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A pleasant switch has been made in the News, altho it isn't apparent to the readers. Instead of cutting this stencil first as per usual, it is being done last this time. Seven other stencils are ready to mimeograph, so we will have 8 pages. Ye Ed usually types this sheet up first, then all thru the other pages thoughts keep occurring that should have gone on the first page. Now that this is the last page, it is hard to think of anything to write! Such irony!

Thanks to Bob Burger for the fine report in this issue on the State Championship - he even had the stencil cut and sent it up. That's cooperation. Bob also wrote a fine tribute to Sam Bean, which is in this issue. Almost two full pages of games from the CCCL Tournament are included, winding up all copy on hand. And the usual "Off the Chesst" is herewith likewise. Without Flynn's column, we might have lots of news but not much "flavor". And your attention is called to one very important sheet - the CCCL schedule of matches for this year. Detach it and save if you wish, or copy down the schedule to carry with you. But SAVE IT! Under the schedule is a couple of Burger's flashy games, hope you enjoy them. Then we have a report on the CCCL Meeting last Sunday, self-explanatory. A listing of Directors is included, followed by report of finances and a further financial statement of the CCCL Tournament. Results of the Sacto-Vallejo match are printed, somewhat late.

Attendance at the Sacramento Club is picking up, with 18 at the last meeting. Let's keep coming fellows, tournaments and matches start soon. If you don't have a reputation to lose, why not acquire one?...And what does the expiration date on your membership card read? Sept 1st? I thought so. How about renewing it at the very next meeting? Most of our memberships are on a Sept. 1st to Sept 1st basis, so please check and pay - lest ye vigorous Secretary sends you a nasty "dun". After the summer season, our finances have dropped to a low of \$60 (have not broken even on rent payments during summer months of low attendance) so you see it is important to pay your dues. As to the Sacto Chess News, the cost is still low - it is done at actual cost of stencils, ink, paper, envelopes and postage. We have received \$6 from Pittsburg for the 1952-53 season to cover cost of six issues to their Club, and other CCCL club members are urged to have their Treasurer send in \$6 as soon as possible. This defrays about half the annual cost of the News.

In our last issue Flynn asked if any stamp collectors existed in our gang. Well, JBGee II (age 11) is one, and while he can't purchase any stamps from Bill Adams, he would be glad to receive any foreign or first-issues you have laying around (and perhaps no longer wanted!).

It might be well to point out that a newcomer is in the CCCL: Visalia. We understand they have some pretty sharp players, but how they will fare in this tough league is a question. Hope they enjoy the matches and friendships as well as other clubs do. And who knows, maybe Visalia will turn under San Jose!!! In any event, this promises to be a bang-up year for our League, so let's all get in and help our individual Team to rack up as many points as possible.

An interesting news item came to attention recently: a five year old Spanish boy in Seville, Spain, is reputed to be a chess wizard. "Andresito Garcia Quesada has not yet turned 5 and he cannot read or write but his chess playing is known throughout the country. He is the son of a local barber who taught him to play six months ago. 'In seven days he learned everything I know. Since then Andresito has consistently beaten me' the barber says. Little Andresito has defeated the top players of this city. The boy says he hopes to become world champion some day".And that's what the newspapers reported. Remember the name!

