



INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION MAKES QUITE CERTAIN

DR. A. J. POINTON (of Portsmouth Chess Club) is the new Individual Champion of Portsmouth and District.

He beat P. M. Collins in the final round to make quite certain of being at least half a point ahead of his nearest challenger.

The runner-up has not been decided; G. Richardson (Cosham) finishes with six points, but Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth), the 1959-60 Individual Champion, has five points with one game still to play.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

In a recent friendly match on nine boards between A.S.W.E., Portsmouth and De Havilland, the

result was a narrow win by the Admiralty Establishment by five games to four.

The reason for the name of Roberts (A.S.W.E.) appearing twice in the detailed scores set out below is that he played two opponents simultaneously.

A.S.W.E. 5, De Havilland 4; (A. J. Evans 1, L. Langley 0; Carter 1, M. Wood 0; Ross 1, S. Harris 0; G. D. Ratter 0, S. Shepherd 1; T. H. Bayliss 0, R. Moody 1; Knight 0, R. Feasey 1; Davis 1, D. Walker 0; Roberts 1, B. Davies 0; Roberts 0; R. Balls 1).

This week, De Havilland are due to visit Vosper Sports and Social Club for a match on 12 boards.

SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE

Our friends at Southampton have now completed a successful and extremely active season, with no fewer than 64 teams arranged in eight divisions. We in Portsmouth and District cannot rest content until we at least equal this entry.

Bramtoco had their best season to date, winning the Southampton League Championship, the Robertson Cup and the Southampton Lightning Team Tournament.

The leading team in Division II was King Alfred's, while King Edward VI School won Division I, II and III in the Schools' Section.

CHESS NOTES

In previous years, this column has closed down during the summer months. This year it is hoped to continue with fortnightly publications.

The next set of "Chess Notes" will therefore appear on Wednesday, June 14.

We have run out of material for diagrams for the time being. On the other hand, in the next publication will appear the first of the several brief articles on "Famous Hampshire Chess Players" prepared by Mr. W. A. Rose of Cosham. No. 1 will be on H. E. Bird (died 1908).

Mr. Rose has devoted a considerable amount of time and research in obtaining his facts and wishes to acknowledge in advance the sources of much of his information. These are:

(a) 1, P.-KB4 (A Guide to Bird's opening) by R. E. Robinson, printed by Daily Post Printers Liverpool.

(b) The Year Book(s) of Chess 1907-1910.

(c) The British Chess Magazine.