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LOUISIANIANS TAKE TOP TWO SPOTS IN MID-SOUTH

The 10th Mid South Open in Memphis after Thanksgiving was topped by two Louisiana players this year. (Last year the event was dominated by Alabama players.) Winner was Joseph Katz of LSU who scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ points by winning three and drawing three games. Runner-up was E.T.C. Lewis of Covington, La. who scored the same by the same means. Four players scored four points in this order after tie-breaks: 3rd John Hurt (Memphis), 4th Tony Estes (Nashville), 5th Bill Willwers (Lavaca, Ark) and 6th Paul Hargett (Shoffield, Ala.).

The 12 player Amateur was won by Doug Ralston of Madison, a suburb of Nashv., with 5 points. Three players tied with 4 points: Garner and Felt of Memphis and Cornwell of Madison, Tenn.

There were thirty-one players in both events this year. Nashville actually edged the home team in attendance (12:11). Not too good for the Memphis delegation. Also discouraging was the small number of players from Alabama (none from Huntsville) and Arkansas. We were glad to see Louisiana and Mississippi this year.

Frank Garner did an excellent job in directing the event.

JUNIOR CHESS

Activity in High School Chess has been so great that we are now considering a state-wide High School tournament. This tourney will be a Championship for individual honors and a Team Tournament. Tentative plans are for a two day week-end 5 round Swiss event. A team is to consist of two players from the same high school. But more than one team per school will be permitted. Also a lone player from a school may enter. The tourney is to take place in Nashville one weekend in March, April or May 1970. The entry fee will be very minimal (if any at all), but USCF and TCA membership will be required. There will be team and individual prizes.

But we must hear from at least 10 teams throughout the state that you would be interested in attending. (We have already heard interest in Memphis and Nashville). If you are interested write to: TCA Editor Peter Lahde, 2609 Sailboat Court, Nashville, Tenn. 37217. Tell us how many players we might expect, the school involved, and your preferred date. Any questions you have we will try to answer.

Bill Irwin reports of high school chess activity in the Knoxville area which is a first. Four schools now have chess teams. Two matches were played with those results: Knoxville Central - Knox Catholic 5-5 and Knox Catholic - Austin East $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. Other matches are in the making. The first City-County Student Chess Tournament will be held Feb. 21 at the local YMCA. Brian Worley, a well known Tennessee player is to be congratulated for organizing much of this.

Ronald Ross, an instructor at CMA, writes of his interest in starting high school chess activity in the Columbia area. He comes from Georgia where he had engaged in this already. Welcome to Tennessee, Ronald.

For Memphis high school activity see next page.

COMING EVENTS

EAST TENNESSEE OPEN, Jan. 16-17-18. Tournament Director: Alan Kuperstock. 5 round Swiss, USCF rated. 50 moves in 2 hrs. Location: Unitarian Church, 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, Tenn. Inquiries: Doug LaVerne, 103 Endicott Lane, Oak Ridge. Rounds will be: Round 1 Jan 16 8 PM Round 4 Jan 17 8:30 PM
Round 2 Jan 17 9 AM Round 5 Jan 18 1:00 PM
Round 3 Jan 17 2:15 PM

Entry fees will be \$5.50 for Juniors and 6.50 for adults. Prizes will depend on entries, with 20 players this might be 1st \$42, 2nd \$28, 3rd \$14, 4th \$9.50. For those not planning to commute, nearby accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn and the Diplomat Hotel on South Illinois Ave, near the tournament site.

KNOXVILLE OPEN, Mar 27-28-29. 5 round Swiss. More details later.

WHITE STATION MEMPHIS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPION

Ten Memphis High School Teams met for nine Saturdays between October and December 1969 at the McLean Library to determine the Memphis High School League Champion for 1969, the sixth in the series. Five players fought for each team. The winner led by Robert Felt was White Station. The results follow:

1. White Station	8 - 1	6. Sheffield	4 - 5
2. Mossick	7 - 2	7-8. Westside	3 - 6
3-5. Christian Brothers	5 - 4	7-8. Troadwell	3 - 6
3-5. Catholic	5 - 4	9. Whitehaven	2½ - 6½
3-5. Central	5 - 4	10. Melrose	1½ - 7½

All 50 players are to be congratulated on their good attendance and good sportsmanship. John Hurt directed the event.

The Individual High School Championship is taking place Jan. 3, 10, and 17, 1970. It is a six round Swiss tournament.

Members of the victorious White Station Team and the Junior Individual Champion are invited to a Breakfast on Feb. 4 by the Optimist Club, co-sponsor of the events.

WITH THE CLUBS

MEMPHIS - The Memphis Chess Club elected the following new officers for 1970:

President: Robert Churchill, Treasurer: Louis Weis, Statistician: Hunter Weeks.

NASHVILLE - The standings for the top ten in the Nashville Chess Club are as follows at the conclusion of 1969. However, several matches are still incomplete.

1. Lahdo	1919	6. Carr	1700
2. DuPlantier	1812	7. Jones	1698
3. Bowen	1805	8. Dr. Loisorson	1691
4. Dr. Pierce	1731	9. Schofield	1689
5. Farr	1730	10. Tow	1666

CHATTANOOGA - TCA President James Sweets writes that the "Chattanooga Times" paper is planning an article about chess after learning that Mr. Sweets is the current Tennessee State Champion. Perhaps with this kind of publicity a club can get started in Chattanooga.

MURFREESBORO - Jim Price writes that the Murfreesboro Club had to call off their last meetings due to poor attendance. We hope this is only temporary and things can get started again early in 1970.

