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The previous issue of Sept. 24th carried a report of the CCCL Exec. Committee Meeting on Sept. 18th. In that particular issue was a report on "Affiliation With USCF"; the major issue on affiliation was in connection with the rating system. We thought the committee's report was very fair and well-written, nevertheless the following letter was received from the editor of Chess Life, of the USCF:

Mr. J. B. Gee  
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Sept. 28, 1955

Dear Mr. Gee:

Noting the report of the CCCL Executive Committee Meeting in the Sacramento Chess News, I am a little disappointed at seeing the misleading statement that "the rules for rating events have been changed so many times that it is difficult to be sure what ones are in effect". This statement is not only untruth, but infers that the members of the Sacramento Chess Club are incapable of reading, since every change in the Rating Regulations have been published in advance in CHESS LIFE.

This embroidering of a fact in order to present it as a falsehood to the reader has been a favorite device of two other Californian critics who have thereby earned the just contempt of all chess players intelligent enough to penetrate their despicable strategy of mud-slinging. But I have always thought you gentlemen in the Central California region were a more honest and respectable group, above such petty forms of vilification; and I trust the above statement on the rating system was inadvertently made and not with malicious intention to deceive members of the Central California Chess League.

Factually, the Rating Regulations have been altered just three times in five years -- and each change has been announced in advance and all tournaments started or so definitely planned that arrangements could not be changed under the old system have been honored under that system although extending past the deadline into the new regulations, or even starting after the new regulations were in effect.

Therefore your sneer is both inaccurate and unjust.

The Rating System was established with the publication of the first Rating List in CHESS LIFE in the issue of November 20, 1950. As of September 1, 1951 (announced CL July 20, 1951) a rating fee of 50¢ was established for non-members. Effective January 1, 1954 (first announced CL September 20, 1954) the rating fee was raised to \$1.00 for non-members. Effective March 1, 1955 (announced Feb. 5, 1955) the present regulations were established although we continued to honor all events played under the 1954 regulations which had started or were announced prior to March 1, 1955.

Since you seem in doubt on the provisions regarding ratings, I am enclosing the official regulations.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Montgomery Major, Editor"

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The above letter was not considered worthy of a reply. The report under fire was written by a committee member representing some eighty CCCL members. Your Editor respectfully refers the above communication to the CCCL officers for an appropriate answer, representing the League. -- As a personal opinion only, the above letter is a good example why the Capitol City Chess Club and J. B. Gee are no longer affiliated with the United States Chess Federation.



League Game Results, 10/9 & 11/6/55

| <u>San Jose</u>   |              | <u>Fresno</u> |              | <u>Sacramento</u> |              | <u>Modesto</u> |              |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1 W T Adams       | 0            | M Hailparr    | 1            | 1 M O Meyer       | 1            | L Davis        | 0            |
| 2 Phil Foley      | 1            | E Achterberg  | 0            | 2 W Rogers        | 0            | E Jeffers      | 1            |
| 3 Bert Mueller    | 0            | Tom Fries     | 1            | 3 M Saca          | 1            | L Kerfoot      | 0            |
| 4 J. Kalnins      | 1            | H Minchaca    | 0            | 4 J Scheuerman    | 1            | L Krogness     | 0            |
| 5 H O'Shaughnessy | 0            | W Shirer      | 1            | 5 E Edmondson     | 1/2          | H Paul         | 1/2          |
| 6 K Chapman       | 1/2          | R Baker       | 1/2          | 6 N T Austin      | 1            | H Wente        | 0            |
| 7 G Van Hooser    | 1            | M Phetteplace | 0            | 7 J Celle         | 0            | Hobbs          | 1            |
| 8 L H Daugherty   | 1            | R Garabedian  | 0            | 8 W Hartley       | 1            | Fisher         | 0            |
|                   | <u>4 1/2</u> |               | <u>3 1/2</u> |                   | <u>5 1/2</u> |                | <u>2 1/2</u> |

