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Presidential Address

Dear Chess Friends:

Tennessee Chess' star shines brighter with each passing endeavor. We have completed the largest chess tournament in the history of the world with the conclusion of the Supnationals in Knoxville this spring. While everything wasn't perfect with the event, we can be reasonably well pleased with it considering it was a brand new format in the storied history of National Scholastics. Also catching the tournament staff off guard was nearly 1000 entries beyond expectations and projections (a total of well over 4000). Nonetheless, the superior work of the dedicated staff overcame the adversity and pulled off quite a coup managing to keep the event running close to schedule. Many of these workers were you, the Tennessee Chess Players, whom I called upon, and it is with great appreciation that I wish to acknowledge your hard work and dedicated service. Our backs and feet ached when all was said and done, but we have the comfort of knowing that we have done what no one has ever accomplished.

On the heels of this mega-event, we are preparing for another major national championship for Tennessee. At press time, the final preparations are under way for the 1997 US Cadet (under 16) Championship to be held at the Nashville Chess Center. Results, games and other details of this will be provided in the next issue of the *TCN*.

As I am approaching the end of my fifth term as your president, I feel that I should advise that I do not intend to stand for re-election. While I feel there is still more that I can accomplish, I do not think it right or best for the TCA that the same person chair the board year after year after year. The membership needs fresh minds on their board. You answered the call to be a part of history in the Supnationals. Now, do so once again and answer my call to serve on the TCA Board of Directors. Most positions including the president's are up this year. Please come forward and be willing to serve. **BUT if you do come forward, be willing to meet your obligations.** They aren't terribly involved for many of the positions, but that which is asked of you is important. Details of what is expected (at minimum) of board members can be found in the TCA By-Laws. A copy of this is found on the TCA Web Site at <http://www.dickson.net/tca>. The regional directors who serve in an at-large capacity are merely expected to attend the 3 or 4 TCA Board meetings that are held each year.

While I will be leaving the TCA Board in an official capacity, I do not plan to cease working for TCA Chess. You will still find me directing events, serving on committees, being a USCF delegate (should you find it a good idea to keep sending me) and doing other chess work. I'm not going anywhere. I'm just leaving the board for a time. On my way out the door, I would like to see something done for our adult players in particular and ask your advice on this matter. We found the Tennessee Sportsfest to be popular when it was around. With its demise, I felt that there was a void. I would like to

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August 29-31

51st Tennessee Open

5 Round Swiss, 45/90, SD/60.

Site: Fleaport USA, 2670 Highway 46 South, Dickson, TN

In three sections: The following prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Open: 500-250-100; Expert 260-140; Class A and under 225-125.

Amateur: 400-250-100; Class C and under 300-150-100

Novice: 400-200-100; Class E and under, Unrated 50, eligible for unrated prize only.

Brilliance Prizes: Open 30-20, Amateur: 25, Novice: 25 (Donated by Peter Lahde)

USCF & TCA membership required.

Registration: 5-7 PM 8/29 or 7-8 AM 8/30

There is no re-entry. Half point bye available if requested in advance.

Rounds: Round 1: 8 PM 8/29 or 9 AM 8/30

Round 2: 3 PM 8/30

Round 3: 8 PM 8/30

Round 4: 9 AM 8/31

Round 5: 2 PM 8/31

Entry Fee: \$45 if received by 8/22, at the site: \$50

Hotel Rates: \$50 if received by 8/15. Make reservation with Holiday Inn, 2420 Hwy 46 South, Dickson, TN, 37055. Telephone: (615) 446-9081.

Entries to: Bill Orgain, P.O. Box 366, Dickson, TN 37056, Home: (615)446-0521, Work:(615)446-2814

August 30

51st Tennessee Open Scholastics

5-SS, G/40. Fleaport USA, 2670 Highway 46 South, Dickson, TN. Open to all students grade 12 and under. EF: \$10 by 8/22, \$20 at site. TCA memb. req, OSA. Trophies to top three HS, JHS, EL, PR, other trophies based on entries. Reg.: 7:30-8:30 8/30. Rds.: 9 - 10:30 - 12 - 1:30 - 3.

Entries to Bill Orgain, P.O. Box 366, Dickson, TN 37056 (W) (615)446-2814 or (H) (615)446-0521. NS

A Message from the Vice-President

Last week I was informed rather suddenly by our Editor Walter Jordan that he has resigned. He send me the material he had for this issue, so I am pinchhitting at this time. It has been 20 years since I last worked on the TCA newsletter. So besides a president for TCA we will also be looking for a new editor. I will try to put out one more issue before the TN Open, so please send in all articles to me. I should also mention that at the last TCA Board meeting the board voted unanimously **Rea B. Hayes into the Tennessee Hall of Fame.**

Presidential Address
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see the TCA establish a State Class Championship to fill this void. If you feel this is a good (or bad) idea, please let your board members know. Also, please advise as to what attendant activities you would like to see surrounding the event. I feel this event should be more than just a tournament, it should be an extravaganza. As for the tournament itself, I envision a low-cost, medal-award only type of affair. What do you think?

Yours in chess,

Bill Orgain
TCA President

THE 1997 U.S. CADET CHAMPIONSHIP

NASHVILLE CHESS CENTER

2911 Belmont Boulevard

July 9 - 13, 1997

Please make plans to attend a reception for the top 8 chess players under age 16 who will compete for the 1997 U.S. Cadet Chess Championship at the Nashville Chess Center. The reception will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 1997 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. PLEASE JOIN NASHVILLE MAYOR PHIL BRÉDESON TO HELP WELCOME THE PARTICIPANTS TO OUR CITY. You don't want to miss this opportunity to enjoy the refreshments, pick up your free tournament program (great for autographs!) and meet future Grandmasters at our very own Chess Center. The reception and attendance at the tournament itself (July 10 - 13) are open to the public free of charge. Please help us make the reception and Nashville's first national chess championship events that the Mayor and the players will not forget.

