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HOLLYWOOD TEAMS SWEEP SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LEAGUE MATCHES

SAN FRANCISCO TROUNCES EAST BAY TEAM

SMITH, HAILPARN WIN AT MODESTO, FRESNO

The Hollywood teams made a clean sweep in Divisions A and B of the Southern California Chess League team tournament, just concluded. The A team scored 6-0, while the Bs made it 10-0.

In the annual warm-up for the North-South match, held on May 14, at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco, the West Bay team scored another victory in the traditional match, 15-12 with one game adjourned.

Phil Smith of Fresno is 1955 Champion of the Central Valley Chess League, winning first place in a four-round Swiss held at Modesto April 30-May 1. Mike Hailparn, also of Fresno, emerged from a triple play-off with Smith and Tom Fries the winner of the 1955 Fresno Chess Club title. Hailparn and Fries also competed at Modesto but were not so successful, finishing sixth and fourth, respectively.

CENTRAL VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Phil D. Smith scored $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ to win the annual championship, held at Modesto, April 30-May 1. Milt Meyer was second, 3-1.

			1	2	3	4	Score	Solkoff
1.	P. D. Smith	Fresno	W8	D2	W5	W6	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	
2.	M. O. Meyer	Sacramento	W6	D1	W4	D3	3-1	
3.	W. Whisler	Pittsburg	D5	D6	W7	D2	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$
4.	T. Fries	Fresno	W7	D5	L2	W8	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	7
5.	S. Poulsen	Berkeley	D3	D4	L1	W7	2-2	
6.	M. Hailparn	Fresno	L2	D3	W8	L1	$1\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	
7.	E.L. Jeffers	Modesto	L4	W8	L3	L5	1-3	
8.	L. Krogness	Modesto	L1	L7	L6	L4	0-4	

FRESNO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - by William Shirey

Mike Hailparn, who finished in a three-way tie with Phil Smith and Tom Fries, won the playoff and became the first Fresno champion to win the title twice in succession. Due to a prior arrangement, it was agreed that no tie-breaking system would be used to determine the championship.

The turnout for the 10-round Swiss was the largest in the history of the club with 27 participants. The results (with Solkoff points used to break all ties except that for first place):

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1. M. Hailparn	W9	W11	W7	W5	L3	D2	W6	W4	W12	W8	$8\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
2. P. D. Smith	W12	W6	W19	D3	W21	D1	D4	W8	W7	W11	$8\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
3. T. Fries	W22	W26	W20	D2	W1	D4	W8	D7	W5	W12	$8\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
4. E. Achterberg	L11	W12	W24	W22	W5	D3	D2	L1	W6	W7	7-3
5. R. Garabedian	D7	W9	W13	L1	L4	W26*W21*	D6	L3	W16		6-4
6. O. Maschke	W8	L2	D11	W13	W14	D7	L1	D5	L4	W19	$5\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
7. W. Shirey	D5	W18	L1	W19	W26*D6	W11	D3	L2	L4		$5\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
8. M. Phetteplace	L6	W10	D14	W11	W23	W22	L3	L2	W9	L1	$5\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
9. L. Legler	L1	L5	W27	W12	W19*D21	W22	L11	L8	W13		$5\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
10. R. Tait	L19	L8	L12	Bye	W17	D15	L14	W27	W24*W25		$5\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
11. R. Baker	W4	L1	D6	L8	W13	W16	L7	W9	D14	L2	5-5
12. R. McCollough	L2	L4	W10	L9	W24	W14*W20	W21*L1	L3			5-5
13. Z. Halperin	D25	W17	L5	L6	L11	W18	W16	D22	W15	L9	5-5
14. R. Mitchell	L26	W15	D8	W18	L6	L12*W10	L16	D11	W20*		5-5
15. L. Mathis	L21	L14	Bye	W17	L16	D10	D19	W20	L13	W22	5-5
16. R. Clark	L23	Bye	L22	W25	W15	L11	L13	W14	W27	L5	5-5
17. A. Sotelo	Bye	L13	L21	L15	L10	W24*W25	W18	L19	W27		5-5
18. R. Finnigan	W24	L7	L26	L14	W25	L13	W27	L17	W22	Bye	5-5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
19. M. Rubin	W10	W21*L2	L7	L9*	L20	D15	W24*W17	L8			4½-5½
20. B. Beliz	W27	W23	L3	L21	L22	W19	L12	L15	W25*L14*		4-6
21. D. Blakketer	W15	L19*W17	W20	L2	D9	L5*	L12*-	-			3½-4½
22. J. Hastings	L3	W23	W16	L4	W20	L8	L9	D13	L18	L15	3½-6½
23. J. Houle	W16	L20	W25	W26*L8	-	-	-	-	-		3-2
24. R. Durant	L18	D25	L4	W27	L12	L17*Bye	L19*L10*-				2½-6½
25. C. Murray	D13	D24	L23	L16	L18	D27	L17	Bye	L20*L10		2½-7½
26. L. Schafer	W14	L3	W18	L23*L7*	L5*	-	-	-	-		2-4
27. H. Halladay	L20	L22	L9	L24	Bye	D25	L18	L10	L16	L17	1½-8½

* Forfeit.

Championship Playoff

1. M. Hailparn	X	X	½	1	½	1	3-1
2. P. D. Smith	½	0	X	X	1	1	2½-1½
3. T. Fries	½	0	0	0	X	X	½-3½

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

Hollywood won the Division "A" title by a perfect 6-0 score. Long Beach, which tied Hollywood in 1954, finished third to Santa Monica by virtue of point scores, although tied in matches.

"A" DIVISION

Round II (continued)

March 11, 1955 - Van Nuys 2½, Pasadena 1½ 1) G. Steven 1, N. Goldberg 0; 2) P. Meyer 1, K. Reissmann 0; 3) R. Lorber 0, B. Bylinkin 1; 4) H. Wildman 0, N. Thomas 1.

