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TCA EXPANDS WITH "REGIONAL" EVENTS

As it had been enthusiastically endorsed at last year's Tennessee Open, the state title will now be contested in a separate State Championship, rather than at the Tenn. open. To qualify for the state finals you will have to place either first or second in one of the three "regional" championships depending upon which part of the state you live. This has some very definite advantages compared to the way it had been done prior to this year. As far as the Individual player is concerned he will benefit by the lower entry fees, less travel time, and only one night lodging if at all. In addition, you will only be competing with other Tennesseans, eliminating the possibility that an out-of-state player could be able to beat you out of winning the state title. To become state champion you will now be playing ten instead of six games. The last five of which would be against top notch competition.

It is only fitting that TCA has chosen this year to expand chess activity in the state on its 30th anniversary. (For a timely report on the beginnings of TCA and the first Tennessee Open see page 35 of this issue.) It is quite possible that the state junior title will also be contested in the same manner next year.

The "Regionals" will all take place on June 11-12, 1977. Each regional will be the championship for that area of the state. Of course without the cooperation of a club affiliate in each region this would not be possible. For East Tennessee the tournament will be sponsored by the Cumberland County Chess Association and held in Crossville. For Middle Tennessee the sponsor will be the Music City Chess Association and the event will take place in Nashville. The West Tennessee Championship is slated for Memphis with the Memphis Chess Club as the sponsor. In addition to the prizes to the two qualifiers in each regional, there will also be attractive class prizes and trophies. See the tournament calendar (page 44) for details. If you have any doubt which tournament you should attend write to: Glenn Cornwell (TCA Co-ordinator), 303 Belinda Dr., Hermitage, TN 37076.

The six qualifiers of finalists will receive \$25 each for travel expenses and free motel accommodations. The prizes in the Championship will be as follows: 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75, 4th \$50, and 5th and 6th \$25 each. (This is based on 50 entrants or more in each of the regionals). In case of ties there can be Co-Champions, but if more than two tie for first tiebreaks will be used to determine the winners. There will be a trophy for first and second. The Tennessee State Championship, which will be a six player round-robin, will take place on July 9-10, at the Downtowner-Central, 225 7th Ave, N. Nashville, TN, 37203.

FIRST NASHVILLE AMATEUR

The first Nashville Amateur was held Feb. 26-27 in conjunction with the Nashville Championship. This was the first time an event was held at UT-Nashville. Since there was no charge for the playing site a donation was made by the sponsoring Music City Chess Association to the Hemophilia Foundation.

Robert Yokley and Ronnie Yoder won four and drew only one to emerge as the winners. Two players, Lewis Inman and Tom Farr tied for third with 4-1 scores.

The tournament was well attended with 36 players. Perhaps this was so because of a low entry fee of only \$5. Surprising was the number of unrated players with fifteen. Joe Roberdeau directed for the Music City Chess Association.

13th CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN

Twenty players participated in the 13th Cumberland County Open held March 12, 1977, at the Holiday Inn in Crossville.

Richard Carpenter and Thomas Noonan tied for first place with identical scores of 3½-1½. They drew with each other in round three. David Freitag and Steve Choatie took Class C prize money with scores of 3-1. Edward Gustin and Jeffrey Wicker tied for Class E with 2-2 scores. Top Unrated was Ronald Roe with a score of 2½-1½.

Rickey Cooper, rated 1842, brought a contingent of young chess players from Russell Springs, Kentucky. In a first-round shocker, he was upset by Crossvillain Clint Pearson, rated 1121. (Reported by Harry Sabine)

VIX VICTORIOUS IN MUSIC CITY WINTER

Vernon Vix (1846) of Nashville, returned to tournament chess after a year's absence on a victorious note, by winning the Music City Winter Open. He scored 4½-1½ drawing only with Henry Robinson of Clarksville. Robinson (1877), George Pitts (1716), Tom Farr (1672) and Frank Creasy (1573) tied with 4-1 scores.

The event took place March 19-20 in Nashville. The attendance was disappointing with 25 players. This was in part due to the fact that about a dozen Nashville players attended the Southern H.S. Championship in Atlanta. But Memphis and Dyersburg players came and supported the event. Kent Meadows directed for MCCA.

APPLEBERRY AND ROBINSON TOP DYERSBURG EVENT

By Gary Newsom

Marty Appleberry (2237), who now resides in Memphis, and Henry Robinson (1877) of Clarksville drew each other and won the rest to top the Dyersburg Spring Open. Harold Moody and William Sulcer tied for third with 3½-1½.

The event took place April 2-3 in Dyersburg. Twenty players participated in the tournament.

CURT JONES WITH MUSIC CITY SPRING

With a perfect score of 5-0, Curt Jones tooped a field of only 23 players in the Music City Spring Open. With this score he extended his streak to 49 games without suffering a defeat. He won 36 games and had 13 draws. His last official rating was 1962 but he should now be in the Expert class.

Tom Farr took undisputed second place and was also the Class B winner with his 4-1 score. Kent Meadows and Ronnie Yoder tied for third and also divided the Class C prize.

The event was held April 16-17 in Nashville. Bruce Stearns directed and he was assisted by Mark Ishee.

HARRISON GILL WINS IN CHATTANOOGA

A six player round-robin event took place in Chattanooga on April 16-17. Harrison Gill won it with a 4-1 score. Cobb directed the tourney. A cross table follows:

1.	Harrison Gill	1518	X	1	0	1	1	1	4-1	
2.	Westly Thomas	1130	0	X	1	0	1	1	3-2	
3.	Mark Derthick	1431	1	0	X	1	0	1	3-2	No draws??
4.	Avon Gaylor	1151	0	1	0	X	1	0	2-3	
5.	Tom Hoffman	1333	0	0	1	0	X	1	2-3	
6.	Steve Shipley	1025	0	0	0	1	0	X	1-4	

CURT JONES NEW NASHVILLE CHAMPION

By Peter Lahde

The strongest Nashville Championship ever was contested this year. But this did not deter Curt Jones from leaving the field two points ahead with a 6-1 score. He only drew Joe Jones, his father, and Doug Ralston. These two players, Ralston and J. Jones tied for second with 4-3 scores.

The Championship this year consisted of three Class A players, two near Class A (1790 plus), two Class B players, and one Class C player. The average rating was 1751. (This is considerably higher than the average rating of 1611 in the Memphis Championship this year.) Only two other Nashville Class A players, M. C. Wright and Vernon Vix, chose not to qualify for this event.

Peter Ciarleglio (1493) pulled two big upsets by beating two Class A players, Joe Jones and Doug Ralston. Your editor had the distinction of not winning a single game, losing the first two games and drawing the remaining five games. But I had definite wins, that I mis-played, in four of my games. The event took place from Feb. 10 to Feb. 27. It was directed by Joe Roberdeau. The results follow:

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1.	Curt Jones	1893	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	6-1
2.	Doug Ralston	1828	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	4-3
3.	Joe Jones	1897	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	4-3
4.	Jerry Wheeler	1799	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	Bruce Stearns	1796	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	Peter Lahde	1705	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
7.	Peter Ciarleglio	1493	0	1	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
8.	Glenn Cornwell	1603	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	2-5

JOHN HURT WINS MEMPHIS TITLE

From Memphis Press-Scimitar

John F. Hurt, 63-year old office equipment salesman, won the Memphis City Championship, which concluded March 4, at the Memphis Chess Club. Hurt won five, lost once and had one draw in the eight player round-robin finals. It was the eleventh time since 1961 that he either won the title or shared first place. Second place went to Kenneth Ferguson, a South-western student, who scored 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Winner of the Amateur Division was Fred Lowe. (Editor's note: Despite efforts to obtain crosstables to both the championship and the amateur division we did not succeed. Both Hurt and Little were contacted.)

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Tennessee State Prison in Nashville recently became affiliated with USCF. They have an active club and are interested in conducting rated tournaments.

A match between Memphis and Dyersburg was held on March 13. It was won by Memphis with a score of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Marty Appleberry, is a new Master for Tennessee in some time. He just recently moved from Huntsville to Memphis.

James Little, TCA Secretary & Treasurer, is the only person running from our region for Vice President of Region 1V (South).

A tournament held over Easter at Vanderbilt University in Nashville attracted nine players. M.C. Wright won with 4-0; second was Tom Farr with 3-1.

