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MURFREESBORO HAS NEW CHESS CLUB

The Murfreesboro Chess Club was organized late last year with Leon Stancliff, Dean Freedle, and Joe van Sickle the original organizers. The present officers are:

President: Dean Freedle
 Vice President: Leon Stancliff
 Sec.-Treas.: Bob Keathley
 Club Pro: Roy Clark

The club has about 15 members including some four ladies (probably a record in Tenn.). They have an active ladder and Bob Keathley publishes a news bulletin regularly. They recently engaged the Donelson Club in a match. Though losing they gave a creditable performance. They are considering a match with AEDC and USCF affiliation.

In addition MTSC is beginning organization of a club for the college with Roy Clark as a sponsor. About ten students are interested. Also the Murfreesboro High School has a club.

We salute Murfreesboro and particularly their active leaders in promoting the game in their town and hope that this will invite other cities and towns to follow their example.

JERRY SULLIVAN OAK RIDGE CHAMPION

Jerry Sullivan, Tennessee's only master squeezed out a tie-break victory in the first Oak Ridge City Championship. His score of 4:1 was matched by Bob Coveyou and Brandt Kuperstock. Twelve players competed. TCA membership was not required (nor USCF membership). However all non-TCA members will become members courtesy of the Oak Ridge Chess Club. The results follow:

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Score	S.M.
1. Sullivan, Jerry	W8	W5	W4	D2*	D2	4 - 1	16.0
2. Coveyou, Bob	W6	W9	W7	D1*	D1	4 - 1	15
3. Kuperstock, Brandt	W10	L4	W8	W5	W7	4 - 1	11
4. Hutton, John	W12	W3	L1	W6	L5	3 - 2	15
5. Coveyou, Mike	W11	L1	W9	L3	W4	3 - 2	14
6. Akers, Keith	L2	W11	W12	L4	W10	3 - 2	10
7. Uppulieri, V.R.R.	L9	W12	L2	W8	L3	2 - 3	13
8. Shor, Andy	L1	W10	L3	L7	W9	2 - 3	13
9. LaVerne, Andrew	W7	L2	L5	W11	L8	2 - 3	12
10. LaVerne, Douglas	L3	L8	L11	W12	L6	1 - 4	11
11. LaVerne, David	L5	L6	W10	L9	L12	1 - 4	10
12. LaVerne, Alan	L4	L7	L6	L10	W11	1 - 4	10

* unplayed game

DONELSON WINS OVER MURFREESBORO

Two recently organized clubs met one another in a match which was won by Donelson (a suburb of Nashville) over Murfreesboro by a score of 9:3. The individual results were:

DONELSON		MURFREESBORO	
1. Lahde	1 1	McIlher	0 0
2. Cowgill	0 0	Clark	1 1
3. Estes	1 1	Mason	0 0
4. Baker/Seowald	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Stancliff	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Tribke	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Keathley	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Elkins	1 1	van Sickle	0 0

MERCER WINS OAK RIDGE JUNIOR

Ted Mercer of Dayton, Tenn. won the Oak Ridge Junior Tournament on Jan. 3, 4 & 5. His score was 8:1. Second, and thus Oak Ridge Junior Champ was Mike Coveyou (7 $\frac{1}{2}$:1 $\frac{1}{2}$). The event attracted 21 players including three from out of town. Besides Mercer, there were Dan and Tommy Finucane of Kingsport. Bob Coveyou and Kuperstock directed.

TENNESSEE USCF RATED PLAYERS IN 1963

There are currently about 50 players in Tennessee USCF rated. Jerry Sullivan deserves our congratulations on becoming the only master in our state. John Hurt, TCA President, and No.2 player made the observation that we compare favorable with Louisiana in playing strength. Tennessee can probably hold its own against any Southern state.

A listing of the rated players in Tennessee follows. We have omitted players that are no longer residents of our state that moved during 1963.

