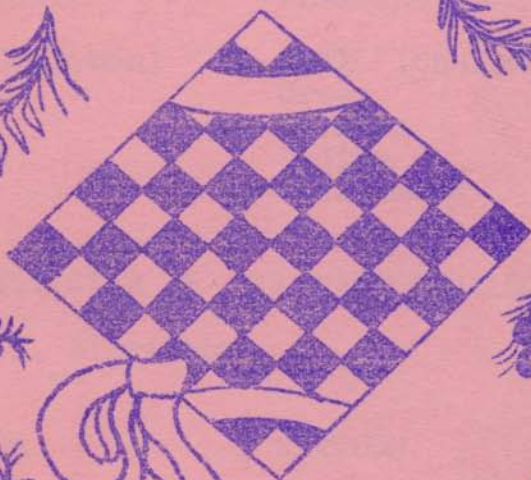


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LADDER STANDINGS

Pos	Name	Points	Pos	Name	Points
1	Carter	1880	22	Barrios	1473
2	Albritton	1824	23	Lee	1500
3	Mahan	1885	24	Easley	1550
4	Flohr	1992	25	Bobeda	1554
5	Green	1825	26	Campbell	1548
6	Nolte	1823	27	Godina	1454
7	Sensell	1822	28	Birdwell	1448
8	Frazier	1745	29	Kibbey	1454
9	Devote	1750	30	Pierce	1448
10	Brarens	1772	31	Garcia	1454
11	Loney	1550	32	Brown	1448
12	Hall	1823	33	Ross	1454
13	Campos	1802	34	Decker	1448
14	Williamson	1813	35	Bello	1454
15	Fluty	1700	36	Wicks	1448
16	Boren	1748	37	Gamler	1454
17	Votel	1550	38	Hoover	1448
18	Ward	1675	39	Shaffer	1454
19	Javor	1604	40	Harvey	1448
20	Switzer	1598	41	Lund	1400
21	Sweeney	1550	42	Juarez	1350

Well, this month we are loaded with news of interest to one and all. First of all, we had the good fortune to decisively defeat a strong team, led by Lea Talcott, from four of the GFNC teams. It is gratifying to note that on the top boards, with the exception of John Nolte, we more than held our own. Montie Carter won and drew, L. Mahan won and drew, as did G. Frazier, Bill Sensell won two and Old Scotty Flohr, playing with his old time fire, won one and lost one. Down through the middle boards we saw wins by Javor Rexinger and Ward. We can be confident when the League play begins, just as long as we don't become overconfident.

At present we are waiting anxiously for the Colle Team, our first league match. Preparations have been made for them to come in on December 2, and all members will receive ducats to attend the match. In this match our work will be cut out for us. Just realize that such exceptional players as Earl Yaggis, Dr. B. Gross, Bill Stevens and Bill Pattullo are on one team. No-one will get by them without knowing they have been in a match.

The San Quentin Open Championship came to an end on Saturday, November 17, with a close finish. Sensell, with more nerve than a fireman with a celluloid collar, played George Brarens to a long draw. Brarens, playing like a cub bear threading a needle, gave a win away, only to come back and beat Hall in the final round. On page 19 you can see the complete results of the Open Championship. Page 17 has the medalists listed.

On Friday evening, January 11, we will host a team from the Crockett Club of Crockett, California. They will bring about 8 players, but be sure they will be very strong. This club, though small, has always been prominent in Northern California Chess Circles. These matches, against non-league teams, will give the strongest players, not on the league team, a chance to play. Those men who want to play outside competition will have to work if they deserve the opportunity to play.

CHESS CLUB TIPS VISITORS

On Saturday, November 10, 1956, a combined group of players representing four Bay Area Chess Clubs visited San Quentin. The ten-man team of outsiders engaged San Quentin in a two-round match. San Quentin won the first round 6-4, and took the second round 5-4, one of the visitors being able to stay for only one round.

Due to the caliber of the invaders, six of whom were high-rated "A" players while the other four were well-established "B" players, the win was quite a feather in the locals' caps.

The Berkeley-Alameda Group, led by Les Talcott, sported six of the toughest players San Quentin will have to face in league play during the winter season; the first year in which the Institution has ever permitted a team to be fielded in direct competition for the team trophy and prizes. This will also mean that the men representing San Quentin will obtain a rating and position in the United States Chess Federation as well as with the Chess Friends of Northern California, the Group sponsoring the El Camino Real League.

