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Chess news

NEW BRITAIN —Chess play resumes after the holidays at the New Britain Chess Club in the beginning of 1986, with an Open Speed Tournament (five minute games) Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., New Britain. Registration closes at 7:25.

The first round of the 36th annual New Britain City Chess Championship Finals, a single round-robin United States Chess Federation (USCF)-rated tournament, will begin Tuesday, Jan. 14, and continue for eleven more successive Tuesdays. The 12 expert players who qualified to play are:

John A. Baclawski, Brian Bambrough, Christopher Dearing, Atty William V. Dworski, Douglas E. Fiske, Scott M. Gunderman, 1985 Connecticut Champion Zoran Lazetich, Duncan W. May, Robert Milardo, Arkadijs Strazdins, Paul Wooster and the Rev. Arthur Zacher.

Three past champions are playing in this event. May won once; Milardo twice and twice tied and Strazdins, defending champion, has won the title 30 years, the first 24 consecutively.

The 1986 New Britain City Chess Championship Reserve Tournament, a six-round Swiss system USCF-rated event, will start Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. It is open to all, but participants must be or become members of the USCF, the national body which is rating the tournament. Trophies will be awarded to the top three and top junior player under 18. Also, if in each Class A, B, C, D and E, there are four players or more, the top player in that class will be awarded a trophy. More information and registration may be secured by contacting Carl M. Heineman, May or Strazdins, USCF accredited tournament directors, Jan. 7, 14 and 21 only from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club. Both tournaments are sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club—an affiliate of the USCF. All official USCF rated tournament games at the New Britain Chess Club start at 7:30 p.m. and the time limit is 40 moves in ninety minutes. The second time limit is (if needed) thirty minutes sudden death.

Previous Reserve Tournament

Winners, are: 1972, Mark Berg; 1973, Loran Lomaski; 1974, Carl D. Traczynski; 1975, Peter P. Mitchell; 1976, Joseph Mansigian; 1977, Peter A. Kloskowski; 1978, Paul Ligas; 1979, Kloskowski; 1980, Vincent P. Staskiewicz; 1981, Stanley J. Archacki; 1982, Leonard Weekes; 1983, Raymond Lamont; 1984, Lawrence T. O'Neill and 1985, Charles A. Venturi.

The 1985 Connecticut Champion Zoran Lazetich gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Quartette Club on Dec. 17. It took Lazetich about 4½ hours to finish all games against the 21 New Britain area players who paced him. He won 16 games, lost 3 and drew 2. The three who defeated Lazetich were Brian Bambrough, Karl Kochman and Joseph Mansigian. Those who managed to draw were John R. Pryer and the Rev. Mr. Zacher.

All of the successful players are members of the New Britain Chess Club.

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SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

Grandmaster and chess teacher Samuel Reshewsky from Spring Valley, N. Y., gave a simultaneous exhibition, Sunday (March 9) at Trinity College, Hartford. Twenty five chess lovers took the rare opportunity to play against Reshewsky who at 74 is Americas oldest active Grandmaster. His chess career as a top-flight player spans more than half a century. Reshewsky child prodigy, has won the U. S. Championship titles eight times. In the international arena Reshewsky has also proved a feared competitor, winning many tournaments. He holds an impressive record against many World Champions, having played them all from Dr. Emanuel Lasker to Anatoly Karpov. As a match player Reshewsky is nearly unequalled. Prior to 1964 he had never lost a match, having won against many U. S. and foreign players, including the great Robert Fisher. He is still playing with the best of them, and his recent strong showings in tournament play has proven once again, that age is no handicap to a world class player. In the exhibition it took Reshewsky only about two hours to finish all of the games. He won 22, drew 1 and lost 2. He drew to Barry Cocco and lost to Sean Lew (16) and New Britain Chess Club member Joseph Mansigian. The exhibition was sponsored by the Trinity College and organized by Trinity Chess Club President William Macauley.

by Arkadijs Strazdins,
President New Britain Chess Club.

New Haven resident wins city chess tourney

NEW BRITAIN — The 1986 New Britain City Reserve Open Chess Championship, a six-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament, was won by James M. Bolton of New Haven, former New England and Connecticut champion.

He scored a perfect 6-0 in the recent 27-player event at the Quartette Club. Bolton is a member of the New Britain Chess Club.

Bolton's other tournament wins in New Britain were in 1958, when he won the Connecticut's "top-10" tournament for champions of various chess clubs and former state champions, and in 1960 when he won the Connecticut amateur championship, both tournaments at the General Haller Post. In 1975 he won the New Britain summer open championship, played at the Quartette Club.

Bolton is ranked second at the New Britain Chess Club.

Walter Pajak of New Britain was second with a score of 5-1. Two players finished with a score of 4½-1½ with the tie-break formula deciding their standings.

Third was Michael Casella of New Britain, an 11th grader at Aquinas High School; fourth, Karl Kochman of South Windsor; fifth, Charles A. Venturi of New Britain, defending champion.

Sixth was John D. Pires of Middletown; seventh, Gaspar Ortiz of Middletown; eighth, Neal Felsinger of Hartford; ninth, Michael Spaner of Waterbury; 10th, Lawrence T. O'Neill of Berlin.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three overall, and top Class winners:

Karl Kochman (A); Charles A. Venturi (B); Michael Spaner (C); Anthony DiPietro of Bristol (D); Horia-George Anghel of Newington (unrated) and Matthew C. Venturi of New Britain a ninth grader at Slade Middle School. He scored 3-3.

Casella, who was the top junior player under 18, chose to accept the third place trophy rather than first in the junior division.

