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The West Texans Play Chess!

West Texans may not challenge the Russians for awhile but they are making a name for themselves as active organizers and players of chess.

Besides the Texas Open (11-75) at Lake Brownwood and the recently completed Texas Championship held at Midland, there are two more outstanding tournaments already on tap for the western side of our state.

El Paso hosts its annual Open Feb. 14-16 and expects 125 entries and a \$2,000 prize fund. Many strong out-of-state players will be at this one, so if a couple of the state's east side masters can make the trip this tourney will be exceptionally strong.

Lubbock will mark the passing of a TCA leader and truly fine individual with the Dr. Ralph S. Underwood Memorial March 12-14. Organizer David Thomas is working very hard to make this open tournament a success--and the Lubbock Chess Association has guaranteed a \$1,000 prize fund. Friends and acquaintances of the late professor are especially urged to attend.



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING

According to U.S. Chess Federation guidelines, tournaments over 70 miles distant from one another are not in conflict. This is fine for metropolitan areas with large chessplayer reserves to draw upon. However, there are not many cities in Texas that can attract a large number of entries without depending, at least in part, on outside players. It is, therefore, incumbent upon us to work together in the area of tournament scheduling.

Advance scheduling by organizers is the obvious solution to this problem. That is why Texas Knights publishes a T.C.A. Calendar.

Organizers are supposed to send a schedule of their tournaments to the T.C.A. Vice President as far in advance of the tournaments as they possibly can. The T.C.A. Vice President is supposed to let the organizers know if they may be running into a conflict, work out a solution and then present a unified T.C.A. Calendar for at least bi-monthly publication in Texas Knights.

Unfortunately, the editor has yet to receive a T.C.A. Calendar from the Vice President. I do, however, receive notices from enough organizers and other T.C.A. officials so that there has been and will continue to be a working T.C.A. Calendar.

Let me urge all organizers to send in their tournament announcements to Texas Knights whether or not the planned tournament will require T.C.A. membership. Only by having a complete Calendar can major conflicts be avoided.

Actually the T.C.A. has no power to force anyone to change a tournament date. We can only suggest, and publicize what has already been planned. One exception is that we will not publicize non-T.C.A. tournaments that conflict with T.C.A. required tourneys.

Another 'please note' to organizers: the T.C.A. Gold Star Dates are open to any club activity that you wish to hold on those days and we will be happy to publicize your plans for these dates in Texas Knights.

Lindsay Phillips, Director of Texas Junior Chess, suggests the Gold Star weekends as excellent times to host junior tournaments. A good plan is to have a free tourney (no entry fee or prizes so the high schoolers' amateur status will not be jeopardized) open to any junior who wishes to pay the \$2.50 price for U.S.C.F. membership so he can be rated. This special U.S.C.F. membership price does not get them a subscription to Chess Life & Review, but most beginners just want to play, not study, chess--give them a chance!

Ken Hackney, Director of the 1974 and 1975 Texas Correspondence Championships, is undecided about 1976 except that he is sure that the tournament will no longer require membership in the Correspondence Chess League of America. Ken is working on a T.C.A. Postal Rating System and will announce his plans for 1976 in the next issue to Texas Knights--unfortunately, a few late entries for the 1975 T.C.C.C. had to be turned away as there were not enough to make a full section. Stay tuned, gentlemen, we also plan to run a complete crosstable of the T.C.C.C. Sections that are now beginning to get finished.

A final word about scheduling remains to be said. The Grande Prix Program is a system that allows T.C.A. to build up a fund each year that is awarded to the T.C.A. member who gains the most Grande Prix Points that year. Any organizer wishing to make one or more of his tournaments a Grande Prix Event must send \$25 for the fund to the T.C.A. Secretary-Treasurer plus the tournament results so that each contestant will be credited with the proper number of points according to his final won-lost record and tournament standing. Organizers of Grande Prix events should remember to mention in all their tournament announcements that theirs is a Grande Prix Event--especially in their announcement sent to the T.C.A. Editor. Grande Prix Tournaments are always given the best publicity coverage possible by the Texas Knights, and usually attract several strong players (who seek out Grande Prix Points wherever they can be found!) that might not otherwise have attended. It is hoped that two Grande Prix Tournaments will be held in each T.C.A. Region every year.

WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT FROM CHESS?

Reprint from Chess Digest

at suggestion of Ken Smith, USCF Life Master

Smith:"(1) What are your lifetime goals as far as chess is concerned? (2) What are you going to accomplish in the next 5 years in playing and studying? (3) If you were going to stop studying in one year, what would you do till then? (4) What are some of the shortcut methods to chess mastership? It is time to stop and take stock. The basic resource that each person has is how much time there is for play and study.

"I have been teaching chess for nearly 32 years now--in schools, clubs, by mail, and individual lessons. I have worked with some of the strongest grandmasters in the world and some of the dumbest amateurs. There is one thing that I am sure of: ANYONE CAN BECOME A CHESS MASTER or IF HE IS OVER 35 YEARS OLD CAN BECOME A STRONG EXPERT (a master in strength, but not rating). IT DEPENDS ON THE TIME YOU HAVE TO PLAY AND STUDY CHESS.

"Inject age and talent into the discussion and I can give you a general formula--chess strength is: 50 percent studying and playing, 25 percent talent and 25 percent age.

"Where is your weakness? If you are lacking in talent then you have to study and play about 25 percent more to keep up with someone that is said to have 'natural talent.' If you are over the age of 35 and under 60 you must study and play about 25 percent more to overcome your age handicap.

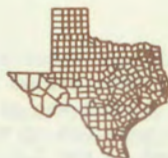
"Generalization you say!?!--different for different people. Yes, to some extent; but this formula is very close to the actual percent. I assure you it works and say to you: YOU CAN ACHIEVE YOUR CHESS GOALS NO MATTER THE EXTENT OF YOUR TALENT OR WHAT AGE BRACKET YOU ARE IN.

"Now would you please go back and reread the first paragraph of this article. I want you to think about the four questions. I am going to help you with each in the coming months (in Chess Digest)."

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LONE STAR ROUNDUP



CORRECTIONS. The purpose of the Lone Star Roundup is to list in chronological order all the recent chess news closely affecting Texas that the editor can get his hands on--unfortunately I sometimes lay my meathooks on incorrect information or information that is incomplete or information that needs periodic updating.

Incorrect information given in the last issue of Texas Knights was that Ron Henley lost only to Spencer Lucas in TCA chess during 1975--actually he also lost to Mike Condon, at an Austin tournament, and finished fourth rather than first there. Ron still won the 1975 Grande Prix \$275.

Also incorrect was the Sept.-Oct. issue's listing of "D. Stallard" as a winner at Wichita Falls; this should have been Dr. Walter Stapp.

I was guilty of printing incomplete information in the last issue by failing to note that Lynne Babcock does admit (under duress) to being editor of the Houston Knight Letter.

A needed update is that the price of the German Boxwood Chess Sets advertized in T.K. by Bill Wood, Box 51126 O.C.S., Lafayette, La. 70501 has been raised to \$27.95 (write him for a current list of prices on other equipment). Also, Andy Lattu called to say that the MM Chess Course has very little connection now with John Hall and that the Midland Chess Club is very disappointed in the quality of the courses which were advertized back in the Sept.-Oct. Texas Knights.

Whew! Anybody got anything else?

AUSTIN - The Austin Chess Club hosted the River City Open on October 11-12. The tournament was won by Cesar Parreiras-Horta with a 5-0 score.

