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Golden Gate Chess Club Championship

WILLIAM ADDISON WINS -- GROSS, LEDGERWOOD, BAGBY FOLLOW

The Golden Gate Chess Club Open Championship was won by William Addison with a score of 11-1, having draws only with Henry Gross and Charles Bagby. Henry Gross was second on Mediam points, though losing to Dave Nieder in the last round, with 9-3. L. Ledgerwood was the surprise of the tourney and took third place (9-3) on the tie breaking points. In fourth place was Charles Bagby (also 9-3). Eugene Krestini was fifth with 7½-4½, and he was followed by H. Rosenbaum, R. Freeman, C. Capps and D. Nieder.

This reporter received the round by round results with ties broken by Sonenberger points, only to learn that the Mediam tie breaking point system was being used instead. So, at press time, we have the Mediam points figured for the first nine places in the below table, Sonenberger points being shown from tenth place on down. Your reporter felt that most readers would be interested in the round by round results just the same as there were a few surprising results.

Player	Rounds												Score	Points		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
1- W. Addison.....	W6	W15	D4	W3	D2	W5	W7	W8	W12	W10	W11	W18	11	-	1	---
2- H. Gross.....	D10	W16	W11	W12	D1	W8	D3	D4	W5	W15	W7	L9	9	-	3	53
3- L. Ledgerwood...	W7	W22	W8	L1	D5	W11	D2	W15	D4	D16	W6	W12	9	-	3	52½
4- C. Bagby.....	W13	W12	D1	L5	D6	W14	W16	D2	D3	W8	W15	W10	9	-	3	51½
5- E. Krestini.....	D19	W9	W20	W4	D3	L1	D15	W6	L2	D7	W16	D11	7½	-	4½	---
6- H. Rosenbaum....	L1	W24	W10	D22	D4	L7	W11	L5	W20	D12	L3	W16	6½	-	5½	51½
7- R. Freeman.....	L3	W25	W6	D14	D11	W18	L1	W20	L15	D5	L2	W19	6½	-	5½	50½
8- C. Capps.....	W18	D11	L3	W9	W16	L2	W17	L1	W14	L4	L12	W15	6½	-	5½	49½
9- D. Nieder.....	D14	L5	W21	L8	W25	L17	L10	L13	W24	WBye	W23	W2	6½	-	5½	41
10- R. Barringer....	D2	D23	L6	W18	L15	D13	W9	D14	W17	L1	W24	L4	6	-	6	37½
11- C. Wilson.....	W17	D8	L2	W20	D7	L3	L6	D21	W18	W13	L1	D5	6	-	6	35
12- J. Kalisch.....	W25	L4	W23	L2	D20	W19	L14	W22	L1	D6	W8	L3	6	-	6	29½
13- H. Edelstein....	L4	W17	L14	L25	W18	D10	D19	W9	L16	L11	WBye	W23	6	-	6	28½
14- W. Beach.....	D9	D19	W13	D7	D22	L4	W12	D10	L8	X	X	X	4½	-	4½	27½
15- D. Belmont.....	W21	L1	L16	W19	W10	W22	D5	L3	W7	L2	L4	L8	5½	-	6½	32
16- Dr. K. Colby....	D20	L2	W15	W23	L8	W24	L4	D17	W13	D3	L5	L6	5½	-	6½	29½
17- E. Yaggie.....	L11	L13	WBye	W23	W9	L8	D16	D21	L18	W25	D24	L10	5½	-	6½	23½
18- S. Van Gelder...	L8	W21	L7	L10	L13	WBye	D23	W19	L11	W24	L1	W17	5½	-	6½	22½
19- G. Lutz.....	D5	D14	L22	L15	W24	L12	D13	L18	WBye	W25	W21	L7	5½	-	6½	21½
20- E. Lien.....	D16	WBye	L5	L11	D12	W25	W22	L7	L6	X	X	X	4	-	5	16
21- H. King.....	L15	L18	L9	L24	WBye	W23	W25	D11	D22	D17	X	X	4½	-	5½	14½
22- C. Huneke.....	WBye	L3	W19	D6	D14	L15	L20	L12	D21	D23	W25	L24	5	-	7	19
23- N. Nielsen.....	W24	D10	L12	L16	L17	L21	D18	WBye	W25	D22	L9	L13	4½	-	7½	14½
24- Dr. B. Gross....	L23	L6	D17	W21	L9	L16	WBye	W25	L18	L19	L10	W22	4½	-	7½	12½
25- B. Wong.....	L12	L7	WBye	W13	L9	L20	L21	L24	L23	L19	L22	L17	2	-	10	6

