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In the last issue of the "News", the results of Pittsburg-Modesto match in Round 3, played at Oakdale Nov. 22, 1953, were not available. To bring your records up to date, the results are given first now:

Pittsburg		Modesto					
1 R Burger	0	L E Davis	1	5 C Daggs	1	James Berry	0
2 R C Guzman	$\frac{1}{2}$	E L Jeffers	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 T Shavely	0	L Krogness	1
3 F Olvera	$\frac{1}{2}$	Lee Kerfoot	$\frac{1}{2}$	7 W Whisler	$\frac{1}{2}$	Herb Paul	$\frac{1}{2}$
4 F Weinberg	0	Herb Betker	1	8 G Garcia	$\frac{1}{2}$	C J Cook	$\frac{1}{2}$
				9 H Lansing	0	H Wente	$\frac{1}{6}$
					3		6

## Sacramento Preliminary

This tournament ended with Doc Janushkowsky defeating Gee in a nice game, thus tying Hartley for first place with 4-1. Following the two leaders with scores of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  are M. T. Austin, J. B. Gee; scores 3-2, Ojars Celle, Ed Horton, Fred Clawson, J. A. Celle, Harold Keith. These nine players will compete in a round-robin tournament for "Championship of the Club", starting Wednesday night, Jan. 20th.

The Consolation Flight consists of the following, with scores attained in the prelims: M. O. Meyer and C. Iverson,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , Sam Johnson, A. W. Bishop, Ostap Bender & Gene Gray 2-3; followed by Howard Evanson and J. C. Lacey with 1-4.

## CCCL Standings (written before 1/10 matches)

After four rounds of play, the picture is still unclear. All predictions are worthless until after the Sacramento-Fresno match January 10th. Fresno is in the best position, needing only a win over Sacramento to be practically assured of the trophy. Sacramento must get by Fresno and then San Jose. San Jose can only hope for a Sacto victory against Fresno, which would put them back in the running.

Fries and Thompson of Fresno lead with 4-0 in the race for individual honors, closely followed by Gee, Janushkowsky, and O. Celle of Sacramento, and Adams and Muller of San Jose who have 3-0 with one less match played.

Fresno	4 - 0	$26\frac{1}{2}$	-	$11\frac{1}{2}$
Sacramento	3 - 0	$22\frac{1}{2}$	-	$8\frac{1}{2}$
San Jose	2 - 1	20	-	7
Modesto	2 - 2	$17\frac{1}{2}$	-	$21\frac{1}{2}$
Stockton	1 - 3	14	-	22
Pittsburg	0 - 3	$8\frac{1}{2}$	-	$16\frac{1}{2}$
Oakdale	0 - 3	6	-	28

## RESHEVSKY EXHIBITIONS

On Feb. 1, at 7:30 PM, Samuel Reshevsky will take on all comers in a simultaneous match in the Thursday Club at Corcoran, (in the Ten Hundred Block). Price is \$2.50 per player, contact Harry M. Baker, Box 911, Corcoran.

On Feb. 2, at 7:30 PM, Reshevsky plays at the YMCA in Stockton, same price. This is a Tuesday night. Contact Paul Hubbard at 840 E Main St., Stockton, for reservations.

Chessplayers in the near vicinity of either of these exhibitions are urged to attend. The more players involved, the better the exhibition and more worthwhile are the games. Besides, Reshevsky is not often seen in the valley towns.

Fresno		Oakdale		Modesto		Stockton	
1 P D Smith	1	W Maxey	0	1 L E Davis	0	J M David-Malig	1
2 M Hailparn	0	E Sai	1	2 E L Jeffers	1	Bob Leigh	0
3 T Fries	1	H Tusoosian	0	3 Lee Kerfoot	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Saxon	$\frac{1}{2}$
4 R Womack	1	S Sampson	0	4 L Krogness	1	R Juhre	0
5 E Thompson	1	C J Smith	0	5 Herb E Paul	1	Paul Hubbard	0
6 C Fotias	0	F Kimball	1	6 Herb Betker	1	H Minchaca	0
7 H Kalihmann	1	A Buerer	0	7 James Berry	1	E Neustadt	0
8 O Maschke	1	V Smith	0	8 E Hawksworth	0	L Saslaw	1
9 L Legler	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Quayle	$\frac{1}{2}$	9 H Wente	0	M Ellenberg	1
10 R Clark	1	S Thomas	0	10 G J Cook	1	A C Saxon	0
11 L Lamoreaux	1	J Sai	0		$\frac{6}{2}$		$\frac{3}{2}$
	$\frac{8}{2}$		$\frac{2}{2}$				

