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TSITSEKLIS TAKES KNOXVILLE OPEN

Emmy Tsitseklis proved that winning the Tennessee Open was no accident as he again won a strong event; the Knoxville Open. He allowed only one draw to Martin Southern to score  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points in this four round Swiss tournament. Three players scored three points, Bob Coveyou taking second place on tie breaking over Jack Murphy and Martin Southern.

The event was quite a success considering this was a new venture. The East Tennessee area was well represented by Kingsport, Maryville, Oak Ridge, and of course Knoxville. We hope that this will become an annual event.

KNOXVILLE OPEN, 1963	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Totals	Tie-Brek.
1. Emanuel Tsitseklis (Knox.)	W7	W11	W9	D4	$3\frac{1}{2} : \frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$
2. Robert Coveyou (Oak Ridge)	D3	D4	W5	W8	3 : 1	$10\frac{1}{2}$
3. Jack Murphy (Maryville)	D2	D5	W7	W10	3 : 1	9
4. Martin Southern (Knox.)	W12	D2	W10	D1	3 : 1	$8\frac{1}{2}$
5. David Burris (Knox.)	W6	D3	L2	W9	$2\frac{1}{2} : 1\frac{1}{2}$	10
6. Philip Gardner (Knox.)	L5	D14*	W12	W11	$2\frac{1}{2} : 1\frac{1}{2}$	5
7. Tom Jobe (Maryville)	L1	W12	L3	W13	2 : 2	$8\frac{1}{2}$
8. George Cathers (Knox.)	L11	W13	W14	L2	2 : 2	$5\frac{1}{2}$
9. Bill Irwin (Knox.)	W13	D10	L1	L5	$1\frac{1}{2} : 2\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$
10. Mike Coveyou (Oak Ridge)	W14	D9	L4	L3	$1\frac{1}{2} : 2\frac{1}{2}$	8
11. Marshall Tipton (Knox.)	W8	L1	L13	L6	1 : 3	$8\frac{1}{2}$
12. Tommy Finucane (Kingsport)	L4	L7	L6	W14	1 : 3	8
13. Dan Finucane (Kingsport)	L9	L8	W11	L7	1 : 3	7
14. Tom Finucane, Sr. (Kingsport)	L10	D6	L8	L12	$\frac{1}{2} : 3\frac{1}{2}$	7

\* denotes unplayed game

WEAKS AND WRIGHT LEAD AT MEMPHIS

Hunter Weaks and Jim Wright lead in the Memphis City Tournament after four rounds of play. But as this is an eight player double round robin event it is a long way from being over. In addition to this Championship event, there are also the B and Amateur Divisions. But let Uncle Bob tell it how he sees it after the first round:

In the first game completed Troy Armstrong, 1960 Tennessee Junior Champion, defeated the redoubtable John Hurt, current Champion of the Club, and thus served notice that the younger generation was ready to take over in local chess circles. There are many players throughout the Mid South who believe this will be the YEAR for the youngsters. The Championship is equally divided: The Juniors are (with National Ratings) Eddie Middleton 1925, Troy Armstrong 1881, Mark Gilley 1855, Bob O'Bannon 1736. The Seniors: Hunter Weaks 2034, J.A. Wright 2030, John F. Hurt 1998, and R.S. Scrivener 1893. (Taken from Memphis Club Bulletin No.1)

The standings after four rounds are:(Games completed in parenthesis)

1.-2. Weaks (4)	3 : 1	5. Scrivener (2)	2 : 0
1.-2. Wright (4)	3 : 1	6. Hurt (4)	2 : 2
3. Armstrong(3)	$2\frac{1}{2} : \frac{1}{2}$	7. Gilley (3)	0 : 3
4. Middleton(4)	$2\frac{1}{2} : 1\frac{1}{2}$	8. O'Bannon (4)	0 : 4

The round by round scores are:

ROUND 1	ROUND 2
*Hurt - Armstrong 0:1	*Weaks - Wright 1:0
*Middleton - Scrivener 0:1	O'Bannon - Scrivener 0:1
Wright - Gilley 1:0	*Gilley - Hurt 0:1
Weaks - O'Bannon 1:0	Armstrong - Middleton $\frac{1}{2} : \frac{1}{2}$
ROUND 3	ROUND 4
Hurt - Weaks 0:1	Weaks - Middleton 0:1
Wright - O'Bannon 1:0	Wright - Hurt 0:1
Middleton - Gilley 1:0	O'Bannon-Armstrong 0:1
Scrivener - Armstrong adj.	Gilley - Scrivener no report

\*Games appear in this issue.

