

TOURNEY AND MATCH NEWS - Cont'd

INDIANA Jewel Nelson, Evansville, won the 1975 Indiana State Tourney held at Martinsville Labor Day weekend. Walter Kurzhals, Kenneth Courtright, Gregory O'Connor, Vincent Owens, and Rufus Harrington were next in order. There were 25 entrants in the 6 rounder.

MICHIGAN Karl Albrecht, Bay City, won the 66th annual Michigan state tourney held in Southgate over the Labor Day weekend. Next were Ed Ebert, John Laverty, Byron Lewis, Kurt Steege, Russell Hayner, Warren Baringer, Doug Hughson, J. B. Crider, and Gary Abdella. Six rounds of Swiss tourney play were used.

NORTH DAKOTA Art Soderberg, Berthold, won the 3rd annual Minot Open held July 19 in Minot, N.D. Neil Wenberg was runner-up, followed by A. Strand, R. Kennedy, L. McFadyen, F. Bitterman, R. Brand, F. Cranston, and R. Whitfield.

NEW YORK The 4th annual New York State Checker Tournament will be held Oct. 18 in Lockport, N.Y. at the Sheraton Motor Inn. There will be 3 classes of play with entry fee of \$10, \$7, and \$5; the top two classes will play 3-Move, and the lowest will play go-as-you-please. The Master class will play 4 rounds of 2-1/2 hours each, and the other two classes will play 5 rounds of 2 hours each. Registration will be 8:30-9:30 a.m., and play will start sharply at 10 a.m. All entrants must be current ACF members, 1975 or '76; 1976 dues may be paid at the tourney. The tourney is officially sanctioned by the ACF, and the highest finishing New York player will be recognized as the New York State Champion. The tourney is Open to any ACF member. Tourney Director is ACF District 2 Manager John Herberger, 80 Genesee St., #32, Lockport, N.Y., 14094; contributions should be sent to Edward Schmaltz, 40 Harding Road, Buffalo, N.Y., 14220.

OHIO Louis Cowie won his 15th Ohio state title in the tourney held Labor Day weekend in Alliance. OCA President Herman Mishler was runner-up for the second straight year; next were R. Roudebush, V. DeLong, R. Groves, B. Shumann, E. Bowersock, and D. Brattin-R. Embree. R. Brown won the Majors, followed by Cherryholmes and McManamon. In the Minors, it was Edwards, Greer, and Moser.

PENNSYLVANIA Joe Bassett, Philadelphia, won the 1975 Pennsylvania state tourney held at State College Labor Day weekend. Irvin Altman, Fernie Moffett, Elliott Baker, John Bickerton, Meron Shegda, Ira Minnich, and Don Ready-Paul Howden were next. Lehman Kirk won the Minors, followed by Jodon, Strayer, Klouser and Walborn.

TENNESSEE The Memphis Open will be held Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 28-29-30 at the Holiday Inn - Midtown, 1262 Union Avenue. Play will start Friday evening at 6 p.m. All entrants must be 1975 or 1976 ACF members; '76 dues may be paid at the tourney.

VIRGINIA Paul Davis, Rose Hill, won the 1975 state tourney held in Roanoke Sept. 1-3. Les Balderson was runner-up, with E. F. Chandler, Wayne Milhado, O. Morea, and R. G. Futrell next. This was the 49th annual tourney promoted by the Old Dominion Checker Association; there were 30 entrants for the 8-round Swiss, one-division tourney. Cash prizes went to the top 6 players; trophies to champion and runner-up. Officers elected were: Pres.-Les Balderson; VP-Norman Staton; Sec'y-J. A. Hesson; Asst.Sec'y-Richard Callaghan.

CANADA Bruce Morrison, Longueil, Que., won the Owen Sound tourney held July 26; John Herberger, Ed Ebert, and Jack Johnson were next. Kurt Steege won Class B.

SCOTLAND W. Edwards of Wales won the Scottish Championship held July 21-25 in Dumfries, followed by Watson, Marshall, Landry, McGill, Grant, Gibson, and Reid.

POOL CHECKERS Carl Smith, Chicago, won the 1975 National Pool Checker Tournament held in July in Chicago. Over 100 entrants competed in 5 classes.

