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MAX BURKETT WINS ORAN PERRY OPEN

Max Burkett of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was the undisputed winner of the first Oran Perry Memorial Open held June 25-26 at Odessa. Burkett took the lead in the fourth round by beating Kenneth Smith. Burkett won the last round game from Peter Cook for a final score of $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

Ken Smith, Jerry Milburn, and John Jacobs tied for second with 4 points each in that order on tie breaks.

The prize for the Best Class A performance was divided between John Hall and Peter Cook with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points each.

David Thomas, Roy Riddell, Wayne Bell, and Ralph Underwood were in a four way tie for Best Class B.

The Class C award was split by Park Bishop and A. Sorensen.

John Moffitt was the Best Junior player. Unrated player, David Line also received a chess clock prize.

The tournament was a Swiss system event, and was held in the Community Room of the First State Bank in Odessa. It was directed by Don Naylor of Odessa, assisted by USCF master Roy Hoppe of San Angelo, who arrived too late to participate in the tournament. The Odessa Chess Club plans to make the event an annual affair.

The complete cross table appears on the inside page.

TIBOR REKEY DIRECTS DENTON TOURNAMENT

The largest chess tournament in Texas this year was held in Denton with 60 players on May 28-30. Tibor Rekey did a splendid job of directing this event, almost single handed. Large cash prizes attracted a good turnout.

LOADED QUESTIONS by Brieger

Which would you rather have?

A Texas Candidates tournament open to all Texas chess players, or Abolish all qualifying tournaments and let the six highest rated players compete for the Texas Championship?

300 T.C.A. members at \$2 each, or 200 members at \$3 each?

A Texas Junior champion who is a rich kid who won't pay his TCA dues, or a Junior champion who is a poor boy who can easily pay the \$2 dues?

A Chess Life subscription at \$5 a year for all U.S.C.F. members, or a special rate for Juniors under 25 who wish to subscribe to "Playboy" magazine?

A lot of chess players who sit at home and watch the chess trends, or members who attend the TCA business meeting in Dallas in September and vote!

U. S. OPEN IN SEATTLE August 14-26

Some of the issues to be voted on at the USCF business meeting are:

- USCF dues should be increased to \$6.
- The 20% affiliate deduction should be eliminated to simplify office procedures, to encourage submission of dues straight to New York rather than complicate the tasks of the tournament promoter, and thereby to improve service.
- Junior dues should remain the same as adult.

In the last round of the Denton Open, Roy Hoppe needed only a draw to clinch First place. His opponent, Jude Acers, made a desperate attempt to defeat him. Here is the score, with notes by the winner.
White: Roy Hoppe Black: Jude Acers

1. P-QB4 N-KB3
2. N-KB3 P-KN3
3. P-KN3 B-N2
4. B-N2 O-O
5. O-O P-B3
6. P-Q4 P-Q4

The Neo-Grünfeld Indian Defense.

7. Q-N3

A rare move. Usual is 7. PxpP, PxpP; 8. N-B3, N-K5; 9. NxN, Pxn; 10. N-K5, N-Q2; 11. NxN, Qxn with equality. The gambit variation 7. N-QB3, PxpP; 8. N-K5, B-K3; 9. P-K4, QN-Q2; 10. P-B4, Q-N3; could put White in serious trouble (Bogolyubov-Alekhine match, 1929).

7. ... , PxpP

As in the Catalan System, White makes a few early Queen moves, but at no great disadvantage. In fact, White maintains a stronger pawn center.

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| 8. QxP B-B4 | 12. N-KR4 N-N3 |
| 9. N-B3 QN-Q2 | 13. Q-N3 B-K3 |
| 10. B-B4 N-K5 | 14. Q-B2 NxN |
| 11. KR-Q1 P-QR4 | 15. Pxn B-B5 |

Black's temporary control over the QB5 square is hardly adequate counter-play for White's central pawn control and advantage on the QN file. Better is 15..., N-B5; then White would maneuver his Knight to Q2 to get the hostile horse out of the way.

