

S. F. City Championship Tourney"A" DIVISION STANDINGS

1 - Herbert Rosenbaum.....	5 - 1
2) Jules R. Kalisch.....	4 - 2
3) Edwin Simanis.....	4 - 2
4) Curtis R. Wilson.....	4 - 2
5 - Dan McLeod.....	3 - 3
6 - Frank Olvera.....	1 - 5
7 - Godfrey Lutz.....	0 - 6

"B" DIVISION STANDINGS

1 - Richard Plock.....	5 - 0
2) Leroy W. Turner.....	3 - 2
3) William Rebold.....	3 - 2
4 - Nancy McLeod.....	2 - 3
5 - Norman Nielsen.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 - Carl Huneke.....	1 - 4

"C" DIVISION STANDINGS

1 - Jim Reyholds.....	4 - 0
2 - Robert Barringer.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 - Ben Thurston.....	2 - 2
4 - Fred Dong.....	1 - 3
5 - Ben Wong.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Let's Get AcquaintedNO CHESS CHAMP-- , BUT FUN ANYHOW-- , MEET SPENCER VAN GELDER

"WHY PICK ON ME? I'M NOBODY IN CHESS!" THIS WAS MR. SPENCER VAN GELDER's reaction to my interview. Yours truly, however, found it interesting that a chess player who never won a championship nor accomplished any great feats in the game still played the game with still the same interest and zest after many years. Spencer Van Gelder is really a very good chess player--; he finished third in the Expert Division of the recent City Championship Tourney. Also he was one of the players to beat Nick Rosolino in an exhibition at Mechanics' Institute last year. Yet, he never won a chess championship of any kind. It is quite a tribute to the game of chess that he still loves to play the game!

Mr. Van Gelder says he first played the game at Coney Island, New York. Some chess player there played all comers for 10¢ a game and if you could beat him he would give you a gold watch. Spencer never won the gold watch but lost quite a few dimes trying. The player was a good one, but after all these year Spencer does not recall his name.

It was some 35 years ago when Spencer Van Gelder first came to San Francisco. He was born in Stamford, Connecticut. He went through some 30 jobs inside of a year in his search to find the position he really wanted. He has been in the lumber business, has been a reporter for the WALL STREET JOURNAL, and was a contractor, mainly dealing in heavy construction such as building bridges and highways. Today he is an naval mechanical engineer. Spencer relates that the funniest thing that happened to him is when he worked for the State up in Plumas County on a trout fishing expedition. While he was there he decided to devote his spare time studying chess so he wrote to the County library for some chess books. The librarian could not recall that there was a chess player in all of Plumas County and decided the writer of the letter had made a typographical error. In answer to his letter, Spencer Van Gelder received a book on "CHEESE"!

P. V. Championship MatchJAMES COOK LEADING NOEL RENAUD

As this is going to press James Cook is leading Noel Renaud in the Precita Valley Championship Match by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ with a third game in the adjournment stage. Renaud is a Pawn up in the third match game, but a win is not clear for either player. Noel was also a Pawn up in the second match game, but the game ended in a draw. This does not mean, of course, that Renaud is out of it, no more than it means that Cook is in. James Cook does have the psychological advantage as the saying goes by winning the first match game.

The match is six games long so anything can happen yet. It is not an easy match for either player as Precita Valley is not the quietest club in the city. Other members of the club are anxiously awaiting the final result so the annual "Presentation Night" can be held. From the looks of things, this night, in all probabilities, will not take place until sometime in January.

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GAMES SECTION Edited by Noel Renaud

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GAME PLAYED IN THE SAN FRANCISCO CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARIES, Oct. 5th.

Game No. 33

Bishops and Black's bad position, White should have no difficulty.

13. N-Q2

To prevent 14. N-N6.

14. P-B4

Not too good but it induces another error.

