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TENNESSEE OPEN HAS NEW RECORD PRIZE FUND

The 30th Tennessee Open will have a new record prize fund of \$1,630. Should a Tennessean be a clear winner in the Open he can win as much as \$500. Note that this year a player may receive more than one cash prize, but only one trophy per player.

The tournament this year will take place over Labor Day weekend (Aug. 31-Sep. 2) at the Mercury Motel, 411 Murfreesboro Rd., in Nashville, Tenn. It is advised that reservations be made early. The Music City Chess Association and the Tennessee Chess Association are the co-sponsors. Tournament Directors will be ITD John Nichols assisted by LTD Gary Bawgus and others.

The time limit will be 60 moves in 2½ hours. The schedule of rounds will be 2-8, 9-3, 8-2, with 9 PM Sunday for adjourned games if necessary. It is a six round Swiss. Entry fees and prizes offered in the three sections will be as follows:

OPEN DIVISION (Open to all) Entry fee \$20. Prizes \$400, \$200, \$100, Tennessee State Champion \$100, Tennessee Junior Champion \$75, Class B \$50, Class C \$40. Trophies for Open, State, State Jr., Class B and C.

AMATEUR DIVISION (Under 1800) Entry fee \$15. Prizes \$200, \$100, \$50, Class D \$35, Class E \$30, Woman \$30. Trophies to Champion, Class D and E and Top Woman.

NOVICE DIVISION (Under 1400) Entry fee \$10. Prizes \$100, \$50, \$25, Unrated Champion \$25. Trophies to Champion and Top Unrated.

In addition a team plaque (top 4 from same city in Tenn.) will be awarded. USCF

USCF and TCA membership (now \$3 a year for Tenn. residents) is required. TCA membership is not required for out of state players.

Registration will be Aug. 31 (Saturday) from 9 AM to 1 PM. Send pre-registration and reservations to: Music City Chess Association, 303 Belinda Dr., Hermitage, TN 37076.

IMPORTANT TCA MEETING

At least three topics of importance will be discussed:

- (1) A tentative schedule of all tournaments planned in Tennessee for the remainder of 1974 and through August 1975. (For this purpose each city in Tennessee planning tournaments is requested to submit a tentative schedule.)
- (2) Discussion of an effective high school chess program on a city-wide basis. The growth of chess will be significantly effected by the progress we can make in this area. Consideration of sponsors to give financial assistance should be considered.
- (3) Consideration for a state-wide Collegiate tournament.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

July 27-28 DYER COUNTY SUMMER OPEN (Dyersburg). Consult Chess Life & Review for detail.
Aug. 17-18 BLUFF CITY OPEN (Memphis). Consult Chess Life & Review for details.

PAUL KURODA WINS KING COTTON OPEN

By Gary Pylant

The King Cotton Open in Memphis was won by Paul Kuroda (1917) of Arkansas with a perfect score of 5-0. In the process he defeated three experts: Eddie Middleton and John Hurt, both of Memphis and Bill Orton from Arkansas. (Two of the games are found in this issue) Second with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points were: Eddie Middleton, Bob Baskin, Bill Orton, and Danny Williamson. The event attracted 22 players. (Sorry we did not get a cross-table for this event.)

The King Cotton Amateur was won by Donny Gray of Pine Bluff, Ark. with a better tie-breaker over Larry Corder of Memphis, both with perfect scores of 5-0. (A cross-table is in this issue.) The event attracted 41 players.

1974 KNOXVILLE OPEN CHESS TOURNEY

By Richard Word

Maryville attorney Mack Garner Defeated Nashvillian Douglas Ralston in the final round at the 1974 Knoxville Open to take the Champion trophy and \$75 cash prize with a total score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. Ralston received the runner-up trophy for his 4 point score and split the \$50 cash prize with Richard Bennett of Concord, who defeated former Knoxville open champion Emmanuel Tsitsekli in the last round to also score 4 points. Richard White took the Class B trophy on tiebreaking points over Charles Ball (Alcoa), Richard Ward (Knoxville), and Thomas Noonan (Oak Ridge). All scored 3 points. The Class C trophy was won by Joe Roberdeau of Nashville on tiebreaks over Mike Bennett (Knoxville), both had 3 points. Jay Harris won the Under 1400 trophy with a 2 point score on tiebreaks over Gordon Norman, both from Knoxville. The event took place May 4-5 in Knoxville, U.T. Student Center.

In the Amateur section, Knoxville Ken Purser posted a perfect 5 point score to take the 1st place trophy. The second place trophy went to William Webb of Knoxville who scored 4 points. Alan Lewis, also of Knoxville, won the Under 1300 trophy with a $3\frac{1}{2}$ point total. Maryvillian Marion Teffteller won the Unrated trophy on tiebreak over Knoxville Steve Webb and Mark Wendel. All Scored 3 points.

There were 26 players in the Open section and 16 in the Amateur. The tournament was sponsored by the UT Chess Club. (Cross-tables in this issue)

TSITSEKLIS, SEARLES TOP "HATTER'S"

Emanuel Tsitsekli of Knoxville and Richard Searles of Cleveland both went 4-0 and divided 1st and 2nd place prize money in the 1974 MAD HATTER'S TORNADO held May 18 at U.T. Student Center in Knoxville. This was a comeback tournament for several players with Tsitsekli getting revenge for his Knoxville Open loss to Richard Bennett. Paul Dyer and Guy Kooi tied for top Class B honors at 3-1 to make up for a letdown during the Knoxville Open.

The event attracted 26 players. Cross-table is in this issue.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Memphis Amateur Championship was won by Philip Morgan 5-0, second was Mark McLaughlin with 4-1. Sixteen players participated.

The Memphis Spring Rating Tournament was won by James Rackley on tie-break over Dwight Weaver.

The Memphis City Championship was won by Eddie Middleton. Complete results will appear in next issue. (Above tourneys reported by Gary Pylant)

The June Music City Invitational was won by newcomer to Nashville John Logue. This was on his second try playing in an Invitational.

SENIOR MASTER TIM COMMONS SOUTHERN OPEN CHAMPION

Tim Commons, Senior Master of Los Angeles, Calif. and player in this year's U.S. Championship held later this month, was the winner on tie-breaks with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. He scored five wins, drew with Momic, but was upset by Albertson. Larry Christianson, of Riverside, Calif., who just became 1974 U.S. Junior Co-Champion, also had $5\frac{1}{2}$ points. He achieved his point total by winning four games and drawing Shaw, Momic, & Albertson. Three other players also scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ points including Master Bruce Albertson of White Hall, Pa., Master Milan Momic of Muscle Shoals, Ala.; and Expert Kenny Thomas of Memphis. Kenny can be very proud to be in such distinguished company, though his opposition was not quite of the caliber than the other top scorers. All five shared in the \$1,050 prize fund.