Subscription to the Massachusetts chess magazine "CHESS HORIZONS" for two years were awarded to John D. Pires, 17, a 12th grader at Woodrow Wilson High School, Middletown, as second top junior under 18.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club and directed by U.S. Chess Federation accredited tournament directors Carl M. Heineman and Duncan W. May.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

Grandmaster and chess teacher Samuel Reshewsky from Spring Valley, N.Y., gave a simultaneous exhibition, recently at Trinity College, Hartford. Twenty five played against Reshewsky, 74, reported to be America's oldest active grandmaster.

He won the U.S. championship eight times, and in international play, won many tournaments.

In the exhibition, Reshewsky won 22, drew one and lost two. He drew to Barry Cocco and lost to Sean Lew (16) and New Britain Chess Club member Joseph Mansigian.

The exhibition was sponsored by Trinity College and organized by Trinity Chess Club President William Macauley.

State chess champ takes city honors

Twelve qualified players from primary play competed for the 36th annual New Britain city chess championship finals, a single round-robin, U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament at the Quartette Club. Competitions were held each Tuesday night for the past 12 weeks.

A flu epidemic settled over the tournament for four weeks and was responsible for many upsets. Zoran Lazetich of New Britain, 1985 Connecticut champion, finished first with a score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. He drew Douglas E. Fiske in the second round, Brian Bambrough in the third round, Robert Milardo in the fourth round and lost to Duncan W. May in the sixth round.

The play for the championship was decided in the 10th round, when Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain, who has won the city title for 30 years, needed a victory over Lazetich, but resigned in the 65th move. Strazdins edged out John A. Baclawski of New Britain on tie-break points to take second place honors. Both scored 8-4.

Brian Bambrough of Glastonbury was fourth with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, Scott M. Gunderman of Colchester, fifth with 6-5. Results with scores of $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$, or lower were:

Sixth, May of Plainville; seventh, Fiske of West Hartford; eighth, Paul Wooster of Meriden; ninth, Christopher Dering of Meriden; 10th, Milardo of Middletown, 11th; the Rev. Arthur Zacher of Wolcott; 12th, William V. Dworski of New Britain.

Trophies were awarded last Tuesday night at the Chess Club to La-

zetich, Strazdins, Baclawski and Bambrough. Subscriptions to the Massachusetts Chess Assn. chess magazine "Chess Horizons" for two years were awarded to Gunderman and May. All players are New Britain Chess Club members.

The tournament was co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club, and was directed by Carl M. Heineman and May, USCF accredited tournament directors.

CHESS TOURNAMENTS

The New Britain Chess Club will host two open speed tournaments — five-minute games for the next two Tuesday nights, starting tonight at the Quartette Club. Tournaments start at 7:45.

The New Britain Chess Club will begin its 1986 individual chess championship, five or six-round Swiss system USCF rated tournament at the Quartette Club Tuesday nights, beginning April 22, at 7:30. The time limit is 40 moves in 90 minutes. The second time control is 30-minutes, sudden death; thereafter per player, if needed. Trophies will be awarded to the first three finishers and also to the top junior player under 18, and also, if in each Class A-B-C-D-E and Unrated, there are four players or more. USCF membership is required, which may be obtained during registration. More information and registration can be secured by contacting Heineman, May or Strazdins, club president, Tuesday nights at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., New Britain.

Chess Club championship starts tomorrow

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club, an affiliate of the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) will begin its 36th annual individual chess championship — six-round Swiss system, USCF rated tournament at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

So far, 26 of the New Britain Chess Club's 72 members are registered to participate, including nine national chess experts: John A. Baclawski, Brian Bambrough, Douglas E. Fiske, Eric J. Godin, Scott M. Gunderman, Karl Kochman, Duncan W. May, Robert Milardo and Arkadijs Strazdins.

Also registered are Michael Casella, 18, and John D. Pires, 17, two of Connecticut's top rated high school students.

The tournament is co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club, and will be directed by Carl M. Heineman and May, USCF accredited tournament directors. Late registration and more information will be available at the tournament tomorrow from 7 to 7:20 p.m.

Past champions are:

1950-51 — Edmund Roman.

1952-71 — Strazdins.

1972 — Milardo.

1973 — Daniel S. Lechowicz.

1974 — Robert W. Lane.

1975-76 — Strazdins.

1977-78 — Milardo.

1979 — Ronald Bourassa.

1980-81 — Strazdins.

1982 — Milardo.

1983 — Milardo and Kurt J. Holyst, co-champions.

1984 — Baclawski.

1985 — Zoran Lazetich.

Godin, a chess master, who is one of the top New Britain Chess Club speed chess players (five-minute games), won the 1986 Connecticut speed chess championship with a score of 18-4. The double round-robin event was played April 12, at the Shoreline Chess Club; Madison Recreation Center, Madison. Other club members who played there, were Michael Casella and Christopher Dearing.

Chess news

Four rounds have been completed in the 38-player, 1986 — 36th annual New Britain Chess Club Individual Championship, a six-round, Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation-rated tournament.

Many of the New Britain Chess Club's top players are participating, including 11 national chess experts. This is one of the biggest and strongest club championships in the past 15 years.

Leading players are: Eric J. Godin and Arkadijs Strazdins, each 4-0; Scott M. Gunderman, 3½-½; Brian Bambrough, Michael Casella, Douglas E. Fiske, Peter Kloskowski, Duncan W. May and Robert Milardo, each 3-1; John A. Baclawski, Christopher Dearing, Brian McGuinness and John D. Pires, each 2½-2½. The tournament ends May 27.

The New Britain Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at the sponsoring Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., New Britain.

Godin wins Chess Club championship

NEW BRITAIN — National Chess Master Eric J. Godin is the 36th annual New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) individual champion.

Winning his first NBCC championship, he scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ in the six-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation rated event which concluded May 27, at the Quartette Club with 38 members participating.

Godin won his first five games and only in the last round drew with Douglas E. Fiske. Six players tied for second place at $4\frac{1}{2}$, and using a tie-break formula, the finishers were in order:

2nd: Arkadijs Strazdins, who has won the title 24 times and taken second place honors eight times.