ASA LONG DEFEATS KEN GROVER IN 11-MAN BALLOT MATCH Asa Long, Toledo, Ohio, defeated Kenneth Grover, Taholah, Wash., by a score of 4 wins to 2, and 13 draws in their 11-Man Ballot match played Aug. 4-8 at Lakeside, Ohio. Mr. Long now holds both the match and U.S. tourney titles. The match was played for a purse of \$2000, donated by Parks Her-

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zog, Blythe, Calif., and was split 60%/40% to winner/loser. Other contributors were John Parry-\$50; Herschel Smith-50; Jules Leopold-25; and Dave Midler-5. Charles Knapp of New York was the Match Referee; Dr. Arnold Gallub was Match Promoter and presented the prize money to the players on Aug. 9 at Lakeside. Plans are being made to annotate the games for publication and sale; Marion Tinsley, Asa Long, and Kenneth Grover have consented to analyze a number of the games. Write to Kenneth Grover, Box 1223, Taholah, Wash., 98587, or to Dr. Arnold M. Gallub, 639 West End Ave., New York, N.Y., 10025 if you would like a copy of the annotated games when ready. Checker players and 11-Man Ballot enthusiasts everywhere owe a vote of thanks to Parks Herzog for his generosity in sponsoring this match.

NOTES ON THE JUNIOR PROGRAM

CALIFORNIA Doyle Saucier, Director of the CCA Youth Division, now has a total of 11 Boys' Clubs, 1 elementary school, and 2 Recreation groups actively taking part in Youth Checker Tournaments; 347 young players have played in the tourneys to date. The Long Beach Boys' Club, with 4 branch Clubs, have held preliminary tourneys, and will hold a playoff for winners and runnersup in October. An Open Tournament for girls will be held at the Gardena Municipal Gymnasium in November.

MINNESOTA Pete Stathopoulos, Burnsville, and 14 years old, won the 1975 Junior Championship of Minnesota in the tourney held August 24 in Barnesville. Pete is Jack Mourning's protege, and upset Dale Braton, 17, the defending champion, and protege of ACF Youth Director Clarence Humphrey. Craig Lamb was runner-up. Gary Lamb, 12, won the Mid-get division, with Chad Tonsfeldt runner-up.

MISSOURI Mark Stratmann, 14, is the new Junior Checker Champion of Missouri - he won the Junior Tourney held in July. Billy Upton was runner-up.

NORTH DAKOTA Nicholas Wenberg, 12, is the 1975 Junior Champion of North Dakota; he led a field of 8 entrants at the tourney held July 26 in Donnybrook. Runner-up was Todd Knutson, only 9 years old. Others in order were Vince Schettler, Dennis Murphy, Billy Larson (a girl), Joe Lawson, Calvin Knutson, and Eddy Larson.

ONLY 142 OPENINGS ARE OFFICIAL

As noted in the October '72 Bulletin, #119, p. 2, Tournament Business Actions, Item 4, the two new candidate openings, 9-13,24-19,10-14 and 10-14,23-19,11-15, are not approved for ACF matches and tournaments. (They are approved for mail play where the majority of players in the event wish to use them, and affiliated tourneys are not barred from using the openings.) The new 3-Move cards published by Ed Ebert this year contain the two new openings on line "L" of both the "J" and "K" cards - players using these cards should appropriately mark these two openings so they are not used where not approved.

WM. COFFMAN RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA GROUP

In an official letter of resignation, effective July 15, William F. Coffman, St. Petersburg, has resigned as president of the National Checker Foundation. Bill has served ably in the 4 years of hard work he gave this organization and the Florida Open tourney; he will be sorely missed. As of date of this Bulletin writing, no word has been received as to who Mr. Coffman's successor is to be. Hopefully, the Florida Open tourney will be able to be continued in the future.

*FROM DICK FORTMAN: What do the following players have in common besides being experts? Abe Bernstein, Carroll Binsack, Alex Cameron, Maurice Chamblee, George Farley, Everett Fuller, Perry Gray, Roy Hunt, Bobby Martin, George McRitchie, Derek Oldbury, and Willie Ryan? (See the answer on p. 8.)*

Critics' Corner - Cont'd.

3-7,24-19,11-16,20-11,8-24,28-19, etc. C. Looks tempting, but loses more quickly than most of the other lines - if White is wary of well-timed 18-23 pitches. D. Corrects Markusic's 22-17, which is very inferior.

