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Horowitz Exhibitions

I. A. "AI" HOROWITZ ENTERTAINS AROUND THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

The schedule was thick and fast and the pace tiring, but international chess master and editor of CHESS REVIEW, I. A. "AI" Horowitz, stood up under the pressure and showed what a pleasant man he is regardless of any circumstances. On Friday, February 7, he faced 31 chess players of various strengths and came out on top with 26 wins, 3 losses (Kurt Bendit, Henry Gross, and Don Lundmark), and 3 draws (Dave Gibson and G. Knofs). Kurt Bendit's game was an interesting and beautiful one. A night earlier, Thursday, February 6, he faced 30 players at the Los Altos Chess Club located at the Covington School in Los Altos. In this simultaneous exhibition he overwhelmed all opposition with 29 wins and 1 draw (Claude Shannon).

AI's schedule was not yet over. He was hustled up to San Quentin in Marin County to entertain the San Quentin Chess Club where he delivered an appreciated lecture. This was on Saturday, February 8. On the same date at evening time he accompanied international grandmaster Sammy Reshevsky in a bridge fest-- a relaxing retreat from chess. It must be said in behalf of Mr. Reshevsky that it was regretful that we could not have exhibitions for him also, but his tour crossed paths with Mr. Horowitz's. It was not a matter of favoritism as our commitments were first made to Al Horowitz. Perhaps 1959 will bring about an entirely different story.

It doesn't sound like we kept Al Horowitz too busy, but it is the unreported activities that take up a famous personality's time, such as dinners, visits around the area, and drinking coffee (just coffee?) with fellow chess enthusiasts that Al would not deny as these fellows are friends he doesn't see but once a year or so.

Things began on a dramatic note when Al was greeted at the airport. Johnny Reynolds, 7 year old son of Jim, got lost in the maze of cars that always surround the airport as he was looking for his dad's jelopy. Mr. Horowitz immediately joined the search with as much concern as the father and insisted on getting police help. The police at the airport proved to be more efficient than Messrs. Horowitz and Reynolds and, in due time, Johnny was found safe and unperturbed. Because of this delay, there was a quick trip to the Somerton Hotel in San Francisco and a slightly rushed meal at a "Chop Suey" place in order to be on time for the exhibition at the Los Altos Club after a rain-slopped journey down the peninsula. After the exhibition there was some individual chatting with the members in Los Altos and one day's schedule seemed to be all over. But no, Noel Renaud and Jim Reynolds carried things on in an all night cafeteria and before you could say "Sammy Reshevsky" it was four o'clock in the morning.

On the following evening it was Messrs. Charles Bagby, Henry Gross, and Guthrie McClain taking over and Al was treated to cocktails and dinner. Mr. Bagby prolonged the dinner in order to get worked up for a fine introductory speech at the Mechanics' Institute exhibition. After this exhibition it was more chats with Dr. H. J. Ralston leading the parade to some more "all-night" coffee. After it all, Al had to remark, "The hospitality in San Francisco is so good that I'm just tired and happy!"

(see HOROWITZ, page 2)

SEE RESULTS AND STANDINGS OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA LEAGUE TEAM MATCHES, PAGES 4 & 5

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HOROWITZ (continued from page 1)

The only thing Al complained about during his stay here was the weather. It seems he saw nothing but rain since the day he left New York. Well, it was just one of those things we couldn't do anything about, except let it rain. Even the weatherman threatened to move away from here because the weather would not agree with him.

Mr. Horowitz reached San Francisco after touring through Mexico, San Diego, and Los Angeles. Originally he was going from here to Manila in the Philippines, but travel arrangements discouraged this side trip. Dating times in the Northwest cancelled out his continuation in that direction (Portland & Seattle), so Al spent an extra day, Sunday, in San Francisco. He spent this day visiting Mechanics' Institute and dining out with Mr. Charles Bagby.

