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STEVE BALSAL REGAINS MID-SOUTH TITLE

The eighth annual Mid-South tourneys took place over the Thanksgiving weekend in Memphis, Tenn. Besides Tennessee, four other states (Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, and Colorado) were represented. With only seventeen players the event was quite poorly attended. Peter Lahde of Nashville directed.

Steve Balsal of Hot Springs, Ark. again displayed good form to win the Open Division by winning five games and allowing only one draw. Trailing by a point were Charles Bonner of Huntsville and James Wright representing the local forces. Bill Willwers of Russellville, Ark. took the Amateur Division and Ed Garner of Memphis won the Reserve.

The event received excellent coverage by the news media including pictures, etc. Several events such as a stamp and coin collector exhibition, as well as a checker and a chess tourney (Mid-South) were described in the same article in the "Commercial Appeal". John Hurt was quoted as saying that chess was the oldest known game, and checkers is played on a chess board. A checker player claimed that checkers is the oldest game and chess is played on a checker board.

Four players were gained to USCF while seven players joined TCA.
 The individual results were as follows:

8th MID-SOUTH, Memphis 1967

OPEN DIVISION

Player	City	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score	Mod.	USCF
1. STEVE BALSAL	Hot Springs, Ark.	W5	W2	W6	W3	D4	W7	5½-1½	11½	1889
2. Charles Bonner	Huntsville, Ark.	W8	L1	D3	W5	W6	W4	4½-1½	12	1817
3. James Wright	Millington, Tenn.	W6	W4	D2	L1	W7	W8	4½-1½	11½	1941
4. Gordon Bates	Birmingham, Ala.	W7	L3	D5	W8	B1	L2	3-3	13½	1850
5. Majeed Nahas	Lake Hamilton, Ark.	L1	D7	D4	L2	W8	D6	2½-3½	11½	1699
6. Paul Hargott	Sheffield, Ala.	L3	W8	L1	D7	L2	D5	2-4	13½	1800
7. Willard Wilson	Memphis, Tenn.	L4	D5	W8	D6	L3	L1	2-4	12	UNR
8. James Mitchell	Memphis, Tenn.	L2	L6	L7	L4	L5	L3	0-6	12	1554

AMATEUR & RESERVE DIVISION

1. Bill Willwers(A)	Russellville, Ark.	W6	D4	W9	W8	W5	W7	5½-1½	10	1663
2. Mike Goode(A)	Memphis, Tenn.	W8	W5	W4	L7	W9	W6	5-1	10-11½	1684
3. Louis Weis(A)	Memphis, Tenn.	W7	W9	L5	W6	W4	W8	5-1	10-11½	145C
4. Ed Garner(R)	Memphis, Tenn.	Bye	D1	L2	W5	L3	W9	3½-2½	14	UNR
5. James Scowden(R)	Memphis, Tenn.	W9	L2	W3	L4	L1	Bye	3-3	14½	1364
6. David Garrett(R)	Memphis, Tenn.	L1	W7	W8	L3	Bye	L2	3-3	14	1331
7. Perry Newton(R)	Denver, Colo.)	L3	L6	Bye	W2	D8	L1	2½-3½	14½	1208
8. Kenneth Keen(R)	Atlanta, Ga.	L2	Bye	L6	L1	D7	L3	1½-4½	15½	UNR
9. Nathan Tarler(A)	Nashville, Tenn.	L5	L3	L1	Bye	L2	L4	1-5	16½	UNR

CHES ACTIVIT GROWING IN MARYVILLE

By Jack Murphy

Participation by Maryville players in the Tennessee Open encouraged them to have their own rating tournaments. USCF membership has grown to nine players. The first rating tourney was won by a newcomer Kenneth Murr, from Eugrett High School. Tied for second were Mack Garner and Jack Murphy.

They have also visited the Knoxville Club and become affiliated with the East Tennessee Chess Association. In their first match with Knoxville they were able to upset the powerful Knoxville team with a 4-3 score.