The Amateur Division Champion after tie-breaking is Miloslav Nekvasil of Washington, D.C. with a score of 6-1. Nashvillian Bruce Stearns also had 6-1 for runner-up honors. Four players scored $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ to tie for third place including Nashvillians Miller Batson and Brooks Egerton, and Dan West of Topeka, Kan. and Kelly Riley of Ontario, Canada.

The Novice Division was also won on tie-break by Otis Johnson of Memphis with a 6-1 score. Nashvillians Jonathan Thatcher and Woodrow Whitlow also achieved this score to share in the prize fund. Fourth place went to James White of Chattanooga with $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$.

The tournament can be considered a tremendous success. At least two records were broken. With 182 players this was the largest Southern ever held. Also this was the biggest turnout for a tournament in Tennessee.

TCN will not publish a crosstable of the three events due to space limitations. But many of the games will appear in future TCN issues. However, every participant will receive a record of the Southern in about a month including crosstables, games, the SCA meeting and new SCA officers.

The Music City Chess Association and Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company express their thanks to everyone who attended and helped make this event a great success. We also appreciate the many favorable comments we received for the direction and the facilities. Hope to see many of you back for the Tennessee Open in Nashville, Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31 - Sep. 2.

Twenty-five cash prizes were awarded at the tournament. Three additional prizes for Brilliancy games in the top two sections and for Best Game in the Novice will be awarded at a later date.

The prize winners were:

OPEN DIVISION

Open Champion - Kim Commons (L.A., Calif.)	Class A tie - G. Kvakovszky (Ind.)
Tie for First - Larry Christianson (Calif.)	- Mike Lucas (Ala.)
" " " Bruce Albertson (Pa.)	Class B - Rick White (Maryville)
" " " Milan Momic (Ala.)	Upset - Rodney Wright (Ky.)
" " " Kenny Thomas (Memphis)	

AMATEUR DIVISION

Amateur Champion - Miloslav Nekvasil (Wash.D.C.)	Third place Tie - Riley Kelly (Canada)
Second Place - Bruce Stearns (Nashville)	Class C - Brooks Egerton (Nashville)
Third place Tie - Mille Batson (Nashville)	Class D - Edward Todd (Ala.)
Brooks Egerton (Nashville)	Woman - M. Loosemore (Pa.)
Dan West (Kansas)	Upset - Kelly Riley (Canada)

NOVICE DIVISION

Novice Champion - Otis Johnson (Memphis)	4th Place - James White (Chattanooga)
Tie for First - John Thatcher (Nashville)	Unrated Tie - Mark Meyers (Ga.)
Woodrow Whitlow (Nashville)	- Stephen Webb (Knoxville)

FISCHER GIVES UP WORLD TITLE

Nice, France (UPI)- America's Bobby has resigned his International Chess Federation world champion title to protest conditions for world championship matches, officials at the 21st World Chess Olympiad said yesterday.

No official announcement of Fischer's resignation had been made at the International chess match by late yesterday (June 28), but Olympiad officials privately confirmed his action.

Officials explained that Fischer by implication means he will arrange his own private matches with contenders to his title. Any challenger to the title also will have to resign from the federation, officials said.

The U.S. chess expert notified federation officials of his action in a telegram, officials said.

FIDE CONSIDERS FISCHER'S MOVE

The International Chess Federation (FIDE) has refused to change its world title rules to suit Bobby Fischer. He will have 90 days to decide whether he wants to recind his resignation and defend his crown.

In further action the assembly voted 35-17 not to reopen discussion on the rules for Fischer's title defense, with the Soviet bloc and most of Western Europe in the majority against the United States, Canada, Spain, Chile, Israel and some smaller countries

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE USCF RATING ?

Recently Mr. Martin Morrison, USCF Technical Director, gave some figures of how the average USCF rating has reached a new low point. We quote from his letter to MICHIGAN CHESS:

Because we felt that the general chess public would be interested in seeing the comparative figures, we encouraged Prof. Elo to do an article for CHESS LIFE & REVIEW. The article will be published in the July issue, but for your own information, I cite the following highlights:

(1) The average rating of the USCF member has consistently declined over the last ten years. This is not deflation, but a mark of the recent influx of novice players. The figures are: 1963 / 1758-1770, 1968 / 1548-, 1970 / 1563, 1972 / 1362. (For Tenn. the rating was 1340 in 1973.)

(2) The number of players on the 1973 Annual Rating List was just under 37,000. Of these, 56% are rated under 1400 (classes D and E). Class C comprises about 23%, Class B 13%, Class A 5%, Above Class A 3%. (For comparisons you may wish to look at the figures for Tennessee based on the same rating list by John Nichols and found in TCN Jan. 74 issue.)

EDITORIAL

The USCF rating system has been a popular and effective means of comparing the strengt of chess players. Dr. Arpad Elo has been the prime developer of this rating system. In fact the system has just recently been adopted by FIDE and all the top chess players of the world are now rated. Unfortunately the system has in the last few years lost some of its reliability it once had. The main problem with it now is that quite frequently a new player may have received a rating of say 1300 when his actual playing strength may be closer to 1500 or even higher. This has resulted that players with established ratings may have lost as much as 200 points and more because of the lower rating received by a new player, rather than because of a change in their actual playing strength. Twenty years ago there was no rating below 1400. Today the average rating is below 1400. Does that mean we did not have players of average playing strength then? Another flaw in the system is the fact that beginning with 2300 or above players can lose or gain only half the points than players below that rating. When two different methods of calculating rating points are used there is obviously something wrong with the system.

The USCF rating system is in very serious need of revision or the ratings will get even more out of balance. I hope some effective changes will be made quickly.

