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## 1951 SACRAMENTO CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP STARTS NEXT WEDNESDAY!

All you pawn-pushers take heed. This year's tournament will again be held on a Swiss System, with one round scheduled for each two weeks. You must be present this Wednesday to enter the tournament. Some twelve players have already entered, and the writer hopes another dozen follows suit. While on the subject of this tournament, it might be well to mention that the meeting place of the Chess Club has now changed. Meetings will be held on Wednesday as usual, only at the Chinese Republic Restaurant at 921 Third Street. Meeting will be on the balcony, reserved for chessplayers only. Plenty of tables, good lights, warm, food and drinks available. We are sure those of you who haven't seen this location will like it as much as we do. Also, parking is easier. So remember the new meeting place - and tournament.

The annual business meeting and election of officers was held last week. By a narrow margin, George Flynn is our new President over Sam Johnson, who retains his position as "Veep". Position of Sec-Treasurer remains unchanged, due mainly to the fact that no one else seems to want it. We are very much indebted to our past President, Jim Marianos, for giving the chess club a hypo and bringing in a lot of new players and members. And while we couldn't have picked a better choice for this year than Geo. Flynn, we sincerely hope Jim Marianos continues to work as hard for the chess club in the future. More members like George and Jim, and we'd have a much larger club. Further along in the election, we find new appointees to be R. Russell as Tournament Chairman, ably assisted by Neil Austin for the first few rounds. We believe running a tournament will be right up Russell's alley. Austin remains on as Team Captain - he enjoys it - and brother he can have it. No one else in the Club wants to be in that hot seat. More power to you, Neil. We hope the players will better support your matches this coming year.

A major change in policy was made by the Chess Club in regards to this news bulletin, which is put out as often as we can do so. Our first issue went out last year on Feb. 25, the 17th issue on Christmas Day. Our original idea was to send it to all chessplayers in and around Sacramento, in order to build up interest in chess. Cost of materials is carried by the Chess Club, while the mimeographing and other is donated by members. In short, we have now arrived at a point where our circulation makes the bulletin too heavy a load for our Treasury to carry. It was decided that the "News" will still go free of charge to all paid up members of the Club. To non-dues paying chessplayers, cost will be \$1 per year. This is done only to underwrite the cost of publication, and all moneys collected will be kept strictly separate and accounted for in the "News" periodically. We are attaching on the bottom of this page a subscription form, please fill it out, enclose a dollar and send to the above address. This will keep your name on the list and also keep our costs from getting out of hand. -- The 1949 Yearbook has finally been published, this will be sent as a gift if you want one, just let us know when you send in your subscription.

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Enclosed find \$1, for which enter my subscription to Sacramento Chess News for the year of 1951.

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(signed)



## CLASS LETTER

I don't know if it is customary to write about chess masters. Very little has been said about common pawn pushers. The difference between these categories is that the masters make all good moves - while the pushers make one good move, and then one bad. As far as moving the pieces from one square to the other - all such moves can be good at the proper time - and at other times it may be a poor move. P-K4 is a good and usual move to begin with. Then you follow the book for a few moves - if your memory holds out. After that you are on your own and trouble begins.

When your opponent is a good player you only need to make one bad move and you are generally sunk. What one should do in such a case is to take some desperate chances. The game is lost anyway playing along careful, because the better man is playing more careful yet. This is said although this writer is no good at these desperate moves. Or rather it should be said he does not try. Perhaps this is an attempt to talk myself into it.

In the chess magazines we find games printed of this order. It is shown how a chess master has won a game by sacrificing one or more important pieces. Perhaps this same master thought he was in a fix and on the losing side. So he takes this gamble. Then the games in which he loses this gamble will not be printed. Only those games in which he won, and which are of interest, will be printed.

More should be said along these lines and probably will. The thought comes along we have to say something about Sacramento - as we have here a pawn pusher paper (and let brother Gee keep his mittens down). The paper is all right. There is no reason why the pawn pushers should not have a paper.

Having its own paper you get to thinking the Sacramento Chess Club should be of importance and something to count on. But the Wednesday meeting shows rather a lack of interest. No tournaments going on. The result is also shown in the licking administered by the Fresno Club. Perhaps we can get together a New Years resolution to try and do better.

We are now going to say a few words about our star reporter, George Flynn. Perhaps I know him better than others. Because I used to come over to his house on 25th street, and we had plenty of games. At that time his father retired and came home. While we were playing chess his father used to make sandwiches, and we kidded him he was such a good cook. That sure tickled him. He was as nice a man as you will ever meet. And to think the old man has now been in the hospital for years, I don't know how long. If I remember correctly he is in hospital at Livermore, and George goes that far to see him. Let us hope he will improve in this new year and get well.