## USOF RATINGS OF TENNESSEE PLAYERS FOR 1962

During 1962 fifty-two players in Tennessee were rated in tournament play. But this does not include yet the Mid South and the Memphis-Nashville Match. Nevertheless this is a good representation.

Jerry Sullivan of Oak Ridge is again our No.1 player. With five experts we have yet our largest number. John Hurt of Memphis just dropped two points below expert. Current State Champion Emmy Tsitsekliis of Knoxville is only No.7 at present but should be on the way up.

Here is the alphabetical listing:

Armstrong (Memphis) No.10)	1881	Lahde (Nashville)	1831
Aydelott (Nashville)	1843	Leiserson (Nashville)**	1780
Bokor (Nashville)	1657	Lipman (Memphis)	1731
Bowen (Nashville)	1838	Long (Nashville) (No.3)	2038
Brand (New Providence)	1402	Middleton (Memphis) No.8)	1925
Burnette (Knoxville)	1819	Mitchell (Memphis)	1690
Burris (Knoxville)	1719	Murphy (Maryville)	1763
Byrom (Memphis)	1724	O'Bannon (Memphis)	1736
Coveyou, M. (Oak Ridge)	1555	Pipkin (Memphis)	1534
Coveyou, R. (Oak Ridge)(No.2)	2045	Priddy (Memphis)	1749
DuPlantier (Nashville)	1874	Ritenour (Memphis)	1617
Farr (Nashville)	1754	Rogers (Clarksville)*	1755
Finucane, D. (Kingsport)	1597	Russell	1411
Finucane, J. (Kingsport)	1605	Scrivener (Nesbit, Miss) No.9	1893
Finucane, T., Sr. (Kingsport)	1844	Shor (Oak Ridge)	1594
Finucane, T. (Kingsport)	1411	Slack (Oak Ridge)*	1792
Garner (Memphis)	1648	Sommer (Nashville)	1664
Gilley (Memphis)	1855	Spiegel (Memphis)	1786
Green (Memphis)	1401	Sullivan (Oak Ridge) (No.1)	2161
Hairfield (AEDC)	1705	Talley (Nashville)	1548
Hardin (Memphis)	1697	Tribke (Nashville)	1400
Hinkson (Memphis)	1469	Tsitsekliis (Knoxville) (No.7)	1978
Hurt (Memphis) (No.6)	1998	Vines (Nashville)	1811
Hutton (Oak Ridge)	1853	Weeks (Memphis) (No.4)	2034
King (Memphis)	1624	Williams (Memphis)	1639
Kuperstock (Oak Ridge)	1632	Wright (Millington) (No.5)	2030

\*Players permanently moved from Tennessee

\*\* Moved from Tennessee but will return

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Knox Smithson reports that the AEDC tourney began in February with 23 players. This six round tourney was again divided into "A" and "B" groups after 3 rounds. Emmott Edenfield is again leading after four rounds in the "A" Division. This year's tourney is noted by the absence of Hairfield, Glover and Zimmerman who have Wolf Wolfensberger, former Nashvillian, made the headlines by defeating Grandmaster Paul Keres. The game appears in Jan. issue of CHESS LIFE.

Dr. Petar Trifunovich, grandmaster of Yugoslavia was very complimentary in his article about Memphis. You are advised to read his article in the February issue of CHESS REVIEW.

John Hurt gave several simultaneous exhibitions, winning at Greenwood without a loss, and at Jackson with Swins, 2 draws, and 3 losses. He barely won at Memphis as Weeks, Gilley, and Middleton were coaching weaker opponents.

