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S. F. Bay Area Chess League - A Division

"GROSSLESS" GOLDEN GATE BESTS OAKLAND 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$  - KNIGHTS DOWN BISHOPS 5-2

Golden Gate Chess Club, S.F., January 18. A "Grossless" Golden Gate team bested Oakland 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$  while Henry Gross, their likeable director, was engaged in a club championship game with Dr. Ken Colby (and isn't he supposed to be on the team, too?). Oakland struck the first blow as Russell Freeman outplayed Spencer H. Van Gelder, but Golden Gate quickly retaliated as Mr. Capps scored a win over Mr. Sedlack. From there on it was a matter of watching the chess clocks tick away and watch results go up on the blackboard one by one. This reporter's clock said it was time to go home, so whether Mr. Gross won over Dr. Colby, I don't know--, but he did have a powerful kingside attack going and if Dr. Colby pulled out of it I'm going to engage him to give me some chess lessons!

Mechanics' Institute, S.F., January 18. On the same night as the Golden Gate-Oakland match, a "Bagbyless" M. I. Knights team downed the M. I. Bishops 5-2. Like in the match five blocks away, the losers technically struck the first blow when Dave Nieder moved 1. P-K4 on board 3 where John Bagby was supposed to be. "You being a reporter", Mr. Nieder offered, "I'll give you the scoop--, I waylaid him!". The Knights evened the score early when Mr. Svalberg won over Mr. Wise. With only two games still going, Addison-Hoppe and Schmitt-Plock, the score was 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$  and the Bishops still had a chance to tie it all up. If you like two Rooks and two Knights plus an extra Pawn against a Queen, Rook and Bishop, then you couldn't count Mr. Hoppe out at the moment, and Mr. Plock was doing okay with Mr. Schmitt, the California "Open" Champ. The Queen, Rook and Bishop finally won and Messrs. Plock and Schmitt settled for a draw.

THE RESULTS OF THE B DIVISION ARE ON PAGE 4. STANDINGS AND BOX SCORES FOR BOTH A & B DIVISIONS ARE ON PAGES 4 AND 5.

I. A. "AI" HOROWITZ EXHIBITION TO BE AT MECHANICS' ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

The I. A. "AI" Horowitz simultaneous exhibition will be held at Mechanics' Institute on Friday evening (7:00 p.m.), February 7th. Four clubs are co-sponsoring this event, Golden Gate, Mechanics' Institute, Oakland, and Precita Valley. The board fee will be \$1.50. The limit is 35 boards so if you want a board make your reservations early with Mr. Henry Gross (Golden Gate), Mr. A. B. Stamer (M. I.), Mr. Russell Freeman (Oakland), and Jim Reynolds (Precita Valley).

Mr. Horowitz will be in San Francisco for three days, February 6, 7, and 8. We hope to make his stay in San Francisco a pleasant and memorable one. Al Horowitz visited our city last year after an absence of ten years and liked our town to the extent he desired to have it as one of his stops again this year. It is hoped he will always be warmly welcomed in San Francisco!

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S. F. Bay Area Chess League - B Division

MISSION SURPRISES MECH. INST. B/1 4-3  
 MECH. INST. B EDGES ALAMEDA 4-3  
 PRECITA VALLEY TAKES ADVANTAGE OF "GROSSLESS" GOLDEN GATE 4½-2½

Mechanics' Institute, S. F., January 11. Mission, a team dominated by Mission High students and not expected to do much, surprised Mech. Inst. B/1 by coming out one point better 4-3. The key game apparently was between Meyers and Bedjanian. Mr. Bedjanian held the upper hand for awhile but the game slipped into a drawish pattern but somehow Mr. Meyers of Mission won it (see Game No. 36 in the Games Section). All in all, it was a surprising result and it looks like another tight race is in store for the B Division teams.

At the same place and time, Mech. Inst. B was edging Alameda 4-3 to make it two close matches. Messrs. Kalisch, Barringer, and Morgan struck blows for the Mech. Inst. B team while Messrs. Olvera and Ogilvie scored for Alameda. Two games, Steinberg-Tracy and Rebold-Jens, ended in draws. Mech. Inst. B players are the league's defending champions and Alameda is the team that came roaring near the finish last year to almost steal all the marbles.

Golden Gate Chess Club, S.F., January 11. Precita Valley took advantage of a "Grossless" Golden Gate team 4½-2½. This time it was Dr. Ben Gross (no relation to Henry), who didn't show up on board 1. Precita Valley came up with two quick points with Messrs. Vegvary and Blakemore winning. As the evening ticked on Messrs. King and Lutz won for Golden Gate to close the gap to 2½-3½ as Allen and Yaggie settled for a draw. Evening ticked into night and Mr. Gibson won his game to give victory to Precita Valley to prove it was no fluke last year.

