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The Annual North-South Match occurs over Memorial Day weekend at San Luis Obispo. The actual match will be played at the Recreation Hall on Sunday. If any "northern" memories are short, the North won in 1952, 32 to 27. We hope to repeat this year; naturally the South is out for revenge for both 1951 and 1952. Your Team Captains are N. T. Austin, 1608 - 42nd St., Sacramento, and Mark Hudey, 544 Market St., Room 805, San Francisco 4. Contact either immediately if you can go.

Correction on officers of Visalia Chess Club: President, C. Fotias; Activities Director, E. Achterberg; Sec-Treas. E. Thompson. Also, some Visalia players would like a ride to San Luis Obispo - contact Fotias at 424 W. Race, Visalia, phone 21835

News from Oakdale: Jeff Smith reports that a chess set was left there at a recent tournament and has not been claimed. Also, a stray Bishop and Knight were previously found. Write Smith at Rt 1 Box 622, Oakdale.

From Fresno we learn that that Club has acquired a chess clock that does not belong to them. Anyone lost a chess clock? If so, write a description and send it to Ernest Cook, 204 College Ave., Fresno 1. (We don't understand how so much eqpt is lost! A poor loser once ate one of the Capital City Chess Club's pawns, but that is all that's been lost!)

We have a news item that the Kansas City YMCA Chess Club will host the Junior Chess Championship August 10th to the 15th. Entry fee \$5. Open to youths under 21. Address inquiries to Tournament Committee, YMCA, 404 East 10th St., Kansas City 6 MO
1953 SACRAMENTO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

The decision to hold the City Championship over a single weekend resulted in a very small, but select, field. For various reasons it seemed advisable to hold this event separate from the Club Championship. One of these reasons was the inability of several strong players to play on Wednesday nights. The entry list was not as large as expected and the idea seems questionable at best.

However, as compensation, the field was evenly matched as evidenced by the fact that 4 of the 12 games were draws. Also, all players scored at least one win, and only Russell was able to score more.

ROY RUSSELL took the lead in the 2nd round and was never headed, allowing only one draw. He was in no danger in any of his games. He repeated his 1951 victory.

NEIL AUSTIN, substituting for J. B. Gee at the last moment, was also undefeated. He had trouble playing 2 games a day, as his 2nd and 4th round games lacked good ideas.

MILT MEYER, 1952 Champion, was off form. He missed winning and drawing chances in his first 3 games, before coming up with a nice game against Richards.

J. A. CELLE, easily the oldest entry, played his usual solid game, and would have done better had he not missed a draw in his 1st round game.

RAY RICHARDS did not fully recover from a faulty combination in a won position in his 1st round game.

OSTAP BENDER needs more hard match experience. He lost at least two games in which he had very favorable positions.

All players received \$1 a point, with \$3 extra for 1st place. N. T. Austin directed the event.
(by Austin)

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Sacramento City Championship 4/25-26

No.	Name	1	2	3	4	W	D	L	Score	Solkoff
1	R E Russell	W4	W6	W3	D2	3	1	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
2	N T Austin	D3	D5	W6	D1	1	3	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3	M O Meyer	D2	D4	L1	W5	1	2	1	2-2	
4	J A Celle	L1	D3	L5	W6	1	1	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.0
5	R L Richards	L6	D2	W4	L3	1	1	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	7.0
6	O Bender	W5	L1	L2	L4	1	0	3	1-3	

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Capital City Chess Club Championship

