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CHURCH'S S. W. OPEN

The Southwestern Open prize fund is now guaranteed at a \$5,000 minimum due to the generosity of Church's Fried Chicken and the San Antonio Chess Club.

Although even more entries than last year's 194 total are expected, the tournament should run smoothly and on time with able directors Pete Prattes and Bill McCarty in charge. Art Riley, President of the SACC, assures me that the club will be able to provide all the tournament assistants needed from right there in the Alamo City.

The S.W. Open by tradition is the finest annual chess tournament held in this region of the world. The S.W. Open over the years has done much more for Texas Chess than any other single individual or institution. This year's event may be unusually outstanding.

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This is where the TCA Editor tries to run through a quick summary of interesting goings-on without pausing long enough on any one subject to get pinned down and drawn into an argument....

Texas has declared Postal Chess War on Michigan and at least 25 volunteers are needed for the big state's army. No entry fee is required though all Texas troopers should be citizens in good standing with the TCA. Past performance will be used to judge the order of battle but all interested persons are urged to write the TCA Secr.-Treasr. at 2615 Buchanan, Odessa, TX 79763. Both veterans and beginners will be needed to don white and black battlegear for the defense of our state...Word from friendly spies in the enemy camp is that Michigan's General Officers, Helen Warren and Jim Marfia, expect to invade Texas shortly after Labor Day....

USCF Master John Jacobs writes that he thinks too much money is being put into class prizes as compared to the top prizes at many modern tournaments. An example is that at this year's S.W. Open a 2-3 record could win Class 'D-E' and get \$300 while the overall tournament fourth place finisher gets just \$200. John feels that overly large class prizes discourage masters and are not fair. High class prizes tend to bring in more entries and thus allow more money for the top prizes, but in the long run John believes that rewarding players for having low ratings will hurt chess.... I forwarded John's letter to the San Antonio C.C. and got this telephoned reaction from Pete Prattes: "We don't think the S.W. Open Prize Fund is arranged too badly--nearly 40 percent of the total money will go to the top four players. That fourth prize of \$200 is mainly thrown in to help give more money to the people who tie for first, second, or third--no one ever wins a clear fourth at a big tournament." Besides, if USCF masters are worth so much, how come their attendance doesn't make any difference to most potential sponsors?....

Gary Simms writes that, "As to the question of prize fund distribution, I don't know if this will ever be resolved. Eight or ten years ago I was at a tourney where Ken Smith and Robert Brieger were on opposite sides of a vehement argument on the subject; Brieger championing the 'rewarding of excellence' and Smith arguing the rights of each and every man for honor, glory, and occasional monetary remuneration in each class...To me, there is no solution; only a choice. What level of players do you wish to play in your tournament? If you want a very strong tournament, spread the majority of the prize money among the top places. If you want to encourage and promote lower levels, put the money there...Most people do not realize how little there is for a top player to gain in the average tournament. And how much there is to lose!...A 2300 rated player would have to beat a 1950 player 15 times to balance out one loss! If you've tried beating many 1950 players, you know there are few pushovers at that level. Win a tournament 5-0 and play no one over 1950, and a 2300 player would gain 10 rating points. Lose one game, and he would lose at least 22 points for the tourney! Only large money incentives can help overcome these odds. It may seem harsh, but masters would probably agree with Lasker when he said, 'The only thing you prove beating patzers is that you can beat patzers.' So many times you see a player's rating take a quantum jump after he decides to stop participating in local tournaments, embarks on a systematic study of master games and openings, and then plays in a few selected tournaments where the competition is strong. Look at Jacobs, Henley. Maybe this is unfortunate, but this is the point at which 'Chess for fun' stops. It is then a deadly serious business. Maybe it's a bit pragmatic, but T.D.'s should realize that every strong player will evaluate very carefully the question, 'What do I have to gain?'...So now Mr. T.D., how do you distribute the prize money?"....



One idea to combat the lowering of ratings that should have already been started is called "feedback." The USCF computer manager, Eric Bone, has been ready for some time to program this feature into the rating system but until Professor Elo decides exactly what the equation should be, Eric is powerless to go ahead. The main purpose of 'feedback' is to keep persons with established ratings from losing so many points when they lose to persons with low but rapidly rising ratings. When instituted, this *algorith*^m will help allay the master's fear of losing rating points but it will still be possible for a person who wants to lose rating points to drop into a lower class (and thus win a class prize rather underhandedly)... Perhaps Leon Poliakoff of Bonham is right when he writes, "The truth is that the numbers game goes just so far. Which nowadays is too far...I can imagine what the reporting of my demise at some future date might look like. 'It is with regret that we report the death of Leon Poliakoff (0094) at the age of 80. A former city champion of San Antonio and Dallas (pre-ratings), he will be missed by all (0-3000). Well, maybe (0-1500)'....In case you haven't guessed, Dr. Poliakoff objects to my inserting the ratings of players in 'Lone Star Roundup'--he feels that listing ratings in news of chess events is "often superfluous, but in news of a personal nature it is abominable...."

On the question of who was the first Texan to defeat a Grandmaster, J. C. Thompson writes that, "The only win that I recall was W. N. Kendall's victory over Larry Evans in a match around 1948--San Antonio Chess Club vs. Log Cabin Chess Club. [Editor: The Log Cabin C.C. was a famous 'touring' club.]. Of course, Larry had not then reached his present strength, although he was looked upon as one of the outstanding players of the U.S....Kendall also beat Herman Steiner in the 1940 USCF Open and I believe he won from a player of note in the 1947 USCF Open....Kendall was a very imaginative and dangerous player but never achieved his full potential, in my opinion. Nerves were a factor...I was able to draw Reuben Fine in the 1940 USCF Open and with Al Horowitz in 1942. My draw dropped Al to third place because it was a ring-around-a-rosy among him, Steiner, and D. A. Yanofsky, the Canadian champion. He beat Yanofsky, Yanofsky beat Steiner, and Steiner beat Al. I was fourth, losing to Steiner and Yanofsky.... The draw was somewhat amusing. I offered Al a draw on about the 30th move and he, always the soul of honesty, replied, 'Let me think about it a few minutes. You have the better position but I need the half point.' He thought about it and accepted the draw, saying he would have to beat Steiner to win the tournament but felt that he could do it. However, Steiner was like Kendall in that you never knew when he was going to flash the brilliance, so Herman won and tied with Yanofsky for first place...."

