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JAMES WRIGHT WINS MID-SOUTH

The 12th Annual Mid-South Open was won this year by James Wright of Millington, Tenn. who is also a member of the Memphis Chess Club. He scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ including a win over Master Elliot Winslow of St. Louis, Mo. Second place was taken by Vernon Vix of Nashville with $4\frac{1}{2}$. In a third place tie with four points were in this order after tie-breaking: 3rd Kenny Thomas (Memphis), 4th Elliot Winslow (St. Louis, Mo.), 5th David Baker (Jackson), 6th James Joyce (Ark.) and 7th Danny Schey of Michigan. The event attracted 19 players.

The Mid-South Amateur ended in a three-way-tie for first in this order after tie-breaking: 1st Terrell Bishop (Ark.), Bill Wilwers (Ark), and 3rd Scott Smith of Nashville. All three scored 5-1. Three players scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ points as follows: 4th David Kushner (Nashville), 5th James Little (Memphis) and 6th Glenn Smith (Miss.)

The event took place in Memphis on Nov 24-26. With 51 players the attendance this year was disappointing and resulted in a financial loss for the home club. The fact that the new rulings on announcements in Chess Life prevented them to be given in CL&R was most likely a factor. Also local papers did not give the event publicity in advance.

The event was directed by Peter Lahde, assisted by Dr. Morris Middleton, James Little and Frank Hemphill.

TOURNAMENT CALENDER

- Jan 13 4th ETSU OPEN, 3SS, 40/90 (each 8-man sections or 4-man round robin). Section made up of players of similar strength. EF \$5, in advance \$4. Prizes \$15, 10 in 8-man sections; \$12 for 4-man sections. Reg. 9:30-10 AM, 1st rd. 10:15 AM. Send entries to: John Nichols, 825 Maple St., Johnson City TN 37601
- Jan 13-14 LUCKY OPEN, 5SS, 60/2. Hilton Airport Inn, I-40 and Briley Parkway, Nashville. In 2 sections. Open, open to all: EF \$15, \$\$ 200, 100. Amateur, open to under 1700: EF \$10, \$\$ 100, 50. Reg. ends 8:30 AM. 1/13, Rds 9-2-7, 9-2. Entries to Lucky Chess Association, Box 67 Hermitage TN 37076.
- Jan 20-21 EAST TENNESSEE OPEN, 5SS, 40/2, UT Center, Cumberland Ave, Knoxville. EF \$8, under 21 \$6, \$1 less to UTCC members. \$\$ 60, 40, B 30, C25, D 20, E 15, Unr. 10. Trophies to top 2, top B, C, D, E, and Unrated. Reg. 9-9:30 AM 1/20. Booster Section: EF \$3, Open to under 1500. Trophies to top 3, top under 1400, Unr. Other details as above. 20% off USCF dues. Entries to UT Chess Club, Box 8849 UT Station, Knoxville TN 37916.
- Feb 17 5th ETSU OPEN, same details as above
- Feb 17-18 (Corrected dates) LUCKY OPEN, SAME DETAILS AS ABOVE
- Mar 3 6th ETSU Open, same details as above
- Mar 17-18 MUSIC CITY SPRING, details next issue

RADER SWEEPS MIDDLE TENNESSEE FALL

By Joe Roberdeau

Robert Rader of Huntsville, Ala. won the Middle Tennessee Fall Tournament Held December 2-3 at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. Rader won the \$50 first prize with a perfect score of 5-0. Tied for second at 4-1 were Doug Ralston and Alan Gullette who each won \$20. Top Unrated players were Dale Beals and Mark Richardson with 3-2 Scores. They won \$5 each. The tournament had 30 players and was the first USCF rated tournament to be held in Murfreesboro. Dr. Roy Clark was tournament director. The crosstable is given on another page in this issue.

ETSU CHESS ACTIVITY

By John D. Nichols

In December 1971 the ETSU Chess Club (at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City) had only 6 members (2 USCF); this year (December 1972) we have 42 members (23 USCF). Response to our first tornado-type tournaments has been enthusiastic. The 1st Open attracted 20 players and the 2nd had 30 players. (A crosstable of the 3rd Open is given in this issue.)

A calender of events is enclosed through July 1973. This calender, incidentally, has been coordinated with Clifford at UT in Knoxville, and, barring unforeseen circumstances, there will be no conflicts with their schedule in 1973. By the way, Clifford's remarks re conflicts was caused by the conflict between UT's Appalachian Open and our 2nd ETSU Open. But of the 30 players in our tournament, only one indicated that he might have gone to Knoxville that week--no one else had either the time or the money for a 3-day event then. Far from impoverishing tournament activity, the conflict--perhaps an exceptional case--appears to have it enriched it that weekend. As I was writing the above, an idea occurred to me: what about a Tennessee Chess Week in which every USCF affiliate schedules identical events: same EF, same play format, same prizes? Undoubtedly individual clubs would suffer in attendance, but the over-all it might bring out hundreds of players in the state.

Calender of events for ETSU: Jan. 13-4th ETSU Open, Jan 27 ETSU - UT Match, Feb 17-5th ETSU Open, Mar 3-6th ETSU Open, Apr 14-7th ETSU Open, May 12-8th ETSU Open, Jun 16-9th ETSU Open, Jul 21-10th ETSU Open.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS - The idea of a Tennessee Chess Week sounds like a great way to promote chess activity in the state. Perhaps we can get the Governor to declare this along with good publicity in the newspapers. But these activities should be organized to invite newcomers to organized chess, by keeping entry fees and prizes low. Please submit your ideas particularly as to when and the type of tournament(s) to the editor: Peter P. Lahde, 2609 Sailboat Court, Nashville TN 37217.

KINGSPORT BEATS ETSU

By Tom Finucane

The Kingsport Chess Club won an unrated match with the ETSU Chess Club by a score of 6½-5½ on November 18. Since the names of some of the ETSU players were not available the individual results are not given. Perhaps Kingsport might have done even better if some of their top players such as Joe Selby, Bud Collier or Mike Finucane had participated.