16. N-B3 P-B3?

Black gives himself kingside pawn weaknesses and a bad Bishop. I speculated as to what-ever possessed Acers to make such moves. I knew that he was very serious (perhaps too serious) about chess. Although he was prone to make some hasty statements, he was not prone to make hasty moves. He always thought hard and long in difficult positions to find the move he wanted. Therefore, these moves could not have been made through lack of patience. The logical conclusion was that he simply did not understand the position.

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| 17. QR-N1 P-N4? | 24. PxpP PxpP |
| 18. B-QB1 Q-B2 | 25. BxBch RxB |
| 19. R-K1 B-B2 | 26. B-K3 P-N4 |
| 20. N-Q2 N-B5 | 27. KR-Q1 R-Q1 |
| 21. B-K4 P-R3 | 28. RxRch QxR |
| 22. B-N6 NxN | 29. R-Q1 R-Q2 |
| 23. BxN P-K4 | 20. RxR QxR |

1. Max Burkett	W27 W15 D9 W2 W8	4½
2. Kenneth Smith	W14 W11 W7 L1 W9	4
3. J. Milburn	W35 W4 L5 W12 W13	4
4. John Jacobs	W30 L3 W24 W20 W10	4
5. R. Brieger	W32 D18 W3 D13 D7	3½
6. R. McCready	D19 D10 W16 D9 W23	3½
7. John Hall	W34 W12 I2 W15 D5	3½
8. Peter Cook	W28 D13 W19 W18 L1	3½
9. C. Skladal	W23 W17 D1 D6 I2	3
10. H. Fabela	D25 D6 W32 W11 I4	3
11. Tom Buckley	W22 I2 W28 L10 W25	3
12. Roy Riddell	W31 L7 W26 L3 W32	3
13. David Thomas	W37 D8 W21 D5 L3	3
14. Wayne Bell	I2 W22 W33 L7 W26	3
15. Byron Douglas	W29 L1 W35 D23 D16	3
16. R. Underwood	W36 D21 L6 W27 D15	3
17. Lynn Green	W26 L9 D31 D35 W28	3
18. Gary Simms	W38 D5 W25 I8 D21	3
19. Olin Chism	D6 W33 L8 D17 D20	2½
20. J. Sappenfield	W24 I25 W27 I4 D19	2½
21. Tibor Rekey	W33 D16 L13 D25 D18	2½
22. John Moffitt	L11 L14 W36 D32 W30	2½
23. A. Sorensen	I9 W31 W38 D15 L6	2½
24. Park Bishop	I20 W37 I4 D30 W31	2½
25. V. L. Hansen	D10 W20 L18 D21 L11	2
26. David Line	L17 W34 L12 W29 L14	2
27. Harold Frost	L1 W29 I20 L16 W37	2
28. Harry Halsell	L8 W36 L11 W35 L17	2
29. Huston Wright	L15 I27 W37 I26 W35	2
30. Bill Hughen	I4 L35 W34 D24 I22	1½
31. Pat Stewart	L12 I23 D17 W36 I24	1½
32. Kenneth Bland	L5 W38 L10 D22 L12	1½
33. Ray McCune	I21 L19 L14 W38 D34	1½
34. Dale Nicolet	L7 I26 L30 W37 D33	1½
35. John Warren	L3 W30 L15 I28 I29	1
36. H. Peddicord	L16 I28 I22 L31 W38	1
37. Bill Vaughn	L13 I24 I29 L34 I27	0
38. Eric Kangas	L18 L32 I23 L33 L36	0

Hoppe - Acers game continued

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| 31. Q-N6 Q-Q8ch | 35. P-KR4! QxRP |
| 32. K-N2 Q-Q4ch | 36. PxpP Q-B2 |
| 33. K-N1 P-QN5 | 37. QxBP PxpP |
| 34. PxpP PxpP | 38. Q-R8ch B-B1 |

Black should play 38..., Q-B1; 39. Q-Q5ch, Q-B2; with a draw and a tie for second place. Since White can now afford to play for a win with absolutely no risk of losing, I decided to punish Acers for trying to beat me.

