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The headline is lop-sided, so is the score, and the score is what we are most interested in! The North really did itself proud this year. Just what the reasons are that caused this one-sided score is hard to figure out. Flynn in his "Comments" has some suggestions. Perhaps the matches, serious games, tournaments etc. are having a beneficial effect on chess in Northern California. When one realizes that in the South's top 10 boards, they had several "Champions" including the State Champion and Open Champion, the results become more impressive. But a word of caution is in order - the South is undoubtedly looking to next year's match for revenge, and they still play a brand of very tough chess down there. So while the North can be justifiably proud of the score this year, we must look to our laurels next year.

Those of us from Sacramento who made the trip had a most enjoyable time, as always. The North-South match is one chess event that many players will not miss altho they may not play a single game the rest of the year. We feel almost the same way about it. The fact that Sacramento contributed 4 wins out of 6 men helped our feeling of elation along. The Editor celebrated with a fine steak dinner in Paso Robles on the way home (preceded by proper liquid refreshments of course).

The following letter from Jeff Smith of Oakdale has some good suggestions: "Why not expand S.C. News to Central Calif. Chess News? I see no reason why each club could not contribute a page of news for each issue, and have about six copies for each club. Could this be done for \$6.00 per club or \$1.00 per subscription per year? We could use this medium to expand our CCC League activities and maybe let the rest of Calif. know that we do play a little chess here in the Valley. maybe not such good chess, but at least very enthusiastic chess! Also, I see no reason we can't make up a CCCL team and challenge the Mechanics Institute or other League players in Northern Calif. Let them come to Cakdale or Modesto for a match: we could return the visit with enough nearby players, within 100 miles of San Francisco to make up a very strong team. - I'm sending in a dollar to help the good work along. - Jeff Smith" Thanks for the suggestions Jeff. We have received a lot of news and scores from other clubs (in this issue) and hope they continue to send it in. Also, we are making a practice of sending four or five copies of each issue to the clubs in the CCCL. We hope this will interest them sufficiently to give us their support. We always welcome suggestions from readers as to how to improve chess in our areas.

Incidentally, could someone tell us if the Strob-Jackson match was ever played for the Championship of the League? We know a party who desires to challenge the winner. Let's get news in to the "Chess News".

## THE CHESS DIAGRAM by M. Neeley

Problem #20. White to play and win. This problem taken from "The Chess Correspondent", May-June 1951 issue. 1947 North American, Wilson vs Hayes.

Time was not available to annotate games for this issue, as requested by Fresno. However, we have changed our method of printing game scores to make them more readable. Takes more room and paper, but we feel it is worth it.

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Northern Calif. had White on odd-numbered boards. / N.N. - No Name Tabulation courtesy of H. J. Ralston, San Francisco. Say, did our northern team do all right? The big event of the year found the northern gang at San Luis Obispo the winner by a 2 to 1 margin over the south.

Six Sacramento players made the trip and scored 4/2. It makes you proud to belong to the same club with that group. Also, J. B. Gee and Ed Czapski came thru with absolute brilliancies, and I do mean brilliancies. Take a look at the winning knight moves by both Czapski and Gee (the games should be in this issue). Wow!

I understand our fellows had a little side bet on, just for fun, as to the Sacramento player who could win in the least number of moves. Czapski thought he had it for sure, when along comes Gee with an 18 move win on Board 9.

So far, I haven't seen Neil Austin's win, but I hope to see it published.

(Note - it's in here. Ed.) Ralph Stagg ran into an oddity. He played l. P-K4 and won on the time limit. His opponent never showed up. Milt Meyer and Steve Kozen ran into tough luck...but it will be their turn next time.

Many other valley League players were there, and performed creditably. I noticed Pittsburg's 41 Loera and Frank Olvera did all right for themselves. If possible, I wonder in future events and in the Northern California ratings if we couldn't follow a player's name with his club affiliation or home town. That way, it would be more interesting to see how our friends made out.

The northern team's unusual superiority would seem to indicate something has happened in recent years to improve chess in this area. Koltanowski's "Chess Digest" undoubtedly helped by publicizing players and events. Our "Sacramento Chess News" probably has had a similar, if less widespread, effect. The Northern California Rating System, devised principally by Dr. Ralston, Nick Russ, and Guthrie McClain has also tended to put players on their best behavior.

Melvin Neeley, a former club president, has agreed to take over the "Chess Diagram" column. I went over and talked to Neeley for a couple of hours and he is certainly one smart fellow. He has one of the key jobs for the telephone company and what he doesn't know about communications work just hasn't been thought of yet. Melvin also has that unusual quality of being modest and self-confident at the same time. The decisions he has to make come up suddenly and are of vital importance to radio and telephone networks along the entire Pacific Coast. Yet, Neeley takes it right in stride. Unfortunately, he can't get down to club meetings due to his work but perhaps that will be solved at some future time. I think with his qualities he would make a fine match player.

