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The Sacto Club had sixteen members present on Jan. 9, 1952, when we had our annual election of officers and business meeting. Sam Johnson was unanimously elected President, R. E. Russell moves into the Vice-Presidency and Gee is again Sec-Treas. Several minor matters were discussed. The major item of the evening turned out to be a vote to send the USCF a check for \$15.00 to aid the organization in its present financial difficulties. Steve Spaulding was appointed to conduct an enlistment campaign amongst members of the Sacto Club, for the USCF. We are sure that Steve will accomplish this with his usual enthusiasm.

A new feature introduced at the meeting was a "membership card" - at long last. When dues are paid, a member is given a receipt in form of a membership card duly signed by the club Treasurer, which entitles him to participate in all club doings. It also makes it easier to keep track of dues paid - and to what date. A sample card is enclosed to member-clubs of the CCCL, as it is possible they may be interested in a similar setup. The cards are relatively inexpensive to have printed.

At the last report of our finances we had a balance of \$74.62. We have collected some dues, all club support to the "News" (\$6 annually) has been received, and our "kitty" collections have done well too. After paying \$1.10 postage and sending \$15 to the USCF, we still have \$92.12 on hand. And we are happy to announce that the Sacramento Chess News is now on a "going" basis and costs the club nothing, due to receipts from subscriptions, club support in the League, and our weekly "kitty" collections. We hope this condition remains unchanged!!

Congratulations are in order to Tournament Director R. E. Russell - how that man talks members into entering a tournament! With only 15 in the preliminary rounds, he now winds up with 12 in the championship finals, and another 12 in the Team Reserves tournament. And with prizes galore for both sections. We certainly hope the tournament lives up to your efforts in promoting it, Russell. Also, we still have new members coming in and more and more chessplayers showing up for our weekly gatherings. If this continues, we will soon fill up the whole darned Tavern!

The Stockton club has appointed Ed LaBrie to get all news into the "Chess News" for publication, and Lee Kerfoot of Modesto is doing likewise for them. This is a good idea. Why does not each member Club appoint one member to gather game scores (please check 'em!) and Club news and forward same to Chess News for publication? Cook and Forrest in Fresno are doing fine now in keeping us supplied with news of the Fresno Club, but we would like to hear more from Oakdale, San Jose, and Pittsburg. How about it, fellows?

This looks like an appropriate place to mention that the cost of this valuable (question marks galore) magazine is \$1 per year, on a calendar year basis that is. If you are a member of a club in good standing it is not necessary to subscribe as your Club receives copies to distribute. Sacto members receive copies as part of membership. BUT - if you are not a member of the Sacto club or in the CCCL, please renew your subscription as the list will be checked soon and delinquent names dropped. If in doubt about this matter, please drop us a line.

We would like to insert in our next issue a roster of the Clubs in the CCCL, containing such pertinent information as official club name, officers of club, meeting place and when, dues, annual tournaments held, etc. This would be very interesting to all, and perhaps other clubs can learn something from the way your club is handled. Would all club Presidents take enough time out to send this in?

Here we are at the bottom of the page again. It might be well to call your attention to the fact that this is the first issue of Volume III (THREE THAT IS!) and we can all be mighty proud of that fact. The support is pleasing indeed, and while the "News" is on an informal basis of publication, sort of catch-as-catch-can, we would welcome constructive suggestions as to how it might be improved within the limits of our capabilities and finances. Now please turn page to read something more interesting!



## COMMENTS

by Flynn

In spite of the fact that I about gave up on it the match between the Robin Hood Chess Club of England and the Sacramento Forty-Miners seems to be going on. Ken Thorpe of 22 Percival Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, England, writes me that the match has had publicity in four newspapers over there. And there are four players on each side so far.

Just for an American oddity, I suggested we all play Board #1. And, as far as I know, that's what we're doing. I'm playing two games with Ken Thorpe, who is no man to leave loose pieces alone. And Steve Spaulding is playing an S. Ryan (what's an Irishman doing over there in Herrie Old England?). Dick Chapman and Ed Westbrook are also playing for the Forty-Miners. Who's next?

Right now, Ken writes me he has a medium-strength player, G. Burton of 16 Sunny Bank, Worksop, Notts., England—who is just champing at the bit, waiting to get at one of these blooming Americanos. How about a medium-strength opponent for him?