Outstanding for San Quentin was Bill Sensell, who won both of his matches. Close behind him were George Frazier and Montie Carter, each of whom won one match and drew the other, giving them a point and one-half to one-half for the opposition.

Jim Cook, currently Champion of the Showalter Team in the El Camino Real League, was tops for the visitors, winning both of his matches. To note the balance of the local team, not another player (with the exception of Cook) was able to garner more than one point.

MATCH RESULTS

SAN QUENTIN	WON	DREW	LOST	BERKELEY- ALAMEDA	Won	DREW	LOST
Carter		1		Stevens	1		
Mahan		1		Talcott	1		
Flohr	1			Rebold			0
Sensell	1			Paulsen			0
Nolte			0	Cook	1		
Erarens		1		Cunco		1	
Frazier	1			Pattullo			0
Devote			0	Lasich	1		
Javor	1			Jolly			0
Ward		1		Wheeler	1		
TOTALS:	4	4	2		2	4	4

RESULT: First Round SQ 6 Berkeley-Alameda 4

SECOND ROUND

Mahan		1		Stevens	1		
Carter	1			Talcott			0
Flohr			0	Rebold	1		
Frazier		1		Paulsen		1	
Nolte			0	Cook	1		
Votel		1		Cunco		1	
Sensell	1			Pattullo			0
Rexinger	1			Lasich			0
Fluty		1		Wheeler		1	
TOTALS:	3	4	2		2	4	3

RESULT: Second Round SQ 5 Berkeley-Alameda 4

MATCH RESULT: SQ 11 Berkeley-Alameda 8

(Jolly of Berkeley-Alameda retired after First Round)

MATCH GAMES

The following game is one of those played November 10, against a group of very strong players from the Bay Area. Mr. Talcott's reputation is well-known to us here at San Quentin. Although time ran out on Mr. Mahan, and the game had to be adjudicated, we feel, after extensive analysis, that the position should have been a win for White. Mr. Talcott is in the unfortunate position of being able to make only defensive moves. For White, the win is not easily foreseeable, but should be there.

SICILIAN DEFENSE (Notes by M. Carter)

WHITE: L. Mahan

BLACK: L. Talcott

1	P-K4	P-QB4	14	BxN	QcB
2	N-KB3	N-QB3	15	B-R6	P-QN4
3	P-Q4	PxP	16	BxB	KxB
4	NxP	N-B3	17	P-R5	PxP
5	N-QB3	P-Q3	18	P-N5(c)	N-Q2
6	P-B3	P-KN3	19	Q-R2	R-R1
7	B-K3	B-N2	20	QxRP	QR-KN1
8	Q-Q2	O-O	21	R(Q)-N1	K-B1
9	O-O-O	B-K3(a)	22	R-R4(d)	P-K4
10	K-N1	Q-R1	23	Q-R6ch(e)	K-K1
11	NxB	FxN(b)	24	N-Q5	N-B1
12	P-KR4	N-QR4	25	P-N3	Q-B1
13	P-KN4	N-B5		(f)	

NOTES

- A- This move must be considered weak. If now, NxB, FxN; Blacks position would be very hard to defend. The open KB file is not important since White has castled Queen-side.
- B- QxP was correct
- C- If now FxP, White could make good use of the KN file.
- D- Very strong, Black must prevent R-B4, the threat P-K5 is easily refuted.
- E- White should play P-B4.
- F- White's positional advantage is great, if a win could be forced I will not say. What do you think?

MATCH GAMES

This contest also had to be adjudicated for lack of time, although there leaves no doubt as to the outcome in just a few moves. Sensell shows the slow positional play for which he is noted, and then explodes for a fine finish. Mr. Paulsen plays a sound game but just can't seem to win the play away from White.

