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## JOHN HURT NEW STATE CHAMPION

John Hurt of Memphis became the new State Champion in the very strong and sharply contested Tennessee Open over Labor Day weekend in Nashville. The closest to winning the title previously was in 1965 when he tied with David Burris then from Knoxville who won the coveted title on tie-breaking. This year's score of 5-1 that John got was matched by Master Milan Momic who took the Open title. Three players achieved scores of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  who placed in this order after tie-breaking: 3rd Eddie Middleton of Memphis, 4th Greg Fulkerson of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mack Garner of Maryville.

This tourney was with one master, six experts and three class A players rated near expert the second strongest in Tennessee history. James Sweets was one of the experts who had a bad tourney. Bob Coveyou, a former state champion also had his problems. Emanuel Tsitsekis, another former champion, did appear to score well when he received a long distance call about his father's death and was therefore forced to withdraw.

Other winners in the Open division were Kenny Thomas of Memphis as the State Junior Champion, Phillip Gardner of Chattanooga won Class B and Gary Pylant of Memphis won the Class C title. The team plaque was regained by Memphis after a two year stay in Nashville.

The Amateur section was won by Ken Murr of Reckford, Tenn. with a 5-1 score. Five players, Alan Gullette, Doug LaVerne, David Haring, David Ellis, and Ruth Haring scored  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  to be in a tie for second and share in the prize fund.

The Novice section was won by Francisco James of Stanford, Calif. with a perfect 6-0 score. Second was Chris McDade of Memphis with 5-1.

With 130 players (44 in Open, 40-Amateur, 46-Novice) the record from last year in attendance was tied. An indication that the interest in organized chess in Tennessee remains high. It is probably fair to say that more than half of these playing this year did not attend last year.

Richard Searles assisted by Glenn Herten are to be congratulated on a well conducted tournament. Not a single round got a late start. Many persons commented on a well run tourney. The only criticism received was on the distribution of some prizes. We will try to improve on this next year.

A complete list of all the prize winners will be given next issue. For the cross tables of the three sections and for games refer to other pages in this issue.

## TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

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| Sep 15    | OUTRAGEOUS OCELOT. Knoxville. Tornado at UT Student Center. Inq. to Univ. of Tenn. Chess Club, Box 8849 UT Station, Knoxville TN 37916 |
| Oct 7     | MATCH: MEMPHIS - NASHVILLE   |
| Oct 13    | ACME OPEN. Knoxville. For details write to UTTC Knoxville as in OCELOT.  |
| Oct 27-28 | MUSIC CITY FALL. Nashville. Refer to CL&R for details  |
| Nov 10-11 | MIDDLE TENNESSEE FALL. Murfreesboro. Refer to CL&R or write to Joe Reberdeau, 1114 Forrest Ave., Nashville TN 37206                    |
| Nov 23-25 | MID-SOUTH OPEN. Memphis. Details in next issue.  |

## 1973 SOUTHEASTERN OPEN: TWO IN A ROW

In the second annual Southeastern Open, held June 8-10 at the Knoxville YMCA, Mack Garner duplicated his previous success to repeat as champion, scoring  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points. As in last year's S.E. Open, first place had to be determined by tie breaking, as David Ellis also had scored  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points. Mack's success, while not expected owing to the attendance of Tsitsekliis and Coveyou, was not surprising in light of his strong play in recent months. Both Mack and David played well above their ratings and gained substantial number of rating points. Emanuel Tsitsekliis was third with 4 points and avenged his loss to Coveyou in the Knoxville Open in the process. Richard Word was the top under 1800 with 3 points. The Amateur section was won by Fred Kohn on tie breaks over Charles Clifford. Beth scored  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points. David Parker (Ringold, Ga.) played very well against the top players to score 4 points and take top under 1400. Mike Roman scored  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points to finish as top unrated on tie breaks over Steve Roberts. The event had nine players in the Open and 18 players in the Amateur. (from the Tennessee College Chess News)

## 1973 SOUTHEASTERN OPEN

		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score	Tie-break
1. Mack Garner	1790	D2	W5	W3	W6	D4	D7	$4\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. David Ellis	1688	D1	W9	D4	D3	W8	W6	$4\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Emanuel Tsitsekliis	2002	W7	W8	L1	D2	D5	W4	4	
4. Robert Coveyou	1985	D5	D6	D2	W8	D1	L3	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Richard Word	1697	D4	L1	Bye	D7	D3	D8	3	17
6. Ted Lundin	1678	D9	D4	W7	L1	Bye	L2	3	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Meeks Vaughn	1713	L3	Bye	L6	D5	W9	D1	3	16
8. Richard Bennett(R.I.)	1650?	Bye	L3	W9	L4	L2	D5	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9. Paul Dyer	1744	D6	L2	L8	Bye	L7	L8	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	

## A TRIBUTE TO HUNTER WEAKS

It is with great sorrow that we hear of the passing of Hunter Weaks. Mr. Weaks was afflicted by cancer which finally took his life a few months ago. He was not only a top chess player in his city of Memphis but also known in other parts of Tennessee and surrounding states. Perhaps his greatest success in over-the-board play came in his winning the first Mid-South in Memphis in 1960. But he achieved even greater prominence in postal chess where at one time he won the Golden Knight's of Chess Review. He also held Reshevsky to a draw in a simultaneous when the grandmaster was still in his prime.

Here is one of the games Mr. Weaks won in the 1960 Mid-South. It is against the player who achieved the same score but lost to Weaks on tie breaking. The notation is by Hunter Weaks as it originally appeared in TCN, Nov. 1960 issue.

