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MILAN MOMIC NEW OPEN AND JIM WRIGHT STATE CHAMPION

The 1970 Tennessee OPEN and AMATEUR events combined set a new attendance record with 84 players, topping last year's record by ten. Sixty-five players were from Tennessee and nine other states were represented. Kentucky and Alabama leading the list with five players each.

In the Open Milan Momic of Muscle Shoals, Ala. took undisputed first place by winning five and drawing with Brian Worley of Knoxville. Now State Champion is James Wright of the Memphis Chess Club, who won five but was upset by Padrek Novillo of New York. History seems to repeat itself. Both Momic and Wright won the same titles in 1964. This marks also only the second time that the state title did not go to East Tennessee. Third place was taken by Mack Garner of Maryville with 4½ points, thereby repeating as State Junior Champion. Tied also at 4½ was Robert Churchill of Memphis who with it captured the Class A title. Five players had 4-2 for 5th to 9th place in this order after tie-breaks: Brian Worley and Emanuel Tsitsoklis of Knoxville, Martin Appleberry of Huntsville, John Hurt of Memphis, and Bill Maier of Cincinnati. There were 36 players in this event.

In the Amateur John Roh of Huntsville, Ala. captured first place by winning five and yielding only one draw to Gary Ratliff of Cleveland, Miss. Three players tied at 5-1 in this order after tie-breaks: 2nd Dwayne Jollay of Talbott, Tenn. Samuel Fulkerson of Louisville, Ky., and William Grounds of Ft. Campbell, Ky. and a member of the Nashville Chess Club.

The new 1970 Champions are as follows:

		OPEN CHAMPIONS	
Open Champion	Milan Momic (Muscle Shoals Ala)	5½ points	Trophy & \$150
State Champion & 2nd	James Wright (Millington)	5 "	Trophy & \$75
Junior Champion & 3rd	Mack Garner (Maryville)	4½ "	Trophy & \$25
Class A Champion & 3rd tie	Robert Churchill (Memphis)	4½ "	Trophy & \$25
Class B Champion	Brian Worley (Knoxville)	4 "	Trophy
Team Plaque	Memphis Chess Club	34 "	Plaque
		AMATEUR CHAMPIONS	
Amateur Champion	John Roh (Huntsville, Ala.)	5½ points	Trophy & \$50
2nd pl. Tie & Class C	Dwayne Jollay (Talbott)	5 points	Trophy & \$17
2nd pl. Tie	Samuel Fulkerson (Louisville, Ky)	5 points	\$17
2nd pl. Tie	William Grounds (Ft. Campbell, Ky)	5 points	\$17
Ladies Champion	Verna Fauscy (Nashville)	3 points	Trophy
Class B Champion	Bernard Blasenok (Pa.)	4 points	Trophy
Class D Champion	David Rushing (Nashville)	4 points	Trophy
Class E Champion	Jerry O'Daniels (Memphis)	4 points	Trophy
Unrated Champion	Kon Ziemak (Nashville)	4½ points	Trophy

ALABAMA - TENNESSEE MATCH IN OCTOBER

A match between Alabama and Tennessee is tentatively scheduled for October 4 in Florence, Ala. It will be a double round match on 20 boards. Most of the Tenn. players will come from Memphis and Nashville. For East Tennessee the distance will be too great, but we do hope to interest last year's State Champion James Sweets of Chattanooga.

A match between the two states took place once in 1956. That year Tennessee was victorious on 7 boards with 8½-5½. The Tennessee team consisted of Roa Hayes, G. W. Sweets, Jim Wright, Bob Scrivener, Burton Mullenix, Tom Finucane and Tom Carothers.

## WITH THE CLUBS

What is probably the largest chess club in Tennessee was recently discovered in Nashville. It is the club at the Tennessee State Prison. Some 40 members attend the meetings regularly on Tuesdays. A Catholic Priest, who is an avid player himself, sponsors the club. They do not have any tables only chairs to play on. Perhaps some Nashville players can help them out?

The Nashville Chess Club has been keeping quite active during the Summer months. Peto Lahde, the current leader, has won three and drawn the last of his matches for a  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  score. The top ten are:

1. Lahde	1977	6. Dr. Leiserson	1701
2. Farr	1824	7. Estes	1700
3. Bowen	1785	8. Jones	1698
4. DuPlantier	1719	9. Carr	1658
5. Schofield	1712	10. Tew	1643

Here is a recent miniature:

PHILIDOR'S DEFENCE White: Peto Lahde Black: Don DuPlantier (8/18/70)  
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 B-B4 P-QB3 4 P-Q4 Q-N-Q2 5 PxP PxP 6 N-N5 N-R3 7 O-O  
 B-K2 8. BxPch! NxB 9 N-K6 Q-N3 10 NcPch K-Q1? (Correct is K-B1) 11 Q-R5! N-B3  
 12 QxN NcKP 13 R-Q1ch B-Q2? 14 N-K6ch K-B1 15 QxB QxPch (Or 15...NcP 16 QxBch K-N1  
 17 Q-Q8ch! RxQ 18 RxRch QxR 19 NcQ with a winning material advantage) 16 K-R1 N-B3  
 17 Q-Q6 N-Q4 18 N-B3 R-KN1 19 B-N5! Resigns

From Memphis we don't have any details but here is a recent game from their club ladder:

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED White: James Wright Black: John Hurt (8/21/70)  
 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 N-QB3 P-Q4 4 N-B3 P-QB4 5 B-N5 PxQP 6 NcP P-K4 7 N-B3  
 P-Q5 8 N-Q5 N-B3 9 NcNch? Pxn 10 B-Q2 P-K5 11 N-R4 P-B4 12 P-KN3 B-K2 13 N-N2 N-K4  
 14 N-B4 B-Q2 15 P-N3 B-QB3 16 B-N2 N-N5 17 P-KR3 N-B3 18 P-K3 R-KN1 19 PxP QxP  
 20 N-K2 Q-N3 21 N-B3 O-O-O 22 Q-K2 R-Q6 23 O-O-O R/1-Q1 24 K-B2 B-N5 25 N-N1 B-B4  
 26 KR-B1 Q-R3 27 K-N2 P-N4 28 B-QB3 PxP 29 BxN PxP 30 PxP RxPch! 31 KxR B-R5 32 Res.

## FOR THE RECORD-SOUTHERN H.S. AND CONTINENTAL AMATEUR

We have already reported on these events previously but to complete the record here are some more details (from Chess Life). 291 players participated in three concurrent tournaments at the Atlanta American Motor Hotel over the weekend of March 13-15. There were 131 in the Continental Amateur, six in the Continental Exports, and 154 in the Southern High School Championship. It was by far the biggest turnout ever for a Southern tournament. 139 new USCF memberships resulted, also a record for Southern events.

The first Annual Southern High School Championship proved to be a spectacular success for USCF rated high school tournaments, attracting 132 new USCF members, out of the 154 players participating. Many states increased their membership, Tenn. included with a 9 percent gain. Among the ten top teams two were from East Tenn. Here are the results for the top ten H.S. teams:

1. Father Lopez (Daytona Beach)	$17\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$	6. Whoolor of Atlanta	$15\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$
2. Atkinson County (Pearson, Ga.)	$17\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$	7. Andrew Jackson, Fla.	15 -9
3. Briarcliff	$16\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$	8. Muscle Shoals, Ala.	15 -9
4. Oak Ridgo, Tenn.	$16\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$	9. Greater Atlanta Academy	14 -10
5. Westminster, Atlanta	$15\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$	10. Central of Knoxville	$13\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$

Tennessee also had several winners in the Continental Amateur. The highest score was obtained by Emanuel Tsitsoklis of Knoxville who tied for 3-7th place with six points half a point behind the leaders. Two players tied in the under 1600 rating category from Tennessee obtaining  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points each. They were: Ken Murr from Rockford, Tenn. and Jerry Meyer of Nashville.

Game: Lahde - Vix concluded:

- (h) After this the chances are only slightly better for Black. But you cannot blame Black for not having seen White's 19th move. Best would have been 16...QxN! and if 17 R-R3 simply RxR! as White's Queen is also under attack. Then White would be two pieces down. Loss convincing is 16...PxB 17 R-B3 QxP 18 N-B7ch.
- (i) The "combination" was pretty much forced after Black's inferior 16...RcP. Materially and positionally Black still has the edge.
- (j) Better is 30...RcNP, etc. after which the chances are about even.
- (k) After this faulty exchange, White has a won endgame, despite Bishops of opposite colors.