The High School Chess League in Chattanooga ended in a tie between Baylor and Soddy-Daisy.

512 USCF MEMBERS IN TENNESSEE

According to the latest information from USCF there are now 512 USCF members in Tennessee. This represents about a 17% decrease from two years ago when there were 612, though this included affiliations. These are reported separately now of which there are 19 in Tennessee. Tennessee also has 43 tournament directors. The current TCA membership stands at 241. More on this next issue.

NASHVILLE JUNIORS WIN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOLBy Curt Jones

The 8th Southern High School tournament, held March 19-20 in Atlanta, was won by two top Nashville juniors. Jerry Wheeler (1799) and Curt Jones (1893) won the event which consisted of 47 high school players from the south. Wheeler and Jones finished with scores of 5-1 each, both scoring four wins and two draws. Wheeler took the first place trophy on tie-break. Nashville can be proud to have the top two high school players in the south. Both Wheeler and Jones plan to attend the National High School tournament to be held in Cleveland, Ohio on May 13-15. (Two games by the winners annotated by Jones are in this TCN issue.)

In the team competition several teams from Tennessee scored well. In the Championship Baylor of Chattanooga placed second behind a school from Atlanta. Third place went to Germantown which is located near Memphis. But disappointing was the result for the Tennessee Champion MBA of Nashville who could only manage a fifth place. Plant High School from Florida, last year's champion, did not enter a team in the Championship, but instead fielded two teams in the Novice. These two teams placed first and second in the Novice, third place went to MBA which fielded two teams, one in each section. (Reported by M. Ishee)

STUART RUNDLETT TOPS SOUTHERNBy Bruce Stearns

Stuart Rundlett (1864) easily battled through the disappointingly weak Southern Premier to finish first with a 3½-½ score. Drawn only by Dave Kelly, who garnered second place honors at 3-1. Rundlett defeated Earle Morrison in the last round to take the \$200 first prize. No other prizes were awarded because of the small turnout of only seven players.

Because of the odd number of players in the Premier, Bruce Stearns (1796) of Nashville was invited to move up from the Booster in the second round to avoid Byes. (Although top rated in the Booster, I faltered and lost to a 1464 player in the first round, I readily accepted the offer.) Despite the necessary first round forfeit, I finished in a tie for third place with Bob Joyner (1831) with a 2½-1½ score. A game from this event follows.

RETI OPENING White: Bruce Stearns Black: Earle Morrison (Annotated by Stearns)
 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 d5 3 Bg2 G6 4 0-0 Bg7 5 d3 0-0 6 Nbd2 (a) Re8 7 c3 e5 8 e4 c6 9 h3?! (b) Nbd7
 10 Qc2 b6! (c) 11 Re1 Ba6 12 c4 (d) de4 13 de4 Qc7 14 b3 Rad8 15 Bb2 Nc5 16 Bf1 Bb7 17 Rac1?
 (e) Ncd7? (f) 18 Nb1 (g) Nf8 19 Rcd1 N6d7 20 Bg2 Ne6 21 Nc3 Nd4 22 Nd4 ed4 23 Ne2 (h) c5
 24 Nf4 Qe5 25 Re2 (i) Nf6 (j) 26 Rde1 Qc7 27 Nd5 Nd5 28 ed5 Re2 29 Qe2 Bc8 30 Draw

- (a) Too passive, a central strike is more important here.
- (b) An unnecessary move in a plan for slow Kingside advance.
- (c) Black's idea is to place strong pressure on White's center and specifically the weak d-pawn.
- (d) This is intended to close the strong f1-a6 diagonal and demonstrates how Black's logical central play has taken the initiative.
- (e) Played with the intention of a later b4 & c5 pawn advance, but Black is too strong in the center for such an advance to even be playable.
- (f) Starting a Knight maneuver that could be played much more quickly and decisively. Correct is 17...Nfd7 and Ne6-d4 when White would be in no position to capture the strong Knight. After a half hour's study (in post mortem) with Earle, we could find no good continuation against this maneuver.
- (g) Part of a long-range plan to bring the Knight to c3-e2-f4 d5 after Black's knight penetrates to d4.
- (h) Notice that this move would have been impossible earlier because the Rook at d1 would be at c1 because of d3! attacking Queen, Knight, and Bishop!
- (i) Not 25 Nd5 Bd5 26 ed5 (26 cd5 and the e-pawn is too strained) Qelch 27 Re1 Re1 ch.
- (j) To be considered is 25...Re7 26 Rde1 Rde8 27 Nd3 Qc7 with unclear complications. Also 25...Bh6 26 Nd3 Qc7 27 f4.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS
THREE OF FOUR QUARTER FINAL MATCHES DECIDED
From the Los Angeles Times

In the Candidates Matches to determine the challenger to the World Champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union, three out of four of the quarter final matches have been concluded.

Victor Korchnoi, who defected from the Soviet Union last year, won his match from former world champion Tigran Petrosian, also a Soviet grandmaster. Korchnoi won the fifth and eighth games and Petrosian the sixth and the remaining games were drawn, giving Korchnoi the victory by a score of $6\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$.

Lev Polugaevsky of the Soviet Union defeated Henrique Mecking of Brazil by the same score of $6\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$. Polugaevsky gained a point in the second game, and made it count by running out a string of 10 successive draws. Each player had the advantage at times, but could not push through to victory. The 11th game was adjourned in a position that seemed a sure win for Mecking, but analysis uncovered a saving resource for Polugaevsky.

Lajos Portisch of Hungary had previously defeated Bent Larsen of Denmark by $6\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$. Portisch won the first, fourth, sixth, eighth, and one more game. Larsen won two games, the third and the seventh, while the remaining games were drawn.

The one match still to be completed is between former world champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union and Vlastimil Hort of Czechoslovakia. This was when Spassky underwent emergency appendectomy. At last report Spassky was recovering well, but no date had been set for continuing the match. The score was tied at 6-6. Spassky won the third and Hort the tenth game. The next stage is a two game set, with $1\frac{1}{2}$ points required for match victory. If neither player gains that total, the two game sets continue.

The semi-finals in the match series will start in July with Korchnoi facing Polugaevsky and Portisch taking on the winner of Spassky vs. Hort. The two survivors will then play the final match, with the winner becoming the official challenger to world champion Antoly Karpov of the Soviet Union.

LONE PINE 1977
By Bill Goichberg

Until 1977, the roster of Lone Pine champions included clear winners only (no ties for first), Grandmasters only, and men only. All of these traditions were broken this year when four players tied for first place, including Nona Gaprindashvili, the Women's World Champion. Both Nona and IM Sahovic (Yugoslavia) made GM norms while sharing the top spot; the other two to reach the peak were Nona's countryman, GM Blashov (USSR), and GM Panno (Argentina). All with $6\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Following were Bill Lombardy and Larry Christiansen (6-3) and Walter Browne, Anatol Lein, Pal Benko, Leonid Shamkovich, Samuel Reshevsky, John Peters, Ken Regan, and Roy Ervin ($5\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$).

Peters, who led for much of the tournament, made his first IM norm, as did Ervin, Regan, age 17, made his second IM norm in two tries, but still needs one more to gain the title.

Even the lower rated players are tough at Lone Pine, as GMs Szabo and Evans, among others, found out. The Hungarian GM, rated 2530, faced four American juniors (Regan, Rohde, Seirawan, Whitehead - average age 16) and scored a total of one point in these games! Even more unusual was the $3\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$ score of Evans, the second rated player in the U.S., who played entirely opponents rated under 2400. Highlights of the "kids score vs. GMs" department: Regan beat Lein and Szabo and Evans and drew Panno and Quinteros, 16-year old Yasser Seirawan drew with Benko, Reshevsky, Shamkovich, Szabo, and Tarjan.

Previous Lone Pine winners: 1971 Evans, 1972 Gligorich, 1973 Bisguier, 1974 Browne, 1975 Liberzon, 1976 Petrosian.

COMPUTER CHESS REACHES EXPERT LEVEL

According to the latest reports the Chess 4.5 program participated in the Minnesota Prelims to achieve an expert performance rating. Just in the January issue of TENNESSEE CHESS NEWS we reported that a computer had achieved a Class B rating which was confirmed by USCF Executive Director Martin Morrison. Now we have a followup report by Martin Morrison on the achievement of an expert performance rating by a computer in a tournament recently. Then we give another report on the Cyber-176 computer, which achieved an expert rating of 2070. (We assume that the Chess 4.5 program is that obtained on the Cyber-176 computer.)

