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EDITORIAL

For the first time in the history of chess in Tennessee we are made aware of needed closer co-operation of all areas of Tennessee in order to avoid tournament schedules that conflict with those of other tourneys held in our state. It is true that a tournament clearinghouse for Tennessee was established in 1973. But only two cities have co-operated, but not Memphis. The clearinghouse is headed by Mr. Glenn Cornwell, 303 Belinda Dr., Hermitage, TN 37076. I would recommend that in the future prior to scheduling tournaments, organizers would notify Mr. Cornwell of their intentions. He could then notify the organizer when a conflict did exist. Only in this way can we be assured of avoiding tournament conflicts.

Regarding the points raised by Mr. Little in his letter (see pg. 4) let me say two things in my defence. (1) The dates for tournaments were briefly stated during the Business Meeting of TCA last Sept. Unfortunately Mrs. C. E. Little, who acted as Secretary of the meeting and is the wife of Mr. Little did not find it important enough for the dates of the tournaments to be recorded in to the minutes. Therefore at the time when I consented (with conditions) to the 1st Volunteer Classic to be held in Nashville I was unaware of the tournament in Memphis. (2) Even had I been aware of the tournament conflict I doubt if I would have acted differently. I used the guidelines established by USCF and considered a distance of over 75 miles as not presenting a conflict. The new "guidelines" as stated in Mr. Little's letter as #1 (from USCF Policy Newsletter) was not yet applicable as this information did not become available to me until after I consented to holding the Volunteer Classic. (The views on the matter of tournament conflicts expressed in the Editorial are those by the Editor Peter P. Lahde and do not reflect those of TCA as none exist at this time. There definitely needs to be a policy established on this matter.)

Below are the tournaments that have been reported to me for 1975 and are of greater than local interest:

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR FOR 1975

- Jan 18-19 HUNTER WEAKS MEMORIAL OPEN (Memphis). See pg. 3 for details.
- Jan 18-19 1st VOLUNTEER CLASSIC (Nashville). As previously announced, except that prizes are based on 100 entries or more.
- Jan 25 24th ETSU OPEN (Johnson City). See CL&R for details.
- Jan 25-26 TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP (Nashville). See CL and Nov TCN.
- Feb 15-16 DYERSBURG OPEN (Dyersburg). No details available.
- Feb 22 25th ETSU OPEN (Johnson City)
- Mar 8 26th ETSU OPEN (Johnson City)
- Mar 15-16 PROVIDENT OPEN (Chattanooga) See pg. 3 for details
- Apr 12-13 MUSIC CITY SPRING OPEN (Nashville)
- Apr 19 27th ETSU OPEN (Johnson City)
- May 3-4 THIRD ANNUAL KING COTTON OPEN (Memphis)
- May 17 28th ETSU OPEN (Johnson City)
- Jul 19-20 MUSIC CITY SUMMER OPEN (Nashville)
- Aug 9-10 SECOND ANNUAL BLUFF CITY OPEN (Memphis)
- Aug 30-Sep1 TENNESSEE OPEN (Nashville)
- Oct 25-26 MUSIC CITY FALL OPEN (Nashville)
- Nov 28-30 16th ANNUAL MID-SOUTH (Memphis)

VIX AND PORTER TIE FOR 15th ANNUAL MID-SOUTH OPEN

From the Mid-South Chess Advocate in Part

Vernon Vix of Nashville won on tie breaks over Warren Porter of Jackson, Miss. for first place with equal scores of 5-1. Placing third was Niels Bostrom of Lexington, Ky., with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Fourth was Eddie Middleton of Memphis on tie breaks over Fred Lindsey of Ann Arbor, Mich. with equal scores of 4-2. Four players tied for 6th with $3\frac{1}{2}$. Egerton of Nashville had the best tie-break to win Class B trophy. He divided the money winnings with Peter Lahde (Nashville), Mike Webb (Memphis), and Philip Morgan (Memphis). Webb also won the Class C trophy.

Albert Bowen of Nashville was the winner of the Mid-South Amateur with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Second was Kent Meadows also of Nashville with a 5-1 score. Four players tied for third in this order after tie-breaks: 3rd Mike Sulcer (Ark), 4th Jack Smith (Memphis), 6th Jerry Wheeler (Nashville) and 5th Mark Laughlin (Memphis). All had $4\frac{1}{2}$ points.

There were 64 participants from 10 states in the two sections held at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis over Thanksgiving weekend. The number of participants was somewhat below expectation, but because of the threatening weather conditions it was understandable. It was a smoothly run tournament, quite enjoyable, and as always the Peabody provided an excellent playing site and convenient accommodations.

MIDDLETON AND MINOR TIE FOR 3rd ANNUAL RALPH KING MEMORIAL

From the Mid-South Chess Advocate

Eddie Middleton, current Memphis City Champion, won over Sgt. Ron Minor of Millington NAS on tie breaks with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$. Placing third on tie breaks was Peter Shirley of Forest City, Ark. over James Wright with equal scores of 4. Fifth was Dr. Morris Middleton of Helena, Ark. with a score of $3\frac{1}{2}$. Other winners were John Hurt, Top A; James Wright, Top B; Peter Shirley, Top C; Dwight Weaver, Top D; Fred Lowe, Top E; Tom Neeley, Top Unrated; Walter Tomes, Top Junior. The tournament was sponsored by the Memphis Chess Club, Inc. and was played one game each week from October 18 to November 22. There were 27 participants.

