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BILLS WINS AGAIN

Beaumont (not Buffalo) Bill outsmarted his opponents in the Capital City Open Chess Tournament held December 3rd and 4th at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Austin.

Unfortunately, he could only draw two of his lost games, and had to share his First Prize money with four other guys. Each had a game score of 4-1. Bills' First Place Trophy should be some consolation for his tough schedule. In the words of that great master, Jude Acers, "Don't expect chess professionals to play for peanuts." You have our sympathy, William.

Other good players were Gary Simms, Amarillo; Eddie Caruthers of San Antonio, who had first place in his grasp until he lost to Bills in the last round; R. F. King of Austin, who got the Class B trophy; and DeJuan Leggett of Dallas.

Donald Hegele of Beaumont, won the Class A trophy with 3 wins, a fine showing.

John Moffitt of Bryan, took the Class C trophy with a 3-2 score.

John Zammito of Austin, received the Un-rated trophy.

Laura, who is learning, also played.

There were 25 players who took part in this tournament, which was directed by W. N. Wells of San Antonio.

The complete cross table appears on the inside page.

AMARILLO DEFEATS LUBBOCK

December Chess Match held in Kress, Texas.

Amarillo Chess Club

1. Gary Simms	$\frac{1}{2}$	Jack Hardy	$1\frac{1}{2}$
2. Fred King	1	David Thomas	1
3. John Schmidt	2	M. Smith	0
4. F. Fisher	2	Dr. Underwood	0
5. Glen Ball	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. R. Riddell	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. D. Weems	0	R. Clark	2
7. G. Weems	0	D. Jirgensons	2
8. V. Skidmore	1	P. Childress	1
9. S. Carter	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Pat Stewart	$\frac{1}{2}$
10. N. Boyd	1	Gale Nicolet	1
. D. Johnson	0		
Total	$10\frac{1}{2}$		$9\frac{1}{2}$

This competition was arranged by the officials of the two teams, Gary Simms and David Thomas.

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UNITED STATES CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

New York, December 11 - 29

1. Robert Fischer	W3	W7	W10	D8	W11	W12	D2	D6	W4	W9	W5	$9\frac{1}{2}$
2. Larry Evans	W12	W6	W9	D3	W10	L11	D1	D4	W5	D7	D8	$7\frac{1}{2}$
3. Pal Benko	L1	W10	W11	D2	L4	W5	D7	W8	D12	L6	D9	6
4. James Sherwin	D8	L12	W6	D9	W3	L10	W11	D2	L1	D5	W7	6
5. Arthur Bisguier	W7	L8	W12	D6	D9	L3	W10	W11	L2	D4	L1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
6. William Addison	D11	L2	L4	D5	W7	L8	L12	D1	W9	W3	D10	5
7. Anthony Saidy	L5	L1	W8	D12	L6	W9	D3	D10	W11	D2	L4	5
8. Robert Byrne	D4	W5	L7	D1	L12	W6	D9	L3	D10	L11	D2	$4\frac{1}{2}$
9. Samuel Reshevsky	D10	W11	L2	D4	D5	L7	D8	W12	L6	L1	D3	$4\frac{1}{2}$
10. Nicholas Rossolimo	D9	L3	L1	D11	L2	W4	L5	D7	D8	W12	D6	$4\frac{1}{2}$
11. Donald Byrne	D6	L9	L3	D10	L1	W2	L4	L5	L7	W8	W12	4
12. Bernard Zuckerman	L2	W4	L5	D7	W8	L1	W6	L9	D3	L10	L11	4

