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The Chess Club has found a new meeting place. We are now located each Wednesday night at the Old Tavern, 28th & Capitol Ave, which is a much more convenient location for most chessplayers than at 5th & J. The players do not actually meet in the public bar, but are afforded the use of one of the available rooms which is ample for our purpose. And to add to all this enjoyment, cold beer is but 20¢ a bottle. There is a good restaurant attached, also a drugstore next door. We might go further and point out that the Sutter Hospital is but around the corner, one block away! To appreciate the advantages of the new meeting place, you will have to come to chess club. You will not be disappointed.

In this issue is a report by Tournament Director - Champion Russell on our forthcoming tournament. Russell has lined up a system whereby there will be plenty of prizes for players who do not aspire to the front rank of our club. Be sure and read this tournament description carefully, and get your entry in soon.

We regret to report that the news of the matches held Oct. 7 at Oakdale has not reached us as yet, so it will be in the next issue. Our motto might well be "What we get we print, what we don't get we can't print". So just keep sending in news, game scores, match and tournament results, stories, and so on. We will sure put it in the paper. That's the purpose of it. But back to the matches: Sacramento took another drubbing from San Jose, altho we salvaged some honor in Russell's nice win over Mueller at top board, and we did draw on the next three boards. Austin on 2nd board came thru nicely with a draw, after fighting a lost game most of the day. But from board five down San Jose really went to town. Last year the scoring was the reverse, we lost on the top boards and the lower ones came thru for some points. We understand Stockton beat Modesto, and Pittsburgh took Fresno. What the scores and games were like, we can't say at this time.

Our next opponent in the CCCL is Fresno, and we are really looking forward to that. Fresno will be out to repeat last year's victory, and we are out to avenge ourselves and get revenge. It should be a really good match on that basis. Incidentally, as Austin will be out of town Gee is pinch-hitting as Team Captain and will get the team together. (Austin will be at Oakdale for the match, tho.)

Flynn's "Comments" on the recent Log Cabin Match were so good they appeared verbatim in a chess column in a Milwaukee newspaper by Rathmann. How about that? The "Comments" in this issue on the match are good as usual.

A friend back East sent us an interesting jingle which goes: "There once was a potzer from Ooze, who said 'I play as I choose. I will play a Gambit and don't give a dammit, I still have my fun tho I lose!'. How about that? Guess all chessplayers are characters, one way or another.

We have lots of game scores for this issue. Last time we could only rake up one score. You send them in, we print them.

How about paying your chess club dues? Whatever Club you belong to? Keep the dues up to date. And it is about time to renew subscriptions to this here "valuable" magazine - or scandal sheet - or something.

COMMENTS

by Flynn

Well sir, we got took again. My, my. When are these San Jose boys going to behave themselves? Haven't they ever heard of courtesy, and things like that? (SAN JOSE: Haven't those Sacramento boys ever heard of chess?)

I don't know---it must be something in the sea breezes down San Jose way, or maybe it's that celery and lettuce in their diet. Plenty of fresh vegetables, salt air---and some good chessplayers.

We did score on the upper boards very well, but when it got down to the lower boards, it was pretty much San Jose. Only Sam Johnson scored at all on our lower boards, drawing with Professor Lyman Daugherty on Board Seven. Gee, Meyer, and Austin came through with draws versus Messors Kirby, MacCarty, and Slavich (and they are Messors---something like a wrecking crew, messing up our ambitions).

I got soundly thrashed by genial Francis Crofut, with a vicious King's Field sacrifice. How can such a nice guy be so mean on the chessboard? Next time I guess I'll have to talk it over with Francis before the game. Surely, he will realize that a poor old chessplayer is entitled to a win once in a while. But I'll have to have his cooperation---without it I'm afraid my only chance is to out-analyze him after the game is over.

There was one bright spot in the picture --- R. E. Russell won the top board over one of the finest players in California, Bert Mueller. Mueller went undefeated last year in our league but he finally proved he was human, too. The amusing part of this was that I had very serious doubts about our strategy in playing Russell on Board 1, although, having won the Sacramento Championship, he was clearly entitled to the spot. I figured Russell needed one more year of seasoning before taking on such a chore, but Roy proved me wrong, and I was very happy to be wrong.