- SICILIAN DEFENCE      White: Troy Miller      Black: Hunter Weaks
- 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-B3 5 N-QB3 P-Q3 6 B-K2 P-N3 7 Q-O-O 8 B-K3 O-O 9 P-B4 Q-N3 10 N-R4 (a) Q-R4 11 NxN (b) PxN 12 N-B3 R-N1 13 R-N1 Q-Q1 14 B-Q2 Q-N3ch 15 K-R1 P-Q4 16 B-B3 NxP 17 BxN PxB 18 Q-K1 (c) RxB (d) 19 Q-R K-K5 20 Q-K1 B-QR3 21 R-B3 BxN 22 QxB P-K7 23 P-QN3(e) R-Q1 24 R-A1 R-Q8 25 P-N3 Q-Q1 26 K-M2 RxR 27 QxR Q-Q8 28 K-B2 QxP 29 P-QR4 Q-B4ch 30 R-K3 I-K3 31 Q-B3 Q-Q4 32 P-Q4 P-QB4 33 P-KN4 B-N2 34 R-N3(f) Q-R8 35 KxP QxPch 36 K-Q1 Q-R8ch 37 K-B2(g) B-K5ch 38 K-M2 Q-R7ch 39 K-R3 B-N8 40 Q-N2 QxR 41 QxB QxBP 42 Q-Q1 Q-N5ch 43 K-RP(h) Q-Q5ch 44 QxQ PxB 45 P-N4 K-B1 46 P-QN5 K-K2 47 P-R5 K-Q2 48 P-N6 PxP 49 P-R6 K-B1 50 K-N3 K-N1 51 K-B4 P-K4 52 Resigns
- (a) Fine in P.C.O. gives the interesting alternative 10 Q-Q3 N-A4 11 N-Q5 BxN 12 Qd BxBch 13 K-R1 BxN 14 BxN BxB 15 P-B5 B-KR4 (Ahues-Richter, Berlin 1930). Fine evaluates the final position as equal, but my experience as Black in postal play a number of years ago led me to believe the three pieces are stronger here.
- (b) As usual, this is doubtful since it strengthens Black in the center and gives an open file to the QR. If he fears a repetition of position, he misjudges my mood following a loss to him in the Greenville Invitational a week ago.
- (c) The play following 18 NxP is somewhat involved, but I believe a complete analysis will show that Black maintains the advantage. For instance: 18 NxP P-B4 19 N-B3 B-QR3 20 R-K1 Q-Q5 21 B-B3 QxQ QRxQ RxR 23 RxB BxB 24 PxB R-N7.
- (d) Being a cautious player, I'd normally play what is probably the most correct move on the board, 18...P-KB4 and attempt to win with the extra pawn. The merit of the text is that it will take more time to solve on my opponents clock.
- (e) To block the Bishop with P-QB4, but it fails.
- (f) The ending after 34 KxP QxRch 35 QxQ BxQch 36 KxB P-B3 wins for Black.
- (g) Better is 37 K-Q2, but my opponent is very short of time.
- (h) 43 K-R2 makes things harder, but Black will still win.

# IMPORTANT DECISIONS MADE AT TCA MEETING

The annual Tennessee Chess Association (TCA) meeting was held at 7:45 PM on September 1, 1973 at the Ramada Inn (Airport) in Nashville.

Three important items were discussed and voted on by the members present. TCA President Richard Searles presided.

(1) The need for a central clearinghouse to avoid conflicts of tournaments in Tennessee was discussed. Mr. Glenn Cornwell has agreed to serve as Co-ordinator for the various cities in Tennessee that plan to schedule and conduct tournaments. The membership voted on and passed this by a great majority. (See also separate article regarding this.)

(2) The second item discussed was to make mandatory the membership to TCA in all open tournaments held in Tennessee. (In order for tournament organizers to determine who already is a TCA member, membership cards have been issued to members. Tournament organizers are advised to contact the Tournament Co-ordinator for additional cards when needed.) The membership passed this again by a majority vote. This will go into effect immediately. But membership will be required only of Tennessee residents.

(3) The third item discussed was the need for an increase in TCA dues from \$2 to \$3 because of the increase in costs for publishing Tennessee Chess News. This also was passed by the membership. This will go into effect in 1975.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Also at the TCA meeting the following officers were elected for the 1973/4 term of the Tennessee Chess Association:

President: John F. Hurt, 1063 South Perkins, Memphis TN 38117  
 Vice-President: Richard Word, 2100 Belcare Dr., Knoxville TN 37918  
 Secretary: Jerry Willman, 1026 John Mark Road, Hixson TN 37343  
 Treasurer: Peter P. Lahde, 2609 Sailboat Court, Nashville TN 37217

## GLENN CORNWELL SERVES AS TOURNAMENT CO-ORDINATOR

With the ever-increasing number of tournaments held in Tennessee it becomes necessary to make an effort to avoid conflicts between tournaments. For this purpose TCA decided and the membership approved of a plan whereby Mr. Glenn Cornwell will serve as Tournament Co-ordinator.

Tournament organizers are advised to give Mr. Cornwell the information regarding the plans for an upcoming tournament, preferably three months or more in advance. Mr. Cornwell in turn will then send on the information to USCF for publication in Chess Life & Review if no conflicts exist. He will also inform the tournament organizers if a conflict does or does not exist.

For this plan to work we will need the full co-operation of all tournament organizers. So when you plan to held an open tournament please contact:

Glenn Cornwell  
 303 Belinda Dr.  
 Hermitage TN 37076

## NEW CHESS BOOKS

Two new chess books by Collier Books should be available at local stores shortly or obtainable from USCF. Both are paperbacks.

THE SECRETS OF TACTICAL CHESS by Fred Reinfeld. Cost \$2.45. An excellent treatment of the tactical aspects of the game of chess. It includes such chapters as Winning tactical threats, forcing violent moves, traps, and how to win material. Publication date is August 27, 1973.

WINNING CHESS OPENINGS by Fred Reinfeld. Cost \$2.95. This is an outstanding book in its treatment of ten different openings. Five openings are covered of the king-side and the other five of the queenside. It not only gives variations of each opening but explains the ideas behind the moves. The Editor recommends both of these books. Publication date of this book is October 29, 1973.

VAFEN FALL FESTIVAL - Oct 6-7. Tournament held at Virginia Penitentiary, 500 Spring St., Richmond. 5-SS, 50/2. Consult Chess Life & Review for details.

## TENNESSEE OPEN GAMES

**BENKO GAMBIT** White: Emanuel Tsitsekis (1974) Black: Milan Momic (2303)  
 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-B4 3 P-Q5 P-QM4 4 PXP P-QR3 5 PXP BXP 6 N-QB3 P-Q3 7 N-B3  
 P-M3 8 N-Q2 B-M2 9 P-K4 0-0 10 B-K2 QN-Q2 11 0-0 Q-N3 12 BxB QxB 13 R-N1 KR-M1  
 14 P-QM3 Q-Q6 15 B-M2 N-K1 16 R-B1 N-B2 17 Q-B2 Q-R3 18 N-B4 N-K4 19 NxN BxN  
 20 QR-N1 Q-N2 21 B-R1 N-R3 22 P-R3 Q-Q2 23 N-K2 B-M2 24 BxB KxB 25 P-B4 N-B2  
 26 B-B3 Drawn (Black cannot play RXP as 28 Q-M2ch loses the rook.)