Kay Hale told Lynne Babcock that he believes Stephen Jones may have beaten Benko or some other GM at the 1962 U.S. Open in San Antonio--if so, this would predate Bone's win over Pilnick and is the earliest Texan win over a grandmaster....

Lynne also notes that I goofed in the last issue when I called her "the woman with the money"--she has been losing steadily on the big H.C.C. building with its \$300/month mortgage and steadily mounting utility bills, not to mention taxes...Lynne is now heading up the USCF Womens' Committee so she will have to fly to Teton Village, Wyoming, for the U.S. Womens' Championship held July 11-25 rather than personally direct the Texas Womens' Championship in Houston on July 17-18....Lynne apologizes for not getting the 23 TCA memberships collected at the Houston Open in to Bill McCarty sooner....

Lindsay Phillips deserves credit for organizing the largest Texas Junior Championship ever (with the help of the San Antonio H.S. Chess sponsors and the generosity of Church's Fried Chicken), but unfortunately there were some complaints about his tournament directing...The TCA has instructed Lindsay to mail out all the trophy awards that were promised in both T.K. and the special announcement that the TCA sent to Juniors...This year's Texas Junior made about \$175--this will be put into a special account to be used for the 1977 Texas Junior.



LONE STAR ROUNDUP



SAN ANTONIO - A report on the 1976 Texas Junior Championship appears on a later page.

Dirty S.A. warmed up for the S.W. Open by holding a big city championship tournament; 45 players knocked heads in a 5-round swiss. As usual Blake Stevens came out on top--though it took a tiebreaking system to work out this result since Mike Moore also had 4-1/2 points. Third went to James Kirk (on leave from the star fleet). Top 'A' was Eugene Kohnitz, top 'B' was Clifford Martinez, top 'C' was Ben Soto, top 'D' was Diego Gamboa, and the 'Unrated' trophy winner was Randell Schwarz.

Preparations for the Church's S.W. Open are going smoothly--Pete Prattes did call to ask me to stress that he and Bill McCarty, and no one else, would be the tournament directors for that event.

AUSTIN - Zack Coombes writes that the Austin CC "now has one of the largest chess clubs in the state: 66 paid members, one of whom is a master..." Austin hasn't been hosting any opens recently due to the problem of finding a decent facility at a fair price.

EL PASO - Lindsay Phillips advises us that "Ed Edmondson has recommended that the USCF Policy Board authorize him to enter into a final contract to play this event in El Paso. It is expected that final contracts will be signed in August, 1976."

The El Paso Junior Championship drew 38 entries and was won by 18-year-old Ray Fourzan (1529) with a 5-0 score. Tied for second at 4 pts. were Martin Wagner, Rodolfo, Alva, William Morton, Bobby Mata, David Moreno, and Francisco Carrillo. Roberta Garcia had 3 pts. to earn the girl's trophy. Twenty-three of the contestants were unrated.

The CCEP Tornado #4, held April 17, was won by Gerald Georges (1779) with a 3 1/2-1/2 score at the 18-player Swiss. The CCEP Tornado #5, held June 19, drew 19 players and was won by Nate Butko (1693) with a 3 1/2-1/2 score.

The July CCEP Knight Beat carries an excellent analysis of the "Pirc Defense, Austrian Attack" by Spencer Lucas.

CORPUS CHRISTI - The City Championship (June-July) drew 34 entries and was played at the pace of one game each Tuesday night for seven rounds. Dennis Steinmetz directed the 49-day qualifying tourney. The top two finishers, Glenn Escovedo (1905) and Tom Weaver (1797) now will play a 4-game match for the city trophy.

Glenn went 7-0 (which may make him an expert), Tom had 6 pts., top 'A' was Lou Thurston at 4 pts., top 'B' was Ed DelRio at 5 pts., top 'C' was Sompol Patamalai at 3 pts., top 'DE' was Don McBride at 4 pts., and the best 'Unrated' was Tim Painschab with 2-1/2 pts.

The club was saddened by the death of Del Starr on June 30. He was a very courageous young man, afflicted with a misshapen dwarf body that caused him constant pain. Yet he was always polite and considerate, worked for his living, and drove as far as El Paso to play in chess tournaments. He was killed by a reckless driver.

KINGSVILLE - The South Texas Team Championship held at Texas A&I on June 19 was won by the Corpus Christi representatives. A&I was second, Brownsville third, and the Corpus 'B' team fourth at the 3-round match tournament directed by Bruce Payne. The winning Corpus team was manned by Joe Medina, Rick Rodgers, Ed Mohn, and Folk Weaver.

The Fifth Javelina Open was held July 17 and was arranged into three groups of six players each. Joe Medina won the top group with a 3-0 score.

MEMPHIS, TENN. - Ron Henley of Houston scored 50 percent at the 1976 U.S. Junior Championship held June 20-26 at Memphis State University. All 28 games from the event are available for \$1.25 to the Memphis Chess Club, Inc., 3603 Kearney Ave., Memphis, TN 38111.

The final standing: Mark Diesen and Michael Rohde 5 pts. each, Kenneth Regan 4 pts., Ronald Henley and Yasser Seirawan 3-1/2 pts. each, Jonathan Tisdall 3 pts., and John Fedorowicz and Nick Defirmian had 2 pts. each.

This year's battle seemed to be more evenly matched than most U.S. Juniors--perhaps every one of these contestants will eventually gain the title of International Master. A high percentage of players in this tournament do become IM's according to the USCF.

At any rate, Ron deserves our plaudits for being the first Texan since John Jacobs to even qualify--and then for putting in a very creditable performance.

LUBBOCK - Despite being encroached upon by the Texas Junior Championship, the Hub City Open had a fairly good turnout of 28 players on June 26 & 27. Gary Huber, Editor of the Ninth Rank, writes:

"The way the 28 player line-up looked, one could have predicted the outcome with ease. Carl Freeman at 1953, would be 1st or tied for same, with Arnold Rubin (1875) and Dean Yarbro (1841) going for second. The rest of the field (low 'B' and below) would just have to eat the scraps, typical fair [sic] for most of us peasants. By the end of the first round...it was obvious that those who bet the favorites were going to lose their shirts. J. Brock (1395) baited his hook with a nice juicy Ruy Lopez and reeled home a win from Mr. Freeman, while Arnold Rubin was held to a draw by James Herrea (1388). Class 'B' was also having its problems. The end of Round 2 showed a zillion draws (more than I've ever seen in a swiss of comparable size), and it was apparent that a peasant'revolt' was under way.