14. P-Q4

15. BxP PxB

16. QxP N/2-B3

17. QxR Q-Q6

18. Q-R7 QxN

19. KR-K1 Q-N4

20. QxB?

White misses a final opportunity to capitalize on his superior development. 20. N-N6 and he should regain the piece with advantage. 20...., B-QB4; 21. BxB, NxB; 22. R-K5, if N/3-K5; 23. NxB, RxN; 24. RxN (K4).

20. QxN

21. B-Q4 B-K3

22. P-N4

Desperation. Nothing will do now.

22. P-N6

23. B-K5 PxB

24. P-N5 N-Q4

25. Q-N7 N-Q7

26. KR-Q1 N-B6ch

27. K-R1 NxB

28. PxN Q-K5ch

29. K-N1 Q-K6ch

30. K-R1 Q-B6ch

31. K-N1 Q-K6ch

All very accurate.

32. K-R1 B-B4

Wins the Queen.

33. Resigns

Material Vs. Development

White pits the Danish against the Sicilian with interesting results. Failing to apply the full force of his superior development White drifts into a lost position after missing a second opportunity.

White: D. M. Belmont

Black: Wade Hendricks

SICILIAN DEFENSE

1. P-K4 P-QB4

2. P-Q4 PxB

3. P-QB3

In the first game of the Morphy-Paulsen match (1857) White played: 1. P-K4, P-QB4, 2. P-Q4, PxB; 3. N-KB3, P-K3.

3. PxB

4. NxB P-Q3

5. N-KB3 P-QR3

Should consider a development move as White gains too much control of the board, with an iron grip on the square Q5.

6. B-QB4 P-K3

7. B-K3 P-QN4

Seven consecutive Pawn moves! And White has an ideal development.

8. B-N3 B-K2

9. R-QB1 N-KB3

10. O-O O-O

11. N-Q4

This restricts Black's development and sets a little trap.

11. P-N5?

Not good. Black should ignore the King Pawn for the time being.

12. N-R4 NxB?

The Pawn is poison. White now has a winning combination.

13. N-K2?

The stage is set but White unaccountably changes plan. The combination is 13.

RxB, QxR; 14. N-N6, Q-N2; 15. NxB, QxN; 16. NxB, PxB; 17. BxPch, K-R1; 18. B-Q5, N-QB3; 19. BxN(K4). With a pair of

Game No. 34

Played in P.V. Candidates' Tourney, June 6, 1957.

French Defense Or The White Pawn Frolic

White plays this gamelet by ear-- and pays the usual penalty.

White: Ivan Vegvary

Black: Paul Bogosian

FRENCH DEFENSE

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Lowell Tullis as the
BACL ROVING REPORTER

(Editor's Note: Club directors or readers who may have an item of interest for this column please write to Lowell Tullis, 59 Stoneybrook, San Francisco or contact him by phone, JU 7-2245 -- he will be glad to hear from you.)

FROM THE ALAMEDA CHESS CLUB comes word that they are planning to give themselves a real work-out this winter. They have entered the East Bay Division of the CENC League and plan to be at the organization meeting on December 8th (or 15th) to enter the same team in the BACL.

The record of the Alameda team this winter will be brought up again and again when the strengths of these rival chess organizations are discussed. Of course, if the Alameda Club should be so unfortunate to end up near the bottom they will be forgotten until another year. Here's hoping they "break a leg" and win them all. This sort of thing should be encouraged for we have more to gain than lose.

The California State Chess Federation, BACL's parent organization, boasts of 227 members in all of California. CENC, a Bay Area independent organization, has approximately 300 members, some four years after its birth. The CENC members say, "Join our organization. We have more tournaments, more leagues and more opponents". The BACL members say, "You should join our organization for we have the stronger players because we are older (age, experience and skill seem to go hand in hand)." Incidentally, Gil Ramirez won the California State Championship at seventeen.

True, BACL, we are older, but chess rivals, like our friends, have a habit of dying off as we get older and one day, you too, will fade from this land of mortals. Eventually you will even fade from memory. Or as related in one of the comic strips, "Five hundred years from now who will know the difference?". Is this to be the fate of our organization; to be replaced by that young "whippersnapper" as happens only too often in the business world?