**FRENCH DEFENCE** White: John Hurt (1991) Black: Joe Rickman (1545)  
 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 B-M5 4 P-K5 P-QB4 5 P-QR3 BxNch 6 PxB Q-B2 7 N-B3  
 N-K2 8 B-K2 P-QM3 9 0-0 B-R3 10 BxB NxB 11 N-M5 N-QM1 12 Q-B5 N-M3 13 P-KM4 P-KR3  
 14 NxKP1 PxN 15 QxNch Q-B2 16 QxQch KxQ 17 PXP PXP 18 R-N1 N-Q2 19 R-B7 K-K2  
 20 B-K3 KR-QB1 21 R/1-N1 K-Q1 22 B-B2 R-B2 23 RxB KxB 24 P-B5 PXP 25 P-K6 N-B3  
 26 RXP K-B3 27 B-Q4 K-Q3 28 R-M7 KxP 29 RxNP P-KR4 30 R-N6 Resigns

**SICILIAN DEFENCE** White: Ed Middleton (2059) Black: Greg Fulkerson (1994)  
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-QB3 N-QB3 3 N-B3 P-Q3 4 P-Q4 PXP 5 NxP N-B3 6 B-K2 P-KN3 7 B-K3  
 B-M2 8 0-0 0-0 9 K-R1 B-Q2 10 P-B4 R-B1 11 P-KN4 NxNP 12 BxN BxB 13 NxN BxQ  
 14 NxQ BXP 15 R-B2 RxN 16 PxB BxPch 17 K-M1 QRxN 18 B-Q4 BxB 19 PxB R-QB1  
 20 R-K1 P-B4 21 R-Q2 R-B6 22 K-B2 P-QM4 23 B-K3 P-N5 24 P-QR3 RxR1 25 KxR P-M61  
 26 R-QM2 B-B7 27 P-Q5 K-B2 28 P-R4 P-K4 29 PXP ep ch KxP 30 K-Q4 P-Q4 31 K-B5  
 P-QR4 32 P-R4 P-R3 33 K-M5 P-Q5 34 K-B4 P-Q6 35 K-B3 K-Q4 36 K-Q2 K-B5 37 K-B1  
 K-B6 38 RxB NPxR 39 P-R5 (Hoping for PXP as then it is stalemate) P-Q7 mate

**SICILIAN DEFENCE** White: M. C. Wright (1944) Black: Mark Wagner (1550)  
 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-KB4 P-Q3 3 N-KB3 N-KB3 4 N-B3 P-K3 5 P-Q4 PXP 6 QxP N-B3 7 Q-B2  
 P-Q4 8 P-K5 N-Q2 9 B-K3 B-K2 10 P-QR3 0-0 11 B-Q3 P-KB4 12 0-0-0 P-QR3 13 P-KR3  
 P-QM4 14 N-K2 Q-R4 15 N/2-Q4 NxN 16 NxN N-M1 17 P-B3 B-Q2 18 B-B2 Q-B2 19 P-KM4  
 P-QR4 20 PXP PXP 21 Q-M2 B-B1 22 QxPch K-R1 23 NxP Q-B3 24 QxQ NxQ 25 N-Q6 B-K7  
 26 KR-M1 P-B5 27 N-N5 B-Q1 28 R-Q6 Resigns

**PETROFF DEFENCE** White: James A. Wright (1871) Black: Robert E. Garner (1623)  
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 NxP P-Q3 4 N-KB3 NxP 5 P-Q4 P-Q4 6 B-Q3 B-Q3 7 0-0 0-0  
 8 P-QB4 B-K3 9 R-K1 N-KB3 10 P-Q5 B-K2 11 N-K5 P-KN3 12 B-R6 R-K1 13 N-Q2 B-B1  
 14 BxB KxB 15 P-KB4 N-N1 16 Q-B3 N-R3 17 Q-B2 N-B4 18 P-KM4 NxQP 19 QxN Q-N4  
 20 P-B5 PXP 21 BXP BxB 22 N-Q7ch! Any 23 Mate

**IRREGULAR** White: Phillip Gardner (1707) Black: Samuel Rehorn (UNP)  
 1 N-KB3 P-Q4 2 P-Q4 B-N5 3 P-K3 N-KB3 4 P-B4 N-B3 5 PXP QXP 6 B-K2 0-0-0 7  
 N-K5 8 N-B3 Q-KR4 9 NxN P-B4 10 N-B5 P-QN3 11 N-K6 R-Q3 12 P-Q5 Q-KN4 13 Q-B7  
 P-B5 14 PXP PXP 15 BXP N-N5 16 QxP mate

**PETROFF DEFENCE** White: Mark Gorman (1855) Black: Thomas Duncan (1405)  
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4? NxP 4 P-Q4 N-Q3 5 B-N3 PXP 6 0-0 B-K2 7 QxP  
 0-0 8 N-B3 B-B3 9 Q-KB4 P-B3?? 10 QxN R-K1 11 B-KB4 R-K3? 12 BxB Resigns

**RETI OPENING** White: Deug LaVerne (1605) Black: Bruce Stearns (1700)  
 1 N-KB3 P-Q4 2 P-QN3 P-QB4 3 B-N2 N-QB3 4 P-K3 B-M5 5 P-KR3 BxN 6 QxB P-K4 7 B-N5  
 KM-K2 8 BXP P-QR3 9 BxNch NxB 10 B-M2 Q-Q2 11 N-B3 0-0-0 12 N-K2 P-KB3 13 0-0 N-K4  
 14 Q-N3 B-Q3 15 P-KB4 N-B3 16 Q-B3 B-B2 17 P-Q4 PXP 18 NxP NxN 19 BxN KR-A1 20  
 QR-B1 K-N1 21 P-B4 PXP 22 RXP Q-Q3 23 B-B5 Q-Q7 24 B-R7ch KxB 25 RxB QxPch  
 26 QxQ RxQ 27 RxKNP R-K7 28 RxRP R/1-Q7 29 R-N7 RxRP 30 P-R4 QR-M7 31 P-R5 RxNP  
 32 P-R6 R-K1 33 P-R7 R-KR1 34 R-Q1 R-M4 35 R/1-Q7 R-KR4 36 RxPch K-R1 37 QR-KB7  
 R-QM4 38 R-N8ch R-N1 39 RxB RxB 40 R-KN7 Resigns (Tenn. Amateur)

