

Chess Notes

FIERCE DIVISION I STRUGGLE AHEAD

FAREHAM have taken over the lead in Division I of Portsmouth League as a result of their win against R.N.P.L., but the margin separating the first three teams is small, and the struggle for this season's championship title promises to grow even fiercer in the New Year.

Dr. Holford's defeat in this match was his first since he joined R.N.P.L.'s team in October, 1957, and follows eleven successive wins.

Portsmouth beat Gosport (even though a player short) but remain a half-point behind Fareham.

In Division II, St John's College "B" improved their position at the expense of A.S.R.E.

Some of the schools taking part are a little late in starting their programme this season, but

the week's results show Portsmouth Grammar School handing out heavy punishment to Price's School in the first division while Price's juniors obtain partial revenge by defeating Portsmouth Grammar School in Division II.

SENIOR SECTION

Division I.—Gosport 1½, Portsmouth "A" 3½. (W. J. Eaton 0, A. Hayes 1; H. W. Tripp 1, default 0; E. Taylor ½, A. Carter ½; H. Northover 0, M. Dymond 1; J. S. Perry 0, H. C. Bailey 1). R.N.P.L. 1½, Fareham "A" 3½. (Dr. J. M. Holford 0, W. C. Martin 1; Capt. G. P. Britton ½, E. F. Phillips ½; K. W. Harrison 1, F. Johnson 0; H. Taylor 0, P. Cartmell 1; A. N. Dossell 0, A. F. Garner 1).

Division II.—A.S.R.E. 2, St John's "B" 3. (E. Underhill 1, H. Walsworth 0; S. Smith 0, P. James 1; G. Ratter 0, C. Green 1; A. E. Roberts 1, K. Harrison 0; P. Nutter 0, P. Miller 1).

SCHOOLS' SECTION

Division I.—Portsmouth Grammar "B" 4½, Price's "A" ½. (J. Watson 1, J. Smith 0; P. M. Collins 1, R. Tyack 0; A. Russell ½, A. Clewer ½; P. Mihalop 1, C. Evans 0; W. Wood-Roe 1, V. Butcher 0).

Division II.—Price's "B" 3, Portsmouth Grammar "D" 2. (B. Keen 1, J. Jeffereys 0; R. Downes 1, Mansell 0; M. Murell 0, C. Cobb 1; M. Earrey 0, M. Westbrook 1; P. Flavell 1, J. Hutchins 0).

SENIOR SECTION

Division I	P	W	D	G	P
Fareham "A"	4	3	1	14½	3½
Portsmouth "A"	4	3	0	14	3
Comm. Clr.	3	2	1	11	2½
R.N.P.L.	4	1	1	7	1½
Gosport	4	0	1	4	0½
Cosham	3	0	0	4½	0
Division II	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth "B" ...	5	4	0	19	4
Fareham "B"	4	3	0	12	3
St John's "B"	4	2	0	9½	3
Ports. Grammar "A" ..	5	2	1	13½	2½
St John's "A"	4	1	1	8½	1½
A.S.R.E.	4	1	0	8	1
Coll. Apps.	4	0	0	4½	0

St John's College "B" team were beaten 6—0 by Vardean Grammar School in the National Schools' Competition and are thereby eliminated.

St John's "A" are the only local team now left in this tournament and are due to play Worthing Grammar School during the coming week.

QUALIFYING ROUND

Results in the Hants-Wilts stage of the British Championship Qualifying Tournament were: M. J. Haygarth beat M. Thompson and A. Samuels, and M. Thompson beat A. Samuels.

Messrs. Haygarth and Thompson therefore move into the zonal stage where they meet two players from Berks-Bucks-Oxon.

MR. H. W. VARKER

Hampshire Chess has suffered a sad loss in the recent death of H. W. Varker of Bournemouth.

An able administrator as well as a keen player, Mr. Varker was Secretary of the Bournemouth Chess League.

His last game was in the Bournemouth v. Fareham match held at Southampton on 15th November, which he won.

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