

# 1977

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## Strazdins leads NB tournament

After four rounds in the 27th annual New Britain, single round robin chess championship finals, Arkadijs Strazdins is leading the tournament with a score of 4-0.

He is followed by John A. Baclawski  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; Robert Milardo — defending champion, Robert W. Lane and Joseph Mansigina, each scored 2-2; Carl Traczynski and Raymond Lamont, each  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  and Peter P. Yanchak  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

In the reserve, 5 round Swiss System tournament, after two rounds the leading players, are: Peter Kloskowski and Paul Ligas, each with 2-0; Eric Godin, Dennis Gallagher, Duncan W. May and Peter P. Mitchell, each scored  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Stanley J. Archacki, Ronald Bourassa, Richard H. Dittmar, Kenneth K. Klingensmith, Arthur B. Simeons and Hermann Zickfeld, each scored 1-1.

Both tournaments are rated by the U. S. Chess Federation and will be finished Feb. 23.

In recently played chess tournaments, local club members scored as follows:

In the Townsend Cup Tournament, played at the Hartford Insurance Group Tower in Hartford, Robert F. Tirone scored 2-2 and Anthony Miller 1-3. In the Booster section 8 Gary Cote with a score of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  tied for first place; Eric Godin scored 3-1 and Nicholas Stevens

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In the Portland Open 77, played at the YMCA, Portland, Maine, Peter Kloskowski scored  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  and Ronald Bourassa  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

The New Britain Chess Club will hold its 1977 individual chess championship, a five-round Swiss, a U. S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament at the Quartette Club on five successive Wednesday nights, beginning March 30.

The 12th Annual New Britain Summer Open, a U. S. Chess Federation rated five round Swiss system chess tournament, will be held at the Quartette Club July 16 and 17.

The New Britain Chess Club is an affiliate of the U. S. Chess Federation, and so can hold rated tournaments, the results of which affect the numerical rating that measures a player's strength.

The New Britain Chess Club meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster Street — sponsor of the Chess Club.

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coin toss decides.

The 27th annual New Britain City Chess Championship has been completed, and Arkadijs Strazdins is the winner with a score of  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . Strazdins has now won this title outright 23 times, and was co-champion with Robert Lane in 1973 and with Pierre Leclerc in 1974. Robert Milardo won last year. John Baclawski finished second this year with a score of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and Milardo was third at 4-3.

The 1977 New Britain Reserve Tournament has also been completed. The winner was Peter Kloskowski with a score of 5-0. Paul Ligas finished second at 4-1, and Peter Mitchell was third at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

The Danbury Chess Club defeated the Carmel N.Y.



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## Chess news

Eight qualified players from primary play, competed in the 27th annual New Britain City Chess Championship finals, a single round-robin tournament at the Quartette Club. Competitions was held each Wednesday night for the past two months.

Arkadijs Strazdins won the U.S. Chess Federation-rated tournament,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Strazdins won the championship for the 24th time. The first 23 years were consecutive.

John A. Baclawski took second place,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ ; defending champion Robert Milardo was third, 4-3; Robert W. Lane, the only players who drew Strazdins, was fourth with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

After the tie-break, Carl Traczynski was fifth; Peter P. Yanchak, 15, a talented New Britain High School student who holds a high U.S. Chess Federation Class B rating and is one of the best Connecticut players under 16, was sixth.

He demonstrated sensational play by defeating Class A players Lane and Traczynski; Joseph Mansigian was seventh,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ , and Raymond Lamont, eighth, 2-5.

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### Reserve Tournament

Peter Kloskowski, scored a clean sweep, 5-0, to win the 1977 New Britain City Chess Championship Reserve Tournament, a five round Swiss, U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament. The tournament was played on five successive Wednesdays at the Quartette Club. Paul Ligas was second, 4-1, and Peter P. Mitchell, third,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

After the tie-break, results with 3-2 or lower were Dennis Gallagher, Eric Godin, Kenneth K. Klingensmith, Richard H. Dittmar, Rudolph B. Wulff, Duncan W. May, Ronald Bourassa, Arthur R. Simeone, Hermann Zichfeld, Kenneth Graham, Stanley J. Archacki, Jonathan M. Hanen and Mark Mannings.

Trophies and other prizes were awarded to Strazdins, Baclawski, Milardo, Lane, Yanchak, Kloskowski, Ligas, Mitchell, Gallagher, Wulff, Klingensmith and Hanen. The tournaments were sponsored by Quartette Club and New Britain Chess Club. Strazdins and Ligas were directors.

### Simultaneous Exhibition

City chess champ Strazdins will give a chess simultaneous exhibition for all comers at the Quartette Club today at 7:30 p.m.