CCCL Qualifying Games

Jeffers	Gee	6 B K2	PxP	25 N N4	Q B	40 R KR2	K N
1 P Q4	N KB3	7 PxP	B N5ch	26 R R3	P QR4	41 R QB2	
2 P QB4	P KN3	8 N B3	N K2	27 P P4	R QR2	Draw adjudicated	
3 N QB3	P Q4	9 O O	N B4	28 Q N6	R KN2		
4 PxP	NxP	10 P QR3	B K2	29 R R7	K Q	Meyer-Jeffers	
5 P K4	NxN	11 N QR4	Q B2	30 RxR	RxR	1 N KB3	P Q4
6 PxN	B N2	12 P QN4	O O	31 Q R5	Q K2	2 P Q4	P K3
7 N B3	P QB4	13 B Q3	B Q2	32 Q R3	B Q2	3 P B4	P QB3
8 B N5ch	N Q2	14 BxN	PxB	33 P KN3	R R2	4 QN Q2	N B3
9 O O	O O	15 N B3	B K3	34 Q N2	Q K	5 P KN3	B K2
10 R K	Q R4	16 N K2	P B3	35 P N3	Q R4	6 B N2	O O
11 Q N3	PxP	17 N B4	Q Q2	36 N K3	N K2	7 Q B2	QN Q2
12 PxP	BxP	18 NxB	QxN	37 B Q2	B B3	8 O O	P QN3
13 B Q2	Q N3	19 R K	QR K	38 P KN4	Draw	9 P K4	PxKP
14 NxB	QxN	20 B N2	P QR3			10 NxP	B N2
15 B K3	Q K4	21 Q N3	R Q	Richards-Woolfe		11 NxNch	NxN
16 QR B	N B3	22 R K2	R Q2	1 P K4 4	P K3	12 B K3	P B4
17 P B3	B K3	23 QR K	KR Q	2 Q K2	P QN3	13 PxP	B K5
18 B B4	BxB	24 B B	PxP	3 P QB4	P QB4	14 Q B3	BxP
19 RxB	P N3	25 PxP	P KR3	4 N QB3	N QB3	15 BxB	PxB
20 KR QB	Q K3	26 B N2	K R	5 P KB4	KN K2	16 QR Q	Q B2
21 B R6	KR QB	27 N Q4	NxN	6 N B3	N N3	17 KR K	QR N
22 RxRch	RxR	28 BxN	P KB5	7 P Q3	B K2	18 P N3	KR Q
23 QxQ	RxRch	29 P KN3	R KB	8 P KN3	B N2	19 N K5	BxB
24 BxR	PxQ	30 R K4	Q R6	9 B N2	P QR3	20 KxB	R Q3
25 B N5	K B2	31 P K6	PxR	10 B K3	O O	21 RxR	QxR
26 B K3	K K	32 RxP	RxB	11 P KR4	P KR4	22 Q Q3	R Q
27 K B2	P K4	33 RxR	P B6	12 N KN5	Q K	23 R Q	QxQ
28 K K2	K Q2	34 Resigns		13 Q R5	P R3	24 RxQ	RxR
29 K Q3	K B3			14 B B3	N Q5	25 NxR	N Q2
30 K B4	N Q2	Davis-Richards		15 BxN	PxB	26 K B3	K B
31 B N5	P K3	1 P QB4	P QB4	16 N K2	B B4	27 K K4	K K2
32 B Q2	P QR4	2 N QB3	N QB3	17 O O O	R N	28 P QR3	K Q3
33 B K	N B4	3 N B3	P K4	18 P K5	PxN	29 P B4	P B3
34 B B2	P N4ch	4 P K3	P QN3	19 PxP	K B2	30 P QN4	P N3
35 K B3	N R5ch	5 B K2	N B3	20 QxNch	K K2	31 P N5	N N3
36 K N3	N N3	6 O O	B K2	21 QxQch	KxQ	32 N N2	P B4ch
37 B K	P N5	7 P QR3	O O	22 BxB	RxB	33 K K3	P KR3
38 P QR4	N Q2	8 P KR3	P Q3	23 K B2	K B2	34 P QR4	P N4
39 B N3	N B4ch	9 N Q5	B B4	24 QR KN	P N4	35 P R5	N Q2
40 K B4	K Q3	10 NxB	NxN	25 R N2	PxP	36 N Q3	P N5
41 B B2	NxP	11 N R4	B K5	26 PxP	P Q6ch	37 K K2	K B2
42 B K	K B3	12 P Q3	B N2	27 KxP	RxP	38 K K3	K N2
43 B N3	N N3ch	13 P K4	N Q2	28 R/1 R2	RxP	39 K K2	K B2
44 K N3	K N4	14 B N4	N B3	29 N B3	RxR	40 K K3	K Q3
45 BxP	P R5ch	15 P KB4	B B	30 RxB	P R4	41 K B2	K B2
46 K B2	N B5	16 P B5	NxB	31 N R4	B N5	42 K N2	K Q3
47 B Q4	P N6ch	17 QxN	P B3	32 P B5	R B	43 P R3	P R4
48 Resigns		18 R B3	R B2	33 K B4	R B2	44 PxP	RPxP
Krogsness-Woolfe		19 R N3	P KN4	34 K N5	K K2	45 K B2	K B2
1 P K4	P K3	20 Q R5	K B	35 P N6	K B	46 K K3	K Q3
2 P Q4	P Q4	21 N B3	N N	36 P N4	PxP	Draw agreed	
3 P K5	P QB4	22 N R2	K K2	37 RxP	K N		
4 P QB3	N QB3	23 P KR4	P KR3	38 R N2	R B3		
5 N KB3	Q N3	24 PxP	RPxP	39 R K2	K B		

