the book," (Bd 16) R. S. Learmouth (Southampton) beat J. G. Weller (Cambridgeshire), (Bd. 29) J. E. C. Grant (Fareham) beat T. Fisher (Cornwall).

PAULSGROVE DRAINAGE SCHEME

A tender of £77,872 for the Paulsgrove Low Level Drainage Scheme was approved for acceptance by the Roads and Works Committee at Portsmouth City