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By Neil M. Austin

No	Player	1	2	Round 3	4	W	D	L	Score	Soikoff
1.	B. E. Burger	W5	W3	D2	W4	3	1	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	
2.	M. O. Meyer	D3	W6	D1	W3	2	2	0	3 - 1	
3.	J.H. David-Malig	W4	L1	W7	L2	2	0	2	2 - 2	9.5
4.	R. E. Russell	L3	W5	W6	L1	2	0	2	2 - 2	9.5
5.	F. Crofut	L1	L4	W8	W7	2	0	2	2 - 2	7.0
6.	W. T. Adams	W7	L2	L4	W8	2	0	2	2 - 2	6.5
7.	N. T. Austin	L6	W8	L3	L5	1	0	3	1 - 3	
8.	L. H. Daugherty	D2	L7	L5	L6	0	1	3	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	

As a result of the tournament held in Modesto, August 8th & 9th, Bob Burger qualified for the State Championship Finals, for the second successive year. History repeated itself in that Bob won out over Milt Meyer by 1/2 point. Again, their individual game was drawn and Meyer had a first round draw.

Only eight players competed this year, but the field was exceptionally strong. All games were of a high caliber.

BURGER went into the lead in the 2nd round and was never headed. He was in some danger against David-Malig, but otherwise was the class of the event.

MILT MEYER could not make any impression against Daugherty in the 1st round, which fact cost him his chances. He had a nice win over Adams.

J. M. DAVID-MALIG played his usual steady chess and was dangerous thru-out.

ROY RUSSELL tied for third in Soikoff points. A nice win over Adams was his high point.

FRANCIS CROFUT finished strongly with two wins to get an even score.

BILL ADAMS was off form, but we were all glad to see him in his first League tournament.

NEIL AUSTIN was Director, and filled in for Leigh of Stockton at the last moment. A blunder in a drawn position against Malig cost him all chances.

LYMAN DAUGHERTY had good games but generally faltered at some point.

The event was held in the Hotel Covell, but was rather poorly attended by Modesto and Oakdale players. Ivo Karfoot, the G.O.M. of Central Calif. Chess, made all arrangements and assisted Austin as Director.

The Annual Calif. State Chess Federation Championship tournament will be held in San Jose on Sept. 5th, 6th, and 7th. This is an open tournament - a seven round Swiss and all games will be played at the Saint Claire Hotel. Entry fee is \$5; also necessary that Calif. residents hold membership in the Calif. State Chess Federation, which may be obtained at registration desk for \$2.50. Mr. Guthrie McClain will be the TD. There will be cash prizes and many special prizes. Entries may be made the day of the start of the tournament, or in advance by writing to Harry G. Shaw, 1227 Minnesota Ave., San Jose 25.

OFF THE CHESS

By Geo. W. Flynn

Another fall season coming up, and plenty of action in the Central California Chess League. Also, each of the clubs begins to come out of the summer vacation period with local chess activity. Personally, I've been kinda out of touch with things, and haven't much to report.

I was talking with Roy Russell up in Auburn and he said that this year's Valley Championship was rough, plenty rough. Congratulations to Champion Bob Burger are in order. Bob did it again, and this year my guess is that he is ready for the big time. We'll all be wishing him well in the State Championship, and can be sure that anyone who beats him will have to play extra-special chess.

Sacramento's Milt Meyer took second in the Valley Championship and Roy Russell nailed down third...which tends to build up Sacramento's hopes for a League Championship this year. Of course, there's bound to be a difference of opinion on that. Do I hear an argument from Fresno...or is that San Jose saying us "Nay"? Anyway, the issue will be decided over the board and everybody is expecting a close contest this year.

I was reading a chess book by Fred Reinfeld and he claims that master chess is more automatic than original. A rank amateur, he says, makes the most original moves of all...the only trouble is that the moves are no good. But the master has learned from long experience to recognize a good move automatically and he saves his mental powers for crucial positions. Nine times out of ten, the master's move is made almost automatically and requires very little thinking.

