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P. V. 's SWISS SYSTEM TOURNEY STARTS OFF WITH A BANG !!!
ALLEN SCORES UPSET OVER COOK !! HUENAGEL TOPPLES BARTON !!

Precita Valley's Swiss System Tourney for the "open" championship (in all grades) of the club got off to a bang of a start (everybody knocking over pieces with the jitters) on Thursday evening, December 6th. The club director (going haywire working odd hours) had the tourney starting on November 22nd when the club was closed for Thanksgiving. Things did get straightened out, however, and actually the first game was played on Nov. 29th, Leighton Allen scoring a surprising win over co-champion James Cook.

All the other games were played Dec. 6th with the young and upcoming Don Hufnagel scoring a little upset over veteran Carl Barton. The remaining six games went according to respective ratings even though Walt Lewis got a win because Bob Blakemore failed to show up for their encounter. But, Jim Reynolds got a scare from his old jinx, Paul Bogosian. Paul got a Rook for a Pawn early in the game, but Jim kept Paul's King Rook pinned in all during the game until he won it back near the finish.

Sixteen players are participating in the tourney altogether, with James Cook, Noel Renaud, and Jim Reynolds after the "open" championship; Leighton Allen, Carl Barton, Bob Blakemore, Paul Bogosian, John Ramirez, Ed Russell, and Ivan Vegvary shooting for the "open" B championship; and Henry Brauns, Julio Ercolini, Don Hufnagel, Douglas Jerdet, Walt Lewis, and Rich Moreno battling for the "open" C championship.

Here are the first round scores:
Leighton Allen 1, James Cook 0.
Ivan Vegvary 1, Rich Moreno 0.
Don Hufnagel 1, Carl Barton 0.
Jim Reynolds 1, Paul Bogosian 0.
Julio Ercolini 1, Douglas Jerdet 0.
Noel Renaud 1, John Ramirez 0.
Ed Russell 1, Henry Brauns 0.
Walt Lewis 1, Bob Blakemore 0 (forfeit).

It is hoped that the club will be able to afford trophies for the winners. This is very possible, but if not, book prizes will have to be substituted.

Round 2 must be played on or before December 20th. See page 3 for the pairing of players for the 2nd round.

HOROWITZ EXHIBITION & LECTURE TO BE
HELD AT PRECITA-VALLEY IN FEBRUARY 1957

I. E. "Al" Horowitz, international chess master and editor of CHESS REVIEW, is scheduled for an exhibition and lecture at the Precita Valley Chess Club in Feb., 1957. A definite date for this event will be announced in the very near future. The board fee for this exhibition and lecture will be \$2.50 per board. Those interested please reserve a board through Noel Renaud, club treasurer. See C.D.'s VIEWS, page 2, for address. Those interested in just looking in will be charged 15¢.

This exhibition should prove interesting since Mr. Horowitz is well known for his tireless efforts in promoting chess in America so don't be foolish and miss it! As Al Horowitz wrote to the club director, "When I give an exhibition, the customers are always right." He also states that lectures are his forte, so be assured you will get more than your money's worth!

C F N C N O T E SEl Camino Real League Results.

Botvinnik 4, Alekhine 2.
 San Quentin 5½, Colle ½.
 Reti 4, Keres 2.
 Botvinnik 4½, Showalter 1½.
 Evans 3, Reti 3.
 Nimzovich 5½, Keres ½.

Standings

Team	Match	Score	GW	GL
Botvinnik.....	2	0	8½	3½
Reti.....	1½	½	7	5
San Quentin.....	1	0	5½	½
Nimzovich.....	1	0	5½	½
Evans.....	½	½	3	3
Alekhine.....	0	1	2	4
Showalter.....	0	1	1½	4½
Colle.....	0	1	½	5½
Keres.....	0	2	2½	9½

KERES (2)		RETI (4)	
J. Ercolini....	0	W. Rawley.....	1
J. Ramirez....	0	B. Zeiler.....	1
R. Blakemore... 0	C. Wilson.....	1	
P. Bogosian.... 1	M. Schwartz....	0	
F. Vegvary.... 1	E. Daniloff....	0	
D. Hufnagel.... 0	R. Hoppe.....	1	
Totals	2		4

THE ACTION AROUND THE LEAGUE

Congratulations to San Quentin's chess team! Their debut in the league---, a 5½-½ walloping of the Colle Group!