## TENNESSEE OPEN 1970

Flayor	City & State	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score	Tie-B.	USCF
1. Milan Momic	Muscle Shoals, Ala	W34	W14	D5	W10	W3	W4	5½-½	-	2272
2. James Wright	Millington	W36	L27	W17	W28	W6	W8	5-1	-	1900
3. Mack Garner, 18	Maryville	W21	W8	W27	D4	L1	W12	4½-1½	15	1866
4. Robert Churchill	Memphis	W31	W16	W28	D3	W14	L1	4½-1½	12½	1779
5. Brian Worley	Knoxville	W35	W7	D1	L14	D11	W18	4-2	13½	1751
6. Emanuel Tsitsoklis	Knoxville	W13	D10	W18	D15	L2	W14	4-2	13	1927
7. Martin Appleberry	Huntsville, Ala.	W24	L5	D16	W19	D10	W15	4-2	12½-19	2039
8. John Hurt	Memphis	W19	L3	W36	W27	W15	L2	4-2	12½-18	1956
9. Bill Maier	Cincinnati, O.	D15	W22	L14	D16	W28	W17	4-2	11½	1478
10. Douglas Ralston, 18	Nashville	W30	D6	W11	L1	D7	D20	3½-2½	14½	1708
11. Andy Shor, 16	Oak Ridge	W17	D12	L10	W22	D5	D13	3½-2½	13½	1871
12. Konny Thomas, 16	Memphis	W26	D11	L15	W23	W18	L3	3½-2½	12	1624
13. Michael Schofield	Nashville	L6	L36	W30	W35	W27	D11	3½-2½	9	1596
14. Gregory Fulkerson	Louisville, Ky.	W32	L1	W9	W5	L4	L6	3-3	16½	1868
15. Michael Decker, 19	Louisville, Ky.	D9	W23	W12	D6	L8	L7	3-3	15½	1729
16. Peter Lahde	Nashville	W20	L4	D7	D9	L17	W29	3-3	14	1701
17. Paul Dyor, 20	Knoxville	L11	W20	L2	W29	W16	L9	3-3	13½	1568
18. Vernon Vix, 18	Nashville	W29	W30	L6	W34	L12	L5	3-3	11½	1672
19. Charles Ball, 20	Alcoa	L8	W32	D26	L7	D25	W27	3-3	10½-16	1620
20. Patrick Gentry	Lobanon	L16	L17	D21	W31	W34	D10	3-3	10½-16	1256
21. David Wheeler, 20	Jofferson City	L3	L26	D20	W36	D23	W28	3-3	10½-16	1511
22. Tom Farr	Nashville	D23	L9	W25	L11	L24	W34	2½-3½	11-16½	1518
23. Tony Estes	Nashville	D22	L15	W31	L12	D21	D24	2½-3½	11-15½	1849
24. Kenneth Murr, 19	Rockford	L7	D34	D35	L26	W22	D23	2½-3½	9	1640
25. Ronnie Barnes	Columbia, Mo.	L28	D35	L22	W33	D19	D32	2½-3½	8½	UNR
26. Milton Wright	Nashville	L12	W21	D19	W24	withdr.	2½-3½	6½		1943
27. Padrak Novillo	Rochester, N.Y.	W33	W2	L3	L8	L13	L19	2-4	15	1727
28. Douglas LaVerno, 18	Oak Ridge	W25	W29	L4	L2	L9	L21	2-4	14	1684
29. Daniel Finucane	Knoxville	L18	L28	W32	L17	W36	L16	2-4	10-14	1544
30. Alvin Marcus	Pittsburgh, Pa.	L10	L18	L13	L32	Bye	W35	2-4	10-13½	1441
31. Randall Davidson	Huntsville, Ala.	L4	D33	L23	L20	D32	Bye	2-4	9½-14	1502
32. Glen Cornwell	Nashville	L14	L19	L29	W30	D31	D25	2-4	9½-13½	1533
33. Joe Robordeau, 19	Nashville	L27	D31	L34	L25	D35	W36	2-4	6	1463
34. Robert Folt, 16	Memphis	L1	D24	W33	L18	L20	L22	1½-4½	11	1667
35. Phillip Gardner	Chattanooga	L5	D25	D24	L13	D33	L30	1½-4½	10½	1492
36. Brian Krause	Forest Park, Ill.	L2	W13	L8	L21	L29	L33	1-5	-	1595

Tournament Director: Tom Finucane, Kingsport

## SPEED TOURNEY RESULTS

1. Momic	18 - 1	11. Collins	9 -10
2. Appleberry	16½- 2½	12. Cohon	8 -11
3. Hurt	16 - 3	13. Roh	7½-11½
4. Tsitsoklis	15 - 4	14-15. Harris	7 -12
5. Shor	13½- 5½	14-15. Cromoans	7 -12
6. Thomas	12 - 7	16. Jonkins	6½-12½
7. Decker	11½- 7½	17. Honry	3½-15½
8-9. Churchill	11 - 8	18. Ellis	3 -16
8-9. Novillo	11 - 8	19-20. Clayton	2 -17
10. Davidson	10 - 9	19-20. Finucane	2 -17

## TEAM COMPETITION

Memphis was "forced" to take the team title this year, as they had misplaced the "Bob Scrivener" Team Plaque. Three teams tied for second. The results follow:

1. Memphis	34 points
2-4. Nashville, Knoxville & Maryville	26 points

TENNESSEE OPEN AND AMATEUR GAMES will have to wait til next issue due to a backlog of games submitted prior to the tournament. Other news from the tourney not covered this issue will have to wait til futuro issues.

