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TOURNAMENTS FOR 1976

Jan 1-3	NEW YEAR'S OPEN (Chattanooga)
Jan 17-18	STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP (Nashville)
Jan 24	CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN (Crossville)
Feb 21-22	HUNTER WEAKS MEMORIAL (Memphis)
Feb 28	ETSU ROSSOLIMO MEMORIAL (Johnson City)
Feb 28-29	MUSIC CITY WINTER OPEN (Nashville)
Mar 27	ETSU NIMZOVICH MEMORIAL (Johnson City)
Mar 27	CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN (Crossville)
Apr 3-4	SCENIC CITY OPEN (Chattanooga)
Apr 24	ETSU CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS MEMORIAL (Johnson City)
Apr 24-25	MUSIC CITY SPRING OPEN (Nashville)
May 8-9	KING COTTON OPEN (Memphis)
May 15	ETSU RETI MEMORIAL (Johnson City)
May 22	CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN (Crossville)
Jun 26	ETSU KERES MEMORIAL (Johnson City)
Jul 17-18	MUSIC CITY SUMMER OPEN (Nashville)
Jul 24	ETSU PAUL MORPHY MEMORIAL (Johnson City)
Jul 24	CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN (Crossville)
Aug 7	ETSU STEINITZ MEMORIAL (Johnson City)
Aug 7-8	BLUFF CITY OPEN (Memphis)
Sep 4-6	TENNESSEE OPEN (Nashville)
Sep 25	CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN (Crossville)
Oct 23-24	MUSIC CITY FALL OPEN (Nashville)
Nov 20	CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN (Crossville)
Nov 26-28	MID-SOUTH OPEN (Memphis)
Dec 30-Jan 1, 1977 (tentative)	NEW YEAR'S OPEN (Chattanooga)

TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS - The above tournaments have so far been scheduled for 1976. Some slight changes will probably be made due to conflicts. If you plan tournaments in addition to those given here, then keep these dates in mind so that conflicts can be avoided, and then give this information to Tournament Co-ordinator Glenn Cornwell. For tournaments you want to be announced in TCN send this information to the Editor.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Jan 17-18 - TENNESSEE STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMP., 5-SS, 50/2. Mercury Motel, 411 Shurfreesboro Rd., Nashville, TN 37210. EF \$6, TCA req. Open to all Tenn. Junior and Senior HS students. TEAM PRIZES: \$100 to 1st toward expenses in Southern HS tourney. Trophies. INDIVIDUAL PRIZES: \$50-30-20. Trophies. Reg. 8-9 AM 1/17. Rds 9:30-2-7; 9-2. ENT Tenn. Chess Association, 303 Belinda Dr., Hermitage, TN 37076
Jan 24 - CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN, 4-SS, 40/1. Cumberland County Community Complex, Crossville, TN 38555. EF \$5, TCA req. \$\$ 50-20, D 10, E 5, UMR 5; Reg. 7:45-8:15. Rds 8:30-11-1:30-4. ENT George Spooner, Rt. 4, Box 82, Crossville, TN 38555
Feb 21-22 - HUNTER WEAKS MEMORIAL, no details available. Consult CLR for details
Feb 28 - ETSU ROSSOLIMO MEMORIAL, no details available. (Continued on page 9)

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITIONS HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES

U. S. Champion Walter Browne gave a simultaneous exhibition on Dec. 3 at ETSU in Johnson City. He was opposed by 38 players. He won 36 and lost to Meeks Vaughan and John Smalling. Both games are found on page 12. Kelles Tate came close, according to Browne "played like a master" and lost a won game through an oversight.

In Chattanooga on Dec. 4, Grandmaster Walter Browne was met by 28 players. Mr. Browne won 27 games and drew with James Cobb. See game pg 12. Many of the top players from Chattanooga competed, such as Albert Sweets, Philip Boylan, Phil Gardner.

In Memphis U.S. Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier gave a simultaneous exhibition on Nov. 20 to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Memphis Chess Club. He faced 39 players, winning 35, drawing 3, and losing only to Richard Herbers. John Hurt, current city champion, drew one of the games. Also at another exhibition by Bisguier the day before Mr. Hurt was able to draw. See games on page twelve.

MARTY APPLEBERRY WINS MID-SOUTH

A strong but not too well attended Mid-South Open in Memphis over the Thanksgiving holidays was won by Marty Appleberry of Huntsville with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points. Sharing in a tie for second place were Memphis club players Ron Minor and Ed Middleton with $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Brent Looper of Arkansas took first place in the Amateur section with 5-1. Second place went to Jack Sprague of Memphis with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Both events were attended by 42 players. Mrs. Carol Little and James Little directed. For cross table of both events see page seven.

3rd VOLUNTEER CLASSIC IN CHATTANOOGA

Again Marty Appleberry had the best score in the Open Division of the Volunteer Classic. He scored 4-1 losing only to second place winner Ahmed Drira, Georgia. James Sweets was third after tie-break scoring also $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, same as Drira. It is interesting to note that only two players (Sweets and Searles) were from Tenn., two from Ala. and 6 from Georgia. See cross table on page six of Open and Lower Division.

Charles Laws of Cleveland, Tenn. won the Lower Division with $4\frac{1}{2}$. Two players scored 4-1, James Cobb and William Graf to tie for second. Thirty players attended. Dr. Alan Lipkin of the Southern Chess Administration directed.

FIRST LENOIR CITY OPEN

The first Lenoir City Open was held on Dec. 13. A fantastic turnout was achieved for such a "first" event with 24 players. Besides Lenoir City, Crossville, Knoxville, and Maryville were represented. Joe Rickman was the winner with 4-0. The event was directed by Harry Sabine. See crosstable on page 9.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The annual Memphis-Nashville match was won by Memphis by a score of $15\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$. The score was marred as two of the Nashville players forfeited as they failed to show. For a more complete report see next issue.

