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PRECITA VALLEY-COLLE TEAM MATCH DRAWN 3-3

At the Colle Chess Club in San Francisco Colle battled to a 3-3 draw. It turning out to a return match in the very near future.

PRECITA VALLEY (3)	COLLE (3)	
J. Cook.....	0	W. Pattullo..... 1
J. Reynolds.....	1	L. Wheeler..... 0
R. Blakemore.....	0	A. Christ..... 1
J. Ramirez.....	1	W. Crabtree..... 0
I. Vegvary.....	0	I. Label..... 1
E. Nakamura.....	1	Forfeit..... 0
Total	3	Total 3

LADDER RESULTS - April 19th

Ivan Vegvary 7, John Ramirez 1.
Paul Bogosian 1, Bob Blakemore 0.
Jim Reynolds 1, Jim Cook 0.

Standings and Ratings

Noel Renaud.....	1833
Jim Reynolds.....	1344
Paul Bogosian.....	1084
Jim Cook.....	1382
John Ramirez.....	1016
Bob Blakemore.....	946
E. H. Batchelder.....	900
Ivan Vegvary.....	1017
Don Hufnagle.....	700

THE ACTION

Too much of it between John Ramirez and Ivan Vegvary. After all, I thought this was a club where the players try to mix it up a little?? Besides, an upper rung man does not have to accept a challenge from the same man twice in one evening. So don't let John worry you Ivan.

Jim Reynolds played six boards simultaneously, winning 4 and losing 2, to Jim Cook and Bob Blakemore.

Don Hufnagle is the club's newest member. He's a little bashful, men, so help him to challenge you on the ladder. Don didn't get in any tournament games on his first night so the 700 rating is just superfluous.

Iea Renaud, Noel's wife, is recovering from an operation at Mary's Help Hospital. We wish Mrs. Renaud a speedy recovery.

on Friday, April 20, Precita Valley and Colle battled to a 3-3 draw. It turning out to be a draw, the club directors agreed to a return match in the very near future. Here is how the scoring went:

TONIGHT'S THE DEADLINE FOR ENTERING THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY!!

Tonight's the last night you have to enter the Club Championship Tourney which begins next week, May 3rd. Entry blanks may be found on the big table in the club room. A trophy will be awarded the winner and other prizes will be awarded according to the number of players entered. But, TONIGHT'S THE DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP!!

C. D. 's VIEWS

THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS did it again! The Colle-Precita Valley team match report appeared in the Tuesday editions.

Paul Bogosian suggested that to make the championship tourney more interesting especially for the lower rated players we should have a way to determine the "B" and "C" champions of the club at the same time. I believe this can and will be done. The only problem at present is finances. These champions will naturally expect trophies and funds are needed in order to purchase these trophies. More members (and more entries in the tourney) means more funds. We hope it can all be arranged.

Not meaning to steal the show nor this publication's space, but I enjoyed my game so much with Les Wheeler at the Colle Club last Friday that I couldn't resist putting it in our GAMES SECTION on page 2. I think you'll agree it has a pretty ending, or should I say mating combination.

We almost won the match from Colle--, Bob Blakemore had a definite won game but the kibitzers tired him. Ever try to make a move when you hear three or four suggestions in the background? Let's not kibitz tournament games, please! That goes for team matches as well as club tourneys.....

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GAMES SECTION - Notes by Jim Reynolds

Game played at Precita Valley-Colle team match, Friday, April 20, 1956.

Game No. 3

White: Les Wheeler (Colle)

Black: Jim Reynolds (PV)

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING

1. P-Q4 N-KB3

2. N-KB3 . . .

So-o-o, White likes the Colley System.

2. . . . P-Q4

3. P-K3 B-B4

This move stops the regular Colle System and makes White's game an ordinary Queen's Pawn Opening. The move has been analyzed from here to Siberia with most analysts making it a questionable positional move for Black, considering that in most variations Black is faced with locking the Bishop out with P-K3. Also it is argued that White can chase the Bishop back or trade it in his favor after moving 4. N-R4. Dr. Max Euwe points out that Black need not retreat along the original diagonal but may move 4...., B-N3; 5. NxB, RPxN giving Black an open Rook file making it dangerous for White to O-O. This writer has had some brilliant games come from this variation with the open Rook file, and many good games with just 3...., B-B4. World champion Mikhail Botvinnik frequently uses this move vs. the QP Opening. When it is unfavorable to allow White's N-R4, Black moves P-KR3 to keep the Bishop in its present diagonal where it aims through the heart of White's ranks. Actually, 4. B-Q3 is White's best answer (Reuben Fine's PCO) but most players favoring the Colle or the QP Opening are reluctant to part with the KB which is intended to be aimed at Black's later castled King.

4. P-B4 . . .

White's most ordinary answer and playable.

4. . . . P-K3

And so Black locks out the Bishop.

5. QN-Q2 B-QN5

6. P-QR3 BxNch

7. BxB O-O

Black errs here. He should move 7...., P-KR3 before O-O, giving the Bishop its retreat post. White didn't take advantage by playing 8. N-R4, probably fearing 8...., B-N5 since B took B instead of QxB on White's 7th.

8. P-B5 P-KR3

9. B-K2 N-B3

10. O-O R-K1

11. N-R4 . . .

This is no good now since the Bishop has a good retreat post.

11. . . . B-R2

12. P-QN4 P-QR3

To stop 13. P-N5.

13. R-K1 P-K4

14. PxB NxB

15. B-QB3 P-B3

16. N-B3 N/4-N5

17. P-KR3 N-K5!

The start of a beautiful combination. The idea intended is if 18. PxB, NxB forcing a Queen move by White and also eliminating any possibility of White lining up his queen and Bishop toward Black's castled K.

18. BxB N/N5xBP!

18...., KxB doesn't exactly lose for Black but it has him facing a wide open middle game with an open King which is positionally bad.

19. Q-Q41 . . .

And now White threatens mate in two. Black has the obvious defense of 19...., P-B3 but this loses a pawn and really has the Black King out as a target or for an old-fashioned "King Hunt", so-o-o.....

REYNOLDS

r . . q r . k .

. p . . . p B b

P . p P

. . P p

. P . Q n

P . . . P N . P

. . . . B n P .

R . . . R . K .

WHEELER

1Position after 19. Q-Q4

19. . . . Q-B2!

A subtle move by which Black threatens mate in three should White attempt to carry out his mate in two, only Black never allows White's move two since his ensuing moves are all with checks.

20. BxB? . . .

Evidently Black's last was so subtle White didn't see it! White makes the outcome more doubtful with 20. B-K5 though Black seems to have a positional edge in the game.

20. . . . NxBch

21. K-R1 N/5-B7 mate.

If 21. PxB, Q-N6ch and mate next move.

A beautiful game! All brought about by the debatable move of 3...., B-B4??!!