Aydelott (Nashville)	1807	Loiserson (Nashville)	1713
Bokor (Nashville)	1662	Long (Nashville) No.4	2027
Bowen (Nashville)	1843	McDowell (Memphis)	1719
Durnette (Knoxville)	1867	McNeely (Knoxville)	1564
Durris (Knoxville)	1855	Mercer (Dayton) No.10	1930
Cathors (Knoxville)	1745	Middleton (Memphis) No.3	2028
Coveyou, M. (Oak Ridge)	1672	Mitchell (Memphis)	1553
Coveyou, R. (Oak Ridge) No.5	2019	Murphy (Maryville)	1762
DuPlantier (Nashville)	1897	Murray (Hammonton)	1656
Farr (Nashville)	1690	O'Bannon (Memphis)	1733
Finucane, D. (Kingsport)	1544	Pipkin (Memphis)	1561
Finucane, J. (Kingsport)	1391	Ritenour (Memphis)	1612
Finucane, T. (Kingsport)	1389	Russell	1421
Finucane, T. Sr. (Kingsport)	1706	Scott (Nashville)	1921
Garnor (Memphis)	1624	Shor (Oak Ridge)	1568
Gilley (Memphis)	1820	Smithson (Tullahoma)	1593
Hardin (Memphis)	1670	Southern (Knoxville)	1880
Hurt (Memphis) No. 2	2056	Sullivan (Oak Ridge) No.1	2228
Hutton (Oak Ridge)	1779	Tribbe (Nashville)	1408
Irwin, T. (Knoxville)	1233	Tsitsoklis, E. (Knoxville) No.7	1946
Irwin, W. (Knoxville)	1606	Waters (Memphis)	1646
Jobe (Maryville)	1667	Weeks (Memphis) No.6	2003
King (Memphis)*	1626	Williams (Memphis)	1604
Kuperstock (Oak Ridge)	1609	Wright (Millington) No.8	1941
Lahde (Nashville) No.9	1932		

*deceased

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ted Mercer is coeditor of a journal called "Chess in the U.S.A." It is free to imaginative and ambitious chess players. It is a journal that will furnish information and ask questions. If interested write: Ted Mercer, Box 77, Bryan College Dayton, Tenn.

The 1964 NEDC Chess Tournament got underway with 22 players participating. The number is similar to past years' but now enthusiastic players have joined.

The Memphis City Tournament is contested by ten players. John Hurt is leading after five rounds. We should have the final results and games next issue.

Ted Mercer won a 4 round Swiss tourney at the Rhea Central High School with 4:0. Four players scored 3:1 including a girl. There were 16 players in all.

Tentative plans are for the State Team Tournament to be held May 2-3. Efforts to get Bobby Fischer (U.S. Champion) at that time for a simul failed. He was already booked up.

RESULTS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL KNOXVILLE OPEN

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Score	T-B
1. Robert Coveyou (Oak Ridge)	W8	W5	W6	W3	D2	4½:1½	15½
2. Ken Williamson (Huntsville)	D3	W9	D4	W10	D1	3½:1½	16
3. Mike Coveyou (Oak Ridge)	D2	W8	W7	L1	W9	3½:1½	16
4. Ted Mercer (Dayton)	W11	D7	D2	W6	D5	3½:1½	14
5. Dave Durris (Knoxville)	W14	L1	W13	D9	D4	3:2	14½
6. Martin Southern (Knoxville)	W12	W10	L1	L4	W11	3:2	13½
7. Larry Kiefling (Huntsville)	W15	D4	L3	D8	W10	3:2	12½
8. Tom Jobe (Maryville)	L1	L3	W15	D7	W12	2½:2½	14
9. Geogr Cathors (Knoxville)	W16	L2	W14	D5	L3	2½:2½	12
10. Emanuel Tsitsoklis (Knoxville)	W13	L6	W11	L2	L7	2:3	13½
11. Bill Irwin (Knoxville)	L4	W15	L10	W13	L6	2:3	12
12. Brooks McNeely (Knoxville)	L6	L13	W16	W14	L8	2:3	10
13. Bill Portier (Knoxville)	L10	W12	L5	L11	W16	2:3	8½
14. Ensley Deaton (Huntsville)	L5	W16	L9	L12	W15	2:3	8½
15. Steve Kyles (Knoxville)	L7	L11	L8	W16	L14	1:4	9
16. Tom Irwin (Knoxville)	L9	L14	L12	L15	L13	0:5	10

GAMES FROM THE TENNESSEE OPEN 1963
Annotated by Robert Coveyou

SICILIAN DEFENCE		White: Wallace (Huntsville)		Black: Burnette (Knoxville)	
1. P-K4	P-QB4	19. B-B1	P-N5	37. R-R3	P-N3
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	20. PXP	BXP	38. R-R4	Q-N4
3. P-Q4	PXP	21. N-R2(p)	B-B4	39. K-K1	N-N3(w)
4. NXP	N-KB3	22. P-B3	B-B3	40. B-K3	N-R5
5. N-QB3(a)	P-QR3	23. P-N4	B-N3	41. B-Q4	Q-N2
6. B-KN5	P-K3	24. Q-QB2	B-N4	42. Q-QB2	Q-N4
7. B-K2	Q-N3(b)	25. K-N2(q)	BxN	43. R/Q-R3	R1-B1
8. N-N3(c)	QN-Q2(d)	26. RxB	R-B1(r)	44. P-B5(x)	NPXP
9. O-O	B-K2	27. B-K2	N/5-N3	45. Q-KN2	Q-K1
10. B-K3(e)	Q-B2	28. R-B3	BxB	46. R-N3(y)	K-N1(z)
11. P-B4(f)	P-QN4	29. QxB	N-B5	47. Q-QB2(aa)	R-B5
12. B-B3	B-N2	30. R-R3(s)	KR-K1	48. Q-N3	R/1-B2
13. P-QR3(g)	O-O	31. P-KN5	N-B1(t)	49. R/R-B3	Q-N4
14. P-N4(h)	QR-Q1(i)	32. R/4-Q3	Q-N2	50. R-Q3	P-R4
15. Q-K2(j)	N-N3	33. K-Blu)	Q-N4	51. K-Q2	PXP
16. QR-Q1(k)	P-Q4(1)	34. R/R-B3(v)	R-B2	52. NXP	N-B4
17. P-K5(m)	KN-Q2	35. P-R4	K-R1	53. BxN	QxB
18. N-Q4(n)	N-B5	36. P-R5	Q-N2	54. R/R-B3	Q-N3

