



INTEREST FOCUS ON INDIVIDUALS NOW

WITH the exception of one match in the schools section, all team play has ceased in the Portsmouth League, and interest is concentrated on the final stages of the individual championship.

D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth), who had previously established a clear lead, lost his game to G. L. Comben (Portsmouth). Meanwhile Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth) and S. C. Noke (Cosham) both won their last round games, with the result that these four players now each have six points.

This quadruple tie will have to be broken by the use of the Sonneborn-Berger count, which is made by taking the sum of the scores of those players that each competitor has beaten and adding half the scores of those players with whom he drew.

With several results still to come in, it is impossible at this stage to make this calculation, and the question of this year's individual championship must remain in doubt for the time being.

In the county individual championship, R. F. Pezet (Woolston) has a clear lead of a full point over his nearest rival, A. M. Edmonds (also of Woolston).

Sixth-round scores were.—Martin 9, Edmonds 1; Henshaw 1, Samuels 0; Valler 1, Britton 0; Thompson 1, Wells 0; Makar 1, Daw 0; Read 0, Pezet 1.

Pairings for the seventh and final round (with scores to date) are.—Pezet (3½) v. Henshaw (4); Valler (3½) v. Makar (3½); Wells (2½) v. Daw (3½); Edmonds (4½) v. Read

(4); Martin (3½) v. Thompson (3); Britton (2½) v. Rysewski (3).

HAMPSHIRE'S SUCCESS

Hampshire continue to maintain a satisfactory percentage in the Ward-Higgs county correspondence tournament, the latest score being 12 games to 4 in their favour.

Further individual results are.—Board 20, S. L. Russell beat A. T. Little (Co. Durham); Board 15, H. C. Bailey drew with A. J. Payne (Notts); Board 30, A. R. Cooper drew with H. M. Cope (Salop).

The Southampton League is a well-organized body and no less than 60 teams took part in the season just ended, arranged in five senior and three schools Division.

Old Tauntonians are this year's league champions, with Woolston runners-up in Division I.

Southampton League won the 50-board match against Bournemouth League for the "Echo" Bowl by 29½—20½.

The final for the Spedan-Lewis Trophy (under 15 school championship of Hampshire) between Gosport Grammar School and Itchen Grammar School has been played and the score stands 2—1 in Gosport's favour, with two games for adjudication. Whatever the outcome, this represents a very fine performance by our local team.