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SIMMS AMARILLO OPEN CHAMPION

Gary Simms of Amarillo kept the city open title at home by winning all of his games in a five round Swiss on August 8-9. He included victories over the players finishing in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places. Simms is developing rapidly in playing strength and qualified as Region I representative for the Texas Candidates Tournament at the Panhandle-Permian Basin Tournament also held in August. This summer he finished third in the Oklahoma Open and took the Class B trophy in the Albuquerque Open. Gary is a former member of the Texas A&M University chess team and was president of their club his Senior year.

Seventeen players turned out for the Amarillo Open, sponsored by the Amarillo Chess Club and directed by Simms. Simms is the new T.C.A. Region I Chairman, replacing Dr. R. S. Underwood who had served in that capacity so well for many years. The complete cross-table of the tournament appears on Page 2.

BONE FIRST IN SPACE CITY OPEN

Baytown's Eric Bone and Houston's William A. Bills each finished with a $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score in the five round Space City Open held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston last June 13-14. The event attracted 53 players. Tie-breaking points placed Bone ahead of Bills and they split the prize money. David M. Lees, Peter Gould and George H. Smith each scored 4-1, and placed third to fifth.

The Class A players were led by Byron Douglas Jr., Bill Wheeler, Fred King and Tom Buckley with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. First in Class B with 3-2 was Ross Carbonell, followed by Leon Weiner, Robert Chalker, Melvin Wilson and Tom Barnard all with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Donald E. Hegele was the top unrated player with a 3-2 score, followed with Robert C. Dullea, James Cuomo and Terence Eakens with 2-3. An upset prize was awarded to Roy Vokey for his victory over Nick Ermidis with about 300 USCF rating points difference.

The former champion of Mexico and now a USCF rated Master, Jose Mondragon entered the tournament after the first round. He scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ points, conceding a draw to Fred King in the final round.

The Houston Chess Club sponsored the event. Although the results are hardly news at this date, your editor felt that the rest of the state would be interested in how the tournament went and also wished to recognize the winners for their achievements. It also gives the editor a chance to repeat his request for submission of all types of news.

BILLS TOPS AT LAS VEGAS

In one of the finest performances of his career, Houston Expert William A. Bills took first place at the Las Vegas Open last July 4th over a field of 160 players. Bills tied with five others with a 6-1 score in the seven round event. The field included seven U.S. masters, which gives some measure of Bills' achievement. Robert Brieger was right behind with an excellent $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score. The Swiss system was somewhat strained in handling such a large entry.

NEW REGIONAL CHAIRMEN

Underneath the masthead of Page Two you will find the names and addresses of the Texas Chess Association's seven regional chairmen. Most of the names are faithful workers who have served Texas chess for a number of years. Region VII has a new chairman this year, Bill Wheeler, and Region I, Gary Simms. Our sincere appreciation goes to all of our workers, new and old. Please coordinate all tourney dates with these men.

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1ST ANNUAL AMARILLO OPEN

August 8-9, 1964

Place	Round	1	2	3	4	5	Game	TieBk
1. Gary Simms		W16	W8	W2	W4	W3	5	M9.5
2. Wilson Neil		W10	W14	L1	W8	W5	4	M8
3. Dr. R. Underwood		W17	W7	D4	W6	L1	3.5	M9.5
4. John Wheelock		W13	W11	D3	L1	W9	3.5	M8.5
5. W. R. Dement		D6	W17	D9	W7	L2	3	M8.5
6. Mike Steele		D5	W13	W12	L3	D8	3	M8
7. David Thomas		W9	L3	W15	L5	W13	3	M7.5
8. Gale Nicolet		W12	L1	W14	L2	D6	2.5	M9.5
9. George Weems		L7	BYE	D5	W10	L4	2.5	M8.5
10. Johnny Schmidt		L2	D15	W11	L9	W16	2.5	M6.5 S11.5
11. R. L. Hertzog		W15	L3	L10	W16	D12	2.5	M6.5 S11
12. Delwin Weems		L8	W16	L6	W17	D11	2.5	M6
13. Marcus Brazil		L4	L6	BYE	W14	L7	2	M8
14. Van Skidmore		BYE	L2	L8	L13	W17	2	M4.5
15. H. G. Porter		L11	D10	L7	BYE	F	1.5	M2.5
16. Glenn Ball		L1	L12	W17	L11	L10	1	M7.5
17. Erwin Davlin		L3	L5	L16	L12	L14	0	M7.5

1964 AIR TRAINING COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Two interesting games contributed by David Lees.