**PIRC DEFENCE** White: Henry Robinson (1537) Black: Kenneth Murr (1739)  
 1 P-K4 P-Q3 2 P-Q4 P-KN3 3 N-QB3 B-M2 4 P-KB4 N-KB3 5 N-B3 0-0 6 B-K3 N-M5 7 B-Q2  
 P-QB4 8 P-Q5 P-K3 9 PXP BXP 10 N-KN5 Q-K2 11 Q-B3 B-Q5! 12 N-R3 N-KB3 13 0-0-0  
 B-M5 14 N-Q5 Q-Q2 15 P-K5 NxN 16 QxN BxB 17 P-QB3 PXP 18 QxQ NxQ 19 KxB PXP  
 20 PxB PXP 21 NxP N-B3 22 N-K2 N-K5 23 K-B2 N-B7 24 R-N1 P-Q6ch 25 K-B3 QR-B1ch  
 26 K-Q4 KR-Q1ch 27 K-K3 N-N5ch 28 K-B3 PxN 29 KxN PxB 30 RxQ RxB 31 Resigns

**TWO KNIGHT'S DEFENCE** White: Karl Kneille (1756) Black: Roy Clark (1446)  
 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4 N-B3 4 N-N5 P-Q4 5 PXP NxP 6 Q-B3 QxN 7 BxN Q-B3  
 8 QxQ PxQ 9 BxNch PxB 10 0-0 R-KN1 11 R-K1 P-KB4 12 P-Q4 B-Q3 13 N-B3 B-R6 14  
 P-KR3 0-0-0 15 PXP PXP 16 N-K4 B-K2 17 B-K3 P-KB4 18 BXP? PxN 19 RXP B-B3 20 R-QM4  
 K-Q2 21 B-B5 P-R5 22 P-R4 PXP 23 BPXP B-K2 24 R-Q1ch K-K3 25 RxB BxNch? 26 Resigns

## WILL FISCHER PLAY AGAIN?

By Harold C. Schonberg

Friends of Bobby Fischer, the chess champion of the world, are beginning to wonder if he will ever play again.

Since he won the title from Boris Spassky in Reykjavik, Iceland, last Sept. 1, Fischer has been in virtual seclusion. He has even turned down - or at least has not accepted - an offer of \$1.4-million from the International Hilton in Las Vegas for a rematch with Spassky, or, if the former champion was not available, any other opponent of Fischer's choice.

After a few public and television appearances on his return from Reykjavik, Fischer retired to an apartment in Pasadena, Calif., the site of the headquarters of the Worldwide Church of God. He saw very few people and refused to give interviews.

Recently there have been reports that Fischer has become disenchanted with the Worldwide Church of God. He is now staying in Denver with a man who used to be associated with the church.

Contrary to general belief, Fischer has never been a member of the Worldwide Church of God, a fundamentalist group headed by Herbert W. Armstrong that "follows biblical teachings 100%."

Several months before his match with Spassky, Fischer said that when he became world champion he would not be like "those Russian Commies". He said he would not wait for the completion of the three-year cycle of formal elimination contests, but would defend his title two, or even three times a year "if the price is right".

But he has refused all offers, including the spectacular \$1.4 million contract offered by the Hilton organization. One person close to Fischer was careful to say that Fischer had not really rejected the offer. Rather he said, Fischer had simply declined to reply to it.

Under the terms of the Hilton contract, Fischer would have had to pay his opponents purse and all other expenses out of the 1.4 Million. The International Hilton, remembering Fischer's demands and complaints before and during the match with Spassky, insisted that Fischer handle all the details himself.

But instead of accepting the proposition, he asked for \$10 million.

One source formerly close to Fischer said that the demand for \$10 million was not indicative of greed. Rather, he believes, it is Fischer's method of retreating from the possibility of playing chess in public.

"Bobby," said the source, "doesn't really care about money. When he returned from Reykjavik he had \$2.5 million cold in offers, and another \$7 million or so pending. All he had to do was sign his name to various offers. He didn't sign a thing."

The Iceland match itself a purse of \$250,000, or more than 10 times the size of any previous purse for a chess match.

Fischer keeps in touch with various friends by telephone. A night owl who sleeps most of the day come to life in the late afternoon, Fischer often telephones his friends at 4 a.m., wanting to talk.

It is hard to get anyone to comment about Fischer and impossible to get anyone to comment and then own up to the comment. Because, in the in-grown world of summit level chess, these who can boast of having what passes for friendship with Fischer don't want to risk that rickety relationship.

"He expects to be entertained," said a recipient of one phone call. "Sometimes he will call up four nights in a row, and sometimes his calls are months apart. With Bobby, everything's changable. He's very suspicious and if he gets the idea that you are talking to others about him, you're off his list. He makes his own rules as he goes along. He has to have things his way-his way or no way. I myself don't think that Bobby will play any more." (From the New York Times)

## US CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAKE PLACE IN EL PASO

USCF News Release

The 22nd United States Chess Championship will be played at the Hotel Pase del Norte in El Paso, Texas from September 9 through 27. This marks the first time in many years that America's premiere chess tournament has been played outside of New York City, and interest is running particularly high in the Southwest.

Fourteen of the USA's greatest players have accepted their invitations and will fight for championship honors and a lion's share of the \$7,500 prize fund. Defending Champion Robert Byrne may not take part, but he has not reached a final decision. Byrne, after qualifying in the Leningrad Interzonal, is now a World Championship Candidate. (Editor's note: It may be of interest to Tennesseans that Nashville was one of the cities considered for the US Championship this year.)

# UPDATING THE VIENNA (BLOODGOOD) GAMBIT

By Charles M. Cork III

Editor's Note: The following updates analysis on the Vienna Game in the Variation 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4 NXP 4 N-B3!! which first appeared in TCM, Mar. '72 issue. It was reprinted in Chess Digest, Jul. '72 issue. This analysis given here was contained in a letter directed to Mr. Bloodgood, who is the author of the original analysis.

Dear Sir:

I have been looking through past editions of Chess Digest when I came across your analysis of this fine gambit. I have been using this gambit with a remarkable 100% score against all comers. However, I felt that it is necessary to bring up some of my analysis on this. In the second column with 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4 NXP 4 N-B3 NXP 5 QPXP P-Q3? 6 NXP Q-K2 7 BXPch K-Q1 8 O-O QxN? 9 B-K1 Q-QN4 10 P-QR4 Q-KB4 11 B-K3ch K-Q2 12 B-R5 P-KN3! so that on B-B4 KxR 14 BxQ BxB and Black has a Rook and two minor pieces for a Queen - more than enough. A better line is 12 B-K6ch KxR 13 BxQ BxB and now 14 Q-K2ch and White wins: A) K-B2 15 Q-B4ch and Black's Queen-side pawns fall like ripe fruit. B) K-Q2 15 Q-N5ch and either the Bishop at f5 or the pawn b7 and Rook at a8 fall. C) K-Q1 15 B-N5ch and C1) K-Q2 16 Q-N5ch or C2) K-B1 16 Q-K8mate. D) B-K2 15 B-N5.