George also has a nice sister who is a lawyer, no less.

Considering all these relations we know that George is a busy man - with all these chess problems - and reporting to two chess papers. That alone would keep an ordinary person busy. But he is also working on railroads. Now working on railroads will keep a man busy considering that some run as far as from San Francisco to New York. Others run as far as from Canada to Mexico. Many railroaders have all they can handle with one of these runs. But not so with George. He is working for two railroads. That is what gets me.

Johnson & Co., Pawn Pusher.

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Newell Banks, world champion blindfold checker player, and an outstanding exponent of simultaneous chess and checker exhibitions, played here Friday night at the Y. He met nine chessplayers, and four checker pushers. One checker game turned out a draw, and Austin and Gee secured draws in the chess games, with Banks cleaning the other boards and losing no games. Banks plays a very solid positional game of chess and it is difficult to work up any pressure against him - but who are we to refuse obtaining draws with visiting masters? While we won't mention names, some good players lost to Banks in the chess games. But after the poor turnout, Ye Ed wouldn't suggest a simultaneous even if Botvinnik were coming here. They just do not go over well in Sacramento for some reason. Let's get some enthusiasm into this chess fun - a tournament is coming on right now. After that, we'll get something else to rolling pronto to keep up interest.



## COMMENTS

by Flynn

Stockton 5, Sacramento 4. And so we lose another. Ah, well. This time there was no lop-sided score, and we lost with honor, at least. Actually the match was very exciting, and undecided until the last game was finished.

Once again we were handicapped by missing players. Milt Meyer, Jim Marianos, Steve Spaulding, Ralph Stagg, Dick Chapman--to name five who would have helped a lot, but just couldn't make it. On the other hand, we were reinforced by Steve Kozen, who picked up his point nicely.

Sam Johnson won his game, a tough one. And so did Norm Talcott, who reports a very even contest, which he won only by virtue of one good move. Gee and I drew--our other players lost.

R. E. Russell felt kinda bad, losing his first match game through overlooking an "En Passant" pawn capture. Well, you shouldn't be downhearted, Russ. You've still got the best score of any of us, and besides a fellow does funny things under the pressure of match games.

I played M. E. Mattingly, and had more fun than in any game I've played for a long time. I got a pawn out of the opening, but ran into a wild King-side pawn advance. Mattingly really threw the works at me. And I was having fits trying to hold things together. I managed to hang on, even won another pawn. But I got in time trouble, and tried a combination with a big hole in it. That did it, and I was lucky to end up with opposite color bishops and a book draw. Exciting, you bet.

The Stockton-Fresno match should be a dandy, and it is for the good of the League that these two teams are coming up strong. San Jose looks like the best this year, but who can tell about next? We should be better next year, and Modesto may get back in shape. With a year's experience, Pittsburg will be dangerous. And if Stockton and Fresno keep coming along, it will be a wild scramble, and perhaps no team will be undefeated.

Our city tournament starts this Wednesday and there will be several dark horses in the race. J. B. Gee is the standout choice for first place, but in a short tournament anything can happen. Jerry Keiffer, Ralph Stagg, R. E. Russell, and Earl Waters are four dangerous players who have never entered before. Look out, regulars!

Anyway, it will be a great battle. It is difficult sometimes in the city tournament because we are all friends, and you sort of hate to defeat a friend. And yet, on the other hand, you hate to lose. So the only possible solution is to play your darndest, and let the chips fall where they may. And no hard feelings about it. When I lose a game, I feel just like Sam Johnson when he said: "The only person I get mad at is myself!"

And, boy, has everybody been making me mad at myself lately. Wow! J. B. Gee beat me five in a row. N. Simonson beat me. Jim Hardy beat me. Austin likewise. And last week, Sam Johnson. Take it easy, fellows. You're gonna have me foaming at the mouth.

We have a new meeting place...The Chinese Republic Restaurant, on third street, between Eye & J. There is a nice balcony upstairs for play, with more room than we now have. And, of course we can get something to eat...and drink tea out of those little chinese cups. Maybe we can develop some new openings...King's Gambit with Egg Foo Yong. Or the Fried Rice Attack in the Sicilian.

Seriously, it's a very generous offer on the part of Mr. Wong, the proprietor. Mr. Wong plays chess himself and is a friend of our good friend, Dr. Yuke. Let's repay the courtesy of Mr. Wong by patronizing his restaurant whenever possible, and by telling our friends about the good Chinese food down there.

