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TENNESSEE OPEN, LABOR DAY WEEKEND, Sept. 3 - 5.

The largest tourney ever held in Tennessee is expected to take place at Nashville this coming Labor Day weekend. It is expected that this event will attract 30 players from Tennessee and 10 or more from neighboring states. These are pretty conservative figures as Tennessee has increased its USCF membership from 26 to 40. If the attendance will be 30 or better special prizes will be awarded. These will include free USCF and TCA membership for highest scoring new member. In addition cash prizes will be given to the highest scoring Class A and Class B players.

Bob Coveyou of Oak Ridge will defend his title of Tenn. Open Champion. His sharpest opposition should come from Jerry Sullivan, also of Oak Ridge and Wolf Wolfensberger of Nashville. Troy Armstrong of Memphis will defend his title of Junior Champion. First prize will be \$50, second prize \$30, and third \$20. The highest scoring player from Tennessee will become Tenn. Open Champion and receive a trophy. The highest scoring Junior from Tennessee will also receive a trophy.

More information will be mailed with the announcements. See you all in Nashville.

"UNCLE" BOB SCRIVENER - MASTER EMERITUS.

A great and deserving honor was bestowed upon our "Uncle" Bob by receiving the title of Master Emeritus. Also achieving this honor was B. B. Jefferson of Memphis, twice US Open Champion in 1913 and 1914.

This event has not yet been published in CHESS LIFE and we are proud to be the first to write of it here. Some of the high points in "Uncle" Bob's life include his win in the St. Louis tourney in 1935/36. He was tied on points in the 1955 Alabama Open, but taking second on tie breaking to J. A. Wright of Millington, Tenn. He won the 1957 Alabama Open ahead of two experts both of whom he played. In 1956 he tied for second and third in the La. Open in which he left half a dozen experts behind. He received a special prize for the best played game on which the committee agreed unanimously. He did not lose a game in these last three events. His latest achievement is his tie for first with J. A. Wright in the 1959 Memphis city tourney.

His first official position was in 1913 when he became President of the Western Chess Association. His latest honor (prior to this) has been his appointment as Life Director of the Southern Chess Association (1959).

Much of this material was found in CHESS LIFE, May 20, 1959 issue which, I hope, he doesn't mind being repeated here. In the name of all Tennessee chess players, woodpushers, etc. I would like to extend our congratulations to you and wish you more success to come (the editor).

JAMES WRIGHT WINS MEMPHIS TOURNEY BY HALF A POINT.

James Wright edged out Bob Scrivener by half a point to win the Memphis City title with 9½-2½. He won nine games in this double round robin event including a game from Scrivener, but lost to Armstrong and Spiegel. His other game with Scrivener was a draw. "Uncle" Bob Scrivener won eight and lost two and drew two games for a 9-3 score. In addition to losing to Wright he lost to Spiegel. His other draw was with Carl Spies.

The victory of James Wright was a mild surprise as Bob Scrivener is considered a little stronger. Joe Spiegel surprised greatly by taking third place ahead of Armstrong and Spies.

The "B" tourney was won by Mark Gilley with 9½ points even though he lost both games to second place winner Peter Snider who scored 8.

TABLE OF RESULTS

Class "A"	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	W	L	D	Score
1. James A. Wright	XX XX	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1	1 1	1 0	1 1	1 0	1 1	9	2	1	$9\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Robt. S. Scrivener	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	XX XX	0 1	1 1	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1	1 1	1 1	8	2	2	9-3
3. Joe Spiegel	0 0	0 1	XX XX	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 1	1 1	1 1	7	4	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Troy Armstrong	1 0	0 0	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1	XX XX	0 0	1 1	1 1	6	5	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Carl Spies	0 0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0	1 1	XX XX	1 0*	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	6	2	5-7
6. Harry A. Darnell	1 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0*	XX XX	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1	3	8	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. James Mitchell	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	XX XX	0	10	2	1-11
* second game between Darnell and Spies was forfeited by Spies.											
Class "B"	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	W	L	D	Score
1. Mark Gilley	XX XX	0 0	1 1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 1	1 1	1 1	9	2	1	$9\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Peter Snider	1 1	XX XX	0 1	0 0	1 0	1 1	1 1	8	4	0	8-4
3.-4. Mack Gray	0 0	0 1	XX XX	0 1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 1	1 1	7	4	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
3.-4. Carl Schwerin	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	1 1	0 1	XX XX	1 1	0 0	1 1	7	4	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Cliff Lipman	0 0	0 1	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	0 0	XX XX	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 1	4	6	2	5-7
6. Robert O'Bannon	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	XX XX	1 1	4	7	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Louis Ferro	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	XX XX	0	12	0	0-12