QUEEN'S PAWN (Colle System)

(Notes by Montie Carter)

WHITE: Sensell

BLACK: Paulsen

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|----|-------|----------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1 | P-Q4 | N-KB3 | 15 | P-QN4 | N-K3 |
| 2 | N-KB3 | P-Q3 | 16 | B-K3 (a) | P-QR3 |
| 3 | P-B4 | B-B4 | 17 | P-QN5 | N-B4 |
| 4 | N-B3 | P-KR3 | 18 | PxP | NxP |
| 5 | Q-N3 | Q-B1 (a) | 19 | N(4)-QN5 (b) | P-QB3 |
| 6 | N-Q2 | QN-Q2 | 20 | N-Q4 (b) | B-KN2 (c) |
| 7 | P-K4 | B-R2 | 21 | QR-N1 | Q-QB2 |
| 8 | B-Q3 | P-K4 | 22 | N-QR4 | N-Q2 |
| 9 | N-B3 | PxP | 23 | N-QN3 | KR-K1 |
| 10 | NxP | N-B4 | 24 | P-B5 | P-Q4 |
| 11 | Q-B2 | Q-N5 | 25 | N-N6 (ch) | NxN |
| 12 | O-O | O-O-O | 26 | PxN | Q-Q2 |
| 13 | P-B3 | Q-Q2 | 27 | BxN | PxB (d) |
| 14 | B-K2 | P-KN4 | Adjudicated a win for White. | | |

- a It appears Black is planning to castle Queen's side, otherwise he would have played P-N3.
- b This subtle move forces Black to weaken his castled position.
- c Black fails to realize how weak his casted position really is, he should try to play P-KN5 with good counter-chances.
- d There is no good reply now for Black, it is just a matter of a few moves until White forces a win.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE
 (By Transposition, Notes by
 L. D. Mahan)

This game between Mr. Rebold and E. Scott Flohr is a perfect example of a superior White opening and a powerful, winning Black middle-game. Mr. Flohr's middle-game tactics in this game are veritably brilliant!

WHITE: Rebold

BLACK: Flohr

1	P-QB4	N-KB3	15	QR-Q7(e)	R-K3
2	N-QB3	P-Q3	16	P-K4 (f)	Q-N3 ch !
3	P-KN3	P-KN3 (a)	17	N-Q4 (g)	BxN ch
4	B-N2	B-N2	18	QxB	QxQ ch
5	P-Q4	P-B3	19	RxQ	N-K6 !
6	P-K3	O-O	20	R-B2	P-B4 ! (h)
7	N-K2	N-Q2	21	R-Q3	NxB
8	O-O	P-K4	22	KxN	PxP
9	P-QR4 (b)	P-QR4	23	R-K3	N-B3
10	P-QN3	N-K (c)	24	R-K2	P-N3 !!
11	B-QR3	P-KB4	25	NxP??(i)	NxN
12	PxP	NxP	26	RxN	B-N2 !
13	P-B4? (d)	N-N5 !	27	K-B3	R-K
14	Q-Q2	R-B3 !	28	RESIGNS	

NOTES

- a Flohr does not wish to play against the English.
- b White's line is quite strong. It has been used with success against the King's Indian by such immortals as Botvinnik. The text move, however, is not part of the line. Usually White plays P-N3 followed by B-QR3. The text leaves the QNP weak, as well as the squares N3 and N4. The move also requires a valuable tempo.
- c Against this line Black does best by aiming for P-Q4, P-K5 and later P-KB4-5 etc.
- d This is very bad and changes the complexion of the entire game.
- e Another very serious error. K-R is necessary.
- f R-B3 merely delays, the KP is doomed.
- g White's position is not enviable. N-Q4 is White's only move.
- h This move closes White's Bishop out, wins the KP and prepares P-N3 which is to follow.
- i White's final and most decisive error. The cost is one Rook. In any event White's position appears lost.

A TWO ACT PLAY, ENTITLED:
WHERE DID THE ENGLISH GO?
 OR
TWO LITTLE INDIANS.

These games were played at San Quentin, November 10, against two very strong players from the Bay Area, Mr. Talcott and Mr. Rebold.

Several similarities in these contests are worth mentioning. Both Carter and Flohr, of San Quentin were out-played in the opening, yet made remarkable recoveries in the middle-game and quickly defeated their opponents. In both cases White attempted the English system and Black declined, choosing instead the King's Indian Defense.

Although both games were victories and the middle-game play on the San Quentin side was sparkling, neither speaks well of our knowledge of Opening Theory.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE
 (by transposition)

The celebrated L. Talcott and M. Carter met in the second round at board number two. White's intrepid, quickly succeeding counter-attack in the middle-game bears witness to the ability of our top "A" player.

