



Heywood and Richardson to Meet in Vital Match

THE temporary cessation of play during the week in the team championship provides an opportunity for a closer examination of the position in this season's individual championship of the Portsmouth and District Chess League.

With three rounds completed, only D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth Chess Club) and G. Richardson (Cosham Chess Club) have clean scores. Under the rules of the "Swiss System," these two players must now meet and whoever wins this vital game must be considered favourite for the title.

Heywood was last year's runner-up and is in good form at the moment and of his ten league games this season, he has won eight and drawn two. Richardson's form is more difficult to assess, as this is his first season in local league. So far he has played five, won two and drawn one.

Close on the leaders' heels and by no means out of the running are Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth) and B. Carter (Community Centre).

Last year's champion, S. C. Noke, having conceded a point to his fellow clubman, G. Richardson, in the second round, will have a difficult time in trying to make up lost ground.

Results—Round III: Richardson 1, Collins 0; Adams 0, Heywood 1; Davis 0, Wells 1; Carter 1, Garner 0; Noke 1, Brading 0; Potter 0, Cartmell 1; Comben 1, Smith 0; West 1, Grant

0; La Lond 0, Watson 1; Lee 0, Makar 1; Griffiths 0, Farmer 1.

Pairings—Round IV (with scores to date in brackets): Heywood (3) v. Richardson (3), Wells (2½) v. Carter (2½), Cartmell (2) v. Comben (2), Collins (2) v. Noke (2), Watson (1½) v. Adams (1½), Garner (1½) v. West (1½), Makar (1) v. Davis (1½), Farmer (1) v. Potter (1), Brading (1) v. Grant (1), Smith (1) v. Lee (0). Griffiths (0) has a bye.

Fareham Chess Club's championship tournament is again being decided by an eight-round Swiss competition. Four rounds have been completed and P. Cartmell (a newcomer to the club this season) has a clear lead with four points.