The 8 players invited by the USCF to play for this year's Cadet Championship are:

Harutyun Akopyan (2295) Los Angeles, CA; Vladimir Miloslavsky (2280) Brooklyn, NY; Jordy Mont-Reynaud (2276) Palo Alto, CA; Matthew Puckett (2276) Meridianville, AL; Justin Sarkar (2213) Scarsdale, NY; Noah Siegel (2311) New York, NY; Andrew Wesley Whatley (2270) Pike Road, AL; Andrei Zarembo (2299) Dearborn Heights, MI.

The schedule of events for the tournament is as follows:

Wednesday July 9, 1997

Welcoming Reception/Draw for Pairing Numbers -- 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday July 10, 1997: ROUND 1 -- 9:00 a.m.; ROUND 2 -- 4:30 p.m.

Friday July 11, 1997: ROUND 3 -- 9:00 a.m.; ROUND 4 -- 4:30 p.m.

Saturday July 12, 1997: ROUND 5 -- 9:00 a.m.; ROUND 6 -- 4:30 p.m.

Sunday July 12, 1997: ROUND 7 -- 10:00 a.m.; Awards Ceremony -- approx. 4:30 p.m.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!! For more information, call Alvin Harris, 251-5448 [w], 297-8185 [h] or Ben Bentrup, 292-7341 [at Nashville Chess Center], 228-3817 [h].

SUPER NATIONALS A BIG SUCCESS

By Peter Lahde

The largest chess tournament ever held in the U.S. was just concluded with the Super Nationals held in Knoxville, April 25-27, 1997. For the first time in scholastic chess all section were competing at the same time under one roof. The site was the Knoxville Convention Center, sponsored by the Knoxville Sports Corporation, the US Chess Federation and the Tennessee Chess Association. Some 4,300 youngsters from all over the United States converged on Knoxville to take part in the excitement of winning or just to say that they were part of the largest chess tournament ever held.

There were 13 section with eight of these setting new records for attendance. The K-12 had 444 players compared to 307 that it drew in 1992. The K-12 U-1300 had 374 exceeding by 67 the record of 1992. In the Junior High new records were set in the K-8 with 347 players, some 55 more than in 1994 and a new section created with K8 U-750 with 187 players combined with the K8 U-1000 which had 394 would have been a new record. In the Elementary two new records were recorded in the K-6 U-900 with 592 compared to 492 last year; and K-5 had 405 players compared to 324 last year. In the Primary new records were set in the K-3 section with 283 players and the K-3 U-800 with 406 players. The Kindergarten section had 73 players just short of the 87 that attended last year.

The event actually started a day before with the Blitz and Bughouse tournaments. The Blitz HS tournament was won by Ryan Porter and Jennifer Shahade with 6.0 scores. Todd Andrews of Nashville came in fourth after Joey Gasis both scoring 5.5 points. Sergey Shchukin won the Jr. High with 6.0 with James Hughes of Cleveland, TN placing 14th with 4.5 points. In the Primary Jeremiah Miller, Adam Maltese, and David Rice all had 5.0 to tie for first and Blake Gibson had 4.0 from Tennessee. Tobin Bennion from UT and Brian Shapiro from CA topped the Primary section with 6.0.

The Bughouse tournament ended in a tie for three teams consisting of 1. Ben Dean & David Rice, 2. Rubin Miller & Arthur Traldi and 3. Mike Klein & Tom Waymouth with 11 points each. Brad Bentrup of Nashville & Carter Gibson of Germantown had the best score for Tennessee with 9.0.

For the record we give the winners for each of the 13 section and those that tied for first. Tennessee did quite well by having two players in the winners circle.

K-12	1. Harutyun Akopyan, from Arshag Dickranian HS of Los Angeles, CA.	7-0
K-12 U-1300	1. De La Cruz, James Monroe HS of North Hills, CA.	7.0
	2. David Nordahl, Glenbard W. HS of Glen Ellyn, IL	7.0
K-12 U-1000	1. Matt Raum, Great Bridge HS, Chesapeake, VA	7.0
K-9	1. Lior Lapid, Las Cruces HS, Las Cruces, NM	6.5
K-8	1. Tomo Fukui, Hunter School, New York, NY	7.0
	2. Marc Esserman, Miami, FL	7.0
K-8 U-1000	1. Yuri Smith, Chrispus Attucks, Indianapolis, IN	7.0
K-8 U-750	1. Eric Cosme, Flacs 98, Bronx, NY	7.0
K-6	1. Asuka Nakamura, Ridgeway, White Plains, NY	6.5
	2. Traldi, Matthew, Easton HS, Easton, PA	6.5
	3. Sean Dobbin, Twelve Corners MS, Rochester, NY	6.5
	4. Leath Bing, Grahamwood Elem., Memphis, TN	6.5
K-6 U-900	1. Troy Cole, Alameda, CA	7.0
	2. Matt Rosen, Hilliard Station, OH	7.0
K-5	1. Adam Maltese, Browning School, New York, NY	7.0
K-3	1. Hikaru Nakamura, Ridgeway, White Plains, NY	7.0
K-3 U-800	1. Peter Nelson, Basswood, Plymouth, MN	7.0
	2. Nikhil Vaiya, Parsons Elem., Harrison, NY	7.0
	3. Kyle Wright, Ooltewah Elem., Ooltewah, TN	7.0
Kindergarten	1. Jack Regenbogen, Craig Elem., St. Louis, MO	7.0

Trophies were awarded to the top 25 players in each section. Here are the trophy winners from Tennessee in the various sections. Unfortunately we cannot give all the players from Tennessee that competed, as that would fill up several pages.

