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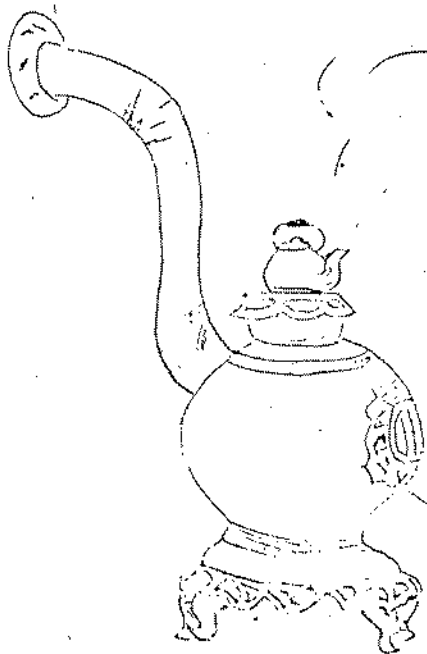
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GLEE RATINGS

At this printing the Ratings Chairman was still working out the problems of a new program. We hope to have them in the next issue. Your patience is appreciated.



*Warmest
Wishes*

North Division Report...by Ned Anderson

It looks like the real battle for the North Division won't take place until the second half of the season. I.T.T. and the EXcaliburs remain undefeated, but all their victories are unvictorious. Therefore; it is only right to assume that the real strength of the division has yet to surface. The competition in February and March should be extremely sharp. Motorola and Procon/UOP have used an amazing 13 different players in their first four games. Curtiss Candy has used the least number of players this year, only 7.

East Division Report...by Fred Ciba

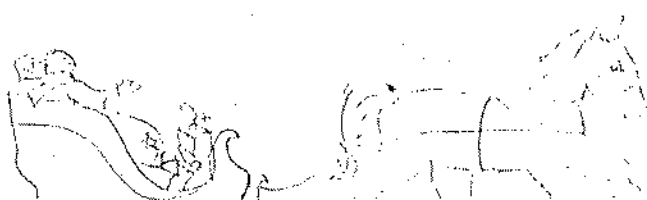


Last month I reported on the very colorful Sears "Number One" team. Well, Sears has two teams in the CIGL; the other being Sears "Kingfishers". None the less colorful, Sears "Kingfishers" are more worldly. Take board number five, Bill Lems, for example. Bill's job at Sears takes him around the globe but his main area of travel is China. Not that dinky little island either but mainland China. In fact, Bill was there during the recent political upheaval after Moa's death. Not one to get involved in insurrection Bill stayed at his hotel and sharpened up on his chess prowess with a good book. Bill notes that the Chinese do not play Western style chess but instead they play "Chinese Chess". And, wouldn't you know it, there are some Chinese chess players at Sears! Who's the best? Your old friend and mine, Tom Campbell. Tom points out that it's a very complex and intense game - more so than Western style chess.

Well, they laughed at Orville and Wilbur Wright, Thomas Edison, and Jimmy Carter. Everyone told them it couldn't be done. Give up, why even try? And, so they laughed at Erv Sedlock. Erv, they told him, your'e not going to beat Ruben Reyes; why even try? Lose early and you might be able to catch supper at home before it gets cold. But Erv, one of the most underrated players in the league, studied Ruben's style, met him in a CIGL match on 10/27, and beat him! Ruben's string of wins stood at 22 in a row and his record prior to the match was 29-1! Let's not think superstar Ruben has lost his touch though... He's still the best player in our division.

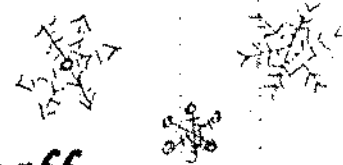
Our final thought - Keep your eye on Harza Engineering. They're a new team with great potential; especially board number one Mike Stevanovic. Mike has a USCF rating of 1950 and he hasn't lost a game this season.

Happy Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year to all. And to all a good night!