The other night I dropped in on the Mechanics' Institute to see if anything of note was (or had) occurred. Strangely, everyone was gathered around one of the tables in the corner. I thought some world shaking event must be taking place for all the faces I could see showed signs of deep thought and concentration. I hereby apologize to those of you I elbowed out of my way and the toes I stepped on as I crowded to the front rank. When I had finally reached within sight of the object of attention, I was disappointed. For, lo and behold, there, seated before me, were two young men, both about 30, playing with odd shaped blocks..., yes, wooden blocks. What is America coming to??? Must we retreat that far merely because of sputnik, muttnik, moon-nik, etcetera-nik???

In closing, I'm going to ask you a very embarrassing question..... When was the last time you brought a new member to your chess club???

(Editor's Note: My reporter, Mr. Tullis, hasn't been around the local chess scene as long as yours truly. Alameda Chess Club has participated in both leagues mentioned for quite some time. This is true of other clubs. This column has been a mustering of several reports in past issues. I merely have given full reign to Lowell because he has been doing the most work and shows the desire of being a good reporter. One more remark--, CENC is five years old and I very much doubt that they have 300 members. Editorially, I stand pat that division in chess organization is not for the good of chess--, that one organization is enough. A merger would even make for greater tournaments, prizes, etc. I do not mean to censor Mr. Tullis--, I really believe you will find many of his future reports as the "BACL ROVING REPORTER" very interesting. I do not intend to comment on his column in the future. I'll leave that up to you readers!)

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issues a year. The bargain also gives the incoming member the benefits of both organizations. The effective date was not named and will probably have to be approved by executives or directors of both USCF and CSCF. I think the plan should be adopted quickly. It is a step in the right direction and may lead to that one big national organization with state charters which I also expressed will have to be done someday if chess is to achieve greater heights.

Since my remarks about rating systems I have received a few ideas from persons here and there. Out of them I thought William Rebold came up with a very unique plan--, one in which your own rating has little to do with a new one you may receive in any given tournament. More about this later. I am furnishing Mr. Rebold with past records to see what kind of answers we come up with. I will gladly listen to all ideas as I am not satisfied with my own, so send them in to me or if you see me around just grab me and I'll bend my ear your way.

Likes Renaud's Notes

I received the following letter from Washington, D. C.

"Dear Jim,

Thanks a lot for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of the CHESS HERALD with our game.

I enjoyed playing it over and reading the excellent annotations of Noel Renaud. He clearly pointed out all the important ideas of our game. Your 14th move certainly put me in difficulties and I was lucky to win later on.

Congratulations on the fine chess news bulletin you edit!

Best wishes, Ed Nash"

Others have commented on Noel Renaud's ability of bringing out the highlights of those games he annotates and I'm sure Noel appreciates these kind remarks. Readers are always welcome to write to us, whether it be pro or con regarding our little periodical. And if you have an article of your own, we'll gladly look it over for publication, too.

P.V. Club Ladder Standings & Ratings

The following standings and ratings include games played up to Nov. 21, 1957.

<u>Rung</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1	A. R. Castellanos.....	A	1567
2	James Cook.....	A	1673
3	Lowell Tullis.....	B	1461
4	Leighton Allen.....	A	1655
5	Paul Bogosian.....	B	1439
6	Dave Gibson.....	A	1576
7	Noel Renaud.....	A	1694
8	Ronald Meyers.....	B	1282
9	Bob Blakemore.....	B	1418
10	Ivan Vegvary.....	B	1471
11	Jim Reynolds.....	B	1490
12	John Ramirez.....	B	1272
13	Mike Kramer.....	C	900
14	Julio Ercolini.....	C	991
15	Don Hufnagel.....	B	1135
16	Jack Craig.....	B	1216
17	Carl Barton.....	B	1234
18	Richard Moreno.....	C	959
19	Ed Russell.....	B	1235
20	Steve Cabito.....	C	902
21	Henry Brauns.....	C	946
22	Douglas Jerdet.....	C	745
23	R. P. Kovach.....	A	1500
24	Eugene Nakamura.....	C	913
25	Walter Lewis.....	C	907

2000 & above - Expert; 1500-1999 - A;
1000-1499 - B; Below 1000 - C.