No.	Name	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Solkoff	Prize
1	M O Meyer	W18	W10	W4	W7	D2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	16.5	10.00
2	G W Flynn	W15	W7	W5	D3	D1	4 - 1	16.5	7.50
3	S G Johnson	W8	W9	W11	D2	D6	4 - 1	14.5	5.00
4	J A Celle	W17	W6	L1	D5	W12	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14.5	2.50
5-6	N T Austin	W13	W12	L 2	D4	W10*	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13.5	
	F Clawson	W14	L4	W13	W10	D3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13.5	2.50
7	N E Talcott	W12	L2	W14	L1	W11*	3 - 2		
8-9	E Horton	L3	L11	W16	W14	D9	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.0	2.50
	H A Keith	W11	L3	L10	W16	D8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.0	
10	N Zimmerman	W16	L1	W9	L6	L5*	2 - 3	15.5	
11	O Bender	L9	W8	L3	W13	L7*	2 - 3	14.0	
12	W Hartley	L7	L5	W18	W15	L4	2 - 3	11.5	
13	H LaBerge	L5	W15	L6	L11	W18*	2 - 3	10.5	
14	J C Lacey	L 6	W18*	L7	L8	W17	2 - 3	10.0	
15	J Hardy	L 2	L13	W17	L12	D16	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	10.5	
16	A W Bishop	L10	W17	L8	L9	D15	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.5	
17	G Gray	L4	L16	L15	W18*	L14	1 - 4		*Forfeit
18	L.King	L1	L14*	L12	L17*	L13	0 - 5		

F. Clawson won a special prize for finishing highest in the tourney as a new-comer, while Horton won a prize for finishing highest after losing initial game.

Fresno Chess Championship

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	S.P.
1	P D Smith	W7	D3	W13	D4	W5	D2	W8	W6	W10	W9	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	47.5
2	S Poulsen	L3	W7	W6	W10	D4	D1	W5	W13	W8	W11	8-2	43.75
3	T Fries	W2	D1	L8	W12	W11	D6	W7	W10	L5	W15	7-3	37.25
4	M Hailparn	W16	W9	D5	D1	D2	D3	W13	W12	W7	L6	7-3	33.75
5	E Cook	W10	D13	D4	W8	L1	W12	L2	W11	W3	L7	6-4	33.5
6	O Mascke	L13	W12	L2	L9	W14	W11	W15	L1	W16	W4	6-4	20
7	H Kallmann	L1	L2	W16	W14	D10	W8	L3	W15	L4	W5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	17.5
8	W Markus	D12	W11	W3	L5	D9	L7	L1	W14	L2	W16	5-5	18.25
9	Laiz	W14	L4	D10	W6	D8	L13	L12	W16	W15	L1	5-5	15
10	R Womack	L5	W15	D9	L 2	D7	W16	W14	L3	L1	W13	5-5	13.25
11	M Rubin	W15	L8	D14	W13	L3	L6	W16	L5	W12	L2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.5
12	L Legler	D10	L6	W15	L3	W16	L5	W9	L7	L11	W14	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.5
13	E Achterberg	W6	D5	L1	L11	W15	W9	L4	L2	D14	L10	4-6	17
14	W Eichholt	L9	W16	D11	L7	L6	L10	L8	L15	D13	L12	2-8	4.5
15	Mrs M Rubin	L11	L10	L12	W16	L 13	W14	L6	L7	L9	L3	2-8	2
16	C Leininger	L4	L14	L7	L15	L12	L10	L11	L9	L6	L10	0-10	

Fresno Chess News

The 1953 Fresno Club Championship tournament has just been completed and the new champion is Phil Smith. The affair was a ten-round Swiss system.

Smith was the only player to go undefeated, drawing with his three closest rivals and beating the rest of the field. From the 4th round on, the tournament was a rat-race with Smith out in front a half point ahead of Poulsen, Fries, Hailparn and Cook. Both Smith and Paulsen won their last four games to take the first two places. Elmer Achterberg and Walt Markus of Visalia also participated.

Fresno took a "B" team to Corcoran and played an informal match, winning 5-0. Fresno, who had so much trouble fielding a team for the League matches, led the clubs in representation at the recent Modesto Tourney with five. In a few weeks a rapid transit tournament will be held here. A simultaneous exhibition by Inre Konig is being planned. Hailparn and Fries recently participated in the Nevada Open at Las Vegas, placing 8th & 13th respectively. (Tom Fries)

Oakdale Chess News

Al Buerer won the four round Chess Club Championship tournament just completed by the Oakdale Chess Club. Buerer went thru the tourney undefeated, winning from H. Tuscosian, Ed Sai, V. Smith and John Sai. This qualifies Buerer to play number one board in League matches. C. J. Smith and Jim Smith finished with a three to one score each for second place.

and by the way, this youngster is fast becoming one of the best players in the club. Jim beat Ed Sai, Scott Sampson and Ken Kerner, losing one game to John Sai, another up and coming chesser.