Near West Division Report...by Charlie Ward

The ANL Knights met their first strong challenge to their division - leading undefeated record in their round 4 match with the AVL Monarchs, but they emerged the winner by a 4-2 score. Their next strong challenge will be in Round 5, against the BTL Royals. Also, the WE King's Indians have been coming on strong. After scoring only 3 points in their first round match, they scored 4 in the second round, 5 in the third and now 6 in the fourth round as they shut out International Harvester.



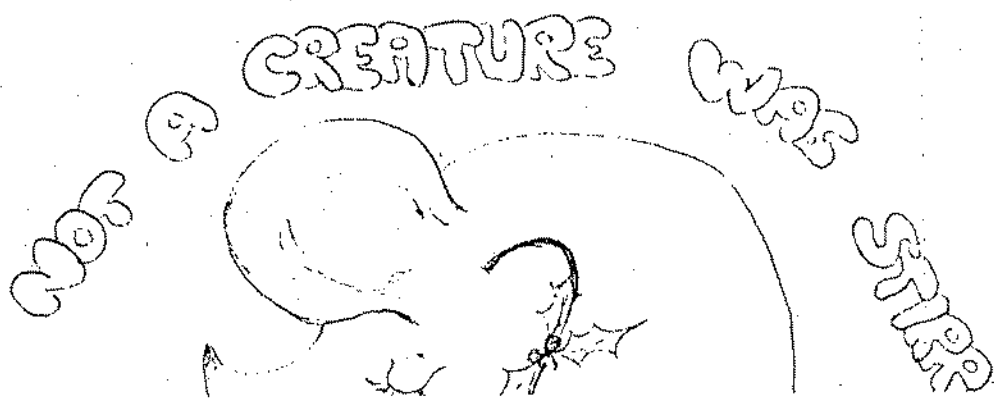
Far West Division Report...by Rick Shaff

Mr. Jeff Weston and Mr. Piaszynski of the Amoco Standards have suggested the adoption of a new policy: Publish the telephone numbers of the playing rooms so that calls may be received on the night of the match. I wholeheartedly agree with them and wish that all team captains will inform their division chairmen and visitors of that phone number. To start, here are some of the numbers in the near and far west:

Amoco Standards and Oilers	420-5864
WE King's Indians and Kingsmen	983-3250
BTL Royals and Dragons	690-5534
Argonne Knights, Rooks, Pawns, Bishops, and Monarchs	739-7711, ext. 4218

It won't do any good to leave the numbers in the Bulletin, see that each team member knows the number to call on the night of the match. If you're going to be later than the standard grace period, get to a phone so that the lineups can be set by the captains, and people won't worry that you're in an accident, or lost. Please captains, act on this soon... we'd like to have a complete list in the January Bulletin.

In the super boonies division only two teams are undefeated: the Kingsmen and the Bishops. The other two Argonne teams in this division are in good position to take the lead if Western Electric or the Bishops slip up. The acid test will come in January - it may be a prelude to the position round pairings for some teams. Have a very Merry Christmas season and best wishes for the New Year.



League Standings



North Division

	Team	W	L	D	Match Points	%
1-2	EXcaliburs	3	0	0	15 - 3	1.000
	I.T.T.	3	0	0	13 - 5	1.000
3	Teletype	2	0	1	12 - 6	.833
4	Motorola	3	1	0	15 - 9	.750
5	Procon/UOP	2	1	1	16 - 8	.625
6-8	Curtiss Candy	0	3	0	3½ - 14½	.000
	Sara Lee	0	4	0	3½ - 20½	.000
	Signode	0	4	0	6 - 18	.000

East Division

	Team	W	L	D	Match Points	%
1-2	Sears Number One	3	0	0	14½ - 3½	1.000
	Sears Kingfishers	2	0	0	8 - 4	1.000
3	R.R. Donnelly	2	0	1	14½ - 3½	.833
4	1st National Bank	2	1	0	13 - 5	.666
5	Harza Engineering	0	0	2	6 - 6	.500
6	Ill Bell Tel	0	2	1	7 - 11	.166
7-8	CATX Corp.	0	3	0	1½ - 16½	.000
	Harris Trust	0	3	0	1½ - 16½	.000