OFF THE CHESS

By George W. Flynn

Here's a true chess story for you. It happened that George Koltanowski, the blindfold wizard, played a simultaneous recently in a Veterans' hospital. As usual, Kolty won almost all his games, yielding only one draw.

A few months earlier, a man had rushed into a police station, saying "I have a body outside in my car." The police seized him, hurried outside to investigate. Finding nothing, they returned and asked the man, "Where's your car?"

"Didn't I tell you? I don't have a car."

Well sir, the man was a veteran, so he went to the veterans' hospital. And, now chessplayers...the point of the whole thing. This was the fellow who drew with Koltanowski.

So help me, it's the truth...perhaps the man has a terrific sense of humor. Anyway, he shore can play chess, podner.

Most of us were eagerly awaiting word on how Bob Burger made out in the State Championship. Details will undoubtedly be in this issue. Anyway, Bob did just about what could reasonably have been expected in such terrific competition. True, he placed only seventh in a field of eight, but, remember, the man who placed eighth was a former State Champion.

All along, I have been saying that Bob needed to lose a few games just for the educational value. Remember, I'm entirely on his side in the matter and Bob well knows it. I want to see Bob win the State Championship, and I've gotta great big hunch he can do it within the next five years. He may even go further than that in the field of chess. Up to now, Bob has very seldom obliged me by losing for educational purposes. He just kept on winning.

I've already learned that he took his five losses, his win, and his draw in just that educational sense, remarking that he learned more in those seven games than he had in the last two years of chess. That's exactly the right attitude to have, Bob, and now I feel sure that, next time, you will improve that score a heck of a lot.

Roy Russell and I had a little discussion of Bob's style of play. From the few available games, we concluded (two wise owls!) that Bob is following the classic path of all champions. He is in what might be called the romantic stage, where a player takes great risks, trying the most audacious tactical maneuvers. Russell pointed out that even Tarrasch developed along this same path, altho he later became famous for careful, restrictive play (by the way, I thought of a good name for Tarrasch...the "Boa constrictor of chess"...How about that for a title?).

Later on, dangerous tactics are attempted only in desperation or where the full win, rather than the draw, is needed. Steady positional play, rather than brilliancies, is ordinarily the hallmark of the master. Even in our own League, where the play is not of master class, these same observations can be applied.

The match players with the best scores at the end of the season are usually the steady, sound positional players. Two Sacramento players, Milt Meyer and Neil Austin, for example, developed along this same path. Not that either Milt or Neil are incapable of the brilliancy, far from it. But both of them, as a policy, try to keep their feet on the ground. Ordinarily, neither will embark on an adventurous course, unless they can see the matter fairly thru to a conclusion. Yet, both of them passed thru a romantic stage in their chess careers, where "combinations" held a predominant part in their game.

Now that I've been so darn wise, I'll confess that I'm still in the romantic stage. I know it costs me points and I try hard to control it, but I just can't resist anything that looks spectacular or even hints of a combination. I'm gonna try to steady my game, but - darn it, I like to take chances. How about you?

Why doesn't somebody put out a "Dictionary of Chess"?...That is, an alphabetical encyclopedia where one would find entries like "St. Petersburg", giving a concise treatment of that great tournament...or an entry like "Alekhine" telling the grandmaster's story and, incidentally, how to pronounce his name. The only man I can think of on the West Coast qualified to handle the job is Dr. Ralston, editor of "California Chess Reporter".

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How about it, Dr. Halston? It would be quite a chore, but the first edition could be smaller and then, later on, the book would grow from the suggestions and inquiries of purchasers, just like "Modern Chess Openings" did.

If anyone adopts this idea, he is in debt to me and to J. B. Gee for one autographed copy each. Fair enough?

