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RONALD LIFSON WINS EL PASO BONANZA

The El Paso open chess tournament (9th annual event) was held Feb. 23, 24, and 25, at the Sheraton Hotel in El Paso. Sixty-eight players participated. Many states were represented, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Alabama, as well as Mexico.

Because of the large turnout, very few of the top players were paired with each other. Since the tournament began on Friday night, it would have been better to have had 6 rounds.

The winner was a Minnesota expert, Ronald Lifson, now stationed at Ft. Bliss, with 5-0 score. Tied for second place, with 4½, were USCF Master, Ken Smith and Houston prodigy, William Bills. Experts with 4 points were John Hall, Jack Shaw, Bill Abbott, and Bill Cornwall. There was no 4th place prize, but H. Blajwas of San Francisco, in sixth place, received \$50 and the Class A trophy. R. Delon of Mexico also won 4 games, but got prize money for being unrated. Other Class A prizewinners with 3½-1½ scores were Bob Rader, A. Florian, H. Fabela, and W. C. Taylor. Class B leader was M. Stillwell of Los Alamos with 3½-1½.

Best in Class C was Sam Lovett of Port Arthur with 3-2.

Highest Junior player was S. Senniba with an even score.

Ocie Lindstrom won the Woman's Prize. George Koltanowski was the experienced director.

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PORT ARTHUR CHESS CLUB

A.C.E. Raceways, 25th Street, Port Arthur, Texas meets Friday nights 6:30 P.M. until 1:00 A.M. This chess club was recently re-organized, and plans many enjoyable activities.

To have your chess club listed, send time and meeting place to TEXAS KNIGHTS Editor, 220 W. 18th St., Houston, Texas 77008.

TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT AT ARLINGTON STATE COLLEGE

There were 22 players in the Texas Inter-collegiate five round tournament held at Arlington, Texas on February 23 and 24. David Willis of Texas University won the First Place Trophy on tie breaking points, although Carl Clayton of Houston University also scored 4-1.

Other colleges represented were: Rice, East Texas State University, LSU, SouthWest Louisiana, Gramblin, and the University of Texas at Arlington.

I don't understand why TCU, SMU, and A&M were not represented. Eligible players from Amarillo and Lubbock might have come to this event, if they had known about it. Why didn't Chess Director, James C. Bolen, send an announcement of this tournament to be published in TEXAS KNIGHTS?

The Texas Chess Association is happy to promote more chess tournaments by giving free publicity.

Tracy Watson and Norman James of Houston University, Ed Caruthers of Texas, and David Levin from LSU, all scored 3½-1½. The complete cross-table can be found on page 3.

13 PLAYERS IN HOUSTON CHESS CLUB TMT

Fred King led the field by winning the first 3 games; however, he was toppled by Eric Bone in the 4th round, and again defeated in the 5th round by Cliff Jewell. In the final game, Eric Bone, who had drawn with Jewell, played Robert Brieger for the club championship. In this hard-fought game, Brieger was victorious and finished First, with 4½-½. (Having drawn one game with Bob Rader, who left town.) Charles Floto placed Second with 4-1 by winning the game from a higher rated player, Johnny Rhoades. Eric Bone, with 3½-1½ received Third Prize. Robert Chalker and John Niven also ran.