How about that? Sounds reasonable. This theory would explain why masters can play a simultaneous exhibition. The really aren't thinking too hard in most of their games. They can trust the majority of their opponents to blunder before long.

I was talking to a chess player who has never studied the game or belonged to a club. He plays quite a bit with a Dr. Bowers of Woodland. It seems Dr. Bowers defeats him rather regularly and he wonders just how good the Dr. is. Does anybody know Dr. Bowers?

Anyway, I told him that I'd try to find out. My idea was that perhaps Dr. Bowers had belonged to a chess club in his student days and was too strong for someone who had never studied or played match chess.

As I see it, there are very few completely natural players who can beat the average club player. Anyone disagree?

It just seems that the discipline of tournament or match play gives a player a tremendous advantage over someone who has never had that same discipline, no matter what natural talent the second player has.

My guess is that Dr. Bowers has played with a club or else in correspondence, which would explain his apparent invincibility. But my curiosity is definitely aroused. I'd like to get Dr. Bowers down to our club and see how he makes out with rather stern opposition.

Here I am planning all this and the poor doctor doesn't know anything about the future testing of his strength. Maybe, after all, he doesn't care much how well he plays. But we'll see if we can't find out. Perhaps we can get him on our team if he is good and strong. Yea, team.

Then there was the absent-minded chess player. When told it was his move, he got up and left for New York!

Visalia has issued a strong call for chessplayers in that vicinity (not Fresno) as they need more members to participate in League activities. Contact C. Fotias, Pres., 424 W. Race, in Visalia.

Now that the fall season is here, all chessplayers are urged to go to their next club meeting and get back into the habit of chess - it's a lot of fun and your club needs your support. Chess is no stronger than the clubs who promote it.

Sacto - Fresno
 White-Womack
 Black-Austin
 Bd 6 -10/12/52

1 P K4	P QB4
2 N KB3	N QB3
3 P Q4	FxP
4 N KB	N B3
5 N QB3	P Q3
6 B K2	P KN3
7 O O	B N2
8 N N5	O O
9 P B3	B K3
10 N Q5	BxN
11 PxB	N Kx4
12 B K3	P QR3
13 P QB4	R B
14 R D	N/4 Q2
15 Q Q2	N B4
16 NxN	PxN
17 B R6	N K
18 BxB	KxB
19 R B3	N Q3
20 P QN3	N B4
21 R L	N Q5
22 K B	R X
23 R K3	Q Q3
24 P N5	P K3
25 Pxp	Rxp
26 RxR	QxR
27 B Q	Q R6ch
28 K N	R Q
29 Q K3	Q K3
30 QxQ	NxQ
31 P B4	R Q7
32 B B3	P N3
33 B Q5	K B3
34 BxN	PxB
35 P QR4	R Q5
36 R N	P QR4
37 R N2	P K4
38 PxBch	KxP
39 K B	K Q5
40 K K2	K B6

Adjudicated a win for Black

Fresno-Visalia
 White-Womack
 Black-Thompson

1 P K4	P K3
2 P Q4	P Q4
3 N Q2	P QB4
4 KPxp	KPxp
5 B N5ch	B Q2
6 Q K2ch	Q K2
7 BxBch	NxB
8 Pxp	QxQch
9 NxQ	Bxp
10 N N3	KN B3

11 NxN	NxN
12 B K3	R QB
13 O O O	O O
14 N B4	KR Q
15 P KB3	R B3?
16 R Q2	P QN3
17 KR Q	R/3 Q3
18 P B4	N K3
19 NxP	NxN
20 RxN	RxR
21 RxR	RxR
22 Pxr	N B2
23 P Q6	N K3
24 K B2	K B
25 K B3	K K
26 K B4	N Q
27 K N5	K Q2
28 K N6	N B3
29 B B4	P R4
30 P QR3	P B3
31 P KR4	K B
32 P QN4	Resign