The New Britain and Hartford chess clubs are joining forces with best players to meet the famed Boylston Chess Club, Boston, Mass., to play Match II at the YMCA, Hartford, April 24 for a classic 40-50 board encounter. The first match played last year in Boston, Mass., was won by the New Britain-Hartford team, 19-17.

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## Chess news

After three rounds in the 18-player 1977 New Britain Chess Club championship, a 5-round Swiss System U. S. Chess Federation rated tournament, the leading players, are:

John A. Baclawski, Robert Milardo, Arkadijs Strazdins — defending champion, and Peter P. Yanchak, a New Britain High School student, who drew Strazdins, each scoring  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . They are followed by Miss Mary Conlon, the top Connecticut woman player, Wesley Frazier, Eric Godin and Peter Kloskowski, each with 2-1.

In recently played chess tournaments, local club members scored as follows:

James Azzola, 17, won the 1977 Connecticut High School championship, 4-0.

Peter Kloskowski with a score of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , tied for first in the Woodstock Spring Open and John A. Baclawski scored 2-2.

In the Harvard Open, Massachusetts, Peter Kloskowski and Ronald Bourassa, each were 2-2.

In the 52nd Western Massachusetts and Connecticut Valley Open at Springfield, Mass., Peter Kloskowski scored  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The 1st Exit School Swiss was contested at the Elm City Chess Club, New Haven. The winner was James Azzola, 4-0.

In the 1977 Connecticut State Amateur Open Championship, played at Salvation Army Hall in Waterbury, Richard H. Dittmar after the tie-break with a score of 4-1, took second place, Ronald Bourassa was third and John A. Baclawski, defending champion — fourth with the same score. The winner was Frederick S. Townsend, U. S. Chess Federation Vice President from Wethersfield,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The New Britain and the Hartford Chess Clubs will combine their best players in a 40 board super chess match for the second time, against Boylston YMCA Union Chess Club, Boston, Mass. considered the most powerful in New England.

The match will be played Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Hartford YMCA. The first super match played last October in Boston, was won by the New Britain-Hartford team 19-17. Team Captains: Nicholas Stevens and Arkadijs Strazdins, Connecticut, and Christopher Chase and Harry Lyman, Massachusetts.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1977 AT THE HARTFORD YMCA, HARTFORD, CONN.

NICHOLAS STEVENS                      CHRISTOPHER CHASE  
ARKADIJS STRAZDINS                    STEVEN FRYMER

1. Dr. PLATZ Joseph	2200	0 - 1	CHASE Christopher	2220
2. ESPINOSA Paul	2101	½ - ½	BONO Girome	2186
3. WEERAMANTRY Sunil	2087	0 - 1	LYMAN Harry	2179
4. CHACHAKIS Steve R.	1988	0 - 1	THIBAUT James	2134
5. STRAZDINS Arkadijs	1977	0 - 1	KELLEHER William	2125
6. IPACS Edward	1969	½ - ½	FANG Joseph	2052
7. BARRY Robert	1962	1 - 0	FERNANDEZ George	2035
8. SCHWARTZ Mordecai	1942	1 - 0	RIZZITANO James	1967
9. AZZOLA James	1937	½ - ½	FRYMER Steven	1932
10. WEEKS Mark	1931	0 - 1	TURNBULL Murray	1895
11. MILARDO Robert	1888	0 - 1	KOLESZAR Steve	1863
12. MITCHELL Robert G.	1887	½ - ½	NUGENT Arthur	1830
13. CONLON Mary R.	1855	0 - 1	DURNAN Thomas	1797
14. KLOSKOWSKI Peter	1854	1 - 0	MERCURI Louis	1792
15. TIRONE Robert	1846	1 - 0	BLAIR Michael	1763
16. TRACZYNSKI Carl	1844	0 - 1	YOUNG Duane	1761
17. FERRANTE Christopher	1843	1 - 0	EDELSTEIN Myer	1744
18. MILLER Anthony A.	1824	1 - 0	GODUTI Phillip	1744
19. BAMBROUGH Brian	1815	1 - 0	DEVUX Steven	1739
20. DI MAIOLO Sebastian	1761	0 - 1	ZALEWSKI Wojciech	1728
21. DONAHUE Robert	1748	1 - 0	BATES Stephen	1654
22. BACLAWSKI John A.	1735	0 - 1	SCOTT Peter	1648
23. MAY Duncan W.	1721	0 - 1	DAVIS Kenneth	1644
24. LECHOWICZ Daniel S.	1713	1 - 0	LOUIS Robert	1605
25. Dr. YABLONSKI Anthony	1708	0 - 1	LAPPIN Richard	1590
26. TOWNSEND Frederick	1694	1 - 0	FRANCIS Davis	1534
27. COCCOMO Berry	1684	1 - 0	FERDINADO Frank	1485
28. FARIA Syd	1673	1 - 0	FANG Francis	1479
29. Dr. LAUBE Peter	1665	0 - 1	PIEROWAY Brad	1471
30. BARTHA Paul	1664	1 - 0	SYDELL Paul	1400
31. FRAZIER Wesley	1647	1 - 0	LANDEY Benjamin	1295
32. DITTMAR Richard H.	1636	1 - 0	MC-RAE Edward	1294
33. SOBEL Mark	1631	1 - 0	BRENC Edgar	1274
34. YANCHAK Peter P.	1613	1 - 0	QUELETTE Allan	1130
35. BOURASSA Ronald	1613	1 - 0	F O R F E I T	----

