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The Sacramento Chess Club is meeting at the Old Tavern, 28th & Capitol Ave. We have the use of large room, with ample space for playing chess. Our equipment is left right at the Old Tavern in the Club suitcase. The atmosphere is not noisy, as some suspect, since we are some distance from the main tavern room. Come on down on Wednesday evening and join us - lots of chess is available.

There is plenty of interesting (we hope) news in this issue. A recap of the first two rounds of play in the Valley League is entered, as well as various game scores from these and other events. We in Sacramento are a round and a half on our way in the 1952 City Championship. Interest is good, and chess is fast and furious. First round results in the prelims were: Russell 1, McDonald 0; Hardy 1, Allen 0; Stagg 1, Spaulding 0; Johnson 1, Roman 0; Richards 1, Horton 0; Meyer 1, Hastings 0; Gee 1, Grey 0. In the second round Gee won from Russell, and Spaulding defeated Hastings. Other results are not in. Tournament Director Russell has lined up a system of a tournament (as explained last issue) which should satisfy everyone.

As to finances of the Sacto Club, last balance reported some months ago was \$45.91; funds collected since: Dues 56.00, Modesto, San Jose, Oakdale support of Chess News \$18.00, subscriptions 2.00, collections at meetings 10.50. Total on hand and collected \$132.41. Expenses: CCCL dues 2.50, Chess News \$12.50, electric cords 2.93, Team mileage 31.60, total of 49.53, leaving a balance on hand of \$82.88.

A mimeographed book of the 1948 U.S. Championship has been published, containing 190 game scores, tournament won by Steiner, games are annotated by Reinfeld, Marchand, Santasiere etc. Round by round account as written by Reinfeld. 73 pages. Cost is \$2.00, limited supply available. Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Ave., Omaha 2, Nebraska. (only 200 numbered copies made up)

We have received the disquieting news that the two games published in the last issue of V. Radaikin vs Bagby, and Bisguier vs Radaikin, are phonies. These games were taken from a similar publication to this one, and the two editors involved are endeavoring to track down the source of the games. Mr. Ralston, editor of the Calif. Chess Reporter, advises the games are spurious. The matter also came to the attention of Montgomery Major, editor of USCF "Chess Life", who investigated the matter direct. Mr. Major writes "that Mr. Bagby categorically denies that he played in any interclub match in December, 1950, and also that he ever took part in a game such as the published score". Bisguier wrote Major "I received a piece of correspondence from Eliot Hearst which contained the score of a chess game I was supposedly to have lost with a Mr. V. Radaikin as the victor in the alleged encounter. I have never heard of Mr. Radaikin, the score of the game is completely unfamiliar to me, the variation is one of my favorites (I would never fall victim to such a trap in the gambit variation of the Ruy Lopez), and last, but by no means least, I was inducted into the armed forces June 27, 1951, and I did not visit New York until October 1, 1951. Since the alleged game was supposed to have taken place in New York sometime during the month of July, Mr. Radaikin evidently confused me with some other gentlemen." Some one has been flim-flammed, and I believe it is the Chess News. While I know virtually "anything" can happen, and often does, in a chessgame, I never believed chessplayers would stoop to such tactics. One game would be bad, but two is simply unpardonable. V. Radaikin is certainly no credit to the chess fraternity, and our humblest apologies to Bagby and Bisguier for being taken in on this trick. A fictitious game is a poor excuse for chessplaying ability.

ATTENTION CCCL PLAYERS: As Koltanowski is putting on a chess festival in SF on Dec. 2, the next scheduled date for our matches, many of the matches are being put over a week until Dec. 9. Sacto travels to Pittsburg for our next encounter, and this has been postponed until Dec. 9. Please check with your Team Captain to be sure which date your team next plays, Dec. 2nd or Dec. 9th.

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COMMENTS

by Flynn

Locked in mortal combat, the Fresno Warriors and the Sacramento Forty-Niners strained and struggled thru the long afternoon. The issue of the battle was in doubt but Fresno had a two-point lead as six o'clock approached. Then, out of most difficult positions, J. B. Gee and Ralph Stagg broke thru to victory. The score was tied and the match was over--a good fight, with plenty of credit for both sides.