  

Pittsburg		San Jose					
1 R E Burger	1	J Kalnins	0	5 Escobar	0	B Mueller	1
2 R Tremberth	0	W T Adams	1	6 F Olvera	0	F Crofut	1
3 S Wilson	0	M Gazse	1	7 F Weinberg	0	D Havill	1
4 R Guzman	0	L H Daugherty	1	8 J Smith	1	Dreis	0
					$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{6}{6}$

BOOK REVIEWS

N T Austin

The Human Side of Chess by Fred Reinfeld; Pellegrini and Cudahy, 302 pp., \$3.75 -- As described on the dust cover, Author Reinfeld attempts to tell the story of the World's Chess Champions, from Adolf Anderssen through Alekhine and Euwe - their triumphs and their illusions, their achievements and their failures. In this he succeeds very well, and the book will be a pleasant addition to any chess library. While much of the material has been told before, there is a new slant on Anderssen as a positional player. In fact, the reader will gain a far greater appreciation of Anderssen's chess stature. Fourteen illustrative games are given, together with the match and tournament records of Anderssen, Morphy, Steinitz, Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, and Euwe. This reader was somewhat dismayed to find the Immortal Game given as played against Dufresne, while Kieseritzky is given as the victim in the Evergreen Partie.

The Chess Mind by Gerald Abrahams; Pellegrini and Cudahy, 292 pp, \$4.00 -- The author, a well-known English master, is a psychologist by profession. In this book, he analyses the elements that comprise chess thinking. Among these are vision, common sense, judgment, imagination, error, chance, memory, and technique. He illustrates his arguments by 246 positions from master play. There are also 35 games which are annotated move by move in most cases. This book is recommended for serious players, regardless of ability. It will assist in acquiring a realistic view of the game, a view so many of us lack.

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Chris Fotias, of 424 W Race, Visalia, write the "News" inquiring if there are any chess teams in junior colleges available to play matches with the College of the Sequoias (where he is chess-adviser) and the Reedley Junior College, which two have already played a match. If any reader has information on this, please contact Fotias. As he points out, these young men are all potential players in the CCCL and need experience with better players.

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President Bill Adams of San Jose requests these committees be announced in Chess News: Special Committee to make recommendations as to Team Size, etc., Prof Francis Crofut, San Jose, Tom Fries, Fresno, Milt Meyer, Sacto. Standing Tournament Committee: J. B. Gee Chrmn., Sacto, Herb Paul, Modesto; Bob Burger, Pittsburg; Harry Shaw, San Jose; and Mike Hailparn, Fresno. Will members on these committees please start gathering ideas, as respective chairmen will shortly contact you.

What is a Chess Player?

N T Austin

My esteemed young colleague, Bob Burger, has asked this question, without attempting an answer. We shall attempt to contribute to the discussion.

Very probably, the chess player is a man of moderate intelligence who has let it go to his head. One might expect to get a lead by an examination of chessplayers' professions. But professions are so often the results of economic accidents, that they will probably be of no help. An examination of our Northern California contemporaries will bear out this contention. The law profession is represented by Henry Gross, Neil Falconer, Chas. Bagby, and our old friend Herb Paul. Engineering and related scientific pursuits include such well known names as Dr. Branch, Dr. Ralston, Jim Hurt, Dmitri Vedensky, Wade Hendricks, Monte Jackson, Lyman Daugherty, and our own Fred Clawson, and Neal Zimmerman. Among those who follow accounting, auditing, and statistics are Bill Barlow, Cuthrie McClain, Mark Eudy, Milt Meyer and J. B. Gee. The railroads employ Al Loera, and Geo. Flynn, while Herb Betker is the chef in his own restaurant. In addition to Branch and Prof. Daugherty, Francis Crofut follows the teaching profession. Jeff Smith is a rancher, and Bill Adams a philatelist. The medical profession has only Janushkowsky and Kallman that I know of, probably because doctors are too busy making money to bother with chess. Two of the best in Sacramento are bartenders - no, the profession is no indication.

Generally, a fierce competitive spirit is an obvious characteristic. In the beginning, we can neither win nor lose gracefully. Gradually, most of us learn the art of winning gracefully. For instance, it is almost a pleasure to lose to A. J. Fink. In time we become able to muster a smile when we lose. This smile is generally just the "thin veneer of civilization" which we don because we cannot avoid subsequent social contacts with the victors. Some have almost made this an art. For instance, the renowned Henry Gross. Unless you are a chessplayer yourself, you would believe he means it when he admits being outplayed after one of his rare defeats.