ARKADIJS STRAZDINS --- NICHOLAS STEVENS

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## Chess news

Last Sunday, April 24, 1977 — Chess Supermatch II between the combined forces of the New Britain and Hartford Chess Clubs and the Bolyston YMCA Chess Club of Boston was held at the Hartford YMCA. After the 5½-hour match the Connecticut team won in the 35-board match with a score of 20-15.

After the match, the Bolyston Chess Club President Harry Lyman, challenged the Connecticut team to a play of Supermatch III — to be played in Boston in early 1978. The challenge was accepted.

The results on the individual boards, with New Britain-Hartford players listed first, were:

Dr. Joseph Platz 0, Christopher Chase 1; Paul Espinosa ½, Jerome Bono ½; Sunil Weeramantry 0, Harry Lyman 1; Steve R. Chachakis 1, James Thibault 1; Arkadijs Strazdins 0, William Kelleher 1; Edward Ipacs ½, Joseph Fang ½; Robert Barry 1, George Fernandez 0; Mordecai Schwartz 1, James Rizzitano 0; James Azzola ½, Steven Frymer ½; Mark Week 0, Murray Turnbull 1.

Robert Milardo 0, Steve Koleszar 1; Robert G. Mitchell ½, Arthur Nugent ½; Mary R. Conlon 0, Thomas Durnan 1; Peter Kloskowski 1, Louis Mercuri 0; Robert F. Tirone 1, Michael Blair 0; Carl Traczynski 0, Duane Young 1; Christopher Ferrante 1, Myer Edelstein 0; Anthony A. Miller 1, Phillip Goduli 0; Brian Bambrough 1, Steven Devaux 0.

Sebastian DiMaiolo 0, Wojciech Zalewski 1; Robert Donahue 1, Stephen Bates 0; John A. Baclawski 0, Peter Scott 1; Duncan W. May 0, Kenneth Davis 1; Daniel S. Lechowicz 1, Robert Louis 0; Dr. Anthony Yablonski Jr. 0, Richard Lappin 1; Frederick S. Townsend-U.S. Chess Federation Vice President 1, Davis Francis 0; Berry Cocco 1, Frank Ferdinando 0.

Syd Faria 1, Francis Fang 0; Dr. Peter Laube 0, Brad Pieroway 1; Paul Bartha 1, Paul Sydel 0; Wesley Frazier 1, Benjamin Landey 0; Richard H. Dittmar 1, Edward McFao 0; Mark Sobel 1, Edgar Brenc 0; Peter P. Yanchak 1, Allan Queltette 0; Ronald Bourassa 1, (forfeit) 0.

Team co-captains were Nicholas Stevens and Arkadijs Strazdins, Connecticut; and Christopher Chase and Steven Frymer, Massachusetts.

## Chess news

The 1977 New Britain Chess Club championship, a five-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament was played recently on Wednesday nights at the Quartette Club.

Robert Milardo won the championship on a tie-break over Connecticut's top rated woman player Mary R. Conlon. Each scored 4-1.

Milardo held draws against Peter P. Yanchak and Richard H. Dittmar and Conlon was upset by Eric Godin. In third place, using the tie-break system, was Arkadijs Strazdins — defending champion and in fourth John A. Baclawski, with 3½-1½ each. The results with a score of 3-2 or lower:

Yanchak was fifth; Dittmar, sixth; Peter Kloskowski, seventh; Wesley Frazier, eighth; and Ronald Bourassa, ninth and was followed by: Peter P. Mitchell; Godin; Paul Wooster; Rudolf Wulff; Jerome A. Crawford; Herman E. Zickfeld; Arthur B. Simeone; Stanley J. Archacki and Kenneth K. Klingensmith.

Trophies and other prizes will be awarded Wednesday night at the Quartette Club to: Milardo, Conlon and all Class winners — Strazdins (A); Baclawski (B); Godin (C); Wulff (D) and a special prize to Yanchak — considered the city's best junior player for his score against top rated players.