He left the airport, Monday, Feb. 10, headed for Colorado Springs. His parting words were, "Give my regards to S.Q.!" Bon voyage and thanks, Al Horowitz!

Intelligent Players At S. Q.

"I WAS SURPRISED how intelligent the players are at San Quentin", remarked Al Horowitz after lecturing there. He added, "The questions they asked were very sensible". This comes as a compliment to the San Quentin Chess Club. Mr. Al Horowitz has been around quite a lot as everyone knows, so take a bow, you San Quentin woodpushers!

Club Plan

Al Horowitz told me he could put out a chess magazine undreamed of if only 600 clubs in the United States would join the CHESS REVIEW Club Plan. It would give him the needed finances, and even 200 clubs in the Plan would be cause for improvement. Your editor has an idea about the Club Plan that could bring extra funds to any club joining it. This idea is foolproof so if anyone is interested please write to me or phone me and I will be glad to discuss the secret with you. My address and phone number are at the end of this column. Just think of it--, making money and still getting the advantage of good publicity for the club!

Correction Department

I know that Mr. Bagby's first name is Charles, not "John". I referred to "John Bagby" and right on the front page of the January issue. I guess I just had "John" on the brain. Charles Bagby informs me it was the name of his father--, it is also the name of one of my sons. Just the same, my humble apologies, Mr. Bagby.

There were also a couple of errors in the notes to the games in the January issue, especially Game No. 36. These errors were not brought to my attention but I discovered them later. Our paper is proof-read several times, but somehow errors do get by, even by the best of us. I'd just as soon be forgiven for them even when they are pointed out.

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JAMES COOK WINS P. V. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

James Cook won the last two match games with Noel Renaud to win the Precita Valley Chess Club Championship for 1957. His final score in the championship match was 4-2. He and Noel Renaud were the 1956 co-champions. This match completed all tournament activity in 1957 for the club. Other titles won by members during the year were: Leighton Allen, "A" champion and 1956-57 club open champion; Paul Bogosian, "B" champion; Lowell Tullis, "C" champion; Ivan Vegvary, open "B" champion; and Don Hufnagel, open "C" champion.

The Candidates Tourney and Championship Matches was tried in this club for 1957 as an experiment. The club will probably return to regular Championship Tourneys in the future as the 1957 method took too long in the process of determining the club champion, the match games extending into January of this year.

"Presentation Night"DAVE GIBSON WINS SPEED TOURNEY — TROPHIES PRESENTED TO CLUB CHAMPIONS

Precita Valley C.C., S.F., February 13. The Precita Valley Chess Club's annual "Presentation Night" was successful, topped by a speed "rapid-transit" round robin tournament which was won by Dave Gibson with a perfect score of 9-0. James Cook, who was presented with the club's championship trophy, came in 2nd, 6½-2½, and Noel Renaud and Leighton Allen were 3-4 with 6-3 scores. Book prizes donated by Ivan Vegvary, club secretary, were awarded the first three places, Renaud getting the third book on the toss of the coin with Allen. Jim Reynolds did the directing.

Beautiful trophies were displayed about the clubroom and before the night was over two of them were presented. James Cook, of course, received his for winning the club championship and when the members demanded a speech he was lost for words though he managed to say, "I enjoyed the games with Renaud-- he was a tough opponent". Paul Bogosian was presented with a trophy for winning the club's "B" championship. During the speed tourney Paul would exclaim, "I hate this game!"-- everytime he goofed, and when it was all over he asked, "Hey, don't a guy get a prize for winning his first and last game?!" -- for that is all he won. Lowell Tullis had a trophy coming for winning the club's "C" championship but preferred the 9th edition of MCO instead and the club obliged him. Ronnie Meyers was given a book prize for his great comeback in the later rounds of the Candidates' Tourney. This was the club's "Consolation Prize". It was Ronnie's upsetting ways in the later rounds that caused two playoffs. Dave Gibson had a prize coming for winning the recent elimination tourney, but donated it back to the club.

