

Chess Notes

PORTSMOUTH CLUB PLAYERS DO WELL

HAMPSHIRE'S last match of the season, against Buckinghamshire, was notable for the record number of local players taking part, several for the first time. The contingent from Portsmouth Chess Club did particularly well and, in fact, saved the day for their county.

Wins were recorded by W. Makar (Portsmouth) on Board 18, D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth) on Board 19, G. L. Comben (Portsmouth) on Board 26, M. J. Dymond (Portsmouth) on Board 27 and R. W. Davis (Community Centre) on Board 28.

Draws were obtained by A. Hayes (Portsmouth) on Board 10 and G. Richardson (Cosham) on Board 37.

The games of H. C. Bailey (Portsmouth) on Board 24, A. J. Cooper (Southsea) on Board 25 and J. P. Price (Portsmouth) on Board 31 were unfinished, while the two players from Fareham (W. C. Martin—Board 12, and A. F. Garner—Board 32) both lost.

Final score was Hampshire 9, Buckinghamshire 8 (with three games for adjudication) in the S.C.C.U. match, and Hampshire 21½, Buckingham 20½ (with eight games for adjudication) in the Amboyne Shield contest. Hampshire thus stand a very good chance of winning both matches.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

Gosport Grammar School's "B" team won the "under 15" championship in the Schools' Section of the Portsmouth and District Chess League. They completed their season's programme with a win against Portchester Modern School to give them the excellent total score of six match points and 25½ game points.

In the Senior Section, Portsmouth return to the top of the Division I table following their win against R.N.P.L.

Portsmouth Grammar School beat St. John's "A" (in a match which saw the defeat of Bro. Charles by D. F. Rhoades) while St. John's "B" drew with A.S.R.E.

Results:

SENIOR SECTION

Division I.—R.N.P.L. ½, Portsmouth "A" 4½ (Default 0, O. Press 1; Capt. G. P. Britton 0, A. Carter 1; A. N. Dossett 0, Dr. B. G. Wells 1;

H. J. Taylor 0, H. C. Bailey 1; G. E. Mellows ½, J. E. Smith ½).

Division II.—St. John's "A" 1½, Portsmouth G.S. "A" 3½ (Bro. Charles 0, D. F. Rhoades 1; E. Woo 0, J. F. Watson 1; F. Brown 0, P. M. Collins 1; C. Thomas 1, T. Moore 0; D. Peniston-Bird ½, P. Mihalop ½).

St. John's "B" 2½, A.S.R.E. 2½ (P. James 1, E. Underhill 0; Lieut.-Cmdr. Green 0, A. E. Roberts 1; C. Green 0, G. D. Ratter 1; P. Miller ½, R. Attwood ½; C. Dawes 1, R. Knight 0).

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division II.—Gosport G.S. "B" 4½, Portchester Mod. ½ (R. Jones 1, R. Hughes 0; A. Brameld ½, A. Jones ½; M. Carter 1, B. Tinning 0; R. Buckland 1, A. Wrenn 0; I. Marriott 1, W. Waller 0).

Tables:

SENIOR SECTION

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth "A"	8	7	0	30	7
Fareham "A"	8	6	1	25½	6½
Comm. Ctr.	8	4	1	25	4½
R.N.P.L.	8	3	1	16½	3½
Cosham	8	2	0	13½	2
Gosport	8	0	1	9½	½

Division II					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Portsmouth "B"	11	9	0	43½	9
Ports. G.S. "A"	12	8	1	37	8½
Fareham "B"	10	7	0	28	7
St. John's "B"	10	5	1	21½	5½
St. John's "A"	10	3	1	23½	3½
A.S.R.E.	10	3	1	21	3½
Collingwood Apps.	11	0	0	10½	0

SCHOOLS SECTION

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Price's "A"	4	2	1	10	2½
Ports. G.S. "B"	2	2	0	8	2
St. John's "C"	2	1	1	6½	1½
Gosport G.S. "A"	4	1	0	7½	1
St. John's "D"	2	0	0	3	0

Division II					
	P	W	D	G	Pt
Gosport G.S. "B"	6	6	0	25½	6
St. John's "E"	4	3	0	11½	3
Price's "B"	5	3	0	12½	3
St. John's "E"	4	2	0	11½	2
Ports. G.S. "C"	3	0	0	4	0
Portchester Mod.	3	0	0	3	0
Ports. G.S. "D"	3	0	0	2	0

In the Portsmouth and District Individual Championship, D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth) lost his sixth round game against S. C. Noke (Cosham), but luckily for him, his nearest challenger, G. Richardson (Cosham) could only draw against Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth).

Heywood therefore retains a lead of half a point.

Other sixth round results were: Comben beat Grant; Makar beat Farmer; Lee beat Griffiths.