Previous Club Championship winners starting from 1950: Edmund Roman 1950-1951, Arkadijs Strazdins 1952-1971, Robert Milardo 1972, Daniel S. Lechowicz 1973, Robert W. Lane 1974 and Arkadijs Strazdins 1975-1976.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the Chess Club and was directed by Arkadijs Strazdins.

In recently played chess tournaments, local club members scored as follows:

In the 1977 Hartford Chess Club Championship, Peter P. Yanchak after sensational play took second place after tie-break and James Azzola, the current Connecticut High School champion was, third, with a score of 4½-1½, each. An outstanding performance for both Juniors, Christopher Ferrante scored, 4-2; Peter Kloskowski, 3½-2½ and Mary R. Conlon 2½-3½.

In the Reserve section, Eric Godin took second place with a score of 5½-3½.

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## Crawford wins chess tourney

NEW BRITAIN — The 12th annual New Britain Summer Open, a five-round swiss system, U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament, held Saturday and Sunday at the Quartette Club, attracted 42 players from several Eastern states.

Jerome Crawford of New Britain, won the tournament by 4½-½. Four players finished with 4-1; and after the tie-break system, Kenneth N. Krysta of Easton, took second place; chess master James Bolton of New Haven was third; George Grasser of South Windsor, fourth, and Peter Mitchell of the local club, fifth.

Other top finishers, listed in order were, with 3½-1½: Robert W. Lane of the local club, sixth; Mark Schlagenhauf of Stratford, seventh; Peter P. Yanchak of the local club, eighth; John A. Baclawski of the local club, ninth; and Wesley Frazier of the local club, 10th.

Scoring 3-2 or lower were Stephen M. Duffy of Simsbury,

Mary M. Conlon — local club, William Pryor of Enfield, Duncan W. May — local club, Jeffrey Martin of Vernon, David W. Barker of Guilford, Robert Keevers of New Shrewsbury, N.J., David Watkins of Cheshire, Donald McNamara — local club, Matthew Coulombe — local club, Eugene Bystrak — local club, Donald Allard of Waterbury, Eric Godin — local club, Edward Harris of Meriden, Donald J. Aldi — local club, Gary L. Cote of Norwich Mark Lake of Waterbury, Richard H. Dittmar, local club, Mark Berg of Spring Valley, N.Y., Christopher Ferrante — local club, David Holland of Orange, Herman E. Zickfield — local club, Steven Carney of Cheshire, George M. Gilbert — local club, Stanley J. Archacki — local club, Glen Flodstrom of Danielson, Frank H. Cordts of West Hartford, Leon Kier of Orange, Andris R. Strazdins — local club, Joseph

Mansigian — local club, Arthur B. Simeone — local club, and Nicholas Stevens of Windham.

Trophies were awarded to: Crawford, Krysta, Bolton and all class winners: Lane (A); Grasser, first (B); Mitchell, second (B); Duffy, first (C) Martin, second (C); Coulombe, first (D), Bystrak, second (D); Watkins (E), Yanchak — top junior and Miss Conlon — top woman.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club. Strazdins was tournament director.

The Game Store Speed Chess Tournament - August 14, 1977 (RRRRR #16)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	won-lost	new rating
1	Arkadijs Strazdins	1900-000	:	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24 - 2	2320-026
2	Carl Traczynski	1900-000	0	:	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	20 - 4	2224-026
3	Peter Yanchak	2232-044	0	1	:	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	20 - 6	2153-070
4	George Grasser	2131-016	0	1	0	:	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	19 - 7	2133-042
5	Duncan May	1900-000	1	0	0	1	:	1	1	1½	2	2	2	2	2	17½ - 8½	2112-026
6	Wes Frazier	1900-000	1	0	1	0	1	:	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	16 - 8	2096-024
7	Wayne Halsdorf	2053-094	0	0	2	0	1	0	:	½	1	2	2	2	2	14½ - 11½	1998-120
8	Gene Bystrak	1960-044	0	0	0	0	½	1	1½	:	2	2	2	2	2	13 - 11	1998-068
9	Donald Allard	1985-005	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	:	1	2	2	1	9 - 17	1830-031
10	Norman Allard	1900-000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	:	1	2	1	5 - 19	1744-024
11	Joe Triano	1900-000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	:	1	1	3 - 21	1680-024
12	Lin Southerland	1900-000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	:	2	3 - 21	1680-024
13	Mateo Wach	1900-000	0	-	0	1	0	-	0	-	1	-	-	:	-	2 - 10	1836-012
14	Don Southerland	1900-000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	-	2 - 22	1648-024

Arkadijs Strazdins, President of the New Britain Chess Club, won first place in the above chess tournament played at the new Game Store in Southington's Patton Brook Plaza. Bob Thompson of the Printers Devil Bookshops awarded Mr. Strazdins his \$25 gift certificate prize.

