



JAMES CROSS

... more than a junior flash

Cross California Champion

Eighteen-year-old James Cross of Glendale, California has proven that he is more than a junior flash. This Labor Day weekend he tallied $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ to capture the state championship at Atascadero. A. J. Fink of San Francisco and Neil Falconer of Berkeley each had $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ but the tie-breaking conditions made Fink the runner-up. (See page 5 for details.)

Sponsored by the newly organized California State Chess Association, the event attracted thirty-six entrants. George Koltanowski directed play which was run according to the Swiss system.

Cross was third in this year's U. S. Junior Championship at Oak Ridge, Tenn. At Cleveland last year, he tied for second with Larry Evans. This is his first major victory.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Atascadero, September 4-6) J. Cross (Glendale) 6½-½; A. J. Fink (San Francisco) and N. Falconer (Berkeley) 5½-1½; R. Martin (Los Angeles) and W. Hendricks (Santa Cruz) 5-2; A. Weiss (Hollywood), W. Adams (San Jose), H. Hazard (Culver City), F. Crofut (San Jose), P. Quillen (Glendale) and J. Nedham (Hayward) 4½-2½; G. Croy (Los Angeles), P. Allinger (Oakland), D. Neilson (Hayward), G. Oakes (Salinas) and G. Stevens (Santa Monica) 4-3; R. Potter (Dallas, Tex.), R. Upham (San Rafael), P. Lynch (Hayward) and C. Svalberg (San Francisco) 3½-3½; L. Johnson (Los Angeles), C. Henderson (Los Angeles), L. Daugherty (San Jose), W. Steckel (Los Angeles), N. Schaller (Oakland), S. Poulsen (Fresno) and P. Petersen (Lomita) 3-4; M. Radaiken, Jr. (San Francisco), J. M. Malig (San Jose) and B. C. Jenkins (Santa Rosa) 2½-4½; K. Chambers (Paso Robles) and M. Radaiken, Sr. (San Francisco) 2-5; C. W. Bird (Fresno) and A. Spiller (Los Angeles) 1½-5½; Mrs. L. Henderson (Los Angeles) and W. McGowan (San Francisco) 1-6. NOTE: Bird, Spiller and McGowan withdrew without completing schedule.