SHORT SNORTS: Orville J. Kline, a strong player, was down last Wednesday, and plans to enter the tournament. R. E. Russell won a prize playing by mail versus George Koitanowski. Neil Austin had his game in the Pittsburg match reprinted in Chess Life, and was complimented by Kit Crittenden, the annotator, on his endgame play. Our Bob Burger (who wrote the Alekhine Articles) had a neat ending published in the British Chess Magazine. Mr. Trousdale, our senior member, would welcome day-time games and opponents at his home - 4241 "U" Street. Phone Hi- 6 2285. Give Mr. Trousdale a ring if you're free in the daytime. You'll both enjoy the games.



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

Neil T. Austin

With San Jose well on the way to sweeping all the League honors, Sacramento is reduced to picking up the wreckage of lost ambitions, and resolving to do better next year, commonly known as the "year of the Big Wind".

A terrific let-down against Fresno, coupled with the absence of top board J. B. Gee, was sufficient to send us down in ignominious defeat. We were playing well against Stockton, but we cannot afford to leave Meyer, Chapman, Stagg, and Marianos at home and expect to win in this League.

The standings follow, with the 4th round San Jose - Oakdale match still unplayed.

1. San Jose	4 - 0	31½ - 5½
2. Fresno	3 - 1	23½ - 11½
3. Stockton	3 - 1	18 - 16
4. Sacramento	2 - 2	17½ - 15½
5. Modesto	1 - 4	15½ - 25½
6. Oakdale	½ - 2½	8 - 20
7. Pittsburg	½ - 3½	8 - 28

San Jose again leads in the race for the B Championship, to be decided by the most points from 7th board down.

1. San Jose	7½ - ½
2. Fresno	8 - 3
3. Stockton	5½ - 4½
4. Modesto	4 - 7
5. Pittsburg	3½ - 7½
6. Sacramento	3 - 6
7. Oakdale	1 - 8

Six men still have mathematical chances to win or tie in the individual championship, decided by most wins at 1st board.

		Maximum possible
1. Slavich, San Jose	3 - 0	5
2. Jackson, Modesto	3 - 2	4
3. Lamkin, Fresno	2½ - 1½	4½
Strob, Stockton	2½ - 1½	4½
5. Loera, Pittsburg	1½ - 1½	3½
6. Gee, Sacramento	1 - 2	3
7. Adams, San Jose	½ - ½	1½
8. Meyer, Sacramento	0 - 1	2
Garcia, Pittsburg	0 - 1	2
10. Smith, Oakdale	0 - 3	3

Our next match is with Oakdale, Feb. 18, in Sacramento. Oakdale usually brings a full 12 man team, so lets have a good turnout.

THE CHESS DIAGRAM

Solution to #15 (in last issue) 1. P-K5ch., Resigns. For if 1...RxP 2. RxR, RxR, 3. P-B7 R-K 4. R-N8. Or if 1...PxP, 2. P-Q6. R. E. Russell got the correct solution, in the allotted five minutes. How did you do?

#15 is an easy one, not diagrammed. Set up a White King on KR6 and a White Queen on Q12. Black has a pawn on his QB7, Queen on Q6, King on Q7. Black to play and win. Poor endgame play in this type of position often gives a draw instead of a win. How does Black unpin his pawn without running into a perpetual check?

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Keiffer comes up with: Defending 1. P-Q4 by surveying the opinions of my meager store appears very simple. Breyer called 1. P-K4 a fatal mistake. "After this", said he, "White is in the last throes of desperation." Gruenfeld played 1. P-Q4 "because I never make a blunder in the opening". Horowitz considers the choice only a matter of "taste and temperament". Reuben Fine's opinion on the subject appears in his "The Ideas Behind the Chess Openings" in these words "--he is more likely to get an advantage with the Ruy than with any other opening in this category (KP openings) and his chances are about as good with it as with one of the QP openings."



Results of fifth match round played January 14th: (Fresno bye)

Modesto		at	Oakdale	
1.	M. Jackson	1.	C. J. Smith	0.
2.	H. Paul	0.	R. H. Parkhurst	1.
3.	L. Kerfoot	1.	Mrs. C. J. Smith	0.
4.	L. Davis	1.	H. Mortenson	0.
5.	L. Krogness	0.	R. W. Brown	1.
6.	J. Berry	1.	S. Stosted	0.
7.	H. Betker	1.	W. Maxey	0.
8.	Dr. C. J. Cook	1.	S. Sampson	0.
		<u>6</u>		<u>2</u>