Carl Traczynski and Peter Yanchak tied for second and third places with twenty wins each. Mr. Strazdins, affectionately called "The Straz" by members of his club, earned a 2320 Rob Roy Rapid Rating as a result of his impressive 24-2 score. Nine new players were in this event directed by Rob Roy.

One half of the players in this tournament are also members of the New Britain Chess Club and expressed enthusiasm regarding the new speed chess rating system of Rob Roy's. Arkadijs, on behalf of his club, asked Rob if it were possible to include tournaments played in New Britain in the rating system. The next five weeks (Aug 17 - Sept 14) will feature Rated Round Robins at the New Britain Chess Club, which meets every Wednesday night from 7pm - 1am at the 225 Mountain Street Quartette Club.

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NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

27 N.B.C.C. members attended the meeting.

The meeting was called to order, Wednesday August 10, 1977 at 9 p.m. sharp by N.B.C.C. President Armand STRAZDINS (The meeting was called to order two weeks early because of finance requests from the Quattro club.)

Elections of officers was held with the following results for the 1977-1978 season:

President - Armand STRAZDINS (R-el.)

Vice President - Stanley J. Probecki (R-el.)

Secretary - Daniel S. Lechowicz (R-el.)

Treasurer - Lt. Armand R. Strazdins (R-el.)

Delegate at large - Robert Mitorcha (R-el.)

Armand STRAZDINS offered the above slate for reelection; all were reelected unanimously.

TEAM CAPTAINS: "A" Duncan L. MAY

"B" Joseph Novigian

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- ① SENIORS \$ 8<sup>00</sup>
- ② STUDENTS - OVER 65, UNEMPLOYED \$ 5<sup>00</sup>
- ③ STUDENTS HIGH SCHOOL AND UNDER \$ 3<sup>00</sup>

Club dues must pay August 17, 24 and 27 and September 7, - Treasurer's report was given by Lt. Armand R. Strazdins. The TOTAL CASH ON Aug. 10, 1977 was \$ 54.75 Above passed by 26-1 club members

- ① All Tournament Director; Armand Strazdins.
- ② The N.B.C.C. will hold 4 club tournaments Round Robin or Swiss.
- ③ It will also play matches with other clubs.
- ④ Will hold many speed tournaments
- ⑤ Will hold a Tournament Oct. 8, 1977 National Chess Day, -
- ⑥ All Tournaments should start at 8 p.m. sharp.

ADJORNED 10:00 p.m.

Daniel S. Lechowicz, secretary, -



## NB Chess Club reelects Strazdins

Arkadijs Strazdins, city chess champion for 24 years and winner of many other chess tournaments, was re-elected president of the New Britain Chess Club for the 1977-78 season at a recent meeting at the Quartette Club. Other officers elected included:

Vice president, Stanley J. Archacki; secretary, Daniel S. Lechowicz; treasurer, Andris R. Strazdins; delegate at large, Robert Milardo; team captains — Duncan W. May and Joseph Mansigian.

The club is affiliated with the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF). Its membership includes players of all strengths, from beginners to experts. The club will hold four chess tournaments during the coming year, all USCF rated. It will also play matches with other clubs and will hold speed tournaments, five-minute games.

The New Britain Chess Club, sponsored by the Quartette Club, meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

During the 1976-77 season, recently ended, the New Britain Chess Club staged 29 speed tournaments. Usually from 14 to 20 players competed in each tournament and played 8,984 games. The first five highest scores were recorded in each tournament.

Arkadijs Strazdins won 12 times, finished second nine times, third 2 and fourth and fifth one time. Robert Milardo won three times, placed second 3, third 5, fourth 2 and fifth one time.

Carl Traczynski also won three times placed second and third — each 3 times and fourth 2 times.

William Aust won two times, placed second and third one time, fourth 4 and fifth one time.

Anthony A. Miller also won two times and placed second and fourth — each one time.

Christopher Ferrante, Peter P. Yanchak, Dennis Gallagher, James Azzola, Steven H. Strogatz, Eugene W. Koenig and Pierre LeClerc (tie for first), each won one tournament, with Ferrante garnering 5 seconds, 2 third and 1 fifth; Yanchak 2 seconds, 2 thirds, 6 fourths and 4 fifths; Strogatz 1 third and 1 fourth; Gallagher 1 second, 1 fourth and 4 fifths; Azzola 1 second and Koenig 1 fourth.