And anybody else that wants a game, just write Ken Thorpe at address above in first paragraph—and drop me a card telling me you're playing. We figure to adjudicate all unfinished games on March 1, 1953. We are using the special "Air-letter" form, ask for it by that name at postoffice. Costs ten cents and only takes 3 or 4 days enroute to England.

Tell Ken how strong you are—just be factual, not modest. And he can fix you up. It's a lot of fun, and you make friends while playing. Only one thing I ask of any player. You can play wild and lose or anything you wish—but be a good sportsman. Those British are just that, and we can be, too. So, in case of any dispute, give them the benefit of the doubt. You won't regret it.

Stockton match coming up! Reports reach me that Mattingly, Wolfe, Strob and that fighting gang of theirs are loaded for bear. They are planning a successful invasion of the Capital City—so, look out! But with our new talent—Janushkowsky, the Celles, Burger, Richards—we're ready to man the barricades. We aint skeered, neither are they. May the best team (Sacramento!!!) win.

I'm surprised Senator McCarthy hasn't investigated the Sacramento Club. There's only one thing more radical than those Communists, and that's the Anarchists. Now, Anarchy means complete lack of government—no hand at the helm whatever.

And, as ex-President of this club, I can truthfully say we have had a one-year dose of Anarchy. Not only was my hand not strong on the helm, I didn't even know where the helm was. But what the heck. We staggered along somehow, and we are in a lot better position than we were a year ago. How it happened, I dunno, but there it is. Flynn's secret weapon of government—just leave 'em alone, and play chess!

Say, this Phil Smith of Fresno is racking up a score on Board One. He has already knocked over three toughes, and looks like a likely winner of the League Title. More power to him. Phil is one of the boys. He can lose gracefully, too. I had to laugh at his experiences in Washington, D. C. He said he ran into a losing streak that ran for eleven straight games back there. Finally, he got tired of that and began to bear down. He's been winning pretty steadily ever since.

Last year's City Championship was the strongest to date. But this year is even stronger. I can't even guess what will happen with new players like Celle, Burger, Richards, Janushkowsky in there. They would make a strong tournament all by themselves. And I see Frank Jackson back at the club. Jackson was for years one of the strongest players in Sacramento. He has not been well recently but we hope he is on the way to full recovery.

By the way, I wrote a column called "Off the Chesst" for Koltanowski's Chess Digest. The magazine folded up, but, so help me, I deny all rumors that my column had anything to do with that. But an even baser charge has been made, and I wish to refute that, too. All rumors and Maidenform to the contrary, the title of that column had absolutely nothing to do with any article of feminine wearing apparel. Those rumors are positively falsie, so there!



TOURNAMENT PLAY

R. E. Russell

The 1952 City Qualifying Tournament concluded with the final result and placings shown below. Winner of the trophy, -- a tournament size bronze, chess king on pedestal -- was J. B. Gee, who racked up his  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points against the strongest array faced by any competitor. It appears that the advent of new blood in the membership has provoked J. B. to snorting and pawing at the chess board with all his old time vigor -- an omen as healthful as it is awesome.

Tied with Gee in points at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  but less fortunate in the drawings was M. O. Meyer, who is playing his usual brand of extra smooth chess. A good illustration was furnished in his fifth round win over Russell.

Third with a healthy 4 points was Ray Richards, well known by Bay Area chess-ers as an able razzle-dazzler and dangerous as a pistol while his King retains its footing.