COLLEGE CHESS

New Champion of Memphis State U. is Robert Churchill after winning with 5-0 the five round Swiss, 20 player tourney. Mark Gilley with 4-1 was runner-up. Both players will represent the University at the Regionals in Carolina in Feb.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Balance 1968	(-21.17)	USCF Dues	130.00
Entry Fees (Open-24)	240.00	Rating Fees	22.00
Entry Fees (Amateurs-50)	350.00	Cash Prizes	326.00
Nashville Club Contrib.	50.00	Trophies	86.42
USCF Dues (Adult)	88.00	TCA Affiliation	20.00
USCF Dues (Junior)	32.00	TCA Affiliation Room Serv.	7.00
USCF Dues (Sustaining)	10.00	Mailings & Supplies	23.00
Anonymous Donation	10.00	Tournament Director	35.00
TOTALS	758.83	TOTALS	649.42
Balance	\$ 109.41		
TCA Publication 1969			
TCA Membership Dues (91)	182.00	Mimeographs & Paper	81.24
TCA Affiliations (4)	16.00	Stencils	7.38
TOTAL	198.00	Postage	41.76
Balance	\$56.22	Supplies, etc.	11.40
Overall Balance	\$165.63	TOTALS	141.78

PAT ON THE BACK - We appreciate the fine comments that were made about the last TCN issue. We always appreciate your opinions and invite your constructive criticism. Because of our sound financial situation this January issue is the largest that has been published to date.

MID-SOUTH OPEN, MEMPHIS 1968

PLAYER	CITY & STATE	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score	Tie-B	USCF
1. Joseph Katz	Baton Rouge, La.	W11	W7	W5	D2	D8	D4	4½-1½	15	2092
2. E.T.C. Lewis	Covington, La.	W17	W15	W3	D1	D7	D5	4½-1½	13½	1804
3. John Hurt	Memphis, Tenn.	W10	D9	L2	W6	D11	W7	4 -2	14	1974
4. Tony Estes	Nashville, Tenn.	D6	W13	D9	D11	W12	D1	4 -2	13	1800
5. Paul Hargett	Sheffield, Ala.	W16	W18	L1	D8	W13	D2	4 -2	12½	1739
6. Bill Wilwers	Lavaca, Ark.	D4	D8	W12	L3	W16	W11	4 -2	13½	1644
7. Robert Churchill	Memphis, Tenn.	W14	L1	W15	W9	D2	L3	3½-2½	14½	1762
8. Pete Lahde	Nashville, Tenn.	D13	D6	W18	D5	D1	D9	3½-2½	14	1729
9. Majeed Nahas	Lake Hamilton, Ark.	W19	D3	D4	L7	W14	D8	3½-2½	13½	1672
10. Konny Thomas	Memphis, Tenn.	L3	W19	L13	D14	W18*W15		3½-2½	8	1608
11. Troy Miller	Natchez, Miss.	L1	W14	W16	D4	D3	L6	3 -3	14½	1722
12. William A. Jones	Baton Rouge, La.	L15	W17	L6	W16	L4	W13	3 -3	10½	1763
13. James Wright	Millington, Tenn.	D8	L4	W10	W17	L5	L12	2½-3½	14	1943
14. Kenry Cohon	Nashville, Tenn.	L7	L11	W19*D10	L9	W17		2½-3½	12	1503
15. Tom Farr	Madison, Tenn.	W12	L2	L7	W18	L17	L10	2 -4	12	1528
16. Louis Wois	Memphis, Tenn.	L5	Bye	L11	L12	L6	W18	2 -4	11	1438
17. Willart Wilson	Memphis, Tenn.	L2	L12	Bye	L13	W15	L14	2 -4	10	1505
18. James H. Mitchell	Memphis, Tenn.	Bye	L5	L8	L15	F10	L16	1 -5		1381
19. Dale Collins	Memphis, Tenn.	L9	L10	Withdrawn				0 -6		

* won by forfeit

MID-SOUTH AMATEUR, MEMPHIS, 1969

PLAYER	CITY & STATE	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	SCORE	TIE-B.	USCF
1. Doug Ralston	Madison, Tenn.	W12	W8	W5	D3	W2	D4	5 -1		1666
2. Frank Garner	Germantown, Tenn.	D3	W7	D4	W6	L1	W5	4 -2	15	1619
3. Robert Folt	Memphis, Tenn.	D2	W12	W8	D1	D5	D6	4 -2	13½	1602
4. Glenn Cornwell	Madison, Tenn.	W9	L5	D2	W10	W7	D1	4 -2	13	1393
5. Charles Dale	Athens, Ga.	W11	W4	L1	W7	D3	L2	3½-2½	15	1611
6. Joe Roberdeau	Nashville, Tenn.	L7	W9	W10	L2	W8	D3	3½-2½	11½	1370
7. David Rushing	Nashville, Tenn.	W6	L2	W12	L5	L4	W11	3 -3		1377
8. Guy Kooi	Nashville, Tenn.	W10	L1	L3	W11	L6	D9	2½-3½	12	1475
9. Craig Collins	Nashville, Tenn.	L4	L6	L11	W12	W10	D8	2½-3½	10	1053
10. Bill Wobb	Memphis, Tenn.	L8	W11	L6	L4	L9	W12	2 -4	10½	UNR
11. Mike Kurok	Franklin, Tenn.	L5	L10	W9	L8	W12	L7	2 -4	10	1384
12. Harold S. Harris	Nashville, Tenn.	L1	L3	L7	L9	L11	L10	0 -6		1218

