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"GROSSIESS" GOLDEN GATE BESTS OAKLAND 41-21 - KNICHTS DOWN BISHOPS 5-2

Golden Gate Chess Club, S.F., January 18. A "Grossless" Golden Gate team bested Oakland 42-22 while Henry Gross, their likeable director, was engaged in a club championship game with Dr. Ken Colby (and isn't he supposed to be on the team, too?). Oakland struck the first blow as Russell Freeman outplayed Spencer H. Van Gelder, but Golden Gate quickly retaliated as Mr. Capps scored a win over Mr. Sedlack. From there on it was a matter of watching the chess clocks tick away and watch results go up on the blackboard one by one. This reporter's clock said it was time to go home, so whether Mr. Gross won over Dr. Colby, I don't know--, but he did have a powerful kingside attack going and if Dr. Colby pulled out of it I'm going to engage him to give me some chess lessons!

Mechanics' Institute, S.F., January 18. On the same night as the Golden Gate-Oakland match, a "Bagbyless" M. I. Knights team downed the M. I. Bishops 5-2. Like in the match five blocks away, the losers technically struck the first blow when Dave Nieder moved 1. P-K4 on board 2 where John Bagby was supposed to be. "You being a reporter", Mr. Nieder offered, "I'll give you the scoop--, I waylaid him!". The Knights evened the score early when Mr. Svalberg won over Mr. Wise. With only two games still going, Addison-Hoppe and Schmitt-Plock, the score was $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ and the Bishops still had a chance to tie it all up. If you like two Rooks and two Knights plus an extra Pawn against a Queen, Rook and Bishop, then you couldn't count Mr. Hoppe out at the moment, and Mr. Plock was doing okay with Mr. Schmitt, the California "Open" Champ. The Queen, Rook and Bishop finally won and Messrs. Plock and Schmitt settled for a draw.

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I. A. "AL" HOROWITZ EXHIBITION TO BE AT MECHANICS' ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

The I. A. "Al" Horowitz simultaneous exhibition will be held at Mechanics' Institute on Friday evening (7:00 p.m.), February 7th. Four clubs are co-sponsoring this event, Golden Gate, Mechanics' Institute, Oakland, and Precita Valley. The board fee will be \$1.50. The limit is 35 boards so if you want a board make your reservations early with Mr. Henry Gross (Golden Gate), Mr. A. B. Stamer (M. I.), Mr. Russell Freeman (Oakland), and Jim Reynolds (Precita Valley).

Mr. Horowitz will be in San Francisco for three days, February 6, 7, and 8. We hope to make his stay in San Francisco a pleasant and memorable one. Al Horowitz visited our city last year after an absence of ten years and liked our town to the extent he desired to have it as one of his stops again this year. It is hoped he will always be warmly welcomed in San Francisco!

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COOK LEADS RENAUD IN MATCH

James Cook won over Noel Renaud in the 5th game of their club championship match, Thursday, January 9th, to take a 3-2 lead with only one game remaining. Mr. Renaud had tied up the match by winning the 4th round game. The winner of the match will be declared the 1957 club champion even though the games have now extended into 1958.

On Thursday, February 13th, the Precita Valley Chess Club will hold its annual "Presentation Night" when the wirners of the club's 1957 tourneys will be presented with their prizes. On the same night, a speed (rapid transit) tourney will be held. Everyone is invited. There will be an entry fee of 25¢ for the 10-second speed tourney, the money to be used for prizes to be presented on the same night. Actually, Ivan Vegvary, who likes fast chess games, is donating prizes—, he wishes the money to go into the club funds:

from the EDITOR IT DID THE OL' HEART some good to watch all the enthusiasm going on around the various clubs that make up the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League. I'm hoping these spirits keep up even when some teams find themselves on the short end of the score at times as the season goes rolling along. It's nothing unusual to see the chess players just busting out all over at a season's start, but it seems that after a few rounds have passed that those in the lower part of the standings suddenly lose interest in the league. No team should really lose "heart" as funny things can happen, even in chess. I was on a team once that after winning one match, lost one, then drew one, and was seemingly out of the picture. But, this team never lost hope and went on to win a championship. So--, let's keep up that enthusiasm-, besides, a schedule is no good until it is completed.