(Notes by L. D. Kahan)

WHITE: Carter

BLACK: Talcott

1	P-QB4	N-KB3	16	Q-K2(g)	P-B5(h)
2	N-QB3	P-KN3(a)	17	PxP	PxP
3	P-Q4	B-N2	18	N-B3	Q-N6 ch
4	N-B3	O-O	19	K-R	QR-K
5	P-K4	P-Q3	20	QR-K	E-B4?(1)
6	B-Q3	QN-Q2	21	PxB!!	BxN(j)
7	O-O	P-K4(b)	22	QxR!	RxQ
8	P-Q5	P-QR4(c)	23	RxR ch	K-B2
9	B-K3(d)	P-N3(e)	24	R-QB8	BxP
10	N-Q2	N-B4	25	PxP ch	PxP
11	B-B2	N-N5!	26	RxP ch	K-K?(k)
12	P-KR3	NxB	27	R-K ch	K-Q?(l)
13	PxN	Q-N4	28	R-K7	B-K4(m)
14	Q-B3	P-B4	29	R-QN7	B-B6
15	K-R2(f)	B-Q2	30	R-KR7	<u>Resigns</u>

(Notes on page 10)

(Notes on game shown on page 9)

- a Black prefers to play the King's Indian.
b A typical position arising from this opening.
c Preparing N-B4
d P-KR3 first is preferred. Developing the QB at QR3 is another good plan in this system.
e Passive. N-N5 followed by N-B4, and P-B4 gives Black a fine game.
f 15 PxP, BxP; 16 BxB, RxB; 17 Q-K2, B-R3; 18 QR-K1 is the best continuation for White. The text is superfluous.
g The preceding line in note "f" is still preferred.
h B-R3 is Black's strongest.
i This "looks" terrific but it loses. P-KN4 is about the only satisfactory move that Black has. It is difficult to see how he can progress any further, and White threatens to exchange queens by Q-B2 next move.
j If 21, RxQ; 22 NXR! winning Black's Queen and the game.
k K-B3 was necessary
l The text move is fatal! Black was forced to play B-K4. In any event it is only a matter of time. Black's position is hopeless.
m A bit too late.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

WHITE: J. Cook

BLACK: J. Nolte

1	P-K4	P-QB4	17	Q-K2	QxQ
2	N-KB3	P-Q3	18	RxQ	KR-QB1
3	P-KN3	N-QB3	19	P-KB3	P-KN4
4	P-QB3	P-K4	20	P-KN4	K-N2
5	P-Q3	N-KB3	21	R(2)-QB2	N-Q2
6	B-N2	P-KR3	22	N-QN5	RxR
7	O-O	Q-B2	23	RxR	N-QB4
8	R-K1	B-K3	24	P-QN4	P-QR3
9	P-Q4	BPxP	25	NxQP	BxN
10	BPxP	B-KN5	26	PxN	R-QB1
11	P-Q5	N-Q5	27	R-QB1	B-QB2
12	N-QB3	B-K2	28	R-QN1	R-QN1
13	B-K3	NxN ch	29	P-Q6	B-R4
14	BxN	ExB	30	P-QB6	P-N4

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15	QxB	O-O	31	P-B7	R-QB1
16	QR-QB1	Q-B5	32	P-Q7	<u>Resigns</u>

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

WHITE: Brarans

BLACK: Cuneo

1	P-Q4	P-Q4	22	P-R4	P-K4
2	P-QB4	P-QB3	23	PxP	QxP
3	P-K3	N-KB3	24	P-N5	B-R3
4	N-QB3	P-K3	25	KR-K1	R-K1
5	P-QR3	N-Q2	26	R-B3	PxP
6	B-Q2	P-QB4	27	PxP	B-N2
7	QPxP	NxP	28	P-B6	PxP
8	P-QN4	QN-K5	29	RxP	Q-N1
9	P-B5	B-Q2	30	RxR	QxR
10	B-Q3	NxB	31	N-B6	B-R3
11	QxN	P-KN3	32	QxP	RxP
12	R-B1	B-N2	33	RxR	BxR ch
13	N-KB3	O-O	34	K-B1	Q-K1
14	O-O	Q-B2	35	Q-Q8	QxQ
15	B-N5	P-QR3	36	NxQ	P-B4
16	BxB	NxB	37	K-K2	B-N3
17	KR-Q1	N-K4	38	N-B6	K-B2
18	NxN	BxN	39	K-Q3	K-K3
19	P-KB4	B-N2	40	K-B4	K-Q3
20	N-K2	KR-Q1	41	N-N4	-----
21	N-Q4	QR-B1			<u>Adjudicated a draw</u>