In column three, 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4 NXP 4 N-B3 NXP 5 QPXP P-KB3 6 N-B4! P-KN3 (on 6...Q-K2 7 Q-R5ch K-Q1 8 N-B5 Q-B4 9 Q-B7 and I prefer White or 8...P-KN3 9 NxQ PxQ 10 N-Q5 and White stands better) 7 N-B5!! (on P-B4 as given in the column PxP! 8 Q-Q5 Q-K2ch 9 K-Q1 Q-Q3 and White is two pawns down with his Queen pinned.) The threat is Q-Q5 and Black's Queen can't go to e7 without being taken by the knight. There are two ways of preventing this mate A) P-QB3 8 N-Q6ch and White stands much better (unless Black opts for the endgame with BxN 9 QxR Q-K2 10 Q-B7 N-R3 11 BxN PxR 12 B-K3 and although White has a spacial advantage the game is probably drawn) or B) PxN 8 Q-R5ch K-K2 9 Q-B7ch K-Q3 10 B-KN5!! (the second piece sacrifice is decisive - the idea of which is to open the Q-file for action by White's rook and combine the action of the Bishops and Queen in the Center. Black has four plausible replies but all inadequate, e.g. A) B-K2 (or Q-K2) 11 Q-Q5 mate B) PxR 11 R-Q1ch K-B4 (or B3) 12 Q-Q5ch K-N3 13 Q-N5 mate C) P-B3 11 R-Q1ch and C1 K-B4 12 B-K3mate or C") K-B2 12 BxP B-K2 13 BxPch (picking up more material) and BxR on the next move except in the case of 13...B-Q3 when 14 RxB plus additional discovered and double check threats decide D) N-B3 11 R-Q1ch N-Q5 12 BxP and White will either take Black's Queen or play Q-Q5 mate on the next move.

I also had a tournament game in the Georgia Championship in which the tournament director decided to decline the gambit. Cork - Lauff: 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4 NXP 4 N-B3 NXP 5 QPXP B-B4 6 BxPch (also possible is 6 Q-Q5 Q-K2 7 NXP) KxR 7 Q-Q5ch K-K1 8 QxR P-Q3 9 Q-K3 B-B4 10 Q-K2 P-KR3 (to prevent B-N5) 11 N-Q4 Q-B3 12 NxB QxN 13 P-KB4 N-Q2 14 O-O R-KB1 15 Q-N5 Q-K5 16 Q-Q3 N-B4? 17 QxQ NxQ 18 R-K1 P-Q4 19 P-B4 K-Q2 20 PxQP N-B3 21 RxB QR-K1 22 P-B4 K-Q3 23 P-QN3! RxB? 24 B-R3ch K-Q2 25 PxR R-B2? 26 P-K6ch Resigns

Another game I played followed Bloodgood - Sternberg (Col 1) 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4 NXP 4 N-B3 NXP 5 QPXP N-B3? 6 N-N5 P-Q4 7 BxP B-K3 8 NxB PxN 9 Q-R5ch P-N3 10 BxNch PxR 11 QxKP R-KN1 12 B-N5! when new Goldbaugh played Q-B1 (instead of Q-Q2) and he resigned on 13 Q-K4. On K-B2 14 QxBP followed by R-Q1 should decide.

## CONTINENTAL OPEN 1973

SICILIAN DEFENCE White: Milan Momic (2303) Black: Walter Browne (2525)  
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 B-K2 (a) 8 Q-B3 P-R3 (b) 9 B-R4 QN-Q2 10 O-O-O Q-B2 11 B-N3! (c) P-QN4 12 P-K5 B-E2 13 Q-K2 N-Q4 14 N-K4! NxBP? 15 BxN PxP 16 NxKP! PxN 17 Q-R5ch K-B1 18 N-M5! BxN (d) 19 BxB R-B1 20 P-B3 N-B4 21 B-K3 B-Q4 22 B-K2 N-K5 23 KR-B1ch K-M1 24 RxB!! PxR 25 B-N4! N-Q3 (f) 26 B-K6ch K-R7 27 R-B6! Resigns (g)

- (a) 7...Q-E3 is the Poisoned Pawn Variation.
- (b) An alternative is 8...Q-B2 followed by 9...QN-Q2 without the Bishop chase.
- (c) This move is an innovation. Three other moves have been tried here by White, e.g. (1) 11 P-KN4 (2) 11 B-Q3 and (3) 11 B-K2.
- (d) The threats of Q-B7 mate and NxKPch force the exchange.
- (e) This sacrifice of the exchange allows the strong B-N4! which wins for White.
- (f) If 25...N-B3 26 B-K6ch K-B1 (K-E7 27 RxN! wins) 27 B-B5ch QxR 28 Q-B7 mate.
- (g) The threat is 28 Q-N6 mate and if 27...PxR 28 QxP mate.

A pretty win by Alabama player Momic and frequent visitor to Tennessee over a strong grandmaster.



# CONFESSIONS OF A POSTAL CHESS PLAYER BY DON GARDINER

Editor's (Searles) note: Our gregarious guest columnist Don Gardiner resides in Pennsville, New Jersey. Although he devotes his attention to many activities, two of his favorites are writing and postal chess which are brought together in superior fashion in the following first installment of a four-part series. Remaining installments will appear in subsequent issues of TCN.

## Part One: It Can Take So-o-o-o Long

To the uninitiated postal chess must seem like a weird hobby. As a matter of fact, it can often seem weird to the participants. A player records his new move and the current position in his Postal Chess Recorder Album. Then he writes this latest move on a postal card, addresses it to the correct opponent and drops it into the mailbox. And the wait for the reply begins. 3-4-5-6 days pass and nothing has happened. Along about the seventh day the replay is received. If you are lucky! The opponent is legally entitled to take up to three full days after receiving your card before he is obligated to mail his reply. When your card reaches him he may possibly be ill, be deeply involved in a family crisis, or he may be out of town on a business or vacation trip. Because of these various possibilities, the rules are lenient and do not require an immediate reply. You will notice, also, that when your opponent has a rapidly deteriorating position he will exercise no haste in sending his reply to you.