Round IV (continued)

April 1, 1955 - Van Nuys 2½, Pasadena 1½ 1) G. Steven 1, E.B. Adams 0; 2) P. Meyer ½, R. Syvertsen ½; 3) R. Lorber 1, A. Taylor 0; 4) H. Wildman 0, R. Wilson 1.

Hollywood 4, Inglewood 0 1) I. Rivise 1, N.J. Goldberg 0; 2) R. Jacobs 1, K. Reissmann 0; 3) M. Gordon 1, N. Thomas 0; 4) E. Rubin 1, W. Pugh 0.

Round V

April 4, 1955 - Santa Monica 3, Van Nuys 1 1) R. Martin 0, G. Steven 1; 2) R. Cross 1, P. Meyer 0; 3) S. Almgren 1, R. Lorber 0; 4) H. Abel 1, H. Wildman 0.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE - "A" DIVISION (Continued)

April 8, 1955 - City Terrace 2½, Pasadena 1½ 1) S. Weinbaum O, G. Croy 1; 2) J. Wiener ½, E.B. Adams ½; 3) T. Baraquet 1, W. Miller O; 4) V. Dane 1, R. Wilson O.

Hollywood 3, Long Beach 1 - to be reported.

Round VI

April 15, 1955 - Santa Monica 4, City Terrace 0 1) R. Martin 1, T. Baraquet O; 2) R. Cross, N. Kramer O; 3) H. Abel 1, V. Dane O; 4) G. Van Deene 1, Forfeit.

Long Beach 2½, Inglewood 1½ 1) C. Wallace O, N. Goldberg 1; 2) L. Remlinger 1, K. Reissmann O; 3) E. Froomess ½, B. Bylinkin ½; 4) J. Rinaldo 1, N. Thomas O.

April 16, 1955 - Hollywood 3½, Pasadena ½ 1) J. Moskowitz 1, G. Croy O; 2) I. Rivise 1, A. Larsen O; 3) P. Lapiken ½, E.B. Adams ½; 4) M. Gordon 1, W. Miller O.

Round VII

April 25, 1955 - Hollywood 3, Santa Monica 1 1) I. Kashdan 1, R. Martin O; 2) J. Moskowitz 1, R. Cross O; 3) I. Rivise ½, S. Almgren ½; 4) E. Levin ½, G. Van Deene ½.

April 29, 1955 - Inglewood 3, Pasadena 1 1) N. Goldberg 1, A. Larsen O; 2) K. Reissmann ¼, E.B. Adams ½; 3) B. Bylinkin 1, R. Syvertsen O; 4) N. Thomas ½, W. Miller ½.

City Terrace 2½, Van Nuys 1½ 1) S. Weinbaum 1, G. Steven O; 2) J. Wiener 1, R. Rankel O; 3) T. Baraquet O, R. Lorber 1; 4) V. Dane ½, H. Wildman ½.

FINAL STANDINGS

	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Games</u>
1. Hollywood	6-0	20-4
2. Santa Monica	4½-1½	17-7
3. Long Beach	4½-1½	15½-8½
4. City Terrace	3-3	7½-16½
5.) Inglewood	1½-4½	9-15
6.) Van Nuys	1½-4½	9-15
7. Pasadena	0-6	6-18

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE - "B" DIVISION

In Division "B" the Hollywood team scored a perfect 10-0, with 47-13 in games. With several matches unreported, Long Beach had clinched second place, with a $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score and one match, with Cosmopolitan, to play. Third place is undecided, although Pasadena has at least a tie guaranteed, with a $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ score. Inglewood and North American both have a mathematical chance to catch Pasadena, having $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ scores with two matches to go.

"B" DIVISIONRound I (continued)February 23, 1955 - Cosmo 3, Beverly Hills 3

- 1) L. Domanski $\frac{1}{2}$, P. Waterman $\frac{1}{2}$; 2) K. Stone $\frac{1}{2}$, F. Marmer $\frac{1}{2}$;
 3) F. Frazier 0, J. Burton 1; 4) W. Foreman 0, A. Lovinger 1;
 5) W. McPherson 1, S. Andalman 0; 6) S. Rodriguez 1, E. Johansson 0.

Round V (continued)March 25, 1955 - Santa Monica $4\frac{1}{2}$, Water & Power $1\frac{1}{2}$

- 1) C. Budd 1, J. Kovac 0; 2) J. Hatfield $\frac{1}{2}$, G. Dewey $\frac{1}{2}$;
 3) W. Holmes 1, D. Norton 0; 4) B. Collins 1, A. Thompson 0;
 5) B. Mintz 0, C. Taber 1; 6) O. Wentcher 1, L. Anderson 0.

March 26, 1955 - Pasadena $3\frac{1}{2}$, Beverly Hills $2\frac{1}{2}$

- 1) C.J. Shults 1, N. Robinson 0; 2) E. Saldana $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Burton $\frac{1}{2}$;
 3) D. Young 1, A. Lovinger 0; 4) R. Hargraves 1, E. Johansson 0;
 5) W. Stanton 0, P. Loeser 1; 6) R. Redding 0, S. Andalman 1.

Round VIMarch 30, 1955 - Long Beach 4, City Terrace 2

- 1) N. Morein 1, S. Davis 0; 2) J. Doan 0, B. Kakimi 1;
 3) L. Gross 0, P. Hubbard 1; 4) J. Blaney 1, Wm. Pietri 0;
 5) A. Markus 1, S. Wiener 0; 6) S. Foster 1, E. Norman 0.

Cosmo 3, Water & Power 3

- 1) L. Domanski 1, J. Kovac 0; 2) T. Cragg 1, J. Bell 0;
 3) K. Stone 0, D. Norton 1; 4) R. Taylor 0, C. Taber 1;
 5) W. McPherson 0, A. Thompson 1; 6) S. Rodriguez 1, L. Anderson 0.