Near West Division

	Team	W	L	D	Match Points	%
1	ANL Knights	3	0	0	11½ - 6½	1.000
2	WE King's Indians	3	0	1	18 - 6	.875
3	WE Chargers	2	0	1	11½ - 6½	.833
4-5	ANL Monarchs	2	1	1	13½ - 10½	.625
	BTL Royals	2	1	1	12½ - 11½	.625
6	C.P.C. Int'l	1	2	1	12 - 12	.375
7	Zenith-Rauland	0	3	1	9 - 15	.125
8-9	Amoco Oilers	0	3	0	6½ - 11½	.000
	Int'l Harvester	0	3	0	1½ - 16½	.000

Far West Division

	Team	W	L	D	Match Points	%
1-2	ANL Bishops	4	0	0	18 - 6	1.000
	WE Kingsmen	3	0	0	14 - 4	1.000
3-4	ANL Rooks	2	1	1	13 - 11	.625
	ANL Pawns	2	1	1	12½ - 11½	.625
5	BTL Dragons	2	2	0	14½ - 9½	.500
6	Wheaton College	1	2	1	7½ - 16½	.375

<u>Curtiss Candy</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>EXcaliburs</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Procon/UOP</u>	<u>4½</u>	<u>Sara Lee</u>	<u>1</u>
A. Mengelis	1	E. Buerger	0	M. Tang	1	N. Anderson	0
L. Caporusso	0	K. Czernieki	1	J. Kazacky	½	B. Sivula	0
P. Filmanowicz	0	J. Dunworth	1	S. Dmytrenko	1	T. Brazeal	0
W. Dahl	0	B. Micek	1	D. Stuhlberg	1	B. Vickey	0
L. Stasaitis	0	G. Wolcott	1	S. Chevereson	0	G. Pullar	1
S. Ferrille	1	M. Volpe	0	M. Saifullah	1F	B. Woods	0
<u>Sara Lee</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Motorola</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Teletype</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Procon/UOP</u>	<u>3</u>
N. Anderson	1	N. Goncharoff	0	F. Tegel	1	J. Kozacky	0
B. Sivula	0	Y. Neumark	1	L. Aldort	0	M. Tang	1
T. Brazeal	0	R. Ogasawara	1	R. Titus	0	S. Dmytrenko	1
B. Vickey	0	Y. Kenning	1	J. Klemm	1	D. Stuhlberg	0
G. Pullar	0	C. Jacob	1	C. Lantz	0	S. Chevereson	1
K. Herzmann	0	R. Robinson	1	E. Srubas	1	T. Touma	0
<u>Signode</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>I.T.T.</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Curtiss Candy</u>	<u>1½</u>	<u>Teletype</u>	<u>4</u>
L. Stensaker	0	B. Oelrich	1	A. Mengelis	0	F. Tegel	1
S. Huff	0	M. Byckowski	1	L. Caporusso	1	J. Gilmer	0
R. Pasturczak	0	P. Yang	1	P. Filmanowicz	½	L. Aldort	0
E. Hoskins	0	J. Koullis	1	W. Dahl	0	D. Gruber	1
J. Klein	0	J. McAnany	1	L. Stasaitis	0	J. Klemm	0
T. Carracci	0	B. DiVitto	1	S. Ferrille	0	R. Titus	1
C. McNow	0	H. Posner	1	E. Scott	0	H. Sue	1
<u>Motorola</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Signode</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>EXcaliburs</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Signode</u>	<u>0</u>
N. Goncharoff	1	A. Brosig	0	E. Buerger	1	A. Brosig	0
R. Ogasawara	1	L. Stensaker	0	I. Rosenfeld	1	L. Stensaker	0
Y. Sheber	0	S. Huff	1	E. Dunworth	1	E. Hoskin	0
Y. Gehrke	1	A. Klein	0	J. Brotsos	1	J. Klein	0
L. Thompson	1	J. Klein	0	G. Wolcott	1	C. McNow	0
F. Suerth	1	C. McNow	0	J. Calvin	1	T. Carracci	0
A. Smith	1	F. Brosig	0	J. Owen	1	R. Dokyenko	0

