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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.

North Division Report...by Ned Anderson

The North division once again looks like an excellent well balanced division. We lost two fine teams in Zenith-Niles and A.B.Dick Co., not due to the expansion, but due to internal reshuffling of their personnel. Fortunately they have been replaced with three first class teams; Motorola, ITT, and Curtiss Candy. I won't make any predictions this year other than to say that a 7-3 record should be good enough to make the playoffs.

This years schedule includes a three round swiss tournament sandwiched between the regular round robin. The main purpose of the swiss is to reduce the total number of games in the season from 14 (double round robin) to 10 games. As mentioned in the schedule, a special 11th game will be played between two of the three teams which face the EXcaliburs in the swiss. These two teams will have the option of substituting their 11th game score in place of their score against the EXcaliburs (in the swiss) in figuring their final team standings. The season is based on 10 games for all teams.

Changes to the directory of team captains is as follows: Motorola-Captain Nik Goncharoff, 1299 E. Algonquin Rd., Schaumburg, Ill. 60196. His phone is 576-2628 and the alternate is Joe Henning, 576-2640. Procon/UOP-Alternate. Rassoul Ghavimi. 391-3640.

Before the season began I had several discussions with Luciana Tumalad of Procon concerning the possibility of their entering two teams to the league. One team would have been called Procon the other U.O.P. According to their letter to the league as published in the last bulletin, they have decided to consolidate. Since this is not a merger of two different companies they do not need league approval.

A question arose as to a player's residual eligibility once he has left a company. The rule states that he may continue playing for his team for the remainder of the season as long as he was an active member of that team when the season began. Our season officially began September 6th.

East Division Report...by Fred Ciba

The East division suffered an early setback this season with the demise of the Montgomery Ward team. Although they could not field a full squad this year, they hope to rejoin us next year. Because they dropped out before playing any games, I decided to revise the whole schedule rather than give everyone a win.

The "Host of the Year" award again goes to the GATX Corporation. For all visitors, playing in a CICL match, they provide an assortment of French pastries, hot coffee and soft drinks, non gratis. Games are played on their eighteenth floor overlooking the Chicago River as it winds Northward toward the lake.

Our Sears "Number One" team has some very colorful players- none more so than board number six, Tom Campbell. Tom shoots the Sears TV commercials that you see on the tube. While on one of his location shootings in Holly-wood recently, Tom noticed that John Wayne was in the next set filming "The Shootist". Tom observed that during breaks, the Duke would play chess with one particular fellow. Well, it turns out that this fellows only job is to play chess with Wayne during breaks while he shoots movies. Sounds like a great job!

By the way, Terry Andresen, Tom's fearless captain, has a new phone

Near West Division Report...by Charlie Ward

The ANL Knights have become the sole occupants of first place, after just two complete rounds. On form, the WE King's Indians, the BTL Royals, and the ANL monarchs appeared to be the class of the division before the start of the season. The Knights have assumed first place by virtue of defeating two teams that so far have not won a single match between them, so the Knights' true strength still remains to be determined. Possibly the third round match between the Monarchs and the Knight will shed some light on the situation. Another team that has been impressive in the early goings is the WE Chargers.

In the last issue of the bulletin, an incorrect team captain was given for the WE Chargers. The Chargers' captain is Vernon Stamm and his phone number is 494-4064. Please note that this new number replaces that given on the list circulated to team captains. Also, George Kinsella, captain of the ANL Knights has a new building number in his mailing address at Argonne, namely Building 301. George's new job duties in radiation safety keep him away from his phone for considerable periods; he has asked for people calling him to call his old number (739-7711, ext. 4018) and leave a message and he will return the call.

There have recently been several cases of matches scheduled after the final date of a round. Captains are urged to keep this from happening in the future, as far as possible. Please contact your opposite number well in advance of the starting date of a round in order to settle on a date. There is rather a short time allowed for each round - only two and a half weeks - and it is crucial that each round be completed on time so that the round robin can be finished no later than February 22,1977.

