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BOBBY FISCHER WINS U.S. JUNIOR TITLE

Fourteen-year-old Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn won the 1957 U.S. junior championship by the convincing score of $8\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. The nation's youngest master gave up only one draw, to runner-up Gil Ramirez of San Francisco. Ramirez, who is simultaneously State Champion and State Open Champion, also lost no games to post a $7\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ score. Stephen Sholomson of Los Angeles, who lost to Fischer and Ramirez and drew one game, was third, $6\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$. Ronnie Thacker of Richmond was fourth, 6-3, ahead of six players tied for fifth, $5\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$.

ADDISON WINS MECHANICS' INSTITUTE INVITATIONAL

Bill Addison added another title to his collection by winning this special event held at the venerable San Francisco club during May and June. Addison posted a fine $8\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ score to win over a strong field. Veteran Charles Bagby was a clear second, $7\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ - a score normally good enough to win first prize. Gil Ramirez and Jim Schmitt divided third and fourth places, $5\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$.

SAN FRANCISCO SCENE OF U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Thirty-three young hopefuls set their sights on '56 Champ Bobby Fischer's title when Tournament Director George Koltanowski officially opened play in this nine round Swiss tourney, July 8. Bobby's second Junior Championship, at the advanced age of 14, should remain in the record book for a long, long time. Young Fischer lost no games, and only a draw with second place Gil Ramirez marred his perfect record.

Play continued through July 14th, the auditorium of Spreckles-Russell Dairies providing spacious, light and quiet setting for the matches. The host company provided milk and ice cream for the Juniors. A monumental quantity of each disappeared. Sponsorship of the tournament was shared by Chess Friends of Northern California and the Chess For Youth Committee.

The number of entries was among the highest ever recorded in this event, but fell short of anticipations. Only seven states other than California were represented: Fischer from New York; Andy Schoene from New Jersey; James Bennett of Texas; Tom Heldt Jr. and Warren Miller from New Mexico; Bobbie Killough Jr. of Kansas; Richard Owen of Utah; and Bob Walker from Oregon. As a result, pre-tournament favoritism settled on Fischer, Ramirez, and Los Angeles' favorite son, Stephen Sholomson.

As one might expect, play was spotty. Rich Owen's well-played 1st round draw against Gil Ramirez illustrates one extreme. Our GAME OF THE MONTH, reported on page 8 of this issue represents the other. Inexperience and "tournament jitters" claimed several victims, 10-year-old Fred Wreden among them. A couple of Freddy's games deserved a better fate than his score shows.

In addition to trophies, Bobby Fischer walked off with his second consecutive portable typewriter. Gil took home a radio, and Sholomson now owns a handsome leather bag. Five book prizes also were awarded. Getaway Day featured, besides the prize awards, a blindfold Knights' tour by 11-year-old Bobby Killough.

Wednesday, July 10th, saw the afternoon devoted to the Speed Championship, another Bobby Fischer triumph. Three sectional round robins were played, with Bobby mopping up in the finals. His skill in move-on-move play has been demonstrated against fast company at MICC on several occasions since. Old timers gasp!

