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THE 1958 U. S. OPEN AT ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA AUGUST 4TH TO 16TH

If you have the time and choice of your vacation this Summer, you cannot pick a better place to spend it than in the small city (population 35,000) of friendly and fast growing Rochester, Minnesota; and you cannot pick a better time than from August 4th to 16th when the U. S. Open Championship Chess Tourney will be taking place. The community may be small, but Rochester has 18 hotels with 1930 rooms; 29 motels with 565 units; 86 guest homes with 800 rooms--, a total of 3,295 rooms which should be plenty. However, little Rochester becomes a busy place during the Summer months as some 1,000 persons register daily at the famous Mayo Clinic there and they, too, must have housing. Therefor, you may save yourself some time and trouble by registering

Jerry Spann To Be At Sonoma

VALLEY OF THE MOON CHESS FESTIVAL JULY 27

A special added attraction at the annual Valley of the Moon Chess Festival at Sonoma, Calif., Sunday, July 27th, will be a simultaneous exhibition by USCF President Jerry Spann. It is the time to take the family on a picnic and get in three rounds of chess at the same time.

The entry fee is \$1.50 for those announcing their intentions before July 22nd, and \$2.50 for those entering after July 22nd so mail in your entry now to Lois McVeigh, secretary, Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce, Sonoma, Calif. Add a dollar extra if you wish to take part in the simultaneous exhibition versus Jerry Spann. Prizes will be awarded to section winners (4-player sections), and trophies will be awarded division winners. There will be an "Expert-A", "B", "C", "Women's", and "Junior" division. There are also prizes and trophies for various club scores so be sure to name your club affiliation on your entry. George Koltanowski will be tournament director.

Jim Reynolds will be glad to help those with transportation problems as much as possible, so if you plan to take part in this event, phone MIission 8-5759 if you need a ride or if you have a car and can accommodate others.

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now, so write to the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, 212 First Ave., S.W., Rochester, Minnesota and ask for their five folders (sent free) on Rochester and its hotels, motels, and guest rooms with prices. After doing this, make your accommodation reservations right away.

Your next best move in planning to take part in this great chess event is to send your entry and entry fee (\$15 if a USCF member or \$20 if not) to Mr. Alden Riley, 635 Eighth Ave., S.W., North St. Paul, Minnesota.

There are many surprises in store for you if you think there is nothing to do in such a small community. Minnesota is celebrating its centennial year and Rochester, along with all other communities in the state, will participate in the celebration. As a matter of fact, the 1958 U. S. Open is one of the events contributing to the state's centennial celebration. The recreational facilities of Rochester are excellent. There are ten city parks, of which the largest is Soldiers Field, including an 18-hole public golf course. Swimming, fishing, boating, and horse-back riding can be enjoyed by visitors to Rochester. Sports fans can enjoy baseball, archery, trap-shooting, and tennis. Silver Lake and many other lakes are nearby. You can truly have a delightful vacation while taking part in a big chess event in this friendly Minnesota town.

P. V. Club Ladder Standing & Ratings

The following standings and ratings include games played up to July 10th.

<u>Rung</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1	Leighton Allen.....	A	1669
2	James Gough.....	A	1665
3	Mike Kramer.....	B	1367
4	Bob Blakemore.....	B	1367
5	Don Lundmark.....	B	1013
6	Ronald Meyers.....	B	1428
7	Dave Gibson.....	A	1634
8	Ivan Vegvary.....	B	1428
9	Ted Gee.....	B	1486
10	Jim Reynolds.....	A	1601
11	John Ramirez.....	B	1452
12	Noel Renaud.....	A	1604
13	Paul Bogosian.....	B	1405
14	Lowell Tullis.....	A	1542
15	A. R. Castellanos.....	A	1501
16	Erwin Poka.....	B	1151
17	George Lydeard.....	C	899
18	Scott Smith.....	C	800
19	Dave Fromer.....	C	847

Lowell Tullis, who is now the club's rating statistician, points out that this is about the first time in the club's history that the person on the top rung of the ladder is also the highest rated player and that the person on the 2nd rung is the 2nd highest rated player. Otherwise, things are merrily mixed up as usual. The Reynolds Rating System is still being used, but Mr. Tullis is doing the figuring to give Jim Reynolds more time to take care of other matters.