ETSU HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL

Reported by P. K. Lowrey

The ETSU Chess Club, aspiring to promote area high school chess, sponsored an Invitational Tournament on Nov. 2, 1974. The club charged no entry fee and absorbed all costs. Four schools accepted invitations to play, but only two school teams showed up. Danial Boone High School led by individual winner Frank Winkle (4-0), captured the first place trophy. P. K. Lowrey directed.

TSITSEKLIS WINS TGI

Reported by Richard Word

Since Tennessee has no Grandmasters, it was perhaps fitting that the highest rated player in the Knoxville area won first place in the Tennessee Grandmasters' Invitational, a three round mini-tourney held Nov. 2 in Knoxville. It was not clear sailing for Tsitseklis, however, as he was drawn by Guy Kooi in the second round and had to rely on the aid of lady luck to down a determined Garner in the final round. It was Dale Whiteheads' best performance to date, with two wins. The tournament was directed by Mack Garner.

FUNNY RAISIN TORNADO

The Funny Raisin Tornado (Aug 24) was won by Richard Word on tie-breaks over Walter Isbill in a tournament which saw many of the leaders falter along the way. Garner dropped a piece and the game to Isbill. Stoughton had an upset draw with Ball. Thompson scored upset wins over Bennett and Ousley.

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan 18-19, SECOND ANNUAL HUNTER WEAKS MEMORIAL OPEN, 5-SS, 50/2, Southern Peabody Hotel, 149 Union Ave., Memphis, TN. EF \$17.50 if mailed by Jan 8, \$20 if paid at Tmt. (TCA req., other states o.k.) \$\$ 300-150-100, A 45, B 40, C 35, D 30, E 25, UNR 20, trophies to top 3, top A, B, C, D, E, UNR. Reg: 8-8:45 AM 1/18. Rds 9-2-7, 9-2, ENT: James C. Little, 1223 Aubra Road, Memphis, TN 38111.

Mar 15-16, 3rd ANNUAL PROVIDENT OPEN, 5-SS, 40/2, Read House, Broad & 9th Streets, Chattanooga, TN. EF Open \$14, Amateur \$9 (TCA req. for Tenn. residents) \$\$ OPEN 100-65-35, A 20, B 15; AMATEUR 75-45-25, C 15, D/E 10, UNR 10, trophies to 1st in each div. TD's Jerry Willman and Robert Gann. ENT: J.F. Willman, 1026 John Mark Road, Hixson, TN 37343.

NASHVILLE QUALIFIERS DETERMINED

The Nashville Semi-finals for the 1975 Championships were concluded Dec. 30. Two preliminary sections of 12 players each played in round robin tournaments. Three players from each section qualifies for the finals plus the two co-champions from last year. Surprising was the excellent showing of the young players. Two high school players qualified in each section.

In Section I John Logue was the winner with a perfect 11-0 score. But as he himself admitted his task was not as easy as the score indicates. The other qualifiers with identical $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ scores were Steve Ellis and Bruce Stearns, both H.S.

In Section II the surprising winner was high schooler Johnny Moore with a 10-1 result. Joe Roberdeau was 2nd with $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 3rd H.S. Wally Jordan with an $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ score. These three qualify for the finals.

In addition Vernon Vix and Peter Lahde, 1974 Co-champions, qualify for the finals.

CURT JONES WINS MID-STATE H.S. EVENT

Curt Jones won the 1974 Mid-State High School Tournament with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. He gave up one draw to Marcus Stinson (Smyrna) who has been improving rapidly. Second place was taken by Jerry Wheeler with 4-1. This gave Apollo Jr. High a sweep of first and second. Six players tied for third with Bruce Stearns of MBA getting the best tie-break to receive the third place trophy. Not unexpected was the win by Montgomery Bell Academy (MBA) of the team title with 14 points, Smyrna was second with $10\frac{1}{2}$, and DuPont third with $7\frac{1}{2}$ points. Trophies were awarded to the top three individuals and teams. In addition five USCF memberships were awarded.

The event had only 23 entrants, less than half from usual. We blame this in part on the local newspapers who did not give us advance publicity as promised. The event took place Dec 28 at DuPont H.S. It was directed by Glenn Cornwell, who was assisted by Joe Jones and Tom Farr. Music City Chess Assoc. was the sponsor.

TOP RANKINGS OF TENNESSEE PLAYERS

The ratings for the top 100 players for Tennessee can again be found in the pages of TENNESSEE CHESS NEWS. (See pg. 6). This feature is again possible thanks to the efforts of John Nichols of Johnson City. Since the Tenn. Open was not yet included in the Annual Ratings, this rating list also includes the December Supplement. The total number of players playing in rated events in 1974 increased from 395 in 1973 to 486 in 1974. Two additional tables will be published next issue, one on percentages of players in each class and a comparison of 1973 with 1974 data.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Lahde:

In the November, 1974 issue of Tennessee Chess News it was announced that the Southern Chess Association, Winston-Salem, N.C. (not to be confused with the Southern Chess Association which sponsors the Southern Open) is sponsoring the First Volunteer Classic in Nashville on January 18-19, 1975. Memphis has the Second Annual Hunter Weaks Memorial Open scheduled for the same dates. This tournament date was set last July. Mr. Lahde has known about it since the TCA business meeting in September. Even though he didn't have all the particulars, he knew that date was taken.