In the Austin Team Chess Fall League, the Anarchists won their fifth consecutive League Championship with a 7-2 score. Playing for the Anarchists were Michael Condon, Cesar Parreiras-Horta, Richard Sansing, Dan Boeka, Eiffel Bermea-Silva, John Maynard, and Fernando Chiang. Board prizes went to Alan Laverty of the second place Austin Celtics, Cesar Parreiras-Horta, and Larry Fulbright, also of the Celtics.

Thanks to Richard Sansing, Vice President of the UT Chess Club, for sending us this news.

LAKE BROWNWOOD - A full report on the 1975 Texas Open and Team Championship, Nov. 28-30, appears elsewhere in this issue.

Congratulations are in order to its organizers--Bill McCarty, Gary Rogers, and Boyd Rogers (and all the others whose names I don't happen to know) for their fine efforts on behalf of Texas Chess.

HOUSTON - Lynne Babcock reports that Ron Henley won the Houston City Championship with a 4 1/2-1/2 score while Don Renshaw took the Consolation Swiss.

David Babcock, Ron Henley, and Bill Reuter all scored 3 1/2-1/2 to win the HCC Heat Wave directed by Larry Englebretson.

Henley traveled to Santa Monica, California, for the Thanksgiving weekend where he must have had a very nice time at the annual American Open. He finished third out of more than 400 entries.

KINGSVILLE - The Second Javelina Open was held Nov. 15 and this one was also directed by Bruce Payne. There were 16 entrants.

Tom Weaver won the top section with 3 pts. while Lou Thurston of Kingsville and Roger Patrick of Victoria had 2-1.

Dennis Steinmetz of Corpus Christi and Don McBride of Sinton tied for the reserve section trophy at 2-1/2 while Del Starr of Corpus had 2 pts. for clear third.

CORPUS CHRISTI - The top section of the club's three-round Christmas Open, Dec. 27, was won by Bill Wheeler with a perfect score. Mark Grohman finished second while third place saw a four-way deadlock between John Bob Payne, Tom Weaver, Joe Medina, and Ed Mohn.

The booster section also saw a quadruple tie as Art Kirby, Dennis Steinmetz, Raul Salinas, and Joe Thatcher all had 2 pts. to share first place.

The local educational television station carried a 12-1/2 minute interview with Tom Weaver, Dennis Steinmetz, and Ed Mohn about chess on 'Speakers Stump,' Jan. 12.

DALLAS - Tom Cunningham writes:

"At the 5-round Swiss held by the Dallas Chess Club on December 27-28, 1975, 22 players participated. The result was a 3-way tie at 4-1 between Thomas L. Cunningham (1938), Stanley Bond Capps (1733) and Carlos Santillan (Unr). Dr. Leon Poliakoff (1893) of Bonham was a clear fourth at 3 1/2-1 1/2. Six players scored 3-2. All of the top four players were undefeated. Cunningham and Capps both drew with Santillan and Poliakoff; Poliakoff also had an additional draw. Santillan is a new face in the Dallas area, having recently moved here from Peru.

"Tom, the Dallas Chess Club is appreciative of the publicity given our tournament in the Dec.-Jan. issue. Only by continued cooperation and goodwill can both organizations prosper. I hope it was something you will continue, and not only 'to show our Christmas Spirit,' a comment not necessarily made in good taste."

Editor's Note: Texas Knights doesn't mind carrying occasional non-TCA tournament announcements as long as they don't conflict with tournaments that do require TCA membership.

EL PASO - The Chess Club of El Paso has been so active recently that I hardly know where to begin...Lindsay Phillips deserves credit for much of this I'm sure.

The Federation Internationale de Echecs Zone 5 playoff to determine the second U.S. representative to the FIDE Womens' Interzonal Tournament began in El Paso on December 28. It finished with Ruth Orton of Arkansas topping Ruth Herstein from California by a 3-1 margin. Lindsay was very impressed by the competitors, and so am I after learning a little about their backgrounds.

Miss Herstein was born in Holland and presently resides in Los Angeles. She holds graduate degrees in both physics and chemistry, and is an experienced computer programmer. From 1966 to 1973, Miss Herstein played little tournament chess but in 1974 played Board 2 on the U.S. Womens' Olympic Team. Her trainer is Mr. Julius Loftson, a well known California master.

Mrs. Orton, the former Miss Ruth Haring, has exploded upon U.S. Womens' Chess the past two years. In 1974, as a rather young (19) and inexperienced (4 years of competition) player, she blew right past all but one of her more experienced competitors to place second at the U.S. Womens' Championship. In 1975, she repeated the performance and tied with Miss Herstein thus setting up the playoff for the remaining U.S. representative's spot in the Interzonal. Her husband, Bill Orton, is very active in Arkansas chess and is near expert strength as a player. Mrs. Orton is a junior at Arkansas State College and has already received special recognition for her efforts to teach chess in the elementary schools of Fayetteville.

Most of the above information came from the CCEP Knight Beat but in a telephone conversation Lindsay went on to say that both Ruths are fine people though not terrifically strong chessplayers. He said that Mrs. Orton in particular has a good attitude toward life, she can win or lose at chess and take it in easy stride. When asked how she would do at the Interzonal, her comment was typical, "Some I can beat and some I can't." She always tries to do her best.

A guy who is doing pretty well for himself and American chess dropped in to the El Paso Hilton to give a simultaneous exhibition and lecture back on December 17. The young man's name is Walter Browne and he proved to be a very entertaining speaker and, of course, a rather strong player. The speed with which he played the openings was remarkable and his single loss, to Dr. Saul Gonzales, was more than balanced by 21 victories, no draws.

The CCEP is now in the process of bidding for the 1977 U.S. Open. They need to raise enough money to insure the USCF against up to a \$5,000 loss. Half this money must be in the bank before the next USCF Business Meeting.

SAN ANTONIO - W. Poundstone Jackson writes:

"First for the results of the Jan. 3-4 tournament: John Cline (2214) tied with Blake Stevens (2036) with 4-1/2 points each. Cline got first on median points and so got the trophy. Eugene Kohnitz took first 'A,' Louis Thurston took first 'B,' Jaime Paredes took first 'C,' Altan Kartaltep took first 'D/E,' Robert Craft took first Un-rated.

"Biggest 'upset' game came in the final round when Louis Thurston (1789) held Cline (425 points higher rating) to a draw.

"Out of 45 participants, 19 were 'Class B' players, 2 'Class A,' one Expert and one Master. So it was a good tournament.

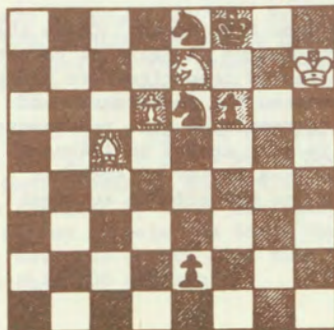
"Now--about me. Yes I have definitely retired from Directing, particularly by myself with the possible exception of the US Air Force for whom I have directed tournaments during the past two years. If requested, I will continue with that because they do all the registering and all I have to do is pair players and make decisions regarding play.

"For the benefit of 'Texas Knights' I'll say this - the Tournament Director's life is not an easy one and he deserves all the cooperation he can get from the players. It doesn't help things to have someone always challenging the pairings, assignments of colors, etc. - The TD does the best he can and in many cases his job is a thankless one. You've really got to be a public spirited citizen to be a TD - and that goes for most TD's in our District. In the East some of them do it for a living and that's a different thing. I've enjoyed the associations during my tournaments and for a long time it was fun (even though it was work) - but now, at age 72, the work gets harder and the fun gets less so I'm leaving it to you younger fellows to carry the banner. Of course, I'll continue to play in tournaments in my humble 'Class D' category."

