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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS MATCH AGAIN AT FRESNO, MAY 31ST

The 26th annual Northern California-Southern California chess match will be held at Fresno on Sunday, May 31st, starting time at 10:00 a.m. A 75-board match is hoped for, though the record turnout is a 73-board match in 1957--, it was a 63-board affair last year. The Northerners hold the edge in the series, having 15 wins to the Southerners 7, there being 3 ties. The records through the years are presented here for those interested in statistics.

NORTH-SOUTH MATCH THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	North	South	Winner	
1926	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$		South
1927	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	North	
1930	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	North	
1931	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$		South
1932	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$		South
1934	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		TIE
1935	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		TIE
1936	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$		South
1937	13	12	North	
1938	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	North	
1939	14	12	North	
1940	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	North	
1946	14	11	North	
1947	17	5	North	
1948	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$		TIE
1949	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$		South
1950	24	21	North	
1951	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	North	
1952	32	27	North	
1953	34	27	North	
1954	42	30	North	
1955	35	24	North	
1956	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$		South
1957	36	37		South
1958	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	North	
1959	?	?	? ? ?	

Total Score:

Matches: North 15, South 7, Ties 3.

Points: North 521 $\frac{1}{2}$, South 447 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Pins: 10-year pins (silver)

5-year pins (bronze)

Fred N. Christensen and William P. Barlow have played all 25 matches and received special awards last year for their faithful participation in this colorful annual event.

Chess headquarters will be the air-conditioned Hotel Californian. On Saturday night an important business meeting of the California State Chess Federation will take place. A State Rapid-Transit Championship (10-second) will be held Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Guthrie McClain will captain the Northerners and Charles Henderson will captain the Southerners. These two are expected to throw mud and roses at each other in preliminary "fight" talks on the eve of the match--, one minute pep talks being granted at the business meeting of CSCF.

The North will have a tune-up match (San Francisco-East Bay match) on Sat., May 23rd, at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco at 7:30 p.m. The South also holds a Rebels-Yankees match for a tune-up.

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S. F. Open Championship EUGENE KRESTINI LEADS THE FIELD

After 7 rounds of the scheduled 12-round Swiss System Tourney for the Open S. F. Championship, Eugene Krestini leads the field with 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. Behind him is Robert Burger with 5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Four players are in the thick of the battle with 5 points each. They are Leighton Allen, Henry Gross, Larry Ledgerwood, and Don Sutherland. The games are played every Saturday at the Mechanics' Institute in S.F. 32 players are participating. Tournament Director is Henry Gross. Rounds on May 23rd will also count as part of S.F.-East Bay match.

O F F T H E C H E S S T by George W. Flynn

This month's column is dedicated to a letter of interest from Paul Leith of New York. It is quoted verbatim starting with "Dear Mr. Flynn:

I was very much interested in the item in your column (Chess Herald, February) concerning famous Westerners who played chess.

Thinking that I might come across the name of the French chess champion who served as vice-consul in San Francisco about 1850, I ran through R. N. Coles' column "One Hundred Years Ago" in the issues of the British Chess Magazine back to January 1955 (that's all I have), but no go. But I did learn that Charles H. Stanley, considered the strongest player in the United States from 1846, when he beat Rousseau in New Orleans, to 1857 when Morphy rose to the heights, was "an Englishman from the British consulate in New York" (issue of Nov. 1957).

Unfortunately, too little has been written about the history of chess in the United States. Fred Reinfeld summed it up, beginning with Morphy, in three articles in Chess Review (1946). "Benjamin Franklin and Chess in Early America: A Review of the Literature" by Ralph K. Hagedorn, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 1958?, prints Franklin's "Morals of Chess" and extracts from some others of his chess writings. I believe he should've given all of Franklin's writings on chess. But the author, a librarian, devotes most space to a bibliography of chess books published in the United States down to 1859, revealing new discoveries since Fiske's famous bibliography, included in his "Book of the First American Chess Congress".

By Alfred C. Klahr, Middletown, N.Y., 1934, "Early Chess in America" is a scanty 20 page pamphlet, with almost half devoted to the missing Rou document, written in 1773.

"Chess in Philadelphia" by Gustavus C. Reichhelm, Phil., 1898, 158 pp. is a splendid book, with biographical material on outstanding players of the city, club tournament results, simultaneous exhibitions by Steinitz, Zukertort, and other famous masters, as well as the results of tournaments from London 1851 to Cologne 1898.