Leighton Allen, P. V. club director, donated two trophies to the club for the upcoming Swiss System "Open" Club Championship Tourney to begin on Thurs., Feb. 20th. All are invited to participate in this tourney--1 the fee is 50¢ for members of the club and \$3.50 for non-members (the latter including membership for one year). In the same tourney, Lowell Tullis is donating a "surprise" prize to be awarded to a person who may not fair so well, but who tries hard.

The club champion, James Cook, became a lifetime member of the club. He is the third member to do so, Paul Bogosian and John Ramirez doing the same earlier. The charge to become a lifetime member is \$15.00.

PROBLEM CORNER

Solution to Problem No. 9:

1. P-B3(N), K-B4; 2. N-Q6 ch and mate next move.

Problem No. 10 by Dave Gibson

BLACK (8)

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WHITE (5)

White to move and draw.

Solution next month.

Send problems to the editor--;
address on page 2.

San Francisco Bay Area Chess League - A Division

Results February 1, 1958

At Mechanics' Institute:

M.I. KNIGHTS 6½	OAKLAND ½
C. Bagby..... 1	J. Demos..... 0
J. Schmitt..... 1	L. Ledgerwood... 0
W. Addison..... 1	C. Sedlack..... 0
A. Bourke..... 1	R. Trenberth... 0
E. Pruner..... ½	L. Talcott..... ½
C. Svalberg..... 1	R. Cuneo..... 0
K. Bendit..... 1	R. Freeman..... 0
Totals	6½ ½

CASTLE 5½

M.I. BISHOPS 1½

N. Falconer..... 1	L. Boyette..... 0
D. Belmont..... 1	D. Nieder..... 0
F. Adelman..... 1	R. Plock..... 0
R. Willson..... ½	P. Foley..... ½
R. Hultgren..... 0	O. Wreden..... 1
W. Hendricks..... 1	W. Ross..... 0
C. Wilson..... 1	L. Tomori..... 0
Totals	5½ 1½

At Golden Gate Chess Club, Feb. 1:

GOLDEN GATE 5	CALIFORNIA 2
G. Ramirez..... 1	R. Smook..... 0
C. Capps..... 0	J. Hirsch..... 1
R. Currie..... 1	D. Peizer..... 0
E. Krestini..... 1	R. Lawson..... 0
W. Beach..... 1	W. Rebold..... 0
H. Gross..... 1	W. Sprague..... 0
K. Colby..... 0	R. Wiebe..... 1
Totals	5 2

A Division Standings

Team	Score	Games
M. I. Knights.....	2 - 0	11½ - 2½
Golden Gate.....	2 - 0	9½ - 4½
Castle.....	1 - 0	5½ - 1½
California.....	0 - 1	2 - 5
M. I. Bishops.....	0 - 2	3½ - 10½
Oakland.....	0 - 2	3 - 11

SEE TEAM MATCH ROUND-UPS ON PAGE 5.

San Francisco Bay Area Chess League - B Division

Results January 23, 1958

At Precita Valley Chess Club:

AN UPSET BY MISSION AGAIN!!

MISSION 4	PRECITA VALLEY 3
L. Tullis..... 1	A. Castellanos.. 0
P. Bogosian..... 0	D. Gibson..... 1
D. Lundmark..... 0	J. Cook..... 1
D. O'Classen..... 0	L. Allen..... 1
M. Kramer..... 1	N. Renaud..... 0
R. Meyers..... 1	R. Blakemore.... 0
T. Gee..... 1	J. Reynolds..... 0
Totals	4 3

Results January 25, 1958

At Mechanics' Institute:

MECH. INST. B 3½	MECH. INST. B/1 3½
J. Kalisch..... 0	P. Foley..... 1
W. Leeds..... 0	D. McLeod..... 1
W. Rebold..... 1	N. McLeod..... 0
R. Barringer..... 1	D. Lee..... 0
H. Morgan..... 1	F. Wreden..... 0
L. Post..... 0	C. Loveland..... 1
M. Kerr..... ½	W. Rawley..... ½
Totals	3½ 3½

At Golden Gate Chess Club, Jan. 25:

GOLDEN GATE 4	ALAMEDA 2
P. Allison..... ½	T. Tracy..... ½
H. Edelstein..... 1	A. Wang..... 0
H. King..... 1	F. Olvera..... 0
C. Huneke..... ½	R. Turner..... ½
N. Nielsen..... 0	L. Osternig..... 1
B. Wong..... 1	R. Shorman..... 0
Totals	4 2

Results February 8, 1958

At Mechanics' Institute:

PRECITA VALLEY 4½	MECH. INST. B 2½
J. Cook..... 0	J. Kalisch..... 1
L. Allen..... 1	G. Knofs..... 0
N. Renaud..... ½	W. Leeds..... ½
J. Reynolds..... 0	R. Barringer.... 1
D. Gibson..... 1	R. Moore..... 0
I. Vegvary..... 1	H. Morgan..... 0
R. Blakemore..... 1	L. Post..... 0
Totals	4½ 2½

MORE RESULTS AND STANDINGS OF B DIVISION ON PAGE 5. ALSO SEE TEAM MATCH ROUND-UPS ON PAGE 5.

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B DIVISION (continued from page 4)

At Mechanics' Institute, Feb. 8th:

ALAMEDA 4	MECH. INST. B/1 3
R. Thacker..... 1	M. Karr..... 0
T. Tracy..... 1	D. McLeod..... 0
W. Jens..... 0	N. McLeod..... 1
A. Wang..... 1	D. Lee..... 0
F. Olvera..... 0	F. Wreden..... 1
D. Ogilvie..... 1	C. Loveland..... 0
L. Osternig.... 0	W. Rawley..... 1
Totals	4 3

MISSION-GOLDEN GATE postponed to Thursday, February 20th,

B Division Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Games</u>
Mission.....	2 - 0	8 - 6
Precita Valley,.....	2 - 1	12 - 9
Mech. Inst. B.....	1½ - 1½	10 - 11
Golden Gate.....	1 - 1	6½ - 6½
Alamada.....	1 - 2	9 - 11
Mech. Inst. B/1.....	-½ - 2½	9½ - 11½

Note: The Alameda-Golden Gate match was a 6-board match as players scheduled for board 1 on each side failed to show.

New quarters for Golden Gate

THREE-WAY TIE IN SWISS SYSTEM FOR CIUB CHAMPIONSHIP - ADDISON, GROSS, KRESTINI

After four rounds, William Addison, Henry Gross, and Eugene Krestini, are in a three-way tie for the Golden Gate Chess Club Championship with like scores of 3½-½. This, by no means, leaves others in the large field of participants out of the running. There are 12 rounds to go in this Swiss System Tourney. It is just loaded with talent and it would take more space than we have her to name them all.

The Golden Gate Chess Club has moved into very nice new quarters at the Broadmoor Hotel, located at Sutter and Gough Streets. The club has more room now and is not interfered with by another club in the same room such as in their previous quarters. The Golden Gate Club welcomes visitors.

TEAM MATCH ROUND UPS

A DIVISION--- The 2nd round matches went along pretty much as expected, except that the University of California-Golden Gate result could have been a little closer. And what was Bill Rebold doing on the Cal team? Bob Barringer was a little steamed up--, he lost a good man! Upon losing a pawn early in the game, Mr. Hursch remarked, "That sure was a blunder, wasn't it?". To which Mr. Capps replied, "Oh, I thought it might be a sacrifice!". As things turned out it could well have been a "sacrifice" as Mr. Hursch eventually won the game.