Other players who did not take first place, but finished in second, third, fourth or fifth places one or more times, were: Duncan W. May; Peter Klowkowski; Peter Longdon; Richard H. Dittmar; Wesley B. Frazier; Peter P. Mitchell; John A. Baclawski; Paul Wooster; Eric Godin; Mark Denihan; George Grasser David Aldi and Raymond Lamont.

The annual meeting of the Connecticut State Chess Assn. will be held at the Susse Chalet Inn — Hartford Chess Club new meeting place, 185 Brainard Rd., Hartford, Friday at 9 p.m.

## Olympics Chess opening

NEW BRITAIN — There are openings in all age groups for the chess tournament of the NEWBRACC Olympics to be held at Willow Brook Park tomorrow at 2 p.m. In case of showers, the chess tourney will be held indoors at NEWBRACC headquarters on Franklin Square. In case of severe weather, the entire day's olympic activities will be postponed until Sunday and starting times for events moved back two hours. For example, chess will go from 2 to 4 p.m.

The tournament will consist of five minute speed games using the double round-robin pairing system. Ribbons will be awarded as prizes to the top four finishers in each category and individual scores will count towards the total church scores. Also the winner of the category with the greatest number participating, will receive a one-year membership to the United States Chess Federation.

Chess clocks, sets, boards, and tournament directors will be provided by the New Britain Chess Club.

The New Britain-Hartford Chess Clubs won their return match on 35 boards against the Boylston Chess Club of Boston, by a score of 20-15. This match was played on April 24 at the Hartford YMCA. Previously the combined forces of the two Connecticut clubs had traveled to Boston and defeated the Boylston CC by 19-17.

The decisive factor in the match at Hartford was the strength in depth that was mustered by the Connecticut clubs. On the top ten boards they won two games and drew three, scoring 3½-6½. On the next ten boards they did better, winning five games and drawing one to score 5½-4½. On the next ten boards their score improved to 6-4 as they won six games with none drawn. And then they swept the last five boards to rack up a 5-0 tally. Arkadijs Strazdins and Nick Stevens were co-captains of the New Britain-Hartford team. Christopher Chase and Steven Frymer were co-captains for Boylston.

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## Chess

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The surprise winner of the New Britain Summer Open was Jerome Crawford of New Britain, with a score of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . There were 42 entrants in the tournament, including seven Class A players and eleven in Class B, but Crawford, who is in Class C, walked away with the first place trophy.

Four players tied for second at 4-1: Ken Krysta of Easton, James Bolton of New Haven, George Grasser of South Windsor and Peter Mitchell of Bristol. Krysta took the second place trophy via the tie-breaking formula, and Bolton was third. Grasser was first in Class B, and Mitchell was second in that class.

Other trophy winners were Robert Lane of Manchester, top A; Stephan Duffy of West Simsbury, top C; Jeff Martin of Vernon, second C; Matthew Coulombe of New Britain, top D; Eugene Bystrak of Southington, second D; David Watkins of Cheshire, top E; Mary Conlon of New Haven, top woman; and Peter Yanchak of New Britain, top junior.

Arkadijs Strazdins, president of the New Britain Chess Club did not play in the tournament, concentrating on directing it.

Arkadijs Strazdins gave a simultaneous exhibition against 18 players at the Quartette Club in New Britain on Wednesday evening, December 14. In about three hours he won 16 games while losing only one, to Joseph Mansigian, and drawing with Wesley Frazier.

The 22nd EXH Open at the

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The first round of the 28th annual New Britain city chess championship primary play, a U.S. Chess Federation rated round robin tournament will begin at the Quartette Club tomorrow at 8 p.m. Late registration closes at 7:50 that day.

The round robin tournament will allow each participant an opportunity to play everyone in his section.

The tournament is sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club. Further information may be obtained from Arkadijs Strazdins, tournament director.

The fourth annual world open, played recently in Philadelphia, had 920 entries, a new national record attendance for an open tournament. The open section with 367 players was won by John Fedorowicz of New Jersey over Ronald Henley of Texas on tie-break, each scored 8-1.

New Britain Chess Club members who played, were:

In the Class B section Peter P Yanchak scored 6-3. In the Class C section Eric Godin scored 4-5 and in Class D section Matthew Coulombe scored  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

In the 1977 Waterbury open championship, held at the Salvation Army Community Center in Waterbury, Peter P. Yanchak and Ronald Bourassa—each scored 3-2 and Eric Godin  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

Last Saturday's Waterbury Quads was won by Arkadijs Strazdins with a score of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . Wesley B. Frazier scored 1-2.

