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The past two weeks have seen some important events in the Sacramento chess scene: The 1952 Championship tournament was completed, with Meyer and Richards tied for first place. A complete report on this tournament by Austin is included herein. Also, a fine simultaneous exhibition was given by Gligorich, who won 21 out of 23 games, drawing with McClain and Meyer. At least the grandmaster had to double his usual time schedule to win his games. This event is ably covered by Flynn in his interesting comments.

The new meeting place at the Sacramento Turn Verein, 3349 J, is meeting with complete approval and satisfactory attendance. We now have a locker in our meeting room where the Club equipment will be stored. There is no need to bring equipment each time, altho you may continue to use your own set if you prefer. In fact, it would be wise for some to bring sets as the attendance lately has swamped the Club's equipment. Clocks can always be used, if a tournament is in progress.

## CLUB DINNER

The Sacramento Chessplayers will meet at the Turn Verein next Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 for a special dinner, business meeting, and awarding of prizes for the completed tournament. Main course will be steak or baked ham, cost of \$1.50 per plate. There will be chess as usual in the evening. Come one and all. We understand that TD Roy Russell will outline plans for an interesting tournament to start shortly. Let's all get into this new tourney and keep chess moving. Oh yes, the dinner will be in the regular Clubroom.

The Clubs in the CCCL meet as follows: Modesto 1st & 3rd Sunday of month, Odd Fellows Temple, 211 Bodem St at 1:15 PM. Phone 366 for information. Oakdale meets every Tuesday in the Church basement. Stockton meets every Friday night at 8 PM, Chamber of Commerce, 234 N Eldorado. San Jose meets at YMCA each Tuesday evening. Fresno meets at Hart's Cafeteria, but we do not know the day.

We have received an invitation from Tournament Director Merl W. Reese, of Denver, Colorado, to broadcast invitations to all chessplayers to attend the forthcoming GREAT Colorado Open on August 1 - 4, 8 rounds Swiss, two daily, and guaranteed \$100 first prize. Reese loudly proclaims the advantages of Colorado in August, and suggests if any players attend the US Open in Miami, consider stopping at Denver on the way home for the Open there. Reese's address is 1740 Glenarm Place, Denver 2, Colorado. Contact him if you are interested. Special rates, rooms and wonderful food at moderate costs available in REESE HOUSES! Let's all go to Colorado for the Open!

Wonder why some chess clubs won't send in news, and others double up on it? Have two reports from Fresno on their tournament, but I'll publish only one!

Oh yes, those who participated in the simultaneous were Austin, Gee, Meyer, Flynn, Johnson, Porter, J. Celle, O. Celle, Hardy, Evanson, Volkert, Russell, Lacey, Richards, Clawson, Heustis, Teribile, Soligan, McClain, La Berge, Jennings, Schmidt and Talcott. A tough group for any master!

Several interesting game scores on hand this time - hope we can squeeze them in somehow. Also some newsy reports by our excellent staff. As this "News" is meant to represent the CCCL, it seems unreasonable that Sacramento news should almost take over each issue. More from other Clubs would indeed be welcome.

## COMMENTS

by Flynn

SVETOZAR GLIGORIC, 30-year-old Grandmaster, defeated the whole Sacramento area in chess--with a simultaneous score of 22-1. At that, Sacramento had help from San Francisco's Guthrie McClain, who drew with Gligoric for the second night in a row. Botvinnik, Champion of the World, drew with Gligoric once; McClain did it twice. How about that?

Sacramento's hero was Hilt Meyer, who not only drew his game but gained back a pawn in the ending to do it. Imagine winning back a pawn from a Grandmaster!

Meyer, Gee, Austin and I had dinner at the Rosemount with McClain and Gligoric just before the exhibition, and what do you think interested the young Yugoslavian most of all? A popular song... "Shrimp boats is coming... their sails are in sight". Gliga (pronounced "gleega") says that American jazz is quite the thing in Yugoslavia and he intends to take back some recordings, especially that one of "Shrimp Boats".

