

# Chess Notes

## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE are the 1960/61 school champions of the Portsmouth and District League. This was decided somewhat belatedly at a recent League Meeting, at which the difficulty over the outstanding match Prices "A" v. St John's "C" was finally resolved by awarding a win to St John's by 2½ games to 1½.

The final Table in Section "A" of Division I of the Schools' Section is therefore as under:—

	P	W	D	G	P
St John's "C" .....	8	7	1	28	7½
Prices "A" .....	8	6	1	26	6½
Pma Grammar "B" .....	8	4	0	21½	4
Gosport Grammar "A" .....	8	1	0	12½	1
Purbrook "A" .....	8	1	0	11	1

There are four new teams taking part in the Schools competition just commencing, and it has become necessary to divide the "Under-15" Division into two sections. The line-up of teams is as follows:—

### Division I (Over-15)

#### Section "A"

St John's "C"  
Prices "A"  
Purbrook "A"  
Southern Grammar  
Gosport Grammar "A"

#### Section "B"

St John's "D"  
Purbrook "B"  
Gosport Grammar "B"  
Technical High "A"  
Hilsea Mod. "A"

### Division II (Under-15)

#### Section "A"

St John's "E"  
Portsmouth Grammar "A"  
Technical High "B"  
Portchester Mod.  
Hilsea Mod. "B"

#### Section "B"

St John's "F"  
Portsmouth Grammar "B"  
Gosport Grammar "C"  
Paulsgrove Mod.  
Purbrook "C"  
Prices "B"

There will be a play-off between the eventual Section leaders in Division I for the Schools Championship, and also in Division II for the right to enter the final for the "Spedan-Lewis" Trophy.

### COUNTY CHESS

The match against Surrey on 21st October will be played at Tauntons School, Southampton, and local players will be well represented.

In the County Individual Championship Tournament the final entry numbered 30, which is very nearly double the previous best.

Names not previously published are as follows: H. K. Burkert (Eastleigh), H. M. Ewans (Farnborough), D. J. Groves (Southampton), C. H. Henshaw

(Basingstoke), J. H. Jones (Gosport), K. J. Kirkham (Winchester), W. Makar (Portsmouth), W. H. Pratten (Fareham), M. Thompson (Southampton), L. West (Portsmouth Community Centre), C. Mansfield (Bournemouth), and G. Knott (Bournemouth).

### CONGRESSES

R. L. (Roger) Paige, of Cosham Chess Club, seems to have a tremendous appetite for Congress play.

Having taken part in the Northern "Open" at Whitby from 31st July to 11th August (where he obtained 4½ points), he moved straight on to Aberystwyth to compete in the British Boys "Under-18" Championship (14th—18th August). Here he obtained 6 points, but still thirsting for some further serious Chess, he moved to the Eastbourne Open Championship, where he collected 4½ points between 28th August and 8th September.

This is one way of spending a school holiday—most Chess players would agree that it is a very good way.