The Nashville Preliminaries (3 round robin sections) were completed. In the A section Wayne Finley and Glenn Cornwell qualified for the finals. In the B section Bruce Stearns has qualified. Joe Roberdeau and Peter Ciarleglio are in a play-off to determine second qualifier. Peter Lahde qualified in section C; Jerry Wheeler and Lewis Grisby are in a play-off to determine the second qualifier.

The Ralph King Memorial was played in Memphis from 10/17 to 11/28. Winner in this 22 player event was Ron Miller with 5-0. See cross table on page nine.

The Fifth Cumberland Open attracted 15 players. Winner was Ron Wiley with 4-0. Harry Sabine, James Bacon, and Wayne Kendrick tied for second with 3-1.

The Sokolsky Open, a 17-player event in Johnson City, was won by Meeks Vaughan and Gary Bawgus, both with 3-0. Leading the group with 2-0 was Joel Harrison. John Nichols directed.

TCA FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1975

INCOME

Balance 1974	\$ 142.56
Entry Fees (Open-41)	1025.00
Entry Fees (Amateur-35)	700.00
Entry Fees (Novice-36)	<u>540.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>2407.56</u>

Balance	\$425.56
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TCA Membership (325)	975.00
TCA Subscriptions (10)	30.00
Advertising	65.00
Postal Chess Fund	<u>185.56</u>
TOTAL	<u>1255.56</u>

EXPENSES

Rating Fees/ TCA Affil.	\$ 52.30
Cash Prizes	1550.00
Trophies	108.42
Supplies & Maintenance	15.76
Motel Expenses	105.52
Tournament Director	100.00
USCF Delegate from Tennessee	50.00

TCN Publication 1975	TOTAL	<u>1982.00</u>
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Printing	524.69
Postage	203.50
Membership Cards	16.00
Postal Chess Prizes	50.00
USCF Membership & copies	<u>39.33</u>
TOTAL	<u>833.52</u>

TCA (Tenn. Open) Balance	\$ 425.56
TCN Publication Balance	<u>422.04</u>
TCA Overall Balance 1975	\$ <u>847.60</u>

Respectfully submitted
Peter P. Lahde

M.C. WRIGHT WINS SMYRNA TOURNNEY

By Marcus Stinson

The recent Mid-TN Nov. Open was the strongest of the tournaments held thus far in Smyrna. The average USCF rating was 1632. Three unrateds were also in attendance. Taking first place was Nashville expert M.C. Wright; taking second was Curt Jones. The upset of the tournament occurred in rd. 2 with Trevor Cook (1409) defeating Curt Jones (1718). It is to Curt's credit that he was able to go on to second place after this defeat. Perhaps the most critical game in deciding the outcome of the tournament was Curt's final round victory over his father, Joe Jones. This left M.C. Wright in first place all by himself even after giving up a draw to Joe Jones in round 3.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

CUMBERLAND COUNTY - The Cumberland County Chess Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M., presently at the Cumberland County Community Complex.

NASHVILLE - The Music City Chess Assoc. has changed their meeting night to Thursdays, beginning Jan. 8. Meeting time is still 7:30 PM at Home Federal on 2521 Lebanon Road. (Please send in details of your club meetings. Club meetings not yet listed and changes will be listed as received. A complete listing will again appear in May)

TOP 100 TENNESSEE PLAYERS FOR 1975

By John Nichols

M. C. Wright of Nashville tops the list of rated players in Tennessee. Andrew Shor of Oak Ridge and current State Champion Kenny Thomas of Memphis are the other rated experts from Tennessee. Seven players are rated above 1900 with James Sweets of Chattanooga taking the highest Class A position for fourth in the state. The list of the top 100 chess players is on the next page. While this list has been double checked there is always a chance of an oversight. Some names may be found missing such as Guy Kooi and David Ellis who are attending colleges outside the state. Then there are others such as Pendergast (#9) and Gregory Taylor (#19) who are newcomers to the state.

A table listing the number of players (446) taking part in tourneys and the distribution among the classes, etc. is given on page 5. Also on this page you will find a comparison of ratings for 1973 with 1975.

TABLE I

TOP 100 TENNESSEE CHESS PLAYERS
(Ties listed in alphabetical order)