Mate in Five -

ROBERT BRIEGER

- It's Nasty Knight Time Again



For those poor lost souls who are still trying to figure out Brieger's last witticism - try moving Nf6 forcing black to play Ke7, then promote your pawn to a knight and black is checkmated no matter which of the four legal moves he makes.

This month's lulu goes 1. Ng6+, Kf7;
2. Nh8+, Kf8; 3. d7+, Nc5;; 4. Ng6+, Kf7;
5. d8=N, Mate.

LAKE BROWNWOOD: CLOSE UP

by Bill McCarty

Friday:

Activities were slow during the first day of the weekend Lake Brownwood chess festival as the Texas Team Congress was a disappointment to the organizers. The Lubbock Chess Association sent a reasonably strong entry (7026) and were faced with competing against makeshift teams from Denton-Abilene, Waco-El Paso, and Midland-Odessa. Lubbock's star was David Thomas (2171) who swept first board with his most serious competition coming from Odessa's Nathan Cypert (1913). Cypert, the 1974 state amateur titleist, carried the play to Thomas and suffered defeat when caught in the fangs of a mating net during time pressure.

Cypert (W) - Thomas (B)		1. Nf3	Nf6	2. d4	g6	3. b3	Bg7	4. Bb2
d6	5. g3	Nbd7	6. Bg2	c6	7. 0-0	0-0	8. h3	Qc7
e5	10. de	de	11. Nc4	Nd5	12. e4	Nd5b6	13. Ba3	c5
Qd8	15. Ne3	Re8	16. Bc5:	Nc5:	17. Qc5:	Qf6	18. Kh2	Be6
19. Qb5	Bd7	20. Qe2	Bc6	21. Ne1	h5	22. h4	Qe7	23. c4
24. Nd3	Nf6	25. f3	Wh7	26. Rad1	Nf8	27. Nd5	Bd5:	28. ed
29. hg	Qg5:	30. Qf2	Qg6	31. Nc5	b6	32. Na6	Rac8	33. Nb4
34. Bh3	Rc7	35. d6	Rb7	36. Nc6	Kh8	37. d7	Qc6:	38. de(Q)
39. Qc2	h4	40. gh	Bf4+	41. Kh1	Qe7	42. Qf2	f5	43. Bf5:
44. Bg4	Rh7	45. Kgl	Rh4:	46. Qe1	Qh6	47. Qe2	Be3+	48. Resigns

During the course of the last round of the day, Mevis Smith of Houston came by and greeted me. After viewing the lake and all the beautiful scenery, Mevis exclaimed to me—"Isn't this a marvelous place!!" "No, it isn't," I replied, "you can order a drink in the Captain's Mast upstairs." Such was my first day at Lake Brownwood because I thought I had heard the word "barless" instead of "marvelous." Things would be better the next two days, I was sure.

Members of the winning team besides Thomas were Floyd Holder, Mike Matthews, Andrea Myers, and Ottis Ivie.

Saturday:

Sixty-six entries were on hand for the Open and although the number of players were fewer than expected, one could only be ecstatic at the diversification of regional entries. There were 11 entries from Gulf coast cities, 10 from the Austin-San Antonio region, 7 from NE Texas, 7 from the Panhandle region, 7 from far West Texas, and 20 from North Central—the host region. One entry came from Albuquerque and two from Chihuahua City, Mexico.

Results of round one were as generally expected except that Willis Goodlett of Austin (1639) upset eighth seeded Dean Yarbrow (1876) of Lubbock. Most of the buzzing from the kibitzers occurred as a result of the happenings on board one where my new friend from Houston, Mevis Smith (1725), almost pierced the armor of well-known USCF Master Ken Smith (2319) of Dallas. Again the villain was time trouble that delivered a momentous occasion into the routine final result.

Ken Smith (W) - Mevis Smith (B)		1. e4	e5	2. d4	ed	3. c3	dc
4. Nc3:	d6	5. Bc4	Be6	6. Be6:	fe	7. Qb3	Qc8
9. Ng5	Nd8	10. f4	h6	11. Nf3	Be7	12. e5	d5
14. f5	c6	15. Rf1	ef	16. g4	f4	17. Bf4:	Qg4:
19. Ne5+	Ke8	20. 0-0-0	Nf7	21. Ng6	Kd7	22. Rdel	Qh3
Bd8	24. Nh8:	Nh8:	25. Qh7	cd	26. Qg7:+	Ne7	27. Kbl
28. Bg3	Rc8	29. Rf7	Qh5	30. Rf6	Rc6	31. Rf2	Re6
33. Qf7	Qg4	34. Kal	a5	35. Rf5	Rc6	36. Rf6	Qc4
38. Bd6	d4	39. Rel	Kd7	40. Rdl	Rd6:	41. Rd6:	Resigns
							32. Ref1
							Kc8
							a4

Other key results of the first round saw David Thomas defeat A. B. Hailey (1697) of Abilene; Jerry Milburn (2144) of Fort Worth advanced against Ron Abplanalp (1695) of Dallas; Larry Englebretson beat Andy Lumpkin (1688) of Abilene and Nathan Cypert bounced Jerry Holder of Houston who got caught in an opening trap. Kevin Hammon (1996) of Beaumont was hard pressed to win an adjourned game over Mike Matthews (1688) of Lubbock.

Round 2 action found Ken Smith again having a hard time before finally winning against another Dallas player, Fred Crowds (1854). David Thomas bombed Ernesto Barba of Mexico who misplayed a Budapest Defense and resigned after only six moves. Jerry Milburn bested Stanley Shanks (1777) of Big Spring but a lot of blood was spilled by the fourth and fifth seeded players. Randy Bostick (1425) of Waco shocked Kevin Hammon and came away with the full point. Floyd Holder (1770) dueled Englebretson (2043) and came away with a draw. Nathan Cypert, Alan Laverty, and Olin Chism all advanced with wins.

Englebretson (W) - Floyd Holder (B) 1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 c5 3. Bg2 Nc6
 4. d4 Nf6 5. 0-0 e6 6. c4 dc 7. Qa4 Bd7 8. dc Na5
 9. Qc2 Rc8 10. Bg5 Bc5: 11. Rd1 Qb6 12. Nc3 Bf2:+ 13. Kh1
 Bc6 14. Bf6: gf 15. Ne4 Be4: 16. Qe4: f5 17. Qe5 0-0 18. Qf6
 Nc6 19. e4 Rcd8 20. Rf1 Bd4 21. e5 Qc7 22. Nd4: Rd4: 23. Qg5+
 Kh8 24. Qf6+ Kg8 DRAW by perpetual check.

Round 3 night action saw the return to regular swiss pairings from the modified system pairings of the first two rounds. This meant that there were some mismatches and there were several short games. Ken Smith was forced to settle with a draw against an old nemesis, Olin Chism (1908) of Dallas. David Thomas, Jerry Milburn, Alan Laverty, Nathan Cypert, and Richard Spitzer all advanced with unblemished results through this round. Spitzer (1777) of San Antonio met his friend Pete Prattes (1454) and won with a pretty smothered mate at the end.