Lowell Tullis has also been appointed as the club's tournament director for the present Precita Valley Round Robin Championship Tourney, so some new ideas are being introduced. Only ten have entered this tourney, with the first round on July 10th producing only one mild surprising result as Jim Reynolds defeated Dave Gibson. Other results were as follows: Leighton Allen 1, Lowell Tullis 0; John Ramirez 1, Paul Bogosian 0; Ted Gee 1, George Lydeard 0; and James Gough and Mike Kramer drew byes due to the fact the tourney is divided into two sections. The favorites to win the tourney are Leighton Allen, the club's Open champ, and James Gough, the club's defending regular champion. Of course, the other participants are not being counted out of it.

DR. MARCHAND WINS U.S. AMATEUR TITLE

Dr. Erich W. Marchand of Rochester, New York, won the 1958 U. S. Amateur Chess Championship in the tournament at Asbury Park, New Jersey. Played over the Memorial Day weekend, 142 players were attracted to set a record attendance. Stuart Margulies, a Columbia student, and Claude Hillinger, a City College grad, tied Dr. Marchand on game scores, $5\frac{1}{2}$, but placed 2nd and 3rd on Median tie-breaking points.

The Women's Amateur Title was won by Mrs. M. Fuchs of Kent, Conn., and she was closely followed by Miss Isabelle Lynn of Washington, D.C., who defeated Mrs. Fuch in their individual game.

Dr. Marchand is a correspondent writer for CHESS LIFE, his column, CHESS TACTICS FOR BEGINNERS, appearing every other issue. He left the tourney to make the long drive back home not knowing he was to be its ultimate winner.

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

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WITH THE TEAM MATCHES all behind us for the 1958 season, your reporter has little roving to do. He picks this time, then, to talk about the 1958 Chess Olympics to be held in Munich this Fall, from September 29 to October 23. It has been a shame that the U.S. has not been able to participate in the past two Chess Olympics--, because, of all things, LACK OF FUNDS! The USSR looks at this as propaganda to their advantage--, how can the rich USA be so broke?? What they can imply is obvious!

With the inspired efforts of USCF President Jerry Spann and CHESS REVIEW editor I. A. Horowitz, the United States Chess Federation and the American Chess Foundation are combining efforts to raise the necessary funds to send a winning American team to Munich! You can help, too, by donating even as little as \$1.00. You can send your donation to Guthrie McClain, 244 Kearny St., San Francisco 8, Calif., or directly to Jerry Spann, 3011 Paseo, Oklahoma City 18, Okla. Checks should be made out to: USCF OLYMPIC TEAM FUND. Let's back that winning American team to represent us in the 1958 Chess Olympics at Munich!!

San Francisco Bay Area Chess League - B Division1958 REVIEW - PRECITA VALLEY WINS PHOTO FINISH!

Unlike the A Division champs, the B Division champions of the S. F. Bay Area Chess League, Precita Valley, had to hold off the onrushing Alameda team that came storming down the stretch ala Silky Sullivan, and a strong never-say-die Mechanics' Institute B team.

Round By Round

<u>PRECITA VALLEY</u>	
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Golden Gate..... 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	Mission..... 4
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mechanics' Inst. B ... 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Alameda..... 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mechanics' Inst. B/1.. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
6	Golden Gate..... 1
5	Mission..... 2
3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mechanics' Inst. B ... 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	Alameda..... 5
4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mechanics' Inst. B/1.. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
43	Total
	27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS - PRECITA VALLEY

<u>Player</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Score</u>
L. Allen.....	7	2	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
J. Gough.....	7	2	0	7-2
R. Blakemore.....	6	2	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
D. Gibson (Capt.)..	5	2	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
N. Renaud.....	4	4	2	5-5
J. Reynolds.....	3	3	4	5-5
I. Vegvary.....	3	1	3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
V. Jewett.....	1	0	0	1-0
E. Poka.....	1	0	0	1-0
A. Castellanos.....	0	1	0	0-1
W. Pattullo.....	0	1	0	0-1
Games forfeited....	0	3	0	0-3
Totals	37	21	12	43-27

Precita Valley stuttered slightly at the start. Though they got by Golden Gate, they had an off night versus their second team, Mission. After that it looked like they were going to run away with it until the 8th round when they showed up minus two players versus Mechanics' Institute B and were lucky to escape with a drawn match. Then, with James Gough taking time out to get married, and their young star, Ivan Vegvary, being ill, they lost badly to Alameda, the team that seemed to get stronger as it went along. However, the team from Precita Valley pulled itself together again and played back to mid-season form to win their last round and manage to nose out Alameda and Mech. Inst. B, finishing a "rags to riches" story, the same team ending up on the bottom of the pile last year.

