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EDITORIAL

By TCA PRESIDENT MACK GARNER

In this probably long overdue editorial I first wish to thank Harry Sabine for his work in the organization and direction of the East Tennessee Regional Tournament. The turnout was excellent, and all arrangements had been made without a single problem. I also want to commend Fairfield Glade for providing us with an excellent tournament site as well as beautiful condominiums to stay in. I would like to suggest to all tournament organizers that they consider Fairfield Glade as a possible site for future tournaments. I know of no other facilities in the state which are any better, and few which are even comparable.

Second, I want to inform you that my term ends on Labor Day, as does that of the Secretary Treasurer, and the Editor. This means that we are seeking nominations for new officers. Anyone who is interested in running for a T.C.A. office or who would like to nominate anyone else for an office please get your nominations in early to either me or Pete Lahde so that we can have some kind of ballot ready for Labor Day.

Third, and probably most important, Pete tells me that he will be retiring as Editor of the Tennessee Chess News in a year or two. He needs to find an assistant who will eventually take over full editorship. If you know of anyone with the qualification and dedication to do this job, please let us know as soon as possible.

I would like to take time out here to say a few words about Peter Lahde. The organization will miss him tremendously. When I first began to play chess, for all intents and purposes, Peter Lahde was the Tennessee Chess Association. When no one else seemed to be interested, he published and edited the magazine, organized and ran the Tennessee Open, corresponded with organizations throughout the state, and generally kept the organization from disappearing completely. Especially his work with the Tennessee Chess News has been worthy of great admiration. I have worked for a while with the U.T. Chess News letter, and I know the amount of work that goes into producing such a magazine. Pete has put out T.C.N. single handed for as long as I can remember, and we should all be very grateful for his work.

Finally I would like to discuss the Tennessee Junior Championship. I have heard much interest expressed in a tournament of this sort. I would like to make a discussion of this idea part of the agenda of our Labor Day annual meeting, so please come prepared with suggestions about such a tournament.

TENNESSEE OPEN 1977 - For details of the 32nd Tennessee Open please see the last page of this issue under "Tournament Calendar" and also the special insert enclosed.

REGIONAL EVENTS HAVE MIXED SUCCESS

By Peter Lahde

The East Tennessee Championship was by far the most successful tournament of the three "regional" events held. It attracted forty-six players. While the largest USCF membership in Tennessee resides in East Tennessee perhaps this is not surprising. But East Tennessee also drew the highest percentage with 21%. The Middle Tennessee event with only 29 players had, of course, a smaller turnout than expected. This represents about 18% of the USCF membership for that region. To achieve 21% participation would have meant only five more players. But very disappointing was the small turnout from West Tennessee. Here only 18 players were ready to do battle. This represents about 14% of the USCF membership for that region. Twenty-seven players would have been needed to achieve the 21% participation achieved in East Tennessee.

Why was the participation lower in Middle Tennessee and even more so for West Tennessee? We don't have all the answers yet but should have a better idea by the time the Tennessee Open comes around. In West Tennessee it appeared that the lack of participation by the lower sections may have been at least partially responsible. But even though, the players from West Tennessee were not discouraged and talked already about the next "regionals". Of course, they felt that some changes would be needed to attract a larger number. But also surprising was the absence of some of the "favorites" in all three regions who would have had a chance to qualify.

We welcome your comments and your suggestions for improvements. If you would like to tell us why you did not come or could not, tell us that, too. Send us your comments by writing the Editor.

TSITSEKLIS AND RICKMAN QUALIFY FROM EAST

Emanuel Tsitseklis of Knoxville made it seem easy as he qualified for the Tennessee Championship by sweeping all five games. Not quite as an easy time had Joe Rickman of Maryville who scored 4-1. (He lost to third place finisher George Jamison of Knoxville.) He had to wait till all the tiebreaks were figured as five other players equalled his score. They were in this order after Joe: 3rd Jamison, 4th Kenny Simpson, 5th Mark Wagner, 6th Charles Laws, and 7th Wayne Kendrick. Forty-six players competed in this event.

Besides the two qualifiers (Tsitseklis and Rickman) there were these Class Champions: Class B Richard Carpenter, Class C - George Jamison, Class D - Wayne Kendrick and Class E - Ernie Warner. The event took place June 11-12 in Crossville. TCA President Mack Garner directed assisted by Harry Sabine.

CURT JONES AND ROBINSON TIE IN MIDDLE TENN.

Henry Robinson of Clarksville and Curt Jones of Nashville topped a field of twenty-nine players in the Middle Tennessee Championship. They both won four and drew each other. Henry took the first place trophy on tiebreak. This of course, gives Robinson and Jones the qualifying spots from Middle Tennessee. Five players scored 3½ points allowing all these players to share in the Class B or Class C prize money. They placed in this order: 3rd Jerry Wheeler, 4th Marcus Stinson, 5th Billy Anderson, 6th David Freitag, and 7th Guy Kooi.

The following players became Class Champions: Class B: Jerry Wheeler; Class C Billy Anderson, Class D Ronald Edge, Class E/unr: Bryant Penuel. These players were awarded a trophy in addition to cash prizes. The event was held in Nashville June 11-12. TCA Editor Peter Lahde Directed.

MAHLON SMITH AND JAMES RACKLEY TO REPRESENT THE WEST

Mahlon Smith (1869) and James Rackley (1656) will be the representatives from West Tennessee in the Tennessee State Championship. Mahlon Smith gave up only one draw to score $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to be the West Tennessee Champion. The second place went surprisingly to James Rackley, a Class B player, with a 4-1 score. He outscored two Class A players, Philip Morgan (1880) and Robert Felt (1857), who had 3-2 scores to place third and fourth. James Rackley was the only Class B player from any region to qualify. All other players were Class A players.