"A Short History of Chess" by U.S.A. medical doctor, Henry A. Davidson, a splendid little work, gives the names of U.S. Champions, and only one page to chess in America. As to the earliest origins of chess in the Western Hemisphere, he quotes Benjamin Franklin who wrote in 1786: "Europe has had chess over a thousand years; the Spaniards have spread it over their part of America; and it has lately begun to make its appearance in the United States" (from Morals of Chess). This may come as a surprise to many of your readers, but it may furnish a clue to research on early chess in California. The California State Library and the California State Historical Society (especially early documents in Spanish) may provide the clue. And here, your living in the state capitol may prove an advantage.

Yours for chess research,
PAUL LEITH

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Paul Leith finally found our man, Pierre Charles Fourne de St. Amant, the French consul in California in 1851. He mentions it in an interesting quotation from Fine's "The World's Great Chess Games", but due to lack of space we omit same here. At any rate, as mentioned in Flynn's column last month, we found our man, St. Amant, as a few readers sent in the name. Thanks to all you readers (including Mr. Irving Rivise) who showed so much interest in this matter. Paul Leith proposes our columnist be considered for membership in Lowell O. Tullis' CHESSALUNATIC Society. For a toast at the initiation ceremony, Paul sends in this amusing doggerel:

Here's to Columnist George W. Flynn,
Who's happiest when he wins;
A drawn game he eschews,
For he's far happier to lose.

S. F. Bay Area Chess League

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

A Division				
Player (Team)	W	L	D	Score
E. Pruner (MIK).....	5	0	0	5 -0
J. Murray (MIK).....	5	0	0	5 -0
G. McClain (C).....	4	0	0	4 -0
A. Bourke (MIK).....	3	0	2	4 -1
C. Capps (GG).....	4	1	0	4 -1
H. Gross (GG).....	3	1	1	3½-1½
J. Kalisch (MIB).....	3	1	1	3½-1½
R. Willson (C).....	3	1	0	3 -1
H. Rosenbaum (GG)....	2	1	2	3 -2
R. Plock (MIB).....	2	1	2	3 -2
K. Bendit (MIK).....	2	1	2	3 -2
J. Schmitt (MIK).....	3	2	0	3 -2

B Division				
Player (Team)	W	L	D	Score
L. Allen (PV).....	4	0	0	4 -0
G. Farly (GG).....	4	0	0	4 -0
H. King (GG).....	4	0	0	4 -0
D. Nason (GG).....	3	0	1	3½-1½
R. Karch (MIB).....	3	0	1	3½-1½
F. Wreden (MIB).....	3	0	1	3½-1½
J. Cullen (GG).....	3	0	0	3 -0
W. Hudson (MIB).....	3	1	0	3 -1
M. Ewell (MIB/1)....	3	1	0	3 -1
C. Huneke (GG).....	2	0	1	2½-1½
P. Dahl (GG).....	2	0	1	2½-1½
C. Loney (PV).....	2	0	1	2½-1½
R. Loewinsohn (MIB)..	2	1	1	2½-1½

SOUTHERN CALIF. CHESS LEAGUE WINNERS

The Van Nuys team won the Class I championship, scoring 4½-½ match points and 15 game points. Runner-up Long Beach tallied 4-1 and 13.

Inglewood topped a ten-team section, Class II-East, with 7½-2½ and 36½. Long Beach tied Downey at 6½ match points but the former nudged ahead with 34 game points to 30½.

Class II-West, also ten teams, had a first place tie at 8-1 between the Van Nuys-1 and Santa Monica-2 teams which was resolved by a single game point! Van Nuys-1 did it with 39½ game points.

Van Nuys also had a winning team in Class III! Here they racked up 6-2 and 29 game points. Pasadena was 2nd.

The top two teams from the East and West sections will soon meet for a Class II play-off. (Can Van Nuys win again?)

Announcing New Policy

WEST COAST RATINGS ** by Bob Karch

CORRECTIONS: Even statisticians are only human! Please accept apologies and make the following changes on last month's (April) WEST COAST RATINGS list:

Gilbert Ramirez..... 2241

James J. Murray..... 2203

Irving Rivise..... 2267

New Policy: The winners of certain annual regional and club tournaments will now attain (if not already) and keep a minimum Master or Expert status until that same tournament is held the following year. Taken into consideration were usual tournament conditions, number of rounds, moves per hour, and strength of competition. This will help stabilize the ratings situation and give the young players a definite goal to shoot at.