As usual Botvinnik rates as the favorite to dump Showalter from the title and also Bay Area champs, Evans. However, San Quentin looms as a threat, at least to the league title, and then again, don't count anybody out!

Biggest surprise so far was the 3-3 tie between Evans and Reti. On the individual boards, a draw between Don Taggart (Botvinnik) and Jim Reynolds (Showalter) was a mild surprise.

Whereas the ratings seemed to hurt Botvinnik and Evans during the Summer they seemed to have helped them this present schedule. It appears that this time the Showalter team is hurt.

SWISS SYSTEM TOURNEY NOTES

The following are the pairings for the 2nd round of the P.V.C.C. Swiss System tourney. The games are to be played on or before December 20th. Players not appearing for their games on or before 8:30 p.m. forfeits unless opponent agrees to play anyway.

WHITE

Jim Reynolds
 Julio Ercolini
 Ed Russell
 Ivan Vegvary
 Douglas Jerdet
 Carl Barton
 Bob Blakemore
 James Cook

BLACK

Leighton Allen
 Noel Renaud
 Don Hufnagel
 Walt Lewis
 Henry Brauns
 Richard Moreno
 John Ramirez
 Paul Bogosian

Players are reminded that they are not lost if they are defeated in the first couple of rounds. This especially goes for the "B" and "C" players--, the highest scoring "B" wins and the same for "C". The matchings are lopsided on purpose on the first 2 rounds merely to get winners against winners and losers against losers. And, remember, anything can happen in a Swiss tourney. This has already been proved in the first round with a couple of surprising results. The tourney goes for six rounds.

Highlights

The way Ivan Vegvary blitzed Rich Moreno shows a vast improvement in this young hopeful. We still predict him to be in the thick of international chess when he becomes of age. Ivan is also proving himself in the team matches, drawing with Shirley Morrison and defeating Elena Daniloff, both his betters in the ratings.

Don Hufnagel, though errant with his playing, also is coming along. He proved this in a win over Carl Barton. Don, incidentally, was the winner of the book consolation prize in the club championship tourney.

Henry Brauns barely made it in time to play Ed Russell, his new Volkswagon failing him--, better get a Cadillac!

GAMES SECTION

Edited by NOEL RENAUD

Guest Annotator: JIM REYNOLDS

THANK YOU, NOEL, for allowing me to be guest annotator. Actually I think Jim Cook should share your GAMES SECTION this time since he knows his own games well (as I do mine). However, this does give me a chance to make notes on games besides my own. As a matter of fact, I wasn't even around when these games were played. This, in other words, is my first attempt at analyzing games other than my own for any publication. It is fitting that these two games are played by one of our co-champions and in the section of our club periodical edited by our other co-champion. Needless to say, I respect both champions!

The following games were played at San Quentin--, one of them counted but I fail to remember which one. At any rate, I feel they are both well played.

Game No. 15

WHITE: James Cook

BLACK: Nolte

SICILIAN DEFENSE

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 3. P-KN3 | ... |

Something new? Not exactly. This could be called the start of the KINGS INDIAN IN REVERSE favored heavily some two years ago by Larry Evans, former U.S. champion, against most any kind of defense selected by Black. It is sort of a Vienna variation except that in the Vienna White plays 2. N-QB3 rather than the text. Also it leads into the CATALAN SYSTEM of the Reti Opening in some cases. 1., P-QB4 being the characteristic move of the Sicilian it remains as such regardless of what White chooses to play.

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| 3. | N-QB3 |
| 4. P-B3 | ... |

Now White does use something new! This move was first introduced against the Sicilian by Alappin vs. Macrozy at the turn of the century, but played as

White's second move. It temporarily drove the Sicilian Defense into the storage closet. Through the years, however, the Sicilian has had a habit of coming out of storage with new variations. One of these times was the early 1930's and in 1932 Alekhine came up with the text move on a deferred 3rd move, i.e. 1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. P-B3! Again the Sicilian was driven back to storage. In recent times the Sicilian was revived again, popularized by the new "Dragon Variation", but Alekhine's old deferred P-QB3 (among other new lines for White) seemed to knock it out. The object of the Sicilian, of course, is to stop White's center, but P-QB3 by White, in most cases, seems to offset this theory. Perhaps Mr. Cook's even later P-QB3 will once again put the Sicilian in moth balls!