## TENNESSEE AMATEUR 1970

Player	City & State	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score	TieB	USCF
1. John Reh	Huntsville, Ala.	W19	W26	D18	W16	W6	W4	5½-½	-	1716
2. Dwayne Jolley	Talbott	W38	W5	L3	W23	W8	W7	5-1	15½/22	1516
3. Samuel Fulkerson	Louisville, Ky.	W46	W9	W2	D6	D7	W14	5-1	15½/21	1753
4. William Grounds	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	W37	W21	W24	W15	W14	L1	5-1	13½	1571
5. Ken Ziomak	Nashville	W29	L2	W37	D22	W18	W9	4½-1½	-	UNR
6. Jan Blasonek	Cincinnati, O.	W8	W25	W22	D3	L1	D10	4-2	16	1619
7. David Rushing	Nashville	W48	W17	D16	W21	D3	L2	4-2	15½	1392
8. Jerry O'Daniels	Memphis	L6	W48	W11	W17	L2	W15	4-2	15	1085
9. Guy Kooi, 16	Nashville	W40	L3	W30	W25	W24	L5	4-2	13	1511
10. Oscar Hofstotter	Nashville	D14	W31	L15	W32	W22	D6	4-2	12½	1615
11. David Kuperstock, 18	Oak Ridgo	L20	W38	L8	W44	W25	W26	4-2	11½	1548
12. Ken Cohon, 18	Nashville	F32	W45	L14	W43	W39	W23	4-2	8½	1502
13. Joe Drodgo, 18	McMinnville	L16	L30	W48	W46	W42	W24	4-2	7½	UNR
14. Peter Cariani, 14	Memphis	D10	W42	W12	W18	L4	L3	3½-2½	16½	UNR
15. Miko Kurok, 14	Nashville	D31	W39	W10	L4	W16	L8	3½-2½	14-11	1386
16. Bill Irwin	Knoxville	W13	W43	D7	L1	L15	W35	3½-2½	14-10	1541
17. Thomas Hamilton	Daloville, Ala.	W44	L7	W19	L8	W28	D21	3½-2½	14	1581
18. Gary Ratliff	Cloveland, Miss.	W45	W27	D1	L14	L5	W32	3½-2½	13	1515
19. Miko Clayton, 18	Knoxville	L1	W34	L17	W41	D20	W33	3½-2½	12-19	1163
20. George Davis, 17	Nashville	W11	L22	L23	W37	D19	W30	3½-2½	12-18	UNR
21. Richard Word, 18	Knoxville	W33	L4	W46	L7	W38	D17	3½-2½	12-18	1550
22. Jim Price	Murfreesboro	W34	W20	L6	D5	L10	D27	3-3	15	1394
23. Don Cromoans, 15	Louisville, Ky.	W28	L24	W20	L2	W27	W12	3-3	14-22	1387
24. Mark Wagner, 18	Knoxville	W35	W23	L4	W26	L9	L13	3-3	14-21½	UNR
25. Dr. Roy Clark	Murfreesboro	W47	L6	W40	L9	L11	W37	3-3	12	1395
26. James Albin	Johnson AFB, N.C.	W36	L1	W41	L24	W46	L11	3-3	11	1508
27. Rick White	Maryville	W30	L18	W44	D39	L23	D22	3-3	10½	1260
28. Michael Share, 17	Memphis	L23	L37	W42	W31	L17	W39	3-3	9½	UNR
29. Vorna Fausoy	Nashville	L5	D36	L39	D30	W47	W38	3-3	9	1232
30. Bill Witherspoon, 16	Knoxville	L27	W13	L9	D29	W31	L20	2½-3½	13½	UNR
31. Ernest Torry	Millington	D15	L10	W36	L28	L30	W41	2½-3½	11½	UNR
32. Louis Gentry, 14	Lobanon	A12	I46	D43	L10	W44	L18	2½-3½	10½	UNR
33. Jorry Cornwell, 20	Nashville	L21	L41	W45	D35	W36	L19	2½-3½	10	UNR
34. Carol Millor	Groonville, Miss.	L22	L19	L38	W48	D41	W43	2½-3½	9-13½	UNR
35. Craig Collins, 17	Nashville	L24	L40	W47	D33	W43	L16	2½-3½	9-13½	1309
36. William Finucano, 20	Kingsport	L26	D29	L31	W42	L33	W47	2½-3½	9-13	UNR
37. Jonathan Cobbs, 15	Nashville	L4	W28	L5	L20	W40	L25	2-4	14	UNR
38. Mark Edonfiold, 14	Tullahoma	L2	L11	W34	W40	L21	L29	2-4	13	UNR
39. David Ellis	Knoxville	D42	L15	W29	D27	W12	L28	2-4	12½	1456
40. Patrick Finucano, 14	Kingsport	L9	W35	L25	L38	L37	W46	2-4	9½	UNR
41. Joel Upchurch, 16	Nashville	L43	W33	L26	L19	D34	L31	1½-4½	11-15½	UNR
42. William Hamilton	Nashville	D39	L14	L28	L36	L13	Bye	1½-4½	11-15	UNR
43. James Scowden	Memphis	W41	L16	D32	L12	L35	L34	1½-4½	10½	1342
44. Jim Harbison, 13	Nashville	L17	W47	L27	L11	L32	D45	1½-4½	9½	972
45. Joseph Finucane, 18	Kingsport	L18	L12	L33	L47	Bye	D44	1½-4½	8½	UNR
46. Harold Harris, 15	Nashville	L3	W32	L21	L13	L26	L40	1-5	12½	1216
47. Clayton Hamilton	Lobanon	L25	L44	L35	W45	L29	L36	1-5	9½	UNR
48. Ron Mitchell, 17	Knoxville	L7	L8	L13	L34	withdr.		0-6	-	UNR