Players possessing questionable sportsmanship qualities are abundant, and when it serves their purposes they will not hesitate to break time limit rules to smithereens by taking 5-10--15 or more days to make the replay they were morally obligated to make within three days. When this happens you are caught in a quandary and must decide whether you should report these offenses to the Postal Chess Director or just "let things slide." If you do not report the offenses, your opponent is likely to consider you a "patsy" and indulge in the same, and additional, offenses repeatedly. Thus you could be stuck with this unsavory character on your hands for two years or more before the game is finally resolved in your favor or his. On the other hand, if you decide to prosecute these offenses you will find that the "burden of proof" rests solely on you, the accuser. The Postal Chess Director will consider your opponent innocent unless you can convince him otherwise. You must make your charges to the P.C. Director, with accompanying evidence, including the last several postal cards you received from the opponent and detailed statistics on the dates when each card was received by you and was replied to by you. After mailing this bundle of evidence to the Director (for which you pay postage at the rate of 8¢ per ounce), what do you do then? You wait - and wait - and wait. You may not hear from either the opponent accused or the Director for three or four weeks. Then (at last) a card arrives from the Director stating that he is investigating your claim and that if neither he nor you hear from the opponent in the next three weeks you will be awarded a win by forfeit. This is not your major goal. All that you really want is for the opponent to "get on the ball" and play the game.

Sometimes you will never again hear from the opponent and will have to settle for victory by forfeit. However, if the opponent makes a reply to either you or the Director and denies the charges, he will merely be given a "slap on the wrist" by the Director and told to resume playing the game. Often, he will soon drift back into sin and you will find the same sequence repeating itself over again until, at long last, the Director awards you a win by forfeit. Forfeit wins don't contain any rating points gain and you will find yourself feeling that you have wasted much time and effort and postage fees in vain. The time rules violators are, I feel, the most obnoxious of the sinners one can meet in postal chess. But they are not the only sinners. There is much more yet to tell! (To be continued)



## TENNESSEE OPEN 1973

PLAYER	CITY & STATE	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score	Tie-break
1. Milan Memic	Alabama	2303	W15	W42	D32	D6	W12	W4	5-1	19/13½
2. John Hurt	Memphis	1991	W16	W38	W34	W11	L4	W10	5-1	19/13
3. Eddie Middleton	Memphis	2059	W9	W13	D6	L4	W18	W11	4½-1½	23
4. Gregory Fulkerson	Cleveland, Ohio	1994	W21	D33	W26	W3	W2	L1	4½-1½	22
5. Mack Garner	Maryville	1855	L11	W24	W38	W33	W6	D7	4½-1½	18
6. Milton C. Wright	Old Hickory	1944	W18	W27	D3	D1	L5	W20	4-2	23
7. Bill Orten	Fayetteville, Ark.	2008	W17	D26	D33	D23	W13	D5	4-2	19
8. Kenny Thomas	Memphis	2035	D20	D12	W42	D16	D9	W21	4-2	18
9. Harris Gabel	Nashville	1882	L3	D28	W40	W27	D8	W24	4-2	17½
10. Phillip Gardner	Chattanooga	1707	L32	W37	W36	W15	W23	L2	4-2	17
11. Juan Aristerenas	Chattanooga	2032	W5	W29	D23	L2	W16	L3	3½-2½	23
12. Douglas Ralston	Nashville	1810	D14	D8	W25	W34	L1	D15	3½-2½	21
13. Howard Sandler	Nashville	1656	W28	L3	D14	W26	L7	W30	3½-2½	19½
14. Robert Coveyeu	Oak Ridge	2002	D12	D20	D13	D17	W33	D18	3½-2½	19/13½
15. Joe C. Jones	Nashville	1934	L1	W39	W22	L10	W28	D12	3½-2½	19/13
16. Samuel Fulkerson	Louisville, Ky.	1707	L2	W44	W19	D8	L11	W28	3½-2½	18½/13½
17. Mark German	Louisville, Ky.	1855	L7	W30	D27	D14	D19	W31	3½-2½	18½/12
18. Rick White	Maryville	1695	L6	W40	W41	W20	L3	D14	3½-2½	17
19. Gary Fylant	Memphis	1529	W40	L32	L16	W35	D17	W29	3½-2½	14
20. James A. Wright	Millington	1871	D8	D14	W29	L18	W22	L6	3-3	20½
21. Roy T. Farr	Hermitage	1787	L4	L35	W39	W25	W34	L8	3-3	16½
22. Charles K. Ball	Alcoa	1689	W25	LF	L15	W36	L20	W33	3-3	15½
23. Dennis P. Saccuzze	Murfreesboro	1897	W41	W36	D11	D7	L10	LF	3-3	14½
24. Jere Roland	Slocumb, Ala.	1288	L33	L5	WF	W42	W26	L9	3-3	14
25. Jack E. Smith, Jr.	Memphis	1492	L22	WF	L12	L21	W40	W34	3-3	12½
26. Richard Werd	Knoxville	1658	W30	D7	L4	L13	L24	W35	2½-3½	19½
27. Mark Wagner	Knoxville	1550	W35	L6	D17	L9	L31	W38	2½-3½	18
28. David G. Parker	Georgia	1351	L13	D9	W35	W41	L15	L16	2½-3½	17½
29. Robert E. Garner	Dyersburg	1623	W39	L11	L20	D30	W38	L19	2½-3½	15
30. Thomas Duncan	Chattanooga	1405	L26	L17	W44	D29	WF	L13	2½-3½	13
31. James H. Mitchell	Memphis	1407	L42	L41	W37	D38	W27	L17	2½-3½	12
32. Emarul Tsitsekliis	Knoxville	1974	W10	W19	D1	Withdrew			2½-3½	
33. D. Scott Smith	Nashville	1645	W24	D4	D7	L5	L14	L22	2-4	22½
34. Mike Roman	Brentwood	1518	W37	WF	L2	L12	L21	L25	2-4	18½
35. Mithcell Eskew	Huntingdon	UNR	L27	W21	L28	L19	W36	L26	2-4	15
36. Robert Partin	Estill Springs	1520	W43	L23	L10	L22	L35	W39	2-4	13
37. Samuel R. Rehern	Nashville	UNR	L34	L10	L31	WF43	L39	Bye	2-4	9½
38. Joe Rickman	Maryville	1545	W44	L2	L5	D31	L29	L27	1½-4½	
39. Dane Bryant	Goodlettsville	UNR	L29	L15	L21	L40	W37	L36	1-5	
40. Robert Lee Stewart	Seymour, Ind.	UNR	L19	L18	L9	W39	L25	LF	1-5	
41. James A. Sweets	Chattanooga	2071	L23	W31	L18	L28	LF	LF	1-5	
42. Albert Bowen	Nashville	1689	W31	L1	L8	L24	LF	LF	1-5	
43. Patrick M. Thompson	Nashville	UNR	L36	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	0-6	
44. Mickey Newbury	Hendersonville	UNR	L38	L16	L30	LF	LF	LF	0-6	