March 31, 1955 - Santa Monica 5, Beverly Hills 1

- 1) J. Hatfield $\frac{1}{2}$, P. Waterman $\frac{1}{2}$; 2) R. Sale $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Burton $\frac{1}{2}$;
 3) W. Holmes 1, A. Lovinger 0; 4) B. Collins 1, F. Marmer 0;
 5) O. Wentcher 1, P. Loeser 0; 6) W. Shanks 1, S. Andalman 0.

April 1, 1955 - Pasadena 4, Valley 2

- 1) E. Semler $\frac{1}{2}$, L. Mercy $\frac{1}{2}$; 2) W.J. Edwards $\frac{1}{2}$, E. Malmuth $\frac{1}{2}$;
 3) E. Saldana 1, W. Melworm 0; 4) D.L. Young 1, G. Norman 0;
 5) R. Hargraves 0, R. Hagedorn 1; 6) D.J. Hubbard 1, L. Pinson 0.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE - "B" DIVISION (Continued)

Hollywood 4, Inglewood 2 1) S. Geller 1, L. Johnson 0; 2) M. Freedman 1, R. Reed 0; 3) W. Steel 0, R. Koutz 1; 4) G. Goehler 1, G. Rubin 0; 5) F. Goetze 0, A. Freeman 1; 6) C. Henderson 1, K. Forrest 0.

Round VII

April 2, 1955 - Long Beach 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, North American $\frac{1}{2}$ 1) J. Rinaldo 1, M. Ek 0; 2) R. Day 1, C. McKinnon 0; 3) N. Morein $\frac{1}{2}$, N. Vatsos $\frac{1}{2}$; 4) E. Fisher 1, W. McGill 0; 5) J. Blaney 1, L. Nogawski 0; 6) S. Foster 1, D. Lewis 0.

April 4, 1955 - Santa Monica 3, Valley 3 1) P. Wrangel $\frac{1}{2}$, L. Mercy $\frac{1}{2}$; 2) J. Hatfield $\frac{1}{2}$, J. McCardle $\frac{1}{2}$; 3) R. Sale 1, W. Melworm 0; 4) B. Collins 1, G. Norman 0; 5) E. Edwards 0, R. Hagedorn 1; 6) W. Shanks 0, L. Pinson 1.

April 8, 1955 - Pasadena 4, City Terrace 2 1) E. Semler 0, S. Davis 1; 2) C. Shults 0, B. Kakimi 1; 3) E. Saldana 1, S. Wiener 0; 4) D. Young 1, W. Pietri 0; 5) R. Hargraves 1, R. Enricus 0; 6) D. Hubbard 1, E. Norman 0.

April 9, 1955 - Hollywood 4, Long Beach 2 1) S. Geller 1, R. Day 0; 2) H. Seidman 0, N. Morein 1; 3) G. Goehler $\frac{1}{2}$, L. Weiss $\frac{1}{2}$; 4) N. Roos 1, O. Rolo 0; 5) C. Henderson 1, W. Markus 0; 6) P. Nielsen $\frac{1}{2}$, R. Foster $\frac{1}{2}$.

Round VIII

April 13, 1955 - Beverly Hills 3, Valley 3 1) P. Waterman 1, L. Mercy 0; 2) N. Robinson 1, J. McCardle 0; 3) J. Burton 0, W. Melworm 1; 4) A. Lovinger 0, G. Norman 1; 5) F. Marmor 1, C. Boyer 0; 6) P. Loeser 0, L. Pinson 1.

April 15, 1955 - Santa Monica 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, City Terrace 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1) J. Hatfield 0, S. Davis 1; 2) W. Holmes $\frac{1}{2}$, B. Kakimi $\frac{1}{2}$; 3) B. Collins 1, S. Wiener 0; 4) B. Mintz 1, W. Pietri 0; 5) O. Wentcher 1, M. Lehrer 0; 6) E. Gardos 1, Forfeit.

Long Beach 4, Inglewood 2 1) R. Day 1, L. Johnson 0; 2) N. Morein 1, R. Reed 0; 3) L. Gross 1, R. Kautz 0; 4) C. Phillips 1, G. Rubin 0; 5) Forfeit, A. Freeman 1; 6) T. Golden 0, K. Forrest 1.

April 16, 1955 - Hollywood 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, Pasadena $\frac{1}{2}$ 1) S. Geller 1, C. Shults 0; 2) M. Freedman 1, E. Saldana 0; 3) G. Goehler $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Young $\frac{1}{2}$; 4) C. Henderson 1, R. Hargraves 0; 5) P. Nielsen 1, W. Stanton 0; 6) M. Nahum 1, D. Hubbard 0.

Round IX

April 18, 1955 - Santa Monica 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Cosmo 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1) P. Wrangel 1, L. Domanski 0; 2) R. Sale 1, T. Cragg 0; 3) W. Holmes 1, L. Zeitlin 0; 4) B. Collins $\frac{1}{2}$, K. Stone $\frac{1}{2}$; 5) O. Wentcher 0, W. McPherson 1; 6) E. Gardos 0, A. Gates 1.

April 20, 1955 - Water & Power 4½, Valley 1½ 1) J. Kovac ½, L. Mercy ½; 2) D. Norton O, C. Boyer 1; 3) J. Russell 1, R. Hagedorn O; 4) C. Taber 1, L. Pinson O; 5) A. Thompson 1, W. Cook O; 6) L. Anderson 1, B. Slate O.

April 21, 1955 - Beverly Hills 3, Long Beach 3 1) P. Waterman ½, J. Rinaldo ½; 2) N. Robinson 1, R. Day O; 3) J. Burton O, N. Morein 1; 4) A. Lovinger 1, J. Blaney O; 5) P. Loeser O, G. Phillips 1; 6) S. Andalman ½, W. Foster ½.