NASHVILLE WINS OVER AEDC WITH 15-8.

The biggest match between two teams from Tennessee took place on June 11 at the Northern Airfield near Tullahoma between AEDC and Nashville. The match was played on 12 boards with 2 games on each board except Board 2. The Nashville team was victorious with 15-8 (13 wins, 4 draws and 6 losses). Individually they scored wins on five boards, five draws, and two losses.

The Nashville team had White in the first round which resulted in a $9\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ score in their favor with eight wins, three draws by Bowen, Lahde and Farr, and one loss by Mayhew. In the second round the AEDC Club having White held the Nashville Club even with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$. For games see page 4.

The editor takes this opportunity to thank the AEDC Club on behalf of the Nashville Club for the wonderful reception and hospitality they received.

Here are the results:

Boards	Nashville	AEDC
1	Bowen	Hairfield
2	*Lahde	Glover
3	Aydelott	Griffith
4	Sommer	Boyer
5	DuPlantier	Dietz
6	Mayhew	Dooley
7	Ratliff	Edonfield
8	Smiley	Maynard
9	Price	Smithson
10	Farr	Temple
11	Groom	Latremore
12	Henry	Holland
Totals	15	8

* Only one game was played here as the time was too short to start the second.

BOWEN, SAVERY PLAY IN BIRMINGHAM.

Albert Bowen of Nashville and Charles Savery of Memphis (now stationed in Montgomery, Ala.) successfully competed in the Second Birmingham Open which was won by Ronning of Birmingham with $4\frac{1}{2}$ -1. Albert Bowen scored 3-2 in a strong field including a draw with dePaul who has an expert rating. He placed ninth with two wins, two draws and one loss. Savery scored $2\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to take 15th place in this 25 player field. The encounter which resulted between Savery and Bowen ended in a draw. One of Albert's wins is given here:

Four Knight's Defence			White: H. W. Gilbert Black: Al Bowen	
1. P-K4	P-K4	10. N(4)-Q2	B-KN5	19. N-N3
2. N-KB3	N-KB3	11. B-N2	N-Q5	20. PxP
3. N-B3	N-B3	12. BxN	PxB	21. R-R2
4. B-B4	NxKP	13. P-QR3	Q-Q3	22. K-N2
5. BxPch	KxB	14. P-KR3	B-R4	23. P-QB3?
6. NxN	B-K2	15. P-KN4	B-K1	24. Q-N3
7. P-Q3	R-B1	16. NxP	B-Q2	25. NxB
8. O-O	K-N1	17. P-QN4	QR-K1	26. K-R2
9. P-QN3	P-Q4	18. N-K2	P-KR4!	27. Q-Q1
			Resigns	
			B-KB3!	
			B-Q5	
			Q-B5	
			BxKNP!	
			B-B6ch	
			QxNch	
			B-K4	
			BxNch!	

This section will be devoted to outstanding games by players from Tennessee that have been played in the past. We know that there are many games that are worthy to be included here. We hope to publish soon such games as the Sullivan-Borgel game from the Tenn. Open in Memphis, 1957. Also we hope to have games from the match between Sullivan and Coveyou from last year, etc.

To begin this section we are fortunate to be able to publish a game from the 1955 Knoxville Championship (which was won by Martin Southern). This game was brilliantly won by Tom Finucane who also annotates the game for us.