A current double round tourney in Maryville has Charles Ball leading with $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. They are also working on increasing their current membership and also planning a high scholl and junior high school tournament this winter.

MEMPHIS HIGH SCHOOL CHESS LEAGUE IN FULL SWING

By John Hurt

Some ten high schools are competing for the fourth consecutive year in the Memphis Prep Chess League. This is a round robin team tourney with 5 players on each team. They meet on Saturdays from November 1967 through January 1968. The event is sponsored by the Optimists and the Memphis Chess Club. A trophy is donated by the Optimists. John Hurt is the Director.

The standings in November were:

1. Fraser	3 - 0	6. Westside	$\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$
2. Messick	3 - 1	7. CBHS	0 - 1
3. Central	$1\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	8. Catholic	0 - 0
4. Overton	1 - 1	9. East	0 - 1
5. Bartlett	1 - 2	10. entered later	

IMPROVEMENTS ON KEATHLEY-SHOR GAME

r . . . n k b r . David Burris discovered that Keathley already had a won game
 q p . p had he played 17. P-Q6! instead of N-K4. And N-K4 threfore
 p p Q . . . does not deserve an exclamation mark. After N-K4 Black has two
 . p p P courses of action:
 (1) 17...QxQ 18 P-Q7ch K-K2 19 N-Q5ch KxP 20 NxQ followed by
 . . N . . N . . 21 NxR.
 P P P . . . P P (2) 17...Q-Q2 (otherwise White plays 18 P-Q7ch) 18 N-K5 Q-N2
 . . K R R . . . 19 P-Q7ch winning the Queen.
 Pos. After 16...Q-K2 Incorrect is the note to the 24th move. N-K4 is not sound
 as Black has 24...RxP 25 R-N1 RxR 26 RxR P-B4! and Black wins!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tennessee Open Tournaments 1967

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Balance from 1966	\$ 5.00	USCF Dues	\$ 183.00
Entry Fees (Open)	174.00	Rating Fees	16.30
Entry Fees (Amateur)	290.00	Cash Prizes	325.00
Nashville Club Donation	50.00	Trophies	88.00
Murfreesboro Club Donation	13.00	TCA Affiliation Dues	20.00
USCF Dues (Regular)	128.00	Handbook	7.00
USCF Dues (Juniors)	55.00	Supplies	6.70
TOTAL	\$ 715.00	Advertising	9.00
BALANCE	60.00	TOTAL	\$ 655.00
	TCA Publication 1967		
TCA Membership Dues	58.00	Mimeographing & Paper	45.81
TCA Affiliations (4)	8.00	Stencils	6.70
TOTAL	\$ 66.00	Postage	16.92
		Membership Cards	6.85
LOSS	\$ 16.28	Supplies, etc.	6.00
Overall Balance	\$ 43.72	TOTAL	82.28

TENNESSEE HAS A MASTER AGAIN

Since the retirement of Jerry Sullivan of Oak Ridge in 1964 there was no rated Master in Tennessee. But with the participation of former Southern Champion James Sweets of Chattanooga in the Tennessee Open this year we have a new master.

The number of rated players has remained about the same in 1967 with 63 players compared with 61 the previous year. USCF is to be congratulated for being able to publish the ratings earlier than in years past. Still it does not include the events that have taken place in October thru December. Even if a complete listing of ratings would have to be later, there is no doubt that most players would prefer such a list.

Tsitseklis of Knoxville has gained for the first time expert class, while John Hurt of Memphis just barely lost this status. For the first time a local Nashville player has broken into the top ten. He is M. C. Wright who has accomplished this in just two tournaments.