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## TENNESSEE AMATEUR 1973

PLAYER	CITY & STATE	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Score	TIE-BREAK
1. Kenneth Murr	Reckford	1739	D13	W29	W7	W8	D3	W4	5-1	
2. Alan Gullette	Nashville	1633	W32	W11	D4	D5	W17	D3	4½-1½	22½
3. Doug LaVerne	Oak Ridge	1605	W26	W20	W10	D9	D1	D2	4½-1½	22/15½
4. David Haring	Fayetteville, Ark.	1742	W27	W21	D2	W13	W9	L1	4½-1½	22/14.75
5. David Ellis	Knoxville	1737	W40	W17	D13	D2	W10	D8	4½-1½	19
6. Ruth Haring	Fayetteville, Ark.	1628	W24	L9	W22	D10	W25	W11	4½-1½	18½
7. Henry Robinsen	Allensville, KY	1537	W39	W14	L1	D15	D12	W20	4-2	19½/11
8. Philip Margan	Memphis	1674	W35	W31	D9	L1	W24	D5	4-2	19½-10½
9. Clyde McMillian	Marion, Ark.	1769	W34	W6	D8	D3	L4	D17	3½-2½	23
10. Bruce Stearns	Nashville	1700	W23	W16	L3	D6	L5	W26	3½-2½	22½
11. William Sulcer	Marion, Ark.	1545	W25	L2	D18	W21	W15	L6	3½-2½	21½
12. Peter Lahde	Nashville	1605	W28	W33	D5	L4	D7	D13	3½-2½	21
13. Robert Yekley	Smyrna	1455	D1	L15	W28	W29	D14	D12	3½-2½	20
14. Joe Reberdeau	Nashville	1643	W22	L7	W35	D24	D13	D19	3½-2½	18½
15. Eddie Newkirk	Nashville	1672	L29	W13	W30	D7	L11	W23	3½-2½	18
16. John Burnette	Nashville	1588	W18	L10	L24	W22	D26	W25	3½-2½	17½/10½
17. Glenn Cornwell	Hermitage	1574	W38	L5	W31	W33	L2	D9	3½-2½	17½/8½
18. Steve Gibson	Nashville	1200	L16	W32	D11	D19	D29	W24	3½-2½	17
19. Brooks Egerton	Nashville	1535	L31	W40	D20	D18	W30	D14	3½-2½	14
20. Jess Aydelett	Nashville	1744	W30	L3	D19	D25	W35	L7	3-3	18½
21. W. D. Veatch, Jr.	Chattanooga	1594	W36	L4	D29	L11	D28	W30	3-3	16½/6½
22. Jim Price	Murfreesboro	1410	L14	W39	L6	L16	W32	W29	3-3	16½/5
23. Roy Clark	Murfreesboro	1446	L10	L25	W38	W39	W33	L15	3-3	13½
24. Jack Swift	Hermitage	1404	L6	W34	W16	D14	L8	L18	2½-3½	20
25. Ernest Harriss	Martin	UNR	L11	W23	W37	D20	L6	L16	2½-3½	19
26. Louis Gentry	Lebanon	1325	L3	L30	W34	W36	D16	L10	2½-3½	17½
27. Ed Porter	Nashville	1476	L4	W36	L33	L30	WF	D28	2½-3½	14/5½
28. Tom Harrell	East Ridge	1395	L12	D37	L13	WF	D21	D27	2½-3½	14/3½
29. Harold Moody	Dyersburg	1411	W15	L1	D21	L13	D18	L22	2-4	21½
30. David Goodwin	Chattanooga	1476	L20	W26	L15	W27	L19	L21	2-4	18
31. David Watts	Madison	UNR	W19	L8	L17	L35	L34	W38	2-4	16
32. Lewis Inman	Nashville	1409	L2	L18	L39	W38	L22	W37	2-4	14½
33. Karl Kneile	Tullahoma	1756	W37	L12	W27	L17	L23	LF	2-4	14/4
34. Phillip Lewder	Columbia	1517	L9	L24	L26	D37	W31	D36	2-4	14/3.75
35. Robert A. Garner	Dyersburg	1433	L8	W38	L14	W31	L20	LF	2-4	13½
36. Frederick Hunter	Old Hickory	1256	L21	L27	WF	L26	D37	D34	2-4	11½
37. Thomas Jenkins	Dickson	1509	L33	D28	L25	D34	D36	L32	1½-4½	
38. Marty Watkins	Seddy	966	L17	L36	L23	L32	W40	L31	1-5	12½
39. Charles Highsmith	Springfield	UNR	L7	L22	W32	L23	withdr.		1-5	12
40. Gale Stahl	Nashville	1453	L5	L19	LF	L38	L38	LF	0-6	