Also, each captain is asked to indicate the player number (from the ratings list) for each player on the match results sheet. This will be of great assistance in keeping the CICL rating records straight.

Far West Division Report...by Rick Shaff

I hope our expansion teams are not discouraged by their early results this year. (Note the difficulties of Tampa Bay and Seattle in the NFL.) Patience in team development as well as in board play is truly a virtue. The way to improve as a team is to keep on playing...experience is a good teacher. Most of the teams go over each game after a match and critique it; football teams do likewise. Opening moves are certainly worth study, but don't neglect endings. Remember "The hardest part is winning a won game."

In the "super boonies division" Argonne and Bell System teams hold the top spots and won't meet till December and after. In the meantime, the other teams would love to upset the leaders and thereby move up in the standings.

Joe Brozovich of the Kingsmen has changed his phone number to 690-4413. Please update your directory accordingly. The Dragons have lost the services of Mr. El Banhawy, who moved out of state. He was most improved player last season. Congratulations to Nick Marselos, also from the Dragons, for the new addition to his family.

League Standings

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S. Huff	1/2	J. Koulis	1/3	D. Stuhlbarg	1	W. Dahl	0
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R. Pasturczak	1	J. McAnany	0	S. Cheverson	1	S. Ferrille	0
E. Hoskins	1	H. Posner		R. Touma	1	T. Scott	$-\frac{0}{0}$
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D. Gruber	1	R. Robinson	0	B. Oelrich	1	F. Szatmary	0
R. Titus	0	C. Yacob	1	B. DiVito	0	T. Brazeal	1
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J. Sloan	0	D. Fajfar	1	W. Pehrson	0	L. Shirkey
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J. Brozovich	1	S. Fabricius	0	M. Peterson	+	H. Domanus
R. Shaff	1	K. Hobday	0	W. Walsh	ż	E. Appelman
R. Harringer	1	P. Reifsnyder	0	D. Green	1	S. Ockers
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Games of Interest

Following is the score of a game which, although containing some less than perfect moves, has some elements of strategy that may be of interest to league members.

Harper Leap Year Swiss February 28, 1976

White: C. Ward (1406-USCF)
Black: J. Condron (1542-USCF)
Sicilian Defense

1. P-K4	P -Q B4	8.	Q-Q 2	N-B3
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	9•	B-QB4	B-Q2
3. P-Q4	P_XP	10.	P-KR4	N-K4
4. NxP	N-KB3	11.	B-N3	Q-R4
5. N-QB3	P-KN3	12.	0-0-0	KR-QB1
6. B-K3	B-N2	13.	K-N1	• • •
7. P-B3	0-0	•		

At this point we have a rather standard Dragon variation, with White attacking on the Kingside and Black attacking on his Queenside.

13. ... RxN?

Frequently Black makes this sacrifice to open up the White King to attack, but this is very premature, since it leads to the exchange of queens, thus reducing the attacking forces to a considerable extent. More normal in this situation would be to exchange the defending bishop by 13 ... N-B5, 14.BxN RxB, and then advance the QNP and QRP, keeping the Queen for attack.

14. QXR QXQ 15. PXQ P-QN4

Taking stock at this juncture, it seems clear that Black's forlorn attacking hopes have vanished with his Queen and KR, and White should be able to defend his doubled pawns with King and minor pieces, leaving Black simply down the exchange. Thus, there is no point in continuing with the normal attacking moves P-KR5, etc. Instead, White plans to locate his remaining knight on the dominating square Q5. If Black tries tooprevent this by P-K3, he creates a serious weakness on Q3.

16. N-K2 P-QR4 17. N-B4? ...

A thoughtless move. P-QR3 instead would totally stall Black's "attack". If then ... P-R5, B-R2 would leave Black with a permently weak square on QN5, as well as a backward QNP exposed to attack.