Mrs. V. Smith and W. Maxey tied for third place honors. Others playing in the tourney were H. Mortensen, Larry Sawyer, W. R. Cutting, N. Perkins - a total of 15 entered the playoff.

Oakdale is looking forward to hosting the Central Calif. Chess League teams again this coming season, and will probably have a slightly stronger team than last year.

The first scheduled meeting will be the League conference meet on Sunday, Sept. 20, 1953, at 1:00 PM. Election of officers and business; other plans include a North-South match in miniature with three players each from Fresno, Modesto, Visalia and San Jose VS Oakdale, Stockton, Pittsburg and Sacramento. This match will start immediately, while the Directors of the League take care of the business at hand. (C. J. Smith)

OFF THE CHESS

by Geo. W. Flynn

My apologies to Dr. David-Malig for not including him in the triple tie for second in the League Championship. I had not seen the complete results and overlooked his fine showing.

Of course, I can't be blamed too much for trying to forget Dr. David-Malig, since he gave me a thorough beating one time when he was playing for San Jose. Well, it wasn't exactly a thorough beating, but he had the upper hand all along. I got in time trouble, too, and worked my way out of that, making about 8 moves in the last 2 minutes. Then, with a pawn down and a drawish position, I made a wovser of a move. At least I thought so. Dr. Malig didn't. He merely made a double-wovser and won a clear rook. So maybe it was a thorough beating at that.

Anyway I well remember that game and, after it was over, Mrs. David-Malig was trying to console me a little. "Couldn't you have gone there?" said she, looking thoughtfully at the critical position. Unfortunately I couldn't. Ah me. Anyway I appreciated her efforts to cheer me up.

You know, usually I don't write much about my own games, partly because I like to give the space to the little oddities and gossip of chess, and partly because I really don't have too darn much to say about the technical aspects of the game. However, I did get in rather an interesting position with I. Konig, the Austrian master. Or is he considered a British master? Anyway, he's from Vienna but has lived in England for years. We are now fortunate to have him on the West Coast. Certainly hope he stays. (continued page 4)

Here's the opening moves of Konig vs Flynn: 1. P Q4, N KB3; 2. P QB4, P KN3; 3. N QB3, P Q4; 4. PXP, NXP; 5. P K4, N N3 (goodbye book!); 6. N KB3, B N2; 7. B K2, O-O; 8. P KR3, B Q2; 9. O-O, N B3; 10. B KB4 (Here's my chance and I saw it.) NXP; 11. NXP, P K4; 12. B K3, PXP; 13. BXP (Here was my real chance and I didn't quite see it.) BxB; 14. QxB and White had a plus, but I managed to hold the draw.

The logical development of my 10th move (NXP) was to follow up with 13....BXP! Now it happens I wanted to play that move and would have done so in skittles. But Konig is a master and he was waiting for my move within three minutes. Should I or shouldn't I? Cowardice won out and I traded bishops instead. However, post-game analysis shows rather conclusively that 13....BXP 14. BxB, Q N4! threatens mate and definitely wins the KRP. At least I think so. Anybody vote "No"?

Well, that's about enough of that. Anyway I got the draw, and was happy about it. Let me add that any of the other clubs which can get Dr. Konig to visit them will enjoy his exhibition. He will also autograph either of his two books. One costs \$4 and is a fine complete work on chess. The other is a \$1 paper-bound treatise on the Queen's Indian. In case you wish to get them by mail, address I. Konig, 3880 California St., San Francisco (shucks, we don't mind giving a free ad to anybody who's promoting chess. Besides, these are souvenir items.)

Well, we've rambled on and have space only to congratulate Roy Russell on another Sacramento City Championship and Milt Meyer on winning the Capital City Chess Club Championship. All hail de Champs!!!!