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Problem No. 12 by Jim Reynolds

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- . P K . . B . .
- . N P P
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- P r P R
- P p .
- . B . n . b n q

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 capital, letters; Black pieces are
 represented by small letters. White
 moves up the page.) PLEASE NOTE: Only
 subscribers to CHESS HERALD are eligible
 for prizes on the Problem Ladder. See
 CHATS AND NOTES in the next column.

Announcing A Problem Ladder

FROM TIME TO TIME I have received
 solutions to problems presented in our
 PROBLEM CORNER. My idea of this
 feature was to urge problem composers
 along and to entertain readers at the
 same time. I had no idea of starting a
 Problem Ladder. However, a few have
 been sending in solutions. Therefor, I
 feel that it is only fair that these
 solvers be rewarded for their efforts.
 From this edition on, then, CHESS
 HERALD will have a problem ladder. So,
 here are some rules.

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 me the solution when you see me as this
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 you on a correct solution, or for a no
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 will be awarded for any "cooks" that may
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 A prize will be awarded to the person
 on top on April 11, 1959, and to the
 person on top every six months there-
 after. Of course, winners will lose
 their accumulated points and start all
 over again. An answer to a problem,
 though incorrect, will earn one point.
 Your editor still hopes to use ori-
 ginal problems, but will use others
 when none are received. Problem com-
 posers on the ladder will receive the
 point value for their own particular
 problem if used. This month's problem
 was thought up by yours truly when it
 was discovered none were sent in this
 month. More rules of the ladder will
 appear next month. ---- Editor...

San Francisco Bay Area Chess LeagueM. I. KNIGHTS AND PRECITA VALLEY STRETCH DIVISION LEADS

San Francisco, April 12. This was a disastrous night for Golden Gate as their draw with the University of California, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, practically put them out of contention for the A Division championship. Henry Gross appeared to have a draw with Edwin Simanis with the score standing at $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, but Mr. Rosenbaum looked lost to Mr. Wiebe, so Mr. Gross refused a draw and tried to win. Ironically enough, after Mr. Simanis won, Mr. Wiebe "goofed" and Mr. Rosenbaum was back in the game and eventually won to salvage a draw for Golden Gate in the match. However, the Mechanics' Institute Knights were running away in their match with Oakland, 5-2, to stretch their league lead to two full matches with only three rounds to go. Mathematically, Golden Gate still has a chance, but it isn't likely that the Knights will drop three matches, or even two. Castle edged the M. I. Bishops in the other exciting match 4-3. Dave Nieder finally bowed to Guthrie McClain (the deciding game) as the clock was ticking past 1 a.m. to end a long and exciting night (and morning) of chess.

In the B Division, Precita Valley also stretched their lead as they defeated their younger brothers, Mission, 5-2 on April 5. Mechanics' Institute B kept pace by winning their "civil war" with Mech. Inst. B/1 in a six-board match, 4-2. Alameda also kept within a mathematical chance by besting Golden Gate in a five-board match, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. It was Alameda's 4-3 victory over Mech. Inst. B on March 22 while Precita Valley was downing Golden Gate 6-1 that made Precita Valley's lead loom larger. See BACL ROVING REPORTER for more comments about the division races and team matches.

BOTVINNIK LEADS SMYSLOV IN MATCH

In the World Championship return match, Mikhail Botvinnik leads the World Champion, Vasily Smyslov, 9-5 as this goes to press. Botvinnik won the first three games to take an early lead and Smyslov closed the gap to 5-3, but Botvinnik seems to be determined to regain the title and now leads by four games. He needs to score $12\frac{1}{2}$ to capture the World Championship chess crown.

CENG SPRING FESTIVAL APRIL 19-20

Chess Friends of Northern California's Spring Festival will be held at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in this city on Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20. Sign up time is 10 a.m. on Saturday and the first round is scheduled to begin at noon on the same day.