April 22, 1955 - Pasadena 5, Water & Power 1 1) D. Shults 1, J. Kovac O; 2) W. Edwards O, G. Dewey 1; 3) E. Saldana 1, J. Russell O; 4) D. Young 1, C. Taber O; 5) D. Hargraves 1, A. Thompson O; 6) D. Hubbard 1, L. Anderson O.

Round X

April 25, 1955 - Hollywood 5, Santa Monica 1 1) S. Geller 1, P. Wrangel O; 2) G. Goehler 1, J. Hatfield O; 3) C. Henderson 1, R. Sale O; 4) D. Maron 1, W. Holmes O; 5) C. Karson 1, B. Collins O; 6) P. Nielsen O, O. Wentcher 1.

April 28, 1955 - Beverly Hills 4, Water & Power 2 1) P. Waterman 1, J. Kovac O; 2) N. Robinson 1, G. Dewey O; 3) J. Burton 1, J. Bell O; 4) E. Johansson 1, D. Norton O; 5) A. Lovinger O, L. Anderson 1; 6) S. Andalman O, F. Larsen 1.

April 29, 1955 - Pasadena 3, Inglewood 3 1) E. Semler O, L. Johnson 1; 2) C. Shults 1, Forfeit; 3) W. Edwards ½, R. Kautz ½; 4) E. Saldana O, S. Rubin 1; 5) D. Young ½, K. Forrest ½; 6) R. Hargraves 1, Forfeit.

Valley 5½, City Terrace ½ 1) L. Mercy 1, S. Davis O; 2) E. Mal-muth ½, B. Kakimi ½; 3) W. Welworm 1, S. Wiener O; 4) G. Norman 1, M. Lehrer O; 5) L. Pinson 1, R. Enricus O; 6) R. Hagedorn 1, Forfeit.

Round XI

May 1, 1955 - Hollywood 4, Cosmo 2 1) S. Geller ½, L. Domanski ½; 2) G. Goehler ½, T. Cragg ½; 3) A. Deres 1, L. Zeitlin O; 4) C. Karson 1, K. Stone O; 5) P. Nielsen O, W. McPherson 1; 6) M. Nahum 1, A. Gates O.

May 4, 1955 - City Terrace 3½, Beverly Hills 2½ 1) S. Davis ½, P. Waterman ½; 2) B. Kakimi 1, N. Robinson O; 3) S. Wiener ½, J. Burton ½; 4) R. Enricus O, E. Johansson 1; 5) M. Lehrer ½, A. Lovinger ½; 6) M. Sampson 1, S. Andalman O.

Valley 5½, Cosmo ½ 1) L. Mercy 1, L. Domanski O; 2) S. McCordle ½, T. Cragg ½; 3) W. Melworm 1, L. Zeitlin O; 4) G. Norman 1, K. Stone O; 5) R. Hagedorn 1, W. McPherson O; 6) L. Pinson 1, A. Gates O.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE - "B" DIVISION (Continued)

May 6, 1955 - North American 3, Pasadena 3 1) J. Gysbers $\frac{1}{2}$, C. Shults $\frac{1}{2}$; 2) C. McKinnon 1, E. Saldana 0; 3) N. Watson $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Young $\frac{1}{2}$; 4) W. McGill 0, R. Hargraves 0; 5) H. Bell 1, W. Stanton 0; 6) D. Lewis 0, D. Hubbard 1.

Round XII

May 11, 1955 - Beverly Hills 5, Inglewood 1 1) P. Waterman $\frac{1}{2}$, L. Johnson $\frac{1}{2}$; 2) M. Robinson 1, R. Reed 0; 3) J. Burton 1, R. Kautz 0; 4) E. Johansson $\frac{1}{2}$, G. Rubin $\frac{1}{2}$; 5) A. Lovinger 1, A. Freeman 0; 6) F. Marmer 1, K. Forrest 0.

May 13, 1955 - City Terrace 3, Cosmo 3 1) S. Davis 0, L. Domanski 1; 2) S. Wiener 1, L. Zeitlin 0; 3) M. Lehrer 0, K. Stone 1; 4) R. Enricus 0, Wm. McPherson 1; 5) M. Scoss 1, Forfeit; 6) Wm. Pietri 1, A. Gates 0.

Long Beach 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Water & Power 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1) J. Rinaldo 1, J. Kovac 0; 2) J. Blaney 0, D. Norton 1; 3) W. Markus 1, J. Russell 0; 4) R. Foster $\frac{1}{2}$, C. Taber $\frac{1}{2}$; 5) W. Foster 1, A. Thompson 0; 6) Forfeit, L. Anderson 1.

PRESENT STANDINGS

	<u>Matches</u>	<u>Games</u>
1. Hollywood	10-0	47-13
2. Long Beach*	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	36-18
3. Pasadena	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$ -29 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Santa Monica	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	33-27
5. Inglewood*	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 $\frac{1}{2}$ -22 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. North American*	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$ -26 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Beverly Hills	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$	28-32
8. Valley*	3-6	25-29
9. City Terrace	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$	21-39
10. Cosmopolitan*	2-7	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ -33 $\frac{1}{2}$
11. Water & Power*	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$	18-36

* Matches to be reported: Cosmo vs. Long Beach;
North American vs. Inglewood; Inglewood vs.
Water & Power; North American vs. Valley.

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The traditional, but previously unpublicized, San Francisco vs. East Bay team match went off as usual on May 14. Traditional, because it carries with it all the spirit of college battles; unpublicized, because it is the training grounds for the North camp! (and from all observations of the training, we can predict a weary day for the South at San Luis Obispo). (As North team captain, the Editor deplores this unseemly display of overconfidence, and predicts victory for the South if any other northern players feel this way.)