There were these Class Champions: Class B James Rackley, Class C Tom Olsen, and Class E/Unr Dick Chiles. In addition John Hurt won the second place Class B prize money. The event was held in Memphis and attracted 18 players.

MARTY APPLEBERRY WINS KING COTTON

Master Marty Appleberry won the very strong KING COTTON OPEN held in Memphis on May 6-8. He scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ giving up a draw to Ruth Orton of Arkansas, who is now rated as an expert. John Hurt (1757) had 4-1 to place second after tiebreak ahead of four experts who also had 4-1. They were: 3rd Robert Ilderton, 4th Ruth Orton, 5th Bruce Baker (Dela.) and 6th Bill Orton. The event was directed by Arthur Hager for the Memphis Chess Club. There was a good turnout for this event with 42 players. (Results and crosstable received for this event by James Little)

JAMES COBB WINS CUMBERLAND OPEN

James Cobb of Chattanooga was the winner of the 14th Cumberland County Open with a score of $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Second place went to Frank Larimer (Oak Ridge), Mark Wiley (Crossville), and Ernest Atkeison, Jr (Somerville). They all shared in the Class D prize money. Robert Young was the Unrated prize winner. Fifteen players took part. The event was directed by Harry Sabine, who also furnished the results to TCN.

ROBINSON WINS SMYRNA EVENT

Henry Robinson finished with a score of $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to win the Mid TN May Open in Smyrna. Trevor Cook placed second with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, drawing with Robinson but losing to Cornwell. Four players had 2-2 scores in this order: 3rd Marcus Stinson, 4th Ron Yoder, 5th Tom Farr, and Glenn Cornwell. Jody Landrum and expert Bruce Baker of Dela. (who only played one game) had one point each. The average rating with 1668 was quite strong for this event. Marcus Stinson directed for MCCA.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Curt Jones, representing the South in the National HS Championships in Cleveland, made a respectable showing by scoring 6-2 (4 wins, 4 draws). Curt is one of two players from Nashville who tied for first in the Southern H.S. tourney. The other qualifier, Jerry Wheeler, chose not to go to Cleveland. Two games, with Curt's own annotation from Cleveland are included in this issue.

Two club tourneys in Memphis were held during April and May. In the first Class Flight section Philip Morgan was first with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in this 13 player event. The Tourist Flight section was won by James Clark with $4\frac{1}{2}$. Fifteen players entered.

Kent Meadows informs us that Tibor Varga, formerly of Nashville but now living in Chicago, recently lost his wife to cancer. Our sincere sympathy to Tibor. On the brighter side we read recently in CL&R that Tibor had won a strong tourney in Chicago with 5-0. As a result his rating is now well into Class B with 1701.

11 YEAR OLD BRITON, NEW CHESS PRODIGY

An 11-year old British schoolboy has made chess history by becoming the youngest qualifier ever for a national championship final. Nigel Short won the right to join 35 other chess experts at the British final in August by beating the 1976 Irish Champion Alan Ludgate in a northwest England zonal playoff match.

Nigel takes the youth record from the legendary Cuban player Capablanca, who first

TENNESSEE POSTAL CHESS
By Stan Bimson

1977 Postal Tournament
\$400.00 Prize Fund!

M. L. Ellis Greater Postal Open. A prize fund of \$400.00, based on 50 entries, with play in 7-player sections. Play will be for three rounds, preliminary, semi-final and final. A player scoring 4 or more points in the first round advances to the next round to earn more heavily weighted points, for final tie-break if needed.

All games are rated and game results are given in this section of TCN each issue along with rating changes. We ask new entrants to furnish their latest USCF rating, either OTB or postal, or any established postal rating. Any totally new player will be given a rating of 400 unless some proof of higher playing ability can be established. 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 0 - 199.

Entry fee is ONLY \$3.00 per section and you may enter more than one section. Tenn. residency is not required but we do require that for the first year of this postal tournament that you subscribe to TCN which will keep you up-to-date on this tournament's preliminary round. This subscription (TCA membership) is also \$3.00 (per yr.) and should be sent with your entry fee. First entry, earliest postmark, noting this ad will receive a free TCA membership for '78.

A set of postal rules come with your section and has a change of rating point chart for wins, losses and draws. To enter this great postal tournament, just mail your request to Stan Bimson, Rte #2 Box 293, Hendersonville, Tn. 37075.

Game Results. (all results received on or before 20 June 77) TF-74 Ishee 1 Searles 0 (see below), TF-75 Searles 1A - Matson 0 TC-3-76 Bimson 1 Ousley 0, MLE/01 Irwin 1 Sims 0, Matson withdraws in all sections.

Ratings. (only the ratings that changed are shown)

Bimson 485 Ishee 551 Ousley 608 Sims 398 Irwin 703 Matson 641 Searles 878

Game from 74 final. White: Ishee Black: Searles

10 e4 e5, 2) Nf3 f5, 3) Bc4 b5, 4) Bb3 fe, 5) d4 ef?, 6) Qxf3 d5, 7) Bxd5 Nf6, 8) Bxa8 e4 9) Bxe4 Qxe7, 10) Nd2 Resigns (After 10... Bb7, 11) 0-0 the piece on e4 is saved by a timely Rel). Game and note by Mark Ishee with our thanks for the game and, of course, our congratulations. (Sorry Richard.)