First we give the report by Martin Morrison which will be followed by the UPI report which appeared in most major newspapers around the country.

"You might be interested in knowing that the Chess 4.5 program made a stunning victory in the Minnesota State Championship Preliminaries. The performance rating of the program is now in the expert range, although it scored only 1½ out of 5 in the final section." (Martin Morrison)

Now for the UPI report:

"David Levy of Scotland took just 3½ hours to defeat the world's fastest computer in the first chess match between an international master and a computer.

"There was no real thrill in winning in the man over machine sense", said Levy, who in 1976 lost to the former world champion Boris Spassky of Russia. "I expected the computer to put up a tougher fight and use better tactics."

The victory at Carnegie Mellon University against a Cyber-176 computer, built by Control Data of Minneapolis, kept alive Levy's hopes to win about \$2,100 in computer chess next year.

In 1968, Levy bet four computer scientists \$2,100 that no computer could beat him within ten years. The match at CMU was the first such contest.

The speed of the computer is vital in a chess match, said Dr. David Cahlander of Control Data. There are only a limited number of theories in chess, and the number of moves a player can consider in a timed match are crucial.

For instance, the computer defeated Levy in a five-minute "Lightning" reconciliation game. While acknowledging the computer's speed, Levy says it lacks tactical ability.

"A reason I let the computer move first in the match was so it could make a tactical error," he said. The computer made a crucial mistake on the 26th move and conceded defeat after the 42nd move.

"The computer knows what it's doing but doesn't understand it. After getting the advantage, I played carefully. If you do nothing, the computer doesn't know how to fight it."

"The Cyber-176, programmed by researchers at Northwestern University earlier won two of three tournaments against humans, including a first place in the Minnesota Open. Its performance rating won it a U.S. Chess Federation expert rating of 2070. In comparison, Levy has a 2375 and Bobby Fischer holds a 2800 rating."

BOOK REVIEW

A PICTURE GUIDE TO CHESS, by Paul Langfield, Published by Lippincott, N.Y. Price \$5.95 cloth, \$2.95 paper. (Publication date: March 18, 1977)

As the title conveys this booklet explains with pictures and diagrams the principles of chess. It covers the moves of the pieces and their values. But as far as the opening, middle and endgame it only touches on these. It seems to be primarily designed for elementary children without the need for a chess set.

NEW REISSUES NOW AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK, by Fred Reinfeld.

A CHESS PRIMER	\$1.95 (paper), \$7.95 (cloth)
CHESS FOR AMATEURS	\$1.95 (paper)
GREAT MOMENTS IN CHESS	\$2.95 (paper)

Published By STEIN AND DAY Publishers, N.Y. (Publication date: March 31, 1977)

TCA CELEBRATES 30th ANNIVERSARY

By Peter Lahde

Thirty years ago the Tennessee Chess Association was formed and the first Tennessee Open was held. In those days it was not yet required when playing in tournaments that each individual player was also a USCF member. But the state association at that time felt strongly about organization and affiliated with USCF and encouraged USCF membership in its tournaments. Three individuals especially should be mentioned in their promotion of organiz chess in Tennessee. First, there is Martin Southern, who became the first Director of USCF for the state of Tennessee even before the first Tennessee Open was held. He also wrote the first Constitution of the Tennessee Chess Association. Also instrumental in the pro-motion of chess in those days was Robert Coveyou and Jerry Sullivan. They both took turns winning the Tennessee Open many times for the next ten years or so. Following are the detail of the first Tennessee Open and the first meeting of the TCA as they appeared in CHESS LIFE, July 5, 1947.

"ROBERT COVEYOU WINS TENNESSEE TITLE; FORM STATE ASSOCIATION"

"Winning the triple crown of Open, Tennessee State and Oak Ridge Championships in one sweep, Robert Coveyou outdistanced 40 players in the Oak Ridge Open tournament, May 30- June (1947). Second place went to L Noderer (Oak Ridge) in the Swiss meet, and third to Martin Southern (Knoxville), J. R. Sweets was fourth. Mrs. Mary Hofferbert won the Women Champ-ionship; J.G. Sullivan, Jr., and Tenn. Junior title, and Henry Gordon the Oak Ridge Junior. The Reserve Championship was won by E. B. Manderson (Atlanta). George Koltanowski (current USCF President) acted as Tournament Director and played an eight board blindfold simultaneous exhibition.

At the meeting the TCA was organized with George E. Somers (Oak Ridge), President, Albert V. Walker (Chattanooga), Michael H. Kurek (Nashville), and Robert F. Miller (Memphis) as Vice-Presidents; Gustav Hardt (Elizabethtown) Secretary-Treasurer, and J.G. Sullivan, Jr. (Knoxville), Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer."

Two other events which received coverage in Chess Life or Chess Review that took place in 1947 are presented; first a match between Knoxville and Oak Ridge (CL Oct. 20, 1947), and the other the Tennessee Valley Open 1947 which was given coverage in Chess Review, Feb. 1948.

"KNOXVILLE BEATS OAK RIDGE IN CHESS MATCH 8½-2½"

A match between Knoxville and Oak Ridge was won by the former with a score of 8½-2½. The individual results were as follows:

KNOXVILLE		OAK RIDGE	
J. G. Sullivan	1	L. Noderer	1
M. Southern	1	R. Coveyou	1
R. A. Monroe	1½	F. C. Hutton	½
R. Maerker	2	Dr. H.B. Ruley	0
F. J. Andre	1	G. Somers	0
F. J. Andre	1	E. P. Blizard	0
H. P. Bibee	1	E. Greuling	0

"TENNESSEE VALLEY OPEN 1947"

Jerry Sullivan of Knoxville swept a field of 17 players with a score of 5-0 in the Tennessee Valley Open. Second and third went to Manderson of Marietta,, Georgia and James Sweets of Chattanooga, both with 4-1 scores. Tom Caruthers of Chattanooga placed fourth with 3½-1½. Five players tied for 5th place with 3-2 in the order after tie-breaking: 5. Marks (Huntington, WVa), Somers (Oak Ridge), Mullinix (Chattanooga), Hofferbert and M. Southern, both of Knoxville).

TENNESSEE POSTAL CHESSBy Stan Bimson

TIME COMPLIANTS: I wish to expound on the postal rules and give my interpretation of the Time Compliant rule as a postal player and as the Postal Director. But first I shall review some other important items.

I feel it's a necessity that good records are kept during the game and that the records should be retained for at least 3-6 months after a game is completed and results have been published. When I receive a card I place the receiving date on the front and leave room to post my relay date under it (even if it is the same day). After mailing my reply I place my opponents card in my card file, a box with envelopes as folders with the tournament, section and opponents name on each file (Note; at the completion of play I just seal the envelope, my file folder, and file it with my completed games). With this type of record system I know I can handle any type of question about my play with that opponent at anytime. I also note on my opponents card any question or statement that I might send as sometimes I forget what I write!

The rules say an opponent has 3 days to return a move, not including Sundays, holidays and postal transit time. After a few moves (cards) you will know when to expect a reply based on the postal time. Some (Fanatical) postal players even keep an "expected arrival chart", I did myself, until I collapsed under the paper work introduced by the number of games I play. Some leniency should be given on the 3rd day plus postal time rule but habitual rule benders should be warned. I know some postal players (and I want to thank them) who will send "repeat" cards 3 or 4 times before mentioning it to the director that his opponent is late.

But when ever you want to file a time compliant this is what I wish you would do, make the first notice to me be a request for a warning. I will send the player in question a warning card asking him to play within the rules. No reply to the Postal Director is required but a player may reply if he wishes. If the reason for lateness is some problem that might reoccur, a player might reconsider his ability to play postal chess.

I treat all first request as stated. If I get a second request from a player, I send a card citing the player with a time compliant which demands a reply or forfeiture at once. On this request, I want the requesting player to send me (A) the date of his first request, (B) the last card received from his opponent (A copy will do but I need both sides) showing his opponent's last move, the postmark and when it was received and reply sent, (C) note the date that a "repeat" card was sent (repeat card date and filing date may be the same but should have exceeded the required time for his opponents reply), (D) estimated postal time and (E) the board position at filing time. If I request that the game continue (mostly due to any appeal from the cited player) it will be with the understanding that any third compliant will be an automatic forfeit. Do not, and I repeat, DO NOT stop playing until you have received conformation from the Postal Director.