Starting with the HS K-12 section **Todd Andrews** of Hume Fogg placed 5th going through the tournament undefeated, giving up only two draws one of which was to Matthew Puckett. In the K-12 U-1300 **Jeremy Laduke** of Sullivan Central HS, Blountsville scored 5.5 for 19th place. In the K-9 section **James Hughes** of Cleveland HS of Cleveland placed 20th and **Sisir Botta** of Martin Luther King of Nashville placed 25th. In the K-8 U-1000 **Dustin Smith** of Martin Elem., Crossville placed 10th with 6.0. In the K-8 U-750 **Howell Peebles** of North Cumberland Elem. from Crossville scored 5.0 to place 21st. The K-6 U-900 section had two trophy winners in **Kyle Levatino** for 12th of Central Day School in Memphis and **Micheal Mendenhall** for 18th of Montessori from Brentwood; both scoring 6.0. **Jing Lu Sun** of Jefferson MS, Oak Ridge placed 22nd in the K-5 section. The most trophy winners were recorded in the K-3 U-800 with no less than five recipients. We already mentioned **Kyle Wright** as he tied for first. All the rest scored 6.0 points in this order 6th **Stephen Tesauro** of Lakeview Elem. in Nashville. Next comes in 9th place **De Carlos Baker** and 10th **Max Striepe** both of Montessori Academy of Brentwood and 20th **Danny Gholson** of Lausanne Collegiate School of Memphis. I estimate that over 300 players competed from Tennessee. Unfortunately space does not permit to mention them all.

The team competition was just as fierce as it was for individual honors. Here again 25 trophies were awarded to the top scoring teams in each section. Here no less than seventy-five teams from Tennessee competed. Here again Tennessee did quite well by having two teams getting second place. But first here are the winners: K-12 **J. R. Masterman School** of Philadelphia, PA with 22.5 points. K-12 U-1300 **Glenbard W HS** of Glen Ellyn, IL with 23 points. K-12 U 1000 **Great Bridge HS**, Chesapeake, VA with 22 points. K-9 **J. R. Masterman School**, Philadelphia, PA 20 points. K-8 **Hunter School** of New York with 22 points. K-8 U-1000 **Vaux MS**, Philadelphia, PA with 22.5 points. K-8 U-750 **I. S. 90** of New York with 21.5 points. K-6 **The Shelby School** of Payson, AZ with 21.5 points. K-6 U-900 **East Grand Rapids HS** of East Grand Rapids, MI with 23 points. K-5 **Franklin Elem.** of Park Ridge, IL with 20.5 points. K-3 **Armstrong Academy** of Tuscon, AZ with 20 points. K-3 U-8090 **Hunter School** of New York. Kindergarten **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** of Kenner LA with 13 points.

For Tennessee the best score in the K-12 section was obtained by **Webb School** of Knoxville just losing out on a trophy for 26th place with 15.5 just below **Sycamore** of Cincinnati that also had 15.5. In addition **Dyerburg** paced 65th and **McMinn County HS** of Athens was 76 out of 78 teams. **Sullivan Central HS** of Blountville had the best score in the K-12 U-1300 for 33rd place with 14 points. There were two other teams from Tennessee competing here. In the K-12 U-1000 **Dyerburg HS** had the best score with 13 points and 32nd place. Four other teams competed from Tennessee. In the K-9 section we have our first trophy winner that we will give in bold in **Martin Elem.** of Crossville who placed 11th, then **David Lipscomb** of Nashville with 7 points for 21st and **Cleveland HS** with 6 points for 24th place. In the K-8 section **Jefferson MS** of Oak Ridge placed 12th with 16.0 and **Charlotte JH** had 13.5 for 21st. **Athens JH** was not far behind in 27th place with 11.5 points. **Webb School** of Knoxville had the best score in the K-8 U-1000 section. Two teams won trophies in the K-8 U-750 section with **Martin Elem.** coming in 15th with 12.0 and **North Cumberland Elem.** 23rd with 10.5 points, both of Crossville. The best showing of any team was that for **Grahamwood Elem.** of Memphis that placed second with a score of 18.5 points in the K-6 section. Two other teams were also awarded trophies here, **University School** of Nashville with 15 points and 12th place, and **Stokes MS** also of Nashville with 14.5 for 18th place. Another four teams from Tennessee competed here in this event that had 44 teams. Again three teams from Tennessee were awarded trophies in the K-6 U-900 section. **Grahamwood Elem.** placed 6th with 20.5, **St. Benedict** of Cordova placed 19th just ahead of **Montessori Academy** of Brentwood in 20th position. Both teams had 18.5 points. Another 14 teams competed here from Tennessee in this the largest with 95 teams competing. This was also the largest section with 592 players. In the K-5 section **Jefferson MS** of Oak Ridge placed 6th with 17.5 points and **St. George's Day School** of Germantown placed 16th for 15.5 points. Another six teams from Tennessee competed here in this 66 team field. **Charlotte Elem.** placed 17th and **Woodland Elem.** of Oak Ridge placed 20th in the K-3 section. In the K-3 U-800 section Tennessee had the best results by having four teams in the top twelve. **Montessori Academy** made the fantastic score of 21 points to place second. **St. George's Day School** placed 8th, **Grahamwood Elem.** placed 10th and **Lakeview Elem.** was 11th. Another nine teams from Tennessee competed here in this section that had 74 teams. **Woodland Elem.** placed 8th and **Montessori Academy**

placed 9th in the Kindergarten section.

It should not surprise anyone that a tournament of this size would not have its problems. But on the positive side with this many players every round started on time. Much of the credit for this goes to the 70 or so tournament directors who either worked at the computers to get the pairings or supervised the play of the kids. Much of the credit for organizing this event and making it the success it was belongs to **Harry Sabine**, and his assistant **Pat Knight**. We also should give credit to **Chester Crowley** who conveyed the idea to begin with.