|                       | <u>Rd 1</u> | <u>Rd 2</u> | <u>Rd 3</u> | <u>Rd 4</u> | <u>Rd 5</u> | <u>Points</u>                  | <u>Mod.Sonn.</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. J. B. Gee.....     | W11         | W4          | D2          | W3          | W5          | $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ | 18.50            |
| 2. M. O. Meyer.....   | W13         | W15*        | D1          | W10         | W4          | $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13.50            |
| 3. Ray Richards.....  | W14         | W8          | W5          | L1          | W9          | 4 - 1                          | 10.50            |
| 4. R. E. Russell..... | W10         | L1          | W6*         | W8          | L2          | 3 - 2                          | 9.00             |
| 5. S. G. Johnson..... | W6          | W12         | L3          | W9          | L1          | 3 - 2                          | 8.50             |
| 6. F. Roman.....      | L5          | W11         | L4*         | W12         | W8*         | 3 - 2                          | 5.00             |
| 7. S. Spaulding.....  | L8          | W13         | L9          | W11         | W10         | 3 - 2                          | 2.00             |
| 8. R. Stagg.....      | W7          | L3          | W12         | L4          | L6*         | 2 - 3                          | 2.00             |
| 9. W. Allen.....      | L12         | Bye         | W7          | L5          | L3          | 2 - 3                          | - 1.00           |
| 10. R. McDonald.....  | L4          | W14         | W13         | L2          | L7          | 2 - 3                          | - 1.50           |
| 11. R. Gray.....      | L1          | L6          | W14         | L7          | W13*        | 2 - 3                          | - 1.50           |
| 12. J. Hardy.....     | W9          | L5          | L8          | L6          | W14         | 2 - 3                          | - 3.00           |
| 13. J. Hastings.....  | L2          | L7          | L10         | W14         | L11*        | 1 - 4                          | - 7.50           |
| 14. E. Horton.....    | L3          | L10         | L11         | L13         | L12         | 0 - 5                          | -14.00           |
| 15. N. T. Austin..... | Bye         | L2*         | Withdrew    |             |             |                                |                  |

\*: Forfeit

After a holiday recess, tournament play will be resumed beginning January 23, 7:30 pm at Ye Olde Tavern in the usual (growingly compelling) site. Up for decision will be the Sacramento City Championship and also a contest for the Team Reserves. Owing to some forced withdrawals amongst those qualifying for the City event and because of the late and welcome arrival of new members whose playing strength must surely have qualified, it has been found necessary to abandon the projected closed nature of the coming tournaments. Instead, anyone who played in the Qualifying event and who wishes to play in the City Tourney may do so. Rather than a closed Round-Robin this will again be a six round Swiss System Open as last year.

However, the Team Reserves contest will be held as planned, with the exception that new members of beginner strength will be invited to enter. Prizes will be awarded as advertised.

To this end, and in justice to those already supporting the possibility of a full prize list, to include a cup, trophy, and books for each event; it will be necessary to charge newcomers to either event an entrance fee of two dollars while to those having already subscribed, the additional fee will be one dollar.

Signs point to some furious activity on the winter chess front. Don't be left out. Register either at the regular club meeting or by postcard addressed to R. E. Russell, P. O. Box 192, Auburn, California.

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An apt suggestion has been received from Dr. David-Malig of San Jose, that we give appropriate nicknames to the various teams. Flynn has already used some: Sacramento Forty-Miners, Pittsburg Dons, Modesto Mudhans. David-Malig further suggests such as Sacramento Solons, San Jose Saints, Modesto Busters, Pittsburg Valiants. How about suggestions from some others and then all names could be submitted thru the "News" for a final vote by respective clubs.



GENERAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

F. Crofut

Round Three

Oakdale visited San Jose on November 25 with an eight man team which was only able to score  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points. Jeff Smith played his usual good brand of chess to draw with George Kirby on board two, while H. Mortensen was winning from MacCarty on board four.

On December 9th, Fresno won their first match of the season by shading the Modesto group  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Phil Smith is out to win the individual championship with three wins so far.

Three new members on the Sacramento team were the deciding factor in winning from Pittsburg 6 to 3. Pittsburg seems to be handicapped in that they never can get all their strong players together at one time; when they do, they can beat anybody.

| <u>Oakdale</u>  |                | <u>San Jose</u> |                |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. R. W. Brown  | 0              | Wm. Adams       | 1              |
| 2. C. J. Smith  | $\frac{1}{2}$  | G. Kirby        | $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| 3. W. Maxey     | 0              | B. Mueller      | 1              |
| 4. H. Mortensen | 1              | S. MacCarty     | 0              |
| 5. S. Sampson   | 0              | J. Kalnins      | 1              |
| 6. Al Burer     | 0              | F. Crofut       | 1              |
| 7. Mrs. Smith   | 0              | L. Daugherty    | 1              |
| 8. T. Macken    | 0              | H. Wood         | 1              |
|                 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |                 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ |

| <u>Modesto</u> |                | <u>Fresno</u> |                |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. M. Jackson  | 0              | P. Smith      | 1              |
| 2. L. Davis    | 0              | W. Strong     | 1              |
| 3. E. Jeffers  | 1              | H. Kallmann   | 0              |
| 4. L. Kerfoot  | $\frac{1}{2}$  | M. Hailparn   | $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| 5. H. Paul     | 1              | K. Forrest    | 0              |
| 6. L. Krogness | 0              | E. Cook       | 1              |
|                | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |               | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |

| <u>Sacramento</u>  |   | <u>Pittsburg</u> |   |
|--------------------|---|------------------|---|
| 1. R. E. Russell   | 0 | Sam Bean         | 1 |
| 2. J B Gee         | 1 | Frank Olvera     | 0 |
| 3. N T Austin      | 1 | F Weinberg       | 0 |
| 4. M O Meyer       | 1 | Salve Wilson     | 0 |
| 5. O J Calle       | 1 | G Garcia         | 0 |
| 6. A. Janushkowsky | 1 | H Lansing        | 0 |
| 7. Bob Burger      | 1 | R Tuson          | 0 |
| 8. S. Spaulding    | 0 | J R Glover       | 1 |
| 9. J Hardy         | 0 | Jess Garcia      | 1 |
|                    | 6 |                  | 3 |

Team standings after round Three

| Team       | Matches        | Games           |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Fresno     | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$  |
| Modesto    | 0              | 7               |
| Oakdale    | 0              | 5               |
| Pittsburg  | 1              | 7               |
| Sacramento | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 13              |
| San Jose   | 3              | $20\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Stockton   | 2              | 10              |

First place will probably be decided Jan. 6th when the two undefeated teams meet. A win by San Jose will leave four teams in a scramble for second place.

Following scores from Jan. 6th:

| <u>Oakdale</u>  |   | <u>Fresno</u> |   |
|-----------------|---|---------------|---|
| 1. C J Smith    | 0 | Phil Smith    | 1 |
| 2. Mortensen, H | 0 | M Hailparn    | 1 |
| 3. S. Sampson   | 0 | H Kallmann    | 1 |
| 4. Mrs. Smith   | 1 | K Forrest     | 0 |
| 5. T Mortensen  | 0 | T Fries       | 1 |
| 6. Maxey, W     | 0 | E Cook        | 1 |
| 7. A Burer      | 1 | P Ough        | 0 |
| 8. T Macken     | 0 | L Legler      | 1 |
|                 | 2 |               | 6 |

| <u>Pittsburg</u>  |   | <u>Modesto</u> |   |
|-------------------|---|----------------|---|
| 1. Sam Bean       | 1 | Monte Jackson  | 0 |
| 2. Frank Olvera   | 1 | Lee Kerfoot    | 0 |
| 3. Frank Weinberg | 0 | E L Jeffers    | 1 |
| 4. H. Garcia      | 1 | Herb Betker    | 0 |
| 5. J R Glover     | 0 | L E Davis      | 1 |
| 6. H Lansing      | 0 | L Krogness     | 1 |
| 7. S Behrends     | 0 | Herb Paul      | 1 |
| 8. S. J. Escobar  | 0 | Don Thompson   | 1 |
|                   | 3 |                | 6 |

Attention all ye Chessners, lovers of tender steaks and good food! Herb Betker, Modesto Chess Club Secretary, has opened a new restaurant at 708 H St., Modesto, called "Herb's West Side" which is only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  blocks from the 99 Highway 9th & H Sts. The local boys have been going strong for their morning's morning at Herb's, and not only that, Chess has taken the place by storm. The waiters and bus drivers all are anxious to know something about this game with the funny horses. - Lee Kerfoot



Modesto Chess Club

Lee Kerfoot

One thing that has to be taken into consideration by the individual chess-player, or team of players in preparing for a match, is the fact that while you are inwardly making your plans, the other fellow also is doing some thinking for himself; and thus you have no way of knowing just what he has in mind.

In riding to Fresno Dec. 9th, for our third round play, the group had given considerable thought to Euwe's "Strategy is abstract, tactics are concrete"; -- Nimzowits's "Centralization, Restriction and Blockade"; -- Emanuel Lasker's "Develop Knights before Bishops"; Reuben Fine's "Pick the most suitable square for a piece and develop it there once and for all"; Dr. Tarrasch's "Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy"; and as one of the group spoke up, "don't anyone fire until you see the white of their eyes". Still on the top of all this, as the afternoon wore along and the smoke of battle cleared, we found ourselves on the short end of a score  $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ , but convinced, the Fresno players are just swell, we had a fine time, P. Smith does like chess, and lastly San Jose had better be on their toes next March 16th, because Fresno is growing stronger with age.