Tournament Director: Frank Garner. Sponsors: Memphis Chess Club and TCA

MID-SOUTH AMATEUR GAMES

KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE White: Doug Ralston Black: Frank Garner
 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-K3 P-KN3 3 P-QB4 P-B4 4 N-KB3 B-N2 5 N-B3 O-O 6 P-Q5 P-Q3 7 B-K2
 N-R3 8 P-K4 N-B2 9 O-O P-QR3 10 R-N1 R-N1 11 P-QN4 N-Q2 12 Q-B2 P-QN4 13 N-PxP Q-PxP
 14 PxP PxP 15 NxP B-QR3 16 P-QR4 N-K1 17 B-KB4 R-N3 18 KR-Q1 N-Q3 19 P-K5 NxN 20 Bx
 N BxB 21 RxB RxB 22 PxR Q-N3 23 Q-B4 R-B1 24 P-K6! PxP 25 P-Q6!! K-R1 (Not K-B2 then
 26 N-N5ch) 26 QxKP QxNP 27 PxP R-K1 28 QxN QxQ 29 RxB B-B3 30 R-Q8 RxB 31 PxR(Q)+
 BxQ 32 N-K5 K-N1 33 K-B1 B-B2? 34 NxP! BxB 35 NxB K-B2 36 K-K2 K-B3 37 K-Q3 K-K4
 38 K-B4! KxN 39 KxP P-R4 40 K-Q4 P-R5 41 P-N3ch PxP 42 R-PxPch K-B6 43 K-K5 KxP?
 44 P-N4 K-N6 45 P-N5 K-N5 46 P-N6 Resigns

RUY LOPEZ White: Craig Collins Black: Glenn Cornwell
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4 N-B3 5 O-O B-K2 6 R-K1 P-Q3 7 P-B3
 O-O 8 P-Q4 P-QN4 9 B-N3 N-QR4 10 B-B2 P-B4 11 FxKP FxP 12 NxP Q-B2 13 B-B4 R-Q1
 14 Q-B3 B-Q3 15 N-Q3 BxB 16 NxB B-N2 17 Q-K3 N-B5 18 Q-K2? QxN 19 P-K5 N-N5
 20 P-KN3 Q-N4 21 P-B4 Q-R4 22 P-N3 N/5-K6 23 B-Q3? RxB! 24 Resigns

RUY LOPEZ White: Glenn Cornwell Black: Doug Ralston
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4 N-B3 5 O-O B-K2 6 R-K1 P-QN4 7 B-N3
 P-Q3 8 P-B3 N-QR4 9 Draw agreed

POSTAL CHESS Postal Results

LaVerne - Ousley 1-0	Robyn - Campion $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
Ousley - Fausey 1-0	Irwin - Dyer 1-0
Irwin - Campion 1-0	Weiner - Ball 1-0
Dyer withdraws	

Postal Ratings as of 1/2/70

Ball	1150	LaVerne	1254
Campion	1186	McNeely	1142
Dyer	1108	Nickel	1242
Fausey	1072	Ousley	1192
Garner, M.	1154	Parsons	1296
Hurt	1288	Robyn	1164
Irwin	1254	Weiner	1250
Jolley	1248		

All players with no completed games start with 1200.

Very little interest has so far been shown for the 1970 Postal Championships. Therefore we will extend entrees to April 1, 1970. Why not join the postal players and work on improving your game at your leisure. Each entry is only \$2. Send these directly to: Bill Irwin, Box 6111, Knoxville, Tenn. 37914.

Here are two postal games from the 1969 Postal Tournament:

CARO KANN DEFENCE		White: Kenneth Thomas	Black: Charles Ball
1. P-K4	P-QB3	10. B-Q3	BxB
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	11. QxB	KN-B3
3. N-QB3	PxP	12. B-Q2	Q-B2
4. NxP	B-B4	13. O-O-O	B-Q3(b)
5. N-N3	B-N3	14. N-K5	P-B4(bb)
6. P-KR4	P-KR3	15. NxN	NxN
7. P-KB4(a)	P-K3	16. N-K4	BxP
8. N-B3	N-Q2	17. PxP	O-O-O(c)
9. P-R5	B-R2	18. N-Q6ch	BxN
		19. PxB	Q-B3
		20. Q-KN3	KR-N1(d)
		21. B-K3	N-B3
		22. BxQRP	P-QN3?(e)
		23. P-Q7ch	NxP(f)
		24. R-Q6(g)	Q-N4(h)
		25. Q-KB3!!(i)	Q-R4?(j)
		26. Q-B6mate	

Annotations by Kenneth Thomas

- (a) An interesting line I found buried in MCO's notes.
- (b) Here Black deviates from MCO's 13...O-O-O, 14 N-K5ch.
- (bb) From the result of the game this may be slightly premature, but it does equalize.
- (c) If 17...BxBch 18 RxB NxP White holds the pawn with 19. NxN QxN 20 Q-Q7ch K-B1 21 QxNP and a very slight advantage for White.
- (d) I decided now to gain time by attacking the QRP, but Ball sets a trap into which I fall.
- (e) However, the trap doesn't work because Black's King is now too exposed. I hadn't forseen this combination but it is in the position.
- (f) The first point. If 24...Q or RxP then 24 Q-N8mate.
- (g) Gaining time for the final assault.
- (h) If 24...Q-B4 25 Q-Q3 K-B2 26 R-Q1 wins. If 24...Q-N2 25 Q-B3ch Q-B2 26 R-B6 wins. If 24...Q-R1 25 BxP NxB 26 RxN QxP 27 Q-N8ch K-Q2 28 R-N7ch K-B3 29 Q-B7 ch K-Q4 30 R-Q1ch K-K5 31 R-N4ch K-K6 32 Q-B4ch K-K7 33 R-K4mate. If 24...Q-B3 25 Q-QR3 K-N2 26 KR-Q1 27 Q-R4 R-K2 (27...K-B1 28 Q-R6ch Q-N2 29 R-B6mate) 28 BxP winning.
- (i) Preventing the threat 25...Q-N4ch and also 25...K-N2. The text threatens 26 R-B6ch K-N2 27 RxPdbch KxB 28 Q-N7mate
- (j) If 25...K-B2 26 KR-Q1 N-K4 27 Q-B3ch wins the exchange. (27...Q-B4 or N-B5 then 28 BxPch) If 25...K-B2 26 KR-Q1 Q-R5 27 Q-B3ch K-N2 28 BxP wins. If 25...N-K4 (best) 26 Q-B3ch Q-B4 27 RxPch RxR 28 QxQ FxQ 29 BxP winning a pawn and obtaining an easily won ending.