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| 4. | P-K4 |
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Black already seems to be demoralized. With the text he weakens his QP which I'm sure will become a target later for White. N-B3 was called for or he could even resort (as a try) to the Dragon Variation (P-KN3 followed by B-N2).

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| 5. P-Q3 | |
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Believe P-Q4 immediately would have been better here since that is the idea behind White's P-QB3.

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| 5. | N-B3 |
| 6. B-N2 | P-KR3 |

A waste of time--, Black is already behind in development.

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| 7. O-O | Q-B2 |
| 8. R-K1 | B-K3 |

I can see no object to this move, especially when he decides later that N5 was a better place for this piece.

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| 9. P-Q4 | BPxP |
| 10. PxP | B-N5 |
| 11. P-Q5 | N-Q5 |
| 12. N-B3 | B-K2 |
| 13. B-K3 | NxN ch |

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- 14. BxN BxB
- 15. QxB O-O
- 16. QR-B1 Q-B5

Since the QP is backward and weak, why not 16....., Q-Q2 with a chance to later exploit White's weakened castled King since the missing of the KB leaves a gaping hole.

- 17. Q-K2 QxQ

As said with the weak QP it's no time to trade Queens, helping White to attack at that.

- 18. RxQ KR-QB1

Hate to say it, but--, wrong Rook.

- 19. P-B3 P-KN4
- 20. P-KN4 K-N2
- 21. KR-QB2 N-Q2
- 22. N-N5 RxB
- 23. RxB N-B4
- 24. P-N4 P-QR3?1

How did he miss it--, that is 24....., N-Q6! with some objectives, i.e. 24...., N-Q6!; 25. P-QR3, N-K8; 26. R-KB2, R-QB1 with chances to win, or at least draw.

NOLTE

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. p . . b p k .
P . . P . . P
. N n P p . p .
. P . . P . P .
. . . . B P . .
P . R . . . . P
. . . . . K .

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COOK

1Position after 24....., P-QR3?

- 25. NxP! . . .

And the weak QP falls and as you can see in the following moves White knows what he is doing as the rest becomes easy. We can't blame Black for failing to see the fact he would loose a Pawn with his 24th move, giving White a very strategical passed Pawn.

- 25. . . . BxN
- 26. PxN R-QB1
- 27. R-B1 B-B2
- 28. R-QN1 R-QN1
- 29. P-Q6 B-R4
- 30. P-B6 P-N4
- 31. P-B7 R-QB1
- 32. P-Q7 Resigns

Space not permitting to go into explicit details (though such would be instructive in the following game), I will only make these remarks on this game. It seems Jim Cook must keep a lot of company with Gil Ramirez, Calif. champ and "open" champ. His first move as Black indicates such as Gil once advised yours truly to try the move 1....., P-K3 vs. 1. P-Q4. I call it a sort of "hurry up" Nimzo-Indian Defense except that Black plays 3....., N-K2 instead of the usual N-KB3. Knowing what I do about this particular approach to White's 1. P-Q4 I am inclined to call it the RAMIREZ DEFENSE. Outside of saying the end game is interesting I'll let you readers play out the game.

Game No. 16

WHITE: Nolte
BLACK: James Cook

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | B-N5 ch |
| 3. N-B3 | N-K2 |
| 4. P-K3 | P-Q4 |
| 5. P-B4 | N-B4 |
| 6. N-B3 | N-B3 |
| 7. B-Q3 | N-Q3 |
| 8. P-QB5 | N-K5 |
| 9. BxN | PxB |
| 10. N-K5 | BxN ch |
| 11. PxB | NxN |
| 12. BPxN | Q-R5 ch |
| 13. P-N3 | Q-R6 |
| 14. Q-K2 | O-O |
| 15. B-R3 | P-QB3 |
| 16. O-O-O | B-Q2 |
| 17. QR-KB1 | Q-R3 |
| 18. R-B4 | P-B4 |
| 19. KR-B1 | P-KN4 |
| 20. R/4-B2 | Q-R6 |
| 21. Q-N2 | QR-N1 |
| 22. Q-Q2 | R-B2 |
| 23. P-B4 | QR-KB1 |
| 24. P-Q5 | P-B5 |
| 25. NPxP | NPxP |
| 26. RxF | RxB |
| 27. RxB | RxB |
| 28. PxB | QxB ch |
| 29. K-N1 | Q-Q6 ch |
| 30. QxQ | PxQ |