Mr. Harold M. Phillips, an ex-president of USCF, writes me this little episode: "I learned that my grandson, Benjamin John Phillips, a little over fourteen, living in Albuquerque, N. M. had to bludgeon his father for \$5.00 to become a member of the U.S.C.F. in order to be able to play in a club tournament in his town. I understand that his father had a good laugh about it and secretly soliloquized, 'It serves me right for choosing a father who gave a lifetime to chess' ".

Precita Valley seems to be making a youth movement—, and for the good, too. You'll see most of these young men playing on our Mission team, and, oddly enough, most of them are all from Mission High, so the name of the team is not far-fetched. Welcome, fellas——, Don Lundmark, Mike Kramer, Ted Gee, Ronald Meyers, and Don O'Classen, to Precita Valley and the BACL.

Al Horowitz is coming to our town again. I can remember last year when he said to me, "If I like it well enough, I'll be back next year". He's back, men, he's back! ---Editor...

Lowell Tullis as the BACL ROVING REPORTER

(Club directors or readers who may have an item of interest for this column please write to Lowell Tullis, 59 Stoneybrook, San Francisco, or contact him by phone, JU 7-2245 -- guest writers are welcomed.)

HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE! ---On December 15th a number of chess players gathered at Mechanics' Institute to formulate a schedule for the coming winter season. Most of the discussion centered around the age old question, "Where do you draw the line between the A and B players?". As usual this problem could not be settled. The discussion then drifted to who had how many teams and who was left out. One member stated, "We have four men and if you guarantee us three more, we'll enter!!!" --- What's the matter---, are you too bashful to go out and hustle up a few more woodpushers? Yours truly came to this meeting with seven deuces and have since hustled up four more.... No, you can't have any of them--, there are thousands more available locally.

The future of chess rests, not with a select few, but with everyone. Someone, somewhere, discovered that Vasilly Smyslov was interested in learning how the game was played. The same is true about the rest of us. The idea, of course, is not to try to find a future world champion, but rather one who is interested in learning. You, then, must coddle and encourage him until he, too, has some of your fire and enthusiasm. When the day comes that he beats you by sheer power, you know you have helped improve chess in America, but don't rest on your laurels. There are 170 million potential chess enthusiasts in this country, and, at present the active players are counted in the thousands. When was the last time you showed someone how the pieces moved? Here's hoping your answer has a proud ring in it.

After attendance at this December meeting, it was obvious why Chess Friends is more popular in this area. They have a "guiding light" to "lay down the law" and do not depend on one person to do all the work. Very few of those in attendance at this meeting seemed to know what cards they held, and even fewer appeared willing to look (for fear they had a bust??).

It was also apparent no one was willing to hold office--, "Let George (Mac) do it". Can you imagine the state of affairs that would exist if, at the next election, no one, nowhere, filed and paid their hard earned money for the right to run for public office???

Memo to Henry Gross: the name of "my" team is the "Missionaries" --, or would "visionaries" be more appropriate after being on the short end of a $\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ score in a practice match with the Precita Valley team.

Thanks from myself and the editor to E. B., Phoenix, Arizona for your words of encouragement.

Note to the editor: agreed there were errors in my column in the November issue and will probably be some in this or future issues, but with your (and our readers, if any) help, I hope to count every drop of water that passes under the bridge so that my eventual successor will not have to walk a tight rope of ignorance but will have the solid rock of written history to build upon.