The third Hartford Open, a five-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament, will be held Oct. 15 and 16, at the Hartford Hilton. First round starts Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. There is a \$3,000 guaranteed prize fund, with \$500 to the winner. The tournament will be directed by Hartford Chess Club President Nicolas Stevens. Many New Britain Chess Club members will participate.



# New Britain man tops at simultaneous chess

By ROB ROY

Arkadijs Strazdins, president of the New Britain Chess Club, scored 16½ against 18 players simultaneously this past Dec. 7. Joseph Manisigian won the only game, and Wesley Frazier the only draw.

Strazdins comments that this exhibition has been the smallest he had ever hosted. He estimates at least 80 simulms since his emigration from Germany in 1952. In 1949, his largest simul had over 50 players (Germany) and the largest here in the U.S. was in 1969 when 48 players came to New Britain.

Strazdins says that this observation of low turnout is consistent with all other key indicators that chess is experiencing a slump. The New Britain club's paid membership list has fallen to 53 players from 119 when Fischer was champ in 1973.

Arkadijs plays his simulms very rapidly, and this has no negative effect on his games, he always wins all but two or three games. His speed is hampered by arthritis in his knees, which has gotten worse since 1956. Most simultaneous-givers will agree that the most important requirement for these exhibitions is a pair of good sturdy legs. Arkadijs has adjusted to the pain which he must endure.

The simul-giver usually has the white pieces on all boards, and players are required to make their move when he arrives at the board. Strazdins has always allowed players their choice of color, and is very generous with issuing passes (letting a player skip a lap or two to think).

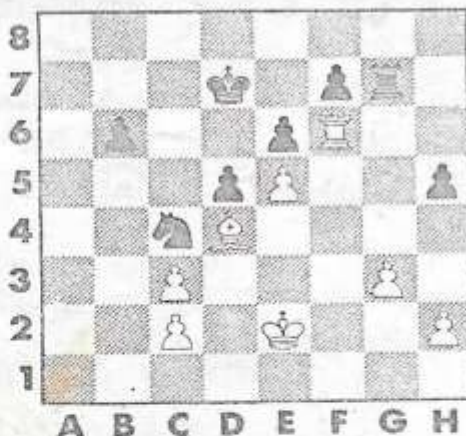
The Wolcott Chess Club will host a simultaneous exhibition by Strazdins on Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. Deadline for entry is 2 p.m. Please bring a set. A \$2 adult entry fee (50 cents for high school age and below) will be donated to the Connecticut Speed-Chess League for the repair of several broken chess clocks. Strazdins will award USCF membership to all junior players that defeat him in the exhibition (it is possible!).

**WOLCOTT USCF QUAD, December 10:** 1st: Eric Godin 3-0, 2nd: Steve Smith 1½-1½, 3rd: Chuck Bennett ½-1½, 4th: Kurt Holyst 0-2. Time control was 30-1, 30-30.

**Conn. Speed-Chess No. 44, Wolcott Double-Quad (5 min-game) December 10:** 1st: John Stanwich 5-1 1937; 2nd: Chuck Bennett 3-1 1938; 3rd: Kurt Holyst 2-2 1767; 4th: Dave Delbuono 0-6 1800.

**CT Speed-Chess # 45, Wolcott Double-Quad (5-G) Dec. 10:** 1st: Willi Aust 5-1 2120; 2nd: John Stanwich 4-2 1989; 3rd: Eric Lanzieri 3-3 1875; 4th: Frank Gasper 0-6 1791.

**CT Speed-Chess #46, Wolcott Double Quad (5-G) Dec. 10:** 1st: John Stanwich 5½-4½ 2037; 2nd: Willi Aust 4½-1½ 2108; 3rd: Eric Lanzieri 1-5 1839; 4th: Kurt Holyst 1-5 1755.



Paul Espinosa (2098) White vs. Kevin Lonergan (1776) 1977 Townsend Cup, Hartford December 3rd. Round one. 1. e4 Nc6 2. d4 e5 3. Nf3 ed 4. c3 de 5. Ne3 Bb4 6. Bc4 d5 7. ed Bc3 8. be Qe7 9. Be3 Ne5 10. Ne5 Qe5 11. Bb5 Bd7 12. Bd7 Kd7 13. 0-0 Ne7 14. Qa4 Kc8 15. Rad1 f5 16. d6 ed 17. Bf4 Qe4 18. Rd4 Qe2 19. Rd6 Rd8 20. Rd8 Kd8 21. Rd1 Nd5 22. Rd5 mate.