FRENCH DEFENCE		White: Paul Dyer	Black: John Hurt
1 P-K4	P-K3	2 P-Q4	3 N-QB3
4 P-K5	P-QB4	5 P-QR3	BxNch
6 PxP	8 QxNP	R-KN1	9 QxRP
10 N-K2	QN-B3	11 P-KB4	B-Q2
12 Q-Q3	FxP	13 R-QN1	R-QB1
14 P-KR4	N-B4	15 P-KR5	N/3-K2
16 R-N3	B-B3	17 RxBP	P-Q5
18 NxP	R-Q1	19 N-N5	Q-R4
20 N-Q6ch	NxN	21 FxN	RxP/3
22 QxR	QxRch	23 Q-Q2	Draw agreed

USCF RATINGS FOR TENNESSEE PLAYERS

(November 1968-September 1969)

For the first time over 100 players (106 to be exact) have a current USCF rating in Tennessee. This represents an increase over 25% and speaks well for the interest of the game in our state especially among young people.

The number of Experts and Class A players has been reduced due to the loss of Burris and Koploy to other states; and inactivity of players Mercer, Middleton, Lubell and Gilley. But this also means that some of the young players are moving up such as Mack Garner, Andy Shor and Tony Estes at the expense of veterans.

The top ten players in Tennessee are as follows:

1. Sweets (Chattanooga)	2111	6. Shor (Oak Ridge)	1829
2. Hurt (Memphis)	1974	7. M. Garner (Maryville)	1826
3. Wright (Memphis)	1943	8. Finucane (Kingsport)	1809
4. Tsitseklis (Knoxville)	1881	9. Estes (Nashville)	1800
5. McNeely (Knoxville)	1851	10. Jones (Nashville)	1793
Abrahams (Murfreesboro)	1572	LaVorne (Oak Ridge)	1627
Akers (Oak Ridge)	1763	Loiserson (Nashville)	1560
Ball (Alcoa)	1667	Long (Clarksville)	1283
Boerner (Norris)	1551	McNeely (Knoxville)	1851
Boerner, M. (Norris)	475	Manekofsky (Nashville)	1329
Bowen (Nashville)	1704	Marvot (Knoxville)	1075
Burnetto (Knoxville)	1586	Meyer (Nashville)	1527
Carrier (Elizabethton)	1541	Mitchell (Memphis)	1381
Cathors (Knoxville)	1418	Moore, A. (Knoxville)	1535
Churchill (Memphis)	1762	Moore, J. (Memphis)	1711
Clark, R. (Murfreesboro)	1395	Murphy (Maryville)	1671
Clarke, M. (Taft)	1684	Murr (Rockford)	1581
Clayton (Knoxville)	1163	Nichols (Johnson City)	1407
Clemmenson (Oak Ridge)	1342	Noonan (Oak Ridge)	1738
Cohen (Nashville)	1503	O'Daniels (Memphis)	1085
Collins (Nashville)	1053	O'Kelly (Knoxville)	668
Cornwell (Nashville)	1393	Ousley (Rockford)	1571
Dawson (Knoxville)	1129	Owens (Memphis)	977
Decker (Nashville)	1291	Page (Maryville)	1738
Dozier (Louisville, Tenn)(deceased)	1405	Pigg (Oak Ridge)	1422
Dyer (Knoxville)	1568	Prahl (Knoxville)	1394
Estes (Nashville)	1800	Pressly (Knoxville)	1467
Farr (Nashville)	1528	Price (Murfreesboro)	1394
Fausey (Nashville)	1059	Ralston (Nashville)	1666
Felt (Memphis)	1602	Roberdeau (Nashville)	1370
Finucane (Kingsport)	1809	Rogers (Chattanooga)	1103
Gardner (Chattanooga)	1492	Ross (Columbia)	1460
Garner, E. (Memphis)	1437	Rushing (Nashville)	1377
Garner, F. (Germantown)	1619	Schofield (Nashville)	1170
Garner, M. (Maryville)	1826	Scowden (Memphis)	1342
Garrett (Memphis)	1443	Searles (Cleveland)	1701
Gentry (Lebanon)	1256	Shenwell (Crockett Mills)	1224
Goode (Memphis)	1571	Shor (Oak Ridge)	1829
Gordon (Memphis)	1627	Stein (Murfreesboro)	1530
Harbinson (Nashville)	972	Swanson (Jamaica)	1568
Harris (Nashville)	1218	Sweets (Chattanooga)	2111
Hofstetter (Nashville)	1281	Tarlor (Nashville)	1592
Horton (Johnson City)	1604	Tow (Ft. Campbell, Ky.)	1432
Hurt (Memphis)	1974	Thomas (Memphis)	1608
Hutchens	1761	Thurmond (Spring City)	1105
Irwin, B. (Knoxville)	1541	Tsitseklis (Knoxville)	1881
Irwin, T. (Knoxville)	1222	Tuttle (Memphis)	1538
Isbill (Louisville, Tenn.)	1525	Vix (Nashville)	1599
Jenkins (Dickson)	1509	Wade (Knoxville)	1063
Jewell (Johnson City)	1718	Weis (Memphis)	1438
Johnson (Oak Ridge)	1335	Whoeleer (Jefferson City)	1511
Jones, C. (Nashville)	1119	White (Maryville)	1251
Jones, J. (Nashville)	1793	Willman (Hixson)	1648
Kooi (Nashville)	1475	Wilson (Morristown)	1424
Koploy (Calif.)	1925	Word (Knoxville)	1166
Kuperstock (Oak Ridge)	1315	Worley (Knoxville)	1751
Kurck (Nashville)	1384	Wright (Millington)	1943
Lahde (Nashville)	1729	Jollay (Talbot)	1524