East Division Match Results

<u>1st National Bank</u>	<u>5½</u>	<u>G.A.T.X.</u>	<u>½</u>	<u>Ill Bell Tel</u>	<u>2½</u>	<u>Sears Kingfishers</u>	<u>3½</u>
E. Gastelu	1	G. Vivian	0	E. Sedlock	0	R. Colla	1
J. Davis	1	N. Eslinger	0	G. Keith	0	E. Latimer	1
D. McCluskey	½	J. Rothschild	½	K. Buell	1	F. Kuch	0
W. Hogendorp	1	J. Rogalski	0	W. Logelin	1	P. Rolewicz	0
T. Gaffigan	1	B. Hansen	0	M. Downs	0	B. Lems	1
C. Villasin	1	G. Doll	0	F. Buhl	½	F. Ciba	½

Near West Division Match Results

C.P.C. Int'l	1	WE King's Indians	5	BTL Royals	3½	Zenith-Rauland
S. Parmeter	0	J. Warren	1	J. Johnson	½	S. Karlovics
R. Wright	1	W. Elliott	0	D. Anderson	0	K. Moylan
J. Stejskal	0	D. Kumro	1	G. Benson	1	A. Sanchez
J. Desjardins	0	J. Fajkus	1	G. Brenda	1	J. Roelke
E. Geiger	0	J. Thomas	1	R. Hansen	1	H. Tomlinson
J. Shamberg	0	B. Fish	1	--	0f	H. Lange
H. VanLeeuwen(WE)	½	C. Andrews	½			

ANL Monarchs	4	AMOCO Oilers	2	AMOCO Oilers	2	BTL Royals
D. Kucera	1	L. Sheridan	0	L. Sheridan	0	J. Johnson
R. Maglic	0	P. Dzadzic	1	P. Dzadzic	0	D. Anderson
K. Kellogg	1	J. Zechinati	0	M. Dee	0	G. Benson
L. Baker	1	M. Dee	0	J. Zechinati	1	R. Sundararaman
R. Tewari	1	N. Paauwe	0	T. Sellman	0	J. Walz
G. Dragel	0	V. Reinhardt	1	N. Paauwe	1	W. Kindt

Zenith-Rauland	3	C.P.C. Int'l	3	Int'l Harvester	1	WE Chargers
S. Karlovics	1	B. Urbas	0	B. Ristoff	0	K. Dobr
K. Moylan	0	J. Stejskal	1	C. Studzinski	0	M. Alojado
A. Sanchez	1	J. Desjardins	0	S. Ahlf	0	V. Stamm
R. Kling	0	E. Geiger	1	B. Motycka	1	C. Kimbler
J. Roelke	0	J. Mudue	1	D. Hartdegen	0	F. Wendorf
T. Miguel	1	J. Drabiak	0	W. Hallman	0	M. Swiderski

WE King's Indians	6	Int'l Harvester	0	ANL Knights	4	ANL Monarchs
J. Warren	1	D. Satterlee	0	G. Berry	½	D. Kucera
D. Kumro	1	W. Ristoff	0	C. Young	1	V. Krohn
J. Fajkus	1	T. Owens	0	B. Nelson	½	R. Maglic
J. Thomas	1	J. Dziedzic	0	C. Ward	1	J. Bingle
B. Fish	1	S. Johnson	0	G. Kinsella	1	G. Dragel
C. Andrews	1	D. Carter	0	K. Burba	0	K. Kellogg
H. VanLeeuwen	1f	K. Brown	0f	H. Karplus	0	R. Tewari
				B. Keig	1	J. McQuinn

"... And they came bearing gifts."