"The final round of the day held few upsets, but had been a bad day for the top half of the players; only Dean Yarbro, who played very well, was unscathed.

"In a key game on Sunday morning Dean defeated Arnold Rubin, while Rich Snyder (1505) held Carl Freeman to a draw. Brian Dye (1673) bested Mike Cocanougher (1644) in the battle for 'B' class. G. Huber received a pleasant surprise when J. Brock resigned too soon. He could have been up a pawn or two, but instead thought he was down a piece. In the last round, Dean Yarbro (playing black) drew Brian Dye in a hard fought King's Gambit. Dean took 1st with 4-1/2 pts.

"Brian Dye, A. B. Hailey, and Rich Snyder (top 'C'), who beat Arnold Rubin the last round, all tied for 2nd with 4 ea.

"Philip Childress, Walter Stapp, and Geoffrey Johnson took 2nd 'C' prize with 3 points. Class 'D' 1st went to Maurice Bugnone (3) and 2nd to Jay Brock and Larry Libovitz (2-1/2 ea). Paul Kubinsky took the unrated prize with a fine 2-1/2 score (about a 1500 performance rating). In addition to the cash prizes, certificates of achievement were awarded to all winners....

"Dave Thomas did a fine job directing the tournament. At the end of the tournament he took a poll to see how the players felt about the time control (50 moves in 100 min.). About half were for the 'fast time control' and half against."

Besides being a good editor, Gary Huber also found time to win the Reese AFB Championship--the first level of competition leading to the Armed Forces Tournament conducted every year in Washington, D.C. Base winners go to a "command" tournament and those winners go to the Air Force tournament, then the top six from A.F. go on to finals in D.C. in the fall.

Gary and Dwayne Jackson (1222) traveled to the Air Training Command tournament, Selma, Ala., on June 10 where they (as a team) finished tied for second--a very good result considering the 23 entries had an average rating of 1720 and that at 1653, Gary was 12th on the list.

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USCF/TCA Jr. = 9.00/yr.

DALLAS - The Big 'D' Open held July 3 & 4 at the Dallas Chess Club drew 28 entries--one of the best results for a DCC tournament in some time. As usual, James Campion directed. He also sent T.K. a crosstable which shows John Nardandrea (2010) of Florida on top with 4-1/2 pts. Tied for second at 4 each were Dave Kelly (1850) and Kay Hale (1674). Scoring 3-1/2 pts. were Robert Reid (1692), Roger Johnson (1579), and Rickie Wallace (1558).

There hasn't been a TCA tournament in Dallas since the Lone Star Open organized over a year ago by Clarence Callaway, and now Jeff Gamble writes that the Ft. Worth club "has fallen apart." Still, there are a lot of chess players in the D-FW area and it must be just a matter of time until someone there steps forward to begin organizing large tournaments. The TCA certainly hopes so, and congratulates the DCC on its steady (if unspectacular) tournament schedule.

VICTORIA - The South Texas Open held July 10 & 11 in Victoria drew 26 entries despite a week of rain that closed many highways in the area. Tournament director Carolyn Patrick did a fine job and the officers of the Victoria CC appear eager to go on to bigger and better things.

First place at this TCA Grande Prix tournament was split by Billy Patteson (2027) and Larry Moss (1881) while another strong Houston player, Lorenzo Gaskill, had 3 pts. to finish a surprising 1-1/2 games behind the leaders (surprising until you look at who he had to play, then one realizes that Lee earned the \$48 class 'A' prize--even though there weren't any other 'A's eligible!). David Naiser, who will be a junior next year at El Campo H.S., took Class 'B' with 3-1/2 pts. despite losing a drawish position to Patteson in the last round due to time pressure. Also outstanding were the performances of two Class 'D' players, Joshua Turin of McAllen and Dennis Steinmetz of Corpus Christi (who both plan to enter A&M in the fall), they scored 4 pts. each. Jon A. Capps took the 'D-E' trophy with 3 pts. while the same total made Joe Tucker the 'Unrated' winner.

Congratulations to the Victoria CC on the success of their second USCF/TCA open tournament, and I believe a thanks is also in order to the Houston CC for sending so much support.

HOUSTON - The Houston Knight Letter hasn't been published yet so I am left with the information I gained in a long distance call Sunday night (July 18) as my sum total of information on recent HCC events. John McGaughy, who was nice enough to answer the phone, said that his wife Jeanette had clinched at least a share of the Texas Womens' Championship (July 17-18) but that Nan Snapp would tie for first if she could defeat Alice Katalansky in a delayed game (it had been scheduled for the third round but one of the girls went to a wedding). Stay tuned for a full report in the next T.K.

AMARILLO - Another long distance call Sunday night led to a long conversation with Bill Snead in which he mentioned that the Tall in Texas Open (July 17-18) had 17 entries because he hadn't had enough time to publicize the event like he has in the past.

The tournament winner was Doyle Satterlee (1903), an Illinoian who has relatives in Clovis and has taken the opportunity to play in three Tall in Texas Opens in a row, with 4-1/2 pts. The top 'B' player was M. R. Hakimi (4), top 'C' was Walter Stapp (3), top 'D' was James Herrera (3), and the 'E-Unr.' winner was Tom Cage with 2 pts.

REUTER WINS TEXAS JR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

by Lindsay Phillips

Bill Reuter, a ninth grader (age 15) from Houston, won the 1976 TEXAS JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP with a perfect 5-0 score over the strongest field in the history of this event. A total of 69 players competed in two sections. The event was played at the Coates Recreation Center, Trinity University, San Antonio on June 26-27. Dr. Lindsay F. Phillips of El Paso, Texas directed the event and was ably assisted by Mr. Roy Mendoza of San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Phillips is Director of Junior Chess for the Texas Chess Association.