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## TENNESSEE NOVICE 1973

PLAYER	CITY & STATE	USCF	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	SCORE	TIE-BREAK
1. Francisco James	Stanford, Calif.	1360	W20	W3	W17	W26	W2	W7	6-0	-
2. Chris McDade	Memphis	1353	W29	W18	W4	W7	L1	W10	5-1	-
3. David Myers	Memphis	1231	W32	L1	W34	W23	W9	D5	4½-1½	22
4. Ricky Clunan	Nashville	1296	W46	W8	L2	W22	D6	W17	4½-1½	19½/16½
5. Joel Keenig	Nashville	1306	W31	D24	D19	W15	WF	D3	4½-1½	19½/12½
6. Robert Stokes	Marten, Ark.	1218	LF	W41	W40	W14	D4	W8	4½-1½	16
7. Fred Haring	Fayetteville, Ark.	1356	W34	W30	W22	L2	W10	L1	4-2	22½
8. Farid Abdulla	Nashville	UNR	W23	L4	W44	W16	W18	L6	4-2	19½/14
9. Robert Harwood	Mentorey	1228	WF	W28	L26	W17	L3	W25	4-2	19½/12
10. Jonathan Cebbs	Nashville	1306	W41	W21	W24	W19	L7	L2	4-2	19
11. Terry Quarles	Chattanooga	UNR	L18	W43	D12	W42	D14	W23	4-2	15½
12. Phillip Sawyer	Nashville	1106	L21	WF	D11	W37	D19	W18	4-2	15
13. Walter Jordan	Nashville	UNR	L17	L15	W45	W24	W22	W19	4-2	14½
14. Glenn Herten	Athens	1398	W15	L17	W20	L6	D11	W21	3½-2½	21
15. Dennis Whitehead	Smyrna	1028	L14	W13	W33	L5	W29	D16	3½-2½	20½
16. Larry Brown	Nashville	1301	W36	L22	W21	L8	W20	D15	3½-2½	18½
17. Curt Jones	Nashville	1255	W13	W14	L1	L9	W35	L4	3-3	24
18. Jerry Wheeler	Nashville	1245	W11	L2	W25	W29	L8	L12	3-3	22½
19. Jen Thatcher	Nashville	1230	W33	W44	D5	L10	D12	L13	3-3	20/14½
20. Gary Carter	Watertown	945	L1	W32	L14	W33	L16	W35	3-3	20/12
21. Stephen Chung	Murfreesboro	UNR	W12	L10	L16	W34	W30	L14	3-3	19½
22. Kevin Ward	Hermitage	1086	W42	W16	L7	L4	L13	W39	3-3	19/13½
23. William Johnson	Nashville	1186	L8	W36	W37	L3	W31	L11	3-3	19/12½
24. Richard Hargrove	Nashville	1175	W38	D5	L10	L13	W34	D30	3-3	18½
25. Alton Carter	Watertown	UNR	L26	W37	L18	W41	W39	L9	3-3	15/10
26. Ren Wiley	Cookeville	1304	W25	WF	W9	L1	LF	LF	3-3	15/7
27. Pearce Bowden	Memphis	UNR	LF	L34	LF	W40	W42	W38	3-3	12½
28. Leonard Bubis	Nashville	1308	W40	L9	W35	W30	LF	LF	3-3	9½
29. Larry Carter	Watertown	987	L2	W38	WF	L18	L15	D36	2½-3½	18½
30. Bill Neitzel	Memphis	1231	W39	L7	W31	L28	L21	D24	2½-3½	17½
31. Guy Kirton	Linville, N.C.	UNR	L5	W42	L30	W32	L23	D33	2½-3½	16
32. Steve Shumate	Nashville	UNR	L3	L20	W38	L31	D36	W40	2½-3½	15
33. Sam Chilcutt	Old Hickory	UNR	L19	W45	L15	L20	W40	D31	2½-3½	13
34. Mark Thompson	Lebanon	934	L7	W27	L3	L21	L24	W45	2-4	17½
35. Micheal Juden	Nashville	UNR	WF	LF	L28	W45	L17	L20	2-4	16½
36. Mark Ishee	Brentwood	UNR	L16	L23	W42	L38	D32	D29	2-4	14½
37. Sam Clark	Murfreesboro	UNR	W43	L25	L23	L12	L38	W41	2-4	14
38. William Scheen	Nashville	UNR	L24	L40	L32	W36	W37	L27	2-4	13½
39. William Jenkins	Nashville	UNR	L30	L29	W41	W43	L25	L22	2-4	13
40. Herbert Dowell	Nashville	783	L28	W38	L6	L27	L33	L32	1-5	17½
41. James Johnson	Nashville	UNR	L10	L6	L39	L25	W45	L37	1-5	15½
42. Robert Ferrester	Nashville	UNR	L22	L31	L36	L11	L27	Bye	1-5	14½
43. Clayton Hamlin	Lebanon	1071	L37	L11	WF	L39	LF	LF	1-5	8
44. Verna Fausey	Nashville	1325	W45	L19	L8	LF	LF	LF	1-5	7
45. Steve Martin	Lebanon	786	L44	L33	L13	L35	L41	L34	0-6	12½
46. William Martin	Smyrna	UNR	L4	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	0-6	9½

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Tournament table compiled by Ed Porter

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As reported last issue the 1973 Tennessee Postal Championship has been closed to entry and six sections are now competing for \$77.30 in prize money. The eventual winner will receive \$38.65; second place will be worth \$23.19; and third place will get \$15.46. These cash prizes as well as the excellent competition illustrate once again that playing Tennesseess Postal Chess can be profitable and fun.

The 1972 Postal Finals are now paired with the following players competing in the round robin format: John Reh, David Ellis, Doug LaVerne, Richard Searles, Leonard Dickerson, Kent Meadows, G. E. Fawbush, Glenn Horton, and William Hall. However, some casualties have already occurred as Kent Meadows was forced to withdraw because of an already overloaded schedule and your postal editor has been unable to contact Leonard Dickerson to advise him of the pairings. If any reader knows of Mr. Dickerson's latest address we would appreciate your forwarding it to us.

In this issue we are very pleased to begin a four-part series on postal chess by guest columnist Don Gardiner. Mr. Gardiner is a strong postal player and this editor (Searles) has had the pleasure of playing him by mail. Don is quite candid about the trials and tribulations of playing postal chess and throughout the first three installments you may wonder what is the point to this madness, but in the fourth article you will see patience rewarded.

GAME RESULTS: R-3-72 Porter 1 stevens 0; R-4-72 Mikulecky, D. 1 Willman 0;  
TC-4-72 Irwin 2 Kruglewicz 0; TC-5-72 Ellis 1(a) Tazewell 0;  
TC-F-72 Meadows withdrawn; TC-1-73 Fawbush 2 Ellis 0; TC-2-73  
Fielden 2(f) Grounds 0.

RATINGS:

Bennett	535	Hargrove	500	Nuckols	500
Buchalter	500	Horton	420	Porter	534
Coveyou	970	Irwin	602	Reh	820
Dickerson	554	Johnson	500	Searles	892
Ellis	672	Kruglewicz	455	Stephens	486
Fausey	502	LaVerne	744	Tate	480
Fawbush	948	Lundin	500	Tazewell	552
Fielden	543	Lyles	500	Tucker	364
Finger	356	McGinnis	436	Vaughn	600
Freeman	418	Meadows	424	Wagner	600
Gardner	624	Mikulecky, D.	627	Wheeler	500
Garner	473	Mikulecky, J.	456	White	900
Grounds	472	Narveson	888	Willman	862
Hall	582				

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