It's just a thought--but is the general level of play in this league getting stronger? I am firmly convinced that this is true. Three or four years ago, I believe, the team we are fielding from Sacramento would have swept the League. Even those turrible bad boys from San Jose would have been out-matched. But today, each and every team is strong and the thing that worries me is that they are getting stronger.

Look at the Pittsburg Dons--Sacramento's next opponent. Last year was their first in the league and inexperience cost them many points. But, in their second year, they have reorganized and even strengthened their team despite the loss of Al Loera. Last year, Pittsburg lost to Sacramento by a score of 7-2. This year, they have already beaten Fresno, a team we had to come from behind to tie. Say, things are getting tough all over--some days you just can't make a nickel. But the stronger the play, the better we like it. After all, there would be no fun to an unevenly-matched league. As it stands now, San Jose seems to stand just a cut above the rest of us--but you never can tell. That Stockton team, and that Fresno team and that Pittsburg team---well, San Jose can't be too sure of winning.

To come back to the match, former State Open Champion Phil Smith out-lasting R. E. Russell and managed to Queen a pawn--winning by an extra tempo. Russell felt bad about this, especially since he thought he could have saved that tempo and the game, right at the end. But from now on, don't figure on an extra tempo from Russell in the end game. The point is that Roy is an improving player and when he makes an error in judgment, he studies up on it--and then very seldom will he make the same mistake again.

M. Worden got Neil Austin in sad shape very early in the game. Neil settled down and played some of the best chess he has ever produced. The only trouble was that it was too late. Worden deserves a lot of credit for holding the win, since, as we all know, Neil is most dangerous when he seems to be in trouble.

Mike Hailpern played fine chess against J. B. Gee and held things fairly even, until Gee decided to sacrifice pawns for a speculative attack. Even then Hailpern held on, and it looked as though he were going to survive and perhaps go on to win the end-game. Then Mike slipped on just one move. Wham, the game was over. Well, don't feel bad, Mike. As Milt Meyer said, almost the same thing happened to him once in a very important game. It happens to all of us. In fact, when I'm playing Gee, it always happens to me.

Milt Meyer won from E. Cook with his smooth opening play. I do believe Milt is one of the finest opening players in the State and, if he ever gets the edge there, brother, you just don't last very long.

Kyle Forrest played strongly to beat Ray Richards. I was sitting right next to this game and Kyle got an advantage early. Ray battled grimly, but as in the case of Neil Austin, his good chess came too late to save the game.

Now, here's something unusual. Keed Flynn finally won a game. Team Captain Neil Austin almost fainted in surprise. But I knew my pitiful plea in the last Sacramento Chess News would produce results. Finally, a gentleman came forward and let poor old Flynn score a point. Victor Digaut, formerly of Shanghai, was this fine gentleman's name and he is my pal for life. But I do think such a plea was unmanly of me, and from now on, I take my chances like everybody else. No quarter asked or given. But thanks anyhow, Victor.

Sam Johnson sacrificed a piece versus P. Ough. Sam didn't figure to sacrifice the game, only a piece. But the way it worked out, Sam figured that Ough ought to be called "Cuch!" Because Ough took the piece and the game too, and it was mighty painful.

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Ralph Stagg won his game from Tom Fries, and at the same time a victory over himself. Ralph's natural inclination is to play fast, careless chess. But he did not play that way against Fries. He took his time and even considered one move 25 minutes--and 25 minutes for Stagg is usually enough time for three games of chess and one of solitaire. Fries got one whale of an attack and sacrificed the exchange like a veteran, but when Ralph plays careful chess, he's mighty hard to beat. And Stagg always had one loophole for his King, and finally came out with the win.

Sacramento Chess News, 5425 8th Ave., Sacramento

Gentlemen: This is a letter of praise. Praise for the official organ of the Central California Chess League and the good work it is doing. Also praise for the men who get it out and make it what it is.

Drat that cat anyway. I have a cat, just an ordinary house cat, but it is a good mouser and I like it and she knows it, and takes advantage of me. Just the minute I sit down in this big easy chair she will come and jump up on the arm of the chair and rub against my arm and sing to me. She wants me to stop and pet her. Now who can write with a cat rubbing his arm. And if that don't get results she will reach up and nibble my ear or get up on the table and park on my book or whatever it is that I am busy with. She will keep that up until I pet her or put her outside. Well, I stopped long enough to put her outside, now maybe I can finish.