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31. P-Q6 K-N2 40. K-B3 P-K4
 32. K-B1 K-N3 41. K-K3 P-K5
 33. K-Q2 K-B4 42. K-Q4 K-B5
 34. KxP KxP 43. K-B3 P-K6
 35. K-Q4 P-KR4 44. K-Q3 K-B6
 36. P-KR4 P-R4 45. P-Q7 BxP
 37. P-R4 B-B1 47. Resigns
 38. K-Q3 KxP
 39. K-K3 K-B4

Game No. 17 - Notes by Noel Renaud
 Played Nov. 7, S.F. Junior Championship

WHITE: Ron Amsden

BLACK: Don Hufnagel

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING

1. P-Q4 P-Q4

2. P-K3 . . .

Not recommended. If the Colle System is intended he should first play 2.

N-KB3, N-KB3; 3. P-K3.

2. . . . N-KB3

3. N-QB3 N-B3

4. N-B3 B-N5

5. B-N5 . . .

Since White elected to play a defensive game with 2. P-K3 it would be more consistent to play 5. B-K2.

5. . . . P-K3

6. BxN ch PxB

7. P-KR3 B-R4

8. Q-Q3? . . .

This move gives White a bad position. Since castling is not attractive why not play N-K2 with equal chances.

8. . . . B-N3!

9. Q-Q2? . . .

From bad to worse--, Q-K2 was necessary.

9. . . . B-N5

10. N-K5 N-K5!

11. NxQBP? . . .

Loses a piece.

11. . . . Q-Q3

12. Q-K2 NxN

There was no hurry for this. QxN wins the piece and increases pressure on B6.

13. Q-R6 N-K5 dis.ch

14. K-B1 O-O

15. NxB QxN

16. P-R3 Q-K2

17. P-KB3 . . .

Loses the exchange. Q-K2 is necessary and on 17...., Q-B3 either 18. Q-B3 or K moves.

17. . . .

18. K-N1

19. KxN

20. Q-N5

21. Q-B5

22. K-R2

23. QxRP

24. P-KN3

N-N6ch

NxR

BxP

B-B4

Q-R5

QR-N1

P-QB3

Q-B3

Here he misses the opportunity of ending White's misery with 24...., QxRP ch; 25. K-N1, QxP ch; 26. K-R1 (if K-B1 B-Q6 mate), B-R6.

25. P-KN4

B-Q6

26. B-Q2

QxRP

27. B-N4

R-R1

Quite useless as Black has mate in two moves.

28. Q-B7

R(B)-B1

Bad as White could now bring the queen back to N3 and block the mate.

29. Q-N7

Refuses Black's generosity and insists on keeping his Queen out of play.

29. . . .

Q-B7 ch

At last he sees the mate.

White resigns.

WANTED !!!

GAMES, GAMES, AND MORE GAMES for the GAMES SECTION of the CHESS HERALD!!! Don't be bashful--, either send them in or bring them in to Noel Renaud, editor of the Games Section.

**SHOWALTER TRAVELS TO SAN BRUNO--
 KERES TO SAN QUENTIN**

The Showalter team will travel to San Bruno next week, December 13th, to encounter the Evans team there at North Brae School. Showalter won the last time 4-2 so Evans will be after revenge. Better get on your best playing shoes, men!

The Keres team will travel to San Quentin sometime this month to do battle with the fine team there. This is San Quentin's very first time in league play. They're tough, too, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ over Colle! You have a job on your hands, men! Julio Ercolini will advise his team members of the date of this match.

MERRY CHRISTMAS---HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!