Mechanics' Institute, May 14, 1955

<u>San Francisco</u>		<u>East Bay</u>	
1. W. Addison	1	N. E. Falconer	0
2. D. Poliakoff	$\frac{1}{2}$	V. Zemitis	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. C. M. Capps	1	R. E. Burger	0
4. E. Pruner	1	M. Eucher	0
5. C. Bagby	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. J. Bergman	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. R. Currie	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. G. McClain	$\frac{1}{2}$
7. D. Peizer	0	L. Ledgerwood	1
8. C. Svalberg	0	C. Stamer	1
9. P. Peterson	0	Dr. R. Hultgren	1
10. H. Gross	1	W. A. Hendricks	0
11. A. B. Stamer	1	R. Trenberth	0
12. Henry King	adj.	R. Freeman	adj.
13. A. Palmin	0	E. Simanis	1
14. C. Brussel	0	C. Sedlack	1
15. T. Eisenstadt	1	G. Lewis	0
16. W. Leeds	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Hoffer	$\frac{1}{2}$
17. H. Bullwinkel	1	E. Lien	0
18. S. H. Van Gelder	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. Talcott	$\frac{1}{2}$
19. F. Arvidson	1	N. Hultgren	0
20. G. Lutz	0	T. Theodoroff	1
21. E. Logwood	0	E. Yaeger	1
22. J. Hill	0	W. Landfair	1
23. B. Zeiler	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Whisler	$\frac{1}{2}$
24. L. Tomori	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Guzman	$\frac{1}{2}$
25. C. Huneke	1	F. Olvera	0
26. H. Holden	1	G. Garcia	0
27. D. Shishkin	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Hultgren	$\frac{1}{2}$
28. N. Nielsen	1	B. Carter	0
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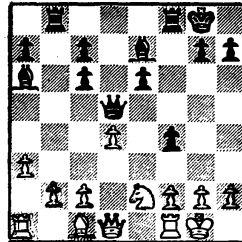
The one unfinished game would normally be played to a finish or adjudicated, but because it served the dual purpose of counting in the match and also in the current Golden Gate Chess Club tournament, it will be continued at a later date.

The games were bitterly contested from the top to the bottom board. The two top players lived up to advance notices by playing a Game of the Month (q.v.).

On second board, Zemitis continued his experiment with the Black pieces in the King's Indian Defense with his specialty, 6...Kkt-Q2. Here are the opening moves: White, D. Poliakov - Black, V. Zemitis. 1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2. Kt-KB3, P-KKt3; 3. P-KKt3, B-Kt2; 4. B-Kt2, O-O; 5. O-O, P-Q3; 6. P-B4, Kkt-Q2!; 7. Kt-B3, Kt-QB3; 8. P-K4, (In four previous experiences, White played P-Kt3, with the following result: 8...P-K4; 9. P-K3, R-K1; 10. B-Kt2, P-K5; 11. Kt-Q2, P-B4 with a wedge in the White position.) 8...P-K4; 9. B-Kt5, P-B3; 10. B-K3, Kt-K2; 11. Q-Q2, P-B3; 12. QR-Q1, Q-B2; 13. P-Kt3, (Another idea, for a slight end game advantage, was Pxp; after 13...QxpP; 14. P-B5, K-R1 Black has a cramped but solid position.) 13...R-K1; 14. P-Q5, P-QB4; 15. Kt-K1, P-QR3! (Usually Black finds his chances on the King-side, but here it is different.) 16. P-B4, Q-R4; 17. P-QR4, Pxp! 18. Pxp. (In either case, Bxp or the text, one of the Black Knights finds a good central square, with the better game.)

On the next board, Carroll Capps caught Burger dreaming, and produced a text-book example of the bolt from the blue.

In the diagram to the right, Black is to move: 16...Qxpch!; 17. KxQ, P-B6ch and wins a piece.



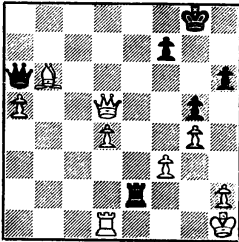
On Board 4, Mark Eucher (the original Oregon caveman!) failed to follow a variation to the end while preparing a combination, and succumbed to some pretty play by Earl Pruner. The whole game is interesting:

Game No. 286 - Dutch

White: E. Pruner Black: M. Eucher.

1. P-Q4, P-KB4; 2. P-KKt3, Kt-KB3; 3. B-Kt2, P-K3; 4. P-QB4, P-Q4; 5. Kt-QB3, P-B3; 6. Kt-R3, B-Q3; 7. O-O, O-O; 8. B-B4, P-KR3; 9. P-B3, P-B4; 10. BPxP, PxP; 11. BxB, QxB; 12. R-B1, B-Q2; 13. PxP, QxPch; 14. Kt-B2, B-B3; 15. Kt-K4, Q-K2; 16. KtxKtch, QxKt; 17. Q-Kt3, K-R1; 18. P-B4, R-K1; 19. BxP, RxP; (KtxB, playing a Pawn down, was steadier.) 20. BxB, RxP; 21. BxP, (The fly in the ointment) 21...RxQ; 22. PxR, Kt-B3; (What else?) 23. RxKt, Q-B1; 24. BxR, QxB; 25. KR-B1, R-K2; 26. R-B7, Q-QKt1; 27. R-Q7, K-Kt3; 28. R-B6ch, K-R4; 29. RxKtP, Resigns.

Charles Bagby had his own way for a while, but then had to scramble against Carl Bergman on Board 5, after a slip in the middle game. The following position was reached on move 58:



58...R-Q7!; 59. R-K1, (The only move; Q-K7 must be prevented, and RxR allows mate.) 59...R-K7; 60. R-R1, (After RxR, QxR perpetual check cannot be avoided — e.g., 61. Q-Q8ch, K-Kt2; 62. P-Q5, Q-B8ch and mate.) 60...Q-Q6; 61. P-R6, Q-Q7; 62. Q-Q8ch, K-Kt2; 63. Q-B7, R-K8ch; Drawn.