USCF TOURNAMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

At least ten players from Tennessee applied for the USCF Tournament Director Certification either individually or through TCA. They are: James Little and Dr. Morris Middleton of Memphis; Glenn Cornwell, Peter Lahde, Ed Porter and Vernon Vix, all of Nashville; Richard Searles of Cleveland; Bill Irwin of Knoxville, Mack Garner of Maryville, and John Nickels of Johnson City. This is certainly encouraging but more will be needed from other cities.

Unfortunately for reasons not known to TCA the certification program has been delayed by USCF. We can only assume that this means that tournament direction will continue without certification until further notice.

TCA FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1972

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Balance 1971	\$370.93	USCF Dues	\$324.00
Entry Fees (Open-41)	615.00	Rating Fees	35.20
Entry Fees (Amat.-43)	430.00	Cash Prizes	825.00
Entry Fees (Novice-46)	230.00	Trophies	102.04
USCF Dues (Adult-36\$8)	288.00	TCA Affiliation	10.00
USCF Dues (Junior-7\$4)	28.00	Hotel Costs	210.00
USCF Dues (Sust.-1\$8)	8.00	Advertising & Supplies	30.00
Contribution (Hamlin)	25.00	Tournament Director	75.00
TOTAL	\$ 1994.94	TOTAL	\$ 1611.24

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TCA Membership (107)	214.00	Mimeographing & Paper	129.43
TCA Out of State (39)	78.00	Stencils	6.40
Advertising	5.00	Postage	88.00
TOTAL	\$ 297.00	Supplies & Maintenance	10.00
Balance (TCN)	63.17	TOTAL	233.83
Overall Balance	446.87		

Submitted by Peter P. Lahde
TCA Treasurer

ED MIDDLETON WINS ARKANSAS OPEN

Edward Middleton of Memphis won the 1972 Arkansas Open with a score of 4½-½. Arkansas State Champion Mike Condon finished second with a score of 4-1. The event attracted 50 players including several players from Memphis.

Two of the games from this event are reproduced here from the Arkansas Chess Newsletter, with whom TCN has renewed their newsletter exchange.

SICILIAN DEFENCE (DRAGON)				White: Raymond Lawrence	Black: Ed Middleton 7/22
1. P-K4	P-QB4	6. N-QB3	B-N2	11. P-K5?	PxP 16. Q-Q2 N-B5
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	7. B-K2	P-Q3	12. PxP	N-Q2 17. Q-B4 QxBoh
3. P-Q4	PxP	8. P-B4	O-O	13. B-B3	NxP 18. K-R1 B-K3
4. NxP	P-KN3	9. O-O	NxN	14. BxNP	R-N1 & white soon resigned
5. B-K3	N-B3	10. BxN	B-K3	15. B-K4?	B-N5!

FRENCH DEFENCE				White: John Hurt	Black: Orval Allbritton
1. P-K4	P-K3	7. O-O	NxN	13. P-B4	NxB 19. R-B3 Q-K2
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	8. BxN	N-B3	14. PxN	P-KB4 20. PxP KPxP
3. N-Q2	B-K2	9. B-Q3	O-O	15. P-KN4	Q-B3 21. PxP KPxP
4. B-Q3	PxP	10. N-K5	P-KR3	16. P-B5	P-B3 22. R/3xB Resigns
5. NxP	N-KB3	11. B-K3	N-Q4	17. QR-K1	P-KN3
6. N-KB3	QN-Q2	12. Q-B3	B-N4	18. Q-N2!	K-N2?

MID-STATE H.S. ACTIVITY AT PEAK

Some 75 players from Middle Tennessee area gathered on Dec 16 at Father Ryan H.S. to play in the Mid-State High School Championships. This about doubled the participation over last year.

The individual title was won by Bruce Stearns of MBA with a score of 5-0 by defeating defending champion Paul Henry of Peabody in the decisive game. The game not only decided the individual championship but the team title as well. Second place was taken by Scott Smith of West End and Dale Beals of MBA was third. Both scored 4½-½ by drawing their game with each other.

Trophies were awarded by the Music City Chess Association to the top three individuals and top three teams. In addition MCCA awarded six USCF memberships. But the top prize was \$100 toward expenses by MCCA to the top team to participate in the Southern HS Championships or if these are not held the Nationals. The event was directed by Glenn Cornwell and Peter Lahde.

The team standings were as follows:

1. Montgomery Bell Academy	17½	6. Du Pont	9½
2. Peabody	16	7-8. Apollo Junior	8½
3. Father Ryan	12½	7-8. Lebanon	8½
4. West End Junior	12	9-10. Glencliff	8
5. Battle Ground Academy	11	9-10. Hume Fogg	8

TENNESSEE POSTAL CHESS

By Richard Searles

ANNOUNCING THE 1973 TENNESSEE POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP! Entries are now being accepted and will continue to be accepted until June 30, 1973. Same format as the 1972 Championship with initial assignment to 4 player section. You play 2 games simultaneously with each opponent, 6 games in all. Best score, and ties, in each section qualifies for finals. All games are postal rated. Entry fee is \$2.00 for TCA members, \$3.00 for non-members, but you will become a TCA member and receive the Tenn. Chess News. Prizes will be announced next issue; we hope they will exceed the \$95 prize fund of the 1972 event. At least 70% of entry fees will be returned in cash prizes. HURRY! ENTER NOW!!

All 1972 preliminary Championship games must be completed by June 30, 1973 or be submitted to the Postal Director within three days of that date for adjudication. Games not received within that time limit will be declared a loss for both players.

Persons who have forfeited games by withdrawing without notifying either their opponent or the tournament director will not be allowed to play in future postal events. Those that have followed proper withdrawal procedure will be allowed in future events.

G. E. Fawbush has scored an impressive 6-0 sweep in TC-7-72 and joins Searles and Ellis as a 1972 finalist. More scores will come in soon and the final section should begin play within a few months. Gene Kruglewicz won first place, and a TCA membership with a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score in R-1-72. Gene is also leading in the Most Improved Rating award race with 81 points. Close behind are William Hall with 58 points and David Ellis with 52 points. December 31, 1972 is the deadline for accepting game results towards the Most Improved Rating award. The winner will be announced next issue.

