

Chess Notes

A KEEN STRUGGLE AT THE TOP

FAREHAM'S latest win puts them back at the top of Division I of the Portsmouth League, although Portsmouth are only half a point behind with a match in hand.

Meanwhile, Community Centre have returned to winning form (after three losses in succession) but this club has now lost its chance of seriously challenging the leaders.

In Division II, Portsmouth "B" easily won their important match against Fareham "B" and now look certain of earning promotion this season. At the bottom of this table, St John's "A" improved their position at the expense of Collingwood Apprentices, who are still without a win.

The Schools Section shows Price's School obtaining a very satisfying "double" against St John's College. This Fareham school was unheard of in the local chess world until last season, but is steadily establishing a reputation.

Two Price's boys (M. Salt and R. Tyack) now play regularly for Fareham in the Senior Section.

Results:

SENIOR SECTION

Division I.—Cosham 1½, Fareham "A" 3½ (A. Crossin 0, G. W. Farmer 1; G. Richardson ½, P. Cartmell ½; S. C. Noke ½, J. Grant ½; C. F. Way ½, A. F. Garner ½; N. Cochran 0, E. G. Potter 1).
Gosport 1½, Community Centre 3½ (W. J. Eaton 1, B. Carter 0; H. W. Tripp 0, R. W. Davis 1; E. Taylor ½, S. F. Adams ½; Mrs. L. Clear 0, R. Carter 1; T. Fayers 0, R. I. Ross 1).

Division II.—Collingwood Apprentices 1, St John's "A" 4 (J. Beardsmore-Hyde 1, E. Woo 0; J. Baxendale 0, F. Brown 1; D. Hanscomb 0, C. Thomas 1; P. Mindenhall 0, D. P. Bird 1; (default) 0, Chiang 1).
Portsmouth "B" 4½, Fareham "B" ½ (G. L. Comben 1, P. Durnell 0; D. M. Heywood 1, M. Salt 0; A. Bacon ½; R. Tyack ½; W. Makar 1, C. Brading 0; J. E. Smith 1, R. Hughes 0).

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I.—St John's "D" 1½, Price's "A" 3½ (P. James ½, A. Clewer ½; K. Harrison 0; J. Smith 1; C. Green 0, R. Tyack 1; F. Aribarg 0, Mr Salt 1; A. Miller 1; V. Butcher 0).
Price's "B" 3, St John's "F" 2 (A. Curtis 1, P. Cullinane 0; B. Keen

0, C. Dawes 1; Alder 1, W. Willcocks 0; R. Downes 1, W. Markham 0; M. Earrey 0, A. Clark 1).

Senior Section tables:—

DIVISION I		P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "A"	8	6	1	25½	6½	
Portsmouth "A"	7	6	0	25½	6	
Community Centre ...	8	4	1	25	4½	
R.N.P.L.	7	3	1	16	3½	
Cosham	6	2	0	13½	2	
Gosport	8	1	9½		½	

DIVISION II		P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth "B" ...	11	9	0	43½	9	
Ports. G.S. "A" ...	11	7	1	33½	7½	
Fareham "B"	10	7	0	28	7	
St John's "B"	9	5	0	20	5	
St John's "A"	9	3	1	21	3½	
A.S.R.E.	9	3	0	18½	3	
Collingwood Apps. ...	11	0	0	10½	0	

Schools Section tables:—

DIVISION I		P	W	D	G	P
Price's "A"	4	2	1	10	2½	
Ports. G.S. "B" ...	2	2	0	6	2	
St John's "C"	2	1	1	6½	1½	
Gosport G.S. "A" ...	4	1	0	7½	1	
St John's "D"	2	0	0	3	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	
Price's "B"	5	3	0	12½	3	
St John's "F"	4	2	0	11½	2	
Ports. G.S. "C"	3	0	0	4	0	
Portchester Mod. ...	2	0	0	3½	0	
Ports. G.S. "D" ...	3	0	0	2	0	

Fareham Chess Club held an informal lightning chess tournament. Ten players took part and the prize-winners were W. C. Martin and P. Cartmell.



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