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More games from the CCCL Tournament:

Mattingly-Crofut

1 P Q4	P Q4	29 P KR3	N N5	5 QxP	N KB3	18 B Q6	R B2
2 N KB3	N KB3	30 R B4	RxR	6 Q Q3	P B4	19 B R3	B Q3
3 P K3	P K3	31 PxR	NxP	7 P QR3	BxNch	20 R B	BxB
4 B Q3	P QB4	32 Q Q3ch	K R	8 PxB	Q B2	21 QxB	B N3
5 P QB3	N QB3	33 Q B2	Q QR4	9 N B3	P QN3	22 R B2	Q Q
6 QN Q2	Q B2	34 R R	N N5	10 N K5	QN Q2	23 P QN3	B Q5
7 Q K2	PxP	35 Q N	Resign	11 B B4	N R4	24 R K	Q B3
8 KPxP	B Q3	Krogness-Fries		12 B K3	NxN	25 K R	B B6
9 O O	O O	1 P K4	P K3	13 Pxn	QxP	26 KR B	P Q5
10 R K	R K	2 P Q4	P Q4	14 B K2	B R3	27 Q Q3	R Q
11 N K5	P KR3	3 P K5	P QB4	15 QxB	QxPch	28 R Q	R Q4
12 QN B3	BxN	4 P QB3	N QB3	16 B Q2	QxRch	29 Q B4	P QN4
13 Nx B	NxN	5 N KB3	Q N3	17 B Q	Q K4ch	30 Q B6	P N5
14 Pxn	N Q2	6 P QN3	PxP	18 B K3	O O	31 B N2	Q B4
15 Q R5?	N B	7 NxP	NxP	19 O O	N B3	32 R K2	R K4
16 R K3	Q K2	8 B K2	B B4	20 B B3	N Q4	33 Q B4	RxR
17 R N3	N N3	9 O O	BxN	21 B Q2	Q Q3	34 QxR	QxP
18 BxN	PxB	10 PxB	N QB3	22 B N5	B B3	35 QxR	RxQ
19 RxP	K B	11 B N2	N/1 K2	23 B B	QR Q	36 B B	RxP
20 BxP	Q B2	12 N R3	O O	24 P N3	Q B2	37 K N	R R8
21 BxPch	K K2	13 N B2	B Q2	25 Q K2	K R	38 R B	P Q6
22 B B6ch	Resign	14 B Q3	QR B	26 QxKP	KR K	39 B K3	RxRch
Crofut-Krogness		15 R K	P KN3	27 Q N4	Q Q2	40 K B	K B2
1 P Q4	P Q4	16 R K3	P QR4	28 Q QB4	Q B4	41 BxP	K B3
2 P QB4	N KB3	17 R R3	P K4	29 B N2	N B2	42 K B2	K B4
3 PxP	NxP	18 P KN4	B K5	30 B B4	N K3	43 K K3	P Q7
4 P K4	N KB3	19 B K2	P B4	31 B K4	Q R4	44 K K2	K K5
5 N QB3	P QB3	20 N K3	P B5	32 B B6	NxB	45 B B5	P N4
6 N KB3	B KN5	21 NxQP	NxN	33 BxR	N K7ch	46 B N6	P N5
7 B K2	P K3	22 B B4	N/B3 K2	34 K N2	RxB	47 B B5	P R4
8 O O	B K2	23 Q K2	Q K3	35 P QB3	Q K4	48 B B2	P K4
9 B K3	O O	24 R K	Q N5ch	36 R K	N B5ch	49 B N3	Q ch
10 Q B2	P KR3	25 QXQ	BxQ	37 Resigns		50 KxQ	K Q6
11 P K5	N Q4	26 R R4	B B6	Fries-Mattingly		51 P R3	P K5
12 QR B	P KB3	27 B R3	R KB4	1 P Q4	N KB3	52 PxP	PxP
13 Q N3	Q Q2	28 BxN/K2	RxB	2 P QB4	P QB3	53 B B4	P K6
14 PxP	BxP	29 Pxr	NxB	3 N QB3	P KN3	54 B N3	P K7ch
15 N K5	BxN	30 P Q5	P KN4	4 B B4	B N2	55 K B 4	Q ch
16 BxB	BxQP	31 R R6	N N3	5 N KB3	O O	56 BxB	BxB
17 BxB	R B5	32 R N	K N2	6 P K3	P Q4	57 K Q	B R5
18 BxPch	QxB	33 RxNch	KxR	7 PxP	NxP	58 K B	K B6
19 QxNP	RxB	34 RxP	P K6	8 B N3	P KB4	59 Resign	
20 QxR	R QN4	35 PxP	PxP	9 NxN	PxN		
21 NxN	QxN	36 RxN/6ch	R B3	10 B Q3	N B3		
22 KR Q	Q QN4	37 K B	RxR	11 Q N3	R K		
23 P QN3	K R2	38 Resign		12 P K4	BPxP		
24 QxRP	Q N4	Jeffers-Mattingly		13 BxB	P K3		
25 Q K3	Q B4	1 P K4	P K3	14 B Q3	NxP		
26 R B4	N R3	2 P Q4	P Q4	15 NxN	BxN		
27 RxP	R K5	3 N QB3	B N5	16 O O	Q B3		
28 Q KB3	Q K4	4 Q Q3	PxP	17 B N5	R B		