THE TOP TEN			
1. Sweets (Chattanooga)	2237	6. Middleton (Memphis)	2028
2. Burris (Knoxville)	2165	7. Tsitseklis (Knoxville)	2005
3. Coveyou, R. (Oak Ridge)	2072	8. Hurt (Memphis)	1998
4. Mercer (Dayton)	2048	9. Weaks (Memphis)	1966
5. Armstrong (Memphis)	2034	10. Wright, M. (Nashville)	1943
Abrahams (Murfreesboro)	1409	Matthews (Nashville)	1654
Akers (Oak Ridge)	1816	Mercer (Dayton)	2048
Armstrong (Memphis)	2034	Meyer, J. (Nashville)	1569
Ball (Alcoa)	1461	Meyer, M. (Nashville)	1796
Blanchard	1081	Middleton (Memphis)	2028
Burris (Knoxville)	2165	Moak (Oak Ridge)	1153
Clark (Murfreesboro)	1600	Murphy (Maryville)	1697
Coveyou, M. (Oak Ridge)	1781	Nichols (Johnson City)	1390
Coveyou, R. (Oak Ridge)	2072	Cusley (Rockford)	1405
Estes (Nashville)	1640	Philipps (Knoxville)	1237
Evans	1593	Price (Murfreesboro)	1476
Gardner (Chattanooga)	1506	Priddy (Memphis)	1824
Garner (Memphis)	1360	Rigsby (Memphis)	1335
Garnett	898	Schaeffer (Chattanooga)	1572
Gilley (Memphis)	1940	Scowden (Memphis)	1370
Goode (Memphis)	1621	Scrivener (Memphis)	M.E.
Griffin (Oak Ridge)	1572	Shcr (Oak Ridge)	1817
Hunter (Murfreesboro)	889	Snyder (Memphis)	1530
Hurt (Memphis)	1998	Stancliff (Murfreesboro)	1317
Irwin (Knoxville)	1566	Stein (Murfreesboro)	1481
Jobe (Maryville)	1530	Sweets (Chattanooga)	2237
Jollay (Talbott)	1325	Tribke (Nashville)	1430
Jones (Nashville)	1843	Tsitseklis (Knoxville)	2005
Keathley (Murfreesboro)	1286	Wagner (Murfreesboro)	1484
Lahde (Nashville)	1760	Weaks (Memphis)	1966
Lamkin (Chattanooga)	1227	Weis (Memphis)	1331
LaVerne (Oak Ridge)	1590	Wilcox (Nashville)	1455
Leinard (Nashville)	1549	Worley (Knoxville)	1558
Livesay (Knoxville)	1325	Wright, J. (Memphis)	1905
Lynch (Nashville)	1832	Wright, M. (Nashville)	1943
McDowell (Memphis)	1724	Yokley (Murfreesboro)	1531
McNeely (Knoxville)	1891		

Out of State Players that are TCA Members:

Andrus (Atlanta)	1804
Harwell (Durham, N.C.)	1714
Martinson (Chesterton, Ind.)	1872
Philips (Norcross, Ga.)	1447
Sheridan (Farmington, Mich.)	1522

GAMES FROM THE MID-SOUTH 1967

GUICO PIANO		White: Steve Balsai		Black: James Wright	
1. P-K4	N-KB3	12. NxN	PxN	23. R-Q2	PxKP?(h)
2. N-QB3 (a)	P-K4	13. N-R2	K-R2	24. QxPch	B-B4
3. N-B3 (b)	N-QB3	14. Q-B3	B-K3	25. Q-B3(?)(i)	Q-K3 (j)
4. B-B4	B-B4 (c)	15. BxP	Q-Q2	26. RxB!	P-K5
5. O-O	P-Q3	16. KR-Q1	R-KN1 (f)	27. Q-B4	Q-B1
6. P-KR3	O-O	17. K-B1	BxPch	28. R/1-Q1	B-N3
7. P-Q3	P-QR3?(d)	18. K-K1	Q-B2	29. N-N4	B-R4
8. B-KN5!	P-KR3	19. P-B3	B-K3	30. R-Q7!	Q-K1
9. B-R4	N-QR4 (e)	20. P-KN4	P-Q4	31. R-K7	Q-KB1
10. N-Q5!	NxB	21. P-KR4!	B-Q3 (g)	32. R/1-Q7	R-Q1
11. PxN	P-B3	22. P-N5	Q-Q2	33. RxR	Resigns

