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Apologies and all that for being late again. But what with moving, the holidays, chess matches, income taxes, etc. it gets harder and harder to find the spare time to put out the Chess News. There is a lot of good material on hand that must go into the following issue, about 3 weeks from now. Many players have sent in good scores of games, which will be featured in the next issue. And if you have a score you would like published, please send it in immediately. This issue is to be mainly made up of match scores and tournament information - which is essential to get out before the Final Rounds.

C. J. Smith of Oakdale writes: Someone left a chess set at the last meeting they may have same by describing and contacting C. J. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 622, Oakdale, Calif. — If this set belongs to you, contact Smith immediately. He writes further that "Oakdale has enjoyed hosting all the CCCL clubs and welcome any chess players every Monday night from 7:00 to 10:00 PM at Tullock Hall corner, First & "F" St." Officers of Oakdale are: President C. J. Smith, Vice-Pres. H. W. Barton, Sec-Treas. V. Smith; Tournament Director W. Maxey.

The Sacramento Chess Club is planning two tournaments this year: one will be a "Club Championship" played on regular meeting nights, Wednesday. The other will be a "City Championship", played on a Swiss System on a Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday. Definite plans for these tournaments have not been made, but the "Club Championship" is planned to start on Wed. Feb. 11th. For entry into either tourney, see Neil Austin, Chairman, Hilt Meyer, J. B. Gee, or Howard Evanson, President.

The "Off The Chesst" column was supposed to be printed before Christmas. Read it and you will see what we mean. It is still good, hope you enjoy it.

The last issue omitted results of two matches in the second round, Nov. 2, which are given herewith:

<u>Oakdale</u>		<u>Fresno</u>		<u>Modesto</u>		<u>Visalia</u>	
1. H Mortensen	0	M. Hailparn	1	1. M C Jackson	1	E Achterberg	0
2. W Maxey	0	T Fries	1	2. L H Kerfoot	0	W Markus	1
3. C J Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Kallman	$\frac{1}{2}$	3. L E Davis	0	C Fotias	1
4. H Tuscosian	0	E J Cook	1	4. E L Jeffers	1	R Clark	0
5. V Smith	1	M Rubin	0	5. H E Paul	1	J Williams	0
6. A Buerer	1	W Eichholt	0	6. H P Betker	1	R Watson	0
7. S Sampson	$\frac{0}{2\frac{1}{2}}$	Mrs. Rubin	$\frac{1}{4\frac{1}{2}}$	7. C J Cook	$\frac{0}{4}$	E Thompson	$\frac{1}{3}$

NOTE - CORRECTION -- The score of the Modesto-Stockton Match, October 12, was  $3\frac{3}{4}$  -  $6\frac{1}{2}$ . The result at 1st Board should have read Jackson  $\frac{1}{2}$  - Woolfe  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Please correct your copies in last issue.



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Round 3, Nov. 23

<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Oakdale</u>		<u>Modesto</u>		<u>Sacramento</u>	
1. G Kirby	1	H Mortensen	0	1. M C Jackson	1	M O Meyer	0
2. W T Adams	1	W Maxey	0	2. L E Davis	1	R L Richards	0
3. F Crofut	1	C J Smith	0	3. E L Jeffers	$\frac{1}{2}$	J B Gee	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. B Mueller	1	H Tuscoosian	0	4. L. H. Kerfoot	0	O A Celle	1
5. J Kalnins	1	V Smith	0	5. H E Paul	0	R E Russell	1
6. M Gasze	1	A Buerer	0	6. H P Betker	0	N T Austin	1
7. L Daugherty	1	S Sampson	0	7. C J Cook	0	S G Johnson	1
8. H O'Shaughnessy	1	V Lemons	0	8. H Wente	0	F Clawson	1
9. H Woodecker	1	H Barton	0	9. E Hawksworth	$\frac{1}{3}$	H Evanson	0
10. E Innocenti	1	D Darroh	0		$\frac{3}{3}$		$\frac{5}{3}$
11. G VanHooser	1	E Sol	0				
12. A Buschne	$\frac{1}{12}$	L Sawyer	0				
	12		0				
<u>Fresno</u>		<u>Pittsburg</u>		<u>Stockton</u>		<u>Visalia</u>	
1. M Hailpam	0	R E Burger	1	1. L C Woolfe	1	E Achterberg	0
2. P D Smith	0	R Trenberth	1	2. R Leigh	$\frac{1}{3}$	W Markus	$\frac{1}{3}$
3. T Fries	0	A Loera	1	3. M A Saunders	0	C Fotias	1
4. H Kallman	0	F Olvera	1	4. M Ellenberg	1	R Clark	0
5. E Cook	0	F Weinberg	1	5. A Stubbs	1	J Williams	0
6. R. Womack	$\frac{1}{1}$	G Garcia	0	6. H Minchaca	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Watson	$\frac{1}{3}$
	1		5	7. E. Neustadt	$\frac{0}{4}$	E Thompson	$\frac{1}{3}$