Right now I want to add a word of praise for the Stockton Chess Team. They are a great bunch of boys, all fine fellows and do they know how to play chess. They trounced the Oakdale Team (of which I am a member) to the tune of $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. Two wins and three draws were the best we could get off of them. It was a real pleasure to play with them though, and here I want to extend a hearty invitation to them, also to any of the rest of you, to drop in and play with us whenever you can. We meet every Tuesday evening in the church basement. You are always welcome.

Oakdale has had bad luck with the team this year. Two are in the armed forces, two are working seven days a week and one of our strongest players is sick. But don't consider that an alibi. The rest of us will be in there battling. Some of our young members are coming along fine and in another year will make you sit up and take notice.

Yours for more and better chess, R. W. BROWN

Chess News from Modesto

It is customary after a feast and enjoyable evening with you host, for the guests to express their appreciation either by belching or words of gratitude for his gracious hospitality; so as we pore over the Sacramento Chess News and relish its newsy chess pages, we are reminded of the becomingness in wishing the Editor and thank him and his lieutenants for a job well done. Some of us have waited a long time to see Northern and Central California chess in its present healthy state.

Captain Herbert E. Paul is grooming his tribe for Round 2 match to be held in Oakdale Sunday, Oct. 28th, when Modesto meets the Goliathian group from San Jose. We expect to have a stronger line up for this event than in Round 1 for the fact that Lawrence Davis of the Merced Post Office Dept. should have returned from his San Diego vacation. Chemist Monty Jackson our top board man, who has been up to his neck in tomatoes at the cannery will be there with his Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defense. James Berry who has also been detained in a busy tomato season should be there trying to work in his favorite Max Lange. Frank Saylor of The Pacific Tel & Tel Long Lines and Television Dept. should be free for a day from monitoring at Mt. Oso station -- we hope.

The Modesto Chess Club meets every first and third Sunday of the month in the Odd Fellows Temple, 211 Bodem St., time 1:15 PM, information as to chess activities and players in this vicinity, can be had by telephoning Modesto 366, or scanning the Modesto Bee.

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Here is one for your Questions and Answers column, and it is regarding that something which occurs very often in our game of correspondence chess:- how come when you have built up a strong position and have decided win over your opponent that it takes him two weeks and ten more days to reply to your cards, but when the situation is in reverse and he has a decided win over you, this peculiar character suddenly takes to the air and commences sending his moves by air mail card. How do you account for this strange practice?

It was a pleasant surprise to have Dr. Edward Kupka of Berkeley here at the house, one evening this week; the Doctor, called to Modesto on urgent business did find time after his meeting to take on three games, we split even; the last and final game ended in a draw at midnight: how time does skip along when playing a game of chess!

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Results of matches played Sunday, Oct. 7, 1951, at Oakdale

<u>Fresno</u>		<u>Pittsburg</u>		<u>Stockton</u>		<u>Modesto</u>	
1. Smith, P	1	Bean, S	0	1. Woolfe, L	1	Kerfoot, L	0
2. Kallman, H	0	Olvera, F	1	2. Mattingly, M	1	Paul, H	0
3. Hailparn, M	0	Weinberg, F	1	3. Strob, H	$\frac{1}{2}$	Jeffers	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. Forrest, K	1	Garcia, G	0	4. Jury, R C	0	Krogness, L	1
5. Fries, T.	0	Lansing, H	1	5. Hubbard, P	0	Betker, H	1
6. Legler, L	$\frac{1}{2}$	Garcia, J	$\frac{1}{4}$	6. Saunders, M	$\frac{1}{3}$	Bennett	$\frac{0}{2}$
	2		4		$\frac{3}{2}$		$\frac{2}{2}$
		<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Sacramento</u>			
		1. Mueller, B	0	Russell, R E	1		
		2. Slavich, J	$\frac{1}{2}$	Austin, N T	$\frac{1}{2}$		
		3. Kirby, G	$\frac{1}{2}$	Gee, J B	$\frac{1}{2}$		
		4. MacCarty, S	$\frac{1}{2}$	Meyer, M O	$\frac{1}{2}$		
		5. Kalnins, J	1	Richards, R L	0		
		6. Crofut, F	1	Flynn, G	0		
		7. Daugherty, L	$\frac{1}{2}$	Johnson, S G	$\frac{1}{2}$		
		8. David-Malig, Dr.	1	Stagg, Ralph	0		
		9. Wood, Howard	1	McDonald, R	0		
		10. VanHooser, Geo	$\frac{1}{7}$	Hardy, J	$\frac{0}{3}$		