WHITE: David Lees

BLACK: Peter Gould

1. P-K4	P-QB4	16. Q-Q3	Q-Q3
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	17. 0-0-0	Q-K4
3. P-Q4	PXP	18. QR-B1	Q-R4
4. NXP	P-KN3	19. P-R3	Q-N3
5. N-QB3	B-N2	20. Q-Q2	P-N6
6. B-K3	N-B3	21. N-K2	N-R4
7. B-K2	0-0	22. Kr-N1	P-K4
8. N-N3	P-Q3	23. B-B3	K-R1
9. P-B4	B-K3	24. BXN	QXB
10. P-N4	P-Q4	25. NXP	QXP
11. P-B5	B-B1	26. N-K4	P-B3
12. PXQP	N-N5	27. R-R1	Q-N5
13. B-B3	PXP	28. N-Q6	Q-Q2
14. P-QR3	PXP	29. Q-R2	
15. B-N2	N-R3		

BLACK RESIGNS

WHITE: Warren Lattimore

BLACK: David Lees

1. P-K4	P-K4	16. Q-N2	Q-R4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	17. N-Q2?	QR-K1
3. B-N5	P-QR3	18. RXR	RXR
4. B-R4	N-B3	19. P-B3	R-K8ch
5. 0-0	B-K2	20. K-B2	B-KR6
6. R-K1	P-QN4	21. QXB	QXQ
7. B-N3	0-0	22. KXR	QXRP
8. P-B3	P-Q4	23. N-B1	BXPch
9. PXP	NXP	24. NXB	QXNch
10. NXP	NXN	25. K-K2	Q-N7ch
11. RXN	P-QB3	26. K-Q3	QXPch
12. P-Q4	B-Q3	27. K-B2	Q-K7ch
13. R-K1	Q-R5	28. B-Q2	N-K6ch
14. P-N3	Q-R6	29. K-B1	Q-B8ch
15. Q-B3	B-KN5		

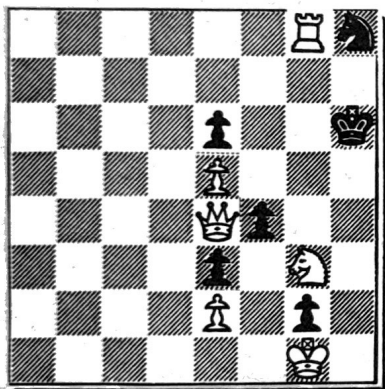
WHITE RESIGNS

Regular readers are accustomed to finding regular appeals for news from members in this space. Too many of our readers expect me to be able to scamper around and find all of the news for myself. And when it comes to sending in games, we are a very timid bunch. Even at the tournaments I play in or direct, I need the players' help in selecting the most interesting games. Let's see your latest efforts.

Problem World

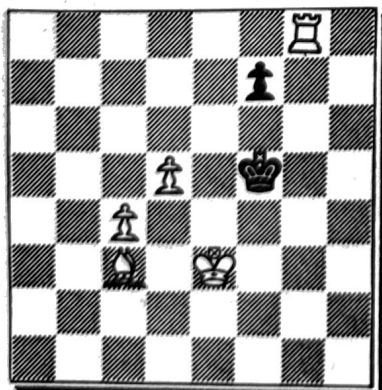
LET'S GO! TEXAS OPEN-CANDIDATES

Your editor stubbed his toe in the October issue by repeating a Koltanowski problem from the previous issue. The solution is 1. Q-QB6. However, even such an error has its bright side. Robert Brieger of Houston was moved to write me of my error and included a new Brieger original and a problem by fellow Houstonian Daryl Hanks. Both are unpublished originals and I am very pleased to be able to offer them to our readers. First, the composition by Hanks:



1.
Mate
in
2

Hanks problem is called a Meridith since it is a two-mover with only twelve men. Brieger is even more economical with his material and achieves a miniature, a chess problem with seven or fewer pieces. Here it is:



2.
Mate
in
3

I sincerely hope that these contributions encourage other TCA members to show us their work. The excellent diagrams are photos by W. N. Wells of San Antonio. Solutions on page four.

The big November TCA event is the Texas Open and Texas Candidates Tournaments, sponsored this year by the Denton Chess Friends. A five round Swiss, it will be played at the Holiday Inn on Interstate Highway 35 (South end of Denton) on November 28-29. Registration is from 6:30 to 8 P.M. Friday and 8 to 9 A.M. Saturday. There is an optional first round Friday in the Open for those who prefer to play then in lieu of Saturday morning.

There will be six trophies for the Open; one for each of the first three places and one for each class (A, B, & C). Entry fee for the Open is \$5 to students or Juniors under 21, and \$7.50 to everyone else. The first prize is guaranteed to be \$100 in addition to the trophy. There are book awards for the second place in each class. This fine array of awards should entice most of our players to make the pleasant trip to Denton.

There are twenty places in the Candidates according to the TCA Constitution. Gary Simms qualified from Region I; Robert Brieger, Eric Bone, Thomas Cunningham, and George H. Smith, Region V; H. M. Weiner, Charles Freeman and Robert F. King, Region VI. Regions II, III, and IV failed to hold their qualifying tournaments this year, and the results of the Valley Open supposedly held in February in Region VII have not been reported. The highest rated players present at the tournament from these regions are eligible to enter according to the rules. If the places are not filled in this manner, then they become open to the highest rated players present. Thus, there remain opportunities for many players to take a chance at the State title via the Candidates route in Denton.