TWO KNIGHT'S DEFENCE		White: Tom Finucane		Black: Fred Kemp	
1. P-K4	P-K4	9. P-KN4	B-N3	17. Q-N2	B-B3(i)
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	10. P-KR4	P-KR4(d)	18. KN-N5ch	K-N1(j)
3. B-B4	N-B3	11. N-R2	Q-Q2	19. N-Q5	Q-Q1
4. P-Q3(a)	B-K2	12. Q-Q2(c)	NxNP	20. N-K6!(k)	P-N1(l)
5. B-K3	O-O	13. O-O-O	NxB	21. QxB	N-R4(m)
6. N-B3	P-Q3	14. PxN(f)	BxRP	22. NxBeh	QxN
7. P-QR3	B-N5(b)	15. N-B3	B-K2(g)	23. BxPeh!	Resigns(n)
8. P-KR3	B-R4(c)	16. QR-N1	K-R2(h)		

- (a) a weak move, but made with a purpose
- (b) a bad move, likewise made with a purpose; it violates the rule against pinning the opposing KN with kings located as they are.
- (c) If BxN; 9. NPxB
- (d) If NxNP; 11. P-R5 wins the B.
- (e) it seemed unnecessary to continue defending the pawn, especially since Black is committed to its capture.
- (f) this exchange leaves a pawn on K3 which helps tie up Black's remaining knight and screens White's King against checks. It also gives the White Queen all the second-rank, king-side squares.
- (g) B-B3 is better, as pointed out by Rhea Hayes.
- (h) to defend the B.
- (i) Black has to defend his KNP against checkmate. This is the reason for note "g". The Bishop at K2 completed the restriction of the Black knight at B3, and this knight might have gone to K2 to defend the bishop at N3. The threat was RxPch, with mate in two. 17...R-KN1 is weaker
- (j) the Black king can now return to the pin, for White's knight is protecting the Black bishop from the white queen. 18. N-K2 is probably a better move for White. If Black had played ... BxN, 19. QxB would lead to mate in two, as in the last note. ...K-R1 would have been better for White than the text, and... K-R3 would have been more difficult, requiring 19. N-K2.
- (k) this picturesque move was made to prevent Black's queen from defending the B at B3.
- (l) although this refutes White's point made in the Note just above, it puts White's bishop in the game again. If, instead, the Black Queen had moved 21. RxP followed by doubling the rooks, wins. If then 21...BxR; 22. NxBch and mate next move. If 21...N-K2; 22. R(N1)-R1, BxR(forced); 23. NxBch, K-R1(the knight's pawn is pinned); 24. RxB mate, or QxP mate.
- (m) refuted by interposition of the check.
- (n) ...QxB; 24. QxP mate, or 23...R-B2; 24. QxQ and the pins protect the White Queen from the recapture. Hence mate in two.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jerry Sullivan and Bob Coveyou, both of Oak Ridge, have indicated that they would play in the U.S. Open in St. Louis. Jerry will represent our state officially at the USCF business meeting. Another match between the two is also expected to begin shortly.

Wolf Wolfensberger has returned from New Jersey and will represent Nashville for the Tennessee Open.

USCF ratings that will include the last Tennessee Open are expected to be published in CHESS LIFE July 20.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Troy Armstrong's father. We extend herewith our deepest sympathy.

CLUB RATINGS.

Recently Memphis has been added to the clubs that have a ladder tourney. They have made use of their just completed "A" and "B" tourneys to arrive at the ratings. They are using the new USCF rating system. This is different from the system employed by Nashville or AEDC. Not as a comparison of the different clubs but to get acquainted with the different players and learn of their position in each club we give the latest ratings of the top ten in the three above mentioned clubs. Kingsport also had a ladder rating but is not active at this time.