Peizer was in a typically wild mood against Ledgerwood on the seventh board, playing his favorite Budapest Defense; but the talented junior let his development lag.

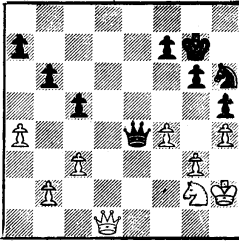
Game No. 287 - Budapest White: L. Ledgerwood, Black: D. Peizer.

1. P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-K4; 3. PxP, Kt-K5; 4. Kt-Q2, (Future generations will have to reckon with Reshevsky's P-QR3 followed by Q-B2, as played decisively against Bisguier this year. The text is the usual White reaction, which is hardly as forcing as the Reshevsky maneuver.) 4...Kt-B4; (As played by Tartakover against Alekhine in the model game of this variation. Black has a better chance to complicate matters with B-Kt5, e.g.: 5. Q-B2, P-Q4; 6. PxP e.p., B-KB4; 7. PxP, QxP; 8. Q-R4ch, Kt-B3; 9. Kt-B3, O-O-O with excellent attacking possibilities (Mutz-Reinhardt, corres. 1934.) 5. P-QKt4, Kt-K3; 6. P-QR3, P-QR4; 7. P-Kt5, B-B4; 8. P-K3, O-O; 9. Kkt-B3, P-Kkt4; (Too much of a good thing! Black must return to first principles and develop by P-Q3, for example.) 10. B-Kt2, P-Kt5; 11. Kt-Q4, Q-Kt4; 12. KtxKt, BPxKt; 13. Kt-K4, Q-B4; 14. Kt-B6ch, K-R1; 15. B-Q3, Q-Kt4; 16. QxP, QxQ;

17. KtxQ, R-Kt1; 18. Kt-B6, RXP; 19. K-K2, P-R3; 20. QR-Kt1, R-Kt2; 21. RxR, KxR; 22. R-Kt1ch, K-B2; 23. R-Kt8, B-B1; 24. B-Kt6ch, K-K2; 25. Kt-R7, Resigns.

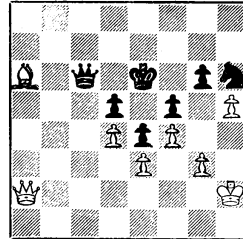
Boards eight and eleven were similar in two ways. Stamer was the leader of the Black pieces, and the winning maneuver involved Kt-Kt5 in a Queen and minor piece ending. Compare the following diagrams:

C. Svalberg vs. C. Stamer



38...Kt-Kt5ch; 39. K-Kt1, QxKtch! winning a piece.

R. Trenberth vs. A. B. Stamer



50...Kt-Kt5ch; 51. K-R3, Q-B8; 52. Q-KKt2, KtxP; 53. Q-KR2, Q-Q8; threatening mate, thus winning another pawn and the game.

Another "family team," the Hultgrens, made an even score against their San Francisco rivals.

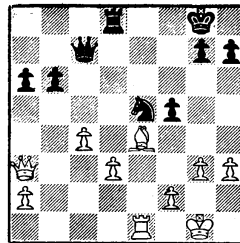
On Board 9, Dr. Hultgren played a steady opening to reach the following position.

Black has just played P-B4, which regains the pawn:

33. B-Kt2, (Not B-Q5ch, because of RxB followed by Kt-B6ch with a drawish ending.) 33...RXP; (The wrong way! After KtxP; R-K7, Q-B4; QxQ, KtxQ, the end game is in White's favor, but is very difficult.)

34. QxP, R-Q1; 35. Q-Kt5!, Kt-Q6; 36. R-K8ch, K-B2; 37. B-Q5ch, K-B3; 38. R-K6ch, K-Kt4; 39. P-KR4ch, K-Kt5; 40. B-B3ch, Resigns.

P. Peterson



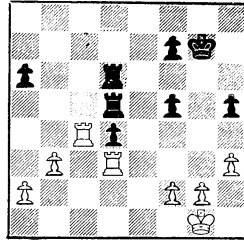
R. Hultgren

On Board 19, Neilen Hultgren was a victim of a deceiving Rook and Pawn ending. In the diagrammed position, the Black Pawns appear to be hopelessly weakened in contrast to White's classic formation.

35. R-R4?

The correct plan was to advance the Queenside Pawns, forcing the exchange of all but three Pawns and a Rook for each, after which Black would at least have to be careful. Strangely enough, White has the disadvantage as long as the Black passed Pawn remains. As played, the Black King reached Q4 and it was not long before he entered the White position with fatal effect.

F. Arvidson

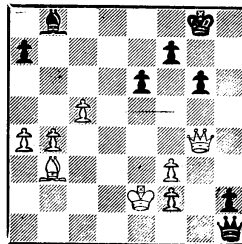


N. Hultgren

The following explosive position was reached at the 27th board:

47. BxP:

D. Shishkin



G. Hultgren

The only chance is for a perpetual.

- 47. ... Q-Kt8
- 48. BxPch KxB
- 49. Q-Q7ch

with perpetual.

To return to Board 10: Henry Gross, as usual, was killing two birds with one stone (or rather the same bird with one stone, but it counted twice!) Wade Hendricks and he had agreed to let the game count as their meeting in the current Castle Chess Club Championship, as they have done in the past.

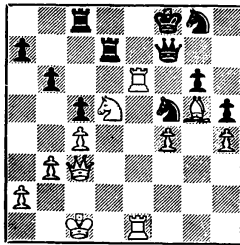
Game No. 288 - Sicilian White: H. Gross, Black: W. Hendricks.