Round 4, Dec. 14

<u>Pittsburg</u>		(at)	<u>Stockton</u>			<u>Modesto</u>		(at)	<u>San Jose</u>		
1. R E Burger	1		L C Woolfe	0		1. M C Jackson	0		G Kirby	1	
2. A Loera	1		M E Mattingly	0		2. L E Davis	0		W T Adams	1	
3. F Olvera	$\frac{1}{2}$		J M David-Malig	$\frac{1}{2}$		3. L H Kerfoot	0		F Crofut	1	
4. S Wilson	0		W Reid	1		4. E L Jeffers	0		B Mueller	1	
5. F Weinberg	1		P Hubbard	0		5. H E Paul	0		J Kalnins	1	
6. G Garcia	0		M Ellenberg	1		6. H P Betker	0		M Gasze	1	
7. S Escobar	1		M A Sanders	0		7. E Hawksworth	0		L Daugherty	1	
8. H Lansing	0		A Stubbs	1		8. C J Cook	0		H O'Shaughnessy	1	
9. J Smith	0		J Saxon	1		9. H Wente	0		A Mercer	$\frac{1}{9}$	
10. J Swartz	$\frac{1}{5\frac{1}{2}}$		Mrs Davis Malig	0			0			9	
				$\frac{4}{2}$							
(at)	<u>Sacramento</u>			<u>Oakdale</u>			<u>Fresno</u>		(at)	<u>Visalia</u>	
	1			H Mortensen	0		1. M Hailpam	1		E Achterburg	0
	1			H Tuscoosian	0		2. P D Smith	1		W Markus	0
	1			A Buerer	0		3. T Fries	$\frac{1}{2}$		C Fotias	$\frac{1}{2}$
	1			C J Smith	0		4. H Kallman	1		R Clark	0
	1			W Maxey	0		5. E J Cook	1		R Watson	0
	$\frac{1}{3}$			V Smith	$\frac{1}{3}$		6; R Womack	$\frac{1}{5\frac{1}{2}}$		E Thompson	0
	$\frac{1}{6\frac{1}{2}}$			S Sampson	0						$\frac{1}{2}$



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Round 5, Jan. 24

<u>Sacramento</u>		<u>Visalia</u>		<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Fresno</u>	
1. M O Meyer	1	E Achterberg	0	1. G Kirby	1	M Hailparn	0
2. O A Celle	1	C Fotias	0	2. W T Adams	1	T Fries	0
3. J B Gee	1	A W Markus	0	3. J Kalmins	1	H Kallman	0
4. N T Austin	1	R Clark	0	4. B Mueller	1	B Womack	0
5. R E Russell	1/2	E Thompson	1/2	5. M Gasse	1	B Eickholt	0
6. N Zimmerman	1/2	Forfeit	0	6 L Daugherty	1/2	E Steve	0
	5 1/2		0		6		0
<u>Pittsburg</u>		<u>Modesto</u>		<u>Stockton</u>		<u>Oakdale</u>	
1. R E Burger	1	M C Jackson	0	1. L C Woolfe	1	H Mortensen	0
2. A Loera	1	E L Jeffers	0	2. J M David-Malig	1	H Robertson	0
3. F Olvera	0	L E Davis	1	3. W Reid	1	H Tusoosian	0
4. F Weinberg	1/2	L H Kerfoot	1/2	4. R Leigh	1	E Sai	0
5. G Garcia	1/2	H E Paul	1/2	5. R Juhre	1	A Buerer	0
6. H Lansing	0	H P Betker	1	6. M Ellenberg	0	C J Smith	1
7. J Smith	0	C J Cook	1	7. J Saxon	1	W Maxey	0
	3		4	8. M A Sanders	1/2	V Smith	1/2
				9. A Stubbs	1/2	S Thomas	1/2
				10. A Saxon	0	H Barton	1
				11. E Neustadt	1	J Smith	0
					8		3

