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AEDC CLUB TOURNEY UNDERWAY.

The Arnold Center 1962 Chess Tournament is currently being played with a total of 22 players participating. After the first three games players will be classified into "A" or "B" groups, depending on their score. This appears to be an interesting experiment perhaps designed to give some of the lower scoring players a chance to win more games. The tourney will be completed March 16.

After two rounds five players have maintained a perfect score. They are as follows: Glover, Edenfield, Erickson, Harris, and Norton. Bill Griffith, the reporter, has  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points to be alone in sixth position.

Unfortunately, Harry Hairfield, the founder and sparkplug of AEDC, could not participate due to the fact that he is attending MTSC in the evening.

We should have the complete results of this event for next issue.

KNOXVILLE CHESS ACTIVITY INCREASING.

We are happy to report that Martin Southern has resumed his activity in chess and allowed his home to be used for a club meeting on Friday evenings. We also want to welcome him as a newcomer to TCA.

Late last year six players engaged in a round robin tourney there that saw Emanuel Tsitseklis and Dave Burris tie for first with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ . Martin Southern took third place with a score of 3:2.

Congratulations to Emanuel Tsitseklis and his chess playing younger brother Steve on becoming U.S. citizens. This was featured in the Knoxville paper.

We are indebted to Jack Murphy for reporting much of this news for us and the added information from the "Knoxville Sentinel".

NEWS IN BRIEF.

USCF membership in Tennessee has slightly dropped after reaching a peak of 59 members in August of '61. The membership as of December '61 stood at 54.

Memphis is contemplating a match with powerful St Louis. Also their city tourney is expected to begin shortly.

A match between Nashville and Ft. Campbell has been tentatively scheduled for March 11.

Vanderbilt University will have their club tourney beginning March 13. Richard Long is the organizer.

TOP TEN FROM THREE CLUBS.

We will give here the ratings of three Middle Tennessee chess clubs. Jordan Trafimow of Ft. Campbell has the distinction of not only leading in Ft. Campbell but the Nashville Chess Club as well. The AEDC Club uses the USCF rating system, while Nashville and Ft. Campbell use CHESS REVIEW'S postal system. To arrive at the approximate USCF club rating of the last mentioned clubs 500 points should be added to each players rating.

| AEDC             |      | Ft. Campbell   |      | Nashville     |      |
|------------------|------|----------------|------|---------------|------|
| 1. Glover        | 1693 | 1. Trafimow    | 1660 | 1. Trafimow   | 1413 |
| 2. Hairfield     | 1673 | 2. Sube        | 1442 | 2. Lahde      | 1402 |
| 3. Edenfield     | 1635 | 3. Rogers      | 1272 | 3. Somner     | 1354 |
| 4. Erickson      | 1627 | 4. Lamprey     | 1246 | 4. Scott      | 1332 |
| 5. Harris        | 1626 | 5. Trover      | 1227 | 5. Bowen      | 1309 |
| 6. Temple        | 1621 | 6. Yoshino     | 1200 | 6. Long       | 1303 |
| 7. Griffith      | 1605 | 7. Brand       | 1179 | 7. DuPlantier | 1300 |
| 8. Maynard       | 1566 | 8. Ihasz       | 1177 | 8. Edzard     | 1248 |
| 9. Norton        | 1551 | 9. Smith       | 1149 | 9. Nelson     | 1142 |
| 10. Jacocks      | 1551 | 10. Lautsch    | 1135 | 10. Rogers    | 1136 |
| 24 total members |      | has 33 members |      | 40 in all     |      |

NO POSTAL CHESS. Until otherwise noted there will be no postal chess.

