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By Richard Westbrook

"If it is true that time flies when you're having fun, then I must be having a great deal of fun! I think, however, it is more accurate to say that time flies whether you're having fun or not."

I wrote those words at the beginning of my column in the previous issue of the TCN. Nothing has changed to make me alter that assessment. Between transitory health problems and a computer which ultimately proved to be a "lemon," I've had a difficult time getting this issue to press. How can it be August already?

This issue is dedicated to Robert R. "Bob" Coveyou, eight-time State Champion and Hall of Fame Member who passed away in February. I am fortunate to have known Bob through the Oak Ridge Chess Club which I attended on Friday nights while in high school. He was usually the only adult there; he ran it for kids.

Bob was always interested in teaching young children and promising youths all he could about the game. I was neither young enough (nor

promising enough) to receive much instruction from him other than whatever I could learn from the defeats he routinely inflicted on me.

Bob had a keen sense of humor, which was often as mischievous or sharp as it was funny. He could make chess fun even while trouncing you. He would often watch games and fill the air with ironic observations about how they were being conducted.

Bob always encouraged us to think for ourselves at the table, and in life beyond chess. I do not recall him discussing his work, but I do remember knowing that he was reknown internationally as a mathematician. He was someone to look up to and admire.

I recall another state champion's gleeful account of beating Bob in a tournament game. It was particularly meaningful to him because he had black against the Ruy Lopez, exclaiming that Bob was known to be such an expert in that opening! For him, beating Bob was a measure of arrival as a chess player....

One of our state's giants is gone.

~Richard Westbrook

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Robert R. Coveyou Remembered

By Jerry Sullivan

Robert R. (Bob) Coveyou, resident of Oak Ridge from 1943 to present, was Tennessee State Champion eight times. He won in 1947, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1963 and 1968. Bob was born in Michigan and was Detroit chess champ twice.

He attended Wayne State University and the University of Chicago, receiving his degree from Chicago after he had moved to Oak Ridge as a health physicist during World War II. He received his Master's Degree in Mathematics from the University of Tennessee and received an honorary Doctorate from the University of Gottingen in Germany in the 1960's.

His primary work and renown was in the area of applied mathematics in solving problems in nuclear engineering. He worked with computers from their inception as a major tool in problem solving and made significant contributions in Monte Carlo simulations of nuclear reactions, particularly in the field of nuclear reactor technology. A paper, "Serial Correlation in the Generation of Pseudo-Random Numbers" (Journal of the Association for Computing Machinery [JACM], Vol 7, No 1, January 1960) was the precursor of his most widely cited paper, co-authored with R. G. McPherson, "Fourier Analysis of Uniform Random Number Generators" (JAMC, Vol 14 No 1, January 1967). During 1961, at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, he presented a paper on "The O5R Code: A General Purpose Monte Carlo Reactor Code for the IBM 704 Computer." In the late 1960s, he was appointed to a two-year term as section chief at the IAEA in Vienna.

Once the war ended in 1945 and Oak Ridge was accessible to the general public, the availability of the chess talent there added to the existing pool of chess players in the East Tennessee area. Bob was a behind-the-scenes organizer of the 1948 US Junior Championship in Oak Ridge. He was president of the Tennessee Chess Association, directed many tournaments and participated in Tennessee chess activities

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Words From Alvin Weinberg

Bob Coveyou was *sui generis*. He was basically self-taught, both as a mathematician and as a chess player - - and, unencumbered by academic attitudes and prejudices, he brought extraordinary sparks of genius and originality, both to his mathematics and to his chess.

At the laboratory, he dealt with the most difficult technical questions. Outside, he was generally preoccupied with chess. These two activities sometimes intersected - - as when he recommended our hiring Larry Noderer as physicist, but also because he was a chess player, almost as good as good as Bob.

Bob will always be remembered for the interest he had in helping young people, both in mathematics and in chess. Recently, I asked Bob MacPherson, who is now regarded as one of the world's foremost mathematicians, to list his most important scientific papers. Heading the list was a paper which he wrote when he was a 16 year old student at ORNL. The paper, jointly signed by Bob Coveyou and Bob MacPherson some 35 years ago, is still regarded as a major contribution to statistics. This is but one example of the strong influence Bob Coveyou had on the intellectual development of many young Oak Ridgers.

