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San Francisco Bay Area Chess League

NO SURPRISES IN INITIAL ROUND OF 1959 TEAM SEASON BECAUSE....,
M.I. KNIGHTS 5½, CAKIAND 1½ - GOLDEN GATE 5, M.I. BISHOPS 2 - CASTLE 5, U.C. 2
MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, S. F., January 10. There were no surprises in the initial round of the 1959 team season as all the favored teams won. The "Addisonless" M.I. Knights downed Cakland 5½-1½, Golden Gate defeated the M.I. Bishops 5-2, and the Castle Chess Club handled the University of California 5-2. Even the individual feats were according to expectations except for a couple of mild upsets.

Larry Ledgerwood (Cakland) continued on where he left off last year by being California Champion Charles Bagby's (Knights) nemesis and drawing the game. Lou Tomori (Bishops' captain) scored a win over West Coast expert Carroll Capps (G.G.). Nothing unusual, but Les Talcott (Cakland), man with the most draws in the league, did it again in a drawn game opposite Allan Bourke (Knights). Another mild upset was by Bill Crabtree (Bishops) when he drew his game with Spencer Van Gelder of

Golden Gate.

There were a few new additions to the "A" Division in the persons of William Crabtree, Jules Kalisch (who forfeited his first game), Dan and Nancy McLeod, and Douglas Willis, who does his studying around the campus of Stanford, but was playing for (oh, Heaven forbid!) California! Shhhhhh!

Of course, there were a few new names (at least to this reporter), so it cannot

be determined whether they made their debut as "A" Division players or not.

The "B" Division will begin on Saturday, January 17 when the underdog Mission team tackles the Mech. Inst. B/I team at Mechanics' Institute. The expected "B" team from Oakland isn't so Mech. Inst. B gets a bye. Precita Valley will make its first defense of the division championship at the Golden Gate Chess Club Tuesday, January 20. Therefor, we cannot report any results in this division as this goes to press. See "A" Division box scores on page 5.

Golden Gate Chess Club Championship

GOLDEN GATE CHESS CLUB, S. F., January 13. Henry Gross, popular San Francisco attorney (president of CSCF and BACL among other things), won the 12-round Swiss System Golden Gate Chess Club Championship with a score of 92-22. Eugene Krestini, who was running neck and neck with Henry to the final round, was sabotaged by a good game from Jules Kalisch. He finished with 82-32 along with Walt Pafnutieff who finished strong.

Henry Gross only lost one game, and that one to the amazing performance of Mr. Carl Huneke. He drew with Eugene Krestini and Walter Pafnutieff, and Bill Addison

who withdrew from the tourney after nine rounds .

Your reporter regrets that the complete results were obtained at the last minute and thus had no time to break the ties by the Mediam System (which the club intends to use), but the round by round results may be found on page 3.

***HEREST MINUTE FIASHES**

MECH INST B/I AND MISSION TIE 32-32! GOLDEN GATE TOPPIES PRECITA VALLEY 42-22!

White to play and mate in two moves. Sclution next month. Value: 5 points. Send solutions or problems to editor:

> Jim Reynolds 117 Brewster Street

San Francisco 10, Calif. Solutions to be postmarked not later than February 10, 1959. EDITOR'S CORRECTION: Problem No. 19 was by the well-known Italian composer G. Guidelli and not by the Hollander J. Hartong as listed. I had intended to use Hartong's problem and Guidelli's later with a bigger point value as it was a very good and tough problem. However, during my usual gathering of material I was interrupted and thus got my charts mixed. The problem as presented was correct, though the wrong composer's name was above it. NOTE: 1. N-B5 dbl.ch. is defeated by 1..., K-K4.

No. 1 CHATS NOTES and the EDITOR from

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Who's Got "Chessboard Magic"?

