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SIXTEEN YEAR OLD JACOBS WINS TENNESSEE OPEN,
SULLIVAN TAKES STATE TITLE FOR SECOND, COVEYOU THIRD ON TIE BREAKING.

The Tennessee Open was surprisingly won by 16 year old Robert Jacobs of Louisville, Ky. Not since 1954/55 has a player from another state won the state tourney. At the last rating Robert was still listed as a Class A player. No doubt he has now become an expert. He accomplished an almost impossible feat by winning the three games from the Tennessee experts, Sullivan, Coveyou, and Wolfensberger in that order all on the same day. It has been predicted that he will become a master in two to three years.

Jerry Sullivan of Oak Ridge won the state title from Robert Coveyou, the former champion, also of Oak Ridge. Both had five wins and one loss but Jerry won on tie breaking points. Two players from West Tennessee scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ points, Dr. Gunards Veveris of Bolivar and Hunter Weeks of Memphis, for 4th and 5th place. The 6th and 7th position were taken by players from Nashville, Wolf Wolfensberger and Don DuPlantier with four points.

In 8th place was David Slack of Kingsport also with four points to take the Junior trophy. Next was Troy Armstrong of Memphis who was the junior champion last year. He scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ points along with Ray Finucane (Kingsport), Ben Batson (Knoxville), and Eddie Middleton (Memphis). These were all juniors. In all ten juniors participated in this event.

This was the largest tourney at least since 1954. The event attracted 31 players, three from Kentucky and 28 from Tennessee. This is by far the largest number of Tennessee players ever to participate in one tourney. This was accomplished even though three Memphis Club members deserted us to play in the weaker Alabama Open.*

Thomas Finucane is to be congratulated for bringing his three sons and David Slack, another youngster who copped the junior title.

Also the youth from Memphis was well represented with four players. They succeeded in winning the team title with Hunter Weeks by scoring $17\frac{1}{2}$ points. Nashville had 17 to take second over Kingsport ($13\frac{1}{2}$). (The top five players from a city are considered a team.)

The prizes were distributed as follows: Robert Jacobs won the Tenn. Open Champion trophy and \$50. Jerry Sullivan and Robert Coveyou won \$28 each in tying for second place. Dr. Gunards Veveris and Hunter Weeks won \$7.50 for their fourth place tie. David Slack won the Junior trophy. (The trophies were donated by the Nashville Chess Club.)

This tourney had fifteen newcomers from Tennessee which we welcome to the state tourney. Some of them may have played before but not recently. Two players, Ben Batson of Knoxville and Wolf Wolfensberger of Nashville returned after a year's absence. The new players are listed on the next page.

*(Editor's Note: In all fairness it must be said that Bob Scrivener wrote to let me know that he would not play in the Tennessee OPEN this year. He gave me two reasons for his decision. (1) That a class A player was given a bye in last years tourney and (2) that he was faced with players from his own club in the first two rounds. Unfortunately those things did happen but I promised that this would be corrected. I believe the results of the tournament speak for themselves. I do hope that 'Uncle' Bob Scrivener along with James Wright and Carl Spies will return to the Tenn. Open next year.)

The following players are newcomers to the Tennessee Open:

Bolivar: Dr. Gunards Veveris
 Kingsport: James, John and Ray Finucane; and David Slack
 Manchester: Bob Boyer
 Maryville: Jack Murphy
 Memphis: Mark Gilley, Eddie Middleton, Lyle Priddy, and Hunter Weaks
 Nashville: Don DuPlantier and Dr. Robert Sommer
 Oak Ridge: Brandt Kuperstock
 Tullahoma: Bill Griffith

BUSINESS MEETING.

The election of officers was the first order of business. Peter Lahde was re-elected President for another three year term. Albert Bowen will again serve as Secretary of the Tennessee Chess Association.

The following local chairmen have been recognized:

Harry Hairfield	508 McKellar St.	Manchester, Tenn.
Robert Coveyou	93 Outer Drive	Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Clifford Lipman	Tri State Const. Co., Box 3735	Memphis, Tenn.
Thomas Finucane	1434 Watauga St.	Kingsport, Tenn.
Jack Murphy	1724 Wilkinson Pike	Maryville, Tenn.

