

THE CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE BULLETIN

"Many are the men who fritter away their lives making money and neglecting chess!"  
L. A. Ware

"Life is too short for chess."  
Henry James Byron

"When a man's house is on fire it's time to break off chess."  
Thomas Fuller

Western Electric Tumbled From First Place. On Feb. 17, two key victories dropped the defending champions from Hawthorne into second place behind R. N. Donnelley & Sons Co. The upset to end all upsets was Illinois Bell's triumph over W. E., 4-1/2 - 3-1/2. The hero of the day for the victors was team captain Don Johnson. In a tight endgame against tough Hammerschmidt, Don worked out his moves carefully forcing Will into Zugzwang thereby picking off a pawn and breaking through with a queening pawn himself. The game went about 65 moves as teammates on both sides watched anxiously.

Bob Moeller, the previously winless captain of The Lakeside Press team, came through with a timely triumph over Miroslav Mejstrik, former top competitor in his club to swing the Donnelley-Bank match in favor of the former. This match victory over the strongest Bank team in two years put Donnelley out in front by half a match point. It dropped the Bank to 4th place behind Motorola who knocked Stewart Warner down into the cellar with a resounding 6-2 win. Below are detailed results.

<u>Illinois Bell</u>	4½		<u>Western Electric</u>	3½
1. Amern		lost to	Warren	
2. Rachaitis		lost to	Meyers	
3. Johnson		beat	Hammerschmidt	
4. Blatchley		lost to	Elliott	
5. Jaeger		beat	Vikrikas	
6. D. Green		drew with	Futo	
7. Underwood		beat	Riordan	
8. Lauth		beat	Norlock	
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9. Ditzan		beat	Malholland	
10. Di Pietra		lost to	Cook	
<u>The Lakeside Press</u>	4½		<u>1st National Bank</u>	3½
1. Stevenson		drew with	Ryman	
2. Brotsos		beat	Reichstetter	
3. Bradley		lost to	Mann	
4. J. Ross		beat	Balunas	
5. Sechler		lost to	Tiranti	
6. Tomashovich		beat	McCluskey	
7. Moeller		beat	Mejstrik	
8. Carter		lost to	Pavia	

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<u>Motorola</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>Stewart Warner</u>	<u>2</u>
1. Goucharoff		beat	Williamson	
2. Whitman		lost to	Beitler	
3. Lazarevich		beat	Peterson	
4. Greenspan		beat	Irth	
5. Kemper		beat	Scriano	
6. Cohen		beat	Lombardi	
7. Mach		beat	C. Kessell	
8. M. Barabash		lost to	R. Lucchesi	

Outstanding Team Members. We do not have any individual awards in our League, but, if we had such trophies, I'm sure four names would stand out among the rest. These are Ed Asmann of Illinois Bell, Les Meyers of Western Electric, Bill Stevenson of The Lakeside Press, and Z. Swedak of Stewart Warner. How come these names? These men were picked not only because they consistently scored points for their teams, but because they played at high boards and showed up for a good number of matches since the League began.

Les Meyers has the best scoring record of all. Les did not play in '57 - '58. In the last two seasons, however, he won 8, drew 2, and lost none. He attended 11 matches and played 2nd board in all but one in which he played 4th board. Of course his record has been helped by the fact that he doesn't have to play members of his own team in League competition.

Prior to the arrival of Jim Warren, Ed Asmann was the king of the top boards. He always played board one and won 6, drew 4, and lost two (to Warren) in the past two years.

Z. Swedak plays either 1st or 2nd board. In the last two years he has won 7, drawn 2, lost 2. He has certainly been his team's mainstay.

In my opinion William P. Stevenson has been the most valuable all-around team member in the League. In the two season span Bill came out for 14 matches. He won 7, drew 4, lost 2 at either 1st or 2nd board. In three seasons, however, Bill has attended 23 matches and has won 15, drawn 5, and lost 2 while playing 1st to 3rd boards. I don't believe any top board player in the League can match this record of total points contributed to his team's score (18½ points included one forfeit win).