By Richard Fortman Feb. Bulletin, #133. a. p. 42, Note A, Var. 1 of Game 43. The "4-8" loss is based on Kear's, 3rd ed., p.302, var. 43, from the 1900 Barker-Jordan game. Actually, 4-8 is quite sound when correctly followed up - 4-8,24-20 then 7+10\* (instead of the Jordan 9-14),25-21,2-7\*,28-24, then 10-14 and into an Old 14th line favored by Hellman via 11-15,23-19,8-11,22-17,4-8,25-22,15-18,X,17-13,7-11,24-20,2-7,28-24, then 10-14 - the same and sound. A nice follow-up, which also appeared in Master Checkers, is 26-23,18-22,19-15!,11-18,30-26,22-25?(Black has 7-10 instead, which draws),29-15,14-17,21-14,9-18,23-14, then there are two ways to take the shot - 6-9 or 7-10 - and both may lose. b. p. 44, Var. 3 of Game 46. In the 1974 National, Oldbury also played 26-22 against R. Johnson, then 16-23,22-15,5-9?,27-18,14-23, then instead of Mourning's 25-22, he won with 31-26. This was from the 10-15,21-17,15-18 opening. c. p. 46, Note B, Var. 2 of Game 48. "6-9 wins easily..."??? - but for White, not Black! After the 2-for-1, Bruch's 19-24 at Note B is correct, then 27-23, now 24-27\* (instead of 6-9) is a published win by Case in CCC which requires exact play; it improves the earlier Levy-Ransome line which lost quite easily. d. p. 48, Note A, Var. 2 of Game 49. Fuller's 14-17 is old play in Shearer's Handbook, and perhaps is easier than 3-8 in the Hellman-Case 1953 match. e. P. 49, Note C, Var. 1 of Game 51. 19-16,6-15,18-2,9-25,16-11,25-29 (instead of 1-6),11-8,29-25,8-4,12-16 (if 25-22, 30-26), and I fail to see Frazier's claim of a strong White ending. If the king pitch by 2-7,X, then 4-8 - what else?

By James E. Nelson Oct. '74 Bulletin, #131, Note C, Var. 1 of Game 22. From the start of the game: 9-14,22-17,6-9,26-22,11-15,24-19,15-24,28-19,8-11,22-18,11-16,17-13,2-6,31-26 (appears to lose; 30-26 should draw),4-8,25-22,8-11 (corrects 14-17 which loses),29-25,16-20,18-15(A),11-18,22-15,3-8,23-18,14-23,27-18, 12-16!, Black wins, C. O. Beebe. A. If 32-28, then 11-16,22-17(21-17,X,18-15,3-8,22-18,10-14,25-22,14-17,28-24,7-10,15-11,8-15,18-11,10-15, B.W.),10-15!,18-2,3-8,17-10,6-31,13-6,31-29, Black wins, C. O. Beebe.

### A LEVITT-LONG GAME FROM THE 1974 11-MAN BALLOT TOURNNEY (See also page 7)

Here is an interesting game, sent in by Games Editor Fortman, from the recent 11-Man Ballot tourney in Philadelphia. Leo Levitt, Black - Asa Long, White. Remove 8 and 21. 10-15,22-18,15-22,25-18,11-16,29-25,16-20,24-19,4-8,26-22,7-10,31-26,9-13,28-24,8-11,18-15,X,23-7,3-10,27-23,X,19-15,X... and the position seems hopeless for Black...Leo considers this one of his finest games...6-10,16-11,10-15,11-8,5-9\*,8-3,9-14\*,3-8,15-19,8-11,19-24,22-18,X,24-27,19-16,27-31,11-15,31-27,15-19,2-7\*,25-22,1-6\*,30-25,27-31\*,19-23,6-10\*,25-21,10-15,23-18,15-19,18-15,19-24\*,22-18,31-26,18-14, and 26-23, drawn!

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

RAY BAKER, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
LARRY BATY, Mentone, Ala.  
DEAN BECK, Beecher City, Ill.  
VIC DEFENDERFER, Oak Ridge, Tenn.  
HOWARD EIRON, Bronx, N.Y.  
WARREN ENGLISH, Kingsport, Tenn.  
(EVERETT EVANS, Decatur, Ill.)  
ROYCE GATELY, Louisville, Tenn.  
LEWIS HAYES, Oak Ridge, Tenn.  
RILEY HUDDLESTON, Nashville, Tenn.  
GEORGE JACKSON, Udall, Mo.  
WARREN MEACHAM, Los Angeles, Cal.  
LEONARD MIZELL, Liberty, Tex.