Spitzer (W) - Prattes (B) 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd
 4. Nd4: Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 Be7 8. Qf3 Qc7
 9. 0-0-0 Nbd7 10. Ne2 Be2 b5 11. Bf6: gf 12. e5 Bb7 13. Qh5 fe
 14. Ne6: Qc8 15. Ng7+ Kf8 16. Qh6 Kg8 17. Nf5 Qf8 18. Qh3 Bf6
 19. Qg4+ Bg7 20. Nh6+ MATE

Sunday:

Today was the day when the big boys had to give up their cavalry passes and get down to the gritty hand fighting between each other. The new leader, David Thomas, met Alan Laverty (1973) of Austin. With the white pieces Thomas bested Laverty's Gruenfeld Defense and forced the game into a knight endgame with a two pawn advantage. Jerry Milburn utilized an Exchange sacrifice to break through a closed position and defeat Nathan Cypert. Ken Smith ended Richard Spitzer's hopes with a convincing triumph in the third key semifinal game. Much of the attention of the spectators as well as the directors was focused on Board 18 during this round. This was the sight [sic] where the pretty heroine of the tourney, Andrea Myers (1397) of Lubbock, was to meet Joaquin "Jack" Fox (1617) of Austin. Mr. Fox, whose tournament etiquette simulates that of a W. C. Fields characterization with a bit of Snidely Whiplash thrown in, was crushed in a convincing manner. During the course of play he appealed to me to "stop the other players and spectators from laughing at my position."

Myers (W) - Fox (B) 1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 e6 4. Nbd2
 c5 5. c3 Bd7 6. Bd3 h6 7. 0-0 g5 8. Re1 c4 9. Bc2 b5
 10. e4 de 11. Ne4: Ne4: 12. Be4: Bc6 13. d5 Bb7 14. Qd4 Rg8
 15. de Nc6 16. Bc6:+ Bc6: 17. ef+ Kf7: 18. Ne5+ Kg7 19. Nc6:+
 Qd4: 20. Nd4: and White won on Move 59.

Final round action pitted Jerry Milburn against David Thomas and Ken Smith against Kevin Hammon in the feature matches. Thomas, playing Black, broke through Milburn's defenses to cap a perfect weekend for him--eight straight victories. Smith won the encounter with Hammon to capture second place in the Open at 4-1/2 - 1/2. Milburn's 4-1 score earned him the top expert's place ahead of Larry Englebretson at 3-1/2 - 1-1/2. Class A honors were shared between Alan Laverty and Olin Chism (4-1); Class B went to Richard Spitzer and David Holder of Bellaire (4-1); and Class C was shared by four players--Walter Stapp of Crowell, Alan Pope of Abilene, Kurt Aronow of Beaumont, and Charles Coffman of Cleburne, all at 3-2. David Leinbach of San Antonio won Class D with 3-2 ahead of Andrea Myers and Bill Green of Tennyson (2-1/2 - 2-1/2). The unrated prize was won by Sammy Swan of Fort Worth (3-2) ahead of Selby Barnett of Tyler.

It is interesting to note in which direction rating points traveled since the tournament had a broad cross section of the state represented. San Antonio was the most successful as they harvested approximately 190 rating points. Other successes included Wichita Falls, Midland-Odessa, San Angelo area, and Waco area. The big losers were Houston area and Fort Worth area--each losing over 100 rating points. Beaumont gained a moderate number of points whereas Lubbock, Abilene, El Paso, and Dallas lost points. Austin stood about even at the end.

All in all the 1975 version of the Texas Open was a success; however, it was necessary to decrease the prize fund in order to break even on the finances. The Abilene Chess Club wishes to thank all those who participated. Anyone desiring a complete crosstable may obtain one by writing the TCA secretary-treasurer.

Ernesto Barba (W) - Randy Bostick (B) 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd
 4. Nd4: a6 5. Be3 e6 6. Nc3 Bb4 7. Bd3 Nge7 8. 0-0 Bc3:
 9. bc b5 10. f4 e5 11. fe Ne5: 12. Qh5 N/7g6 13. Nf5 Kf8
 14. Bc5+ Kg8 15. Ne7: Ne7: 16. Qe5: Nc6 17. Qd5 Qe8 18. Rf7:
 Qf7: 19. Rf1 **1-0**

Dean Yarbro (W) - Willis Goodlett (B) 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd
 4. Nd4: g6 5. Be3 Bg7 6. Nc3 Nf6 7. Bc4 Qa5 8. f3 Qb4
 9. Qd3 Ne5 10. Bf7:+ Kf7: 11. Qe2 Qb2: 12. Kd2 Qb4 13. Rab1
 Nc4+ 14. Kd3 Nb2+ 15. Kd2 Ne4:+ 16. fe Bd4: 17. Qf2+ Bf6
 18. Rb2: Qc3:+ 0-1

Robert Arthur (W) - Olin Chism (B) 1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6
 4. d4 d6 5. f4 de 6. fe Bf5 7. Nc3 e6 8. Nf3 Nc6 9. d5
 Nb4 10. Nd4 Qh4+ 11. g3 Qd4: 12. Qd4: Nc2+ 13. Kf2 Nd4:
 14. a3 Nb3 0-1

The following was the game for all the chips at the Texas Open. David Thomas, playing the Black pieces, repelled Milburn's early attack and went on to score the full point.

Jerry Milburn (White) - David Thomas (Black)
 Fort Worth Lubbock

1. P-K 4	P-QB4	11. N x KP	P x N	21. P-KR 3	P-N 5
2. N-KB 3	P-Q 3	12. B-QN 5	P x P	22. R-Q 3	P x P
3. P-Q 4	P x P	13. o - o	R-KR 2	23. P-KN 3	Q-B 2
4. N x P	N-KB 3	14. B x N ch.	N x B	24. Q-Q 4	B-QB 4
5. N-QB 3	P-QR 3	15. B-N 3	N-K 4	25. Q-B 4	B-R 2
6. B-KN 5	P-K 3	16. B x N	P x B	26. Q-N 3	K-N 1
7. P-B 4	B-K 2	17. QR-Q 1	Q-N 3 ch.	27. R/3-B 3	Q-B 4
8. Q-B 3	P-KR 3	18. K-R 1	B-Q 2	28. K-R 2	R-Q 1
9. B-R 4	P-KN 4	19. Q-N 3	0 - 0 - 0	29. N-N 1	B-N 4
10. P x P	KN-Q 2	20. Q x KP	QR-R 1	30. Resigns	



Games

Alamo C.C. Summer '75 Sr. Open, San Antonio. Earl Cooley (1613) - Robert Anderson (1499)

Larsen's Opening!

1. P-QN3(a)	P-QB4	11. P-KN4	N-Q2	21. PxP Ch.	KxP
2. B-N2	N-KB3	12. N(2)-B3	NxN	22. N-N6	R-Q1
3. P-K3	N-B3	13. NxN	B-R5 Ch.	23. P-B5	PxNP
4. B-N5	P-QR3	14. K-Q2	B-K2	24. P-R6	PxQBP
5. BxN	NPxB	15. P-N5	Q-Q3	25. PxP Ch.	KxP
6. P-KB4	P-Q4	16. P-KR4	P-Q5	26. NxB!	QxN
7. N-KB3	P-K3	17. Q-KN1	PxP Ch.	27. Q-R6 Ch.	K-B2
8. N-K5	Q-B2	18. QxP	P-QR4	28. Q-N6 Ch.	Resigns
9. P-Q3	B-K2	19. P-R5	P-R5		
10. N-Q2	O-O	20. P-N6	P-B3		

(a) Earl Cooley: "This game is submitted in response to the Rice-Weaver game (Texas Knights, Dec.-Jan. '75-'76), where Larsen's Opening did not work. My record over the years with Larsen's Op. is 80 percent (!). It's not just a debut for cranks and eccentrics."