Several other players have established fine records at the lower boards, but there is nothing like the presence of a consistent top board player to add his scoring punch to the team and to move the rest of the team down a notch to weaker opponents. This is why these four players are selected as outstanding team members. Congratulations to all of them.

Western Electric Beats Argonne Labs. On Feb. 3rd Western Electric took on Argonne Labs and won, 5-3 on the top 8 boards. For once Jim Warren met his match and lost to fellow expert Angelo Sadrin on time pressure.

Apologies to Balcomas. This year 1st National Bank's lineup has included the names Math, Valcinmas, and Valcinmas. All of these have really referred to Matt Balcomas; we hope this is the correct spelling and apologize for butchering the name in the past.

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Inland Steel Forces Chess Club. Last month a chess club was organized at Inland Steel's East Chicago plant. David Mishlove, the club president, has been contacted and told about our League. He will investigate the feasibility of forming a team of the interest of his group in joining The C. I. C. L.

Short Chess Lesson. Although the defending champs lost to Ball, club president Walter Elliott, lowered the boom on Paul Kitchley via The Fried Liver Attack. The game follows:

- | Elliott<br>White   | Kitchley<br>Black                      |
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| 1. P-K <sub>4</sub>  | P-K <sub>4</sub>                       |
| 2. N-K <sub>3</sub>  | N-K <sub>3</sub>                       |
| 3. B-B <sub>3</sub>  | N-B <sub>3</sub>                       |
| The 2 knights defense  |  |
| 4. N-B <sub>3</sub> !!   | P-Q <sub>4</sub> !                     |
| 4...B-B <sub>3</sub> is the volatile Wilkes-Barre defense  |  |
| 5. PxP   | KxP                                    |
| 5...N-Q <sub>4</sub>   | 6. B-N <sub>3</sub> + P-B <sub>3</sub> |
| 7. PxP PxP   | 8. B-K <sub>2</sub> P-K <sub>3</sub>   |
| 9. N-K <sub>3</sub> P-K <sub>3</sub> is a more conservative<br>hook line giving black good development<br>for the gambit pawn. |  |
| 6. KxP   |  |
| The Fried Liver Attack   |  |
| 6 ...  | KxN                                    |
| 7. Q-B <sub>3</sub> +  | K-N <sub>1</sub> !!                    |
| 7...K-K <sub>3</sub> must be played, with 8. N-B <sub>3</sub> N-N <sub>3</sub>   |  |
| 9. O-O P-B <sub>3</sub> as the usual continuation  |  |
| 8. BxN+ resigns  |  |
| Note in 2 follows.   |  |

*Brotsos*

Jim Brotsos, Chairman  
The Chicago Industrial Chess League

"Chess is a form of intellectual productiveness; therein lies its peculiar charm. Intellectual productiveness is one of the greatest joys - if not the greatest one - of human existence. It is not everyone who can write a play, or build a bridge, or even make a good joke. But in chess everyone can, everyone must, be intellectually productive and so can share in this select delight. I have always a slight feeling of pity for the man who has no knowledge of chess, just as I would pity the man who has remained ignorant of love. Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy."

Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch

Western Electric Rears Back. Early this month Western Electric bounced back from two consecutive surprise losses to wipe out Motorola, last year's second-place team. Since Motorola came into the match with its "first string" squad, we must conclude that the victors are fired up and have every intention of gobbling up their remaining foes. First National got by spoiler Ill. Ball even though Asmann beat Nyman within 28 moves in a wild, wooly game. Johnson's costly blunder of a queen in a favorable ending swung the match into the hands of the Bank.