B DIVISION--- This division shows indications of being close again with upsets going into the records about every other week. Those Missionaries did it again--, knocking over their older borthers from the same club, Precita Valley! However, the latter came back to topple the defending champs, Mech. Inst. B team.

Mrs. Nancy McLeod fell to a "swindle" in the "Civil War" (M.I. B Vs. M.I. B.1) with Mr. Rebold being the "swindler".

Precita Valley Club Ladder

MIKE KRAMER HOPS TO TOP RUNG!!

On Thursday, January 30, there was a big shout in the clubroom at the Precita Valley Club. Mike Kramer defeated Leighton Allen to become the 6th member of the club to ever reach the top rung. Leighton Allen had regained the top rung from Lowell Tullis on January 2. The others have been Noel Renaud, Dave Gibson, and A. R. Castellanos.

BISQUIER AHEAD AT BOGOTA

After five rounds, Arthur Bisquier, is ahead at Bogota, Colombia, 4½-½. Bill Lombardy, the other U.S. representative, is in a four-way tie for fourth place with 3½-1½. Grandmaster Najdorf is in 2nd. Fifteen more rounds are scheduled to be played. Speculations put it between Bisquier and Lombardy.

JOIN U.S.C.F. !! READ CHESS LIFE as presented by the old teller of the woodpusher stories-- FRED H. WREN!!

GAMES SECTION Edited By Noel Renaud

(Send games to Noel Renaud, 125 Brompton Ave., San Francisco 12, Calif.)

IN THE FOLLOWING GAME White follows Steinitz advice: "Let your opponent combine"; but misses two golden opportunities to profit by it. Dr. Henry Albert Reeves counter attack in the Ruy Lopez, was a young phenomenon in London during sixties of the past century, but quit chess to make his mark in surgery. Shortly after the London tournament of 1883, an opportunity occurred to play Steinitz. Of course, Steinitz won and after the game he said to Dr. Reeves, "You vil combine. Let your opponent combine; it vil sure to be rotten, and you vil vin".

Game No. 37

White: William Rawley

Black: Lowell Tullis

SICILIAN DEFENSE

1. P-K4 P-QB4

2. N-KB3 N-QB3

3. B-B4

Usual and better is 3. P-Q4.

3. . . . P-K3

4. N-B3 P-QR3

5. P-QR3

Much stronger is 5. P-QR4.

5. . . . P-QN4

6. B-R2

Since White loses control of his Q5, it is wiser to play 6. B-K2.

6. . . . P-B5

7. P-Q4 P-Q4

8. P-K5 P-KN3

The seventh Pawn move and Black's development is sadly neglected.

9. O-O N-R3?

10. B-Q2

White misses the opportunity to take advantage of his opponent's weakness on Black squares. 10. B-N5 catches Black off balance. If 10...., Q-B2, then 11. R-B6 followed by 12. N-N5 wins the Rook Pawn--, more if Black has played 10...., N-K2. If 10...., Q-N3; 11. Q-Q2, N-B4; 12. N-K2 with advantage.

10. . . . N-B4

11. N-K2 B-N2

12. P-B3 P-B3

13. B-N1

This is not pressing. Stronger is 13. B-B4. Then if P-N4, 14. P-P. The text loses a Pawn.

13. . . . PxP

14. BxN KPxB

15. R-K1 P-K5

16. N-B4 N-K2

Castle accomplishes the same purpose and speeds up development.

17. N-K5

17. N-N5 is countered by 17...., Q-Q3.

17. . . . BxN

18. PxB P-Q5

19. PxP QxP

20. Q-B2

20. Q-B1 saves the King Pawn. But 20. B-B3 is sufficient as exchanging Queens leaves White with such superiority in development that it is well worth a Pawn.

20. . . . QxKP

21. NxP?

This ill-considered sacrifice opens new lines of attack against the castled King. With 21. B-B3, QxN; 22. BxR White need not despair even though Black has two Pawns for the exchange.