Postal chess is a great responsibility and entering a section is similar to entering into a type of service contract as you pledge your time to your opponents. If something really unexpected comes up and you can not reply to your opponent's move(s) as time will not permit, send him a quick card of explanation and importantly tell him when you can get back to him. Send the P.D. one, too. This is really stretching the rules but some sort of reply is better than none. If you must leave town quickly, take your opponents address with you and send a card from your destination. It really isn't all that hard to do!!

M. L. ELLIS GREATER POSTAL OPEN with this great postal fund of \$400.00 and we only have ONE section playing!! For just \$3.00 you can play for that big prize fund. We have another section ready to go but just need one more player to complete it. We have a couple of players signed up for sections 3 and 4, these players are playing in 3 sections, talk about liking postal chess, You'll like it too!

GAME RESULTS (all results received on or before April 20, '77)

TC-1-76 Fawbush 2 P. Greer; TC-2-76 Ousley 1 Mayer, Mayer 1 Irwin; TC-3-76 Groeniger 1 Ousley 1, Bimson ½ J. Greer ½; TC-4-76 Meadows 2 Scibetta, Meadows 1 Ellis; TC-5-76 Ramondt 1 Ellis, Searles 1a Whitehead; TF-75 Irwin 1 Searles; TP-1-74 Fawbush 1a Ellis; TP-2-74 Fawbush 1a Ishee, Bennett ½ Ellis ½

RATINGS (only those that changed are shown)

Bennett	672	J. Greer	392	Ishee	493	Ramondt	526
Bimson	465	P. Greer	386	Mayer	604	Scibetta	380
Ellis	455	Groeniger	479	Meadows	493	Searles	906
Fawbush	928	Ishee	701	Ousley	628	Whitehead	526

"THANKS TO ALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS"

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One Tournament Director that especially comes to my mind is John Nichols of Johnson City. Many tournaments have passed by which he would have loved to participated but someone must direct the tournaments in which he did!! Keep up the good work!!! A few words of thanks to all Tournament Directors!

MUSIC CITY WINTER OPEN

ENGLISH OPENING White: Vernon Vix (1846) Black: Henry Robinson (1877)
 1 P-QB4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 P-Q3 3 P-KN3 P-KN3 4 B-N2 B-N2 5 P-K3 N-KB3 6 KN-K2 O-O
 7 R-QN1 P-B3 8 P-QN4 P-Q4 9 PXP PXP 10 P-Q4 P-K5 11 Q-N3 N-QB3 12 N-B4 N-K2
 13 P-KR4 B-N5 14 P-N5 Q-Q2 15 B-R3 KR-Q1 16 BxN QxB 17 N/4xQP NxN 18 NxN Q-Q2
 19 N-B4 Q-B4 20 Draw agreed

CARO-KANN DEFENCE White: Philip Morgan (1911) Black: John Bandy (1186)
 1 P-K4 P-QB3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 PXP 4 NXP B-B4 5 N-N3 B-N3 6 N-R3 P-KR3 7 N-B4
 B-R2 8 B-B4 P-K3 9 O-O N-B3 10 R-K1 B-K2 11 BXP! PxB 12 NXP Q-B1 13 Q-K2 Resigns

IRREGULAR White: Lewis Inmand (1446) Black: Tom Farr (1672)
 1 P-QN3 N-KB3 2 B-N2 P-KN3 3 BxN PxB 4 P-QB4 B-N2 5 N-QB3 O-O 6 N-B3 R-K1 7 P-K3
 N-QB3 8 B-K2 P-B4 9 QR-B1 P-Q3 10 O-O P-KN4 11 P-Q4 P-N5 12 N-K1 R-K3 13 P-Q5
 R-R3 14 BXP? PxB 15 PxN Q-R5 16 P-KR3 NPxRP 17 N-B3 Q-R4 18 Q-Q5? PXP 19 QxQ
 PXR(Q)ch 20 KxQ RxQ 21 Resigns

QP COLLE SYSTEM White: Don Sibrel (1529) Black: Larry Parker (1236)
 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 P-K3 P-QB4 4 B-Q3 Q-B2 5 O-O B-Q2 6 P-KR3 O-O 7 QN-Q2
 N-B3 8 P-B3 R-K1 9 R-K1 P-QN3 10 P-K4 PXP 11 PXP N-QN5 12 B-N1 B-K2 13 P-K5 N/3-Q4
 14 N-K4 P-KR3 15 P-R3 N-QB3 16 Q-B2 P-KB4 17 PXP e.p. BXP 18 NxBoh NxN 19 P-Q5:
 N-K2?? (a) 20 QxQ Resigns
 (a) If 19...NXP 20 Q-R7ch K-B1 (K-B2 21 B-N6ch) 21 Q-R8ch K-B2 (K-K2 22 QxPch)
 22 B-N6ch! KxB 23 QxRch winning for White in any event.

MUSIC CITY SPRING OPEN

SICILIAN DEFENCE White: Curt Jones (1962) Black: Jerry Wheeler (1771)
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 Qb6 7 Nb3 e6 8 Be3 Qc7 9 f4
 Be7 10 O-O a6 11 a4 b6 12 Bd3 Bb7 13 f5 ef 14 Rxf5 Bc8 15 Rxf6! gf 16 Nd5 Qb7
 17 Qf1! Be6 18 Nxb6 Rb8 19 Bxa6 Qc7 20 Nd5 Bxd5 21 ed Nb4 22 Bb5ch Kd8 23 Nd4
 Nxd5 24 Nc6ch Kc8 25 Qf5ch Kb7 26 Qxd5 Rb-g8 27 Nxe7ch Resigns

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENCE White: Tom Farr (1721) Black: Henry Robinson (1877)
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 b6 5 Bd3 Bxc3ch 6 bc Bb7 7 Nf3 d6 8 O-O O-O
 9 Re1 Nc6 10 e4 e5 11 d5 Na5 12 Nd2 Ba6 13 Qe2 Nd7 14 Nb3 Nb7 15 Be3 Rc8 16 f4
 Qe7 17 f5 f6 18 Rf1 Qe8 19 Rf3 Kf7 20 Rg3 Rh8 21 Qh5ch Kf8 22 Qh4 h6 23 Be2 Qf7
 24 Bh5 Qg8 25 Qg4 Nd8 26 Nd2 Nf7 27 Nf3 Rh7 28 Bg6 Rh8 29 Nh4 Ke7 30 Bh5 Rh7
 31 Bg6 Rh8 32 Bxf7 Kxf7 33 Qh5ch Ke7 34 Ng6ch Kd8 35 Nxb8 Qxb8 36 Qf7 Qe8
 37 Qxe8ch Kxe8 38 Rxe7 Nf8 39 Exh6 Bxc4 40 Rg8 Kf7 41 Rxf8ch Rxf8 42 Bxf8 Kxf8
 43 a3 Ke7 44 Kf2 Kh6 45 Ke3 Bb5 46 Rb1 Be8 47 Rb4 a5 48 Rc4 Resigns

RUY LOPEZ White: Chad Hill, Detroit (2100) Black: Kent Meadows (1574)
 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 d3 b5 6 Bb3 Be7 7 c3 O-O 8 Nbd2 Re8
 9 Ng5 Rf8 10 Qf3 h6 11 h4! Bb7 12 Nf1 Na5 13 Bc2 d5 14 Bd2 c5 15 Ne3 de 16 de
 Nc4 17 Nc4 bc 18 Rd1 Qb6 19 Bcl Rad8 20 Rd8 Rd8 21 Nh3 Qc6 22 O-O Ne4 23 Re1
 f5 24 Qf5 Nf2! 25 Qh7ch Kf8 26 Qf5 Kg8 27 Qh7ch Kf8 28 Qf5 Drawn