From an old English magazine

1 P Q4	N KB3
2 N KB3	P K3
3 P K3	P B4
4 B Q3	P QN3
5 QN Q2	N B3
6 P QN3	Pxp!
7 Pxp	B N2
8 O O	N Q4
9 P B4	N B5
10 B N	NxQP
11 B N2	N/Q5 K7ch
12 K R	Q N4
13 R N	Q N5
14 P KR3	Q R4
15 B K4	BxB
16 NxN	NxRP!
17 N R2	NxBch
18 NxN	N N6 mate

Sacto Tourney '53

Fred Clawson vs
 N. Zimmerman

1 P Q4	P Q4
2 P QB4	P K3
3 N QB3	N KB3
4 B KN5	B K2
5 P K3	N QB3
6 N KB3	P QN3
7 Pxp	Pxp
8 B QN5	B Q2
9 BxKN	BxB
10 NxP	P QR3
11 NxBeh	QxN
12 Q R4	O O

13 B Q3	B N5
14 B K4	P QN4
15 Q B2	B Q2
16 R QB	N N5
17 Q N3	N B3
18 Q B3	N K2
19 BxR	RxB
20 O O	N Q4
21 Q B5	P B3
22 N K5	R Q
23 NxN	RxN
24 QxRP	R Q3
25 Q B8ch	Q Q
(Q-KB mate overlooked)	
26 QxQch	RxQ
27 R B6	N N5
28 R N6	R R
29 R B	NxRP
30 RxRP	Resign

Sacto - Oakdale

N. Zimmerman vs
 S. Sampson

1 P K4	P K4
2 P KB4	P KB4
3 N QB3	P Q3
4 N B3	N KB3
5 KPxp	Bxp
6 BPxp	Pxp
7 B B4	B KN5
8 P KR3	P K5
9 PxB	PxN
10 Qxp	Q K2ch
11 N K2?	P B3
12 P Q3	QN Q2
13 B B4	N K4
14 BxN	QxB
15 O O O	O O O
16 QR K	Q N4ch
17 K N	Qxp
18 QxQ	NxQ
19 B K6ch	K N
20 BxN	B B4
21 N B4	R Q5
22 P KN3	P KN4
23 N K6	RxB
24 NxN	Rxp
25 R K7	P N3
26 N R6ch	K R
27 P N3	P R4
28 R KB &	P R5
29 R B7!!	P R6
30 RxP mate	

Oakdale-Modesto

C J Smith vs
 E L Jeffers

1 P K4	P K4
2 B B4	N KB3

3 N QB3	N B3
4 N B3	B K2
5 P Q4	PxP
6 NxP	O O
7 NxN	NPxN
8 O O	R K
9 P K5	N Q4
10 NxN	PxN
11 Qxp	P B3
12 QxBPch	K R
13 B K3	R B
14 Q R5	P N3
15 Q R6	P B4
16 QR Q	R B4
17 Q R3	B N2
18 KR K	R R4
19 QxQP	B K5
20 QxQch	BxQ
21 R Q2	B N3
22 P K6	K N2
23 P KB3	B QB3
24 R Q6	B K
25 B Q2	B QB2
26 B KB4	BxR
27 BxB	R Q
28 B Q5ch	RxB
29 RxR	K B3
30 RxQBP	R Q8ch
31 K B2	R Q7ch
32 B K2	KxRP
33 K K2	R Q3
34 P KB4	I Q3
35 R QR5	R K2ch
36 K B2	B B3
37 R QB6	K B4
38 P QN4ch resigns	

NEED MORE GAME
 SCORES AND ARTI-
 CLES FOR OUR NEWS.
 KEEP SENDING THEM
 IN. With all the
 tournaments now,
 should be some
 darn good games
 for our next issue.

CCCL Exec. Com.
 meets Sept. 20 in
 Modesto. Please
 attend meeting.