Our Auburn players are the only ones who seem to win against San Jose---last year, Jim Hardy and this year, Roy Russell. We'll have to be sure Ed Horton, another Auburn player, is in there pitching next year. By the way, Ed, it probably would have surprised you to hear the nice things Bob Burger had to say about your games. He played you one evening at the club and afterwards sent me a couple of diagrams of interesting positions you had reached that night.

Oh yes, and we have to chalk up $\frac{1}{2}$ point against Neil Austin, on Board 6. Ray Richards, a very strong player, had a draw by repetition of moves versus Janis Kalnins of San Jose (Kalnins is no slouch at the game himself, as events proved.) Anyway, Neil as team captain told Richards to take chances and try for the win. Ray, like a good soldier, obeyed orders and lost. But Neil takes full responsibility for that $\frac{1}{2}$ a point, and, since he himself scored $\frac{1}{2}$ a point---that mathematics, according to Solid Geometry, brings him down to a score of 0. Boy, wait till Neil sees me next time.

Before the match, the Sacramento gang had a nice chat with those Fresno Warriors---Leo Legler, Kyle Forrest, Phil Smith, Tom Freez and Mike Hailpern. They had a lot of kind comments on our Sacramento Chess News, which we all appreciated. But they had one wrong idea---they figured I had more to do with it than I did. J. B. Gee is Editor, Publisher, and the one man without whom we wouldn't even have our little paper. We all help to some extent, but let's never forget that Gee is the backbone of the whole thing, and if you enjoy getting our valley chess gossip, he's the man to thank. One secondary benefit of our paper was the establishment of the excellent California Chess Reporter in San Francisco. I believe we can say that it was the example we set up in the Sacramento Chess News which influenced Dr. Ralston and Guthrie McClain to try a similar publication.

Mac and Ralston decided if Gee and the valley clubs could handle a chess paper, they could too. And we were delighted to have them do it.

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It was good to see Sam Bean playing Board One for Pittsburg. As I understand it, Sam is both blind and mute. I am not sure whether he is deaf, or not, but people seem to communicate with him by writing on his hand. Truly, an amazing and courageous man. I don't know about you, but I think I'd get yellow if I were in Sam's position, and withdraw into myself. But not Sam Bean. He stays in there pitching.

And don't ever feel sorry for Sam Bean if you happen to tangle with him in a game of chess. He doesn't want that. There isn't a player in our league who can feel sure of a win when playing him. He's a rough man, and before it's over, you'll probably be feeling sorry for yourself.

Now this is getting altogether too long and, if I'm not careful, it will get sentimental as well. But let's put it this way, undoubtedly you have troubles--- maybe your wife beats you, how would I know? I've got troubles too, and sometimes they look as serious and disastrous as an impending mate in three. But the next time any of us get feeling down-hearted, let's take a little lesson and a lot of courage from a brave chessplayer. Let's just think of Sam Bean.

WINTER TOURNAMENT PLAY
Director R. E. Russell

An Open Swiss System Tournament of five rounds to be known as the 1951 Qualifying Tourney will be commenced October 24 at 8 pm. The rounds will be started on alternate Wednesdays --- Oct. 24, Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5 and 19. Any tie for first place (in both actual and S.B. points) will be played off between Dec. 19 and Jan. 16, 1952.

Entrance fee is \$1.00. One prize will be given, a trophy of nominal value (\$5.00). The remaining money collected will be divided into two equal parts and applied toward prizes for two Round Robin tournaments which will follow the Qualifying Tourney and begin simultaneously on Jan. 16.

The first of these events will be contested by the top half, plus the possible odd place, of the order of finish in the Qualifying Tourney and will determine the Sacramento City Champion for 1952. The second will be played amongst the lower half in order of finish of the Qualifying Tourney and will be titled the Team Reserves Tournament.

Entrance fee will be \$1 for these latter tourneys, which sum, with the residue from the Open event will be applied toward prizes of trophies and books for the first four places in each event.

Winter and the chess season is upon us again so let's not miss getting in on the tournaments. These events will be rated on both a northern state and national scale so here is a good chance to begin or add to your record. And with nine prizes to be contested for in the three events every entrant has a royal chance to bag something.