B Division Standings

	MISSION 4	MECH. INST. B/1 3
Team	D. O'Classen.... 0	N. McLeod..... 1
Precita Valley..... 1 - 0	D. Lundmark.... 0	D. McLeod..... 1
Mech. Inst. B..... 1 - 0	M. Kramer..... 1	D. Lee..... 0
Mission..... 1 - 0	R. Meyers..... 1	V. Bedjanian.... 0
Alameda..... 0 - 1	J. Ramirez..... 0	C. Loveland..... 1
Mech. Inst. B/1..... 0 - 1	L. Tullis..... 1	W. Rawley..... 0
Golden Gate..... 0 - 1	T. Gee..... 1	Erlich..... 0
	Totals	4 3

Next Matches

January 23rd  
 Mission Vs. Precita Valley at P.V.  
 January 25th  
 Mech. Inst. B Vs. Mech. Inst. B/1 at M.I.  
 Alameda Vs. Golden Gate at G.G.

	MECH. INST. B 4	ALAMEDA 3
J. Kalisch..... 1	R. Thacker..... 0	
Steinberg..... ½	Tracy..... ½	
W. Rebold..... ½	Jens..... ½	
R. Barringer.... 1	A. Wang..... 0	
Cordero..... 0	F. Olvera..... 1	
Post..... 0	D. Ogilvie..... 1	
H. Morgan..... 1	Osternig..... 0	
Totals	4 3	

PRECITA VALLEY 4½	GOLDEN GATE 2½
J. Cook..... 1	Forfeit..... 0
L. Allen..... ½	E. Yaggie..... ½
N. Renaud..... 0	H. King..... 1
J. Reynolds..... 0	G. Lutz..... 1
D. Gibson..... 1	C. Huneke..... 0
I. Vegvary..... 1	N. Nielsen..... 0
R. Blakemore.... 1	B. Wong..... 0
Totals	4½ 2½

GLIGORIC-RESHEVSKY TIE AT DALLAS

Gligoric and Reshevsky ended the international tournament at Dallas, Texas in a tie. Reshevsky lost to Yanofsky in the last round while Gligoric was getting a draw with Najdorf. Each finished with a score of 8½-5½. Larsen was 3rd, 7½-6½.

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S. F. Bay Area Chess League - A Division

Standings

Team	Score	Games
M. I. Knights.....	1 - 0	5 -2
Golden Gate.....	1 - 0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
California.....	0 - 0	0 -0
Castle.....	0 - 0	0 -0
Oakland.....	0 - 1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
M. I. Bishops.....	0 - 1	2 -5

Next Matches

February 1st

California Vs. Golden Gate at G.G.

Oakland Vs. M.I. Knights at M.I.

M. I. Bishops Vs. Castle at M.I.

NOTE: The Castle-Univ. of California match was postponed due to final exams for the Cal Team. This match will be played at a later date convenient to the two teams.

GOLDEN GATE 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

OAKLAND 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

W. Pafnutieff.....	1	J. Demos.....	0
G. Ramirez.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. Ledgerwood..	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. Capps.....	1	C. Sedlack.....	0
L. Krestini.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Trenberth...	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. Beach.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. Talcott.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
R. Currie.....	1	R. Cuneo.....	0
S. Van Gelder.....	0	R. Freeman.....	1
Totals	4 $\frac{1}{2}$		2 $\frac{1}{2}$

M.I. KNIGHTS 5

M.I. BISHOPS 2

J. Schmitt.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Plock.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Forfeit.....	0	D. Nieder.....	1
W. Addison.....	1	R. Hoppe.....	0
E. Pruner.....	1	L. Miller.....	0
A. Bourke.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	O. Wreden.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
K. Bendit.....	1	L. Tomori.....	0
C. Svalberg.....	1	Wise.....	0
Totals	5		2

P. V. CIUB RATING REVIEW

LOOKING OVER THE CIUB members' records of games won, lost, and drawn brought about startling results. Since I have posted these results in the club's quarters I can see no reason to show how stupid my rating system is by putting these 1957 figures here.

Since I was shocked by these 1957 records, I sat down at my desk and for five solid hours worked on revisions to my own rating system. Some of you have seen the revisions I have made--, I hope they make my system a little more workable. It seems each year I find some fault with my system and each year I make revisions. Perhaps, in another 100 years or so, I will come up with the perfect chess rating system--, well, who knows. My rating system is only a little over three years old now, so it's a long way to go yet.