1	Wright, Milton C.	2064	51	Bock, Michael S.	1656
2	Shor, Andrew	2061	52	Lahde, Peter P.	1654
3	Thomas, Kenny	2009	53	Corrigan, Michael S.	1651
4	Sweets, James	1986	54	Barnes, Ronnie C.	1650
5	Middleton, Edward	1984	55	Wheeler, Jerry	1647
6	Tsitseklis, Emmanuel	1975	56	Rushing, David	1646
7	Aristorenas, Juan	1949	57	Collier, Lloyd K.	1643
8	Garner, Mack	1928	58	Roberdeau, Joe	1637
9	Pendergast, Dave M.	1920	59	Kneile, Karl	1633
10	Baker, David W.	1913	60	Thayer, Peter W.	1633
11	Ralston, Douglas	1891	61	Jordan, Walter	1629
12	Felt, Robert	1883	62	Racklev, James R.	1627
13	Jones, Joe C.	1881	63	McLaughlin, Mark L.	1625
14	Searles, Richard A.	1875	64	Bennett, Mike	1620
15	Minor, Ronald L.	1870	65	Quarles, Terry	1618
16	Smith, Mahlon A.	1863	66	Farr, Roy T.	1617
17	Jewell, Ted	1852	67	McCormack, Kent	1616
18	Vix, Vernon	1846	68	Ouslev, Larry	1615
19	Taylor, Gregory	1843	69	Smith, Jack E.	1615
20	Robinson, Henry	1841	70	Ishee, Mark	1614
21	Boylan, Phillip R.	1833	71	Pylant, Gary	1608
22	Hurt, John F.	1831	72	Smith, D. Scott	1608
23	Coveyou, Robert R.	1817	73	Valentine, John M.	1608
24	Vaughan, Meeks B.	1808	74	Nuckols, David B.	1607/8
25	Bawcus, Gary W.	1804	75	Meadows, Robert K.	1603
26	Ball, Charles K.	1794	76	Garner, Robert E.	1601
27	Matson, Richard A.	1793	77	Hall, Henry W. III	1597/5
28	Murr, Kenneth	1789	78	Ellis, Steve	1596
29	Wright, James A.	1777	79	Irwin, Bill	1595
30	Gibson, Steve	1775	80	Jollay, Samuel	1593
31	Rickman, Joe	1770	81	Smalling, John P.	1588
32	Moudry, George	1759/5	82	Clifford, Charles M.	1582
33	Ishill, Walter	1758	83	Oda, Kenneth	1578
34	Moore, Johnny	1749	84	Mullins, Jeffrey	1567
35	Morgan, Phillip	1747	85	Simonsen, David R.	1564
36	Word, Ricky	1737	86	Tate, Kelles	1561
37	Stearns, Bruce	1730	87	Wagner, Mark	1558
38	Exerton, Brooks B.	1724	88	Smead, Gordon A.	1556
39	Gardner, Phillip B.	1724	89	Little, James C.	1554
40	Morgan, Stephen G.	1722	90	Grisby, Lewis Jr.	1550
41	Jones, Curt	1718	91	Aydelott, Jess F.	1548
42	Bennett, Richard A.	1714	92	Laws, Charles	1547
43	Lenderman, Victor	1689	93	Flexnor, Peter	1546
44	Burleson, Dempsey	1696/4	94	Robinson, Phillip	1546
45	Wall, George A.	1680	95	Sturdivant, Leza	1539
46	Bowen, Albert L.	1670	96	Sawver, Phillip	1533
47	LaVerne, Douglas	1664	97	Senn, Randall C.	1531
48	Long, David F.	1663	98	Toeni, Robert L.	1530
49	Holyfield, Robert	1662	99	Zolidas, Michael	1530
50	Moady, Harold E.	1658	100	Gann, Robert	1528

TABLE II

TENNESSEE CHESS PLAYERS (1975)
(Based on USCF 1975 Yearbook)

Class	No.	%	Mean Ratings			Provisional Ratings		
			All	Est.	Prov.	No.	% Prov.	% Class
Expert	3	0.7	2045	2045	--	0	0.0	0.0
Class A	22	4.9	1882	1882	--	0	0.0	0.0
Class B	51	11.4	1675	1675	1687	3	1.5	5.8
Class C	95	21.3	1492	1501	1460	21	10.7	22.1
Class D	137	30.7	1291	1298	1280	56	28.6	40.9
Class E	138	31.0	1004	1134	979	116	59.2	84.1
	446	100.0	--	--	--	196	100.0	--

Mean rating of all players = 1323
 Mean rating of players with established ratings = 1476
 Mean rating of players with provisional ratings = 1128
 Highest rating = 2064
 Lowest rating = 487

Last year the average Tenn. player (1363) was rated 111 points above the highest rated computer (1252/7). This year--oy veh!-- the computers have overtaken us: Duchess (NC) 1333/14 and Tech II (MA) 1323/16. Note that the computers rate 195-205 points above our players with provisional ratings!

TABLE III

RATINGS OF TENNESSEE PLAYERS:
Comparison of 1973 and 1975

Rating	Number		Per cent.		± change in per cent.
	1973	1975	1973	1975	
2000-2199	4	3	1.0	0.7	-0.3
1800-1999	24	22	6.1	4.9	-1.2
1600-1799	46	51	11.6	11.4	-0.2
1400-1599	93	95	23.5	21.3	-2.2
1200-1399	125	137	31.6	30.7	-0.9
1000-1199	63	79	16.0	17.7	+1.7
800-999	30	40	7.6	9.0	+1.4
600-799	9	15	2.3	3.3	+1.0
400-599	1	4	0.2	0.9	+0.7
	395	446	100.0	100.0	0.0

This table dramatically illustrates the ratings deflation since the "Fischer enrollment": Class E players have increased 4.8% at the expense of Classes D through Expert.

TENNESSEE POSTAL CHESS

By Stan Bimson

- (1) Announcing.....The 1976 TENNESSEE POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP!!! A cash prize fund (based on the number of entries) will be awarded to the top 3 finishers with 50% for 1st, 30% for 2nd and 20% for 3rd. Initial assignments are 4 players to a section. You play two games simultaneously with each opponent, 6 games in all. A score of 4 points or more will qualify for the finals. All games are postal rated and the entry fee is only \$2.50 per section! You may enter more than one section. Tennessee residency is not required, but as in all TCA sanctioned events held in Tennessee, TCA membership will be required. If you are not already a TCA member for '76 you may send the \$3.00 dues with your entry fee and you will receive not only your TCA membership card but also this bi-monthly publication.

New entrants to Tenn. Postal Chess are requested to furnish their latest USCF rating (OB), any established postal rating or an approximation of their playing strength. Rating classifications are Master 1000 up, Class A 800 - 999, Class B 600 - 799, Class C 400 - 599, Class D 200 - 399 and Class E \emptyset - 199.

Enter now and play all those new variations of your favorite opening that you have been working on or just enter for the fun of it. Send all entries to Stan Bimson, 227 Southburn Dr., Hendersonville, Tenn. 37075.