Notes by Peter Lahde

- (a) The invitation to Alekhine's Defence is declined.
 (b) Here 3. B-B4 or 3. P-B4 would or could lead to the Vienna Game.
 (c) Now we have reached an old type position of the Guico Piano.
 (d) This seems too slow as it does nothing to counter the threat B-KN5 ... N-Q5. Instead better is 7...B-K3 8 B-N3 N-K2 9 N-K2 as in Buckle - Harrwitz, London, 1846. One has to go back over 100 years for this line.
 (e) In post mortem we (Balsai, Wright and Lahde) considered 9...P-KN4 but thought it bad because of 10. NxP!. PxN (if N-Q4 then 11 Q-R5 wins) 11. BxP. However now 11...B-K3(!) may give Black an adequate defence.
 (f) Threatening 17...BxP 18. QxB??, QxQ winning the queen.
 (g) Possibly B-K2 was a better alternative here.
 (h) The opening up of the position is fatal. However, Black's situation was very difficult in any event.
 (i) Why not 25. RxB! BxQ (If QxR 26 QxBch R-N3 27 P-R5 wins easily) 26 RxQ winning a piece.
 (j) Nor does 25...B-K3 help. Then 26. Q-K4ch wins easily.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE		White: Gordon Bates		Black: James Wright	
1. F-Q4	N-KB3	8. B-K3	P-KB4	15. K-R1	Q-N4
2. F-QB4	P-KN3	9. Q-Q2	P-B5	16. QR-Q1	P-QN3
3. N-QB3	B-N2	10. B-B2	QN-Q2	17. BxN	NPxB
4. P-K4	P-Q3	11. KN-K2	N-B4	18. N-N5	R-B3
5. F-B3	O-O	12. B-B2	P-QR4	19. P-KN3	PxB!
6. B-Q3	P-K4	13. O-O	P-KN4	20. FxP??	Q-N7 mate
7. P-Q5	N-K1	14. F-QR3	F-N5		

SICILIAN DEFENCE		White: Iaul Hargett		Black: Steve Balsai	
1. F-K4	F-QB4	9. B-K3	Q-R4	17. N-N2	Q-N2
2. P-QB4	N-QB3	10. Q-Q2	N-Q5	18. F-N5	FxF
3. N-KB3	F-K4	11. BxN	BFxB	19. QxF	R-B1ch
4. N-QB3	N-B3	12. N-Q5	Q-Q1	20. K-N1	Nx1!
5. B-K2	F-Q3	13. NxB	QxN	21. B-B3	N-B6ch
6. F-KR3	B-K2	14. O-O-O	F-QN4	22. K-R1	QxB
7. F-Q3	B-Q2	15. FxF	BxF	23. N-R4	RxN!
8. F-KN4	F-KR3	16. N-R4	F-KN3	24. QxR	NxR
				25. Resigns	

FRENCH DEFENCE		White: Majeed Nahas		Black: James Mitchell	
1. F-K4	F-K3	8. NxN	FxN	15. BxNch	KxB
2. P-Q4	F-Q4	9. B-Q3	Q-B2	16. B-Q2	B-R3
3. N-QB3	N-KB3	10. Q-K2	F-N3	17. Q-B3	QR-KB1?
4. F-K5	N-Q2	11. O-O	F-QB4	18. N-R4	Q-N1
5. N-KB3	F-QB4	12. B-QN5	Q-N3	19. BxB	QxB
6. B-KB4	FxF	13. KR-K1	F-B5	20. Q-K3	Q-N3
7. NxP	N-QB3	14. F-QN3	B-N5	21. NxQch	Resigns

JOHN HURT TIES MATCH WITH JAMES WRIGHT

In Memphis a match took place between James Wright and John Hurt. It was concluded October 20, 1967. James Wright went out to a commanding 2-0 lead in this USCF rated four game match. So John had to come from behind by winning the last two games to tie the score at 2-2. Here are the last two games of the match.

