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DEUEL KNIGHTS CHESS CLUB

DVI's, Deuel Knight's 'B' team (Sunday, Nov. 2nd), calmly accepted and faced their first challengers for the CCCA's Fall League Team Championship Trophy. San Jose, the first of the challengers, came and was over-powered by the forceful playing of our top three players. Charlie (*Don't Be So Mean*) Comstock, on Board 1, soundly thrashed a USCF rated expert in 22 moves!! On Board 2, H. Chappel, playing heads up most of the way, forced the exchange of queens to get into a positional end game advantage, and won when his opponent under duress, over-stepped the time limit. W. Romero, on Board 3, with a clear win all the way, forced his opponent to lose by not being able to make the required number of moves within the time limit. J. Dasha, on Board 4, was our only non-winner. This was Jerry's first league game and his first against the clock. We can understand. This writer remembers when he, too, played his first game. All pins and needles (*drew the first 2 games*).

If you will recall, some time ago, this column mentioned that the chess players of DVI were to be reckoned with and that, with support, they could very well go to the top! Well, your replies to this column and your joining the club has helped. Believe me, fellows, they have one heck of a club. I've seen them in action. New members facing the blackboard, following one of the better player's instructions, everyone following move for move, and asking questions. This is what makes every thing worth while. Doing

something you believe in and getting a response.

To those of you who have been waiting to get into the club, all we can say is that as soon as there is an opening, and if your name is at the top of the waiting list, you will be accepted. So, until then, please hang tough, ok?

The Governing Committee of the Deuel Knights, through this writer, wishes to thank Mr. E. D. Ulm, and Sergeant P. D. Chandler for their sponsorship of the club and for giving up their own time to come in and receive the outside teams. Thank you. Remember that the Man up-stairs is putting it all down on that big book of his!!!

There were only two correct replies to last issue's chess problem. C. Comstock and H. Loving. There were many who thought Q-R3 was the winning move, but it could only draw. The winning move was Q-B7!!! White must lose a rook or be mated.

Here is another one for you! White to play and win! First 5 persons to send in correct replies will be acknowledged by this column in the next issue. Send your replies to: Chess, C/O the Editor, the *Crossroads*.