Gligoric is a soccer enthusiast (pronounced "saucer", as in flying saucer) and it is due to "saucer" that he became one of the world's greatest chess players. How come? Well, when Gliga was 11 he broke his arm playing soccer. That summer, because he couldn't play his beloved soccer, he took up chess.

At 13, he was winning tournaments. At 16, he was a master. (Say, I don't think we'll ever catch up with this fellow. Most of us are giving him a 20-year head start.) During the war, Gligoric was an officer in the Partisan Army.

His chess victories since the war are too numerous to recount. His most outstanding success was in winning the Slav Tournament in Warsaw (1947) ahead of Smyslov and Boleslavsky. Recently, he won the Staunton Centennial and the Hastings Tournaments in England, etc., etc.

Gliga, like all chess masters, is a self-confident player. He himself told me that "confidence is essential in chess." But darned if he shows any trace of egotism about his great abilities.

He was most courteous about our club and said we made him think. Ordinarily, he can handle ten simultaneous games per hour. Our 23 games took him 4 hours, so he was thinking.

Gligoric complimented J. B. Gee and R. E. Russell on their games, pointing out they both had good solid draws, if they had not been a little reckless and tried to break up the position. I didn't see all the games but I know Jim Hardy had a fine position about half-way through his game. Young Celle gave Gligoric trouble, too.

In his game with me, Gligoric had all the position but couldn't cash in on it, for a while. Finally, his opportunity came, and he polished me off in Grandmaster style. It was pretty--pretty enough so that I gurned in the game score. Take a look at that vacating sacrifice with the Bishop! By sacrificing the Bishop, Gligoric cleared the way for his Queen to move up to N 6, threatening two mates, only one of which could be prevented at a time. A very fine concept, and it took him only 30 seconds to find it!

Gliga was interested, also, in "Mail Chess", the international correspondence magazine which is published in Yugoslavia. He said the editors do not speak English and are afraid they make too many grammatical errors when they write in English. As a subscriber, I could assure him that the editors were doing an excellent job. It is true that once in a while they make a slip, but not often, and the meaning is always clear.

It's just like Gliga's "saucer". Technically, we pronounce soccer a bit differently. But what the heck. You should hear me in Yugoslavian. Actually, chessplayers enjoy a departure from the conventional now and then--it makes life more interesting.

Gligoric is a journalist. He is a reporter on the largest paper in Belgrade. He sends stories back to them while traveling, so his pay goes on just the same-- even though he is playing chess abroad. The Cuban revolution occurred while Gliga was playing in the Havana Tournament, so the Yugoslav press got a first-hand account from an eye-witness.

Gligoric has the same trouble that all married chessplayers seem to encounter; his wife is not too enthusiastic about chess, especially when it takes him out of the country. And being a traveling Grandmaster is not all fun. The life, he says, "is not normal. You fly here, you fly there. And you hardly get a chance to learn the names of the people you are meeting."

And he misses his wife very much. As he shrewdly remarked, we may "joke about wives and how they don't like chess; but most of us are married."

Gliga says the Yugoslavs are as informal as the Americans and call people by nick-names, just as we do. He likes the United States very much and hopes to visit us again some day.

We hope he does. For our part, we enjoyed his visit and chess exhibition to the utmost. A courteous and sincere young man, Gligoric has humor, kindness and intelligence--a hard combination to beat.

He is a credit to his country and to the world of chess.

#### FRESNO CHESS NEWS

by Tom Fries

The Fresno Chess Club's annual Championship Round Robin Tournament was recently completed with W. Strong winning with a  $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  score. The final results:

1.	W. Strong	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7-8	R. Womack	5 -6
2-3	M. Hailparn	9 -2	7-8	M. Rubin	5 -6
2-3	P. Smith	0 -2	9	K. Forrest	3 -8*
4.	T. Fries	7 -4	10	W. Eickholt	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$
5-6	H. Kallmann	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	A. Roach	2 -9
5-6	E. Cook	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	P. Ough	1 -10*

(\*Forfeited late-round games.)