MUSIC CITY APRIL INVITATIONAL 1974

PLAYER	RATING	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	SCORE	TIE-BREAK
1. M. C. Wright	1917	W9	W17	W2	W5	4-0	-
2. Joe Jones	1918	W7	W10	L1	W6	3-1	11
3. Curt Jones	1381	D15	D4	W10	W11	3-1	8½
4. Tibor Varga	UNR	W12	D3	D16	W15	3-1	8
5. Tom Farr	1591	W18	D8	W14	L1	2½-1½	8½
6. Steve Gibson	1539	D14	W20	W8	L2	2½-1½	7
7. Johnny Moore	1493	L2	D19	W20	W16	2½-1½	5½
8. Phillip Sawyer	1297	W11	D5	L6	D13	2-2	8½/4½
9. Jack Swift	1452	L1	W12	L11	W19	2-2	8½/4
10. Jerry Wright	1511	W19	L2	L3	W14	2-2	8/4½
11. Bruce Stearns	1646	L8	W18	W9	L3	2-2	8/4
12. Robert Yokley	1508	L4	L9	W18	W17	2-2	7
13. Glenn Cornwell	1627	D20	L14	W19	D8	2-2	4½
14. Jonathan Thatcher	1237	D6	W13	L5	L10	1½-2½	9
15. Doug Ralston	1902	D3	L16	W17	L4	1½-2½	8½
16. Alan Gullette	1778	L17	W15	D4	L7	1½-2½	8
17. Jerry Wheeler	1314	W16	L1	L15	L12	1-3	9
18. Steve Ellis	1241	L5	L11	L12	W20	1-3	7
19. Mickey Pachta	1212	L10	D7	L13	L9	½-3½	6
20. Fred Hunter	1246	D13	L6	L7	L18	½-3½	5½

MEMPHIS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP 1974

	RATING	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	SCORE
1. Morgan, Philip	1786	W6	W2	W10	W8	W3	5-0
2. McLaughlin, Mark	1496	W9	L1	W7	W11	W4	4-1
3. Little, James	1620	W7	D5	D8	W10	L1	3-2
4. Rackley, James	1566	W13	L8	W12	W5	L2	3-2
5. Corder, Larry	1459	W14	D3	D11	L4	W8	3-2
6. Neitzel, Bill	1224	L1	L12	W9	W14	W11	3-2
7. Maclin, Philip Sr.	1201	L3	W14	L2	W13	W10	3-2
8. Buchalter, Ralph L.	1255	W12	W4	D3	L1	L5	2½-2½
9. Hathaway, Robert L.	UNR	L2	D13	L6	WF	W14	2½-2½
10. Senn, Randall	UNR	W16	W15	L1	L3	L7	2-3
11. Maclin, Phil Jr.	UNR	D15	WF	D5	L2	L6	2-3
12. Medina, Juan	UNR	L8	W6	L4	LF	W13	2-3
13. Haglin, Howard	1102	L4	D9	WF	L7	L12	1½-3½
14. Hess, Paul	UNR	L5	L7	WF	L6	L9	1-4
15. Myers, David	1344	D11	L10	withdrew			½-4½
16. Wood, William D. Jr.	1251	L10	LF	withdrew			0-5

KING COTTON AMATEUR 1974
Memphis, May 4-5

PLAYER	RATING	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	SCORE
1. GRAY, DONNY (Ark.)	1388	W36	W11	W8	W10	W4	5-0
2. Corder, Larry (M)	1519	W20	W12	W19	W3	W11	5-0
3. Mills, Stephen (Ark)	1581	W6	W31	W14	L2	W13	4-1
4. Sturdivant, Leza (M)	1531	W27	W39	W7	W17	L1	4-1
5. Therrell, Ben (Ark.)	1238	L10	W36	W16	W21	W22	4-1
6. Smith, Hoeard W. (M)	1279	L3	W40	W28	W15	WF	4-1
7. Preston, Michael (M)	1327	W40	W10	L4	WF	D8	3½-1½
8. Smith, Jack E. Jr. (M)	1568	W24	W22	L1	W29	D7	3½-1½
9. McLaughlin, Mark (M)	1486	D26	L21	W30	W38	W19	3½-1½
10. McDade, Chris (M)	1549	W5	L7	W27	L1	W24	3-2
11. Williams, Robert (Miss)	1594	W18	L1	W26	W25	L2	3-2
12. Johnson, Otis Jr. (M)	UNR	W38	L2	W24	L13	W31	3-2
13. Turpin, James P. MD)	1367	L30	W34	W37	W12	L3	3-2
14. Brooks, Earl (LA)	1485	W29	W30	L3	LF	W25	3-2
15. Moody, Eulis J. (Dyersb.)	1469	W41	L19	W20	L6	W35	3-2
16. Shirley, Peter (Ark.)	1527	W35	L25	L5	W26	W27	3-2
17. Stokes, Robert (Ark.)	1493	W37	W28	W25	L4	LF	3-2
18. McHaney, Nelson (Ark.)	1313	L11	L20	Bye	W39	W29	3-2
19. Spencer, Stephen Dean (Miss)	UNR	W32	W15	L2	D22	L9	2½-2½
20. Sarvis, J. Edward (M)	1204	L2	W18	L15	W32	D21	2½-2½
21. Weis, Louis (M)	1431	L28	W9	W35	L5	D20	2½-2½
22. Bock, Michael (M)	1354	W33	L8	W39	D19	L5	2½-2½
23. Scowden, James R. (M)	1392	L25	L29	W33	W37	D26	2½-2½
24. Bowden, Pearce (M)	1250	L8	W41	L12	W30	L10	2-3
25. Hathaway, Robert L. (M)	1235	W23	W16	L17	L11	L14	2-3
26. Dwight Weaver (Miss)	1147	D4-	W38	L11	L16	D23	2-3
27. Maclin, Philip S. Sr. (M)	1218	L4	W32	L10	W36	L16	2-3
28. Howe, Lawrence (Ark.)	UNR	W21	L17	L6	L31	W38	2-3
29. Antrim, Donnie (M)	UNR	L14	W23	W31	L8	L18	2-3
30. Murphy, Keith G. (M)	UNR	W13	L14	L9	L24	W37	2-3
31. Rigsby, Jerry E. (M)	1352	W34	L3	L29	W28	L12	2-3
32. Marlowe, Jerry L. (Ark)	1333	L19	L27	W34	L20	W36	2-3
33. Sims, D. Bouglas (Miss)	UNR	L22	L35	L23	Bye	W39	2-3
34. Smeeth, Richard (M)	UNR	L31	L13	L32	W40	W41	2-3
35. Morris, Billy (Ark.)	1211	L16	W33	L21	D41	L15	1½-3½
36. Morrison, Ronald (M)	UNR	L1	L5	W41	L27	L32	1-4
37. Neitzel, Bill (M)	1198	L17	Bye	L13	L23	L30	1-4
38. Myers, David (M)	1392	L12	L26	W40	L9	L28	1-4
39. Haglin, Howard (M)	1089	Bye	L4	L22	L18	L33	1-4
40. Therrell, Paul (Ark)	UNR	L7	L6	L38	L34	Bye	1-4
41. Beal, Reginald (Miss.)	UNR	L15	L24	L36	D35	L34	½-4½

