

BOTVINNIK TEAM OUTSMARTS SHOWALTER

The Botvinnik team of the Carroll Ogden Chess Club outsmarted the Showalter team of the Precita Valley Chess Club and won a team match last Thursday, June 7. The score of the match is not determined due to an unfinished game between Jim Cook and Horst Bullwinkle on board 2. Jim Reynolds protested the match on the grounds that an expert, Gil Ramirez, was placed on an "A" board, no. 3. However, depending on the adjudication of the Cook-Bullwinkle game the score will likely be 4-2 or $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ in favor of the Botvinnik team. The scoring was as follows:

SHOWALTER		COLLE	
J. Ramirez.....	0	D. Taggart.....	1
J. Cook.....	x	H. Bullwinkle... x	
N. Renaud.....	0 ₁	G. Ramirez.....	1 ₁
P. Bogosian.....	0	T. Tripodes.....	1
J. Reynolds.....	0	E. Daniloff.....	1
J. Craig.....	$-\frac{1}{2}$	W. Rawley.....	$-\frac{1}{2}$
Totals	$-\frac{1}{2}$		$4\frac{1}{2}$

x Game being adjudicated.

₁This point awarded Showalter team so total at present is actually $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY STANDINGS

Jim Cook.....	4	0
Noel Renaud.....	3	0
Jack Craig.....	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Jim Reynolds.....	2	1
Ivan Vegvary.....	2	3
John Ramirez.....	1	2
Bob Blakemore.....	1	2
Paul Bogosian.....	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Don Hufnagel.....	0	3

LADDER STANDINGS AND RATINGS

Noel Renaud.....	1853
Jim Cook.....	1480
Ivan Vegvary.....	1159
John Ramirez.....	1088
Bob Blakemore.....	1078
Jim Reynolds.....	1361
E. H. Batchelder....	900
Paul Bogosian.....	1083
Jack Craig.....	1087
Dr. Earl Weyer.....	750
Don Hufnagel.....	748
Jess Silver.....	744

No results in either tourney, June 7, '56.

SHOWALTER TEAM SHOWS THE WAY AT S. Q. !!

The Showalter team of the Precita Valley Chess Club showed the way up at San Quentin last Saturday, June 9, winning two matches 4-2 and 5-1. Four CFNC teams visited San Quentin and played inmate teams, but only the Showalter team won both its matches. George Koltanowski, international chess master, gave a short speech to start the teams off and hinted there would be some small prize for the team scoring the best in the matches. From two matches Showalter scored 9 points, higher than the rest though one team of San Quentin, Capablanca, also scored 9 points. However, one of their matches was a draw at 3-3. Here's how the Showalter team scored:

First Match

SHOWALTER (4)		LASKER, S.Q. (2)	
J. Cook.....	0	Flohr.....	1
J. Reynolds.....	1	Green.....	0
D. Ryan.....	0	Bailey.....	2
E. Russell.....	1	Easley.....	0
J. Ramirez.....	1	Stockwell.....	0
I. Vegvary.....	<u>1</u>	Glover.....	<u>0</u>
Totals	4		2

Second Match

SHOWALTER (5)		KERES, S.Q. (1)	
J. Cook.....	1	Goldsmith.....	0
J. Reynolds.....	0	Nolte.....	1
D. Ryan.....	1	Rexinger.....	0
E. Russell.....	1	McQuerry.....	0
J. Ramirez.....	1	Javor.....	0
I. Vegvary.....	<u>1</u>	Petry.....	<u>0</u>
Totals	5		1

C. D.'s VIEWS

EVERYTHING WENT WRONG in our match with the Botvinnik team. But let's not be poor sports. We lost to a very fine team!

Congratulations are due the men who played on the team while at San Quentin. The lower boards especially did a fine job. I could have used all Precita Valley Club members but I didn't want to slight the Keres Chess Club for their help so showed impartiality by lending the Max Lange team one of our players, Paul Bogosian, along with the Keres Club Director, Lowell Tullis. All of us who went to San Quentin had a very enjoyable time.

GAMES SECTION - Notes by Noel Renaud

Game played in team match between Colle and Showalter, May 31, 1956.

White: Bill Pattullo (Colle)

Black: James Cook (Showalter)

ENGLUND-BEHTING DEFENSE

1. P-Q4 P-K4

The Englund-Behting Defense. Those interested in this rare defense will find an interesting article and some illustrative games in Koltanowski's 1955 CHESS ANNUAL, page 40. A copy of the book is on the table in our clubroom.

2. PXP B-B4?

Too tame. N-QB3 is better.

3. N-KB3 N-K2

4. P-K4 P-QN3

Curiouser and curiouser!

5. B-QB4 B-R3

Black has developed three pieces and all on wrong squares!

6. Q-Q3

BxPch looks promising but is not sound on account of the exposed position of the White King. But 6. BxB, Nx8; 7. P-QR3 threatening to win the Bishop increases White's positional advantage.

6. . . . BxB

7. QxB P-Q4

8. PXP e.p. QXP

Forced as PXP or BXP loses the Bishop.

9. N-B3

Why not renew the threat with 9. B-Q2 keeping Black off balance.

9. . . . P-QB3

10. O-O N-Q2

11. B-K3 N-K4

12. NxB QxN

13. BxB QxB

14. QxQ PxQ

15. QR-Q1 O-O

16. R-Q6?

Why not an attacking move? R-Q7 is so much better.

16. . . . KR-Q1!

Well played. Black seizes the opportunity to improve his position.

17. KR-Q1 RxR

18. RxR K-B1

19. K-B1 K-K1

20. K-K2 R-N1

21. N-R4

P-QN3 is necessary here.

21. . . . R-N5!

And White loses his advantage.

22. NxP RxP

23. K-Q2 RxP

24. N-N7

A waste of time. There is nothing to gain in a threat that is so easily parried.

24. R-Q4 could be tried threatening to exchange the pesky Rook or win the passed pawn. Note that 24...., R-R4; 25. N-N7 wins. If 24...., R-N7; 25. R-R4; R-N4; 26. N-R6 and White retains some initiative.

24. . . . P-B3

25. R-Q8ch K-B2

26. R-Q7 R-R8

27. N-B5 K-K1

28. P-R4?

A Rook move is imperative.

28. . . . R-R4

29. N-N7 KxR

30. NxR K-B2

31. P-QB4?

This is questionable. N-B4 is preferable.

31. . . . K-N3

32. N-N3 P-QB4

Now Black's Knight will come into the game very effectively.

33. K-B3 P-QR4

34. N-Q2 N-B3

35. P-B4 N-Q5

36. P-K5

An oversight. But neither K-N3 nor K-Q3 is attractive so probably P-B5 should be tried.

36. . . . N-K7ch

37. Resigns

COOK

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. p p
. k . . . p . . .
p . p . P . . .
. . P . . P . P
. . K
. . . N n . P .
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PATTULLO

Position at end of game.

Resigns too soon. Black has weaknesses that should be exploited. 37. K-N3, NxP; 38. PXP (not 38. P-N3, N-K7; 39. N-B1, P-R4), PXP; 39. N-K4 and White should draw.

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