| U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP | | | | | | | | | | Median | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|---------|----------|------|---|---|-----------------|------------------|
| SAN FRANCISCO, JULY 8-14, 1957 | | | | | | | | | | Points | |
| | Round 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Score | |
| 1. | Bobby Fischer, Brooklyn, N.Y. | W19 W21 W4 | W16 D2 | W3 W5 | W9 W6 | | | | | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 27 |
| 2. | Gilbert Ramirez, San Francisco | D20 W18 W9 | W3 D1 | W6 W16 | W8 D4 | | | | | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 |
| 3. | Stephen Sholomson, Los Angeles | W22 W7 W14 | L2 W24 L1 | W12 D6 | W5 | | | | | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4. | Ronald Thacker, Richmond | W29 W15 L1 | L6 W28 D8 | W17 W16 | D2 | | | | | 6 | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5. | Mike Bredoff, Redwood City | L14 W20 W28 W11 | D7 W10 L1 | W12 L3 | | | | | | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6. | Leonard Hill, Mountain View | W27 L11 W23 W4 | W16 L2 | W7 D3 | L1 | | | | | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7. | Arthur Wang, Berkeley | W31 L3 W26 W9 | D5 L12 L6 | W18 W13 | | | | | | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8. | Ralph Clark, Long Beach | W30 D26 L19 W12 | D10 D4 | W14 L2 | W20 | | | | | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 16 |
| 9. | Robert Walker, Portland, Ore. | W17 W13 L2 | L7 W29 W11 | W24 L1 | D10 | | | | | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10. | Warren Miller, Albuquerque, N.M. | W28 L16 D22 W26 | D8 L5 | W27 W15 | D9 | | | | | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11. | Rex Wilcox, Salinas | W33 W6 L16 | L5 W21 L9 | D13 W17 | D12 | | | | | 5 | 15 |
| 12. | Andrew Schoene, Malaga, N.J. | W21 L1 W24 | D14 W14 W7 | L3 L5 | D11 | | | | | 5 | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13. | Thomas Heldt, Jr., Albuquerque, N.M. | W23 I9 | L15 W33 | D17 W26 | D11 | W19 | L7 | | | 5 | 10 |
| 14. | David Krause, Palo Alto | W5 W32*L3 | D12 D15 | D24 L8 | W23 | D16 | | | | 5 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 15. | Leighton Allen, San Francisco | WbyeL4 | W13 L24 | D14 D28 | W21 | L10 | D19 | | | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16. | William Haines, Sacramento | W25 W10 | W11 L1 | L6 W19 | L2 | L4 | D14 | | | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 17. | Robert Dickinson, Redwood City | L9 W21 | L24 W23 | D13 W20 | L4 | L11 | W26 | | | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 |
| 18. | Fred Wreden, San Francisco | D32 L2 | L20 L21 | W30 W22 | W29 | L7 | W24 | | | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 |
| 19. | James Bennett, Fort Worth, Texas | L1 W27 | W8 W32 | L12 L16 | W28 | L13 | D15 | | | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 20. | Richard Owen, Salt Lake City, Utah | D2 L5 | W18 L29 | W22 L17 | W26 | W24 | L8 | | | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 21. | Howard Killough, Jr., Russell, Kas. | L12 L17 | W25 W18 | L11 W23 | L15 | D27 | W29* | | | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 22. | Ivan Vegvary, San Francisco | L3 W32*D10 | L8 L20 | L18 W25 | W31 | W30 | | | | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 23. | William Lee, San Francisco | L13 WbyeL6 | L17 W25 | L21 W30 | L14 | W31 | | | | 4 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 24. | James Schmerl, Piedmont | L26 W30 | W17 W15 | L3 D14 | L9 | L20 | L18 | | | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 25. | Don Sutherland, San Francisco | L16 L29 | L21 W31 | L23 W32 | L22 | D30 | W27 | | | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 |
| 26. | John Blackstone, San Jose | W24 D8 | L7 L10 | W32*L13 | L20 | W28 | L17 | | | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 27. | Allan Haley, Nevada City | L6 L19 | W31 L28 | W33*W29 | L10 | D21 | L25 | | | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 28. | Roy Hoppe, San Francisco | L10 W31 | L5 W27 | L4 D15 | L19 | L26 | Wbye | | | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 |
| 29. | David Bogdanoff, Redwood City | L4 W25 | L12 W20 | L9 L27 | L18 | WbyeL21* | | | | 3 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 30. | Bruce Ponoriles, Larkspur | L8 L24 | L32 WbyeL18 | W31 L23 | D25 | L22 | | | | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 31. | J. N. Krug, San Rafael | L7 L28 | L27 L25 | WbyeL30 | W32*L22 | L23 | | | | 2 | |
| 32. | Steve Joplin, Oakland | D18 | L14 WbyeL19 | L26 | - | - | - | | | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 33. | Lincoln Fong, San Francisco | L11 | L22*W30 | L13 L27* | - | - | - | | | 1 | |

*Forfeit.

FIRST ANNUAL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

First contesting of this new MICC feature turned out to be a two-man show. At the conclusion of the ten-player round robin on June 30, Bill Addison picked up the title and \$100 top money for a score marred only by one draw at the hands of Charles Bagby, winner of \$75 second money. (Addison left for Milwaukee almost immediately, competing in the New Western Open and sharing 6-12 place among 12 entrants with, among others, Bobby Fischer.) Gil Ramirez and Jim Schmitt divided \$50 third money. Non-prize-winners received \$2 per point.

Dat ol' debbil Clock caused many a headache throughout the series. Charlie Bagby, in posting his $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score, suffered a falling flag in losing to Ramirez. Time trouble contributed to some unsound continuations by old dependables like Henry Gross, Guthrie McClain and James Schmitt. Horst Bullwinkel, with four draws and no losses to his credit, forfeited his last five matches because of a pressing engagement with the Army.

While an exceptionally strong field participated, invitations were declined with regret by Neil Falconer, V. Pafnutieff, and others of comparable strength. Should they be enlisted for the '58 renewal of this event, the playing roster will be formidable.