Mistake!? Only one person, that I know of, found my bad!! spelling, transposed letters, in last issue. It might pay to read. Summers here, I haven't had much time, so it's short and sweet (?) and I am going out in the back yard and jump in the lake. Maybe we will have more news and reports next time, it seems to be very slow, just look at the game results!

SOME GOOD ADVICE FOR THE NOVICE

If a hostile knight is harassing your king, place the king on a diagonal from that knight with one square intervening. The knight cannot then check you in less than three moves.

Never forget you have an opponent, and become so engrossed in your own plans that you overlook what he is up to. Always ask yourself, when your opponent makes a move "why did he do that?" You may find you can ignore his threats for the moment; on the other hand, you may have to attend to them at once.

Bring your knights and bishops out first and aim at controlling the four squares in the center of the board.

Don't let your opponent distract you by offers of trivial pawns. After you have won a pawn, even if the position is even, you are still a long way from a win, whereas, if your pieces are well and powerfully placed, you can often crash through to a clear win in the middle game. Develop!

Having decided on your move and when you are just about to make it, take a quick glance around the board to make sure you are not making a simple blunder, leaving a piece free to be captured for nothing or overlooking something similarly urgent.

Don't play too many games at once, especially if you are losing them and feeling a little discouraged. Stop!

Always try to play against somebody slightly better than yourself. (From CHESS, Dec. 1935, which was good advice then and is still today)

MORE ON THE FIRST TENNESSEE OPENBy Peter Lahde

The current USCF President of the United States Chess Federation was very active during the forties promoting chess activity in many parts of the country. This included his directing of the first Tennessee Open at Oak Ridge over Memorial Day weekend in 1947. So I wrote him a letter asking him if he would like to share with the readers of TENNESSEE CHESS NEWS his experiences with us of those days and also include a game of the blindfold exhibition he gave at that time. I am very happy to report that he readily complied by sending a very nice letter and also a game from the blindfold exhibition. Here is the letter and after it follows the game from the simultaneous:

Dear Mr. Lahde:

May 21, 1977

I have just returned from an out-of-town trip and found your letter of May 8th. Copy of Tennessee Chess News was received today. Thank you very much! You are doing an outstanding job.

I knew Messrs. Southern, Sullivan, Coveyou, Noderer and Somers very well as I gave a number of exhibitions in Tennessee a few years in a row. I am delighted to have been helpful in the founding of the Tennessee Chess Association and treasure the friendship of many of the chess players.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a game played in Oak Ridge at a blindfold exhibition exactly thirty (30) years ago. This game appeared in my book entitled ADVENTURES OF A CHESS-MASTER, now out-of-print and has become a collector's item.

Good luck in all your continued chess activities and endeavors.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

George Koltanowski

Now for the game from the blindfold exhibition and the introduction in the book preceding the game:

ATOM BOMB!

I seemed to be one the few Americans who never had any trouble getting into Oak Ridge, Tennessee. No, I know nothing about physics and even less about atoms. The reason for my ease of entry was that Oak Ridge had developed a fine chess club, one which I have visited several times. This group organized the first Tennessee Championship during the Memorial Day weekend of 1947. Forty players vied for the State title, and I closed the proceedings by playing the 8 highest scorers blindfold on the afternoon of June 1, 1947. The result convinced me that I was not yet ready to retire, for I won 4 and drew 4 against this first-class field.

<u>GUICO PIANO</u>		White: George Koltanowski	Black: Mrs. Mary Hofferbert (Knoxville)
1. P-K4	P-K4	6. P-Q3	N-QR4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	7. B-KN5	NxB
3. B-B4	B-Q3? (a)	8. PxN	R-K1
4. O-O	N-B3	9. P-QR3	P-QN3(b)
5. N-B3	O-O	10. N-Q5!	B-K2
		11. NxKP! (c)	NxN
		12. QxN	BxB(d)
		13. NxBP!!	B-N2(e)
		14. N-R6disch	K-R1
		15. Q-N8ch	RxQ
		16. N-B7 Mate	

(a) "As it was in the beginning..." My opponent must have been frightened by the opposition, for she is a fine player and rarely makes such poor moves.

(b) Black's 3rd move has left her with a difficult position. She must either move the B again in order to develop the QB or attempt the fianchetto. Now White gets an idea:

(c) It seems as if Black can win a piece for this pawn. (Concluded on next page)

FROM THE MIDDLE TN CHAMPIONSHIPKING'S FIANCHETTO White: Marcus Stinson (1625) Black: Robert Yokley (1575)

1 g3 g6 2 Bg2 Bg7 3 e4 e5 4 Ne2 d6 5 0-0 Nc6 6 c3 f5 7 d3 fe 8 Be4 d5 9 Bg2 Nge7 10 Bg5
 Be6 11 f4 0-0 12 Nd2 H6 13 Be7 Ne7 14 fe Be5 15 Nf3 Bg7 16 Nf4 Bf7 17 Qe1 Qd6 18 Qd2 c6
 19 Rael Rae8 20 Bh3 Nc8 21 d4 g5 22 Nd3 Bg6 23 Bc8 Bd3 24 Qd3 Rc8 25 Ne5 Rf1ch 26 Qf1 Be5
 27 Re5 Rf8 28 Qe2 Qf6 29 Re6 Qg7 30 Re7 Rf7 31 Qe6 Qf6 32 Qf6 Rf6 33 Rb7 Rf7 34 Rb8ch Kg7
 35 Rc8 Resigns (Black must lose another pawn after 35...Rf6 36 Rc7ch Rf7 37 Rxc6)