(b) Tom Weaver: I'm one of those characters who habitually opens with N-QB3 for White—I'm not going to call anybody eccentric because of their opening! In fact, playing unusual openings can be very interesting and, especially if the opening is as sound as Larsen's, very rewarding.

1975 Southwest Open, San Antonio. Thomas L. Cunningham (1885) - Ricardo Ramirez Honey (1819)

Sicilian Defense

1. P-K4	P-QB4	8. O-O	B-K2	15. KR-Q1	Q-R4
2. P-QB3	P-Q4	9. N-B3	Q-Q1	16. N-K4!	QNxN?
3. PxP	QxP	10. B-K3	O-O	17. NxN Ch!	BxN
4. P-Q4	PxP	11. R-B1	B-Q2	18. PxN	QxKP
5. PxP	N-QB3	12. N-K5	R-K1!	19. RxB	QxNP
6. N-KB3	P-K3	13. B-N1	P-QR3	And White won on Move 38	
7. B-Q3	N-B3	14. Q-B3	P-KN3		

'75 WFC Winter Rating, Wichita Falls. Walter Stapp (1586)-James Rohrbaugh (1750)

Alekhine's Defense

1. e4	Nf6	14. Rd1	fe	27. Qd4	Qe7
2. e5	Nd5	15. d5	ed	28. Qe5	Be8
3. d4	d6	16. cd	Nd4	29. c4	Nf6
4. c4	Nb6	17. Bd4:	ed	30. Bf5	g6
5. f4	de	18. Nd4:	Bg6	31. Bh3	Bd7
6. fe	Nc6	19. Ne6	Rf1+	32. Qb8+	Qe8
7. Be3	Bf5	20. Qf1:	Rd7	33. Qd6	Be6:
8. Nf3	e6	21. Bb5	c6	34. Be6+	Kg7
9. a3	Be7	22. dc	Rd1:	35. Qe5	Qe7
10. Be2	O-O	23. Qd1:	bc	36. g4	Kf8
11. O-O	f6	24. Be2	Bf6	37. g5	Ng8
12. Nc3	Qe8	25. Bg4	Bc3:	38. Qb8+	Qe8
13. Qel	Rd8	26. bc	Nd5	39. Qe8+	Resigns

(a) Dr. Stapp of Crowell shows how to sustain an advantage over the Wichita Falls City Champion and eventually brings off the upset.

This game courtesy of The Kibitzer, March '75, a publication of the Wichita Falls Chess Club.

'75 Big Al's Jack-O-Lantern Open, Lubbock. David Thomas (2178) - Mohammad Hakimi (1686)

Queen's Gambit

1. P-Q4	P-K3	12. P-Q5!?	PxP	23. Q-N1!	R-KN1
2. P-QB4	P-Q4	13. PxP	NxP	24. B-N5	RxB
3. N-QB3	B-N5	14. R-K1+	B-K3	25. NxR	Q-B3
4. P-K3	N-KB3	15. RxB+!	PxR	26. QxP	R-Q1
5. P-QR3	BxN+	16. Q-N6+	K-Q2(a)	27. N-K6	QxQBP
6. PxB	PxP	17. BxN	PxB	28. NxP+!	K-B2
7. BxP	N-K5	18. Q-N4+	K-K1	29. RxN+!	K-N3(c)
8. Q-B2	N-KB3	19. QxNP	R-KB1	30. Q-N1+	K-N4
9. N-B3	N-B3	20. BxP	Q-B3	31. P-R4+	K-B3
10. P-K4	P-KR3	21. R-K1+	N-K2	32. R-K6+	Resigns
11. O-O	P-QR3	22. Q-R7!	Q-B2(b)		(d)

(a) If 16...K-B1; 17. QxKP, N(3)-K2; 18. N-K5 wins.

(b) If 22...R-B2; 23. Q-N8+, K-Q2; 24. QxR, QxB; 25. NxP+!

(c) If 29...KxR; 30. NxP+, K-K3; 31. NxQ wins since there is no back rank mate.

(d) This game courtesy of The Ninth Rank, Vol. I, No. 7, a publication of the Lubbock Chess Association.

'75 1st Pumpkin Open, Longview. Billy Patteson (1955) - Rodney Thomas (1632)

Sicilian Defense

1. e4	c5	9. O-O	Nc6	17. Bh7	Bf6
2. c3	d6	10. Re1	f6	18. Bd2!	a4
3. d4	cd	11. Nd5:!	ed5:	19. b4	b6
4. cd	a6	12. ef+	Ne7	20. ba	ba
5. Nf3	Nf6	13. fe7:	Be7:	21. Bcl!	Ra7
6. Nc3	e6	14. Ng5!	Nf6	22. Ba3+	Be7
7. Bd3	d5?	15. Nh7:	Nh7:	23. Qf3+	Resigns
8. e5	Nfd7	16. Qh5+	Kf8		(a)

(a) Past TCA President Billy Patteson reminds me of a shark in this game. His Louisianan opponent must have felt like a shrimp gumbo tidbit after it was all over!

But another Louisianan, Thomas Amburn (2095), was more successful and tied Billy for first place at 4-1/2 pts. each.

'75 Paul Morphy Open, Baton Rouge. Joseph Katz (2145) - Steve Hobart (1857)

English Opening

1. P-QB4	P-K4	14. P-KB3	Q-B2	27. R(5)-B2	QN-Q2
2. N-QB3	P-Q3	15. K-B2	O-O-O	28. B-K3	N-B1
3. P-KN3	P-KB4	16. Q-R4	P-QR3	29. B-R3	N-K3
4. B-N2	N-KB3	17. N-K6	BxN	30. K-N2	N-Q2
5. N-KB3	B-K2	18. B-B4	P-QN4	31. PxP	QPxP
6. P-Q4	P-K5	19. NxNP	NxBP	32. P-Q5	N-Q1
7. N-N5	P-Q4	20. NxQ	NxQ	33. P-R5	P-KN4
8. P-KR4	P-QB3	21. NxB	R-Q2	34. BxKBP	R-K2
9. P-B5	P-KR3	22. P-QN3	N-N3	35. B-B5	R-B2
10. N-R3	B-K3	23. QR-QB1	K-N2	36. PxP+	NxP
11. B-B4	QN-Q2	24. N-B5+	BxN	37. BxP	Resigns
12. B-K3	B-B2	25. RxB	QR-KR2		(a)
13. N-B4	P-KN3	26. KR-QB1	KR-QB1		

(a) This fifth-round victory gave Joe Katz a perfect 5-0 score according to the Louisiana Chess Bulletin. He followed it up by going 7-0 at the 1975 Louisiana Open, thus gaining the coveted USCF Master rating.

Steve is well known to TCA players because of his activities while a student at Texas A&M from '70-'74. He is now attending U.S.L. and is active in the Lafayette Chess Club.

TEXAS CHESS HISTORY

As part of his effort to investigate the beginnings of the Texas Chess Association your editor wrote to Ron Steensland of McAllen, who is rated as a Class 'A' player by USCF and is the Hidalgo County Library Coordinator, asking if it would be possible to gain access to the old chess books contained in the world famous John G. White collection of the Cleveland Public Library. This was done in December of 1975.

Ron "asked the reference staff at the McAllen Memorial Library to check out (the) questions and they came up with the following information: it is possible to borrow books from the chess collection on the library loan. There is a catalog of the chess collection published in two volumes, but it badly needs updating since it was last published in 1964. I have included a copy of the publisher's blurb with information on this catalog. [Editor: the blurb for G. K. Hall & Co., 70 Lincoln Street, Boston, Mass. 02111, states that "the 25,000 cards in this catalog have been reproduced by offset on Permalife paper with 21 cards per 10" x 14" page. The two volumes are bound in Class A library binding." Cost = \$125.00] I am currently having the reference staff check to see if any library either academic or public in Texas has a copy of the 1964 catalog which can be borrowed on inter-library loan. If this proves to be unavailable from inter-library loan, you might approach the reference staff of the La Retama Public Library in Corpus Christi concerning the possible purchase of this item."