| <u>Pittsburg</u> |              | <u>Stockton</u> |              | <u>San Jose</u>   |          | <u>Oakdale</u> |          |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| 1 W Whisler      | 1            | J Saxon         | 0            | 1 W Adams         | 1        | H Mortensen    | 0        |
| 2 R C Guzman     | 0            | R Leigh         | 1            | 2 P Foley         | 1        | R Ewing        | 0        |
| 3 S Poulsen      | 1            | Isaacs          | 0            | 3 E Mueller       | 1        | F Kimball      | 0        |
| 4 F Olvera       | 1            | Dr Davis Malig  | 0            | 4 J Kalnins       | 1        | C J Smith      | 0        |
| 5 F Weinberg     | 1            | M Schultz       | 0            | 5 H O'Shaughnessy | 1        | H Blickenstaff | 0        |
| 6 R Turner       | 1/2          | M Sanders       | 1/2          | 6 Critchlow       | 1        | Swanson        | 0        |
| 7 Garcia         | 0            | J Wallington    | 1            | 7 K Chapman       | 1        | S Sampson      | 0        |
| 8 Forfeit        | 0            | Saxon Sr        | 1            | 8 L Daugherty     | 1        | V Smith        | 0        |
|                  | <u>4 1/2</u> |                 | <u>3 1/2</u> |                   | <u>8</u> |                | <u>0</u> |

| <u>Pittsburg</u> |              | <u>Modesto</u> |              | <u>Sacramento</u> |              | <u>Stockton</u> |            |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 W Whisler      | 1            | L Davis        | 0            | 1 M O Meyer       | 1            | M A Sanders     | 0          |
| 2 L Talcott      | 0            | E L Jeffers    | 1            | 2 J B Gee         | 1/2          | R Juhre         | 1/2        |
| 3 S Poulsen      | 1/2          | L Krogness     | 1/2          | 3 A Janushkowsky  | 1            | Roger Bruy      | 0          |
| 4 Al Loera       | 1            | C Garlow       | 0            | 4 E B Edmondson   | 1            | W Jarvis        | 0          |
| 5 F Olvera       | 1            | J. Fisher      | 0            | 5 W Rogers        | 1            | H E Mattingly   | 0          |
| 6 F Weinberg     | 1            | C Cook         | 0            | 6 M Saca          | 1            | Rodney Bruy     | 0          |
| 7 R Guzman       | 1            | H Wente        | 0            | 7 J C Scheuerman  | 1            | Wohannaber      | 0          |
| 8 G Garcia       | 0            | Herb Paul      | 1            | 8 N T Austin      | 1            | H Keibler       | 0          |
|                  | <u>5 1/2</u> |                | <u>2 1/2</u> |                   | <u>7 1/2</u> |                 | <u>1/2</u> |

SAN JOSE CHAMPIONSHIP

|                  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5     | 6  | 7     | 8  | 9  | 10 | SCORE               |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|-------|----|-------|----|----|----|---------------------|
| 1 Adams.....     | xx | 00 | 11 | 11 | 11    | 11 | 11    | 11 | 11 | 11 | .... 16 - 2         |
| 2 Foley.....     | 11 | xx | 10 | 10 | 11    | 11 | 11    | 11 | 11 | 11 | .... 16 - 2         |
| 3 Mueller.....   | 00 | 10 | xx | 11 | 11    | 11 | 11    | 10 | 11 | 11 | .... 14 - 4         |
| 4 Kimball.....   | 00 | 10 | 00 | xx | 11    | 01 | 10    | 11 | 11 | 11 | .... 11 - 7         |
| 5 Chapman.....   | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | xx    | 10 | 1 1/2 | 11 | 10 | 11 | .... 7 1/2 - 10 1/2 |
| 6 Havill .....   | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 10    | xx | 10    | 10 | 11 | 01 | .... 7 - 11         |
| 7 Lutz .....     | 00 | 00 | 00 | 10 | 1/2 0 | 10 | xx    | 10 | 10 | 10 | .... 5 1/2 - 12 1/2 |
| 8 Van Hooser.... | 00 | 00 | 10 | 00 | 00    | 10 | 10    | xx | 00 | 11 | .... 5 - 13         |
| 9 O'Brien.....   | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 10    | 00 | 10    | 11 | xx | 10 | .... 5 - 13         |
| 10 Hernandez.... | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00    | 10 | 10    | 00 | 10 | xx | .... 3 - 15         |

Bill Adams defeated Phil Foley 2-0 for the championship of the San Jose Chess Club after the two had tied for first place in a double round robin.

Latest report on standings in the Pittsburg Chess Club Perpetual Rating System: William Whisler 900; Frank Olvera 644; Jim Smith 604; Salve Wilson 563; Ray Guzman 499; Leroy Turner 460; R. Gilfillan 456; Ted Snavely 426; G. Garcia 411; Ray Beavers 361; J. R. Glover 274.

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We are approaching the end of six years of publishing the Sacramento Chess News, which reports the news of the Central California Chess League. In 1954, and in 1955 especially, we have found the pressure of available time from personal and business reasons to interfere seriously with publishing the "News". All facts considered, it is suggested the CCCL should arrange for more definite and prompt publication of its news and match results. - - - - - J. B. Gee, Editor.