The area of tournament conflict is discussed quite thoroughly in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the USCF, as found in the **POLICY BOARD NEWSLETTER NO.1 of 1974/75:**

1. Mr. Verber (IL) reminded the Delegates that the Business-Office guideline of 75 miles is purely advisory, that whereas a conflict between events 40 miles apart in Chicago might not be too serious, tournaments in cities 200 miles apart in the Southwest might potentially represent more of a problem. Geography, population density, and the size of the prize fund are all factors which play roles. The Committee recommended that such factors were best weighted at the local level and that all states should set up annual tournament calendars with the participation and approval of the State Delegates." (P. 46, Section C: Tournament Conflicts Committee)
2. "Mr. Edmondson moved to amend the motion to commit by adding the provisos that (1) the Board of Delegates strongly urge that between now and next year any out-of-state-organizer, on a voluntary basis, get in writing the permission of the local organizers before holding a tournament and send a copy of the written permission to the Business Office...." (pages 46-47, Section C (1): Restriction of Out-of-State Organizers)
3. "State Federations should be the vehicle through which organizers clear their calendar of events. The current USCF Tournament Conflict Advisory Plan should be retained. Organizers or other organizations that have run at least five events in the past year or intent to run more than five events in the next twelve months should be required to notify the USCF and the State Federations of their entire calendar of events." (p. 54, ANNEX IX-C: Minority Report of the Ad Hoc Tournament Conflicts Committee)

It is our understanding that Mr. Al Lipkin of the Southern Chess Association is an independent organizer and came to Nashville and organized his Volunteer Classic without notifying the local organizers. This is in direct opposition to paragraph 2 above.

After finding out of the intentions of the Southern Chess Association, Mr. Lahde did not notify the other USCF Delegates as recommended in paragraph 1 above. He did not even notify Mr. John Hurt, President of TCA, that an outside organizer was planning to make his debut in Tennessee.

Because the outside organizers are requiring TCA membership, this affects all of Tennessee--not just Nashville and Memphis.

We feel that there has been a flagrant lack of due process, a lack of courtesy for Memphis in this one matter, a lack of courtesy to the other TCA officers and USCF Delegates for not being informed, and a lack of respect for tournaments traditionally held at a certain time.

We regret that this incident has happened. We feel that this matter should be resolved since the unity of TCA will be disrupted if this is allowed to continue. Since we don't want disunity, we propose that TCN should not be used for announcing outside organizers efforts except in paid announcements and that an interim policy should be adopted until a permanent policy can be incorporated into the TCA Constitution. We feel that this interim policy should be that: TCA officers, USCF Delegates and USCF Delegates-Elect should be notified before approval is given. This doesn't imply that their approval has to be gotten, but at least all are notified.

We feel that in certain instances tournaments by outside organizers would be acceptable for Tennessee--so long as they supplement Tennessee's chess efforts and not conflict with them. We are going on with the Hunter Weaks as planned and feel that allegiance to an established Tennessee club is strong enough our tournament will be a success.

Tennessee and most of the other Southern states have not been faced with the problem of outside organizers before, but with chess interest growing in the South we can expect more and more of it. It's past time that we adopt a policy of handling it. USCF has set the guidelines and we feel that it is the duty of the Tennessee Chess Association to carry them out.

Sincerely,

MEMPHIS CHESS CLUB, INC.

Gary M. Pylant, President
James C. Little, Vice-President
C.C. Little, Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Morris Middleton, T.D.
John Hurt, President, TCA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letter is a "rebuttal" to the letter by Mr. Little on the previous page. (For the views of the Editor on this matter see the Editorial on the title page)

Dear Mr. Lahde:

The Southern Chess Administration is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of chess throughout the Southern region of the U.S. The whole idea is to make the attendance of big, exciting chess tournaments possible to non-urban players. We are also concerned with the production of a tournament for the chess players as well as for the game of chess. We therefore try to encourage the local clubs to help with the production of a party or beer-bust on the evening of the first day of the tournament. Any profit derived from a tourney above expenses, is returned to the participants in the form of additional prizes.

As to Mr. Little's letter: All of Tennessee was unaware of his tournament, since he neglected to send the announcement to the Tennessee Chess News. We also were unaware of his plans. Both the USCF and ourselves do not consider two chess tournaments as a serious conflict when they are as far apart as Nashville and Memphis.

As to our "outside organizer" status: One of our officers is a resident of Tennessee and the tournaments in Tennessee shall be directed by our tournament director for the state of Tennessee, Mr. Gary Bawgus. Mr. Bawgus is currently a student at East Tennessee State University and is a resident of the state. He has directed several state tourneys and is a familiar feature at many tourneys with his wide selection of chess products and books.

To summarize: Our organization is not a "threat" to Tennessee chess. A glance at our guaranteed prize fund and a little arithmetic with our entry fee should convince anybody that we are not going to "hit and run" with all the money of the state of Tennessee. We feel that chess players want to participate in tournaments for large prizes; big tournaments that will bring in players from other states. When was the last state tourney for fifteen hundred dollars? We sincerely hope that our efforts will be appreciated and that it will result in more and better chess in the state of Tennessee and throughout the South.

Respectfully;

Dr. Alan H. Lipkin, Chairman
The Southern Chess Administration

cc: C.C. Little, Memphis Chess Club
Martin Morrison, USCF

The following letter was directed to the Games Editor.

Dear Mr. Garner,

Concerning the game WRIGHT-MOMIC in the Nov., 1974 issue of Tenn. Chess News: You say in (b) that "Black is playing for a win at all costs." Why the draw then?

Also you say that a draw was the only logical result of a game played perfectly by both players. I suggest that had both players played on an error would have been committed by one of the players--anyone can remember book lines for 5 moves. It's when the game progresses that games are won or lost.