OSCAR PANNINO WINS AT BOGOTA

Grandmaster Oscar Panno of Argentina won the First Tournament of The Americas at Bogota, Colombia with a score of 16-3. He had no defeats and six draws. The two USA representatives did well. William Lombardy scored $14\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ to tie Miguel Cuellar for 2nd & 3rd, and Arthur Bisguier tied Miguel Najdorf for 4th & 5th with a 14-5 score.

Precita Valley OpenALLEN AND GIBSON TAKE LEAD

With the fourth round only partially completed, Leighton Allen and Dave Gibson battled to a draw to lead in the Precita Valley Open Championship Tourney. Jim Reynolds bested James Cook to keep in contention with a 3-1 score. As this goes to press it stands as follows:

Leighton Allen.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Dave Gibson.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Jim Reynolds.....	3	-1
Noel Renaud.....	2	-1
Ted Gee.....	2	-1
Erwin Poka.....	2	-1
James Cook.....	2	-2
Lowell Tullis.....	2	-2
Paul Bogosian.....	1	-2
Mike Kramer.....	1	-2
Bob Blakemore.....	1	-2
Dave Fromer.....	1	-2
Ivan Vegvary.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Don Lundmark.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$

Besides a trophy for the Open Champ there is also one for the B Open Champ. Ted Gee and Erwin Poka are in the lead for this second trophy. Six rounds are scheduled for this Swiss System tournament. A third trophy awaits the player credited with playing the best game.

San Francisco Bay Area Chess League - A DivisionResults April 12

At Mechanics' Institute:

GOLDEN GATE 3½	CALIFORNIA 3½
G. Ramirez..... 0	R. Smook..... 1
R. Currie..... 0	J. Hursch..... 1
H. Gross..... 0	E. Simanis..... 1
C. Capps..... ½	O. Celle..... ½
H. Rosenbaum.... 1	R. Wiebe..... 0
Dr. K. Colby.... 1	T. Theodoroff... 0
S. Van Gelder... 1	Buder..... 0
Totals	3½

M. I. KNIGHTS 5

W. Addison..... ½	J. Demos..... ½
C. Bagby..... ½	L. Ledgerwood... ½
J. Schmitt..... 0	R. Trenberth.... 1
A. Bourke..... 1	R. Cuneo..... 0
E. Pruner..... 1	C. Bergman..... 0
K. Bendit..... 1	E. Lien..... 0
C. Svalberg..... 1	E. Yaeger..... 0
Totals	5

CASTLE 4

C. Wilson..... 0	L. Boyette..... 1
G. McClain..... 1	D. Nieder..... 0
D. Belmont..... 1	R. Plock..... 0
F. Adelman..... 0	Murray..... 1
R. Willson..... 0	O. Wreden..... 1
W. Hendricks.... 1	L. Tomori..... 0
R. Hultgren..... 1	P. Foley..... 0
Totals	4

Results March 29

At Mechanics' Institute:

CALIFORNIA 3½	CASTLE 3½
R. Smook..... 1	G. McClain..... 0
J. Hursch..... 0	D. Belmont..... 1
E. Simanis..... 0	F. Adelman..... 1
R. Wiebe..... 1	W. Hendricks.... 0
W. Rebold..... ½	G. Hultgren..... ½
T. Theodoroff... 0	Kupka..... 1
Buder..... 1	Farly..... 0
Totals	3½

M. I. BISHOPS 1

L. Boyette..... ½	J. Schmitt..... ½
R. Plock..... 0	E. Pruner..... 1
D. Nieder..... 0	C. Bagby..... 1
W. Wise..... 0	A. Bourke..... 1
L. Tomori..... 0	K. Bendit..... 1
P. Foley..... 0	C. Svalberg.... 1
Murray..... ½	Branton..... ½
Totals	1

Results March 29

At Golden Gate Chess Club:

OAKLAND 1½	GOLDEN GATE 5½
J. Demos..... 0	G. Ramirez..... 1
L. Ledgerwood... 0	R. Currie..... 1
R. Freeman..... 0	H. Gross..... 1
R. Cuneo..... 0	C. Capps..... 1
R. Trenberth.... 0	E. Krestini.... 1
C. Bergman..... ½	W. Beach..... ½
E. Lien..... 1	S. Van Gelder... 0
Totals	1½