Everybody (except Fresno!) was glad to see Pittsburg come out with a strong team this year. They have served notice that they will be near the top at the end of the season. Modesto was short handed in not having Monty Jackson with them and no team can play Stockton short handed and expect to win. Sacramento and San Jose both came out in force, both determined to win, and the match had several tough games that went the full four hours. Lack of recent practice on the lower boards resulted in Sacramento's downfall. Russell showed that his win of the city championship was anything but a fluke by his win against Mueller on the first board.

Notice to Team Captains: Here are the names and addresses of the Clubs:
Fresno Chess Club, c/o Hart's Restaurant, Tulare St., Fresno, Phone Kyle Forrest at Fresno 6-2561

Modesto: Herb Paul, 502 Cstle St., Modesto, Phone 2659W or 53

San Jose: Geo. VanHooser, YMCA, San Jose., Phone Francis Crofut Clayburn 8-3252

Pittsburg: Frank Olvera, 1155 Maple, Pittsburg. Phone J. R. Glover, 2-7191

Stockton: M. Mattingly, Box 1198, Stockton, Phone Paul Hubbard, 4-7631 or 3-2994

By Francis Crofut, CCCL Sec-Treas.

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The second round of the current season was played at Oakdale on October 28. Pittsburg had the bye.

After losing to Pittsburg in the first round, Fresno came back strong to tie the Sacramento team 4 to 4. It looked like Fresno all the way until Hailpern threw a rook away against Gee, the last game finished.

The Oakdale team seems always able to score at least three points even against the league's strongest teams. This time they lost to Stockton $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. Wolfe's loss to Brown came as a surprise as he had a perfect record in last season's play.

San Jose won from Modesto 7 to 2 but the quality of chess played was way below par on at least three boards. David-Malig lost to Betker even after winning a rook; Crofut won from Paul after blundering away a knight; and in the MacCarty-Davis game the tide of battle turned at least three times and finally ended in a draw.

<u>Fresno</u>		<u>Sacramento</u>		<u>Stockton</u>		<u>Oakdale</u>	
1. P Smith	1	Russell	0	1. Wolfe	0	Brown	1
2. Worden	1	Austin	0	2. Mattingly	1	Smith, C J	0
3. Hailpern	0	Gee	1	3. Hubbard	1	Maxey	0
4. E. Cook	0	Meyer	1	4. Ledoux	1	Burer	0
5. Forrest	1	Richards	0	5. Jarvis	1	Mortenson, H	0
6. Digout	0	Flynn	1	6. Sanders	$\frac{1}{2}$	Smith, Mrs.	$\frac{1}{2}$
7. Ough	1	Johnson	0	7. Saxon, C	1	Galloway, Mrs	0
8. Fries	0	Stagg	$\frac{1}{2}$	8. Hubbard	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sampson	$\frac{1}{2}$
	4		4	9. Saxon, J C	0	Mortenson, T	1
				10. Forkner	$\frac{1}{2}$	Wakefield	$\frac{1}{2}$
					$6\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$
<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Modesto</u>					
1. Adams	1	Jeffers	0	Both Stockton and Oakdale had very inter-			
2. Kirby	1	Kerfoot	0	esting line-ups. Stockton had two father-			
3. MacCarty	$\frac{1}{2}$	Davis	$\frac{1}{2}$	son combinations: Paul Hubbard on board			
4. Mueller	$\frac{1}{2}$	Krogness	$\frac{1}{2}$	three and his son Paul Hubbard Jr. on			
5. Kalnins	1	Berry	0	board eight, and C. Saxon on board seven			
6. Crofut	1	Paul	0	was supported by his son Jack on board			
7. D-Malig	0	Betker	1	nine.			
8. Daugherty	1	Dr. Cook	0	Oakdale has always been a "Smith Family"			
9. Wood	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bennett	0	group. Board two and six are Mr. and Mrs.			
	7		2	C. J. Smith, and they played their daughter Betty, (Mrs. Galloway) of Modesto as a			
				"ringer" on board seven.			