QG (SLAV DEF.) White: Harvey Hix (1400) Black: Ronald Roe (1260)

1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-QB3 3 N-QB3 N-KB3 4. N-KB3 B-B4 5 P-K3 P-K3 6 Q-N3 Q-B2 7 B-K2 B-K2
 8 B-Q2 QN-Q2 9 R-QB1 0-0 10 PXP KPXP 11 NxP! NxN 12 QxN! B-K3 13 Q-K4 N-B3 14 Q-B2 B-Q3
 15 P-K4 B-KB5 16 P-K5 BxBch 17 QxB N-Q4 18 B-Q3 P-B3 19 Q-B2 P-KN3 20 P-KR4 N-B5 21 P-R5
 NxBch (NxPch may be too risky) 22 QxN B-B4 23 Q-K3 Q-R4ch 24 K-B1 QxRp 25 PxNp BxP 26 N-R4
 PXP 27 NxB PxN 28 Q-R6 K-B2 29 Q-R7ch K-B3 30 PXPch KxP 31 R-K1ch K-Q4 32 Q-Q7ch K-B4 33
 R-K5ch K-N3 34 Q-Q4ch K-R3 35 R-R3! KR-K1 36 Drawn (White took a draw here when he could
 have won as follows: 36 R-R3ch QxN 37 Q-B4ch K-N3 (If 37...P-N4 38 QxBPch K-R4 39 QxP mate)
 38 PxQ wins)

FRENCH DEFENCE White: Curt Jones (1978) Black: Henry Robinson (1878)

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 Qd7 5 a3 Bxc3 6 bxc3 b6 7 Nf3 Ba6 8 Bxa6 Nxa6 9 a4 Nb8 10
 0-0 Ne7 11 Qe2 Nc6 12 Ba3 h5 13 c4 Nf5 14 Drawn(1/2-1/2)

SICILIAN DEFENCE White: Curt Jones (1978) Black: Glenn Cornwell (1605)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bh5ch Bd7 4 Bxd7ch Nxd7 5 0-0 Nf6 6 Re1 g6 7 c3 Bg7 8 d4 cxd4 9 cxd4
 0-0 10 Nc3 Qa5 11 Bd2 Qh5(?) 12 e5! dxe5 13 dxe5 Ng4 14 Bf4 Nd7xe5? 15 Nxe5 Resigns (White
 will win a piece no matter how Black captures.)

MODERN DEFENCE White: Kent Meadows (1609) Black: Jerry Wheeler (1790)

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nf3 d6 4 Bd3 Nf6 5 0-0 0-0 6 Re1 c5 7 c3 Nc6 8 h3 cd 9 cd Qc7 10 Bg5
 Qb6 11 e5 de 12 de Qb2! 13 ef ef 14 Qd2 fg! 15 Resigns (0-1)

DANISH GAMBIT White: John Hurt (1812) Black: Mike Bock (1733) FIRST CLASS FLITE

1 e4 e5 2 d4 ed4 3 c3 Qe7 4 cd4 Qe4ch 5 Be2 Bb4ch 6 Nc3 Nf6 7 Nf3 0-0 8 0-0 Bxc3 9 bxc3
 Qc6 10 c4 d6 11 d5 Qd7 12 Qc2 Na6 13 Bb2 Qd8 14 Ng5 Nb4 15 Qb1 g6 16 Qe1! Nc2 17 Qc3 Na1
 18 Ne4! Resigns (1-0)

RUY LOPEZ White: J. Clark (1320) Black: B. Rice (1219) TOURIST FLITE

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 dc6 5 Ne5 Qd4 6 Nf3 Qe4ch 7 Qe2 Qxe2 8 Kxe2 Bg4 9 h3 Bxf3ch 10
 Kxf3 0-0-0 11 Nc6 Re8 12 d3 Bd6 13 Bd2 Nf6 14 Rhe1 h6 15 Re8 Re8 16 Re1 Re1 17 Be1 Kd7 18
 Ke3 Ke6 19 Ne4 Ne4 20 de4 g5 21 g3 f5 22 f4 Bc5ch 23 Kf3 fe4ch 24 Ke4 gf4 25 gf4 Kf6 26
 Bh4ch Kg3 27 Bd8 Bd6 28 f5ch Kh5? 29 b3 b5 30 Kd4 Bf4 31 Ke4 Bg5? 32 Bxc7 Resigns (1-0)

RUY LOPEZ White: D. Briscoe (1118) Black: H. Haglin (1198) TOURIST FLITE

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nf6 4 d3 Bc5 5 Bg5 0-0 6 Bc6 dc6 7 Ne5? Qd4! Resigns(0-1)

RETI DEFENCE White: J. Rackley (1593) Black: Robt. Garner (1446) MEM DYERSBURG M.

1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 d4 3 g3 c5 4 Bg2 Nc6 5 d3 e5 6 0-0 Nf6 7 Nbd2 Bd6 8a3 Bg4 9 Ng5 Qd7
 10 Nge4 Be7 11 Nf6ch Bf6 12 Ne4 Be7 13 Re1 h5 14 h4 Bh3 15 Bh1 Qg4 16 Kh2 Bh4 17 Bf3 Bg3ch
 18 fg Qd7 19 Nc5 (1-0)

ENGLISH DEFENCE White: W. Neitzel (1394) Black: A. Hager (1403) MEMPHIS AMATEUR

1 g3 e5 2 Bg2 d5 3 d3 Bf5 4 c4 c6 5 cd5 cd5 6 Nf3 Bb4ch 7 Bd2 Bd2ch 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 0-0 Nf6
 10 Qg5 g6 11 Nc3 h5 12 Qh4 d4 13 Nb5 a6 14 Nc7ch Qc7 15 Qf6 Rg8 16 Ra1 17 Rc6!! Resigns
 (1-0) (Last 5 games were submitted by John Hurt)

CONCLUSION to Koltanowski vs Hofferbert

- (d) Black probably expected 13 QxR, RxN 14 P-KB4 R-K1 15 PxB QxP, when she would have some slight compensation for the exchange. But White finds the move!
- (e) Black must lose something, and hopes it will be this B. But White pulls something out of the history of chess-with the announcement of mate in 3.
- (f) Somehow this seems a fitting "end game" for this book-Philidor's Legacy played in the City of Tomorrow. Such are the joys of chess "in the dark"!!