San Jose		at	Pittsburg	
1.	J. Slavich	1	G. Garcia	0.
2.	B. Adams	1	R. Tuson	0.
3.	B. Mueller	1	S. Escobar	0.
4.	F. Crofut	1	S. Behrends	0.
5.	L. Daugherty	1	F. Weinberg	0.
6.	G. Kirby	1	F. Mahalek	0.
7.	H. O'Shaughnessy	1	B. McLain	0.
8.	G. Van Hooser	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Olvera	$\frac{1}{2}$
9.	E. Innocenti	1	S. Wilson	0.
10.	H. Wood	1	J. Glover	0.
11.	A. Burbridge	1	R. Majors	0.
		<u>10<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u><math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Sacramento		at	Stockton	
1.	J. B. Gee	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Strob	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	N. T. Austin	0.	L. Woolfe	1.
3.	G. W. Flynn	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Mattingly	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	R. E. Russell	0.	P. Hubbard	1.
5.	S. S. Kozen	1.	Ed Labrie	0.
6.	S. G. Johnson	1.	G. Wong	0.
7.	R. McDonald	0.	C. Heynen	1.
8.	N. E. Talcott	1.	W. LeDeux	0.
9.	J. Hardy	0.	Ed Louie	1.
		<u>4</u>		<u>5</u>

Wish I could be as lucky as Sam was in his game at Stockton: Wong vs Johnson,

1. P-Q4 P-Q4, 2. N-KB3 N-KB3, 3. P-K3 P-K3, 4. P-QB4, P-QB3, 5. PXP BPXP, 6. Q-N3 P-QR3, 7. B-Q3 P-KN3, 8. N-B3 B-N2, 9. O-O O-O, 10. B-Q2 N-B3, 11. QR-B N-QR4, 12. Q-B2 N-B5, 13. P-QN3, NxB, 14. NxB P-QN4, 15. N-B3 B-N2, 16. N-K5 R-QB, 17. Q-Q2 N-Q2, 18. P-KB4 NxB, 19. BPXN Q-N3, 20. R-B4 B-R3, 21. R-B3 QXP, 22. R-R3 QXKP(4), 23. RxB P-Q5, 24. PXP QXPch, 25. K-B P-QN5, 26. N-K2 RXPch, 27. NXR R-B, 28. R-R3 Q-RB 29. B-B4 P-KR4, 30. K-B2 Q-B3ch, 31. K-N R-Q, 32. R-Q3 RXP, 33. NXR Q-Q5ch, 34. Q-B2 Q-R3ch, 35. N-K P-QR4, 36. P-KR3 B-K5, 37. K-R2 B-QN8, 38. N-KB3 BXP, 39. Q-Q4 QXQ, 40. NXR P-QR5, 41. N-B2 BXP, 42. RxB PxB, NXP P-N7, Resigns. Never give up!!

LeDeux vs Talcott: 1. P-K4 P-QB4, 2. N-KB3 N-QB3, 3. P-Q4 PXP, 4. NXP P-KN3, 5. NxB NPN, 6. B-Q3 B-KN2, 7. P-QB3 P-Q3, 8. B-K3 P-QB4, 9. N-Q2 N-B3, 10. P-Kr3 O-O, 11. O-O B-N2, 12. Q-N3 R-N, 13. Q-B2 R-B 14. P-QR4 P-Q4 15. PXP NXP 16. B-K4 NxB 17. PxB BxB 18. NxB P-K3 19. QR-Q Q-KR5 20. R-B4 Q-K2 21. P-QN3 B-R3 22. R-B3 P-B4, 23. N-B2 P-K4 24. P-K4 P-B5 25. R-Q5 R-Q 26. N-N4 RXP, 27. NxBch K-N2 28. PXR KXN 29. Q-K4 R-Q 30. P-QN4 PXP 31. PXP P-R4 32. PXP Q-B4ch 33. K-R2 RXP 34. R-B R-Q5 35. Q-K2 QXP 36. R-B Q-Q4 37. R-K7 R-Q7 38. Q-N4 P-B6 39. Q-K4 RXPch 40. K-R QXQ 41. RXP R-K7 42. R-QN4 R-K8ch 43. K-R2 P-B7 44. R-R5ch K-N2 45. R-K4 P-B8(Q) 46. resigns.

A very nice ending attack indeed.

Banks vs Austin (simultaneous) 1 N-KB3 P-Q4 2. P-Q4 P-QB4 3. P-K3 N-KB3 4. P-QB4 QXP 5. BXP P-K3 6. N-B3 P-QR3 7. O-O P-QN4 8. B-Q3 B-N2 9. B-K2 N-Q2 10. P-QN3 B-K2 11. B-N2 O-O 12. Q-B2 PXP 13. NXP R-B 14. Q-Q2 N-B4 15. B-B3 BxB 16. NxB QXQ 17. NXR KR-Q 18. QR-Q N-Q6 19. B-R Drawn. First game finished, a snappy draw too.