The event was nationally rated by the US Chess Association and sponsored by the Texas Chess Association. Church's Fried Chicken, Inc provided financial assistance and will provide the 1976 Champion, Bill Reuter, with an opportunity to compete in the 1976 US Junior Open Chess Championship to be held in August 1976 in Hartford, Conn. with all expenses paid. Mr. G.W. (Bill) Church, Jr., Chairman of the Board, has been a long time supporter of chess in Texas. His organization sponsored one of the ten strongest international tournaments ever held anywhere, the San Antonio 72 International Tournament, has agreed to provide financial support for the TEXAS JR CHAMPION each year, and is providing the support required to guarantee a \$5000 prize fund for the 1976 Southwest Open to be held Labor Day weekend at the Sheraton Inn, San Antonio, Texas.

Runner-up in the Championship Section was Kevin Hammon (Beaumont) and placing 3rd was another ninth grader, Robert Arthur, from Dallas. The top 12th Grader was Robert Reid of Richardson; top 11th Grader, David Holder of Bel Aire; top 10th Grader, J.P. Hyltin of San Antonio; and top 9th Grader, Tony Merriman of Austin. Ray Fourzan, El Paso, won the upset award by defeating the 3rd ranked player, Gregg Stanley of San Antonio, in the first round. A total of 46 players competed in the Championship Section with 9 players unrated by the USCF and 21 players holding a USCF Class B rating or better.

The Futurity Section, open to those just completing the 8th Grade or below, was won by Michael Vidaurri, a 7th Grader from San Antonio with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Placing 2nd was a 4th Grader from Houston, Jay Stallings. Robert Rausch placed 3rd. Mike Biczynski of Dallas won the top 5/6th Grade award. Biczynski defeated Ken Smith, a former US Senior Master, in a tournament in early June! What a scalp to collect at age 11 !!! The top 3/4th Grade player was Reuben Tovar of El Paso. His brother, Carlos Tovar (age 7), competed in his first event and won the top K/2 Grade award. Lynelle Phillips of El Paso won the top Girl award with a score of 3-2.

It is interesting to note that 14 players traveled 600 miles from El Paso to play in this event. This equaled the total number of players who traveled from 1/3 to 1/2 of that distance from Dallas and Houston. San Antonio provided 33 players, a turn-out of less than 25% of the USCF Jr membership in San Antonio. Despite the less-than-expected turnout, this event was still the largest and strongest Texas Jr. Championship ever held. Organizers and local leaders must strongly support this event if Texas is to develop a strong Jr Chess program which, of course, leads to strong and respected adult players. Isn't it a shame on the rest of Texas that El Paso (that part of New Mexico belonging to Texas) provided slightly over 20% of the total participation.

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TEXAS JR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

RANK	NAME	AREA	RATING	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	AWARD
1	REUTER, Bill	HOU	2035	W27	W5	W15	W11	W3	5	1st
2	HAMMON, Kevin	BEA	1966	W28	W14	L3	W15	W8	4	2nd
3	ARTHUR, Robert	DAL	1734	W44	W39	W2	W20	L1	4	3rd
4	HOLDER, David	BEL	1748	W31	D21	W9	D7	W16	4	1st 11th
5	REID, Robert	RIC	1692	W33	L1	W28	W32	W11	4	1st 12th
6	HYLTIN, J.P.	SAT	1517	L20	W40	W24	W27	W23	4	1st 10th
7	GRAY, Gary	SAT	1756	W41	D9	W12	D4	D10	3½	2nd 12th
8	WHEDBEE, Richard	SAT	1750/20	W29	D12	W21	W13	L2	3½	2nd 11th
9	HARDEN, Mark	SAT	1588/20	W38	D7	L4	W35	W20	3½	
10	RAY, Richard	ELP	1635	W40	L20	W29	W14	D7	3½	
11	GAMBLE, Jeff	HUR	1830	W25	W17	W16	L1	L5	3	
12	FOURZAN, Ray	ELP	1533	W46	D8	L7	W21	D13	3	UPSET
13	RICHARDS, Mike	HUR	1699	W45	W22	D20	L8	D12	3	
14	STOFFER, Bill	HOU	1647	W42	L2	W19	L10	W27	3	
15	WEBSTER, Brad	AMA	1722	W37	W36	L1	L2	W22	3	
16	ENGLISH, George	SAT	1606	W43	W30	L11	W26	L4	3	
17	LIGON, Jack	SAT	1616/17	W34	L11	D35	D22	W29	3	
18	HARRINGTON, Mike	JOU	1622	L36	W37	L22	W33	W28	3	
19	HOPFER, Leonard	ELP	1458	L30	W43	L14	W42	W32	3	
20	CAPPS, Stanley	DAL	1894	W6	W10	D13	L20	L9	2½	
21	RESENDIZ, Mario	SAT	1450	W23	D4	L8	L12	W35	2½	
22	CARRILLO, Francisco	ELP	UNR	W24	L13	W18	D17	L15	2½	
23	RAMOS, Felix	SAT	1760/5	L21	W31	D44	W25	L6	2½	
24	MARTINEZ, Clifford	SAT	1656/13	L22	W45	L6	W37	D26	2½	
25	LEONARD, Eric	HOU	1505	L11	D34	W39	L23	W31	2½	
26	BABB, Kelly	SEB	1575	D39	D35	W38	L16	D24	2½	
27	POPE, Alan	ABI	1571	L1	W33	W30	L6	L14	2	
28	ALBERT, Joseph	SAT	1533/14	L2	W41	L5	W36	L18	2	
29	LEINBACH, David	SAT	1427	L8	W46	L10	W43	L17	2	
30	AGUIRRE, Fred	SAT	1760/6	W19	L16	L27	L31	W38	2	
31	SPEIER, Steven B.	SEB	1419/18	L4	L23	W34	W30	L25	2	
32	TIDWELL, Steve	HOU	1622	D35	D44	W36	L5	L19	2	
33	MERRIMAN, Tony	AUS	1135/5	L5	L27	BYE	L18	W43	2	1st 9th
34	MORALES, Nick	SAT	NEW	L17	D25	L31	D38	W42	2	
35	PALERMO, Ricky	SAT	UNR	D32	D26	D17	L9	L21	1½	2nd 9th
36	HEASER, Kyle	SAT	UNR	W18	L15	L32	L28	D37	1½	
37	ELLIOT, Scott A.	AUS	1379/5	L15	L18	W40	L24	D36	1½	
38	SCHWARZ, Randall	SAT	NEW	L9	W41	L26	D34	L30	1½	
39	VASQUEZ, Clark	SAT	NEW	D26	L3	L25	D41	D40	1½	
40	GARCIA, Tony	SAT	NEW	L10	L6	L37	W45	D39	1½	
41	HUDSON, Mark	SCH	1447/10	L7	L38	L42	D39	W45	1½	
42	WHITE, Gregory	ELP	UNR	L14	L28	W41	L19	L34	1	
43	ROSTEET, Mark	HOU	NEW	L16	L19	W45	L29	L33	1	
44	WISE, Ronnie	SAT	1394	L3	D32	D23	WD	WD	1	
45	GARCIA, Roberta	ELP	1227/4	L13	L24	L43	L40	L41	0	
46	STANLEY, Gregg	SAT	1911	L12	L29	WD	WD	WD	0	



