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## THREE TENNESSEANS REPRESENTED IN SOUTHERN.

The Southern Tourney this year was held in Birmingham, Ala from July 2 - 5. The Tournament was divided into two sections (1) The Southern Open Chess Championship and (2) Southern Chess Association Championship. The latter was for players of rating 1900 and under. Both tourneys were played by the Swiss system consisting of seven rounds each.

All three representatives from Tennessee played very well by scoring at least 50%. Spies from Memphis was the only one from Tennessee to play in the Open. He scored 5½ out of 7 points for 21st place in this 59 player event. Scrivener who this year moved from Memphis to Mississippi scored four points for a No. 13 position and \$10 in prize money. The winner in this event was Dr. R. A. Carlyle of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Southern Championship was surprisingly won by 16 year old Selden Trimble of Hopkinsville, Ky. by a score of 6:1. Trimble placed 6th in the Tenn. Open last year. The best showing for Tennessee was made by Peter Lahde (Nashville) by scoring four wins and three losses. This gave him 8th place and \$6 in prizes. Three of the wins were quite noteworthy. In the first round he defeated Larry Gray who had placed second in this event last year. In the fourth round he won over Jack C. Mallory the highest ranked player prior to this tourney who placed fifth. In the fifth round he scored a victory over the eventual winner, giving Trimble his only setback. Armstrong, a 17 year old youngster from Memphis, scored 3½ points to place 12th. Noteworthy was his draw over John F. Jacobs, who placed 7th and defeated Lahde. Armstrong also played a good game against J. L. Cabe, who placed just ahead of him. Twenty five played in the event.

Several games played in this tourney will be given in the following pages.

## TENNESSEE OPEN SOON.

Plans are already underway in preparation for the Tennessee Open, 1959 which is being held again this year after Thanksgiving (Nov. 27-29) in Nashville, Tenn. Besides the tourney several important questions regarding TCA, etc., will be discussed.

They are as follows:

- (1) Revision of the Constitution of the TCA.
- (2) Plans for Tennessee State Championship.
- (3) Plans for City Matches (with these possible cities participating: Chattanooga, Kingsport, Knoxville, Nashville, Memphis and Oak Ridge)
- (4) Bimonthly paper vs. Annual Report.

More about the tourney next issue.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Plans are underway for a Radio Match between Nashville and Kingsport. This event is expected to take place in October. No details are as yet available.

Both Spies and Armstrong of Memphis played in a Mississippi Tourney recently. Armstrong placed third with a 3½:1½ in the B division.

Wolfensberger of Nashville has gone to Indiana and will later go to New Jersey. He is not expected to play in the Tenn. Open this year but hopes to return Next Year.

Sullivan has again accepted to serve as Director for Tennessee in the USCF.

Lahde was appointed new Director for the SCA (Southern Chess Association).

GAMES FROM THE SOUTHERN PLAYED AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

This first game is the only one from the Open. It was won by R.S. Scrivener. In it he sacrifices two pieces in the opening in a typical king-hunt attack that succeeds in forcing his opponent to throw in the towel.

No. 1.  
QUEEN'S PAWN GAME  
Round 3.

White, R. S. Scrivener Nesbit, Miss.				Black, George Hoffman Mobile, Ala.			
1. P-Q4	N-KB5	8. B-Q5	QN-Q2	15. PxB	PxP?		
2. P-QB4	P-K3	9. P-K5	N-K	16. P-KN6	R-KB8ch		
3. P-QR3	B-K2	10. P-KR4	P-KB5	17. KxR	K-B		
4. N-QB5	P-QB5	11. BxPch!	KxB	18. Q-KR8ch	K-K2		
5. P-K4	P-Q5	12. N-KN5ch	K-N	19. B-KN5ch	N2-KB5		
6. P-KB4	Q-QB2	13. Q-KR5	PxN	20. BxNch	K-Q2?		
7. N-KB5	O-O	14. RpxP	BxP	21. Pxp	Q-QN5		
				22. R-Qch	Resigns		

The next game was played in the Southern Association Championship, it was won by Peter Lahde, who considers this game his best in the tourney.