Both Stockton and Oakdale had very interesting line-ups. Stockton had two father-son combinations: Paul Hubbard on board three and his son Paul Hubbard Jr. on board eight, and C. Saxon on board seven was supported by his son Jack on board nine.

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C. J. Smith, and they played their daughter Betty, (Mrs. Galloway) of Modesto as a "ringer" on board seven.

The next round of matches takes place on December 2. This is also the date that Mr. George Koltanowski is going to attempt to set a world's record in blindfold-ten second chess. If many of your players plan to attend the Koltanowski exhibition, better plan to postpone the match unless you can win short-handed. (????)

As you know, Francis Crofut is handling the ratings in the Valley League this year and he would like to have the names and addresses of all the members in each club even tho they have not played in any of the matches, in order to compile a chessplayers directory. So will you have the club secretary send him (me) the list of players? Thanks.

Francis Crofut
Sec-Treas. Central Calif. Chess League
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Board 2 10/28/51
 R. Russell N. Austin M. Worden
 Fresno Sacto Sacto Fresno
 1 P Q4 P Q4 1 P Q4 P Q4
 2 P QB4 P K3 2 P QB4 P K3
 3 N QB3 N KB3 3 N QB3 N KB3
 4 B N5 B K2 4 B N5 QN Q2
 5 P K3 O O 5 P K3 B K2
 6 N B3 P KR3 6 N KB3 O O
 7 B R4 N K5 7 PXP PXP
 8 BxB QxB 8 B Q3 P QB3
 9 PXP NXP 9 O O N K5
 10 PXP PXP 10 BxB QxB
 11 Q N3 R Q 11 Q B2 QN B3
 12 B Q3 N B3 12 N K5 NXP
 13 O O P QN3 13 PXP B K3
 14 B N5 N R4 14 KR-K? * QR K
 15 Q N4 P QB4 15 P K4 PXP
 16 PXP QXP 16 BXP NxB
 17 N Q4 B Q2 17 QXP B Q4
 18 B R6 B B 18 Q K3 Q B2
 19 B K2 B N2 19 Q KN3 P KB3
 20 QxQ PxQ 20 N Q3 RxBch
 21 N N3 NXP 21 RxB QxQ
 22 PXP P Q5 22 RXP Q BxQP
 23 BXP PXP 23 N QN4 B QB5
 24 KR Q PXP 24 R K7 P QR4
 25 PXP RxBch 25 N B2 P QN4
 26 RxB P R3 26 R QR7 P QR5
 27 B B4 B B3 27 N N4 R QB
 28 R Q6 B N4 28 P KB3 P QB4
 29 BxB PxB 29 PXP RXP
 30 R QN6 R K 30 K B2 R K4
 31 RXP RXP 31 P B4 R K7ch
 32 R N8ch K R2 32 K B3 P K8
 33 K B2 R K2 33 P B5 R QB3
 34 K B3 K N3 34 R R8ch K B2
 35 P QN4 K B4 35 R R7ch K B
 36 P N5 K K4 36 R R8ch K B2
 37 P N6 K Q3 37 R R7ch K K
 38 P N7 K B2 38 K K4 RXP
 39 R KN8 KXP 39 R R8ch K Q2
 40 RXP K B3 40 R R7ch K Q3
 41 R R7 R K3 41 RXP B Q4ch
 42 RXP R N3 42 NxB R B5ch
 43 P R4 K Q4 43 K Q3 KXP
 44 P R5 R QB3 44 P N4 P R6
 45 K B4 R B7 45 RXP PXP
 46 R KN7 R B7ch 46 K B3 RXP
 47 K N3 R B3 47 K N4 P P7
 48 R N6 RXP? * 48 R QR7 K B3
 49 PXR K K3 49 R R6ch K N2
 50 K N4 K B3 50 R R3 K N3
 51 K R5 K N2 51 R R8 R N5ch
 52 P N3 K R 52 K N3 R QR5
 53 KXP K N 53 RXP PxBch
 54 P N7 Resign 54 KXP/R7 K B4
 1:34 2:24 55 K R3 K Q4
 56 KXP K K4
 57 K N4 KXP

*K-Q3 draws easily!