TACTICAL OPENINGS

By Richard Soarlos

A study of 1. P-K4, P-K4 2. N-KB3 P-KB4 (Latvian Gambit) 3. B-B4

Many chess players struggle to develop a distinctive style of their own, and perhaps the hardest question for them to answer is how to play the Black pieces against 1. P-K4. During the past two decades the aggressive player has, more often than not, chosen the Sicilian, 1. P-K4 P-QB4. For this reason exhaustive analysis has been lavished on the Sicilian to the point where players today must expect to play 20 moves or more before getting out of the "book". This in itself is not bad, but has resulted in the tendency for most Sicilian games to have a dull sameness in appearance. To avoid this, I fully recommend the Latvian Gambit (Greco Counter Gambit) as an answer for the aggressive player.

Past history has labeled the Latvian Gambit from "ridiculous and unsound" to "brilliant and innovative". Basically it resembles a reverse King's Gambit and many of the lines are similar with colors reversed. One thing is sure, Black can expect sharp, original play with more than equal chances.

Because of space limitations we will deal with only one variation at this time, 3. B-B4 labeled by MCO-10 as the "sharpest refutation". Particular attention should be given to Col. 1, note b, and Col. 2 as those appear to be best for Black at this time; however, this writer is particularly interested in the new analysis occurring in Col. 3. Questions regarding those lines and others will be appreciated, and all will be answered. Later articles may deal with other variations of the Latvian Gbt.

1. P-K4, P-K4 2. N-KB3, P-KB4 3. B-B4....

(1)	(2)	(3)
3. PxP	3. N-KB3	3. P-QN4! (g)
4. NxP	4. NxP (c)	4. B-N3 (h)
Q-N4	Q-K2	PxP
5. P-Q4	5. P-Q4	5. NxP
QxP	N-B3! (d)	Q-N4
6. Q-R5ch	6. N-B3 (e)	6. P-Q4
P-N3	NxN	QxP
7. B-B7ch	7. PxN	7. Q-R5ch
K-Q1	QxP	P-N3
8. BxP! (a)	8. P-B4	8. B-B7ch
QxRch	Q-B5	K-K1
9. K-K2	9. Q-K2	9. BxP
QxB? (b)	NxP	QxRch
10. N-B7ch	10. NxN	10. K-K2
K-K1	PxN	B-R3!
from MCO-10	11. QxPch	11. QN-Q2
	Q-K2 (f)	P-N5ch (i)

Analysis by Gurdoram

- (a) Detailed notes on alternatives to this move and to other moves made in this column are available in MCO-10, pg. 86.
- (b) Completely ignored by MCO is 9...P-B3! which was suggested by J. Diemer. This move makes the column playable, and maybe even winning for Black as follows: 10. N-B3 N-B3 11. B-N5 QxR 12. BxNch K-B2 13. N-B7 P-N3! 14. Q-K5ch (14. B-K5ch K-N2 15. BxR PxR and Black survives) P-K3 15. B-K8ch K-N2 16. NxPch BxN 17. QxB B-N5ch! and Black wins. Analysis from "the Latvian Gambit", published by Chess World.
- (c) 4. P-Q4 KPxP 5. P-K5 N-K5 6. NxP N-QB3 with equal chances.
- (d) This is a new move advocated by G. Gurdoram reviving this line for Black. 5...P-Q3 6. N-B7 P-Q4 7. NxR PxR 8. P-K5 N-Q4 9. Q-R5ch P-N3 10. NxP PxN 11. QxNPch Q-B2 12. QxQch KxQ gives a position where White's material advantage is somewhat compensated for by Black's bishops and hold on the central squares, but should be enough for White to win.
- (e) 6. N-B7 QxPch 7. K-B1 P-Q4 produces variations such as 8. BxP QxB 9. NxR QxQP 10. Q-K2ch Q-K5 with eventual exchange of the Queens and the better game for Black after B-K3, B-Q3 and O-O-O.
- (f) White is forced to exchange the Queens and Black has attained clear equality!
- (g) This move is still under analysis and conclusive results have not yet been attained. It should be noted that White can deviate from column 3 by 4. BxN which has the advantage of denying Black O-O. But this does not necessarily handicap Black since White has exchanged his strong Bishop.
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GAME OF THE MONTH
By Games Editor David Burris