SENIOR MASTER

California State Closed

U.S. Open (any West Coast player)

MASTER

California State Open

Golden Gate Club Championship

Northern California Championship

San Francisco City Open

Southern California Championship

Steiner Club Masters' Tournament

Washington State Closed

EXPERT

Boise City Open

California State Closed (All Qualifiers)

Castle Club Championship

Central California Championship

Central Washington Open

Idaho State Closed

Idaho State Open

Inland Empire Open

Montana State Open

Nevada State Invitational

Pacific Northwest Open

Puget Sound Open

Sacramento City Championship

Santa Monica Open

Seattle Seafair Open

Southern California Experts Candidates

Tournaments (All Sections)

Spokane City Championship

Utah State Open

Washington State Open

Send all tournament results to CHESS HERALD for rating credits.....

Simple Chess

with FRANK PRATT

LAST YEAR, WHEN OUR ARKANSAS OPEN drew 36 players from ten states (California not included), we realized that chess was beginning to flourish, even in the realm of Kingfish Faubus. But when I went to Natchez in February for the Mississippi-Louisiana Open, I was even more amazed to find 59 entrants. It also convinced me that lots of trophies are a bigger attraction than a few cash prizes.

In this tournament I played in my own usual fashion: losing the won games, and winning the lost ones. Here are three with interesting openings, played in the Senior (class B) division.

Three Knights Game

White's plausible 13th move threatens mate in 2, but loses.

Miazza	Pratt
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. N-B3	B-N5
4. B-B4	N-B3
5. P-KR3	O-O
6. O-O	P-Q3
7. P-Q3	N-QR4
8. R-K1	NxB
9. PxB	BxN
10. PxB	P-B4
11. Q-Q3	P-KR3?
12. N-KR4	R-K1
13. Q-N3?	N-R4!
14. QxP ch?	NxQ and won

Of course, any advantage in tripling White's pawns was purely psychological, as it provided him with two semi-open files which he failed to utilize.

Sicilian Defense

Believe it or not, I lost this game.

Pratt	Petrich
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. NxF	P-KN3
5. B-KN5?!	B-N2
6. NxB	QPxN?
7. QxQ ch	KxQ
8. N-B3	N-B3
9. O-O-O ch	K-K1?

Queens Gambit Declined

I thought my two bishops and fine development was worth two pawns, but could not prove it.

Grass	Pratt
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	N-KB3

Grass-Pratt (from 1st column)

4. B-N5	P-B4
5. N-B3	N-B3
6. P-K3	B-K2
7. BPxP	KPxP
8. PxP	O-O
9. BxN	BxB
10. QxP	B-K3
11. QxQ	QRxQ

ULVESTAD WINS INLAND EMPIRE OPEN

SPOKANE, WASH. Senior Master Olaf I. Ulvestad of Seattle scored 6-0 to win the 25-player, annual Inland Empire Open held April 25-26. Spokane Expert Dr. David Groenig tied with Yakima high school student Richard Jerome at 4½-1½ for second position. Only last January, Dick was rated Class C (1526 points). It goes without saying that since then he has shown considerable improvement!

Seattle Experts Donald P. Eilmes and Richard (Pacific Northwest Open Champ) Schultz with 4-2 were 4th and 5th, respectively.

See page 6 for round by round results.

Precita Valley Club Championship

WIDE OPEN RACE IN RANDOM ROUNDS

With the players getting in their rounds at random (as long as they get all games played by September), the race for the Precita Valley Chess Club Championship is wide open. Technically leading with 3 points is Class C player Richard Lee with 3-2. Those with 2 points are Paul Bogosian, 2-0, G.J. (Ted) Wong, 2-0, Lowell Tullis, 2-2, and George Lydeard, 2-5. There are several with 1 point apiece, too numerous to name here. The club meets Thursday nights at the Mission Center, 362 Capp St., S.F.

INLAND EMPIRE OPEN, SPOKANE, WASH.: April 25-26, 1959 (Story on Page 5)