Results March 15

At Oakland Chess & Checker Club:

CASTLE 3	OAKLAND 4
N. Falconer..... ½	J. Demos..... ½
W. Hendricks.... 1	L. Ledgerwood... 0
R. Hultgren..... 0	L. Talcott..... 1
F. Adelman..... 0	R. Cuneo..... 1
R. Willson..... ½	C. Bergman..... ½
Kupka..... 0	E. Yaeger..... 1
C. Wilson..... 1	E. Lien..... 0
Totals	3

At Mechanics' Institute:

M. I. BISHOPS 7	CALIFORNIA 0
I. Boyette..... 1	R. Smook..... 0
D. Nieder..... 1	J. Hursch..... 0
R. Plock..... 1	E. Simanis..... 0
L. Tomori..... 1	W. Rebold..... 0
O. Wreden..... 1	Forfeit..... 0
W. Wise..... 1	Forfeit..... 0
D. Madgett..... 1	Forfeit..... 0
Totals	7

At Golden Gate Chess Club:

M. I. KNIGHTS 4½	GOLDEN GATE 2½
W. Addison..... 1	H. Gross..... 0
C. Bagby..... 0	G. Ramirez..... 1
E. Pruner..... 1	W. Pafnutieff... 0
Forfeit..... 0	R. Currie..... 1
K. Bendit..... 1	C. Capps..... 0
A. Bourke..... 1	E. Krestini.... 0
C. Svalberg.... ½	W. Beach..... ½
Totals	4½

A Division Standings

Team	Score	Games
M. I. Knights.....	7 - 0	38 - 11
Golden Gate.....	5 - 2	30½ - 18½
Castle.....	2½ - 3½	20 - 22
Oakland.....	2½ - 4½	17½ - 30½
California.....	1½ - 4½	12½ - 29½
M. I. Bishops.....	1½ - 5½	20½ - 27½

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San Francisco Bay Area Chess League - B Division

Results April 5

At Mechanics' Institute:

MECH. INST. B 4	MECH. INST. B/1 2
J. Kalisch..... 1	Hope..... 0
G. Knofs..... 1	V. Bedjanian... 0
Boscacci..... 0	M. Karr..... 1
R. Barringer... 1	F. Wreden..... 0
L. Post..... 0	C. Loveland.... 1
Berryhill..... 1	D. Lee..... 0
Totals	4 2

6-board match as players for board 2 for each team failed to show.

MISSION 2	PRECITA VALLEY 5
L. Tullis..... 0	J. Cook..... 1
T. Gee..... 0	N. Renaud..... 1
J. Ramirez..... 1	L. Allen..... 0
M. Kramer..... 1	R. Blakemore... 0
Forfeit..... 0	J. Reynolds.... 1
D. Fromer..... 0	V. Jewett..... 1
D. Lundmark.... 0	E. Poka..... 1
Totals	2 5

At Golden Gate Chess Club:

GOLDEN GATE 1/2	ALAMEDA 4 1/2
C. Huneke..... 0	R. Thacker..... 1
G. Lutz..... 0	A. Wang..... 1
J. Vaughn..... 1/2	W. Jens..... 1/2
N. Nielsen..... 0	R. Turner..... 1
B. Wong..... 0	D. Ogilvie..... 1
Totals	1/2 4 1/2

5-board match as players for boards 6 and 7 for each team failed to show.

Results March 22

At Mechanics' Institute:

ALAMEDA 4	MECH. INST. B 3
R. Thacker..... 1	J. Kalisch..... 0
A. Wang..... 1	W. Leeds..... 0
W. Jens..... 0	G. Knofs..... 1
S. Joplin..... 1	R. Barringer... 0
R. Turner..... 1	Madgett..... 0
D. Ogilvie..... 0	Vaughn..... 1
Holeman..... 0	L. Post..... 1
Totals	4 3

SAN QUENTIN MATCH SCHEDULED

A team match is scheduled with San Quentin to take place on a Saturday or Sunday the last week of April or the first week of May. We hope to make this a league affair as we did last year when SFBACL won 9 1/2-3 1/2. Those interested contact Jim Reynolds.