EL PASO OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

1. Ronald Lifson	W43	W24	W41	W6	W8	5	56. F. Nigh	L16	W62	L21	L50	D58	1½
2. Kenneth Smith	W67	D10	W24	W31	W12	4½	57. J. Barber	L6	L39	W68	L25	D41	1½
3. William Bills	D35	W58	W13	W17	W11	4½	58. S. Kubala	W26	L3	L14	L27	D56	1½
4. John Hall	W27	W23	W15	L8	W19	4	59. Park Bishop	L11	W48	L16	L47	L52	1
5. Bill Abbott	W28	L41	W27	W26	W21	4	60. P. Specht	L15	L21	L64	W65	L53	1
6. H. Blajwas	W57	W14	W9	L1	W22	4	61. V. Gracia, II	L23	W67	L26	L24	L36	1
7. R. Delon	W21	L19	W25	W43	W18	4	62. G. Hlavacek	L33	L56	L44	L51	W67	1
8. Bill Cornwall	W55	W40	W33	W4	L1	4	63. A. Joam	L41	L43	L47	W67	L46	1
9. Jack Shaw	W44	W54	L6	W40	W20	4	64. O. Lindstrom	L42	L45	W60	L28	L48	1
10. Bob Rader	W49	D2	L17	W36	W31	3½	65. G. Wilson	L34	L29	L49	L60	W68	1
11. Eric Bone	W59	W20	W18	D12	L3	3½	66. W. Gracia	L40	D55	L37	L38	L49	½
12. T. Heldt	W45	W42	W30	D11	L2	3½	67. J. Hilliard	L2	L61	L52	L63	L62	0
13. A. Florian	D38	W37	L3	W45	W33	3½	68. P. Kostrubola	L25	L46	L57	L48	L65	0
14. M. Stillwell	W39	L6	W58	D16	W32	3½							
15. W. C. Taylor	W60	W25	L4	D33	W37	3½							
16. H. Fabela	W56	L33	W59	D14	W35	3							
17. Peter Cook	D37	W38	W10	L3	D23	3							
18. E. Stearns	W29	W34	L11	W41	L7	3							
19. S. Blackman	W47	W7	D31	D23	L4	3							
20. J. Brower	W48	L11	W28	W34	L9	3							
21. L. McClary	L7	W60	W56	W39	L5	3							
22. R. S. Underwood	W51	L31	W29	W30	L6	3							
23. Dr. S. Gonzalez	W61	L4	W46	D19	D17	3							
24. R. Clark	W52	L1	L2	W61	W44	3							
25. Roy Riddell	W68	L15	L7	W57	W47	3							
26. S. Pacheco	L58	W49	W61	L5	W50	3							
27. Sam Lovett	L4	W52	L5	W58	W55	3							
28. T. Harvey	L5	W53	L20	W7	W40	3							
29. D. Obeiter	L18	W65	L22	W53	W41	3							
30. W. Paxton	W53	W32	L12	L22	W42	3							
31. G. Nowak	W36	W22	D19	L2	L10	2½							
32. E. Swanson	W46	L30	D43	W55	L14	2½							
33. F. Brown	W62	W16	L8	D15	L13	2½							
34. E. Humphrey	W65	L18	W35	L20	D39	2½							
35. H. Rosenbaum	D3	W47	L34	W46	L16	2½							
36. W. Huguen	L31	D51	W38	L10	W61	2½							
37. C. V. Evans	D17	L13	W66	W54	L15	2½							
38. R. L. Williams	D13	L17	L36	W66	W54	2½							
39. S. Senniba	L14	W57	W42	L21	D34	2½							
40. L. Tognacci	W66	L8	W50	L9	L28	2							
41. V. Zeigner	W63	W5	L1	L18	L29	2							
42. K. Wilson	W64	L12	L39	W52	L30	2							
43. R. Day	L1	W63	D32	L7	D57	2							
44. Dr. A. Sorensen	L9	L50	W62	W49	L24	2							
45. D. L. Welch	L12	W64	D54	L13	D51	2							
46. F. Gutierrez	L32	W68	L23	L35	W63	2							
47. J. Albin	L19	L35	W63	W59	L25	2							
48. R. Ayott	L20	L59	L53	W68	W64	2							
49. G. Contreras	L10	L26	W65	L44	W66	2							
50. R. Delain	L54	W44	L40	W56	L26	2							
51. L. F. Terrazos	L22	D36	L55	W62	D45	2							
52. Dr. V. Gracia	L24	L27	W67	L42	W59	2							
53. E. Lindstrom	L30	L28	W48	L29	W60	2							
54. K. Feuchter	W50	L9	D45	L37	L38	1½							
55. H. Faires	L8	D66	W51	L32	L27	1½							

GAMES

White: Bob Rader	Black: Ken Smith
1. P-Q4	24. NxQ B-K5
2. N-KB3	25. N-Q2 B-Q6
3. B-B4	26. P-K4 P-QR4
4. P-K3	27. P-K5 QR-N1
5. P-KR3	28. N-K4 P-N5
6. B-K2	29. PxP PxP
7. O-O	30. N-B5 PxP
8. P-B3	31. PxP R-N6
9. Q-R4	32. R-R7 RXP
10. Q-B2	33. RXP K-N1
11. QN-Q2	34. P-Q5 R-R6
12. N-K5	35. P-Q6 R-R4
13. BxN	36. NxB? PxN
14. Q-Q1	37. R-Q1 R-Q4
15. B-R2	38. P-Q7 K-N2
16. P-R3	39. K-B2 R-Q1
17. B-B3	40. P-K6 R-B4ch
18. R-K1	41. K-K3 R-K4ch
19. B-K5	42. K-B4 RXP
20. BxB	43. RxB PxR
21. BxN	44. RxB K-B3
22. P-B3	45. R-Q6 P-R4
23. QxP	QxQ
	Game was Drawn.