GAME RESULTS: R-1-72	Fausey $\frac{1}{2}$ - Kruglewicz $\frac{1}{2}$	TC-7-72	Stanciliff 2 Henry 0(f)
	Kruglewicz 1 Fausey 0		Fausey 2 Henry 0(f)
R-2-72	Fausey 2 Haglin 0		Fawbush 2 Henry 0(f)
TC-2-72	Tucker 1 Haglin 0		Fawbush 2 Stanciliff 0
TC-3-72	Reh 1 Nickel 0		Fawbush 2 Fausey 0
	Nickel 1 Mikulecky, D. 0		Fausey 1 Stanciliff 0
TC-4-72	Irwin 2 Finger 0		Stanciliff 1 Fausey 0
TC-5-72	Ellis 2 Freeman 0	TC-8-72	Meadows 2 Horton 0

RATINGS:	Bubis	500	Horton	372	Pylant	402
	Coveyou	970	Irwin	604	Reh	850
	Dickerson	526	Kruglewicz	481	Searles	892
	Fausey	548	LaVerne	800	Stanciliff	601
	Fawbush	944	Lundin	524	Stephens	500
	Ellis	642	McGinnis	413	Tate	500
	Finger	356	Meadows	428	Tazewell	570
	Freeman	418	Mikulecky, D.	465	Thomas	910
	Gardner	600	Mikulckey, J.	500	Tucker	358
	Garner	500	Narveson	904	Wagner	600
	Haglin	401	Nickel	512	Ward	370
	Hall	558	Porter	500	Willman	900

POSTAL GAME. Annotations by Leonard Dickerson

COLLE SYSTEM White: Leonard Dickerson Black: J. Kruglewicz

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-Q4 3 P-K3 P-K3 (a) 4 B-Q3 P-B4 5 P-B3 N-B3 6 QN-Q2 B-Q3
7 O-O O-O 8 R-K1 (b) R-K1 9 P-K4? (c) PxQP?? 10 P-K5 NxP 11 NxN PxP 12 QN-B3 (d)
PxP 13 BxP N-R4? (e) 14 BxPch! (f) K-B1 15 NxP! KxN 16 N-K5ch K-B1 17 N-N6ch K-B2
18 QxN BxPch (g) 19 KxB Q-Q3ch 20 N-K5ch (h) K-K2 21 Q-N5ch K-B1 22 B-R3! QxB
23 N-N6ch Resigns

(a) 3...P-KN3 is recommended as stronger.

(b) Here 8 PxP BxP 9 P-K4 is played with advantage to White.

(c) Omitting PxP before this push was an oversight caused by misplaced pieces. Black should obtain a good game with 9...PxP 10 NxP NxN 11 BxN PxP, but my oversight causes my opponent to oversight with a hasty "bookish" move!

(d) Better than 12 PxP Q-B2 as my Bishop develops with tempo.

(e) Instead of the text either 13...P-KR3 or even 13...R-B1!! seem better. Was Black intending 14...P-B3 or N-B5? If so, 14...N-Q2 was equally bad as 15 BxP is forthcoming.

(f) NxP also wins, but is weaker. If 14...KxB 15 NxP Q-N3 16 N/3-N5ch wins.

(g) If not "resigns", what else?

(h) 20 B-K5 also works, but I wanted to get "brilliant".

BOOK REVIEW

A REVIEW BY CURT BRASKET OF "MODERN CHESS OPENINGS" (MCO) 11TH EDITION, Edited by Walter Korn; 374 p., 1972; Pitman Publishing Co., N.Y. \$12.50.

(Editor's note: This review is reprinted from the Minnesota Chess Journal. The editor of that fine chess publication, Dr. George Tiers, in an effort to provide his readers with a high ranking master's opinion of the latest edition of "the chess player's Bible" took down the following review over the telephone, with no subsequent attempt to put it in polished form. Curt Brasket, a Minnesota master, is ranked 32nd on the latest list of active U.S. players.)

THIS ELEVENTH EDITION OF MCO IS A TREMENDOUS DISAPPOINTMENT - the more so because it follows Larry Evans' 10th Edition, unquestionably the best of the series. Having spent quite a few hours looking over the present work, I should like to make a few sharply critical remarks.

Firstly, perhaps the most sweeping and serious criticism is that the material has been drastically abridged - apparently with the objective of minimizing the necessity of turning pages! The page size is 9 1/4" x 6", with 5 columns per page - however there are many partially or largely blank pages! From just flipping through the book, my estimate is that the reader loses, on the average, 15% to 20% per page - and the book has only 374 p. as compared with 514 full pages in MCO-10! This loses about 40% of the contents compared to MCO 10 - but now all the footnotes are on the same page as, or at least near, the columns they refer to. Unfortunately the price has definitely not been abridged! At \$12.50 list price (\$11.25 to USCF members or through Chess Digest), as compared to \$9.75 for good old MCO-10, Korn's 11th edition would be hardly a bargain even if it were a good book - WHICH IT ISN'T!

Secondly, and especially damning in view of the above, this 11th MCO suffers grievously for the lack of an authoritative editorial judgment. To be sure, this was also true of MCO-7, MCO-8, and MCO-9, all by the same editor; but there was then only the small and outdated (though excellent) MCO-6 by Grandmaster Rueben Fine in 1939 to compare them to. However, with Grandmaster Larry Evans' great MCO-10 in 1965 it becomes necessary to adopt it as the standard by which to judge later editions, both in size and content. MCO-11 fails on both counts. Even granting, for the sake of argument, that economic factors required a size reduction despite the price, I believe most tournament players would question the rationale whereby many important variations were completely deleted! On the next page I will attention to some of the more glaring omissions. There many more, and I am forced to the conclusion that MCO-11 IS, FOR MOST PLAYERS, NO LONGER SATISFACTORY AS A REFERENCE. I deeply regret my purchase of the book, sight unseen. In my opinion Mr. Korn has ruined MCO. While he is undoubtedly a capable judge of end-game compositions, Mr. Korn is certainly no Grandmaster, and probably is not even of Master strength as a player. You may rightly say this isn't necessary (though it usually helps!); but, judging by MCO-11, he is quite conceivably not even an Expert when it comes to opening analysis. I greatly dislike making this comment; I have nothing against Mr. Korn as a person or in his realm of end-game analysis. The problem for all chess players is that he holds the absolute international rights to the MCO series, having been granted them by the original editor, R. C. Griffith. He can, as in the case of MCO-10 employ a skilled "Revisor" (Larry Evans) to do the necessary work; but he holds the copyright himself. Alas, in the PF Era (Post-Fischer!) it is not likely that a Grandmaster will be willing to serve as a mere "Revisor" of MCO. So hang on to your 10th Edition - or get one if you can, and consider MCO-11 at best a clumsy supplement to it.

