

Gold. Gate Chess Club Virtually Cinches Title

Beats Russian Team Decisively

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Answer to Task No. 34: R-KR4

The Golden Gate Chess Club, by decisively beating the Russians, has virtually cinched the Class A club championship of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League.

After four rounds, Golden Gate was leading the field by one-half point, and its last match will be against the tail-ender Oakland club.

The standings are:

Golden Gate 3½-½, Castle 3-1, Russians 2½-1½, Mechanics' Institute 2-2, University of California 1-3, Oakland 0-4.

The match between Golden Gate and Russians last Saturday evening was expected to be a close one, but the Russians were unable to win a single game!

Golden Gate 5½, Russians 1½: Konig ½, Poliakoff ½; Pafnutieff 1, Popoff 0; Gross ½, Preo Sr. ½; Capps 1, Svalberg 0; Currie ½, Rudniansky ½; Myers 1, Palmin 0; Dr. Colby 1, Preo Jr. 0.

Other Scores

Mechanics' Institute 5½, Oakland 1½: Bagby E, Trenberth 0; Addison 1, Sedlack 0; Schmitt ½, C. Stamer ½; Pruner 1, Freeman 0; Peterson 1, Wilson 0; A. Stamer 1, Cuneo 0; F. Rosenthal 0, Yaeger 1.

Castle 4, University of California 3: Falconer ½, Burger ½; McClain ½, Zemitis ½; Dr. Eudey ½, Smook ½; Byron 1, Fredgren 0; Professor Hultgren 0, Sosnick 1; Christensen ½, N. Hultgren ½; Hendricks 1, Simanis 0.

After four rounds, Palo Alto was leading in the "B" division of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League, with a perfect score of 4-0.

The standings: Palo Alto 4-0, Golden Gate 2½-½, Mechanics' Institute 2½-1½, Russians, Kings and Oakland 1-2, Alameda 0-4.

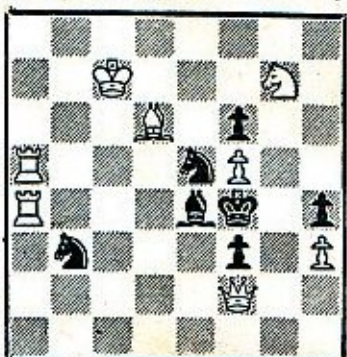
Back in Harness

It is not unlikely that the championship in the "B" division will not be determined until the last round is played April 3, when Palo Alto meets Golden Gate.

We are pleased to note that young Earl Pruner, one of San Francisco's best players, is now back in chess harness, after having played for three years on Uncle Sam's big team.

One of Sgt. Pruner's first accomplishments was winning a very strong rapid tournament at Mechanics' Institute Feb. 26. Pruner scored a magnificent 9-1

Task No. 35—By Sir John Thursby



White Mates in Two Moves
(Value 4 points)

to lead Robert Currie and William Addison by a full point.

A rapid tournament is being played each week at Mechanics', usually on Thursday evening.

Fink in Hospital

We deeply regret to report that A. J. Fink, San Francisco's famous problem composer, and many-time California champion, is lying ill at Polyclinic Hospital on Pine-st.

Mr. Fink will be happy to see any of his chess friends.

As reported in a previous column, Michael Rudniansky won the championship of the Russian Chess Club with the remarkable score of 12½-½. Roger Smook was runner-up with 11-2, and third place was captured by William Addison, 10-3.

Helen Ivanoff, sterling young woman player, was forced to forfeit a number of her games on account of illness. We trust she is now fully recovered.

Few Correct Solutions

Task No. 33, the three-mover by J. G. Campbell, proved to be a killer. We received only about 12 correct solutions. Solvers reported spending from 45 minutes to two days on the problem!

No one should feel bad about missing this one, though. Campbell's problems are famous for their well hidden key-moves.

Here is a famous little three-mover by Anton Konig, first published in 1866.

White—King on King Bishop five; Queen on Queen Bishop seven; Bishop on King Bishop four; Pawn on Queen three. Black — King on Queen four; Bishop on Queen Knight five; Pawns on King Bishop three, Queen five, and Queen Bishop three. White mates in three moves.

Correct solutions received by next Wednesday will be acknowledged in this column.