SICILIAN (SMITH-MORRA) White: Kent Meadows (1574) Black: Don Sibrel (1529)
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PXP 3 P-QB3 PXP 4 NXP P-KN3 5 B-QB4 P-Q3 6 B-KN5 B-K3 7 BxB
 PxB 8 N-B3 B-N2 9 O-O BxN 10 PxB N-KB3 11 Q-N3 Q-Q2 12 P-K5 PXP 13 KR-Q1 Q-B1
 14 NXP N-B3 15 R-K1 NxN 16 RxN N-Q4 17 QR-K1 N-B2 18 RXP! NxR 19 RxN O-O?
 20 R-QB6ch Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENCE (O'KELLY) White: Ronnie Yoder (1531) Black: Curt Jones (1962)
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-QR3 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 NXP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-K4 6 N-B5? P-Q4!
 7 N-N3 P-Q5 8 QN-K2 P-KR4 9 P-KB4 P-R5 10 PXP Q-R4ch 11 P-QB3 PXP 12 NXP PxN
 13 PxN RXP 14 R-N1 Q-QB4 15 Q-B3 N-B3(a) 16 QXP QXR 17 B-K3 RXP! 18 QXR QxBch
 19 B-K2 B-KR6 20 Q-B2 QxQch 21 KxQ PXP 22 N-Q5 O-O-O 23 R-QB1 B-K3 24 BXP BxN
 25 PxB RXP 26 RxNch K-N1 27 RXP (b) PxB 28 RXP K-N2 29 R-KB6 R-Q2 30 K-K2 B-N2
 31 R-B3 (c) K-R3 32 P-N3 K-N4 33 P-R3 B-N7 34 R-B5ch K-N3 35 P-R4 P-B3 36 R-N5ch
 K-B3 37 P-N4 R-Q4 38 R-N8 B-K4 39 R-B8ch K-N2 40 R-B4 R-Q5 41 RXP BXR 42 K-Q3
 B-K4 43 K-B4 K-B3 44 P-R5 B-B2 45 P-N5ch K-N2 46 P-N6 B-R7 47 K-N5 B-N8 48 P-R6ch
 K-N1 49 K-B6 P-B4 50 P-R7ch? (d) K-R1 51 K-B7 BXP! 52 Resigns

Last round thriller! What made this game so exciting was that Curt had only 5 minutes left for his last thirty moves and played them in speed chess fashion, and even refusing several draw offers.

- (a) Why not 15...QXR, for after the text White should have played 16. B-K3.
- (b) Not 27. R-N6?? because of B-B5ch.
- (c) So if 31...BXP 32 R-N3ch.
- (d) I think it was at this point when White could force a draw with 50 K-Q4, for if BXP then 51 K-Q5 gets the pawn.

MEMPHIS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

SICILIAN (CLOSED) White: John Hurt (1760) Black: James Rackley (1593)
 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 d3 e6 4 g3 d5 5 Bg2 d4 6 Nce2 e5 7 f4 Bd6 8 Nf3 Qc7 9 0-0 Nf6
 10 c3 Bg4 11 fe5 Ne5 12 cd4 cd4 13 Bf4 Nf3ch 14 Bf3 Bf4 15 Nf4 Qd7? 16 e5 Bf3
 17 Qf3 Ng8 18 e6! fe6 19 Ne6 Nh6 20 Rael Qd6 21 Nc5ch Resigns (1-0)

SLAV DEFENCE White: R. Senn (1572) Black: J. Hurt (1760)
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 c6 5 e3 Be7 6 Bd3 Nbd7 7 0-0 dc4 8 Bc4 b5 9 Bd3
 Bb7 10 b3 a6 11 Bb2 c5 12 Rcl Rc8 13 Qe2 cd4 14 ed4 0-0 15 Ne5 Ne5 16 de5 Nd5 17
 Rfd1 g6 18 g3? Nc3 19 Rc3 Qd5 20 f3 Rc3 21 Kg2 Qc5 22 Bc3 23 Be4 Be4 24 Qe4 Rc8
 25 Kh3 Qc2 26 Rd3 Kg7 27 f4 Rd8 28 Re3 Qe4 29 Re4 Rd2 30 a4 Rd3 31 ab5 ab5 32 Re2
 Rb3 (0-1) 34

MODERN DEFENCE White: J. Hurt (1760) Black: K. Ferguson (1801)
 1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 Be3 c6 5 Be2 b5 6 Qd2 b4 7 Nd1 Qb6 8 a3 ba3 9 Ra3
 Nf6 10 f3 0-0 11b4 Qc7 12 c4 Ne8 13 Nc3 f5 14 b5 Nf6 15 bc6 Nc6 16 Nb5 Qb8
 17 ef5 Bf5 18 g4 Bd7 19 d5 Ne5 20 Ba7 Ra7 21 Ra7 Bb5 22 Re7 Bd7 23 c5 dc5 24 d6
 Re8 25 Qa2ch Kh8 26 g5 Nh5 27 Re8ch Qe8 28 Kd2 Nf4 29 h4 Ne2 30 Ne2 Nf3ch 31 Kcl
 Qe3ch 32 Kdl Qd3ch? (a) 33 Kcl Qe3ch 34 Kdl Qd3ch ($\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$)
 (a) Black had a win with 32...Ba4ch! 33 Qa4 Qd2 mate or 33 Qc2 still Qd2 mate. He
 may have been in time trouble. Ed.

NIMZOVICH ATTACK White: P. Maclin (1414) Black: John Hurt (1760)
 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 b3 d5 3 Bb2 c5 4 e3 Nc6 5 Bb5 e6 6 0-0 Qc7 7 Ne5 Nd7 8 Bc6 bc6 9 f4 Rb8
 10 d3 a5 11 Nd2 a4 12 Nd7 Qd7 13 Qd4 f6 14 Rf3 Qf7 15 e4 h5 16 Qh3 Qg6 17 f5 Qg4 18
 Qg4 hg4 19 Re3 ef5 20 ed5ch Kd8? (Kd7!) 21 dc6 Bd6 22 Rael Bh2ch 23 Kf2 f4 24 Re7
 Bg3ch 25 Kg1 Bel 26 Rg7! Bd2? (Ke8!) 27 c7ch Ke8 28 cb8(Q) Be3ch 29 Kf1 Rh1ch 30
 Ke2 f3ch 31 Ke3 Relch 32 Kf4 (1-0) 34

FRENCH DEFENCE White: John Hurt (1760) Black: Tom Olsen (1387)
 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 de4 4 Ne4 Nd7 5 Nf3 Ngf6 6 Bg5 Be7 7 Bf6 Nf6 8 Bd3 0-0 9 c3
 Qd5 10 Qc2 g6 11 0-0 Bd7 12 c4 Qa5 13 Ne5 Rad8 14 b4 Qb6 15 Nf6ch Bf6 16 Qc3 Bb5
 17 c5 Qa6 18 Bb5 Qb5 19 f4 Be5 20 fe5 Qd7 21 Rf4 Qe7 22 Rf6 Qd7 23 Rd1 Qd5 24 Qe3
 Kg7 25 Rf4 Rh8 26 Rh4 Kg8 27 Rf1 Rf8 28 Rhf4 c6 29 Qf2 Qd7 30 Qh4 h6 31 Rf6 Kh7
 32 Qf4 Kg7 33 Rf3 Rh7 34 Rg6ch!! Resigns (If 34...fg 35 Qf8 mate, or Kg6 35 Qg4#
 or if Kh8 35 Qf6ch Rg7 36 Qg7 mate, Ed)(Games submitted by John Hurt)

NASHVILLE CHAMPIONSHIP

KING'S FIANCHETTO White: Curt Jones (1893) Black: Glenn Cornwell (1603)
 1 g3 g6 2 Bg2 Bg7 3 f4 d6 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 d3 c6 6 Nc3 Nb-d7 7 0-0 0-0 8 e4 Ng4 (Theate-
 ning 9...Qb6ch 10 Kh1 Nf7ch, etc) 9 Qe2 Nh6 10 Kh1 f5 11 e5 de5 12 fe5 Nc5 13 d4
 Ne6 14 Rd1 Nc7 15 Bf4 e6 16 Qd2 Nf7 17 Ne2 Nd5 18 c4 Nxf4 19 gf a6 20 Rcl b5 21 cb
 cb 22 Ng5 Ra7 23 Nxf7 Rxf7 24 d5! Bb7 25 de Bxg2ch 26 Kxg2 Qa8ch 27 Kg1 Rf-e7
 28 Qd8ch Resigns (1-0)

FRENCH DEFENCE White: Joe Jones (1897) Black: Peter Ciarleglio (1493)
 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-Q2 N-KB3 4 P-K5 KN-Q2 5 P-QB3 P-QB4 6 B-Q3 N-QB3
 7 KN-K2 Q-N3 8 N-KB3 PxP 9 PxP B-N5ch 10 K-B1 P-B3! 11 PxP NxP 12 P-KN3 0-0
 13 K-N2 P-K4! 14 NxP NxN 15 PxN N-N5 16 B-K3 NxBch 17 PxN QxP 18 N-B4? RxN!
 19 BxPch (If 19 PxR then B-R6 mate) K-R1 20 R-KB1 RxR 21 QxR KxB 22 P-KR4
 B-N5 23 Resigns (0-1) Biggest upset of the tournament!