I promised to cite some glaring examples of omissions; needless to say, these are the ones I saw right away, being familiar with the lines. I have not done a column-by-column comparison - I'd need a stronger stomach! Behold;

(1) The famous "Argentine" variation of the Najdorf line in the Sicilian Defence (in which 3 Arg. Grandmasters were defeated by 3 Russian GM's in the same round of the 1955 International in Goteborg) is not even mentioned, although it remains one of the big lines in the entire opening. This is in direct contradiction to the claim made in the preface - the first paragraph asserts that MCO-11 "conveys ... a compendious summary of all important variations". No one who plays either side of the Najdorf can ignore this line completely. Recently it has been seen less frequently, but only because the best continuation for both sides leads to a forced draw, which makes it unsatisfactory for any player who must play to win.

(2) In the Sicilian Defence, after 2 P-QB3, only one column is given, treating the reply 2...P-Q4; the equally important alternative 2...N-KB3(!) is not mentioned! (Barden likes this as a way to meet the Smith-Morra Gambit)

(3) The Rubinstein variation of the Tarrasch Defence, repopularized by Spassky in 1969 for the black side, is represented by references to only five games (all Spassky's)! Such "obsolete" lines as Keres' award-winning victory over tal in the 1959 Candidates' Tourney, have been completely discarded.

Evans' references, over 25, are ignored, yet there are 2 inches of blank space at the bottom of the page! Evans has about a full page of notes, tightly packed; MCO-11 has $\frac{1}{2}$ page of brief notes.

(4) On the next page is the Swedish variation of the same opening. In MCO-10 there are 5 columns plus more than $\frac{1}{2}$ page of good notes. MCO-11 has 4 columns plus $\frac{1}{4}$ page of skimpy notes.

(5) In the 6 B-QB4 variation of the Najdorf Sicilian, a complete game is quoted without comment (1), ending in Black's resignation on move 26. Are we to conclude that the variation is a win for White? Hardly. As it happens, neither player's name is exactly a household word, a fact which might give one pause. I would venture to say there are a multitude of possibilities for either side. So why is this full game given?

(6) The Caro-Kann Defence seems to have been treated very badly. In a line of the Panov-Botvinnik Attack, Black has 3 plausible choices (MCO-10) of which MCO-11 retains only the one leading to an advantage for White - omitting the two lines leading to equality!

Is this enough to convince you? If not, look up some of your favorite lines in both books. These are not isolated examples!

There are also a very large number of misprints, typographical errors and confusions; this indicates sub-standard proofreading or, in many cases, poor compilation and editing. Many players will be unable to cope with the errors. Among those spotted: In col. 25 on p. 330 the notes should be (k) through (n), not (j) through (m); also note (a) omits a whole move!! On p. 248, where the entire Dutch variation of the Slav Defence is condensed to 5 short columns and a few short notes, the parenthesis in note (g) should end not after 10...BxN but after 14. N-K5! these can be really puzzling.

Of course, MCO-10 wasn't perfect; it omitted any reference to the Botvinnik-Petrosian match's Queen's Gambit Declined games, and MCO-11 did not rectify that oversight. And one error in MCO-10 was indeed corrected; note (h) of col. 47 in the Nimzo-Indian Defence is now correct as played - I mentioned this in a letter to Evans and he saw that it went into the file. I was amused to see that 3 of my 4 games in MCO-10 have been retained, and promoted to main columns, no less!

The only diagrams are on the first page of each section. The print is nice and clear - BUT, GOOD HEAVENS, WHY DID THEY DEPART FROM THE TRADITION FOLLOWED IN ALL PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF MCO AND OMIT THE LITTLE SPACE BETWEEN THE BLACK AND THE NEXT WHITE MOVE IN THE COLUMN? The moves are now equally spaced, making it absolutely impossible to tell which are Black and which are White. It is now necessary to read across the page to the left-hand column and establish colors from the numbering! This was the single biggest fault I could find with the book by Horowitz "Chess Openings, Theory & Practice" of a few years ago - and now this unpardonable choice has appeared in MCO! Some of these are merely nuisances which I would be inclined to suffer in silence if the book were good. Still, it is really unpardonable to chop out most of the valid alternative lines - and then not quote the source of the remaining line, either! A shameful performance.

Libraries will have to buy this book. You can consult it there. C. B. EDITORS' COMMENTS - Both TCA President Richard Searles and your editor do not recommend MCO-11 as a good opening reference, and agree in general with the critical review by Curt Brasket. But I would like to add one additional deficiency, that is, that the opening index in MCO-11 no longer gives the page references for variations of a particular opening. For instance, if you are looking for the Najdorf Variation you will just have to look under Sicilian Defence and leaf the pages under the Sicilian until you find the variation you are looking for. A serious omission from MCO-10.

On the positive side I would like to offer four possible alternatives for anyone interested in keeping up with current opening practice and theory. For this purpose I suggest these three publications:

(1) CHESS DIGEST, this magazine contains now up to date opening analysis from Russian sources, as well as latest opening articles by U.S. (also includes articles first published in TCN) and from other countries. Cost of this is \$8.50 a year for monthly subscription. Bound volume for 1972 should be available soon. Write to Chess Digest, P.O. Box 21225, Dallas TX 75211.