To suggest that such a game is worthy of a Keres or a Larsen is to demean both of these fine gentlemen. Personally, I think both Tennessee players were timid.

No brilliancy prize should ever be given to such "quickie" draws. I wonder what ever became of the rule which states that players must play at least 30 moves before a draw can be considered?

If you think the WRIGHT-MOMIC game was a brilliant game of chess, then I say Tennessee chess is in trouble.

Sincerely,

Maurice L. Ellis
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Pittsburgh, PA 15212

P.S. Lest I sound like a grouch, may I congratulate you on the fine chess magazine! Listing the openings (Benoni, Veresov, etc) is especially appreciated.

Editor's Comment: Do you have any comment on this letter, Mack Garner? Thank you for your kind remarks about TCN, Mr. Ellis. Due to the large amount of material for this issue, we had to delay the games submitted by the Games Editor.

TABLE I
TOP 100 TENNESSEE PLAYERS 1974
Compiled by John D. Nichols (Dec 1974)

<u>Expert (4)</u>					
1.	Sweets, James (C)	2034	49.	Robinson, Henry	1697
2.	Wright, Milton (N)	2027	50.	Isbill, Walter	1694
3.	Thomas, Kenny (M)	2021	51.	Gullette, Alan D. (N)	1690
4.	Shor, Andrew (O.R.)	2008	52.	Schofield, Mike (N)	1690
<u>Class A (26)</u>			53.	Smalling, John (J.C.)	1687
5.	Middleton, Edward (M)	1995	54.	Jewell, Ted	1685
6.	Tsitsekis, Emmanuel (K)	1975	55.	Corrigan, Michael S. (M)	1683
7.	Aristorenas, Juan (C)	1970	56.	Jones, Curt (N)	1683
8.	Gilley, Mark (M)	1968	57.	Bawgus, Gary W. (J.C.)	1674
9.	Falt, Robert (M)	1965	58.	Clune, Tomothy J.	1668
10.	Baker, David (Jackson)	1945	59.	Knelle, Karl (Tullahoma)	1665
11.	Saccuzzo, D.P. (Murfreesb)	1924	60.	Roberdeau, Joe (N)	1665
12.	Garner, Mack (Maryville)	1918	61.	LaVerne, Douglas (O.R.)	1664
13.	Hurt, John F. (M)	1917	62.	Lahde, Peter P. (N)	1650
14.	Jones, Joe C. (N)	1897	63.	Farr, Roy T. (N)	1645
15.	Pendergast, Dave M.	1893	64.	Thayer, Peter	1643
16.	Ralston, Douglas (K)	1886	65.	Jollay, Samuel D. (M)	1633
17.	Wix, Vernon (N)	1885	66.	Valentine, John M. (N)	1633
18.	Gabel, Harris (N)	1868/16	67.	Ousley, Larry	1626
19.	Byron, J. Tom	1860/15	68.	Kool, Guy (K)	1624
20.	Coveyou, Robert (O.R.)	1856	69.	Dyer, Paul	1623
21.	Estes, Tony (N)	1830	70.	Varga, Tibor (N)	1619
22.	Searles, Richard (Clevel)	1825	71.	Hardin, Drexel (M)	1615
23.	Gardner, Philip (C)	1824	72.	Pylant, Gary (M)	1611
*24.	Gibson, Steve (N)	1821	73.	Cole, Richard	1610
25.	Harvey, Ronald W. (M)	1817	74.	Noonan, Thomas (O.R.)	1609
26.	Vaughan, Meeks B. (Kings)	1814	75.	Boylan, Phillip R.	1608
27.	White, Richard (Maryv.)	1814	76.	Wright, Jerry (N)	1605
28.	Ellis, David (K)	1812	<u>Class C (23)</u>		
29.	Jannise, Nalton Jr.	1801	77.	Coffey, John	1599
30.	Logue, John (N)	1800	78.	Bennett, Mike W. (N)	1598
<u>Class B (47)</u>			79.	Holyfield, Robert G. (M)	1597
31.	Ball, Charles (Maryville)	1792	80.	Little, James C (M)	1592
32.	Jobe, Tom B.	1774	81.	Newkirk, Eddie	1590
33.	Smith, Mahlon (M)	1774	82.	McLaughlin, Mark (M)	1589
34.	Willman, Jerry (C)	1770	83.	Mullins, Jeff	1587
35.	Egerton, Brooks B. (N)	1768	84.	Bowen, Albert (N)	1586
36.	Stearns, Bruce (N)	1767	85.	Smith, Jack (M)	1586
37.	Morgan, Philip	1766	86.	Lyttle, Ken R.	1583
38.	Murr, Kenneth	1750	87.	McDade, Chris (M)	1582
39.	Sandler, Howard (N)	1750	88.	Quarles, Terry	1581
40.	Cariani, Peter (M)	1740	89.	Murphy, John (Maryville)	1578
41.	Batson, Miller (N)	1739	90.	Swift, John H. (N)	1577
42.	Word, Ricky (K)	1727	91.	Moody, Harold (Dyersburg)	1574
43.	Wall, George (Shelbyville)	1716	92.	Horton, Everad E.	1573
44.	Bennett, Richard A.	1714	93.	Lyles, W. Ralph	1570
45.	Wright, James A. (M)	1714	94.	Oda, Ken	1570
46.	Herbers, Richard	1707/5	95.	Moore, Johnny (N)	1569
47.	Ziemak, Ken (N)	1705	96.	Wagner, Mark (K)	1567
48.	Lendermon, Victor (M)	1704	97.	Kruglewicz, Jean	1558
* Gibson also placed 24th among 16 yrs. or under in the U.S. Congrats!!			98.	Cornwell, Glenn (N)	1555
			99.	Moody, Eulis (Dyersburg)	1554
			100.	Nash, Jerr D.	1553