So far, neither Ron nor I have been able to locate a copy of the 1964 catalog and it is unlikely that any public library would be willing to put out \$125 for a catalog that old. This means that we are reduced to guessing what books are available and which of those contain some reference to Texas Chess.

Yet according to Alice Loranth and Don Thackrey in Michigan Chess, Aug.-Sept. 1975, "The White Department is for the use of chessplayers everywhere. You don't have to live in Cleveland to take advantage of this great resource--although of course you can make best use of the library in person. Inter-library loan privileges apply to all printed materials in the collection with the standard exceptions--manuscripts, unbound periodicals, rare or very expensive items, and books in fragile condition. In 1974, 920 requests for inter-library loans were processed. Arrangements also can be made by mail to have items photocopied at cost. The Department's reference facilities are available by correspondence to everyone. This service is free unless it requires a major commitment of the Department's resources, in which case a mutually agreed upon fee is established."

This leads us to the final point in a letter from Mrs. Loranth (a very interesting lady--she is originally from Hungary, where she earned an M.A. in Museology (Art History, Archaeology, Anthropology) at Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest. After coming to the U.S.A., she completed another Master's Degree, this time in library science, from Case Western Reserve Univ. She was Assistant Librarian in the Cleveland Museum of Art History before becoming Head of the John G. White Dept.) She notes that "The Department answers short reference inquiries by mail without charge. In-depth research can be arranged with the Department on a prearranged fee basis."

I have written to Mrs. Loranth about financing a project but am also printing the following interesting and educational letters partly in an effort to get even more response from 'old-time' chessplayers about early Texas Chess.

What could be more appropriate while celebrating our country's Bicentennial than to run a series of articles describing our own organization's development?

A new member of the Texas Chess Association, Robert Stoeve of Minneapolis, has written to say that he has unearthed many very interesting facts of Texas chess from years gone by. The following is Mr. Stoeve's letter to Bill McCarty:

"Thank you for sending the address of J. C. Thompson. He was editor of the Texas Chess Magazine, which first came out in August 1932 with L. T. Maenner as Associate Editor, Mevis R. Smith as Business Manager, F. H. McKee as Publisher, Dr. C. W. Winchester as Corresponding Secretary, and Frank Dillon as head of the Kriegspiel Department. In January 1933 the name was changed to Western Chess Magazine: A North American Chess Review. Maxwell Bukofzer was added to the staff as Problems Editor and the magazine was officially the organ of the Western Chess Association. As I said in my first letter, we have two issues of the above--one TCM and one as WCM. We think it's very good as a source of western tournament games--especially 1932 in Minneapolis and 1933 in Detroit, so we are eager to locate more issues and get copies of the pages involved.

"The following are a brief summary of the items on Texas chess found in TCM, Vol. 1, No. 4, November 1932--on page 8 one finds that Kashdan was in Dallas Oct. 25-29, 1932, for exhibitions, lectures, and a rapid tournament. He won the tournament with J. C. Thompson (2nd) followed by Anderson, Hartsfield, Barrington, Payne, Hart, Brantley, and Kempster. On page 9 Kashdan scored seven wins and one loss (to team of McKee-Thompson). Page 12, on his last day he won 14 and drew with a young master named Clarence Rosenfield. Page 13--, In San Antonio the Morphy Chess Club had W. N. Kendall as President and Adolfo Fuentes as Secretary-Treasurer. Villarreal was the club champion and Kendall was San Antonio city champion.

"The WCM, Vol. 2, No. 1, Jan. 1933, was an issue that covered December '32 and January '33. On page 19 there was a report that Dallas Chess and Checkers Club was a chapter of the Western Chess Association and the Dallas Athletic Club was a chapter of the national chess federation. Page 20 reported that the Texas Chess Congress at Dallas in June would be both a state championship event and would also be a southwestern states championship--the latter (highest scoring southwesterner) would be eligible to play in the North American Championship in Chicago. On pages 20-21, it was reported that J. A. Anderson won the Fort Worth city and chess club championship with a score of 20-0. Anderson, the Texas state champion, played all of these games simultaneously.

"My collection of chess games and data is mostly from microfilms of old newspaper columns. Here and there in my notes is a short sentence on Texas chess. For example, the Manitoba Free Press of July 4, 1907, had a Sicilian Defense, Mr. Zeigeimyer versus Mr. Peticolos from the Texas State Tournament held in Galveston. The game score was as follows: 1. P-K 4 P-QB 4 2. P-Q 4 P x P 3. N-KB 3 P-K 3 4. N x P B-QB 4 5. P-QB 3 P-Q 4 6. P-K 5 N-QB 3 7. B-QN 5 B-Q 2 8. B x N P x B 9. 0 - 0 Q-R 5 10. N-Q 2 B x N 11. N-B 3 B x P ch. 12. R x B Q-R 4 13. Q-Q 4 P-KR 3 14. Q-KB 4 N-K2 15. P-KN 4 P-KN 4 16. Q-KB 6 Q x P ch. 17. R-N 2 Q x R ch. 18. K x Q Black Resigns.

"F. W. Lynn and his wife were present at two W.C.A. tournaments. They had lived in Chicago until about 1909 when they moved to Dallas. Mrs. Lynn had won games from Emanuel Lasker and other chess masters. Mr. Lynn was an expert as well. Do you know if the Lynns played in any Dallas tournaments and if so, what were their results?

"The Texas State Chess Association was organized on February 22, 1892, in San Antonio so you Texans have a long history of chess to research."

Ken Hackney: I found the following memorabilia in the pages of an old chess book called "A Thousand End Games." The clippings were not a part of the book, of course, but had been placed in there by me or some member of my family, dating back to the early '30s. I regret that I did not mark the dates of J.C.'s column, as this would pinpoint it for you. I am guessing it was about 1934 or thereabouts.

"Was flabbergasted to see a problem of mine in there. Guess I was about 18 at the time. You can see why I named my column here in the Daily Sentinel "The Royal Game." Also, there is a game I lost to McNabb. But then I was always losing games and still am. (Chuckle) Strange thing. I can vaguely remember working on that problem. I really sweated over it, as I remember. Never was one to whom problem construction came as a "gift."

"I wrote a little column for the Y.M.C.A. chess club as I remember, and J.C. would see to its distribution. I remember awarding the "Grand Order of the African Nightshirt" to players who made momentous goofs in their games. At a party given in the basement playroom of the Y.M.C.A. (a dinner, really) brother McNabb had a black cloth with a hole cut in the center to fit over the head, and officially dubbed me a member in good standing of "The Grand Order of the African Nightshirt" by draping it over my head, to the acclaim of all present. They were a wonderful bunch of guys, young and old alike. The "Grand Order of the African Nightshirt," by the way, will be found in a book entitled "Falcons of France" published about the Lafayette Flying Corps in WWI by Little Brown and Co. in 1928. Its real title was "The Grand Cross of the Order of the African Nightshirt" in the book on page 162. The authors, Charles Nordhoff and James Norman Hall, wrote "Mutiny on the Bounty." So you see, I was not even original. Strange to think back on it, as compared to now, most of the players were in the '30s to '60s. I was just a kid. But they treated me so kindly that I always associate chess with those men. Never heard a quarrel and there was much good natured banter and repartee during skittles matches. That's the way a GOOD chess club ought to be. Also J.C. would give lessons on a demonstration board. But when the real tournaments came along, it was as quiet as one could wish. And it was a thrill to go to every week. Ratings were not used in those days, but players were classed as A, B, C and D. As it was during the depression, not much money was available, and Grandmasters would travel through and give a demonstration for chicken feed. Maybe 50 or 75 cents a board. Could you see that happening now? (Chuckle) We also made up a team and would travel to other cities for team matches. They were a lot of fun, too. Our favorite target, of course, was Ft. Worth, very near by from Dallas. Yep, those were Der Golden Zeit of Texas Chess for me."