(2) CHESS INFORMANT - covers six months of games played by top players in the world. All games are arranged by openings many with variations given by top ranked players. Latest Volume #13 covers first 6 months in 1972. Algebraic notation is used with figures instead of letters used to identify the men. Obtainable through USCF and Chess Digest. Cost is \$6.

(3) THE CHESS PLAYER - similar to Chess Informant except that games are arranged by tournaments. But an index directs you to any opening. Contains almost twice as many games. Cost is \$8.50. Available also from USCF and CD.

ANNOTATED GAMES FROM THE MID-SOUTH

By Vernon Vix

FRENCH DEFENCE		White: Vernon Vix		Black: John Hurt	
1 P-Q4	P-Q4	12. B-R3	B-K1(c)	22. R-KN1	K-B1
2 N-QB3	P-K3	13. R-K1	P-B4(d)	23. P-KN4	K-K1
3 P-K4(a)	B-N5	14. N-N5	Q-Q2	24. P-N5	PxP
4 P-K5	N-K2	15. P-KB4	P-KR3	25. PxP(g)	B-N3
5. P-QR3	BxNch	16. N-R3	K-R2(e)	26. R-N3(h)	P-B5
6 PxR	P-QB4	17. Q-Q2	B-N3	27. R-R3	B-K5ch
7 P-QR4	QN-B3	18. N-B2	R-B2	28. NxR(i)	PxN
8 N-B3	B-Q2	19. K-R1	R-R1	29. BxP	NxKP
9. B-Q3	P-B5(b)	20. P-KR4(f)	K-N1	30. B-N5	N/4-B3(j)
10. B-K2	O-O	21. P-KR5	B-R2	31. Q-R2	Q-Q4
11 O-O	P-B3			41. BxP	Resigns

- (a) Well, that's one way to get into the French.
 (b) Black's idea is to seal in White's bishop and concentrate on the doubled pawns. White counters with pressure on the kingside.
 (c) Weakens the king pawn.
 (d) Sealing the kingside but Black's position remains passive.
 (e) Adding protection to the weak RP. White had possibilities of a sacrifice on R6 after a pawn push to B5.
 (f) O.K., but more consistent is 20 P-R3 followed by P-N4.
 (g) Better is 25 RxP to home in on Black's KNP. Black gets counterplay now.
 (h) 26 R-N2 and 27 R-R2 prevents Black's 29th move.
 (i) Handing Black the initiative. 28 K-N1 is good enough to keep the balance.
 (j) Interesting is 30...N/2-B3 21 Q-N2 N-B6.
 (k) Black should take the NP, e.g. 32...QxNP 33 R-KN1? QxRP1 or 33 PxP RxR 34 QxR RxP and Black's extra pawn and control of the king knight file give him an easy win.
 (l) This looks very promising but is proved to be a mistake by White's next.
 (m) The double threats of BxNch opening the QN file and B-N2 are decisive. On 35...R/1-R2 White replies 36 BxNch PxR 37 R/3-Q3! PxR (37...N-N6ch 38 K-R2 N-B8ch 39 K-R3 does not appreciably alter the situation) 38 QxPch R-Q2 (K-Q1 or Q-Q2 39 R-N8mate) 39 R-N8ch K-B2 40 R-B8mate. Too bad Black's next move doesn't allow this but just drops a rook.
 (n) John Hurt claims that instead R/1-R2 or R-Q2 would win for Black. However, Vix seems to show otherwise. (Game first appeared in Music City Chess)

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENCE		White: James Rackley		Black: Scott Smith	
1 P-Q4	N-KB3	2 P-QB4	P-K3	3 N-QB3	B-N5
4 N-B3	P-B4	5 P-K3	N-K5(a)	6 Q-B2	BxNch
7 PxR	P-Q4	8 B-Q3	P-B4	9 O-O	O-O
10 PxQP(b)	PxP	11 P-B4	(c)	B-K3	12 R-Q1 (d)
N-QB3	13 B-N2 (e)	N-N5	14 Q-K2	NxR	15 RxR (f)
PxBP	16 KR-Q1	Q-Q4	17 Q-B2	P-QN4(g)	
18 N-Q2	P-N5	19 NxN	QxN	20 QxQ	PxQ
21 PxP	(h)	P-B6	22 B-B1	KR-Q1	23 R-Q4
P-QR4	24 R-N1 (i)	BxP	25 R-R1	P-N6	26 P-B6
P-N7	27 P-B7	RxR	28 PxR	PxR/Q	29 P-R3
QxBch	30 K-R2	Q-Q7	31	White resigns	

- (a) Black's plan to establish a knight at K5 is premature because White can attack the knight with gain of time and eventually undermine the pawn support of the knight. Either 5 O-O or P-Q4 are better.
 (b) White hits on the right plan. He loses the game only because his execution lacks some polish.
 (c) Consistent with his last move.
 (d) A waste of time. Better is 12 PxBP NxP 13 N-Q4 P-KN3 (13...NxR7 14 NxR picks up the exchange) 14 NxR NxN 15 PxP QxP 16 B-B4 Q-B3 17 Q-N3 R-B3 and White has an obvious advantage.
 (e) Overlooking a threat 13 B-R3 Q-R4 14 PxQP QxB 15 PxN (PxR7 N-N5) again gives White a better game. On 13...N-N5 14 BxN PxR 15 PxP gives white a passed Queen pawn and good winning chances.
 (f) No better is 15 QxB PxP 16 Q-B2 Q-Q4.
 (g) The pawns march on.
 (h) Reestablishing material equality but Black's Queen bishop pawn gives him an easy win.
 (i) Speeding up his defeat but Black's eventual P-R5, P-N6 is scarcely resistable.