Especially necessary is participation by all because of our present temporary dislocation of meeting place. Lets not fall apart as a group simply because we do not just presently have an ideal, permanent meeting place. That will come if we stick together. All of the nineteen fine sports who played in the last City Tourney are counted upon to enter. Also, other members who missed the last tournament; as well as the several recent welcome visitors to the club.

Entry registration may be made at the club's regular meeting or by post card addressed to R. E. Russell, P O Box 192, Auburn, California.

Inasmuch as we do have a good new meeting place, the best yet, it is hoped that the above-outlined tournament is the largest and best to date. Every chessplayer in Sacramento can find plenty of good competition within the ranks of our Club, so lets get in the tournament, pronto. Remember, it starts a week from Wednesday.

NEW CHESS STAR ? ?

An unheralded 17-year-old San Francisco youth, Vitaley Radaiken, a member of the Russian Chess Club in that city came up with a pair of amazing sacrificial orgies in the past six months. As the games testify he believes in making them "short and sweet!" In the first game, an interclub match with the Mechanics Institute, he blasted a well-known California player off the board in a 13 move Queen sacrifice! In the second game he challenged Arthur Bisguier, young New York player of international reputation, to a stake game! Gisguier hardly got his money's worth as he lost his Queen in 13 moves!!

San Francisco	8 PXP	NXP	Sacto-San Jose	Bd. 3 Kirby-Gee
Dec. 1950	9 NKN	BxB	Austin vs Slavich	1 P K4 P QB4
SICILIAN DEF.	10 N QB3	B K2	Board #2	2 N KB3 P K3
Black: C. Bagby	11 P K4	N Q2	1 P Q4 P Q4	3 P Q4 PXP
1 P K4 P QB4	12 B Q3	P QB4	2 P QB4 P K3	4 NXP N KB3
2 P Q4 PXP	13 O O	PXP	3 N QB3 P QB3	5 N QB3 B N5
3 N KB3 P Q4	14 NXP	B N2	4 N B3 N B3	6 B Q3 N B3
4 B N5ch N B3	15 Q K2	N B4	5 PXP KXP	7 N K2 P Q4
5 N K5 Q R4ch	16 QR Q	QXN	6 B N5 B K2	8 PXP PXP
6 N B3 PKN	17 B R6	BxB	7 P K3 B KN5	9 O O B N5
7 QXP! PXPch	18 RXP	BXP	8 B Q3 P KR3	10 R K O O
8 K K2 QXBch	19 NxB	QR Q	9 B KB4 B Q3	11 B Q2 N K5?
9 QXQ PXR/Q	20 P K5	P QR4	10 BxB QXB	12 BKN PXP
10 NKN B Q2	21 P KB4	RXR	11 Q B2 QN Q2	13 NXP Q R4
11 QXNP R B	22 NXR	NQ6	12 P KR3 BKN	14 P QB3 B K2
12 R Q N B3	23 R B3	NXQNP	13 PxB O O O	15 Q B2 B KB4
13 QXRch!! &	24 K B	B B4	14 N N5 Q N5ch	16 N/2 N3 B N3
mate next move!	25 N N5	R Q	15 K E2 K N	17 Q N3 Q B2
	26 K K2	N B5	16 P R3 Q K2	18 QR Q N R4
New York	27 R QB3	N Q7	17 N B3 N R4	19 Q R4 N B5
July 1951	28 R B2	N K5	18 K Q2 P KN3	20 B B N N3
RUY LOPEZ	29 K B3	P KB4	19 KR K Q R5	21 Q N3 N B5
White: Bisguier	30 P KN4	R Q6ch	20 K B KR K	22 R Q4 N R4
1 P K4 P K4	31 K K2	R K6ch	21 P N4 N B5	23 Q R4 N B3
2 N KB3 N QB3	32 K Q	P KN3	22 K N2 NxBch	24 R Q5 QR Q
3 B N5 P KB4	33 PXP	NPXP	23 QXN QXPch	25 KR Q RxR
4 N B3 PXP	34 R N2ch	K B2	24 K N3 N N3	26 RxR R Q
5 QNXP P Q4	35 K B2	R KB6	25 P K4 PXP	27 Q Q RxR
6 NXP PKN	36 R K2	R B7	26 NXP QXP	28 QXR Q K4
7 Q R5ch P N3	37 K Q3	RXR	27 QXQ RxQ	29 Q B4 P KR4
8 NXP PKN	38 KXR	K K2	28 K B3 R/1 Q	30 P B4 Q K3
9 QXR Q B3!	39 K Q3	K Q2	29 N B5 N B	31 QXQ PXP
10 QXN B K3	40 P QR4	P R4	30 R K3 P N3	32 N N5 BKN
11 BKNch PxB	41 K K2	K B3	31 N K4 K B2	33 PxB N K4
12. Q R7 O O O	42 K Q3	P R5	32 R/1 K P KB4	34 P N4 N Q6
13 P KN3 B QB4!	43 K K2	P R6	33 N B2 R/5 Q2	35 B K3 P R3
14 Resigns	44 K B	B K6	34 N Q3 N Q3	36 K B B K
	45 K K2	BxBP	35 P QR4 N B2	37 K K2 B N4
Sacto-San Jose	46 N Q4ch	K Q4	36 N B4 R KN	38 P QR4 B B5
10/7/51	47 N B2	BXP	37 N K6ch	39 K Q2 P KN3
Mueller-Russell	48 K B3	BXP	38 N Q4 P B5	40 N K4 N K4
1 P Q4 P Q4	49 N K3ch	K B4	39 R K7 R/1 Q	41 B Q4 N Q2
2 P QB4 P K3	50 Resigns		40 N K6 K B	42 N B6ch NKN
3 N KB3 N KB3	1:18	1:37	41 NXR KXN	43 BKN B Q4
4 B N5 B K2			42 RXRch KXR	44 P N3 K B2
5 N QB3 O O			43 P QR5 P KN4	45 K K3 K K
6 P K3 P KR3			44 K Q4 K Q3	46 K Q4 K Q2
7 B R4 P Q3			45 K K4 K K3	47 P B4 B N7
			46 R QB N K4	48 K B5 B B6