Simultaneously with this tourney, the FIRST ANNUAL MICC OPEN was in progress. One game remains to be played at our press deadline - a contest between Spencer Van Gelder and Ed Simanis. On the outcome hinges first place, with R. Plock gnawing his moustache. A Van Gelder victory will give Plock 1st, with 2-3 honors being shared by Van and Ed. Of twelve original entrants, Bob Barringer and Nick Henwood have been forced to drop out for reasons beyond their control.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Score | |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1. W. Addison | X | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ | I |
| 2. C. Bagby | $\frac{1}{2}$ | X | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1f | 1f | $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ | II |
| 3. J. Schmitt | 0 | 0 | X | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ | III-IV |
| 4. G. Ramirez | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | X | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1f | $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ | III-IV |
| 5. H. Gross | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1f | $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ | V |
| 6. J. Demos | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | X | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ | VI |
| 7. K. Bendit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | X | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1f | 3-6 | VII |
| 8. G. McClain | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | X | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ | VIII-IX |
| 9. A. Bourke | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | X | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ | VIII-IX |
| 10. H. Bullwinkel | 0 | 0f | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0f | 0f | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0f | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | X | 2-7 | X |

PASADENA TAKES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE "B" TITLE

A perfect 3-0 match score over Santa Monica #2, Santa Monica #1 and Long Beach brought Pasadena the 1957 "B" League championship in decisive fashion. A. Carpenter starred for the victors with an unblemished record in the finals, closely followed by N. Hultgren with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. R. Sale topped Santa Monica #1 with 3-0, and P. Wrangell and F. Falkowitz scored 2-1 for Santa Monica #2 and Long Beach, respectively.

Gaps in the record of the "B" League West Section, as covered in our May 1957 issue, have been ferreted out by Associate Editor Irving Rivise, and are reproduced below for the record:

SECTION B-WEST - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE

| <u>ROUND 1</u> | | | | <u>ROUND 2</u> | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Sta Monica #2 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | -Sta Monica #1 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | Steiner #1 | 3 | -Valley | 3 |
| 1 P Wrangell | 0 | W Holmes | 1 | 1 Forfeit | 0 | T Koslof | 1 |
| 2 B Mintz | 1 | B Collins | 0 | 2 F Fults | 0 | L Mercy | 1 |
| 3 A Michaelson | 1 | J Hatfield | 0 | 3 C J Gibbs | 1 | M Neuss | 0 |
| 4 L Narens | 0 | R Sale | 1 | 4 M Kerlencevich | 1 | J McCardle | 0 |
| 5 C Lowery | 0 | G Palmer | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 H Gifford | 0 | W Melworm | 1 |
| 6 E Gardos | $\frac{1}{2}$ | L Adams | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 C Ulrich | 1 | R Jung | 0 |
| <u>ROUND 3</u> | | | | | | | |
| Sta Monica #1 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | -Inglewood | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | Sta Monica #2 | 5 | -Steiner #2 | 1 |
| 1 W Holmes | 0 | R Koutz | 1 | 1 P Wrangell | 1 | Forfeit | 0 |
| 2 B Collins | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G Rubin | 0 | 2 B Mintz | 1 | A Gates | 0 |
| 3 J Hatfield | $\frac{1}{2}$ | R Berg | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 A Michaelson | 1 | A Kuhler | 0 |
| 4 G Palmer | 1 | E Wallenhorst | 0 | 4 O Wentcher | 0 | J Karis | 1 |
| 5 L Adams | 1 | H Keeseey | 0 | 5 C Lowery | 1 | R Cook | 0 |
| 6 W Shanks | 1 | N Davidson | 0 | 6 E Gardos | 1 | J B Hunt | 0 |
| <u>ROUND 6</u> | | | | <u>ROUND 7</u> | | | |
| Steiner #2 | 1 | -Sta Monica #1 | 5 | Sta Monica #1 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | -Valley | $2\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1 A Gates | $\frac{1}{2}$ | W Holmes | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 B Collins | 1 | T Koslov | 0 |
| 2 A Kuhler | 0 | B Collins | 1 | 2 J Hatfield | $\frac{1}{2}$ | L Mercy | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 M Kahl | 0 | J Hatfield | 1 | 3 Forfeit | 0 | M Neuss | 1 |
| 4 R Cook | $\frac{1}{2}$ | G Palmer | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 G Palmer | 1 | W Melworm | 0 |
| 5 Forfeit | 0 | L Adams | 1 | 5 L Adams | 1 | N Vatsos | 0 |
| 6 Forfeit | 0 | W Shanks | 1 | 6 W Shanks | 0 | R Jung | 1 |
| <u>ROUND 8</u> | | | | | | | |
| Beverly Hills | 2 | -Valley | 4 | | | | |
| 1 Forfeit | 0 | L Mercy | 1 | 4 W Makiri | 1 | L Pinson | 0 |
| 2 R Halpern | 0 | M Neuss | 1 | 5 S Andalman | 0 | R Jung | 1 |
| 3 Wm Siltan | 1 | W Melworm | 0 | 6 P Loeser | 0 | R Hagedorn | 0 |