> 17. ... P-R5 18. B-Q5 R-QB1 19. B-Q4

Now White has been forced to block Q5 with his own Bishop, and to adopt this awkward defense of the pawn on QB3.

19. ... N-B5?

This is a blunder because it leads to the virtual forced sxchange of three minor pieces, leaving White in an exchange-up endgame-just where he wants to be. The villian in the piece is Black's fixed idea of "attacking" along the QB File.

20. BxN RxB

Here, probably PxB was preferable, since it would remove the weak pawn from QN4, and allow perhaps an eventual B-R5 after P-R6. In this connection, R-QN1 at move 18 would have been useful, instead of the move played.

21. N-Q5 NxN 22. PxN BxB 23. PxB

The only means of holding the pawn. White's superiority is now clear.

23. ... P-KR4 24. KR-K1 K-B1 25. P-R3

It is surprising how effective this move, which should have been played eight moves earlier, still is.

25. ... B-B1

Still going, somewhat desperately, after a pawn. Meanwhile, White will exchange down even further.

26. K-N2 B-N2 27. R-K3 BxP

Greed now makes the rook exchange unavoidable.

28. R-B3 P-K3 29. RxR BxR 30. P-KB4 K-K2 31. K-B3

Because of the weak black squares, White's King can now penetrate Black's Queenside at will.

31. ... K-B3 32. R-K1 K-B4 33. P-N3 K-N5

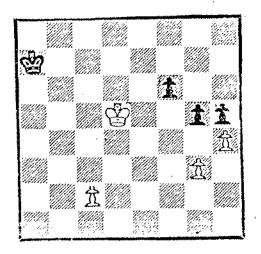
With his Kingside pawns on black squares, White can prevent damage there long enough to win on the other side of the board.

34. R-K3 K=B4 35. K=N4 K=N5 36. R-B3 K=B4? Black now allows White to win by making use of the old adage that "the way to win with the exchange is to return it under favorable circumstances". K-R6 would possibly have postponed the inevitable.

37. RxBl PxR
38. KxRP P-K4
39. QPxP PxP
40. PxP KxP

Material is now even, but White has a won position. Black could resign now (or even two moves earlier).

41. K-N4 K-Q4 42. P-R4 K-B3 43. KxP P-B3 44. P-R5 P-N4 45. P-R6 K-N3 46. P-R7 KxP 47. K-Q5 Resigns



Special Announcements

CICL Rules

It has been pointed out that one paragraph was inadvertantly omitted from the revised "Rules of Team Competition" approved at the August business meeting. The paragraph is from Section II.C - Team Captains' Responsibility at Matches, subsection 2 - Refereeing, and reads as follows:

"When Captains are called upon to act as referees while playing a clock controlled match game, they will be allowed to stop their clocks during the business discussions."

This section was included in the previous set of league rules, and since it has not been specifically repealed by the league, it will continue in force. Team captains are requested to enter this wording on their copies of the revised rules.

USCF Membership

When CICL members are obtaining their discount rate USCF memberships through Charlie Ward, as described in the last bulletin, if they are renewing their membership or if they were members at some earlier time, they are asked to indicate this fact along with the expiration date of their former or present membership. Current members are also asked to supply their membership number (given on the mailing label of their copies of Chess Life and Review). This will help insure the correctness and continuity of their USCF rating.

Presidents Report

In the last issue of the bulletin I announced that Jim Brotsos would be tournament director for the league's first playoff to determine an overall league champion. Since that time, Jim and I have discussed several tie break methods in the event there is no clear winner of the three round swiss playoff. The method we decided upon will be used to determine the complete order of finish for all eight teams.

- 1. Total match points scored in playoff.
- 2. Total game points scored in playoff.
- 3. Solkoff tie break system applied to match points.
- 4. Solkoff tie break system applied to game points.
- 5. Teams still tied will remain tied.

I am still looking for a volunteer to arrange a telephone match with the NYC Industrial League. If there aren't any volunteers then we won't have a match this year.