Black exchanges Bishop and Knight for a Rook and two Pawns, but he gets the worst of the bargain. Game played at the LSU Chess Club.

White: Warren Porter	Black: Jude Acers
1. P-Q4	17. Q-K2 NxR
2. P-QB4	18. NxN R-B1
3. N-KB3	19. N-K3 BxN
4. P-K3	20. BxB N-B4
5. BxP	21. B-B2 Q-R5
6. QN-Q2	22. N-N4 KR-Q1
7. P-KR3	23. P-N4 N-R5
8. P-QN3	24. BxN PxP
9. O-O	25. Q-K5 P-B3
10. B-K2	26. QxPch K-R1
11. PxP	27. R-K1 P-KR4
12. B-N2	28. NxP R-B1
13. N-N5	29. R-KB1 Q-N4
14. B-KB3	30. R-B5 R-B8ch
15. KN-K4	32. RxQ RxN
16. PxP	33. RxPch Resigns

To renew your membership, send \$3 TCA dues to Treasurer Eric Bone, 5105 Tamarach Drive, Baytown, Texas 77520.

at Arlington State College

1. David Willis	W13	W22	L5	W4	W7	4
2. Carl Clayton	W21	W17	W7	L3	W9	4
3. Ed Caruthers	L4	W12	W6	W2	D5	3½
4. Norman James	W3	D6	W10	L1	W17	3½
5. Tracy Watson	W8	W10	W1	L7	D3	3½
6. David Levin	W14	D4	L3	W11	W8	3½
7. John Steele	W15	W9	L2	W5	L1	3
8. Michael Utt	L5	W11	W22	W17	L6	3
9. John Roach	W16	L7	W19	W13	L2	3
10. Warren Porter	W18	L5	L4	W22	W14	3
11. Brian Martin	D12	L8	W21	L6	W13	2½
12. Joe Parker	D11	L3	L15	W19	W16	2½
13. Jim Parker	L1	W15	W14	L9	L11	2
14. Pete Elliot	L6	W16	L13	W18	L10	2
15. Joe Becker	L7	L13	W12	L16	W20	2
16. Eric Villavaso	L9	L14	W20	W15	L12	2
17. John Manson	W20	L2	W18	L8	L4	2
18. Denver Dolman	L10	W20	L17	L14	W22	2
19. Roy Streit	---	W21	L9	L12	---	1
20. Dale Salapatek	L17	L18	L16	W21	L15	1
21. Price Goree	L2	L19	L11	L20	Bye	1
22. Hugh Manson	---	L1	L8	L10	L18	0

KENNETH SMITH WINS OKLAHOMA O.K. BY K.O.

In this game, his opponent gambled by sacrificing several pieces. However, the attack proved unsuccessful, and he went down swinging!

White: Ken Smith		Black: Jack Winters	
1. P-K4	P-K4	19. Q-B3	QxQ
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	20. RxQ	RPxB
3. P-Q3	P-KB4	21. NxNP	O-O-O
4. QN-Q2	B-QB4	22. K-Q2	R-R7ch
5. P-KN3	P-Q3	23. K-B3	P-QN4
6. B-N2	N-KB3	24. P-QR3	N-K4
7. O-O	P-B5	25. R-B5	P-B4
8. Pxp	B-KN5	26. P-Q4	P-KN3
9. N-N3	B-N3	27. R-N5	N-B6
10. P-KR3	P-KR4	28. RxNP	NxP
11. PxB	PxP	29. NxN	PxNch
12. N-N5	P-N6	30. K-Q3	R-K1
13. B-K3	KPxP	31. R-N7	R-R6
14. BxB	NxKP	32. R-KB1	K-Q1
15. NxN	Q-R5	33. KxP	R-R7
16. Pxp	Q-R7ch	34. K-Q3	P-Q4
17. K-B2	PxPch	35. R-B7	Resigns
18. K-K1	QxB		