BUD MORGAN, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
JEAN MORIN, Giffard, Canada  
EARL MORRISON, Longueuil, Canada  
FRANCIS O'BRIEN, Somerville, Mass.  
JAMES O'DONNELL, Williamstown, N.J.  
DAVID PARSONS, Houston, Tex.  
T. W. PERROTT, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
RAY ROBERTS, Southampton, N.Y.  
NORMAN ROY, Granite City, Ill.  
A. E. RUNNELLS, New Waverly, Tex.  
CARL SHARP, Cleveland, Tex.  
IRVING SHULMAN, Princeton, N.J.  
CHARLES SMITH, Knoxville, Tenn.

Also welcomed back are these former members: SCOTT CASTLE, Kingsport, Tenn. CODY DAVIS, Liberty, Tex. ROBERT HARSHBARGER, Long Beach, Cal. W. G. JASPER, Marshall, Tex. DARCHE LETOURNEAU, Boston, Mass. CARL MCMILLAN, Lake City, Tenn. BRUCE MORRISON, Canada.

Mail Play Notes - Cont'd.

entrants: Heisler, Gibbs, Webb, Gibson, Heringer, Nelson, and Rhodes. District 10 is under the direction of John Nelson.

Mail players will remember the Badger Ladder conducted for years by James Lalor of Wisconsin (the Ladder is carried in the Bulletin presently, conducted by Doyle Saucier in memory of Mr. Lalor). Mr. Lalor's widow, Lucy, now 85, asks to be remembered to the players they knew when she and her husband conducted the Ladder. Her address is: 1230 2nd St., N., Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., 54494.

The 1975 Hayes Mail Tourney is now open for entrants (\$10 entry fee). The tourney is directed by Saul Weslow, Boston, conducted in memory of Robert Hayes. The entry fee should be sent to Hayes Committee Treasurer Louis Van Devèn, 608 N. Main St., Carrollton, Ill., 62016.

Wood's Ladder, formerly directed by Rullus Williams, will again make its appearance in the June 1975 Bulletin. A worrisome combination of poor health and business worries has prevented Mr. Williams from working on the Ladder the past few months. Accordingly, Louis Van Devèn, ACF 6th District Director, ACF Mail Play Director (and many other duties), will add another hat to pile on his head, and take over the Wood's Ladder direction. For the present, Mr. Van Devèn needs several weeks work on the Ladder to straighten out the standings, and so they will not appear in this issue, but will in the next.

POTPOURRI

W. E. Raney, Ashland, Ky., an ACF member for many years, writes: "I have been playing checkers for only 70 years; it is time I was taking a little rest. I am selling my library."

And Frank Votruba, Portland, Ore., writes: "I want to thank all of you of the Federation for your years of splendid service to the game we love. Now, my playing is over, so put me on the shelf. I have a second cataract operation coming up, so take me off the mailing list for a while."

Fort-Mania #5 100 years ago, Robert D. Yates, 19-year old Brooklyn prodigy, became the first official U.S. World Champion by defeating the veteran James Wylie by a score of 2 wins to 1 and 47 draws. The match was played in the smoke-filled back rooms of the M. Doran saloon, next to the famed Fulton Street fish markets.

Here is the other side of the 11-Man game shown on p. 5 of this issue. Asa Long-Black, Leo Levitt-White. Remove 8 and 21. 10-15, 22-18, 15-22, 25-18, 6-10, 29-25, 9-13, 25-22, 5-9, 24-20, 10-14, 28-24, 1-5, 24-19, 4-8, 19-15, 12-16, 15-10, 16-19, X, 26-19, X, 3-10, 20-16, 8-11, X, 32-28, 11-15 (not 14-17, 19-15, W.W.), 27-23, X, 14-17, 31-26, 10-14, 19-15, 17-21, 23-18, X, 9-14, 15-10, 14-17, 22-18, 17-22, 10-6, 22-25, 6-1, 25-29, 6-10, 25-22, 19-15, 13-17 (since 22-17, 18-14, W.W.), 10-14, 22-25, 15-11\*! (NOT 15-10, 25-22, 18-15, 5-9, X, 22-18! Draws), 25-22, 18-15, White wins.

Fort-Mania #6 It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong stumbled and fell. The true credit belongs to the man in the arena, who strives valiantly, who may err and come up short, but who in the end realizes the triumphs of high achievement.