TENNESSEE OPEN 1969

ENGLISH OPENING White: Paul Koploy			Black: Bernard Parham		
1. N-KB3	N-KB3	16. P-K4	P-KB3	31. K-K3	K-B1
2. P-B4	P-B4 (a)	17. P-K5	PxP	32. K-K4	K-K1
3. P-Q4	P-Q3 (b)	18. R-K1	O-O	33. P-Q6	K-Q2
4. PxP!	Q-R4ch	19. NxP	R-B7ch	34. K-Q5	P-R5
5. N-B3	PxP (c)	20. K-B3	B-B4	35. N-K7	P-N3
6. B-Q2	Q-Q1	21. B-Q3	R-K1 (h)	36. N-B6	B-B6
7. P-K4	N-B3	22. N-N4?	RxR	37. N-K5ch	K-Q1
8. B-K3	QxQch	23. NxR	B-K4ch	38. P-KR3	K-B1
9. RxQ	P-K4? (d)	24. K-Q2	RxR	39. K-K6	B-K8
10. N-Q5!?(e)	NxN (f)	25. NxR	B-Q2? (i)	40. K-K7	P-QN4
11. KPxN	N-N5	26. N-B2	BxNP	41. P-Q7ch	K-N2
12. NxP	B-Q3	27. N-K4	B-Q5	42. P-Q8(N)ch!k	K-R3
13. N-Q3	N-B7ch	28. N-Q6	P-QN3	43. N-K6	K-N3
14. K-Q2	NxB	29. B-B5! (j)	BxB	44. N-Q7ch	K-B3
15. PxN! (g)	P-QR4	30. NxR	B-B3	45. PxPch	KxP
				46. N/6xP and white won	

- (a) A very safe defence to the English Opening.
 (b) 3...P-KN3 would have led to a Benoni Defence after P-Q5 by White or perhaps a Sicilian Defence (Maroczy Bind Variation) after ...PxP by Black and P-K4 by Wh.
 (c) Black has an unpleasant choice after White's fine 4th move. 5...QxP would lead after 6. P-K4 to a Maroczy Bind Sicilian where White has a couple of extra tempi in a variation which already favors White.
 (d) On general principles black should avoid producing a symmetrical position where his opponent has two extra pieces developed. This move loses by force.
 (e) 10. N-QN5! wins at least the exchange since 10...R-N1 is answered by 11. N-B7ch and 12. BxP mate. The move played wins a pawn, but why settle for a pawn when you can get more?
 (f) Forced.
 (g) This move gives Black more problems than 15. KxN e.g. how does black defend against the advance of White's KP?
 (h) For the life of me, I cannot find anything wrong with 21...BxB 22 NxR, RxKNP.
 (i) Black could have shown the weakness of White's 22nd move with 25...BxRP or 26...BxRP. Instead he captures the white QNP, which is not a very important pawn.
 (j) White is affecting his positional advantage. After the following exchange his knight will be stronger than Black's bishop.
 (k) This move finishes the game for all practical purposes. White has played well since his slip on the 22nd move.

TACTICAL OPENINGS

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- (h) A game where White accepted the gambit went as follows: 4. BxP PxP 5. NxP Q-N4 6. P-Q4 QxNP 7. R-B1 P-B3 8. B-R4 B-R3 9. P-QB4 B-N5ch 10. N-QB3 N-K2 11. P-QR3? BxNch 12. PxR P-Q3 13. Q-N4 QxQ 14. NxQ BxP etc. (Wennerstrom-Searles, Corros.1969)
 (i) 12. QN-B4 BxNch 13. NxR Q-B6ch!! 14. K-K1 QxQ 15. BxQ N-KB3 16. B-N5 B-K2 and Black has a clear win. (Grava-Strautins, Corrospondence)
 If you are interested in this section on openings, you can express your opinions or criticisms by writing to: Richard Searles, 4250 N. Lee Hwy., Cleveland, TN 37311.

RESHEVSKY U.S. CHAMPION

The 1969 U.S. Championship was concluded in the middle of December in New York. Former title holder and veteran Samuel Reshevsky is the new Champion. The last time he held the title was in 1956. The results follow:

1. Reshevsky	8 -3	5-8. Modnis	5½-5½
2. Addison	7½-3½	5-8. Zuckerman	5½-5½
3. Benko	7 -4	9-10. R. Byrne	4½-6½
4. Lombardy	6 -5	9-10. Saidy	4½-6½
5-8. D. Byrne	5½-5½	11. Bisguier	3½-7½
5-8. Evans	5½-5½	12. Burger	2 -9

GAMES FROM OUR READERS

KNOXVILLE OPEN 1969

KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE		White: Burnotto	Black: LaVerno (Rd.4, 3/30/69)
1. P-K4	P-Q3	25. R-B6	R-B2
2. P-Q4	P-KN3	26. R-K1	N-Q5
3. P-KB4	B-N2	27. K-B2?(i)	NxR
4. N-KB3	N-KB3	28. NxN	R-B2
5. B-Q3	O-O	29. N-Q4	K-B2
6. O-O	QN-Q2	30. R-KR1	K-K1
7. P-K5!?	N-K1	31. P-B3	P-QR3
8. B-K3	P-N3(a)	32. K-B3	R/1-B1
9. N-B3(b)	P-B4	33. P-QR4	R-K2
10. Q-K1!(c)	B-N2	34. R-Q1	P-KR4
11. P-KN4?(d)	BxN1	35. N-B2	K-B2
12. RxB	FxQP	36. N-N4	P-QR4
13. BxP	FxKP	37. N-Q5?	R-Q1!
14. FxP	N-B2!	38. P-B4	R/2-Q2
15. B-B4!	Q-B1!	39. R-K1	RxN!
16. N-Q5?(e)	NxP1(f)	40. FxR	RxP
17. BxN	QxPch	41. R-K3	R-Q3?(j)
18. R-N3	QxB	42. R-N3	P-B4
19. NxPch(g)	K-R1	43. R-N5	K-B3
20. BxBch	KxB	44. P-QN4	FxP
21. Q-K5ch	P-B3	45. RxP	P-KN4
22. R-QB3(h)	Q-N5ch	46. R-N5	R-Q6ch(k)
23. Q-N3	QxQch	47. K-B2(1)	R-Q7ch
24. FxQ!	N-N4	48. K-K3	R-Q3
			49. P-R5
			50. RxP
			51. R-N5
			52. FxP
			53. K-B4
			54. K-B3
			55. K-N3
			56. K-R2
			57. R-N4
			58. R-N8
			59. R-B8ch
			60. R-K8ch
			61. R-KB8ch
			62. R-K8ch
			63. R-Q8ch
			64. R-KB8
			65. R-Q8
			66. R-KB8
			67. KxP
			68. K-N2
			69. R-K8ch
			70. RxRch
			71. K-B2
			72. K-K1?(n)
			73. Rosigns(o)