ANNOTATED GAMES BY READERS

MID-SOUTH OPEN

RETI (NIMZOVICH ATTACK) White: Brooks Egerton Black: Vernon Wix
 1 N-KB3 N-KB3 2 P-QN3 P-KN3 P-KN3 3 B-N2 B-N2 4 P-QN4 O-O 5 P-N3 P-Q3 6 B-N2 P-K4
 7 P-Q3 QN-Q2 8 O-O N-K1 (a) 9 N-QB3 P-KB4 10 Q-Q2 (b) P-KR3 11 P-QN4 P-KN4 12 Q-B2
 P-N5 13 N-Q2 Q-N4 14 P-N5 P-KR4 15 P-KR4 (c) FxP.p. 16 BxP N/2-B4 17 N-B3 Q-N3 (d)
 18 N-Q5 Q-B2 19 Q-Q2 P-B3 20 N-N5 Q-Q2 21 FxP FxP 22 N-QB3 Q-K2 23 N-B3 (e) P-B5
 24 BxB BxB 25 K-N2 Q-B2 26 B-B1 Q-N3 27 B-QN1 (f) Q-N3 28 B-B3 FxP 29 FxP B-R3
 30 Q-K1 N-B5ch 31 K-B2 BxPch! (g) 32 FxN QxP 33 Q-K4 QxN 34 Q-N6ch (h) N-N2
 35 Q-K4 QxB 36 R-N7 QxPch (i) 37 K-N1 Q-B8ch 38 K-R2 Q-B7ch 39 K-B3 Q-B7 40 N-R4
 Q-B3 41 BxP Q-K3ch 42 K-N2 R-N2 43 Resigns

Annotations by Vernon Wix

- (a) White's play has been logical but not forceful. I decided that a kingside attack would be the best way to counter White's wait and see attitude.
 (b) Not the best. The queen will have to move again to provide a retreat square for the knight. Best is 10. P-Q4 to counter Black's kingside aggression with counterplay in the center. Black then replies 10...P-K5 with a complex struggle..
 (c) Looks bad but I cannot see much better. Black was threatening P-R5, Q-R4, R-B3, and R-R3 with a devastating attack.
 (d) Better is Q-Q1 to prevent a knight from settling in at KN5.
 (e) Too defensive. 23. P-KB4 is necessary to hold the knight at KN5. Black would then have a hard time getting the attack going.
 (f) Planless. White must think of defending the kingside.
 (g) A winner. Too many white pieces are enprise.
 (h) Losing a piece. Better is 34 R-N3 Q-Q5ch 35 QxQ FxQ 36 RxBP B-K6ch 37 K-N2 N-B3 38 R-B4 N-K5 and White has some chances of a draw if he avoids 39 RxF P-Q6 40 R/7-N7 P-Q7.
 (i) More accurate is RxBch followed by R-B1.

KING'INDIAN (FOUR PAWNS ATTACK) White: Fred Lindsey (2018) Black: Ed Middleton (2051)
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g3 3 Ng3 Bg2 4 e4 d3 5 f4 c5 6 d5 O-O 7 Be2 e6 8 e5 exd 9 e5 (a) dxe
 10 fxe Ng4 11 Bg5 Qg5! (b) 12 cxd Nxe 13 O-O Qb6 (c) 14 Qd2 Nbd7!! 15 Be7 Nxdch
 16 BxN c4ch 17 Kh1 Re8 18 d6 Ne5 Nxf 19 Nd5 Nxf 20 NeQ NxeQ 21 NxeR NxeR 22 Ne7! Bd7
 23 NxeR BxeR 24 RxeR BxB 25 Bf6 BxB 26 RxeR Bd7 27 Kg1 Kf8 28 Kf2 Bxe6 29 Ke3 Ke8 30 Rf4
 Kd7 31 Rd4 b5 (d) 32 Kd2 e3!! (e) 33 Kxc Bxa 34 Kb4 Bc4 35 Ka5!! Bf1? 36 Rd2 f5
 37 Kb4 Bc4 (f) 38 Rd1 g5 39 Ke5 f4 40 Ral g4 41 Rxeach Ke6 42 Re7ch! (g) Kf6
 43 Re4 Kf5 44 RxB BxR 45 d7 f3 46 gxf gxf 47 d8(Q) Resigns

Annotations by Eddie Middleton and James C. Little (from the new Mid-South Chess Advocate)

- (a) The text is referred to as the Gunderam Gambit (Neue Eroffnungswege #1)
 (b) This is the best line.
 (c) Here 13...bxa6 is better.
 (d) After the text Black has winning chances.
 (e) Instead Black has a win with 32...b4, 33...a5, 34...a4.
 (f) A meaningless move, better is 37...g5.
 (g) A more forceful conclusion would be 42 Rxe!! f3 43 gxf, gxf 44 d7 f2 45 d8(Q) f1 (Q) 46 Re7ch Kf6 47 Qf8ch Kg6 48 Rg7 Kh6 49 Qh8 mate!

Editor's Comment: We encourage the use of the algebraic system, and therefore appreciate the use of it in the above game. But mixing up the system with the descriptive is not a good way to introduce players to it. Hope you'll stay with one system.

