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TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONS

This is the official Honor Roll of T.C.A. Champions

1946	Mevis R. Smith	Houston	1963	Eric Bone	Houston
1947	J. C. Thompson	Dallas	1964	Kenneth Smith	Dallas
1948	J. C. Thompson	Dallas	1965	Kenneth Smith	Dallas
1949	J. C. Thompson	Dallas		& David Lees	Waco
1950	C. Fred Tears	Dallas	1966	Eric Bone	Houston
1951	Kenneth Smith	Dallas	1967	Kenneth Smith	Dallas
1952	John Bob Payne	San Antonio	1968	John Hall	Dallas
1953	Don Thompson	El Paso	1969	Steve Moffitt	Houston
1954	William A. Bills	Houston		& Eric Bone	Houston
1955	Kenneth Smith	Dallas	1970	John Jacobs	Dallas
1956	Kenneth Smith	Dallas	1971	John Jacobs	Dallas
1957	John Bob Payne	San Antonio	1972	John Jacobs	Dallas
1958	Blake Stevens	San Antonio	1973	John Hall	Dallas
1959	William A. Bills	Houston	1974	John Dunning	San Antonio
	& Stephen Jones	Austin		& John Jacobs	Dallas
1960	?		1975	John Dunning	Ft. Worth
1961	Kenneth Smith	Dallas		& Ronald Henley	Houston
1962	Kenneth Smith	Dallas	1976	Ronald Henley	Houston

Notes of Interest to Tournament Organizers

1.) Received from Jack Taylor, Feb 12, '76, the following letter:

"Please print this in TK's. In response to your comment in the Feb. issue of TK's concerning the TCA Calendar: I submit that for the last two years and six months I have been corresponding with tournament organizers and clearing tournament dates far in advance. Once these dates have been cleared I have been urging and encouraging that the details, as soon as possible, be sent to the TK's Editor for publication in the 'TCA Calendar.'

"This system has worked out very well thus far. Tournament conflicts have been kept to a minimum.

"However this system, I believe can be improved. Therefore I am recommending that the Editor of TK's clear the tournament dates. This will eliminate the 'Middle Man.'

"This recommendation is subject to approval of the President. Thank you for 'Equal Time' in TK's'."

2.) Sent to Jack Taylor Feb. 8, '76 by Bill McCarty, Secretary of the TCA Executive Board:

"Pursuant to complaints from USCF Technical Director Martin Morrison and from Editor Tom Weaver, President Larry Englebretson has directed that you are to no longer have any responsibilities nor duties with regard to the Texas clearinghouse. The reason for this necessary action is that Morrison and Weaver charged that you were repeatedly deficient in promptly answering their inquiries.

"Englebretson has appointed Clarence Callaway Jr., 524 Cox Drive, Irving, Texas 75062, as Director of Grande Prix and has assigned Mr. Callaway those duties as clearinghouse director for Texas.

"Please send at once any and all information pertaining to dates on the calendar to Mr. Callaway.

"Executive board members approving the action taken by Mr. Englebretson are Englebretson, McCarty, Weaver, and Callaway. Taylor was not present."

Tournament organizers should clear any large tournament, particularly Grande Prix events, with Clarence--then send a tournament announcement to Tom Weaver for publication in Texas Knights.

If you don't have time to clear your event two months in advance, go ahead and rush the announcement direct to the Editor--but don't be surprised if there is a conflict.

More Texas Chess History

Mrs. Alice Loranth, Head of the John G. White Department of Folklore, Orientalia, and Chess at the Cleveland Public Library, answered my request for information about the early history of Texas Chess by referring me to the following newspapers, which all carried early chess columns:

Houston Daily Telegraph, edited by E. H. Cushing and COL S. S. Nichols,
Jan. 2, 1859 - ?

Opera Glass (Galveston). July 1883 - October 1883

Weekly News (Galveston). Columnist J. L. Walker, March 1888-98

Texas Siftings. Edited by Sam Lloyd. May 17, 1887.

She also mentions the Western Chess Magazine (earlier called Texas Chess Magazine) published in Dallas by the T.C.A. from August 1932-April 1933 and the Western Chess Chronicle, sponsored by the Southern California Chess League, Torrance, California, and published from November 1935 to July 1936, as being likely sources.

Unfortunately, her library staff does not have time to do any extensive research on T.C.A. history. This isn't surprising and just reinforces my belief that the best way to find out what early chess in Texas was like is to call on the memories of those who were involved. Any material sent to Texas Knights for publication will be returned, if that is requested.

Mr. Robert Stoeve submits that "In 1887 when New Orleans had the chess club with more members than any other in the world, Texas cities were also organized. San Antonio had a club with 30 members; Dallas Chess Club organized and had 75 members within six months [Bob gives the New Orleans Times-Picayune as his reference for the preceding two clubs and the St. Paul Pioneer Press for the rest] and the Galveston C.C. organized September 13, 1887, with 40 members. Galveston officers elected were J. Z. Scott, President; L. Becker, V.-Pres.; J. D. Sherwood, Treas.; and C. G. Sweet, Secretary. In October 1889 Palestine organized a chess club and in 1890 played a correspondence match against Galveston which Galveston won. In July 1888 a young girl named Jennie Hall, age 9, was gaining a reputation.

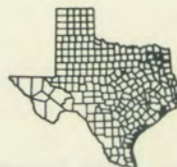
"The N.Y. Tribune on March 20, 1892, reported that the Texas St. Chess Assoc org. Feb. 22, 1892, at San Antonio. Officers were: Ga. Bucklin as Pres.; Charles P. Smith, Evereth G. Groves, and Ga. H. Kaltayer as Vice-Presidents. In the tournament Ga. Bucklin, formerly of Providence, Rhode Island, tied John F. Ford and R. W. Norton for first. In fourth place was Edw. G. Groves. Ga. Dashcomb was fifth. This item was obtained from the Providence Sunday Jn., which in turn, in my opinion, probably got it from Bucklin.

"On 4/17/1892 the N.Y. Tribune stated that Ga. Bucklin was first, Norton second, and John F. Ford was third. My opinion is that this was the result of a playoff."

Bob goes on to list a couple more Texas editors to add to the list already sent by Alice Loranth.



LONE STAR ROUNDUP



EDITOR - Due to the combination of my typist catching pneumonia (she'll recover shortly but shouldn't do much typing for a week) and word from Secretary-Treasurer Bill McCarty that the TCA is a little low on funds, this issue is a little shorter than planned.

I'll try to save the items that were submitted for publication this time for later issues. The reader can look forward to seeing "Winning the Grande Prix" by Ron Henley, "Analysis of the Orton-Herstein Match" by Spencer Lucas (N. Mex. State Champ.), a genuine clipping of the "Royal Game" column by J. C. Thompson, a general history of how the USCF Rating System evolved that includes an intriguing graph of various grandmasters' ratings plotted against time (age), an original article by John Artise (he is a chess-psychology researcher who has written a number of highly interesting studies on the 'chess mind'--persons wishing to contact him with questions and possible subject matter are invited to write 1680 - 58th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11204) entitled "Are Women Just Woodpushers?", and, of course, "Games" will be back in the next issue of T.K.

I was instructed to use the cheapest printers I could find for this issue (so there are no photographs)--if your copy turned out poorly don't hesitate to write the secretary-treasurer for a replacement.