Postal Game from the Panhandle

Gary Simms - M. Stillwell

1. P-K4	P-K3	11. Pxp	P-KB4
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	12. PxPe.p.	QxP
3. N-Q2	N-KB3	13. N-QB3	N-N3
4. P-K5	KN-Q2	14. N-N3	B-Q2
5. B-Q3	P-QB4	15. O-O	P-R5
6. P-QB3	N-QB3	16. P-N4!	PxPe.p.
7. Q-N4?	P-KR4!	17. BPxP	Q-N2
8. Q-B4	P-KN4	18. P-N4	O-O-O
9. Q-K3	B-R3	19. N-N5	Q-K2?
10. N-K2	PxP?	20. R-B7!!	Resigns

1. Kenneth Smith	W27	W31	W4	W10	W7	5
2. Randy Mills	W51	W21	W18	D8	W9	4½
3. George Hulburd	W38	W16	W13	D7	D8	4
4. Joe Hill	W29	W30	L1	W17	W13	4
5. Tom Amburn	W46	W35	L7	W31	W16	4
6. Victor McBee	L25	W37	W27	W30	W15	4
7. Jack Winters	W43	W15	W5	D3	L1	3½
8. Bill Haines	W32	W19	D9	D2	D3	3½
9. Arthur Self	W24	W17	D8	W20	L2	3½
10. John Patterson	W37	W12	W25	L1	D11	3½
11. Charles Wallace	L12	W37	W21	W18	D10	3½
12. Igor Sofronow	W11	L10	D14	W48	W26	3½
13. Mark Hazelwood	W26	W14	L3	W36	L4	3
14. Frank Campbell	W33	L13	D12	W28	D20	3
15. Merrill Jacobs	W22	L7	W46	W32	L6	3
16. Dallas Convis	W41	L3	W40	W25	L5	3
17. Allen Ormiston	W49	L9	W29	L4	W34	3
18. DeJuan Leggett	W47	W36	L2	L11	W30	3
19. Edward Sayre	W28	L8	D41	W40	D25	3
20. Frank Berry	D40	W42	W34	L9	D14	3
21. Floyd Frazier	W50	L2	L11	W46	W32	3
22. Charles Gilbert	L15	L26	W50	W33	W35	3
23. Robert Lebo	Bye	L25	L30	W49	W36	3
24. Homer Callaway	L9	L46	Bye	W47	W40	3
25. Russell Bacquet	W6	W23	L10	L16	D19	2½
26. Steve Fleishman	L13	W22	D28	W41	L12	2½
27. Gary Ames	L1	W48	L6	D29	W42	2½
28. Bill Lebo	L19	W38	D26	L14	W41	2½
29. Milo Krakower	L4	Bye	L17	D27	W44	2½
30. Arno Barnetzki	W48	L4	W23	L6	L18	2
31. Wally Kerr	W34	L1	W33	L5	---	2
32. Austin Marcus	L8	W49	W35	L15	L21	2
33. Martin Davis	L14	W39	L31	L22	W46	2
34. Frank Doonan	L31	W51	L20	W39	L17	2
35. Avrom Rosen	W45	L5	L32	W38	L22	2
36. Jim Folger	W39	L18	W14	L13	L23	2
37. Galen Daum	L10	L6	L38	Bye	W47	2
38. Charles Snap	L3	L28	W37	L35	W49	2
39. Ernest Roark	L36	L33	W42	L34	W48	2
40. Tom Rolen	D20	W44	L16	L19	L24	1½
41. Jim Williams	L16	W50	D19	L26	L28	1½
42. Valentin Gracia	D44	L20	L39	W45	L27	1½
43. Bill Williams	L7	D45	L49	L44	W50	1½
44. Mike Eaton	D42	L40	L36	W43	L29	1½
45. John Morgan	L35	D43	L47	F42	W51	1½
46. Sam Campbell	L5	W24	L15	L21	L33	1
47. Jay Cruce	L18	L41	W45	L24	L37	1
48. Walter Gracia	L30	L27	W51	L12	L39	1
49. Phillip Jones	L17	L32	W43	F23	L38	1
50. Ralph Naylor	L21	L41	L22	D51	L43	½
51. Robert Ware	L2	L34	L48	D50	L45	½

HOW TO GET A BIRDIE

After 1. P-KB4, P-K4; 2. Pxp, P-Q3; 3. Pxp, Bxp; 4. N-KB3, P-KN4; 5. P-K4?, P-N5; 6. P-K5, PxN; 7. PxB, now Black plays Q-R5ch; 8. P-N3, Q-K5ch; 9. K-B2, Q-Q5ch! 10. K-K1, P-B7ch; 11. K-K2, B-N5 Mate.