Mr. Gerald Smith of 2310 Bowditch St., Berkeley, Calif., phone THornwall 3-4045. would like to buy from anyone who wishes to sell same, Irving Chernev's "Chessboard Magic", If you don't have luck from this, Mr. Smith, the editor suggests you contact Imre Konig, 2709 Jackson St., San Francisco, phone WEst 1-0083, or George Koltanowski, 200 Alhambra, San Francisco, phone JOrdan 7-2410. Both are international chess masters and both sell States Chess Federation and get books through them. Anyone can tell you how. to do this, including the above, but if you don't want to bother, it's easy, just write to Kenneth Harkness, U.S.C.F. Business Mgr., 80 East 11th St., New York 3, N.Y. Also, you could subscribe to CHESS REVIEW, 134 West 72nd Street, New York 23, N.Y. The magazine is the best in the U.S.A. and is edited by the popular international chess master. I. A. "Al" Horowitz. Pick any way you choose, you'll find them all cooperative, and one way faster than another, Calling Bob Barringer

The last I heard, our popular feature writer was headed L. A. way. I'm sending out an S.O.S. Anyone reading this and knowing of Bob Barringer's whereabouts, please have him contact me. don't believe he realizes I've run out of his files of "Humorous Games"!

Word From Karch -- "Paulence!" Since I handed over the typed West Coast Ratings and lectured him about how to mimeograph properly, Bob Karch is doing it the hard way -- by hand crank! By the time this reaches you, you should have it, but a hurried note through the mail to yours truly read, "Decided on hand machine -- , good job but slow --- , patience!". No matter how long you may have to wait, I'm sure your patience will be rewarded. Bob is doing a very concientious job. Again, I only hope you'll find the West Coast Ratings interesting.

Jim Reynolds, Editor ...

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News Here And There

BOBBY FISCHER WINS U. S. CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The news of Bobby Fischer capturing the U. S. Chess Championship for the second consecutive year, keeping the Lessing J. Rosenwald trophy, has been well-covered by other periodicals in between issues of CHESS HERALD. We state it here as a matter of record. It is also well-known now that he defeated Sammy Reshevsky with a trap in the Sicilian Defense, a game published in several chess periodicals. Your reporter regrets he does not have the final standings, but we do have the standings up to the last two rounds and the standings are almost the same as where the participants finished:

Fischer 7	2	D. Byrne 4 4
Evans 6	3 and and	Benko 32 42
Reshevsky 6	3 LT 8.1V	R. Byrne 25 55
Bisguier 52-	32	Kalme 21 52
Sherwin 5½	32	Mednis 22 62
Lombardy 42	42.	Weinstein $2\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2}$

CHICAGO RETAINS NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHESS CROWN

The University of Chicago retained its national collegiate chess crown by defeating Harvard $5\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$ December 30, 1958 at Cleveland, Ohio. Harvard took the individual scoring honors, however, scoring 17, Chicago scoring 15 out of a possible 24. The top scorer in the college team matches (each team played 6 matches) was Shelby Lyman of Harvard with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points.

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UHLMANN LEADS AT HASTINGS

At last report from London, Wolfgang Uhlmann of East Germany was leading the international chess tournament at Hastings, England. Uhlmann has won seven consecutive games since drawing in the first round and thus has a score of $7\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. His 8th round win was over Leonard W. Barden of England. Drawing the Black pieces, Uhlmann resorted to the French Defense, in which he specializes. The game developed into a king's-side attack by the German master and ended with a Queen sacrifice after 31 moves. Lajos Portisch of Hungary, $6\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, is also undefeated in the tournament. He won in the 8th round from Robert G. Wade of New Zealand in an English opening that went 35 moves. Mr. Portisch also won with a telling king's-side attack winning Wade's Queen in return for a Rook and a Knight. Andreas Duckstein of Austria made the biggest gain toward the German leader by winning from Geza Fuster of Canada and also winning a 7th round adjourned game from Barden—; it seems like it was a bad day for Mr. Barden of England.

SAN QUENTIN CHESS VISIT AND MATCH PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1959

The chess team champions of the El Camino Real League, San Quentin's Morphy group, has extended an invitation to the BACL champions, Precita Valley, to visit them and play a match, Saturday, February 7, 1959. This means starting around 9 a.m. and getting home around 4 p.m. and having lunch at San Quentin as the guests of Supervisor of Recreation C. L. Swagerty and his assistant, John Apostel. Those interested please contact Jim Reynolds, 117 Brewster St., San Francisco, and even better, phone him at Mission 8-5759--, transportation to and from will be arranged for. You do not necessarilly have to be a Precita Valley member to go along, as long as you are over 16 and you wear trousers (skirts not allowed!). Our San Quentin friends state that Precita Valley (and those that accompany this group) is their favorite visitor. Perhaps this is because we lose to them the majority of the times we visit them. You will have a delightful time if you decide to go along with us. Please notify Jim if you are interested as soon as possible as he must answer the invitation and make final arrangements.