HOUSTON - Lynne Babcock, who has been nominated for Region VII Vice President by Paul Talley of Kansas, writes, "Of note here is the result of the most recent HCC event, the Houston Junior Roundup, a 30-30 one-day tournament which attracted 56 kids. Thirty-eight of whom were unrated. We passed out 19 trophies to the following: Scott Phelps, Robert Harrington and Don Harrington ($=4\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$). Fourth place, Wayne Isaacs. Fifth place, George McCloy and Todaro (McCloy won the trophy on a flip when all the tie breaking systems were exhausted). Class C, Kelly Babb. Class D, Ken Bowman. Class E, Joel Burris. First Jr. under 14, Jonathan Ybarra. First H.S., Clear Lake. Second H.S., Madison. First J.H.S., Hambrick (A team), 2nd J.H.S., Hambrick (B team).

"We anticipated a large unrated field so we were ready with five trophies. They went to Tom Bass & Chen Weh Heh ($=4$) plus Richard Campbell, Wayne Mentz, and Charles Walker who all scored 3 points.

"Other news: John Hall won the Zip Open, a 34-player adult version of the 30-30."

This is the same John Hall who has beaten Class 'A' strength players at 5-minute chess--while blindfolded and taking only one minute on his own clock! He lives at the HCC and gives chess lessons for a reasonable fee.

Houston is in the new National Chess League that matches the strongest chess cities in the land via the telephone.

Results & Schedule

January 28, Match against Chicago

John Hall (2325)	1/2	-	Richard Verber (2426)
Ron Henley (2295)	1/2	-	Eugene Martinovsky (2347)
David Babcock (2219)	0	-	Ed Formanek (2318)
Robert Atlas (2122)	0	-	David Presser (2269)
Larry Englebretson (2050)	0	-	Andrew Karklins (2220)
Bill Reuter (2047)	<u>1/2</u>	-	Gary DeFotis (2124)

1-1/2 - 4-1/2

February 11, Match against Los Angeles

John Hall (2325)	1	-	Kim Commons (2452)
Ron Henley (2298)	0	-	Tibor Weinberger (2378)
David Babcock (2229)	0	-	Jeff Kent (2345)
Robert Brieger (2068)	1/2	-	Julius Loftsson (2335)
David Willis (2049)	0	-	Alan Pollard (2329)
Larry Englebretson (2023)	<u>1</u>	-	John Blackstone (2251)

2-1/2 - 3-1/2

February 18, Match against Miami

Ron Henley (2298)	1/2	-	Arnold Denker (2371)
David Babcock (2229)	0	-	Larry Kaufman (2329)
Robert Atlas (2122)	A	-	David Brummer (2312)
Robert Brieger (2068)	0	-	Juan Gonzalez (2203)
Larry Englebretson (2023)	1/2	-	Daniel Boyk (2203)
Jess Goodman (2004)	<u>1/2</u>	-	Carlos Riveria (2078)

1-1/2 - 3-1/2, one game to be adjudicated

- February 25, New York at 7 p.m.
- March 24, San Francisco at 8:30 p.m.
- March 31, Bye
- April 7, Cleveland at 7 p.m.
- April 21, Washington D.C. at 7 p.m.
- May 12, Boston at 7 p.m.



Spectators are invited to watch free of charge at the H.C.C., 4714 Fannin, Houston.

AMARILLO - Mike Burns reports that he directed the 1976 Amarillo Championship on January 10 & 11 and that:

"Bill Snead stood alone with a 5-0 score when all the dust had settled... R. P. Daugherty took clear second and was top Class C with 4-1. Top B was M. R. Hakimi with 3-2. Richard Davis took the D trophy with 2-1/2 - 2-1/2 on t.b. over John Jackson, and Maurice Bugnone took the E/Unrated trophy by storm with a fine 3-2 performance.

"Brad Webster won the Amarillo Junior Championship for the second year in a row, scoring 4-0 in a double round robin."

LUBBOCK - The Second Annual Big Al's January Chess Nut occurred Jan. 17 and drew 17 entrants. Mike Burns directed.

Mike Cocanougher (1602) of Lubbock won on tiebreak over Bill Wheeler (1887) of Plainview, each with 2-1/2 - 1/2. Seven players tied for third with 2-1 scores.

Plans for the \$1,000 Dr. Ralph S. Underwood Memorial Tournament are going forward without any hitches.

MIDLAND - Overview by Texas Amateur Championship Director Bill McCarty:

"Organizers of the Texas Championship tournaments could not have received a greater gift than the clear weather which blessed the weekend of January 31-February 1. With ideal road conditions, Texas players turned out strong for the two-section tournament with 14 entrants in the Closed group and 108 in the Amateur section.

"John Watson of Omaha, Nebraska, garnered the top cash prize in the Closed section as he outlasted Ron Henley for the \$500 check. Henley, the leader going into the final round, succumbed to Elliott Winslow of St. Louis, MO, but still achieved clear rights to the title of Texas champion. Watson finished at 4-1 with Henley and Winslow following at 3½-1½. David Thomas of Lubbock and Lewis McClary of Dallas finished at 3-2.

"The major disappointments were Ken Smith, John Dunning, and Missouri master Stephen Spencer. Smith lost in round one to Gary Simms of Amarillo and was forced to withdraw after a second round draw due to his unstable health. Dunning, the Texas co-champion each of the last two years, was not in tournament shape and lost both games and withdrew after two rounds. Spencer completed all five rounds but his final score of 1-4 was obviously not a score which he normally should have achieved. Gary Simms, after back-to-back upsets over Smith and Spencer in the first two rounds, was extremely fatigued and withdrew at a time that he shared the tournament lead.

"The Amateur tournament was simply a story of Carl Vogel of Dallas. Carl, rated 1996, was the top seeded player and he stayed king-of-the-hill all the way to finish 5-0 and win the \$300 first prize. The No. 2 seeded player, Kevin Hammon of Beaumont, lost a bid to share first place when he inadvertently overlooked a perpetual check defense of his final opponent, Gregg Stanley of San Antonio. Both Hammon and Stanley finished at 4½-½ as did young Brad Webster of Amarillo, who was the top B player. Top C player was Mike Cocanougher of Lubbock (3½-1½); Class D honors were shared by Altan Kartaltepe of San Antonio and George Thomas of Midland (3-2) and the Top Unrated was Gregory Komara of Portales, NM (2½-2½) ahead of Robert O'Neil of Temple (2-3).

"Excellent scores of 4-1 were registered by all the following: Bill Wheeler, Plainview; Tom Weaver, Corpus Christi; Nathan Cypert, Odessa; Bruce McAdoo, El Paso; David Holder, Bellaire; Jeff Gamble, Hurst; Fred Alsop, Temple; Mason Woodruff, Decatur; Robert Cox of Oklahoma; and Charles Jones of California.

"The top upset prize was won by Mike Burns of Lubbock (1404) who inflicted the single defeat against Tom Weaver (1800). Top Woman was Andrea Myers of Lubbock ahead of Melanie White of Big Spring."

An additional report, on the Closed Championship, appears later in this issue.