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1936

John White, Jr. of Irving has sent some items that were collected by his father who was one of the early members of the Texas Chess Association.

"The growth of interest in chess throughout Texas has been most encouraging of late, as was demonstrated at the congress of the Texas Chess Association, the 1936 championship tournament of which was held at Dallas, in the Chrysler Penthouse, Texas Centennial Exposition, on September 5, 6, and 7. Thirty-two players representing 15 cities and towns competed. Players from every section of the state were in evidence, some from El Paso and Brownsville traveling 600 miles to participate, while others made round trips of 600 to 800 miles.

"Edgar Hartsfield of Dallas and J. W. Stapp of McKinney tied for first place in the championship tournament, while C. Villarreal of San Antonio and H. L. Kornrum, also of San Antonio, were the winners in classes A and B, respectively.

"Dr. R. S. Underwood, professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at Texas Technological College and one of the state's best players, was elected president of the association. Gordon Webb, city editor of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, was chosen secretary-treasurer, and J. C. Thompson of Dallas, vice president. Bids for the 1937 tournament were received from Lubbock, El Paso, Houston, Wichita Falls and Brownsville. The meeting was awarded to Lubbock."

1939

WHAT'S WHAT IN CHESS IN TEXAS

(A reprint verbatim from the December '39 issue of Texas Chess Bulletin)

"In the early years of this century there was a great deal of organized chess activity in Texas. State tournaments were held annually and the leading players were well known.

"But, for some reason or other, interest languished and it was not until 1932 that another attempt was made to whoop up things. In that year a state tournament was held, with only seven participants, who finished in the following order: J. Allan Anderson, Fort Worth (he now lives in Houston); J. C. Thompson, Dallas; W. N. Kendall, San Antonio; H. L. Kornrum, San Antonio; F. H. McKee, Dallas; Edgar Hartsfield, Dallas; J. W. Stapp, Austin (now very much a Dallasite).

"A heroic effort was made by McKee, Thompson, and Kendall to arouse the chess brethren from their lethargy, even to the extent of publishing a monthly chess magazine, each issue of which was larger than the preceding one, until the final issue had 68 pages!

"But the job proved too great and the cooperation too small, so the panting promoters sorrowfully gave up the burden, for the time being.

"The dawn of a better day came in 1934 when the newly organized Y.M.C.A. Chess Club of Dallas wrote to all Y's in Texas, challenging their chess groups, if any, to correspondence matches. Only El Paso responded, but the seeds of the new Texas Chess Association were sown.

"In the spring of 1935 the Dallas club was challenged to a match by the Lubbock Chess Club, led by Gordon Webb and Drs. Underwood and Strout. The match was played in Abilene, with the Dallas players barely winning. An El Paso-Lubbock match followed.

"Meanwhile, contact had been established with the newly organized Valley Chess Club in Brownsville and with players in San Antonio and Houston. The Dallas players, getting the promotion fever again, met in April 1935 and organized the Texas Chess Association. A state tournament was planned for the Labor Day weekend and San Antonio selected as the battleground.

"Since that time the Texas Chess Association has made steady progress. Its annual state tournaments have been well attended and hard fought. O. W. Manney of El Paso and, now, Tucson, Arizona, has won two of these events, as has J. C. Thompson. Edgar Hartsfield won one tournament, in 1936, and was second in 1939.

"We now propose to summarize the chessic situation in every city and town which has any chess activity known to the state association. This summary will tell of the progress made and will also indicate that our work has only begun."

DALLAS

Even Fort Worth and Houston will admit that Dallas is the chess capital of Texas, leading both in playing strength and interest in the game. Dallas has three clubs, the Dallas Y Club, Ashley Hale, President (and also Vice President of the TCA); Oak Cliff Chess Club, Phil T. Crown, President; and the Dallas Chess and Checker Club, Geo. H. Stephenson, President. The Dallas Morning News carries a chess column in each Monday issue, edited by J. C. Thompson.

FORT WORTH

Under the leadership of Gordon Webb, the former Lubbockite, James P. Bell, G. A. Anderson, and C. B. Cook, the Fort Worth club has grown from a frail infant to a lusty youngster which is continually growing in strength and size. The Fort Worth club, at first deemed far below the strength of their Dallas rivals, has won the last two of the monthly inter-city matches, making the 1939 series four to three, with three ties, in favor of Dallas. The Fort Worth club's quarters are at 320 Worth Building.

HOUSTON

The fine Houston chess club is a tribute to N. D. Naman and his love of the game. The Houston club has the finest quarters of any club in Texas (at the Uptown Club) and some of the best chess promoters, among them Ray West, former Dallasite, and W. M. Padgett, a director of the United States Chess Federation. The 1939 state tournament was held in Houston and was the largest and best so far.

SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio has three top flight players, W. N. Kendall, Clemente Villarreal, and J. C. Murphy, and a number of others who rank almost with them. The San Antonio chess fraternity meets at the Y.M.C.A. The most active club members are Robert Cotter and Whit Morris.

EL PASO

El Paso is a good chess town, as proved by the fact that in 1938 the city championship tournament had 32 entries. But of late there has been little activity, due to C. P. Gray's being too busy to tend to his promotion and no one else has the energy or enthusiasm, apparently, to do the job.

LUBBOCK

Dr. R. S. Underwood and Dr. A. L. Strout manage to take time out from their thousand-game matches to organize a weekly meeting club in Lubbock every year which keeps the torch burning. Incidentally, Dr. Strout won the first 1,000 game match by a score of 501-499 and the second 507-493. Latest reports are that Dr. Underwood is 14 games ahead on the third match, with some 400 games to go.

PLAINVIEW

Recently, at our request, C. R. Cope sent us a list of Plainview chess players. It numbered 54! But there is no club in Plainview! It's amazing.

FLOYDADA

George B. Marshall and Judge Kenneth Bain, but few others.

WICHITA FALLS

Played a telegraphic match with Dallas five years ago but no chess activity since that time, of which we have any knowledge.

WEATHERFORD

J. B. Witherspoon organized a chess club in Weatherford in 1931 or thereabouts, with 30-odd members. The club is gone but the interest lingers on. How about a little rejuvenation, Mr. Witherspoon?

CLEBURNE

Gordon Webb reports a new club led by H. C. Warren. Good luck!

CLIFTON

Clifton has the largest number of chess players per population of any city or town in Texas. When the Texas Chess Association promoted a correspondence tournament last year, Clifton had the largest entry of any. Clifton has the state's number one chess enthusiast, Mrs. W. E. Prather. Mrs. Prather has played in two state tournaments and is now playing no less than 50 games by correspondence with players in this country and abroad.

WACO

Dr. A. Weinburg is one of Texas' strongest players and most ardent chess fans. He has gathered a small but potent chess group, which includes Ben Milam, former TCA president, Bill Janes, Bill Curran, and Professor Bela Rozsa.