It will be their job to report news items to the editor. Also they will promote local activities and try to gain new members to TCA and USCF. A representative from each club gave an account of their local club activities. It is hoped that more matches between clubs will take place. For this reason we have given the addresses of the local chairmen.

No question came up regarding the constitution and the time was short. But this item will be taken up next year for sure. The 1961 Tennessee Open will again be held at Nashville over the Labor Day Weekend next year.

POSTAL CHESS.

Several players have indicated an interest in a Tennessee Postal Chess League. We will try to give the pairings next issue. So if you are interested drop a card to the editor before October 31. Only requirement is \$1 TCA dues for 1961. More details next issue.

TENNESSEE OPEN, 1960		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	SCORE	S. M.
1. Jacobs, Rbt.	Louisville, Ky.	W14	W25	W3	W2	W6	D4	5-1-1	23.5
2. Sullivan, Jerry	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	W16	W4	W7	L1	W13	W9	5-1	23.5
3. Coveyou, Rbt.	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	W30	W21	L1	W10	W20	W6	5-1	19.0
4. Veveris, Gunars	Bolivar, Tenn.	W29	L2	W26	W14	W7	D1	4-1-1	20.5
5. Weaks, Hunter	Memphis, Tenn.	W27	L13	W25	D20	W21	W18	4-1-1	14.5
6. Wolfensberger	Nashville, Tenn.	W24	W11	W13	W9	L1	L3	4-2	23.0
7. DuPlantier, D.	Nashville, Tenn.	W23	W10	L2	W17	L4	W13	4-2	21.5
8. Slack, David	Kingsport, Tenn.	L25	L15	W29	W16	W14	W20	4-2	14.5
9. Armstrong, T.	Memphis, Tenn.	W15	W18	D20	L6	W11	L2	3-1-2	21.0
10. Finucane, Ray	Kingsport, Tenn.	Bye	L7	W22	L3	D15	W21	3-1-2	20.4
11. Batson, Ben	Knoxville, Tenn.	W19	L6	D21	W27	L9	W22	3-1-2	16.5
12. Middleton, E.	Memphis, Tenn.	D20	L17	D16	D28	W27	W23	3-1-2	14.0
13. Trimble, Selden	Hopkinsville, Ky.	W28	W5	L6	W18	L2	L7	3-3	22.0
14. Gilley, Mark	Memphis, Tenn.	L1	W29	W15	L4	L8	W25	3-3	20.0
15. Sommer, Rbt.	Nashville, Tenn.	L9	W8	L14	W25	D10	D17	3-3	19.0
16. Priddy, Lyle	Memphis, Tenn.	L2	D24	D12	L8	W28	W27	3-3	18.0
17. Lahde, Peter	Nashville, Tenn.	D22	W12	D27	L7	D23	D15	3-3	17.0
18. Bowen, Albert	Nashville, Tenn.	W31	L9	W23	L13	W19	L5	3-3	16.5
19. Ratliff, Gary	Nashville, Tenn.	L11	L27	W28	W30	L18	W26	3-3	12.5
20. Finucane, Tom	Kingsport, Tenn.	D12	W22	D9	D5	L3	L8	2-1-3	23.0
21. Aydelott, J.F.	Nashville, Tenn.	W26	L3	D11	W24	L5	L10	2-1-3	20.0
22. Hairfield, H.	Manchester, Tenn.	D17	L20	L10	W31	W24	L11	2-1-3	16.0
23. Griffith, Bill	Tullahoma, Tenn.	L7	W31	L18	W26	D17	L12	2-1-3	15.5
24. Walker, Terry	Louisville, Ky.	L6	D16	W31	L21	L22	W29	2-1-3	13.0
25. Boyer, Bob	Manchester, Tenn.	W8	L1	L5	L15	W30	L14	2-4	20.0
26. Finucane, John	Kingsport, Tenn.	L21	A30	L4	L23	W29	L19	2-4	14.5
27. Finucane, Jas.	Kingsport, Tenn.	L5	W19	D17	L11	L12	L16	1-3-4	20.5
28. Temple, John	Manchester, Tenn.	L13	Bye	L19	D12	L16	F	1-3-4	15.0
29. Kuperstock, B.	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	L4	L14	L8	Bye	L26	L24	1-5	19.2
30. Groom, Rbt.	Nashville, Tenn.	L3	F26	Bye	L19	L25	F	1-5	12.0
31. Murphy, Jack	Maryville, Tenn.	L18	L23	L24	L22	F	F	0-6	10.5

RECENT TOURNAMENT RESULTS.