- (2) At the beginning of 1976 we have the following Tournaments in progress:

TC-F-73 (with one game to finish)
 TP-1-74 & TP-2-74 (begining on 11/15/75)
 TC-1 thru 8-75 (with results coming in every month)

- (3) Game Results: (all games received on or before 12/20/75)

TC-1-75 M. Ellis 1 - Ousley \emptyset
 M. Ellis 1 - Rutter \emptyset
 Logue 1 - Rutter \emptyset
 TC-3-75 Ousley 2 - Ishee \emptyset (w)
 Fawbush 1 - Ishee \emptyset (w)
 Bimson 1 - Ousley \emptyset
 TC-4-75 Matson 1 - M. Ellis \emptyset
 Irwin 1 - M. Ellis \emptyset
 Whitehead 1 - M. Ellis \emptyset

- (4) Ratings: (only those ratings that changed are being shown)

Bimson	410	Ishee	489	Ousley	645
M. Ellis	577	Logue	898	Rutter	416
Fawbush	970	Matson	565	Whitehead	564
Irwin	670				

MID-SOUTH OPEN

	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	SCORE
1. Appleberry, Marty	2286	W7	W21	W9	W2	D3	W6	5½-1½
2. Minor, Ron L.	1870	W8	W6	W11	L1	W5	D3	4½-1½
3. Middleton, Edward	1984	W14	D12	W4	W10	D1	D2	4½-1½
4. Rackley, James	1627	W10	W5	L3	D7	D9	W13	4-2
5. Hurt, John F.	1831	W15	L4	W16	W11	L2	W8	4-2
6. Stearns, Bruce	1730	W19	L2	W18	W13	W7	L1	4-2
7. Crawley, Anthony	1729	L1	W17	W12	D4	L6	W16	3½-2½
8. Lahde, Peter	1654	L2	W19	D13	W12	W11	L5	3½-2½
9. Smith, Scott	1608	D17	W15	L1	W16	D4	D10	3½-2½
10. Gray, Donny	1806	L4	W22	A21	L3	W15	D9	3½-2½
11. Jonaitis, Algis	1739	W18	W13	L2	L5	L8	W15	3-3
12. Morgan, Philip	1747	W22	D3	L7	L8	D20	W18	3-3
13. Bowe, Bruce	1962	W16	L11	D8	L6	W14	L4	2½-3½
14. Flickinger	UNR	L3	L18	W17	D21	L13	W20	2½-3½
15. Moody, Harold	1643	L5	L9	W19	W18	L10	L11	2-4
16. Bock, Michael	1677	L13	W20	L5	L9	W21	L7	2-4
17. Wright, James A.	1761	D9	L7	L14	D22	L18	W21	2-4
18. Maclin, Philip, Sr.	1383	L11	W14	L6	L15	W17	L12	2-4
19. Duffy, Michael	UNR	L6	L8	L15	L20	A22	Bye	2-4
20. Mitchell, James H.	1292	L21	L16	D22	W19	D12	L14	2-4
21. Smith, Jack E. Jr.	1615	W20	L1	F10	D14	L16	L17	1½-4½
22. Moody, Eulis. Jr.	1464	L12	L10	D20	D17	F19	---	1-5

MID-SOUTH AMATEUR

1. Looper, Brent	1547	W13	D6	W3	W7	W8	D2	5-1
2. Sprague, Jack C.	1503	L11	W12	W5	W3	W6	D1	4½-1½
3. Olsen, J. Robert	1309	W4	W8	L1	L2	W17	W12	4-2
4. Herbers, Charles R.	1522	L3	W15	W17	L8	W7	W9	4-2
5. Vandenburg, V. E.	1367	L7	W20	L2	W13	W11	W6	4-2
6. Neitzel, William	1176	W19	D1	W16	W9	L2	L5	3½-2½
7. Gray, John E.	1587	W5	W10	D9	L1	L4	W15	3½-2½
8. Marlowe, Jerry L.	1477	W12	L3	W14	W4	L1	D10	3½-2½
9. Middleton, Morris	1572	W14	W17	D7	L6	W10	L4	3½-2½
10. Chapuis, Bobby R.	1465	W20	L7	W13	W11	L9	D8	3½-2½
11. Weis, Louis T.	1286	W2	L16	W15	L10	L7	W17	3-3
12. Salmon, William	1234	L8	L2	W19	W14	W16	L3	3-3
13. Hager, Arthur L.	1310	L1	W19	L10	L5	W18	D14	2½-3½
14. Newberry, John D.	1342	L9	W18	L8	L12	W20	D13	2½-3½
15. Mayes, Daniel G.	1175	½Bye	L4	L11	W18	W19	L7	2½-3½
16. Branch, Leslie L.	1203	½Bye	W11	L6	L17	L12	W20	2½-3½
17. Smith, Howard W.	1401	W18	L9	L4	W16	L3	L11	2-4
18. Smith, Dale A.	UNR	L17	L14	W20	L15	L3	W11	2-4
19. Wilson, Donald M.	UNR	L6	L13	L12	W20	L15	L18	1-5
20. Haglin, Howard	1200	L10	L5	L18	L19	L14	L16	0-5

NASHVILLE INVITATIONAL

1. Joe C. Jones	1887	W6	D2	W5	2½-1½	
2. Doug Ralston	1891	W7	D1	D3	2-1	5
3. Curt Jones	1718	W8	D5	D2	2-1	4
4. Joe Roberdeau	1637	L5	W8	W7	2-1	2½
5. M. C. Wright	2007	W4	D3	L1	1½-1½	
6. Wally Jordan	1624	L1	D7	D8	1-2	
7. Tom Farr	1630	L2	D6	L4	½-2½	5-2-½
8. Steve Shumate	1508	L3	L4	D6	½-2½	5-2-½