3rd: Fiske.

4th: Brian Bambrough.

5th: Christopher Dearing.

6th: Peter A. Kloskowski.

7th: John A. Baclawski.

Tied for 8th and 9th with 4-2 were Karl Kochman and Michael Sheroff.

After the tie-break, the results with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, or lower, were:

Michael Casella, Scott M. Gunderman, Duncan W. May, Brian McGuinness, Robert Milardo, Kenneth Harrison, Joseph Mansigian, Derek Meredith, Paul Wooster, Calvin W. Fahey, Horia-George Anghel, Craig F. Palmer, Edward Harris, Alfred-Scott Lundgren, Arnold C. Panciera, Larry L. Lane, John D. Pires, Hermann E. Zickfeld, Anthony DiPietro, William V. Dworski, Lawrence T. O'Neill, Joseph B. Miglizzi, William J. Lindberg, Philip Goulis, John Peasley, Richard F. Zantow, Wayne Nartowicz and Robert H. Corr.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three and the top class winners:

Bambrough (expert), Dearing (A), Kloskowski 2nd top (A), Sheroff (B), Casella 2nd top (B), Panciera (C), Lane 2nd top (C), Miglizzi (D) and McGuinness (unrated).

The biggest upset prize, subscriptions to the Massachusetts chess magazine "Chess Horizons" for one year, were awarded to Anghel for upsetting a player with 404 points difference and Zickfeld for beating an opponent with 398 points difference.

The tournament was sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC, and was directed by May and Strazdins.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

To promote chess in the Central Connecticut area, the NBCC and the Quartette Club will sponsor a simultaneous exhibition by Godin.

Considered one of the top players in Connecticut and of the 76-member NBCC, he will play against 30 at the same time on June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club.

Since there is a limited number of boards, assignments will be on a first sign-up, first play basis. Chess players who would like to play against Godin, should contact Fahey or Strazdins, president of the NBCC.

Godin will charge \$3 for senior players and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens.

The NBCC meets every Tuesday night at 7 at the Quartette Club, sponsor of the chess club, 225 Wooster St., New Britain.

NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONS:

- 1950-1951 - Edmund Roman
- 1952-1971 - Arkadijs Strazdins
- 1972 - Robert Milardo
- 1973 - Daniel S. Lechowicz
- 1974 - Robert W. Lane
- 1975-1976 - Arkadijs Strazdins
- 1977-1978 - Robert Milardo
- 1979 - Ronald Bourassa
- 1980-1981 - Arkadijs Strazdins
- 1982 - Robert Milardo
- 1983 - Robert Milardo and Kurt J. Holyst
- 1984 - John A. Baclawski
- 1985 - Zoran Lazetich
- 1986 - Eric J. Godin.

Simultaneous chess exhibition set

NEW BRITAIN — Eric J. Godin, 25, of West Hartford, national chess master and 1986 New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) champion, will give a 30-board simultaneous exhibition for the first time tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Godin, one of the top and most active NBCC players, has won the following chess titles:

1979 — Plainville Open champion.

1979 — Connecticut Open co-champion.

1981-82 — Hartford Chess Club champion.

1982 — Hartford Closed Invitational Open champion.

1984 — Connecticut amateur champion.

1985 — New Britain Summer Open champion.

1986 — Connecticut speed (5-minute) champion.

Anyone who would like to play against Godin and who is not an NBCC member should bring a chess set and board if available. Late entries will be accepted tomorrow night by Calvin W. Fahey or Arkadijs Strazdins, club president, from 7 to 7:25.

The exhibition is sponsored by the NBCC and the New Britain Quartette club. Spectators are invited.

CHESS MATCH

Grandmaster Lew Albut, 40, from New York, who in 1978 defected from the Soviet Union, is the highest rated chess player in the United States with 2,648 points. He is the current American champion and also won the title in 1984.

Last year he played in the first ever United States-Great Britain

chess match of champions in Foxboro, Mass., against British champion grandmaster Nigel Short and was beaten by a score of 1-7.

Recently he played in London, England, and won the second U. S.-Great Britain challenge match against the 1985 British champion, grandmaster Jonathan Speelman.

He tied the contest with a score of 4-4 and won the playoff of two games and the \$7,500 winner's prize, thereby redeeming himself after the defeat in Foxboro.

AQUINAS STUDENT

Michael Casella, 16, a student of Aquinas High School, recently played in the 23-player, 75th Fairfield Chess Club U. S. Chess Federation (USCF) three-round Swiss system tournament.

He won the event on tie-break with a score of 2½-½, the youngest player ever. By doing so, he defeated a master, an expert and drew another master. By playing so well against the high rated experts, he added 70 USCF rating points, and for the first time reached Class (A) qualification with 1,849 points. (Class A is from 1,800-1,999 points) Godin, another NBCC member who played there, scored 2-1.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The 21st annual New Britain Summer Open Championship, a four-round Swiss system tournament, USCF rated, will be held outdoors under the Pavilion July 13, at the Quartette Club.

Early registration can be secured by contacting Duncan W. May or Strazdins, tournament directors, any Tuesday night at the NBCC.



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FACING THE COMPETITORS

Eric Godin of Farmington prepares to make a move as he plays 30 games of

chess simultaneously last night at the Quartette Club in New Britain.

Chess is 'labor of love,' says master as he takes on 30 at one time in NB

By Deborah Bordonaro
HERALD REPORTER

NEW BRITAIN — He was about to begin a game against 30 opponents, but Eric Godin showed no signs of nervousness.

The 25-year-old national chess master and 1986 New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) champion gave a 30-board simultaneous exhibition last night at the Quartette Club.

After five hours of play, Godin won 17, lost 9, and drew 4 games.