Now I would like to conclude with my personal impressions and the excitement it gave me as I served both as a T.D. and the coach for the **Lakeview Elem.** team from Nashville. Five players from the 3rd grade along with their parents made the trip to Knoxville, as well as the other coach and teacher **Kelli Williams**. They played in the K-3 U-800 section. As a team **Lakeview** did surprisingly well and after five rounds we were in 6th place with 15.5 points. **Montessori Academy** from Middle Tennessee, the other strong contender in this field of 74 teams was a half point behind us at this point. (**Montessori** placed second in this event.) We actually averaged better than 3 points per round up to this point. Unfortunately we could only get 1 point in each of the last two rounds to end up in 11th place with 17.5 game points. Had we continued to score as we did in the first five rounds we would have had 21.5 points and come in second behind **Hunter** from New York just ahead of **Montessori** as they ended up with 21 points. Also **St. George's Day School** of Germantown and **Grahamwood** of Memphis came in just ahead of **Lakeview**. My greatest pleasure was derived when **Stephen Tesauro**, one of the team members was still undefeated after six rounds. He lost his last game but placed 6th in this event of 406 players. I was quite pleased with their performance and quite rewarding to me as my time and effort paid off. I would like to encourage other adults to consider to become coaches for one of the schools in your area. In can assure you will be rewarded with much excitement and pleasure by becoming involved. Other coaches probably have similar stories that they would like to share. If any of the players would like to submit games from this event please send them to the TCA VP **Peter Lahde**.

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 NASHVILLE CHESS CENTER, 2911 Belmont Blvd. Nashville, 37212, Tu 7-10, Fr 7-10, scholastic Su 1-4, Polina Kaganovska (615) 292-7341, http://www.dickson.net:80/ncc
 NASHVILLE CHESS CLUB, 2609 Sailboat Court, Nashville 37217, Thu 7, (615) 361-4588
 (The above clubs are all affiliated with USCF. Where are Jackson and Knoxville?)

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SUPERNATIONALS

The following article appeared in the the Kentucky Chess newsletter (KCA Report) of our neighbor to the north. It was written by Stephen Dillard who is the KCA Secretary. Steve is a teacher by profession and hails from Louisville. As you can tell from the article he has been promoting chess on a state level as well as nationally. I thought it was an interesting account of the event. It gives a better insight of what was involved as well as the support we received from the many Kentuckians. Thank you for allowing us to share this with the readers from Tennessee. He gave it the title "Kentuckians lend an organizational hand to Tennessee for the SUPERNATIONALS." (Introduction by Peter Lahde)

In April, Tennessee was the host of the largest open chess tournament, called the "Super Nationals", in history. USCF agreed to the combination of the big three national scholastic championships in one city, Knoxville. Harry Sabine acted as the chief organizer of this great happening.

Bill Sneed of Texas was the Chief Tournament Director, and his calm, knowledgeable hand guided a plethora of organizers and TD's to a successful conclusion of the Big One. Wayne Bell, KCA President, was honored with the job of Chief TD of the computer room and was assisted by Robert Singletary of North Carolina. Wayne supervised 30 volunteers and paid staff in the production of pairings, wall charts, and tiebreaks for the whole event.

When 4,300 players converge at one spot, the changes in sections, drops and adds, and general paperwork are awesome tasks to take. Our president did an excellent job.

The floor was gargantuan, with the tables and chairs alone taking two days to place. The boards and sets took hours to arrange. And then they came. From New Mexico, Hawaii, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania...in all, 48 states were represented. On Thursday afternoon, Robert Singletary directed the SuperNationals Bughouse Championships (a chess variant game). This event alone had 500 teams...one thousand players battled it out in this one. The cavernous hall had been about one-quarter full for these events.

Kentucky offered Section Chief Tournament Directors in several areas: Larry Bell, Ed Aylward, Brenda Foster, and I filled these roles. Charles Raider and Roy Crawford also joined the staff as assistant TD's. Terry Winchester of Evansville, IN could be found on the floor of the event as well.

My first look at the tournament hall on Friday came after wading through a crowd of thousands at the last minute registration desk. In the crowd I saw kentuckians Andrew Karem, Joshuo Skees, Greg Burton (with his group from Johnson Middle School), mark Wagner, Ehrin Dorsey, Sergey Shchukin (defending National Champion), and Art Smith (with Iroquois M. S.)

If all the Kentucky chess players that I saw entered on state event, we would see at least 50 players. And there were Kentuckians that I did not even recognize. Finally I peeked in the hall. The doors were locked, but the room was set.

At about 12:00 the doors opened, the pairings went up, the action would soon begin. I remember the National High School Championship in Lexington a few years ago. I remember holding the start of Round One late for about a half hour as we all awaited the arrival of World Champion Garry Kasparov.

I remember the ovation that shook Heritage Hall as Kasparov was welcomed to Kentucky. Similarly, Knoxville, Tennessee rocked. U.S. Chess is awakening. Harry Sabine, you did it. There is a new mark. The South has risen.

TENNESSEE SCHOLASTIC TEAM FINALS 1997 MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY - MURFREESBORO, TN MARCH 22, 1997

The 1997 Scholastic Team Finals were somewhat overshadowed by the SuperNationals which took place in Knoxville about a month later. See a separate article covering that event. Nevertheless the team competition here was very hard fought with almost all of the qualifying teams competing. As in the past few years each of the four regions has four teams that can qualify for the finals. There is no entry fee here but USCF membership is required, but is not in the four Regionals. The standings of the teams for each section are recorded here (Courtesy of Harry Sabine).

HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

No.	School	City	Score	No.	School	City	Score
(1)	Dyersburg HS	Dyersburg	3.5	(9)	Columbia Central HS	Columbia	2.0
(2)	Hume Fogg HS	Nashville	3.5	(10)	First Assembly Chris.	Memphis	2.0
(3)	Webb School	Knoxville	3.0	(11)	Clarkrange HS	Clarkrange	2.0
(4)	White Station HS	Memphis	3.0	(12)	Austin East HS	Knoxville	1.0
(5)	Sullivan Central HS	Blountville	2.5	(13)	University School	Jackson	1.0
(6)	University School	Nashville	2.5	(14)	Pearl Cohn HS	Nashville	1.0
(7)	Warren County HS	McMinnville	2.0	(15)	Cleveland HS	Cleveland	1.0
(8)	Sullivan North HS	Kinsport	2.0				

JUNIOR HIGH SECTION

(1)	White Station MS	Memphis	4.0	(9)	Charlotte JHS	Charlotte	2.0
(2)	Jefferson MS	Oak Ridge	3.0	(10)	Oak Ridge Home S.	Oak Ridge	2.0
(3)	David Lipscomb JHS	Nashville	2.5	(11)	St. Joseph School	Knoxville	1.5
(4)	Athens JHS	Athens	2.5	(12)	Cordova JHS	Cordova	1.5
(5)	Cleveland HS	Cleveland	2.5	(13)	Mary Blount Elem.	Maryville	1.5
(6)	Martin Elem.	Crossville	2.5	(14)	Cleveland MS	Cleveland	1.0
(7)	University School	Jackson	2.5	(15)	St. Joseph JHS	Nashville	0.5
(8)	Martin L. King JHS	Nashville	2.0	(16)	Maria Montessori	Memphis	0.5

ELEMENTARY SECTION

(1)	Grahamwood Elem.	Memphis	4.0	(9)	Jellico Elem.	Jellico	2.0
(2)	Jefferson MS	Oak Ridge	3.0	(10)	Hopewell Elem.	Cleveland	2.0
(3)	St. George's Day S.	Germantown	3.0	(11)	Charlotte Elem.	Charlotte	1.5
(4)	University School	Nashville	3.0	(12)	Homestead Elem.	Crossville	1.5
(5)	Richland Elem.	Memphis	2.5	(13)	Mayfield Elem.	Cleveland	1.0
(6)	Cordova Elem.	Cordova	2.5	(14)	Woodland Elem.	Oak Ridge	1.0
(7)	Montessori Academy	Brentwood	2.0	(15)	Tate's School of Dis.	Knoxville	1.0
(8)	Stokes MS	Nashville	2.0				

PRIMARY SECTION

(1)	Grahamwood Elem.	Memphis	3.5	(8)	Chimneyrock Elem.	Memphis	2.0
(2)	Montessori Academy	Brentwood	3.0	(9)	Cordova Elem.	Cordova	1.5
(3)	Woodland Elem.	Oak Ridge	3.0	(10)	Fort Craig Elem.	Maryville	1.5
(4)	Lakeview Elem.	Nashville	3.0	(11)	Alcoa Elem.	Alcoa	1.5
(5)	St. George's Day S.	Germantown	2.5	(12)	Glenwood Elem.	Oak Ridge	1.0
(6)	University School	Nashville	2.5	(14)	Homestead Elem.	Crossville	0.0

SMOKEY MOUNTAINS CHESS FESTIVAL

by Bill Melvin

I recently attended a chess tournament where I gained a couple dozen rating points, upset a Senior Master, won some money, but still didn't have as much fun as the rest of my family! My wife and three children (ages 4, 5, and 6) had a blast at the Smokey Mountains Chess Festival in Gatlinburg, Tennessee on March 15, 1997. Tournament Organizer Mark Ishee selected the spectacular Park Vista Resort Hotel as the playing site. This has to be the nicest place to stay in Gatlinburg. Upon check-in, we were asked the tough question of 'mountain-view' or 'city-view.' Both views are breath-taking as this hotel is located at the top of a hill which overlooks everything.

We planned the whole weekend around this event by arriving a day early and staying a day late. Everyone enjoyed the sight-seeing, exploring, and shopping. We rode a trolley car, played indoor putt-putt golf, ate in a unique restaurant with caged birds, and drove through the Great Smokey Mountains. The highlight of the trip, though, was the hotel's swimming pool. My kids spent at least six hours swimming in the heated indoor pool which includes a waterfall. Needless to say, the rest of the family will be begging me to go to the next chess tournament in Gatlinburg!

The chess tournament almost takes second stage to the venue. The playing conditions were perfect and the staff of TDs did an excellent job of avoiding even a hint of a dispute. I only wish every tournament was this enjoyable. Here is my first round game:

Smokey Mountains Chess Festival Round 1 Board 2
 March 15, 1997 Game/60 Center Counter Defense (B01)
 Bill Melvin (2220) Alexander Reprintsev (2530)

1. e4 d5
 2. ed Qd5
 3. Nc3 Qa5
 4. d4 Nf6
 5. Nf3 Nc6

Black's fifth move is his specialty. Reprintsev has been playing this pet line for at least nine years. For instance, the game V. Gurevich - Reprintsev from the USSR Championships in 1988 is referenced in some of the books on this line. As for me, I had never heard of this odd move. You really can't like my chances at this point.

6. d5 Nb4
 7. Bc4 ...

It seems that 6. Bb5 is white's main try. Still, ECO quotes a Bobby Fischer - Seidman game from the USA Championship in 1958/59 as proceeding with 7. Bb5 c6, 8. dc6 bc6, 9. Ba4 with a slight advantage for white. I was concerned about 8. ... Nc6 during the game where I didn't see any immediate advantage for white. I wanted to punish my opponent for his weird play.

7. ... Bg4

8. a3 ...

This move appears to be the novelty. Brian Smith from Murfreesboro, Tennessee was kind enough to do some analysis of this game as well as a database search. His database only shows an obscure game between Khligatian, G. vs. Andreescu, N. from 1994 here. In that game, white played 8. O-O and lost in 32 moves. However, obviously, 8. O-O is not a losing move. In my opinion, the whole idea of 7. ... Bg4 and Bxf3 may be slow since it 'spends' time on the other side of the board.

8. ... Bf3
 9. gf3 c6
 10. ab4!! ...

This Exchange sacrifice is the game winner. I played it quickly without much analysis for positional reasons. Black's queen will become trapped and that was enough for me.