ANNOTATED GAMESBy Mack GarnerSICILIAN DEFENCE White: Lloyd Story (1393) Black: Charles Laws (1578)

1) P-K4 P-QB4 2) N-KB3 P-Q3 3) P-Q4 PxP 4) NxP N-Kb3 5) N-QB3 P-QR3 6) B-KN5 P-K3 7) P-B4 QN-Q2 8) B-QB4 Q-B2 (a) 9 Q-K2 B-K2 (B) 10 BxKP (c) PxB 11 NxP Q-N3 12) NxPch K-B2 13) N-B5 QxNP (d) 14 K-Q2! Q-N3 15) P-K%? (e) PxP 16 PxP NxP! 17) QxN Q-B7ch 18) K-B1 QxN 19) Resigns(f)

This game is from the East Tennessee Championship.

- (a) Stean gives 8...Q-N3! 9 B-N3 B-K2 10 P-B5 N-B4 11 PxP PxP 12 B-K3 Q-B2, with a slight advantage for White.
- (b) Not good. Black should try 9...P-QN4 10 B-N3 N-B4. The real danger, however, is 10 N (4)xNp PxN 11 NxP Q-N3 12 0-0-0 or even 10 BxKP PxP 11 NxP. But these lines are all better than the text, which should lose.
- (c) This is typical against the Najdorf. White gets three pawns for his piece and a great attack.
- (d) Not good enough, but probably the best try. It exposes White's King for future counterplay.
- (e) The tables turn. The simplest win is 15 NxB as KxN is punished by 16 N-Q5. This forces 15...Q-Q5ch 16 Q-Q3, now 16...QxQ 17 PxQ KxB 18 P-K5 PxP 19 PxP NxP 20 NxPch drops a piece, so Black must go for 16...Q-B7ch 16 K-B1 KxB 17 N-Q5ch K-K3 (on 17...K-B2 18 NxN NxN 19 QxP) 18 P-B5ch K-K4 19 NxN wins a piece. The text looks simpler.
- (f) White's resignation is a bit premature, but in view of what has happened his state of mind is easy to understand. This game allowed Laws to tie for second in the East Tennessee regionals.

Over the Memorial Day weekend I participated in the U.S. Championship for the Blind in Westfield, N.J. I finished second with a score of 4-1, one half point out of first place, I drew the eventual winner Jim Slagle, a computer scientist from Bethesda, Md. and the defending champion John Manetta. I also defeated a former champion Al Sandrin from Chicago, who is still an expert. Here is my game with Slagle:

FRENCH DEFENCE White: Mack GarnerBlack: Jim Slagle

1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 B-N5 4 B-Q2 P-QB4 5 P-K5 (a) N-K2 6 N-N5 BxBch 7 QxB 0-0 8 N-KB3 (b) PxP 9 N(5)xP Qn-B3 10 P-B3 Q-B2 11 Q-K3 N-N3 12 NxN PxN 13 P-KR4 (c) Q-N3 14 Q-Q2 B-R3 (d) 15 P-R5 BxB (f) 16 PxN BxP 17 PxPch K-R1 18 R-KN1 BxN 19 Q-N5 P-N3 20 Q-B6ch KxP 21 QxB (f) QxNP 22 R-R1ch K-N1 23 R-Q1 P-B4 24 PxP ep (g) Q-B7 25 Q-R3 K-B2 (h) 26 Q-R7ch KxP 27 Q-R4ch (i) P-N4 28 Q-Q4ch P-K4 29 Q-B5 Q-K5ch 30 K-Q2 Q-B5ch 31 K-K1 (j) Q-K5ch 32 K-K1 Draw (k)

- (a) Timid and bad, I didn't know the line or I would have played 5 P-QR3 BxN 6 BxB N-KB3 7 PxBP NxP 8 BxP R-N1 9 B-Q4 N-QB3 10 N-B1 with White on top according to Gligoric.
- (b) Still shy. After this the center collapses. Better 8 P-KB4 to hold the center or 8 PxP with the idea of N-Q6.
- (c) Desperation - my center is crumbling. I can't stop ...B-R3 and ...P-B3 will give Black a pawn roller.
- (d) 14...P-B3! and "Black is beautiful". I play the French, too, and I dream about positions like this for Black.
- (e) Weak moves lead to bad consequences. 15...N-K2 16 P-R6 P-N3 (otherwise 17 PxP KxP 18 Q-R6) 17 BxB QxB 18 Q-N5 P-B3 19 PxP. I could get a line a little like this anyway, but thought I had better.
- (f) Everyone (including both players) thought Black was lost here, but everyone was wrong.
- (g) The basic problem all through here is the threat of ...QxPch ...Q-B5ch, Q-K5ch and Q-KN5ch. There appears to be no way out of the perpetual. Black's last move threatened K-N2 and R-R1.
- (h) I really underestimated this. Now White has no attack. Black still threatens R-R1.
- (i) 17 R-Q4 (or 27 R-R4) R-R1 28 R-B4ch K-N4 drops a Rook.
- (j) 31 K-B1 R-QN1 could hurt.
- (k) Mutual time pressure. After 32...R-QN1 33 Q-R3 Black is better, but I have chances for attack.