This "super" issue of Chess News brings us all up to date - and ready for the CCCL matches and winter tournaments. Please send in results and game scores!!

A TRIBUTE TO SAM BEAN

R. E. Burger

The death of Sam Bean was a sudden and unexpected loss to all who knew him. Any attempt to express that loss would be unnecessary for his close friends and futile for those who never met him. It might be more fitting for one who knew him for only a short time to pay tribute to the man in the role I knew him best, as a chessplayer.

Sam's record on top-board for Pittsburg would be enough to recommend any player; add to this his achievements in the Bay area matches with the Oakland team and you know why his ability was so respected. In these serious encounters, however, Sam's "chess-side" manner was never seen. It was all too formal and business-like for him, but he maintained such dignity and calm that many thought that was his personality - self-conscious, timid, unsociable. Just the opposite was the true case; he liked to meet and talk with anyone, and see what kind of chess he played, especially. When he played off-hand games at the Pittsburg club he was the center of attraction, not because of his handicap or the way he overcame it, but because of his lively sense of humor and happy spirit. The type of character he was especially fond of laughing at was the player who tried to "catch" Sam in a sneak mate, hoping Sam wouldn't "see" it. Sam wasn't a combinational genius, but woe to the player who thought he could put something over on him!

Positional chess was Sam's forte. Simple openings, sound middle game maneuvering, straight-forward endings. Rarely was he beaten in the later stages of the game: a King-side attack usually characterized his losses. (CP. his loss to Smith in the Fresno-Pittsburg match of last year.) A curious thing I noticed in my games with him was that several times he "overlooked" the effect of a discovery or pin on a long diagonal, perhaps because that particular arrangement is the hardest to imagine by only feeling the pieces. Remember that Sam wasn't strictly a "blindfold" player, but in order to speed up the game he handled the pieces, thus assuming the distraction of the ordinary player - (if we are to believe those who claim that playing blindfold gives a clearer picture of the game). In any event, Sam's type of game seldom led to brilliancies, but to hard-fought, close games.

There are many anecdotes to be told about Sam's exploits over the board, or about his ability to overcome his unbelievable handicaps of sight and sound. And in discussing such things it is easy to go overboard and proclaim the man faultless with the most back-bending superlatives. As far as his chess-playing goes, though, I don't think there is anyone with a greater will to win and yet a more gracious willingness to admit defeat. At the North-South match last year, which was the occasion of Sam's last serious game, Sam had been ill on the way down (with the rest of us from the Pittsburg area), and played his game under a great strain. All of us were waiting for Loera to finish his game so we could head for home. On and on it dragged, and Al was fading fast. Finally we brought the report to Mr. Bean that Al looked hopelessly lost but was still going to play on. Said Sam, "Tell Loera to die like a man."

It's a tribute to the game of chess that it could interest and brighten so much the life of a deaf and blind man. That he could meet and influence so many people through such a game is an even greater tribute to Sam Bean.

