

Chess Notes

PORTSMOUTH TO FIELD STRONG TEAM

THE Portsmouth and District League are fielding a strong team in the 20 board match against Southampton League, which is due to be played at Southsea Youth and Community Centre on Saturday, 19th November (3 p.m. start).

Now that Portsmouth Schoolboys are challenging Southampton's claim to be the stronghold of Hampshire Chess, the senior players are determined to win this annual match for the first time for several years.

There should be some keen and interesting chess on view and spectators will be welcome.

The Portsmouth League team will be chosen from the following players: M. J. Dymond (Portsmouth), P. Cartmell (Fareham), G. Richardson (Cosham), Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth), H. C. Bailey (Portsmouth), Lt. B. K. Butler (Portsmouth), D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth), F. Johnson (Fareham), A. S. La Lond (Fareham), W. Makar (Portsmouth), S. C. Noke (Cosham), J. P. Price (Portsmouth), L. West (Portsmouth Community Centre), R. W. Davis (Portsmouth Community Centre), W. J. Eaton (Gosport), E. Taylor (Gosport), A. F. Brameld (Gosport), P. M. Collins (Portsmouth Grammar School), A. J. Evans (Fareham), T. E. Hollington (Cosham), A. D. Crossin (Cosham).

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

An adjudicated draw on board 5 gave Fareham a narrow (and a trifle lucky) win against the Young Pompeians.

Scores: Young Pompeians 2, Fareham 3 (G. L. Comben 0, N. C. Taylor 1; P. M. Collins 0, P. Cartmell 1; A. F. Brameld ½, F. Johnson ½; M. March 1, A. S. La Lond 0; C. J. Campion ½, J. Grant ½).

Hampshire has entered two teams this season in the County and District Correspondence Chess Championship. The following 32 local players are taking part:-

Hants I: Bd. 9 A. S. La Lond (Fareham), Bd. 14 J. P. Price (Portsmouth), Bd. 16 H. C. Bailey (Portsmouth), Bd. 17 L. West (Comm. Ctr.), Bd. 21 Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth), Bd. 22 D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth), Bd. 24 G. W. Farmer (Fareham), Bd. 25 A. F. Brameld (Gosport), Bd. 26 S. C. Noke (Cosham), Bd. 27 T. E. Hollington (Cosham), Bd. 28 W. Makar (Portsmouth), Bd. 29 A. D. Crossin (Cosham), Bd. 30 J. E. C. Grant (Fareham).

Hants II: Bd. 2 G. W. S. Goggin (Fareham), Bd. 3 A. F. Garner (Fareham), Bd. 4 A. R. Cooper (Southsea), Bd. 6 E. G. Potter (Fareham), Bd. 7 A. Bacon (Portsmouth), Bd. 11 H. R. Moir (Fareham), Bd. 12 C. W. Brading (Fareham), Bd. 14 R. Tyack (Fareham), Bd. 15 H. C. Smith (Cosham), Bd. 16 J. E. Smith (Portsmouth), Bd. 18 B. Keen (Fareham), Bd. 21 J. H. Jones (Gosport), Bd. 22 R. L. Paige (Cosham), Bd. 25 F. Gay

(Fareham), Bd. 26 W. Rose (Cosham), Bd. 27 D. A. Bloxson (Fareham), Bd. 28 J. Canty (Portsmouth), Bd. 29 S. Shepherd (De Havillands), Bd. 30 R. Ralls (De Havillands).

SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

Portsmouth Grammar School were knocked out of the National Schools Tournament in the second round by Hove Grammar School by 1 game to 5, the scores of the local team being P. M. Collins ½, A. Fulton 0, T. Moore 0, D. Watkins 0, I. Mansell ½, J. Huins 0.

A record entry of 358 teams are taking part in this year's competition. With six to a team plus essential reserves, this must mean that 3,000 girls and boys are participating in this increasingly popular contest.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

There have been comparatively few results during the past week. De Havillands lost heavily to a very strong Portsmouth "B" team and both Fareham "C" and St John's "B" won their matches in the newly formed Third Division.

Scores:

SENIOR SECTION

Division 2

De Havillands "A" 0, Portsmouth "B" 5 (B. Smith 0, M. March 1, L. Langley 0, W. Makar 1; S. Shepherd 0, C. J. Campion 1; R. Moody 0, J. P. Price 1; R. Ralls 0, A. Bacon 1).

Division 3

Gosport "B" 1½, St John's "B" 3½ (J. Hardcastle ½, A. Clark ½; H. J. Taylor 0, C. Moore 1; R. Clark ½, P. Müller ½; P. Bennett ½, A. Lakin ½; Mrs. L. Clear 0, B. Davis 1), Fareham "C" 4, Portsmouth "C" 1 (R. Tyack 0, J. E. Smith 1; D. A. Bloxson 1, B. J. Press 0; B. Keen 1, E. Woods 0; F. Gay 1, J. Canty 0; T. H. Bayliss 1, default 0).

Tables for the Senior Section will be printed next week.

ADJUDICATOR'S DEATH

Every Chess player in the Portsmouth area will by now have heard with deep regret of the recent death of the League's Honorary Adjudicator, Mr. Hubert A. Way.

He will be sadly missed amongst both local and county chess associations.

Mr. W. H. Pratten has consented to carry on this essential job for the rest of the season.

CHESS PROBLEM

The solution to last week's diagrammed problem was, of course, P-N8 (R). Not every chess player is aware that a pawn can be promoted to any piece.

That "shortest game on record" goes: 1, P-KB3 P-K3, 2, P-KN4-R5 mate.

This week we have an original "Two mover" composed by Dr. A. J. Pointon, of Portsmouth Chess Club.

