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WELCOME TO THE CROCKETT CLUB

HAPPY NEW YEAR

1957 ANNUAL  
LADDER STANDINGS

1 Albritton	16 Ward
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NOTE: The above are subject to revision after the Business Meeting of January 4, 1957.

LEAGUE MATCH RESULTS

WE WILL.....

On Sunday, December 2, 1956, the first El Camino Real League Match was held in San Quentin. The Morphy Team of San Quentin won by the outstanding score of  $5\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ . The Colle Team, last year's League Champions, were the victims of an 'up' San Quentin team. Wins by George Frazier and George Brarons contributed to the defeat in that they were upsets. Here are the final results:

Board One	Mahan, S.C.	defeated	E. Yaggie, S.F.
Board Two	Carter, S.C.	draw	W.S. Stevens, S.F.
Board Three	Frazier, S.C.	defeated	Dr. Gross, S.F.
Board Four	Brarons, S.C.	defeated	W. Pattullo, S.F.
Board Five	Devote, S.C.	defeated	L. Wheeler, S.F.
Board Six	Loney, S.C.	defeated	Ambrose, S.F.

On Sunday, December 16, 1956, the Evans Team of San Francisco defeated the Morphy Team of San Quentin. This loss knocked the locals out of a first-place tie and hurt all the more because it should never have happened. Boards four and five rolled over and played dead as soon as the pressure was put on them. It is the writer's opinion that we lost the match because our heads were too large to allow their passage through the wide gym doors. Here are a list of the final results, WRITTEN IN BLOOD!! Evans 4 - Morphy 2.

Board One	Frazier, S.C.	lost to	Hendricks, S.F.
Board Two	Mahan, S.C.	defeated	McLeod, S.F.
Board Three	Carter, S.C.	defeated	Morrison, S.F.
Board Four	Brarons, S.C.	lost to	Tomori, S.F.
Board Five	Devote, S.C.	lost to	Willis, S.F.
Board Six	Loney, S.C.	lost to	Belmont, S.F.

Well, there they are, we are now in third place, and another loss will write finis to our title hopes.

LEAGUE MATCH GAMES  
 COLLE VS MORPHY

BOARD # 1

WHITE: Mahan

BLACK: E. Yaggie

FRENCH DEBUTS

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1. P-K4	P-Q4	28. P-M3	R-B
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	29. R-Q2	N-B6 ch
3. N-QB3	B-N5	30. Q x N	Q x Q
4. P-K5	P-QB4	31. P-K7	R-K
5. P-QR3	B-N3	32. R-Q8	Q-B3
6. P x B	N-K2	33. R-KB	K-B2
7. P-QR4	Q-B	34. R x R	Q x R
8. B-R3	P-QB3	35. R-K	K-N3
9. N-B3	QN-B3	36. R-K3	K-B4
10. B-Q3	P-B3	37. P-R4	K-N5
11. P x P	R x P	38. K-B2	Q-B2 ch
12. Q-O	P-K2	39. K-K2	Q-K
13. N x P	N x N	40. P-B4	P-KN4
14. P x N	R-B2	41. P x P	K x P
15. P-B4	N-B4	42. K-Q2	K-B3
16. Q-Q2	K-R	43. K-B3	K-B2
17. QR-Q	B-N2	44. K-N3	Q x P
18. P-K6	R-B3	45. R x Q ch	K x R
19. B-K4	Q-K2	46. K-B3	K-K3
20. B x P	B x B	47. K-Q3	K-B4
21. Q x B	Q-N3	48. K-K3	K-N5
22. R(b)-K	K-R3	49. K-B2	P-R4
23. B-B	R-K	50. K-N2	P-R5
24. P-B5	N x P	51. P x P	K x P
25. B-N5	P-Q4	52. K-B3	K-N4
26. B x R	Q x B	53. K-K4	RESIGNS
27. R-Q3	N-R3		

Well, there they are, we are now in third place,  
 and another loss will write final to our little hopes.