San Quentin, December 29, 1957. The San Quentin Chess Club beat the Precita Valley Chess Club twice, winning 4-2 in the first round match, and $3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ in the second round match. Precita Valley's excuse was allowing their aces, James Cook and Noel Reneud tackle 7 players apiece simultaneously. Cook bested his with 5 wins and 2 losses, while Renaud came out on top with 4 wins, 2 losses, and 1 draw.

S. F. Bay Area Chess League - B Division

MISSION SURPRISES MECH. INST. B/1 4-324 MECH. INST. B EDGES ALAMEDA 4-3 PRECITA VAILEY TAKES ADVANTAGE OF "GROSSIESS" GOLDEN GATE 45-21

Mechanics' Institute, S. F., January 11. Mission, a team dominated by Mission High students and not expected to do much, surprised Mech. Inst. B/1 by coming out one point better 4-3. The key game apparently was between Meyers and Bedjanian. Mr. Bedjanian held the upper hand for awhile but the game slipped into a drawish pattern but somehow Mr. Meyers of Mission won it (see Game No. 36 in the Games Section). All in all, it was a surprising result and it looks like another tight race is in store for the B Division teams.

At the same place and time, Mech. Inst. B was edging Alameda 4-3 to make it two close matches. Messrs. Kalisch, Barringer, and Morgan struck blows for the Mech. Inst. B team while Messrs. Olvera and Ogilvie socred for Alemeda. Two games. Steinberg-Tracy and Rebold-Jens, ended in draws. Mech. Inst. B players are the league's defending champions and Alameda is the team that came roaring near the finish last year to almost steal all the marbles. Lange subtwice states

Golden Gate Chess Club, S.F., January 11. Precita Valley took advantage of a "Grossless" Golden Gate team $4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$. This time it was Dr. Ben Gross (no relation to Henry), who didn't show up on board 1. Precita Valley came up with two quick points with Messrs. Vegvary and Blakemore winning. As the evening ticked on Messrs. King and Lutz won for Golden Gate to close the gap to 21-32 as Allen and Yaggie settled for a draw. Evening ticked into night and Mr. Gibson won his game to give victory to Precita Valley to prove it was no fluke last year.

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"CHESS LIFE" -- FRED M. WREN TAKES OVER FOR 1958 AND ONWARD!!

inexas sky in a draw with Najdorf. Each finished with a score of 85-55. Iarsen was 3rd, 75-65.

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S. F. Bay Area Chess League - A Division

Standings		
Team	Score	Games
M. I. Knights	1-0	5 -2
Golden Gate	1 - 0	42-22
California	0-0	0-0
Castle	0-0	0 -0
Oakland	0 - 1	21-41
M. I. Bishops	0-1	2 -5

Next Matches February 1st

California Vs. Golden Gate at G.G. Oakland Vs. M.I. Knights at M.I. M. I. Bishops Vs. Castle at M.I.

NOTE: The Castle-Univ. of California match was postponed due to final exams for the Cal Team. This match will be played at a later date convenient to the two teams.

P. V. CIUB RATING REVIEW

LOOKING OVER THE CIUB members' records of games won, lost, and drawn brought about startling results. Since I have posted these results in the club's quarters I can see no reason to show how stupid my rating system is by putting these 1957 figures here.

Since I was shocked by these 1957 records, I sat down at my desk and for five solid hours worked on revisions to my own rating system. Some of you have seen the revisions I have made—, I hope they make my system a little more workable. It seems each year I find some fault with my system and each year I make revisions. Perhaps, in another 100 years or so, I will come up with the perfect chess rating system—, well, who knows. My rating system is only a little over three years old now, so it's a long way to go yet.

Just as an example, though, we'll look at Noel Renaud's 1957 record. He won 17, lost 8, and drew 3. Under my system he started 1957 with 1887 points and ended the year with 1698 which means scmething is wrong somewhere. He did lose to some lower rated players, and he may have slipped a little, but not any 187 points worth. Well, let's see how 1958 works out, eh what?!

