

Individual Champion of the League

MR. S. C. NOKE (Secretary of Cosham Chess Club) is this season's Individual Champion of the Portsmouth and District Chess League. His win against J. Grant in the eighth and last round gave him the rarely achieved distinction of obtaining maximum points in the competition.

Mr. D. M. Heywood is runner-up with seven points, having lost only to Noke.

In the team competition, R.N.P.L. beat College of Technology and complete their season without losing a match. The College, on the other hand, have earned the more doubtful distinction of losing all ten matches.

Results:—

Division II.—R.N.P.L. "A" 4, College of Technology 1. (Dr. J. Holford 1, J. Rowe 0; H. J. Taylor 1, J. Eddington 0; A. N. Dossett 1, D. Farley 0; H. Hempleman 1, default 0; A. Clear 0, J. Elbro 1.)

Division I

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth	10	8	2	37	9
Fareham "A"	9	7	0	30½	7
Cosham	9	4	2	25½	5
Gosport	10	3	2	18	4
Comm. Ctr.	10	2	1	18½	2½
C. Apps. A	10	0	3	15½	1½

Division II

	P	W	D	G	P
R.N.P.L. A	10	9	1	33½	9½
St John's' A	10	6	2	30	7
Fareham B	9	5	0	25	5
A.S.R.E.	10	4	0	22	4
P. Gramm. A	9	3	1	21½	3½
C. of Tech.	10	0	0	13	0

Division III

	P	W	D	G	P
C. Apps. B	7	5	0	21	5
Fareham C	7	4	0	21	4
Bridgemary	7	4	0	14½	4
St John's B	8	2	1	17½	2½
R.N.P.L. B	7	2	1	16	2½

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Southampton beat Woolston and so become the new champions of the Hampshire League. Surprise of the season has been the success of the newcomers to this League, Southampton University, who were forced into second place on game average. Both these Southampton teams

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will be difficult to beat next season if they can keep their players together.

Results:—

Southampton 3½, Woolston 1½. (A. Samuels ½, A. Edmunds ½; A. C. Barton 1, Dr. L. Cohen 0; L. C. Walters ½, G. Daw ½; G. L. Pritchard ½, R. S. Learmouth ½; J. Valler 1, T. Cuipek 0.)

	P	W	D	G	P
Southampton	6	5	1	23½	5½
Southampton Un.	6	5	1	21	5½
Woolston	6	4	0	18½	4
Fareham	6	3	0	15	3
Basingstoke	6	1	0	11	1
Ports. Comm. Ctr. ...	5	1	0	9	1
Andover	5	0	0	2	0

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Further results in the Inter-County Competition for the Ward-Higgs Trophy are.—Bd. 1: W. H. Pratten (Fareham) lost by default to G. S. Snell (Northumberland). Bd. 15: E. E. Weedon (Shanklin) lost to D. G. Wells (Gloucestershire). Bd. 19: H. W. Varker (Bournemouth) beat V. Hender (Bucks). Bd. 27: L. West (Southsea) drew with R. P. Ross (Yorks).

Hampshire's position has thus deteriorated slightly, they now have ten points from 17 games.

Driver Fined for Obstruction

Keith Eric Day, of 54, Fishbourne Road, Chichester, who wrote to the court pleading guilty and stating that the neighbourhood was strange to him, was fined £2 by Chichester Magistrates yesterday for causing a car to obstruct the footpath at Stirling Road, Chichester.