Adjudicated win for Black (bb)

- (a) 5. B-QB4 is tactically sound here: 5... NXP; 6. BxPch, KxB; 7. Q-R5ch, P-KN3 (7... K-B3 loses the extra piece - at least!) 8. Q-Q5ch, P-K3; 9. QxN - to whose advantage I leave to the reader's judgement.
- (b) This move is also frequently played against 7.P-B4. There it results in a wild melee which has not yet been fully clarified. There is a recent example in CHESS LIFE in November, page 280. In this position it does not look right. For instance, White can achieve the position of the quoted example by 8. BxN, PxB (8... QxNP; 9. NxKP!, BxN; 10. N-Q5, PxB; 11. N-B7ch, K-Q1; 12. NxR, Q-B6ch; 13. K-B1) 9. Q-Q2, QxP; 10. R-N1, Q-R6, 11. P-B4 (Minic - Korchnoi, Yugoslavia-USSR, 1963, which White won.
- (c) This positional treatment is probably alright also. White cannot seriously consider this after 7. P-B4, Q-N3 because of 8... Q-K6ch. But now the Queen obstructs Black's normal counter-play.
- (d) Since the Black Bishop is clearly going to K2, the decision of the spot for the QN should have been delayed - if, indeed this is the right square under the circumstances.
- (e) It seems to me that 10. P-QR4 is a very logical move here, making it very difficult for Black to form a workable plan.
- (f) Here 11. P-QR4 seems somewhat less effective than it would have been on the last move, since 11... N-N3 does free Black's game somewhat. But it might still be better than the text, which starts something White can't finish.
- (g) The necessity for this move to protect the KP against ... P-N5, shows that Black has achieved a reasonable equal game.
- (h) If White wishes to continue, for the moment at least, in positional style, he can play 14. Q-K1, meeting 14... N-N3 with 15. N-R5.
- (i) On the good old principle that a flank attack is best met by central counter-play. It takes a little effort to see why this may not be the wrong Rook, as it first appears. One possible explanation is that, if the intended ... N-N3 is met by N-R5, then Black has ... B-R1.
- (j) Even with great effort, I have not seen why White shrinks from 15. P-N5, continuing the K-side attack and defending the center by driving a Black piece from contact with same, and, incidentally, disconnecting the Black Rooks. For instance: 15. P-N5, N-K1; 16. Q-K1 (to keep the Knight protected against ... N-N3, then B5 and xRP.) N-N3; 17. R-Q1, N-B5; 18. B-B1, R-QB1? 19. R-Q3, and White has defended the Q-side and the center while furthering his K-side attack.
- (k) 16. BxN, QxBch; 17. K-R1 might be a better alternative - But White had definitely lost the initiative.
- (l) Here Black must decide whether to play ... N-B5 before or after ... P-Q4. This decision is facilitated by the fact that, after 16... N-B5; 17. B-B1, NxRP?; 18. PxN, QxN; 19. P-K5 wins for White. Hence, Black must block the center before ... N-B5 is a real threat; another illustration that a flank attack may easily fail if the center is not secure.
- (m) Positionally the only move.
- (n) Possibly better than this stereotyped blocking move is the heroic remedy 18. R-QN1, N-B5; 19. B-Q4.
- (o) This move is certainly quite good, but Black could also have played 19...NxRP; 20. NxQP, BxN; 21. BxB, PxB; 22. PxN, which is unconvincing. (Cont. on page 5)