10. ... Qa1
 11. O-O ...

I like the patience that this move shows. Black is tied up and will have some trouble completing development. White had some other moves to consider such as 11. dc6. I rejected this move because it could possibly free black's game by permitting a subsequent e7-e6 development. Still, Brian Smith has shown that this move can lead to fascinating complications. Here is one such 'fantasy line':
 11. dc6 bc6, 12. Nb5 Rc8, 13. O-O e6, 14. Nd6 Bd6, 15. Qd6 Rd8, 16. Qc6 Kf8, 17. Be3 Qb2, 18. Bc5 Kg8, 19. Qe6! Rd7, 20. Be7 h6, 21. Qf7 Kh7, 22. Bf6 and white wins. Very cute! However, Brian supplies some more deep analysis (such as 19. ... h6 in the above line) which shows black having real survival chances after 11. dc6. All in all, 11. O-O may be the most logical move.

11. ... Rd8?!

Here is a move worthy of some criticism. Black is fighting an uphill battle, but he HAS to do something about his king. For better or worse, 11. ... O-O-O offers better chances here.

12. Qe2 a5
 13. dc6 bc6
 14. b5 e6?!
 15. Be6 Be7
 16. Bb3 cb5

Black is already lost.

17. Qb5 Nd7
 18. Bf4 Qb2

Taking the rook on f1 was better, but black is still busted.

19. Bf7 Kf7
 20. Qb2 Rhf8
 21. Qb5 Kg8
 22. Bc7 resigns

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THOMAS AND MELVIN DOMINATE THE 5TH SWEETS MEMORIAL

by Wayne L Hedger

A total of thirty players turned out to play for \$660 prize money in the 5th Annual James A Sweets Memorial Open in Chattanooga, May 17, 1997. Five entrants came from Alabama, three walking away with over half of the prizes in the four round Swiss with a G/60 time control.

Two perfect scores were achieved, both by Huntsville residents Daniel Thomas and Bill Melvin, each receiving \$150 and 5 Grand Prix points for his efforts. While it is customary to report ties in alphabetical order, Melvin's pairings allowed him to "watch as his opponents self-destructed" and besides he is the coach of Thomas and could not have been more proud of his performance. Congratulations to both of you, Bill and Daniel.

But, it is appropriate to especially commend 13 year old Expert Daniel Thomas on his perfect performance, winning from Sr Master Peter Bereolos in round 3 and Grandmaster Sam Palatnik in round 4 (with the Black pieces both times)! The round 4 game also earned young Daniel the Upset Trophy prize. Further, his two excellent upsets may very well have presented Daniel with the first Sr Master norm among Alabama players. Scoresheets:

Palatnik v Thomas (QGD/Slav Defense/Main Line)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Qb3 Qc8 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Rc1 Be7 10.Be2 O-O 11.O-O Qd7 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Ng4 14.Nb5 a6 15.Rc7 Qd8 16.Rxe7 Qxe7 17.Bb4 Qh4 18.Bxg4 Qxg4 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Nd4 b5 21.Qa3 Qg6 22.Qxa6? Bh3 23.g3 Qe4 24.resigns 0-1

Bereolos v Thomas (Petrov's Defense)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.Bc4 O-O 5.d3 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Bg4 8.Qd2 c6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Qxh4 12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.O-O-O b5 14.Bb3 c4 15.dxc4 bxc4 16.Ba4 c3 17.Qxc3 Qxa4 18.Qxe5 Qb5 19.Qc3 Qg5+ 20.Kb1 Qf6 21.Qd3 a5 22.Rhg1 Na6 23.Qc4 Rab8 24.c3 Nc7 25.Rd4 Ne6 26.Qxc6 Rfc8 27.Qa6 Qf5+ 28.Re4 Nc5 29.Qxh6 g6 30.Rg5 Qf6 31.Reg4 Rc6 32.Rh5 Qg7 33.Qe3 Nd7 34.Rxa5 Rxc3 35.Qd2 Rd3 36.Qc2 Rd1+ 37.resigns 0-1

The other Alabama (Huntsville) prize winner was David A Hayes (3.0), winning the Class B 1st prize of \$60. Congratulations to you, David.

Was this a Tennessee tournament? Yes, congratulations to the Tennessean prize winners:

- Class X (tie) Todd Andrews and Brian D Smith (3.0) \$30 each.
- Class A Bradley S Watson (3.0) \$60.
- Class B (tie,2nd) Mark R Cheatham and W David Presley (2.5) \$15 each.
- Class C Tyler Owens (2.0) \$30.
- Class D John Thomte (2.5) \$60.
- Class E James Jeff Sailors (2.0) \$60.

Egulf

Manners

Clarksville Chess Club 1997
[The Rank & File, Clark]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e5 Nc6 5.Bc4 Nge7 6.Bg5 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.Qe2 h6 9.Bh4 Na5 10.Bd3 d5 11.g4 c6 12.Qd2 f5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.gxf5 exf5 15.Nxd5! cxd5 16.Qxa5 Be6 17.h4 Bf7 18.0-0-0 Rac8 19.Kb1 Rc6 20.Nd2 Rfc8 21.Nb3 Ra6? 22.Bxa6 bxa6 23.Qxa6 Qb4? 24.Qxc8+ Bf8 25.h5 Qb6 26.hxg6 Be6 27.Qe8 Kg7 28.Rxh6 Bf7 29.Rh7+ Kxg6 30.Qxf7+ Kg5 31.Rg1+ Kf4 32.Rh4+ Kf3 33.Qxf5+ Ke2 34.Nc1+ Kd2 35.Qd3# 1-0

Pitts

Jost

TN Fall Classic 1997
[Clarksville Newsletter]

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6 3.Nc3 a6 4.g3 e6 5.Bg2 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d3 b6 8.Bf4 d6 9.e5 Nd7 10.Re1 Rb8 11.exd6 Bxd6 12.Nd5!! Qa7 13.Bxd6 Rb7 14.Ng5 Nd4 15.Ne7 1-0