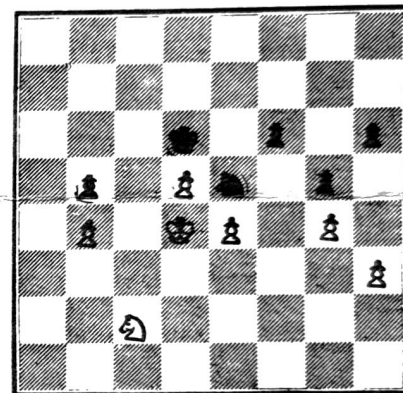
CAPITAL CITY OPEN
Austin, December 3-4

1. William Bills	W23 D6 W8 D2 W3	4
2. Gary Simms	W17 W16 D15 D1 W7	4
3. Eddie Caruthers	W19 W21 W7 W11 L1	4
4. R. F. King	L16 W17 W13 W10 W6	4
5. DeJuan Leggett	W24 L15 W16 W20 W9	4
6. R. S. Underwood	W9 D1 D11 W12 L4	3
7. Donald Hegele	W13 W10 L3 W18 L2	3
8. James Showen	W21 W12 L1 L9 W11	3
9. John Moffitt	L6 W24 W22 W8 L5	3
10. Dan Chambers	W25 L7 W14 L4 W18	3
11. Fred Crowdus	W20 W18 D6 L3 L8	2½
12. Michael Fitts	W22 L8 W20 L6 D13	2½
13. Pete Prattes	L7 W25 L4 W21 D12	2½
14. LeRay McCall	L15 W22 L10 D17 W16	2½
15. John Dunning	W14 W5 D2 --- (ill)	2½
16. Jim Rumsey	W4 L2 L5 W23 L14	2
17. Fred Speck	L2 L4 BYE D14 D23	2
18. Richard Bynum	BYE L11 W19 L7 L10	2
19. Marvin Simms	L3 W23 L18 L22 W24	2
20. Nick Duncan	L11 BYE L12 L5 W25	2
21. Jay Wilbur	L8 L3 W24 L13 D22	1½
22. John Zammito	L12 L14 L9 W19 D21	1½
23. Charles Tennyson	L1 L19 W25 L16 D17	1½
24. T. R. Atkins	L5 L9 L21 W25 L19	1
25. Laura Linton	L10 L13 L23 L24 L20	0

CHESS MATCH AT DENTON
December 11, 1966

Midwestern University Chess Team from Wichita Falls, Texas	Denton Knights, Ramada Inn at Denton, Texas
1. Larry Sprangler 1½	Tom Buckley 1½
2. Bill Shaw ½	J. Sappenfield 1½
3. Rose McAdo ½	Olin Chism 1½
4. Ralph Belter ½	Dr. G. Ballard 1½
5. D. Deavenport 0	A. J. Speece 2
6. Juan Soria 0	George Bacon 2
7. John Walker 1	E. Stapleton 1
8. Bill Thomas 1	Jeff Murphy 1
Total 5	Score 11

Tibor Rekey of Denton, directed and adjudicated several games, with the assistance of Ralph Belter from Wichita Falls.



DALLAS CHESS CLUB SWISS TOURNAMENT

October 16 - December 4

1. Kenneth Smith	W14 W5 W3 L2 W6 W7 W4	6
2. Owen Johnson	W17 W9 W6 W1 W5 D4 D3	6
3. James Campion	W20 W4 L1 D13 W17 W5 D2	5
4. Roy DeVault	W8 L3 W11 D7 W13 D2 L1	4
5. W. C. Grinnell	W16 L1 W17 W15 L2 L3 W9	4
6. Thomas Reagor	W19 D13 L2 W9 L1 W15 D10	4
7. Doyle Saylor	D11 W12 D15 D4 D10 L1 W14	4
8. John Chilton	L4 W16 L13 D14 W11 D17 W18	4
9. R. C. Phillips	W12 L2 D14 L6 W20 W13 L5	3½
10. Olin Chism	D18 L15 W12 W11 D7 L14 D6	3½
11. George Poe	D7 W18 L4 L10 L8 W19 W15	3½
12. B. G. Douglas	L9 L7 L10 W20 W18 W16 D13	3½
13. Jacob Irvine	D15 D6 W8 D3 L4 L9 D12	3
14. J. Alexander	L1 W19 D9 D8 L15 D10 L7	3
15. L. Hamilton	D13 W10 D7 L5 W14 L6 L11	3
16. Ellis Aronson	L5 L8 W18 L17 W19 L12 W20	3
17. Henry Flusche	L2 W20 L5 W16 L3 D8 L19	2½
18. H. Hudspeth	D10 L11 L16 D19 L12 W20 L8	2
19. E. J. Hill	L6 L14 L20 D18 L16 L11 W17	1½
20. Jack Stern	L3 L17 W19 L12 L9 L18 L16	1

Kenneth Smith received the First place trophy because of higher tie-breaking points.