Advance registrations and requests for additional information should be sent to: John B. Ham, 1916 Ft. Worth Drive, Denton, Texas.

BRAZOS OPEN GAME

WHITE: Tom Buckley BLACK: Robert Brieger
Brieger Opening Encore

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|----------|-------|-------------|--------|
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 9. N-B4 | B-N5ch |
| 2. P-QB4 | B-B4 | 10. B-Q2 | B-B4 |
| 3. Q-N3 | P-K4 | 11. Q-R4 | RXP |
| 4. QXNP | N-Q2 | 12. N-R5 | B-K5 |
| 5. N-QB3 | KPXQP | 13. N-N3 | B-B7 |
| 6. NXQP | B-Q3 | 14. Q-R5 | Q-N1 |
| 7. N-KB3 | R-QN1 | 15. R-B1 | R-N8 |
| 8. QXRP | P-QB3 | 16. RESIGNS | |

This opening appears as a single column in MCO 7, 8, & 9. It partly follows a game Fine-Grau, 1937. Fine, in his Ideas, says "is designed to solve the eternal problem ... of the Black QB. It fails only because the Q-side turns out to be too weak." Pachman: "Hardly any value for practical play." However ...

BRAZOS OPEN BEST GAME

John Dunning Wm. Bills

1. P-Q4 P-Q4
2. P-QB4 P-K3
3. PXP PXP
4. N-QB3 P-QB3
5. Q-B2 B-Q3
6. N-B3 N-K2
7. P-K4 PXP
8. NXP B-KB4
9. B-Q3 B-N5ch
10. B-Q2 BXBch
11. QXB O-O
12. O-O N-Q2
13. Qr-B1 B-N3
14. P-QN4 PQR3
15. KR-K1 N-Q4
16. N-K5 NXN
17. PXN NXP
18. QXN QXB
19. N-B5 Q-N4
20. QXQ RFXQ
21. NXP RXP
22. RXP B-K5
23. R-B7 R-R2
24. N-Q6 RXR
25. NXB P-N5
26. P-B4 P-N6
27. R-N1 R-N1
28. N-Q2 P-N7
29. K-B1 K-B1
30. K-K2 K-K2
31. K-Q3 R-B8

RESIGNS

PROBLEM SOLUTIONS

- (1) 1. N-R1. if PxN(Q) ch
2. QxQ mate.
if P-B6
2. Q-R4 mate.
if N moves
2. Q-N6 mate.
If K-R4
2. Q-R7 mate.
- (2) 1. B-R8 P-B3
2. P-B5 K-K5
3. R-N5 mate.

CORPUS CHRISTI HOSTS REGION VII QUALIFYING TOURNEY

To fill the gap left by the lack of information on the February Valley Open, New Region VII Chairman Bill Wheeler has announced a Valley Open to select the Candidates from Region VII will be held in Corpus Christi on November 21-22. Registration for this five round Swiss will remain open until 09:00 Saturday November 21. Entry fee is \$5. It will be an open event for everyone, but the top three places from Region VII will qualify for the Candidates Tournament the following weekend. It will be held at the Sandy Shores Motor Hotel, 3200 Surf Side Boulevard (U. S. Highway 81), Corpus Christi. For advance registration or additional information write to Bill Wheeler, 509 North Tancahua, Corpus Christi. John Bob Payne, 1964 Southwest Open Champion, will compete in the event. The first three rounds will be on Saturday; two rounds Sunday.

GOLDEN SPREAD OPEN

A five round Swiss tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday December 12-13 at the First State Finance Building, 813 Georgia, Amarillo. Entry fee \$5.00, except for Juniors \$3.00. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, B,C and Unrated, and Junior, plus money prizes as entries permit. Registration until 8:30 Saturday morning. Address inquiries and early registration to Gary Simms, 3422 Meadow Drive, Amarillo 79109.

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS

The Denton Chess Friends meet each Monday night in the community room of the Denton Federal Savings and Loan Building. There are now twenty USCF members in Denton, a fine example of what good organization can accomplish. They are holding a round-robin rating tournament, one game a week. They are also conducting a correspondence match with the Alekhine Chess Club in Sliema, Malta. Denton's six boards are: Tom Buckley, Joel Sappenfield, John D. Ham, Dr. Garrett Ballard, Jim Cuomo, and Olin Chism.

The Baytown Chess Club meets every Wednesday night at the Citizens National Bank. Contact Jack Taylor, 315 Lakeside, Channelview, Texas 77530.

Our former President, Homer H. Hyde is compiling a history of the Texas Chess Association. He would appreciate contributions from all of the old timers. We hope to summarize the results in a future issue of Texas Knights.

December 5-6, The Oklahoma Chess Association will hold the Oklahoma Open in Norman. Write D Ballard, 1210 Wilson Center Drive, Norman, Oklahoma for details.

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