The so-called "killer instinct" must be, and has generally been, cultivated. The "death" must be swift, however, whether brutal or merciful. Cat and mouse tactics will not do - the mouse might escape.

In retrospect, the question remains unanswered. Perhaps some other student may be of help.

## MODESTO NEWS

Lee Kerfoot

The Modesto Hornets, a name so designated by Jeff Smith of Oakdale, journeyed to Oakdale Sunday, Nov. 22nd to meet our old friend Frank Olvera and his team of nine players. Some how Modesto was not to be denied of victory this day. It just shows to go you how with the best layed plans and expectations, when it comes to tournament time and the gong sounds for each man to throw up his props and commence, well he is completely on his own. On the way over and just before the start the following remarks were heard; Herbert Paul - "do hope mine is a Queen's Pawn Game and a Benoni there will be murder" Lawrence Davis "The King's Indian, Botvinnik's Variation would suit me to a T", E. L. Jeffers "Hope I run into a good ol Two Knights' Game, have not played a Wilkes-Barre since I left Washington D.C." ----- resulting in most of the games of a irregular variety in which the team did very well.

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It was a welcome sight to see our old friend Ray Guzman back with the Pittsburg Pirates, Ray just returned from Mexico where he has been in business for the last eight years. The following taken from my scrap book for April 27, 1936, cut from the Modesto Bee covering news of the Central Calif. Chess League, second round event, may be of interest: "The second round was held late yesterday Sunday, on the roof garden of the Hotel Wolf, Pittsburg, Captain, R. C. Guzman, E. F. Robinson, Joe Allie, O. Olson, E. F. Powers, and E. W. Thomas. Sacramento: B. Wise, A. R. Chapman, R. W. Gillies, N. T. Austin, L. Vollandri, W. P. Carlisle and J. Cerno. Stockton: Fred Miller, J. G. Smith, Ray Farnsworth, W. G. Roberts, A. McGregor, Garrett Lacey and H. A. Saunders. Modesto: Lee Kerfoot captain, W. Coburn Cook\*, Herb Paul, R. W. Brown, H. E. Service, and R. H. Parkhurst. (\*W. Coburn Cook, prominent attorney of Turlock, passed on about three months ago) The finals for that year for the 1936 CCOL championship are thus as the Clubs finished in order, Modesto-Pittsburg, Sacramento, and Stkn.

At this time we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Editor of the Sacramento Chess News for a job well done and much appreciated by the chess players in the Modesto area, and all best wishes to the Editor and his associates for the good things in life that go with a Happy and Prosperous New Year, these sentiments so garnered from time to time from the boys throughout the year as they have spoken graciously of the News.

The Marathon night hawk chess trophy for the year 1953 goes to our local friends, James Berry and E. L. Jeffers. Eugene, who has acquired quite a name for his delicious steak dinners, invited Jim over for the evening around Thanksgiving time. Clearing the table for a chess board and pieces, they were soon involved in a Ruy Lopez with Riga Variation complications, one game called for another with deeper study and plan of action - the night wore on - time waits for no man; finally after prolong study over a complicated end game position, Jim raised his head and to his amazement saw through the window a light, the break of day, a new day at hand and 6:30 AM -- how some people do love that game!

5th Round - Jan. 10, 1954

<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Modesto</u>		<u>Pittsburg</u>		<u>Oakdale</u>	
1 J Kalnins	1/2	L Davis	1/2	1 R Burger	1	Ed Sai	0
2 W Adams	1	E Jeffers	0	2 R Trenberth	1/2	Jeff Smith	1/2
3 B Mueller	0	L Kerfoot	1	3 R Guzman	1	S Thomas	0
4 L Daugherty	1	H Betker	0	4 G Garcia	1	J Quayle	0
5 D Havill	1	L Krogness	0	5 F Olvera	1	H Mortensen	0
6 H O'Shaugh'sy	1/2	H Paul	1/2	6 F Weinberg	1	F Kimball	0
7 M Gaze	1	C J Cook	0	7 W Whisler	1	W Maxey	0
8 F Crofut	1	E Hawksworth	0	8 J Smith	1/2	A Buerer	1/2
	<u>6</u>		<u>2</u>	9 R Gilfillan	1	C Esgar	0
					<u>8</u>		<u>1</u>
<u>Fresno</u>		<u>Sacramento</u>					
1 P D Smith	1	R E Russell	0	7 H Kallmann	0	F B Jackson	1
2 M Hailparn	1	M O Meyer	0	8 E Cook	0	J A Celle	1
3 T Fries	1	J B Gee	0	9 C Fotias	0	N Zimmerman	1
4 E Achterberg	1/2	A. Janush'ky	1/2	10 E Thompson	0	F Clawson	1
5 R Womack	0	O A Celle	1	11 L Logler	0	W Hartley	1
6 S Poulsen	1/2	N T Austin	1/2	12 O Maschke	1	H Keith	0
					<u>5</u>		<u>7</u>