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score
1. Olaf Ulvestad (Seattle).....	W11	W19	W7	W5	W2	W6	6 -0
2. Dr. David Groenig (Spokane).....	W21	W12	W17	D4	L1	W5	4½-1½
3. Richard Jerome (Yakima).....	D22	W25	W4	L13	W19	W15	4½-1½
4. Don Eilmes (Seattle).....	W9	D17	L3	D2	W7	W13	4 -2
5. Richard Schultz (Seattle).....	W14	W20	W18	L1	W13	L2	4 -2
6. Danny Towne (Prosser).....	L17	W24	W10	W12	W8	L1	4 -2
7. John Barto (Great Falls, Mont.)....	W16	W22	L1	W14	L4	W17	4 -2
8. William Hoge (Yakima).....	W23	L18	W19	W20	L6	W12	4 -2
9. Ralph Hansen (Missoula).....	L4	D15	W21	W17	L12	W18	3½-2½
10. Bruce Fredstrom (Sandpoint, Ida.)..	L12	BYE	L6	W22	W21	D11	3½-2½
11. Buzz Eddy (Seattle).....	L1	L23	W16	W24	W20	D10	3½-2½
12. Dr. Parker (Spokane).....	W10	L2	W13	L6	W0	L8	3 -3
13. Harold Hughart (Boise).....	W25	W21	L12	W3	L5	L4	3 -3
14. Robert Hollibaugh (Missoula).....	L5	W16	W25	L7	L15	W20	3 -3
15. Kittredge (Spokane).....	L19	D9	W22	D18	W14	L3	3 -3
16. Herb Anderson (Missoula).....	L7	L14	L11	BYE	W23	W19	3 -3
17. Paul Shanley (Deer Lodge, Mont.)...	W6	D4	L2	L9	W18	L7	2½-3½
18. Mike Conway (Spokane).....	BYE	W8	L5	D15	L17	L9	2½-3½
19. Steve Sala (Osburn, Ida.).....	W15	L1	L8	W23	L3	L16	2 -4
20. Horton Thompson (Kendrick, Ida.)...	W24	L5	W23	L8	L11	L14	2 -4
21. Earl Knapp (Gig Harbor).....	L2	L13	L9	W25	L10	W24	2 -4
22. Ellen Scheire (Butte).....	D3	L7	L15	L10	D24	BYE	2 -4
23. George Priebe (Spokane).....	L8	W11	L20	L19	L16	W25	2 -4
24. Lyman Johnston (Seattle).....	L20	L6	BYE	L11	D22	L21	1½-4½
25. Carl Quass (Sagle, Ida.).....	L13	L3	L14	L21	BYE	L23	1 -5

"C" DIVISION, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP; April 25-26, 1959

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Score
1. C. Seim, USN (San Francisco).....	W4	W3	W2	W5	W11	5 -0
2. Paul E. Vayssie (San Francisco).....	W10	W7	L1	W9	W5	4 -1
3. Tom Dorsch (Oakland).....	W12	L1	W16	W6	W4	4 -1
4. J. W. Gowen (Mill Valley).....	L1	W16	W10	W8	L3	3 -2
5. Roger McCluney (Hayward).....	W17	W14	W6	L1	L2	3 -2
6. A. A. Bushby (Willits).....	W16	W9	L5	L3	W12	3 -2
7. Jerome Weitzner (Walnut Creek).....	W18	L2	D15	W13	D9	3 -2
8. E. Nigel Dodge (Willits).....	L14	W13	W17	L4	W15	3 -2
9. Lowell Benjamin (Walnut Creek).....	W11	L6	W14	L2	D7	2½-2½
10. Michael Clear (Sausalito).....	L9	D12	W18	W15	L1	2½-2½
11. Charles Hastorf (Walnut Creek).....	L2	D15	L4	W14	W17	2½-2½
12. H. N. Curtis (Unknown).....	L3	D11	D13	W17	L6	2½-2½
13. Peter Hindley (Mill Valley).....	D15	L8	D12	L7	W16	2½-2½
14. F. R. Oberg (Richmond).....	W8	L5	L9	L10	W18	2 -3
15. Bartley Bevins (Oakland).....	D13	D10	D7	L11	L8	1½-3½
16. D. Hemovitch (Sausalito).....	L6	L4	L3	W18	L13	1 -4
17. R. Clear (Sausalito).....	L5	W18	L8	L12	L10	1 -4
18. Mrs. Pat Gowen (Unknown).....	L7	L17	L11	L16	L14	0 -5

EDITOR'S NOTE: All round by round results of tournaments (space provided) and match results published in this periodical along with CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER, WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER, and IDAHO CHESS QUARTERLY are rated in the WEST COAST RATINGS. Space sometimes only permits standings of players, but provided round by round results were obtained, the results are still rated.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE -- Rd. 7

--- Neil T. Austin, reporting...

MODESTO (1½)	SACRAMENTO #2 (6½)	
L. Davis..... 1	W. Rebold..... 0	
L. Krogness..... ½	M. Mattingly..... ½	
R. Ewing..... 0	J. Celle..... 1	
M. Morgan..... 0	A. Motamedi..... 1	
E. Hawksworth... 0	L. Zeitlin..... 1	
B. Bowman..... 0	F. Jackson..... 1	
G. Hobbs..... 0	J. Morton, Jr.... 1	
H. Wente..... 0	H. Keith..... 1	

SACRAMENTO #1 (5½) SAN JOSE (1½)