Bob somehow always seemed young to me - - his unusual manner, his lack of guile, his willingness to share his ideas and his enthusiasms with others. Oak Ridge will be lessened without Bob. His memory, as one of Oak Ridge's true originals, will remain always in the hearts of those of us who knew him, admired and loved him.

(The above eulogy was read at the memorial service. - ed.)

Tennessee Individual State Scholastics
Middle Tennessee State University, Feb. 10, 1996

HIGH SCHOOL (27 players)

<u>Place</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Score</u>
Champion	Todd Andrews	Bellevue Middle	5.0
Second	Faradj Rasulov	Univ. Sch. Jackson	4.0
Third	Shaun Whelan	Brentwood H.S.	4.0
Fourth	Olga Palatnik	Harpeth Hall	3.5
Fifth	Larry Williams, Jr.	Home School	3.5
Sixth	Michael C. Shelton	Dickson Co. H.S.	3.0
Seventh	Nicholas Barber	Webb School	3.0
Eighth	John Kleiner	Dyersburg H.S.	3.0
Ninth	Tim Crigger	Sullivan Central H.S.	3.0
Tenth	M. C. Deck, III	Cumberland C.H.S.	3.0
1st 1000-1199	S. Shaub-Brown	Jefferson Co. H.S.	2.5
1st B1000	Edgar Davison	Dyersburg H.S.	3.0
1st Unrated	Jonathan Alexander	Webb School	3.0

JUNIOR HIGH (32 players)

<u>Place</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Score</u>
Champion	Jay Lewis, III	Lausanne Collegiate	4.5
Second	James N. Hughes	Cleveland Middle	4.0
Third	Allie Prescott	White Station H.S.	4.0
Fourth	Sisir Botta	MLK Junior High	4.0
Fifth	Jason Knight	Norris Middle Sch.	4.0
Sixth	Paul Branning	White Station H.S.	3.5
Seventh	Jerry Wang	Meigs Middle Sch.	3.0
Eighth	Robby Hatchett	David Lipscomb M.	3.0
Ninth	Chris Mironescu	Bellevue Mid. Sch.	3.0
Tenth	Lee Gilmer	Martin Elementary	3.0
1st-B1000	Michael Strachan	Univ. Sch. Jackson	3.0

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ELEMENTARY (30 players)

<u>Place</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Score</u>
Champion	Ted Blakeman	Jefferson Middle	4.5
Second	Blake Gibson	Overlook Hts. Acad.	4.0
Third	Manuel Garcia, Jr.	Jefferson Middle	4.0
Fourth	James Spangler	Jefferson Middle	4.0
Fifth	Lu Sun	Glenwood Elem.	4.0
Sixth	Leath Bing	Grahamwood Elem.	3.5
Seventh	Kevitt Adler	Grahamwood Elem.	3.0
Eighth	Jeremy Reed	Univ. Sch. Nashville	3.0
Ninth	T. J. Osborne	Charlotte Elem.	3.0
Tenth	David M. Cox	Home School	3.0
1st-B1000	Westin Greene	Alcoa Elem.	3.0
1st-Unrated	Franky Hajny	Martin Elem.	2.0

PRIMARY (30 players)

<u>Place</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Score</u>
Champion	Griffin Gibson	Overlook Hts. Acad.	4.5
Second	Casey Hill	Christ Methodist	4.5
Third	Scott Willson	Montessori Acad.	4.0
Fourth	Justin D. Sparks	St. George's Day	4.0
Fifth	Brent Phillips	St. George's Day	3.5
Sixth	Evan Williams	Grahamwood Elem.	3.5
Seventh	Ryan Pearce	Woodland Elem.	3.5
Eighth	Mirko Remec	Woodland Elem.	3.0
Ninth	Kyle Wright	Chimneyrock Elem.	3.0
Tenth	Samuel Young	Richland Elem.	3.0
1st-B1000	Brad Rentrop	St. George's Day	3.0
1st-Unrated	Ricky Young	Martin Elem.	2.0

Annotated Game

(By Tom Rowan)

Peter Bereolos - T. Rowan
Knoxville, TN, 1996 E20/3

1. d4 e6 2. c4 ♟f6 3. ♞c3 ♟b4 4. g3

I had hardly any practical experience with the Nimzo-indian and far less with this variation.