Fred Ciba has agreed to be Trophy Chairman again.

Playoff Dates

In the last issue of the bulletin, the minutes of the august business meeting incorrectly stated that the two week playoff rounds would begin on May 6th, May 20th, and June 3rd. The correct statement is that the rounds are to end on these dates. Thus the schedule of playoff rounds is as follows:

Round 1 - April 25 - May 6 Round 2 - May 9 - May 20

Round 3 - May 23 - June 3

Problem Corner...by Newman Guttman

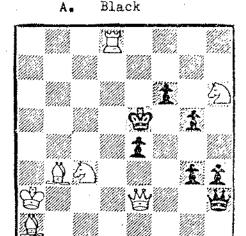
I didn't prepare problems for the first issue because I was away attending an annual FIDE meeting of chess composers. This year's site was the little town of Ribe, Denmark. Delegates from 18 countries attended, doing nothing of importance.

Response to last year's CICL solving competition was lighter than I would like, despite the awarding of trophies and certificates. What we will do this year has not been decided - perhaps we don't need a competition, since it is probable that many readers solve without caring to compete.

For newcomers, I want to describe in some detail the solution of a "typical" problem, given as A (by C, Manfield,1926). It is a mate in two, with White moving up the board, and Black down. When solving a problem, look first at what Black can do. Here, Black doesn't have much mobility, but we see that if 1...K-B5, then 2.N-Q5 mate, noting that 1.N-Q5 fails because the BK can escape by K-K3. If 1...QxQch, then 2.N-Q5 mate. These variations emphasize that White will have to take square f4 into account.

The unique first move, the "key", is 1.Q-KN2. This sets up the threat 2.N-K2. Now, to see what the contents of the problem are, we look at all significant Black defenses and the replies: 1...K-B5 2.N-Q5; 1...QxQch 2.N-K2; 1...Q-N8 2.QxKP; 1...Q-R8 2.QxNPmate. Note the last pair, where if the BQ were removed, there would be "dual" WQ mates. The "real" BQ moves single out each one. All in all, a light problem - we will usually see more complicated stuff.

Solvers should keep a few conventions in mind: the key will not capture an officer; nor will it take away a flight square (like f4 in A) without returning another; nor will it check.



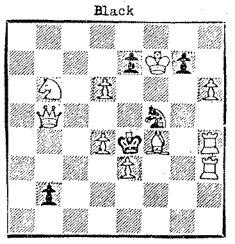
White (Mate in 2)

Problems 1 and 2 are for entertainment and practice - no competition.

2.

1. Black

White (Mate in 2)



White (Mate in 2)

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World Cup IV, an open tournament of the International Correspondence Chess Federation, is now open to entry. This tournament is conducted in three rounds beginning at three-year intervals, and is to start September 1, 1977. Airmail will be required between North America and other continents.

The pairing and qualification schemes are based on novel principles, with the idea of accommodating large numbers of entries. (World Cup III had 2619 entries.) In each round, players will compete in blocks of 100 or more, and 10 opponents will be selected at random within the block for each player. Qualification from round 1 will be to the top 20% of each block, and from round 2 to the top 15%. In this way, 100 first-round participants will become 20 in the second round, and only 3 in the third round. As it thus appears that only one final section will be conducted, qualifying from round 2 should test anyone's ability as a chessplayer.

The prizes ultimately at stake are two places in the World Championship 3/4-final and three places in the Semifinal. There are also merchandise prizes (not yet specified) to some percentage of each round's qualifiers, and to half the finalists. A tie-breaking system will be used, if necessary, to determine qualification and prizes.

CCLA will forward the entries of all U.S. chessplayers for World Cup IV, without condition of membership in CCLA or any other organization. The entry fee is \$7.00, payable to CCLA. Multiple entries are permitted. Score sheets will be sent in acknowledgement of payment. Send your entries, to arrive by March 15, 1977, to David Ames, Box 888, Boston, Massachusetts 02103.

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