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ACTION BEGINS JANUARY 4TH FOR TEAMS --- DOUBLE ROUND ROBIN SCHEDULES PLANNED

Mechanics' Institute, S.F., December 15. A meeting of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League saw fewer teams entered to necessitate double round robin schedules for the 1958 season. The "A" Division will begin action January 4th and the "B" Division will start on January 11th. Only six teams will represent each division. In the "A" Division, it will be Golden Gate, two teams from Mechanics' Institute (probably Knights and Bishops), Castle, Oakland, and University of California. The "B" Division will be made up of Alameda, Golden Gate, Mechanics' Institute, Mission, Precita Valley, and it is hoped one other to be contacted. This is quite a drop down from last year. Missing from the "A" Division are the Oakland Juniors and Palo Alto. It is hoped Palo Alto may still enter a team, but they were not represented at the meeting. Missing from the "B" Division are Oakland, University of California, and a second Mechanics' Institute team. Representatives from the Precita Valley Chess Club came to the rescue in this division by entering a second team to be

called Mission.

California State Championship

JAMES CROSS IS WINNER, RAMIREZ 2ND

James Cross of Los Angeles won the California State Championship over the Thanksgiving weekend with a 4-1 score, losing only to Gil Ramirez, 1957 State Champion, who came in second with 3½-1½. Henry Gross was third with 3-2.

There were only six finalists. With the qualifying system, three are those from the Northern California Championship (only one went south), one from the Central California Qualifying Tourney (he didn't go), four from the Southern California Championship, the 1957 "Open" California Champion (he didn't go), and the 1957 State Champion.

The tournament was held at the Herman Steiner Chess Club and Ralph Hagedorn was the director.

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Outside of some debate in the forming of the two divisions of the SFBACL the meeting went along smoothly. The incumbents for offices were retained, namely, Guthrie McClain, president, Charles Bagby, vice-president, and Russell Freeman, secretary-treasurer. Henry Gross again was appointed as the Tournament Director with Jim Reynolds to act as assistant.

All trophies of the league were displayed along with the trophies for the winners of the recent S. F. City Championship Tourney. The latter were presented to those winners present by T.D. Henry Gross.

Secretary-treasurer Russell Freeman reported that for a change the league came out with a plus balance this year. It is hoped this can be continued and the surplus earmarked for some good purpose in the future.

MERRY CHRISTMAS — HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!! AND ALL

BEST WISHES FROM CHESS HERALD, PRECITA VALLEY, & S.F. BAY AREA LEAGUE

CHATS and NOTES from the EDITOR

THIS IS OUR LAZY EDITION. Yours truly has been behind schedule ever since going back to Cleveland, Ohio for the U.S. "Open" and the meetings there. It being near Christmas time I now have a good excuse to put out a quick "lazy" issue to get back on the beam. The regular features, of course, are missing because I haven't given my assistants a chance to prepare their items. Just the same, I hope our readers will bear with us as it has been quite a job getting out this little paper each month. Not being fancy, I do not index the volumes. CHESS HERALD is merely "A Monthly Chess News Bulletin" and the main purpose is to keep up local interest in chess activities. We are not attempting to inform the world nor the nation as a whole, though some of our items may cover events of national or international interest at times. During this past year, CHESS HERALD sprung from just being a little club bulletin to a news review of all activities of interest to chess enthusiasts throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and even some points beyond. I believe we have done our job well, though it was our first attempt to broaden our coverage.

So, it comes that time when I must thank those persons who are constatly behind the scenes and helping yours truly to edit this small humble periodical. Noel Renaud has done a splendid job with the "Games Section". He had a difficult task-- that of trying to pick games to interest club members as well as readers outside the club. He had little to choose from as the same people seemed to hand in games to him. Now and then we managed to steal one from a team match or some local event. Nevertheless, Mr. Renaud did the best with what he had to work with and to the extent he received compliments from all points. Lowell Tullis has been a very alert reporter-- the editor's second pair of eyes and ears. Where I couldn't be, Mr. Tullis managed to be and reported enough that I could feel I was there myself. He

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was rewarded with the job of staff reporter and a regular space in the paper as the "BACL ROVING REPORTER".