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. KtxP, Kt-B3; 5. Kt-QB3, P-Q3; 6. B-B4, (The Russians have been trying

this old move lately, with good results.) 6...P-K3; 7. O-O, (In MCO, the line runs 7. B-K3, B-K2; 8. O-O, O-O; 9. P-B3, P-QR3; 10. P-QR4, B-Q2; 11. Q-K2, Q-B2; 12. KtxKt, BxKt, with the better game for Black.) 7...B-K2; 8. P-QR3, O-O; 9. B-R2, P-QR3; 10. B-K3, Q-B2; 11. P-B4, P-K4?; (Premature; the counterattack in the center typical of the Sicilian should be delayed until White has committed his Kingside Pawns.) 12. Kt-B3, PxP; 13. BxP, Q-Kt3ch; 14. K-R1, QxP; (Probably the point of P-K4, but it only shows that losing lines can be prepared as well as winning ones.) 15. Q-Q2, Q-Kt3; 16. Kt-Q5, KtxKt; (If Q-Q1, then KtxB followed by BxP.) 17. PxKt, Kt-R4; (There are no good squares anyway, but this turns out to be the worst.) 18. QR-K1, B-B3; 19. Q-Kt4!, Q-Kt4; (If QxQ, the Knight is trapped.) 20. BxP, B-Q2; (Losing the exchange, but R-Q1; B-B7 loses a piece.) 21. BxR winning quickly.

The Golden Gate tournament was also represented, at Board 12 H. King vs. R. Freeman. The adjourned position is difficult and might be best left up to the players themselves for analysis:

R. Freeman

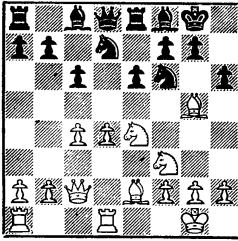


H. King

E. Simanis maneuvered from an even position against Palmin and gradually obtained a winning Rook and Pawn ending at the 13th board.

At the next board an opening decision forecast the character of the whole game. In the diagrammed position, White must be prepared to give up a piece if he retreats the Bishop to R4:

C. Sedlack



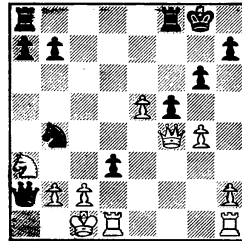
C. Brussel

13. B-R4, P-KKt4; 14. B-Kt3,
 (Better chances might have been possible after Kt/3xP, PxKt; 15. BxP followed by R-Q3, etc.)
14...KtxKt; 15. QxKt, P-B4;
16. Q-K3, P-B5; (and after warding off the Kingside threats Black was able to make use of the extra piece.

On the 18th board, the promising junior Ted Eisenstadt climaxed a steady French Defense with a beautiful and thematic mating combination:

T. Eisenstadt

25...P-Q7ch!; 26. KxP,
 (Either RxP or QxP allows mate in two.)
26...QxP; 27. R-QKt1, QR-Q1ch;
28. K-K2, QxKt; 29. RxKt, PxP;
30. QxP, R-Q7ch!; 31. Resigns,
 for if KxR, then R-B7ch and mate shortly.

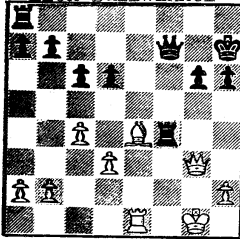


G. Lewis

E. Hoffer played the opening very well to gain two Pawns against W. Leeds, but the lack of recent practice caught up with him in the ending, where the Rook and Pawn ending (the old bogey!) was drawn.

An odd oversight accounted for a speedy finish in Lien-Bullwinkel at Board 17:

Lien-Bullwinkel



26. BxPch? QxB

27. R-K7ch

The Queen is pinned, so that QxR is impossible, and

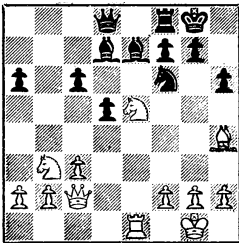
27. ... R-B2

is safe enough.

28. Resigns.

Black complicated matters nicely at the next board:

S.H. Van Gelder vs. L. Talcott



19...Kt-Kt5!; (White apparently has good resources here, but the safest is the simple BxB followed by Kt-B3. Instead, he tries to get more:)

20. KtxQBP?!, (Also harmless is KtxB, BxB; 21. KtxR, BxPch; 22. K-R1, BxR; 23. Q-R7ch, KxKt; 24. Q-R8ch, K-K2, etc.)

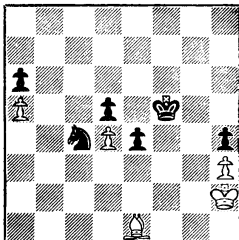
20...BxKt; 21. RxB, (If BxB, then R-K1 and the pin will be hard to shake off.)

21...P-Kt4;

22. Q-K2, (Apparently strong, but) 22...B-Kt4! (and Black wins the exchange.)

On the 20th board, the young player Theodoroff got the following ending after Lutz had made an incorrect Pawn sacrifice earlier:

G. Lutz vs. T. Theodoroff



55...P-K6!; (No progress can be made by defending the KR Pawn.)

56. BxP, KtxP; (Even K-K5 was decisive.)

57. K-Kt2, K-K5;

58. B-B6, Kt-B3; 59. P-R4, KtxP;

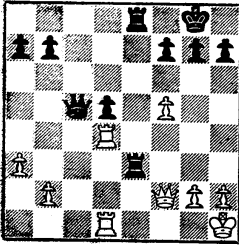
60. BxKt, KxB; 61. K-B3, K-Q6;

62. Resigns, as Black Queens first. This was the last game to finish.

Winners and losers alike were very cooperative in submitting their games, but unfortunately communications broke down at Board 21, where all we could tell from the score was that Mr. Yaeger got the last move in against Mr. Logwood!