Just as an example, though, we'll look at Noel Renaud's 1957 record. He won 17, lost 8, and drew 3. Under my system he started 1957 with 1887 points and ended the year with 1698 which means something is wrong somewhere. He did lose to some lower rated players, and he may have slipped a little, but not any 187 points worth. Well, let's see how 1958 works out, eh what?!

FISCHER WINS U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP

It seems to be the talk of the world now that 14-year old Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn, New York won the United States Chess Championship over Grandmaster Sam Reshevsky. It is so well reported elsewhere and other periodicals that CHESS HERALD states it here as a matter of record. Let's hope that he continues with his success and goes on to meet the world champion, V. Smyslov, in 1959!

CFNC "OPEN" AT OAKLAND MARCH 1 & 2

The Chess Friends of Northern Calif. will hold their "Open" championship tourney at the Oakland YMCA on the weekend of March 1st and 2nd. The entry fee is \$2.00 for CFNC members and \$4.00 to non-members, the latter including membership. It will be a Swiss System Tourney, with three divisions--, Expert-A, B, and C. Advance entries can be sent to Mrs. Anna Lund, 3361 Mildred Lane, Lafayette.

LEIGHTON ALLEN REGAINS TOP RUNG AT P.V.

Leighton Allen returned to the top rung of the Precita Valley Club ladder for the third time when he defeated Lowell Tullis, Thursday, January 2. Mr. Tullis held the top rung since Dec. 5th, a total of 4 weeks. Noel Renaud still holds that longevity record of 55 weeks. Next challenger??



KRAMER-LEE (continued)

A sorrowful retreat but with White threatening P-R6 and K-R1 it is difficult to find anything better.

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| 15. B-B3    | BxN   |
| 16. BxR     | P-KR3 |
| 17. B-Q5 ch | K-R1  |
| 18. PxKP    | BPxP  |
| 19. P-B4    | ...   |

19. P-K5 followed by Q-N4 if Black's Bishop retreats to his R2 and followed by K-R1 if Black's Bishop retreats to his Q2 or B1, looks better. Though he is the exchange and Pawn down, Black still has two Bishops that can become very powerful against an open King. With the text move White opens up those gates!

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| 19. . . . | Q-R5 |
| 20. N-K4  | BxN  |

Oh, no! --Don't do that! I just told you those Bishops are strong now. Black can even gain a Pawn back with 20....., B-N5.

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| 21. BxB | N-Q2 |
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21....., R-Q1 and defend is all Black can do now. 21....., R-KN1 would also hold things awhile, threatening a discovered check though White has adequate defenses at hand. It's all over but the shouting, but if you wish to see how it finished it went like this.

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| 22. QxP    | N-B3    |
| 23. PxP    | Q-N5 ch |
| 24. B-N2   | N-Q2    |
| 25. P-KR3  | QxRP/4  |
| 26. QxN    | QxKP    |
| 27. RxR ch | BxR     |
| 28. P-K4   | ...     |

Q-B8 or R-KB1 shortens the agony. 28...., QxP ch means nil.

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| 28. . . .       | B-N2    |
| 29. QxP         | QxNP    |
| 30. R-Q1        | B-Q5 ch |
| 31. K-R1        | Q-QB7   |
| 32. Q-N8 ch     | K-N2    |
| 33. Q-B7 ch     | K-N3    |
| 34. QxP ch      | K-R4    |
| 35. B-B3 ch     | K-N4    |
| 36. Q-Q8 ch     | K-B5    |
| 37. Q-B8 ch     | K-K6    |
| 38. R-K1 ch     | K-B7    |
| 39. B-Q1 dis.ch | KxR     |

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| 40. BxQ  | P-R4 |
| 41. K-N2 | P-R5 |

Alright, don't laugh! He's trying for stalemate! Okay, so he has a Bishop--, but fellas, it's a team match and in a team match you "die for dear ol' Rutgers"!

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| 42. Q-B1 ch | K-Q7    |
| 43. Q-Q3 ch | K-B8    |
| 44. K-B1    | K-N7    |
| 45. K-K2    | K-B8    |
| 46. Q-Q3    | B-N7    |
| 47. P-K5    | Resigns |

Whew! Glad that's over--, had me worried for awhile!

## Game No. 36

White: V. Bedjanian

Black: R. Meyers

GIUOCO PIANO

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|----------|---------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-K4    |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3   |
| 3. B-B4  | B-B4    |
| 4. P-B3  | N-B3    |
| 5. P-Q4  | PxP     |
| 6. PxP   | B-N5 ch |
| 7. N-B3  | ...     |

The usual line is 7. B-Q2, BxBch; 8. QNxB, P-Q4; 9. PxP, KNxP; 10. Q-N3, QN-K2; 11. O-O, O-O; 12. QR-K1, P-QB3 with equal chances. The text move by White loses a Pawn.