4... 0-0

Planning to play it as a Catalan since I wasn't familiar with the c5 lines.

5. ♟g2 d5 6. ♞f3 dxc4

Not bad *per se*, but bad judgement. The text can lead to sharp play in lines with which I wasn't familiar.

7. 0-0 ♞c6 8. a3 ♟e7

[8 ... ♟a5!? Illescas Cordoba - Yusupov, Linares 1990]

9. e4 a6!? 10. ♞e2?!

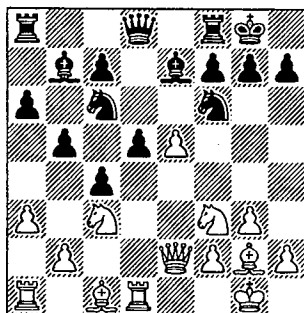
[10. ♞a4 b5 11. ♞xb5 ♟d7 T]

10... b5

I didn't give enough consideration to ♞xd4, rejecting it on the impression that White had compensation. If I'd done a better job of examining concrete lines I would have seen ♞xd4 leads to a much easier

game than b5 does. [10 ... ♞xd4! 11. ♞xd4 ♞xd4 12. ♟e3 (12. ♟d1 ♞a7) 12... ♞d3]

11. ♟d1 ♟b7 12. d5 exd5 13. e5!



I completely overlooked this possibility. This is a bad lapse because this is just the type of active play White will always be seeking to compensate for his pawn deficit.

13... d4

Keeping the position unclear. If the knight moves, White's crushing control of the center and numerous threats are worth more than a pawn.

14. exf6

[14. ♞xd4 ♞xd4 15. ♟xd4 ♞xd4 16. ♟xb7 T]

14... ♟xf6 15. ♞e4 ♟e7

Keeping the bishop to control

the dark squares looked best. Peter said he thought I might try ♟e8.

16. ♟e3?!

[16. ♟g5!?]

16... d3

Black's center pawns hinder the normal deployment of White's forces.

17. ♞d2 ♞a5! 18. ♞xa5 ♟xe4 19. ♞d2

It's difficult for White to cope with Black's center pawns. White now starts regrouping to control some key dark squares to make sure Black can't crash through. Black also starts to capture more space. I'm having to rush my moves to avoid time pressure.

19... ♟xg2 20. ♞xg2 ♟f6 21. ♟ab1 ♟e8 22. ♞f1 ♞d5+ 23. ♞g1 c5 24. ♞d2 ♟ad8 25. ♟e1 h5?!

A little impulsive. My extra pawns aren't very mobile yet and the only other good way to make progress is through the e-file, where White now has a solid blockade. If I can't break through, White might get some chances by poking at my center pawns from an invulnerable position. The text makes it possible for White to exchange off my strong bishop.

26. h4 ♟e6 27. ♟g5 ♟xg5 28.

♞xg5?

This gets White in trouble because now my pawns can move forward.

28... ♞xg5 29. hxg5 ♟xe1 30. ♟xe1 b4 31. ♞e3 c3 32. bxc3 bxc3?

Peter pointed out after the game that this natural recapture tosses the win for Black. With little time left, I thought White's only chance was to go for a blockade. With the text, I hoped to give White the additional worry c2. [32 ... d2 33. ♟d1 bxc3 threatening ♟d8-b8-b2 -+]

33. ♟c1!

Now I don't see any serious winning chances for Black. In severe time pressure I'm barely able to even hold the draw.

33... d2 34. ♟xc3 d1=♞+ 35. ♞xd1 ♟xd1+ 36. ♞g2 ♟d5 37. f4 ♞f8 38. ♞f3 ♟e7 39. ♟e4 ♟d4+ 40. ♟e5 f6+ 41. gx f6+ gx f6+ 42. ♞f5 ♟d5+ 43. ♞g6 f5 44. ♞xh5 ♞f6 45. g4 fxg4+ 46. ♞xg4 ♞g6 47. a4 ♞f6 48. ♟b3 ♟d6 49. a5 c4 50. ♟b6 ♞e7 51. ♟xd6 ♞xd6 52. ♞f3 ♞e6 53. ♞e4 c3 54. ♞d3 ♞f5 55. ♞xc3 ♞xf4 56. ♞d4 ♞f5 57. ♞d5 ♞f6 58. ♞d6 ♞f7 59. ♞c7 ♞e7 60. ♞b6 ♞d6 61. ♞xa6 ♞c6 62. ♞a7 ♞c7 63. ♞a8 ♞c8 64. a6 ♞c7 65. a7 ♞c8 1/2 - 1/2.