ANL Fawns	3½	BTL Dragons	2½	C.O.D.	5	AMOCO Standards
S. Mihailovich	½	D. Wilson	½	S. Surak	1	E. Lambers
M. Peterson	1	J. Sobun	0	S. Amundsen	1	D. Dyck
E. Veleckis	0	J. Rosen	1	S. Martin	1	J. Weston
D. Green	0	F. House	1	B. Pehrson	1	D. Fajfar
D. Johnson	1	C. Grdic	0	T. Straub	1	C. Dickinson
T. Renner	1	F. Myslinski	0	A. Hurrell	0	J. Burke

ANL Bishops	4	ANL Rooks	2	Wheaton College	4	Fermilab
J. Jackson	0	R. Benedek	1	S. Fabricius	1	H. Emans
D. Wilson	½	E. Appleman	½	W. Underwood	1	I. Gains
D. Dever	½	S. Okers	½	R. Valpey	0	R. Walker
S. Decman	1	D. Baurac	0	P. Kline	0	W. Ganger
L. Shirkey	1	T. Jeannotte	0	P. Reifsnyder	1f	--
J. Daley	1	J. Cavallo	0	K. Hobday	1f	--

AMOCO Standards	½	ANL Bishops	5½	Fermilab	1½	WE Kingsmen
E. Lambers	0	J. Jackson	1	H. Emans	0	L. Parker
D. Dyck	0f	D. Wilson	1f	I. Gains	1	J. Brozovich
J. Weston	0	D. Dever	1	W. Ganger	0	R. Harringer
D. Fajfar	½	L. Shirkey	½	R. Walker	0	R. Shaff
J. Purke	0	S. Decman	1	A. Forni	½	R. Yuknavech
T. Schmidt	0	N. Beck	1	A. Visser	0	P. Weston
C. Dickinson	0	J. Daley	1	N. Sample	0	W. Whowell

Special Announcements

All-star Match

There have been two proposals for an All-star match this season but no volunteers to organize the event as yet. I hope that someone out there is interested enough to respond to this plea for HELP ! What has to be done is decide what type of All-star match to hold and then make it happen. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Greg Berry on 739-7711x5056 or me Paul Weston on 983-3605. Listed below are the proposals:

Proposal "A". Invite one player from each team in the league and then have them play an opponent of like strength.

Proposal "B". Invite the top 20 players in the league and have them divided and play an opponent of like strength.

Proposal "C". IF any other ideas are floating out there PLEASE LET SOMEONE KNOW !

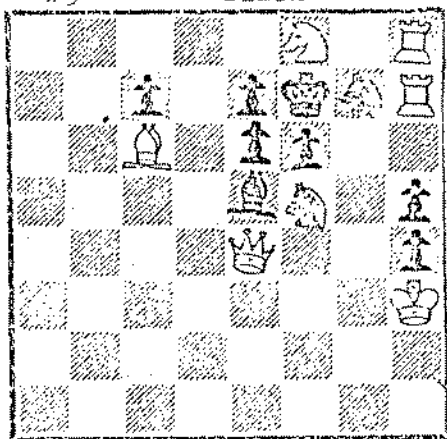


Problem Corner... by Newman Guttman

Solutions: #1 (C. Mansfield) 1. P-B7
 #2 (C. Mansfield) 1. Q-B1

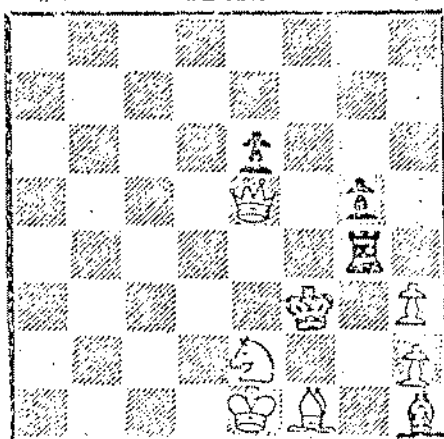
In the next pair, in the set position, White has a reply for each Black move, so that if Black were on the move, there would be nothing to solve. #4 is a "perpetual motion" problem - after the key, you can again solve "mate in 2".