Results March 22

At Golden Gate Chess Club:

PRECITA VALLEY 6	GOLDEN GATE 1
J. Cook..... 1	N. Naughton.... 0
L. Allen..... 1	H. King..... 0
N. Renaud..... 1	G. Iutz..... 0
J. Reynolds.... 1/2	C. Huneke..... 1/2
D. Gibson..... 1	J. Vaughn..... 0
I. Vegvary.... 1/2	N. Nielsen..... 1/2
R. Blakemore... 1	B. Wong..... 0
Totals	6 1

At Mechanics' Institute:

MECH. INST. B/1 5 1/2	MISSION 1 1/2
J. Murray..... 1	D. Lundmark.... 0
D. McLeod..... 1	Forfeit..... 0
N. McLeod..... 1/2	L. Tullis..... 1/2
F. Wreden..... 1	J. Ramirez..... 0
D. Lee..... 1	T. Gee..... 0
C. Loveland.... 1	R. Meyers..... 0
W. Rawley..... 0	M. Kramer..... 1
Totals	5 1/2 1 1/2

B Division Standings

Team	Score	Games
Precita Valley.....	6 - 1	33 -16
Mech. Inst. B.....	4 1/2 - 2 1/2	28 -20
Alameda.....	4 - 3	25 -21
Mech. Inst. B/1.....	2 1/2 - 4 1/2	22 1/2 -25 1/2
Mission.....	2 1/2 - 4 1/2	17 1/2 -30 1/2
Golden Gate.....	1 1/2 - 5 1/2	16 -29

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

A Division -- BIG SIX

Player (Team)	W	L	D	Score
C. Svalberg (MIK)...	6	0	1	6 1/2 - 1/2
R. Currie (GG).....	6	1	0	6 -1
K. Bendit (MIK).....	6	1	0	6 -1
W. Addison (MIK)....	5	0	1	5 1/2 - 1/2
E. Pruner (MIK).....	5	1	1	5 1/2 -1 1/2
A. Bourke (MIK).....	5	2	0	5 -2

B Division -- BIX SIX

Player (Team)	W	L	D	Score
R. Barringer (MIB)..	6	1	0	6 -1
J. Cook (FV).....	6	1	0	6 -1
L. Allen (FV).....	5	1	1	5 1/2 -1 1/2
J. Kalisch (MIB)....	5	2	0	5 -2
R. Blakemore (FV)...	5	2	0	5 -2
D. Gibson (FV).....	4	1	1	4 1/2 -1 1/2

The above statistics were compiled by the editor and are not considered official. A full report will be given when the schedule is completed. -Editor

B A C K 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 the editor, Jim Reynolds, 117 Brewster St., San Francisco 10, Calif., or contact him by phone, MI 8-5759 -- guest writers are welcome.)

THOUGH A TEAM IN EACH DIVISION seems to be running away from the pack, interest is apparently still high in the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League. The clubroom at Mechanics' Institute was really crowded on Saturday night, April 12, with no less than three A Division team matches taking place. There were several very interesting games going on, making it difficult for the spectators to decide on which board to keep their eyes glued. Earl Pruner had an odd one with C. Bergman in the Knights-Oakland match. If one looked at this game shortly after the opening, he would swear that the game started with White's (Pruner) King and Queen misplaced. They were in reverse position, but actually Mr. Bergman forced this bit of odd "castling".

Lou Tomori appeared to have the upper hand in his game with Wade Hendricks (the Bishops-Castle match) having two Pawns up on his Kingside. But, in effect, Lou was two pieces down as Wade's clever playing kept the two pieces from getting into the fray. Then there was that crazy spine-tingling fracas between Rosenbaum and Wiebe (see page 3). This reporter had one point down for Mr. Wiebe and California when his attention was redirected by Russell Freeman to that particular board. Herbert moved a Rook to the seventh rank for "check!", but Mr. Wiebe did not move his King from the Rook's onrushing path (which would have been the thing to do), but wanted his Bishop to be brave along with the King so had the Bishop interpose. Good-bye brave Bishop, good-bye game, good-bye victory, --the King is practically dead!