Wheeler (2241)

Formanek (2355)

US Masters, Chicago 1997
[Bulletin]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.d5 Na5 5.Qa4+ c6 6.b4 cxb3 7.axb3 e6 8.Bd2 Nxb3 9.Qxb3 exd5 10.e4 dxe4 11.Bc4 Qe7 12.Nge2 b5 13.Bxb5 cxb5 14.0-0 Nf6 15.Nf4 Qb7 16.Qxb5+ Qd7 17.Qe5+ Be7 18.Ncd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 f6 20.Nc7+ Kf8 21.Qxe4 Rb8 22.Bf4 Rb4 23.Qe3 Qd4 24.Ne6+ Bxe6 25.Qxe6 Qe4 26.Qxc4 Rxc4 27.Rxa7 g5 28.Be3 Kf7 29.Rb1 Rhc8 30.g3 R8c7 31.Rbb7 1/2-1/2

Shivaji

Melvin

US Masters 1997
[Bulletin]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e5 6.Be3 d6 7.Nge2 Nge7 8.0-0 Be6 9.Nd5 Qd7 10.Bg5 0-0-0 11.Nf6 Qc7 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nd4 14.c4 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 f6 16.Bd2 h5 17.b4 h4 18.bxc5 hxg3 19.fxg3 dxc5 20.Rab1 Rd6 21.Be3 Bh6 22.Bf2 Kd8 23.Bh3 Bg5 24.Be6 b6 25.Be3 Bxe3+ 26.Qxe3 Rxe6 27.dxe6 Nf5 28.Qe4 Ke7 29.a4 Kxe6 30.a5 Rd8 31.axb6 axb6 32.Rf2 Ne7 33.Rfb2 Rd6 34.Ra2 f5 35.Qf3 Nc6 36.g4 f4 37.Qe4 Kf6 38.Rab2 Rd4 39.Qf3 Nb4 40.Qh3 Rxd3 41.Qh8+ Kg5 42.Rg2 f3 43.Re1 fxg2 44.Re4 Rd1+ 45.Kxg2 Rd2+ 46.Kg1 Rd1+ 1/2-1/2

Bick (2292)

Andrews (2123)

US Masters 1997
[Bulletin]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 axb5 6.e4 d6 7.Bxb5+ Bd7 8.Bxd7+ Nbx7 9.Ne2 g6 10.Nec3 Bg7 11.Na3 0-0 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Qe2 Rfb8 14.Nab5 Nb6 15.a4 Qb4 16.b3 Qxb3 17.a5 Qc4 18.Qxc4 Nxc4 19.Ra4 Rxa5 20.Rxc4 Nd7 21.e5 Nxe5 22.Re4 Raxb5 23.Nxb5 Rxb5 24.h3 f5 25.Ra4 Nd3 26.Bg5 Rb7 27.Rd1 Nb4 28.Be3 Nc2 29.Bf2 Nd4 30.Kf1 Kf7 31.Bxd4 Bxd4 32.Re1 Rb2 33.Re2 Rb7 34.Rc2 Rb3 35.f4 Rd3 36.Rc1 Bf6 37.g4 Rxh3 38.Kg2 fxg4 39.Re1 Rd3 40.f5 Rxd5 41.fxg6+ Kxg6 0-1

Langreck (2259)

Mannion (2428)

US Masters 1997
[Bulletin]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Nf6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.e5 Ne8 8.e6 fxe6 9.Ng5 Ndf6 10.Bc4 d5 11.Bd3 c5 12.dxc5 Qa5 13.Bd2 Qxc5 14.h4 e5 15.fxe5 Ng4 If now 16.Rf1 Rxf1+ 17.K or Bxf1 Qf2 mate. 0-1

Memphis defeats Mississippi in 1905

By Peter Lahde

Recently I found in the American Chess Bulletin for 1905 an article that was entitled: *Mississippi Congress at Castalian Springs*. You probably have never heard of it, but at the turn of the century this was a popular resort. As this was the state tournament for Mississippi you would have expected it to be in that state. But this resort is actually about 30 miles out of Nashville. I will hereby reprint the article as it appeared in ACB. In addition Memphis took on the whole state of Mississippi in a match. Additional information about these two events I found including two games in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, a newspaper column written by Rosa Jefferson. Mr. B.B. Jefferson, a brother of Rosa headed the Memphis team and won an interesting game with a Queen vs two Rook ending.

One of the most successful meetings in the history of the Mississippi Chess Association took place at Castalian Springs, Tenn., during the week beginning July 11, the match between Memphis and a team representing Mississippi being one of the special features of the gathering. The presence of the world's champion, Dr. Emanuel Lasker, also added to the pleasure of the occasion. Twenty-six players entered the annual championship tournament and, after a very interesting struggle, E. B. Hill of Cleveland Miss., again emerged as winner with a score of 23 won and 2 lost. M. D. McGrath of Brookhaven, Miss. finished second as last year, with a score of 22.5-2.5, while J. F. Ames of Macon, was again third with a score of 20.5-4.5. The final game between Hill and McGrath lasted 85 moves and resulted in a draw. Last year, these two players were one point apart. James J. McGrath was reelected secretary and treasurer. Memphis won the team match by 6 games to 3, every game being decisive. The match results come from the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

Memphis	Mississippi	Memphis	Miss.
Board 1 B.B. Jefferson 1	M.D. McGrath	Board 6 M. Rosenbush 0	W. Baldwin
Board 2 R. A. McDonald 1	E. B. Hill	Board 7 T. J. Davis 0	T. C. King
Board 3 Dr. H. Posert 0	J.C. Ames	Board 8 Herman Harris 1	J.J. McGrath
Board 4 W. R. Fearon 1	C.C. Moody	Board 9 J.M. Dockery 1	S.R. Redden
Board 5 Ch. Grossvenor 1	A. B. Smith		