<u>Western Electric 7½</u>			<u>Motorola ½</u>	
1. Jim Maxson	beat		Nick Goncharoff	
2. Les Meyers	beat		Phil Greenspan	
3. Will Hamerschmidt	beat		Drugi Lazarevich	
4. Walt Elliott	beat		Les Whitman	
5. Tony Vikrikas	beat		Ed Kemper	
6. Ervin Puto	beat		Al Cohen	
7. Jim Riordan	drew with		Jim Mach	
8. P. Elaris	beat		Jim Hoglund	
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9. Gerry Wallenbecker	lost to		M. Barabash	

<u>1st National Bank 5</u>			<u>Ill. Ball Telephone 3</u>	
1. Bill Nyman	lost to		Ed Asmann	
2. Rinaldo Tiranti	drew with		Bob Rachaitis	
3. Bill Mann	drew with		Fred Schulz	
4. Matt Balcanas	beat		George Unruh	
5. Don McCluskey	beat		Don Johnson	
6. Miroslav Mejar	beat		Harry Jaeger	
7. Steve Haenflein	lost to		C. Underwood	
8. J. Ravia	beat		Ray Lauth	

Austin C.C. Assent League Challenge. A chess club has finally been found that is interested in facing our all stars in an inter-League match. John Nowak, vice-president of the Austinites, has indicated that a dozen or so of the strongest players in his club will meet us on Friday night, April 22 at around 7:30 P.M. I have suggested that we play at Hawthorne, but this is not definite. The use of chess clocks is planned for this match.

Now that a definite opponent and date have been chosen I would like all team captains to re-check the availability of their players invited into the all star team. Please report the expected attendance at the League meeting referred to below. Let's try to get all our top boards out for this match; we'll need them.

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Austin has one of the largest and strongest clubs in the city and one of the top teams in the Greater Chicago Chess League. In the last Illinois State Championship three of their members (Warren, Nowak, and Ed Buerger) finished 5th, 6th, and 8th, respectively. In addition to these experts Austin has an array of tough class A players eagerly waiting to put the wood to us. So let's brush up on our pet traps and latest "cooks" and come out on April 22nd!

League Meeting to be Held April 4th. On Monday, the 4th at 6:15 P.M., Motorola will be host to our 3rd League representatives' meeting of the season. The most urgent topic of discussion will be the all star match described above. The selection of trophies based on Murray Cook's recommendations will be another important item. The planning of the League awards banquet in June will be initiated and a general discussion on club promotion will be held. Please send a representative or two from your club to this important meeting.



Jim Brotsos, Chairman  
The Chicago Industrial Chess League

# LAKESIDE PRESS CHESS CLUB BULLETIN

March 2, 1960

THOUGHTS OVER THE BOARD: "Chess is an art in its form, a science by treatment, but in essence a game."

Tassilo von Heydebrandt und der Lasa

## L.P.C.C. SEIZES 1ST PLACE IN CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE!

A decisive 4-1/2 to 3-1/2 match victory over First National Bank in February, coupled with a stunning upset by Illinois Bell over "invincible" Western Electric, has rocketed the Donnelley Woodpushers to the top of the local chess circuit. The win was especially sweet, as it marked a clean sweep over the Bank in League competition this season and was garnered shortly after 1st National had defeated the League Champions from Western Electric.

Here are the board-by-boards, together with such commentary on the conduct of the games as is available:

### First Board

Bill Stevenson (RRD) drew with Bill Nyman

Playing the Black pieces, our Bill found himself a pawn down and in a difficult position with his tough opponent. However, Stevenson's mastership in the endgame enabled him to regain the material and hold the draw. A fine game, and perhaps decisive as far as the final outcome was concerned.

### Second Board

James Brotsos (RRD) defeated C. Reichstetter

"Steady Eddy" Brotsos once again proved too patient for his veteran opponent, and wore the kindly old man down to a resignation with his usual machine-like precision.

### Third Board

Bill Mann (1st Nat'l) defeated Chuck Bradley

One of Chuck's few losses in his several years of League competition... doubly unfortunate as it was his last game under the Donnelley colors. Chuck is leaving the Company for a job with Pure Oil, and will be sorely missed by all of us in the L.P.C.C.

### Fourth Board

Jarvis Ross (RRD) defeated M. Balcunas

A brilliant victory, and another demonstration of the effectiveness of his favorite opening, by "Stonewall" Ross. Balcunas, one of the stronger "middle board" players in the League, succumbed shortly after Ross brought off what heretofore had been considered impossible by Opening theorists: a Queen-side castling by White in the Stonewall Attack.