Annotations by Doug LaVerno

- (a) It seems P-QB4, as in Donovan-Evans (Now Ideas in Chess, Diagram 115) is better. For some reason I didn't like the placement of the P-majorities after 9.Fx3P, Fx4P etc. 9. P-K6 would appear to be speculative.
- (b) P-QB3 and QN-Q2 -K4 or B-K4 are much better; White has a good square at K4 and Black could hardly penetrate the pawn wall.
- (c) Threatens to threaten P-K6.
- (d) Too optimistic; Nf3 is weakened and P-g5 will be isolated.
- (e) The fight centers around W's efforts to force P-K6. If now ...NxN; BxN and W gains a tempo. But Black's Q-B1 takes advantage of the weakness of White's d4, c4 & f3. After 16 P-KR3, Black would still have a little better Pawn structure; his Knights would favorably occupy the center.
- (f) Taking my usual time figuring out A) 17. BxN QxPch 18 R-N3 QxB B) 17 NxPch K-R1 B1) 18 NxQ?, NxRch wins; B2) 18 BxN QxPch etc. B3) 18. NxNPch?! BfxN? 19 RxRch! BxR 20 QxN! or QxR 20 BxN! B3a) 18...RfxN! 19 BxN! QxPch! and QxB B3a1) 19 R-R3 ch K-N1 20 Q-R4 QxNPch! and other variations.
- (g) I hadn't noticed at move 16 the double attack on my knight. But 19. NxN Q-B4ch! A) 20 K-R1 BxB B 20 R-K3? BxB 21 NxR B-Q5! 22 K-B2 BxRch 23 QxB QxPch etc. or 19 BxN Q-B4ch! 20 K moves QxN. Luck! (Probably 19. BxB is best Ed.)
- (h) More pieces are en prise.
- (i) Hasto due to a more or less nagging clock, he has about 25 minutes to reach 50 moves, I have only about 15.
- (j) Hasto also makes waste; R-Q5! wins in a breeze.
- (k) Gaining on the clock, as also around moves 58-62.
- (l) Although Bob Coveyou is in Europe and has my Basic Chess Endings, I think I can safely say 47. K-K2 RxP 48 RxPch, is a win for Black.
- (m) Gives White a draw, correct was K-K6! as 61...K-N5 -B6! was also the right way at 61. But now P-f4 must be protected by R-B5, whereupon the Pawns can't advance, White plays R-Q8, and the Black King can't help, I toyed with K-K6 but had already that too long on the endgame at move 51 and made at 63 what appeared to be the least risky move.
- (n) K-B1 draws. (It pays to know the basics of the endgame, Ed.)
- (o) Which is why I rarely resign or even offer draws.

CORRECTION * Mr. Sweets points out that in the game Smith - Momic on page 40 the move 44 for Black should read P-B6 (and not R-KR4). Thank you. (Last Nov. issue)

MID-SOUTH OPEN 1969

KING'S FIANCHETTO White: J. Katz Black: Troy Miller

1 P-KN3 P-KN3 2 B-N2 B-N2 3 P-K4 N-QB3 4 N-K2 P-K4 5 P-QB3 N-B3 6 P-Q4 P-Q3 7 O-O
 O-O 8 N-R3 B-N5 9 P-Q5 N-K2 10 P-R3 B-Q2 11 P-KB4 Q-B1 12 FxP KNxQP? 13 FxQP LxP
 14 FxN BxRP 15 B-K3 BxB 16 KxB N-B4 17 N-B2 Q-B5 18 R-B4 Q-N4 19 R-QN4 Q-Q2 20 Q-Q3
 KR-K1 21 B-B4 N-K2 22 R-K1 P-KR3 23 R-K4 P-KN4 24 B-Q2 QR-B1 25 KN-Q4 NxP? 26 RxBch
 RxB 27 Q-B5! Q-B1 28 RxBch QxR 29 QxN Q-Q2 30 N-B5 B-K4? 31 NxPch K-N2 32 QxPch QxQ
 33 NxQ KxN 34 BxP K-K3 35 K-B3 P-QN3 36 B-B4 B-N2 37 N-Q4ch K-Q4 38 N-N5 K-B5
 39 NxRP P-Q4 40 N-B6 P-N4 41 K-K2 B-B1 42 N-K5ch K-B4 43 N-Q7ch Rosigns

SICILIAN DEFENCE White: James Wright Black: Tony Estes

1 P-K4 P-B4 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 P-Q4 FxP 4 NxP P-QR3 5 P-QR3 N-KB3 6 N-QB3 Q-B2 7 P-B4
 P-Q3 8 B-Q3 QN-Q2 9 P-B5 N-B4 10 O-O B-K2 11 Q-K2 P-KR4 12 K-R1 B-Q2 13 FxKP FxP
 14 N-B3 N-N5 15 B-QB4 P-QN4 16 B-R2 R-QB1 17 B-N5 BxB 18 NxB P-Q4! (Throat is QxP#)
 19 P-KN3 P-Q5 20 N-Q1 N-B3 21 P-QN4 QNxKP! 22 NxKP? BxN 23 BxB Q-K4! 24 Q-N2 QxB
 25 R-K1 O-O 26 K-M1 Q-B3 27 N-B2 NxN 28 QxN QxP 29 QxP QR-Q1 30 Q-B5 QxQ 31 FxQ R-B1
 32 R-K6 RxF 33 RxF R-N1 34 R-M1 P-N5 35 P-QR4 P-N6 36 R-Q6 P-N7 37 Rosigns