58 K B3 K N5
 59 Resigns
 2:14 1:40
 *P-B4 stronger!
 Board 5 10/28/51
 K. Forrest R. Richards
 Fresno Sacto
 Notes by Forrest
 1 P QB4 P K4
 2 N QB3 N KB3
 3 N KB3 P Q3
 4 P K4 N QB3
 5 P Q4 B N5
 Threatens to win the QP by 6..BXP
 7 PxB NXP
 6 B K3 BXP
 7 PxB Q Q2
 8 P Q5! N K2
 9 P KR4
 A Trap. If B1 castles, then 10 B R3! wins Q
 9 N N3
 10 B R3 Q Q
 11 Q R4ch N Q2
 12 P R5 N K2
 White has center, can castle either side, has good development and mobility. B1 is cramped and faces a lost ending
 13 R QB
 Prepares for a W-side attack
 13 N B
 14 Q N5 R QN
 15 P R4 B K2
 Prepares to castle, but will lose the N10 on Q2 if he does.
 16 P R5
 Prevents the N from leaving B sq.
 16 P QR3
 17 Q R4
 Maintains the pin on Black K
 17 B B3
 Has no good move
 18 K K2 P B3
 Relieves the pin but after castling will still lose a piece.
 19 P N4 O O
 20 PXP P QN4
 21 RXP PXP
 22 NXP N/2 N3

23 PXP NXP
 24 BXP QxB
 25 NXP Wh. is a N & 2 P8 ahead, and offers the NP for a Queen exchange
 25 B R5 Begins a fruitless counter-attack
 26 KR B R R
 27 Q N3 R R2
 28 P N5 R/1 R
 29 R B2 R R6
 30 N B4! QXPch
 31 RXP RXP
 32 R KB B Q
 33 N Q6 B B2
 34 R Q B N3
 35 R Q3 R N3
 36 P B7 the Passed EP now wins the second piece
 36 BXP
 37 RxB R R7ch
 The last attack. If 38 K K3, R K8 mate!
 38. R Q2 Resigns
 1:32 1:24
 Board 4, Round 1
 K. Forrest G. Garcia
 Fresno Pittsburg
 Notes by K. Forrest
 1 P QB4 P QB4
 2 N QB3 N QB3
 3 N B3 N B3
 4 P Q4 P QN3?
 5 P KN3 PXP
 6 NXP NXP
 7 QXP White has the better center
 7 B N2
 8 P K4 P K3
 9 B N2 B K2
 10 O O O O
 11 P K5 White strengthens the center.
 11 BXP
 12 KxB N K
 13 Q N4 Threatens B R6, which would win the exchange
 13 K R
 14 P B4 P B4
 15 Q K2 KR N
 16 P KR4 P N3
 17 B K3 N N2
 18 B Q4 White wastes a move.
 18 N R4
 19 B B2 BXP!