Abbreviation used: M=Memphis

Tournament Director: Gary M. Pylant

Tournament Prize Winners: 1st Donny Gray (Ark) 5-0; 2nd Larry Corder (Memphis) 5-0; 3rd Stephen Mills (Ark) 4-1; 4th Leza Sturdivant (Memphis) 4-1; 5th Ben Therrell (Ark) 4-1; 6th Howard Smith (Memphis) 4-1; Class D Ben Therrell (Arkansas); Class E Dwight Weaver (Mississippi) 2-3

KNOXVILLE OPEN 1974

May 4-5

PLAYER	RATING	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	SCORE	TIE-BREAK
1. Garner, Mack (M)	1906	W14	D7	W16	W10	W2	4½-½	14
2. Ralston, Douglas (N)	1902	W13	W11	W3	W4	L1	4-1	16½
3. Bennett, Richard (C)	1765	W8	W21	L2	W12	W4	4-1	14
4. Tsitsekliis, Emanuel (K)	1959	W15	W6	W5	L2	L3	3-2	16
5. Ellis, David (K)	1824	W22	W12	L4	W7	L10	3-2	13 9
6. Word, Richard (K)	1729	W17	L4	W13	D9	D8	3-2	13 8
7. White, Rick (M)	1754	W23	D1	W19	L5	D9	3-2	13 7½
8. Roberdeau, Joe (N)	1562	L3	W15	W21	D13	D6	3-2	12
9. Bennett, Mike (N)	1564	L19	W20	W11	D6	D7	3-2	11½ 7½
10. Coveyou, Robert (OR)	1944	LF	W18	W14	L1	W5	3-2	11½ 7
11. Noonan, Thomas (OR)	1632	W20	L2	L9	WF	W16	3-2	10 6 3
12. Ball, Charles (Aloa)	1719	W26	L5	W22	L3	W15	3-2	10 6 3
13. Kool, Guy (N)	1614	L2	W17	L6	D8	D14	2-3	14
14. Isbill, Walter (Loisv)	1615	L1	W23	L10	D16	D13	2-3	12½
15. Newkirk, Eddie (N)	1619	L4	L8	W17	WF	L12	2-3	11 8
16. Harris, Jay (K)	1204	WF	D19	L1	D14	L11	2-3	11 6½
17. Norman, Gordan (K)	1270	L6	L13	L15	W25	WF	2-3	7
18. Oda, Kenneth (K)	1516	LF	L10	W20	LF	W25	2-3	4
19. Murr, Kenneth (Rockford)	1772	W9	D16	L7	withdrawn		1½-3½	
20. Colson, Randy (K)	UNR	L11	L9	L18	Bye	LF	1-4	8
21. Dyer, Paul (K)	1628	W25	L3	L8	withdrawn		1-4	7
22. Bawgus, Gary (JC)	1606	L5	W25	L12	withdrawn		1-4	6
23. Thompson, Rick (JC)	1420	L7	L14	W25	withdrawn		1-4	5
24. Clifford, Mike (K)	1450?	WF	withdrawn				1-4	1
25. Groeniger, Louis (K)	UNR	L21	L22	L23	L17	L18	0-5	7
26. Aslinger, Dennis (Clinton)	UNR	L12	withdrawn				0-5	3

KNOXVILLE AMATEUR 1974

May 4-5

PLAYER	RATING	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	SCORE	TIE-BREAK
1. Purser, Ken (K)	1361	W15	W4	W5	W2	W7	5-0	12½
2. Webb, William (K)	UNR	W9	W3	W7	L1	W4	4-1	16½
3. Lewis, Alan (K)	1008	W16	L2	W13	D5	W10	3½-1½	11
4. Teffteller, Marion (M)	UNR	W12	L1	W9	W8	L2	3-2	16
5. Webb, Steve (K)	UNR	W11	W8	L1	D3	D9	3-2	15½
6. Wendel, Mark (K)	UNR	L8	L11	W15	W14	W13	3-2	7
7. Boling, Denis (M)	1140	D13	W10	L2	W11	L1	2½-2½	15
8. Hammond, David (K)	UNR	W6	L5	W12	L4	D11	2½-2½	13
9. Brindampur, Ron (K)	UNR	L2	W16	L4	W12	D5	2½-2½	12
10. Pierce, Steve (K)	UNR	W14	L7	D11	W13	L3	2½-2½	10½
11. Boling, Gary (Georgia)	UNR	L5	W6	D10	L7	D8	2-3	13½
12. Martin, Chris (Oneida)	807	L4	W15	L8	L9	W14	2-3	9
13. Jamison, George (K)	UNR	D7	W14	L3	L10	L6	1½-3½	12½
14. Tibbals, Jeff (Oneida)	896	L10	L13	W16	L6	L12	1-4	9
15. Hannah, Chuck (K)	UNR	L1	L12	L6	withdrawn		0-5	10
16. Kelly, Bob (OR)	UNR	L3	L9	L14	withdrawn		0-5	7

Abbreviations used: K=Knoxville, M=Maryville, OR=Oak Ridge, JC=Johnson City
N=Nashville, C=Clinton.