#3 Black



White
(mate in 2)

#4 Black



White
(mate in 2)



On The light Squares



He thinks his French Defense is impreg.



He's got the best chess set...

Games of Interest

The following game was sent in by David Stuhlberg of Procon/UOP.
The comments are those of David Stahlberg.

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| 1. P-K3 | P-K4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-QB4 |

Presumably to prevent White from playing P-Q4.

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| 3. N-QB3 | N-QB3 |
| 4. N-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 5. P-Q4 | ... |

White plays P-Q4 anyway.

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| 5. ... | B-N5 |
| 6. B-K2 | N-KB3 |

Black cannot win a pawn by playing 6... BxN, 7.BxB, PxP; 8. BxNoh, etc.

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| 7. PxBP | PxP |
| 8. P-KR3 | B-B4 |
| 9. O-O | B-Q3 |

If N-N5 threatening N-B7, White plays N-K1.

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| 10. P-QR3 | O-O |
| 11. N-KR4 | ... |

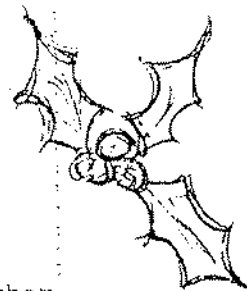
In preparation for for P-K4.

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| 11. ... | Q-Q2 |
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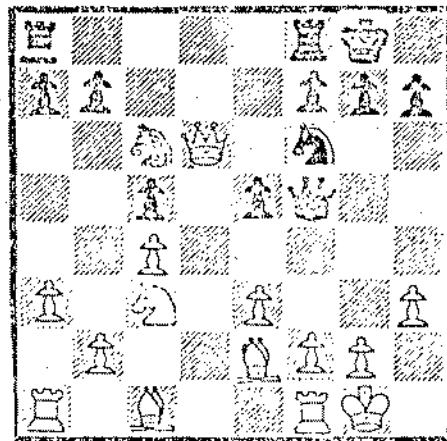
The Queen already had one job, the protection of the King Bishop.
This move gave the poor lady one job too many.

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| 12. NxB | QxN |
| 13. QxB | ... |

White's Queen is somewhat precariously perched here; but there did not appear to be any way for the Queen to be trapped. He expected Black to take possession of the open Queen file with R-Q1 (forcing White to play 14.QxP) and then attack on the King's side. However, White planned to blunt the attack with 15.P-K4, NxP; 16.NxN, QxN; 17.Q-K3.



Black



White

(Position after
13.QxB)

13. ...

P-K5

Black chose to protect his QB Pawn, but this allows White to bring his Queen back into play on the King's side.

14. Q-B4	Q-K3
15. B-N4	NxB
16. QxN	P-KB4
17. Q-K2	N-K4
18. N-Q5	...

Temporarily closing the Queen file and concurrently thwarting Black's threat against the Queen Bishop Pawn.

18. ...	QR-Q1
19. B-Q2	P-QN3
20. B-B3	...

Now White takes possession of the half open long QR1-KR8 diagonal.

20. ...	P-KN3
21. QR-Q1	...

And development now starts on the "open" Queen file.

21. ...	N-B2
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That's once.

22. R-Q2	N-K4
23. KR-Q1	R-QB1
24. N-B4	...



Reopening the Queen side with telling effect.

24. ...	Q-K1
25. R-Q5	N-B2

That's twice. Remember the hoary joke about the newlywed farmer who shot his horse after it balked three times, then, when his bride berated him for this, looked at her coldly and said, "That's once!"?

26. R-Q7	R-R1
27. Q-Q2	R-Q1
28. RxR	NxR
29. Q-Q5ch	N-B2

And that's thrice. Time for the shooting to start.