COLLE SYSTEM

WHITE: Pattullo

BLACK: Frazier

1	P-Q4	P-Q4	10	N-KN5	P-KB3
2	N-KB3	P-KN3	11	N-KR3	P-QR4
3	N-B3	P-QB3	12	P-KB3	N-KR3
4	B-KB4	N-Q2	13	P-K4	N-B2
5	Q-Q2	B-KN2	14	Q-B2	P-K4
6	P-KR4	KN-B3	15	PxP	PxP
7	O-O-O	N-BB5	16	B-K3	P-Q5
8	P-K3	N-QN3	17	B-KN5	NxB
9	K-N1	P-KR4	18	NxN	Q-K2

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COLLE SYSTEM (Continued)

WHITE: Pattullo

BLACK: Frazier

19	N-K2	P-QB4	24	PxP	R-K1
20	P-KB4	O-O	25	R-KN1	P-QB5
21	P-KN3	B-KN5	26	B-K6 ch	K-R1
22	B-KR3	BxN	27	BxP	Q-QN5
23	QxB	PxP	<u>Adjudicated a win for Black</u>		

COLLE SYSTEM

WHITE: Cuneo

BLACK: Votel

1	P-Q4	N-KB3	14	BxN	QxB
2	N-KB3	P-KN3	15	N-K5	Q-N4
3	P-K3	P-Q4	16	B-K4	BxB
4	B-Q3	B-N2	17	QxB	P-B4
5	N-Q2	O-O	18	Q-B6	KR-K1
6	O-O	N-Q2	19	Q-Q7	BxN
7	R-K1	P-K3	20	RxB	Q-Q1
8	Q-K2	P-B4	21	QxQ	QRxQ
9	P-B3	P-N3	22	PxP	PxP
10	P-K4	PxP	23	RxP	R-Q7
11	NxP	B-N2	24	P-N3	R-K7
12	B-KN5	P-KR3	25	R-R5	R-Q2
13	NxN	NxN	<u>Adjudicated a draw</u>		

The above four games were played against the visitors but were not annotated for lack of space. Play them over and see what you think of them. There is always a lesson in replaying games.

The credit for this victory over the strong visitors belongs to the men who won, BUT DON'T FORGET THAT THERE SHOULD BE MUCH CREDIT GIVEN TO MR. ALBRITTON, OUR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, FOR HIS EFFORTS TO MAKE THE LINE UPS AND TO MEET STRENGTH WITH STRENGTH AND ASSURE A VICTORY. It may be well to personally tell him that you think he is doing a fine job!!!

KIBITZER'S KORNER

Have you noticed the names that some of the players are acquiring? As a "for instance" there is one player that almost everyone knows as "The Trial Horse". It seems that whenever someone thinks he has a good combination worked out he looks up The Trial Horse to pull it on. Now the Trial Horse is, and I quote, "A doggone strong player when I really want to play", unquote, so if the move works on him it is usually accepted as a pretty good move.

Then there is "The Victim". How this fellow got this name is a mystery to the writer, as I have heard him on several occasions say that he doesn't understand why they don't move him up in the "A" Class. The sad part of it is that whenever someone has had a bad day, a day when they cannot seem to win from anyone, they only have to find The Victim, and after running through his lines a few times they can go off feeling like a Grandmaster leaving The Victim muttering about a game he won some time back.

Then still, let's take The Kibitzer. This fellow (from the sidelines) can see more combinations, and further ahead than Smyslov. And being a true Kibitzer he doesn't keep this fact from the players. But alas! The only one to appreciate his comments are the other sideliners and of course they have moves of their own figured out. Too bad that The Kibitzer just can't see all of these fancy combinations when he is playing a match game.

Oh well! It is time for my game with The Victim.

THE KIBITZER
L.G.F.

NOTES ON THE MASTERS

DR. EMANUEL LASKER

by Montie L. Carter

In some ways Lasker must be considered the greatest of all World Champions. He retained his title for twenty-seven years, during which time he also proved himself quite a philosopher. Very early in life he wrote a philosophical treatise entitled "Der Kampf" (The Struggle), in which he tried to discover general laws for overcoming the fixed difficulties of life. In this work he adduced chess as the highest example of a purely intellectual and straightforward struggle in which the task was to defeat your opponent either by logical means or trickery. It is well known that Lasker would deliberately make bad moves in order to create problems for his opponent, and unlike Capablanca, who always played the board; Lasker would definitely play the man. To prove this point let me recall a tournament that was played in London in 1936, in a very critical game of that tournament Lasker's opponent took more than a half-hour study and then placed a knight where it could be taken by a pawn. Lasker replied instantaneously with a quiet defensive move. Later when asked why he didn't take the piece he replied, "When a very strong player, after half an hour's thought places a piece where I can capture it, I do not believe it would be healthy for me to do so, but I have captured very valuable time instead." This simple attitude was typical of Lasker.