ANNOTATED GAMES BY READERS
(CONCLUDED)
MID-SOUTH AMATEUR

RUY LOPEZ White: Kent Meadows Black: Albert Bowen
1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4 N-KB3 5 O-O P-QN4 6 B-N3 B-K2 7 R-K1
P-Q3 8 P-B3 N-QR4 9 B-B2 P-B4 10 P-KR3 O-O 11 P-Q4 Q-B2 12 QN-Q2 BPxP 13 BPxP B-Q2(a)
14 N-B1 N-B3 15 R-K2 (b) KR-B1 16 B-K3 P-QR4 17 R-B1 N-QN5 18 B-N1 Q-N2 19 P-QR3 RxB
20 BxR N-B3 21 P-Q5 N-R2 22 N-N3 R-B1 23 R-B2 (c) RxB 24 BxR N-B1 25 B-Q3 N-N3
26 Q-N3 N-R5 27 N-K2 (d) N-B4 28 Q-B2 P-N5 29 P-QN3 (e) NxB 30 QxN B-N4 31 Q-Q1 BxN(f)
32 QxB PxP 33 Q-R2 (g) NxBP 34 BxP QxQP 35 Q-B2 Q-N2 (h) 36 NxBP N-B4 37 N-B4 QxQNP
38 QxQ NxQ 39 NxP BxN 40 BxB P-B3 (i) 41 K-B1 K-B2 42 K-K2 K-K3 43 B-B8 P-N3 44 K-Q3
K-Q4 45 K-B3 N-B4 46 B-K7 P-R4 47 B-Q8 P-QR5 48 K-N4 P-B4 49 B-N6 N-Q6ch 50 KxP K-B5
51 P-N3 N-K4 52 B-B7 N-B6 53 P-R4 N-R7 54 B-N6 N-N5 55 K-R5 K-Q6 56 K-N5 K-K5 57 K-B6
K-B6 58 K-Q5 NxP 59 K-K6 KxP 60 K-B6 N-K5ch (j) Black won after several more moves.

Annotations by Albert Bowen of decisive game to determine tournament winner.

- (a) The books and master players all say that this bishop should go to QN2. Little do they know.
(b) White wants to contest the queen bishop file. Why then did he move his queen knight over to the other side of the board?
(c) The action in this game is all on the queenside. That being the case, the queen knight moves off side.
(d) Now the queen knight tries to return.
(e) Here White's troubles begin.
(f) This exchange removes protection from the queen knight pawn.
(g) To save the knight pawn White leaves the king pawn.
(h) This was probably a bad move. I didn't see all of what was about to happen. That is why my rating is what it is. I believe 36...PxN would probably draw. After the exchange, Black's pawn plus on the king-side with queens active on the board would not be enough to win. 36...N-B4, in my opinion was the winner.
(i) The distant passed rook pawn is enough. The rest is routine.
(j) The text move in my opinion is important. The knight must move via Q7 and B6 so as to capture the rook pawn. Then after the exchange of B and knight (what else?) when White captures the BP, Black can more quickly go to KN6 - the winner.

SELECTED GAMES

FRENCH DEFENCE Phillip Morgan (1766) Black: Peter Lahde (1650) MID-SOUTH
1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 B-N5 4 P-K5 N-K2 5 P-QR3 BxNch 6 PxP P-QB4 7 P-NB4
QN-B3 8 N-KB3 Q-R4 9 B-Q2 PxP 10 PxP Q-R5 11 B-B3(?) N-B4 12 Q-Q2 P-KR4 13 B-K2
P-QN3 14 K-B2 B-B3 15 BxB QxB 16 P-N3 Q-B5 17 KR-Q1 QR-B1 18 Q-K1 NxBP 19 QxN QxB
20 N-K1 O-O 21 QR-N1 R-B5 22 R-N3 Q-R4 23 R/3-Q3 R/1-B1 24 Q-K2 P-N3 25 P-N4 PxP(?)
26 QxP R-B6 27 P-KR4 RxB 28 RxB R-B6 29 R-B3 RxBch 30 QxB Q-Q7ch 31 Q-K2 QxBPch
32 N-B3 NxRP 33 Resigns

FIRC White: John Hurt (1952) Black: Ron Minor (1933) RALPH KING MEMORIAL
1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Be2 Bg7 5 Be3 O-O 6 h4 c6 7 h5 Re8 8 hg hg 9 Nh3 Bxh3
10 Rxh3 Nbd7 11 Qd2 Nf8 12 Bh6 Bxh6 13 Qxh6 Nf6-h7 14 O-O-O e6 15 e5 Qg5ch! ~~h6~~
16 Qxg5 Nxc5 17 Rg3 Ngh7 18 Rh1 d5 19 Rg-h3 Kg7 20 f4 b5 21 g4 a5 22 Bd3 Ra7 23 f5
a4 24 a3 Rb8 26 Rh6 Ra-c7 27 Kd2 c5 28 c3 Re6 29 de Rxc5 30 Nb4 Ra8 31 fg fg 32 Bxg6
Ng5! 33 Nd3 Rc4 34 Nf2 Ng6 35 Rh6-h5 Nf3ch 36 Ke3 Nf3xe5 37 Rh7ch Kg8 38 Rb7 Rf8 39
Rh-h7 40 Rh1 Ng5 41 Rxb5 Rf3ch 42 Ke2 Nf4ch 43 Ke1 Ng2ch 44 Ke2 Rc-f4 45 Nd3 Re3ch
46 Kd2 Ne4ch 47 Kc2 Rxd3ch! 48 Rb8ch Kg7 49 Rb7ch Kg6 50 Rh-h7 Rd2ch 51 Kbl Rf1ch
52 Ka2 Nxc3 mate (Submitted by Gary Pylant and Dwight Weaver)