The Arkansas tourney was well attended by players from Memphis. The event attracted 50 players including one master and eight experts. Winner was Don Define who won all his five games. J. A. Wright made the best score by a Tennessean with four points and 7th place. Armstrong was 8th with 3 1/2 points. Spies also had 3 1/2 for 11th place. Scrivener was 15th with 3 points. The other Memphis players participating were Middleton, Friddy, and O'Bannon. Dr. Gunars Veversis of Bolivar was the other player from Tennessee.

Wolf Wolfensberger played in the recent Indiana Open which was won by Robert Byrne. He scored 3 1/2 out of possible 6 points.

The Southern tourney was won by Kenneth Smith of Dallas, Texas with a 6:1 score. Bob Scrivener was fourth with 5:2 to become Southern Resident Champion. Troy Armstrong was 20th with 3 points in this strong 29 player event. Charles Savory had an even 3 1/2:3 1/2 score in the amateur event.

The U.S. Open was attended by Jerry Sullivan of Oak Ridge and Carl Spies of Memphis. Jerry made an excellent showing by winning seven, drawing two, and losing only three for an 8:4 score. He defeated Kenneth Smith, a master, and other strong players to raise his rating to 2150. In his last round he won over Carl Spies, which apparently gave Carl a 7:5 score.

A round robin tourney intended as a warm up for the Tenn. Open has Lahe leading after three rounds with wins over Bowen, Aydelott, and Ratliff. Tied for second is Bowen (wins over Sommer and Ratliff) and DuPlantier (win over Sommer and draws with Aydelott and Ratliff). Fourth is Aydelott with a win over Dr. Sommer and a draw with DuPlantier. Ratliff is fifth with one draw and Dr. Sommer has not scored yet.

GAME FROM RECENT MEMPHIS TOURNEY.

This is Troy Armstrong's best game from the recent Memphis tournament. The annotation is his own.

Ruy Lopez	White: Troy Armstrong	Black: James Wright
1. P-K4	13. N-Q4	25. R-B3
2. N-KB3	14. PxN	26. RxQ
3. B-N5	15. P-B3	27. K-B2
4. B-R4	16. RxP	28. R-B3
5. O-O	17. B-K3(c)	29. K-K2
6. P-Q4	18. R-N3(o)	30. K-Q2
7. B-N3	19. Q-R5!(f)	31. B-Q8
8. PxB	20. BxB	32. E-N6
9. P-B3	21. QxR	33. P-R3
10. N-Q2	22. PxB	34. B-D5
11. B-B2	23. R-B1	35. P-K6
12. NxN(b)	24. B-N5	36. P-K7
		Resigns

- (a) The Tarrasch or Open Defence of the Ruy which is less popular today than the Strong Point Variation.
- (b) At this point White leaves the books. 12. N-N3 or 12. PxBp.p. is usual.
- (c) I considered the immediate 17. Q-Q3 but Black has P-KN3; 18. R-N3 (intending 19. RxPch!) B-B4! (This allows Black to trade off White's strong Bishop).
- (d) Black fails to realize the threats on the K-side and mistakenly blocks his chances on the Q-side. 17....R-B1 is better with the threat of opening a file
- (e) White's attack is reaching overwhelming proportions.
- (f) With Black's superficial 18th move White now has a winning attack with the immediate threat of mate. If (1) 19....BxR??; 20. BxPch! mates. Or (2) 19....P-KN3?; 20. RxPch! and if (3) 19....P-KR3? then 20. RxPch!
- (g) The only move which saves Black from immediate defeat.
- (h) It would be good at this time to appraise the game from both sides. Black materially has a lost game since he is a Bishop down. His only chance is to attempt a breakthrough on the Q-side where he has a Pawn majority. It is logical for White to block the Q-side and promote his passed K-pawn.
- (i) A wasted move since White intends to move this Bishop at first chance.
- (j) At this point R-B3! would win. For instance: 35. R-B3ch, RxR: 36. BxR, KxB; 37. K-B2 (The Black King cannot move away from the passed King pawn and White's King would proceed to mop up Black's Q-side Pawns and then promote the rook Pawn to a queen) I wasn't going to take any chances, and anyway the other way wins quicker.