COLLEGE STATION - This year's Association of College Unions-International Region 12 Chess Tournament was held Feb. 6 and 7 at Texas A&M's fabulous new Student Center. This marks the first time that the annual event has been rated by the USCF. It is also the first year that the ACU-I has provided a finals for the chess competitors (in the past only bowling, billiards, bridge, and table tennis winners went on to a national final playoff).

L.S.U., led by Louisiana State Champion Joe Katz, won the team trophy by a hair over host A&M. There were 28 players in the chess competition directed by Larry Englebretson.

Katz, as the individual winner, gets an all expenses paid trip to compete in the finals to be held March 28-31 at the Hotel Muehlback in Kansas City MO.

Schools interested in joining the next ACU-I Games may contact Robert Mitchell, Coordinator of Region XII, c/o Rickel Bldg., Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth TX 76129, for the required entry forms.

KINGSVILLE - The 18-player Third Javelina Open was directed by Bruce Payne for Texas A&I on February 14. Section A was won by Arthur Kimes of San Antonio with a perfect 3-0 score while Dale Dike, Rick Rodgers, and Lou Thurston tied for second with 2 pts. Section B was also taken by a perfect total of 3-0 which belonged to Robert Gaynor of Corpus Christi, but Ernest Templer scored 2-1/2 pts. to finish an uncontested second.

EL PASO - The annual El Paso Open was a bit of a disappointment to its organizers as only 79 entries were received. Lindsay Phillips, the director, was unhappy that only three Texans from outside of El Paso entered--compare that to 15 entries from New Mexico, but remember that El Paso is halfway to California from the geographic population center of Texas.

No under 1200 rated players entered so, with five masters, the tournament posted a very strong 1780 average rating.

Senior Master Bill Martz of Wisconsin took first place with a 5½-½ score while Elliott Winslow of Missouri got second on tiebreak over Alberto Campos of Mexico, both had 5 pts. T.C.A. President Larry Englebretson won the Expert trophy on t.b. from Eric Slud of New Mexico, both had 4-1/2 pts.

Ken Smith competed for three rounds but trouble with his blood pressure forced his withdrawal at that point. The only other non-El Paso Texan to enter was Uriel Jones, an engineer who recently moved from Kingsville to Houston and doesn't mind going long distances for his chess, either.

TEXAS JUNIOR CHESS - TCA Jr. Chess Director reports that things are moving forward with the possibility of having junior teams (or at least a section of juniors) in the 1976 Texas Correspondence Championship, the Southwest H.S. and J.H.S. Championship in Houston on Feb. 28 & 29, and a number of smaller Jr. tournaments being held elsewhere in the state including Navasota, El Paso, and Lubbock. Houston is planning a well developed program over the whole year.

Mr. James R. Roberts of the Wichita Falls Saturday Knights C.C. has indicated a strong interest in Jr. chess and will be building a program in that area. John Garcia, a TCA Regional Director, is working with jrs. in Navasota while David Thomas has both a Jr. and Women's program in Lubbock despite being a full-time graduate student.

Lindsay says, "It would be a help if organizers and directors would send me cross-tables of the results of any Texas Jr. tournament and I would also like to receive the results of any Texas Jr. (TCA member or not), including age and address, who competes in an open tournament anywhere.

"Here are some ideas for attracting new Jr. chess players: (1) Offer a free rating tournament (4-SS at 30/30) for all NEW Jrs. joining USCF...push the USCF Participating Jr. Memberships as a low-cost option, (2) Develop a series of non-rated tournaments "just for fun," (3) Develop a lecture and exhibition for presentation at the local high schools."

Lindsay is trying to get donations for a fund to be used to send the TCA Jr. Champion to the U.S. Open Junior Championship annually. This would be a great incentive for Jr. players.

TEXAS POSTAL CHESS - TCA Postal Director Ken Hackney is in need of volunteers for "an adjudication committee of three (preferably expert class), a time complaints director, and TCA Postal Chess Organizers from all the regions of the State. (They must be active; not just titles.)...also need a rules committee of experienced, advanced, and very avid postal chess players."

The first section of the 1976 Texas Postal Chess Championship has been filled and began play in February.

The TCA is still having to work with the CCLA on the 1974 and 1975 Correspondence Championships but we hope to get the final playoffs for those years started soon.

AWARDS OF MERIT --- 1975	1974 U.S.C.F. Yearbook Rating	1975 U.S.C.F. Yearbook Rating
1. Kevin Hammon, Beaumont	1661	1996
2. Joe Meyer, San Angelo	1306	1710
3. Robert Arthur, Dallas	1323	1669
4. Ronald Henley, Houston	2104	2290
5. David Holder, Bellaire	1518	1757
6. Dave Holder, Lubbock	1389	1649
7. Zack Coombes, Austin	1601	1815
8. Richard Spitzer, San Antonio	1562	1777
9. Frank Brack, Port Arthur	1400	1638
10. Stanley Capps, Mesquite	1519	1733
11. Clifford Rierson, Houston	1615	1810
12. Joe Cash, Norman, Okla.	1679	1861
13. Robert Atlas, Houston	1983	2137
14. Dante Pingnot, Houston	1566	1758

The formula for deciding honors was to take the actual difference between this year's ratings and last year and then to multiply that gain by the old rating. For example, Kevin Hammon's gain of 335 rating points from Class B to borderline expert is considered to be a greater achievement than Joe Meyer's gain of 410 points from Class D to Class B, therefore a formula was used to take into consideration the greater degree of difficulty in obtaining rating points for the higher rated players.

1976 Texas Closed Chess Championship
by Tom Weaver

This year's State Championship was hosted by the Midland Chess Club which had raised \$1100 for the closed section.

The first round got off to a bit of a late start but everything looked good with six masters, seven experts, and a strong class 'A' player thrown in to make an even number of competitors. The closed section had a private playing room separated from the crowded conditions prevailing in the amateur's playing area. Because of the late start a rather fast time limit of 4 5/2 was used.

I. First Round

A. Gary Simms - Ken Smith

1. e4	c5	10. e5	de	19. Qe7:	Qe5:	29. Rc4	a5
2. Nf3	e6	11. Nc6:	Bd6:	20. Qb7:	Qb8	30. b4	ab
3. d4	cd	12. fe	Nd5	21. Qb8:	Rab8:	31. Rb4:	e5
4. Nd4:	Nf6	13. Bd4	Nb4	22. b3	Rfd8	32. Kh2	Ke6(b)
5. Nc3	d6	14. Kh1	Qd7	23. Rfd1	Kf8	33. g4	h6
6. Bd3	Nc6	15. Be4	Be4:	24. Rd8:+	Rd8:	34. Kg2	g6
7. Be3	Bd7	16. Ne4:	Nc2:	25. Rc1	Rd2	35. h4	f5
8. O-0	Be7	17. Qc2:(a)	Qd4:	26. a4	Ke7	36. h5	gh
9. f4	O-0	18. Qc7	Qe4:	27. h3	Kd7	37. Rb6+	Rd6
				28. Rc5	Rd5	38. gf+, and	

the rest of the score was lost in a time scramble. Simms won.

(a) If 17. Nf6+, Bf6:; 18. ef, Qd4:; 19. Qc2:

(b) Black wins by playing Rd4 here but Smith looked pale and obviously felt unwell.