MID-SOUTH OPEN 1974

	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	SCORE
1. Vix, Vernon (Nashville)	1911	W11	W8	D4	W5	W6	D2	5-1
2. Porter, Warren (Miss)	1952	W14	D17	W10	W18	W3	D1	5-1
3. Bostrom, Niels (Ky)	2054	W23	W6	W5	D4	L2	W12	4½-1½
4. Middleton, Edward (Memphis)	2051	W16	W9	D1	D3	W7	L5	4-2
5. Lindsey, Fred (Mich)	2018	W13	W7	L3	L1	WF	W4	4-2
6. Egerton, Brooks (Nashv.)	1733	W20	L3	W14	W13	L1	D7	3½-2½
7. Lahde, Peter (Nashville)	1679	W21	L5	W11	W9	L4	D6	3½-2½
8. Webb, Michael (Memphis)	1503	WF	L1	D16	D10	D9	W11	3½-2½
9. Morgan, Philip (Memphis)	1784	W19	L4	W17	L7	D8	W10	3½-2½
10. Wright, James (Millington)	1724	W22	D18	L2	D8	W15	L9	3-3
11. Garner, Robert E. (Dyersb)	1568	L1	W19	L7	W22	W16	L8	3-3
12. Minor, Ronald	1883	D15	W23	L18	D16	W13	L3	3-3
13. Williamson, Danny (Ark)	1621	L5	W20	W22	L6	L12	W17	3-3
14. Issa, Edward (Miss)	1601	L2	W21	L6	D17	W19	D16	3-3
15. Rackley, James (Memphis)	1530	D12	L16	D20	W18	L10	W22	3-3
16. Middleton, Morris (Ark)	1637	L4	W15	D8	D12	L11	D14	2½-3½
17. Maclin, Philip, Sr. (Memp)	1283	Bye	D2	L9	D14	D20	L13	2½-3½
18. Baskin, Robert (Ark)	1952	WF	D10	W12	L2	withdrew		2½-3½
19. Mitchell, James (Memphis)	1386	L9	L11	W21	L15	L14	W20	2-4
20. Thompson, Kenny (Ark)	1367	L6	L13	D15	W21	D17	L19	2-4
21. Moore, Kenneth (Memphis)	UNR	L7	L14	L19	L20	W22	Bye	2-4
22. Accampo, Tony D.	1344	L10	Bye	L13	L11	L21	L15	1-5
23. Vejrosta, Larry (Ill)	1648	L3	L12	withdrew				0-6
24. Gibson, Steve (Nashville)	1838	LF	withdrew					0-6
25. Gray, Donny (Ark)	1619	LF	withdrew					0-6

TENNESSEE GRANDMASTERS' INVITATIONAL 1974
Nov. 2

	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	SCORE
1. Emanuel Tsitsekli (Knoxville)	1980	W6	D5	W2	2½-1½
2. Mack Garner (Maryville)	1880	W4	W3	L1	2-1
3. Walter Isbill (Louisville)	1705	W7	L2	W5	2-1
4. Dale Whitehead (Maryville)	1318	L2	W7	W6	2-1
5. Guy Kooi (Knoxville)	1600	W8	D1	L3	1½-2½
6. Charles Clifford (Knoxville)	1507	L1	W8	L4	1-2
7. Stephen Pierce (Knoxville)	1250	L3	L4	W8	1-2
8. Charles Simonin (Knoxville)	UNR	L5	L6	L7	0-3

NASHVILLE PRELIMS 1974

SECTION 1	USCF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	SCORE
1. John Logue	1800	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1f	1	1	1	1	11-0
2. Steve Ellis	1375	0	X	½	1	0	1	½	½	1	1f	1	1f	7½-3½
3. Bruce Stearns	1767	0	½	X	1	½	0	1	½	1	1	1f	1f	7½-3½
4. Glenn Cornwell	1555	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1f	1	0	1f	1	7-4
5. Clive Morgan	1520	0	1	½	0	X	0	1	0	1	1f	1	1f	6½-4½
6. Tibor Varga	1624	0	0	1	0	1	X	0	0	1	1	1f	1	6-5
7. Marcus Stinson	1320	0	½	0	0	0	1	X	1	0	1	1	1f	5½-5½
8. Phillip Sawyer	1547	Of	½	0	Of	1	1	0	X	1	½	Of	1	5½-5½
9. Wayne Bailey	1264	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	1	1f	1	4-7
10. Steve Shumate	1444	0	Of	0	1	Of	0	0	½	0	X	1	1	3½-7½
11. Stam Bimson	UNR	0	0	Of	Of	0	Of	0	Of	Of	0	X	1	1-10
12. George Heinrich	UNR	0	Of	Of	0	Of	0	Of	0	0	0	0	X	0-11

TENNESSEE POSTAL CHESS

By John Logue

1. YOUR NEW DIRECTOR

I am the new Director of Tennessee Postal Chess. Note my name and address for future reference. Due to the changeover, we missed the November issue of the Tennessee Chess News. However, I believe, I am now up to date. My job has been made easy by Richard Searles' careful bookkeeping. Thank you, Richard. If there is naything you would like to see in this section of the newsletter, let me know and I will do my best to oblige.