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| 39. B-B5! P-N6 | 45. K-K1 Q-QB3 |
| 40. BxB QxB | 46. Q-KB4ch K-K2 |
| 41. Q-Q5ch Q-B2 | 47. Q-K3ch K-B1 |
| 42. QxKP P-N5 | 48. QxP Q-B8ch |
| 43. Q-Q4 Q-K3 | 49. Q-Q1 Q-B6ch |
| 44. K-B1 K-B2 | 50. K-B1 Q-QB3 |

See next page for conclusion of game.

Hoppe - Acers game concluded.

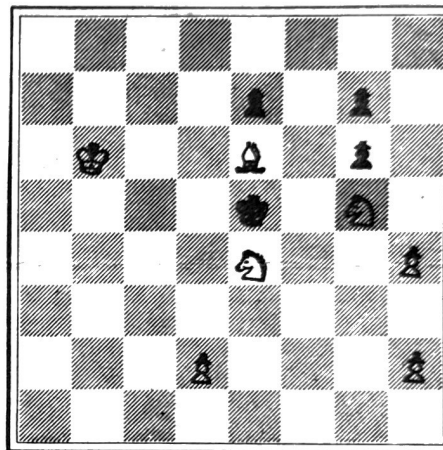
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| 51. K-N1 | Q-K5 |
| 52. Q-Q3 | Q-K3 |
| 53. P-K4 | Q-KB3 |
| 54. Q-Q5 | Q-R8ch |
| 55. K-N2 | Q-B6 |
| 56. Q-B5ch | K-K2 |
| 57. QxP | Q-Q5 |
| 58. Q-N5ch | K-K1 |
| 59. Q-Q5 | Q-N7 |
| 60. P-K5 | Q-K7 |
| 61. P-K6 | Resigns |

Kenneth Smith got himself in Dutch in this game from the Oran Perry Open in Odessa.

White: Ken Smith Black: Max Burkett

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| 1. N-KB3 | P-KB4 |
| 2. P-KN3 | P-Q3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | P-QB3 |
| 4. P-QB4 | N-KB3 |
| 5. N-QB3 | P-K3 |
| 6. B-N2 | B-K2 |
| 7. O-O | QN-Q2 |
| 8. R-K1 | P-Q4 |
| 9. N-KN5 | N-B1 |
| 10. P-KB3 | N-N3 |
| 11. P-K4 | O-O |
| 12. BPxP | QBPxP |
| 13. KPxQP | PxP |
| 14. Q-N3 | P-B5 |
| 15. PxP | K-R1 |
| 16. B-B1 | Q-Q3 |
| 17. R-K5 | NxR |
| 18. BPxN | Q-Q1 |
| 19. PxN | BxP |
| 20. P-B4 | BxPch |
| 21. K-R1 | QxN! |
| 22. PxQ | RxBch |
| 23. K-N2 | R-N8ch |
| Resigns, for If | |
| 24. K-B3 | B-N5 Mate |

If a key allows the Black king an escape-square, it gives a flight; if it deprives him of an escape-square, it takes a flight. Flights are usually an incidental embellishment, but sometimes they constitute a theme in themselves. If the Black king can move to all four diagonal flights, each leading to a different mate, we have the Star-flight theme. In the mating position, there may be only one guard on each square in the Black King's field (the squares surrounding the king). When every outlet is 'purely' guarded in this way, we speak of a pure mate. If all White's force (with the permissible exception of king and pawns) is required for a mate, the mate is economical. A mate that is both pure and economical is called a model mate: an ideal of beauty for the mating move. The problem this month was composed by Robert Brieger for the occasion.