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| 7. . . . | O-O |
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There is nothing wrong with 7....., NxP. Black can still get the better of it, even after 8. Q-K2, Q-K2; 9. B-Q2, NxB and Black keeps his Pawn advantage. The text, however, is plausible as it keeps White fighting to keep his KP.

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| 8. B-KN5 | R-K1 |
| 9. P-K5  | P-Q3 |
| 10. BxN  | QxB  |
| 11. O-O  | PxP  |
| 12. N-Q5 | Q-Q1 |

What's this? Black wants to give the Pawn back? 12. Q-Q3 was the move.

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| 13. NxB | ... |
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Even 13. PxP is simple enough, but 13. NxKP leads to interesting continuations and practically forces Black's moves; i.e. 13....., B-K3 (forced because if 13....., Q-Q3 now; 14. NxN, NxN or QxN; 15. BxPch wins the Rook so Black's only

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BEDJANIAN-MEYERS (continued)

recourse would be 14....., RxN; 15. PxR, NxP and Black has lost the exchange--- not 15....., QxP because of 16. NxN threatening mate); 14. NxB, BxB; 15. NxB, NxN; 16. N-K5 and White looks better off with the threat of Q-B3 or Q-N3. With the text move White still has time to get back the Pawn, but not as effectively.

- 13. . . . . NxN
- 14. NxP            B-K3

This move is not forced as suggested above as 14....., N-Q4 would do just as well; i.e. 15. Q-B3, B-K3. The point is that with the text Black has time to set up his defenses whereas with the line suggested his moves are forced and a definite favorable position for White results.

- 15. BxB            RxB
- 16. Q-B3           P-KB3

16....., Q-K2 is much better. The text causes a pin of the Rook.

- 17. Q-QN3         Q-Q3
- 18. N-B3           . . . .

White misses his pressure move of 18. N-B4 forcing the Black Queen back, then 19. P-QR3 wins a Pawn, i.e. 18....., Q-K2; 19. P-QR3, N-B3; 20. QxP, R-N1; 21. Q-R6, then if 21....., NxP; 22. QxP is good enough.

- 18. . . . .        K-B1
- 19. P-QR3         N-Q4

He could save the Pawn now with 19....., N-B3; then if 20. QxP, R-QN1 and Black gets it back.

- 20. QxP            R/3-K1
- 21. QR-B1         QR-N1
- 22. Q-B6           . . . .

22. QxRP and White holds his Pawn advantage though Black gets his Rook on the seventh rank.

- 22. . . . .        QxQ
- 23. RxQ            RxP
- 24. R-K1           . . . .

White decides the game is drawn so attempts to exchange pieces. Considering the play on both sides the game does look like a draw at this point.

- 24. . . . .        K-B2

It was to Black's advantage to exchange

Rooks, 24...., RxRch; 25. NxR, R-N8; 26. K-B1, R-R8; 27. R-B5, K-K3 and though it is an even game, Black's King is advanced and in a better spot for the end game. White has no time to go after the QRP as he must prevent 28....., N-B5 and 29....., N-Q6, or if 28. R-R5, then N-N5 accomplishes the same purpose.

- 25. R-B5           . . . .

And White changes his mind about exchanging:

- 25. . . . .        R-Q1
- 26. R-R5           R-N2
- 27. P-N3           N-K2
- 28. R-K4           N-B3
- 29. R-KB5          . . . .

R-QB5 is more in line with keeping the game a draw. White now starts making a target of his Rooks.

- 29. . . . .        P-KR3
- 30. P-Q5           . . . .

Making a target of the Pawn, too.

- 30. . . . .        N-K2
- 31. R-R5           NxP

And the tide has changed.

- 32. N-Q4           N-B6
- 33. N-B6?          . . . .

That did it. It's been a hard fought game. It happens so often in these kind of games that a Knight will fork a Rook, but in this case White had an opportunity to get out of it. Yes, he thought it was "tit for tat" overlooking Black's check.

- 33. . . . .        R-Q8 ch
- 34. K-N2           NxR
- 35. N-N4           R-N8
- 36. Resigns

P R O B L E M      C O R N E R

Solution to Problem No. 8: 1. R-B5

Problem No. 9 by Ivan Vegvary

BLACK (1)

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WHITE (9)

White to play and mate in three moves. Solution next month.