Memphis		AEDC		Nashville	
1. Wright	1950	1. Hairfield	1322	1. Bowen	1538
2. Scrivener	1934	2. Glover	1174	2. Lahde	1426
3. Spiegel	1886	3. Griffith	1154	3. Pierce	1364
4. Armstrong	1854	4. Boyer	1148	4. DuPlantier	1337
5. Spies	1806	5. Dietz	1112	5. Sommer	1335
6. Darnell	1758	6. Dooley	1106	6. Jordan	1295
7. Kennedy	1742	7. Fox	1094	7. Ross	1186
8. Wiseman	1694	8. Edenfield	1078	8. Nelson	1133
9. Gilley	1678	9. Christopher	1062	9. Rawlins	1132
10. Snider	1678	10. Maynard	1028	10. Lee	1113

SELECTED MINIATURES FROM THE AEDC - NASHVILLE MATCH.

No. 1

Board 3. Queen's Pawn Game. White: J.F. Aydelott Black: B.J. Griffith

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	8. P-Q5!	N-KB3	15. QR-Q1	K-N1
2. N-KB3	B-B4	9. P-KP	PxP	16. B-K6	K-B1
3. P-QB4	P-QB3	10. BxP	QN-Q2	17. BxN(K4)	Q-K1
4. N-B3	PxP	11. B-KD4	Q-K2	18. N-N5!	B-B4
5. P-K4	B-N5	12. B-QN3	O-O-O	19. P-QN4!	D-N3
6. BxP	BxN	13. O-O	N-K4	20. N-Q6ch	Resigns
7. QxB	P-K3	14. Q-R3ch	N(B3)-Q2		

No. 2.

Board 4. King's Gambit. White: Dr. Robt. Sommer Black: R.P. Boyer

1. P-K4	P-K4	7. P-K5	B-KN5	13. QxB	NxKP?
2. P-KB4	PxP	8. B-QN5	KN-K2	14. BxN	N-B4?
3. N-KB3	N-QB3	9. O-O	O-O	15. N-K6ch	Q-N4
4. P-Q4	B-QN5ch	10. B-Q3	B-QN3	16. QxQch	Resigns
5. P-QB3	B-R4	11. BxRPch!	KxB		
6. BxP	P-Q4	12. N-KN5ch	K-N3		

No. 3.

Board 5 Sicilian Defence. White: Bob Dietz Black: Don DuPlantier

1. P-K4	P-QB4	5. P-KN4	B-N3	9. R-KN	P-KR3
2. B-B4	P-Q3	6. N-B3	N-KB3	10. B-R4	P-R3
3. N-KB3	B-N5	7. P-Q3	P-K4	11. N-Q5?	NxN!
4. P-KR3	B-R4	8. B-KN5	B-K2	12. BxB	NxB!

Resigns

No. 4.

Board 7. Sicilian Defence. White: G. Ratliff Black: E. Edenfield

1. P-K4	P-QB4	9. P-B4	B-K3	17. KR-B1	P-K3
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	10. P-N4	Q-B1	18. RxR	KxR
3. P-Q4	PxP	11. P-B5	N-Q2	19. R-B1ch	K-K1
4. NxP	N-B3	12. Q-Q2	N-K4	20. N-B3	BxN
5. N-QB3	P-Q3	13. O-O-O	NxP	21. PxP	Q-B3
6. B-K2	P-KN3	14. BxN	NxB	22. P-KR3	N-K4
7. B-K3	B-N2	15. PxP	BPxP	23. B-R6	K-K2
8. N-N3	O-O	16. N-Q5	R-B2	24. Q-N5ch	K-K1
				25. R-B8mate	

No. 5.

Board 10. Queen's Gambit. White: J. Temple Black: T. Farr

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	9. B-N5ch	B-Q2	17. QxN	R-B1
2. P-QB4	P-K3	10. BxBeh	QNxD	18. QxRch	Q-Q1
3. N-QB3	N-KB3	11. BxD	N-N5	19. N-Q6	K-K2
4. Q-B2	P-QB4	12. Q-K2	N(2)-K4	20. R-B7ch	KxN
5. QPxP	PxP	13. P-B4	N-B7	21. B-B5ch	K-Q4
6. P-K3	DxP	14. KxN	N-B5	22. R-Q7ch	QxR
7. DxP	Q-B2	15. R-B1	R-Q1	23. QxQch	Resigns
8. P-QR3	DxKP	16. N-N5	Q-Q2		