Alan Merrill (1876) White vs. Paul Espinosa (2098) 1977 Townsend Cup, Hartford December 3rd. Round two. 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. a3 Ba5 7. Bd2 cd 8. Nb5 Bc7 9. Bg5 Nge7 10. e4 cd 11. Nc3 Ne5 12. Ne5 Be5 13. Bb5 Bd7 14. Bd7 Qd7 15. 0-0 0-0 16. Re1 f6 17. Bh4 Nf5 18. Bg3 Ng3 19. hg Rac1 20. Re1 Bc3 21. bc e5 22. f4 ef 23. gf Rfd1 24. Qd4 b6 25. Re3 Re4 26. Qd3 Rf4 27. Rh3 g6 28. Re1 d4 29. e4 Rg4 30. Rfe f5 31. Re5 Re8 32. Rfe3 Rge4 33. Re4 fe 34. Re8 Qe8 35. Qd4 e3 36. Qd5 Kg7 37. Qd4 Kf4 38. Qd5 Qe6 39. Qb7 Kf6 40. Qf3 Kg7 41. Qe2 Qe5 42. a4 Qd4 43. a5 Qd2 44. Kf1 Qc1 Black wins.

Fred Townsend (1719) White vs. Paul Espinosa (2098) 1977 Townsend Cup, Hartford December 4th. Round three. 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Ba5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Bb5 Bc3 8. be Qa5 9. a4 cd 10. Qd4 Nge7 11. Qb4 Bd6 12. Bc6 Nc6 13. Qa5 Na5 14. Ba3 Nc4 15. Bb5 Rce8 16. a5 Bb5 17. Ra2 h6 18. Kd1 Kd7 19. Re1 Ba6 20. Nd4 Re7 21. g3 g6 22. f4 R7c8 23. Nb3 Reg1 24. Bc5 g5 25. f8 Rg5 26. Ba7 Ra8 27. Bd4 Bb5 28. Ne5 Kc6 29. Rf1 b6 30. Nd3 Rg7 31. a6 Ba6 32. Rf8 Rh7 33. Nb4 Nb7 34. Ra6 Ra6 35. Na6 Ka6 36. Ke2 h5 37. Rf3 Kb5 38. Rd3 Rg7 39. Rf3 Ke6 40. Rf6 Kd7 See Diagram. 41. Rh5 Rg5 42. Rh7 Rf5 43. Rg7 Ke7 44. h4 Kf8 45. Re5 Rg5 46. hg Kg7 47. Kf3 Kg6 48. Kf4 b5 49. Bf2 Na3 50. g4 Nc2 51. gh Kh5 52. Bc5 Ne1 53. Be7 Nd3 and Black won after another 16 moves.

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## Chess news

The 1978 New Britain city chess championship primary play, played Wednesday nights at the Quartette Club, has been completed. Sixteen players contested in two sections in a seven round robin U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament. The following eight players qualified for the 28th annual championship finals.

Arkadijs Strazdins, city champion for 24 years was the top scorer with  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  points. Robert Milardo, Peter P. Yanchak and Wesley Frazier — each scored  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ; John A. Baclawski 5-2; Frederick S. Townsend, vice president of the USCF, who recently joined the New Britain Chess Club — scored  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ ; Rudolph Wulff 4-3 and Hermann Zickfeld 3-4.

Yanchak, who is 16 years old and with a USCF rating of 1792 is one of the highest rated junior players in Connecticut. He is a junior at New Britain High School. He was undefeated and drew Strazdins, Baclawski and Paul Ligas. He was awarded a special prize, a one-year USCF membership.

Others who played in the tournament are Stanley J. Archacki, Jonathan M. Hanen, Richard H. Dittmar, Paul Ligas, Joseph Mansigian, Arthur B. Simeone, Andris R. Strazdins and Paul Wooster.

First round of the single round robin championship tournament will be played at the Quartette Club, starting Jan. 11

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The official Connecticut Speed League chess rating, submitted by Rob Roy, tournament director as of the end of October, show eight New Britain players in the State's Top 20.

They are, in rank:

1st — Arkadijs Strazdins with 2,282 points; 2nd Carl Traczynski 2,257; 6th, Wesley Frazier 2,169; 11th, Peter P. Yanchak 2,111; 13th, Robert Milardo 2,095; 16th, Anthony A. Miller 2,085; 17th, William Aust, 2,081; 20th, Duncan W. May 2,063.

The New Britain Chess Club will hold the fifth annual Thanksgiving open speed tournament, five minutes per game per player Wednesday night at the Quartette Club at 8 p.m. These tournaments will be rated by the Connecticut Speed Chess League. Rob Roy will direct. Registration closes at 7:50 p.m.

The Hartford Chess Club's new meeting place, starting on Dec. 2 and every Friday night thereafter will be at Paul's Game Store and Studio, 227 Sisson Ave., Hartford. Nicolas Stevens is the club president.