M.D. McGrath (White) vs. B.B. Jefferson (Mississippi-Memphis Match, 1905)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bd7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Be3 0-0 9.f3 Ne5 10.Bd3 g6 11.Qd2 c5 12.Ndb5 a6 13.Na3 b5 14.Nd1 c4 15.Be2 Bc6 16.Bd4 Bb7 17.c3 Qc7 18.Nc2 Rad8 19.Qe3 Rc8 20.Nf2 Nfd7 21.f4 Nc6 22.Ng4 Nxd4 23.Nxd4 Rce8 24.Bf3 Bf6 25.Nf2 Nc5 26.Rae1 Re7 27.Re2 Rfe8 28.Rfe1 Bg7 29.g4 Nxe4 30.Bxe4 Bxe4 31.Nxe4 Rxe4 32.Qxe4 Rxe4 33.Rxe4 d5 34.Re8+ Bf8 35.R1e5 Kg7 36.f5 Bd6 37.Re2 Bc5 38.fxc6 hxc6 39.Kg2 Bxd4 40.cxd4 Qf4 41.h3 Qxd4 42.Ra8 b4 43.Ree8 Qd2+ 44.Kg3 g5 45.Rg8+ Kf6 46.Rxa6+ Ke5 47.Re8+ Kd4 48.Ra5 Qxb2 49.Rd8 Qc3+ 50.Kg2 Qd2+ 51.Kg3 Qe3+ 52.Kg2 Qe4+ 53.Kg1 c3 54.Rc8 Kd3 55.Rac5 Qe3+ 56.Kg2 Qe2+ 57.Kg3 Qxa2 0-1

M.D. McGrath (White) vs. Moodie (Mississippi Chess Association, 1905)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 b6 8.Rc1 Bb7 9.cxd5 exd5 10.0-0 a5 11.Bb1 Rc8 12.Ne5 c5 13.f4 cxd4 14.exd4 Ne4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Re1 Ndf6 17.Re3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ne4 19.Qe1 f6 20.Ng4 Rce8 21.Nf2 f5 22.Nd3 Rf6 23.Rh3 Rh6 24.Rxh6 gxh6 25.Ne5 Rc8 26.Bxe4 dxc4 27.Qe2 Qa3 28.Qd2 Bd5 29.c4 b5 30.Rc3 Qb4 31.Rg3+ 1-0

1996-1997 Turkey Tour Standings

results complete through 5/16/97

Place		Turkey Points
MASTER/EXPERT		
1st	GM Semion Palatnik	172
2nd	Matthew Puckett	127
3rd (tie)	Todd D Andrews	111
	Brian D Smith	
CLASS A		
1st	Nicholas Barber	132
2nd	Chris L Pitts	89
3rd	Olga Palatnik	77
CLASS B		
1st	Frank Egulf	117
2nd	Hareesh Mirani	88
3rd (tie)	James N Hughes	87
	Robert Presswood	
CLASS C		
1st	Ottie L West	86
2nd	David B Bertram	85
3rd	Wayne L Hedger	80

Turkey PointsCLASS D

<i>1st</i>	<i>Scott Cantrell</i>	<i>92</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>Jason Knight</i>	<i>62</i>
<i>3rd (tie)</i>	<i>Ken Cooper</i>	<i>60</i>
	<i>Tim Cooper</i>	
	<i>Art Hodge</i>	

CLASS E

<i>1st</i>	<i>Richard H Wyatt</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>Chris Mironescu</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>3rd</i>	<i>Dustin Smith</i>	<i>50</i>

1997 CALENDAR OF TENNESSEE AND SELECTED WEEKEND EVENTS

(Turkey Tour Events are shown bold with ★)

DATE(S)	EVENT	LOCATION	FORMAT	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NUMBER
Jun 20-22	Ichthyo-Delight Open	Memphis TN	5SS,30/90,SD/1	Gary Pylant	(901)358-1731
Jun 21	(QC) Quick! Chess Today 4	Chattanooga TN	7SS,G/15	Wayne Hedger	(423)559-0396
Jul 9-13	US Cadet (closed)	Nashville TN	7RR	Mark Ishee	(615)292-7582
Jul 12	★Cumberland Co Summer Open	Crossville TN	4SS,G/60	Harry Sabine	(615)484-9593
Jul 20	FunFest Chess Tournament	Kingsport TN	4SS,G/60	Lloyd Collier	(423)247-8219
Jul 26	Murfreesboro Grand Prix	Murfreesboro TN	5SS,G/30+G/75(4)	Robert Guthrie	(615)895-7989
Aug 3-15	98th US Open	Orlando FL	12SS,40/2,SD/1		(800)388-5464
Aug 16	5th Battle of Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro TN	5SS,G/30+G/75(4)	Robert Guthrie	(615)895-7989
Aug 16	John Hurt Memorial Tornado	Memphis TN	4SS,40/1,SD/30	Gary Pylant	(901)358-1731
Aug 23	★Chattanooga Open	Chattanooga TN	4SS,G/60	Wayne Hedger	(423)559-0396
Aug 29-31	★51st Tennessee Open	Dickson TN	5SS,45/90,SD/60	Bill Orgain	(615)446-2814
Sep 6	Columbia Open III	Columbia TN	5SS,G/60	Joseph Crump	(615)381-2758
Sep 26-28	Bluff City Open	Memphis TN	5SS	Gary Pylant	(901)358-1731
Sep 27	(QC) Quick! Chess Today 5	Chattanooga TN	7SS,G/15	Wayne Hedger	(423)559-0396
Oct 11	Cumberland Co Fall Open	Crossville TN	4SS,G/60	Harry Sabine	(615)484-9593
Oct 25	G/30 Marathon	Memphis TN	?G/30	Gary Pylant	(901)358-1731

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PLAY IN THE NEXT ONE, THE CUMBERLAND CO. SUMMER OPEN!

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