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HUNTER WEAKS WINS MID-SOUTH TOURNEY AT MEMPHIS.

Hunter Weaks of Memphis won the Mid-South tourney which was played in Memphis over the Thanksgiving weekend. This tournament is expected to become an annual event. Mr. Weaks scored five points (draws with Veveris and Scrivener) in this six round Swiss event. Also five points obtained Troy Miller of Natchez, Miss. (loss to Weaks) good for second after tie breaking. Two players scored  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points, Gunars Veveris of Bolivar, Tenn. took third and Bob Scrivener was 4th. Five players had four points each and placed in this order: 5th Peter Lahde, 6th Steve Balsai (Hot Springs, Ark.), 7th John Poole (Jackson, Miss.), 8th Rappaport and 9th Albert Bowen (Nashville).

This tournament was well organized and directed by Joe Spiegel, Clif Lipman, and Bill Wiseman (all of Memphis).

The event attracted 31 players (same as Tenn. Open) of which 17 are members of one or the other Memphis chess club. (Quite a record I might add, The editor). Twelve players came from other states, and only two from other parts of Tennessee, they being from Nashville.

Some \$135 were awarded in prizes. In addition special prizes were given in forms of chess books, USCF pins, and a chess board.

Here are the scores of the top twelve players in this event. Unfortunately a complete listing of all participants did not become available in time for this issue.

		SCORE	S.M.
1. Hunter Weaks	Memphis, Tenn.	5 : 1	22
2. Troy Miller	Natchez, Miss.	5 : 1	21
3. Gunars Veveris	Bolivar, Tenn.	$4\frac{1}{2}$ : $1\frac{1}{2}$	$22\frac{1}{2}$
4. Robert Scrivener	Nesbit, Miss.	$4\frac{1}{2}$ : $1\frac{1}{2}$	$19\frac{1}{2}$
5. Peter Lahde	Nashville, Tenn.	4 : 2	21
6. Steve Balsai	Hot Springs, Ark.	4 : 2	$20\frac{1}{2}$
7. John Poole	Jackson, Miss.	4 : 2	19
8. Rappaport	?	4 : 2	18
9. Albert Bowen	Nashville, Tenn.	4 : 2	17
10. Bill Wiseman	Memphis, Tenn.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ : $2\frac{1}{2}$	20
11. K.S. Williamson	University, Ala.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ : $2\frac{1}{2}$	18
12. James Wright	Millington, Tenn.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ : $2\frac{1}{2}$	18

NEW S IN BRIEF

Wolf Wolfensberger has recently moved from Nashville to Greenville, Tenn. He has accepted a position there as a psychiatrist at a state institution. A loss for Nashville is a gain for East Tennessee.

Milton Loew is another strong player lost by Nashville. He already gave up chess early last year in favor of checkers. He won last year the U.S. Checker tourney (equivalent to US. Open in chess) and over \$700 in cash. He now resides in Florida.

Harry Hairfield reports that the AEDC Club will begin its annual tourney in two to three weeks. It will be a five or six round Swiss.

ATTENTION ALL TCA MEMBERS.

This is a reminder that the TCA membership fees for 1961 are due. All participants of the 1960 Tennessee Open have already paid their dues. In addition the following have also paid: Walter Junge, Foy Lisenby, Robert Scrivener, Joe Spiegel, George Sweets, and Robert Walker.

The dues are still only \$1. Make checks payable to Peter P. Lahde and send same to Peter P. Lahde, 80 Lyle Lane, Nashville 11, Tenn.

FLASH - Bobby Fischer wins U.S. Championship for fourth time with 8:2 (4 draws) Reshevsky, Lombardy, Bisguier tied for second with 6:4. One round remaining.