Using the white pieces on each of the chess boards arranged in a rectangle, Godin concentrated on 30 separate games as he moved from opponent to opponent.

"Chess is a labor of love," he said as he watched the boards

being set up. "You can't help but concentrate on it you like it so much."

Godin began playing chess in 1975 and has won several titles in Connecticut. The Farmington resident is Connecticut speed (5-minute) champion.

"I play a lot of chess," he said, explaining that he plays in a tournament at least every other weekend and sometimes goes to tournaments "just to watch." In 1980 he travelled to Malta with the United States Chess Team to watch the World Chess Olympia.

Last night's simultaneous exhibition game was Godin's first at NBCC. His challengers were of all ages and ratings.

"I think it's a great way to make friends — and enemies," joked Michael Casella, 16, of New Britain.

A chance to win a \$20 prize

was one reason Randy Maham travelled from Seymour to play his first simultaneous game.

Once the game began, silence overcame the room as Godin and his opponents concentrated on their moves. Godin seemed undisturbed by the occasional chatter and movement, but the players kept noise to a minimum.

"It's a deep game," explained Arkadijs Strazdins, club president.

All opponents remained in the game after an hour of play. After the five-hour game, Godin drew against Strazdins, Scott M. Gunderman, Duncan W. May and F. Wilkin.

He lost to Casella, Horia G. Anghel, Christopher Dearing, Jonathan Hanen, John R. Fryer, Andrew Loftus, Joseph Mansigian, Robert Milardo and Michael Spaner. *Kenneth HARRISON*

Chess tourney set Sunday in New Britain

NEW BRITAIN — The 21st annual New Britain summer chess championship, a four-round Swiss system, with time limit of 40 moves in one hour per player, with secondary time limit 25 minutes sudden death, will be held Sunday outdoors under the Quartette Club pavilion.

In case of rain, it will be held indoors at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., the meeting place of the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC).

Trophies will be presented to the winners for first, second and third places and top junior player under 18. Also, if in class A, B, C, D, E and unrated, there are four players or more prizes will be given. No trophies will be given at the tournament but will be ordered two days later with winners names inscribed.

Registration may be made tomorrow night at the Quartette Club by contacting Duncan W. May or Arka-

dijs Strazdins, U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) accredited tournament directors. Late registration will be held Sunday from 8:10-8:50 a.m., with the first round starting at 9:10.

The tournament is open only to members of the USCF, or to those who become members at the tournament.

The summer tournament regularly has attracted from 16-54 players in each of the past 20 years. The event is co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC, an affiliate of the USCF.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

1966-68 — Strazdins, New Britain.

1969 — Peter A. Kloskowski, New Britain.

1970 — William A. Edward, Washington, Conn.

1971-73 — Strazdins.

1974 — James M. Baker, Washington, D.C.

1975 — James M. Bolton, New Haven.

1976 — Julius Fuster, Waterbury.

1977 — Jerome A. Crawford, New Britain.

1978 — Steven H. Strogatz, Torrington.

1979 — Ronald Bourassa, Waterbury.

1980 — Thomas H. Little, New Canaan.

1981 — Matthew Coulombe, New Britain.

1982 — Peter L. Thau, Bridgeport.

1983 — Strazdins.

1984 — John D. Pires, Middletown.

1985 — Eric J. Godin, Farmington.

NB Summer Open chess title won by Wallingford resident

NEW BRITAIN — National chess expert Scott M. Gunderman of Wallingford won the 21st annual New Britain Summer Open championship, a U.S. Chess Federation (USCF)-rated four-round Swiss system tournament, with a score of 4-0.

The battle for the championship was decided in the last round when Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain, who has won the New Britain Summer Open title seven times, needed a victory over Gunderman. He reached draw position, tried to win — blundered and resigned in the 62nd move.

The annual tournament, sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club was played July 13 at the Quartette Club, and attracted 28 players, including 10 national experts.

Douglas E. Fiske of Hartford took second place honors with a score of 3½-½.

Five players finished with a score of 3-1, with the tie-break formula deciding their standings:

3 — Strazdins.

4 — James M. Bolton of New Haven.

5 — Eric J. Godin, defending champion of Farmington.

6 — Michael Casella of New Britain.

7 — Neal Felsinger of Hartford.

The results with 2½-1½, each were:

8 — Kevin W. Embrey of Athens, Ohio.

9 — Arnold C. Panciera of Meriden.

10 — David M. Regan of Old Lyme.

The results with 2-2, or lower, were:

11 — Joseph J. Felber of Amityville, N.Y.

12 — Donald R. Johnson of Ivoryton.

13 — Paul R. Doring of Bethel.

14 — Duncan W. May of Plainville.

15 — George Markoski of Middletown.

16 — Joseph M. Huddy of New Milford.

17 — Anthony J. Purpora of Orange.

18 — William J. Lindberg of New Britain.

19 — Stanley J. Archacki of New Britain.

20 — Armando Vereia of Durham.

21 — Joseph B. Miglizzi of New Britain.

22 — Richard F. Zantow of Southington.

23 — Wayne Nartowicz of East Hartford.

24 — Hermann E. Zickfield of Southington.

25 — Edward A. Varney of Hartford.

26 — Kenneth P. Mallon of Storrs.

27 — Calvin W. Fahey of New Britain.

28 — Larry L. Lane of Bristol.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three and the top Class winners:

Bolton (Expert).

Felsinger (A).

Casella (B).

Panciera (C).

Regan — 2nd top (C).

Vereia (D).

Zantow (Unrated).

For the biggest upset prize, a subscription to the Massachusetts chess magazine "Chess Horizons" for one year was awarded to Nartowicz (unrated) for upsetting a player with 1,540 points. May and Strazdins directed the event.

WORLD'S BIGGEST TOURNEY

The 14th annual World's Open, played July 2-6 at Adam's Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, attracted more than 1,500 players, a world record from many different countries.