Others have been of great assistance. To name a few, Guthrie McClain, editor of THE CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER (among other things), has been very cooperative. Henry Gross, Tournament Director of BACL, was always ready with the team match results; Ivan Vegvary, Dave Gibson, Bruce Foxman, and E. C. Jonas -- for problems; and Paul Bogosian and Leighton Allen for their items and assistance. Then there were those who were very cooperative during interviews, and those with helpful suggestions. My sincere thanks to all of you.

I CANNOT HELP BUT say that I was a little disappointed at the BACL meeting. I thought for sure we would have more teams this year-- not less. It seems to me there is a lacking of the proper spirit in the league. Maybe it's be-

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California State ChampionshipHOW THEY SCORED

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. James Cross.....	x	0	1	1	1	1	4 - 1
2. Gilbert Ramirez.....	1	x	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
3. Henry Gross.....	0	1	x	1	0	1	3 - 2
4. Robert Cross.....	0	0	0	x	1	1	2 - 3
5. Gene Rubin.....	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	x	0	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
6. Saul Yarmak.....	0	0	0	0	1	x	1 - 4

Precita Valley LadderTULLIS GETS TOP RUNG!

Lowell Tullis scored an upset over A. R. Castellanos Thursday, Dec. 5th to become the fifth member of the club to reach the top rung of Precita Valley's ladder. A. R. Castellanos held on to the top rung for 12 weeks, but Noel Renaud holds the duration record holding it 55 weeks. Since the club began, Thursday, March 15, 1956, this is how the No. 1 rung has been occupied:

March 15, 1956 to April 4, 1957 -

Noel Renaud (55 weeks)

April 4, 1957 to April 11, 1957 -

Leighton Allen (1 week)

April 11, 1957 to April 18, 1957 -

Dave Gibson (1 week)

April 18, 1957 to September 12, 1957 -

Leighton Allen (21 weeks)

September 12, 1957 to December 5, 1957 -

A. R. Castellanos (12 weeks)

December 5, 1957 to ??

Lowell Tullis (? weeks)

So now Lowell Tullis will see how long he can hold on to the top rung at Precita Valley playing with the BLACK PIECES. That is the catch in P. V.'s ladder, the lower rung (challenger) always gets the white pieces and the upper rung (defender) must hold his own with the black pieces on his side of the board.

A rating review of the Precita Valley Club members will appear next month. No standings until February.

DALLAS TOURNAMENT

After nine rounds, the standings in the International Tournament at Dallas, Texas, were as follows:

S. Gligoric $5\frac{1}{2}$, F. Olafsen and L. Szabo 5, S. Reshevsky and B. Larsen $4\frac{1}{2}$, M. Najdorf and D. Yanofsky 4, and L. Evans $2\frac{1}{2}$.

SAN QUENTIN CALLING

Secretary Ivan Vegvary reports that he is awaiting an answer from San Quentin for a friendly chess match up there. It seems Ivan had a little mail mix-up at his house and didn't discover a letter inviting us to be there on December 15th until it was too late. The tentative date now is December 28th or 29th. Those wishing to participate in this match please phone GA 1-3597 (Ivan Vegvary) or MI 8-5759 (Reynolds). We will probably leave the city at 9 a.m. and return 4 p.m. We will be treated to a meal at San Quentin.

HOROWITZ EXHIBITION

Four clubs are now co-sponsoring the AL HOROWITZ EXHIBITION to take place the end of January or the beginning of February. They are Golden Gate, Mechanics' Institute, Oakland, and Precita Valley. Other clubs that may be interested, please write to Jim Reynolds, 117 Brewster St., San Francisco 10, or phone MI 9-5759. Where the exhibition will be held will be determined when the exact date is known.