MAD HATTER'S TORNADO (KNOXVILLE) 1974
May 18

PLAYER	RATING	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	SCORE	TIE-BREAK
1. Tsitsekis, Emanuel (K)	1959	W14	W3	W9	W5	4-0	10
2. Searles, Richard (C)	1795	W24	W6	W13	W8	4-0	7½
3. Dyer, Paul (K)	1628	W21	L1	W16	W13	3-1	9
4. Kooi, Guy (N)	1614	W22	D11	D12	W15	3-1	8
5. Bennett, Richard (Concord)	1790	W18	W10	D8	L1	2½-1½	10½
6. Bennett, Mike (N)	1564	W17	L2	W20	D9	2½-1½	9½
7. Ball, Charles (Alcoa)	1697	W16	D13	W11	D10	2½-1½	9/4½/4½
8. Webb, William (K)	UNR	W25	W14	D6	L2	2½-1½	9/4½/3.75
9. Word, Richard (K)	1729	W23	W20	L1	D6	2½-1½	8½
10. Laws, Charles (C)	1507	W15	L5	W21	D7	2½-1½	8
11. Garner, Mack (M)	1927	WF	D4	L7	W21	2½-1½	6½/3½
12. Isbill, Walter (L)	1640	L20	W22	D4	W18	2½-1½	6½/2½
13. Dodson, Noal (Chattanooga)	1278	W19	W7	L2	L3	2-2	11
14. Harris, Jay (K)	1204	L1	L8	W23	W20	2-2	8½
15. Webb, Steve (K)	UNR	L10	W26	W19	L4	2-2	7/4
16. Barwick, John (K)	UNR	L7	W25	L3	W22	2-2	7
17. Stoughton, John (K)	UNR	L6	W23	L18	W24	2-2	5½
18. Alexander, Steve (K)	UNR	L5	D19	W17	L12	1½-2½	8½
19. Wendel, Mark (K)	UNR	L13	D18	L15	W25	1½-3½	6
20. Groeniger, Louis (K)	UNR	W12	L9	L6	L14	1-3	9½
21. Jamison, George (K)	UNR	L3	W24	L10	L11	1-3	8½
22. Knight, Sidney (N)	UNR	L4	L12	W26	L16	1-3	7½
23. Boling, Gary (Georgia)	UNR	L9	L17	L14	W26	1-3	6½
24. Boling, Dennis (M)	1140	L2	L21	D25	L17	½-3½	7½
25. Whitehead, Dale (M)	UNR	L8	L16	D24	L19	½-3½	6½
26. Adams, Dick (K)	1208	LF	L15	L22	L23	0-5	4

Abbreviations used: M=Maryville, K=Knoxville; L=Louisville, TN; C=Cleveland, TN

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PLAYER	RATING	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	SCORE	TIE-BREAK
1. Doug Ralston	1863	W9	W6	W4	D2	3½-½	10
2. Vernon Vix	1897	W12	W7	W3	D1	3½-½	9½
3. M. C. Wright	1906	W5	W8	L2	W6	3-1	9
4. John Logue	1904	D10	W9	L1	W8	2½-1½	7
5. Jerry Wright	1511	L3	D11	W13	W10	2½-1½	9½
6. Steve Gibson	1541	W13	L1	W7	L3	2-2	8
7. Tibor Varga	1562	W11	L2	L6	W13	2-2	7½
8. Tom Farr	1735	W14	L3	W10	L4	2-2	7
9. Curt Jones	1393	L1	L4	W14	W12	2-2	7
10. Robert Yokley	1508	D4	W14	L8	L5	1½-2½	7
11. Fred Hunter	1246	L7	D5	L12	W14	1½-2½	5½
12. Jack Swift	1427	L2	L13	W11	L9	1-3	8
13. Steve Ellis	1241	L6	W12	L5	L7	1-3	7½
14. Jerry Wheeler	1288	L8	L10	L9	L11	0-4	

ANNOTATED GAMES

PIRC DEFENCE White: Steve Gibson (1563) Black: Vernon Vix (1917) Music City Invit.
 1 P-K4 P-KN3 2 P-Q4 P-Q3 3 N-QB3 B-N2 4 P-B4 N-KB3 5 N-B3 P-B4 6 PXP Q-R4 7 B-Q2 QxBP
 8 B-N5ch QN-Q2 9 Q-K2 O-0 10 O-0-0 (a) P-QR3 11 BxN. (b) BxB 12 B-K3 Q-QR4 13 P-K5 (c)
 N-K1 14 PXP NXP 15 B-B5! (d) BxN 16 QxKP N-B5 17 B-QR3 (e) NxB 18 RxB BxPch 19 KxB
 N-B5ch 20 K-B1 (f) QR-K1 21 Q-B6 Q-R6ch 22 K-N1 R-K3 (g) 23 Q-Q4 R-N3ch (h) 24 K-R1
 Q-R5 25 N-Q2 (i) R-N5 26 N-K4 R-N7 27 N-B3? (j) Q-B3 28 N-Q5 RxPch 29 K-N1 (k) Q-N4ch
 30 K-B1 Q-N7ch 31 QxQ RxQ 32 R-B7 R-R7 33 K-N1 R-R5 34 RxNP R-Q1 35 R-Q1 K-N2 36 N-B3
 RxRch 37 NxB N-R6ch 38 K-N2 N-N4 39 P-N3 R-Q5 40 N-B3 R-N5ch 41 K-R1 N-R6 42 RxR NXPch
 43 K-N2 NxB 44 K-N3 N-B3 45 N-K4 P-B4 46 N-Q6 N-Q5ch 47 K-K4 N-B6 48 P-R3 P-R4 49 N-B4
 N-N8 50 K-R5 NXP 51 N-Q2 N-B7 52 KXP K-B3 53 K-N5 N-K5 54 N-B1 P-N4 55 K-B4 PXP 56 PXP
 P-R5 57 K-Q4 P-R6 58 K-K3 K-N3 59 K-B3 K-R4 60 N-N3ch NxB 61 KxB P-R7 62 KXP K-R5 63
 K-N2 K-N5 64 K-B1 KXP 65 K-B2 K-N5 66 K-N2 P-B5 67 K-B2 P-B6 68 K-B1 K-N6 69 K-N1 Drawn

Annotations by Doug Ralston from Music City Chess

- (a) A double-edged line as will be seen
- (b) Otherwise black gains a tremendous time advantage with P-QN4.
- (c) Now white activates.
- (d) Now if 15...QxB is followed by 16 QxKP; all is pyrotechnics.
- (e) Now mates lurk around the white king but still he is in the game.
- (f) Material is even and white's king is exposed; black is winning, right?
- (g) Surely white can't hold out much longer
- (h) R-K5 looks pretty good for black here.
- (i) Now White starts to find moves!
- (j) White misses the brilliant finish 27. N-B6ch! K-N2 (if ...K-R1 28 N-R5ch P-B3 29 QxBPch!! and mate) 28 N-K8dblch! K-R3 29 Q-N7ch K-R4 30 N-B6ch and mate!
- (k) Of course KxR loses the queen. The rest is a sort of letdown after what has come before. (Still Gibson deserves credit for not misplaying the ending a pawn down and getting a draw, Editor)

FRENCH DEFENCE White: Paul Kureda (1917) Black: John Hurt (2020) King Cotton Open