The projected prize fund of \$180,000 was based on 1,440 entries. Last year the prize fund was \$150,000.

The tournament was played in six sections. Three New Britain Chess Club members played there.

Junior player Michael Casella, 16, a 12th grader at Aquinas High School, played in the under 1,800 section (Class B) with 300 players and with a score of 7-1, tied with three others for second place. In this section Kenneth Harrison scored 4-4.

In the under 1,600 section (Class C) with 285 players, Arnold C. Panciera scored 5-3.

Conn. Chess Open

CONNECTICUT OPEN

The 1986 Connecticut State Chess Championship Open, a five-round Swiss System, 50 moves in two hours, a USCF rated tournament, will be played Saturday and Sunday at the Treadway Cromwell Hotel, Cromwell, in three sections: Open — Reserve (below 2,000 USCF rating points) and Booster (below 1,600). Registration at the site the first day of the event will be from 9-9:30 a.m. Rounds are Saturday at 10-3 and 8 and Sunday at 9 and 3.

The Connecticut State Chess Assn. annual meeting will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. National Tournament Director Frederik S. Townsend of Wethersfield will direct.

NB Chess Club to play Springfield

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club will meet the Springfield, Mass., Chess Club in a challenge match Aug. 19, at 8 p.m. at the Springfield Boys Club.

Both clubs will present many of their top ranked players, including 18 national masters or experts from both sides. Altogether, each club will have from 27 to 30 players.

The clubs have played previously, each winning once and drawing twice.

Team captains are Duncan W. May and Calvin W. Fahey of New Britain and Charles Laamanen and Thomas C. Cantin of Springfield.

New Britain Chess Club Summer Quads trophy winners, who recently played at the Quartette Club, were Brian J. McGuinness of Newington, 3-0; William J. Lindberg of New Britain, 2½-½, and Hermann E. Zickfeld of Southington, 3½-½.

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Chess news

NEW BRITAIN — The 46th annual New England Open Chess Championship, a six-round Swiss system, with a time limit of 45 moves in two hours, a U.S. Chess Federation and World Chess Federation rated event, will be played Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 1, at the Treadway Cromwell Hotel, Cromwell, in eight sections:

Championship, open to all.

Expert, open to below 2,250 USCF rating points.

Premier, below 2,050.

Classic, below 1,900.

Reserve, below 1,750.

Amateur, below 1,600.

Booster, below 1,450.

Novice, below 1,250.

Registration will be at the site the first day of the event from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Round one will begin at noon. All players must be a current USCF member and home state association member.

There are more than \$3,500 in prizes, with \$600 to the winner. Trophies will be given to section winners. Stephen Dan of Worcester, Mass., will be the chief tournament director.

More information can be secured at the Quartette Club Tuesday nights by contacting Arkadijs Strazdins, New Britain Chess Club president.

2 from NB Chess Club attend world title fete

NEW BRITAIN — Two members of the New Britain Chess Club had the opportunity to meet Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher while attending the opening ceremonies of the world chess championship in London.

Kelly Fahey and Art Belliveau enjoyed the "pomp and circumstance" preceding the opening ceremonies at which Prime Minister Thatcher appeared. Fahey "had the treat" of shaking the prime minister's hand.

The two New Britain club members attended a private reception held to allow the players to choose the chess pieces, board, and chairs they would use in the 13 weeks of play in London. The next day, Fahey and Belliveau watched the first chess match between current champion Gary Kasparov and former world champion Anatoly Karpov which ended in an agreed draw.

Other highlights of the week-long London visit were a personal introduction to Kasparov and the appearance of Elaine Paige, a London actress and star of the hit musical "Chess." The musical is sold out until March, 1987, but Fahey and Belliveau managed to get two tickets because of a cancellation.

Fahey said he made several calls to London after reading an article about the opening ceremonies and the chess tournament in Chess magazine and was able to get tickets to the private reception.

NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB OFFICERS FOR THE
1986-1987 SEASON ARE:

President	- Arkadijs Strazdins	- re-el - 17th term.
Vice President	- Stanley J. Archacki	- re-el - 16th term.
Secretary	- Robert Milardo	- re-el - 7th term.
Treasurer	- Andris R. Strazdins	- re-el - 14th term.
Publicity Director	- Calvin W. Fahey	- re-el - 2nd term.
Team Captain	- Duncan W. May	- re-el - 10th term.

Tournament Directors:

Carl M. Heineman
Eric J. Godin
Duncan W. May and
Arkadijs Strazdins (Organizer of all New
Britain chess tourna-
ments since 1952)

New dues were voted upon. The NBCC dues are now \$20 for
regular members and \$12 for juniors, students, Viet-Nam
veterans and senior citizens.

The meeting was held July 29, 1986 at the Quartette Club, New
Britain, Connecticut. (New Britain Chess Club meeting place).

ROBERT MILARDO,
SECRETARY.

CHESS MATCH.

NEW BRITAIN C. C. VERSUS SPRINGFIELD C. C.