GAMES FROM RECENT EVENTS.

| Queen's Pawn Game |          | Rocket City Open, 1961. |          | Black: Richard Long |            |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|
|                   |          | White: R.S. Scrivener   |          |                     |            |
| 1. P-Q4           | N-KB3    | 15. Q-Q5                | P-Q3     | 29. P-B7ch          | K-K2       |
| 2. N-C2           | P-K4(a)  | 16. B-N5ch              | K-B1(g)  | 30. Q-N5ch          | K-Q2       |
| 3. PxF            | N-N5     | 17. Q-Q2                | P-B3     | 31. NxPch(j)        | PxN        |
| 4. P-K4(b)        | NxP      | 18. B-C3                | P-QN4    | 32. Q-B5ch          | K-C3       |
| 5. P-KB4          | N-N3     | 19. QR-B1               | K-K1     | 33. Q-N6ch          | K-B2(k)    |
| 6. CN-B3          | B-B4     | 20. P-KN4               | R-B1     | 34. PxF             | RxF        |
| 7. P-B5           | N-R5(c)  | 21. P-KR4               | P-N5     | 35. B-B2            | B-K6ch(l)  |
| 8. B-KN5          | NxNch    | 22. P-B4                | R-QN1    | 36. K-N1            | P-R5       |
| 9. NxN            | P-KB3    | 23. Q-N5                | Q-R2!(h) | 37. R-Q1(m)         | Q-B4       |
| 10. B-KB4         | Q-K2     | 24. Q-R5ch              | K-K2(i)  | 38. Q-B6?(n)        | RxPch      |
| 1. Q-C3(d)        | N-B3     | 25. QxRP                | P-N6     | 39. KxR             | Q-N5ch     |
| 2. P-B3(e)        | P-QR4    | 26. QxNPch              | R-B2     | 40. K-R2(o)         | QxPch      |
| 13. O-O-O         | N-K4!(f) | 27. P-B6ch              | K-K1     | 41. K-R3(p)         | Q-B6ch     |
| 14. BxN           | FxB      | 28. Q-N8ch              | R-B1     | 42. KxF             | QxBch      |
|                   |          |                         |          |                     | Forfeit(q) |

The annotation is by Richard Long.

- (a) I want to avoid the fixed Pawn position resulting from the "Businessman's Opening". For details of this opening see Scrivener's game in the No. 14 issue.
- (b) Not 3. P-KR3 or 3. P-KB4 because of 3... N-K6!
- (c) Tempting but not sufficient is 7... N-K4; 8. NxN, Q-R5ch; 9. P-KN3, QxKPch; 10. Q-K2, QxR; 11. N/5-B3ch and 12. B-N2 or 11. N-N6ch, K-C1; 12. NxR wins.
- (d) Not 11. BxP, P-C3!; 12. B-R5, QxKPch; 13. Q-K2, BxP.
- (e) If 12. BxP, P-C3 traps the Bishop.
- (f) 13... P-C3 is safer. N-K4 is trickier.
- (g) Not 16... P-B3; 17. BxPch!. The two Bishops and tempos seem to be worth loss of castling.
- (h) Scrivener has about two minutes, and I have about 3 minutes to make the time control; so I try for complications. A draw would eliminate both of us from contention for top honors.
- (i) It is necessary to guard the KR and be able to gain a tempo by ... R-B2 when he takes the KNF.
- (j) The threat of ... B-K6ch is dangerous. If on 31. the Queen moves to avoid the fork, then 31... PxF; 32. K-B2, Q-N3 should be decisive.
- (k) Not 33... B-K3; then 34. R-B6.
- (l) A necessary Zwischenzug to keep the King in the corner.
- (m) Not 37. BxN, FxB as mate could then not be stopped.
- (n) 38. BxR, FxB; 39. R-C3 now wins for White. But it must be remembered there was time trouble on both sides.
- (o) Or 40. K-R1, Q-B6ch; 41. K-N1 (or 41. K-R2 goes back into the game.) P-R6!; 42. Q-Cch, K-N2.
- (p) If 41. K-R1, Q-B6ch; 42. K-N1, P-R6 or 42. K-R2, QxBch; 43. K-R1, Q-B6ch; 44. K-R2, Q-N6ch; 45. K-R1, Q-R6ch; 46. K-N1, B-K3; 47. QxB, R-N1ch; 48. K-B2 R-N7 mate.
- (q) White's flag falls, but Black has a mate after 43. K-R3, B-B4 mate or 43. K-R5, B-N3ch; 44. K-N4, B-B4ch; 45. K-R5, Q-B6ch; 46. K-R4, Q-R6 mate.
- An exciting time pressure game. Black 'sacs' 2 K-side Pawns giving White three connected passed Pawns, one of which is on the 7th rank. White then gives up a Knight, and Blak counters with a Rook sacrifice.