SELECTED MID-SOUTH GAMES

ALEKHINE'S DEFENCE White: Elliot Winslow (2284) Black: James Wright (1766)
 1 P-K4 N-KB3 2 P-K5 N-Q4 3 P-Q4 P-Q3 4 P-QB4 N-N3 5 P-KB4 PXP 6 BFPX N-QB3 7 B-K3
 B-B4 8 N-QB3 P-K3 9 N-KB3 Q-Q2 10 B-K2 O-O 11 O-O P-B3 12 PXP PXP 13 P-Q5 PXP(a)
 14 PXP? (b) NXP 15 NXP QxN 16 QxQ RxQ 17 N-R4 B-Q2 18 QR-B1 R-K4 19 K-B2 RxB!
 20 KxR B-R3ch 21 K-B2 BxR 22 RxR R-K1 23 B-Q3 A-K4 24 R-B3 NxBch 25 RxN B-N4
 26 R-K3 RxR 27 KxR K-Q2 28 N-B5 B-B3 29 P-KN3 B-Q4 30 P-QR3 P-B4 31 K-Q3 A-K3
 32 N-K3 P-N4 33 P-QN4 K-Q3 34 N-B5ch K-K4 35 N-K7 P-B5ch 36 A-K3 P-QR3 37 P-AR4
 B-K5 38 N-N8 P-B6 39 N-R3 P-B4 40 N-B7ch K-Q4 41 K-K2 A-B5 42 A-Q1 A-N6
 43 K-B1 KxP 44 P-R5 KxP 45 P-R6 B-Q4!! 46 N-Q6 B-K3 47 N-K8 P-R4 48 N-B7 B-B7
 49 N-R6ch K-B5 50 N-N8 B-K1 51 Resigns
 (a) MCO-10 gives the alternatives (1) 13...N-K4 14 BxN NxBch 15 BxN BFPX (15...RFPXB? 16 N-QN5 wins) 16 P-QR3 ±. Euwe also suggests (2) 13...Q-N2! 14 BxN RFPXB (Or 14 N-AR4 R-N1). The text is probably inferior.
 (b) Necessary is 14 BxN! RFPXB 15 PXP N-N5 16 B-N5! with advantage to White.

SICILIAN DEFENCE White: John Hurt (1974) Black: Leza Sturdivant (1575)
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-QB3 N-QB3 3 P-KN3 N-B3 4 B-N2 P-Q3 5 P-Q3 P-AN3 6 P-AR3 B-N2
 7 B-K3 Q-N3 8 R-N1 B-K3 9 P-R3 N-Q2 10 N-Q5 BxN 11 PxB N-Q5 12 P-AB4 N-B4
 13 B-B2 BxP 14 N-K2 Q-R4ch 15 Q-Q2 QxQch 16 KxQ BxP 17 RxP? (17 P-B3 wins B)
 N-N3 18 P-B3? (18 R-R wins) K-Q1 19 P-N4 23 P-N4 A-B1 20 RxN PXR 21 PxN PXP
 22 B-B3 (Better is 22 R-QN1) P-N4 23 N-N3 P-N5 24 NXP PxFch 25 KxP B-N5ch
 26 K-B4 R-R7 27 B-R4 R-B7ch 28 K-N5?? (28 K-N3 probably still wins) A-B2!
 29 R-R1 R-N1ch 30 K-R4 R-B6 31 BxP K-N3 & black mates in 2. (Comments by Hurt)

SICILIAN WING GAMBIT White: John Hurt (1974) Black: James Mitchell (1422)
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-QN4 PXP 3 P-QR3 P-K4 4 N-KB3 N-QB3 5 B-B4 PXP 6 P-B3 N-R4
 7 BxPch KxB 8 NxBch K-A3 9 Q-N4ch QxN (Black is ahead to pieces!) 10 Q-B5ch
 K-Q3 11 BxPch K-B3 12 BxB N-K2 13 BxN QxB 14 RxN K-B2 15 R-B5ch A-K1 16 R-Q5
 P-Q3 17 Q-B4 R-B1 18 QxPch with a won ending.

ALEKHINE'S DEFENCE White: Kenny Thomas (1914) Black: James Wright (1766)
 1 P-K4 N-KB3 2 P-K5 N-Q4 3 P-QB4 N-N3 4 P-Q4 P-Q3 5 P-KB4 PXP 6 BFPX N-B3
 7 B-K3 B-B4 8 N-KB3 P-K3 9 N-QB3 B-K2 10 B-K2 O-O 11 P-Q5? (Probably faulty
 here but good at move 10) PXP 12 PXP N-N5 13 BxN A-B7ch 14 K-B2 RFPXB 15 R-B1
 B-B4ch 16 K-N3 N-K6 17 Q-Q2 N-N5! 18 Q-B4? B-B7ch 19 A-R3 N-K6ch 20 P-N4
 BxPch 21 QxB NxQ 22 Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENCE (MORRA) White: Majeed Nahas (1744) Black: Elliot Winslow
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PXP 3 P-QB3 N-KB3 4 P-K5 N-Q4 5 PXP P-Q3 6 B-QB4 P-K3
 7 N-KB3 N-B3 8 O-O P-QR3 9 Q-K2 B-K2 10 R-Q1 O-O 11 BxN PxB 12 B-B4 B-K3
 13 N-B3 QR-B1 14 QR-B1 PXP 15 PXP R-B2 16 N-K4 Q-N1 17 N-B6ch? PxN 18 B-R6
 R-K1 19 R-B3 NXP 20 NXP RxR 21 PXR QxN 22 QxQ PXP 23 R-Q3 A-R1 24 R-K3 P-K5
 25 P-B3 B-QB4 26 Resigns

PETROFF DEFENCE White: James Mitchell (1422) Black: William Wood (UNR)
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 NXP NXP? (a) 4 Q-K2 P-Q4 (b) 5 P-Q3 N-KB3? (c)
 6 N-N6 dis ch? (d) and White won in 30 moves.
 (a) Correct is 3...P-Q3 and after 4 N-KB3 NXP.
 (b) Probably best under the circumstances. For if 4...N-KB3 then 5 N-B6ch
 wins the Queen.
 (c) A blunder. It appears that with 5...Q-K2 6 PxN QxN 7 PXP Black loses
 only a pawn.
 (d) Now it is White's turn. Neither player was familiar with the trap. With
 6 N-B6ch Black loses the Q. White still wins the game but not as easy.

