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### COVEYOU REPEATS AS TENN. OPEN CHAMP

Robert Coveyou of Oak Ridge was able to retain the title of Tenn. Open Champion by winning five games and losing only his last round game to Jerry Sullivan of Knoxville. Second place was won on tie-breaking points by 14 year old Robert Jacobs of Louisville, Ky. Third place was taken by Jerry Sullivan who also scored 4½ points. Two players from the Memphis Chess Club, Carl Spies and James Wright, scored 4 points to take 4th and 5th place respectively. Albert Bowen of Nashville and Joseph Spiegel of Memphis scored 3½ points for 6th and 7th position. Eight players tied for 3 points or scored 50%.

The event was a great success, even though the number of players dropped from 29 to 21. If we consider Bob Scrivener for Memphis (where he is an officer and a valuable member), although residing in Nesbit, Miss., the number of players from Tennessee remained the same at 17. The loss of players from other states was partly blamed on the other tournaments held the same week end.

Some of the outstanding features of the event were: Bob Scrivener was the only player to go through the tourney undefeated. His doctor told him to take it easy so he was satisfied with a draw in every game. Another interesting thing was Spies upsetting Sullivan in round 2 thereby preventing Sullivan from regaining the title. Noteworthy also was the brilliant play of Robert Jacobs, especially his win over Spiegel. The title of highest scoring Junior from Tennessee fell to Troy Armstrong of Memphis.

The tourney was successful also from another standpoint. Good sportsmanship and plenty of interest was shown by the fact that no game was forfeited, nor was it necessary in any case to adjudicate a game.

Some other facts may be noted about the tournament. A total of 60 games were played (10 each round) of which White won 25, Black 17, and 18 were drawn. Broken up into rounds, giving White first are: (1) 3:4, (2) 4:4, (3) 4:2, (4) 7:1, (5) 1:6, and (6) 6:1. The remaining games in each round were drawn. The King-side opening was the most popular with 34 games. Of these the Ruy Lopez was by far the most played with 12. The Sicilian and French were equally popular with 5. Three games each were the Caro Kann and the Guicco Pieno. The Petroff was played twice. The remainder: Vienna, King's Gambit, Scotch and Four Knights appeared once.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

Jerry Sullivan has been declared State Match Champion by defeating Bob Coveyou 5½:2½ in their recent match. Any one wishing to become State Match Champion should challenge Jerry to a match. His address is 1710 Yale, Knoxville, Tenn. One or two games from the urch will soon be published.

A newcomer to Tennessee and particularly Memphis is Max Burkett. He placed 5th on tie-breaking with 4½:1½ in the recent New Mexico Open and has an earlier rating of 1946.

In the Nashville ladder tourney Peter Lahde still holds a slight lead with 1529 over Al Bowen who has 1505 and Milton Loew 1434. Pete recently lost a match to Milton 1½:½. Al had to be satisfied with one win, one lose to take a draw with Club President Dr. Rice Pierce who is fourth with 1335.

### DUES DUE

Please send in your dues if you have not already done so, that you can receive the paper without interruption.

Of the 25 Queen-side openings the King's Indian was first with 11. there were 5 Queen's Indian, 4 Queen's Gambit, 3 Queen's Pawn Games and one Nimzo-Indian and irregular opening.

The unofficial team title went to the Memphis Chess Club with 17.5 points, closely followed by Nashville with 16.5. If only the two highest players from each city were considered, the score would be as follows: (1) Memphis 8, (2) Nashville 6.5, (3) Kingsport 6, and (4) Manchester 4.

The first prize won by Bob Coveyou consisted of \$50 and a trophy. Second prize money of \$25 each was shared by Jacobs and Sullivan. An additional prize of \$5 each was awarded to Wright and Spies. The newly created trophy for highest scoring Junior was won by Troy Armstrong. A financial account of this tourney as well as the preceding one will be given in the next issue.