PLAYED BY 29 BOARDS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1986 AT THE SPRINGFIELD BOYS CLUB.
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

TEAM CAPTAINS:

DUNCAN W. MAY
ARKADIJS STRAZDINS

CHARLES LAAMANEN
THOMAS G. CANTIN

<u>NEW BRITAIN</u>			<u>SPRINGFIELD</u>		
1. ERIC J. GODIN	O - 1		DAVID M. LEES		
2. ARKADIJS STRAZDINS	O - 1		STANLEY TARGONSKI		
3. DEREK MEREDITH	1 - 0		MORRIS LAINER		
4. JOHN A. BACLAWSKI	1 - 0		EDWARD BOURDON		
5. DOUGLAS E. FISKE	1 - 0		THOMAS G. CANTIN		
6. BRIAN BAMBROUGH	½ - ½		NICHOLAS TAVARES		
7. SCOTT M. GUNDERMAN	1 - 0		CHARLES LAAMANEN		
8. ROBERT MILARDO	O - 1		ALEKSANDER BRANCIC		
9. WILLIAM WEIL	O - 1		PAUL SARRAZIN		
10. DUNCAN W. MAY	O - 1		GREGORY HOLMES		
11. CHRISTOPHER DEARING	½ - ½		DON BOISSONNEAULT		
12. MICHAEL CASELLA	1 - 0		STEPHEN M. SUNTER		
13. NEAL FELSINGER	1 - 0		GEORGE S. GROSSER		
14. RONALD BOURASSA	1 - 0		MYLES W. GAFFNEY		
15. KARL H. KOCHMAN	1 - 0		TONY PETTUS		
16. KENNETH HARRISON	1 - 0		PAUL M. COTTI		
17. CRAIG F. PALMER	O - 1		JAMES FRIED		
18. JOHN D. PIRES	1 - 0		ALAN V. RACZKA		
19. JOSEPH MANSIGIAN	1 - 0		JOHN P. BOUDREAU		
20. JONATHAN M. HANEN	1 - 0		GREG RUFO		
21. RICHARD K. LEE	1 - 0		TOM FERRERO		
22. WILLIAM V. DWORSKI	½ - ½		MARK CHAMBERLAND		
23. ANTHONY P. YABLONSKI	1 - 0		RICHARD J. REGO		
24. ARNOLD C. PANCIERA	1 - 0		LEO BELISE		
25. HERMANN E. ZICKFELD	1 - 0		GASTON POMERLEAU		
26. MICHAEL A. SPANER	1 - 0		JOHN M. MOORE		
27. RICHARD F. ZANTOW	O - 1		JOEL SACKS		
28. ANDRIS R. STRAZDINS	O - 1		WES CHARLES		
29. JOHN PEASLEY	O - 1		CLIFF REED		

TOTAL SCORE 18½ - 10½

THANKS TO ALL TEAM MEMBERS WHO PLAYED IN THIS FRIENDLY
CHESS MATCH.

ARKADIJS STRAZDINS - PRESIDENT NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB.

NB Chess Club beats Springfield

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club 29 player-team, composed of 25 senior and four student players, defeated the Springfield, Mass., team at the Springfield Boys Club in a chess match last Tuesday night by a score of 18½-10½.

Both clubs presented many of their top ranked players including 18 national chess experts who played the top boards.

Winning their games for New Britain were John A. Baclawski, Ronald Sourassa, Michael Casella, Neal Felsing, Douglas E. Fiske, Scott M. Gunderman, Kenneth Harrison, Jonathan M. Hanen, Karl H. Kochman, Richard K. Lee, Joseph Mansigian, Derek Meredith, Arnold C. Panciera, John D. Pires, Michael H. Spaner, Dr. Anthony P. Yablonski Jr. and Hermann E. Zickfeld.

Playing draws were Brian Bamrough, Christopher Dearing and William V. Dworski.

Winning their games for Springfield were Aleksander Brancic, Wes Charles, James Fried, Gregory Holmes, David M. Lees, Cliff Reed, Joel Sacks, Paul Sarrazin and Stanley Targonski.

Playing draws for Springfield were Don Beissennault, Mark Chamberland and Nicholas Tavares.

The match was rated by the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF). So far the New Britain Chess Club has played the Springfield Chess Club five times, New Britain ahead, 3-2.

A rematch between both clubs will be held late in November or early December. It will be a 25-30 board match.

Duncan W. May and Arkadijs Strazdins were team captains for New Britain and Charles Laamanen and Thomas G. Cantin for Springfield.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The first chess tournament for the 1986-87 season will be the 1987 New Britain city chess championship qualifying, a USCF rated nine-single round-robin tournament.

It is co-sponsored by the New Britain Chess Club and the New Britain Quartette Club, and will be held at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., each Tuesday, one game per night,

in September, October and November.

The first round will start Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m. The time limit is 40 moves in 90 minutes. The second time control is 30 minutes sudden death thereafter per player if needed.

Competitors will be divided into three or more sections, with 10 players in each section. From each section the top four will play in the finals for the 37th annual city championship in January, February and March.

For those players not qualifying for the championship, there will be a six-round Swiss system open reserve tournament, played concurrently with the finals.

The tourney is open to all chess players in New Britain and vicinity and New Britain Chess Club members regardless of where they live. Trophies and other prizes will be awarded to top senior and junior players in the finals and reserve tournaments only. USCF membership is required, which may be obtained during registration.

More information and registration can be had by contacting May or Strazdins, USCF accredited tournament directors, Tuesday nights at the Quartette Club, home of the New Britain Chess Club.

CITY CHESS CHAMPS

City chess champions since 1950 are:

- 1950-51: Edmund Roman.
- 1952 through 1972: Strazdins.
- 1973: Strazdins and Robert W. Lane, co-champions.
- 1974: Strazdins and Pierre LeClerc, co-champions.
- 1975: Strazdins.
- 1976: Robert Milardo.
- 1977-78: Strazdins.
- 1979: Strazdins and Paul Ligas, co-champions.
- 1980: Strazdins.
- 1981: Milardo.
- 1982: Strazdins.
- 1983: Duncan W. May and Milardo, co-champions.
- 1984: Kurt J. Holyst and Milardo, co-champions.
- 1985: Strazdins.
- 1986: Zoran Lazetich.

Chess

Spaner defeats Godin

By ROB ROY

Chessmaster Eric Godin, 25, recently performed a simultaneous exhibition at the New Britain Chess Club. Michael Spaner of Waterbury defeated Godin in a quick game.

Other players defeating Godin were: Michael Casella, Joseph Mansigian, Honia Angghel, Andrew Loftus, Robert Milardo, Christopher Dearing and John Fryer.