B. John Watson beat Jerry Milburn in a sixteen-move English Opening.

Watson was placed on board two although his rating was slightly lower than Dunning's. I guess the tourney director felt that it wouldn't be good to have Dunning play Milburn since they are both from D-FW, besides which, Watson's rating was due to come up rapidly on the next rating list.

C. Steven Sandager - John Dunning

1. e4	e6	11. Qe2	Bd7	21. Re1	Be8	31. a4	Ba4:
2. d4	d5	12. O-0	O-0	22. Qe3	a6	32. Rb7:	Rc3:
3. Nc3	Bb4	13. Rfb1	Rab8	23. Rb4	Rf5	33. R6e7	Rg3:+
4. e5	c5	14. Rb3	Qa5	24. f4	Kh7	34. Kh2	Re5:
5. a3	Bc3:	15. h4	Qc7	25. Rb6	Qe7	35. fe	Rg6
6. bc	Ne7	16. Re1	f6	26. g3	Bb5	36. Rec7	Kh6
7. Nf3	N8c6	17. Bg6:	hg	27. Ng6:	Qc7(a)	37. Kh3	Bb5
8. Bd3	Qa5	18. Bf4	fe	28. Ne5	Rc8	38. Rf7	Bc4
9. Bd2	Qa4	19. Be5:	Ne5:	29. Re6:	Qc5:	39. Rb8	Re6
10. dc	Ng6	20. Ne5:	Rf6	30. Qc5:	Rc5:	40. Rf5	Rg6
						41. Rh8 matè (b)	

(a) If 27. ... Kg6:, 28. Re6:+ picks off black's queen.

(b) As you may have guessed, this game also had a frenzied ending.

D. Ron Henley - William Haines

1. d4	Nf6	9. 0-0	Bd6	17. Kh1	Nd3:	25. dc	Be6
2. Bg5	Ne4	10. Be3:	0-0	18. Qd3:	b6(a)	26. Qb2	Qc7:
3. Bf4	d5	11. Ne4	Ne4:	19. b4	Qe7	27. cb	Qb6:
4. f3	Nf6	12. fe	e5	20. Qb3	Bg4	28. Qe5:+	Kg8
5. e4	de	13. d5	Nb4	21. Ng3	g6	29. Nh5	gh
6. Nc3	e3	14. c4	Qe7	22. Rac1	a5	30. Qg5+	Kh8
7. Bd3	Nc6	15. a3	Bc5	23. c5	Kh8	31. Qf6+	Kg8
8. Nge2	e6	16. Bc5:	Qc5:+	24. d6	Qd7	32. Rc5	Black

Resigns (b)

(a) If 18. ... a5, 19. Qc3 still threatens b4 for white.

(b) If 32. ... Rfcl, 33. Rh5: etc.

E. Larry Englebretson - Steve Spencer

1. Nf3	d6	10. Ng3	Bg6	19. Bd4	Rh4	28. Bf4	Qe7
2. e4	Bg4	11. Bg6:	hg	20. Rad1	b6	29. Qf3	Rd8
3. h3	Bh5	12. Qe2	Qc7	21. b4	Nb7	30. Bh2	Rd7
4. d4	e6	13. Ne5	Ne5:	22. Ne4	c5	31. h4	Nd8
5. c3	c6	14. de	Nd7	23. Be3	Rd5	32. c4	Nc6
6. Nbd2	Nd7	15. f4	0-0-0	24. a3	Rh8	33. Rel	Nd4
7. Bd3	d5	16. Ne4	Nc5	25. Rd5:	ed	34. Qc3	dc
8. 0-0	de	17. Nf2	Kb8	26. Ng5	Bg5:	35. Qc4:	Qe6
9. Ne4:	Ngf6	18. Be3	Be7	27. fg	Ka8	36. Qa6	Qc6
						37. bc	Qc5

and black won an adjourned game after the moves between here and move #45 become undecipherable.

F. Elliot Winslow defeated Lewis McClary by winning a piece on move 32 of a 66-move Ruy Lopez.

G. Lee Gaskill - David Thomas

1. Pk4	PQB4	9. PB4	PN5	17. BxB	QxB		
2. NKB3	PQ3	10. NR4	NxP	18. PQR3	QN4		
3. PQ4	PxP	11. BB3	BN2	19. White resigned but if			
4. NxP	NKB3	12. PB5	PK4				
5. NQB3	PQR3	13. NN3	NQ2	19. QxQ	PxQ	23. KRR1	(KQ2
6. BK2	PK3	14. QK2	BK2	20. NN6	RQN1	24. R1R7+	KK1
7. 0-0	QB2	15. BR6	PxB	21. PxP	RxN	25. RxB+	KxR
8. BK3	PQN4	16. BxN	NB3	22. RR8+	BQ1	26. RR8+)	RKN1
24. RB8	RQN7	25. R1R8	RQ7	26. NR5	NQ4	27. NB6	PB3
(28. NxB	NN3	29. NK6+	NxR	30. RxN+	KB2	31. RxR	KxR
32. PQN3	RQN7)						

28. RxB+ RxR 29. RxR+ KB2 30. RxR makes it look like white gave up the ship too soon.

II. Second Round

A. Elliot Winslow - John Watson

1. PK4	PK3	13. BN5	BQ2	25. KR2	QB2	37. QN3	PQN3
2. PQ4	PQ4	14. RK1	KNN5(a)	26. QN4	KRK1(c)	38. QB3	RQ1
3. NQ2	NKB3	15. BR4	NR3	27. RxRP	NK4	39. QxP	RQ3
4. PK5	KNQ2	16. BN3	BK2	28. RR8+	KxR	40. PN4	PQ5
5. PQB3	PQB4	17. NOR4(b)	QR4	29. QR4+	KN1	41. PN5	PQ6
6. BQ3	NQB3	18. NB5	BxN	30. RB1	NxB	42. QB6+	KQ4
7. KNK2	QN3	19. PxB	QxP	31. RxQ	KxR	43. QB5+	KQ5
8. NB3	PxP	20. NN5	NB4	32. QR5+	KB3(d)	44. QB2+	KK4
9. PxP	PB3	21. QR5	PKR3	33. QB3+	KK3	45. QN3+	RB5
10. PxP	NxBP	22. NxP	BxN	34. QK3+(e)	KQ3	46. PN6	PQ7
11. 0-0	BQ3	23. RxB	NxB	35. QxN	RK5	47. QN5+	RB4
12. NQB3	0-0	24. RPxB	QxP+	36. QR3+	KK3	48. QK7+	RK3
						49. QQ8	RxP
						50. Draw agreed--	

but it was a vicious game.

(a) Threatening a kingside attack keyed by RxN.

(b) An excellent move in my opinion.

(c) This looks like the best try in a difficult position.

(d) Black loses his loose knight no matter where he puts the king.

(e) The first bad move of the game--black can interpose his knight.