The above position occurred in the last round game between Owen Johnson and James Campion in Dallas.

Black continued with

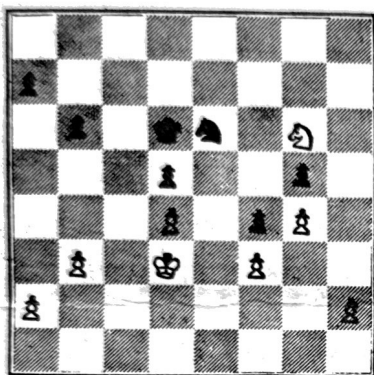
62. ...	N-KB6ch	71. N-Q4	K-QN3
63. K-K3	N-KN8	72. N-KB5	KxP
64. N-QR3	NxP	73. NxP	N-K4
65. NxPch	K-Q2	74. N-KN8	N-Q2
66. N-Q4	N-KB5	75. K-KB3	K-QB5
67. N-K2?	N-KN3	76. K-K3	K-QB6
68. K-KB3	N-K4ch	77. P-Q6	K-QB5
69. K-KN3	N-Q6	78. NxP	NxN
70. P-QN5	K-QB2	79. P-K5	K-Q4 DRAW

White should have won by playing

67. P-QN5, K-B1; 68. N-B6! K-B2; 69. K-Q4, K-N3; 70. K-B4, K-B2; 71. P-K5, PxP; 72. NxP, P-R4; 73. PxP, NxP; 75. K-B5, N-B3; 75. P-Q6ch, K-N2; 76. P-Q7, K-B2; 77. P-B6ch, K-Q1; 78. P-B7 and Black cannot stop the pawns from Queening.

In the penultimate round of the Port Arthur tournament held in October, another Knight ending occurred in the game Brieger-Bills. The position with White to move, was called a draw by Texas Champion Eric Bone and other members of the adjudication committee. They alleged a draw, because Basic Chess Endings contained an ending in which the Black Knight blockaded the White passed pawn.

In the limited time available, Brieger was unable to persuade the tournament director, Thomas Cunningham to reverse the decision. This incorrect evaluation cost Brieger the share of First Prize given to Lucky Bills!



WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN

Kenneth Smith in Dallas demonstrated the following winning method:

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|--------------|------|
| 46. P-KR4 | PxP |
| 47. NxRP | N-N4 |
| 48. N-N2 | N-K3 |
| 49. N-K1 | N-N4 |
| 50. K-K2 | N-K3 |
| 51. N-B2 | N-N4 |
| 52. K-B2 | N-K3 |
| 53. K-N2 | N-N4 |
| 54. N-K1 | N-K3 |
| 55. K-R3 | NxP |
| 56. P-N5 | N-K3 |
| 57. K-N4 | K-K4 |
| 58. N-Q3ch | K-Q5 |
| 59. NxP Wins | |

The truth is that in Knight endings, an extra Pawn nearly always wins. Most players seem to lack the ability to win such endings.

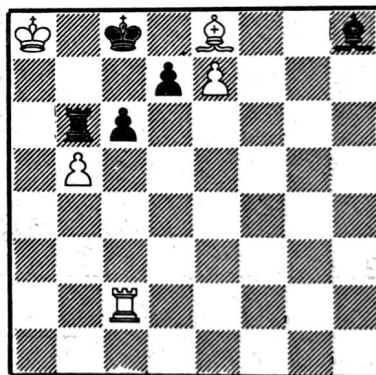
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Below is a First Prize winning ending by Master of Composition G. Kasparian of Erevan in the USSR.