ABI=Abilene
 AMA=Amarillo
 AUS=Austin
 BEA=Beaumont (Houston Area)
 BEL=Bel Aire (Houston Area)
 DAL=Dallas
 ELP=El Paso

HOU=Houston
 HUR=Hurst (Dallas Area)
 JOU=Jourdonton (San Antonio Area)
 RIC=Richardson (Dallas Area)
 SAT=San Antonio
 SCH=Schertz (San Antonio Area)
 SEB=Seabrook (Houston Area)

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1976 TEXAS JR FUTURITY CHAMPIONSHIP

NAME	GRADE	AREA	RATING	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	AWARD
VIDAURRI, Michael	7th	SAT	1214/6	W18	W9	W7	W2	D5	4½	1st
STALLINGS, Jay	4th	HOU	1199/11	W16	W4	W8	L1	W7	4	2nd
RAUSCH, Robert	7th	SAT	1193/6	W21	W5	W6	L4	W14	4	3rd
GAMBOA, Diego	8th	SAT	1282/13	W17	L2	W20	W3	W8	4	
KELFER, Max	8th	SAT	1371/6	W11	L3	W13	W12	D1	3½	
GARCIA, Robert G.	8th	SAT	1226/12	D13	W14	L3	W10	W15	3½	
BICZYNSKI, Michael	6th	DAL	1263	W22	W12	L1	W11	L2	3	1st 5/6
SOSA, Juan	8th	SAT	1238/6	W19	W20	L2	W9	L4	3	
HAYDEN, Charles	8th	SAT	NEW	W14	L1	W15	L8	W18	3	
TRISTAN, Joe	8th	SAT	NEW	W15	L13	W17	L6	W16	3	
BENNETT, James	7th	ELP	1099/4	L5	W21	W16	L7	W20	3	
PHILLIPS, Lynelle	8th	ELP	1190	W23	L7	W22	L5	W17	3	1st GIRL
CABALLERO, Eddie	8th	SAT	NEW	D6	W10	L5	L14	W23	2½	
MEJIA, Armando	7th	SAT	1204/6	L9	L6	W21	W13	L3	2	
LACY, Billy	8th	ELP	1135/4	L10	W19	L9	W20	L6	2	
RAMIREZ, Carlos	8th	SAT	NEW	L2	W18	L11	W21	L10	2	
ROBERTS, Michael	7th	SAT	1079/6	L4	BYE	110	W22	L12	2	
PHILLIPS, Len	5th	ELP	1118	L1	L16	BYE	W19	L9	2	2nd 5/6
TOVAR, Reuben	3rd	ELP	UNR	L8	L15	W23	L18	BYE	2	1st 3/4
COLYER, Anthony	7th	SAT	855/6	BYE	L8	L4	L15	L11	1	
TOVAR, Carlos	1st	ELP	NEW	L3	L11	L14	L16	W22	1	1st K/2
PHILLIPS, Lorilei	6th	ELP	UNR	L7	W23	L12	L17	L21	1	2nd GIRL
TOVAR, Monica	5th	ELP	NEW	L12	L22	L19	BYE	L13	1	

ELP=El Paso
DAL=Dallas

HOU=Houston
SAT=San Antonio

FOR THE RECORD



The Key to

SUCCESS



Bill Reuter confidently answering Robert Arthur

TWO POINTS AT TRINITY U.

by Bill Reuter

1976 Texas Junior Champs., San Antonio
Bill Reuter (2035) - Robert Reid (1692)
Sicilian Defense (in Round 2)

1. PK4	PQB4	11. PQR3	NxB+	21. RB4(c)	KB2	31. KK3	BN2
2. NKB3	NQB3	12. QxN	QR4	22. RxP	RQ1	32. RxRP	BB3
3. PQ4	PxP	13. 0-0	BxN	23. BQ6	BN2	33. RxR+	BxR
4. NxP	NKB3	14. PQN4!!(a)	BxP	24. RQN3	RQ2	34. RN7	KK1
5. NQB3	PK3	15. PxB	QxP	25. PQB4	PQB4	35. RR7	PxP?
6. BK3	BN5	16. KRN1	QB5(b)	26. RN5	BK5	36. PxP	RB3
7. BQ3	PQ4	17. QR3	PQ5	27. KB2	RQB1	37. KB4	RN3
8. NxN	PxN	18. RN4	QB6	28. PKN3	BQ6	38. KN5	RN5?
9. PK5	NQ2	19. QxQ	PxQ	29. RR4	BB7	39. RB8	Mate
10. PKB4	NQB4!	20. BB5	PKB3	30. RR3	BK5		

(a) If White recaptures the bishop either way he gets a bad game, so I decided to sac two pawns to get the more active pieces.

(b) Better is QK5; if 17. QR3, PQ5; 18. BB2, PQB4; 19. QxP, BQN2; 20. QN5+, BB3; 21. QKB1 and Black's on top.

(c) Black is in a strait jacket the rest of the game.