Drawing their game with Godin were Scott Gunderman, Ducnan May, Arkadijs Strazdins, and Frank Wilkin; director of the Waterbury Chess Club. A total of thirty players participated in the exhibition which lasted five hours.

Scott Gunderman took first place of the 21st annual summer open championship with a perfect 4-0 score. Douglas Fiske finished in second place. Arkadijs Strazdins, James Bolton, Eric Godin, Michael Casella and Neal Felsinger tied for third place. Twenty-eight players competed.

Arkadijs Strazdins, director of the New Britain Chess Club, announced that the 37th annual New Britain City Chess Championship will be a nine-round tournament held on consecutive Tuesday nights Sept. 16 thru Nov. 11.

This is the tournament that was won last year by Waterbury's Zoran Lazetich. Entry fee's range from \$10 to \$14 depending on age and rating.

PxP 32. PxP R-B1 33. R-KR1 RxR 34. RxR B-N4 35. P-B4 R-B4 36. PxR RxN 37. BxR QxB + 38. K-R2 QxKP 39. R-KB1 QxQNP 40. Q-KB2 NxP 41. QxQP +, Draw.

U.S. BLIND CHAMPIONSHIP

Albert Sandrin, 63, of Chicago, has won his second U.S. Blind Championship. The annual tournament attracted 23 visually handicapped players to the Imperial House Motel in Findlay, Ohio.

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NEW BRITAIN

2 from NB Chess Club attend world title fete

NEW BRITAIN — Two members of the New Britain Chess Club had the opportunity to meet Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher while attending the opening ceremonies of the world chess championship in London.

Kelly Fahey and Art Belliveau enjoyed the "pomp and circumstance" preceding the opening ceremonies at which Prime Minister Thatcher appeared. Fahey "had the treat" of shaking the prime minister's hand.

The two New Britain club members attended a private reception held to allow the players to choose the chess pieces, board, and chairs they would use in the 13 weeks of play in London. The next day, Fahey and Belliveau watched the first chess match between current champion Gary Kasparov and former world champion Anatoly Karpov which ended in an agreed draw.

Other highlights of the week-long London visit were a personal introduction to Kasparov and the appearance of Elaine Paige, a London actress and star of the hit musical "Chess." The musical is sold out until March, 1987, but Fahey and Belliveau managed to get two tickets because of a cancellation.

Fahey said he made several calls to London after reading an article about the opening ceremonies and the chess tournament in Chess magazine and was able to get tickets to the private reception.

NB chess tourney starts Tuesday

NEW BRITAIN — The first round of the 1986 qualifying tournament for the 37th annual New Britain city chess championship, a U.S. Chess Federation rated event, will begin at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The nine-round, single round-robin event will allow each participant an opportunity to play everyone in his section (10 players per section). Many top area players have signed up, including two masters and eight experts. Late registration will be accepted that night by contacting Duncan W. May or Arkadijs Strazdins, tournament directors, from 7 to 7:20.

NEW ENGLAND TOURNEY

The 46th annual New England open chess championship was played Aug. 30-Sept. 1, at the Treadway Cromwell Hotel in eight sections.

The winner in the 32-player, six-round Swiss system championship section, was Grand Master William Lombardy of New York, with a score of 5-1 (four wins and two draws) and he took the \$600 prize money.

Three players tied for second with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

International Masters James Rizzitano and Ilya Gurevich, 14, (also current world champion, 14 and under) of Worcester, Mass., and Senior Master Charles Hertan of Cambridge, Mass. All three shared the title as co-champions. (The title is awarded to the highest scoring New England resident)

Twenty-three masters and nine expert or Class A players competed. There were 261 players in the eight sections — a new record. Last year there were 253 players. Nine states were represented: Massachusetts, 109; Connecticut, 80; New York, 24; New Hampshire, 18; Rhode Island, 16; Maine, 10; Pennsylvania, 2; California and Louisiana, 1 each.

In the under 2,000 section of the speed tournament, there was a four way tie for first with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ scores: Michael Casella, 16, of New Britain, Jonathan M. Hanen of Middletown, Charlie Adkin of New York and Robert Seltzer of West Roxbury, Mass.

The top player under 1,700 was Cliff LePoer of Ashby, Mass., $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Forty-five players entered the event. Thomas G. Cantin directed.



New Britain Chess Club members who scored well in each section were:

Open: Karl H. Kochman, 3-3.

Expert section with 38 players: Steve Hobart, 5-1, tied for first with two other players; Douglas E. Fiske, 3-3.

Premier section with 38 players: John A. Baclawski, 3-3.

Classic section with 31 players: John Pasco, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, tied for third; Larry L. Lane, 4-2, and Hermann E. Zickfeld, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Novice, with 20 players: Richard F. Zantow, 5-1, second.

Stephen Dann of Worcester, Mass., was tournament director, assisted by Thomas G. Cantin of Chichester, Mass., and Frank Camarata of Madison.

SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1986 New England speed championship (five-minute games) was played Aug. 31 in three sections:

In the open section, the winner was David Griego of Providence R.I., with a score of 7-1.

Chess Club set to host simultaneous exhibition

Former New York Chess Master Kerry J. Leahy, 30, one of the top players of the 76-member New Britain Chess Club (NBCC), now living in Naugatuck, will perform a simultaneous exhibition at the Quartette Club Tuesday night starting at 7:30 p.m.

Some 25 to 30 players are expected to compete against Leahy at the same time. Players may choose either white or black pieces. Chess players who would like to compete against Leahy should contact Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president, from 7 to 7:30 that night. Leahy will charge a \$3 fee for senior players and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens.

All adjourned New Britain chess championship qualification tournament games will be postponed until the following week. Players who are not NBCC members should bring their own chess sets and boards if available. There is no charge for spectators who are welcome.