## SHENANDOAH OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

Out of 36 players, Knoxvilleans David Ellis, Bill Irwin, Brian Worley, and Dwayne Jolley participated in this five round Roanoke, Va. tournament, July 24-26. David showed much promise by obtaining good positions in four of his games, but he lacks the practical experience which will come in time. Jolley obtained an easy win from his latest pot opening, and Irwin and Worley placed 14th and 8th respectively, both with three points. Worley drew Taylor who tied for first and beat expert G. Robinson who finished fourth. (From the first issue of the KNOXVILLE CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER)

## MEMPHIS SUCCESSFUL IN HOT SPRINGS

By Kenny Thomas

The Arkansas Open, held July 24-26 at the De Soto Hotel, saw three Memphis players tie for 3rd-7th, along with two others. It was won by Kon Smith, a Master from Dallas, and expert D. La Pierre of Oklahoma, who tied for first at 4½-½, with Smith taking first on tie-break. Tied at 4-1 were Jim Wright, Kenny Thomas (undefeated), Frank Berry (Okla), John Hurt, and Bill Devin (Okla). Smith won \$102, Ballard \$101, and those at 4-1 received \$17.40 each. W. F. Vittitow (1312) won a subscription to Chess Digest for his victory over Bruce Parker (1755). Subscription to Chess Newsletter went to W. J. Jones (1619) for his win over Mike Condon (1894) and to Konny Thomas (1624) for his win over Stove Balsai (1931). Memphis two other players, Louis Wois and Robert Felt, scored 2 and 2½ points respectively.

Stove Ogior won the Reserve section (under 1500) with 4½-½. Second was Randall Prince with 4-1.

The tourney was well directed by Gono Pynos and Bill Wilwers. There were 48 players in the Open and 14 in the Reserve.

My best game was probably my second round win over the now Arkansas Champion. The game follows.

DANISH GAMBIT Black: Mordecai Schwartz (1748) White: Konny Thomas (1624)  
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 P-Q4 P-K3 3 P-QB3 P-Q4 4 KPxP QxP 5 N-B3 Q-K3ch (a bad way to accept the gambit) 6 B-K2 P-K2 7 O-O B-K2 8 NxB N-KB3 9 N-KN5 Q-Q2 10 Q-N3 O-O 11 B-QB4 Q-K1? (11...B-Q3 is best but White still has good compensation for the pawn.) 12 N-N5 N-R3 13 R-K1! P-R3 (if 13...N-B4 14 Q-K3 wins because of the threats of NxBP and NxBP. Also, if 14...B-Q1 or Q3 15 QxQ NxB - 15...RxB 16 BxPch - 16 NxBP wins) 14 Q-K3? (Patzor! I was too busy analyzing 13...N-B4, and I was surprised by his actual move. As Hurt pointed out after the game, White wins easily by 14 NxBP, RxN 15 BxRch QxB 16 RxB. Believe it or not, we had each used almost 1½ hours, and the time limit was 50 in 2!) P-N 15 QxB Q-B3 16 P-QN3 B-Q2 17 BxN QR-K1 18 Q-R3 R-K5 19 BxN QxB (B6) 20 QR-Q1 KR-K1 21 RxB RxB 22 Q-B1 (if 22 RxB R-K8ch 23 B-B1, Q-R8 regains the piece) BxN 23 BxB Q-QN3? (A time pressure blunder) 24 R-Q8ch K-R2 25 B-Q3 P-KB4 26 BxB PxB 27 Q-K1 Q-N3 28 Q-K3 P-B4 29 Q-R3ch Q-R3 30 Q-B5ch Q-N3 31 R-R8ch Resigns