drawn

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Sacto-San Jose
Daugherty-Johnson

1 P K4 P K3
2 P Q4 P Q4
3 N Q2 P QB4
4 P xQP P xQP/5
5 P xKP B xKP
6 KN KB3 N QB3
7 B Q3 B QB4
8 P QR3 N KB3
9 O O O O
10 P QN4 B QN3
11 B N2 B KN5
12 P KR3 B R4
13 N QN3 N K4
14 B K2 B xN
15 B xB N xB
16 Q xB QR B
17 Q Q3 Q B2
18 N xQP KR Q
19 P QB3 N Q4
20 QR B N KB5
21 Q KB3 N N3
22 P QR4 N K4
23 Q N3 N QB5
24 Q xQ R xQ
25 B R P QR4
26 QR Q P KN3
27 N QN5 R/2 Q2
28 R xR R xR
29 P KN3 R Q7
30 P xRP B xRP
31 N Q4 R R7
32 N N3 R xRP
33 K N2 R R6
34 R QN P QN3
35 N Q4 B xP
36 B xB R xB
37 R QN4 K B
38 N K2 R B7
drawn

Hardy-Van Hooser

1 P K4 P K4
2 N KB3 N QB3
3 B N5 P Q3
4 O O N B3
5 R K B K2
6 P Q4 B Q2
7 P xP N xP
8 B xBch Q xB
9 B KB4 N xNch
10 Q xN O O O
11 N QB3 N N5
12 QR Q P KB3
13 N Q5 N K4

14 Q QB3 KR K
15 B K3 N QB3
16 B xP! B B
17 B Q4 Q B2
18 Q KR3ch K N
19 P QB4 P R3
20 Q Qr3 N xB
21 R xN P QB4
22 N N6 K B2
23 N Q5ch K N
24 R Q3 P KB4
25 P K5 P xP
26 N N6 R xR
27 Q xR P K5
28 N Q7ch K B
29 Q Q2 Q xN
30 Q xQch K xQ
31 R Qch K B
32 resigns