ANNOTATED GAMESBy Curt JonesSICILIAN DEFENCE (DRAGON)

1. e4 c5
 2. Nf3 d6
 3. d4 cxd4
 4. Nxd4 Nf6
 5. Nc3 g6
 6. Be3 Bg7
 7. Be2 Nc6
 8. h4 Bd7 (a)

White: Curt Jones (1961)

9. h5 0-0
 10. hxg6 fxg6
 11. Qd2 Ne5
 12. f3 (b) Rc8
 13. 0-0-0 Nc4
 14. Bxc4ch Rxc4
 15. Ndd2 (c) Qa5

Black: Fedrel (1774)

17. Qxh6 Rfc8 (d)
 18. Kbl (e) Be6
 19. Nf4 Qe5
 20. Ncd5 Bxd5
 21. Rxd5 Nxd5 (f)
 22. Qxh7ch Kf8
 23. Nxg6ch (g) Resigns

This and the next game are both from the National High School Championship.

- (a) Black's position calls for activity, 8...h5!
 (b) Now things look more like a Rauzer Attack.
 (c) This secures White's queenside against the traditional exchange sacrifice.
 (d) Better here seems 17...Rf7.
 (e) I felt like one more consolidation move was necessary.
 (f) Better looks 21...Qxf4, 22 Qxf4 Nxd5 23 Qd2 although White should also win.
 (g) This is the purpose of playing the Queen's Knight to d5 instead of the King's Knight.

FRENCH DEFENCE (WINAWER)

1. e4 e6
 2. d4 d5
 3. Nc3 Bb4
 4. e5 c5
 5. a3 Bxc3ch
 6. bxc3 Ne7
 7. Qg4 Qc7
 8. Qxg7 Rg8
 9. Qxh7 cxd4
 10. Ne2 Nc6
 11. f4 Bd7
 12. Qd3 dxc3
 13. Rbl 0-0-0
 14. Qxc3 Nf5

White: Curt Jones

15. Rg1 Rh8(!) (a)
 16. g4 Nh4
 17. Rg3 (b) Kb8
 18. Be3 Rc8
 19. Nd4 Nxd4
 20. Qxd4 Qa5ch
 21. Bd2 Qc5
 22. Qxc5 Rxc5
 23. Bd3 Ng6
 24. h3 Rc-c8
 25. Ke2 Ba4
 26. c3 Rh4
 27. Ke3 Rc-h8
 28. Rh1 (c) Ne7 (d)

Black: Kubicek (1808)

29. Be1 Bd1 (e)
 30. Be2 d4ch! (f)
 31. cxd4 Nd5ch
 32. Kd2 Bxe2
 33. Kxe2 Nxf4ch
 34. Ke3 Nxh3
 35. Bb4 Nf4
 36. Bd6ch Ka8
 37. Rf1? (g) Nd5ch
 38. Ke4 Rh3
 39. R.-F3 Rxg3
 40. Rxg3 b6
 41. g5 drawn

- (a) This much was played within a minute apiece, for this is all "book". I had a suspicion that he had some innovation prepared, for the line is considered somewhat better for white. I like novelties to be played, but only with my pieces! At this point, from the manner of his own movement of the piece, I knew I had walked into a variation that was, perhaps, prepared for a week. If for no other reason, move 15...Rh8 can be considered good because it is an aggressive originality.
 (b) When playing against a novelty, I try to look for any unusual move or plan, something not obvious that would not have been considered in home analysis. Here, the deployment of the rook on g3 is sound and probably unexplored by my opponent.
 (c) Is Black's activity of pieces worth a pawn? I have lived through the novelty!
 (d) I had no idea of what he was planning to do with the knight, I shall try never to miss such a conception again!
 (e) Threatens to capture on g4.
 (f) A shot from nowhere, yet how obvious it looks now.
 (g) A mistake. Better seems 37. Rxh4 Nd5ch 38 Kd3 Rxh4 39 g5 with a few chances, although Black's knight is domination.
 (h) After spending twenty minutes here, I decided that Black actually stands better, even though White's King appears strong it really cannot do much. A line I looked at ran: 41... Rg8 42 Rf3 Rg7 43 Bf8 Rh7 and White cannot do much on the Kingside, but Black still has a King and two queenside pawns to employ! I was well satisfied that he agreed to my offer of the draw.