Winston Strong won in clear-cut fashion, beating both Phil Smith and Mike Hailparn, his closest rivals. In what was probably the strongest line-up for a Fresno championship tourney in years, Strong upset Smith in the first round and then proceeded victoriously thru the tourney, losing only to Tom Fries and drawing with H. Kallmann, the defending champion.

Phil Smith, who was a heavy favorite to win the championship, (he had just won a Class A round-robin tournament by a crushing 9-0 score!) ran into unexpected trouble. Besides his loss to Strong, Phil was held to draws by Hailparn and promising R. Womack.

The most encouraging sign of the tourney was the marked improvement of the younger players, Hailparn, Fries, and Womack. Dr. H. Kallmann, last year's champ, will attest to the improved quality of chess played. (Dr. Kallmann finished in a tie with E. Cook for fifth place.)

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Don't forget the Sacramento Chess Club dinner this week, at the Turn Verein. Time is 6:30. Cold beer & wines may be obtained in the bar before dinner - if there is a thirst to quench! There will be an important business meeting and plans for coming events will be discussed. The more members present, the more ideas we can gather. Very likely there will be a special event that evening, such as a speed tourney, altho we have no definite information on this.

SACRAMENTO 1952 TOURNAMENTS

By Neil Austin

The conclusion of the 1952 Sacramento City Championship found Milton Meyer and Ray Richards tied for 1st with scores of 5-1. Meyer was undefeated, drawing games with J. B. Gee and Sam Johnson, while Richards lost to Meyer. As S-B points are not used to break a tie for the City Championship, a play-off match will be arranged in the near future.

Third place went to ex-champion J. B. Gee, with a score of 4-2. Gee lost to Richards and drew with Meyer and O A. Celle.

O. A. Celle and his father, J. A. Celle, took the two remaining prizes with identical scores of 3½-2½. On the basis of S-B points, fourth place was awarded to the junior member of the family.

Dr. Alex Janushkowsky, Roy Russell, and President Sam Johnson were in contention for prizes throughout. Last round defeats cost all three their chances.

The Reserve Tournament resulted in a clean sweep for Jim Hastings. Jim defeated all his closest rivals, all of whom had trouble with his aggressive style.

The other prizes were won by Jim Hardy, H. E. La Berge, Bill Allen, and Earl Waters, respectively. Waters forfeited his last two games which cost him his chances for a higher prize.

City Championship

	(Round.....)	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	Score	Mod. SB Pts.
1.	M.O.Meyer.....	W9a	D3	W4	D7	W1a	W6	5 - 1	14
1a	R.L.Richards.....	W4	W11	W7	W3	L1	W8	5 - 1	13
3.	J.B.Gee.....	W12a	D1	W11*	L1a	W8	D4	4 - 2	7
4.	O.A.Celle.....	L1a	W9	L1	W11	W7	D3	3½ - 2½	5
5.	J.A.Celle.....	L8	D6	L9	W12a	W9a	W7	3½ - 2½	-1.5
6.	R.E.Russell.....	L11	D5	W12a	D8	W9	L3	3 - 3	-2
7.	S.G.Johnson.....	W9	W8	L1a	D1	L4	L5	2½ - 3½	0.50
8.	A.Janushkowsky....	W5	L7	W9a	D6	L3	L1a	2½ - 3½	-1
9.	S.E.Spaulding.....	L7	L4	W5	W9a	L6	L12a	2 - 4	-8
9a	A.C.Erricson.....	L1	W12	L8	L9	L5	W11*	2 - 4	-8
11	S.W.Applegate.....	W6	L1a	L3*	L4	D12a#	W9a*	1½ - 4½	-8
12a	N.E.Talcott.....	L3	L9a	L6	L5	D11#	W3	1½ - 4½	-11