INTERNATIONAL AT DALLAS

An International Chess Tournament for 1957 is scheduled to start in Dallas, Texas, November 30th, and will end on December 16th. International Grandmaster Isaac Kashdan will be the tournament director. Seven players have accepted invitations to play. They are Gligoric, Larsen, Olafsson, Reshevsky, Stahlberg, Szabo, and Yanofsky. It is expected that Euwe, Najdorf, or some Russian master will be the eighth participant. Of course, Bronstein was refused by Uncle Sam.

A ticket to watch a single event will cost \$1.00 while one may watch all 14 rounds by purchasing a \$10 season ticket. Ex-president Frank Graves did a lot of work to bring this tournament to the U.S.A., so we hope his efforts are rewarded with a huge success.

S. F. Bay Area Chess LeaguePREVIEW AND CRYSTAL-GAZING OF THE 1958 SEASON

IN ANOTHER MONTH OR SO, various clubs with their teams will be trying to bring a trophy to decorate the club quarters. With this in mind your editor is attempting to peek into the future in hopes to give you a preview (yes, and some predictions) of the 1958 BACL team races.

A DIVISION. The Mechanics' Institute KNIGHTS took this one last year after a play-off with the Golden Gate Chess Club. I can see no reason why they won't do it again even keeping the same personnel. This team had such stalwarts as Bagby, Pruner, Schmitt, Bourke, Bullwinkle, Bendit, and Svalberg. M.I. has much personnel to choose from and could really stack a team if they wish to. To keep league interest up they will probably do as they did last year and divide the personnel between two teams. Once again I believe Golden Gate and University of California will give them a run for their trophy. I look for Gil Ramirez to score better for Golden Gate this time, and perhaps even enough to put this team on top. I think California will produce a little stronger team in 1958. I look for an improved team from Oakland. I'll be brave and pick it to finish like this: 1. The winner in a playoff between the M.I. Knights and Golden Gate, 3. University of California, 4. M.I. Bishops, 5. Oakland, 6. Castle, and 7. Palo Alto.

B DIVISION. Last year it was the Mechanics' Institute B team, with a spread (split T?) personnel. Not so for 1958. I'm going to get laughed at on this one. Golden Gate could have done it last year if Precita Valley hadn't upset them. Therefore, I think Golden Gate and Precita Valley will be the teams to beat! As far as the latter goes I'm probably prejudiced since it is right down the hill from my house. Golden Gate will have a strong team with Dr. Ben Gross (no relation to Henry), Edelstein, Vaughn, Henry King, Huneke, Lutz, Nielsen, and Wong. Precita Valley will be over the beginners' jitters this time with Renaud, Cook, Allen, Gibson, Reynolds, Blakemore, Vegvary, and Ryan waving the banner. Oakland and University of California will be much improved. So, here is my bold prediction: 1. The winner in a playoff between Golden Gate and Precita Valley, 3. Mech. Inst. B/1, 4. Oakland, 5. University of California, 6. Alameda, and 7. Mech. Inst. B. ----I know I'm nuts--, see you in April providing the Sonoma Hills don't get in my way!

It's possible there may be a C Division. Lack of teams is holding up progress. Mechanics' Institute isn't too sure of a team in this division. Oakland could possibly produce a team in this division. Precita Valley has one ready with Lowell Tullis doing the captaining. Three teams will hardly be enough to plan a bonafide schedule. However, between now and January things could happen and a C Division is a possibility.

A meeting of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League will take place at Mechanics' Institute either on Sunday, December 8th, or Sunday, December 15th. We are looking forward to many things being accomplished at this meeting. Team captains and club directors should present themselves at this meeting in an endeavor to initiate a successful team match season. Guthrie McClain, tournament director, has been doing a superb job, but his efforts can only be realized with the cooperation of all clubs.

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