Game 3 IIRC DEFENCE		White: John Hurt		Black: James Wright	
1. P-K4	I-Q3	6. I-B4	P-B4	11. N-Q5	Q-N4
2. I-Q4	N-KB3	7. IxP	Q-R4	12. NxPch	K-B1
3. N-QB3	I-KN3	8. B-B3	FxP	13. NxB	RxN
4. B-K2	B-N2	9. I-K5	R-Q1	14. N-K2 and White won	
5. B-K3	O-C	10. B-Q2!	N-K1		

Game 4 FRENCH DEFENCE		White: James Wright		Black: John Hurt	
1. I-K4	I-K3	12. B-KN5	I-KR3	23. N-Q8	R-K2
2. I-Q4	I-Q4	13. B-R4	R-K3	24. QxP/5	RxB
3. N-Q2	I-QB4	14. R-K1	Q-B2	25. QxPch	K-R2
4. KIxP	KIxP	15. BxN	RxB	26. QxP/4	RxP
5. N-KB3	N-KB3	16. N-K5	I-B4	27. Q-Q5	R-B4
6. B-Q3	I-B5	17. I-QB3	IxP	28. Q-K4	Q-B7ch
7. B-K2	B-Q3	18. IxP	R-N1	29. K-R1	Q-B5
8. O-O	O-O	19. Q-B1	Q-N3	30. I-N3	QxQ
9. N-K5	N-B3	20. Q-K3	QxP/7	31. RxQ	R-B7
10. N/2-B3	R-K1	21. N-B6	R-K3	32. R-QB1	R/3-N7
11. NxN	IxN	22. Q-KB3	R-QN3	33. Resigns	

MORE SELECTIONS FROM THE MID-SOUTH

QUEEN'S LAWN GAME		White: Charles Bonner		Black: Gordon Bates	
1. P-Q4	I-Q4	13. IxN	P-Q5	25. B-B3	R-R5
2. I-KN3	I-QB3	14. I-B5	R-K2	26. R-Q6	NxR
3. B-N2	N-Q2	15. N-B4	N-Q2	27. KIxN	R-Q2
4. N-KB3	I-K3	16. BxP	I-QN3	28. IxQ	R/2xP
5. O-O	KN-B3	17. KR-Q1	Q-B2	29. Q-K3	R-K2
6. P-N3	B-N5	18. NxB	IxN	30. R-Q6	IxP
7. B-N2	O-O	19. R-Q2	B-R3	31. RxKP	R-B2
8. I-QB4	B-R4	20. R/1-Q1	NxKI	32. R-K8ch	R-B1
9. QN-Q2	R-K1	21. Q-B3	I-B3	33. Q-K6ch	K-R1
10. N-K5	N-B1	22. I-B4	N-B2	34. Q-K5	R-KN1
11. Q-B2	KN-Q2	23. I-K5	F-B4	35. QxP mate	
12. P-K4	NxN	24. Q-B3	R-QB1		

SICILIAN DEFENCE		White: Paul Hargett		Black: Charles Bonner	
1. P-K4	P-QB4	12. K-N1	O-O	23. Q-B3	N-Q5
2. I-QB4	N-QB3	13. I-KR4	B-K3	24. BxN	RxB
3. N-KB3	I-KN3	14. P-R5	I-QR3	25. FxP	R-Q7
4. I-Q4	IxP	15. IxP	BixP	26. Q-R8ch	R-B1
5. NxF	B-N2	16. B-Q2	R-B2	27. Qxi	B-B4ch
6. B-K3	N-KB3	17. I-B4	Q-Q1	28. K-B1	R-B7ch
7. N-QB3	N-KN5	18. N-Q5	P-QN4	29. K-Q1	R-Q1ch
8. QxN	NxN	19. I-K5	IxKI	30. K-K1	B-N5
9. O-O-O	I-Q3	20. B-B3	KIxP	31. B-Q3	RxB
10. Q-N3	N-B3	21. N-B6ch	BxN	32. Q-R8ch	K-N2
11. B-B4	Q-R4	22. RxQch	RxR	33. Resigns	