Neeley told me about playing Dr. H. O. Ellis one time. Dr. Ellis lives in Chico and is extraordinarily good in chess. Just for fun, I dropped him a card, inviting him down to our club. It would be good to have even one more strong players, altho the competition is already getting terrific. But what do we care? We aint skeered, even if Botwinnik moved to Sacramento.

Gee has entered the Northern California Championships and Russell will be in the California Open this Labor Day weekend at Santa Cruz. We'll all be pulling for them.

You know, I sued to despise draws in chess but that was before I had played any in match games. In the last year, I played four draws...Ken Chambers of Palo Alto, Frank Olvera of Pittsburg, H. E. "Matt" Mattingly of Stockton, and our own Milt Meyer. And those four were some of the most exciting, difficult games I have ever played in my life.

One psychiatrist has written that everyone is secretly convinces of three things, his own immortality, his irresistibility to the opposite sex, and his own profound wisdom and general mental superiority. Now, chess does little to disillusion one about the first two matters, but when you battle four to six hours with a chess opponent and find him matching you move for move, and eventually weak from the strain you gladly accept or offer a draw, then I think one gets over any false ideas about his own mental superiority.

He has met a mind that has equalled anything he can think of, and when it is all over, he has a greatly increased respect for his fellow man. Which is not a bad lesson to learn from chess, at that.

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From Lee Kerfoot, Modesto The royal game of chess has brought joy to many a heart and loss of sleep to many a soul, especially in the problem field. As this story goes it took place on the good ship Mary Ann, a windjammer of the seven seas. Captain Hess of Hastings was a grand old "salt" and his hobby called continually for a game of chess. The only peaceful moments for the crew aboard waswhen he and Eric Lokken, first cook, were locked in the cabin in a game of chess. Then he was not bellowing about missing belaying pins he was in a rage over missing black pawns. After many accusations and threats as to who was going to spend full time in the crwosnest, harmony was restored when it was discovered the captain's pet Pechua parrot had been quietly devouring the pawns and the ship's carpenter had carved replacements out of belaying pins. On arriving at Singapore the crew presented the captain with five inch Indian set of chess pieces.

mate Chess News from Modesto Chess Club: April 17th could be called Koltanowski night, or chess feast height when liaster George Koltanowski gave a lecture and simultaneous exhibition in Colfax Hall of Odd Fellows Temple, Modesto. The Master played 15 boards simultaneously winning 14 and drawing l. L. Woolfe of Stockton played the drawn game. If you remember, this is the energetic second board player who has been a bulwark of strength for the Stockton team throughout the season just closed. The game went 65 moves and lasted 2 hours. event was sponsored by the Modesto Chess Club, had an attendance of 25, many who had bought board tickets did not show up due to MacArthur in SF on television and radio. Modesto Chess Club meets the first & third

Sunday of the month at Odd Fellows Temple. Scenic Drive and Roden Streets If it is

#### CHESS LETTER

In a previous issue of Chess News we see that the Sacramento Chess Club has not been doing so well lately. Lamentations and excuses have been in order. Now when you knock over some pawns it is not the same as with an army in the field. Army commanders are pushing the pawns around that is true, but when their pawns are laid out they have to bury them.

What we do in chess is to set the men up and start all over again. Fact is perhaps that our members did not have enough practice last year. Contributing was the circumstance those who were expected to invent some activities, were too busy with their private affairs. This can be remedied by appointing other members to conduct competition games.

The way a City Tournament was conducted in the good old days was that we played two games against everyone. In one game you had white and in the next one black. What we use now is the Swiss System playing only one game. This system

is good for getting over with it in a hurry.

Some of those who lose out have reasons to be disappointed with the outcome, in a general way it is not important because the best players will come out on top in either way. Still there is one remedy which has not been used in our club lately. A player can always Challenge those next above him. Then you have an opportunity to prove to yourself if you can beat him. Therefore Challenge matches are in order.

For to invent some competition play that will be satisfactory to everybody, we have to consider it is no fun for a secondary or poor player to compete with the best ones. If the best players want really to show off they should give odds of a pawn or piece. Then they would have something to talk about, when a poor player pays so much in a competition game, he knows from the beginning the price will go to one or two of the best players.

For small competition games we will offer the suggestion that the club be divided into three classes, 4, B and C. Small competition games can then be arranged with members of these groups. A member of a higher group should not be allowed to play in a lower. But a member of a lower group can play in a higher if they allow him to enter. Entrance fee to such a competition can be 50 cents or

a dollar, and the prize be a book, or go for dues.

For each such competition a team captain is selected from the group itself. That will give them some interest and practice. This will have the benefit that any of these classes can go ahead with a competition independent of the others. Those that are so busy with other affairs are the best players. This means that if we are to wait for the best players to get something started we have to wait in vain.