In challenge matches in Nashville Dr. Sommer defeated Dr. Vines with 5:1; Peter Lahde leads in a 6 game match over Dr. Sommer 3:0.

A three game match at Knoxville between Burris and Tsitsekliis is knotted at 1:1 with white winning both games. Burris has white in the final.

The leaders in the just recently started Knoxville ladder are: (1) Tsitsekliis 2012 (2) Burris 1863 (3) Burnette 1856 (4) Ensley 1833 (5) Southern 1820 (6) Cathers 1812 (7) Monroe 1800 (8) Pressley 1799. The ladder has twenty active players.

## PROPOSED TEAM MATCH

The plans for a possible team match are still uncertain. We have definite word that Memphis is interested. But nothing yet from Oak Ridge or Knoxville. Just had a call from Bob Coveyou of Oak Ridge. He says that Oak Ridge will have a team. They also would like to see a six man team. So let's plan for April 20 to 21.

GAMES FROM THE TENNESSEE OPEN, 1962  
Annotated by Robert Coveyou

PIRC DEFENCE

- 1. P-K4 P-Q3
- 2. P-Q4 N-KB3
- 3. N-QB3 P-KN3
- 4. P-KR3(a) B-N2
- 5. N-B3 O-O
- 6. B-K3 P-B3
- 7. Q-Q2 R-K1
- 8. O-O-O(b) P-QN4
- 9. B-Q3 P-QR4(c)
- 10. P-Q5(d) P-N5
- 11. N-QR4(e) P-B4
- 12. P-B4 KN-Q2(f)
- 13. KR-K1 N-N3

White: Jehn Hurt

- 14. NxN QxN(g)
- 15. B-R6 B-R1
- 16. P-K5 PxP
- 17. Nxp B-Q2
- 18. R-K2 BxN(h)
- 19. RxB P-K3(i)
- 20. R/1-K1(j) P-B3
- 21. R/5-K2(k) N-R3
- 22. B-K4(l) QR-Q1
- 23. Q-B4(m) P-K4
- 24. Q-N3 P-B4(n)
- 25. B-B2 P-K5
- 26. P-KR4(o) P-R5

Black: Emmanuel Tsitsoklis

- 27. P-N3(p) PxP
- 28. Pxp Q-KB3
- 29. Q-K3 Q-R8ch
- 30. K-Q2 Q-Q5ch
- 31. QxQ PxQ
- 32. B-Q1 N-B4
- 33. R-R1 R-R1
- 34. K-K1 R-R8
- 35. R-R3 P-B5
- 36. Bxp BxR
- 37. PxB N-Q6ch
- 38. K-Q2 NxB
- 39. Resigns

- (a) A good move, hampering Black's Queen Bishop; a bad move, losing time better used in development. Take your choice; I prefer the second slightly.
- (b) A bold move, not without promise and peril; I probably would have proceeded with P-QR4, B-K2, O-O.
- (c) It is clear that these pawn advances are indicated. But the proper timing is difficult. If done too soon, White can counter effectively with an advance in the center. If delayed too long, White's King side attack will get in first. Usually, the decisive factor is the situation in the center; in almost all cases, a wing advance with a loose center will fail against a determined attack there.
- (d) 10. P-K5 is possible. It leads to great complications to which I can see no clear issue. So I'll leave it to the readers to disentangle them to their satisfaction.
- (e) This Knight is now out on a limb; I think it should have gone to K2.
- (f) Is 12... B-Q2 stronger? It seems to force a decided weakening of White's King position.
- (g) It now seems that Black is well behind in development. The results soon become apparent.
- (h) This seems almost forced, in order to get some development. But now the Black squares are dangerously weak.
- (i) Again very dangerous, and again almost obligatory.
- (j) It seems that it is here that White missed a definite win: 20. Q-B4, Pxp; 21. RxBch, BxR; 22. Q-K5 or 20...Q-Q1; 21. B-N5.
- (k) Even here, 21. Q-B4 would give Black a severe headache, although there may be a defence. A possibility is 21. Q-B4, Q-Q1; 22. Pxp, PxB; 23. QxP, R-K2; 24. B-K4, R-R3; 25. B-Q5, B-B1; 26. Q-B6. But this is not guaranty.
- (l) 22. Pxp seems very good; 22... Bxp (22... RxB; 23. B-K4) 23. B-K4, QR-Q1; 24. B-Q5, N-B2 (24... R-Q3; 25. RxB, RxB; 26. RxB, RxB; 27. BxRch, QxB; 28. Q-Q8ch, K-B2; 29. Q-B8 mate) 25. RxB, NxB; 26. RxB, RxB; 27. BxRch, K-R1; 28. B-Q5. Or 23... QR-B1; 24. B-Q5, N-B2; 25. BxBch, NxB (25... RxB; 26. RxB, NxB 27. Q-Q7) 26. Q-Q5, K-B2 (or R-QB3) 27. Q-Q7ch.
- (m) Again, 22. Pxp, Bxp; 24. B-Q5, as above.
- (n) Black still is in difficulties; Bxp is the threat. 24... K-B2 seems best, but White still has pressure; 25. P-KB4. But the text move, weakening the KP, should again be fatal.
- (o) John gave this a query, and said 26. P-B3 was best. I concur; in fact, I think it would win easily.
- (p) See the last note. But now White goes rapidly down hill, and is efficiently smashed. (For another game from the Tenn. Open see next page.)