The Addison-Demos game (Knights-Oakland) was an interesting see-saw affair that ended in an interesting end-game draw. Near the finish, the Bagby-Ledgerwood game (Knights-Oakland) drew a great amount of attention. Mr. Ledgerwood made a valiant try with a combination that might panic any ordinary player, but Charlie Bagby is no ordinary player and came out of it a piece up, but lacked the big power to ice the game and later had to concede to a draw. And that guy Ledgerwood really played tag with the flag of the chess clock! Jim Schmitt also did and became "IT"! Mr. Murray came through with a nice ending versus Mr. Adelman (Castle-Bishops), Dr. Colby and Mr. Van Gelder won in pawn endings (Golden Gate-California), and the McClain-Nieder game (Castle-Bishops) was a see-saw affair a good deal of the way. Well, it was a night when one just couldn't decide where to stay put to watch a good game!

At the Golden Gate Chess Club on Saturday, April 5, another odd incident took place. Strangely enough two games ended in eight moves and less. Ronald Thacker and Arthur Wang did the trick with Carl Huneke and Godfrey Lutz being the victims. One of the games was a mate on the seventh move but this reporter fails to remember which was which. Poor Mr. Post--, he can't seem to win won games--, a very exasperating thing. He had Mr. Loveland in an awful way at Mechanics' Institute the night of April 5. How does a guy lose when he's three pieces up? Hey, is there a doctor in the house?!

Maybe both division races appear to be about sewed up--, especially the A--, but let's hope the enthusiasm still goes on. Golden Gate fell to the M. I. Knights on March 15 by the tune of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ even after they were spotted a point when Mr. Schmitt didn't show up for board 4. However, Golden Gate still has that mathematical possibility to win the A Division. They would have to hope for the Knights to be topped in one of two matches and then attempt to do the trick themselves to force a playoff. Both Mech. Inst. B and Alameda can still overtake Precita Valley so the B Division is hardly decided just yet--, Precita Valley must play both.

The individual statistics on page 5 show dominance by players of the top teams. These statistics include forfeit wins and has nothing to do with who will take the individual honors this year. Your editor merely felt readers might be interested in what players were leading the parade in each division.

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GAMES SECTION
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Edited by Noel Renaud

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

GAME PLAYED IN SIMULTANEOUS exhibition 15. Q-N3 O-O
at Mechanics' Institute, February 7th. 16. B-K3 N-R4
Game No. 41 17. Q-Q1 . . .

White: I. A. Horowitz The Queen's sortie has accomplished as
Black: Dave Gibson little as the Knight's previous effort--
SICILIAN DEFENSE) moves 11 and 13.

- 1. P-K4 P-QB4 17. . . . N/4-B5
- 2. P-QB3 18. Q-B1 . . .

A favorite variation of Alekhine's, worth trying for players tired of well-worn paths. It produces a totally different type of game from the normal Sicilian. The Knight Pawn needs protection.
18. . . . NxB
19. PxN . . .

- 2. . . . N-KB3 This allows an easy draw. With 19. QxN,
N-B5; 20. Q-B1 threatens to win the
Knight (21. N-QN5) but the threat is
easily parried.
- 3. P-K5 19. . . . BxP

Driving the Knight away with gain of time. Black decides to settle for a draw
against his strong opponent.

- 3. . . . N-Q4
- 4. N-B3 N-QB3 20. PxB Q-N6 ch
- 5. P-Q4 PXP 21. K-R1 B-Q3
- 6. PXP P-Q3! 22. B-Q3 . . .
- 7. PXP QXP Clearing the 2nd rank for the Queen.
- 8. N-B3 B-N5 22. . . . QXP ch
- 9. B-K2 P-K3 DRAWN
- 10. O-O B-K2 There is nothing to 23. K-N1, Q-N6 ch;
24. K-R1, P-B4; 25. Q-Q2, R-B3; 26.
Q-N2, R-R3 ch; 27. K-N1.
- 11. N-K4

This helps Black improve his position. Probably 11. B-K3 followed by 12. N-Q2 is better. Of course 11. N-Q2 is also possible and the Knight could then protect the Queen Pawn from Q-N3 if Black does not exchange.

- 11. . . . Q-B2
- 12. P-KR3

Again 12. B-K3 is best.

- 12. . . . B-KB4
- 13. N-B3

He rules out 13. N-N3 because eventually he will have to play B-K3.