Round 6, Jan. 25

<u>(at Fresno)</u>		<u>Modesto</u>		<u>Oakdale</u>		<u>Visalia (at Fresno)</u>	
1. M Hailparn	1	M C Jackson	0	1. H Mortensen	0	E Achtenberg	1
2. P D Smith	1/2	L E Davis	1/2	2. C J Smith	1	W Markus	0
3. T Fries	1	L H Kerfoot	0	3. W Maxey	0	C Fotias	1
4. S Poulson	1	E L Jeffers	0	4. V Smith	1/2	R Clark	1/2
5. H Kallman	0	H P Betker	1	5. A Buerer	1	E Thompson	0
6. E J Cook	1	H E Paul	0	6. S Sampson	1	Forfeit	0
7. W Eickholt	0	C J Cook	1		3 1/2		2 1/2
	4 1/2		2 1/2				
<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Stockton (at SJ)</u>		<u>Pittsburg</u>		<u>Sacramento (at Pitts)</u>	
1. G Kirby	0	L C Woolfe	1	1. R E Burger	1/2	M O Meyer	1/2
2. W T Adams	1	M E Mattingly	0	2. A Loera	1	R L Richards	0
3. J Kalmins	1/2	J M David-Malig	1/2	3. R Trenberth	1	J B Gee	0
4. F Crofut	0	W Reid	1	4. G Garcia	0	O A Celle	1
5. B Mueller	0	R Leigh	1	5. F. Olvera	0	N T Austin	1
6. M Gasse	1	P Hubbard	0	6. F Weinberg	0	R E Russell	1
7. L Daugherty	1	M Ellenberg	0	7. S Wilson	1	S S Kozen	0
8. H O'Shaughnessy	1	A Stubbs	0	8. J R Glover	0	N Zimmerman	1
9. E Innocenti	0	J Saxon	1	9. H parda	0	S G Johnson	1
10. H Wood	1	M Sanders	0	10. J Smith	0	F Clawson	1
	5 1/2		4 1/2		3 1/2		6 1/2

STANDINGS

1. San Jose	6 - 0	45 - 9
2. Sacramento	5 1/2 - 1/2	34 1/2 - 14 1/2
3. Fresno	3 1/2 - 2 1/2	18 1/2 - 19 1/2
4. Stockton	3 - 3	31 - 28
5. Pittsburg	3 - 3	25 1/2 - 23 1/2
6. Modesto	2 - 4	17 1/2 - 31 1/2
7. Oakdale	1 - 5	11 1/2 - 37 1/2
8. Visalia	0 - 6	9 1/2 - 29 1/2

TOP BOARD STANDINGS

1. R E Burger (P)	5 1/2 - 1/2
2/ G Kirby (SJ)	4 - 2
3. M. Hailparn (F)	4 - 2
4. M O Meyer (Sac)	3 1/2 - 2 1/2
L C Woolfe (Stk)	3 1/2 - 2 1/2
6. M C Jackson (M)	2 1/2 - 3 1/2
7. E Achtenberg (V)	1 - 5
8. H Mortensen (O)	0 - 6



Central California Chess League

By N T Austin

At the conclusion of the 5th round, San Jose remains the solid favorite to repeat and take home the trophy for keeps. Except for a narrow escape against Pittsburg in the 2nd round, they have blanked all their opposition.

Sacramento still hangs grimly on to San Jose's heels, and if they get by Pittsburg in the 6th round they will have an outside chance.

Pittsburg holds 3rd by an eyelash, but is favored to hold the spot on the basis of an easier schedule in the last rounds. They made a tremendous showing against San Jose, but were upset by Modesto.

Stockton's team lacks balance at present, but will be tough if they get all their strength out at once. They must still meet the strong San Jose & Fresno Clubs.

Fresno, after a fine start, has had trouble in fielding a team, and has not performed up to expectations.

Modesto surprised Pittsburg with the aid of the veteran Dr. C. J. Cook, who broke a 3-3 tie with a nice mate.

Visalia and Oakdale will settle the fight for the cellar when they meet in the next round. Oakdale must develop its own players, not having the population of the larger towns to draw from. Visalia has a somewhat inexperienced team which shows considerable promise. They gave Sacramento a tough battle at all boards before losing.

Bobl Burger is still riding the credit for individual honors. He leads George Kirby by one game. Both must face Milt Meyer yet. Milt and Mike Hailparn have outside chances to come in.

CCCL-6th Round

N T Austin

After six rounds of play, San Jose still maintained its 1/2 game lead over Sacramento by defeating Stockton in a hard fought match. Sacramento still hung grimly to its chances by defeating Pittsburg. Fresno moved into 3rd by winning from Modesto, and Oakdale broke the cellar tie with Visalia.