<p> 11 springs a trap! If 20 PxB, NxFch and wins the Q! 20 R KR Placing the R on the open file 20 B K2 21 Q B3 Q KB 22 R R2 R N2 23 B K3 R K 24 R Q Places R on other open file, ignoring chance to win back the P by Q N7 24 R Q 25 N N5 To remove the Bishop and place a R on Q6 25 P QR3 26 N Q6 BxN 27 RxB Blocking advance of the Queen pawn 27 R B 28 P N3 P QN4 29 P B5 R R 30 K R3 R K2 31 R/2 Q2 Q R3 Another trap! if 32 QxRch K N2 \$3 Q moves, NXP dbl-ch & mate. White fails to see 33 K N2! which ruins the trap. 32 K N2 Q B 33 K B2 Q K 34 Q Q Q QB 35 RxQP RxR 36 RxR P R4 37 P B6* QxP 38 R Q8ch K N2 39 R Q6 Q B 40 B N6 Beginning a Bishop march to KR6, where it will parti- cipate in a mating threat. 40 Q B6 41 R Q7ch K R3 42 R Q3 Q B 43 B Q8 K N2 44 R Q7ch K N 45 B N5 Q B4ch 46 R Q4 P N5 47 K N2 N N2 48 R Q8ch RxR 49 QxRch Q B </p>	<p> 50 QxP Q B 51 QxP Gives White 2 passed Ps and a won game 51 Q B7ch? 52 K R3 N K 53 B R6! N N2 54 Q N7! Resigns *Q-Q6 seems to force a prompt win for White - Gee Bd. 7, Rd 2 P.Ough Johnson Fresno Sacto 1 P Q4 P Q4 2 P Q4 P QB3 3 N KB3 N KB3 4 N B3 P K3 5 B N5 B K2 6 P K3 P KR3 7 B R4 QN Q2 8 Q B2 P QR3 9 B Q3 QPXP 10 BxP P QN4 11 B Q3 B N2 12 N K4 R QB 13 BxN NxB 14 N B5 B R 15 O O P QR4 16 P QR5 Q N3 17 P QN4 BxN 18 QPxB Q B2 19 Q N2 O O 20 QR Q P R5 21 R Q2 QR Q 22 R/1 Q KR K 23 Q K5 QxQ 24 NxQ R Q4 25 P P4 R/4 Q 26 B R7ch! K B 27 RxR NxB 28 RxRch KxR 29 R Q7 P B3 30 R R7 PxN 31 RxRch K B2 32 PxP N B 33 R P7ch K N3 34 P K4 N R2 35 P KR4 N B 36 R QB7 K R4 37 P KN3 N N3 38 RxNP Resign Staggs5 Fries Sacto Fresno 1 P K4 P K3 2 P Q4 P Q4 </p>	<p> 3 PXP PXP 4 N KB3 N KB3 5 P KR3 B Q3 6 B Q3 O O 7 O O QN Q2 8 N QB3 P QN3 9 N QN5 B Y2 10 QB B4 N K 11 R K B R3 12 BxEP Q B 13 B N3 B Q 14 N Q6 NxiN 15 BxB Q N 16 B Q3 N B3 17 P QB3 B B2 18 B Y5 QN K5 19 BxN/B6 NxB 20 N K5 R K 21 N B3 N K5 22 BxN PxB 23 N Q2 P KB4 24 Q N3ch K R 25 Q Q5 Q B 26 N B4 R Q 27 Q B7 R B 28 Q R5 Q R3 29 Q K2 QR K 30 N Q2 Q Q3 31 N KB P KN4 32 Q K3 P B5 33 Q Q2 P K6 34 PXP PXP 35 RxP RxiN 36 RxR Q R7ch 37 K B2 R B ch 38 R B3 B N6ch 39 K K3 B B5ch 40 RxB PXRch 41 K Q3 Q N6ch 42 R B3 Q N3ch 43 K B4 Q K3ch 44 P Q5 R QBch 45 K N3 Q Q2 46 Q Q4ch K N 47 QxEP QxPch 48 K B2 QxRP 49 Q N4ch K R 50 QxRch K N2 51 Q N4ch Resign Bd. 1 Rd. 1 S.Bean P.Smith Pitts. Fresno 1 P Q4 N KB3 2 P QB4 P K3 3 N KB3 P Q4 4 P K3 QN Q2 5 Q N3 P B3 </p>	<p> 6 N B3 B Q3 7 PXP KPXP 8 B Q3 O O 9 O O R K 10 R K Q N3 11 Q B2 N B 12 P KR3 B Q2 13 N KR4 B QN5 14 B Q2 BxN 15 PxB N K5 16 QR N Q B2 17 B QB N N3 18 N B3 Q B 19 P B4 BxP! 20 PxB QxP 21 N R2 N R5 22 B B Q B4 23 R N2 R K3 24 K R N B6 25 Q Y2 R R3 26 QxN QxQch 27 B N2 Q R4 28 K N QxNch 29 K B R B3 30 BxN PxB 31 P B4 Q R8ch 32 K K2 Q B6ch 33 K Q2 P B4 34 P Q5 R QN3 35 R B2 P KR4 36 K B3 P R5 37 R R2 R N8 38 K B2 R N5 39 K B3 P QN4 40 PXP R Q 41 P R3 RxiP 42 K B4 R N8 43 R/1 R Q R4 44 R Q2 Q B6 45 R/2 KR2 RxB 46 RxR QxKP 47 R Q QxRP 48 P Q6 Q N5ch 49 K Q5 Q N6ch 50 Resigns ***** Keep the game scores coming and we will publish them as soon as we can. This is the one thing most readers are really interested in - how our League players do in competition with each other. How about scores from San Jose, Stockton, Modesto etc? We need them. </p>
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