1. e4	e3	13 Ne5	Qc8	25 Ra8ch	Kd7	37 d5	Qd5
2. d4	d5	14 Rb1	Bd6	26 Re8	Re8	38 Qf6	Re6
3. Nd2	Be7	15 Ba3	Ba3	27 Qb3	Qe6	39 Qf7ch	Ka6
4. Ngf3	Nf6	16 Qa3	Bf5	28 bc	Kc7	40 Qf8	b5
5. ed (a)	ed	17 Rf5	Qf5	29 Rb1	Na5	41 Qb4	Rc6
6. bd3	Bg4	18 Rf1!?(d)	Ng4	30 Qb5	b6	42 a4	Rc5
7. O-0	Nc6	19 Ng4	Qg4	31 h3(h)	Qc6	43 g3(?)	g5
8. c3	Qd7	20 Rb4	Re2	32 Qd3	g6	44 abch	Rb5
9. Re1	O-0-0?1 b	21 Nf3	f6 (e)	33 Nd2	Nc4(?)	45 Ra1ch	Kb6
10. b4	Rde8?(c)	22 Ra4	Kc8(f)	34 Nc4	dc	46 Qe7	Qb7
11 b5	Nd8	23 Ra7	Rhe8	35 Qg3ch	Kb7	47 Qe6?(i)	Flag
12 Qa4	Kb8	24 b6!	Nc6 (g)	36 Qh4	h5		

Annotations by Paul Kureda from the Arkansas Chess Newsletter

- (a) If 5. e5, white's knight at f3 is misplaced (f3 is needed for the queen's knight).
- (b) Hurt needed a win to tie for first; therefore, he tries to complicate the game. Better is 9...O-0.
- (c) Better is 10...Bd6.
- (d) Rb4 could not be played immediately because of ...Ng4!
- (e) Preventing Ne5.
- (f) 22...a6! 23 ba, b6 24 a7, Ka8 25 c4 with an edge.
- (g) If 24...,cb or 24...,c6, then 25 Qd6 forces mate.
- (h) Threatens 32. Re1
- (i) 47. Qd6 wins the queen.

GAMES FROM STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE White: Curt Jones (1381) Black: Bruce Stearns (1642)
 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 Bg7 4 Nc3 0-0 5 e4 d6 6 Be2 Nbd7 7 0-0 c5 8 d5 Ne8 9 Bf4 Nb6
 10 a4 a5 11 Qd2 f5 12 e5 de 13 Bxe5 Nd6 14 b3 Nd7 15 Bxg7 Kxg7 16 Ng5 Nf6 17 f4 h6
 18 Nf3 Nde4 19 Nxe4 Nxe4 20 Qe3 Qd6 21 g3 b6 22 Bd3 Nf6 23 Rfe1 Re8 24 Rad1 Ng4 25
 Qe2 Bd7 26 h3 Nf6 27 Bc2 Rad8 28 Ne5 Rdc8 29 Qf3 Rc7 30 Nxd7 Rxd7 31 Re6 Qc7 32 Rde1
 Rd6 33 g4 fg 34 hg g5 35 Qd3 Rxe6 36 Qg6 Kf8 37 dxe6 Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENCE White: Robert Holyfield (1632) Black: Phillip Sawyer (1297)
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 a6 3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Qb6 8 Nb3 Qe3ch 9 Qe2 Qxe2
 10 Bxe2 Nbd7 11 0-0-0 b5 12 a3 Be7 13 Bf3 Bg7 14 Rd3 Rb8 15 Na5 Ba8 16 g4 Nc5 17 Re3
 b4 18 ab Rxb4 19 Bxf6 Bxf6 20 Rd1 Bd4 21 Re2 Ke7? 22 Nd5ch! Bxd5 23 c3 Nb3ch 24 Nxb3
 Bxb3 25 Rxd4 Rxd4 26 cd Rc8 27 Kbl f6 28 Rd2 a5 29 Bd1 Bxd1 30 Rxd1 Kd7 31 Ka2 Rc2
 32 h3 Kc7 33 Re1 g6 34 f5 gf 35 ef e5 36 de de 37 g5 Rf2 38 gf Rxf5 39 f7 Kd6 40 Re4
 Rxf7 41 Ra4 Ra7 42 b4 Kc6 43 Kb3 Kb5 44 ba Rxa5 45 Rxa5ch Kxa5 46 Kc4 Kb6 47 Kd5 Kc7
 48 Kxe5 Kd7 49 Kf6 h5 50 Kg6 Ke7 51 Drawn

RETI OPENING White: Marty Watkins (1271) Black: Jonathan Thatcher (1237)
 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 d3 d6 5 e4 c5 6 0-0 0-0 7 Nd2 Nc6 8 Re1 Bd7 9 c3 e6
 10 d4 cd 11 cd Qc7 12 Nb3 Ne8 13 Bd2 f5 14 d5 Ne5 15 Nxe5 Bxe5 16 de Bxe6 17 Rc1 Qf7
 18 ef Qxf5 19 f4 Bxf2 20 Bxb7 Bxc1 21 Bxa8 Bxd2 22 Qd2 Bxb3 23 ab Qc5ch 24 Qe3 Qxe3ch
 25 Rxe3 Nc7 26 Bf3 Kf7 27 Kf2 Kf6 28 Bg4 Re8 29 Rd3 d5 30 Rd4 Rd8 31 Ke3 Nb5 32 Rd3
 d4ch 33 Kd2 Nc3 34 Kc2 Ne4 35 Be2 Rc8ch 36 Kb2 Rd8 37 Kc2 Rc8ch 38 Kc2 Rc8ch 40 Kb2 ½-½