3rd VOLUNTEER CLASSIC
OPEN DIVISION

	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	SCORE	TIE-BREAK
1. Marty Appleberry	2286	W6	W8	W3	L2	W4	4-1	--
2. Ahmed Drira	2094	L4	W9	W5	W1	D3	3½-1½	14½
3. James A. Sweets	1986	W10	W5	L1	W8	D2	3½-1½	12½
4. Bill Layton	1821	W2	W6	L8	W7	L1	3-2	14½
5. Antonio Angel	1866	W7	L3	L2	W9	W10	3-2	10½
6. Steven C. Hunt	1861	L1	L4	D7	W10	W8	2½-2½	13
7. Donald Garratt	1623	L5	W10	D6	L4	W9	2½-2½	11½
8. Richard Searles	1875	W9	L1	W4	L3	L6	2-3	
9. Ralph Hawkins	1693	L8	L2	W10	L5	L7	1-4	
10. Tim Bond	1726	L3	L7	L9	L6	L5	0-5	

LOWER DIVISION

1. Charles G. Laws	1547	W26	W9	W5	W4	D2	4½-½	--
2. James K. Cobb	1471	W28	D10	W6	W8	D1	4-1	15
3. William Graf	1332	W17	L4	W26	W19	W11	4-1	12
4. Robert Gann	1528	W18	W3	W7	L1	D5	3½-1½	17½
5. James White	1490	W23	W11	L1	W15	D4	3½-1½	15½
6. Paul Seagle	UNR	D13	W12	L2	W20	W15	3½-1½	14½
7. David Harris	1433	W21	W19	L4	W16	D8	3½-1½	13
8. John W. Smith, Jr.	1553	W24	D15	W10	L2	D7	3-2	14½
9. Kyle R. Weems	1415	W22	L1	D18	D10	W23	3-2	13½
10. Thomas Hoffman	1277	W27	D2	L8	D9	W18	3-2	13
11. Daniel J. Barnes	1322	W30	L5	W21	W17	L3	3-2	12
12. Michael J. Thomas	UNR	W20	L6	L16	W21	W24	3-2	11½ - 6½
13. Harry Sabine	1379	D6	W16	L15	D18	W22	3-2	11½ - 6
14. John Muir	UNR	L15	L26	W27	W28	W19	3-2	8
15. Scotty M. Ramsey	1365	W14	D8	W13	L5	L6	2½-2½	16
16. Joe Johnson	1252	W25	L13	W12	L7	D17	2½-2½	13½
17. Mark Derthick	UNR	L3	W24	W20	L11	D16	2½-2½	13
18. Harrison Gill	1191	L4	W27	D9	D13	L10	2-3	13½ - 9
19. Westley V. Thomas	1266	W29	L7	W23	L3	L14	2-3	13½ - 8½
20. Sandra Garratt	1246	L12	W22	L17	L6	W29	2-3	12
21. Charlotte Grems	914	L7	W29	L11	L12	W27	2-3	11½
22. French Wall	UNR	L9	L20	W25	W26	L13	2-3	10½
23. Manuel Godfrey	1121	L5	W30	L19	W29	L9	2-3	9½
24. Kenneth Albin	1224	L8	L17	D28	W25	L12	1½-3½	11
25. Craig Troxler	UNR	L16	D28	L22	L24	W30	1½-3½	7
26. Charles McGinnis	1206	L1	W14	L3	L22	---	1-4	13½
27. Stephen Lowe	UNR	L10	L18	L14	W30	L21	1-4	10 - 5
28. James Weathers	1082	L2	D25	D24	L14	---	1-4	10 - 3½
29. Clifford Brown	UNR	L19	L29	W30	L23	L20	1-4	8
30. Lisa Clay	UNR	L11	L23	L29	L27	L25	0-5	---

MIDDLE TENNESSEE NOVEMBER OPEN

1. M. C. Wright	2007	W7	W4	D3	W5	3½	9. Marcus Stinson	1434	2-2
2. Curt Jones	1718	W9	L5	W11	W3	3	10. Bruce Burns	UNR	2-2
3. Joe C. Jones	1887	W11	W6	D1	L2	2½	11. Al H. Williams	1492	1½-2½
4. Joe Roberdeau	1637	W10	L1	W9	D6	2½	12. Brooks Egerton	1724	1½-1½
5. Trevor L. Cook	1409	Bye	W2	D12	L1	2½	13. Jerry Wheeler	1647	1½-1½
6. Roy T. Farr	1630	W15	L3	W8	D4	2½	14. Lewin Brown	UNR	1-3
7. Gordon Smead	1556	L1	W10	D13	D11	2	15. Ron. Robertson	UNR	1-3
8. Paul G. Froeter	1440	D12	D13	L6	Bye				

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	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	SCORE
1. Rickman, Joe	1770	W13	W7	W6	W2	4-0
2. McCormack, Kent E.	1616	W14	W8	W3	L1	3-1
3. Wagner, Mark	1567	W15	W9	L2	W5	3-1
4. Carpenter, Richard	1493	W16	W11	L5	W13	3-1
5. Simpson, Kenny E.	UNR	W17	D22	W4	L3	2½-1½
6. Collard, Thomas P.	1351	W18	W24	L2	L16	2-2
7. Derrick, Mark	1317	W19	L1	L13	W24	2-2
8. Story, Lloyd	1312	W20	L2	W14	W11	3-1
9. Cobb, Freddy	1258	W21	L3	L16	W14	2-2
10. Bacon, James S.	1230	L22	W17	L24	W21	2-2
11. Raper, Lonnie	1172	W23	L4	W22	L8	2-2
12. Gustin, Eddie	1148	L24	W18	D21	L22	1½-2½
13. Wiley, Mark	1128	L1	W19	W7	L4	2-2
14. Kendrick, Wayne	927	L2	W20	L8	L9	1-3
15. Rasnake, Eddie	771	L3	L21	W19	L20	1-3
16. Hamley, Steven A.	UNR	L4	W23	W9	W6	3-1
17. Hedge, Brad W.	UNR	L5	L10	L20	L23	0-4
18. Horak, Kendell J.	UNR	L6	L12	L23	L19	0-4
19. Johnston, LaDona	UNR	L7	L13	L15	W18	1-3
20. Long, Vickie	UNR	L8	L14	W17	W15	2-2
21. Stewart, Alexander	UNR	L9	W15	D12	L10	1½-2½
22. Varner, Ernie	UNR	W10	D5	L11	W12	2½-1½
23. Whaley, Monroe	UNR	L11	L16	W18	W17	2-2
24. Wignot, Leroy	UNR	W12	L6	W10	L7	2-2