MEMPHIS-DYERSBURG MATCH

DANISH GAMBIT DECLINED White: John Hurt Black: H. Moody
 1 e4 e5 2 d4 ed4 3 c3 b6 4 cd4 Bb7 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 Nf6 7 Qe2 Nc6 8 Nf3 Be7 9 e5
 de5 10 de5 Ng4 11 Bf7ch Kf8 12 Bb3 Nc4 13 Nd4 Qd4 14 Be3 Ne3 15 fe3 Qe5 16 0-0ch
 Bf6 17 Kh1 Re7 18 Qc4 Rhf8 19 e4 Bg5 20 Rf7ch Resigns (1-0)

ANNOTATED GAMESBy Bill Layton

The following games are from the recent Knoxville Open and annotated by Bill Layton. In the first game he wins against Master Marty Appleberry. In the second he has a chance for another upset but misplays it. He also comments on the game Layton Vs. Morgan which was briefly annotated in the last TCN issue. The opening is actually a Center Counter Game. The move 31. PxP is given a ?. But instead 37. QxN? deserves the "?" since after 37. N-KB3 Black is defenceless (one threat is N-N1). On 38 QxB? deserves its "?", but instead of drawing with 38. N-B1, White has better with 38 Q-K8ch! K-N2; 39 QxBPch QxQ; 40 PxQ KxP 41 N-K4! winning.

<u>PIRC DEFENCE</u>	White: <u>Marty Appleberry</u> (2278)	Black: <u>Bill Layton</u> (2015)
1. P-K4	P-KN3	14. RPxP RPxP
2. P-Q4	B-N2	15. RxR BxR
3. N-QB3	P-Q3	16. NxNP Q-N3?(f)
4. P-KN3	N-KB3	17. Q-Q3! Q-R3?
5. B-N2	O-O	18. N-QB3!(g) Q-R4 (h)
6. KN-K2	P-QB3 (a)	19. R-QN1 Q-N5
7. P-QR4	P-QN3!? (b)	20. P-QN3 N-QB2
8. O-O	Q-B2	21. N-QR4(i) R-Q1
9. P-KR3 (c)	B-N2	22. P-QB3 Q-N1
10. B-K3	QN-Q2	23. Q-B2 N-K3
11. P-KB4	P-QR3 (d)	24. P-QB4 (j) P-KN4 (k)
12. P-KN4	P-QN4!? (e)	25. P-B5 N-B5!
13. P-K5!	N-K1	26. BxN PxB
		27. P-K6 (1) PxP
		28. PxP N-B1
		29. P-Q5 PxP
		30. PxP Q-R2ch
		31. K-B1 NxKP! (m)
		32. PxN P-B6
		33. BxP BxB
		34. N-N1 R-B1
		35. NxB RxNch
		36. K-N2 Q-N2!
		37. R-B1 R-B6ch
		38. Resigns

- (a) White has adopted a positional system designed to solve Black's counterplay in the center and queenside. Well known is 6...P-K4 7 O-O N-QB3 8 PxP PxP 9 B-N5 B-K3 10 N-Q5 BxN 11 PxB N-K2 (ECO), but better seems 10...N-N1 with approximate equality.
- (b) If Black allows P-R5 his game will be very cramped, 7...P-QR4 is safer but lifeless, the text attempts to preserve the possibility of queenside action.
- (c) Another possibility is 9 P-K5!? PxP 10 N-N5 Q-N2. If Black wishes to avoid this another move order may be adopted.
- (d) Necessary to enforce either P-QB4 or P-QN4.
- (e) Consistent, but also possible is 12...P-QB4 13 P-Q5 P-K3.
- (f) Better is 16...Q-N1 regaining the pawn.
- (g) Now I realized that after 18...QxQ 19 PxQ White Rook penetrates along the QR file too soon.
- (h) Now Black must pretend he has counterplay. If White sits on the position and is patient he should probably win, if Black can open up the position his counterplay will become very real.
- (i) 21 N-K4 seems more natural.
- (j) Now black's break with P-QB4 doesn't work, however, Black has another shot.
- (k) A typical motif, however, the justification comes at the end of the combination.
- (l) If NxP then White's KP falls, this much is well known.
- (m) The point!

PIRC-MODERN DEFENCE White: Bill Layton (2015) Black: Steve Spencer (2140)

1 P-K4 P-KN3 2 P-Q4 B-N2 3 N-QB3 P-QR3!? 4 P-B4 P-QN4 5 N-B3 B-N2 6 B-Q3 P-Q3 7 P-K5?(a) P-QB4! 8 PxBP PxKP 9 PxP QN-Q2! 10 P-K6(b) PxP 11 O-O NxQBP 12 N-KN5 P-N5 13 N-QN5?(c) Q-N3! 14 B-K3 Q-B3 15 Q-K2 NxB 16 PxN?(d) PxN(e) 17 QR-QB1 Q-Q2 18 N-B7 N-KB3 19 NxR BxN 20 K-R1 B-N2 21 B-B4 N-Q4 22 B-K5 B-B3 23 R-QR1 BxB 24 QxB N-KB3 25 P-QR3 PxP 26 PxP Q-Q4 27 Q-K2 R-R5 28 P-Q4 RxQP and Black won shortly.

- (a) Correct is 7 Q-K2 N-Q2 8 O-O
- (b) There's no turning back now.
- (c) After 13 N-N1 Q-Q4 it is White who will be mated. The text is consistent though speculative (i.e. unsound but trappy).
- (d) Incredible 16 N-Q4 wins outright! I had considred N-Q4 but (concluded on next page)

ANNOTATED GAMESBy Curt JonesCLOSED SICILIAN White: Steve Keck (1700) Black: Curt Jones (1893) Southern H.S. Champ.

1. e4	c5	18. h4	Rad8 (e)	35. Ke4	Kd6
2. Nc3	a6 (a)	19. Qh3	Qd5ch	36. h5	f:g5
3. g3	b5	20. Qf3 (f)	Kf7	37. Bxg5	Bc5
4. Bg2	Bb7	21. g5	Rd7	38. Bcl	Bd4
5. d3	e6	22. Kgl	Q:f3	39. a5	Bf2
6. f4	Nf6	23. R:f3	Rfd8	40. Bd2	Bd4
7. Nf3	d5 (b)	24. Kf2	Rd5	41. Bcl	h6 (h)
8. e:d5	N:d5	25. a4	b4	42. f6	g:f6
9. N:d5	B:d5	26. Ke2?	b3! (g)	43. B:h6	Ke6
10. O-O	Be7	27. c:b3	R:d3	44. Bcl	f5ch
11. Be3	O-O	28. Rgl	R:b3	45. Kf3	Kf6
12. Ne5	B:g2	29. Bcl	R:f3	46. Ke2	f4
13. K:g2	Qc7	30. K:f3	Rd4	47. Kf3	Kg5
14. Qf3	Nd7	31. Rg4	R:g4	48. h6	K:h6
15. N:d7	Q:d7 (c)	32. K:g4	c4	49. Kg4	Kg6
16. f5 (d)	e5	33. Be3	Bb4	50. Kf3	Kf5
17. g4	f6	34. Kf3	Ke7	51. Ke2	Ke4
				52. Resigns	

- (a) I have often been told that what is wrong with the O'Kelly variation in the Closed Sicilian, so I played this to find out for myself. Although I came out with an equal game, one game does not make or break an opening.
- (b) Perhaps 7...d6 is better as this leads to a stale equality.
- (c) With an equal game.
- (d) This frees White's bishop and gives him more space on the kingside, and gives Black a "bad" bishop but Black now has a central advantage. This move gave a dynamic character to the game.
- (e) I knew that a Kingside attack by White could not succeed as long as I had as much, if not more, control of the center as he.
- (f) If 20 Kh2 or Kgl, then 20...e4 would show Black's central superiority, opening up the position against White's King.
- (g) White's neglect to play 26 b3 gives Black this excellent opportunity to destroy what little center White has. Black now has a decided advantage.
- (h) Now White is in zugzwang.