A very fine positional game was played by W. Landfair against J. Hill at the next board, where an exchanging combination of the first order brought about a won Rook and Pawn ending:

J. Hill vs. W. Landfair



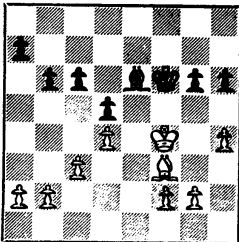
- 29. ... Q-B7!
- 30. R/4-Q2 Q-K5
- 31. P-R3 R-K8ch

After the exchange of Queens and one pair of Rooks, Black evolved the clear winning plan of keeping the White King shut off and securing the square QB4 for his King.

The two up-and-coming youngsters Whisler and Zeiler played a correct but routine draw.

There was international flavor at Board 24, where Guzman held the draw:

Tomori vs. Guzman



- 36. P-KKt4

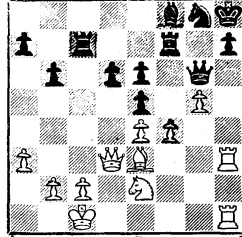
Simplest was B-Kt4, for B-B2, P-QKt4 leaves a permanent weakness at QB3. The text makes it more difficult to enter with either the King or the Bishop.

- 36. ... P-Kt4ch
- 37. K-Kt3 B-Q2
- 38. B-K2 P-Kt4
- 39. P-QKt4

After this the position was too locked to give more than a draw. P-Kt3 was at least a try.

White won the exchange with the following combination, but later let the endgame slip away from him. In the diagram on the right, F. Olvera vs. C. Huneke, White is to move:

25. P-B5!, PxP; 26. PxP, RxP; (If QxP, then RxPch, and White's Queen is better than the two rooks.)
27. R-B3!, R2-B2; 28. Kt-Kt3
 winning the exchange.



GAME OF THE MONTH - by Bob Burger and Valdemars Zemitis

This year, William Addison ran into a bad streak and had, for him, a mediocre record. He had a chance to make amends here, but such was far from easy against Neil Falconer. The happy ending: His daring style (and San Francisco spirit!) carried the day.

Game No. 289 - Ruy Lopez

White Black
 N. Falconer W. Addison

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5. O-O | KtxP |
| 6. P-Q4 | P-QKt4 |
| 7. B-Kt3 | P-Q4 |
| 8. PxP | B-K3 |
| 9. QKt-Q2 | |

Most often seen are 9. P-B3, or 9. Q-K2 (as played repeatedly in the 1948 World's Championship), or even 9. P-QR4.

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| 9. ... | Kt-B4 |
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Best; B-K2 would merely allow a transposition to one of the above mentioned lines.

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| 10. Q-K2 | B-K2 |
| 11. P-B3 | |

But here White reverts to a routine move. Either R-Q1 or P-QR4 is consistent with his preceding moves.

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| 11. ... | P-Q5! |
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This typical freeing move exchanges some minor pieces and allows Black to relieve his congested development.

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| 12. PxP | KtxP |
| 13. KtxKt | QxKt |
| 14. BxB | PxB |

In similar positions, KtxB is the usual idea; but here Black's Bishop is at K2 already, so that Black had the pleasant choice of answering Q-B3 by either O-O or R-Q1 (the key move when the Black Bishop is at B1). Addison shows he is playing for complications by this risky recapture.

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| 15. Q-B3 | O-O |
| 16. Kt-Kt3 | |

The apparently dangerous Q-R8ch would turn out to be a waste of time after K-Q2, because the Queen must retreat. (E.g., Kt-B3, Q-Q6; Q-R7, R-R1 wins the Queen.)

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| 16. ... | Q-K5 |
| 17. Q-B3? | |

White should realize that the endgame holds better prospects if entered at once, than later. But

Falconer is as eager for middle-game combat as his opponent.

17. ... Kt-R5!

Forcing White to admit he has no good squares for his Queen.

18. Q-R3 QxP

19. B-B4

White regains his Pawn but is left with a backward game. B-K3, playing for attack, was more in the spirit of the previous play.

19. ... QxB

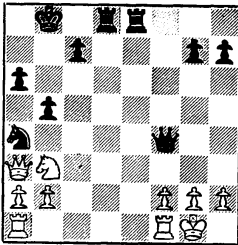
20. QxPch K-Kt1!

Avoiding the trappy R-Q2; QxPch, K-Kt1; Kt-R5!

21. QxB KR-K1

22. Q-R3

The only square! If QxP, then R-Kt1; Q-K7 (forced), RxPch! and mate to follow.



22. ... Q-Q3!

A fine positional move, a real tonic to the preceding combinative play.

23. QxQ RxQ

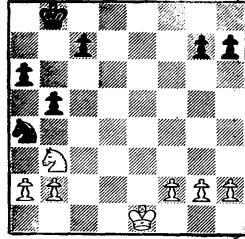
24. QR-Kt1 R-K7

25. KR-K1 R3-K3

26. K-B1 RxRch

27. RxR RxRch

28. KxR



For those interested in this type of ending it will be worthwhile to compare the examples in BCE with the following incisive play, and ask, "Who is it that writes theory but the masters themselves?!"

28. ... P-B4!!

29. K-Q2 P-B5

30. Kt-Q4 KtxP

31. Kt-K6 P-Kt3

Giving up the worst Pawn!

32. Kt-B8 Kt-Q6

33. P-B3 Kt-Kt5!

34. P-R3 Kt-Q4

35. KtxP P-R4

36. Kt-B8 P-Kt5

37. PxP P-R5!

38. KtxP

Kt-K6 does not alter the situation.

38. ... P-R6

39. K-B1 P-B6

40. K-Kt1 KtxP

41. Kt-B4 P-B7ch

Resigns.

The Black Knight and two Pawns are too much for the King! This is the best game we have seen Addison play since his arrival in California, and it was not by accident that it was a strategic victory.