No. 2.  
SICILIAN DEFENCE.  
Richter Attack  
Round 4

White, P. Lahde Nashville, Tenn.				Black, Jack C. Mallory University, Ala.			
1. P-K4	P-QB4	11. BxB	QxB?(e)	21. N-B5	B-R		
2. N-KB5	N-QB3	12. NxD!	PxN	22. B-B4!	R-K		
3. P-Q4	PxP	13. QxQP	QxQ	23. P-R5	P-B4		
4. Nxp	N-KB5	14. RxB	B-N2	24. P-KN5	R-K2		
5. N-QB3	P-Q5	15. P-K5!	KR-Q	25. R-Q8	B-N2(g)?		
6. B-KN5	P-K5	16. KR-Q	RxB	26. R-N8!	N-Q2!(h)		
7. Q-Q2	B-K2	17. RxB(f)	N-B	27. BxPch!(i)	RxB		
8. B-K2(a)	O-O	18. B-Q5	P-B5	28. RxB	R-K2(j)		
9. O-O-O	P-KR3(b)	19. P-B4	K-B2	29. RxD	RxB		
10. P-KR4(?)	N-KR2(?)	(d) 20. N-R4	R-QB	30. NxB	K-K3		
	(c)			31. N-N8	Resigns(k)		

Notes by Lahde

- (a) More usual is 8 O-O-O at once.
- (b) More common and probably better is 9.... P-Q4
- (c) A suprising but not quite sound sacrifice. If 10. B-R4, NxB
- (d) Black should accept the offer.
- (e) This loses a Pawn. Correct is NxB.
- (f) Here 17. PxB, R-Q; 18. N-R4 may be stronger. But the text also wins.
- (g) Loses a Piece. Necessary is R-K...
- (h) This move seems to save everything.
- (i) But this move wins for White.
- (j) Now 28.... NxD is not feasible. This was the reason for White's 27th move.
- (k) With a piece and two Pawns behind Black resigns.

No. 3.  
SICILIAN DEFENCE  
Round 5.

White, P. Lahde Nashville, Tenn.				Black, Selden Trimble Hopkinsville, Ky.			
1. P-K4	P-QB4	10. Q-B3	QN-Q2	19. K-K2	Q-H7ch		
2. N-KB3	P-Q5	11. P-B5	N-B4(c)	20. N-Q2	K-Q2(g)		
3. P-Q4	PxP	12. PxP	PxP	21. KR-Qn	Q-Q5		
4. Nxp	N-KB3	13. B-N5	B-K2	22. N-B3	Q-B3		
5. N-QB3	P-QR3	14. BxN(?)	(d) ExB	23. R-KB1?(h)	Q-N7ch(i)		
6. B-QB4	P-K5	15. N-N3	R-KB1(e)	24. N-Q2	RxB(j)		
7. P-B4(a)	P-QN4	16. Q-N4?(f)	NxBch!	25. RxB	QxRP?(k)		
8. B-Q5(b)	Q-B2	17. PxD	BxNch	26. QxNfch	K-K1(l)		
9. P-KR3	B-N2	18. PxB	QxPch	27. R-Bch!	Resigns.		

Notes from Game No. 3 by P. Lahde.