CENTER COUNTER GAME White: R. A. Garner (1361) Black: Bill Weitzel (UNR)
 1 P-K4 P-Q4 2 PXP QXP 3 N-QB3 Q-K3ch 4 B-K2 N-AR3 5 P-Q4 P-AN3 6 N-AB3 B-N2
 7 P-AR3 O-O 8 B-K3 N-Q2 9 Q-Q2 P-QN3? 10 BxN BxB 11 QxB P-QB4 12 N-AN5 Q-Q3??
 13 QXP mate (This game is from the Mid-South Amateur)

BENONI DEFENCE White: Bruce Stearns (1538) Black: Paul Henry (1551)
 1 P-Q4 N-AB3 2 P-QB4 P-B4 3 P-Q5 P-Q3 4 N-QB3 P-AN3 5 P-N4 B-N2 6 B-Q3 O-O
 7 N-B3 P-A3 8 O-O PXP 9 KXP N-R3 10 B-B4 N-R4 11 B-N5 B-B3 12 BxB QxB 13 P-AR3
 B-B4 14 BxB NXP 15 Q-Q2 A-R1 16 Q-N5 Q-N3 17 A-N5 AR-Q1 18 AR-A1 R-Q2
 19 R-K7(?) QxQ 20 RxR Q-N3 21 NXP P-B3 22 R-A1 N-B5 23 N-K4 NxBch 24 A-K2
 Q-R4 25 PxN QxN 26 R-N1! Q-B5ch 27 K-R1 R-KB1? 28 N-B7ch! Resigns (Instead of
 27...R-AB1 here Q-B6 is perpetual) From the Midstate H.S. Championships.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE FALL 1972

Dec 2-3

Player	City	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tie-Br.	Score
1. Robert Rader	Huntsville AL	1988	W10	W8	W9	W2	W5		5-0
2. Doug Ralston	Columbia	1843	W26	W12	W16	L1	W7	8½	4-1
3. Alan Gullette	Nashville	UNR	L7	W30	W8	W20	W11	8	4-1
4. Paul Henry	Nashville	1560	W23	D14	D6	D5	W17	9	3½-1½
5. Joe Roberdeau	Murfreesboro	1601	W25	W27	W18	D4	L1	7	3½-1½
6. Mike Guyton	Nashville	1545	D24	W25	D4	D17	W16	6½	3½-1½
7. Robert Yokley	Smyrna	1490	W3	L16	W19	W10	L2	9½	3-2
8. Jim Price	Murfreesboro	1436	W13	L1	L3	W19	W22	9	3-2
9. Bruce Stearns	Nashville	1498	W17	W20	L1	D16	D14	8-15	3-2
10. Dale Beals	Nashville	UNR	L1	W13	W27	L7	W20	8-14	3-2
11. Emmett Edenfield	Murfreesboro	1515	W19	L18	W14	W21	L3	7	3-2
12. Mark Edenfield	Murfreesboro	1480	W22	L2	L17	WF	W21	6½	3-2
13. Mark Richardson	Nashville	UNR	L8	L10	WF	W26	W24	6	3-2
14. Johnny Moore	Nashville	1392	W21	D4	L11	W18	D9	5½-9½	3-2
15. Charles Ryan	Murfreesboro	1343	L16	L19	W24	W27	W18	5½-9	3-2
16. Gordon Smead	McMinnville	UNR	W15	W7	L2	D9	L6	9½-16½	2½-2½
17. Eddie Newkirk	Nashville	UNR	L9	W29	W12	D6	L4	9½-14	2½-2½
18. Dan Wahl	Nashville	UNR	W30	W11	L5	L14	L15	9½	2-3
19. David Griffin	Cookeville	UNR	L11	W15	L7	L8	W29	9	2-3
20. Ron Wiley	Clarkreng	UNR	W29	L9	W23	L3	L10	8	2-3
21. David Riddle	Greenbrier	UNR	L14	W26	W28	L11	L12	7½	2-3
22. Kenneth May	Cookeville	UNR	L11	L28	W29	W23	L8	6	2-3
23. Mike Caudill	Nashville	UNR	L4	W24	L20	L22	WF	5½	2-3
24. Jack Dotson	Murfreesboro	UNR	D6	L23	L15	W25	L13	8	1½-3½
25. Paul Dobson	Nashville	UNR	L5	L6	D26	L24	WF	6½-11	1½-3½
26. Paul Carson	Murfreesboro	UNR	L2	L21	D25	L13	Bye	6½-10½	1½-3½
27. Charles Smith	Belvedere	UNR	W28	L5	L10	L15	LF	7½	1-4
28. Leon Stancliff	Murfreesboro	1250	L28	W22	L21	LF	LF	6-10	1-4
29. John Storrs	Nashville	1100	L20	L17	L22	Bye	L19	6-8½	1-4
30. Gary Edenfield	Murfreesboro	1225	L18	L3	LF	withdrawn			0-5