LEAGUE RESULTS FOURTH ROUND 19-10-70

Pittsburgh byo.

<u>Sacramento</u>		<u>Fresno</u>	
1. M. Moyer	0.	K. Lankin	1.
2. N. T. Austin	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	H. Kallman	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
3. Geo. Flynn	0.	F. Polouze	1.
4. A. Chapman	0.	E. Cook	1.
5. R. Russell	1.	P. Lanig	0.
6. S. G. Johnson	0.	C. W. Bird	1.
7. Jim Marianos	0.	I. Beck	1.
8. N. Talcott	0	V. Digant	1
	<u>1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>6<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

  

<u>Stockton</u>		<u>Modesto</u>	
1. H. Strob	1.	M. C. Jackson	0.
2. L. Woolfe	1.	L. Kerfoot	0.
3. M. E. Mattingly	1.	H. Bethker	0.
4. Ben Louie	0.	L. Davis	1.
5. Ed Labrie	0.	H. Paul	1.
6. W. Jarvis	0.	L. Krogness	1.
7. M. Sanders	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	Dr. C. J. Cook	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
8. R. Kingery	1.	H. Wante	0.
	<u>4<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>3<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

San Jose, unfortunately, was held up at Livermore by the floods and could not make the schedule. Oakdale is contacting them for a re-match soon.

This round with 3 matches before and 3 to follow the results are as follows:

	Match Points	Game Points
1. Fresno	3	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. San Jose	3	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Sacramento	2	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Stockton	2	13
5. Pittsburgh	$\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Oakdale	$\frac{1}{2}$	5
7. Modesto	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$

The 5th round will be very interesting. Modesto will be trying to get out of the cellar and Oakdale will try to keep up their (Modesto) losing streak. Modesto vs. Oakdale Jan. 14th at Oakdale. It will be up to Pittsburg to keep points enough off San Jose who will have Two chances. (Oakdale and Pittsburg) to move into 1st. place as Fresno is Byc. San Jose vs Pittsburg Jan. 14th at Pittsburg. Sacramento and Stockton will be vying for 3rd place Jan. 14th at Stockton.

The first board Central Valleys League Championship is still wide open with K. Lankin 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Jerry Slavich 2, Henry Strob 2, M. Jackson 2, A. Loera 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , J. B. Gee  $\frac{1}{2}$ , W. T. Adams  $\frac{1}{2}$ , C. J. Smith 0, M. O. Moyer 0.

P. Lang vs. R. E. Russell: 1 P-K4 P-K4, 2 N-KB3 N-QB3, 3 B-B4 N-B3, 4 N-N5 P-Q4  
 5 PXP N-QR4 6. B-N5ch B-Q2, 7 Q-K2 B-Q3, 8 P-Q4 O-O, 9 PXP BXP 10 O-O R-K, 11 Q-Q3  
 BxB 12 QxB QXP, 13 QxQ NxQ, 14 N-KB3 B-Q3, 15 P-QN3 N-QB3, 16 B-R3 N/4-N5, 17 BxN  
 NxB, 18 N-R3 R-K7, 19 N-Q4 R-K5, 20 P-QB3 N-Q4, 21 P-KB3 RxB, 22 PXR BxN, 23 KR-K  
 B-N7, 24 QR-Q B-B6, 25 R-K2 B-N5, 26. K-B2? N-B6, 27 R/2-Q2 NXRch, 28 RxB R-K,  
 29 P-QR4 B-Q3, 30 P-KR3 P-QR4, 31 P-Q5 P-QN3 32 R-Q4 B-QB4 33 Resigns

Results of first round (Stockton Bye) 10-8-50

<u>Oakdale</u>		<u>Fresno</u>		
1.	C. J. Smith	0.	K. Lamkin	0.
2.	O. Vercerek	0.	F. Pelouze	1.
3.	S. Slosted	0.	E. Cook	1.
4.	W. Mahey	0.	P. Lang	1.
5.	V. Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	R. Baker	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
6.	H. Martenson	0.	Dr. Bird	1.
7.	W. Smith	0.	I. Beck	1.
8.	S. Sampson	0.	T. Fries	1.
9.	B. Smith	0.	L. Legler	1.
10.	T. Marenson	0.	H. Kallman	1.
11.	R. Hanley	0.	-----	-----
		$\frac{1}{2}$		$9\frac{1}{2}$