CORRECTION - on bottom of page two is information concerning some committees appointed. Please see page 5, Austin's report on the 5th round, for correction on committees. Bob Burger's address is 3498 Springhill Drive, Lafayette.

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CENTRAL CALIF. CHESS LEAGUE  
N T Austin 1/14/54

Fresno and Sacramento put their Championship chances on the line January 10th and after a great struggle the 1953 Champions emerged with a 7-5 victory. Sacramento was off to an early 4-0 lead but Fresno gradually whittled it down to 6-4. Two draws closed out the match. The lower half of the Sacramento line-up scored 5-1 to save the erstwhile "power house" in the upper half. San Jose and Pittsburg scored expected wins over Modesto and Oakdale.

Sacramento noses into the favored spot, but must still play an improved Pittsburg team, and, of course, San Jose. Fresno must play Pittsburg and hope for the triple tie that might result if San Jose beats Sacramento. San Jose must get by Stockton, and then Sacto.

Pending the final adjudication of the Fries-Crofut game, the individual leaders are Adams of San Jose, and Celle of Sacramento, both with 4-0 scores. Smith of Fresno also has 4-0 but has only one match left.

President Adams has announced the following committees to serve until next September:

A committee composed of F. Crofut, Chairman, M. O. Meyer, and Tom Fries to submit recommendations as to a fixed team size for next year.

A Tournament Committee composed of Bob Burger, Chairman, J. B. Gee Mike Hailparn, Herb Paul, and Harry Shaw of San Jose to recommend dates, rules and number of tournaments to be held this year.

An Adjudication committee composed of Bob Burger, Chairman, M. O. Meyer, Phil Smith, L. E. Davis, and Dr. J. M. David-Malig. The Chairman shall appoint 3 members to adjudicate unfinished games, not connected with the teams involved.

Fresno-Sacto  
Fries-Gee

1 P Q4	N KB8	26 B N3	CxPch	8 B K3	QN Q2
2 P QB4	P K3	27 K R	QR Q	9 P KB4	N B4
3 N QB3	B N5	28 B B7	Q B3	10 B Q3	R K
4 P K3	P QN3	29 BxN	RxB	11 P B5	QNxP
5 B Q3	B N2	30 QR Q	N R4	12 NxB	NxN
6 P B3	P Q4	31 RxBch	QXR	13 PxB	RPxB
7 P QR3	BxNch	32 R Q	Q B3	14 Q B3	P KB4
8 PxB	O O	33 Q B3	Q B5	15 P KN4	PxB
9 N K2	QN Q2	34 R Q8ch	K R2	16 Q B7ch	K R2
10 O O	P K4	35 B Q3ch	P B4	17 N N5	R K2
11 BPxB	PxB	36 R KB8	NxB	18 B Q4	B K3
12 BPxB	BxB	37 Q B8ch	K N3	19 Q B4	B B4
13 P K4	B N2	38 Q B6ch	K R4	20 QR K	B R3
14 B KN5	P KR3	39 Q B7ch	K R5	21 BxN	BxQ
15 B R4	P KN4	40 P N3ch	Resigns	22 B B6	B K4
16 Q Q2	N R2	1:50	1:45	23 BxB	QxB
17 B KB2	R B			24 BxB	PxB
18 N N3	P QB4	Womack - Celle, O		25 RxB	Q Q2
19 N B5	Q B3	1 P K4	P R4	Resigns	
20 P K5	Q K3	2 N KB3	P Q3	1:10	1:10
21 N Q6	R B2	3 P Q4	PxB		
22 Q B2	N/R2-B3	4 NxB	N KB3		
23 NxB	RxB	5 N QB3	P KN3		
24 PxB	QxB	6 B QB4	B N2		
25 B R6	R-N	7 O O	O O		

More game scores in the next issue. Send some more in to publish -can always use 'em.