

Chess Notes

SYSTEM OF GRADING WILL EASE CHOICE

A NEW system of grading used this season to assess the relative strengths of Hampshire's leading players will be of considerable value to the county match captain when picking and arranging his team in future. The grading will become increasingly accurate as time goes on.

Eleven local players have earned a place in the list of the best 40 in Hampshire.

Unfortunately, a number of players worthy of a high grading in the list have had to be omitted because insufficient data was available. It is hoped to include these names next year. Gradings are:

Grade 4A: P. A. Ursell (Bournemouth).

Grade 5A: A. Carter (Portsmouth), R. C. Mitchell (Old Tauntonians), R. F. Pezet (Woolston), A. M. Edmonds (Woolston), T. O. Read (University) and M. Thompson (Woolston).

Grade 5B: M. Dymond (Portsmouth), A. Hayes (Portsmouth), G. Daw (Woolston), A. C. Barton (Southampton), C. L. Haddon (Bournemouth), A. Caplan (Bournemouth), and E. W. Chandler (Bournemouth).

Grade 6A: J. P. Price (Portsmouth), H. L. Parsons (Old Tauntonians), R. S. Learmouth (Woolston), D. K. Bevis (Bournemouth).

Grade 6B: H. C. Bailey (Portsmouth), B. Carter (Comm. Centre), A. Hocking (University), D. A. Rawden (Woolston), S. L. Russell (Andover), H. C. Rothery (Boscombe), S. Morris

(Boscombe), C. H. Henshaw (Andover), G. L. Pritchard (Southampton), and P. Marshall (Bramtoco).

Grade 7A: G. L. Comben (Portsmouth), D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth), W. C. Martin (Fareham), Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth), R. W. Davis (Comm. Centre), P. L. Eastwood (University), M. W. Stone (Old Tauntonians), L. E. Vine (Eastleigh), B. D. Harding (University), D. Drew (Woolston), J. Valler (Southampton), C. Newby (Southampton), and R. Tinson (Christchurch).

A record number of players (170) took part in the Portsmouth and District League activities during the season just ending.

The full scores after adjudications in the match for the Spedan-Lewis Trophy between Itchen Grammar School and Gosport Grammar School are as follows:

Itchen G.S. 2½, Gosport G.S. 2½ (D. Saunders ½, R. Jones ½; H. Gunter 0, A. Brameld 1; M. Jupe 1, M. Carter 0; R. Midgeley 0, R. Buckland 1; J. Luke 1, I. Marriott 0).

The issue therefore remains undecided and the two teams have arranged to replay the match later in the present term at Gosport.