RALPH KING MEMORIAL

	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	SCORE
1. Minor, Ronald L.	1870	W18	W13	W7	W6	W3	5-0
2. Herbers, Charles R.	1522	W16	W9	L6	W8	W15	4-1
3. Hurt, John F.	1831	D19	W10	W4	W7	L1	3½-1½
4. Ferguson, Kenneth	1681	D10	W22	L3	W19	W11	3½-1½
5. Wright, James A.	1761	L9	W16	D18	W15	W6	3½-1½
6. Bock, Michael S.	1677	W11	W12	W2	L1	L5	3-2
7. Rackley, James R.	1627	W20	W15	L1	L3	W10	3-2
8. Sprague, Jack C.	1503	D22	D19	WF	L2	W16	2½-2½
9. Metts, Donny L.	1287	W5	L2	LF	W13	D14	2½-2½
10. Weis, Louis T.	1286	D4	L3	W22	W12	L7	2½-2½
11. Leake, R. Dennis	1249	L6	W21	D12	W18	L4	2½-2½
12. Smith, Howard W.	1401	W21	L6	D11	L10	W19	2½-2½
13. Weaver, Dwight K.	1467	W14	L1	D19	L9	W18	2½-2½
14. Clark, James W.	1160	L13	L18	W17	W20	D9	2½-2½
15. Maclin, Philip S, Sr.	1383	W17	L7	W20	L5	L2	2-3
16. Fowler, Mabry Jr.	1202	L2	L5	WF	W22	L8	2-3
17. Duffy, Michael	UNR	L15	L20	L14	W21	W22	2-3
18. Hager, Arthur L.	1310	L1	W14	D5	L11	L13	1½-3½
19. Mitchell, James H.	1293	D3	D8	D13	L4	L12	1½-3½
20. Branch, Leslie	1203	L7	W17	L15	L14	L21	1-4
21. Bruhwiler, Paul A.	926	L12	L11	LF	L17	W20	1-4
22. Haglin, Howard	1200	D8	L4	L10	L16	L17	½-4½

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NOVICE BEST GAME PRIZE

FRENCH DEFENCE		White: John Gustafson(1295)		Black: Trevor Cook (1264)	
1. P-K4	P-K3	11. N-R3(d)	B-K2	21. P-B3	RxP
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	12. P-KN4?(e)	N-R5	22. RxR (j)	QxR
3. P-K5	P-QB4	13. B-K3	NxNch	23. Q-N3	Q-R8ch
4. P-QB3	N-QB3	14. QxN	QR-N1	24. K-B2	R-B1ch(k)
5. B-QN5?(a)	P-QR3 (b)	15. QR-N1	B-N2	25. K-k2	QxR
6. BxNch	PxB	16. Q-Q1 (f)	O-O	26. K-Q2	QxNPch
7. N-KB3	PxP	17. N-B2	P-B3! (g)	27. Q-K5	B-Q4
8. NxP (c)	P-QB4	18. PxP (h)	RxP	28. P-QR3	B-N6
9. N-KB3	N-K2	19. Q-K1? (i)	P-Q5!	29. Q-K4	QxNch
10. O-O	N-B4	20. PxP	Q-Q4	30. QxQ	BxQ

Resigns

The best game in the Novice section was played by Trevor Cook, who won it with the score of 6-0.

- (a) This move is almost never good against the French, the KB is White's best attacking piece and should be kept, not traded. Book is 5. N-B3 Q-N3 6 B-K2 (6. B-Q3 PxP 7. PxP B-Q2 8 O-O NxP 9 NxN QxN, the Milner-Barry Gambit) PxP 7. PxP KN-K28. P-QN3 N-B4 9. B-N2 B-N5ch 10 K-B1 where White forfeits castling but has a strong center.
- (b) Better 5...Q-N3 so as to leave QR3 for the Q-Bishop. After the text White could correct his mistake by 6. B-K2, since Black's extra move (5...P-QR3) is meaningless.
- (c) I prefer 8. PxP. The Knight can be driven away by ...P-QB4, and should White then attack the center with P-QB4, ...P-Q5 would give Black a protected passed Pawn as well as a good diagonal for his Bishop. After 8. PxP P-QB4, White can recapture with the knight which cannot be driven away. However, due to White's 5th and 6th moves Black can probably get a better game by destroying the center with ...P-KB3 and ...PxP.
- (d) An interesting gambit is 11. P-B4 P-Q5 12. P-QN4! (shades of Benko) PxP! 13 B-N2 B-B4 14 QN-Q2 and 15 N-N3. Probably best is 11 R-K1 B-K2 12. QN-Q2 O-O 13. N-B1 followed by B-B4 and N-N3 or N-K3.
- (e) Already in awkward shape, this is much too weakening for White. Note that the line in note (d) does this without weakening the King side pawns.
- (f) A difficult decision. 16. Q-N3 P-Q5 17. PxP (17 B-Q2 Q-Q4 18 P-B3 QxRP) Q-Q4 19 B any QxRP or 16 B-Q2 P-Q5 17. Q-K2 (defends the KP) Q-Q4 18 P-B3 QxRP. The text guards the QP after 16...P-Q5 17 PxP Q-Q4 18 P-B3.
- (g) Black opens lines. White's weakened King position is exposed to attack.
- (h) On 18 P-KB4 P-Q5 19 PxP Q-Q4 20 K-B2 (on 20 Q-K2 PxP and Black's threat of ...Q-R8ch and B-R5ch is very dangerous) KBPxP 21 QPxP Q-N7ch 22 K-K1 B-R5ch 23. B-B2 RxP 24 Q-K2 QR-KB7.
- (i) This un-defends KB1. Necessary is 19 B-N5 R-N3 20 BxB KxB 21 P-B3. White's K-side is weak, but he might survive.
- (j) The threat is now 22...R-B7!.. If then 23 KxR or 23 BxR Q-N7 mate. If 23 RxR or 23 QxR Q-R8 mate. Putting a piece on B2 doesn't help, so White must trade rooks.
- (k) White's Rook was hanging. The rest is silence.