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE"B" LEAGUE FINALS - 1957ROUND 1

| <u>Long Beach</u> | <u>2 -Pasadena</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>Sta Monica #1</u> | <u>3 -Sta Monica #2</u> | <u>3</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1 R Day | 0 N Hultgren | 1 | 1 W Holmes | 0 P Wrangell | 1 |
| 2 W Boyer | 0 R Hargraves | 1 | 2 B Collins | 0 B Mintz | 1 |
| 3 F Falkowitz | 1 E Saldana | 0 | 3 J Hatfield | 1 A Michaelson | 0 |
| 4 R Clark | 1 C Shults | 0 | 4 R Sale | 1 C Lowery | 0 |
| 5 L Gross | 0 A Madrigal | 1 | 5 G Palmer | $\frac{1}{2}$ E Gardos | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 B Thach | 0 A Carpenter | 1 | 6 L Adams | $\frac{1}{2}$ G Anderson | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

ROUND 2

| <u>Sta Monica #2</u> | <u>4 -Long Beach</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>Pasadena</u> | <u>4 -Sta Monica #1</u> | <u>2</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 P Wrangell | 1 R Day | 0 | 1 A Larsen | 1 W Holmes | 0 |
| 2 B Mintz | 1 W Boyer | 0 | 2 N Hultgren | $\frac{1}{2}$ B Collins | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 A Michaelson | 0 F Falkowitz | 1 | 3 R Hargraves | 1 J Hatfield | 0 |
| 4 C Lowery | 1 R Clark | 0 | 4 E Saldana | 0 R Sale | 1 |
| 5 E Gardos | 1 J Carroll | 0 | 5 C Shults | $\frac{1}{2}$ G Palmer | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 G Anderson | 0 H Chamness | 1 | 6 A Carpenter | 1 L Adams | 0 |

ROUND 3

| <u>Sta Monica #2</u> | <u>2 -Pasadena</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>Sta Monica #1</u> | <u>3 -Long Beach</u> | <u>3</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1 P Wrangell | 0 A Larsen | 1 | 1 W Holmes | 1 Forfeit | 0 |
| 2 B Mintz | 0 N Hultgren | 1 | 2 B Collins | 0 W Boyer | 1 |
| 3 A Michaelson | 1 R Hargraves | 0 | 3 R Sale | 1 F Falkowitz | 0 |
| 4 C Lowery | 1 E Saldana | 0 | 4 G Palmer | 0 R Clark | 1 |
| 5 E Gardos | 0 C Shults | 1 | 5 L Adams | 1 J Carroll | 0 |
| 6 G Anderson | 0 A Carpenter | 1 | 6 W Shanks | 0 O Rolo | 1 |

FINAL STANDINGS

| | <u>Matches</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Pasadena | 3-0 | 12-6 |
| 2. Santa Monica #2 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 9-9 |
| 3. Santa Monica #1 | 1-2 | 8-10 |
| 4. Long Beach | $\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 7-11 |

BAY AREA INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE TITLE TO U.C. RADIATION LAB, BERKELEY

George Farly reports: "The Bay Area Industrial League series was completed on May 17th when Shell Development was held to a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ win by California Research Corp.

"This allowed U.C. Radiation Laboratory to retain the championship for a second year (with 52 points). Shell came in a close second (51 points!) and Pacific Gas & Electric took third ($48\frac{1}{2}$ points)."

Strangely, Hartwell Kennedy's Shell gang went through the nine match series with a clean slate. Yet three drawn matches set them one point behind the ultimate victors who lost one match and allowed one draw.

Standard Oil Home Office forfeited their last four matches due to inability to field a team. Cutter Laboratories and Pabco Products did not participate.

Participation of so many industrial groups in the Bay Area is strong indication of the expansion of our Royal Game. Invitations to participate in Bay Area Chess League and California State Chess Federation activities are hereby extended to these groups, who will be welcome in future North-South matches, California State Open play and such other tournaments as may be scheduled.

Industrial groups wishing to schedule matches should address George Farly at 135 Windsor Avenue, Berkeley, California.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Points |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. U.C. Rad. Lab. (Berkeley) | X | 4 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | 8* | 52 |
| 2. Shell Development | 4 | X | 4 | 6 | 4 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | 51 |
| 3. P. G. & E. | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | X | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | 6 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | $48\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4. Livermore C.C. | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | X | 6 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | 4 | 8* | 8* | $45\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5. Fluorescent Fixtures | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | X | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | 8* | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $43\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6. Calif. Research | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | X | 6 | 6 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $39\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7. Bank of America | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 1 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | X | 8 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | 31 |
| 8. Crockett C.C. | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | X | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 8* | $25\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9. Kaiser Engineering | 1 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 0* | 0* | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | X | 8* | $16\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10. St. Oil (Home Office) | 0* | 0 | 0 | 0* | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 0* | 0* | X | 7 |

*Forfeit.