B. David Thomas - Ron Henley

1. PQ4	NKB3	12. PQ5	NK2	23. BB2	BQ2	33. KB1	NB2
2. PQB4	PK3	13. PKR4	NN3	24. NN3	PN4	34. RR5	QxKP
3. NQB3	BN5	14. PxP	PxP	25. BK3	KN1	35. BxP	QxBP
4. PK3	PB4	15. QQ2	NR2	26. NR1	RN1	36. PB4	RN3
5. BQ3	BxN+	16. 0-0-0	PQR3	27. PxP	QR4	37. PN4	QB8+
6. PxB	0-0	17. RR6	KN2	28. NB2	BxP	38. NK1	QxP+
7. NK2	PQ3	18. QRR1	RR1	29. BxB	RxB	39. NB2	QxNP
8. PK4	NB3	19. PB4	PB3	30. NB2	QR4	40. QR2	PxB
9. BN5	PKR3	20. PB5	N2B1	31. KQ1	QR6	41. RR8+	NxR
10. BR4	PKN4	21. R6R2	RxR	32. NQ3	QR5+	42. White resigned.	
11. BN3	PK4	22. RxR	NR1			Thomas gained a	

promising position but was jilted by a combination of time pressure and Henley belligerence that gainsaid David's gains.

C. Steve Spencer eventually lost a wild, adjourned game to Gary Simms. At one point in the game, Spencer had two queens to Simms' rook and two pieces but Simms was on the attack and both were under time pressure. Spencer's flag fell first but Simms couldn't claim the win since his scoresheet was not up to date. The game was eventually adjourned but not until it had delayed even more the starting time for the third round.

When Simms realized that the hotel was allowing a country rock band to set up amplifiers next to the playing hall and that the third round wouldn't start until 10 p.m., he withdrew from the tournament.

Spencer played, and lost, the night round while the band played such classics as...uh...well, something very noisy. Steve then got up early Sunday to play off the adjourned position, went into a trance, and lost on time in a won position. He then proceeded to lose his remaining two games.

D. Ken Smith played 15 book moves of the Smith-Morra Gambit against Sephen Sandager then agreed to a draw since it had become apparent that Steve was not going to fall for an opening trap.

Ken, still feeling ill, decided to withdraw and return to Dallas.

E. John Dunning - Larry Englebretson

1. PQ4	NKB3	16. PB3	NN4	31. QxB	PB3	46. QxQ	PxQ
2. PQB4	PK3	17. NN3	PKR4	32. NB4	PKN4	47. KN2	PN4
3. NQB3	PQ4	18. PB4	NK3	33. NN6	QQB2	48. PR4	PxP
4. PxP	PxP	19. NB5	QB1	34. RKB1	PxP	49. PN5	NK3
5. BN5	QNQ2	20. PKR3	PKN3	35. PxP	RK1	50. PN6	PN5
6. PK3	PB3	21. NKR4	NN2	36. KN2	RxP	51. RB7+	KQ3
7. BQ3	BQ3	22. NB3	BB4	37. NxR	QxN	52. RQR7	PQ5
8. QB2	PKR3	23. NK5	PR5	38. RKB3	RKB1	53. PxP	NB5+
9. BR4	0-0	24. PQN4	PR3	39. RxR+	KxR	54. KB3	PN7
10. KNK2	RK1	25. PR4	KRB1	40. QB1+	KK2	55. KB2	PR6
11. BN3	NB1	26. KR2	QQ3	41. QB3	QR8	56. PN7	PR7
12. 909	NR2	27. RN3	NQ2	42. RQ3	QN7+	57. PN8=Q	PN8=Q+
13. QRN1	NN4	28. NK2	NxN	43. KN1	QxP	58. QxQ	NR6+
14. KRK1	N4K5	29. BPxN	QK2	44. RQ1	QQ3	59. White resigned	
15. BxB	QxB	30. PN4	BxB	45. RKB1	QN6+	and withdrew from	

the tournament.

John did stay around, playing speed chess for quarters and taking a lot of razzing from the other masters, until the trophy which he had held the last two years passed on to the new champion.

F. Jerry Milburn won a 42-move Ruy Lopez from Lewis McClary. The opening was well played but McClary made some middle game mistakes and was busted by move 34.

G. William Haines and Lee Gaskill played a wild Catalan Opening that ended on move 37 with the out-of-state heavy on top.

III. Third Round

A. John Watson - Steven Sandager

1. PQB4	NKB3	11. RK1	NK1	20. KPxP	BxP	30. R3QB3	QRQB1
2. NQB3	PKN3	12. RN1	PQR4	21. RN3	QQ2	31. QK3	RxR
3. PKN3	BN2	13. BK3	QB2	22. PKN4	NK5	32. QxR	RB2
4. BN2	0-0	14. PN3	PKR3	23. NxN	BxN	33. PB4	QN4
5. NKB3	PQB3	15. PQR3	NQ2	24. NN5+	PxN	34. PxP	PxP
6. PK4	PQ3	16. QQ2	KR2	25. BxB	NB3	35. QxP	KR2
7. PQ4	QnQ2	17. PQN4	PxP	26. BN2	PxP	36. RKB1	QN3+
8. 0-0	PK4	18. PxP	PKB4	27. PxP	BR3	37. KR1	KN1
9. PKR3	QN3	19. KRQB1	N2B3	28. BxNP	BxB	38. PN5	Black
10. PQ5	NB4			29. QxB	KN2		resigned.

Watson is playing very strong chess.

B. Ron Henley had the white pieces and a fairly quick victory over Steve Spencer if I remember correctly. Unfortunately, the scoresheet is not available to me.

Spencer got paired up since he figured to win his adjourned game against Simms.

C. David Thomas - Elliot Winslow

1. PQ4	NKB3	9. NB1	PxP	17. NR3	BK3	25. QB4	PQ5
2. PQB4	PKN3	10. BxP	PK4	18. BxB	PxB	26. QxN+	KK1
3. NQB3	BN2	11. NN3	RN5	19. KRQ1	QN3	27. BN5	RQ2
4. PK4	PQ3	12. QK2	PxP	20. RQ2	KRQ1	28. NK4	RB2
5. PB3	NB3	13. NxP	NK4	21. NB4	NxN	29. QR8	KQ2
6. BK3	PQR3	14. BN3	PB4	22. QxN	KB2	30. QN8	RN2
7. QQ2	RQN1	15. NB2	RN1	23. QRQ1	BB1	31. NxP+	QxN
8. KNK2	PQN4	16. 0-0	0-0	24. PK5	PQ4	32. RxP+ and	

White won.

D. William Haines - Jerry Milburn

1. NKB3	NKB3	15. 0-0	PxP	29. PB4	PN5(b)		
2. PQB4	PK3	16. BxP+	PQ4	30. NxP	RR3+		
3. PQ4	PQN3	17. BQ3	PB5	31. KN1	QN4		
4. NB3	BN2	18. PB3	NxB	32. NN4	KB4		
5. BN5	BN5	19. PxN	QxP+	33. RxP+	BB3		
6. RB1	PKR3	20. KR1	PxP	34. NR6	Mate. (c)		
7. BR4	0-0	21. NB5	QB5				
8. PK3	PKN4	22. QRK1	NB3(a)	(a) 22. ... RxN; 23. BxR, QR5+; 24. BR3			
9. BN3	NK5	23. RK6	NK4	is bad for black.			
10. BQ3	BxN+	24. RxxRP	NxB	(b) 29. ... QxQBP looks better but white's			
11. PxB	PQ3	25. NK7+	KB2	attack is fierce, anyway.			
12. QB2	PKB4	26. RR7+	LL3	(c) I like this game very much--a sharp			
13. PQ5	PxP	27. QxN	RB3	opening, a sudden sorty by black, a sus-			
14. NQ4	QK2	28. RK1+	KQ3	tained white counterattack, and a pretty			

(a) 22. ... RxN; 23. BxR, QR5+; 24. BR3 is bad for black.