Modesto-Fresno Bd. #1.

Jackson vs P. Smith

1 P K4 P K3 7 O O N KB3  
 2 P Q4 P Q4 8 P K4 P Q3  
 3 N Q2 P KB4 9 B B4 B K3  
 4 PxBP PxP 10 Q Q4 P Q4  
 5 B Q3 N KB3 11 PxP NxP  
 6 N K2 B Q3 12 BxN PxB  
 7 QN B3 N B3 13 N QB3 C B4  
 8 B KN5 O O 14 Q R4ch Q B3  
 9 O O P KR3 15 Q Q4 Q B4  
 10 B KB4 N K5 16 QxQ BxQ  
 11 P QB3 P KN4 17 N QN5 K Q2  
 12 BxB QxB 18 QR Q K B3  
 13 N N3 P N5 19 N B3 QR Q  
 14 N K B Q2 20 B N5 P B3  
 15 N K2 QR K 21 B Q2 B KB4  
 16 P KN3 N N4 22 N K2 B KN5  
 17 N B4 N K2 23 KR K KR K  
 18 P B3 N B 24 K B BxN  
 19 PxP PxP 25 RxB RxR  
 20 B K2 P KR4 26 KxR R Kch  
 21 N/K Q3 B B4 27 K B R K3  
 22 N B2 B N3 28 R K RxR  
 23 BxP RxiN 29 KxR P Q5  
 24 PxR QxP 30 K K2 K Q4  
 25 BxP B B4 31 K Q3 P QN4  
 26 B N4 N Q3 32 P QR3 P KB4  
 27 P KR4 Q N6+ 33 P KB3 P KN3  
 28 K R R K5 34 B QN4 B N3  
 29 Resigns 35 P QN3 P QR3

Modesto-Fresno #4.

Hailparn-Kerfoot

1 P Q4 P K4  
 2 PxP N QB3  
 3 N KB3 Q K2  
 4 P KN3 NxP  
 5 B N2 NxN  
 6 BxN P QB3

Modesto-Fresno .

H. Paul - Forrest

1 P Q4 P KB4  
 2 N KB3 N KB3

3 P QB4 P K3  
 4 P QR3 B K2  
 5 N B3 O O  
 6 P K3 P Q3  
 7 P QN4 Q K  
 8 Q N3 P QN3  
 9 B K2 P B4  
 10 P N3 B N2  
 11 B N2 Q P4  
 12 P Q5 N R3  
 13 N KR4 N B2  
 14 B B3 Q N4  
 15 PxBP QPxP  
 16 PxP BxB  
 17 NxB Q N5  
 18 N K5 Q R6  
 19 N Q5 N/B2xN  
 20 PxN Q N7  
 21 O O O B Q3  
 22 N B7 P QB5  
 23 Q B3 B B4  
 24 P Q6 Q B3  
 25 Q K5 Q K5  
 26 P QR4 P B6  
 27 BxP B R6ch  
 28 K Q2 QxRP  
 29 P Q7 N K5ch  
 30 K K2 Q B7ch  
 31 B Q2 Q B5ch  
 32 K K B N5  
 33 RxB QxBch  
 34 K B Q B5ch  
 35 K N2 Q B3  
 36 P Q8/N QRxiN  
 37 NxR Q R  
 38 Q Q5 QxQ  
 39 RxQ P N3

40 R Q7 N B4  
 41 P K7 NxR  
 42 PxB/N KxN  
 43 R QB N B4  
 44 N B6 P R3  
 45 N N4 K B2  
 46 N Q5 N Q2  
 47 R B6 P R3  
 48 NxP NxN  
 49 RxN Resigns

SanJose-Stockton Bd #1.