This proposition means that Class C can go ahead with a tournament of their own. Any member of the group that is discovered to be much stronger than the others is then automatically transferred to class B, or to the highest group. Likewise one showshows much weakness in a group is transferred to a lower.

This writer just as soon plays a game for fun, because then he has not to be so careful that he loses the game - think hard, plan and figure - and then lose the game. Other members are not like that. Some of them will not come down to the club unless they have a tournament game to play. The suggestions here offered are to accommodate these brethren and give them more tournament games.

Johnson & Co.

Ed's Note: Just a few comments on above. Putting players into "classes" can hurt tender feelings. No one likes to be a class C or D players. Also, we have had lots of extra activities in past few months, with more to come. Finally, Johnson & Co. is - and/or - one of the hardest players in the Club. He plays every game to win, and plays it hard too. Lastly, there is plenty of good competition at the Club every week, all you have to do is challenge a player to a one game match - if he has no previous schedule to play.

Don't forget the kitty at the Club. We now put in a quarter, excess over

rent goes to pay for Sacto News. It has paid the cost of this issue.

## San Jose "Y" Club Championship

San Jose, June 9. Stan MacCarty put Kirby back in the race for first place by upsetting "Bill" adams, giving Bill his first, and probably his only, loss in the tournament. Since the games are not scheduled, the players do not stay even in the number of games played.

Here is the present staming in the "A" section:

Kirby wins	10	Losses	2
Adams	9		2
Mueller	61		7분
Kalnins	42		55
MacCarty	312		3
Crofut	3		6
Daugh erty	3		6
David-Malig	3		9

The "B" Section was won by Howard Wood with a score of 5-3. In Class C, Ernest Rideout walked away from the field with a score of 11-1.

		Here	is how	MacCarty did	it. White	: Bill Adam	s. Black:	Stan MacCarty/ French.
1	P	K4	P K3	9 B Q3	N KS	17 PxP	PxP	25. RxR QxQ
2	P	Q4	P Q4	10 P QB3	N/5 B4	18 K R	R Q	26 P KR3 Q B8ch
3	N	QB3	B N5	11 NxB	RxN	19 R B3	K KS	27 K R2 QxBPch
4	P	K5	P QB4	12 N K2	P KR4	20 R QN3	Q B2	28 K N RXN
5	B	SP	N QB3	13 0 0	N B3	21 Q B2	R Q4	29 RxR N B6ch
6	N	N5	BxBch	14 P B4	P Q5	22 NxP	R/1 Q	30 RXN QXR/Q3
7	Q	CB .	NxQP	15 BxN	PxB	23 NxPch	K B	31 Resigns
8	N	Q6ch	K B	16 QR Q	Q N3	24 N Q6	NxP !	

### PALO ALTO DEFEATS SPARTANS

San Jose, May 27. The Palo Alto Chess Club showed the stuff that made them the Class B Champions of the Bay Area Chess League, by defeating the Spartans of San Jose State College by the one-sided score of 7 to 2! Palo Alto's only loss came on the ninth board where Bergreen lost to Roukes; on second board, Hass drew with Kirby after losing a piece in the middle game; while Dana scored against Talcott on board one with a trap he learned against the Sicilian while in Paris, France. The whole line-up follows:

	The state of the s			
	Palo Alto		Spartans	
1.	Dana	1	Talcott	0
2.	Hazz	효	Kirby	1
3.	Vaughn	ī	Crofut	8
4.	Matthews	1	Wood	0
5.	McInturff	1	Polhammer	0
6.	Ricketts	1	Daugherty	0
7.	VanWoert	1	Burdick	0
8.	Rhodes	1	Lima	1
9.	Bergreen	O	Roukes	ĩ
		7		2

E	ere is	how a Class I	Bplayer	showed up	an Expert.	White: Vaughan,	Black : Crofut
	P K4		00	Q B4ch	15 BxP		BxN N B7ch
2	P KB4	P Q4 9	KR	N KB3	16 NxB	ON OS S3	RxN QxR
3	PXQP	P K5 10	N R4	Q Q3	17 B N2	QR Q 24	R K8ch R B
4	N QB3	P KB4 11	P QR3	B B4	18 Q B3	R B2 25	N R6ch PxN
5	P Q3	PxP 12	P QN4	B N3	19 Q N3		Q N4ch K B2
6	BxP	B N5 13	NxB	QXN	20 Q R4	N/Q2 B3 27	Q N7ch KxR
7	N KS	QxP 14	n Q4	0 0	21 QR K	R Q7 28	Q K7 mate

Sacramento Challenge Matches: Stagg challenged Johnson but lost, 2-1. Meyer has a win scored in first of three game match with Steve Kozen. Gee has  $1\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$  against Russell, with good winning chances in third game adjourned on 24th move. Czapski plans to challenge someone soon. Activity is increasing. Ye Ed leaves June 18 for two weeks vacation. Mail to be answered upon return as soon as possible.