

Chess Notes

FAREHAM "A" won their key match against the Portsmouth and District League champions and greatly improved their chances of gaining the title this season.

The home team was by no means at full strength and it did particularly well on the top boards, decisive wins being obtained against strong opposition on Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

In Division II, both Fareham "B" and Gosport won their latest matches and an interesting three - cornered struggle is developing for leadership.

St John's "F" have improved their position in the Under-15 Division of the Schools' Section, but only Gosport Grammar and Portchester Modern are really in the running for the Championship.

Results.—

SENIOR SECTION

Division I. — Fareham "A" 3½, Portsmouth "A" 1½. (N. C. Taylor 1, A. Carter 0; F. Johnson 1, Dr. A. J. Pointon 0; P. Cartmell 1, Lt. D. K. Butler 0; J. E. C. Grant ½, W. Makar ½; A. F. Garner 0, D. M. Heywood 1).

Division II. — Gosport 3½, Portsmouth Grammar School "A" 1½. (A. N. Dossett ½, P. M. Collins ½; G. E. Mellows 1, J. F. Watson 0; A. F. Bremald 1, T. Moore 0; H. J. Taylor 1, D. Watkins 0; H. J. Hardcastle 0, A. G. Fulton 1). St John's "B" 1, Fareham "B" 4. (G. Green 0, A. F. Garner 1; C. Green 0, C. Brading 1; F. Aribarg 1, R. Hughes 0; P. Miller 0, R. Tyack 1; P. Cullinane 0, H. Moir 1).

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division II. — Portsmouth Grammar "C" 2, St John's "F" 3. (I. Mansell 1, M. Rice 0; J. Huins 0, C. Leake 1; C. Goble 0, C. Malone 1; I. Lawrence 0, B. O'Brien 1; P. Westbrook 1, C. Jones 0).

SENIOR SECTION

Division I

	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "A"	5	4	1	17	4½
Portsmouth "A"	5	3	0	13½	3
R.N.P.L.	4	1	1	7	1½
Comm. Ctr.	3	1	0	8½	1
Cosham	3	0	0	4	0

Division II

	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "B"	7	6	1	25½	6½
Portsmouth "B"	6	4	1	20	4½
Gosport	5	3	2	18½	4½
Ports, Gramm. "A"	6	3	0	16	3
St John's "A"	4	1	0	6	1
St John's "B"	6	0	0	7	0
Cyanamid	4	0	0	2	0

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I

	P	W	D	G	P
Price's "A"	2	2	0	6	2
Gosp. Gramm. "A"	4	2	0	10½	2
St John's "C"	1	1	0	3½	1
St John's "D"	2	0	0	3½	0
Ports, Gramm. "B"	1	0	0	1½	0

Division II

	P	W	D	G	P
Gosp. Gramm. "B"	6	5	0	19½	5
Portchester Mod.	4	4	0	15	4
St John's "F"	3	1	0	7	1
Price's "B"	4	1	0	7½	1
Ports, Gramm. "C"	4	1	0	6	1
St John's "E"	1	0	0	2	0
Fareham Sec.	2	0	0	3	0

Fifth-round pairings in the individual championship (with scores to date) are:—Pointon (3½) v Collins (4); La Lond (3) v Wells (3½); Crossin (3) v Grant (3); Davis (3) v Bremald (2½); Makar (2½) v Carter (R.) (2); Lee (2) v Potter (2); Noke v Adams (2); Heywood (2) v Carter (B.) (2); Brading (1½) v Taylor (1½); Farmer (1½) v Richardson; Press (1) v Smith (J.) (1); Smith (H.) (1) v Garner (1); Bloxham (0) has a bye.