1976 Texas Junior Champs., San Antonio
Bill Reuter (2035) - Jeff Gamble (1830)
Nimzovitch Attack (in Round 4)

1. NKB3	PQB4	12. QK2	KNK4	23. RB7+!!(d)	KN1	34. R6Q6	RKB1
2. PQN3	PQ4	13. PKB4	NKN5	24. QB3	QR5	35. RxBP	BR6?
3. BN2(a)	PKB3	14. NB2	PK4	25. NK4	BR7+	36. RB7+	KR1
4. PQB4	PQ5	15. BPxP	BxP(c)	26. KR1	BK4(e)	37. RxP+	KxR
5. PK4!	NB3	16. PxP	QBxP	27. QB2	QR4	38. RK7+	KR1
6. PQ3	PKN3?	17. BQ5+	KN2	28. NB6+	BxN	39. QxB+	QxQ
7. PKN3	BN2	18. BxN	PxB	29. RxB	BB4+	40. KxQ	RB7
8. BN2	NR3?(b)	19. PKR3	NK6	30. QR2	QB6+	41. BR3	RxRP
9. 0-0	0-0	20. NxN	BxRP	31. QN2	QxP	42. BxP and Black	
10. QNQ2	NKB2	21. NB5+!!	RxN	32. RK1	RQB1	soon	
11. NK1	PKB4	22. RxR	BxP	33. KR2	KN2	resigned.	

(a) Better is PK3 preventing Black from obtaining a big center (Petrosian-Fischer).

(b) Better is PK4, followed by NK2.

(c) Better is KNxP.

(d) If KxR, QB3+ followed by QxB and Black has an exposed king and weak queenside pawns as well as being a piece down.

(e) Editor: If BK3, White wins with QB6. Good luck to Bill and I'm sure he will represent Texas well at the 1976 U.S. Junior Open in Connecticut.



Games

All annotations by Gary Simms unless noted otherwise.

1976 Houston Open Robert Atlas (2076) - Olin Chism (1933) Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4	Nf6	9. Bb2	c5	17. d5(b)	Nc5	25. Qa5(f)	ab5
2. c4	e6	10. Qe2	cd	18. de	Ne6	26. Qh5	Bc6
3. Nf3	b6	11. ed	Rc8	19. Bf5	a6(c)	27. Nf7+	Kg8
4. e3	Bb7	12. Rac1	Re8	20. Nf7!	Rd1+	28. Qh7+	Kf7
5. Bd3	Be7	13. Rfd1	dc	21. Rd1	Nf4	29. Qg7	Mate(g)
6. 0-0	0-0	14. bc(a)	Qc7	22. Qe7	Re8(d)		
7. Nc3	d5	15. Ne5	Red8	23. Nh6+!	Kh8		
8. b3	Nbd7	16. Nb5	Qb8	24. Qf6!!(e)	Nh5		

(a) If Black can restrain these "hanging pawns," they can become a definite liability. But their latent strength cannot be overlooked.

(b) Now White's bishops are freed for all sorts of possibilities.

(c) Overlooking White's plan.

(d) Planning to play 23...Kf7 after White retreats his queen.

(e) Another possibility is 24. Qf7 with double threats of 25. Qg8+! and 26. Bf6.

(f) 25. Qf7!

(g) A very incisive game by Mr. Atlas!

(Editor: Robert Atlas' Houston Open Championship coupled with his strong third place showing at the Golden Gate Open in California will make him a USCF Master.)

1976 Houston Open (Reserve Section) Bill Snead (1782) - Pete Prattes (1440) King's Indian Defense

1. d4	Nf6	10. g4	Ne8	19. g5	Nfe4	28. h5	Bf5
2. c4	g6	11. h4	a5	20. Ne4	Ne4	29. h6+	Kf6
3. Nc3	Bg7	12. Nh3	b6	21. Be4	Re4	30. Nh7+	Ke7
4. e4	d6	13. 0-0-0	Nc5	22. gh	Rc4+	31. Bg5+	Kd7
5. Be2	0-0	14. Rdg1	Nf6?	23. Kbl	Bf5+	32. Bd8	Rd8
6. Bg5	h6	15. f3	Ne8	24. Kal	Rc2!	33. Ng5	Rh8
7. Be3	e5	16. f4	ef	25. Ng5+	Kg8?(c)	34. Nf7	Rh7
8. d5	Nbd7	17. Bf4	Nf6(b)	26. Qc2(d)	Bc2	35. Ng5	Black
9. Qd2	Kh7(a)	18. Bf3	Re8	27. hg7	Kg7		Resigns

(a) Barden, Hartston, and Keene give 9...h5! in their King's Indian book.

(b) Realy, Pete! Nf6-e8-f6-e8-f6?

(c) The bolt from the blue was 25...Qg5!; now White's best is 26. Rg5, Bb2+; 27. Kbl, Rd2+; 28. Rf5, gf5; 29. Bd2 and both sides have weak pawns, but Black has two more!

(d) 26. h7+, Kf8; 27. Ne6+, fe6; 28. Bh6! is almost a brilliancy but after 28...Ke7!; appears not quite sufficient.

1976 Houston Open (Reserve Section) Michael Flewelling (1724) - Eric Leonard (1558) French Defense

1. PK4	PK3	8. NB3	PQB4	15. PB6	NxP	22. KRN2	BN2
2. PQ4	PQ4	9. QQ2	NQB3	16. PxP	RQ1	23. NR6	RxR
3. NQB3	NKB3	10. 0-0-0	PQR3	17. NK4	QK6	24. RxR	RKB1
4. BKN5	BK2	11. PKN4	PQN4	18. NB6+	KxP	25. BQ3	PB4
5. PK5	KNQ2	12. PxP	QxP	19. NxN	QxQ+	26. PR4	RB3
6. BxB	QxB	13. PB5	NxP	20. RXQ	KR1	27. RN8	Mate
7. PB4	0-0	14. NxN	NxN	21. QRN1	RKN1		

N.T.S.U. - U.T.A. Match, Arlington
Fred Payne (2016) - Wayne Bell (1882)

Benoni Defense (on first board)

1. PQ4	NKB3	11. NQ2	RK1	21. PxP	PxP	31. RKB1	RK2(g)
2. PQB4	PB4	12. O-0	PQN3	22. NK3	BR3?(e)	32. RB6!	KB1?
3. PQ5	PK3	13. PK4	RN1	23. PB4!	PxP	33. RxRP(a)	PB4
4. NQB3	PxP	14. QB2	QB2	24. BxP	NKN3	34. QR4	RKN2
5. PxP	PQ3	15. QKR1	NK4	25. BR5	PB6?!	35. RR8+	RN1
6. BN5	QNQ2(a)	16. PKR3(b)	PKR3	26. NB5	NxB	36. QB6+	NB2
7. PK3	PKN3	17. BR4?(c)	PKN4	27. RxN	PxN!	37. RR7	RQN2
8. NB3	BN2	18. BN3	N3Q2	28. QxP	NK4	38. BxN	Black
9. BK2	PQR3	19. KR1	PB5	29. QKB2	QBB1?(f)		Resigns.
10. PQR4	O-0	20. NQ1	PQN4(d)	30. NxB	KxN		

(a) A common strategy here is 6...PKR3; 7. BR4, PKN4; 8. BN3, NR4; trading off the bishop.