## LEAGUE MATCH GAMES

COLLE VS MORPHY

BOARD # 2

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

WHITE: STEVENS, Colle

BLACK: CARTER, Morphy

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	16. B x N	B x B
2. N-KB3	P-KN3	17. Q-Q2	K-N2
3. P-KN3	B-N2	18. KN-N1	N-R2
4. B-N2	O-O	19. QN-K2	Kt-R1
5. O-O	P-Q3	20. P-B4	P-R4
6. P-KF3	R-K1	21. P-R4	B-N5
7. P-QB4	QN-Q2	22. N-R3	Q-Q2
8. N-B3	P-K4	23. Qit-B1	QR-K1
9. P-Q5	P-QR4	24. N-B3	KR-B1
10. B-K3	P-N3	25. N-Q1	P x P
11. Q-B2	N-B1	26. Q x P	B-K4?
12. B-N5	B-B4	27. Q-Q2	Q-K2
13. P-K4	B-Q2	28. N-B4	P-N4
14. QR-Q1	Q-B1	29. P x P	Q x P
15. K-R2	P-R3		

Drawn by Agreement

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COLLE VS MORPHY

BOARD # 3

FRENCH DEFENSE

WHITE: FRAZIER, Morphy

BLACK: Dr. GROSS, Colle

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1. P-K4	P-K3	12. P x B	P-KB3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	13. N-K2	P x P
3. B-Q3	P-QB4	14. B x P	B-QN4
4. P-QB3	N-QB3	15. Q x R	O-O
5. B-K3	Q-N3	16. Q-KB7	Q-QB3
6. Q-B2	P x P	17. R-QN1	B-QB3
7. P x P	N x P	18. B x B	Q x B
8. Q-R4 ch	B-Q2	19. O-O	R-K1
9. Q x N	B-N5	20. N-Q4	Q-Q4
10. N-QB3	Q-QR4	21. N-QN5	N-K2
11. Q x P	B x N ch	22. R-Q1	RESIGNS

LEAGUE MATCH GAMES  
COLLE VS MORPHY  
BOARD # 4  
COLLE SYSTEM

WHITE: PATTULLO, Colle

BLACK: BRARENS, Morphy

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	31. B x R	B-B5
2. N-KB3	P-QB3	32. P-R3	P-R3
3. P-K3	N-KB3	33. B-Q4	P-B3
4. B-Q5	B-N5	34. B-Q	B-N6
5. O-O	P-R3	35. B-K2	K-B2
6. P-QB4	P-K3	36. K-N	K-K2
7. Q-N3	Q-B2	37. K-B2	K-Q3
8. N-K5	N-Q2	38. K-B3	B-B7
9. P x P	KP x P	39. K-N4	R-K
10. N-QB3	B-K3	40. B-KB3	BxB ch
11. Q-Q	N x N	41. B-B3	BxB ch
12. P x N	Q x R	42. P x B	K-K2
13. P-KB4	Q-R4	43. K-R5	K-B2
14. P-B5	Q x Q	44. B-Q4	R-K8
15. R x Q	B-Q2	45. K-N4	R-Q8
16. R-B	B-B4	46. B-B3	P-C5
17. N-R4	B-Q3	47. B-N4	P-Q6
18. B-Q2	O-O	48. K-B4	P-R4
19. QR-B	P-R3	49. K-K3	P-R5
20. B-B3	KN-N5	50. K-B2	P-N4
21. R-B3	N x RP	51. P x P	K x P
22. R-R3	N-N5	52. B-Q6	R-Q7 ch
23. R-B	P-QN4	53. K-B3	R-Q8
24. B-K2	N x R	54. K-B3	K-B4
25. R x N	P x R	55. B-B7	R-B8
26. K-R	P-B6	56. B-R5	R-B7 ch
27. B-K5	KR-K	57. K-K3	P-Q7
28. B x B	R x R	58. K-K2	K-B5
29. B-B3	B-N4	59. B-B7 ch	R x B
30. B x BP	B x R	60. RESIGNS	

MATCH GAMES

MORPHY, SAN CLEMENTE VS EVANS, SAN FRANCISCO \* TEAM MATCH  
FRENCH DEFENSE

(Annotated by H. Carter)

WHITE: K. Carter, S.C.

BLACK: T. Morrison, S.F.

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1. P-K4	P-K3	9. N x P	KN-K2 (d)
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	10. B-K3	Q-B2
3. P-K5	P-QB4	11. QR-B1 (e)	N x P (f)
4. P-B3	QN-B3	12. N x QP	N x N ch
5. N-B3	Q-N3 (a)	13. B x N	Q-N1 (g)
6. P-QN3 (b)	B-Q2	14. N-B7 ch	K-Q1
7. B-K2	P x P	15. B-B4	RESIGNS
8. O-O (c)	P x P		

(a) This line of play in the French Defense was favored by the great master Nimzovitch.

(b) This move leads to a pawn sacrifice. The purpose being that if accepted, Black will not be able to develop properly.

(c) Certainly not 8. P x P; B-N5 ch and White must then permit a pin.

(d) Black's position is beginning to be very cramped. The extra tempo White has in development is soon to be reasoned with.

(e) Correct was 11. N-N5; any: 12. N-Q6 ch; K-Q1: 13. N x P ch, etc.....

