

JUMBLED RACE FOR SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIP

With the Colle team upsetting the highly favored Botvinnik team 4-2 last week while Alekhine was holding the defending champs, the Evans team, to a 3-3 draw, the race for the Summer Championship has become quite jumbled. The final score in the Keres-Showalter match was $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ in favor of the Showalter team. The Max Lange team is the only undefeated team in the league at present but they have only played one match to date. So, here is how the picture looks:

El Camino Real League Standings

| Team | Match | Score | GW | GL |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Showalter..... | 3 | 1 | $15\frac{1}{2}$ | $8\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Botvinnik..... | 2 | 1 | 10 | 8 |
| Colle..... | 2 | 1 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | $8\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Max Lange..... | 1 | 0 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Evans..... | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 7 |
| Alekhine..... | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $12\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Keres..... | 0 | 2 | 4 | 8 |

No doubt CFNC's latest list of ratings has affected the teams. Such strong teams as Botvinnik and Evans apparently are bothered, causing radical changes in their line-ups. Perhaps we shall see more upsets, making the outcome doubtful until the last match is played.

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY

Results, July 5, 1956

Jim Reynolds 1, John Ramirez 0.
Bob Blakemore-Jim Cook, game adjourned.

Standings

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Jim Cook..... | 5 | 0 |
| Noel Renaud..... | 5 | 0 |
| Jim Reynolds..... | 4 | 1 |
| John Ramirez..... | 3 | 3 |
| Jack Craig..... | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Bob Blakemore..... | 2 | 2 |
| Ivan Vegvary..... | 2 | 6 |
| Paul Bogosian..... | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Don Hufnagel..... | 0 | 6 |

SHOWALTER AWAY - KERES HERE TONIGHT

The Showalter team will be playing at the Carroll Ogden Chess Club tonight vs. the Max Lange team. The Keres team will hold the fort here, hosting the Alekhine team of the Marin Chess Club.

C. D. 's VIEWS

THE PRECITA VALLEY CHESS CLUB received a nice letter and invitation from San Quentin. The invitation is for our club members to play an equal amount of players at San Quentin some evening. The tentative date is Friday, August 3.

A. R. Castellanos has donated some CHESS ARCHIVES for the club members to browse through or study. You will find them on the big table in the clubroom.

Paul Bogosian says that Precita Valley Chess Club members only may obtain 50% discount on watches, jewelry, and other items in this line. Those interested see Mr. Bogosian.

The Fifth Avenue Shop For Men will give 15% discount to Precita Valley Chess Club members only. This shop is located at 940 Market Street and not at 585 Market as previously reported.

Your C.D. doesn't mean to be a dictator but he'd rather see more "mixing up" among the members rather than see two players glued to each other all night. When you finish a game take a glance around and see if you can play another member rather than the one just played-- it helps your own game.

LADDER TOURNEY

Results, July 5, 1956

Julio Ercolini 2, Jack Craig 2.

(see what I mean!!)

Ivan Vegvary 1, John Ramirez 0.

Standings and Ratings

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Noel Renaud..... | 1860 |
| Jim Cook..... | 1616 |
| Bob Blakemore..... | 1117 |
| Ivan Vegvary..... | 1126 |
| John Ramirez..... | 1124 |
| Jim Reynolds..... | 1369 |
| Paul Bogosian..... | 1083 |
| Jack Craig..... | 1063 |
| E. H. Batchelder..... | 900 |
| Don Hufnagel..... | 746 |
| Jess Silver..... | 744 |
| Dr. Earl F. Weyer..... | 750 |
| A. R. Castellanos..... | 1533 |
| Julio Ercolini..... | 1058 |
| Ed Russell..... | 1348 |

Control: 2000 & above- Expert: 1500 to 1999- A: 1000-1499- B: Below 1000- C.

GAMES SECTION - Notes by Noel Renaud

Game No. 8

Team match game played June 14, 1956 at the San Bruno Chess Club, San Bruno.

White: James Cook (Showalter)

Black: Lou Tomori (Evans)

1. P-Q4 N-KB3

2. B-N5 . . .

A psychological move. Not too good unless your opponent is so upset that he plays badly as in this game. He has a sound reply in either N-K5 or P-K3.

A game in Moscow (1945) Kotov-Boleslavsky continued 2... N-K5; 3. B-B4, P-Q3; 4. P-KB3, N-KB3; 5. P-K4, P-KN3; 6. Q-Q2, QN-Q2 and Boleslavsky won in 29 moves.

2. . . . P-KR3?

3. ExN KPxB

Black's Kingside is already compromised. NPxB is better.

4. P-K4 P-Q4

5. B-Q3 N-B3

6. N-K2 B-K2

7. N-Q2 B-KN5

Here O-O is none too attractive but safer since he cannot keep the Bishop on the Kingside.

8. P-KB3 B-K3

If B-R4; 9. N-KB4 disposes of the Bishop.

9. N-KB4 PxP

Should not try to win a pawn as he will be weak on the White squares after the exchange.

10. NxB PxN

11. ExP QxP

Black has his pawn at the cost of a bad position.

12. B-N6ch K-B1

13. Q-K2 N-K4

Why not try to exchange Queens on his own terms with Q-K4.

14. Q-K4 R-Q1?

This is very dangerous. B-B4 is better. It carries some threats and makes it possible to bring the King into relative safety and the Rooks into play.

15. O-O-O NxB

16. QxN Q-N3?

Now all Black's pieces are tied up. Q-KB5 gains an important tempo and enables him to either exchange Queens or force White to relinquish his stranglehold.

17. KR-K1 B-N5

18. N-B4 RxBch

19. RxB Q-B4

20. P-B3 . . .

An escape must be provided for the King to make it possible to pick up the Rook.

20. . . . QxN

21. R-Q8ch K-K2

22. RxB BxP

The checks accomplish nothing.

23. R-K8ch K-Q3

24. R-Q8ch K-B4

25. PxB QxRP

26. R-Q2 Q-R6ch

27. R-N2 . . .

This is all very slow but White has a won game and is taking no chances.

27. . . . Q-R8ch

28. Q-N1 Q-R6

29. K-Q2 Q-R5

30. R-N4! . . .

This move should force the exchange of Queens if followed properly.

30. . . . Q-B3

31. K-Q3? . . .

An awkward looking move. Q-Q3 forces the issue.

31. . . . Q-Q4ch

32. R-Q4 Q-KB4ch

33. R-K4 Q-Q4ch

34. K-K2 K-B3

35. P-QB4 Q-QB4

36. Q-N5ch QxQ

37. PxQch KxB

38. RxB . . .

The Rook will pick up all Kingside pawns.

38. . . . P-QR4

39. R-K7 K-B3

40. RxBNP P-N4

41. K-Q3 K-N3

42. R-N6 P-R5

43. RxBch K-R4

44. RxB P-B4

45. K-B3 P-N5ch

46. K-B4 P-R6

47. R-R8 . . .

Effectively paralyzes all Black's pawns.

47. . . . K-N3

48. R-R8 K-B3

49. R-R5 . . .

Could also play 49. RxB, PxB; 50. K-N3.

49. . . . K-N3

50. R-R4 Resigns

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