- (a) More common is 7. O-O, P-Q4; 8. B-N3, P-N5; 9. N-R4, NXP 10. B-K3 favors White. Also 7. P-QR5! is suggested.
- (b) To avoid the loss of a Pawn by 8. B-N3, P-N5; N-R4, NXP.
- (c) Better seems 11... N-K4.
- (d) This gives Black a strong position.
- (e) Threatening 16... BxNch winning the Queen.
- (f) This loses a Pawn and the Castling privilege.
- (g) Nothing is gained by 20 ...R-B7ch?; 21. KxR, QxNch; 22. Q-K2.
- (h) With the intention of sacrificing the QRP for a strong attack.
- (i) It appears Black goes for it.
- (j) The only mode of capture without losing a Piece.
- (k) The decisive error.
- (l) Any other move forces mate.
- (m) Both sides thought that after 27... K-N6; 28. Q-B7 is mate, but Black has K-R2. I am sure that I would have found the right continuation after 27...K-N6 which is 28. Q-Q4ch, K-R4; 29. R-QR which wins Queen for Rook.

The following game was won by Troy Armstrong. This he considers his best game from the tourney. His opponent fell into the opening trap, but later Troy was forced to return the exchange staying only a Pawn ahead. This Pawn finally turns the tide in his favor in a speculative end game.

No. 4.  
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED  
Round 1.

White, J. L. McCabe Atlanta, Ga.		Black, Troy Armstrong Memphis, Tenn.	
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	20. R-R2	N-Q2
2. P-QB4	P-K3	21. N-B3	N-N3
3. N-QB3	N-KB3	22. N-R4	R-Q
4. B-N5	QN-Q2	23. N-B5	BxN
5. PXP	PxP	24. PxB	P-B3!(c)
6. NXP?(a)	NxN!	25. R-R4	R-K
7. N-KB3	QxB	26. QR-N4	R-K2
8. NxQ	B-N5ch	27. R-K4	QR-K
9. Q-Q2	BxQch	28. P-B3	N-B
10. KxB	O-O	29. RxB	RxB
11. P-K4	KN-N3	30. R-K4	RxB
12. R-B	P-IR3	31. PxB	K-N
13. N-B3	P-QB5	32. K-B3	K-B2
14. B-Q5	N-B3	33. K-B4	K-K2
15. P-KR5	B-K3	34. P-R4	K-Q3
16. P-KN4	NxNP(b)	35. P-R5	P-R4
17. PxB	BxB	36. B-K2	P-R5
18. N-K5	B-K3	37. B-N4	N-K2
19. QR-KN	K-R	38. P-N4	P-QN3
		39. PxB	PxB
		40. P-N5	PxB
		41. KxB	P-N3(d)
		42. P-K5ch	PxB
		43. P-B6	N-B4
		44. PxFch	KxB
		45. BxN(e)	KxB(f)
		46. B-R3	K-N4
		47. KxB	K-B5
		48. K-B5	P-N4
		49. B-K6	P-N5
		50. K-Q4	K-B6
		51. B-Q5ch	K-B7
		52. K-K4	P-N6
		53. K-B4	P-R6
		54. K-N4	P-N7
		55. BxB	PxB
		56. Resigns	

Notes by Troy Armstrong.

- (a) Falling into a well known opening trap losing a piece. If 7. BxQ, B-N5ch!; 8. Q-Q2, BxQ; 9. KxB, KxB.
- (b) Fearing a powerful attack, Black gives back the piece but remains with a Pawn advantage and White's attack has been broken up.
- (c) Not 24...RxB? then 25. P-B6! and Black is in desperation. If 25 ... PxB; 26. RxB mate. If 25 ... P-N3 26. RxBch, K-N; 27. QR-R etc. If 25...R-N 26. K-B3, R moves 27. PxB, RxB; 28. RxBch. K-N; 29. R-K with a difficult position for Black.
- (d) This is a speculative but sound continuation. It brings about a quicker ending than does 41... N-B3. If 42. PxB, NxB the Knight will penetrate and support the passed Pawn.
- (e) Not 45. P-B7, N-Q5ch!. This was the saving move on which the continuation was based.
- (f) The Pawns cannot be stopped.

NASHVILLE CITY MATCHES.

In the ladder tournament in Nashville, Lahde is still holding first place with 1618, closely followed by Bowen who has 1601.