(b) Keeping Black's pieces from KN4 in preparation for 17. PB4.

(c) Now 17. BxN, BxB; 18. PB4, NQ2; 19. PK5, PxP; 20. PB5! gives White a very strong attack.

(d) Now Black starts getting pushy on the Q-side.

(e) Since White appears intent on occupying KB5, Black should use this bishop as a defender.

(f) 29...QQ1!?!; 30. NxB, KxN; 31. RxP+, NxR; 32. QxN+, KR1; 33. QB4, RK2; and Black seems to hold together.

(g) 31...RN2!; 32. RB6, RR1.

(h) Now White's attack is unstoppable.

National Chess League, Chicago vs. Houston
Andrew Karklins (2188) - Larry Englebretson (2081)

Sicilian Defense

1. PK4	PQB4	9. NN3	QB2	17. QB3	PQ4?(f)	25. NN5+	KN2
2. NKB3	NQB3	10. BK2	PQ3	18. PxQP	NK1	26. RxP+(j)	RxR
3. PQ4	PxP	11. PB4	PQR4	19. PxP	RPxP(g)	27. NK6+	KN1
4. NxP	PKN3	12. PQR4(c)	BK3	20. NK4	NQ3(h)	28. NxQ	BxR
5. NQB3	BN2	13. PB5	BxN	21. NN5	NB4	29. NxR	KxN
6. BK3	NB3	14. PxB	NQN5(d)	22. QR3	NKR3	30. QxR	BK6+
7. BQB4	QR4(a)	15. RB1	QQ1(e)	23. NK4	KR2(i)	31. KB1	Black
8. O-0	O-0(b)	16. BQB4	RB1	24. BxN	BxB		Resigns

(a) 7...NQR4 allows 8. BxP+!, KxB; 9. PK5, e.g. 9...NK1; 10. NK6!, KxN; 11. QQ5+, KB4; 12. PN4+, and Black's in a heap of trouble. Reshevsky himself fell into a similar trap against Fischer in the U.S. Championship 1958/59.

(b) 8...QN5?; 9. BN3, NxP; 10. NxKN, NxN; 11. BxP+ (11. PQB3?, NK7+; 12. QxN, QxN), KxB; 12. NN5+, KN1; 13. PQB3, QxNP; 14. BxN, threatening 15. BxB, KxB; 16. QQ4+, KN1; 17. NB7!.

(c) Now Black has secured for his knight a post on the queenside, but he must be very careful because he removes it from possible defense of the kingside.

(d) Since White has weakened his K5, Black should consider 14...NK4.

(e) Losing a move, but he can hardly allow the discovered attack on his Q.

(f) Black decides it's now or never!

(g) 19...BPxP; 20. PQ6+, KR1 (RxB!?) looks good, but 21. QR3, RxR+; 22. RxR, RB3; 23. QR6+, KR1; 24. PxP!, RxQ; 25. RB8+, BxR; 26. PxB=Q Mate squelches that).

Also in this line 20...KR1; 21. QxR+, BxQ; 22. RxB+, KN2; 23. RN8+, KB3; 24. RB1+, KK4; 25. BB4+, KQ5; 26. RQ1+, KB4; 27. BK3+KB3; 28. BN5 Mate or 25...KB4; 26. BN3+, KN4; 27. NK4+, KR4; 28. BK2+, KR3; 29. BB4+, PN4; 30. BxP Mate.

(h) 20...BxP; 21. PQ6, BxR; 22. BxP+, NK2; 23. BQ4+, KR2; 24. QR3+, BR3; 25. NN5 severely constricts Black!

(i) Why not repeat moves, you say? But something has changed! After 23...NB4, 24. RxN!, PxR; 25. NN5, Black is dead.

(j) The cruncher.

(k) As Fred King used to say, "School ist aus!"

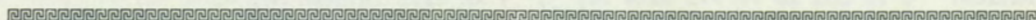
Zonal Playoff Match, El Paso, 1-2-76
 Ruth Herstein (1982) - Ruth Inez Orton (1939)
 Larsen's Opening

1. b3 e5	9. Bc6 bc6	17. Qf4 Qd6	25. Qf2 Rb8
2. Bb2 Nc6	10. Nc3 Nf6	18. Qg5 Ne4	26. Rf1? Re3!
3. e3 d5	11. 0-0-0 Ba3?	19. Ne4 Re4	27. Kb1 Re7
4. Bb5 Bd6	12. fe5! Bb2+	20. Qh5 c5!	28. Qg3 Rf8
5. f4 Qe7!	13. Kb2 Qe5	21. dc5 Qc5	29. R5f6? Qa3
6. Nf3 Bg4!?	14. d4! Qe6	22. Rf5 c6	30. White
7. h3 Bf3	15. Rhf1? 0-0	23. Qf3 Qe7	Resigns
8. Qf3 a6!?	16. Rde1 Rae8	24. c3 a5!	

3rd Hunter Weeks Memorial, Memphis, Tennessee
 Ronald Minor (1944) - Ruth Inez Orton (1901)
 Modern Defense

1. e4 d6	6. h3 b5	11. Qb3 de5	16. Ng5 0-0
2. d4 Nf6	7. Qd2 b4	12. de5 Be5	17. Qh4? h6
3. Nc3 g6	8. Na4 Qa5	13. Bc4 Nd6	18. White
4. Be2 Bg7	9. e5 Ne4	14. Nf3 Nc4	Resigns
5. Be3 c6	10. Qd3 Bf5	15. Qc4 Bg7	

Editor: Mrs. Orton will represent the Southwest at the U.S. Womens' Chess Championship, July 11-25, 1976, at Teton Village, Wyoming.