RETI OPENING

- 1. N-KB3 N-KB3
- 2. P-KN3 P-Q4
- 3. B-N2 P-K3
- 4. O-O P-B4
- 5. P-B4 Pxp

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White: Mark Gilley

- 6. Q-R4ch B-Q2
- 7. Qxp/4 B-B3
- 8. N-B3 QN-Q2
- 9. P-Q3 B-K2
- 10. B-B4 N-Q4

Black: John Hurt

- 11. NxB BxB
- 12. Q-B3(a) B-KB3
- 13. N-K5? BxB!
- 14. Resigns(b)

- (a) Better was Q-B2
- (b) If 14. KxB, NxB; 15. BxB, Q-Q4ch wins piece.

## TENNESSEE OPEN, 1962 (cont.)

ENGLISH OPENING		White: Norman Whitaker	Black: Hunter Weaks
1. P-QB4	N-KB3	14. P-QR3(f)	P-QR4
2. P-KN3	P-K3	15. P-N3	Q-B2
3. B-N2	P-QB4(a)	16. PXP(g)	PxP
4. N-QB3	N-B3	17. B-N5	Q-Q3
5. N-B3	B-K2	18. P-R3	B-B1
6. O-O	O-O	19. P-KN4	N-Q2
7. P-Q3	P-QN3(b)	20. B-Q2	N-B4
8. N-K5	B-N2	21. Q-B2	B-Q2(h)
9. P-B4	Q-B1	22. N-N3	Q-B2
10. P-K4(c)	P-Q3(d)	23. K-R1	Q-Q1
11. N-B3	N-Q5(e)	24. N-B5	B-KN4
12. NxN	PxN	25. B-K1(i)	BxN(j)
13. N-K2	P-K4	26. KPxB	R-R2(k)
		27. B-N3	B-B3
		28. P-N4	N-Q2
		29. Q-B2	Q-K2
		30. P-B5(1)	PxP
		31. P-QN5	N-N3
		32. QR-K1	P-B5
		33. P-N5	BxP
		34. BxP	B-R5
		35. QxP	BxR(m)
		36. P-B6	Q-Q2
		37. RxB!(n)	BPxP
		38. Q-B4	N-Q4
		39. Q-N5	Resigns