21. . . . PxN

22. B-B3 QxP ch

23. K-B1 P-B5?

Black had a won game. This jeopardizes his advantage.

24. P-KB3

White can put a stop to Black's intention of playing 24...., P-B6 or 24...., B-N5 with the simple move 24. QxP threatening mate next move. Black would then be forced to play 24...., Q-R8ch; 25. K-K2, B-N5ch; 26. K-Q, R-Q1ch (best); 27. K-B2 (not 27. K-B1, R-Q8ch), B-B4; 28. QxB, QxR; 29. RxQ, PxQ; 30. BxR and White has regained his piece.

24. . . . Q-R8 ch

25. K-B2 P-K6 ch

26. RxP PxR ch

27. KxP N-B4 ch

28. K-B2 Q-R5 ch

RAWLEY-TULLIS (continued)

Or 28...., QxPch; 29. KxQ, N-K6ch.

- 29. K-N1 Q-R7 ch
- 30. K-B2 Q-N6 ch
- 31. K-N1 R-R7
- 32. Q-K4 ch . . .

With two pieces down it is hardly worth playing the better move, 32. B-K1.

- 32. . . . N-K2
- 33. P-B4 B-R6
- 34. QxR ch K-B2
- 35. Resigns

The above game was played in a team match between Mechanics' Institute and Mission on January 11th.

Game No. 38

Game played in C Division of the City Championship Tourney, Oct. 26, 1957.

White: Ben Wong
Black: Jim Reynolds

FRENCH DEFENSE

White loses an important tempo in the opening and unsuccessfully fights off strangulation for the balance of the game.

- 1. P-K4 P-K3
- 2. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3. N-Q2 P-QB4

This is best as giving Black complete equality.

- 4. KN-B3 N-QB3
- 5. P-B3 Q-N3
- 6. KPXP KPXP
- 7. N-N3 . . .

This is premature. Could try 7. Q-K2ch. Now if 7. B or N-K2, then 8. PxP. And if 7...., B-K3, N-N5 with a good position.

- 7. . . . P-B5
- 8. Q-N2 N-B3
- 9. P-Q3 . . .

Though not quite sufficient, there is a fighting chance with 9. BxP, PxB; 10.NxP.

- 9. . . . PxP
- 10. NxP B-Q3
- 11. B-Q3 O-O
- 12. O-O R-K1
- 13. P-KR3 . . .

White's position calls for Q-B2. Why not play it now.

- 13. . . . N-K5
- 14. B-N2 . . .

This Bishop will be needed on K-side. 14. Q-B2 is still the move--, keeping the N-file open for the Rook.

- 14. . . . B-Q2
- 15. Q-P2 R-K3

To this point Black has utilized his pull in development to good effect. However, the text is in the nature of a good-intention move. He wishes to play the Rook to N3 threatening to disrupt the castled King's position.

- 16. P-B4? . . .

A horrendous blunder. 16. BxN was necessary. On 16...., PxB; 17. P-Q5, R-N3; 18. N-R4 and Black loses the exchange. And 16...., RxDN is countered by 17. N-N5 forcing 17...., R-R5 giving White time to build up a defense.

- 16. . . . N-N5
- 17. Q-Q1 . . .

Q-N1 is slightly better--, keeping Black guessing if he will retake the Knight or play 18. P-B5.

- 17. . . . NxB
- 18. QxN PxP
- 19. QxP B-N4

All very neat.

- 20. Q-B2 BxR
- 21. RxB QR-K1
- 22. P-Q5 . . .

Not good--, but what can he try. 22. N-K5?, BxN; 23. QxN, B-R7ch.

- 22. . . . R/3-K2
- 23. N/N3-Q4 R-B2
- 24. Q-K2 N-B3
- 25. Q-Q2 R-B4
- 26. N-B5 RXP
- 27. Q-B2? . . .