White mates in 2

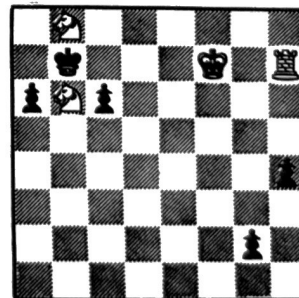
"Star light, Star bright;
First Star I've seen tonight.
I wish I may, I wish I might,
Have the wish, I wish tonight."

RIO GRANDE VALLEY CHESS TOURNAMENT June, 1966

1. R. E. Swaim	W4 W5 W6 I2	3
2. Wendle Scott	W8 L3 -- W1	2
3. Ed Koutnik	-- W2 W8 --	2
4. Dale Koelle	L1 -- D5 W7	1½
5. John Taylor	W7 L1 D4 --	1½
6. Jerold Gershowitz	-- W7 L1 --	1
7. James Page	L5 I6 -- I4	0
8. Robert Marcus	I2 -- L3 --	0

Tournament Director - R. E. Swaim
Time limit: 30 moves per hour

Turn to page 4 for solution to Star-flight.
Ending by Harold Lommer



White to move and Win

July 30-31
AMARILLO OPEN

5-round Swiss, USCF rated, 45/2, to be held at the Elks Lodge, 932 Clyde, Amarillo, Texas.

- 1st Prize - Trophy and \$50
2nd Prize - Trophy and Cash Prize as entries permit.
3rd Prize - Cash Prize as entries permit.
Class A Trophy
Class B Trophy
Class C Trophy
Best Junior - Subscription to the British Chess Magazine.

Entry Fee is \$7.50 for Adults; but \$5.00 for Juniors (18 and under). USCF membership is required. Registration 8 - 9 a.m. on July 30. Early registrations and inquiries to tournament director, Gary Simms, 3712 W. 6th, Apt. 4, Amarillo, Texas.

Solution to mate in 2 chess problem.

1. Nc5 is the key,
If ..., Kd6; 2. Nf7 mate
..., Kf6; 2. Nd7 mate
..., Kf4; 2. Nd3 mate
..., Kd4; 2. Nf3 mate.

Solution to Ending by Harold Lommer.

1. Ke6ch, KxN(b6); 2. RxP, gl(Q); 3. Rb4ch, now we have a Star-flight theme in an ending!
3..., Ka5 (Ka7); 4. Nc6ch and mate, or
3..., Kc5 (Kc7); 4. Na6ch and mate.
Another variation after 1..., KxN(b8);
2. Rg7, h3; 3. Kd6, h2; 4. KxP, gl(Q);
5. Rb7 mate.

The fact that the same theme can occur in both a problem and an ending, shows that there is not a great difference between these two art forms.

August 6-7
TEXAS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Five round Swiss, 45/2, to be held at the Houston Chess Club, centrally located at 1913 West McKinney, Houston, Texas. A fine motel, the Ramada Inn, is only 4 blocks away.
1st Prize - \$50 guaranteed minimum
2nd Prize - \$25 guaranteed minimum
3rd Prize - \$10 guaranteed minimum
Junior chess players must be under 21 years of age. Entry fee is \$5. Register by 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6. Directed by Eric Bone.

August 27-28
PANHANDLE OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

5-round Swiss, 45/2, to be played at the YMCA - 2402 14th St., Lubbock. Entry fee: \$7.50 (Adults) and \$5 for Juniors (21 and under).
1st Prize, \$50; 2nd, \$25; and trophies for Class B and C; also Unrated and Best Junior prizes. Director will be David G. Thomas, 3805 27th St., Lubbock, Texas.

September 3, 4, 5
SOUTHWESTERN OPEN CHESS EVENT

Seven round Swiss tournament to be held at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel. The one and only, George Koltanowski will be the tournament director. A new time limit will be 30 moves in the first 90 minutes, and 15 moves per 30 minutes thereafter. Entry fee is \$12.50, and USCF and TCA membership is required. Trophies and cash awards will be made in accordance with the provisions of the TCA by-laws.
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