- (a) Since White's King Bishop strikes effectively along the diagonal, it is my impression that this move, moving an important Pawn across this diagonal so that it can no longer help defend it, is at least quite risky. I think I would prefer 3... P-Q4 which, of course, would make a Catalan out of the opening.
- (b) The game John Hutton - Hunter Weaks in the second round went: 1. P-QB4, N-KB3; 2. N-QB3, P-K3; 3. N-B3, P-QB4; 4. P-Q3, N-B3; 5. P-KN3, B-K2; 6. B-N2, O-O; 7. O-O, P-QN3. Now we have exactly the same position as in this game.
- .. Note also that, although White played his moves in quite different order, Black played his in exactly the same order in both games. Someone, I think the late Abe Turner, recommended the Black formation as almost a universal solution to Black's opening problems in Queen side openings. Does Hunter read the same books? Here Hutton played 8. P-Q4, which should not and did not accomplish much. Whitaker, as befits a master, proceeds much more energetically.
- (c) White has exploited Black's weakness on the long diagonal to allow the rapid and economical advance of his center Pawns. However, he has also given up the square Q4.
- (d) Black should have played ... N-Q5 before this move.
- (e) For now, White can insure the possibility of opening the KB file. After 10... N-Q5 (on the preceding move) it is difficult to see how White would have proceeded to get a definite initiative.
- (f) Secure in the knowledge that he can either open the file or, if opportunity offers, play for a Pawn storm with P-KB5, white temporizes in order to keep open also the possibility of getting the initiative on both wings at once - if this can be done, Black's defence would be much more difficult.
- (g) Black would like to play N-Q2 -B4; White realizes that he can at least impede this to the extent that Black will have to lose time in order to complete the maneuver.
- (h) Black has accomplished his objective and cleared the back row just in time to prevent P-QN4 from being a very serious threat. So White goes back to the King-side, Black prepares to offer the exchange of his KB against White's QB, an exchange that would leave White with the inferior Bishop.
- (i) White avoids the exchange, but in the process breaks the connection of his Rooks.
- (j) Giving White two powerful Bishops and opening the long diagonal; this decision could only be justified by a feasible plan to get the initiative and it seems that Black has conceived no such plan.
- (k) Good or bad, it seems that only 26... P-K5?! has a fighting chance.
- (l) The purpose of this sacrifice is simply to slow Black on the Queen-side so that White can attack the King-side and the center.
- (m) This gain is irrelevant.
- (n) Black cannot afford to exchange Queens.

## NASHVILLE CLUB MATCH, 1963

SICILIAN DEFENCE		White: Peter Lahde	Black: Larry Mayhew
1. P-K4	P-QB4	4. NxP	N-KB3
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	5. N-QB3	P-KN3
3. P-Q4	PxP	6. P-B4	B-N2?(a)
(a) Necessary is N-B3			10. N-K6ch
(b) The only move is 9... N-QB3; 10. NxN, QxQch; 11. NxQ, P-QR3; 12. B-R4, B-Q2			Resigns
13. P-KR3, N-R3; 14. NxP! with advantage to White as in Pilnik - Kashtan, 1948/9			
If 9... B-Q2 or 9... N-Q2; then 10. QxN wins a piece.			
(c) Another game of mine went 8... N-Q4; 9. B-N5ch, B-Q2?; 10. NxN, BxB; 11. NxB, Q-R4ch?; 12. P-N4!, QxN; 13. N-B7ch Resins (Lahde - O'Donnell, Club Match, 1961)			
The conclusion would be 13... K-B1; 14. Q-Q8ch, Q-K1; 15. QxQ mate.			

## MEMPHIS CITY TOURNEY, 1963

SCOTCH GAME		White: John Hurt	Black: Troy Armstrong		
1. P-K4	P-K4	11. NxN	PxN	21. P-N5	Q-Q1
2. P-Q4	PxP	12. B-R3	R-K1	22. R-B5	QxB
3. N-KB3	N-QB3	13. QR-Q1	N-Q2	23. B-B1	Q-B5(c)
4. P-B3	PxP	14. R-Q3	P-K5	24. Q-R5	N-N5
5. NxP	B-N5	15. R-K3	Q-R5	25. R-B4	Q-K7
6. B-QB4	N-KB3	16. P-B3	N-N3	26. QxBP	QxRPch
7. O-O	BxN	17. B-Q3(a)	N-Q4	27. K-B1	Q-R8ch
8. PxB	O-O	18. RxP	RxR	28. K-K2	R-B1
9. Q-B2	P-Q3	19. PxR(b)	N-K6	29. QxP	R-Q1
10. P-K5	NxP	20. Q-R4	B-K3	30. Resigns	

(a) Better is B-N3  
 (b) Better is R-B2  
 (c) But not Q-Q8ch?; 24. QxQ, NxQ; 25. R-Q3!