April 27-28

SAN JACINTO OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

5-round Swiss, U. S. C. F. rated, to be played at Texas A&M Memorial Student Center in College Station. Time limit is 45 moves in 2 hours, and 20 moves per hour thereafter. Registration 8-9 A.M. Saturday, April 27th. Entry fee is \$5.00 and USCF-TCA membership is required. The entry fee money will be used for prize fund and rating fee only. Three rounds will be played on Saturday, and two rounds on Sunday, April 28. For accommodations at the Student Center, or information, send post card to: Fred R. Crowder, Box 502, College Station, Texas 77840.

James Schroeder of Cleveland, Ohio writes, "I am most wholeheartedly in agreement with giving Class prizes in tournaments. The average player deserves a chance to win a prize just as much as the better player does. But, the prize he wins need not be as valuable. After you have directed 50 tournaments and get to know the average player, you will have more compassion for him.

There is another reason for encouraging average and below average players to compete in tournaments: they provide the prize money for the better players. Suppose 1000 players play in ten tournaments and contribute \$5.00 each to the prize fund. The top 10% of the players (100) would win 70% of the prize money (\$35,000). Or, \$350 each. Now suppose we add 1000 players to these tournaments. The prize money will double, but the number of prize winners will NOT double, because these new players are not capable of winning a high prize. The percentage of prize winners would dwindle to 6%. They would win \$70,000. Or, \$583.00 each." (in ten tournaments)

Comments by TEXAS KNIGHTS Editor:

The average player is given the same opportunity to win the tournament as the expert. (he starts each game with the same 16 chessmen) The probability of his winning the tournament is determined by his chess skill or lack of it. The beginner has the same chance to learn to master the game as any player.

August 31-September 2

SOUTHWESTERN OPEN CHESS EVENT

Sponsored by the Texas Chess Association and the San Antonio Chess Club, the Southwest and International Open will be held in the Convention Center of the HemisFair '68, World's Fair, Labor Day week-end, August 31 through September 2. First Prize \$1000; Second Prize \$500 guaranteed; other cash prizes as entry fees permit. Seven-round Swiss. Entry fee \$15. Trophies and cash prizes for top three places and Class A, B, C, D, and Unrated. Merchandise prizes thereafter. Register 8:00 to 12 noon Saturday, August 31. Time limit: 45 moves in one hour and 45 minutes. USCF-TCA membership required; USCF \$10, TCA \$3; combined dues, \$11. Director: International Master George Koltanowski. For further information write Homer Hyde, President, Texas Chess Association, 231 Cherry Ridge Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78213.

Fortunately, most tournaments are not comprised of only players who expect to win the top prizes. Many average players will pay \$5 for one game with Reshevsky in an exhibition, without expecting to win any prize, even if they should beat him. The same players should be willing to pay \$5 for five games in a tournament with better players, and expect no reward for a mediocre performance.

The better players provide the money for the Class prizes for which they are ineligible. Yet their zero probability of winning the Class prizes is not determined by their chess skill. They are discriminated against, because of their high rating. This is unfair! How would the average players like it, if there was an open tmt, winner take all, with the First prize reserved for players with expert ratings? If the directors who decide the prize distribution continue to reward the player for his low rating rather than for performance, then I predict that many unrewarded experts will scuttle their rating.

Who prefers glory to money?

PLAN NOW FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN TMT IN SAN ANTONIO.

Due to heavy influx of visitors expected it is imperative that hotel reservations be made IMMEDIATELY. Recommended are: Crockett Hotel, Menger Hotel, Hilton's Palacio Del Rio, St. Anthony Hotel, Bluebonnet Hotel and El Tropicano.

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