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California State Open

IRVING RIVISE WINS -- TO REPRESENT WEST FOR LESSING J. ROSENWALD TOURNAMENT

JOE MEGO 2ND; RAY MARTIN 3RD -- OSTAF BENDER TAKES RESERVE SECTION, BITZER 2ND

SANTA BARBARA, September 1. Irving Rivise of Los Angeles scored 6-1 along with Joe Mego (Los Angeles) and Ray Martin (Santa Monica), but bested the latter two in tie-breaking points, to win the California State Open Championship to become the first to represent the West in the Lessing J. Rosenwald Tournament for the United States' Championship this year. Joe Mego and Ray Martin finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.

There was a record turnout in this year's Open of 114 even though new ideas were introduced-- the USCF membership requirement along with \$1.00 extra for adults and 50¢ extra for Juniors. The tournament was held in the Lodge Hall of the Cabrillo

Civic Auditorium rather than at the Hotel Barbara as previously announced, but there was no confusion as the registration took place at the latter.

From 4th to 10th places saw all like scores of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, with tie-breaking points placing the players as follows: 4th, Louis Spinner; 5th, Rabon Kirby; 6th, Robert Cross; 7th, Walter Pafnutieff; 8th, William Addison; 9th, Donald Foley; and 10th, Erik Osbun. With 5-2 scores were 11th, Roger Smook; 12th, Phil Smith; and 13th, Newton Grant.

The Reserve Section was won by Ostaf Bender, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, who bested Carl Bitzer in tie-breaking points.

The successful tournament was once again capably directed by Guthrie McClain, who was assisted by Robert A. Karch and Newton Grant.

It was no easy task for Irving Rivise to score the points to win the pot and the honor to participate in the coming Rosenwald tournament. Though international master Larry Evans made himself absent, and last year's winner, James Schmitt, also was not there, Mr. Rivise had to overcome a great field as highly rated players from California and all western points were attracted to the event.

See more comments about this great tournament by the BACL ROVING REPORTER on page 5.

S. F. City Championship Finals

JULES KALISCH TAKES EXPERT SECTION!

PLAY SLOW IN MOST SECTIONS -- KARCH WINS

Jules Kalisch surprised everyone and swept the Expert Section of the S.F. City Championship Tourney with a perfect 4-0 score.

The play is slow in all the other sections of this tourney, with William Addison leading the Master Section with 3-1 as this goes to press. Charles Svalberg was right behind with 2-1, and Walt Pafnutieff was holding even at $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Arthur Wang, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, appears to have the Class A pretty well sewed up with Dave Nieder and Leighton Allen giving chase.

Fred Rosenthal is leading the enlarged Class B Section, though others are still in reach. Rosenthal has a 5-2 score, but though they haven't played many games as this goes to press Russell Freeman, Harold Edelstein, and George Farly can still catch the leader.

Robert Trenberth has cinched the small Class C Section with a $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score, while an unneeded Class D Section finds Robert A. Karch the apparent winner with a 4-0 score with only Gabriel Garcia left to play. Jim Reynolds was suddenly hospitalized with a badly infected leg and thus withdrew from this section. Ben Wong and Lowell Tullis trail Mr. Karch.

P. V. Club ChampionshipLEIGHTON ALLEN WINS IN LAST ROUND

Leighton Allen won the 1958 Precita Valley Chess Club Championship by besting Jim Reynolds in the last round and ended with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. The latter, who led most of the way, placed 2nd with 4-1, and Dave Gibson was 3rd with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Final Standings - Championship

1. Leighton Allen.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. Jim Reynolds.....	4	-	1
3. Dave Gibson.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	-	$1\frac{1}{2}$
4. Lowell Tullis.....	2	-	3
5. James Gough.....	1	-	4

As announced in last month's issue, Mike Kramer won the "B" Championship of the club, finishing with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in this division. John Ramirez was 2nd, having a draw with Kramer, with a $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score. Ted Gee and George Lydeard both finished 3rd with 3-2 scores.

Final Standings - B Championship

1. Mike Kramer.....	$4\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. John Ramirez.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	-	$1\frac{1}{2}$
3) Ted Gee.....	3	-	2
) George Lydeard.....	3	-	2
4. Paul Bogosian.....	1	-	4

P. V. Annual ElectionLOWELL TULLIS IS NEW CLUB DIRECTOR
NEW TEAM CAPTAINS ELECTED IN CLOSE RACE

The Precita Valley Chess Club has new officers due to the annual September election of the club. Lowell Tullis won the office of club director by a large margin of votes over the founder of the club, Jim Reynolds. Paul Bogosian, for the third time in succession, was retained as assistant club director, and John Ramirez was retained for the second time as club treasurer.

In a nip and tuck race for team captains, Leighton Allen nosed out Dave Gibson, and Mike Kramer edged Ted Gee. This means that Allen will be the new captain of the Precita Valley team while Kramer will guide the Mission team.

A special election will be called by C.D. Lowell Tullis to determine who will be secretary of the club as no one ran for this office. Ivan Vegvary is the incumbent but he did not express his wishes to rerun.

Interzonal TournamentFISCHER QUALIFIES FOR CANDIDATES!!
MIKHAEL TAL WINS PORTOROZ EVENT

Bobby Fischer, the young man from Brooklyn, N. Y., placed fifth, scoring 12 out of 20, in the interzonal tournament at Portoroz, Yugoslavia, to qualify for the Candidates Tourney next year. Mikhael Tal won the event. Your reporter regrets he does not have the complete final standings, but the standings after 19 rounds with some incomplete, follows:

Tal.....	13	-6	Pachman....	10	-8
Gligoric... 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$			Filip.....	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	-7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Petrosian.. 12-7			Sanguinetti	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	-9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Benko..... 11-7			Larsen.....	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	-9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bronstein.. 11-7			Neikirch...	7	-10
Auerbach... 11-8			Rossetto...	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	-11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Olafsson... 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$			Sherwin....	6	-12
Fischer.... 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$			Cardoso....	5	-13
Szabo..... 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$			de Grief...	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	-14 $\frac{1}{2}$
Matanovic.. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$			Fuster.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	-16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Panno..... 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$					

Because of his good showing, and because he at least drew with every grandmaster in the tournament, Bobby Fischer has been recognized as an international grandmaster by FIDE!

U. S. Chess Olympics TeamRESHEVSKY, BISGUIER, EVANS, AND
LOMBARDY TO PLAY -- TWO ALTERNATES

Sammy Reshevsky, Arthur Bisguier, Larry Evans, and William Lombardy will play on the U.S. team to represent us at the Chess Olympics in Munich. They will not necessarily play in that order, of course. The alternates will be two grandmasters, Nicolas Rossolimo, whose recent naturalization as a U.S. citizen makes him eligible, and Isaac Kashdan, veteran of three victorious United States Olympic teams.

HANDICAP TOURNEY AT PRECITA VALLEY SOON

New club director Lowell Tullis announces that the Precita Valley Chess Club will hold a Handicap Tourney very soon. Entries are now being accepted. The exact date has not been set, but it is believed it will begin in the first two weeks of October. Amount of the entry fee has not yet been determined.

P.V. Club Ladder Standings & Ratings

The following standings and ratings include games played as of September 11th.

<u>Rung</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1	Noel Renaud.....	A	1657
2	Mike Kramer.....	B	1439
3	Bob Blakemore.....	B	1469
4	Leighton Allen.....	A	1705
5	James Gough.....	A	1644
6	Dave Gibson.....	A	1615
7	Lowell Tullis.....	A	1548
8	George Lydeard.....	A	1505
9	Jim Reynolds.....	A	1566
10	Don Lundmark.....	B	1130
11	Ted Gee.....	A	1511
12	Paul Bogosian.....	B	1365
13	John Ramirez.....	B	1366
14	Ivan Vegvary.....	B	1428
15	Irwin Poka.....	B	1151
16	Scott Smith.....	C	799
17	Dave Fromer.....	C	847

Scale: Above 2000 - Expert; 1500-1999 - A; 1000-1499 - B; Below 1000 - C.

Active players (those playing a ladder game within 3 months) listed only.

U. S. Open AftermathDOUBLE FORFEITS BLASTED

As reported in the last minute flashes of the August CHESS HERALD, a young man from Havana, Eldis Cobo-Artega, won the U.S. Open with a 10-2 score which he compiled by getting 9 wins, 2 draws, and a single loss (to Allen Kaufman of New York in the 2nd round). The turning point was when he defeated Larry Evans who came in 2nd. He used the King's Indian Defense while Evans used the same in reverse-- an interesting game.

Harold M. Phillips, former president of USCF, blasted the rule which made possible the two double forfeits recorded in the tourney. George Koltanowski, who directed the event, also voiced his disapproval of the rule. However, the players voted in favor of the ruling in advance and later regretted that they had done so.

The double forfeiture rule always seems to stir up trouble whenever it arises. It caused quite a debate, and ill-feeling between two players and the T.D. in a recent tournament at the Precita Valley Chess Club. FIDE had better look into this pesty rule!

CHATS and NOTES (cont'd from page 2)

ner in which it is currently being handled, but I do believe that there should be a national rating system for those who seek national recognition.

"However, a Regional Chess Rating System, as is being developed on the West Coast, serves its purpose well for those who seek recognition in the regional chess community; outside of the local club, but within a reasonable distance for a weekend match or tournament.

"Those with questions or comments are invited to correspond with me in care of the Editor of this magazine.

Robert A. Karch

September 8, 1958"

As editor of CHESS HERALD, I feel that Mr. Karch has hit upon an idea which is of great interest to players in this area. Therefore, I urge all readers to accept his invitation and write him your opinions about a West Coast Rating System. This periodical will back the plan all the way. The first complete rating list of West Coast players will be published in January, 1959, and will be mailed to subscribers of CHESS HERALD at that time.

Editor In Sick Bay

Your editor was suddenly stricken with an infected foot and hospitalized for a few days, thus taking some "legwork" out of his reporting. Therefore, the complete standings of the recent California Open were not obtained along with a few other items. It is hoped the readers, then, will forgive us this time if CHESS HERALD does not seem to be up to par. It also means that this issue is a bit tardy.

What Affect USCF Membership Requirement?

The California State Chess Federation tried the 100% USCF membership requirement at the Open in Santa Barbara. What was the affect? All past records were broken as 114 entered and dished out their hard-earned cash! It is believed, however, that some 70% of the players who entered already were USCF members. I did hear a few minor complaints around the registration desk. One man remarked, after plunking down the works (entry fee, USCF and CSCF membership), "That breaks me! I have one dollar left to eat on for three days--; good thing they still have nickle candy bars!".

-----Editor....

B A C K D R O W I N G R E P O R T E R

THE SETTING WAS DIFFERENT but the scene was familiar and so were the faces. At first I thought I was lost and had landed in Fresno by mistake, and that time had played a dirty trick on me and it was Memorial Day rather than Labor Day--, that it was the North-South Match all over again! And, surely, it seemed to be. The Southerners appeared to be getting revenge for that defeat in Fresno, for at Santa Barbara one win after another was popping up for a DODGER or a RAM!

If you do not believe all of this, then take another gander at the final standings of the players. You will not see a Northerner in those standings until you reach 7th place where our friend, Walter Pafnutieff, managed to get his nose in and Walt doesn't have a very big nose either! A dejected William Addison made the 8th spot. For Bill, I will say that he seemed to be off for this tournament--, I've seen him play much better.

It stands to reason that the players from the South would do better at Santa Barbara just as it stands to reason that the players from the North did better at Monterey last year. Yes, I'm making excuses now! It's the mileage that makes the difference--, a travel weary chess player is just not 100% alert as to what is going on in that 64-square space, believe me. Proof again--, winner of California Open at Santa Barbara (approximately 100 miles from Los Angeles); Irving Rivise of LOS ANGELES: winner of California Open at Monterey (approximately 100 miles from San Francisco); James Schmitt of SAN FRANCISCO. Need I say more?

Who's Stupid?

After three rounds of play at the Open, one very highly-rated player only managed to score three draws and he expressed his disappointment of this result by remarking, "How do I only draw with these stupid jerks?!" Charlie Bagby overheard the remark and could not help but reply, "Pardon me--, but I have also just drawn with three chess players..., and, when a player can play good enough to draw me, I can hardly believe he is stupid--, he must be a very intelligent gentleman!"

Southern Subscribers Find Some Amusement.

While at the Open in Santa Barbara I could not help but look up some of the South chess playing subscribers to CHESS HERALD and find out if they enjoyed our humble reporting. In general they all found some amusement, though it would be better if they knew more of our players. Kyle Forrest said it was the only chess periodical out of all he subscribes to that his wife enjoys reading! Mrs. Lynn Henderson, wife of South Captain Charlie, thought the reporting a little on the sensitive side, or did she mean we were sentimentalists? H. D. Rader only found that the various personalities mentioned were strangers to him. So--, yours truly did his best to engage a Southland correspondent to send news that would appeal to subscribers in that area. No luck so far--, but CHESS HERALD is willing to find space for a steady reporter (he can even have his own column) to cover Southern California events: I am waiting for a response--, any volunteers?!

A New Opening?

During the U. S. Open at Rochester, Minnesota, there was a small tourney taking place on the side. In it was one man named John Ishkan, who, during one round as White, played 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. B-B4, B-B4; 4. BxP ch, KxB; 5. NxP ch. After White's fifth move his opponent went up to George Koltanowski and asked, "What opening is this?". Koltky said that he did not know but that he would feed the moves to the IBM machine and find out. A little later the player of the Black pieces asked George, "Did the machine have the answer?" "Yes," was the reply, "It's the ASHCAN OPENING!" ---To complete the story, by the way, Ishkan won the game!

GAMES SECTION (continued)

Game No. 48

A Fighting Draw

White: Sven Almgren

Black: Robert A. Karch

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-KN3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N2 |
| 4. P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 5. N-B3 | O-O |
| 6. P-KR3 | ... |

MCO-9 gives this move an exclamation point. I consider it premature. An objective examination of column 91 in the "book" will show that Korn gives Black a whole series of weak, timid moves in an attempt to demonstrate White's superior chances.

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| 6. . . . | B-Q2 |
| 7. B-Q3 | N-K1 |

Preparing for the break with, P-K4 and, P-KB4.

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| 8. B-K3 | ... |
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White explained after the game that he was playing according to a "system" and did not consider Black's position dangerous. He was right! White has achieved a model center and should win -- if he is tactically alert!

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| 8. . . . | N-QB3 |
| 9. Q-Q2 | P-K4 |
| 10. B-B2 | P-B4 |

Securing the strategic objective for Black in the King's Indian; attack along the King Bishop file.

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| 11. QPxP | N-N5!? |
| 12. B-N3 | P-B5! |
| 13. N-Q5 | ... |

What else? If 13. BxP, RxB!; 14. P-R3, RxB! winning the exchange (14. QxR?, N-Q6 ch).

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| 13. . . . | PxB |
| 14. QxN | PxP ch |
| 15. K-K2 | ... |

Playing it "safe". If 15. KxP, BxKP and the threat of, Q-R5 ch.

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| 15. . . . | PxP |
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White's pieces command the board and, after 16. P-B5 he should win easily.

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| 16. QxNP? | K-R1 |
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Otherwise, if, P-B3; 16. N-K7 ch! winning another Pawn for White.

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| 17. QR-Q1 | N-Q3 |
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Humorous GAMES

from the files of

BOB BARRINGER

III - Bay Area Championship, 1948

August 22, 1948 -- Hayward, California

Board 1 - "A" DIVISION

White: J. Lynch (Hayward)

Black: J. Watson (Russian Center)

RUY LOPEZ

(Cozio Defense)

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | KN-K2 |
| 4. O-O | P-Q3 |
| 5. P-Q4 | B-Q2 |
| 6. B-K3 | N-N3 |
| 7. N-B3 | B-K2 |
| 8. N-Q5 | O-O |
| 9. Q-Q2 | P-B4 |
| 10. PxBP | BxP |
| 11. BxN | PxB |
| 12. NxB | QxN |
| 13. PxB | PxB |
| 14. B-N5 | Q-K3 |
| 15. KR-K1 | P-KR3 |
| 16. N-Q4 | Q-B5 |
| 17. NxB | RxB |
| 18. B-K3 | Q-KR5 |
| 19. Q-Q3 | QR-KB1 |
| 20. P-KN3 | Q-R6 |
| 21. Q-B4 ch | K-R2 |
| 22. QxP | R-B6 |
| 23. QR-Q1 | R/1-B3 |
| 24. Q-Q7 | R/6-B4 |
| 25. K-R1 | N-R5 |
| 26. R-KN1 | N-B6 |
| 27. R-N2 | R-Q3!!! |
| 28. RxB | PxB |
| 29. BxQRP | NxP!! |
| 30. K-N1 | N-B6 ch |
| 31. K-B1 | Q-R8 ch |
| 32. K-K2 | Q-K8 ch |
| 33. K-Q3 | P-K5 ch! |
| 34. K-B4 | N-K4 ch |
| 35. Resigns | |

ALMGREN-KARCH (continued)

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| 18. QxBP | NxKP |
| 19. R-R2 | P-B8(Q) ch! |

AGREED DRAWN

CHESSALUCINATIONS of Lowell Tullis

Of Planning Teams To Represent The Club

APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO the Precita Valley Plan was brought to your attention (CHESS HERALD of December 1957).... "There is no finer way of strengthening chess ties than with team matches and league play. To get it, one must plan. You owe it to organized chess, and, yes, you owe it to yourself. So I'll urge all clubs to try the Precita Valley Plan next year!"

I am taking this opportunity to remind you that it works. In fact, worked better than any of its adherents' wildest dreams. The Precita Valley team was expected, by most, to end up somewhere near the bottom as they did a year before for they had no new members on their team. Casey Stengel, referring to the San Francisco Giants, stated, "No team can move from last to first in one season". The Precita Valley Chess Club not only returned with their 1957 team intact, but brought along a "C" team which was eventually forced upstairs in competition with their big brothers and the rest of the "B" league. This team, renamed the "Missionaries" to avoid confusion, soon converted a league of skeptics, who had, at best, predicted their final score to be 1-9, by being the first team to be the sole possessor of first place!! It took the league a month to catch up and, lo and behold, Precita Valley took over, eventually bringing home the championship, their second in the two years since it was born.

I can foresee, from my vantage point, coming accusations of raiding other clubs to strengthen the team. Nothing is further from the truth. We tell prospects openly what we have to offer, allow them to visit the club a reasonable amount of times, and then, because of our landlord's rules, we ask them to join. We force no one to participate in the club's activities, and look down on no one who, by free choice, decides to play regularly for another team. We have no driving desire to become the largest nor strongest chess club in this area. We, of course, will not refuse either of these honors. But---, we will do it openly and will constantly, through this periodical, reveal our successes and failures, and urge all of you to try those things that work for us as we try those things that work for you.

Only together can we, the Caissans of America, make our favorite pastime America's favorite indoor sport.

MEMO to Tom Weston: If my opponent refuses to move, then 1. N-QB3; 2. N-K4; 3. N-B6 mate!

C A I S S A

I've traveled a bit o'er this country,
Have visited foreign lands, too,
But of all the games I have ever seen,
Caissa--, I love you, I do!

There's something wonderful about Caissa
That grips you with more than a twinge,
That makes you feel you are living
In the midst of life--, not on the
fringe.

There's something the atmosphere
whispers,
Something in the people you meet,
Though your heart's a whirl,
You're at peace with the world,
You love every tempo and beat.

Thus, again, my dear friend, I greet
you--
Your fogs, misty ways, I abhor;
But to live it, to die of it--, is all
I wish,
For I love you each day, more and more.
And then, when my life's work is ended,
And I pass to that "far distant shore",
I'll tell them--, with pride, "I lived
and died,

For the Caissa game legions adore".

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