SCOTCH GAMBIT White: John Hurt Black: E.T.C. Lewis

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 FxP 4 P-B3 FxP 5 B-QB4 FxP 6 BxB Q-K2 7 O-O (a)
 P-Q3 8 N-QB3 N-B3 9 N-Q5 Q-Q1 10 R-K1 B-K2 11 NxB NxN 12 N-N5 (b) O-O 13 Q-N3 (c)
 P-Q4 14 FxP N/3xP 15 QR-Q1 P-QB3 16 B-R3 R-K1 17 Q-KB3 N-B4 18 Q-R5 N-R3 19 B-Q3
 RxBch 20 RxB N-B3 21 Q-K2 B-B4 22 BxB NxB 23 NxBP KxN 24 Q-K6ch K-N3 25 R-P4 P-KR4
 26 P-N4 NxP 27 FxPch K-R2 28 P-R6 Q-Q4 29 Rosigns

Notes by John Hurt

- (a) Botor is N-QB3 at once, followed by O-O-O possibly.
- (b) 12 P-K5 FxP 13 QxQch KxQ 14 NxP leads to equality.
- (c) 13 BxN FxB 14 NxRP was considered but is not good enough.

VIENNA GAME* White: Robert Churchill Black: Majood Nahas

1 P-K4 N-KB3 2 N-QB3 P-Q4 3. P-K5 (a) P-Q5 4 FxN FxN 5 NxFP (b) KxFP 6 B-B4 B-K2
 7 N-K2 O-O 8 O-O P-QN3 9 P-Q4 B-N2 10 N-N3 P-QB4 11 Q-N4 R-K1? 12 N-B5! P-N3
 13 N-R6ch K-N2 14 NxBP Q-Q4? (c) 15 BxQ BxB 16 N-R6 K-B1 17 B-Q2 P-B4 18 NxP FxP
 19 QxPch B-B2 20 QxRP Rosigns

- (a) The game Lahdo - Nahas went: 3 FxP NxP 4 B-B4 NxN 5 Q-B3! P-K3 6 QxN N-Q2
 7 N-B3 N-B3 8 O-O B-K2 9 R-K1 O-O 10 Drawn.
- (b) If 5. FxNP then FxPch!
- (c) Losing the Queen, but black is lost anyway. If 14...Q-B1 15 B-R6ch! K-M1 16
 N-Q6disch! Or 14...Q-B2 15 B-R6ch K-M1 16 N-K5ch! K-R1 17 NxNPch! FxN 18 QxP
 and both threats 19 Q-N7 mate and 19 QxRch cannot be parried.

*The opening is not a Vienna, only if black had played 2...P-K4 would it have
 been. MCO clasifies it under Alekhine's Defence.

FRENCH DEFENCE White: Bill Wilwors Black: Potor Lahdo

1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 B-N5 4 N-QB3 4 P-K5 P-QB4 5 P-QR3 BxBch 6 FxB Q-B2
 7 Q-N4 P-B3 8 N-K2 FxKP 9 FxP QxKP 10 B-B4 Q-B3 11 Q-N3? N-B3 12 B-N5 Q-B4 13 O-O-O
 P-KN3 14 N-B4? P-KR3! 15 B-Q3! QxB 16 BxBch K-K2 17 Q-K3 K-Q3 18 KR-K1 KN-K2 19
 P-KR4 Q-B3 20 B-K4 P-N3 21 P-N4 R-B1 22 N-R3 N-R4 23 P-N5 FxP 24 FxP Q-N2 25 B-N2
 N-B5 26 Q-N3ch K-B3 27 N-B4 Q-B2 28 N-Q3 Q-N2 29 N-B4 RxB! 30 QxR QxBP 31 Q-B6!
 QxPch 32 K-M1 Q-N5ch 33 K-B1 Q-R6ch 34 K-M1 (a) Drawn by perpotual
 (a) Perhaps Black should have tried 34...K-N2! and if 35 QxNch? K-R3 36 Q-B6(forced)
 P-Q5!! and Black mates. But White can play differently.

Q.P. COUNTER GAMBIT White: Majood Nahas Black: Komny Cohon

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 P-Q4 3 P-Q4 FxKP 4 NxP B-Q3 5 N-QB3 P-KB3? 6 Q-R5ch! P-N3
 7 NxNP B-KN5 8 QxB FxN 9 QxNPch K-B1 10 B-B4 Q-Q2? 11 BxN RxB 12 B-R6ch R-N2
 13 QxPch K-N1 14 QxRch QxQ 15 BxQ KxB 16 NxP B-K2 17 O-O-O N-B3 18 P-Q5 Rosigns
 The shortest decisivo game in the open section.

MATCH: FISCHER - BOTWINNIK?

A Match between Fischer and Botwinnik is to start on April 7, 1970 in Holland.
 Apparently Fischer has now agreed to the terms which call for 18 games to be played,
 the winner to receive \$8000 and the loser \$5000.

A match USSR vs. Rest of the World has been suggested. This could mean a four
 game match between Spassky and Fischer. Fischer was asked about this possibility.
 He replied: "I just now heard of this match. Four games are much too few, in my opi-
 nion. I shall think it over. Anyway I would like to say already now, that a match
 with Spassky would be interesting, although it is only a short one. (Chess Express).