GAME OF THE MONTH

This being the Silly Season, we beg our readers indulgence for presenting below a "masterpiece in reverse" which, in our opinion, is the gol-darndest tournament game ever recorded in San Francisco - and, quite possibly, anywhere. It has the most remarkably series of moves we have ever seen. The moves we refer to almost defy description. They are so utterly awful as to be beautiful, in an insane way.

The game below was played in the recently-concluded national junior championship by two boys who shall be nameless. Readers who take their chess seriously should skip the game; readers who can afford to laugh at chess should sit back, pour a tall cool one, and enjoy it.

U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, SAN FRANCISCO, 1957Game No. 393 - Alphonse-Gaston
Gambit

| | |
|-------|-------|
| White | Black |
| "X" | "Y" |

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. B-B4 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. Kt-QB3 | B-B4 |
| 4. Kt-B3 | O-O |
| 5. Kt-Q5 | |

Up to now a sensible opening, it takes a bizarre appearance with this deep move.

| | |
|--------|------|
| 5. ... | KtxP |
|--------|------|

Black walks into the trap.

| | |
|---------|--------|
| 6. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 7. KtxP | Kt-QB3 |

This powerful move adds to the tension in the center. If 8. KtxKt, BxPch and White's K is exposed. What is White to do?

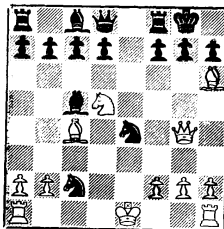
| | |
|-----------|--|
| 8. Q-Kt4! | |
|-----------|--|

A rejoinder not anticipated by Black! (There are some who would call this a "schizophrenic move" - White, unable to face the tension, goes off in a tangent.)

| | |
|----------|-------|
| 8. ... | KtxKt |
| 9. B-R6! | |

The point. White of course does not play 9. QxKt, for Black would win the Queen by ...R-Kl with an easy game. The way the game goes, Black does win the Queen, but his game is not easy (as we shall see).

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| 9. ... | KtxPch |
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| 10. K-Q1 | |
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Of course not 10. K-K2, for then

how could White sacrifice the Queen?

10. ... KtxPch

11. K-Q2!

The triangulation of the White K is one of the most profound maneuvers in chess.

11. ... KtxQ

12. KxKt

The triangulation completed, Black will soon be in zugswang.

12. ... KtxB

13. KR-K1

The stage is now set. White has sacrificed Q, B, Kt and four Ps, being forced along the way to capture Kt and P.

13. ... B-B7

White's few remaining pieces are elusive targets, and Black has a difficult time attacking them. This advantage has been foreseen by White, who also enjoys the advantage of more space for maneuvering.

14. R-K2 Kt-Kt5

15. P-KR3

This strong move not only wins a piece, but threatens to open the KR file. At this stage would our readers be surprised to learn that, in spite of the material disadvantage, White will win this game - easily?

15. ... Kt-K4

16. RxKt P-KB3!

Black now enters into the spirit of the game.

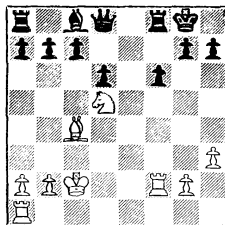
17. R-K2!

White disdains the obvious 17. R-R4 to be followed by Kt-K7 d.ch. and Kt-Kt6 mate. His actual finish to the game is much prettier, as well as unexpected.

17. ... P-Q3?

This delayed development of the Q-side seems a little unfair, somehow.

18. RxB



18. ... K-B2!!

A profound concept!

19. R-K1!

Another deep trap - the discovered check now leads to nothing.

19. ... R-K1

20. RxB QxR

21. KtxP/7ch K-K2!

So as to lose the Q for nothing.

22. R-K2ch K-Q1

23. KtxQ B-B4ch

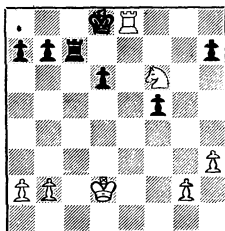
24. B-Q3 R-B1ch

25. K-Q2 P-KKt3

26. BxB FxB

27. KtxBP R-B2!!!

28. R-K8 mate.



CALIFORNIA OPEN SLATED FOR MONTEREY

The 1957 California Open will be played at Monterey, according to developments as we go to press. The venue will be the Hotel San Carlos. The tournament will commence on Saturday, August 31, at 9:00 A.M. and will conclude on the afternoon of September 2 (Labor Day). Three rounds will be played on the first day and two rounds each on the next two days.

Entry fee is \$5 plus membership in the California State Chess Federation (\$2.50). A small charge will be made for rating fees. All cash taken in, less nominal expenses, will be returned in cash prizes. In addition, the winner will receive a trophy.

Contestants are urged to bring chess sets and clocks. For further information, write Sgt. Robert A. Karch, 987 Franklin Street, Monterey, California, or Guthrie McClain, 244 Kearny Street, San Francisco 8, California.