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PLACE: Sheraton San Antonio Motor Inn , 1400 Austin Highway (Highway 81). This is approximately 2 miles south of Loop 410 on the Northeastern part of San Antonio. Special rates for Chess Players: 1 guest \$16.00, 2 guests \$22.00, over 2 \$5.00 extra. For reservations call (512) 824-5371. In the meantime we would like to point out that the Mexican Trade Fair is to be held in San Antonio during the same weekend. 15,000 hotel rooms have already been spoken for in this area. The Sheraton San Antonio has agreed to hold a block of 40 rooms till 6 PM Sat, Sep 4. Chess Players are urged to make their reservations as early as possible. We would like to point out that this Motor Inn is a vacation resort in itself. Do you have a Mark Spitz in the family? There are 2 swimming pools, 1 Olympic size and 1 regular. For the families with a future Jimmy Connors or a Chris Evert there are 4 asphalt Tennis Courts. Last but not least for the future Arnie Palmer's and the Lee Trevino's there is a 9 hole golf course. These facilities are free to all registered guests. So while you are coping with the frustrations and problems of the chess board, your family can really enjoy itself.

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Time, Space, Money

CALENDAR

Aug. 7-13

7th Annual North American Open
Stillwater, Oklahoma

12-SS, TL 50/150, at the Circus Rm. of the O.S.U. Student Union, Stillwater, OK. Dorm rooms available for \$9-\$11.50. EF: \$30, USCF req. PRIZES: \$3,000 total, winner gets \$200 plus his class prize; Masters \$200-\$150, Experts \$200-150-100-75, 'A' \$200-150-100-75, 'B' \$200-150-75-50, 'C' \$175-125-75-50, 'D' and below \$150-100-50, Unrated \$125-75. REG: 12-3 p.m., Sat. RDS: first at 5 p.m., Sat., then two rds. per day at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. (except Friday has only the 9 a.m. rd.). TD: Larry Broukal. ENT: John Acken, P.O. Box 772, Stillwater, OK 74074.

Aug. 21

Free Shake Open
Bronte

3-SS, 45/2, at the Community Center, Oliver St. (east end), Bronte. Rooms at the Motel Victor are \$6.50 while they last. EF: \$10 if received by 8-14-76, \$12.50 at site, USCF & TCA req. PRIZES: Based on 30 entries; first \$40 and trophy, second \$25 and trophy, 'A' \$30-15, 'B' \$30-15, 'C' \$30-15, 'D/E/Unr' \$30-15. REG: 8-9 a.m., Sat. RDS: 9:30-2-7. ENT: Billy Hamilton, Box 97a, Bronte, TX 76933. This is a TCA sponsored tournament.

Aug. 28-29

Houston Junior Championship

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GRANDE PRIX EVENT

September 4-6

43rd Annual Southwest Open
San Antonio

7-SS, see details on page 3 of this T.K. Please remember to attend the TCA Business Meeting on Saturday from 6-7 p.m.--this is when next year's TCA officers and tournament sites will be decided.

Our thanks to Bill Church and Church's Fried Chicken for adding \$1,000 to this year's S.W. Open prize fund. This makes the total fund \$5,000!

July 30-Aug 1 Cordova-Thurman, El Paso
July 31-Aug 1 Okla. City Open
July 31-Aug 1 Houston 'C' Champs
Aug 7-8 Houston 'B' Champs
Aug 7-13 No. American Open, Oklahoma
Aug 14-15 TCA Gold Star Date
Aug 15-27 1976 U.S. Open, VA.
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Aug 28-29 Houston Jr. Champs
*Sept. 4-6 S.W. Open, San Antonio
Sept. 11 TCA Gold Star Date
Sept. 25 CCEP Sat. Quad #5
*Sept. 25-26 Grimes Co. Open, Navasota
Oct 9 National Chess Day
*Oct 23-24 Amarillo Fall Open
Nov 13 CCEP Sat Quad #6
*Nov 13-14 So. Plains Open, Lubbock
Nov 20-21 TCA Gold Star Date
*Nov 27-28 Texas Open, CorpusChristi
*Dec 4-5 Amarillo Dec. Open
Dec 11 CCEP Tornado #8
Feb 12-13 El Paso Open
Aug 13-26 1977 U.S. Open, El Paso

OCT. 9

National Chess Day

All organizers are asked to help make the USCF's first "National Chess Day" a success by having some "open door" event such as a free tourney, exhibition, or combination of events and trying to get chess publicity.

GRANDE PRIX EVENT

Sept. 25-26

3rd Annual Grimes County Open

5-SS, 40/90, at Old Navasota High School Cafeteria across from Dairy Queen. The Vanguard Motel provides inexpensive rooms. EF: \$10 if received by 9-18-76, \$15 at site, USCF & TCA req. PRIZES: Trophy and \$100 guaranteed for first, plus trophies (and cash as entries permit) to Top 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D/E', and Unr. REG: 8-9:30 a.m., Sat. RDS: 10-2:30-7, 9-1:30. ENT: John Garcia, P.O. Box 704, Navasota, TX 77868.

Nov. 27-28

1976 Texas Open
Corpus Christi

5-SS, at Hilton Inn, 6255 IH37, Corpus Christi, TX 78409. PRIZES: \$2500 based on 100 entries, more details later.

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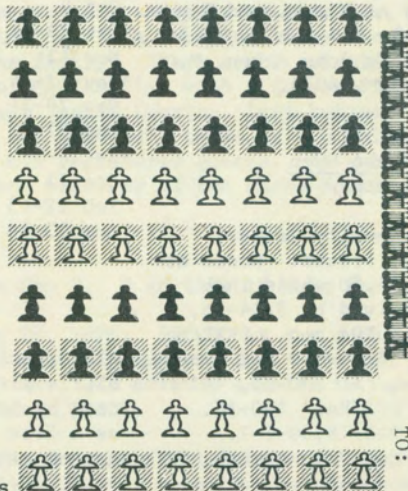
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