

# TENNESSEE CHESS NEWS

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## DEDICATION.

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This first issue of the TENNESSEE CHESS NEWS is affectionately dedicated to Dr. R. Orin Cornett, President of the Nashville Chess Club. Orin had a great deal to do with the successful launching of the club in August of 1957, when fifteen members formed the first group. There are now some fifty members in the Club. In spite of his full-time duties as executive secretary for the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Orin gave his home and his outside-of-office time freely in order that the Club could begin with every favorable circumstance.

The first president of the Nashville Chess Club did not perform all these valued services out of purely altruistic motives, however. Orin loves chess as a hobby. His interest goes as far back as age thirteen, when he was playing with other boys his own age in the neighborhood. When he was fourteen, while quarantined for several days with scarlet fever, Orin made his first chess set. Lacking teakwood, Walnut, or hard French wood, he made his chess set out of spools.

Although having been a member of the Harvard Chess Club while teaching there, Orin became really seriously interested in chess about two years ago just prior to the organization of the Nashville club. His club ranking, number one for several months in 1958, indicates what resulted when a little extra study was applied to play improvement. Orin was one of the first members of the Club to win a game in Club play from the esteemed and beloved Prof. James McClure, who was a Charter Member of the Club and its Dean until his death last year.

The first ranking system of the club was worked out primarily through Orin's outstanding ability. About all the secretary-to-be could add to the planning was to say, "It sounds right!" Although the point system has been modified some of late, the keen interest of club members may be said to be due, in part, to the excellent ranking and make-up system with which the club began.

Orin has won games from every member of the club whom he has played in club play. The following game was pilfered from his game book secretly. It must be one of Orin's favorite games, because it was won from one of the club's-and the State's-outstanding players, Albert Bowen. It is carried here with Albert's kind permission.

### VIENNA GAME

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 18, 1958.

White, Orin Cornett

Black, Albert Bowen

1. P-K4	P-K4	11. N-B3	Q-B2	21. K-N2	PxN
2. N-QB3	N-KB3	12. O-O	O-O	22. QxPch	K-R
3. B-B4	P-B3	13. N(4)-N5	P-KN3	23. R-R	R-Q3
4. P-Q4	NxP	14. NxB	PxN	24. Q-K8ch	K-R2
5. NxN	P-Q4	15. B-R6	R-B4	25. RxB	RxB
6. PxP	B-K2	16. P-KN4	R-Q4	26. RxPch	KxR
7. Q-Q4	PxB	17. Q-K4	P-K4	27. R-Rch	K-N2
8. QxP	B-K3	18. P-B4	R-Q	28. Q-R8cn	K-N5
9. Q-Q3	Q-R4ch	19. NxP	B-Q3	29. Q-R6ch	Res.
10. P-QB3	QxP	20. NxNP	BxPch		

## COVEYOU WINS TENN. OPEN

The 15th Tennessee Open, played in Nashville, Nov. 28-30, was a great success. The event was co-sponsored by the Tennessee Chess Association, and the Nashville Chess Club. Twenty-nine players from four States participated. Eighteen of those were from this State, which is double the number that played last year. Mr. Robert Coveyou of Oak Ridge captured the title and trophy and \$50.00 in prize money, winning five games and drawing to Jerry Sullivan of Knoxville, who scored second. Third place honors went to Charles Stallings of Huntsville Ala., with the same number of points ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) as Sullivan. Pat Forsee of Louisville Ky., was fourth, with the identical score. The last three mentioned received \$22.00 each in prize money. Tied with four points and receiving \$4.00 each were Wolf Wolfensberger of Nashville, Seldon Trimble of Hopkinsville, Ky., James A. Wright of Millington, Tenn., and Albert Bowen of Nashville, Tenn.

The Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Chess Association was held in Nashville Tennessee, on Nov. 28, 1958, with Pres. Peter P. Lahde presiding. It was discussed that a more active organization could be achieved by appointing certain people to act as local chairmen for the various areas of Tennessee. The idea being to get more players to participate in the State Tournament and other activities as well as becoming USCF members. The President had accepted the State Chairmanship. The following local chairmen were appointed: L. D. Stallcup, Middle Tenn.; Jerry Sullivan, East Tenn.; Thomas Finucane, Northeast Tenn.; and Carl Spies, West Tenn. These people having accepted these appointments are also welcome to contribute to this paper by sending in news items and games of interest.

## HARLAND RICHARDS DIES

We all regret the passing of our friend, Mr. Harland Richards, on Jan. 13th. Mr. Richards was a top ranking Chess player in Nashville, and was a former Illinois Champion Checker player, and three times Checker Champion of Tennessee.

## REA B. HAYES

Rea B. Hayes formerly of Signal Mtn., Tenn., says he will return to our State soon, after a sojourn in California. Mr. Hayes was a top ranking player in our State and we will welcome his return.