EAST TENNESSEE CHAMPIONSHIP

June 11-12

1. Emanuel Tsitselis	Knoxville	1978	W14	W22	W5	W4	W3	5-0
2. Joe Rickman	Nashville	1866	W7	W28	L3	W16	W8	4-1
3. George C. Jamison	Knoxville	1548	W33	W23	W2	W13	L1	4-1
4. Kenny E. Simpson	Lenoir City	1474	W30	W32	W10	L1	W12	4-1
5. Mark Wagner	Knoxville	1562	W27	W36	L1	W18	W13	4-1
6. Charles G. Laws	Cleveland	1578	L29	W30	W14	W25	W15	4-1
7. Wayne Kendrick	Crossville	1253	L2	W39	W17	W36	W21	4-1
8. Harrison W. Gill	Chattanooga	1504	W45	W11	D12	W21	L2	3½-1½
9. David Harris	Chattanooga	1495	W34	W18	D21	D12	D11	3½-1½
10. William R. Pafford	Johnson City	1582	W24	W16	L4	D23	W22	3½-1½
11. J. French Wall	Chattanooga	1303	W44	L8	W45	W28	D9	3½-1½
12. Richard Carpenter	Pigeon Forge	1764	W19	W15	D8	D9	L4	3-2
13. Frank W. Larimer	Oak Ridge	1324	W37	W17	W26	L3	L5	3-2
14. Nat C. Hughes, Jr.	Chattanooga	1263	L1	W35	L6	WF	W33	3-2
15. Lloyd Story	Crossville	1398	W40	L12	W20	W31	L6	3-2
16. Thomas P. Collard	Crossville	1341	W38	L10	W24	L2	W32	3-2
17. Kelles Tate	Kingsport	1557	W41	L13	L7	W30	W23	3-2
18. Ifor Williams	Knoxville	1288	W31	L9	W37	L5	W29	3-2
19. Robert L. Young	Crossville	1237	L12	W40	D22	D26	W31	3-2
20. Mark A. Wiley	Crossville	1214	L21	W42	L15	W37	W28	3-2
21. David B. Nuckols	LaFollette	1607	W20	W25	D9	L8	L7	2½-2½
22. David E. Wheeler	Knoxville	1467	W35	L1	D19	W27	L10	2½-2½
23. George W. Spooner	Crossville	1315	W43	L3	W33	D10	L17	2½-2½
24. Ernie R. Varner	Lenoir City	1174	L10	W38	L16	W34	D25	2½-2½
25. Paul F. Seagle	Chattanooga	1336	W42	L21	W29	L6	D24	2½-2½
26. James K. Cobb, Jr.	Chattanooga	1627	L32	W29	L13	D19	W36	2½-2½
27. James W. Sims	Kingsport	1129	L5	W43	D36	L22	W41	2½-2½
28. Mark A. Derthick	Signal Mtn.	1409	W39	L2	W32	L11	L20	2-3
29. Edward L. Gustin	Crossville	1146	W6	L26	L25	W35	L18	2-3
30. Sam B. Hughes	Chattanooga	1000	L4	L6	W42	L17	W40	2-3
31. Flint J. Webb, Jr.	Hartsville	UNR	L18	W34	W41	L15	119	2-3
32. Mary Shepherd	Chattanooga	1223	W26	L4	L28	W39	L16	2-3
33. Deanne Isbell	Chattanooga	1047	L3	W46	L23	W44	L14	2-3
34. Warren F. Beck	Knoxville	1004	L9	L31	W38	L24	W39	2-3
35. Tony J. Gustin	Crossville	888	L22	L14	W43	L29	W38	2-3
36. Freddy W. Cobb	Lenoir City	1335	W46	L5	D27	L7	L26	1½-3½
37. Tom W. Mosser	Crossville	UNR	L13	W41	L18	120	L42	1-4
38. Ann N. Hodge	Chattanooga	804	L16	L24	L34	W46	L35	1-4
39. Sherra L. Deierhoi	Signal Mtn.	880	L28	L7	W46	L32	L34	1-4
40. Anne C. Evans	Chattanooga	846	L15	L19	L44	W43	L30	1-4
41. Clinton H. Pearson	Crossville	1112	L17	L37	L31	W42	L27	1-4
42. Richard D. Witt	Crossville	788	L25	L20	L30	L41	W37	1-4
43. Steven D. Sabine	Crossville	385	L23	L27	L35	L40	W46	1-4
44. Frank P. Underwood	Lenoir City	UNR	L11	L45	W40	L33	---	1-3
45. Steve E. Shipley	Chattanooga	1025	L8	W44	L11	LF	---	1-3
46. Gloria S. Moore	Chattanooga	UNR	L36	L33	L39	L38	L43	0-5

14th CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN

1. James Cobb	1627	W10	W2	W3	D4	3½-1½	8. Thomas Collard	2-2
2. Frank Larimer	1324	W11	L1	W10	W5	3-1	9. Ronald Roe	2-2
3. Mark A. Wiley	1223	W12	W8	L1	W7	3-1	10. Edward Gustin	2-2
4. Ernest Atkeison	1291	W15	D7	W8	D1	3-1	11. Stuart Barnby	2-2
5. Robert L. Young	UNR	W9	W6	D7	L2	2½-1½	12. Steven L. King	1½-2½
6. Mike Headrick	1372	Bye	L5	W13	W9	2½-1½	13. Bryant Penuel	1½-2½
7. Harvey Hix	1349	W13	D4	D5	L3	2-2	14. Steve Shipley	1-3
							15. Rick D. Cumby	0-4

MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHAMPIONSHIP

June 11-12

1. Henry J. Robinson	Clarksville	1878	W5	W10	W8	D2	W6	4½-½
2. Curt Jones	Nashville	1978	W28	W11	W7	D1	W3	4½-½
3. Jerry T. Wheeler	Nashville	1790	W23	W12	W9	D4	L2	3½-1½
4. Marcus Stinson	Smyrna	1625	W22	D15	W10	D3	D6	3½-1½
5. Billy Anderson	Nashville	1402	L1	W21	W27	W9	D5	3½-1½
6. David Freitag	Murfreesboro	1481	W16	D8	W15	W19	L1	3½-1½
7. Guy Kooi	Antioch	1695	W17	W19	L2	D14	W15	3½-1½
8. Alan Pope	Nashville	1687	W25	D6	L1	W20	D13	3-2
9. R. Kent Meadows	Nashville	1609	W13	W14	L3	L5	W23	3-2
10. Robert A. Yokley	Nashville	1575	W20	L1	L4	W24	W18	3-2
11. Glenn Cornwell	Hermitage	1605	W18	L2	L13	W21	W22	3-2
12. David Thistlethwaite	Nashville	1530	W24	L3	W18	D13	D14	3-2
13. Ronald E. Edge	Nashville	1322	L9	W29	W11	D12	D8	3-2
14. Jody K. Landrum	Murfreesboro	1458	W29	L9	W16	D7	D12	3-2
15. Brian McCarthy	Hermitage	1471	W27	D4	L6	W17	L7	2½-2½
16. Bryant D. Penuel	Waverly	1159	L6	W25	L14	D23	D17	2-3
17. Harvey Hix	Murfreesboro	1400	L7	D20	W26	L15	D16	2-3
18. Morris Lewis	Lebanon	1309	L11	W28	L12	W26	L10	2-3
19. Don Sibrel	Nashville	1496	W21	L7	W24	L6	---	2-2
20. Ronald Roe	Hendersonville	1260	L10	D17	W28	L8	D25	2-3
21. Larry M. Parker	Nashville	1198	L19	L5	Bye	L11	W27	2-3
22. Randall D. Hinton	Clarksville	1338	L4	W26	---	W27	L11	2-2
23. Steven R. Choatie	Clarksville	1407	L3	L24	W25	D16	L9	1½-3½
24. Todd Kinnane	Nashville	1217	L12	W23	L19	L10	D26	1½-3½
25. Bobby R. Chapuis	Nashville	1357	L8	L16	L23	W28	D20	1½-3½
26. Gary McMurray	Hendersonville	851	Bye	L22	L17	L18	D24	1½-3½
27. Harry Sands	Nashville	UNR	L15	Bye	L5	L22	L21	1-4
28. Max L. Hailey	Nashville	1438	L2	L18	L20	L25	Bye	1-4
29. Julian Allen	Nashville	UNR	L14	L13	---	---	---	0-2

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TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

- Jul 23-24 MUSIC CITY SUMMER OPEN (Nashville), 5-SS, 50/2, University of TN, Room 314, 10th & Charlotte, Nashville 37203. EF: \$15, TCA mem. req. of residents, other states OK. \$\$ (based on 30 entries, 2/class for 1st, 5/class for 2nd) 100-50-25, B, C, D, E/Unr each 25-15 (Prizes cumulative), trophy to 1st. Reg. 8-9 AM, rds. 9:30-2-7, 9-2.
ENT: Music City Chess Assn., 303 Belinda Dr., Hermitage, TN 37076. NS.
- Jul 30 15th CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN (Crossville), 4-SS, 40/1, Holiday Inn, 140 & US 127, Crossville, 38555. EF \$5, TCA mem req. (\$2). \$\$ (based on 30 entries) 50,C 20, D 20, Unr 15, top E20, Below 1000 10. Reg. 7-7:45 AM., rds. 8-10:30-1:30-4:30, CDT.
ENT: Thomas Collard, Rt. 8, Box 690, Crossville, TN 38555. LS.
- Jul 30-31 DYERSBURG SUMMER OPEN (Dyersburg), 5-SS, 50/2, Plantation Inn, 51 By-Pass, Dyersburg, TN. EF: \$15. TCA mem req. (\$2) of residents, other states OK. \$\$ (based on 30 entries) 100-50-30, top under 1800 \$20, top under 1400 \$20; trophies to all prize winners. Reg. to 9:00 AM 7/30. Rds 9:30-2:30-7:30, 9-2. ENT: Gary Newsom, 414 West Main St., Newbern, TN 38059. ph 627-3135.
- Sep 3-5 TENNESSEE OPEN (Nashville), 6-SS, 60/2½, Admiral Benbow Inn, 823 Murfreesboro Rd., Nashville, TN 37217. In 3 sections: OPEN. EF: \$25, \$\$ 300-150-100-75, B 100, C 75, Junior (TN under 20) 50, Brilliancy 10. Trophies to 1st, top Jr from TN, top B, top C. AMATEUR: (open to under 1600) EF: \$20, \$\$ 200-100-60-40, D 30-20, brilliancy 10; trophies to 1st, top D. NOVICE: (Open to under 1300). EF: \$15. \$\$ 100-50-30, top E 25, top UNR 25, brilliancy 10; trophies to 1st, top E, Unr. All, TCA mem. req (\$3) of TN residents, other states OK. Reg. 10-1 PM, rds 1:30-8; 9-4, 8-2. HR: 15-20, \$4 more/add. person. (Also special Ladies' and Nonrated events, see front page for details.)
ENT: Glenn Cornwell, 303 Belinda Dr., Hermitage, TN 37076.

OUT OF STATE

- Jul 30-31 4th LAWRENCE PFEFFERKORN OPEN (Winston-Salem, NC) 5-SS, 50/2, Hilton Inn, Marshall & High St., Winston-Salem 27106. In three sections: OPEN, \$\$ 500-250-100. Exp. 200-150-100. A/below 200/150-100. AMATUER, open to under 1800. \$\$ 300-250-125-75. C/below 200-150-100-50. NOVICE, open to under 1400 & Unr. \$\$ 300-200-150-100-75. Unr. 100-50-25 (no unrated may win over \$150). ALL, EF \$20 if received by 7/25; \$25 later, NCCA mem. req., other states OK. Optional trophies available. Reg. 7-9 PM, 7/29, 8-9 AM, 7/30. rds, 10-3-8, 10-4. Hr 16-23.
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