CENTER COUNTER DEFENCE White: Mickey Pachta (1212) Black: Clarence Beasley (UNR)
 1 P-K4 P-Q4 2 PXP QXP 3 N-QB3 Q-QR4 4 P-QN3 P-QB3 5 Q-B3 N-KB3 6 P-KR3 B-B4 7 B-Q3 BxB
 8 QxB N-Q2 9 N-B3 P-K3 10 0-0 B-R6 11 BxB QxB 12 R-K1 0-0 13 N-KN5 R-Q1 14 KN-K4 Q-K2
 15 Q-K3 N-N3 16 KR-Q1 N-Q4 17 NxB BPN 18 Q-B5 R-Q2 19 QxQ RxQ 20 N-N5 P-Q5 21 P-QB4
 R-B1 22 N-B3 P-K4 23 R-K1 N-Q2 24 P-Q3 P-QR4 25 R-K2 P-B3 26 N-Q2 N-B4 27 R/2-K2 NXP
 28 KR-Q1 N-B4 29 R-K1 N-Q6 30 K-R2 NXR 31 RxB P-B4 32 P-B3 P-QN3 33 P-R3 R/1-K1 34
 P-KN4 P-K5 35 PXP P-K6 36 N-K4 R-Q1 37 P-B6 PXP 38 NXPch K-N2 39 N-Q5 R-K3 40 N-B4
 R/3-Q3 41 N-Q3 K-B3 42 P-B4 K-B4 43 K-N3 R-KN1ch 44 K-B3 R/3-N3 45 N-K5 R-N6ch 46 K-K2
 KXP 47 N-Q3ch K-K5 48 N-B1 RXP 49 P-N4 R-R7ch 50 K-Q1 and resigns

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BENKO GAMBIT White: Robert Yokley (1508) Black: Jerry Wheeler (1314)
 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-B4 3 P-Q5 P-QN4 4 PXP P-QR3 5 P-K3 P-Q3 6 N-QB3 P-N3 7 N-B3
 B-N2 8 PXP BXP 9 BxB NxB 10 0-0 0-0 11 R-K1 Q-N3 12 P-K4 KR-N1 13 Q-K2 N-Q2 14 P-KR3
 N-N5 15 B-B4 Q-R3 16 P-R3 QxQ RxQ N-Q6 18 B-B1 NXP 19 RxB BxN 20 RxBch RxB 21 R-R2
 R-N8 22 R-B2 B-N7 23 RxB RxBch 24 K-R2 R-B5 25 R-N7 N-K4 26 RXP RXP 27 K-N3 P-B4
 28 NxB RxB 29 RxB PxB 30 K-B3 K-B2 31 P-QR4 K-K2 32 P-R5 Resigns

BIRDS OPENING White: Tibor Varga (UNR) Black: Robert Yokley (1508)
 1 P-KB4 P-K3 2 P-K4 P-QN3 3 P-Q4 B-N2 4 B-Q3 P-KB4 5 N-Q2 N-KB3 6 Q-K2 PXP 7 NXP B-K2
 8 N-B3 0-0 9 P-B3 BxN 10 BxB NxB 11 QxN N-B3 12 B-K3 Q-K1 13 0-0-0 Q-B2 14 P-KN4 B-Q3
 15 N-K5 BxN 16 BPN Q-B6 17 Q-Q3 QXP 18 QR-N1 Q-B4 19 Q-Q2 K-R1 20 R-N5 Q-B2 21 R/1-N1
 R-N1 22 P-R4 N-K2 23 P-R5 N-B4 24 B-B2 P-R3 25 R-N6 N-K2 26 RXPch! PxB 27 QXPch Q-R2
 28 Q-B6ch R-N2 29 P-R6! N-B4 30 PxBch NXP 31 B-K3 R-N1 32 R-N6! Q-R8ch 33 K-B2 Q-R7ch
 34 K-N3 Resigns

SELECTED GAMES

PIRC DEFENCE White: Bill Orton (2026) Black: Paul Kureda (1917)
 1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nf3 d6 4 c3 Nf6 5 Bd3 0-0 6 0-0 Nc6 7 Nbd2 Nd7 8 b4 e5 9 b5 Ne7
 10 Qc2 d5 11 Ba3 ed 12 cd de 13 Nxe4 Nb6 14 Rac1 Nbd5 15 Re1 Re8 16 Ng3 Nf4 17 Bc4
 Be6 18 Ng5 Bxc4 19 Qxc4 Qd5 20 Nf3 Qxc4 21 Rxc4 Ned5 22 Rxe8ch Rxe8 23 Kf1 Re3!
 24 Ra4 Rd3 25 Rxa7 Rd1ch 26 Ne1 Bxd4 27 Ra8ch Kg7 28 Bf8ch Kf6 29 Ne4ch Ke6 30 Ng5ch
 Kf5 31 Nf3 Bc3 32 Re8 Bxe1 33 Nxe1 Nd3 34 Bg7 f6 35 h3 Nc3 36 g4ch Kf4 37 Bxf6 Ne4!
 38 Ke2 Reich 39 Kxd3 Nxf2ch 40 Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENCE White: Mike Webb Black: Eddie Middleton
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 g6 5 c4 Bg7 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Nc3 Ng4 8 Qxg4 Nxd4 9 Qd1
 Ne6 10 Rf1 Qe5 11 a3 d6 12 Bd3 Bd7 13 0-0 g5 14 f4 gf 15 Qf3 Bxc3 16 Rxc3 fe 17 Qxf7ch
 Kd8 18 Rf5 Qb6 19 c5 Nxc5 20 Resigns (Above two games submitted by Gary Pylant)

SCOTCH GAMBIT DECLINED White: John Hurt Black: Robert Hollyfield
 1 P-K4 N-QB3 2 N-KB3 P-K4 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 P-B3 P-Q4 5 PXP/5 QXP 6 PXP B-N5 7 B-K2 N-B3
 8 N-B3 Q-KR4 9 B-K3 B-N5 10 0-0 0-0 11 P-KR3 QR-Q1 12 R-K1 P-QR3 13 PxB NXP 14 P-KN3
 N-K4 15 N-R4 P-KN4 16 BxN NxB 17 N-B3 P-QB4 18 BxP P-B3 19 B-R4 PXP 20 Q-N3ch Resigns
 (Submitted by John Hurt, above games from King Cotton Open)

SICILIAN DEFENCE White: Danny Williamson (1658) Black: James Little (1620)
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-QB3 N-QB3 3 P-KN3 P-K3 4 B-N2 N-B3 5 P-Q3 P-Q3 6 P-B4 Q-B2 7 N-B3
 N-Q5! 8 0-0 Nxnch 9 QxN R-QN1 10 B-K3 B-K2 11 QR-K1 0-0 12 P-KR3 P-QN3 13 P-KN4 P-KN3
 14 P-B5 B-N2 15 P-N5 N-R4? 16 P-B6 B-Q1 17 N-K2 P-Q4 18 P-KR4 PXP 19 PXP P-K4 20 N-N3
 N-B5 21 P-R5 Q-Q2 22 BxN PxB 23 QXP B-B2? 24 Q-R4 B-R3 25 R-B2 Q-Q3 26 PXP BXP 27 Q-R6
 R-B2 28 P-K5 Q-K3 29 B-Q5! QxB 30 P-K6 BxN 31 R-Q2! B-R7ch 32 QxB QxPch 33 R-N2 QxRch
 34 KxQ! RXP 35 QxRch and wins (From Arkansas Newsletter from King Cotton Open)