MID-SOUTH OPEN, Memphis, 1961.

| Irregular |       | White: Charles Savary |       | Black: Albert Bowen |       |
|-----------|-------|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| 1. N-KB3  | P-QN3 | 12. P-C4              | P-C3  | 23. RxQBP           | QxR   |
| 2. P-KN3  | B-N2  | 13. P-C5              | QN-K2 | 24. QxR             | BxQP  |
| 3. B-N2   | N-QB3 | 14. Q-C3              | Q-C2  | 25. R-QB1           | Q-N2  |
| 4. P-C3   | R-N1  | 15. P-B4              | PxF   | 26. N-K1            | R-KB1 |
| 5. P-K4   | P-K4  | 16. QxP               | O-O   | 27. Q-B2            | Q-KB2 |
| 6. O-O    | B-B4  | 17. QR-B1             | KR-B1 | 28. N-QR1           | N-K2  |
| 7. CN-C2  | P-QN4 | 18. Q-B1              | R-R1  | 29. Q-C2            | N-KB4 |
| 8. R-K1   | KN-K2 | 19. B-R3              | P-KB4 | 30. R-B3            | P-K5  |
| 9. N-N3   | B-N3  | 20. PxF               | NxKBP | 31. P-QR3           | P-K6! |
| 10. B-K3  | N-N3  | 21. Q-C3              | R-KB1 | 32. PxF             | NxNF! |
| 11. BxB   | RxFB  | 22. BxN               | RxB   | 33. Resigns         |       |

A very pretty sacrifice by Mr. Bowen. No wonder Al considers this his best game from the tourney.

NASHVILLE INVITATIONAL, 1961.

| FRENCH DEFENCE |         | White: Harry Hairfield | Black: Peter Lahde |
|----------------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. P-K4        | P-K3    | 14. B-C3               | N-N5               |
| 2. P-C4        | P-C4    | 15. P-N5               | N-B4(e)            |
| 3. P-K5        | P-CB4   | 16. P-R5               | P-N3               |
| 4. P-CB3       | N-CB3   | 17. P-CR3              | NxB                |
| 5. N-B3        | C-N3    | 18. CxN                | B-C2               |
| 6. P-CN3(a)    | Pxi     | 19. P-CR4              | CR-B1              |
| 7. PxF         | N-K2(b) | 20. B-R3               | BxB                |
| 8. B-K2        | N-B4    | 21. NxB                | C-N5               |
| 9. B-N2        | B-N5ch  | 22. N-B2               | C-R4               |
| 10. K-B1       | O-O(c)  | 23. P-R6               | R-B6!              |
| 11. P-KN4!     | N-R3(d) | 24. C-C1?(f)           | RxNF               |
| 12. R-N1       | K-R1    | 25. K-N2               | Q-B6!              |
| 13. P-KR4      | D-K2    | 26. R-QB1?(g)          | N-R5ch!            |
|                |         | 27. K-N3               | CxNch!(h)          |
|                |         | 28. CxC(i)             | NxC                |
|                |         | 29. N-K3               | NxCQ(f)(j)         |
|                |         | 30. KR-K1              | R-B1               |
|                |         | 31. RxR                | BxR                |
|                |         | 32. K-N2               | B-C2               |
|                |         | 33. R-B1               | B-B3               |
|                |         | 34. N-N4               | R-N5               |
|                |         | 35. N-KB6              | N-K7               |
|                |         | 36. R-B2               | P-C5ch             |
|                |         | 37. K-B1               | P-C6               |
|                |         | 38. Resigns(k)         |                    |

- Annotation is by Peter Lahde.
- (a) This is the Nimzowitch Variation as dictated by White's 3. P-K5. Alternatives for White at this point are 6. P-CR3 or B-K2.
  - (b) White can now play 8. N-B3!, N-B4; 9. N-B2, B-K2 etc. This would not be possible after 7... N-R3!. But I did not like the possibility of BxN.
  - (c) Here P-KR4 is better as given in MCO. Harry followed one of the book variations without realizing it. It was Black that finally varied and White Takes immediate advantage of this inaccuracy.
  - (d) Not 11... N-K2 as after 12. P-CR3 Black loses a piece.
  - (e) Not 15... NxB?; 16. PxC, NxB; 17. PxC, K-N1; 18. PxC(q)ch, KxC, 19. C-B2 and White has won material and the game.
  - (f) He can save the Pawn by 24. C-C2!, C-B2; 25. R-B1! (If 25... RxN(6); 26. N-K1 or 25... RxNF, N-R1)
  - (g) It was necessary to move the King or King's Rook.
  - (h) Not 27... NxC as after 28. N-K3 White regains the piece.
  - (i) If 28. KxC, C-R6mate.
  - (j) More accurate is 29... NxC but the text also wins easy.
  - (k) White loses more material to prevent R-N8mate.