- 13. . . . R-Q1

Black's pieces are all well-posted and he has reason to hope for some material advantage shortly.

- 14. Q-R4 N-N3

More aggressive is 14. N-QN5 threatening N-B7. Neither 15. B-QN5, O-O; nor 15. N-QN5, Q-N3 is to be feared. If 15. B-Q1, then would follow 15. . . ., B-Q6, 16. R-K1, P-QR3.

25TH NORTH-SOUTH MATCH AT FRESNO OVER
THREE-DAY HOLIDAY WEEK-END CELEBRATION

The 25th Northern California versus Southern California team match will be held at the Hotel Californian in Fresno, Calif. over the three-day holiday week-end, May 30 to June 1. The match itself will be on Sunday, June 1. The State Speed "Rapid-Transit" Championship will take place on Saturday, May 31. As usual, the annual meeting of the California State Chess Federation will be held during the festivities, probably Friday evening, May 30. The South won for the 2nd consecutive year last year 37-36, but North leads the series with 14 wins and 7 losses-- there has been 3 draws. The turnout was a record last year, 73 boards. It is hoped that record will be broken this year-- let's go to Fresno, Northerners!

QUESTIONS of Lowell Tullis

POSTAL CHESS -- (Or Rolling It The Hard Way)

Does an opponent sitting across the table bother you? Do you suffer from combinational hallucinations? Is your tournament record poor because you play the same opponents week after week and a new line scares you? Are all your opponents too strong for you? Or don't they give you any competition? Is 40 moves in two hours too fast? Does 3 days per move sound more your speed? Have you ever investigated Postal Chess?

Material required for this method of tempting Caissa (Goddess of chess players everywhere) is easier to obtain than the equipment listed last month. You need something (anything) to write with; material, suitable for mailing, to write on; and a supply of postage stamps. It is helpful to have a postal chess recorder album, but in a pinch you can record the current position on large diagrams, or replay the entire game when you receive your opponent's move. Since you are reading this it is assumed you know how to write.

How to get opposition? That's easy. But first, do you prefer to get the games over quickly, or would you rather postpone your eventual resignation as long as possible? Distance, of course, has a direct bearing on how long your game will last, as the postman must inform you of your opponent's move. If you wish to keep this delay at a minimum, George Koltanowski, San Francisco Chronicle, 5th & Mission, San Francisco, is the man to contact. But when your vanity calls upon you to spread your knowledge and chess skill (or lack of it) across this country (and Canada), you must get in touch with Dick Rees, 816 So. Cecelia St., Sioux City, Iowa or CHESS REVIEW, 250 W. 57th St., New York 19. Playing a large number of games of social chess is the most inexpensive with the former organization, but if you prefer to face the trials and tribulations of a pro, either of them will enter you in a prize tourney. They both have their good and bad points, so I'll let you investigate and decide which is to be honored with your membership.

Let me warn you though--, postalites do have their problems. It usually takes a month from the time you send in your name before you receive your list of opponents. During this interim some of your fellow addicts lose their enthusiasm, or are prevented from following up their initial move. After several attempts to make contact, you find yourself short-changed by one or more opponents. There also seems to be at least one traveling man in each section. He pleads that he is only home on weekends and that postal chess is his only contact with the Royal Game. His determination to remain faithful to Caissa, in spite of all obstacles, is commendable. It isn't much consolation when you find yourself in the middle game with him and all your other games are completed. Playing your best at this point is difficult, especially if your current score is 3-2 (or worse).

Postal chess offers as many opponents of your approximate strength as one desires. Some postalites play upwards of 100 at a time, but 15 to 20 current games is a much more popular undertaking. Adherents of this method of play claim postal chess is the most inexpensive hobby available, but beginning postal chess carries the same pitfalls as your first date...; for, like a bolt out of the blue, you find yourself hopelessly trapped by your new multi-faceted pastime.

(Contributions to this column are always welcome whether in final copy, or just a few random ideas. Let me know what you would like to know "less" about. The only editorial limit is that it should concern chess and/or its addicts, fact or fictional. If you feel your facility with the written word is clumsy or inadequate send along your rough draft, with it noted "for re-write" and we'll try to work it up for you.) EDITOR'S NOTE: Name of Lowell Tullis' column still dubbed in by me..

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