Southern H.S.

SICILIAN (NAJDORF) White: Jerry Wheeler (1799) Black: D. Taffinder (1595) Championship

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 c:d4 4 N:d4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Qb6 8 Nb3 Be7 9 Qf3 Qc7
 10 O-O-O Nbd7 11 Bd3 h6 12 Bh4 g5! 13 f:g5 Ne5 14 Qe2 Nfg4 15 h3 h:g5 16 Bg3 Nf6 17
 Rhf1 Nfd7 18 Rf2 b5 19 Qd2 Bf8?! (a) 20 Kbl Bh6 (b) 21 B:e5 N:e5 22 B:b5ch! a:b5
 23 N:b5 Qb6 24 N:d6ch Ke7 25 Qc3! Q:f2 (c) 26 Q:e5 Rd8 27 Nf5ch! Ke8 (d) 28 Qh8ch
 Bf8 29 R:d8ch Kxd8 30 Qf8ch Kc7 31 Qd6ch Kb7 32 Nc5ch Ka7 33 Qc7ch Resigns

- (a) White has been outplayed in the opening and up to here Black had a fine game. The correct plan was to play 19...Bb7 with Rc8 (queenside play) or ...O-O-O (king-side play) to follow.
- (b) Continuing his faulty plan, 20...Bb7 was still O.K. With 20...Bh6 Black leaves his d6 in a precarious position, which is swiftly exploited by Wheeler.
- (c) My first impression was that Black was too greedy, and that 25...f6 would hold. However, after looking at it at home White still seems to win. 26 Q:e5!! f:e5 27 Rf7ch Kd8 28 Nc4ch Qd4 (Ke8 29 N:b6 K:f7 29 N:a8 White is plus three pawns) 29 N:d4 e:d4 30 R:d4 Ke8 31 Nd6ch Kd8 32 Nf5ch Ke8 33 Re7ch Kf8 34 Rd8 mate. If instead 26...Q:f2 27 Nf5ch Kf7 28 Qc7ch Kg6 29 Ne7ch Kh7 30 N:c8ch Bg7 31 Nb6 gives White 3 pawns for the exchange, plus command of Black's second rank.
- (d) If 27...Q:f5 28 Qc7ch Rd7 29 R:d7ch B:d7 30 e:f5 and White wins.
- Conclusion to Layton-Spencer: (d) somehow played PxdN.
- (e) Finally! The rest is easy to understand.

SOUTHERN PREMIER

Mar 19-20

1. Rundlett, Stuart	1864	W7	W3	D2	W6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Kelly, Dave	1929	W8	W6	D1	D3	3-1
3. Joiner, Bob	1831	Bye	L1	W5	D2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Stearns, Bruce	1796	F	W7	D6	WF	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Schultz, Donald	1908	L6	W8	L3	W7	2-2
6. Morrison, Earle	1858	W5	L2	D4	L1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Frederick, Robert	1854	L1	L4	W8	L5	1-3
8. Ruehman, Albert	1861	L2	L5	L7	LF	0-4

DYERSBURG SPRING OPEN

April 2-3

1. Robinson, Henry	1877	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	11. Maclin, Phillip	1502	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Appleberry, Marty	2237	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	12. Newsom, Gary	1649	2-3
3. Moody, Harold	1622	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13. Martin, Galen(MO)	1270	2-3
4. Sulcer, William (AR)	1546	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14. Hawkes, David	1467	2-3
5. Minor, Ronald	1844	3-2	15. Wright, James	1730	2-3
6. Pickard, Sid	1630	3-2	16. Farr, Warren (KY)	1378	2-3
7. Moody, Eulis	1545	3-2	17. Bishop, Doyle(AR)	1217	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Garner, Richard	1180	3-2	18. Sanders, Robert(MO)	1249	1-4
9. Little, James	1547	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	19. Parrish, Carl(AR)	1039	$\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. Garner, Robert	1519	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	20. Togni, Joseph	1199	$\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$

MUSIC CITY SPRING OPEN

April 16-17

		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	
1. Curt Jones	1962	W14	W20	W6	W5	W4	5-0
2. Tom Farr	1721	L20	W14	W12	W6	W7	4-1
3. Kent Meadows	1574	W8	W16	D13	L4	W11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Ronnie R. Yoder, Ft. Campbell	1531	D23	W22	W19	W3	L1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Jerry T. Wheeler	1771	W18	D19	W11	L1	D9	3-2
6. Brian McCarthy	1508	W17	W15	L1	L2	W16	3-2
7. Henry Robinson	1877	L12	W21	W20	W10	L2	3-2
8. A. Sidney Knight	1330	L3	Bye	D9	D14	W17	3-2
9. Scott Smith	1552	L16	W18	D8	W15	D5	3-2
10. George C. Jamison	1567	L19	W17	W16	L7	W15	3-2
11. Don Sibrel	1529	D22	W23	L5	W19	L3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
12. David Thistlethwaite	1466	W7	L13	L2	D20	W19	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
13. Chad Hill	2100	W21	W12	D3	Withdrew		2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
14. Robert A. Yokley	1477	L1	L2	W21	D8	W20	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
15. John W. Storrs	1165	Bye	L6	W23	L9	L10	2-3
16. Morris Lewis	1265	W9	L3	L10	W18	L6	2-3
17. Todd Kinnane	UNR	L6	L10	W22	W23	L8	2-3
18. Bobby R. Chamuis	1391	L5	L9	Bye	L16	W22	2-3
19. Randall Hinton	1285	W10	D5	L4	L11	L12	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. Harvey Hix	1349	W2	L1	L7	D12	L14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
21. David Freitag	1491	L13	L7	L14	D22	Bye	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
22. Mark D. Richardson	1212	D11	L4	L17	D21	L18	1-4
23. Larry M. Parker	123	D4	L11	L15	L17	WD	$\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$

13th CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN
March 12

PLAYER	RATING	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	SCORE
1. Carpenter, Richard	1843	W14	W6	D2	W4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Noonan, Thomas R.	1627	W20	W16	D1	W8	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Cooper, Rickey	1842	L16	W20	W5	W9	3-1
4. Rickman, Joe	1799	W12	W10	W8	L1	3-1
5. Freitag, David	1578	W17	W15	L3	W10	3-1
6. Choatie, Steven R.	1426	W18	L1	W16	W11	3-1
7. Roe, Ronald	UNR	L9	D13	W20	W16	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Robinson, Henry	1877	W13	W9	L4	L2	2-2
9. Chapuis, Bobby R.	1415	W7	L8	W12	L3	2-2
10. Hendrick, Mike	1372	W19	L4	W15	L5	2-2
11. Gustin, Edward	1158	L15	W17	W18	L6	2-2
12. Wicker, Jeffrey K.	970	L4	W19	L9	W17	2-2
13. White, Thomas P.	1158	L8	D7	L14	W18	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
14. Penuel, Bryant D.	1121	L1	L18	W13	D15	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
15. Young, Robert L.	UNR	W11	L5	L10	D14	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
16. Pearson, Clinton	1121	W3	L2	L6	L7	1-3
17. Crump, Joseph P., Jr.	UNR	L5	L11	W19	L12	1-3
18. Cumby, Rick D.	UNR	L6	W14	L11	L13	1-3
19. Webb, Michael P.	UNR	L10	L12	L17	W20	1-3
20. Chambers, Gary D.	UNR	L2	L3	L7	L19	0-4