In this issue we will print one of the lesser known World Championship Matches, but this by no means implies that the standard of the games was low, quite the contrary. Lasker was hard pressed by Schlechter, who in the tenth and final game needed only to draw to win, it is unfortunate that the match was limited to only ten games. The match ended in a tie, and it is a shame this tie was never played off, as those ten games were some of the very finest ever played in a World Championship.

Schlechter from all accounts, was a delightful man. Modest, a self-effacing person and was highly popular among his fellow-masters. From his games we can see that he was a master of accurate analysis. This very promising young man died shortly after the first World War, a victim of the famine conditions then prevailing in the Austrian Empire.

The Match

Final Score: Lasker 1; Schlechter 1; Drawn 8

The match was played in October 1906, it was decided ten games would be played and the winner to be World Champion. The first four games were drawn after some hectic struggles, then Schlechter won the fifth game. The next four games were drawn and Lasker won the tenth. The match ended in a tie, Lasker keeping the title. A return match was agreed but never came about.

(Due to the length of most of these games we will be able to publish only one of the excellent master-pieces.)

TENTH AND FINAL MATCH GAME

(Notes by W. Winter, British
Champion, 1935, 36)

Queen's Gambit Declined

WHITE: Dr. E. Lasker

BLACK: C. Schlechter

In considering this game it is advisable to realize the circumstances under which it was played. Both men determined not to draw. Schlechter because he did not wish to win the title solely because of his rather lucky win in the fifth game, a chivalrous attitude which must excite our admiration. Lasker had to win at all costs to avoid losing the match and the title. And so the stage is set; the curtain goes up, both men are tense, and play begins:

- 1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 P-QB4 P-QB3 (See comment on next page)

NOTES ON THE MASTERS

It is curious that all the annotations of that day condemned this move, it is of course, one of the best methods of declining the Queen's Gambit.

3 N-KB3 N-B3
4 P-K3 P-KN3

Schlechter's own system of defense, which is still known by his name.

5 N-B3 B-N2
6 B-Q3 O-O
7 Q-B2 N-R3

An eccentric move which does not turn out well.

8 P-QR3 PXP 12 PXP B-N2
9 BXP P-QN4 13 R-QN1 Q-B2
10 B-Q3 P-N5 14 N-K5 N-R4
11 N-QR4 PXP 15 P-N4

In view of the circumstances, this must be regarded as a good move, White obtains many attacking chances on the open Knight's file.

15 BxN 19 R-N1 Q-R4ch
16 PxN B-N2 20 B-Q2 Q-Q4
17 PXP RPXP 21 R-QB1 B-N2
18 Q-B4 B-B1 22 Q-B2 Q-KR4

23 BXP
This apparently strong move doesn't turn out too well. Black gets a powerful attack.

23 QxP 27 Q-N3 K-R1
24 R-B1 PxB 28 P-B4 P-N4
25 Q-N3ch R-B2 29 Q-Q3 PXP
26 QxB QR-KB1 30 PXP

If QxN, then PXP

wins.
30 Q-R5ch 35 R-B4 RXP
31 K-K2 Q-R7ch 36 BxR RxB
32 R-B2 Q-R4ch 37 R-B8ch B-B1
33 R-B3 N-B2 38 K-B2 Q-R7ch
34 RXP N-N4 39 K-K1 Q-R8ch

(See comment on next page)

NOTES ON THE MASTERS

39, Q=R5ch would draw as White cannot escape to Q1 because of 40, Q=N5.