M. I. Knights Vs. California

Matches start at 7:30 p.m. both at

Mechanics' Institute & Golden Gate Club.

Cakland Vs. M. I. Bishops

Club News

PRECITA VALLEY TO START STIPULATED OPENING TOURN WENT THURS., JANUARY 29TH

1959

The Precita Valley Chess Club will begin a stipulated opening tournament on Thursday, January 29th. The opening to be used will be the Two Knights Defense. The entry fee is \$1,50 plus \$1.00 forfeit fee (the latter to be returned upon completion of the tourney). Lowell Tullis will be the tournament director. The club now meets every Thursday night at the Mission Community Center, 362 Capp Street, San Francisco, Calif. Visitors are always welcome.

Bagby Exhibition

Charles Bagby, California State Chess Champ, gave a simultaneous exhibition at the new quarters of the Precita Valley Chess Club (362 Capp St.) on Thursday, January 8th, It was a very rainy and stormy night and only 14 chess fans appeared. Mr. Bagby lost two games (to Vernon Howard and G. J. Wong) and drew. one game (with Jim Reynolds) while defeating the rest. The California State Champ gives free lessons every Friday night at the Mechanics' Institute Chess & Checker room on the 4th floor at 57 Post Street, San Francisco, Calif.

HERBERT AVRAM WINS WASHINGTON CHESS DIVAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 1958

Herbert Avram won the 1958 Washington Chess Divan Championship with a score of 6-1, losing only to runner-up Jack Mayer who scored 5-2. In the Swiss System Robert Grande placed 3rd, also 5-2. 1957 champ. Eliot Hearst was in Italy during the tournament, and 1957 runner-up Hans Berliner was out of town negotiating for a new position, ending up in Boston. ___________________

S.F.B.A.C.L. B Division Schedule

January 31:

Mech, Inst. B Vs. Mech, Inst. B/1 Mission Vs. Precita Valley

Golden Gate -- Bye

February 14:

Precita Valley Vs. Mech. Inst. B. Golden Gate Vs. Mission

Mech. Inst. B/1 -- Bye

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GAME PLAYED IN RECENT tournament at the Precita Valley Chess Club.			N-R3 allows 15.
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NEO-SICILIAN DEFENSE			3-B4. Something
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Bishop Pawn is equally futile unless
Black intends to exchange Bishops.

13. B-Bl P-B3?
Black's one chance for counterplay is
13..., BxB; 14. NxB, P-R3 as 15. NxB

One Pawn goes through.

37: Q-B4 38: Q-B8

39. BxQ

40. P-QR4

Q-Kl

QxQ

K-N1

Resigns

BACL ROVING REPORTER

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM OTHER REPORTS in this paper the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League began on its usual course. Nobody did anything to anybody that nobody cared anything about -: if that makes nobody's anybody's sease....

Even without Bill Addison, the Knights rolled along like nothing happened --, just like the Yankees --, when one goes they still have another. I'm sorry to hear that Bill decided to call it a game --, he's such a wonderful chess personality. I only hope it is a temporary thought in his mind. Can anybody really quit the old

loyal Game -- , not really -- , nobody

You realize, of course, this season may not be as colorful as some of those in the past. The T.D. is somewhat of a green pea--, I know, because I'm him. Not only that but the league decided on a one-time around schedule despite the fact we have no new teams. Two big reasons: (1) the damn Yankees (Knights) seem to win it early anyhow in the A Division so why prolong the agony?; and (2) Let's have time for a big Spring Swiss System Championship tourney of some kind. We need time for the latter idea and the only way to get it is to cut down the team season time. Even Bill Addison was all for this. Let's hope he makes a reappearance for the first time we try it.

