

Made Certain of Promotion

ALTHOUGH they were without the services of Dr. J. M. Holford, their strong top-board player, R.N. Physiological Laboratory had a comfortable win against St Johns.

By thus stopping their only challengers, R.N.P.L. made certain of Second Division honours in the Portsmouth and District League and have earned themselves promotion for next season.

R.N.P.L. have one more match to play and look likely to share with Portsmouth the distinction of completing a whole season without suffering defeat.

Results.—Division II: St John's "A" 1½, R.N.P.L. "A" 3½ (Bro. Charles 1, A. N. Dossett 0; E. Tribe ½, H. Hempleman ½; F. Harkin 0, K. Harrison 1; A. Perry 0, A. Clear 1; F. Brown 0, H. J. Taylor 1).

Division I

	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth	10	8	2	37	9
Fareham "A"	8	6	0	26	6
Cosham	8	3	2	22½	4
Gosport	9	3	2	17½	4
Comm. Ctr.	8	2	1	16½	2½
Coll Apps. "A"	10	0	3	15½	1½

Division II

	P	W	D	G	P
R.N.P.L. "A"	9	8	1	29½	8½
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
Ports. Gramm. "A"	8	2	1	18½	2½
Coll. of Tech.	8	0	0	10	0

Division III

	P	W	D	G	P
Coll. Apps. "B"	7	5	0	21	5
Bridgemary	6	4	0	14½	4
Fareham "C"	6	3	0	16	3
St John's "B"	8	2	1	17½	2½
R.N.P.L. "B"	7	2	1	16	2½

NOKE AHEAD

In the Individual Championship, S. C. Noke is still one clear point ahead of his nearest rival but is not yet certain of winning the title.

Remaining seventh round results were.—Noke beat Eaton; O'Donovan beat Rhoades; Davis beat West.

Pairings for the eighth (and final) round, with scores to date, are: Grant (4) v. Noke (7); Eaton (3½) v. Heywood (6); Pike (3½) v. O'Donovan (5); Davis (4) v. Rhoades (4); West (3) v. Potter (3); Maber (3) v. Brading (3); Farmer (2½) v. Lee (3). Taylor (2½) has a bye in this round.

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Portsmouth Community Centre won their match against Basingstoke and so score their first point in the Hampshire League.

The championship of this competition remains undecided as Southampton can still top the table by beating Woolston in the final match.

Results.—Basingstoke 1½, Comm. Ctr. 3½ (C. H. Henshaw 1, R. W. Davis 0; J. Parker ½, B. Carter ½; R. Strevens 0, A. Cullinane 1; N. Luting 0, M. Dymond 1; H. Outlaw 0, D. O'Donovan 1).
Woolston 5, Andover 0 (L. Cohen 1, S. L. Russell 0; G. Daw 1, G. D. Young 0; R. S. Learmouth 1, W. A.

Chess Notes

Howard 0; D. Drew 1, S. Wiltshire 0; B. Feast 1, N. Robertson 0).

	P	W	D	G	P
Southampton Univ. ...	6	5	1	21	5½
Southampton	5	4	1	20	4½
Woolston	5	4	0	17	4
Fareham	6	3	0	15	3
Basingstoke	6	1	0	11	1
Pmo. Comm. Centre	5	1	0	9	1
Andover	5	0	0	2	0

By CORRESPONDENCE

Results continue to come in from Hampshire's Correspondence team which is battling for the Ward-Higgs Trophy. At the moment, Hampshire have scored 8½ points from 13 games.

Detailed scores.—Bd. 5, G. J. Coleman (Bournemouth) beat G. H. Simmons (Lincs); Bd. 11, F. H. Walton (Southampton) lost to C. G. Hilton (Lincs); Bd. 12, R. C. Mitchell (Southampton) drew with J. T. Smith (Somerset).

In the County Individual tournament, Vine has beaten West and Henshaw beat Samuels by default. Samuels has withdrawn from the tournament.

WOOLSTON WON

Bridgemary were unable to raise a team to take part in this year's competition organized by the Hants Federation of Community Centres and Associations. The issue was therefore decided on a straight fight between Portsmouth Community Centre and Woolston Community Centre.

L. West had a won game at one stage but eventually lost to give Woolston the match by the odd game.

Score.—Portsmouth Community Centre 2, Woolston Community Centre 3 (R. W. Davis 0, A. Edmonds 1; B. Carter 1, G. Daw (def.) 0; L. West 0, R. S. Learmouth 1; D. O'Donovan 0, T. Cuipek 1; F. Adams 1, D. Drew 0).

Tenders Approved

Building tenders approved by Portsmouth City Council yesterday included one for £60,040 submitted by Portsmouth, Gosport and District Builders' Guild, for the erection of 31 dwellings and five garages in Newcomen Road. The contract time is 60 weeks.

The Guild's tender of £7,700 for three flats in Queen Street was also agreed.

RAID ON STATION

Thieves stole between £30 and £40 from the booking office safe at Queen's Road Station, Peckham.