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	W. Beach	12	L.	Talcott	12
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	S. Van Gelder	0	R.	Freeman	1
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	W. Addison	1	R.	Hoppe	0
	E. Pruner	1	L.	Miller	0

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K. Bendit..... 1 L. Tomori..... 0

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A. Bourke....

Totals

It seems to be the talk of the world now that 14-year old Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn, New York won the United States Chess Championship over Grandmaster Sam Reshevsky. It is so well reported elsewhere and other periodicals that CHESS HERALD states it here as a matter of record. Iet's hope that he continues with his success and goes on to meet the world champion, V. Smyslov, in 1959:

CFNC "OPEN" AT OAKIAND MARCH 1 & 2

The Chess Friends of Northern Calif. will hold their "Open" championship tourney at the Oakland YMCA on the weekend of March 1st and 2nd. The entry fee is \$2.00 for CENC members and \$4.00 to non-members, the latter including membership. It will be a Swiss System Tourney, with three divisions—, Expert—A, B, and C. Advance entries can be sent to Mrs. Anna Lund, 3361 Nildred Lane, Lafayette.

LEIGHTON ALIEN REGAINS TOP RUNG AT P.V.

Leighton Allen returned to the top rung of the Precita Valley Club ladder for the third time when he defeated Lowell Tullis, Thursday, January 2. Mr. Tullis held the top rung since Dec. 5th, a total of 4 weeks. Noel Renaud still holds that longevity record of 55 weeks. Next challenger?? GAMES SECTION. Edited By Noel

(Send games to Noel Renaud, 125 Brompton Ave.; San Francisco 12, Calif.)

Notes to games in this issue are by guest annotator, Jim Reynolds. N.R.

AS HE ASKED ME TO BE HIS GUEST, Noel Renaud handed me a few games to choose from. I was impressed by the games of. the younger set in our club, those young fellows who make up that team called Mission, or "Missionaries" as their team captain, Lowell Tullis, prefers to call them. These "Missionaries" aren't expected to do much this season, but already they have won their first match. Their games are not spectacular, but they show promise of things to come, and who knows but what S. F. might be producing a couple of future Bobby Fischers. I'm happy these youngsters won their first team match as it gives them a little encouragement as they are bound to have some disappointing moments as the season rolls along. I chose the games that follow because I thought they were the most interesting. Not only that, but I could decipher their notes best! Please realize that I am not the analyst such as Noel Renaud -- , my notes are in fun and I'd rather they be taken that way. Both games were played in the team match between Mission and Mechanics' Institute B/1 on January 11th.

Came No. 35

White: M. Kramer Black: D. Lee

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

1. P-04 N-KB3 2. P-QB4 P-KN3

3. N-QB3 B-N2

4. B-B4 0-0 5. P-K3

Correct is 5. P-K4. The text move locks out the Bishop and Black can win the

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minor exchange.

5. . . . P-03

SQ-MQ 6. B-K2

P-B4 N-D4 7. N-B3

N-R4 8. 0-0

P-B3 and tadd ablod 9. B-N5

9..... P-KR3 looks better. In many variations of the King's Indian the Black King winds up on his KR2 square --; there seems to be no exception in this gam; so Black may as well make room and "kill two birds with one stone".

10. B-R4 P-N3 It is understandable that Black wishes also to fianchetto his QB, but why leave things half done? Since he is after the minor exchange of Bishop for Knight he may as well continue with 10 ..., P-KN4. True, this weakens his castled King but he has already committed this sin with his 9th move. Therefor, he may as well reserve his QB to ward off any attacks that may come along the diagonal leading to: his King.

11. P-KN4 So White says, "Well, let's get this exchange over with!". In doing so he returns the compliment of weakening his castled King.