N. Falconer, Castle	27 QxR	QxQ	22 Q Q5	QxQ	13 P Q4	Q B
vs R. Burger, UC	28 KxR	QxNP	23 RxQ	P QN3	14 P Q5	N Q
Ruy Lopez, 1/24/53	29 R R3	QxNch	24 N B4	B N2	15 QN Q2	N N2
1 P K4	P K4	Q N7	25 R Q2	PxP	16 B B2	N B4
2 N KB3	N QB3	31 Resigns	26 PXP	QR Q	17 P QN4	QN Q3
3 B N5	P QR3		27 KR Q	RxR	18 N B	N N3
4 B R4	N KB3	Konig-Austin	28 RxR	R K	19 N N3	B N5
5 O O	B K2	Simultaneous 4/11	29 B KB	P KN4	20 B Q3	N R5
6 R K	P QN4	1 P Q4	30 P KN4	R K2	21 Q B2	P B3
7 B N3	P Q3	2 P QB4	31 R Q6	K B2	22 PXP	QxP
8 P QB3	O-O	3 P KN3	32 N K3	B R3	23 B Q2	KR B
9 P Q4	B KN5	4 B N2	33 BxB	NxB	24 KR QB	L R
10 B Q5	Q Q2	5 N QB3	34 N B5	R B2	25 P B4	N N3
11 PXP	NxB	6 N B3		Drawn	26 P B5	RxR
12 PXP	BxN	7 O-O			26 RxR	Q N2
13 QxB	NXP	8 Q B2	Burger-H. Gross		28 BXP	PxP
14 Q N3	QR K	9 P N3	US vs Golden Gate		29 B R6	Q R
15 B R6	B N4	10 N K	1 P K4	P K4	30 Q N2	R B2
16 QxB	N B6ch	11 P B3	2 N KB3	N QB3	31 PXP	BxBP
17 PXP	RxRch	12 QxN	3 B N5	P QR3	32 QxP	Q B3
18 K N2	P KB4	13 B N2	4 B R4	N KB3	33 B N5	Q N2
19 Q Q2	Q K	14 P K3	5 O-O	B K2	34 B KB4	QN Q4
20 B N5	P KR3	15 N B2	6 Q K2	P QN4	35 BxN	R B
21 B B4	Q N3ch	16 PXP	7 B N3	P Q3	36 B R6	Resigns
22 B N3	KR K	17 PxBP	8 P QR4	QR N		
23 P KB4	P KR4	18 Q Q2	9 PXP	PxP		
24 P KR4	KR K7	19 N R3	10 P QB3	B N5		
25 Q Q3	Q N5	20 P K4	11 R Q	O-O		
26 P QR4	R B8	21 QR Q	12 P KR3	B R4		

P lease mark your
game scores if you
wish them returned!
Ye Ed.

Calif Open 52
Walter Meyer Rd 4

1 P Q4	N KB3
2 P QB4	P K3
3 N QB3	B N5
4 P QR3	BxNch
5 PxB	P B4
6 B N5	P Q3
7 P B3	QN Q2
8 P K4	P K4
9 P Q5	P KR3
10 B R4	Q R4
11 Q B2	O-O
12 B Q3	P R3
13 P R4	P QN4
14 BxP	PxP
15 BxP	B R3
16 BxB	RxB
17 N K2	R N
18 O-O	QR N3
19 R R2	P B5
20 P B4	N N5
21 Q Q2	R N8
22 N B	Q B4ch
23 B B2	NxB
24 QxN	PxP
25 QxQ	NxQ
26 K K2	NxKP
27 RxB2	P N4
28 P R5	RxRch
29 KxR	R N8ch
30 N B	R B8
31 K K2	RxP
32 K B3	P B4
33 P R4	RxP
34 PxP	PxP
35 Resigns	

Calif Open 52
Meyer-Achtenberg

1 N KB3	N KB3
2 P B4	P KN3
3 P Q4	P Q4
4 PxP	NxP
5 P K4	N N3
6 N B3	B N2
7 B K2	O-O
8 O-O	P QB3
9 B K3	B N5
10 R B	QN Q2
11 N N5	BxB
12 QxB	R B