When the season started, Mech. Inst. B, Golden Gate, and Alameda were figured to really battle it out with only small regard to Precita Valley. This writer predicted it would be between Golden Gate and Precita Valley, pointing out that the latter were being barely nosed out in their matches last year, but such a prediction was taken lightly.

Only three players, Leighton Allen, Bob Blakemore, and James Gough landed among the top ten players of this division, though Dave Gibson and Ivan Vegvary finished with plus scores among the regulars. Noel Renaud and Jim Reynolds gave even performances. Captain Dave Gibson, then, must be given some praise for getting the points where they counted most.

SO, THREE CHEERS FOR THE B DIVISION CHAMPS, PRECITA VALLEY!!

Rounding out the B Division of the league, we believe we have given the picture regarding the Alameda stretch-running team (if they ever get off to a good start-- watch out!), and the defending champs of 1957, Mech. Inst. B, which was a strong team but lost the crucial ones to Precita Valley and Alameda. Mech. Inst. B/1 was an inconsistent team, having difficulties of keeping the same players together, but proved a thorn here and there. The Mission team, sometimes referred to as the "Missionaries" from P.V., weren't expected to do anything and yet they scored a couple of surprising upsets and even led the league in the beginning. Golden Gate, strong on paper, just never got their team together, the "strong on the paper" fellows seldom showing up or we believe they could have been contenders all the way and perhaps, even taking it all.

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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 A TEAM MATCH between the
 M. I. Bishops and the University of
 California, March 15, 1958.

Game No. 45

In this game both opponents have a
 Bishop out of play. The player who
 activates his Bishop first wins-- but
 he should have lost! Why play chess!

White: J. Hirsch

Black: D. Nieder

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 4. Q-B2 | P-Q4 |
| 5. P-QR3 | BxN ch |
| 6. QxB | ... |

Better is PxB--, the doubled Pawns be-
 ing no disadvantage here.

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| 6. . . . | N-K5 |
| 7. Q-B2 | P-KB4 |
| 8. P-K3 | O-O |
| 9. B-Q3 | N-Q2 |
| 10. P-QN4 | P-QN3? |

This does not work out well. 10.....,
 P-B4 is better.

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| 11. P-B5 | ... |
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There is no risk involved in accept-
 ing the Pawn offered, 11. PxB, PxB;
 12. Q-B6, etc.

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| 11. . . . | P-B3 |
| 12. N-B3 | ... |

White should play 12. PxB as Black is
 forced to recapture with the Queen with
 subsequent loss of time.

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| 12. . . . | B-N2 |
| 13. O-O | Q-B3 |
| 14. B-N2 | R-B2 |

True a King-side attack seems indicated
 but this move does not further it.

Maybe 14....., P-KN4 is better.

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| 15. N-Q2 | Q-R3 |
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Temporarily preventing P-B3.

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| 16. QR-K1 | N/2-B3 |
| 17. P-B3 | NxN |
| 18. QxN | N-R4 |
| 19. P-N3! | P-QN4 |
| 20. Q-N2 | P-N4 |
| 21. Q-R3 | Q-N3 |

Necessary as White threatened 22. P-N4.

22. P-K4

White misses the opportunity to increase
 his advantage, 22. P-N4, if PxB; 23.
 BxQ, PxB; 24. BxN. So, on 22. P-N4
 Black is forced to play N-N2.

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| 22. . . . | BPxB |
| 23. PxB | RxR ch |
| 24. QxR | ... |

Obviously White loses a Pawn on the re-
 capture by Rook, Bishop or King.

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| 24. . . . | R-KB1 |
| 25. Q-K2 | Q-B2 |
| 26. Q-K3 | ... |

So far White has handled his Queen ex-
 pertly, but his plan is now faulty. 26.
 Q-Q2 is stronger. If 26....., P-KR3,
 then 27. Q-QB2 maintains the pressure
 with the threat of winning the Knight
 by PxB followed by B-N6.

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| 26. . . . | P-KR3 |
| 27. PxB? | ... |

This is not to White's advantage. Why
 not keep Black's Bishop out of play
 with P-K5?

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| 27. . . . | KPxP |
| 28. R-KB1 | N-B3 |
| 29. Q-K5 | B-B1 |
| 30. Q-Q6 | B-Q2 |

Here 30....., Q-K3 would probably draw
 as 31. Q-B7 is countered by 31....., Q-Q2.

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| 31. B-B5 | ... |
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If 31. Rdx, QxR; 32. QxB, Q-B7 ch and
 draws.