## ALBERT BOWEN ELECTED PRES.

In the recent Nashville Chess Club meeting Mr. Albert Bowen was elected President of the Club. Mr. Bowen has been active in local and state activities and is a high ranking player of Tennessee. He is also Secretary of the Tennessee State Chess Association. He succeeds Dr. Orin Cornett who has accepted a position in Washington, D.C., and who will be leaving our city in the near future.

## FISHER WINS AGAIN

Fifteen year old Bobby Fisher of Brooklyn, N.Y., won the U. S. Championship again with  $8\frac{1}{2}$  points, winning six games and drawing five. Among his victims was Samuel Reshevsky, former U. S. Champion who placed second with  $7\frac{1}{2}$ .

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## SELECTED GAMES from the TOURNAMENT.

## No. 1. Sicilian Defense. Coveyou, White. Stallings, Black.

1. P-K4	P-QB4	8. B-K3	B-N2	15. P-KR4	P-QR4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	9. Q-Q2	P-QR3	16. P-R5!	P-R5
3. P-Q4	FxP	10. NxN	BxN	17. PxF!!	PxB
4. NxP	N-B3	11. B-R6	O-O	18. PxFch	K-R(A)
5. N-QB3	P-Q3	12. P-KN4	P-QN4	19. BxBch	KxB
6. B-QB4	E-Q2	13. B-N3	R-B	20. P-R8(Q)ch	Res. (B)
7. P-B3	P-KN3	14. O-O-O	Q-N3		

(A) If 18...NxP. 19. BxBch, KxB. 20. Q-R6ch, K-N or R. 21. QxN mate.  
 (B) If 20...RxF; 21. Q-N5ch, K-B. 22. RxFch, N-N. 23. RxDN mate.

## No. 2. Two Knight's Game. Schulman, White. Finucane, Black.

1. P-K4	P-K4	5. PxF	NxP	9. Q-B3ch	K-K3
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	6. P-Q4	E-N5ch	10. Q-K4	B-B3
3. B-B4	N-B3	7. P-B3	B-K2	11. P-B4!	Q-Q3
4. N-N5	P-Q4	8. NxKBP	KxN	12. O-O	Q-Q Res.

## No. 3. King's Indian Defense. Trimble, White. Sullivan, Black.

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	9. QN-Q2	P-QR3	17. KPxF	BxFch!
2. P-K3	P-KN3	10. P-QR4	P-N3	18. PxB	QxB
3. B-Q3	B-N2	11. Q-R4	B-N2	19. NxP	QR-K
4. P-KB4	O-O	12. P-KN4	P-K4	20. R-B2	R-K7
5. N-KB3	P-Q3	13. P-N5	P-K5	21. RxB	QxR
6. O-O	QN-Q2	14. B-B2?	PxN	22. N-N5	Q-Q8ch
7. Q-K	P-B4	15. PxD	BxF	23. K-B2	R-K
8. P-B3	Q-B2	16. Q-R3	FxF	24. Q-N4	Q-K8mate

## No. 4. Queen's Pawn Game Bowen, White. Batson, Black.

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	7. P-KB4	QN-Q2	13. BxFN	N-R2
2. P-K3	N-KB3	8. KN-B3	P-B5	14. N-B3	P-B3
3. B-K2	P-K3	9. B-B2	P-QR4	15. P-K4	BxFP
4. N-Q2	P-B4	10. N-K5	Q-B2	16. NxP	RxRch
5. P-QB3	B-K2	11. O-O	P-R3	17. QxR	B-Q2?
6. B-Q3	O-O	12. P-KN4	NxN	18. Q-B7ch	K-R
				19. N-N6 mate	

## No. 5. King's Indian Defense. Forsee, White. Hairfield, Black.

1. P-K4	P-QN3	7. N-R3	KN-K2	13. P-B4	NxQF?
2. P-Q4	B-N2	8. N-B2	O-O	14. NxN	P-B4
3. B-B3	N-QB3	9. P-KB4	P-B4	15. N-N5	N-B
4. N-K2	P-K3	10. P-K5	K-B2	16. B-B3	P-N4?
5. O-O	P-N3	11. N-K3	P-KR4	17. BxF!	Res.
6. P-QB3	B-N2	12. B-Q2	R-R		

## No. 6. Queen's Indian Defense. Scrivener, White. Schulman, Black.

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	7. P-B3	B-Q3	13. BxNch	BxB
2. N-KB3	P-Q4	8. N-K5	Q-B2	14. NxB	QxN
3. B-B4	P-K3	9. N(2)-B3	QN-Q2	15. QxQch	KxQ
4. QN-Q2	P-QN3	10. P-KN4	N-K5	16. BxB	KxB
5. P-K3	B-N2	11. B-QN5	B-QB	17. N-K5	KR-KB
6. B-Q3	P-B4	12. Q-R4	P-QR3	18. P-B3	N-B3
				19. N-Q3	QR-E Drawn

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