(Vallejo)		<u>Sacramento-Vallejo Match, July 27</u>					
1 G. Rasmussen	O	M. O. Meyer	1	6 Grant Boague	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. E. Russell	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 Odis Richmond	O	R. L. Richards	1	7 O. Tarley	O	J. A. Celle	1
3 M. K. Fountain	O	O. J. Celle	1	8 W. Abrom	O	S. G. Johnson	1
4 Fred Norling	1	J. B. Gee	O	9 H M Sutton	1	N. E. Talcott	O
5 Geo. Nyland	$\frac{1}{2}$	N. T. Austin	$\frac{1}{2}$	10 Marianne Bogue	<u>0</u>	J. Hardy	<u>$\frac{1}{7}$</u>
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CCCL MEETING

The Executive Committee of the CCCL met at Oakdale Sept. 21, to lay plans for the coming seasons play.

Two representatives from Castle Air Base were present and presented their problem in joining the League. It was agreed that Castle should stay out for the coming year and schedule non-league matches with some of the teams.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: M. E. Mattingly, (Stockton) President; L. H. Daugherty (San Jose) Vice-President; N. T. Austin (Sacramento) Secretary.

A schedule prepared by Francis Crofut was approved.

A discussion was held concerning the eligibility of Bay Area players who wish to play for teams in the League. It was decided that unanimous approval of the Executive Committee must be given before any player currently competing in another league be allowed to play. Approval was given for Pittsburg to play Robert Trenbarth.

A committee, composed of N. T. Austin, H. E. Paul and P. D. Smith, was appointed to consider holding a League Championship Tournament and a State Championship Qualifying Tournament. The \$5 prize for the player making the best score at first board will be continued. The Championship will not be involved.

Francis Crofut discussed certain rules of play, and it was pointed out that players must keep their own scores if a score is kept.

A discussion was held regarding the advisability of playing teams of a definite number, but it was decided to continue as at present.

The meeting was adjourned and \$5.70 was collected to defray the Oakdale Club's expenses for the meeting place. N. T. Austin, Sec'y.

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M. E. Mattingly	1723 Webster St.	Oakland 12
	Rt 4 Box 336	Lodi
P. D. Smith	1331 W. Robertson	Fresno
Frank Olvera	1155 Maple St.	Pittsburg
L. H. Daugherty		San Jose
Elmer Achtenberg	912 So. Tipton	Visalia

CCCL Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand 9/16/51	42.00	Prize (P. D. Smith)	5.00
Received from Clubs	<u>15.00</u>	Postage	1.50
	57.00	Donation Tournament Fund	<u>20.00</u>
			26.50

Balance on hand 9/21/52 \$30.50

Modesto Qualifying Tournament
Financial Statement

Receipts: Entry Fees	55.00	Disbursements:	
Donation from League	20.00	Championship Prize Fund	35.00
Donation from Clubs:		Rent	20.00
Eresno	5.00	1st Prize (Burger)	20.00
Modesto	7.50	2nd Prize (Meyer)	15.00
San Jose	2.50	3rd & 4th prizes (Hailparn)	5.00
Stockton	5.00	(Davis)	5.00
Sacramento	<u>10.00</u>	(Mattingly)	<u>5.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$105.00	Total Disbursements	\$105.00

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE
Schedule for 1952-'53

Round #1	October 12	<u>Sacramento</u> vs Fresno	Played at Oakdale
		<u>Modesto</u> vs Stockton	
		<u>Pittsburg</u> vs Oakdale	
		<u>Visalia</u> vs <u>San Jose</u>	
Round #2	November 2	<u>Oakdale</u> at Fresno	
		<u>Modesto</u> vs Visalia at Fresno	
		<u>San Jose</u> at Pittsburg	
		<u>Stockton</u> at Sacramento	
Round #3	November 23	<u>Pittsburg</u> vs <u>Fresno</u> at Oakdale	
		<u>Modesto</u> vs <u>Sacramento</u> at Oakdale	
		<u>Oakdale</u> vs <u>San Jose</u> at Oakdale	
		<u>Visalia</u> vs <u>Stockton</u> at Fresno	
Round #4	December 14	Fresno at <u>Visalia</u>	
		Modesto at <u>San Jose</u>	
		Oakdale at <u>Sacramento</u>	
		<u>Pittsburg</u> at Stockton	
Round #5	January 4	<u>San Jose</u> vs Fresno	Played at Oakdale
		<u>Pittsburg</u> vs Modesto	
		<u>Stockton</u> vs Oakdale	
		<u>Visalia</u> vs <u>Sacramento</u>	
Round #6	January 25	Modesto at <u>Fresno</u>	
		Oakdale vs <u>Visalia</u> at Fresno	
		<u>Pittsburg</u> at Sacramento	
		<u>San Jose</u> vs <u>Stockton</u> at San Jose	
Round #7	February 15	<u>Fresno</u> vs Stockton	Played at Modesto
		<u>Oakdale</u> vs Modesto	
		<u>Visalia</u> vs Pittsburg	
		<u>Sacramento</u> vs San Jose	

Underscored teams have white pieces on top board.