\*Forfeit

#Draw agreed

Reserve Tournament

		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	Score	Mod. SB Pts.
1.	J.H.Hastings.....	W3	W2	W4	W5	W9	W6	6 - 0	21
2.	J.Hardy.....	W4	L1	W3	W7	W5*	W9	5 - 1	16
3.	H.W.LaBerge.....	L1	W10	L2	Bye	W8	W4*	4 - 2	7
4.	W.H.Allen.....	L2	W6	L1	D9#	Bye	W11	3½ - 2½	2.5
5.	E.G.Waters.....	W6	W11	W7	L1	L2*	L3	3 - 3	4
6.	F.J.Volkert.....	L5	L4	W8	W10	W7	L1	3 - 3	2.5
7.	Gene Gray.....	W10	W9	L9	L2	L6	Bye	3 - 3	-2.5
8.	E.Horton.....	L9	Bye	L6	W11*	L3	W10	3 - 3	-5.5
9.	Sy Jennings.....	W8	L7	W11	D4#	L1	L2	2½ - 3½	0.5
10	J.C.Lacey, Jr.....	L7	L3	Bye	L6	W11*	L8	2 - 4	-10
11	M.R.Jenkins.....	Bye	L5	L9	L8*	L10*	L4*	1 - 5	-16

#Draw agreed.

\*Forfeit

GLIGORIC EXHIBITION, MECHANIS INSTITUTE

By L. Woolfe

Gligoric is a personable appearing fellow of thirty, who looks as if he should be in the movies instead of wasting his life at chess. He has a pleasant manner, and did not appear irked at the continuous consultation going on among his thirty seven opponents. Play began at 8 PM and ended at 3:30 AM. He moved P K4 & P Q4 on alternate boards. Against the French Defense, quite common, he seemed to prefer N-Q2.

Some of the Bay Area highlights arrayed against him were Schmitt (No. 1 on Mechanics ladder, who lost), Bagby, who drew, Gross (draw), Currie (Golden Gate, draw), Linklater (win), Mathews (Palo Alto-draw). Final score was 24 wins, 9 draws, 4 losses. Naturally I was one of the winners, or I wouldn't be writing this. It seemed that sound players playing unorthodox, semi-sound variations gave him the most trouble, as he was well grounded on book moves.

I kept score up to the point where a definite win appeared, and then neglected to continue scoring. The first 37 moves of the game went like so:

Gligoric	Woolfe		
1. P Q4	P Q4	10. N K4	B N2
2. P QB4	P QB3	11. Q N4	N Q2
3. N QB3	N B3	12. B R3	N N3
4. N B3	FxP	13. N Q5ch	BxN
5. P QR4	N Q4 !?	14. QxNP?	BxB
6. P K4	NxN	15. QxRch	B B1
7. PxN	P QN4	16. P R5	N R5?
8. P K5	P K3		(N Q4 far better)
9. N N5	P KR3	17. BxBP	QxRP
		18. O O !!(Naturally)	QxBP !
		PxB is very dangerous (19.P-KB4 !)	
19. B K2	Q Q7	21. Q I7	QxQP
20. B B3	N B6	22. B R5	Q B5?
(The opinion of several "consultants" 22... Q Q2 followed by 23... N Q4 - Solid !)			
23. P KN3	Q B4	28. R K6 !	P QR3 (waiting)
24. QxQ !	FxQ	29. RxRP	P N5 !
25. P K6 (ouch)	B K2	30. R R3ch	K N2
26. PxFch	K B	31. RxR	BxR
27. KR K	N Q4	32. RxP	P N6 !?
(I believe now he could take the B after all !)			
33. B Q1	P N7	35. R R5?	KxP
34. B B2	B N2	36. BxP	N B6

After a little more sparring, he had to give the B up for the passed pawn, and with three minor pieces against a rook, and my King to hold back his pawns, he resigned.

