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Chess Notes: World Title Match Set

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The return match for the world chess championship will start in the first week of March. Vassily Smyslov will defend his title against the ex-champion, Michael Botvinnik. Both are Russians.

Twenty-four games will be played (three games a week) and to win back the title Botvinnik must score at least 12½ points. Harry Golombek of England and Gideon Stahlberg of Sweden will be the directors. The general consensus is that Botvinnik has little chance to regain the title he held for over ten years.

LOOKING AROUND

In a simultaneous exhibition in St. Louis, Mo., George Koltanowski won 19 and drew 4 games . . . The Canadian Chess Federation has published its ratings and we find four masters listed: D. A. Yanofsky, Winnipeg, 2468; P. Vaitonis, Hamilton, 2399; F. R. Anderson, Toronto 2353 and G. Fuster, Toronto, 2313 . . . The annual Chess Friends of Northern California "Open" tournament will be held at the Oakland YMCA, 2101 Telegraph avenue, Oakland, Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2. Send entry fee to Anna Lund, treasurer, 3361 Mildred Lane, Lafayette—\$2 for CFNC members, \$4 for nonmembers . . . In recognition of his two important chess titles, in addition to qualifying for a place in the 1958 interzonal series for the world title, Bobby Fischer has been nominated as an international master by the International Chess Federation.

Result in Chess Friends league match:

Berkeley		Pleasant Hill	
C. Bergman	1	J. Stichka	0
G. Farly	1	H. Thackwell	0
A. Willis	1	Dr. J. Hutch	0
D. Hardy	1	S. Kilker	0
C. McGinley	0	W. Hoisington	1
Forfeit	0	R. Blinkenberg	1
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