Brian Smith Wins Nashville Championship

From *Nashville Chess Center News*

Many of the best chess players in Nashville battled it out in the finals of the Nashville City Chess Championship which were held at the Nashville Chess Center on March 2-3, 1996. The six-person field was comprised of the survivors of qualifying matches played throughout the late winter and fall of last year. The championship tournament, played in a round-robin format, featured sparkling chess played by both veterans and relative newcomers to the Nashville chess landscape. Three players, Brian Smith, Andrew Mongin, and Kent Meadows, finished equal first with three out of a possible five points. First through third place prize money was split equally among the top three finishers but, after a double round-robin blitz play-off, Brian Smith received the first place trophy. Congratulations to Brian, the 1996 Champion. The tournament was run by long-time Nashville director and organizer, Peter Lahde. Special thanks to Peter for another job well done. See cross-table below.

Player/rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Res.
Brian Smith (2121)	X	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	3.0
A. Mongin (2009)	1/2	X	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	3.0
K. Meadows (1911)	1/2	1/2	X	0	1	1	3.0
Gary Jamison (1693)	1/2	0	1	X	0	1	2.5
P. Ciarleglio (1950)	0	1/2	0	1	x	1/2	2.0
T. Andrews	1/2	1/2	0	0	1/2	X	1.5

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Tennessee Open

By Peter Lahde, Organizer

There are many reasons why you should be playing in the 50th Tennessee Open. For one thing, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary and there will be several attractions to make this worth your while. This year the prize fund will be bigger than ever: \$4000! The increase in the prize fund also increases the Grand Prix points available to 30.

We will recognize the Hall of Fame inductees; currently, there are nine. They are Robert Coveyou, Jerry Sullivan, Martin Southern, Tom Finucane, Hunter Weeks, Bob Scrivener, Peter Lahde, James Sweets, and John Hurt. We want to induct at least one more member this year.

During the 49 Tennessee Opens held thus far, we have had 32 champions. Several people have won more than once. Leading the list is Bob Coveyou with eight, followed closely by Jerry Sullivan who won six times. We would like to add your name to the list this year!

We will give to all entrants a souvenir book containing an account of every Tennessee Open ever played. It will also contain a history of chess in Tennessee beginning with the last century. It will contain games of Capablanca never published before except in a newspaper of the time. It will feature games in which Tennesseans defeated GM's such as Keres, Reshevsky, Trifunovic, Kogan, and Bisguier. The book will be free to all participants, but will be for sale to non-participants. While this writer gathered most of the information, others have assisted. Mark Ishee is printing the games. Many have contributed material, including Jerry Sullivan who supplied valuable information regarding many of the early Tennessee Opens. The book is dedicated to Bob Coveyou who passed away in February.

Why not try to set a new record for the 50th anniversary of the Tennessee Open? The record was set in 1981 when we had

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134 players. During the Fischer boom in 1972 and 1973, we had 130 players. In 1994, when we included a scholastic event, we had 155 players. Let's do it!!

TO ALL OUT OF TOWNERS: The deadline to make reservations at the Days Inn and still get the good rates is early - July 30! While this is early, remember that you can always cancel. If you missed the deadline, not only will you not get the good rates, but you may not get a room at all, as the motel fills up quickly since it is close to Opryland. If you missed the deadline, you can contact me, Peter Lahde at (615) 361 - 4588. I will be able to hold a limited number of additional rooms until a week before the event. See you there!

1996 Middle Tennessee Open
February 16-18, 1996 / Nashville, TN

Submitted by Ed Newkirk

OPEN: *1st-4th* Sam Palatnik; Anjelina Belakovskaya, Jerry Wheeler, Matthew Puckett, Esad Elizaj, Peter Bereolos, 4; *1st-3rd Expert* Polina Kaganovska, Sulaiman Smith, Larry Johnson, George Leite, Tim Brookshear, 3; *U2100* Daniel Thomas, 3.5.

U2000: *1st-2nd-U1900* Donald Burgess, Tim Bond Todd Andrews, 4; *3rd* David Raymond; Olga Palatnik, Haskell Glover, 3.5.