RUY LOPEZ White: Thomas Odom Black: Lee Hyder SOUTH CAROLINA CLOSED
 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Nxe4 6. d4 b5 7. Bb3 d5 8. Nbd2 Nxd2 9. Qxd2 e4 10. Re1 Be7 11. Qc3 Qd7 12. Nd2 O-O 13. f3?? (Correct is 13. f1) Bf6! White resigns (0-1) as the Queen is lost.
 (From the South Carolina Chess Association (SCCA) News)

NOVICE SECOND BEST GAME

RUY LOPEZ	White: Ron Edge(269)	Black: Alton Carter(1069)
1. P-K4	P-K4	12. BxN PxB
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	13. N-R4 B-Q2?(c)
3. B-N5	P-Q3	14. N-Q5 K-N2
4. P-Q4	B-Q2	15. R-K3 R-KN1
5. PxF(a)	PxF	16. R-B3 P-KB4
6. BxN	BxB	17. NxBch BxN
7. QxQ	RxQ	18. RxB P-B3(d)
8. N-B3	B-Q3(b)	19. NxF R/N-B1
9. O-O	N-B3	20. N-R5ch! K-N3
10. R-K1	O-O	21. N-N3 RxR
11. B-N5	P-KR3	22. NxR B-B4
		23. N-R4ch!(e) K-N4
		24. N-B3ch K-B5
		25. R-K1 R-KB1
		26. P-KR3 P-KR4
		27. R-Q! KxF
		28. R-K1ch K-B5
		29. RxP P-N3
		30. P-QN4!! BxP?(f)
		31. P-N3ch! KxN
		32. R-K3mate

For the sake of controversy I have decided to annotate the second best game in each section for comparison. Here is the second best game in the Novice.

- (a) This needlessly eases Black's game. Keres gives 5. N-B3 PxF 6. NxP P-KN3 7. O-O B-N2 8. BxN PxB.
- (b) But this is clumsy. Better is 8...P-B3 which threatens B-N5, BxN and BxP. After P-B3 Black has all the advantages he gets in the Exchange Variation, but no doubled pawns.
- (c) The decisive mistake! 13...B-N5 gives Black a fine game e.g. 14. QR-Q1 BxN 15. PxB RxR 16. RxR BxP 17. R-Q7 P-QB4 or 14. R-K2 BxN 15. PxB R-Q2 16. N-B5 K-R2 and Black will double on the Q-file. Now White wins a pawn.
- (d) The rest should be technique, but there is no need to drop another pawn.
- (e) A nice way to defend his second rank. This is the real justification for grabbing the pawn on move 19. If Black could get his Rook to Q7 he would have excellent drawing chances. Now all is safe.
- (f) He must now play ...B-Q5, but of course 31. RxP wins for White. Now White finishes neatly. Two passive moves converted Black's great opening into a lost endgame. Excellently played by Edge.

MEMPHIS-NASHVILLE MATCH

ALERHINES DEFENCE White: Bruce Stearns (1730) Black: Ron Minor (1870)

1 e4 Nf6 (a) 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. d4 d6 5. f4 de 6. fe c5 7. d5! Qc7 (b) 8. Bf4 (c) g5 9. Bg3 e6 10. Nc3 (d) Bd7 11. Nf3 h6 12. Bd3 Na6 13. O-O O-O-O 14. a3 (e) Bg7 15. Qe2 (f) Be8 16. d6 Qb8 17. Rab1 Bc6 18. b4 cb 19. ab Bxf3 20. Qxf3 Rd7 21. Qe3 Qa8 22. b5 Nb8 23. c5 Nd5 24. Nxd5 ed 25. Bf5 Re8 26. Bxd7ch Nxd7 27. Rxf7 Bxe5 28. Bxe5 Rxe5 29. Rf8ch Nxf8 30. Qxe5 b6 31. Qe8ch Resigns

Annotations by Bruce Stearns

- (a) After the game, Ron said he meant to play the Pirc but moved the Knight before he realized what he was doing.
- (b) Black usually strikes at the center immediately with 7...e6; 8. Nc3 ed 9. cd c4; 10 Nf3 Bg4 11. Qd4! Bxf3 12. gf Bb4 13. Bxc4 O-O 14. Rg1 as in Ljubojevic-Honfi, Cacak, 1970.
- (c) Hoping to provoke 8...f6 where white sacs his e-pawn to open the position.
- (d) Here Black cannot easily exchange pawns because of the threat Bb5ch followed by e6.
- (e) 14, Nxc5 hg 15. Rxf7 Re8 16. de Rxe6 17. Nb5 Qd8 18. Bf5 Re7 holds for Black.
- (f) Now 14 Nxc5 fails to 14...hg 15 Rxf7 Bxe5 16 de Bxc3 17. edch Nxd7 18. hg Qxc3.