RETI OPENING White: Doug LaVerne (1696) Black: Mirbaha (1667)
 1 N-KB3 P-Q4 2 P-QN3 N-KB3 3 B-N2 P-K3 4 P-K3 P-B4 5 B-K2 N-B3 6 P-Q4 B-K2 7 QN-Q2
 P-QR3 8 P-B4 0-0 9 0-0 R-N1 10 R-B1 PXP 11 NXP NxB 12 BxN B-Q2 13 B-Q3 B-Q3 14 PXP
 PXP (a) 15 B-B3? Q-R4? 16 BxN QxN 17 BxPch KxB 18 Q-R5ch K-N1 19 Q-N5 Resigns
 (a) It's a pity he didn't play NXP; the arrangement of the Q-file would have deserved
 a diagram.

RETI OPENING White: Doug LaVerne (1696) Black: Burns (1563)
 1 N-KB3 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-KN3 3 N-B3 B-N2 4 P-K4 P-Q3 5 P-Q4 B-N5 6 P-KR3 BxN 7 QxB
 QN-Q2 8 B-N5 P-B3 9 Q-K3 0-0 10 0-0-0 R-K1 11 B-K2 P-K4 12 P-Q5 PXP 13 BXP N-B4
 14 P-KB4 P-KR4 15 P-B3 Q-B2(?) 16 K-N1 N-R2 17 B-R6 B-R1 18 P-KN4 P-KB4? 19 PxBP PXP
 20 PXP N-B3 21 N-K4 N/4ch(?) 22 PxN K-B2 23 KR-N1 R-KN1 24 B-B3 P-N3 25 Q-K2 RxB
 26 RxB Q-B4?! 27 BxPch NxB 28 QxNch K-K2 29 B-N5ch K-Q2 30 Q-B7ch Resigns
 (Last two from Geo. Washington Birthday Open in D.C. submitted by Doug LaVerne)

POLISH OPENING White: Guy Kooli (1571) Black: Gottschlich (1749)
 1 P-QN4 P-K4 2 P-N5 P-Q4 3 B-N2 P-KB3 4 P-K3 B-K3 5 N-KB3 P-B3 6 B-K2 P-B3 7 0-0 Q-B2
 8 B-R3 P-B4 9 P-Q4 P-K5 10 PXP BXP 11 N-Q4 BxN 12 QxB N-K2 13 N-B3 N-B4 14 NXP Q-B2
 15 QXP K-Q1 16 KR-Q1 N-Q2 17 N-B4 R-K1 18 QXP 19 R-Q2 R-B2 20 Q-R8ch R-B1 21 QXP B-B2
 22 Q-R5 P-N4 23 P-N6 Resigns (From Pan-American Intercollegiate Championship)

GUICO PIANO White: Jerry Wheeler 1314) Black: Gary Newsom (UNR)
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 B-B4 4 P-B3 N-B3 5 P-Q4 B-N3 6 Q-Q3 PXP 7 PXP P-Q4
 8 PXP NXP 9 0-0 0-0 10 B-K3 B-N5 11 QN-Q2 R-K1 12 P-QR3 Q-Q3 13 Q-N3 QR-Q1 14 R-K1
 R-Q2 15 B-B4 RxRch 16 RxR Q-B1 17 BxN N-R4 18 Q-R2 P-KR3 19 N-K5 Q-K2 20 BxPch K-R2
 21 B-N8ch Resigns (From Tenn. H.S. Championship from Music City Chess)

TENNESSEE POSTAL CHESS
by Richard Searles

The deadline has passed for reporting preliminary round results in the 1973 Postal Championships and all remaining games should be submitted for adjudication purposes. However, if you desire to continue your game and both players agree to the continuation, then you may do so as all finalists have been determined. Those finalists and the sections they represent are as follows: TC-1-73 G. E. Fawbush, TC-2-73 Jack Fielden, TC-3-73 David Nuckols, TC-4-73 Glenn Horton, TC-5-73 Richard Searles, TC-6-73 Richard Hargrove and James Johnson. By the time you read this the final pairings should be in the mail. As I previously announced, Gary White had also qualified for the finals in TC-4-73 but regretfully had to withdraw.

The deadline for entering the 1974 Postal Championship is Sept. 1, 1974, so if you have been thinking of entering please do so soon. I have a section partially completed and should be able to send you pairings within a few days. The two latest sections to begin play are TC-6-74 with M. Ellis, B. Maclin, L. Groeniger, J. Logue contesting, and TC-7-74 with R. Searles, B. Ritenour, J. Smith and M. Ellis battling for the honors.

The entry fee is \$2.50 per section and should be sent to R. Searles, Rt. 2 Cleveland, Tenn. 37311.

GAME RESULTS: TC-F-72 Reh 1 Horton 0
 TC-1-73 Fawbush 2 Irwin 0
 Fawbush 2 Buchalter 0
 TC-2-73 Fielden 1 Kruglewicz 0
 TC-2-73 Bennett 1½ Kruglewicz ½
 TC-3-73 Nuckols 1 Fielden 0
 TC-6-73 Hargrove 1 Johnson 0
 TC-1-74 Walker 0 Stephenson 0
 TC-2-74 Fawbush 1 McGinnis 0
 TC-2-74 Lyles 2 Stephenson 0
 TC-3-74 Carter 1 Knight 0
 Carter 1 Horton 0

RATINGS:

Bennett	563	Irwin	614	Nuckols	574
Buchalter	480	Ishee	450	Reh	822
Carter	514	Johnson	525	Ritenour	500
Ellis, D.	679	Jordan	450	Roman	550
Ellis, M.	400	Knighr	486	Searles	877
Fausey	489	Kruglewicz	465	Smith	600
Fawbush	958	LaVerne	764	Stephens	474
Fielden	552	Logue	900	Stephenson	538
Finger	356	Lundin	498	Thompson	500
Freeman	418	Lyles	542	Tucker	364
Grounds	424	Maclin	700	Vaughn	582
Hall	580	McGinnis	394	Walker	580
Hargrove	542	Meadows	424	White	876
Horton	478	Mikulecky	617		

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