U1800: *1st-2nd-U1700* Chris Pitts, Michael Long Ronnie Barnes, 4.5; *3rd* Ray Archer, John Lowe, Robert Edwards, 4.

U1600: *1st* George Morton, 4.5, *2nd-3rd* Leon Schwartz, Larry Williams, 4; *U1500* Scott Zumstein, Joe Stevens, 3.5.

U1400: *1st* John Sefton, 5; *2nd-3rd* Ryan Kristoff, Saini Bin Roslie, Sisir Botta, Wm. Witherspoon, Scott Turney, Bruce Shull, 4; *U1300-U1200* Troy Savage, Michael Stalcup, T.J. Osborne, 4; *U1100* Jeremy Reed, 2.5; *1st Unr* Faradj Srasulov, 5. *2nd-3rd Unr* Gary Meade, Art Hodge, 3. NTD/IA Jim Meyer. Total players: 186.

The Correspondence Game

(By Lee Edwards)

There hasn't been much interest in Tennessee Postal Chess lately, so we are trying to modernize by sponsoring the first Tennessee e-mail championship. All it takes is a computer, a modem, a T.C.A. membership, and an internet address.

It only costs \$6.00 to enter (plus T.C.A. dues if you are not a member) . You get six games against three opponents -- one White and one Black against each opponent -- and all entry fees are returned as prize money. Send those entry fees to:

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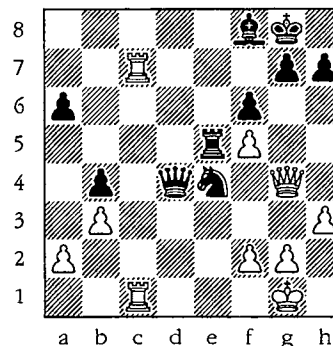
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The Problem Corner

By Ray Hudgens



From Bronstein-Gligoric, Moscow, 1967, where white forced black to resign after six more moves. How did he do it?

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until his retirement in 1977. Bob played in the state and regional tournaments in the South and occasionally played in US Opens. In the 1957 Cleveland Open, he scored 7 1/2 - 4 1/2 during the day and played off-hand games with Bobby Fischer. One of his special talents was in sharing his enthusiasm for chess and computers with youngsters.

Bob is survived by his wife, Ida, of Oak Ridge, and their son, Michael, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Turkey Tour Prize Fund Doubled!!

For the tournament year 1995-96, the Turkey Tour Prize Fund will be matched by monies from the TCA. The same criteria apply for earning points on the Turkey Tour: participating in a USCF/TCA Grand Prix event is worth 20 points; playing in the Tennessee Open is worth 30 points; and all other Turkey Tour Tournaments are worth 10 points. Additional points are awarded based on your performance. The top three finishers in each of the following categories will receive cash awards: Master/Expert; Class A; Class B; Class C; Class D; and Class E. Your published rating as of 8/1995 will determine your class for the year. The TCN will periodically update the standings.

Solution to the Problem Corner

1.Rxg7!+ Bxg7 2.Rc8+ Kf7 3.Qh5+ Ke7 4.Qe8+ Kd6
5.Rc6+ Kd5 6.Qd7+ and Black admitted defeat.

Tournaments! Tournaments! Tournaments!

By Rick Igou

TURKEY TOUR EVENT

08/31/96 Tennessee Open, Nashville, TN

09/28/96 Quick! Chess Today, Chattanooga TN

09/28/96 McMinn Co Scholastics, Athens, TN

TURKEY TOUR EVENT

10/12/96 Cumberland Co Fall Open

10/19/96 Columbia Open II, Columbia, TN

10/20/96 Jewish Community Center Scholastics, Nashville, TN

11/09/96 Bellevue Scholastics, Nashville, TN

TURKEY TOUR EVENT

11/16/96 Hamilton Co Open, Chattanooga, TN

TURKEY TOUR EVENT

11/30/96 TN Fall Classic, Nashville, TN

TURKEY TOUR EVENT

01/03-05/97 20th Fairfield Glade Open, Crossville TN

01/25/97 TN Individual Scholastic Regionals

02/08/97 TN Individual Scholastic Finals

03/01/96 Middle Tennessee Open, Nashville, TN

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