Last but not least we want to welcome the following new or returning players to the tourney. They are Troy Armstrong and Joseph Spiegel of Memphis, Joe Sulby of Kingsport, John Temple of Manchester, and Gary Ratcliffe of Nashville.

We also had several out of town visitors who did not play. Mr. Walter Junge, an old timer and good correspondence player of Lewisburg brought a supply of pencils. Several players from the Nashville Club were there including Dr. Rice Pierce, the president, Ward Poag, the secretary, Ridley Wright, Arthur Tribke, and L. D. Stallcup. Mr. Stallcup had an excellent exhibition of "Chess on Stamps" that included all the stamps ever issued on chess.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

Several things of importance were discussed at the business session preceding the tourney. Among other things it was decided that the Labor Day Week End would be a better time to hold the tournament, because there are fewer other tournaments and it appears more convenient. Efforts will be made to hold it at that time in the future. Next tourney-Nashville again.

Several minor changes were also made to bring the Constitution of the Tenn. Chess Association up to date. These are as follows:

(1) Article II - Coordination  
Dropped "and the Southern Chess Association", as an organization with which T. C. A. is affiliated.

(2) Article IV - Dues  
The dues for U.S.C.F. membership are \$5 instead of \$2.  
The dues for T.C.A. membership changed from \$2 to \$1.

A draft with these revisions is being prepared by Joe Sulby of Kingsport. It should be available for the next tournament or upon request in the near future.

| Tennessee Open, 1959 |                   | Rd1 | Rd2 | Rd3 | Rd4 | Rd5 | Rd6 | SCORE       | S.M. |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|------|
| 1. Coveyou, R        | Oak Ridge, Tenn   | W6  | W2  | W4  | W5  | W8  | L3  | 5 -1        | 23.5 |
| 2. Jacobs, R.        | Louisville, Ky    | Bye | L1  | W17 | W7  | W5  | D4  | 4-1/2       | 22.8 |
| 3. Sullivan, J.      | Knoxville, Tenn.  | W21 | L4  | D16 | W6  | W17 | W1  | 4-1/2       | 19   |
| 4. Spies, C.         | Memphis, Tenn.    | W19 | W3  | L1  | D8  | W10 | D2  | 4 -2        | 22   |
| 5. Wright, Jas.      | Millington, Tenn. | W20 | W16 | W14 | L1  | L2  | W3  | 4 -2        | 20   |
| 6. Bowen, Al         | Nashville, Tenn.  | L1  | W11 | D9  | L3  | W18 | W16 | 3-1/2-2-1/2 | 20.5 |
| 7. Spiegel, J.       | Memphis, Tenn.    | D12 | D9  | W15 | L2  | D13 | W19 | 3-1/2-2-1/2 | 18.5 |
| 8. Finucane, T.      | Kingsport, Tenn.  | D17 | W12 | W10 | L4  | L1  | L5  | 3 -5        | 21.5 |
| 9. Scrivener, R.     | Nesbit, Miss.     | D15 | D7  | D6  | D10 | D11 | D12 | 3 -5        | 18.5 |
| 10. Lahde, P.        | Nashville, Tenn.  | W15 | D14 | L8  | W18 | L4  | D13 | 3 -5        | 18.5 |
| 11. O'Neal, N.       | Louisville, Ky.   | L16 | L6  | Bye | W15 | D9  | D14 | 3 -5        | 18   |
| 12. Loew, M.         | Nashville, Tenn.  | D7  | L8  | D15 | W19 | D16 | D9  | 3 -5        | 17   |
| 13. Armstrong, T.    | Memphis, Tenn.    | D9  | L17 | D12 | W21 | D7  | D10 | 3 -5        | 16.5 |
| 14. Sulby, J.        | Kingsport, Tenn.  | W18 | D10 | L5  | L17 | W21 | D11 | 3 -5        | 16.5 |
| 15. Aydelott, J.F.   | Nashville, Tenn.  | L10 | W19 | L7  | L11 | W20 | W17 | 3 -5        | 16   |
| 16. Gross, G.        | Milton, Fla.      | W11 | L5  | D3  | D9  | D12 | L6  | 2-1/2-3-1/2 | 21   |
| 17. Edwards, D.      | St. Louis, Mo.    | D8  | W13 | L2  | W14 | L3  | L15 | 2-1/2-3-1/2 | 21   |
| 18. Ratcliff, G.     | Nashville, Tenn.  | L14 | W20 | D21 | L10 | L6  | Bye | 2-1/2-3-1/2 | 15.6 |
| 19. Hairfield, H.    | Manchester, Tenn. | L4  | L15 | W20 | L12 | Bye | L7  | 2 -4        | 18.6 |
| 20. Temple, J.       | Manchester, Tenn. | L5  | L18 | L19 | Bye | L15 | W21 | 2 -4        | 18.6 |
| 21. Groom, R.        | Nashville, Tenn.  | L3  | Bye | D18 | L13 | L14 | L20 | 1-1/2-4-1/2 | 18   |