		<u>Team Tournament 1952</u>					
Pirc Defense	4 B B4	P KN3	9 N QB3	B N2	14 PxP	BxP	
Burger	Currie	5 O O	N R3	10 N N5	N K4	15 NxB	KxN
1 P K4	P Q3	6 P Q3	B N2	11 Q R5	P K3	16 QR K	Q Q3?
2 P KB4	P QB4	7 P B5	PxP	12 PxP	P Q4	17 QxP mate	
3 N KB3	N QB3	8 BxN	BxB	13 B N5ch	K K2		
QP Center Counter	3 PxP	P K5	7 P Q3	R K	11 QxN	PxN	
P. Dahl	Burger	4 Q K2	N KB3	8 B Q3	NxP	12 PxP	B Q3
1 P K4	P K4	5 N QB3	B K2	9 O O O	P KB4	13 Q N3ch	B K3
2 N KB3	P Q4	6 NxP	O O	10 N K5? !	NxB	14 QxNP	N B3!
						15 NxN?	B B5ch & mate in two.

Irving Rivise and Henry Gross will share the Championship crown for the coming year, having split first and second prize in a last round turn of events that saw Levin out-combine the tournament leader, Gross, while Poliakoff faltered before Rivise in an endgame. At the start of play between the northern and southern contingents, both Gross and Rivise had perfect scores of three wins over their respective team-mates. In the fourth round they met and drew, and remained equal with fifth round wins. In demonstrably drawn positions Gross won his sixth round and Rivise lost, thus setting up the finale.

Eugene Levin closed out the tourney with three fine wins to gain third prize with 4½ out of 7, one point behind the leaders. By beating Martin in the final round Falconer pulled equal to him to share fourth and fifth prizes, 3½ out of seven. Poliakoff could garner but one point from the southern players for a final score of 3-4 and sixth prize. Burger was seventh with only one win and a draw, while last years' Champion, Spiller, was last with two draws. So we have:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	x	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	5½ - 1½
Gross									
Rivise	½	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	5½ - 1½
Levin	1	0	x	1	½	1	0	1	4½ - 2½
Falconer	0	1	0	x	1	0	1	½	3½ - 3½
Martin	0	0	½	0	x	1	1	1	3½ - 3½
Poliakoff	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	1	3 - 4
Burger	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	½	1½ - 5½
Spiller	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	x	1 - 6

Everyone received a prize, the fund of \$250 being split into eight figures ranging from ten to ninety dollars. H. King and A.B. Stamer directed proceedings admirably, with only one "incident", a time dispute in the Martin-Falconer game. Falconer, by the way, is addicted to reading a newspaper for the first hour and three-quarters: he pounds the clock like Lionel Hampton for the last fifteen. Pafnutieff and Clark Jonas did most of the post mortems, and had brilliancies up both sleeves.

The showing of the CCCL representative was lamentably poor, though there are "ifs" and "buts" about it. I absolutely "potzed" the Burger-Rivise game, with the exchange up and attack, through exhaustion, since it was the fourth game for me in twenty-four hours. Three unsound openings cost me three points before I got wise. Though a pawn up against Falconer and Spiller, I was again outclassed and barely managed to salvage a half-point. My win:

Burger	Levin						
1 P K4	P K4	6 P QB4	B Kg	11 Q R5	P KB3	16 K R	Q KN5
2 N KB3	N KB3	7 O O	B K2	12 B Q3!	PxN	17 RxRch	BxR
3 P Q4	P Q4	8 N Q2	P K6	13 N N5	N KB3	18 N B7ch	BxN
4 PxQP	P K5	9 N K4	PxPch	14 BxPch	K R	19 QxQ	KxB
5 N K5	NxP	10 RxP	O O	15 RxN	QxPch	20 Q B8	Resigns