TYLER

When Tyler was fortunate in having W. M. Padgett as a resident, chess interest boomed. Since his departure we haven't heard much from the Tylerites, but indications are that activities are being carried right along by Israel Smith and W. E. Haley.

LONGVIEW

The Texas Chess Directory lists some 20-odd chess fans in Longview, the list being furnished by the courtesy of T. R. Putnam. An attempt was made to promote a Longview-Tyler match last year, but the Longviewers wanted to play in Tyler and the Tylerians in Longview, or something of that sort, and the battle never got beyond the argumentative state.

WINONA

According to Dr. Smith of Winona, this small town north of Tyler has played Tyler several matches and won them all. Very interesting, and we'd like an encore.

GALVESTON

Dr. R. A. Rasmussen and Norman Revel organized a club in Galveston several years ago and made things hum for awhile. But now? We don't know.

BROWNSVILLE

William Balz was the sparkplug of the Brownsville chess machine and since his removal to Guatemala, John Hunter and George Bowman have kept things going. Bowman reports that Balz is moving back to Brownsville and anticipates a better chessic day.



COMING ATTRACTIONS



GRANDE PRIX!
February 13-16
1976 El Paso Open

6-SS, 45/2 then 25/1, Downtown Holiday Inn, 113 W. Missouri, El Paso 79902. EF: \$20 if rec'd by Feb. 7; \$25 at site, USCF and TCA req. PRIZES: (\$2,000 based on 125 entries) \$600-250-150, X-A each 125-50, B-C each 100-25, D-E-UNR-Woman each 75-25. Trophy to 1st 2nd, 3rd, Top X, A, B, C, D, E, Unr, Woman, Jr (13-17), Jr (under 13), Sr (over 61) and UPSET (established USCF rated only). REG: Fri. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Sat 7-8:30 a.m. RDS: Sat. 10-3:30, Sun 8:30-2; Mon. 8-1:30. Reception: Fri. 8 p.m. Player's meeting: Sat. 9 a.m. Awards Presentation: Mon. 7:30 p.m. Modified Swiss pairings. Hotel rates: 14-17-21. TDS: Lindsay Phillips, Lynne Babcock, and Myron Leiberman. ENT: Dr. L. F. Phillips, 4621 Sun Valley, El Paso TX 79924.

February 14
3rd Javelina Open
Kingsville

3-SS, 40/90, Texas A&I Student Union rm. 221B. EF: \$3, USCF req, entries will be placed into 8-person sections according to ratings. PRIZES: \$10 and trophy to first in each section. REG: Bruce Payne, Box 2343, Kingsville TX 78363.

March 6-7
Alamo Open
San Antonio

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PRIZES: \$500.00 Unconditionally guaranteed.
Also trophies will be given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
A, B, C, D & under, and Unrated. Registration
from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM Saturday. Mail advance
entries to Pete Prattes, P. O. Box 7231, S. A.
78207.

March 20-21
1976 Las Cruces Open
New Mexico

5-SS, 45/2, Corbett Ctr, NMSU. EF: \$12 in
advance, \$15 at site except Jrs. pay \$9 or
\$12, USCF/TCA. PRIZES: \$500 guaranteed.
ENT: Don Welch, 1804 Fairway Circle, Las
Cruces NM 88001

February 28-29
3rd Annual Southwest H.S. Champ
Houston

6-SS, 40/80, Continental-Houston Motor Hotel,
101 Main St., Houston 77002. Open to all HS
and pre-HS students in USCF Region 7. EF:
\$9.50 if mailed by Feb. 21, \$13 at site.
Trophies to top 5 players, 1st D, E, Unr, top
five 4-man teams. Expenses prizes toward
National H.S. Champ (Cleveland). REG: Ends
at 11 a.m. Sat. ROUNDS: Start 12-4:30-
8:30 Sat., 9-1-5 Sun. Hotel rates: 18-
25-29-33. ENT: Continental Chess Assoc.,
450 Prospect Ave., Mt. Vernon NY 10553.
No smoking.

February 28-29
\$2,000 Southwest Classic
Houston

5-SS, 40/100, same site as H.S. Champ.
EF: \$19 if mailed by Feb. 21, \$25 at site,
USCF/TCA req. PRIZES: \$500-200-100; X,
A, B, C, D+E each 150-75, Unr 50-25.
REG: Ends 8:30 a.m., Sat. RDS: 9:30-2:30-
7:30 Sat., 9-2:30 Sun. ENT: CCA, same as
above--read CCA ad in Chess Life & Review
for details on that assoc. rules. Bill
Goichberg will accept other state's mem.
cards only if entrant is rated. No smoking.

March 13-14
Texas A&I Open
Kingsville

5-SS, 45/2 then 30/60, Texas A&I Student
Union rm. 221B.
EF: \$12 if rec'd by Mar. 9, \$15 at site,
USCF req. PRIZES: 100% of EF less ex-
penses--22-1/2% & trophy to first, 12-1/2%
to second, 65% distributed in an equit-
able manner to classes. Dorm rooms
will be available for a small charge
(probably \$3-4) but bring your own sheets.
ENT: Bruce Payne, Box 2343, Kingsville
TX 78363.

Mar. 27, Apr. 24, May 22
DCC 3-Round Swisses
Dallas

3-SS series held at Dallas Chess Club,
5513-1/2 East Grand (1 block off Inter-
state 20, E. Grand Exit), Dallas TX 75223.

March 12-14
Dr. R. S. Underwood Memorial Tournament
 Lubbock



TCA CALENDAR

5-SS, 50/2 for rds 1-3 & 45/2 rds 4-5, Travelodge, 2600 Parkway Dr., Lubbock 79408. Option of playing first round game either Fri., March 12 at 7:30 p.m. or Sat., Mar. 13, at 9:30 a.m. Five-minute speed tournament Sat. 10 a.m. EF: \$15, Jrs. (18 or less) \$12.50 if rec'd by Mar. 4, \$17.50 & \$15 at site, USCF/TCA. PRIZES: (\$1,000 guaranteed) \$200-100-75, X, A, B, C, D+E each 70-40, Unr 50-25, Oldest Entrant, Youngest, Furthest Distance and other awards (if less than 5 in a class, the second prize for that class will be redistributed). REG: Fri. 6-7 p.m. or Sat. 8-9 a.m. ENT: Lubbock Chess Assoc., 1908 70th St., Lubbock TX 79412. For special chess-player hotel rates \$10-16) call toll free 1-800-228-2000.

This tournament is being held to honor the memory of Ralph Underwood who, at his death, was the oldest active player in the game. He died playing in a chess tournament at the age of 82!

Jan. 31-Feb. 1	Texas Champ., Midland
Feb. 13-16	El Paso Open
Feb. 28-29	S.W. H.S. Champ & S.W. Classic, Houston
Mar. 6-7	Alamo Open, San Antonio
Mar. 12-14	Underwood Memorial, Lubbock
*Mar. 13-14	Texas A&I Open, Kingsville
*Mar. 20-21	Las Cruces Open, N. Mexico
Apr. 10-11	TCA Gold Star Date
May 1-2	Buccaneer Days Open, Corpus Christi
*May 29-30	DCC 5-Round Swiss, Dallas
June 5-6	Houston Open
June 19-20	TCA Gold Star Date
*Aug. 3-8	No.American Open, Okla.
Aug. 14-15	TCA Gold Star Date
Sept. 4-6	SW Open, San Antonio
Sept. 11-12	TCA Gold Star Date
Nov 20-21	TCA Gold Star Date
Nov. 27-28	Texas Open, Corpus Christi

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