(f) The text is fatal. 11....., P-QR3 is called for.

(g) Another serious mistake. 13...., Q-R4 or resigns is the only alternative as the loss of the Rook is now threatened.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
MEDICAL SCHOOL  
V.S  
SAN QUENTIN CHESS CLUB

On Sunday December 9, 1956, 16 players from the Medical School of the University of California visited San Quentin and played a Match with the local team. While the match was not league play, many of the players were members of various teams in the El Camino Real League, and will return at a later date to engage in "blood games" with the Morphy Team.

Heading the U of C Team was Jim Liebermann, a name well known in Northern California Chess Circles. Jim won on board one from Sensell and thereby avenged a robbery which was adjudicated against him when the same team visited the institution in June of this year.

San Quentin's team could not get into the win column until Green won on Board Five, but then the Quenitenites came to life to win the match by a score of 9½-6½. Old Scotty Flohr, merely a shell of what was once a good chessplayer, lost on board two in something like 9 moves. Tommy Albritton played Jim Cook to a draw and thereby saved some face for San Quentin. John Nolte played Stan Fahn a long game, but lost it in a blunder. It is well that this wasn't a blood match, because it would be hard to have to scratch your own name from future line-ups for the reason of weak play.

What with our good showing against the Medical School in the past two matches, the regular University of California Chess Team has asked for a match with our Club. Be sure that they will bring some of the strongest names in California Chess to play us. Remember, too, that the U of C Chess Team plays such noted Teams as Mechanic's Institute, Golden Gate Chess Club, and the Russian Club in round-robin matches, so they are well-versed in tough competition.

SIMULTANEOUS GAMES  
TWO KNIGHTS GAME

SIMULTANEOUS GAMES

WHITE: J. Cook

BLACK: E. Ward

QUEEN PAWN OPENING

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1. P-Q4	N-EB3	13. BP x P	KP x P
2. N-QB3	P-QB3	14. Q-K2	B-N2
3. P-K4	P-Q4	15. B-K3	B-B3
4. P-K5	N-K5	16. QR-B1	B-QN4
5. N x N	P x N	17. Q-B2	B x R
6. KB-B4	P-K3	18. K x R	QR-Q1
7. KN-K2	QN-Q2	19. P-QR4	B-N5
8. N-KB4	N-N3	20. P-K6	BP x P
9. B-N3	Q-Q2	21. B(K3)-B4	QR-R1
10. O-O	N-Q4	22. P-QR5	O-O
11. N x N	BP x N	23. B-K5	QR-Q1
12. P-QB4	P-QN3	24. RESIGNS	

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ROOK OPENING

WHITE: J. Cook

BLACK: Loney

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	15. Q-R4	O-O
2. P-KN3	P-K3	16. N x B	Q x N
3. B-N2	P-B4	17. B-Q2	QR-QN
4. P-B3	P-Q4	18. Q-B5	Q-K2
5. N-B3	B-Q2	19. B-N5	R x P
6. O-O	B-B3	20. B-N	R(1)-N
7. N-K5	N(1)-Q2	21. R x R	R x R
8. N x B	P x N	22. Q-B7	P-KR3
9. N-Q2	P x P	23. B x N	P x B
10. P x P	P-B4	24. B-R3	Q-N5
11. P-K4	BP x P	25. R-K4	Q-Q7
12. P x P	P-K4	26. R-N4 ch	K-R2
13. R-K	B-Q3	27. RESIGNS	
14. N-B4	Q-B2		

SIMULTANEOUS GAMES  
TWO KNIGHT'S GAME

WHITE: J. Cook      BLACK: D. Sweeney

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1. P-K4	P-K4	11. P-QN4	P-Q4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	12. P-QN5	N-QR4
3. P-QB3	N-KB3	13. B-Q2	P x P
4. P-Q3	P-Q3	14. R-K1	P x P
5. P-KN3	B-K3	15. P-KR4	N-QN6
6. B-KN2	B-K2	16. K-K2	N-KN5ch
7. O-O	Q-Q2	17. K-N1	N x R
8. N-KN5	O-O-O	18. B-KR3	P-KB4
9. P-QR4	P-KR3	19. RESIGNS	