13 KR Q	P K3
14 P K5	N Q4
15 KN K4	QN N3
16 N Q6	R B2
17 QN K4	P KR3
18 B Q2	P B3
19 N QB5	Q K2
20 Q N4	PxP
21 PxP	K R2
22 P B4	R B4
23 NxB	NPxN
24 Q R5	N Q2
25 NxD	QxN
26 B X	Q K2
27 Q B3	Q B2
28 R B2	Q K2
29 YR B	Q B2
30 P QN4	Q K2
31 P QR3	B B
32 B B2	P R3
33 B B5	Q Q
34 P N3	Q K
35 BxB	QxB
36 K B2	Q N2
37 R KN	Q N
38 P N4	R N2
39 P N5	K N3
40 PxPch	Resigns

COOL Match
Hailparn-Burger

1 P Q4	N KB3
2 P QB4	P K4
3 PxP	N K5
4 N Q2	B N5
5 N KB3	N QB3
6 P K3	O-O
7 B Q3	N B4
8 B B2	Q K2
9 O-O	P QR4
10 P QR3	BxN
11 BxB	NxP
12 NxN	QxN
13 B B3	Q K2
14 B Q4	P Q3
15 Q K2	N K3
16 KR Q	NxB
17 RxD	P KB4
18 Q Q3	R B3
19 Q Q	P QN3
20 R QB	B N2
21 Q Q2	QR KB

22 R K	R B3
23 P KB4	Q R5
24 P N3	Q R6
25 P K4	R K
26 Q KN2	Q R4
27 R Q2	PxP
28 BxP	KR K3
29 QR K2	RxB
30 RxB	RxB
31 Q KB2	Q KB6
32 QxQ	RxRch
33 Q KB	RxQch
34 KxR	K B2
35 K B2	K B3
36 P KN4	P Q4
37 PxP	BxP
38 K K3	P B4
39 P KR4	K K3
Time	

COOL Match
Hailparn-Woolfe

1 P Q4	P Q4
2 N KB3	N KB3
3 P KN3	P KN3
4 P QB4	P QB3
5 B N2	PxP
6 O-O	P QN4
7 P QR4	B N2
8 N K5	P QR3
9 RPxP	RFxP
10 RxB	BxR
11 P N3	PxP
12 QxP	P K3
13 B N5	B K2
14 Q R2	B N2
15 BxN	BxB
16 Q R7	BxN
17 QxB	QxP
18 BxPch	NxB
19 QxNch	QxQ2
20 Q K4	Q Q4
21 QxQ	PxQ
22 R Q	P Q5
23 N Q2	K K2
24 N B3	K K3
25 R N	R QN
26 K B	P B3
27 K K	K Q4
28 K Q2	K B5
29 N K	R QR
30 N Q3	R R7ch

31 K Q	B Q3
32 R Beh	K Q4
33 R N	R R4
34 K B2	K B5
35 N N2ch	K Q4
36 N Q3	K B3
37 K N3	R R6ch
38 K N2	P N5
39 R Beh	R B6
40 R QR	R B6
41 R Beh	K Q4
42 R B8	R B6
43 B KR8	R B2
44 R Q8	K K3
45 R K8ch	R K2
46 RxRch	RxB
47 K N3	K Q4
48 N K	K B4
49 N Q3ch	K Q4
50 N B4ch	K K5
51 K B4	K K4
52 P B3	P N4
53 N Q3ch	K K3
54 KxQP	P R4
55 K B4	P B4
56 NxB	B Q3
57 N Q3	P B5
58 PxP	PxP
59 K Q4	K B4
60 N B2	B N
61 N R3	B B2
62 K Q5	B N
63 K B6	B K4
64 K Q7	B B3
65 K K8	B N2
66 K K7	B Q5
67 K B7	B B4
68 K N7	B K2
69 K R6	P R5
70 K R5	B B3
71 N B2	B Q
72 N N4	B K2
73 N R6ch	K K4
74 K N4	B Q
75 N B7ch	Resigns