MUSIC CITY WINTER OPEN
March 19-20

PLAYER	RATING	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	SCORE
1. Vernon Vix	1846	W12	W5	W7	W6	D2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Henry Robinson	1877	W14	W9	D3	W4	D1	4-1
3. George Pitts	1716	W15	W8	D2	WF18	D6	4-1
4. Roy T. Farr	1672	W21	W13	W20	L2	W7	4-1
5. Frank L. Creasy, Jr.	1573	W25	L1	W24	W15	W10	4-1
6. Philip S. Morgan	1911	W20	W11	W13	L1	D3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Lewis Inman	1446	W22	W10	L1	W9	L4	3-2
8. Don Sibrel	1549	W16	L3	L10	W21	W17	3-2
9. Eulis J. Moody	1554	W19	L2	W11	L7	W13	3-2
10. Gary Newsom	1604	W24	L7	W8	W14	L5	3-2
11. John D. Bandy	1186	Bye	L6	L9	W25	W15	3-2
12. Robert E. Garner	1446	L1	W17	L18	WF23	W14	3-2
13. Philip S. Maclin, Sr.	1414	W18	L4	L6	W20	L9	2-3
14. James C. Little	1547	L2	W21	W22	L10	L12	2-3
15. Steven Choatie	1426	L3	W19	W23	L5	L11	2-3
16. Brian McCarthy	UNR	L8	L18	L21	W19	W25	2-3
17. Larry M. Parker	1236	L23	L12	Bye	WF24	L8	2-3
18. Guy Kooi	1703	L13	W16	W12	LF3	WD	2-3
19. James M. Lotochinski	UNR	L9	L15	D25	L16	Bye	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. Robert A. Yokley	1477	L6	W23	L4	L13	WD	1-4
21. Sidney Knight	1277	L4	L14	W16	L8	WD	1-4
22. Donny Gray	1783	L7	W25	L14	Withdrew		1-4
23. Charles Lober	1600	W17	L20	L15	LF12	WD	1-4
24. William J. Martin	1264	L10	Bye	L5	LF17	WD	1-4
25. Todd Kinnane	UNR	L5	L22	D19	L11	L16	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$

1st NASHVILLE AMATEUR

Feb 26-27

		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	SCORE
1. Robert Yokley	1477	W26	W4	W10	D5	W9	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Ronnie Yoder	1531	W16	W18	D9	W6	W5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Lewis Inman	1446	W8	W7	L5	W16	W10	4-1
4. Roy T. Farr	1672	W24	L1	W14	W23	W11	4-1
5. Marcus Stinson	1536	W19	W21	W3	D1	L2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Mark Ishee	1674	W27	D11	W31	L2	W20	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Arliss Dietz	1590	W28	L3	W25	W15	D8	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Brian McCarthy	UNR	L3	W28	W27	W17	D7	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Charles Lober	1600	W25	W12	D2	D11	L1	3-2
10. Kent Meadows	1569	W23	W22	L1	W19	L3	3-2
11. George Jamison	1493	W30	D6	W17	D9	L4	3-2
12. Jody K. Landrum	1463	W33	L9	L15	W25	W14	3-2
13. David Freitag	1578	L15	L14	W30	W24	W23	3-2
14. Ronald Roe	UNR	D20	W13	L4	W21	L12	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
15. Larry D. Evans	UNR	W13	L20	W12	L7	D19	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
16. Randall Hinton	UNR	L2	W36	W24	L3	D18	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
17. Don Sibrel	1549	W24	D31	L11	L8	W27	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
18. A. Sidney Knight	1277	W36	L2	L19	W33	D16	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
19. David Hendershot	UNR	L5	W35	W18	L10	D15	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. David Thistlethwaite	1386	D14	W15	L1	W29	L6	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
21. Russ Eagle	1303	W35	L5	D29	L14	W28	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
22. Bobby R. Chapuis	1415	W32	L10	L23	D28	W29	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
23. Tom Harley	UNR	L10	W32	W22	L4	L13	2-3
24. Larry M. Parker	1236	L4	W26	L16	L13	W33	2-3
25. Morris Lewis	971	L9	W33	L7	L12	W34	2-3
26. Jeff Kaiser	UNR	L1	L24	W34	L27	W32	2-3
27. James E. Bryant	1275	L6	D30	L8	W26	L17	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
28. Ron Burgess	UNR	L7	L8	W32	D22	L21	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
29. Roy Hashimoto	UNR	L17	W34	D21	L20	L22	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
30. Gary Jamison	UNR	L11	D27	L13	F32	W35	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
31. Billy Anderson	1373	W34	D17	L6	Withdrawn		1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
32. Gary McMurray	UNR	L22	L23	L28	WF30	L26	1-4
33. Todd Kinnane	UNR	L12	L15	W35	L18	L24	1-4
34. Philip Smith	UNR	L31	L29	L26	W35	L25	1-4
35. James A. Towery	UNR	L21	L19	L33	L34	L30	0-5
36. Gene Wright	UNR	L18	L16	Withdrawn			0-2

ANNOUNCING56th SOUTHERN OPEN AND REGION IV CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 1-4

\$2,300 Prize Fund, Unconditionally Guaranteed

7-SS, 40/2, Holiday Inn, US 123, Clemson, S.C. 29631. EF: \$16 (by June 18), after \$20. \$\$ OPEN: 300-150-75, Expert: 75-37.50, Class A: 75-37.50. Trophies to 1st, 1st Region IV, 1st Expert, 1st Class A. \$\$ AMATEUR: 280-140-70, Class C: 70-35. Trophies to 1st and 1st Class C. \$\$ NOVICE: 260-130-65, Class E: 65-32.50, Unrated: 65-32.50. Trophies to 1st, 1st Class E, 1st Unrated. One Cash Prize per player. Registration: to 7:00 PM (Friday, July 1). Rounds: 7:30 PM (July 1), 9:30-4:00 (July 2), 12:30-7:00 (July 3), 9:00-3:30 (July 4). No round Sunday morning. HR: Single \$16, Double \$22. ENT: Clemson Chess Club, 408 Shorecrest Dr., Clemson, S.C. 29631. (If you cannot attend 1st round Friday, you will be given a $\frac{1}{2}$ point bye if requested along with advance registration.)

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

- May 13-14 MID-TN MAY OPEN (Smyrna), 4-SS, 50/2, Smyrna City Hall, US 415, Smyrna, Tenn., 37167. EF: \$7.50. TCA mem. req. (\$2), other states OK. \$\$ (based on 30 entries) 100-50-25, top B, C, D/E/Unr. each \$10. Reg. 6:45-7:20. Rds. 7:30, 9-2-7. ENT: Marcus Stinson. 513 E. Kings Rd., Smyrna, Tn 37167. Limited NS.
- Jun 11-12 EAST TENNESSEE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 5-SS, 50/2, Fairfield Glade Civic Center, Peavine Road, Crossville, TN 38555. Open to East Tn residents. EF: \$15. TCA mem. req. (\$2). \$\$ (based on 50 entries) \$25 in expenses toward state champ. to top 2, B 50-30, C 40-20, D 40-15, E/Unr 30. Trophies to 1st, B, C, D, E/Unr. Reg. 7-8:30 AM CDT. Rds 9-2-7, 9-2. HR: \$28 (1 to 4 persons)
- Jun 11-12 MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, 5-SS, 50/2, UT-Nashville, 10th & Charlotte, Room 314 & 315, Nashville, TN 37203. Open to Middle Tenn. res. EF: \$15, TCA Mem. req. (\$2). \$\$ (Based on 50 entries) \$25 in expenses toward state Champ. to top 2, B 50-30, C 40-20, D 40-15, E/Unr 30. Trophies to 1st, B, C, D, E/Unr. Reg. 8-9 AM. Rds 9:30-2-7, 9-2. ENT: Glenn Cornwell, 303 Belinda Dr., Hermitage, Tn 37076.
- Jun 11-12 WEST TENNESSEE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, 5-SS, 50/2, Howard Johnson's Motor Inn, 3280 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis, TN 38116. Open to West TN res. EF: \$15, TCA mem. req. (\$2), \$\$ (based on 50 entries) \$25 in expenses toward state champ. to top 2, B 50-30, C 40-20, D 40-15, E/Unr 30. Trophies to 1st, B, C, D, E/Unr. (Note the announcement in CL&R also gives \$\$ for first and second. This is incorrect as these are the \$\$ in the state champ.) Reg. 8-9 AM. Rds. 9:30-2-7, 9-2. HR: Single: \$18-23, Double: \$21-26.
ENT: C.C. Little, 149 South Greer, Memphis, TN 38111.
- Jul 23 MUSIC CITY SUMMER OPEN (Nashville). Details next issue.
- Jul 30 15th CUMBERLAND COUNTY OPEN (Crossville). Details next issue.
- Jul 30-31 DYERSBURG SUMMER OPEN (Dyersburg). Details next issue.
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