(b) 29. ... QxQBP looks better but white's attack is fierce, anyway.

(c) I like this game very much--a sharp opening, a sudden sorty by black, a sustained white counterattack, and a pretty finish are all here.

E. Lewis McClary - Larry Englebretson

1. PK4	PQB4	9. 0-0	NK4	17. PxP	RN1	25. R5Q1	BQ5
2. NKB3	NQB3	10. NR3	RB1	18. BB4	PB3	26. NB4	KK2
3. PQ4	PxP	11. PB5	PxP	19. BxN	PxB	27. RR7+	KB3
4. NxP	PKN3	12. QxQ+	KxQ	20. NK3	NB3	28. KRR1	PKR4
5. PQB4	BN2	13. NxRP	PN3	21. PB3	BR3	29. R1N6	KN4
6. NN3	PQR4	14. RQ1	KK1	22. NQ5	NxN	30. RQ7	PR5
7. PQR4	PQ3	15. BN5+	BQ2	23. RxN	BK6+	31. RQ6 and white won.	
8. BK2	BK3	16. N5B4	BxB	24. KB1	PK3		

F. Lee Gaskill had the bye.

IV. Fourth Round

A. Ron Henley - John Watson

1. PQN3	PK4	6. NKB3	PQB3	11. PQB4	0-0	16. PxP	PxP
2. BN2	PK5	7. BQ3	BN5+	12. PKR3	BR4	17. RQ1	NQB3
3. PQ3	NKB3	8. PB3	PQ3	13. QN1	BN3	18. NB1	QQ2
4. PK3	PQ4	9. QNQ2	NB4	14. 0-0	RK1	19. QB2	NK5
5. PxP	NxP	10. BB2	BN5	15. BxB	RPxB	20. QK2	BB4

and a draw was agreed.

B. William Haines - David Thomas

1. NKB3	NKB3	9. PxP5	PxP	17. QRQ1	QN4	25. RN1	BK2
2. PQB4	PB4	10. PxP	NxP	18. BN6	PK5	26. KB2	PN3
3. NB3	PK3	11. 0-0	NxN+	19. BxP	QBN5	27. PB5	BxB
4. PK3	NB3	12. QxN	QR4	20. RxR+	RxR	28. PxB	NQ4
5. PQ4	PQ4	13. NK2	0-0	21. QK3	QxQ	29. PB6	PxP
6. PQR3	PQR3	14. BN2	RQ1	22. PxQ	RQ2	30. NxP	BR5+
7. PQN3	BK2	15. QRQB1	QQ7	23. BB3	BxP	31. KN2	RN2
8. BQ3	PxBP	16. BQ4	PK4	24. NQ4	PR3	32. KR3	BB3
						33. White resigned.	

C. Steve Spencer played his patented Richter-Veresov Opening against Elliot Winslow but lost in 31 moves.

D. Jerry Milburn goofed against Steven Sandager's Sicilian and resigned on move 26. Milburn figured to get the last round bye so he went ahead and withdrew.

E. Larry Englebretson and Lee Gaskill played a hard fought draw--Englebretson ended up a pawn ahead but with no way to break through.

F. Lewis McClary had the bye.

V. Fifth Round

A. Elliot Winslow prevented Ron Henley from winning clear first place by defeating Henley in a very hard fought game. I don't have the scoresheet. This was the scene when I had to leave to catch my plane: Ron was two pawns ahead but obviously under pressure--he made a kind of shrugging, whimsical looking grimace, and half way extended his hand to offer Winslow a draw, but Winslow just kept sitting there--looking smug.

B. John Watson - David Thomas

1. PQB4	PK4	5. NKB3	NxN	9. 0-0	PK5	13. NxB	PxN
2. NQB3	NKB3	6. NPxN	BQ3	10. NQ2	RK1	14. QN3+	Black
3. PK3	PQ4	7. PQ4	NQ2	11. NB4	PQN3	resigned. As it	
4. PxP	NxP	8. BK2	0-0	12. PKB4	PKB3	turned out, the	
						winner of this	

game was also the tournament winner. The fact that Thomas lost early clinched the State Championship for Henley but made no difference (that I could tell) in his play.

C. Steve Sandager - Lewis McClary

1. PK4	PK4	10. NxN	PxN	19. QxP	BB4	28. BK3	NQ4
2. NKB3	NQB3	11. NK2	PQB4	20. QQ4	BR5	29. BN1	BxB
3. BN5	PQR3	12. PQR3	0-0	21. PKN3	BB3	30. RxB	PQR4
4. BR4	PQ3	13. BR2	KR1	22. QxQP	BB7	31. RQB1	RQB1
5. 0-0	BQ2	14. PQB3	PQ6	23. QxQ	QRxQ	32. KB1	KB2
6. PQ4	BK2	15. QxP	PB5	24. RxR	RxR	33. BQ2	PN5
7. NB3	NB3	16. QB2	NN5	25. NQ4	BxN	34. PxP	PxP
8. RK1	PQN4	17. BB4	PB4	26. PxP	KN1	35. RK1	PB6
9. BN3	QNxP	18. QRQ1	PxP	27. PR3	NB3	36. PxP	PxP

and the scoresheet becomes unintelligible here. It is safe to say, however, that McClary once again showed himself to be a strong endgame player as Sandager resigned on move 48.

D. Larry Englebretson - William Haines

1. Nc3	d5	13. Kb1	Ne5	25. Rd5:	cd	37. Qf7	Rh8
2. e4	de	14. Qb3	Be2:	26. f3	Ne5	38. Qf4+	Kd7
3. Ne4:	Nf6:	15. Ne2:	Ng4	27. Be5:	fe	39. Qf7+	Kd6
4. Nf6:+	gf	16. Bf4	Qa5	28. Qe5:	Qa5	40. Qg7	Re8
5. d4	c6	17. Bg3	Qb4	29. Re3	Rg2:	41. f4	Re7
6. Ne2	H5	18. Qf3	Rd5	30. Qh8+	Qd8	42. Qe5+	Kd7
7. h4	Bf5	19. Nf4	Rb5	31. Rc3+	Kd7	43. f5	Qa6
8. Ng3	Bg4	20. b3	Rg8	32. Qd4	Qa5	44. fe+	Qd6:
9. Qd3	Qc7	21. Qe2	Bd6	33. Qf6	Kd6	45. Qh5:	And
10. Be3	Nd7	22. Rhl	Qa3	34. Kb2	Rg8	black allowed	
11. Be2	e6	23. d5	Bf4:	35. Qf7:	Qd8	his flag to flop.	
12. 0-0-0	0-0-0	24. Bf4:	Rd5:	36. Qb7:	Qb6		

E. Lee Gaskill - Steve Spencer

1. e4	Nc6	10. Bd2	c6	19. Nd7	Nc8	28. Rd8:	Ne7
2. Nf3	d5	11. Qe2	e6	20. Qe3+	Ka8	29. Rd7	Nf5
3. ed	Qd5:	12. 0-0-0	0-0-0	21. c5	f6	30. Rb7:+	Ka8
4. Nc3	Qa5	13. h4	h5	22. Rhd1	hg	31. a4	Nd4
5. Bc4	Bg4	14. Ne5	Ne7	23. Nb6+	Kb8	32. Rg7	Bc2:+
6. h3	Bh5	15. Kb1	Rd4	24. Rd8	Bc5:	33. Ka2	Nf5
7. d3	Ne5	16. Nb5	Rd2:	25. Qc5:	Qc5:	34. Rg4:	Black
8. g4	Nc4:	17. Na7:	Kb8	26. Nd7+	Ka7		resigned.
9. dc	Bg6	18. Rd2:	Ka7:	27. Nc5:	Rd8:		

VI. Final Standings and Comparisons

As can be seen in the crosstable below, the 1976 Closed was a very strong tournament. In fact, the average rating of 2172 was even higher than the 2135 average that last year's 18 entrants posted in Houston.