There were six players that were involved in three two way ties by the S. M. (Solkoff Modification) which were broken by the S-B (Sonnenborn-Berger) System. Using the S-B System they scored: Scrivener 9.5, Lahde 8.5, Armstrong 7.75, Sulby 7, Gross 8.25, and Edwards 7.5.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SELECTED GAMES FROM THE TENNESSEE OPEN, NOVEMBER 27 - 29, 1959

| No. 1. Queen's Indian Defense. |       | Bowen, White. |       | Coveyou, Black |         |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|----------------|---------|
| 1. P-Q4                        | N-KB3 | 13. B-Q3      | P-B4  | 25. R-N1       | P-Q5    |
| 2. P-K3                        | P-QN5 | 14. B-R3      | Q-K2  | 26. B-B1       | Q-N5    |
| 3. N-C2                        | B-H2  | 15. B-N5      | QR-Q1 | 27. P-K5       | BxP     |
| 4. P-QB4                       | P-K3  | 16. K-K1      | N-K4  | 28. CxP        | B-N1    |
| 5. KN-B3                       | P-B4  | 17. N(3)xN    | QxN   | 29. P-KR3      | Q-C2    |
| 6. P-QN5                       | P-Q4  | 18. N-B3      | Q-K2  | 30. Q-KN5      | R-B3    |
| 7. B-N2                        | N-B5  | 19. B-N2      | P-KB5 | 31. B-Q3       | R-K3    |
| 8. BxP                         | KxP   | 20. B-Q3      | N-N4  | 32. B-B5       | RxQ     |
| 9. R-D1                        | B-Q3  | 21. Nxd1      | QxN   | 33. BxQ        | RxB     |
| 10. B-H5                       | O-O   | 22. Q-QB2     | Q-N4  | 34. P-KR4      | P-Q6    |
| 11. PxP                        | PxP   | 23. P-K4      | P-P6  | 35. P-KN4      | RxPnote |
| 12. O-O                        | N-K5  | 24. P-H5      | Q-R6  |                |         |

| No. 2. King's Indian Defense. |       | Gross, White |       | Sullivan, Black |        |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| 1. N-KB5                      | P-Q4  | 12. P-dN     | Q-R4  | 23. R-C4        | Q-B3   |
| 2. P-Q4                       | N-KB3 | 13. B-Q3     | N-Q2  | 24. R-KN4       | N-B5   |
| 3. P-B4                       | P-KN3 | 14. Q-B2     | N-N3  | 25. Q-B4        | Q-K3   |
| 4. PxP                        | NxP   | 15. Q-R4     | B-B5  | 26. NxP         | QxN(d) |
| 5. P-K4                       | N-K3  | 16. Q-B2     | B-B5  | 27. NxPch       | BxN    |
| 6. N-B3                       | B-N2  | 17. P-K5     | B-N2  | 28. RxPch       | B-N2   |
| 7. B-K3                       | O-O   | 18. N-KN5    | BxB   | 29. RxBch       | KxR    |
| 8. B-K2                       | P-QB3 | 19. Rxd      | P-KR5 | 30. Q-N5ch      | R-R1   |
| 9. O-O                        | B-K5  | 20. NxBP     | Q-P3  | 31. Q-R6ch      | K-N    |
| 10. Q-B2                      | N-B5  | 21. R(3)-Q1  | Q-B5  | 32. Drawn       |        |
| 11. Qx-Q1                     | NxB   | 22. P-Q5     | PxP   |                 |        |