## OTHER ARKANSAS OPEN GAMES

IRREGULAR White: W. F. Vittitow Black: Bruce Parker  
 1 N-KB3 N-KB3 2 P-Q4 P-KN3 3 P-QB3 B-N2 4 QN-Q2 O-O 5 P-K4 P-QN3 6 B-Q3 B-N2 7 P-K5 N-Q4 8 P-KR4 N-B5 9 B-B1 P-Q3 10 N-QB4 N-K3 11 P-R5 N-Q2 12 B-R6! BxN 13 QxB BxB 14 PxNf BxP 15 Q-R3 N-N4 16 QxB P-K3 17 P-KB4 RxB 18 B-Q3 N-B1 19 N-K3 N-B6ch 20 PxN RxB 21 O-O-O PxB 22 BxB Q-B3 23 BxPch NxB 24 QR-KN1ch K-B2 25 QxNch Resigns

FRENCH DEFENCE White: Kon Smith Black: D. L. P. Ballard  
 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 P-K5 P-QB4 4 P-QB3 Q-N3 5 N-B3 B-Q2 6 B-K2 B-N4 7 O-O BxB 8 QxB N-QB3 9 B-K3 PxB 10 PxB KN-K2 11 N-B3 N-B4 12 P-QR3 N-R4 13 KR-Q1 P-R4 14 N-Q 2 R-B1 15 Q-Q3 P-N3 16 P-QN4 N-B5 17 NxB RxB 18 QR-B1 Q-B3 19 N-K2 B-K2 20 RxB QxR 21 Q-Q2 Q-N6 22 Q-Q3 QxQ 23 RxB K-Q2 24 R-B3 R-QB1 25 RxB KxB 26 B-Q2 P-R4 27 P-N3 Agreed draw

FRENCH DEFENCE White: Robert Felt Black: D. L. P. Ballard  
 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 P-K5 P-QB4 4 P-QB3 Q-N3 5 N-B3 B-Q2 6 B-Q3 B-N4 7 O-O N-QB3 8 P-QN3 PxB 9 PxB R-B1 10 N-R3 BxB 11 QxB KN-K2 12 B-N2 N-B4 13 N-B2 B-K2 14 P-KR3 O-O 15 P-KN4 N-R5 16 NxB BxN 17 QR-B1 P-B3 18 P-B4 PxB 19 BxP NxBP 20 Q-K3 RxBch 21 KxB Q-R3ch 22 K-N2 Q-Q6! 23 White resigns

FRENCH DEFENCE White: George Hubbard Black: John Hurt  
 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-Q2 P-QB4 4 KN-B3 N-KB3 5 PxBP KxBP 6 B-K2 N-B3 7 O-O B-K3 8 PxB BxB 9 N-N3 B-N3 10 KN-Q4 O-O 11 B-B3 QR-B1 12 P-B3 P-QR3 13 B-N5 P-R3 14 B-R4 N-K4 15 R-K1 B-B2 16 B-N3 NxBch 17 QxB BxB 18 QxB N-K5 19 Q-K3 B-Q2 20 P-B3 N-B3 21 Q-B2 Q-B2 22 R-K2 KR-K1 23 R/1-K1 RxB 24 RxB R-K1 25 RxBch NxB 26 Q-K2 K-B1 27 P-N3 P-B3 28 K-N2 N-Q3 29 N-K6ch BxN 30 QxB N-B5 31 N-Q4 Q-K2 32 QxQch KxB 33 P-N3 N-K6ch 34 K-R3 35 N-K2 K-K4 36 K-R4 P-KN3 37 K-R3 P-B4 38 K-R4 N-N7ch 39 K-R3 N-K8 40 N-Q4 P-KN4 41 P-KN4 P-B5! 42 N-K2 NxB 43 K-N2 K-K5 44 P-KR3 K-K6 45 K-B1 N-Q7ch 46 K-K1 P-B6 47 N-N3 P-B7ch 48 K-Q1 P-B8(Q)ch 49 NxB NxB 50 Resigns