### Fifth Board

#### R. Tiranti (1st Nat'l) defeated Charlie Sechler

Up against a player who has been alternating between 1st and 2nd boards for his team all season, Sechler found himself in deep water after gaining a minor piece at the expense of several key pawns. Opponent headed into an endgame where his pawn advantages were telling. A valiant try by Charlie, whose game is becoming more dangerous as each month goes by.

### Sixth Board

#### Nick Tomashevich (RRD) defeated Don McCluskey

In scoring his first League victory, and over the opposing Team Captain, too, Nick has begun to unleash the chess power that all of us knew was in him.

### Seventh Board

#### Bob Moeller (RRD) defeated M. Mejar

Aside from missing a 1-move mate, and thus unnecessarily prolonging the contest, Moeller's maiden League victory was lacking in the spectacular fireworks that had accompanied his losses previously.

### Eighth Board

#### J. Pavia (1st Nat'l) defeated Loren Carter

This was a surprise loss for Loren, in that he had at least a piece advantage in what appeared to be a winning position. However, he ran into severe time pressure (last train for Ogden Dunes, Ind.), permitted himself a slight imprecision (loss of Queen), and was unable to hold the draw.

The match victory places the L.P.C.C. Team 1/2-point out in front of the circuit. In order to win the coveted Trophy, we must take the remaining matches with Stewart-Warner, Illinois Bell, Motorola, and must at least draw with Western Electric.

"Breathes there the man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself has said:  
'This is my chance to score a point  
For Dear Olde Donnelley's, our printing joint.?"

THE TEAM NEEDS YOU!

### Training Session Proves a Popular Attraction.

Jim Brotsos, Club Theoretician and Grand Patron of Chess, captivated an audience of 14 scholars with a discussion of Openings at a recent meeting. All of us benefitted from Jim's talk, and the coffee and doughnuts went down easily, too. It is planned that a Training Session will be held each month, with a visiting lecturer culled from the ranks of our top board players. Watch for the next announcement!

### Challenge Board System Blasts Off the Launching Pad.

Donnelley Woodpushers are utilizing their opportunities to mix it with higher rated Club players on the new Challenge Board. No less than 12 gauntlets were thrown down during the 2-week period since the inception of the Challenge Board. Why not pick your target now (see latest rankings enclosed) and mow him down at the next meeting?

### How About A Club Tournament?

Everyone wants one, but the question is: how should we set it up? Should we have a Swiss System tourney? A Flight System, or bracketed pairings, tourney? A Round Robin? The Round Robin is the fairest tournament, in that each player must play every other player at least once, and the winner is the one with the best point score. In a large field, however, the Round Robin takes time to complete. The Swiss System, on the other hand, is especially adaptable to a large field and can be completed fairly quickly, though not every player encounters every other player. The Flight System also is adaptable to a large field, but once a player is defeated he is out of the tournament. In order to come up with a selection of a system and get started, we need to know how many Club Members are interested in entering a Club Championship Tournament. Please indicate your interest on the form below.

### New Members Continue To Join the Procession To More Chess Enjoyment.

The Club welcomes the following new members to its ranks, including two on the distaff side:

Marian Herrburg, Relations Services, 1-D-10  
Janet Kristy, Extra Bindery, 1-D-11  
Dale Hamilton, M, 1-A-7  
Bud Corson, M, 1-D-7  
Jim Norvell, STE (Dept. A) 1-C-6

### Attendance At Club Meetings Up 300 Per Cent!

Donnelley Woodpushers are swarming out to Monday night meetings in droves, looking for people to challenge. Meeting attendance is now up to 12-14 players per night. Got a yen for competition? Then come on out to the next meeting: each Monday night, 4:15 P.M., First Floor Conference Room, 1-D-1.

Hjalmar von Schach und der Moeller  
Comm. 1-A-1  
Team Capt.