| No. 3. French Defense. |       | Jacobs, White |         | Spiegel, Black |         |
|------------------------|-------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| 1. P-K4                | P-K3  | 8. B-R3       | B-Q2    | 15. BxCP       | PxN     |
| 2. P-Q4                | P-Q4  | 9. O-O        | O-O-O   | 16. Bx5        | RxB     |
| 3. P-K5                | P-QB4 | 10. QN-Q2     | N-QR4   | 17. B-B4       | B-C3    |
| 4. P-QB3               | N-QB3 | 11. R-N1      | P-KR5   | 18. PxB        | N-Q1    |
| 5. N-B5                | Q-H5  | 12. R-QN1     | K-N1    | 19. N-K5       | Q-N4    |
| 6. P-OR5               | P-B5  | 13. N-B1      | N(2)-B5 | 20. NxBch      | CxN     |
| 7. P-KN5               | KN-K2 | 14. H-K3      | BxP     | 21. R-K7       | Q-B4    |
|                        |       |               |         | 22. P-Q7ch     | Resigns |

| No. 4. Scotch Game |        | Wright, White |       | Finucane, Black |         |
|--------------------|--------|---------------|-------|-----------------|---------|
| 1. P-K4            | P-K4   | 7. Q-K5       | Q-K2  | 13. PxKP        | N-R3    |
| 2. N-KB5           | N-QB5  | 8. O-O        | BxN   | 14. PxB         | NxR     |
| 3. P-Q4            | PxP    | 9. PxB        | N-K4  | 15. P-K6        | N-K4    |
| 4. B-QB4           | P-Q6   | 10. Nxd       | PxN   | 16. PxBch       | KxP     |
| 5. PxB             | B-H5ch | 11. B-R3      | Q-C2  | 17.             | Resigns |
| 6. N-B3            | P-Q3   | 12. P-KB4     | P-CR4 |                 |         |

| No. 5. Four Knights Game |       | Lehde, White |       | Armstrong, Black |        |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|------------------|--------|
| 1. P-K4                  | P-K4  | 7. P-KR5     | O-O   | 13. N-H5         | BxP    |
| 2. N-QB5                 | N-KB5 | 8. N-QR4     | N-KN4 | 14. NxB          | PxN    |
| 3. B-B4                  | B-B4  | 9. NxBP      | PxN   | 15. P-CB3        | B-H5   |
| 4. P-C3                  | P-KR5 | 10. QxN      | B-C3  | 16. F-B5         | BxP    |
| 5. N-KB3                 | N-B3  | 11. B-B5     | N-C5  | 17. PxB          | Q-H6ch |
| 6. O-O                   | P-Q3  | 12. Q-Q      | Q-R5  | 18. K-R          | Drawn  |

| No. 6. Nimzo Indian |       | O'Neal, White |      | Scrivener, Black. |      |
|---------------------|-------|---------------|------|-------------------|------|
| 1. P-Q4             | N-KB5 | 7. P-K4       | PxKP | 13. B-B5          | P-K4 |
| 2. P-QB4            | P-K3  | 8. NxB        | NxN  | 14. PxB           | CxQ  |
| 3. N-QN3            | B-H5  | 9. CxN        | N-E3 | 15. BxQ           | BxP  |
| 4. Q-B2             | O-O   | 10. B-K3      | P-B4 | 16. NxB           | NxN  |
| 5. P-QR5            | B-K2  | 11. Q-Q3      | P-B5 | 17. B-K4          | R-K1 |
| 6. H-B5             | P-Q4  | 12. B-Q2      | B-B5 | 18. Drawn         |      |