Next 'A' Round Schedule Jan. 30

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The University of California chess team walloped Oakland by a score of 6-1 in the first round of the "A" division team matches of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League.

At the same time, the Russian team was playing a hard-fought draw with Mechanics' Institute, and the Castle team was breaking even with Golden Gate.

The detailed scores follow:

University of California 6, Oakland 1: Burger 1, Loera 0; Smook 1, Trenberth 0; Sosnick ½, C. Stamer ½; Fredgren 1, Freeman 0; N. Hultgren 1, Cuneo 0; Sprague ½, Wilson ½; Simenis 1, Ladner 0.

Russians 3½, Mechanics' Institute 3½: Poliakoff 1, Fink 0; Rudniansky 0, Bagby 1; Preo ½, Addison ½; Popoff ½, Schmitt ½; Svalberg 1, Federoff 0; Palmin ½, Petersen ½; Prokoodin 0, A. Stamer 1.

Castle 3½, Golden Gate 3½: McClain 0, Konig 1; Falconer 1, Gross 0; Hendricks 0, Capps 1; Eudey ½; Christensen 0, Myers 1; R. Hultgren 1, Colby 0; Willson 1, Rosenbaum 0.

Worst Defeat in Years

Some time ago we mentioned the possibility that the Golden Bears would come up with a "Thunder Team." Oakland's defeat at the hands of the Bears was the worst suffered in many years.

The next round in the "A" division will occur January 30, and in the "B" division tomorrow night, when Palo Alto plays Russians, Mechanics' Institute meets Kings, and Oakland tangles with Alameda. Golden Gate has a bye.

Last week we were unable to give the results of the Palo Alto vs. Kings match played Jan. 9. Palo Alto defeated Kings 5-2. Palo Alto and Russians are therefore tied for first place in the "B" division.

We wish to remind you that Samuel Reshevsky, greatest chess master in the western world, will be seen in simultaneous play Saturday, Feb. 6, at 8:00 p.m. The exhibition will occur at the Golden Gate Chess Club, Hotel Cecil, 545 Post-st.

Fee for playing against Reshevsky is $2.50. Spectators will be admitted free.

Where to Enroll

If you wish to play against Reshevsky, send your check for $2.50 to Henry Gross, 1657 North Point-st, San Francisco 23. Checks will be refunded if playing space is not available. The exhibition is limited to 30 boards, so that each player will not have too long to wait between moves.

Fourteen readers sent in correct solutions to the four-mover by Palatz, published in this column two weeks ago. Most solvers reported that it required ½ to 2½ hours to solve the problem.

The main line is: 1. R-K3, P-B7; 2. R-R4, P-B8(Q); 3. R-B4ch, K-Kt1; 4. R-K8 mate.

The solvers were: Richard S. Albert, John Beck, Paul Bercovici, Dr. Horace C. Pitkin, J. V. Powell, Stuart Quan and Roger M. Snook, all of San Francisco; Dr. D. E. Baldwin, Corte Madera; B. D. Box, San Anselmo; Harry Hokensen, Santa Rosa; W. L. Roberts, San Bruno; S. A.

White Mates in Two Moves
(Value 5 points)

Answer to Task No. 28: The main line is 1. Q-Kt2, KxP; 2. Q-Q2 and mate next move.

Unbemach, USS Norton Sound; C. A. Van Patten, San Carlos; Keith Wentz, Alameda.

Very Tough Task

Task No. 27, with the key-move R-KB2, apparently was very tough. Times reported for solution varied from 15 minutes to 2 hours, with an average of over an hour. One reader reported he spent 8 hours on the problem, and never did solve it!

According to a Tass (Soviet) News Agency report, the match for the world championship between present champion Mikhail Botvinnik and challenger Vassily Smyslov will begin March 16, and will last until May 11. There will be 24 games, which will be played in Moscow.

Smyslov earned the right to meet Botvinnik by winning the Candidates' Tournament recently completed in Zurich.