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RETI OPENING

WHITE J. Cook

BLACK: Boren

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	25. K-KB1	P-KN3
2. P-KN3	B-KB4	26. Q x P	K-KN2
3. B-KN2	P-K3	27. R x P	K-KR3
4. P-QB4	B-K5	28. P-KB5	QR-K1
5. P-KB3	B x N	29. R-K1	Q-K4
6. R x B	P-QB3	30. Q-KB2	KR-KB1
7. P-KB4	P x P	31. P x P	R x R
8. KN-B3	B-QN5 ch	32. P x R	R-KB1
9. B-Q2	Q-QR4	33. R-QN1	Q-K2
10. O-O	QN-Q2	34. R-QN6 ch	K-KN2
11. P-QR3	B x B	35. Q-Q4 ch	K x P
12. N x B	P-QB4	36. K-K1	Q-KN4
13. N-QB4	Q-QB2	37. R-QN7 ch	K-KN1
14. B x P	R-QN1	38. R-QN5	Q-QB8 ch
15. B-KB3	QN-QN3	39. Q-Q1	R-KB8 ch
16. N x N	Q x N	40. K x R	Q x Q ch
17. Q-QR4 ch	K-K2	41. K-KB2	Q-Q5 ch
18. KR-Q1	KN-KB3	42. K-KN2	Q-K5 ch
19. K-KN2	N-Q4	43. K-KB2	P-Q5
20. B x N	P x B	44. R-QN4	Q-K6 ch
21. P x P	Q x P	45. K-K1	P-Q6
22. QR-QB1	Q-QN3	46. R-KN4 ch	K-R
23. QR-QB3	Q x P	47. RESIGNS	
24. QR-QB7 ch	K-KB1		

## A BACKWARD GLANCE AT OUR LEAGUE MATCHES.

Now that we have realized that we will be required to play some chess to remain in contention for the El Camino Real League Championship, it is this writer's opinion that we look back and re-hash some of the past league play.

During and after the Colle Team Match, we built up a confidence that was good as long as that confidence didn't run riot with our ego. But, alas, it did. We were too busy deciding what type of script should be used to engrave our names in the Cham ionship Cup to give much thought or attention to playing good chess against the Evans Team on their fateful visit. Men who should deserve credit on that black day are Montie Carter, L. Mahan, and George Frazier. They played their hearts out for a lost cause. While these sterling games were being played, Evans had five men playing for them on the last three boards. The Evans Team brought Tomori, Willis and Belmont with them, and somehow enlisted the aid of Devote and Brarens after the team arrived here. All in all, the two best moves the Evans team made were these (1) Tomori opened with P-K4 and his fellow team member Mr. Brarens, answered with P-Q4 (THE COUNTER CENTERGAME), and (2) Mr. Willis played BxRP only to have help by Mr. Devote's answer of NPxB. It was all over after these two moves. There was only the hope that Loney could win an apparent draw to give us a tie, WE HAD TO COME BACK TO TIE A MATCH WHICH WE SHOULD HAVE WON. As things stood after the smoke had cleared we lost the Evans match 4-2. Elsewhere you will see Montie Carter's game against Mr. Morrison, the games of Frazier and Mahan are being annotated and will appear next month, Mr. Loney's game has been lost and no chess player would permit the other two fiascos to be published.

Ah, well, Sic Transit Gloria Mundi.

A BACKLASH CHANGE AT OUR  
LEAGUE MATCHES.

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**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

During a confidence that was good as long as that confidence didn't say that our end. But also it did say that we should be interested enough to come, as your vote will decide the issued which will guide the club in the future.

**Please give some thought to:**

1. Ladder Systems.
2. Member's attendance.
3. Cleanup and preparation for outside matches.
4. Changes and/or additions to the By-Laws.
5. Any ideas you may have for the welfare of the Club.

**THE BELOW SPACE WILL BE LEFT BLANK FOR YOU TO JOT DOWN YOUR IDEAS. REMEMBER, IF YOU HAVE VOICED NO OPINION THEN YOU MUST HAVE LITTLE OR NO INTEREST.**

## KIBITZER'S KORNER

### HAVE YOU NOTICED:

How the players have no consideration for the Kibitzers? Sometimes they move too fast for us to get a comment in, and other times they just will not make a move that we can plainly see will give them the game.

How Flohr keeps up a constant patter during his games? This seems harmless enough, but it has a good psychological effect on his opponent.

How quickly the moves are made after a game has been adjourned and resumes play? Could this be due to the game having been discussed with friends during the adjournment?

How it is the members who contribute the least, who yell the loudest whenever things don't go just right?

THE KIBITZER

L. G. F.

MEMBER'S BULLETIN

NOTICE TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

During the month of January, 1957, Mr. George Koltanowski will visit San Quentin to play a 100-Board simultaneous exhibition!!! Please advise Mr. Nolte, Mr. Carter or Mr. Fluty of anyone who would like to play in this record-breaking exhibition. Specific dates and times will be announced at the regular club meetings.

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THE EDITOR

L. G. S.

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