<u>Sacramento</u>		<u>Pittsburg</u>		
1.	J. B. Gee	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Loera	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
2.	M. O. Meyer	1	P. White	0.
3.	Geo. Flynn	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Olvera	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
4.	N. T. Austin	1	H. Lansing	0.
5.	R. E. Russell	1	R. Tuson	0.
6.	S. G. Johnson	1	E. O'Neil	0.
7.	J. T. Marianos	0	S. Behrend	1.
		$\frac{5}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$

<u>Modesto</u>		<u>San Jose</u>		
1.	Monty Jackson	0.	Jerry Slavich	1
2.	E. L. Jeffers	0.	Bill Adams	1
3.	Lee Kerfoot	0.	Bert Mueller	1
4.	Lawrence Davis	0.	Francis Crofut	1
5.	James Berry	0.	H. O'Shaughnessy	1
6.	Herbert Paul	0.	Mark Gazse	1
7.	Leonard Krogness	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	L. Daugherty	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
8.	Herman Wentz	0.	Geary Kirby	1
		$\frac{1}{2}$		$7\frac{1}{2}$

Results of second round (Sacramento Bye) 10-29-50

<u>Oakdale</u>		<u>Pittsburg</u>		
1.	C. J. Smith	0.	A. Loera	1.
2.	S. Wakefield	0.	F. Olvera	1.
3.	S. Sampson	1.	S. Behrens	0.
4.	R. W. Brown	1.	S. J. Escobar	0.
5.	S. Slosted	1.	J. R. Glover	0.
6.	V. Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	H. S. Lansing	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
7.	R. Henley	0.	R. Tuson	1.
8.	B. Smith	0.	P. White	1.
9.	W. Maxey	1.	A. Acquaviva	0.
10.	H. Mortenson			
11.	A. Buerer			
		$4\frac{1}{2}$		$4\frac{1}{2}$

<u>Fresno</u>		<u>Modesto</u>		
1.	H. Lamkin	0.	M. Jackson	1.
2.	H. Kollman	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	L. Kerfoot	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
3.	E. Cook	1.	J. Berry	0.
4.	F. Pelouze	1.	L. Davis	0.
5.	W. McNelis	0.	L. Krogness	1.
6.	I. Beck	0.	H. Paul	1.
7.	C. W. Bird	1.	E. Jeffers	0.
8.	K. Forrest	1.	H. Wente	0.
		$4\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$



Martin vs H. Kallman: 1 P-Q4 P-Q4, 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 N-QB3 N-KB3, 4 B-N5 B-K2, 5 P-K3 N-B3, 6 N-B3 P-KR3, 7 B-R4 P-R3, 8 PXP NXP/4, 9 BxB QxB, 10 NxB PxB, 11 B-Q3 B-N5, 12 Q-B2 BxN, 13 PxB NXP, 14 Q-R4ch N-B3, 15 O-O-O Q-B4ch, 16 K-N P-QN4, 17 Q-KN4, P-N3, 18. Q-KB4 Q-K2, 19 B-B2 P-N4, 20 Q-B5 Q-K3, 21 QxQP QxQ, 22 RxB Q-O, 23 R-Q7 Q2-QB, 24 B-K4 N-K4, 25 R-K7 KR-K, 26 RxBch RxB, 27 R-QB R-K2, 28 B-N7 P-QR4, 29 B-K4 N-B5, 30 R-Q N-Q3 31 B-B6 K-N2, 32 R-Q5 P-QN5, 33 RxBP N-B5, 34 R-Q5 R-K3, 35 B-N5 P-QB3, 36 BxB PxB, 37 BXP R-Q3 38 P-K4 P-B4, 39 K-B2 PXP, 40 BXP K-B3 41 P-QR4 PxBch 42 PXP R-N3, 43 K-B3 K-K4, 44 P-R3 P-R4, 45 B-Q3 K-Q4, 46 B-K2 P-R5 47. B-Q3 K-B4, 48 B-K4 K-N4, 49 K-Q4 K-R5, 50 K-K5 Drawn.