40 R=B1	Q=R5ch	56 Q=Q4	Q=Q2ch
41 K=Q2	RxR	57 K=N3	Q=N2ch
42 QxR	QxPch	58 K=R2	Q=B3
43 Q=Q3	Q=B7ch	59 Q=Q3	K=K3
44 K=Q1	N=Q3	60 R=KN5	K=Q2
45 R=B5	B=R3	61 R=K5	Q=N7ch
46 R=Q5	K=N1	62 R=K2	Q=N5
47 N=B5	Q=N8ch	63 R=Q2	Q=QR5
48 K=B2	Q=B7ch	64 Q=B5ch	K=B2
49 K=N3	B=N2	65 Q=B2ch	QxQ
50 N=K6	Q=N7ch	66 RxQch	K=N2
51 K=R4	K=B2	67 R=K2	N=B1
52 NxB	QxN	68 K=N3	K=B3
53 Q=QN3	K=K1	69 R=B2ch	K=N2
54 Q=N8ch	K=B2	70 K=N4	N=R2
55 QxP	Q=N5ch	71 K=B5	<u>Resigne</u>

The game could have been prolonged, but White's victory is certain. A curious game. I feel that Schlechter was a little unlucky to lose this game. Surely he could have drawn had he wanted to, remember, they had eight draws previously in this match. A worthy Challenger, this Schlechter, but a great Champion, Dr. Lasker.

MEDALISTS IN THE SAN QUENTIN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Open Champion	Bravens	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	16-3/4 S-B Points
"A" Class Champ.	Sensell	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	16-1/4 S-B Points
2nd "A" Class	Carter	5-1	-----
"B" Class Champ.	Switzer	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 S-B Points
2nd "B" Class	Boren	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	10-3/4 S-B Points
"C" Class Champ.	Sweeney	4-2	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ S-B Points
2nd "C" Class	Bobeda	4-2	9-1/4 S-B Points

See Page 19 for the complete final standings of the San Quentin Open Championship.

OPEN LETTER

Gentlemen:

This week we embark upon a 'first'. For the first time in Institution history we are allowed to enter a team in the regular Winter League of the El Camino Real District of the Chess Friends of Northern California.

In the past, we have encountered teams which belong to the above organization, but have never met them in a blood match. But we have always acquitted ourselves well, and have always left the visitors with a good feeling about the San Quentin Chess Club. At this time we have a greater responsibility: We must conduct ourselves above reproach to be able to continue in the League. We must always think above all for the good of the Club. There is an old axiom "Its not whether you won or lost, its how you played the game.", let's remember that when the chips are down.

As long as we play good chess, and are good sports, we will have a club, and will be in the CFNC League, but when we lose sight of the fact that we are gentlemen we may lose our club and all that it involves. We do want to show those who have placed trust in us that their trust was not placed in vain.

I will not attempt to list a set of rules here, nor will I give you any pattern for behavior, but I will ask of you only one thing: BE GOOD SPORTS and gentlemen, we will win all the prizes that count.

Sincerely,

John Nolte

P.S. BE SURE TO WIN!!

FINAL STANDINGS - SAN QUENTIN OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIP

Ind. No.	Name	Score	Position
9	Brarens	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Champion
7	Sensell	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"A" Champ
1	Garter	5-1	2nd "A"
5	Nolte	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	4-5-6
22	Switzer	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"B" Champ
14	Boren	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2nd "B"
2	Flohr	4-2	7-15
3	Mahan	4-2	7-15
13	Hall	4-2	7-15
25	Sweeney	4-2	"C" Champ
35	Bobeda	4-2	2nd "C"
10	Devote	4-2	7-15
11	Frazier	4-2	7-15
19	Fluty	4-2	7-15
34	Votel	4-2	7-15
15	Campos	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	16-17
45	Lee	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	16-17
4	Green	3-3	18-27
16	Campbell	3-3	18-27
17	Ward	3-3	18-27
18	Rexinger	3-3	18-27
23	Javor	3-3	18-27
26	Godina	3-3	18-27
27	Birdwell	3-3	18-27
31	Easley	3-3	18-27
36	Brown	3-3	18-27
42	Pierce	3-3	18-27
12	Williamson	2-4	28-37
21	Barrios	2-4	28-37
24	Kibbey	2-4	28-37
28	Hoover	2-4	28-37
29	Harvey	2-4	28-37
32	Gauler	2-4	28-37
38	Ross	2-4	28-37
41	Hanson	2-4	28-37
43	Decker	2-4	28-37
44	Bello	2-4	28-37
30	Shaffer	1-5	38-42
33	Rodgers	1-5	38-42
37	Juarez	1-5	38-42
40	Lund	1-5	38-42
46	Wicks	1-5	38-42
20	Mistrieli	0-6	43



NOW IS THAT THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT?

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR