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## San Francisco Bay Area Chess League

NO SURPRISES IN INITIAL ROUND OF 1959 TEAM SEASON BECAUSE.....

M.I. KNIGHTS 5½, OAKLAND 1½ - GOLDEN GATE 5, M.I. BISHOPS 2 - CASTLE 5, U.C. 2

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, S. F., January 10. There were no surprises in the initial round of the 1959 team season as all the favored teams won. The "Addisonless" M.I. Knights downed Oakland 5½-1½, Golden Gate defeated the M.I. Bishops 5-2, and the Castle Chess Club handled the University of California 5-2. Even the individual feats were according to expectations except for a couple of mild upsets.

Larry Ledgerwood (Oakland) continued on where he left off last year by being California Champion Charles Bagby's (Knights) nemesis and drawing the game. Lou Tomori (Bishops' captain) scored a win over West Coast expert Carroll Capps (G.G.). Nothing unusual, but Les Talcott (Oakland), man with the most draws in the league, did it again in a drawn game opposite Allan Bourke (Knights). Another mild upset was by Bill Crabtree (Bishops) when he drew his game with Spencer Van Gelder of Golden Gate.

There were a few new additions to the "A" Division in the persons of William Crabtree, Jules Kalisch (who forfeited his first game), Dan and Nancy McLeod, and Douglas Willis, who does his studying around the campus of Stanford, but was playing for (oh, Heaven forbid!) California! Shhhhhh!

Of course, there were a few new names (at least to this reporter), so it cannot be determined whether they made their debut as "A" Division players or not.

The "B" Division will begin on Saturday, January 17 when the underdog Mission team tackles the Mech. Inst. B/1 team at Mechanics' Institute. The expected "B" team from Oakland isn't so Mech. Inst. B gets a bye. Precita Valley will make its first defense of the division championship at the Golden Gate Chess Club Tuesday, January 20. Therefor, we cannot report any results in this division as this goes to press. See "A" Division box scores on page 5.

## Golden Gate Chess Club Championship

HENRY GROSS WINS IT AS EUGENE KRESTINI IS SABOTAGED BY JULES KALISCH!!

GOLDEN GATE CHESS CLUB, S. F., January 13. Henry Gross, popular San Francisco attorney (president of CSCF and BACL among other things), won the 12-round Swiss System Golden Gate Chess Club Championship with a score of 9½-2½. Eugene Krestini, who was running neck and neck with Henry to the final round, was sabotaged by a good game from Jules Kalisch. He finished with 8½-3½ along with Walt Pafnutieff who finished strong.

Henry Gross only lost one game, and that one to the amazing performance of Mr. Carl Huneka. He drew with Eugene Krestini and Walter Pafnutieff, and Bill Addison who withdrew from the tourney after nine rounds.

Your reporter regrets that the complete results were obtained at the last minute and thus had no time to break the ties by the Median System (which the club intends to use), but the round by round results may be found on page 3.

## LAST MINUTE FLASHES

MECH INST B/1 AND MISSION TIE 3½-3½! GOLDEN GATE TOPPLES PRECITA VALLEY 4½-2½!



## Golden Gate Chess Club Championship — Round By Round

EDITOR'S NOTE: Standings not necessarily in order as Median points not figured, thus tied positions are bracketed.

Players	Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score
1. Henry Gross.....		W14	W5	W11	D12	W8	W4	D3	D2	L6	W15	W7	W9	9½-2½
2) Eugene Krestini.....		W9	L12	W21	W15	L3	W10	W6	D1	W4	W11	W8	L5	8½-3½
3) Walter Pafnutieff....		W17	D10	W6	D4	W2	W19F	D1	L12	D8	W5	D9	W11	8½-3½
4 Allan Bourke.....		D6	W13	W10	D3	D12	L1	W9	W11	L2	D8	D5	W17	7½-4½
5) Jules Kalisch.....		W20	L1	L8	D10	L6	WBYE	W18	W13	W12F	L3	D4	W2	7-5
6) Carl Huneke.....		D4	W8	L3	L11	W5	W20	L2	W16	W1	L7	W14	D10	7-5
7) Dr. Ben Gross.....		L12	L9	W17	W16	L15	D11	W14	D8	W19F	W6	L1	W20	7-5
8) Herbert Rosenbaum....		W16	L6	W5	W13	L1	W15	L11	D7	D3	D4	L2	W21	7-5
9) Harold Edelstein.....		L2	W7	W16	W19	D11	L12	L4	W10	L15	W20	D3	L1	7-5
10) Curtis Wilson.....		W21	D3	L4	D5	W13	L2	L11	L9	W20	W17	W18	D6	6½-5½
11) Spencer Van Gelder...		D13	W18	L1	W6	D9	D7	W10	L4	W16	L2	W21	L3	6½-5½
12) William Addison.....		W7	W2	W19	D1	D4	W9	D8	W3	L5F	withdrew....			6½-5½
13) George Farly.....		D11	L4	W18	L8	L10	D17	W20	L5	W21	D14	WBYE	D15	6-6
14) Russell Freeman.....		L1	W20	L15	W21	L19	L16	L7	W18	W17	D13	L6	WBYE	5½-6½
15) John Cullen.....		WBYE	L19	W14	L2	W7	L8	L16	W21	W9	L1	L17	D13	5½-6½
16) Norman Nielsen.....		L8	W17	L9	L7	WBYE	W14	W15	L6	L11	W21	D20	L18	5½-6½
17) Godfrey Lutz.....		L3	L16	L7	WBYE	D18	D13	W21	D20	L14	L10	W15	L4	4½-7½
18) Henry King.....		L19	L11	L13	W20	D17	W21	L5	L14	L7F	WBYE	L10	W16	4½-7½
19) Jack Hursch.....		W18	W15	L12	L9	W14	withdrew.....							3-2
20 Ben Wong.....		L5	L14	WBYE	L18	W21	L6	L13	D17	L10	L9	D16	L7	3-9
21 E. Brookman.....		L10	WBYE	L2	L14	L20	L18	L17	L15	L13	L16	L11	L8	1-11

## CFNC HOLIDAY OPEN (December 13-14) - CLASS C DIVISION (Story December issue)

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	SCORE
1. Roderick A. Freeman (Monterey).....	W11	W16	W13	W2	W5	5-0
2. Dr. Glen W. Kent (Walnut Creek).....	W4	W10	W14	L1	W9	4-1
3. John T. Johnson (San Francisco).....	W21	W9	W7	W5	L1	4-1
4. Dr. John Alden (San Francisco).....	L2	W20	W12	W19	W8	4-1
5. Arden B. Hill (Los Altos).....	W20	W6	W19	L3	W14	4-1
6. George La Brash (San Francisco).....	W16	L5	W18	D14	W10	3½-1½
7. Tom Maser (Pleasant Hill).....	W25	D8	L3	W17	W20	3½-1½
8. Michael O'Neill (El Sobrante).....	D13	D7	W16	W18	L4	3½-1½
9. Paul E. Vayssie (San Francisco).....	W12	L3	W22	W15	L2	3-2
10. B. Jorgensen (Oakland).....	W17	L2	W23	W13	L6	3-2
11. Miss M. Schwartz (unknown).....	L1	L13	W25	W23	W19	3-2
12. Don Thompson (Oakland).....	L9	W26	L4	W21	W15	3-2
13. E. N. Dodge (Willits).....	D8	W11	L1	L10	W22	2½-2½
14. Robert J. Henry (San Mateo).....	W24	W18	L2	D6	L5	2½-2½
15. G. R. Staben (Richmond).....	W22	L19	W17	L9	L12	2-3
16. L. Benjamin (Walnut Creek).....	L6	*L1	*L8	W25	W23	2-3
17. John Hurley (San Francisco).....	L10	W25	L15	L7	W24	2-3
18. F. Oberg (Richmond).....	W23	L14	L6	L8	W21	2-3
19. Lowell O. Tullis (San Francisco).....	W26	W24	L5	L4	L11	2-3
20. Kitty Cossell (Hayward).....	L5	L4	W1	W22	L7	2-3
21. B. Bevans (Oakland).....	L3	L23	W24	L12	L18	1-4
22. Tom Byrne (unknown) 1-4; 23. D. Lima (San Luis Obispo) 1-4; 24. Emanuel Brookman (San Francisco); 25. R. Dexter (Roseville) 0-5; 26. R. Button 0-5						



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A Division Results Jan. 10, 1959:

At Mechanics' Institute

CASTLE (5)	CALIFORNIA (2)	
N. Falconer..... 1/2	L. Frankenstein.. 1/2	
G. McClain..... 1	R. Walker..... 0	
W. Hendricks.... 1	D. Lebeck..... 0	
F. Adelman..... 1	R. Thacker..... 0	
D. Belmont..... 1/2	J. Smith..... 1/2	
Dr. R. Hultgren.. 1	W. Rebold..... 0	
C. Wilson..... 0	D. Willis..... 1	
Totals	5	2

GOLDEN GATE (5)	M.I. BISHOPS (2)	
H. Gross..... 1	R. Flock..... 0	
E. Krestini..... 1	Forfeit..... 0	
G. Ramirez..... 1	O. Wreden..... 0	
R. Currie..... 1	N. McLeod..... 0	
C. Capps..... 0	L. Tomori..... 1	
H. Rosenbaum.... 1/2	D. McLeod..... 1/2	
S. Van Gelder... 1/2	W. Crabtree..... 1/2	
Totals	5	2

M.I. KNIGHTS (5 1/2)	OAKLAND (1 1/2)	
C. Bagby..... 1/2	L. Ledgerwood.... 1/2	
J. Schmitt..... 1	J. Demos..... 0	
J. Murray..... 1	A. Wang..... 0	
A. Bourke..... 1/2	L. Talcott..... 1/2	
E. Pruner..... 1	C. Sedlack..... 0	
K. Bendit..... 1/2	R. Freeman..... 1/2	
C. Svalberg..... 1	R. Trenberth..... 0	
Totals	5 1/2	1 1/2

Standings

Team	W	L	D	PS	PA	Score
M. I. Knights...	1	0	0	5 1/2	1 1/2	1 - 0
Castle.....	1	0	0	5	2	1 - 0
Golden Gate.....	1	0	0	5	2	1 - 0
M. I. Bishops...	0	1	0	2	5	0 - 1
California.....	0	1	0	2	5	0 - 1
Oakland.....	0	1	0	1 1/2	5 1/2	0 - 1

Next Games Scheduled:

January 24:

California Vs. Golden Gate

M. I. Bishops Vs. M. I. Knights

Oakland Vs. Castle

February 7:

Golden Gate Vs. Oakland

Castle Vs. M. I. Knights

M. I. Bishops Vs. California

February 21:

Castle Vs. Golden Gate

M. I. Knights Vs. California

Oakland Vs. M. I. Bishops

Matches start at 7:30 p.m. both at Mechanics' Institute &amp; Golden Gate Club.

Club News

PRECITA VALLEY TO START STIPULATED

OPENING TOURNAMENT THURS., JANUARY 29TH

The Precita Valley Chess Club will begin a stipulated opening tournament on Thursday, January 29th. The opening to be used will be the Two Knights Defense. The entry fee is \$1.50 plus \$1.00 forfeit fee (the latter to be returned upon completion of the tourney). Lowell Tullis will be the tournament director. The club now meets every Thursday night at the Mission Community Center, 362 Capp Street, San Francisco, Calif. Visitors are always welcome.

Bagby Exhibition

Charles Bagby, California State Chess Champ, gave a simultaneous exhibition at the new quarters of the Precita Valley Chess Club (362 Capp St.) on Thursday, January 8th. It was a very rainy and stormy night and only 14 chess fans appeared. Mr. Bagby lost two games (to Vernon Howard and G. J. Wong) and drew one game (with Jim Reynolds) while defeating the rest. The California State Champ gives free lessons every Friday night at the Mechanics' Institute Chess & Checker room on the 4th floor at 57, Post Street, San Francisco, Calif.

HERBERT AVRAM WINS WASHINGTON CHESS DIVAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 1958

Herbert Avram won the 1958 Washington Chess Divan Championship with a score of 6-1, losing only to runner-up Jack Mayer who scored 5-2. In the Swiss System Robert Grande placed 3rd, also 5-2. 1957 champ, Eliot Hearst was in Italy during the tournament, and 1957 runner-up Hans Berliner was out of town negotiating for a new position, ending up in Boston.

S.F.B.A.C.L. B Division Schedule

January 31:

Mech. Inst. B Vs. Mech. Inst. B/1

Mission Vs. Precita Valley

Golden Gate -- Bye

February 14:

Precita Valley Vs. Mech. Inst. B.

Golden Gate Vs. Mission

Mech. Inst. B/1 -- Bye

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BACL ROVING REPORTER

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM OTHER REPORTS in this paper the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League began on its usual course. Nobody did anything to anybody that nobody cared anything about--; if that makes nobody's anybody's sense....

Even without Bill Addison, the Knights rolled along like nothing happened--; just like the Yankees--; when one goes they still have another. I'm sorry to hear that Bill decided to call it a game--; he's such a wonderful chess personality. I only hope it is a temporary thought in his mind. Can anybody really quit the old Royal Game--; not really--; nobody.....

You realize, of course, this season may not be as colorful as some of those in the past. The T.D. is somewhat of a green pea--; I know, because I'm him. Not only that but the league decided on a one-time-around schedule despite the fact we have no new teams. Two big reasons: (1) the damn Yankees (Knights) seem to win it early anyhow in the A Division so why prolong the agony?; and (2) Let's have time for a big Spring Swiss System Championship tourney of some kind. We need time for the latter idea and the only way to get it is to cut down the team season time. Even Bill Addison was all for this. Let's hope he makes a reappearance for the first time we try it.