Out-of-state players did considerably better this year than in 1975 when they won only 9-1/2 points out of 21 encounters with Texans. This year, as last year, three out of the five non-residents entered had master ratings but this year the two highest rated Texans withdrew early. Also, John Jacobs (who scored 4 pts. in 1975) and John Hall (who doesn't travel much) didn't compete. Despite all this, out-of-states beat the Texans by only 13-12 in Midland.

I may have given the impression that this year's tournament was unduly noisy. Well, it was--but so was last year's when the top section didn't even have a separate room. The problem is that it is very hard to get a playing site that is perfect in all respects.

Name	Home	Rating	Round-by-Round Results					Total
1. Watson	Nebr.	2302	W12	D3	W6	D2	W4	4
2. Henley	Houston	2295	W10	W4	W11	D1	L3	3-1/2
3. Winslow	Misso.	2257	W5	D1	L4	W11	W2	3-1/2
4. Thomas	Lubbock	2155	W8	L2	W3	W10	L1	3
5. McClary	Dallas	2012	L3	L12	W7	Bye	W6	3
6. Sandager	N. Mex.	2126	W14	D13	L1	W12	L5	2-1/2
7. Englebretson	Houston	2047	L11	W14	L5	D8	W10	2-1/2
8. Gaskill	Houston	1930	L8	L10	Bye	D7	W11	2-1/2
9. Simms	Amarillo	2146	W13	W11	WD	--	--	2
10. Haines	Misso.	2099	L2	W8	W12	L4	L7	2
11. Spencer	Misso.	2268	W7	L9	L2	L3	L8	1
12. Milburn	Ft. Worth	2144	L1	W5	L10	L6	WD	1
13. Smith	Dallas	2322	L9	D6	WD	--	--	1/2
14. Dunning	Ft. Worth	2307	L6	L7	WD	--	--	0

1976 TEXAS POSTAL CHESS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Open to All Classes of Players

The 1976 Texas Postal Championship Tournament is starting and it is now time to enter. This year's contestants are required only to be members in good standing of the Texas Chess Association; membership in no other organization is required. The entry fee is \$6.00* to enter one section and players may enter as many as three sections, but an additional \$2.00 per extra section is required.

Each section will have seven players and each player will play one game against every other player in that section. The top two winners from each section will advance to the finals where they will compete against winners of other sections. The winner of the finals tournament will have earned the title of postal chess champion of the Texas Chess Association and will receive a trophy. Section winners get certificates.

RULES OF CORRESPONDENCE PLAY:

1. All players are required to use English Descriptive Notation.
2. Players are required to make reply to an opponent within 72 hours of receiving a move. A player is allowed four weeks vacation per year but is required to notify opponent of vacation intention before absence.
3. Players are permitted to use standard reference texts during the course of a game but are not allowed to use advice of other players. "Standard reference texts" are those that all entrants might have reasonable access to. (For example, a notebook of a friend that is a personal reference is not permitted, but a text such as Modern Chess Openings or Basic Chess Endings is permitted.)
4. If a player has not received a reply from an opponent within 14 days, a second card should be sent. Normally a time forfeiture will be imposed only after two warnings by the tournament director.
5. The winner of a game, or White in case of a drawn game, shall send the result and a complete score to the director at the completion of a game.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Bill McCarty

If you have never played in a competitive chess tournament before, then you should not miss out on this opportunity to compete and to improve your skills. You will have lots of fun and you will be able to meet other interesting people through the mails via postal chess.

In order that entrants to the 1976 tournament may have the privilege of competing against top level postal players, the Texas Chess Association is offering free entries to all competitors in either the 1974 or 1975 tournament who scored 75 percent or better in their preliminary round of play. A special section has been set aside for junior players and it will charge only \$1 EF. If this junior section is not filled within 3 months, then regular entrants will be put into it so that the section can begin play. All entries should be sent to: 1976 POSTAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP, TEXAS CHESS ASSOCIATION, 2615 BUCHANAN AVENUE, ODESSA TX 79763.

*Prospective entrants who are life members in the T.C.A. or whose T.C.A. membership will not expire until 1978 should enclose only \$2.00.

TCA Postal Rating System

Ken Hackney has set up a rating system for TCA postal chess.

Like the U.S. Chess Federation postal rating system, ours is a modified form of the Correspondence Chess League of America system. We asked CCLA President Nestor Farris for permission to do this and he said that CCLA had borrowed it from an even earlier source.

-- The Hackney Table --

<u>Range Between Players</u>	<u>High Wins</u>	<u>Low Wins</u>	<u>Draw</u>
0 - 9	8.0	8.0	0
10 - 19	7.5	8.55
20 - 29	7.0	9.0	1.0
30 - 39	6.5	9.5	1.5
40 - 49	6.0	10.0	2.0
50 - 59	5.5	10.5	2.5
60 - 69	5.0	11.0	3.0
70 - 79	4.5	11.5	3.5
80 - 89	4.0	12.0	4.0
90 - 99	3.5	12.5	4.5
100 -109	3.0	13.0	5.0
110 - 119	2.5	13.5	5.5
120 - 129	2.0	14.0	6.0
130 - 139	1.5	14.5	6.5
140+	1.0	15.0	7.0

To use the above table one must have a rating, so unrated players are automatically given a rating of 200 and either rise or fall from there. Players who already have a CCLA rating will convert it to the TCA system simply by dividing the CCLA rating by two.

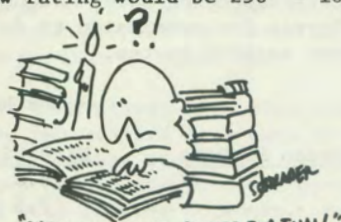
Players who have a USCF rating will convert to the TCA system by using one of the following tables.

<u>USCF OTB Rating</u>	<u>USCF Postal Rating</u>
<u>Conversion Factor (CF)</u>	<u>Conversion Factor (CF)</u>
Master = 1600	Class A = 900
Expert = 1500	Class B = 900
Class A = 1400	Class C = 700
Class B = 1300	Class D = 500
Class C = 1200	
Class D = 1100	
Class E = 1000	

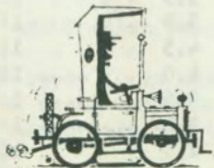
For instance, if player A has an over-the-board (OTB) rating of 1414 while player B has a postal rating of 956 they would convert to TCA postal ratings by looking across from the class they are in on the above tables and subtracting the corresponding number from their rating. For player A, since he is in USCF OTB class C, this would give $1414 - 1200 = 214$. For player B, since he is in USCF postal class C, this would give $956 - 700 = 256$. Thus both C rated USCF players would fall into the TCA class C category.