The bid by Monterey for the Open came as a last-minute surprise. The only bid submitted at the annual meeting of the CSCF on June 1st was by the Fresno Chess Club. The Board of Directors took Fresno's bid under advisement and, after discussing the possibility of other bids, decided to hold the matter open for an additional 45 days. (The reasons for the hesitancy in accepting Fresno's bid were not due to any feeling that Fresno would not be satisfactory - for the 1955 Open at the Hotel Californian was extremely successful - but were rather due to a regard for the wives and children of the contestants and a desire to make the surroundings as attractive as possible for them, in the traditional spirit of the California Open as a vacation week end.)

Anyhow, last month's REPORTER was read by Sgt. Karch just in the nick of time and he promptly wired us. As we go to press the matter is being weighed by George Goehler, president of the CSCF, Henry Gross, vice-president, Irving Rivise, director from Los Angeles, Guthrie McClain, tournament director of the Open, and other officials. So far, all comments are favorable and it is likely that Monterey will be officially selected by the time this issue of THE REPORTER is in the mails.

SEEDING THE CALIFORNIA OPEN

It seems apropos at this time to discuss the various plans for doing away with the over-size field in the California Open and reduce the contestants for the title to a number suitable for a seven-round event. If we are to have fields on the order of 96 players, as was

the case at Santa Barbara, 1956, we cannot determine a fair winner in seven rounds (unless we are very lucky). Yet we do not wish to seed the players in any way which will destroy the "open" nature of the tournament. In other words, sections are "out."

In our February, 1957, issue (Vol. VI, No. 6) we published a suggestion by Kyle Forrest and Ed Fisher which, essentially, proposed to divide the field into two sections equal in strength. The so-called "goats" in each section would be exchanged after the first round. Then the two sections would play independently until either the sixth or the seventh round, whereupon they would be combined. In answer to this scheme, Phil Smith of Fresno writes:

"It seems to me that Kyle has a valid approach in seemingly opposing any change that would segregate the masters and experts from the weaker players. It is my feeling that such a change would defeat the idea of a truly open tournament. But it would appear that his change would also defeat the true idea of an open - to let all comers enter in one section and compete together.

"Here is my proposal, which seems simple yet practical. Since the number of contestants is becoming too large for seven rounds to produce a clear winner, (and also a clear second, third, etc.) let's increase the rounds to eight. We have traditionally had a morning off on the second day (Sunday) - let us play a round then. Eight rounds will be much better than seven to decide a champion. If we had played eight rounds last September, Cross or Ramirez (who had played each other) would have played Bendit (the other man with a 6-1 score) and Addison (who was all alone in fourth place with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$). Unless both games were draws, one of the three could have emerged with a 7-1 score and be champion without a tie-break."

It seems to this writer that the Open is already a rat-race. If the players are to give up Sunday morning, which at present is a very welcome rest period and the only time in which they can be with their families and enjoy the seashore, the California Open may lose its charm. We believe we have now the most enjoyable chess tournament in the land. Let's not spoil it!

Here is the time for us to confess that all along we have had a plan up our sleeve. It dates back to the week after last year's Open, when we consulted our Associate Editor, doctor of mathematics Mark W. Eudey. Mark ran a test on the 1956 Open and found that if we formed a Minor Section after three rounds so as to include all players with one point or less we would siphon off about one-third of the field and leave sixty-odd players in competition for the

prize money and the right to play in the State Championship. The only drawback was that one expert player would have remained in the Minor Section - and it was felt that this was unusual enough to disregard, or if desired, we could always lift any extremely strong player so as not to spoil the Minor Section.

The advantages of this scheme are many: In the first place, the weaker players would have their present chances of getting to play some of the masters unimpaired; after three rounds, anyone with only one point has lost his chance to play Kashdan et al. Secondly, the Minor Section would have a real contest for the trophy which would be offered for its winner. Third, the pairings would be simpler to make and time would be saved from round to round. Fourth - and most important - the chances of arriving at a true winner would be improved through the reduction in the size of the first section (although, admittedly, there might not be much difference at the top).

This plan, as well as the others which have been advanced, will be presented to the contestants at the 1957 Open for a vote.

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL "OPENS" START PROMOTIONAL PLAN

California State Chess Federation president George F. Goehler told the Fresno annual meeting that a membership drive was in the offing. The first manifestation of this drive has just been announced.

In October a series of Regional Open Tournaments will be held. Entry will be restricted to players with a rating of not over 1,999, or equivalent. Entry fee will be \$1 (which will include USCF rating fees) plus CSCF membership (\$2.50 per year). The tournaments will be 4- to 5-round Swiss System, and will probably be divided into 10-12 man sections, according to the turnout.

More details will be announced. In the meantime, write A. E. Hoerchner, 3853 E. Clinton Avenue, Fresno 3, or Irving Rivise, 3157 S. Sepulveda, Los Angeles 34 for further information.

Areas which are not sure how to go about staging an Open should ask THE REPORTER for score sheets and pairing schedules. We can even furnish chess clocks! In most cases, a tournament director can be supplied, if necessary.

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Game No. 394 - Ruy

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| White | Black |
| H. Gross | K. Bendit |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. B-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | Kt-B3 |
| 5. O-O | KtxP |
| 6. P-Q4 | P-QKt4 |
| 7. B-Kt3 | P-Q4 |
| 8. KtxP | |

A slight departure from the traditional 8. FxP.

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| 8. ... | KtxKt |
| 9. PxKt | B-K3 |
| 10. P-QB3 | K-QB4 |
| 11. Kt-Q2 | KtxKBP |

This well-known sacrifice (Kt & B for R & P) gives Black attacking chances but is regarded as unsound. It is, however, suited to Bendit's style.

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| 12. RxBt | O-O |
| 13. Kt-B1 | |

Threatening 14. B-K3, but seems inferior to 13. Kt-B3, which would avoid the loss of the KP.

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| 13. ... | BxRch |
| 14. KxB | P-KB3 |
| 15. B-K3 | |

Forced, for if 15. PxB, QxPch.

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| 15. ... | PxPch |
| 16. K-Kt1 | Q-Q3 |

Black now has material equality.

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| 17. Kt-Kt3 | QR-Q1 |
| 18. Q-Q2 | P-B4 |
| 19. R-Q1 | |

A loss of time because the R must move again. 20. R-K1 would also give the KB a sanctuary.

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| 19. ... | F-B5 |
| 20. B-B2 | B-Kt5 |
| 21. R-K1 | P-Q5 |

White evidently counted on gaining a tempo here, but Black continues with the pawn roller.

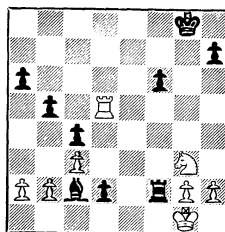
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| 22. ... | P-Q6! |
| 23. BxR | QxB |
| 24. B-Q1 | Q-Kt3ch |
| 25. K-R1 | R-B7 |
| 26. Q-Kt5 | P-Q7 |
| 27. RxB??! | |

27. R-Kt1 was safer but White means to win the game and the text offers Black chances to go astray.

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| 27. ... | Q-KB3! |
| 28. QxQ | PxQ |
| 29. R-Q5 | |

White can't be blamed for not seeing what's coming; he is relying on his next move to get him out of trouble. He would have an easy draw after 29. R-K8ch, K-B2; 30. BxB, KxR; 31. B-Q1.

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| 29. ... | BxB |
| 30. K-Kt1 | B-B7!! |



31. R-Q8ch K-B2
Resigns.

For if 32. KxR, B-Q6 and the P queens. If there had been a brilliancy prize, Kurt Bendit would undoubtedly have won it for this pretty game!

U.S. JR. CHP., SAN FRANCISCO, 1957Game No. 395 - K's Indian

| White | Black |
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| G. Ramirez | R. Fischer |

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| 1. Kt-KB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 2. P-KKt3 | P-KKt3 |
| 3. B-Kt2 | B-Kt2 |
| 4. O-O | O-O |
| 5. P-B4 | P-Q3 |
| 6. Kt-B3 | P-K4 |
| 7. P-Q4 | QKt-Q2 |
| 8. P-KR3 | R-K1 |
| 9. Q-B2 | PxP |
| 10. KtxP | Kt-Kt3 |
| 11. P-Kt3 | P-B4 |
| 12. KKt-Kt5 | P-QR3 |
| 13. Kt-R3 | B-B4 |
| 14. Q-Q2 | P-Q4 |
| 15. P-KKt4 | BxP |
| 16. PxB | KKtxP |
| 17. B-R3 | Q-R5 |
| 18. K-Kt2 | P-Q5 |
| 19. Q-Kt5 | QxQ |
| 20. BxQ | P-B4 |
| 21. BxKt | PxB |
| 22. Kt-Q5 | KtxKt |
| 23. PxKt | P-Q6 |
| 24. PxP | BxR |
| 25. RxB | R-K4 |

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Game No. 396 - Sicilian

| White | Black |
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| R. Fischer | J. Bennett |

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. Kt-KB3 | Kt-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. KtxP | Kt-B3 |
| 5. Kt-QB3 | P-Q3 |
| 6. B-KKt5 | P-KKt3? |

Black has fallen for the old trap which loses the QP. 6...P-K3 is required.

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| 7. BxKt | PxB |
| 8. B-B4 | B-Kt2 |
| 9. O-O | O-O |
| 10. KKt-Kt5 | |

Bobby has things pretty easy so far, but soon his first-round opponent digs in and surprises him.

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| 10. ... | P-B4 |
| 11. PxP | BxP |
| 12. KtxP | Kt-K4 |
| 13. B-Kt3 | Q-Q2 |
| 14. KtxB | QxKt |
| 15. Kt-Q5 | Kt-B3 |
| 16. Kt-K3 | Q-B4 |
| 17. P-QB3 | QR-Q1 |
| 18. Q-B3 | R-Q2 |
| 19. QR-Q1 | R-Q3 |
| 20. RxR | QxR |
| 21. R-Q1 | Q-B4 |
| 22. P-KR3 | P-QKt4 |

A mistake which Bobby quickly takes advantage of.

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| 23. R-Q5 | Q-Kt3 |
| 24. R-Q6 | Kt-K4 |
| 25. Q-Q5 | Q-B2 |
| 26. P-KB4 | Kt-B5 |
| 27. KtxKt | PxKt |
| 28. BxP | |

Having won a second P, White looks like winning comfortably in spite of the unlike Bishops.

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| 28. ... | K-R1 |
| 29. B-Kt3 | P-KB4 |
| 30. P-Kt3 | R-K1 |
| 31. Q-B6 | Q-Kt1 |
| 32. R-Q7 | R-K8ch |

Here was the first sensation of the tournament. Had Fischer made a fatal mistake? Would Bennett

see 33...Q-K1 with its grave threats? And would Fischer be able to save himself?

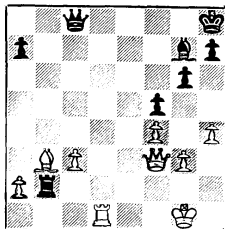
- 33. K-B2 Q-K1
- 34. Q-B3!

Evidently the only move...

- 34. ... R-QKt8
- 35. R-Q1 RxPch
- 36. K-Kt1 Q-QB1

Here, one could see what was going through Bennett's mind. The fatal trap was luring him irresistibly.

- 37. P-KR4



All Black needs to do to hold the draw is 37...P-KR4, when White's heavy pieces will be tied down to the defense of his King and the extra Pawn will be meaningless.

- 37. ... BxP??
- 38. R-Q8ch! QxR
- 39. QxBch Q-B3
- 40. QxQ mate.

Game No. 397 - K's Indian

White Black
R. Owen G. Ramirez

- 1. P-Q4 Kt-KB3
- 2. Kt-Q2 P-KKt3
- 3. KKt-B3 B-Kt2
- 4. P-KKt3 O-O

- 5. B-Kt2 P-Q3
- 6. P-Kt3 P-B4
- 7. B-Kt2 Kt-B3
- 8. O-O B-B4
- 9. R-K1 Kt-K5
- 10. Kt-R4 KtxKt
- 11. KtxB PxB
- 12. QxKt PxB
- 13. BxKt PxB
- 14. BxP P-K4
- 15. B-Kt2 P-Q4
- 16. QR-Q1 Q-Q3
- 17. P-K4 BPxP
- 18. RxP P-KB4
- 19. R-QR4 R-B2
- 20. B-R3 Q-K3
- 21. P-KB4 PxB
- 22. R-K1 Q-B3
- 23. QxBP Q-B6
- 24. Q-B2 R-Q1
- 25. B-B5 P-Q5
- 26. BxRP RxB
- 27. RxR P-Q6
- 28. RxBch KxR
- 29. Q-K3 Q-Q5
- 30. QxQch RxB
- 31. PxB RxB
- 32. K-B2 K-B3
- 33. R-K3 R-Q8
- 34. K-B3 R-Q7
- 35. R-K2 R-Q6ch
- 36. K-B4 P-B4
- 37. R-QB2 R-Q4
- 38. P-QR4 R-Q5ch
- 39. K-K3 R-QKt5
- 40. R-B3 K-K3
- 41. RxP RxBch
- 42. K-B4 R-Kt5ch
- 43. K-Kt5 R-Kt5ch
- 44. K-R6 RxBP
- 45. KxB K-B3
- 46. R-B6ch K-B2

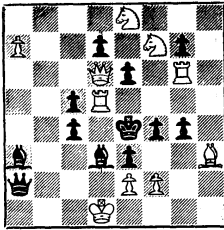
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REPORTER TASKS: Task Editor H. J. Ralston having taken off until this Fall on vacation, we inaugurate the Silly Season (see pp. 8-9) with two Tasks which are purely for entertainment and do not belong to the contest.

Neither Task is worth any points whatsoever. Number 117 by Jaenisch dates back to 1849, and Number 118 is a 1957 swindle of San Francisco's own master of the swindle, Charles Woskoff.

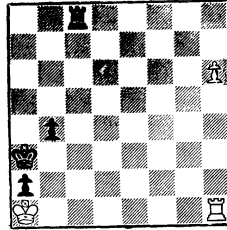
TASK No. 117

White Mates in Ten



TASK No. 118

White to Move and Draw



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