The Newcomers Tournament wound up in a three-way tie for first! Russell beat Keifer, Keifer beat Stagg, and Stagg beat Russell! They won all their other games. Here is the final deciding one, Keifer vs Stagg: 1 P-K4 P-K4, 2 N-KB3 N-QB3, 3 B-N5 P-QR3, 4 B-R4 P-QN4, 5 B-N3 B-B4, 6 P-B3 P-Q3, 7 P-Q4 B-N5, 8 P-KR3 B-K3 9. P-Q5 BxBP, 10 RxB N-R4, 11 Q-K2 Q-Q2, 12 B-K3 P-KB4, 13 BxB PxB, 14 N-N5 N-KB3, 15 QN-Q2 NxB, 16 PxB PXP, 17 QNXP NXP, 18 RxBP, O-O-O, 19 RxB RxB, 20 O-O-O, N-B5, 21 Q-B3 P-Q4, 22 Q-K3 K-B2, 23 P-N3 P-Q5, 24 PXP Q-B3ch, 25 K-N N-Q4, 26 Q-B N-N5, 27 QxQ KxQ, 28 PXP R-K, 29 P-N6, N-Q4, 30 P-B4 P-R4, 31 N-KB3 N-K6, 32 R-Q7 N-B4 33 P-N4 N-R3, 34 RXP NXP, 35 N-B7 N-K6, 36 N-Q5ch K-B4, 37 R-B7ch K-Q5, 38 NXPch K-K4, 39 N-Q6ch KXP, 40 NxB KN, 41 P-K7 R-Q7, 42 N-B5 N-B2 & resigns.

AN OPEN LETTER

November 10, 1950

Mr. George Koltanowski, P. O. Box 124, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Dear George:

I have received the following authentic information which in my opinion merits your consideration, not only as an interested chess enthusiast, but as editor of an excellent chess magazine.

This information deals specifically with a petition of vital importance. It is now being circulated and the Caption thereon reads as follows: "PLEASE DESIGNATE BY SIGNATURE YOUR DESIRE AS TO WHAT TYPE OF TOURNAMENT YOU WANT CONDUCTED FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1951" One: Open Tournament Two: Preliminary Tournament.

My last perusal of the aforementioned document shows 36 signatures. Each of the 36 players are unanimous in their sentiments and unhesitatingly voted for an OPEN EVENT. This decision obviously was not a surprise, for you will remember I stated this was the case at the meeting in San Francisco over last Labor Day weekend.

For your information and for those who may have interest in the matter, I am taking the liberty of the listing some of the strongest players who signed the petition: Roy Martin, Arthur Spiller, Sven Almgren, Irving Revise, Philip Smith, Emil Borsbach, Morris Gordon, George Stevesn, James Aquillan, L. Standers, E. Weiss, G. Geller, Robert Jacobs, Bill Banning, F. Hazard, Robert Greene, Dr. Bruce Collins, Reed Newport etc.

What is more surprising is the unusual as well as fair attitude of Messrs. Roy Martin and Arthur Spiller, California State and Open Champions respectively. By signing the above mentioned petition, these two gentlemen knowingly gave up their chances of being seeded, which you must admit is a marvelous gesture of good sportsmanship and in keeping with the wishes of the majority.

With this overwhelming support, an open tournament must be given priority in any consideration of deliberation by those who officially or unofficially handle affairs of this nature.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Koltanowski and the best of success in all your endeavors, I am

Sincerely,  
WILLIAM H. STECKEL



Solutions to "More About Problems" by Russell, in last issue:

No. 1: 1. R-R5 leaves Black helpless; i.e. 1...P-KN3; 2. QxPch PxQ; 3. R-R8 mate. 1...P-KN4; 2. Q-N6ch, etc. or 1...P-KR3, 2. RxxP

No. 2: 1...RxBP; 2. RxxR (what better) QxPch; 3. K-B2 B-B4ch; 4. P-Q4 (imperative to prolong resistance) BxPch; 5. K-K, RxxR, and wins easily - i.e. 6. N-K2 (forced) QxRPch; 7. K-Q2, QxKP

No. 3: 1. N-B6ch, K-B; 2. N(5)-R7ch, RxxN (if K-N2; 3. QxP mate); 3. NxxRch, K-N (if 3...K-K; 4. N-B6ch; 5. QxP mate and if 3...K-N2 then 4. QxPch and 5. N-B6 mate); 4. N-B6ch, K-N2 (else 5. QxP mate) 5. QxRPch, KxxN; 6. B-N5 mate.

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

Neil T. Austin

After having gone undefeated through last year's schedule, the Champion Modesto team has failed to win a match in the first three rounds. This is even worse than Sacramento's failure last year, after we won the title in 1948-9. Strangely enough Modesto is fielding the same team which was so successful last season.

As expected, San Jose is off to a fast start, winning their first three matches from tough clubs. Sacramento still must get over some tough ones before meeting San Jose in the last round. This one should decide the championship.

The individual championship is still a toss-up, with all the 1st board men still having a chance.

The next meeting will be in Modesto on December 10, with all clubs present, except Pittsburg, Sacramento meets Fresno at that time. We will need to be at full strength for this one, as Fresno held San Jose even through six boards, and has also defeated Modesto.