NIMZOVICH DEFENCE White: Joe Roberdeau (1637) Black: Victor Lendermon (1689)

1 P-K4 N-QB3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 PxF 4 P-Q5 N-K4 5 B-KB4 N-N3 6 B-N3 N-B3? (Correct is P-QR3) 7. N-N5! Resigns (1-0)

This game is identical with Pohl - Ralston, Tennessee Open 1971

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITIONS

SICILIAN DEFENCE White: Meeks Vaughan, Jr. (1808) Black: Walter Browne (2591)
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-KB4 P-K3 3 N-KB3 P-Q4 4 B-N5ch B-Q2 5 BxBch NxB 6 P-Q3 B-Q3 7 O-O
 N-K2 8 N-B3 O-O 9 N-QN5 B-N1 10 P-QR4 P-QR3 11 N-B3 P-QN3 12 Q-K1 R-K1 13 Q-R4 PXP
 14 PXP N-N3 15 QxQ RxB 16 P-KN3 N-B3 17 K-N2 R-R2 18 B-K3 QR-Q2 19 P-R5 R-N2 20 PXP
 RXP 21 N-QR4 R-B3 22 NxQBP B-R2 23 NxKP!?! RXPch?! 24 R-B2 N-N5? 25 BxB NXR? 26 NXR
 NxKPch 27 K-N1 R-B1 28 R-Q1 K-B1 29 B-K3 R-B2 30 R-QB1 R-Q2 31 N-B6 R-Q6 32 R-K1
 P-B4 33 N(3)-K5 NxB 34 NxB R-N6 35 R-K2 P-QR4 36 B-B1 P-R5 37 R-QB2 K-K2 38 R-B7ch
 K-Q1 39 R-B4 P-R6 40 PXP R-N8 41 K-N2 Resigns

RUY LOPEZ White: Walter Browne (2591) Black: John Smalling (1588)
 1 P-K4 N-QB3 2 N-KB3 P-K4 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4 P-QN4 5 B-N3 B-B4 6 P-B3 N-B3 7 P-Q4
 PXP 8 P-K5 Q-K2 9 O-O N-KN5 10 PXP B-N5 11 P-KR3 N-R3 12 B-N5 Q-B1 13 P-Q5 N-R4
 14 B-B2 B-N2 15 P-R3 B-K2 16 BxN PxB 17 N-B3 O-O-O 18 Q-Q4 B-B4 19 Q-Q3 N-B5 20
 P-QN4 B-R2 21 B-N3 N-N3 22 KR-N1 P-KB3 23 P-QR4 PXP 24 NXP NxB 25 RxN PXP 26 NXP
 QXPch 27 K-R1 QR-K1 28 R-R2 Q-B5 29 N-B6 B-N3 30 N-R5 R-K6 31 Q-B2 R(1)-K1 32 Q-B1
 R-N1 33 Q-Q1 RxNP! 34 KxR R-N6ch 35 Resigns
 (Above two games from simul. at ETSU in Johnson City on Dec. 3)

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME White: James Cobb (1471) Black: Walter Browne (2591)
 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-QB3 P-KN3 3 P-K4 P-Q3 4 P-KR3?! B-N2 5 B-KN5 O-O 6 Q-Q2 QN-Q2
 7 B-KR6 P-QN3 8 B-QN5 B-N2 9 P-B3 P-QR3 10 BxN QxB 11 P-KN4 P-QB4 12 P-Q5 P-K3
 13 BxB KxB 14 O-O-O PXP 15 NXP NxB 16 PxB KR-K1 17 Q-B3ch K-N1 18 P-KR4 R-K4
 19 R-R2 RXP 20 RxR BxR 21 P-KR5 Q-K2 22 R-K2 Q-N4ch 23 Q-Q2 QxQ 24 RxQ B-B3
 25 RXP R-B1 26 P-R6 K-B1 27 P-N5 K-K2 28 R-B6 P-N4 29 P-KB4 P-R4 30 P-QR3 P-N5
 31 PXP BPXP 32 K-Q2 B-K5 33 P-B3 R-B3 34 RxR BxR 35 PXP PXP 36 N-K2 K-Q3 37 N-Q4
 B-Q2 38 K-Q3 K-B4 39 K-K3 B-B4 40 N-K2 K-B3 41 N-Q4 B-K3 42 N-B6 K-N6 43 K-Q4 B-Q2
 44 N-K5 B-K3 45 N-B6 Draw (From simul. in Chattanooga on Dec. 4)

FRENCH DEFENCE White: Arthur Bisguier Black: John Hurt (11/19/75)
 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-Q2 P-QB4 4 PXP KPXP 5 KN-B3 N-QB3 6 B-N5 B-N5 7 O-O
 B-Q3 8 Q-K1ch N-K2 9 PXP BXP 10 N-K5 B-Q2 11 NxB QxN 12 N-N3 B-Q3 13 B-N5 O-O
 14 BxN KR-K1 15 QR-Q1 RxB 16 Q-Q2 P-QR3 17 BxN PxB 18 P-QB4 QR-Q1 19 PXP PXP
 20 P-N3 B-B2 21 Q-Q4 B-K4 22 Q-Q2 Q-R5 23 N-Q4 BxN 24 QxB QXP 25 R-R1 Q-B5 26
 QxQ PxQ 27 RXP R-K7 draw agreed

FRENCH DEFENCE White: Arthur Bisguier Black: John Hurt (11/20/75)
 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 B-N5 4 P-K5 N-K2 5 B-Q2 P-QB4 6 N-N5 BxBch 7 QxB
 PXP 8 P-B4 O-O 9 N-KB3 QN-B3 10 QNxQP NxB 11 NxB N-B3 12 B-K2 Q-N3 13 P-B3 NxB
 14 PxB B-Q2 15 QR-B1 QR-B1 16 K-B2 RxR 17 RxR R-B1 18 RxRch BxR 19 Q-B3 B-Q2 20
 P-QN4 K-B1 21 Q-B5ch QxQ 22 QPxQ K-K2 23 K-K3 P-QR3 24 K-Q4 B-R5 25 P-B5 R-Q2
 26 B-Q3 P-KN3 27 P-N4 K-B3 28 P-R4 B-Q8 29 PXP PXP 30 Drawn
 (Last two games from two simul. by Arthur Bisguier in Memphis)

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