## ANNOTATED GAMES

## SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL CHAMP. 1970

BENKO GAMBIT(?) White: Trosclair (1885)			Black: LaVerne (1627) Rd.5 (Mar.15)		
1. P-Q4	N-KB3(a)	13. Q-B2	N-N3	25. Q-N3!	R-N3?
2. P-QB4	P-B4	14. R-QN1(d)	N-R5(e)	26. Q-B4	R-QB1
3. P-Q5	P-QN4!?	15. B-Q2(f)	NxN	27. P-Q7	R-Q1
4. PxF	P-QR3	16. BxN	QxF	28. QxF	R-N2
5. PxF	BxF	17. N-Q2	P-K3(g)	29. P-QB4	R-B2?
6. N-QB3	P-Q3	18. PxF	PxF	30. Q-R5	R/1xF
7. P-K4	BxB	19. P-K5!(h)	N-Q4?(i)	31. PxF	R-R2
8. KxB	P-KN3	20. R-R1!	QxR	32. Q-B3	R-KB2
9. P-KN3	B-N2	21. RxB	RxB	33. PxF	KR-K2
10. N-B3	QN-Q2(b)	22. PxF	BxB?!	34. N-Q6	QR-B2
11. K-N2	Q-O	23. PxB	R-R3?(j)	35. Q-N3	R-B3
12. P-KR3(c)	Q-R4	24. N-K4!(k)	KR-R1(l)	36. Q-N8ch	K-N2

Annotations by Doug LaVerne

37. N-K8ch and White won
- (a) A bad start; Black arrived late, nine minutes down on a 40/80 time limit.
- (b) "Standard moves" so far; however, Black should not commit the N yet, better is 10...O-O.
- (c) Losing a tempo to prevent ...N-N5 -K4.
- (d) Not really bad, Black loses most of the pressure he had by regaining the pawn. If 14. B-Q2 N-B5 followed by ...KR-N1.
- (e) Too fast; he should bring the KN and KR to the Q-side. Black wants to gain the fifth rank and the QR file to attack the KP and QRP and therefore seizes QR5; however, continued Q-side pressure is correct.
- (f) If 15. R-QR1 then N-Q2!
- (g) Still he should press on the Q-side. This standard maneuver doesn't really work. 19...KR-N1 or 19...N-Q2 were better.
- (h) Otherwise P-Q4 -Q5 which will win.
- (i) Correct is Q-Q4ch and PxF; however, Black is short on time and not liking the doubled pawn. Black instead takes two rooks for the Queen, hoping the White QP will not last.
- (j) The final blow. Black is really rattled now. Instead of the text best is KR-R1! keeping some chances alive as the N cannot move. (24 N-K4 N-K6ch 25 PxF N-R7).
- (k) This is what I missed. I figured on N-B4, and I would have had some chances on W's QBP; but now the QP and QBP are both guarded and the Black QBP attacked.
- (l) Too late.

## NASHVILLE CLUB MATCH 1970

SICILIAN DEFENCE(Najdorf) White: Peter Lahde		Black: Vernon Vix		(July 21)	
1. P-K4	P-QB4	15. NxP	Q-B3	29. B-K3!	R-B3
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	16. R-Q3?!(g)	RxRP(?) (h)	30. B-N5!	BxB?(j)
3. P-Q4	PxF	17. R-B3	R-R8	31. BxR/R4	R-Q3?(k)
4. NxP	N-KB3	18. K-Q2	NxFch	32. RxR	KxR
5. N-QB3	P-QR3	19. QxN!	QxQ	33. K-Q3	B-B5
6. B-KN5	P-K3	20. RxRch	B-Q1	34. P-R4	B-N6
7. P-B4	B-K2(a)	21. NxPch	K-K2	35. P-R5	B-B5
8. Q-B3	P-KR3(b)	22. NxQ	B-R4ch!	36. B-N3	P-B3
9. B-R4	Q-B2(c)	23. P-B3	RxB	37. B-N8	K-B4
10. O-O-O	QN-Q2	24. BxRP(i)	R-R7(?)	38. K-K4	K-Q3
11. P-KN4!?(d)	P-KN4!(e)	25. K-B2	R-R5	39. K-B5	K-K2
12. B-N3?(E)	PxF	26. B-Q3	B-N3	40. K-N6	P-K5
13. BxP?	P-K4!	27. R-Q1	N-B4	41. B-B4!	B-N4
14. N/4-N5?!(f)	PxN	28. NxN	RxN(?)	42. P-R6	Resigns

Annotation by Peter Lahde

- (a) Another line is 7...Q-N3 8 Q-Q2 NxP known as the Poisoned Pawn Variation.
- (b) An alternative is 8...Q-B2 9 O-O-O QN-Q2 10 P-KN4 P-QN4 11 BxN NxB 12 P-N5 N-Q2 13 P-B5! which is dangerous for Black. Black now has three replies (1) N-B4 (2) N-K4 and (3) BxFch. This last move (BxFch) occurred in Burris-McNoely in the 1967 Tenn. Opon. White won. But this line still baffles theoreticians.
- (c) Another sharp line is 9...P-KN4 10 PxF KN-Q2 11 NxP! PxF 12 Q-R5ch K-B1 13 B-N5! R-KR2! 14 O-Och! K-N1 which has been judged as equal.
- (d) Usual is here 11 B-Q3. And if now P-N4 12 P-K5 B-N2 13 NxKP! PxF 14 B-N6ch and White has a dangerous attack.
- (E) Loses a pawn. Correct is 12 PxF N-K4 13 Q-N3 N/BxNP 14 PxF BxB 15 QxB Q-K2! (or RxF) with equality as in a game Malachi-DoFotis(USA), Dresden 1969.
- (e) You have to give young Vix credit for knowing the opening well and the ideas behind it.
- (f) To get compensation for the piece. (Continued on page 37)