Challenge Match

Oct. 10, 1951

Austin-Stagg

1 P Q4 P Q4
2 P QB4 P QB3
3 P xP P xP
4 N KB3 B B4
5 N B3 P K3
6 B B4 B Q3
7 N K5 N QB3
8 Q R4 B xN
9 B xB N B3
10 P K3 O O
11 B K2 N K5
12 N xN B xN
13 P B3 B N3
14 O O Q R5
15 B N3 Q K2
16 Q N3 Q N5
17 Q xQ N xQ
18 B Q6 N B7
19 B xR K xB
20 QR B N xKP
21 KR K N B7
22 KR Q N N5
23 R B7 R N
24 R/1 QB N B3
25 B N5 N K2
26 K B2 P QR3
27 B R4 P N4
28 B B2 B xB
29 R/1 x B K K
30 K K3 K Q
31 R R7 R N3
32 \$/2 B7 N B3
33 R/R N7 R xR

34 R xR K K
35 R N6 N N5
36 P QR3 N B7ch
37 K Q3 N K8ch
38 K Q2 N xN
39 R xRP N R5
40 K K2 N B4
41 K Q3 K Q2
42 R R7ch K K
43 R N7 N Q3
44 R N6 K Q2
45 P N3 K B2
46 R R6 N B
47 P QR4 P N5
48 R R5 N Q3
49 R B5ch K N2
50 K K3 P N4
51 P B4 P N5
52 P B5 N xPch
53 K Q3 N Q3
54 R B P B4
55 K K3 P R4
56 K B4 N B2
57 R B5 N Q3
58 P R3 P N6
59 P R4 N K5
60 R B2 K N3
61 K K5? N B7!
62 R B8 K N2
63 R B5 P N7
64 R N5ch &
resigns

Longest game at

Calif. Open '51

M. Eucher vs

R. E. Russell

1 N KB3 P Q4
2 P QN3 N KB3
3 B N2 P QB4
4 P K3 N QB3
5 B N5 P QR3
6 B xN P xB
7 P Q4 B KN5
8 QN Q2 N K5
9 P KR3 N xN
10 Q xN B xN
11 P xB P xP
12 B xP P B3
13 P KB4 Q B2
14 Q K2 P KN3
15 P R5 B N2
16 O O Q Q2
17 P K4 K B2
18 QR Q P K4
19 P xP ep Q xP

20 KR K KR K
21 Q B3 P xP
22 Q B3 QR B
23 Q K3 P KB4
24 B xB K xB
25 R Q2 QR Q
26 R2 K2 Q B3
27 Q B4 Q Q3
28 Q KR4 P KR3
29 P KB3 P KN4
30 Q B2 P K6
31 R xP R xR
32 R xR Q Q8ch
33 R K Q Q5
34 R K2 K B3
35 K B Q xQch
36 K xQ P KR4
37 P QR4 R Q5
38 K N3 P N5
39 R P xP R P xP
40 P xP R xPch
41 K B3 K N4
42 R K6 R B5ch
43 K K3 R R5
44 R xP P B5ch
45 K B3 R R6ch
46 K N2 R K6
47 R xP K N5
48 R N6ch K B4
49 R QB6 K N5
50 R B8 R K7ch
51 K B P B6
52 P R5 R Q7
53 P R6 R Q8ch
54 K B2 R Q7ch
55 K K P B7ch
56 K B K B6
57 R B8ch K N6
58 P R7 R Q8ch
59 K K2 R K8ch
60 K Q3 R K!
61 R B7 K N7
62 K B4 R QR
63 R N7ch K B6
64 R B7ch K N7
65 K N5 R xP
66 R xR P B8/Q ch
67 P QB4 Q B4ch
68 P B5 Q Q6ch
69 K N4 Q Q5ch
70 K N5 Q K4
71 R R6 K B6
72 R QN6 K K5
73 P N4 K Q5
74 K R6 Q B2
75 K N5 K B6
76 P B6 K N6

77 R N7 Q K4ch 78 K R6 Q R8ch 79 K N6 Q Q5ch 80 K N5
Q B5ch 81 K N6 Q Q5ch 82 K B7 Q K4ch 83 K B8 Q Kch
84 K B7 Q K4ch 85 K Q7 Q Q4ch Draw agreed