W W Adams - L C Woolfe

1 N KB3 P Q4  
 2 P B4 N KB3  
 3 P Q4 P B3  
 4 N QB3 PxP  
 5 P QR4 N Q4 ?!  
 A "swindle" invented, as far as I know, by R. Mathews, #1 on Palo Alto team, to gain a pawn. 6.P R5 saves the pawn, but in view of this game up to move 22... P N5, why not let Bl. have the pawn? 6.P K4 appears good enough. I still wish I'd played the customary 5...B B4.  
 6. P K4 NxN  
 7 PxN P QN4  
 8 PxP PxP  
 9 B QR3 makes castling for Bl awkward, if not impossible.  
 9..... B N2  
 10 Q N Threatens BxBP!



|                        |                       |                    |         |                      |           |                 |         |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| 10.....                | B B3                  | 6 B Q2             | O O     | 15 QR K              | B K3      | 12 N Q3         | N B3    |
| 11. P Q5               | B Q2                  | 7 P K3             | B N2    | 16 K B2              | N Q2      | 13 B B4         | N Q5    |
| 12. B B5               | Q B2                  | 8 B K2             | P Q4    | 17 B QB4             | N K4      | 14 QR B         | B K3    |
| 13. B Q4               | P QR3                 | 9 O O              | R K     | 18 Q K2              | NxB       | 15 KR K         | KR Q    |
| 14 B K5                | Q B                   | 10 N K5            | P B4    | 19 NxBN              | BxBN      | 16 N Q5         | BxBN    |
| 15 N Q4                | P B3                  | 11 P QR3           | BxBN    | 20 QxB               | QxNPch    | 17 PxB          | P B5    |
| 16 B KN3               | P N3                  | 12 PxB             | Q B2    | 21 K Q3              | P Q4      | 18 BxB          | PxN     |
| 17 P KR4               | Black is              | 13 P B4            | QN Q2   | 22 PXP               | PXP       | 19 B B4         | N K7ch  |
| helpless against       | this advance.         | 14 Q R4            | N K5    | 23 Q KB4             | RxNP      | 20 RxN          | PxR     |
| 17....                 | B N2                  | 15 B K             | N B     | 24 R Q               | Q K7ch    | 21 P QB4        | R K     |
| 18 P KR5               | K B2                  | 16 B R5            | P I3    | 25 Resigns           |           | 22 B K3         | R K5    |
| 19 B K2                | Q B4?                 | 17 B K2            | P QR3   | Modesto-Pittsburg#6. |           | 23 P QN3        | QR K    |
| Loses a pawn, but      | what else for fresh   | 18 R B             | PxBP    | Krogness-Lansing     |           | 24 R K          | P KB4   |
| air?                   |                       | 19 QxBP            | B Q4    | 1 P K4               | P K4      | 25 P KN3        | P KR3   |
| 20 P KR6               | B B                   | 20 Q Q3            | P QN4   | 2 N KB3              | N QB3     | 26 K N2         | P KN4   |
| What beautiful         | development!          | 21 P B4            | NPXP    | 3 B N5               | P Q3      | 27 K B3         | K B2    |
| 21 BxBN                | RxB                   | 22 NxBP            | QR B    | 4 O O                | B Q2      | 28 P KR4        | K N3    |
| 22 RXP                 | P N5!                 | 23 N K5            | P B3    | 5 R K                | P QR3     | 29 P B5         | PxP?    |
| 23 N B6!               | BxB!                  | 24 N N4            | P R4    | 6 B R4               | P QN4     | 30 P Q6         | PxQP    |
| 24 RxB                 | PXP!!!?               | 25 N B2            | P B5    | 7 B N3               | N QR4     | 31 PXP          | PxP     |
| A wild gamble, where   | my deserving opponent | 26 Q B2            | N Q3    | 8 P B3               | NxB       | 32 KXP          | RxBch   |
| should have used his   | lead in time. Obvi-   | 27 B QN4           | P B4    | 9 QxN                | P QB4     | 33 PxR          | RxPch   |
| ously not 25. RxQ.     | ously not 25. RxQ.    | 28 Q R4            | N Q2    | 10 P Q4              | BPXP      | 34 K B4         | R K5ch  |
| An ideal situation     | for kibitzers and     | 29 QxRP            | Q B3    | 11 PXP               | B N5      | 35 K B3         | R Q5    |
| Flies.(We had them.)   | Flies.(We had them.)  | 30 QxQ             | RxQ     | 12 N N5              | Q B2      | 36 RxP          | RxP     |
| 25. QxR                | P B7!???              | 31 BxBN            | RxB     | 13 P Q5              | N B3      | 37 K B4         | R Q5ch  |
| 26 Q N2                | Q R4ch                | 32 BXP             | N N3    | 14 N QR3             | P R3      | 38 K B3         | R Q6ch  |