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Prizes to be awarded:	1972	1st	\$ 47.50
		2nd	28.50
		3rd	19.00
	1973	1st	38.65
		2nd	23.19
		3rd	15.46
	1974	1st	40.00
		2nd	24.00
		3rd	<u>16.00</u>
	Total funds required:		252.30
	Funds on hand		167.41
	Promise by TCA		100.00
	(for 1972 & 1973)		

3. ANNOUNCING....THE 1975 TENNESSEE POSTAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP!!! With a prize fund of \$100.00, based on 40 or more entrants, to be awarded as follows: \$50.00 1st, \$30.00 2nd, and \$20.00 for 3rd. Initial assignments will be to a four player section. You play two games simultaneously with each opponent, six games in all. A score of 4 points or more will qualify for the finals. All games are postal rated. Entry fee is only \$2.50! Persons may enter more than one section. Tennessee residency is not required, but as in all TCA sanctioned events held in Tennessee this year, TCA membership will be required. If not already a TCA member for 1975 you may send the \$3.00 dues with your entry fee and you will receive your TCA membership card by return mail.

New entrants to Tenn. postal chess are requested to furnish their latest USCF rating, any established postal rating, or an approximation of their playing strength. Rating clasifications are Master 1000+, Class A 800-999, Class B 600-799, Class C 400-599, Class D 200-399, Class E 0-199.

Send all entries to John Logue, 5260 Edmondson Pike, #518, Nashville, TN 37211

4. RESULTS:

TC-F-72 LaVerne 1(f) Hall	TC-4-74 Ishee $\frac{1}{2}$ Jordan $\frac{1}{2}$
LaVerne 1 Horton 0	Kruglewicz $1\frac{1}{2}$ -Jordan $\frac{1}{2}$
TC-F-73 Searles 1 Johnson 0	Jordan 1 Tucker 0
Nuckols 1 Johnson 0	TC-5-74 Roman 1 Maclin 0
TC-1-74 Bennett $1\frac{1}{2}$ Stephenson $\frac{1}{2}$	TC-6-74 Logue 2 Maclin 0
TC-3-74 Knight 1 Horton 0	Logue 1 Groeniger 0
Nuckols 1 Carter 0	Ellis, M. 1 Maclin 0
Knight 1 - Carter 0	Logue 2 Ellis 0
TC-2-74 Fawbush 1 McGinnis 0	TC-7-74 Searles 1 Ritnour 0
TC-4-74 Ishee 2 Kruglewicz 0	

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6. RATINGS

Bebout	500	Hall	576	Logue	913	Ritenour	498
Bennett	579	Hargrove	540	Lundin	498	Roman	596
Buchalter	480	Horton	484	Lyles	540	Searles	909
Carter	498	Ishee	478	Maclin	669	Smith	600
Dyer	700	Irwin	642	McGinnis	392	Stephenson	504
Ellis, D.	679	Johnson	523	Meadows	424	Thompson	528
Ellis, M.	518	Jordan	446	Mikulecky	617	Tucker	354
Fawbush	960	Knight	472	Nuckols	598	Vaughn	582
Fielden	490	Kruglewicz	441	Reh	805	Walker	566
Groeniger	498	LaVerne	769			White	876

7. POSTAL GAME

SICILIAN DEFENCE White: M. Ellis Black: Maclin (TC-6-74)
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NcP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-QR3 6 B-KN5 P-K3 7 B-QB4
 B-K2 8 P-B4 P-QN4 9 B-N3 P-N5 10 BxN BxB 11 N/3-K2 B-N2 12 B-R4ch N-Q2 13 NcXP Q-N3
 14 N/6-Q4 BxXP 15 R-QN1 BxNP 16 R-KN1 B-R6 17 N-KB5 BxN 18 Q-Q5 0-0 19 QxB BxNP
 20 RxB KR-K1 21 Q-N4 RxBch 22 KxR R-K1ch 23 K-B1 Resigns

SELECTED GAMES

FRENCH DEFENCE White: D. Williamson Black: R. Minor (MID-SOUTH OPEN)
 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3ed ed 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 c3 Nf6 6 Nf3 Bg4 7 Bg5 Be7 8 Nbd2 h6 9 Bh4
 Qd7 10 Qc2 Qe6ch 11 Be2 Bf5 12 Qd1 0-0-0 13 0-0 g5 14 Bg3 Ne4 15 b4? & resigns

ALEKHINE'S DEFENCE White: J. Mitchell (1386) Black: K. Thompson (1367) (M-S OPEN)
 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd4 3 d4 d6 4 a6?? de e6? 6 e4 Nb6 7 Qxd8 Kxd8 8 Nf3 c5 9 Be2 Nc6
 10 0-0 f6 11 ef gf 12 Nc3 Bd7 13 Be3 Ke7?? 14 Be3 Ke7?? 14 Bxc5ch Resigns

GUICO PIANO(well almost) White: L. Howe (1298) Black: J. Marlowe (1399)
 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be4 Nd4 4 Nxe5? Qg5 5 Nxf7 Qxg2 6 Rf1 Qxe4ch 7 Be2 Nf3 mate
 An important trap to know. (From Mid-South Amateur)

EVANS GAMBIT White: J. Smith (1586) Black: R. Johnson (1409) (MID-SOUTH AMATEUR)
 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be4 Bc5 4 b4 Bxb4 5 c3 Ba5 6 d4 ed 7 0-0 d6 8 cd Bg4 9 Qb3
 Bb6 10 Bxf7ch Kd7 11 h3 Bxf3 12 Qe6 mate.
 Selected games from Mid-South Chess Advocate

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