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Dec 2

Player	City	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Score
1. Steven Buntin	N.C.	1620	W7	D5	W2	2½-½
2. Everad Horton	Johnson City	1604	W3	W4	L1	2-1
3. Lloyd Collier	Va.	UNR	L2	W7	W5	2-1
4. Scheinbaum, Monte	Johnson City	UNR	W8	L2	W6	2-1
5. John Smalling	Johnson City	1518	W6	D1	L3	1½-1½
6. George Deliz	Kingsport	UNR	L5	W8	L4	1-2
7. Gary Bawgus	Johnson City	1272	L1	L3	D8	1-2
8. Clifford, Charles	Knoxville	1548	L4	L6	D7	½-2½
9. Jeff Mullins		UNR	W16	W10	W11	3-0
10. Frank Winkle	Bristol	UNR	W12	L9	W13	2-1
11. John Pav	Johnson City	UNR	W14	W13	L9	2-1
12. Robert Millsaps	Va.	UNR	L10	W14	W15	2-1
13. Bill Haynes	N.C.	UNR	W15	L11	L10	1-2
14. Clarence Carrier	Bristol	1541	L11	L12	W16	1-2
15. Larry Sullivan	Johnson City	UNR	L13	W16	L12	1-2
16. Paul Wolford	Rabun Gap, GA	1442	L9	L15	L14	0-3
17. Gerald Maze	Dandridge	UNR	W20	D18	W19	2½-½
18. Archie Hubbard		UNR	W24	D17	W22	2½-½
19. Andrew Paczuski		UNR	W23	W22	L17	2-1
20. Paul Carriger		UNR	L17	W24	W23	2-1
21. Ted Kohler	Johnson City	UNR	L22	D23	W24	1½-1½
22. Thomas Addison	Bristol	UNR	W21	L19	L18	1-2
23. John Hill		UNR	L19	D21	L20	½-2½
24. Lewis Songer		UNR	L18	L20	L21	0-3
25. Rodger Butler	Johnson City	UNR	D26	W27	D28	2-1
26. Jay King		UNR	D25	D27	W28	2-1
27. Danny Brookshear	Johnson City	UNR	L25	D26	W28	1½-1½
28. John Edwards	Jonesboro	UNR	D25	L26	L27	½-2½

MID-SOUTH OPEN 1972

Player	City & State	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score
1. James Wright	Millington	W12	W9	W4	D5	W6	W3	5½-½
2. Vernon Vix	Nashville	W13	L3	W10	W9	D5	W8	4½-1½
3. Kenny Thomas	Memphis	W14	W2	L5	W4	W7	L1	4 -2
4. Elliot Winslow	St. Louis, Mo.	W11	W7	L1	L3	W13	W5	4 -2
5. David Baker	Jackson	W15	W16	W3	D1	D2	L4	4 -2
6. James Joyce	Ark.	W17	W10	L8	W11	L1	W9	4 -2
7. Danny Schey	Mich.	W18	L4	W15	W8	L3	W13	4 -2
8. John Hurt	Memphis	L10	W12	W6	L7	W11	L2	3 -3
9. Steve Balsai	Ark.	W19	L1	W14	L2	W17	L6	3 -3
10. Leza Sturdivant	Memphis	W8	L6	L2	D14	D12	W15	3 -3
11. Majeed Nahas	Ark.	L4	W17	W16	L6	L8	W14	3 -3
12. James Mitchell	Memphis	L1	L8	D13	W16	D10	W18	3 -3
13. Micheal Corrigan	Memphis	L2	W19	D12	W18	L4	L7	2½-3½
14. Douglas Moody	Memphis	L3	Bye	L9	D10	W16	L11	2½-3½
15. Fred Parker	Memphis	L5	W18	L7	L17	Bye	L10	2 -4
16. Robert E. Garner	Dyersburg	L6	L11	W19	W15	L9	LF	2 -4
17. Don Green	Memphis	Bye	L5	L11	L12	L14	W19	2 -4
18. William Wood	Memphis	L7	L15	Bye	L13	W19	L12	2 -4
19. Mike Preston	Memphis	L9	L13	L17	Bye	L18	L16	1 -5

MID-SOUTH AMATEUR 1972

Player	City & State	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score
1. Terrell Bishop	Ark.	W31	W14	W3	D2	W5	D4	5 -1
2. Bill Wilwers	Ark.	W15	W17	W6	D1	D4	W10	5 -1
3. Scott Smith	Nashville	W18	W16	L1	W12	W14	W8	5 -1
4. David Kushner	Nashville	W32	W7	W12	D5	D2	D1	4½-1½
5. James Little	Memphis	W27	W23	W13	D4	L1	W11	4½-1½
6. Glenn Smith	Miss.	W30	D11	L2	W22	W7	W16	4½-2½
7. Charles Johnson	Ala.	W26	L4	W11	W17	L6	W14	4 -2
8. James Rckley	Memphis	W19	L12	W29	W23	W17	L3	4 -2
9. Robert Williams	Memphis	W29	L13	W18	L14	WF	W15	4 -2
10. Pete Shirley		L14	W31	WF	W19	W15	L2	4 -2
11. Morris Middleton	Memphis	W25	D6	L7	W24	W23	L5	3½-2½
12. Jackson Taylor		W22	W8	L4	L3	D19	W20	3½-2½
13. Ben Therrell	Ark.	W28	W9	L5	L15	D20	W19	3½-2½
14. Charles McDade	Memphis	W10	L1	W21	W9	L3	L7	3 -3
15. Jack Wilkerson		L2	W21	W16	W13	L10	L9	3 -3
16. Frank Garner	Germantown	W20	L3	L15	W28	W18	L6	3 -3
17. Louis Weis	Memphis	W21	L2	WF	L7	L8	W24	3 -3
18. C. B. Crawford	Memphis	L3	W20	L9	W25	L16	W21	3 -3
19. Don Mikulecky	Nashville	L8	W22	W24	L10	D12	L13	2½-3½
20. Robert Holyfield	Memphis	L16	L8	W27	WF	D13	L12	2½-3½
21. Barry Kuhn	Memphis	L17	L15	L14	W29	W25	L18	2 -4
22. Frank Hemphill	Memphis	L12	L19	W25	L6	L24	WF	2 -4
23. R.A. Garner	Dyersburg	W24	L5	W28	L8	L11	LF	2 -4
24. Bill Neitzel		L23	W27	L19	L11	W22	L17	2 -4
25. David Myers	Memphis	L11	W30	L22	L18	L21	W27	2 -4
26. William Duke	Memphis	L7	LF	WF	W27	LF	LF	2 -4
27. Ralph Burkhalter	Memphis	L5	L24	L20	L26	W29	L25	1 -5
28. Rick Igou	Memphis	L13	W29	L23	L16	LF	LF	1 -5
29. Howard Haglin	Memphis	L9	L28	L8	L21	L27	LF	0 -6
30. Thomas Brooks	Memphis	L6	L25	LF	LF	LF	LF	0 -6
31. James Dickson		L1	L10	LF	LF	LF	LF	0 -6
32. Tom Flexner	Memphis	L4	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	0 -6

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