Introducing Team Captains

Some teams have switched captains this year, so I thought it might be a good idea to mention these responsible men. Charlie Svalberg is now at the helm of the Knights. This does not mean that Kurt Bendit did not handle the team well last year (they only won the championship), but the men like to share the honors, thus Mr. Svalberg is directing the team. Ronald Thacker is rallying the Univ. of California team as Ed Simanis has been called for his tour of duty with the Army. He has a young and inexperienced team, but they are not lacking of spirit. The other teams have the same captains; Lou Tomori of the Bishops, Russell Freeman of Oakland, Guthrie McClain of Castle, and Henry Gross of Golden Gate. The latter three may have assigned others as captains, but yours truly has no knowledge of this.

In the B Division, Leighton Allen has been elected to the responsibility of keeping Precita Valley in the championship in place of Dave Gibson. Bob Karch will captain the Mech. Inst. B team in place of Bob Barringer. Mike Kramer is gunning Mission for upsets, replacing Lowell Tullis. Carl Huneke will continue to guide the Golden Gate team to an expected championship. Sorry, but your reporter hasn't learned of who is captain of the Mech. Inst. B/1 team, though it is suspected Mr. V. Bedjanian will resume the job.

Can You Substitute?

During the night of the initial round I was asked two or three times if the captain can substitute a player already named to play after he's discovered the man didn't show up. This ruling was made very clear during the BACL meeting. Yes, he may if (1) the opposing team captain agrees, and (2) if the clock (which should have been started) hasn't already passed one hour's time for the man that didn't show up in the first place. Remember, if you succeed in getting your substitute to sit in (and providing he is a legal substitute), he must play with the clock where it stands when he sits down. There were two cases in the initial round--; one captain denied, and the other accepted. In both cases the team with the minus-man lost. Let's have the proper spirit--; get your team to a match minus none...; and, then, maybe, the match is already won!

Ratings Have Influence

Captains who haven't turned in the names of their 7-man teams plus 3 alternates (if you have them) please do so. The new West Coast Ratings do have influence on whether the men you name are eligible where you name them and the T.D. would prefer to warn you ahead if you have named an ineligible player.

# CHESSALUCINATIONS of Lowell Tullis

ABCDGOLDFISH\*LMNOGOLDFISH\*SAR\*CM\*\*CHESSALUCINATIONS\*\*PK4,PK4\*NBK3NOB3\*BB&NB3\*\*NERTZ

WE ARE CHAMPIONS -- ALL

Above beyond my humble ken,  
Lies the world of true skill;  
That never foils when  
Faced against an iron will.

Total recall that rings a bell,  
When the least little miss  
Causes one to later tell,  
I had him licked but this.....

Had I done this rather than that,  
There would have followed this and this--  
The rest is all "old hat",  
For there is no way I could miss.

That move did truly cost,  
For the next, an easy win,  
Slipped past, the spirit lost,  
To that earlier unpardonable sin.

Wait until next time for,  
I know I will surely win,  
For there is nothing I abhor  
More than a repeated unpardonable sin.

But again the story reads;  
I should have played that,  
Not the logical; I plead,  
Please don't say my excuse is old hat!

But what can one do,  
To avoid this blunder,  
It does no good to play the new,  
For you never get to play your thunder.

Bishops after Knights, Castle,  
Queen save for last of all,  
When alining for the hassle,  
But that blunder causes all to fall.

I build my castle strong,  
Everything is right "by the book",  
But that sneaky move makes it wrong--,  
For relief, where can I look?

That Pawn falls tonight,  
He is so very very mean,  
For he sacs the Knight,  
Two moves later he wins the Queen.

To win a game I'm told,  
Careful play is a must,  
Remember, too, to be very bold,  
But my combo is always a bust.

Not his fault, wall of clay,  
But that solid iron wall,  
Rust is the cause, some say,  
But I don't understand at all.

## PLAN AHEAD FOR THE 1959 U. S. OPEN IN OMAHA! CALIFORNIA PROPOSES SENDING A GREYHOUND BUS!

Tentative arrangements have been made to reserve a charter bus next Summer to travel to Omaha, Nebraska for the U. S. Open Championship tournament. If enough California chess players are seriously interested in this project, we can all save money besides having a grand time. It would be a trip to remember! We need to know how many persons would like to go. For more details, you may write:

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