The next round pits the League Champions against Sacramento with the winner taking home the trophy. Fresno must beat Stockton to hold 3rd, while Pittsburg can tie Stockton for 3rd by beating Visalia if Fresno loses. Oakdale must beat Modesto to tie the last team in the standings.

The Sacramento-San Jose match promises to be quite a battle and probably will be decided on the unpredictable lower boards. San Jose has an impressive record, having shut-out four of their opponents, but were hard pressed against Pittsburg and Stockton. On the other hand Sacramento was held to a tie by Fresno, but has not been held to close scores by any other opponent. The comparative scores follow:

Opponent	San Jose	Sacramento
Oakdale	12 - 0	6 1/2 - 3 1/2
Visalia	7 - 0	5 1/2 - 3 1/2
Modesto	9 - 0	5 1/2 - 3 1/2
Stockton	5 1/2 - 4 1/2	7 1/2 - 3 1/2
Pittsburg	5 1/2 - 4 1/2	6 1/2 - 3 1/2
Fresno	6 - 0	3 - 3

San Jose played a stronger Stockton team and a weaker Fresno team than did Sacramento. The remainder of the opposition was approximately equal.

Although held to a draw in the last round, Bob Burger has the individual prize cinched. Second place will be decided by the Woolfe-Hailparn and Meyer-Kirby matches, only 1/2 point separates all four.



CCCL Individual Tournaments

The Committee appointed by President Mattingly to study the possibility of a CCCL Individual Championship Tournament makes the following recommendations:

1. That the most satisfactory method of determining the Individual Champion is by means of a tournament, instead of by the best score at 1st Board during the League Season, as has been done previously.
2. That the Individual Championship Tournament be an Open Swiss System Tournament to be held in Modesto during March or April. This tournament shall be distinct from the State Championship Qualifying Tournament.
3. That the CCCL entry in the State Championship be determined by a Qualifying Tournament to be held in Modesto (or Fresno) in July or August. This tournament would be restricted to 12 strong players.

4 The Committee also suggests certain details of organization of the above tournaments which are discussed below.

Championship Tournament. This shall be open to any player who has played in at least one League match during the previous season. It shall be a 4-Round Swiss held over one week-end, i. e., two games Saturday and two Sunday. Should the number of entries be so large that a fair decision cannot be reached in 4 rounds, the entries shall be divided according to strength into Major and Minor Sections. Experience has shown that with 4 rounds, the maximum number should be 16. The entry fee should be about \$5, out of which the rent should be paid, the remainder going toward prizes.

Qualifying Tournament. This would be very similar to the tournament held last year in Modesto, a 4-Round Swiss restricted to 12 strong players. The top 6 in the Open would be automatically qualified, the remaining places to be chosen by the Committee, with the restriction that at least one man from each Club be invited. The entry fee would be \$10, \$5 of which would be a deposit guaranteeing that the player would continue to the Finals, if successful. The remaining \$5 would go into the State Championship Prize Fund.

The holding of two tournaments is felt to be better in that many players prefer to play in the State Open rather than the State Championship, and in this way would not be deprived of a chance to play for the League title. Also, to insure adequate representation in the Finals, we must have a guarantee that the winner will continue to the Finals. Another point is the necessity of raising our contribution to the Championship Prize Fund.

In conclusion, the Committee wishes to express the opinion that, while the CCCL has successfully contributed to the improvement and enjoyment of Chess in Central California, it will further the cause still more by the regular scheduling of individual tournaments such as those proposed above.

N. T. Austin, Chairman  
Mike Hailparn  
Herbert E. Paul



OFF THE CHESS  
by George W. Flynn

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a chessplayer was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The chessmen were set by the chimney with care,  
In Hopes that St. Nicholas might want to play there.  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.  
And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap--  
When out on the lawn there rose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.  
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,  
He dropped all his toys and played chess instead.  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And moved all the pieces, and I was the jerk,  
Who delayed old Santa in giving his gifts,  
But soon he had won, and his pack he uplifts  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.  
And I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL,

TO ALL CHESSPLAYERS GOODNIGHT !"

(Note: with apologies to Clement C. Moore, author of "A Visit from St. Nicholas". It is good to know, however, that Old Santa is a chessplayer. Really, he is excellent and practices all Summer, in the off season. Actually, of course, the game didn't take too long and all Christmas deliveries were made on schedule. Perhaps some time we can print the game score. In the meantime, you will be interested to hear that Santa is a very aggressive player and, with white pieces, will inevitably play a gambit. In this case, he tries a Muzio and won in 23 moves.)

Once again, in Santa's own words:

"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL,

TO ALL CHESSPLAYERS GOODNIGHT !"