| An unfortunate over-   | sight on White's part | 33 B N5            | R R     | 15 N B3              | B K2      | 39 K N2         | K B3    |
| 27 K B                 | Q Q7                  | 34 R R             | N B5    | 16 N B2              | BxN       | 40 Resigns      |         |
| 28 RXQB???             | White saw/games       | 35 BxBN            | BxB     | 17 PxB               | N R4      | Oakdale-Fresno  |         |
| his mistake here, but/ | growing late, Monty   | 36 KR B            | B Q4    | 18 N N4              | B N4      | Fries-Mortensen |         |
| had already touched    | here resigned.        | 37 N Q3            | R/3 R3  | 19 N B6              | N B5      | 1 P Q4          | N QB3   |
| both white rook and    | black pawn. Never     | 38 R B3            | R N3    | 20 K R               | Q B       | 2 P QB4         | P K4    |
| have I deserved less/  | and received more.    | 39 P QR4           | Resigns | 21 BxBN              | BxB       | 3 P K3          | B N5ch  |
| Who could blame        | White for moving      | down and all other | 22 R KN | 22 R KN              | P KR4     | 4 B Q2          | P QR4   |
| confidently up to      | move 26?              | 23 RxNP            | Q R6    | 23 RxNP              | Q R6      | 5 BxB!          | NxB     |
| 28.....                | Q Q8ch!!              | 24 R N2            | K Q2    | 24 R N2              | K Q2      | 6 PXP           | P Q4    |
| 29 Resigns             |                       | 25 QR KN           | KR N    | 25 QR KN             | KR N      | 7 PXPep         | PxP     |
| Modesto-Pittsburg #1.  | S.Bean-M.C.Jackson    | 26 Q B2            | RxR     | 26 Q B2              | RxR       | 8 N QB3         | B B4    |
| 1 P Q4                 | N KB3                 | 27 RxR             | R KN    | 27 RxR               | R KN      | 9 P K4          | Q K2    |
| 2 N KB3                | P K3                  | 28 N N6ch          | K K2    | 28 N N6ch            | K K2      | 10 P B3         | B N3    |
| 3 P QB4                | P QN3                 | 29 Q N7ch          | K K     | 29 Q N7ch            | K K       | 11 KN K2        | N KB3   |
| 4 N B3                 | B N5                  | 30 RxR             | mate    | 30 RxR               | mate      | 12 N N3         | O O     |
| 5 B N5                 | P KR3                 | Sacto Tourney      |         | Sacto Tourney        |           | 13 P QR3        | N B3    |
|                        |                       | Stagg - Russell    |         | Stagg - Russell      |           | 14 N Q5         | NxBN    |
|                        |                       | 1 P K4             | P K4    | 1 P K4               | P K4      | 15 BPxN         | N Q4    |
|                        |                       | 2 N KB3            | N QB3   | 2 N KB3              | N QB3     | 16 R B          | Q N4    |
|                        |                       | 3 B N5             | P QR3   | 3 B N5               | P QR3     | 17 R B3         | QR B    |
|                        |                       | 4 BxBN             | QPxB    | 4 BxBN               | QPxB      | 18 Q B2         | RxR     |
|                        |                       | 5 P Q4             | PXP     | 5 P Q4               | PXP       | 19 QxR          | P B3    |
|                        |                       | 6 QxP              | QxQ     | 6 QxP                | QxQ       | 20 B N5         | B K     |
|                        |                       | 7 NxB              | P QB4   | 7 NxB                | P QB4     | 21 BxB          | RxB     |
|                        |                       | 8 N K2             | B Q3    | 8 N K2               | B Q3      | 22 O O          | P QN3   |
|                        |                       | 9 O O              | P KB3   | 9 O O                | P KB3     | 23 P B4!        | N B6ch? |
|                        |                       | 10 QN B3           | N K2    | 10 QN B3             | N K2      | 24 RxN          | Q R3    |
|                        |                       | 11 N B4            | O O     | 11 N B4              | O O       | 25 N B5         | Q N3    |
| (Fries-Mortensen-last  | column-con'd)         | 26 Q B7            | RxP,    | 26 Q B7              | RxP,      | 27 N K7ch       | RxN     |
| 29 R B Q N3,           | 30 Q Q8ch             | K B2               | 31 R K  | 29 R B Q N3,         | 30 Q Q8ch | K B2            | 31 R K  |
|                        |                       | 32 Q K8            | mate.   |                      |           | 32 Q K8         | mate.   |