30. N-K6	Resigns.
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Wins rook for knight. The rook is boxed in and cannot move; but Black had only two other choices. If 29...R-B2, White wins the Knight and forces a Queen trade with QxN. If 29...Q-B2; 30.Q-K5! wins Queen and rook for the Queen side mate by Q-R8 was threatened.



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USA WINS CHESS OLYMPIAD

By virtue of a whirlwind finish, the USA Team captured first place in the 22nd Chess Olympiad (World Team Championship) held in Haifa, Israel from October 25 through November 10. The victors scored 37 out of a possible 52 points in the 13-round Swiss System event.

After 9 rounds of play, the Netherlands held a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -point lead and practically everyone expected them to end up on top. England was also in hot contention and speculation had it that the USA would have a tough fight to take the third-place Bronze Medals. To their everlasting credit our players didn't see it that way. They never quit scrapping and made an incredible 14 points out of the last 16 games. The Netherlands team finished second, a half point back.

The Swiss System made the entire Olympiad one of the most exciting ever and the last round was so dramatic as to be almost unbelievable. Long after all other games were completed, Franciscus Kuijpers of the Netherlands and Ilkka Saren of Finland struggled on in an encounter which determined the final standings. If Kuijpers won, the Netherlands would equal the 37 game points achieved by the USA and take the championship on tie-break (match points). Saren, however, held on for the draw in a difficult position. After it was all over, Ed Edmondson congratulated him on his perseverance in such an extended encounter during the last round of a long and tiring tournament. Saren made rather light of it, which moved Ed to ask: "How long was the game?" Saren replied: "Not so long--111 moves and $14\frac{1}{2}$ hours. My record game was 159 moves long, in a recent Finnish Championship."

Kim Commons had the highest winning percentage of any player in this Olympiad, and every USA player achieved a convincing plus score.

<u>Board</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>%</u>
1	Robert Byrne	5	1	4	70.0
2	Lubomir Kavalek	3	2	3	56.3
3	Larry Evans	5	0	4	77.8
4	James Tarjan	3	2	2	57.1
5	William Lombardy	6	1	2	77.8
6	Kim Commons	6	0	3	83.8
	Team Total	28	6	18	71.1

Grandmasters Timman ($8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$) and Sosonko (6-2) had the best individual results on boards 1 and 2, their scores doing much to place the

1. USA.....	37.0	6. Israel.....	29.5
2. Netherlands....	36.5	7. Switzerland...	29.0
3. England.....	35.5	8. Canada.....	28.5
4. Argentina.....	33.0	9. Spain.....	28.5
5. West Germany...	31.0	10. Columbia.....	28.0

Of the 48 teams participating, it is significant that four of the top ten are from the Americas.

Pegrettably, no teams from Eastern Europe participated. It is to be hoped that the USSR and others will take part in the 1978 Olympiads, which may also be conducted on the Swiss System.

ISRAEL WINS WOMEN'S OLYMPIAD

The favored Israel Team easily captured the Women's Chess Olympiad with a 17-4 score in the Finals. They were followed by England and Spain (each 11½) and the USA (10½).

The USA Team was rated fourth in the starting field of 23 and that's how it finished. However, our young players often obtained equal or better positions, only to see the half-points slip away to more experienced combatants, such as Israel's Kushnir. We can expect that added experience will really put our women in contention from 1978 on.

<u>Board</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>%</u>
1	Diane Savereide	4	3	3	55.0
2	Rachel Crotto	5	2	2	66.7
3	Ruth Herstein	4	2	3	61.1
4	Ruth I. Orton	3	1	3	64.3
	Team Total	16	8	11	61.4

The Women's Olympiad was played in Preliminary and Final Round Robins. Each match was played on three boards and we had one reserve player. The figures above are the combined totals in the Preliminaries and the Finals.

A full report on the 1976 Chess Olympiads for Men and for Women will appear in January's 'CHESS LIFE & REVIEW.

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