

"Chess is a sea in which a gnat may drink
and an elephant may bathe."

Indian Proverb

New Year Results. The new year exploded with some significant match results that once more changed the team standings. The upset of the month was the Bank's victory over Hawthorne. This triumph emphasized that after a poor year, 1st National is again the powerhouse of old. The two matches lost by this team this year actually hinged on some unfortunate circumstances that cannot detract from their team ability and effort.

Another surprise was Donnelley's easy win over Motorola which lifted the former back into second place, and made February's match between Donnelley and the Bank a contest to watch.

Though handicapped by a forfeit loss, Stewart Warner knuckled down and beat Illinois Bell, thus rising out of the cellar.

1st National Bank 4½

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| 1. Nymen | lost to |
| 2. Tiranti | lost to |
| 3. Valciunas | beat |
| 4. Haenflein | beat |
| 5. Mann | drew with |
| 6. Mejzr | lost to |
| 7. McCluskey | beat |
| 8. Pavia | beat |
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| 9. Conway | beat |

Western Electric 3½

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| Warren |
| Meyers |
| Elliott |
| Vikrikas |
| Puto |
| Riordan |
| Norlock |
| Schriner |

The Lakeside Press 6

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| 1. Brotsos | beat |
| 2. Stevenson | beat |
| 3. Bradley | beat |
| 4. Tomashevich | lost to |
| 5. Sechler | beat |
| 6. Ross | beat |
| 7. Moeller | lost to |
| 8. Carter | beat |

Motorola 2

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| Lazarevich |
| Goncharoff |
| Greenspan |
| Whitman |
| E. Kemper |
| Zohn |
| Barabash |
| Klarl |

Stewart Warner 5

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| 1. Williamson | drew with |
| 2. Beitler | beat |
| 3. Peterson | drew with |
| 4. Soriano | beat |
| 5. Luth | beat |
| 6. Lombardi | beat |
| 7. R. Curtis | lost to |
| 8. - | forfeited to |

Illinois Bell Tel. 3

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| Assmann |
| Rachaitis |
| Selander |
| Blatchley |
| Yaeger |
| D. Johnson |
| Underwood |
| Lauth |

The preceding results led to the following first half team standings:

Team	Match Points		Game Points (out of 40)
	Won	Lost	
1. Western Electric	4	1	25½
2. The Lakeside Press	3½	1½	22
3. The 1st National Bank	3	2	21½
4. Motorola	3	2	18
5. Stewart Warner	1	4	16½
6. Illinois Bell	½	4½	16½

Three Beat Henin in "Simultaneous." The second simultaneous chess exhibition of the season proved to be a success as 21 League members played against chess master Charles Henin. Henin demonstrated that he is not invincible by losing to Nick Goncharoff of Motorola, Will Hammerschmidt of Western Electric, and Charlie Sechler of Donnelley. He drew with D. Kuzro of Western Electric and Jarvis Ross of Donnelley. Win, lose, or draw, everyone had a good time.

Tournament Book Project Abandoned. In the November Bulletin mention was made of our plan to prepare the best games of the Illinois State Tournament for publication as Dittosed booklets. Since then Frank Skoff, of the Irving Park "Y" has indicated that his chess club has taken over this endeavor and hopes to have a tournament book completed in the Spring. He was asked to save a few copies for our League.

Johnson's Wax Match. Only 6 League members volunteered to play in a match with Johnson's Wax in Evanston. On Dec. 17th, a letter was sent asking Kimball Nedved, their organizer, to choose a date and place for the proposed match. As yet no reply has been received.

All Star Match. Walter Elliott of Hawthorne has contacted Mr. Charles Brokaski, president of the La Grange Chess Club, who has indicated some interest in a match between his club and our League. A letter was sent to him on January 11, proposing a match on some Friday night in March or April at Western Electric. He has not responded yet. Others contacted by phone who never replied are M. Turiansky of the Lions C.C. and R. Kirby of the University of Chicago C.C.

While we are waiting for some worthy chess club to accept our challenge, I would like to find out what response can be expected from our "All Stars." Below is a tentative list of League players invited to play on the All Star team:

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| Warren | Nyman |
| Hammerschmidt | Valciunas |
| Elliott | Tiranti |
| Meyers | Mejxr |
| Vikrikas | Mann |
| Lazarevich | Assmann |
| Whitman | Rachaitis |
| Greenspan | Selander |
| Goncharoff | |
| Stevenson | Swedak |
| Herschberger | Williamson |
| Brotson | Beitler |
| Bradley | |

It is requested that each team captain ask those invited from their teams if they wish to play in an all-star chess match and on what night of the week they prefer to play. The results of this poll should be submitted to me by February 19th. If any other top board material occurs to you which is not shown in the above list, I would welcome suggested names; the candidates need not be from your own team.

Western Electric to Hold Simultaneous. Another simultaneous chess exhibition featuring Illinois and Chicago champion, Paul Tautvaisas is being planned by the Hawthorne Club. It will be held around April 1st. The hosts hope to leave several boards open for members of other League clubs.

Is Team Competition Killing Club Interest? Since the days when our League was being planned the question has been asked "Does the limitation of team size kill the chess interest of players who can't make the team?" It was hoped that team captains would continue to try to sell the idea of "extra board" matches to their weaker players. These matches give the lower rated player the opportunity to enjoy a game of chess (which is the basis of our League) and to practice in a match setting so that he can sharpen his game and better qualify for the team. From the team captain's point of view it is important to keep lower board players interested in the team so that he is assured of getting good turnouts at each match and so that the top board players are constantly forced to successfully meet challenges from the other team members or lose their positions. It also helps the team to have an active club agenda of intra club competition and prizes, special events such as lightning chess tournaments, and an internal training program. I think each team benefits by having a strong, lively club behind it. Further discussion of this point might be a worthwhile topic to take up at our next League meeting.

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