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The first three games are from the Gligoric exhibition in Sacramento:

Gligoric Meyer							
1 P Q4	N KB3	11 O O	R K	21 PxF ep	BxP	31 RxR	QxR
2 P QB4	P K3	12 B N2	P QR3	22 QxNP	BxP	32 Q N2	P N4
3 N QB3	B N5	13 R B	QR B	23 RxR	RxR	33 N K2	Q Q6
4 P K3	O O	14 Q N3	N B	24 QxP	P R3	34 K B2	Q B4
5 N K2	P Q4	15 P QR4	N K3	25 P B3	N N4	35 N N3	Q Q6
6 P QR3	BxNch	16 P N5	P QR4	26 N B4	B B3	36 Q N8ch	K N2
7 Nx B	P QN3	17 B B3	Q Q2	27 Q Q2	B N4	37 Q K5	Q B7ch
8 PxF	FxP	18 B Q3	N N4	28 BxB	QxB	38 N K2	K N3
9 P QN4	B N2	19 N K2	QN K5	29 B K7	QN R2	39 P N4	Q R7
10 B K2	QN Q2	20 R B2	P B4	P 30 R B	R B5	40 Q B5ch	K N2

41 P R3 Q Q7  
42 Q B8 Q R7  
43 Q B3 Q N8  
44 Q Q2 Q KR8  
45 B Q6 QxP  
46 Q K P R4  
47 Pxp Nxp  
48 Q KN Drawn

Gligoric Flynn  
1 P Q4 P Q4  
2 P QB4 Pxp  
3 N KB3 N KB3  
4 P K3 P K3  
5 Bxp P QB4  
6 O O N QB3  
7 Q K2 B Q2  
8 N QB3 B Q3  
9 Pxp BxP  
10 P K4 Q B2  
11 P K5 N KN5  
12 B B4 O O O  
13 P KR3 Nxp  
14 RxN BxRch  
15 QxB P QR3  
16 N K4 QR KB  
17 B KN3 P KR3  
18 B B1 K NL  
19 R Q1 N R2  
20 N B5 B B1  
21 P N4 R Q1  
22 R B1 K R1  
23 B KB4 Q K2  
24 P QR4 P KN4  
25 B K3 N B3  
26 P N5 N N1  
27 Pxp Nxp  
28 NxN Pxp  
29 N Q4 Q R6?  
30 N B6 R Q2  
31 BxNP! PxB  
32 Q N6!! Resigns

Gligoric Gee  
1 P Q4 N KB3  
2 P QB4 P K3  
3 N QB3 B N5  
4 P K3 P Q4  
5 P QR3 BxNch  
6 PxB P B4  
7 BPxp KPxp  
8 B Q3 O O  
9 N K2 N B3  
10 O O B N5  
11 P B3 B R4  
12 N B4 B N3

13 Nx B RPxN  
14 Q K1 R K1  
15 Q B2 Q K2  
16 B Q2 QR Q  
17 B B P R3  
18 R R2 Q Q3  
19 R K2 P QN4  
20 B N2 R K3  
21 B N N KR4  
22 R/2 K P B4  
23 P K4 BPxp  
24 PxBP RxR  
25 RxR QPxp  
26 Bxp P Q5  
27 B N2 P Q6  
28 Pxp N B5  
29 B R2ch K B1  
30 Q R4 Nxp  
31 Q R7 N/B3 K2  
32 Qxpch K K  
33 B B7ch K Q2  
34 BxN P Q7  
35 R Q K B1  
36 Q B3ch K N1  
37 B K4 Resigns