TACTICAL OPENINGS  
By Richard Searles

A study of 1. P-Q4, N-KB3 2. P-QB4, P-B4 3. P-Q5, P-QN4

This time we have a positional rather than a tactical type of gambit for study, but one that has created a great deal of excitement due to the recent successes of its re-innovator Pal Benko. The Benoni Counter Gambit (in this country it is usually called the Benko Gambit) attempts to trade a wing pawn to attain one or more of the following advantages: (a) active piece play, including good diagonals for both bishops, (b) pressure along the open QN and QR files and (c) a pawn majority in the center. Recent games by Benko and others seem to indicate that these advantages afford Black good chances for victory.

1	2	3	4
4. PXP . . . . .			4. P-K3 (e)
P-QR3			PXP
5. PXP . . . . .	5. P-N6 (c) . . . . .	5. P-K3	5. BXP
BXP	QXP	P-N3	P-Q3
6. N-QB3	6. N-QB3	6. N-QB3	6. N-QB3
P-Q3	P-KN3	P-Q3	P-KN3
7. P-K4 (a)	7. P-K4	7. B-B4	7. P-K4
BxB	P-Q3	B-KN2	B-KN2
8. KxB	8. R-N1	8. KN-K2	8. KN-K2
P-N3	B-N2	O-O	O-O
9. P-KN3	9. Q-R4ch	9. O-O	9. O-O
R-N2	N-Q2	QN-Q2	QN-Q2
10. K-N2	10. B-Q2	10. PXP	10. B-K3
O-O (b)	O-O	N-N3 (d)	N-K4

- (a) If 7. P-KN3 P-N3 8 B-N2 B-N2 9 P-K4 O-O 10 N-K2 then the superb development of Black's QB on the R3-B1 diagonal is well worth the pawn.
- (b) The position favors Black's active pieces. Black may continue with a breakup of the center by P-K3 after developing his QN at B2 or may exploit the open lines on the queen-side by posting rooks at QN1 and QR1.
- (c) This method of declining the gambit is inadequate.
- (d) After 11. B-N5 BXP 12 BxB RxB and soon to be followed by Q-R1 and R-N1. Black will have strong pressure on both the center and the queen-side.
- (e) Another way of declining the gambit, but it allows Black to equalize too easily.

ATLANTA OPEN 1970

POLISH OPENING White: Richard Searles (1671) Black: Dr. Noonan (1738)  
(Cleveland, Tenn.) (Oak Ridge)

1. P-QN4 N-KB3 2. B-N2 P-Q3 3. N-KB3 P-KN3 (a) 4 P-B4 B-N2 5 P-Q4 (b) O-O 6 P-K3 QN-Q2 7 B-Q3 P-B4 (c) 8 NXP PXP 9 P-Q5 R-K1 10 O-O P-K3 11 P-K4 N-R4? 12 BxB (d) NxB 13 Q-Q2 PXP 14 BXP N-K4 15 NxB RxB 16 P-KB4 R-K2 17 N-B3 P-QR3 18 P-QR4 N-K1 19 P-K5 N-N2 20 B-K2 N-B4 21 N-K4! N-Q5 22 N-B6ch K-N2 23 B-B4 B-Q2 24 P-Q6 R-K3 25 BxR BxB 26 Q-B2 B-B5 27 KR-K1 P-QN4 28 PXP BXP (e) 29 QR-B1 N-K3 30 P-B5! PXP 31. Q-N3ch K-R1 32 Q-R4 N-B1 33 R-B3 P-B5 34 R-KR3 (f) Resigns

Notes by Richard Searles

- (a) To counter White's space advantage on the queenside it is imperative that Black develop a strong center. 3...P-K4 was necessary.
- (b) Black will never again have enough breathing room.
- (c) The classic freeing move for Black in the Queen's Gambit is much less effective now.
- (d) Once the Bishop is removed the fianchettoed King position becomes weak.
- (e) If 28...PXP 29 Q-R4!
- (f) The threat is 35. QxPch! NxQ 36 RxBch

WANTED - Persons interested in analysis by postal chess of the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit and/or the Latvian Gambit. Those interested write to: Richard Searles, 4250 N. Lee Hwy., Cleveland, Tenn. 37311. Rating strength is not important.