This is defeatism! 27. B-Q4 and White is still very much in the game--, with good chances of regaining at least the exchange as the threat 28. Q-N5 is not easily met.

- 27. . . . RxDN
- 28. QxR QxB
- 29. N-N5 Q-K4

Effectively putting a stop to all hopes of counterplay.

- 30. QxQ RxDQ
- 31. N-B3 R-K7
- 32. R-Q1 N-K5
- 33. R-KB1 RXP
- 34. N-Q4 P-KR3
- 35. R-K1 P-QN3
- 36. RxDN R-R8 ch

- 37. Resigns

 B A C L R O V I N G R E P O R T E R

(Club directors or readers who may have an item of interest for this column please write to Lowell Tullis, 59 Stoneybrook, San Francisco, or contact him by phone, JU 7-2245 -- guest writers are welcomed.)

LOCAL INTEREST IN THE ROYAL ART of chessic warfare does not appear to be the San Francisco Bay Area's private problem. In the Champion of Champions Tourney last Summer in Yankton, Louisiana furnished the only distaff entrant in the person of Irene Vines. The competition between herself and the Louisiana State Champion did not scare Miss Carolyn Petrich away from her quest of the state women's title. When play started in the opening round Miss Petrich discovered she had reached her immediate goal by default!

Of the last three open tournaments sponsored by the BACL or its affiliated clubs, yours truly did not enter any of them. Your unofficial BACL REPORTER heard of them as indicated: (1) on opening night at the club holding it; (2) on the night after entries closed; (3) three whole days before it started!! The efforts of the clubs involved are appreciated but the tournament directors and the entrants were understandably disappointed as to the turnout.

Your editor and yours truly cannot be everywhere and some of the happen-stances are bound to pass by unnoticed. Only with YOUR help can this humble paper inform you of past and coming events on the local chess scene.

A year ago the Bay Area Chess League boasted of twenty teams in three levels (leagues). This year we have, through extended effort on the part of all members, enlarged the activity to twelve teams in two leagues. Missing from the roll call are two "A" teams, two "B" teams, and four teams from the "C" league. The only survivor of the latter league we faced with the alternative of joining their peers or promoting themselves to the "B" league, and have proven after two matches that they will have a better record than two of the "B" teams in last year's league.

On February 7, Al Horowitz, international master and editor of CHESS REVIEW, challenged all comers at the Mechanics' Institute clubroom. After Mr. Horowitz was introduced by "the prosecuting attorney", Charles Bagby, yours truly was ready to withdraw to avoid embarrassing our distinguished visitor. Mr. Horowitz's remarks were limited to little more than, "My first move on all boards is P-K4"(??). Was it true he was walking into my well laid trap? Yours truly was the first to resign!!

With reference to my remarks in the January issue: NEWS ITEM--, New Buffalo, Mich. When the highway-commissioner-elect cast his ballot in a recent election he noticed no one was running for the office, so he wrote in his name. He was elected 1-0.

Rumblings are being heard from KQED regarding a new television class--, the sport of king, the Royal Game of Chess. Programing on this station, as you probably know, is by popular request. If you MIGHT be interested drop them a postcard and let them know in the affirmative, or send it to yours truly and I will forward it to them.

Although the "B" league standings shows perfect scores, both positive and negative the penant is still within reach of all six clubs. In the first two rounds it was the last game finished that decided the match. Congratulations to Bill Rebold on your promotion from the "B" league to the land of giants.

Chess Friends of Northern California announce two open tourneys, March 1 & 2 at the Oakland central YMCA and April 19 & 20 at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

For those that haven't heard, Bobby Fischer (10 $\frac{1}{2}$) won the U.S. Championship. Sam Reshevsky (9 $\frac{1}{2}$) was 2nd. The victory by Bobby earned him nomination as international master.

The Hastings tourney was won by Keres (7 $\frac{1}{2}$), with Gligoric (6 $\frac{1}{2}$) 2nd.

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