If, in the above example, player A wins the game he can use the Hackney Table to see that since $256 - 214 = 42$, and the low rated player gets 10 pts. if he wins against someone rated 40-49 pts. higher, player A's new TCA rating will be $214 + 10 = 224$. Player B's new rating would be $256 - 10 = 246$.

TCA Postal Chess Classes	
+500	Expert
400-499	Class A
300-399	Class B
200-299	Class C
100-199	Class D
10-99	Class E



Closed tournaments will eventually be held among strong TCA postal players to gain the TCA postal master title.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

March 6-7
Alamo Open
 San Antonio

5-SS, 45/2 then 20/1, at the Bluebonnet hotel, corner of No. St. Mary's and Pecan near Greyhound Bus Station. EF: \$15 at door, USCF & TCA mem. req. PRIZES: \$500 guaranteed and trophies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, A, B, C, D + Under, & Unrated. REG: 8-9 a.m., Sat. ENT: Pete Prattes, P.O. Box 7231, San Antonio TX 78207.

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

5-SS, 50/2 for rds. 1-3 & 45/2 for rds. 4-5, at the Travelodge, 2600 Parkway Dr., Lubbock 79408 (the toll free number for reservations has been changed to 800-255-3050; chess players get special rates, \$10-\$16). EF: \$17.50 or \$15 for jrs., USCF & TCA mem. req. PRIZES: (\$1,000 guaranteed) \$200-100-75, X, A, B, C, D + E each \$74-40, Unr. \$50-25, Oldest Entrant, Youngest, Furthest Distance, and other awards are planned (if less than 5 in a class, the second prize for that class may be redistributed). REG: Option of 6-7 p.m., Fri., if you wish to play first round Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; or 8-9 a.m., Sat., if you would rather play first round at 9:30 a.m. Sat. Five-minute speed tourney will be held Sat. 10 a.m. RDS: 7:30 p.m. or 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9 a.m., & 2:30 p.m. in order. ENT: Lubbock Chess Assoc., 1908 70th St., Lubbock TX 79412.

March 13-14
Texas A&I Open
 Kingsville

5-SS, 45/2 then 30/60, at Texas A&I Rhode Hall, room 336. EF: \$15, USCF mem. req. PRIZES: 100% of EF minus expenses; 22½% & trophy to 1st, 12½% to 2nd, 65% to classes. Dorm rooms available for \$3.30/person/night--bring your own sheets. ENT: Bruce Payne, Box 2343.

March 20-21
Las Cruces Open
 New Mexico

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

April 3-11
Lubbock Chess Week

Sat., Apr. 3: Texas Tech Champ.
 Sun., Apr. 4: Lubbock Team Champ.
 Tue., Apr. 6: L.C.A. Open House
 Thur, Apr. 8: Lubbock Speed Champ.
 April 10 & 11: Lubbock City Champ.
 ENT: Lubbock Chess Assoc., 1908 - 70th St., Lubbock TX 79412.

May 1-2
Buccaneer Days Open
 Corpus Christi

5-SS, two sections, 40/90, at the Hilton Inn, 6255 I.H. 37 (Corn Products Rd. Exit) (Call toll free 800-492-6993 for reservation; rates start at \$18 but this is out by the airport and other hotels are distant). EF: \$15 at the door or \$12 in advance. PRIZES: Open Section, \$140 & trophy to first; \$30 to second; \$60 & trophy to A, and \$50 & trophy to B+Lower; Booster Section (for players rated under 1700 only), \$100 & trophy to first, \$60 & trophy to C, \$50 & trophy to D, \$40 & trophy to E+Unr. REG: 9:30 a.m., Sat. ENT: Tom Weaver, 3617 Lamont, Corpus Christi TX 78415.

May 1-2
Holiday in Dixie Open
 Shreveport

5-SS, 50/2, at the Captain Shreve Hotel, 408 Market, Shreveport LA. EF: \$12, USCF & LCA req. but T.C. Tom Amburn will accept T.C.A. in place of LCA. PRIZES: \$120-70, \$35 each to B, C, D, E+, and Unr. REG: 8-9:30 a.m., Sat. RDS: 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9 a.m., 2 p.m., in order. ENT: T. B. Amburn, Box 033, Springhill LA 71075.

TEXAS

More About Dr. Underwood
by David Thomas

KNIGHTS

The death of Dr. Ralph S. Underwood in May, 1974, while competing in a chess tournament in Midland, Texas, at the age of 82 ended a chess reign of remarkable duration. Dr. Underwood was a strong player when he came to Lubbock in 1927, and from that time on remained at the center of chess activity in West Texas. His list of chess triumphs was extensive. He was many, many times Lubbock Champion, and his dominance of West Texas chess is demonstrated by his clean sweep of the 1951, 1953, 1956, 1958, and 1961 Panhandle Opens. Dr. Underwood was very well known by chess players in the Texas-New Mexico-Oklahoma area, and many remember his friendly smile and courteous manner.

Dr. Underwood's achievements were not limited to the 64 squares. He was a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and received his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Chicago in 1930. He was a professor at Texas Tech University until his retirement in 1965. He pioneered a field of mathematics known as extended analytical geometry, for which he was awarded Piper Professor in 1959. He authored textbooks in geometry and related math, and also in astronomy, in which he was an authority. He was the author of many published poems and science fiction stories.

It is the hope of the Lubbock Chess Association to make the Dr. Ralph S. Underwood Memorial Tournament a fitting memorial to him. This will be the largest tournament ever held in the Texas Panhandle area with a \$1,000 guaranteed prize fund. We hope that those who knew Dr. Underwood will make a special effort to play in this tournament.

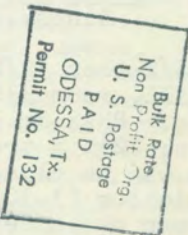
TCA CALENDAR

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Mar. 12-14	Underwood Memorial, Lubbock
Mar. 13-14	Texas A&I Open, Kingsville
Mar. 20-21	Las Cruces Open, N. Mex.
Mar. 27	3-Rd. Swiss, Dallas
Apr. 3-11	Lubbock Chess Week
Apr. 10-11	TCA Gold Star Date
Apr. 24-25	San Jac Open, College Sta.
May 1-2	Holiday in Dixie, La.
May 1-2	Buc Days Open, CorpusC
May 29-30	DCC 5-Rd Swiss, Dallas
June 5-6	Houston Open
June 19-20	TCA Gold Star Date
June 26-27	5-SS, Lubbock
July 3-4	DCC 5-Rd Swiss, Dallas
Aug. 3-8	No. American Open, Okla.
Aug. 14-15	TCA Gold Star Date
Sept. 4-6	Southwestern Open, San Antonio
Sept. 11-12	TCA Gold Star Date
Oct. 9	National Chess Day
Nov. 13-14	5-SS, Lubbock
Nov. 20-21	TCA Gold Star Date
Nov. 27-28	Texas Open, CorpusC

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