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BELIAVSKY PENINSULA CHAMPION!!

1957 - FIRST ANNUAL OPEN MONTEREY PENINSULA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP July 5-6-7

							GAME SCORE	MS	SP
1. Lev A. Beliavsky (Monterey)	W18	W16	W5	W2	W4	D3	5½	16.0	
2. Rex V. Wilcox (Salinas)	W23	W10	W3	L1	W9	D4	4½	15.0	
3. Alexander Parvu Jr (Monterey)	W22	W9	L2	W11	W7	D1	4½	14.5	
4. Don J. Stewardson (Fort Ord)	W12	W13	W8	W15	L1	D2	4½	14.0	
5. George B. Oakes (Salinas)	D6	W23	L1	W8	W15	W9	4½	13.5	
6. John H. Gidley (Presidio)	D5	L15	W16	W21	W18	W10	4½	10.0	
7. Paul Jeffs (Presidio)	W11	D8	D15	W17	L3	W19	4	11.5	
8. Robert A. Karch (Presidio)	W24	D7	L4	L5	W16	W11	3½	14.0	
9. Russell Q. Maeth (Presidio)	W17	L3	W13	W18	L2	L5	3	14.5	
10. Thomas G. Young (Monterey)	W21	L2	L17	W14	W13	L6	3	13.0	8.0
11. Nick Tripolski (Monterey)	L7	W22	W12	L3	W17	L8	3	13.0	7.5
12. Ronald M. Morrith (Presidio)	L4	W14	L11	L16	W20	W15	3	11.0	7.5
13. Don K. Bissonnette (Presidio)	W20	L4	L9	W19	L10	W18F	3	11.0	4.0
14. James Marquardt (Oarmel)	L16	L12	W20	L10	W23	W22F	3	9.5	
15. Alex Pavlovich (Monterey)	W19	W6	D7	L4	L5	L12	2½	16.0	
16. Edwin A. Bumm (Seaside)	W14	L1	L6	W12	L8	D17	2½	13.5	
17. Dan Powelaitis (Presidio)	L9	W19	W10	L7	L11	D16	2½	11.5	
18. John G. Pickering (Fort Ord)	L1	W24	W21	L9	L6	L13F	2	12.5	
19. Esther Torrance (Pacific Grove)	L15	L17	BYE	L13	W21	L7	2	10.0	2.0
20. Lucius H. Smith Jr (Presidio)	L13	L21	L14	W22F	L12	W23F	2	10.0	0.0
21. Thomas R. Balentine (Oarmel)	L10	W20	L18	L6	L19	BYE	2	9.0	2.0
22. J. W. Paterson (Seaside)	L3	L11	W23F	L20F	BYE	L14F	2	9.0	0.0
23. Donn F. Carter (Presidio)	L2	L5	L22F	BYE	L14	L20F	1	11.5	
24. Nestorio Rabano (Fort Ord)	L8	L18	WD	WD	WD	WD	0	0.0	

Median Score - Total scores of all opponents, minus highest and lowest scores.

Solkoff Points - Total scores of opponents defeated, not counting wins by forfeit.

PRESIDIO CHESS CLUB CALENDAR

- Friday, July 12 (7-10 PM) - Regular meeting - Friendly, rated skittles games
- Saturday, July 13 (10-12 AM) - Junior Chess Clinic
- Friday, July 19 (7-10 PM) - Practice games for Soledad Prison Match
- Saturday, July 20 (7:30 AM - 5 PM) - Team Match vs. Soledad Prison
- Friday, July 26 (7-10 PM) - Regular meeting - Friendly, rated skittles games
- Saturday, July 27 - Presidio Candidates Tournament - 3 weeks - USOF Rated - 7 rounds
 - Round One.....9:00 - 12:30 PM
 - Round Two.....2:00 - 5:30 PM
 An effort will be made to secure the Russian Conversation Club
- Friday, August 2 (7-10 PM) - Regular meeting - Friendly, rated skittles games
- Saturday, August 3 - Presidio Candidates Tournament
 - Round Three.....9:00 - 12:30 PM
 - Round Four.....2:00 - 5:30 PM
- Friday, August 9 - (7-10 PM) - Bi-Monthly Speed Tournament

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The First Annual Open Monterey Peninsula Chess Championship was a three-day event held Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday afternoon & evening in the Monterey USO on July 5-6-7. It was a six-round tournament held to determine the best chessplayer in the Monterey Bay Area. It is possible that some stronger players did not compete but, as in any competitive sport, the laurels go to those who take the risk.

The winner, ALS instructor Lev A. Beliavsky, was undefeated, conceding only a draw to Alexander Parvu Jr in the final round. He is now, by virtue of this tournament (which was open to all), the official area chess champion with the highest priority to meet any visiting chessmaster in match play, such as Rossolimo on the radio two months ago (Station KIDD, May 2nd).

Round 1, Friday, July 5th: Eleven players won their first round game, giving them all an equal chance for first place. Mathematically, however, some loser could still pull himself together with a series of wins.

Round 2, Saturday morning, July 6th: The field of winners narrows to five. Chess Expert Beliavsky wins his game from Seaside player Edwin A. Bumm; Salinas City Champion Rex V. Wilcox defeats Monterey player Thomas O. Young; Parvu edges past Russell Q. Maeth from Santa Cruz; Fort Ord Major Don J. Stewardson topples Don K. Bissonnette from West Simsbury, Connecticut; and ALS Instructor Alex Pavlovich upsets former Cornell College Champion John H. Gidley from New Jersey.

Round 3, Saturday afternoon: Only three remain undefeated. Beliavsky continues with a fine victory from former Salinas City Champion George B. Oakes. Parvu gets into a winning position, makes the strategical error of opening up the game and loses --- to Wilcox! It was trap and counter-trap all the way, but finally former Fort Benning, Georgia Champion Robert A. Karch succumbs to Stewardson in a memorable encounter. After this round, we receive word that the Major's son, Jim Stewardson, has just won the Junior Championship!

Round 4, Saturday evening: While Beliavsky eliminates Wilcox, Stewardson earns a point from Pavlovich, leaving two players tied for first place with a perfect 4-0 score. And, so the longest round came to an end! Three rounds of fighting tournament chess in one day (9 AM - 11 PM) left us all just about exhausted.

Semi-Final Round 5, Sunday afternoon, July 7: The leaders are paired and, three hours later, Beliavsky stands alone. Attention now shifts to the runners-up, since engraved trophy cups are being awarded for 2nd thru 5th places. In this category fall five with mathematical chances: Wilcox (4-1), Parvu (4-1), Stewardson (4-1), Oakes ($3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$), and Gidley ($3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$).

Final Round 6, Sunday ~~11th~~ evening, July 7: Beliavsky draws Parvu, Oakes and Gidley win; and Wilcox and Stewardson draw each other to create a five-way tie ($4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$) for second place! This rarely happens in chess tournaments, altho it is theoretically possible. The tie-breaking system measured the strength of the opponents met (determined by the final scores of each), which ruled Gidley 6th, just one place short of a trophy. However, after the tournament, the Tournament Committee (Karch, Parvu, Stewardson and Young) decided to purchase an additional trophy for Gidley which is now on order.