White Wins

EG solution: 1. Bf7 Rb8ch 2. Ka7 Bd4ch 3. b6 Bxb6ch (3... Rxb6 4. e8Qch Kc7 5. Ra2 Rb7ch 6. Ka6 wins) 4. Ka6 Bd8 5. Rxc6ch dc 6. Be6ch Kc7 7. e8S mate.

FLAW IN FISCHER'S FABULOUS FINESSE

January 28-29
ALAMO OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

U. S. Chess Champion Bobby Fischer played an exciting First Round game with Benko. After 21 moves, Benko as White, threatened to win the exchange by playing N-B7. Fischer surprised everyone by ignoring the threat, and played 21... NxPch. After 25... R-B7; Fischer was playing a full rook down. With 26. RxB, Benko returned material in an effort to relieve the pressure. With the Zwischenzug 33... R-K7ch; Fischer won the game in brilliant style.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

Pal Benko	Robert Fischer		
1. P-KN3	P-KN3	23. N-B7	B-KR3
2. B-N2	B-N2	24. R-K?	KR-QB
3. P-Q4	N-KB3	25. NxR	R-B7!
4. P-K4	P-Q3	26. RxB	RxRch
5. N-K2	O-O	27. K-B	RxNP
6. O-O	QN-Q2	28. B-QB3	R-QB7
7. P-QB4	P-K4	29. BxN	PxB
8. QN-B3	P-B3	30. P-K5	B-K6
9. P-Q5	PxP	31. BxP	R-B7ch
10. NxP	NxN	32. K-K	P-Q6
11. QxN	N-B4	33. B-R6	R-K7ch!
12. R-Q	B-N5	34. K-Q	RxKRP
13. P-B3	B-K3	35. BxP	R-Q7ch
14. QxQP	BxP	36. K-K	RxB
15. N-B3	Q-R4	37. K-K2	R-R6
16. B-N5	N-K3	38. N-B7	B-Q5
17. B-K7	KR-K	39. N-N5	BxR
18. N-Q5	B-K7	40. NxR	BxP
19. KR-QB	N-Q5	41. P-N4	K-N2
20. Q-N4	QxQ	42. N-B4	K-B3
21. BxQ	NxPch	Resigns	
22. K-B2	N-Q5		

Most of the experts and masters at the scene proclaimed Fischer's combination astounding, because of the absence of the queens. But there were a few skeptics, who doubted the soundness of the sacrifice. On analysis, they demonstrated where Benko had missed his chance. He should have varied by playing 24. NxQR, BxR; 25. N-B7, BxP; 26. R-QN1, R-QB1; 27. N-Q5, R-B7; 28. N-K3, and White wins.

The Alamo Open, a 5-round Swiss, will be held at the Bluebonnet Hotel, at 426 N. St. Mary's Street, in San Antonio, Texas. Registration 8:00 A.M. Three rounds Saturday, two Sunday. Entry fee \$5, plus USCF-TCA membership. Trophies to three top players, also winners of Class A, B, C, D. Cash prizes as entry fees permit. Top three players from Region VI, qualify to play in Texas Candidates Tournament. Time limit will be 45 moves in 2 hrs., 20 moves per hour thereafter.

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February 17-19 EL PASO OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

5-round Swiss System, U.S.C.F. rated, to be played at the Beautiful Desert Hills Motor Hotel at 4501 N. Mesa in El Paso, Texas. Time limit is 45 moves in 2 hours, and 25 moves per hour thereafter. First round to start at 7 P.M. Friday, February 17, 1967. Two rounds on Saturday, Feb. 18, and two rounds on Sunday, Feb. 19, 1967. George Koltanowski will be tournament director. First Prize, guaranteed \$150 and trophy. Second Prize, \$100 and trophy. Third Prize, \$50 and trophy. Class Prizes: Best "A", \$50 and trophy; Best "B", \$50 and Lapel Pin; Best "C", \$40 and Lapel Pin; Best Woman, \$20 and trophy; Unrated, \$20; Best Junior, \$20 and Lapel Pin. Entry fee \$10 plus USCF dues if not a member. Register on or before 6 P.M. Friday, February 17, Desert Hills Motel. Park Bishop, P. O. Box 1461, El Paso.

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