FRENCH DEFENCE		White: Ed Middleton	Black: R. S. Scrivener		
1. P-K4	P-K3	10. P-B3	K-R1	19. R/1-K1	NxN
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	11. R-K1	P-KB4	20. RxN	B-Q2
3. N-QB3	PxP	12. N/4-Q2	R-B3	21. B-B4	Q-N5
4. NxP	N-Q2	13. N-K5	B-Q3	22. Q-K2	R-K1
5. KN-B3	KN-B3	14. N/2-B3	Q-N1	23. P-Q5	P-N5
6. B-KN5	B-K2	15. Q-Q2	BxN	24. PxP	B-B3
7. BxN	NxB	16. NxB	P-KN4	25. Q-K3!	Q-R3?!
8. B-Q3	O-O(A)	17. P-KN3	N-N3	26. Q-Q4?(c)	QxPch!!
9. O-O	N-Q4(b)	18. R-K2	N-Q2	27. K-B1	B-B6!

(A) Better is ... P-QN3  
 (b) it is not correct to move this piece a second time before developing the Q-side.  
 (c) But this loses, whereas the simple QxQ wins with ease.  
 Resigns

KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE		White: Hunter Weeks	Black: James Wright		
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	10. P-KN4	P-KB4	19. R/1-N1	PxP
2. P-QB4	P-KN3	11. NPxP	NPxP	20. R-B5	N-B3
3. N-QB3	B-N3	12. B-R3	Q-K2	21. NxQP	RxPch?
4. P-K4	P-Q3	13. O-O-O	N-R3	22. N/2-B3	Q-K3
5. P-B3	O-O	14. BxB	QxB	23. NxN	RxN
6. B-N5	P-B3	15. KN-K2	K-R1	24. RxR	QxR
7. Q-Q2	Q-B2	16. KR-N1	Q-KB2	25. Q-Q5	RxNch
8. B-R6	P-K4	17. R-N5	P-B5	26. PxR	Q-Q1
9. P-Q5	N-K1	18. BxB	RxB	27. Q-B7	Resigns

## KNOXVILLE OPEN, 1963

KING'S INDIAN DEFENCE		White: Jack Murphy	Black: Dave Burris		
1. P-KN3	P-KN3	14. NxN	BxN	27. R-QR1	KR-Q1
2. B-N2	B-N2	15. B-R6	BxB	28. P-B6	R-QR1
3. P-QB4	N-KB3	16. KxB	B-N2	29. R-B4	R-Q3
4. N-QB3	O-O	17. Q-Q2	P-Q4	30. R/1-QB1	R-QB1
5. N-B3	P-B4	18. BxB	KxB	31. Q-B5	P-K3
6. O-O	N-B3	19. Q-N2ch	K-N1	32. N-N4	N-R2
7. P-Q3	P-Q3	20. N-B5	Q-B2	33. NxP	QxPch
8. R-N1	B-K3	21. Q-N5	PxP	34. QxQ	R/3xQ
9. P-QR3	Q-Q2	22. PxP	N-Q3	35. RxR	RxR
10. P-QN4	N-K1	23. KR-B1	QR-B1	36. RxR	NxR
11. N-K4	PxP	24. N-Q3	P-QR4	37. N-B5	DRAWN(a)
12. PxP	B-R6	25. PxPe.p.	PxP		
13. P-N5	N-K4	26. P-B5	N-N4		

(a) It should be said that both sides were playing to win. I judged White's Q-side Pawns as a weakness, while Jack judged it a strength (Burris).

## TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

## HEART OF DIXIE, HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

May 31-June 1-2

A new big tournament is planned by the Huntsville Chess Club, May 31-June 2, Memorial Day Weekend at the Town House in Huntsville. It will be a six round Swiss. Entry fees will be \$7.50 in the Open and \$5.00 in the Amateur. A first prize of \$100 is guaranteed. More detailed announcements will be forthcoming.