A. Janushkowsky.. 1	D. Foley..... 0
W. Haines..... ½	W. Adams..... ½
O. Celle..... 1	B. Mueller..... 0
M. Saca..... 1	J. Iwashita..... 0
E. Edmondson... 1	R. Fournier..... 0
N. Austin..... ½	L. Daugherty..... ½
O. Bender..... ½	J. Blackstone.... ½

STOCKTON (4) OAKDALE (2)

J. D-Malig..... 0	J. Sutherland.... 1
R. Leigh..... 1	C. Smith..... 0
W. Jarvis..... 0	W. Smith..... 1
A. Radinsky..... 1	R. Ross..... 0
A. Saxon..... 1	J. Christianson... 0
M. Sanders..... 1	Forfeit..... 0

Final Standings*

- 1. Sacramento #1... 6½ - 1½
- 2. San Jose..... 6 - 1
- 3. Pittsburg..... 4½ - 1½
- 4. Sacramento #2... 4 - 2
- 5. Stockton..... 3 - 4
- 6. Modesto..... 2 - 5
- 7. Oakdale..... 1 - 6
- 8. Fresno..... 0 - 7

*It has been agreed to play the match between Pittsburg and Sacramento #2 in the near future. This match was previously shown as forfeited by Pittsburg.

BAY AREA INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

At Berkeley, Feb. 13, 1959:

U.C. RADIATION LAB (4)	CROCKETT (2)
Bob Good..... 0	Paulson..... 1
Lee Hyder..... 1	Turner..... 0
G. Farly..... 1	Forfeit..... 0
W. Swiatecki..... 1	J. Canga..... 0
E. Appelman..... 0	Swaker..... 1
V. Perez-Mendez... 1	Forfeit..... 0

More match results in next column.

DON'T FORGET THE NORTH-SOUTH MATCH!!!
FRESNO - SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1959 - 10:00 AM

BAY AREA INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

--- Lincoln Brown, reporting...

At Kaiser, Feb. 24, 1959:

KAISER CO. (1)	SHELL DEVLPMNT (5)
D. H. Hardy..... 0	Bob Henry..... 1
C. McGinley..... 1	G. Hartwig..... 0
H. Morrison..... 0	W. Ritchie..... 1
W. Lisker..... 0	M. Wald..... 1
H. Lien..... 0	N. May..... 1
Forfeit..... 0	H. Kennedy..... 1

At Calif. Research, Mar. 20, 1959:
CALIF. RESEARCH 2½, U.C. RAD. LAB. 5½

Complete line-up not given.

At Bank of America, Mar. 20, 1959:

BANK OF AMERICA (2)	LIVERMORE (4)
T. G. Hullett..... 0	R. Flock..... 1
J. K. Puechner.... 0	E. Canfield..... 1
P. Byrne..... 1	F. Martin..... 0
G. Teltoft..... 0	K. Tiede..... 1
A. De Souza..... 1	B. Sands..... 0
J. Vucicivich..... 0	P. Wesley..... 1

At Kaiser, April 7, 1959:

KAISER CO. (2)	LIVERMORE (4)
D. Hardy..... 0	R. Flock..... 1
H. Morison..... 1	F. Martin..... 0
B. Morgan..... 0	K. Tiede..... 1
O. Nieponice..... 1	T. Seidman..... 0
W. Lisker..... 0	P. Wesley..... 1
Herb Lien..... 0	D. Sands..... 1

At Calif. Research, Apr. 10, 1959:

CALIF. RESEARCH (3)	P. G. & E. (3)
A. Goldschmidt.... 1	V. Bedjanian... 0
C. Heaton..... ½	L. Solbean..... ½
R. Baer..... 0	A. Nikitin..... 1
W. Webb..... ½	L. Orloff..... ½
D. Rea..... 1	J. Yale..... 0
L. Brown..... 0	D. Lee..... 1

U.C. RAD. LAB. (4) SHELL DEV. (2)

R. Good..... 1	R. Henry..... 0
L. Hyder..... 0	H. Kennedy..... 1
G. Farly..... 1	W. Ritchie..... 0
E. Appelman..... 1	M. Wald..... 0
B. Jones..... 1	G. Hartwig..... 0
Windsor..... 0	N. May..... 1

At Bank of America, Apr. 17, 1959:

BANK OF AMERICA (2)	P. G. & E. (4)
T. G. Hullett..... 0	V. Bedjanian... 1
J. K. Puechner.... 0	L. Solbean..... 1
P. Byrne..... ½	L. Orloff..... ½
O. Goertz..... 0	D. Lee..... 1
A. De Souza..... 1	K. Grediakin... 0
G. Teltoft..... ½	J. Worthen..... ½

These results just about bring us up to date. We hope to show standings next issue.