GAMES FROM THE TENNESSEE OPEN (CONT.) 1963
Annotated by Robert Coveyou

SCOTCH GAME White: John Hurt (Memphis) Black: Bob Coveyou (Oak Ridge)					
1. P-K4	P-K4(a)	22. BxB	RxB	43. K-B5	RxP
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	23. B-N5(s)	RxB	44. K-K4	P-B5(w)
3. P-Q4(b)	PxP	24. RxN	PxB	45. K-Q4	R-R5
4. P-B3	P-Q4(c)	25. BxP	R-K5(t)	46. K-B3	P-R4
5. KPxP	QxP	26. BxR	PxB	47. R-N4	R-R6ch
6. PxP	B-KN5(d)	27. R-N1	P-N3	48. K-B2	K-N4
7. B-K2(o)	O-O-O	28. K-K2	RxKRP	49. R-N8	R-KR6
8. N-B3	Q-KR4(f)	29. R-N4	R-QN6	50. R-N8ch	K-R5
9. B-K3	N-B3	30. RxKP	RxNPch	51. R-QB8	K-N5
10. Q-R4(g)	N-Q4(h)	31. K-B1	R-N3(u)	52. R-N8ch	K-R6
11. NxN(i)	RxN	32. R-K7	P-KR3	53. R-QB8	R-R5
12. P-QR3(j)	B-Q3(k)	33. R-R7	P-KR4	54. K-B3	P-R5
13. R-QB1	R-R4	34. R-N7	R-K3	55. R-QR8	R-R2
14. Q-B2	R-K1(l)	35. K-N2	K-N2	56. R-R6	R-R6ch
15. P-R3(m)	BxN(n)	36. P-B4	K-N3	57. KxP	R-R5ch
16. PxB(o)	Q-Q4	37. K-N3	P-B4	58. K-B3	K-R7
17. Q-B4	P-B4	38. K-R4	R-KB3	59. R-Q6	R-R7
18. QxQ	RxQ	39. K-N5	R-B4ch	60. R-Q1	P-R6
19. B-QB4(p)	RxP	40. KxP	RxP	61. R-QB1(x)	R-QN7(y)
20. K-B1	R-R5	41. KxP	P-R3	62. R-B2(z)	K-N8
21. B-KN5(q)	B-B5(r)	42. K-N5	R-R5(v)	63. Resigns	

- (a) I had a pretty good idea of what was coming.
 (b) I was right.
 (c) Since I then believed that this move was good, I felt I need not go into the intricacies of the accepted Goering Gambit. Since then, I have read Barden's articles in CHESS LIFE, in which he claims that the Goering Gambit (4.P-B3) is good for White whether accepted or declined. I have not closely examined his case for the Gambit accepted, but, partly because of this game and subsequent analysis, I incline to the view that the Gambit Declined favors Black.
 (d) White must be prevented from Castling safely; this is the first move of a plan which seems to do just that.
 (e) 7. N-B3, BxN; 8. NxQ, BxQ; 9. NxPch, K-Q1; 10. NxR, B-KN5 is good for Black as the N is trapped.
 (f) Barden disapproves of this on the grounds that White can Castle on the Q-side and attack on the QB-file.
 (g) Continuing the plan mentioned in the last note.
 (h) I had intended 10... B-Q3, as I did not think of the possibility of O-O-O for White. However, as I examined the position, I liked it less and less, because I felt that White could work up quite a dangerous attack without Castling at all. The text move occurred to me, at first with the idea of recapturing on Q4 with the Queen if White exchanged Knights. Then it also occurred to me that ... RxN was, indeed, feasible. The main tactical point is the possibility of ... R-R4, driving away the White Queen and effectively protecting my K position. Close analysis since this game has pretty well convinced me that the move is good, and that Barden's conclusion mentioned above are suspect.
 (i) Otherwise, Black can get the two Bishops. I cannot say positively that there is no other good move for White, but I have not found one that I can prove is good.
 (j) 12.O-O, B-Q3 is very dangerous for White, and otherwise, ...B-N5ch is disturbing.
 (k) 12...R-R4 may be stronger, since it practically forces 13.Q-Q1 (also 13...B-N5+)
 (l) Completing Black's development, and also containing a double threat.
 (m) White stumbles. The best I can find is 15. Q-Q2, but White still hasn't finished his development, and cannot do so for at least a little while.
 (n) Unexpected. But I played the move too fast, and deliberated until he saw the point. If I had taken a little time for the move, my opponent might have been led into the belief that I played it reluctantly.
 (o) Unfortunate, but 16.BxN, NxQP!! is even more so. Black now has a clear positional advantage.
 (p) A clever idea, which just misses.
 (q) Now 21... R-Q5 repeats moves, while 21... R-R4 loses! But -
 (r) This resource gets Black out with the advantage.
 (s) Another cleverness.
 (t) Another resource.
 (u) And now the game is over - I thought.
 (v) Fatigue sets in - The game is easily won by keeping the Rook on the KB-file, barring White's King. (Continued on page 5).