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| 31. . . . | BxB |
| 32. RxB | K-N2 |
| 33. QxBP | Q-K2 |
| 34. QxNP | ... |

Should not allow Black Queen to pene-
 trate 34. R-K5, Q-KB2 (Q-Q2; 35. QxQ,
 NxQ); 35. Q-K6, Q-N3; 36. Q-B5 and
 Black is helpless.

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| 34. . . . | Q-K6 ch |
| 35. K-B1 | R-K1 |
| 36. R-K5 | Q-B6 ch |
| 37. K-K1 | R-KB1 |
| 38. R-K7 ch | K-N3 |
| 39. R-K2 | ... |

An oversight. 39. Q-K2 should be suf-
 ficient. If 39....., Q-R8 ch; 40. K-Q2,
 N-K5 ch; 41. Rdx wins.

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Humorous GAMES

I - Tandum Chess

TANDUM CHESS IS PLAYED with two players on each side. Unlike consultation chess, one player does not know what his partner has in mind. It is very easy indeed for one player to pull off a brilliant combination only to have his partner louse it up on the following move. At any rate it is an exceedingly interesting type of chess.

Oakland Chess & Checker Club, Dec. 17, '57.

White: Messrs. W. Carr
& R. Barringer

Black: The Allies

SARA SOTA OPENING

The main idea of this opening is try and transpose into the Colle System or the Moehler Attack of the Giuoco Piano, etc. To avoid this leads Black out of the book entirely. With proper play, however, Black can obtain at least an equal game.

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| 1. P-QB3 | P-KN3 |
| 2. P-K4 | P-K4 |

There already seems to be a difference of opinion as to what opening moves should be played here--, but the best is yet to come!!

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| 3. N-KB3 | P-Q3 |
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The position has now transposed into a rather bazaar variation or should I say deviation of the Philidor Defense.

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| 4. B-B4 | N-KB3 |
| 5. O-O!? | NxP |
| 6. R-K1 | B-B4? |

The Blacks are all befuddled!

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| 7. Q-N3! | N-B4 |
| 8. BxP ch | K-K2 |
| 9. Q-B4 | B-Q6 |

If N-Q6, then 10. N-Q4.

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| 10. Q-R4 ch | K-Q2 |
| 11. Q-N3 | B-N2? |
| 12. P-QN4 | R-B1 |
| 13. PxN | RxB |
| 14. NxP ch | BxN |
| 15. QxB/Q3 | Q-N4 |
| 16. Q-R3 ch | K-B3 |
| 17. P-Q4 | B-B5 |
| 18. Q-R3 ch | P-Q4 |
| 19. P-N3! | BxB |
| 20. R-K6 ch | K-N4 |

from the files of

BOB BARRINGER

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| 21. N-R3 ch | BxN |
| 22. Q-Q3 ch | K-R4 |
| 23. R-N1 | P-QR3 |
| 24. P-QB4 | B-N5 |
| 25. R-K3!!! | QxR |
| 26. PxQ! | N-B3 |
| 27. RxB! | KxR! |
| 28. Q-N3 ch | K-R4 |
| 29. Q-R3 mate | |

Now see? Isn't tandum chess wonderful?

Games Section - HURSCH-NIEDER

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| 39. . . . | N-K5 |
| 40. Q-B6 ch | . . . |

Could try 40. K-Q1, Q-B8 ch (if 40...., Q-N6 ch; 41. K-K1); 41. K-B2, K-R4 (not R-B7; 42. Q-K8 ch and White still has a win); 42. Q-Q3, R-B6; 43. Q-Q1 and White is still in business.

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| 40. . . . | K-R4 |
| 41. Resigns | |

PROBLEM CORNER

Solution to Problem No. 14:

1. R-B5, BxR; 2. Q-B1 ch and mate next; or 1...., K-N1; 2. Q-K3 ch and mate next.

Problem No. 15 by F. V. Schulz

BLACK (9)

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| N . . <u>b</u> Q . <u>p</u> B |
| . B . N . . <u>r</u> . |
| . . . <u>k</u> <u>p</u> . <u>p</u> . |
| . R . . . <u>p</u> . . |
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| P . . <u>b</u> |
| . . . <u>r</u> |

WHITE (8)

White to play and mate in two moves. Solution next month. Value: 4 points.

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Solutions to be postmarked not later than August 10, 1958.
(For Problem Ladder Standings to date see page 2; also see comments regarding ladder on page 2.)