Introducing Team Captains

Some teams have switched captains this year, so I thought it might be a good idea to mention these responsible men. Charlie Svalberg is now at the helm of the Knights. This does not mean that Kurt Bendit did not handle the team well last year (they only won'the championship!), but the men like to share the honors, thus Mr. Svalberg is directing the team. Ronald Thacker is rallying the Univ. of California team as Ed Simanis has been called for his tour of duty with the Army. He has a young and inexperienced team, but they are not lacking of spirit. The other teams have the same captains; Lou Tomori of the Bishops, Russell Freeman of Cakland, Guthrie McClain of Castle, and Henry Gross of Golden Gate. The latter three may have assigned others as captains, but yours truly has no knowledge of this.

In the B Division, Leighton Allen has been elected to the responsibility of keeping Precita Valley in the championship in place of Dave Gibson. Bob Karch will captain the Mech, Inst, B team in place of Bob Barringer. Mike Kramer is gunning Mission for upsets, replacing Lowell Tullis. Carl Huneke will continue to guide the Golden Gate team to an expected championship, Sorry, but your reporter hasn't learned of who is captain of the Mech, Inst. B/l team, though it is suspected Mr. V. Bedjanian will resume the job.

Can You Substitute?

During the night of the initial round I was asked two or three times if the captain can substitute a player already named to play after he's discovered the man didn't show up. This ruling was made very clear during the BACL meeting. Ies, he may if (1) the opposing team captain agrees, and (2) if the clock (which should have been started) hasn't already passed one hour's time for the man that lidn't show up in the first place. Remember, if you succeed in getting your substitute to sit in (and providing he is a legal substitute), he must play with the clock where it stands when he sits down! There were two cases in the initial round—, one captain denied and the other accepted. In both cases the team with the minus man lost. Let's have the proper spirit—, get your team to a match minus none,..., and, then, maybe, the match is already won!

Ratings Have Influence

Captains who haven't turned in the names of their 7-man teams plus 3 alternates (if you have them) please do so. The new West Coast Ratings do have influence on whether the men you name are eligible where you name them and the T.D. would

prefer to warn you ahead if you have named an ineligible player.

JANUARY

Lowell Tullis

OLDFISH*LMNCGOLDFISH*SAR*CM**CHESSALUCINATIONS**PKLPKL*NKB3NQB3*BBLNB3***NERTZ WE ARE CHAMPIONS -- ALL

Above beyond my humble ken, Lies the world of true skill; That never foils when Faced against an iron will.

Total recall that rings a bell, When the least little miss Causes one to later tell, I had him licked but this....

Had I done this rather than that, There would have followed this and this The rest is all "old hat", For there is no way I could miss.

That move did truly cost, For the next, an easy win, Slipped past, the spirit lost, To that earlier unpardonable sin.

Wait until next time for, I know I will surely win, For there is nothing I abhor More than a repeated unpardonable sin.

But again the story reads; I should have played that, Not the logical; I plead, Please don't say my excuse is old hat! But what can one do, To avoid this blunder, It does no good to play the new, For you never get to play your thunder.

Bishops after Knights, Castle, Queen save for last of all, When alining for the hassle, But that blunder causes all to fall.

I build my castle strong, Everything is right "by the book", But that sneaky move makes it wrong-For relief, where can I look?

That Pawn falls tonight, He is so very very mean, For he sacs the Knight, Two moves later he wins the Queen.

To win a game I'm told; Careful play is a must, Remember, too, to be very bold, But my combo is always a bust.

Not his fault, wall of clay, But that solid iron wall, Rust is the cause, some say, But I don't understand at all.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE 1959 U. S. OPEN IN CMAHA! CALIFORNIA PROPOSES SENDING A GREYHOUND BUS!

Tentative arrangements have been made to reserve a charter bus next Summer to travel to Omaha, Nebraska for the U. S. Open Championship tournament. If enough California chess players are seriously interested in this project, we can all save money besides having a grand time. It would be a trip to remember! We need to know how many persons would like to go. For more details, you may write:

Robert A. Karch 16025 Paseo Del Campo San Lorenzo, Calif.

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