The standings after the third round of play are as follows:

		Game score
1. San Jose	3 - 0	21 - 5
2. Sacramento	2 - 0	12 - 4
3. Fresno	2 - 1	17 - 10
4. Stockton	1 - 1	8½ - 8½
5. Oakdale	½ - 1½	5 - 14
6. Pittsburg	½ - 2½	7½ - 16½
7. Modesto	0 - 3	6 - 19

The championship is determined by the number of matches won. Ties are broken by the percentage of games won. The standings for the B team cup, which will be won by the team scoring the most points from 7th board down, are as follows:

1. San Jose 7½-½ 2. Fresno 6 - 3 3. Pittsburg 3 - 3 4. Sacramento 2-2 5. Stockton 2 - 3; 6. Modesto 1½-5½; 7. Oakdale 1 - 6.

Following are the standings for the Central California individual Championship. The winner will be the 1st board player scoring the most points, losses not to count except in case of a tie.

1. Slavich	(SJ)	2 - 0
2. Jackson	(Mod)	2 - 1
3. Loera	(Pitts)	1½-1½
4. Lamkin	(Fr)	1½-1½
5. Strob	(Stk)	1 - 1
6. Adams	(SJ)	½ - ½
7. Gee	(Sac)	½-1½
8. Smith	(Oak)	0 - 2



## COMMENTS

by Flynn

6½ to 1½ and that Forty Niner Team did it again. WHOA! Back up. The phonograph record is stuck. This time we got took, but good. Those Fresno Mudhens were too tough for us. We had figured on a routine 5-3 victory, but it didn't work out that way.

Our "Two to Nothing" Club almost disbanded. Only R. E. Russell carried on and was promoted to the "Three and Nothing" Club, with wins in the Pittsburg, Modesto, and Fresno matches. Neil Austin almost made it with a draw on Board two. The sad part of Neil's game was that he had his opponent whipped, then made one bad move. Even after his bad move, Neil came back for a draw altho the exchange down.

Otherwise, there was little cheerful to report. In my own game Fred Pelouze busted me higher than a meteorologist's balloon. He ended up with three queens, and me with a very faint hope of a stalemate. No such luck.

The absence of J. B. Gee (unavoidably tied up on business matters) hurt us more than anything else. With everyone up a board higher than usual, we just didn't have it, that's all.

Well, look what Navy did to Army. Upsets are the order of the day. Like a losing football coach, we can figure that defeat is character building. Only trouble was, we built too much character in that match.

Let's see if we can't bandage our wounds and go get 'em next time out.

To turn to more pleasant matters, Arnold Olson of the Sacramento Junior College, is a new addition to the Club. Arnold is something of a checker champion and, after he gets his share of hard knocks, should develop into quite a chessplayer.

The City Championship should be a first class tournament this year, with several U. S. Chess Federation members in our group. We can probably have the tournament rated so that all entrants will receive national ratings according to the results. R. E. Russell, Ralph Stagg, Young Keiffer, perhaps Schouerman, Earl Waters, and several others will add new blood to the old battle. Veterans like J. B. Gee, Milt Meyer, Dick Chapman, Jim Marianos, Sam Johnson, Doc Yuke (heck, you could name the whole club) will almost all be there.

Say, I understand this magazine goes to at least one member of each of the other six valley league teams. What about an article now and then from some of those clubs? I know that Editor Gee would welcome any news or articles from Pittsburg, Fresno, San Jose, Oakdale, Modesto, or Stockton. How about it, fellows? Maybe Fresno could tell us their strategy. A short piece on "Beating Sacramento" by Professor Bird, for instance, would be a bitter pill, but quite educational.

Personally, I'd like to know more about some of the League players. Kenneth Lamkin of Fresno is about unknown up here to us, but he plays mighty fine chess. He has already won the Fresno Championship and holds down their first board. And yet I don't think Ken is too far past his 21st birthday. If he's that good already, maybe we can sharpen him up a little more and he'll beat Ray Martin for us. It would be something to our credit if we could develop a State Champ in our League. Could be, too.

In fact, I think we have an exceptional amount of talent in our League. Just think over what a powerful ten board team you could make out of Smith of Oakdale, Lamkin of Fresno, Slavich of San Jose, Monty Jackson of Modesto, Lora of Pittsburg, etc. etc. Milt Meyer suggested at one time that this be done, and a match played against East Bay, or San Francisco. Quite an idea, no?

Well, anyway, fellows, we lost the match...but just think of that large dose of character we got. Haw!

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Now that Christmas is over, how about paying that \$5 for your 1951 membership dues in the Sacramento Chess Club?? We need the dough. If you don't attend the meetings, your dues will help support the costs of this Sacto News! How about it? Send it in today!