11. . . . P-KN4

12. PXN sement themself Wi

Indeed White is in a hurry to get the exchange over with. Afterall, he does get a Pawn out of it, but there are many interesting lines with 12. BxP, PxB; 13. PxN, P-N5; 14. N-KN5, N-B3; 15. B-Q3 and he still gets the Pawn. The idea is that White immediately throws a threat at the Black King, while Black must still decide what to do with his QB. True, Black can continue with 15...., P-KR3 but this only weakens his King position further and the White Knight has an adequate retreat post on his K4. The text, of course, is also interesting,

> 12. . . . PxB 13. NxP P-K4

Black invites trouble with this. He gives White's Knight an excellent advance post on his own B4 square. The more logical move was 13...., P-B4, then if 14. B-Q3, P-K3 and the White Knight must retreat.

14. N-B5 N-N1 (continued on next page)

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KRAMER-LEE (continued)orași	40. BxQ	P-R4	
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BEDJANIAN-MEYERS (continued)

recourse would be 14...., RxN; 15. PxR. NxP and Black has lost the exchange--not 15...., QXP because of 16. NXN threatening mate); 14. NxB, BxB; 15. NxB, NxN; 16. N-K5 and White looks better off with the threat of Q-B3 or Q-N3. With the text move White still has time to get back the Pawn, but not as effectively.

> 13. NXN 14. NXP B-K3

This move is not forced as suggested above as 14...., N-Q4 would do just as well; i.e. 15. Q-B3, B-K3. The point is that with the text Black has time to set up his defenses whereas with the line suggested his moves are forced and a definite favorable position for White results.

> 15. BxB RxB 16. Q-B3 P-KB3

16...., Q-K2 is much better. The text causes a pin of the Rook.

> 17. Q-QN3 Q-Q3 18. N-B3

White misses his pressure move of 18. N-B4 forcing the Black Queen back, then 19. P-OR3 wins a Pawn, i.e. 18...., O-K2; 19. P-QR3, N-B3; 20. QXP, R-N1; 21. Q-R6, then if 21...., NxP; 22. QxP is good enough.

> 18. . . . K-B1 19. P-QR3 N-Q4

He could save the Pawn now with 19.... N-B3; then if 20. QxP, R-QN1 and Black gets it back.

> 20. OXP R/3-K1 21. QR-B1 QR-N1 22. Q-B6 . . .

22. QxRP and White holds his Pawn advantage though Black gets his Rook on the seventh rank.

> 22. . . . 23. Rx0 RXP 24. R-K1

White decides the game is drawn so attempts to exchange pieces. Considering the play on both sides the game does look like a draw at this point.

K-B2 It was to Black's advantage to exchange

Rooks, 24...., RxRch; 25. NxR, R-N8; 26. K-Bi. R-R8; 27. R-B5, K-K3 and though it is an even game, Black's King is advanced and in a better spot for the end game. White has no time to go after the QRP as he must prevent 28...., N-B5 and 29...., N-Q6, or if 28. R-R5, then N-N5 accomplishes the same purpose.

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25. R-B5 And White changes his mind about exchanging: When the last of the state of the

25. . . R-Q1 26. R-R5 R-N2 27. P-N3 N-K2 N-B3 28. R-K4

29. R-KB5 R-QB5 is more in line with keeping the game a draw. White now starts making a target of his Rooks.

> 29. . . . P-KR3

30. P-Q5 . . .

Making a target of the Pawn, too.

31. R-R5 N-K2 NxP

And the tide has changed.

32 . N-04 33. N-B6? ...

That did it. It's been a hard fought game. It happens so often in these kind of games that a Knight will fork a Rook, but in this case White had an opportunity to get out of it. Yes, he thought it was "tit for tat" overlooking Black's check.

> 33. . . . R-08 ch 34. K-N2 NxR 35. N-N4 R-N8 36. Resigns

PROBLEM CORNER Solution to Problem No. 8: 1. R-B5

Problem No. 9 by Ivan Vegvary BLACK (1)

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WHITE (9) White to play and mate in three moves. Solution next month.