LADDER TOURNEY, MEMPHIS, 1962.

| QUEEN'S TAWN GAME |       | White: Hunter Weeks | Black: John Hurt |
|-------------------|-------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. P-C4           | N-KB3 | 15. BxN             | CxN              |
| 2. N-KB3          | P-C4  | 16. N-C4            | P-B4             |
| 3. B-B4           | P-K3  | 17. N-K2            | B-K3             |
| 4. P-K3           | B-C3  | 18. N-B4            | P-R5             |
| 5. B-N3           | C-K2  | 19. NxB             | CxN              |
| 6. P-B3           | CN-C2 | 20. P-R3            | P-CN4            |
| 7. CN-C2          | O-O   | 21. C-C2            | P-N5             |
| 8. B-C3           | P-K4  | 22. C-C5            | CxC              |
| 9. Pxi            | Nxi   | 23. RxC             | PxR/6            |
| 10. NxC           | BxN   | 24. Pxi             | CR-N             |
| 11. N-B3          | BxB   | 25. RxQBP           | R-N6             |
| 12. RxB           | N-K5  | 26. R-B4            | R/1-N            |
| 13. C-B2          | P-KB4 | 27. R-N4            | RxCch            |
| 14. O-O-O         | P-CR4 | 28. K-N2            | RxCch            |
|                   |       | 29. PxC             | R-N6ch           |
|                   |       | 30. K-R2            | Rxi/5            |
|                   |       | 31. R-CB            | R-N6             |
|                   |       | 32. P-N4            | Pxi              |
|                   |       | 33. R-B4            | P-N6             |
|                   |       | 34. RxKP            | Pxi              |
|                   |       | 35. R-KB4           | Rxi              |
|                   |       | 36. RxF             | P-N4             |
|                   |       | 37. R-B2            | P-R4             |
|                   |       | 38. P-N4            | Pxi              |
|                   |       | 39. R-B5            | P-N6             |
|                   |       | 40. RxCch           | K-B2             |
|                   |       | 41. R-N4            | P-R6             |
|                   |       | 42. Resigns         |                  |

A positional success for Mr. Hurt over a positional player. Thank you for the contribution, John.

NASHVILLE CLUB MATCH, 1962.

| CARO KANN DEFENCE |       | White: Peter Lahde | Black: Jordan Trafimow |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. P-K4           | P-CB3 | 6. N-N5            | P-K3                   |
| 2. P-C4           | P-C4  | 7. C-K2            | N-N3                   |
| 3. N-CB3          | PxF   | 8. B-N3!           | CxF?                   |
| 4. Nxi            | N-C2  | 9. KN-B3           | C-C1                   |
| 5. B-CB4          | KN-B3 | 10. N-K5!          | KN-C4?                 |
|                   |       | 11. N/K5xBP        | B-N5ch                 |
|                   |       | 12. K-B1!          | C-B3                   |
|                   |       | 13. NxC            | Resigns                |

NASHVILLE CLUB MATCH, 1961.

| SICILIAN DEFENCE |       | White: Dr. Robert Sommer | Black: Don DuPlantier |
|------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. P-K4          | P-CB4 | 6. B-N3                  | PxF                   |
| 2. P-C4          | Pxi   | 7. NxF                   | P-K3                  |
| 3. P-CB3         | N-KB3 | 8. N-B3                  | B-K2                  |
| 4. P-K5          | N-C4  | 9. N-K4                  | O-O                   |
| 5. B-CB4         | N-N3  | 10. O-O                  | N-CB3                 |
|                  |       | 11. B-B2                 | N-CB5?                |
|                  |       | 12. C-C3!                | N5xKP                 |
|                  |       | 13. N-B6ch!              | Resigns               |