

Chess Notes

St John's College Win Through To An Area Final

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE are through to the Area Final in a National Schools' Tournament.

The Adjudicator gave a win to P. Pemberton-James in his unfinished game against J. Tullock, so that the final score in the area semi-final (reported last week) was Bournemouth School 2, St John's College 4.

St John's have already gone further in this competition than any local school to date, and if they beat Hove Grammar School in the area final, they will earn themselves an inscribed Chess Clock, which is the reward given to each of the 16 teams entering the final.

As it is, with 358 teams taking part from all over the country, St John's have done remarkably well to be amongst the remaining 32.

It is very gratifying to witness the growing strength of Chess in local schools and no doubt the Education Authorities are taking note. Not only do the schools compete amongst themselves, but they can combine effectively when the occasion demands.

Last season's innovation of a match between representative teams drawn from Portsmouth and district on the one hand and Southampton Schools on the other now looks certain of becoming an annual event.

Starting on a modest dozen boards, this year the match will be on 20 and is due to be played at Tauntons School, Southampton on Saturday, March 4.

Anxious to emulate their seniors (who recently won the Inter-League match for the first time in seven years), P. M. Collins, Junior Match Captain of the Portsmouth and District League, has already started collecting names for what is hoped to be a team strong enough to beat anything that Southampton can produce.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

The holiday has brought about a temporary lull in the local battle of the teams and there are only two results to report.

Senior Section — Division 2: St John's "A" 1½, Gosport "A" 3½. (P. Pemberton-James 1, J. H. Jones 0; D. Peniston-Bird ½, J. Hardcastle ½; C. Thomas 0, A. Dossett 1; K. Harrison 0, R. Clark 1; F. Aribarz 0, H. J. Taylor 1).

Schools' Section — Division 1
Section "A" — Portsmouth Grammar School "B" 4, Purbrook 1. (P. M. Collins 1, S. Rook 0; T. Moore 1, A. Leadbetter 0; P. Mihalop 0, R. Warren 1; D. Watkins 1, D. Thomas 0; I. Mansell 1, A. Hirst 0).

Full tables will be published next week.

The detailed scores in the School matches reported the week before last (players' names not then available) were:—

Gosport Grammar "B" 2, Technical High "A" 3. (Pringle 0, Hill 1; Webb 1, Gander 0; Stubbington 0, Arnold 1; Jones 1, Morrison 0; Lowe 0, Tringham 1).

Gosport Grammar "C" 2, Technical High "B" 3. (Webb 1, Robertson 0; Cocks 0, Davis 1; Harrington 0, Bugden 1; Stubbington 1, Brindle 0; Moore 0, Bowyer 1).

HANTS LEAGUE

It is unfortunate that Portsmouth were not at full strength when they met Bournemouth in their Hants League Match. As it was, they only lost by the narrowest of margins after W. Makar's game had gone for adjudication.

Scores: Portsmouth 2, Bournemouth 3. (Dr. A. J. Pointon 1, D. K. Bevis 0; Lieut. D. K. Butler ½, E. W. Chandler ½; W. Makar 0, S. B. Baker ½; W. A. Atkins 0, S. H. C. Lucas 1; D. M. Heywood 0, G. W. Kilminster 1).

TABLE

	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham	2	3	10½	3	
Bournemouth	4	2	0	10	3
Portsmouth	3	2	0	10	2
Young Pompeians	2	2	0	9½	2
Southampton	2	1	0	5	1
Cosham	4	1	0	7½	1
Woolston	2	0	0	3½	0
Salisbury	1	0	0	3	0
Andover	1	0	0	1	0

BOGNOR

This year's International Chess Congress will be held at Bognor from 5th to the 15th April. The usual 12 page illustrated brochure can be obtained from the Congress Director, Woodlands Court, Withdean Road, Brighton (6d in stamps to cover postage appreciated).

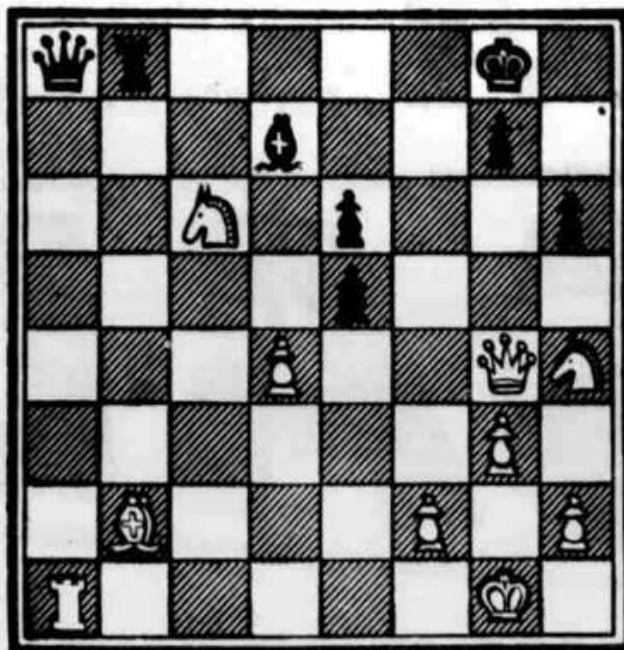
Three hundred and two competitors took part last year and it is confidently expected to improve on this figure in 1961.

PROBLEM

Instead of the usual problem, the diagram published this week is the position in the aforementioned game Tullock v. Pemberton-James as it went for Adjudication. In view of the importance of the decision to local chess, it was thought to be worth putting on record.

Do readers unanimously agree with the Adjudicator's findings?

P. PEMBERTON-JONES (ST JOHN'S)
BLACK (eight pieces)



J. TULLOCK (Bournemouth School)
WHITE (ten pieces) BLACK to MOVE