A. Jamushkowsky Richards  
1 P Q4 P Q4  
2 P QB4 P QB3  
3 N QB3 N B3  
4 B N5 QN Q2  
5 N B3 P KR3  
6 B R4 Pxp  
7 P QR4? N Q4  
8 P K4 NxN  
9 Pxp Q R4  
10 Q B1 N N3  
11 N K5 B K3  
12 P B4 O O O  
13 B B2 P B3  
14 N N6 R N1  
15 P B5 B B2  
16 N B4 R Q3  
17 B K2 P K4  
18 Pxp ep Bxp  
19 Nx B? RxN  
20 Q B2 RxP!  
21 O O P KB4  
22 B N3 P N3  
23 B B3 R K6  
24 QR K1? Qxp  
25 QxQ RxQ  
26 R K8ch K Q2  
27 QR Q??? N B1!!  
28 P Q5??? B B4ch  
29 Resigns

Spaulding Talcott  
1 P QB4 P K4  
2 N QB3 N KB3  
3 N KB3 P K5  
4 N KN5 B K2  
5 N/5 xp N B3  
6 NxNch BxN  
7 P KN3 P Q3  
8 B N2 O O  
9 P QR3 N K4  
10 O O Nxp  
11 P Q3 N K4  
12 P QN4 P QR3  
13 P Q4 N Q2  
14 P K4 P B3  
15 B B4 B K2  
16 R K N B3  
17 P K5 Pxp  
18 Bxp N N5  
19 B B4 B Q3  
20 B Q2 Q B3  
21 B K3 Q N3  
22 B K4 P B4  
23 B B3 P B5  
24 B Q2 Pxp  
25 BPxp Nxp  
26 N K2 NxBoh  
27 K N2 B K3  
28 R B B Q4  
29 K B2 NxPch  
30 K N NxNch  
31 Resigns

Stkn vs Pittsburg  
White: P. T. Hubbard  
Black: F. Weinberg  
3/16/52  
1 P K4 P K4  
2 N QB3 N KB3  
3 B B4 B B4  
4 N Q5 Nxp  
5 Q N4 NxHP  
6 Qxp R B  
7 Qxpch B K2  
8 N B6 mate

Sacto '52  
A. Jamush. Gee  
1 P Q4 P Q4  
2 P QB4 P QB3  
3 N QB3 N B3  
4 B N5 QN Q2  
5 P K3 N K5  
6 NxN Pxp  
7 Q Q2 N B3  
8 N K2 B B4  
9 N N3 P K3

10 B K2 B N3  
11 O O B Q3  
12 P B4 Pxp  
13 RxP BxN  
14 Rx B N K5  
15 BxQ NxQ  
16 B QR5 N K5  
17 R R3 O O  
18 B R5 BxB  
19 Rx B P QN3  
20 B N4 KR Q  
21 R R4 P KB4  
22 B B3 R Q2  
23 P KN4 R K  
24 R KB P KN4  
25 R R5 Pxp  
26 K N2 K N2  
27 P KR4 K N3  
28 RxPch NxR  
29 Pxp R KB2  
30 RxR KxR  
31 K N3 K N3  
32 Kxp R KB  
33 P K4 R B8  
34 B Q2 R B7  
35 B B3 R N7ch  
36 K R4 RxP  
37 P N4 P KR4  
38 P K5 R N7  
39 P Q5 BPxp  
40 Pxp Pxp  
41 P R4 R B7  
42 B K R B5ch  
43 Resigns  
Hardy vs LaBerge  
1 P K4 P K4  
2 N KB3 N QB3  
3 B N5 N KB3  
4 O O B B4  
5 P Q4 B N3  
6 N QB3 Pxp  
7 BxN NPxB  
8 NxP B N2  
9 B N5 P Q4  
10 P K5 O O  
11 Pxp P KN3  
12 Q N4 K R  
13 QN K2 P B4  
14 N KB3 Q Q3  
15 N KB4 P QB3  
16 KR K1 P QB5  
17 P B3 P QB4  
18 R K7 B b1  
19 Q R4 P Q5  
20 R Q1 P Q6  
21 N K5 B K3  
22 NxNPch K N  
23 NxR QxN  
24 QxRPch Resigns