The NBCC meets every Tuesday night at 7 at the Quartette Club, sponsor of the chess club, 225 Wooster St., New Britain.

National Chess Master Eric J. Godin played Nov. 2, at the 78th Fairfield Chess Club Sectional, a U.S. Chess Federation-rated three-round tournament. He won the event with a score of 3-0.

Richard F. Zantow, another NBCC member who played there, scored 2-1.

Chess speed tourney winners named

The New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) staged 22 speed tournaments (five minute games) at the Quartette Club during the 1985-86 season, which ended Aug. 26. Five minute chess is popular at the club and its membership includes many of the top Connecticut speed chess players. Forty-eight players participated in one or more tournaments.

The 1986 Connecticut speed chess champion Eric J. Godin was winner in five tournaments. Other speed chess masters who took first place honors were Neal Felsinger, Jonathan M. Hanen and Kerry J. Leahy, each won three; Arkadijs Strazdins, two; Michael Casella, 16, Christopher Dearing, Steve Hobart, Robert Milardo, Stephen Orio and Sam Sheynia, one each.

The best result for the season was achieved by Felsinger, who won the single round-robin tournament #501 by a score of 16½-1. The tournaments were co-sponsored by the NBCC and the Quartette Club and directed by Duncan W. May, Milardo or Strazdins.

The NBCC is the only chess club in Connecticut with regularly held

speed tournaments for the past 33 years and played 503 tournaments in that time. The following list is that of 38 speed chess masters who, over the years, have won a speed tournament at least once. Life Speed Chess Master Arkadijs Strazdins leads all contestants, having played in 468 tournaments and won 349. Players and wins follow:

Robert Milardo, 30, Anthony A. Miller, 17, Zoran Lazetich, 12, Eric J. Godin, 9, Derek Meredith, 8, Jonathan M. Hanen and Carl D. Traczynski, 6 each, Kerry J. Leahy, Kurt J. Holyst and Steven H. Strogata, 5 each, John A. Bacławski, Peter A. Kloskowski and Stephen Ori, 4 each, William Aust, James Azzola, Nal Felsinger, Raymond Lamont and Peter P. Yanchak, 3 each, Pierre LeClerc, Christopher Dearing, Duncan W. May, Paul Wooster and Sam Sheynia, each 2, Douglas Grant, Eugene W. Konig, James M. Baker, Dr. John Paardenkooper, Bruce Gronental, Stephen Varga, John Farwell, Christopher Ferrante, Philip Frankel, Dennis Gallagher, Leonard Weeks, Dr. Aaron C. Tannanbaum, Michael Casella and Steve Hobart, one each.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

National Chess Master Kerry J. Leahy, 30, who currently with 2260 U.S. Chess Federation rating points is the highest rated NBCC member, will play against 30 at the same time on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club. Since there is a limited number of boards, assignments will be on a first sign-up, first-play basis. Chess players who would like to play against Leahy should contact Arkadijs Strazdins, president of the NBCC. The club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Quartette Club, sponsor of the NBCC, 225 Wooster St., New Britain.

SPEED TOURNAMENT

The New Britain Thanksgiving Open Speed Tournament will be played Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the Quartette Club.

Play will start at 7:30 p.m. and it is expected that many of the Connecticut's top players will participate. The event will be directed by Duncan W. May.

NEW BRITAIN VS. SPRINGFIELD

The re-match between the NBCC and the Springfield, Mass., Chess Club will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Quartette Club. It is expected that this will be a 22-25 board match. So far the NBCC has played the strong Springfield Chess Club five times and New Britain is leading, 3-2.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

BY

NATIONAL CHESS MASTER KERRY J. LEAHY OF NAUGATUCK, CT.

AGAINST 20 NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB MEMBERS AT THE QUARTETTE CLUB, TUESDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 18, 1986.

No.	PLAYERS NAME	SCORE		
		NBCC MEMBER	LEAHY	
1.	John A. Baclawski	½	-	½
2.	George N. Markoski	½	-	½
3.	John Peasley	½	-	½
4.	Arkadijs Strazdins	½	-	½
5.	John R. Fryer	1	-	0
6.	Joseph Mansigian	1	-	0
7.	Andrzej Masiukiewicz	1	-	0
8.	Richard F. Zantow	1	-	0
9.	George Alsis	0	-	1
10.	Michael Armioia	0	-	1
11.	Arthur Belliveau	0	-	1
12.	Russell Berube	0	-	1
13.	Barry W. Cocomo	0	-	1
14.	Calvin W. Fahey	0	-	1
15.	Peter Galazan	0	-	1
16.	Mrs. Pam F. Hobart	0	-	1
17.	Zdzislaw Jankowski	0	-	1
18.	Carl P. Hennessy	0	-	1
19.	Duncan W. May	0	-	1
20.	William Weil	0	-	1
TOTAL		6	-	14

THANKS TO ALL PLAYERS WHO PARTICIPATED..CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL WINNERS.

Arkadijs Strazdins, President NBCC.

P.S.) In preregistration 28 players had signed up to play, but when they heard of the snowstorm prediction, 8 declined. To bad. A.S.

LEAHY EXHIBITION

The simultaneous exhibition by national chess master Kerry Leahy of Naugatuck held Nov. 18 at the New Britain Chess Club was hurt by the snowstorm prediction; only 20 players of the 28 that had preregistered actually came to play.

Winning against Leahy were John Fryer of Waterbury, Joseph Mansigian of New Britain, Andrzej Masiukiewicz of Manchester, and Richard Zantow of Southington.

Drawing their game with Leahy were George Markoski of Middletown and John Baclawski. John Peasley and Arkadijs Strazdins, all of New Britain.

Leahy defeated Alsis, Armioia, Belliveau, Berube, Cocomo, Fahey, Galazan, Hobart, Jankowski, Hennessy, May and Weil.

The New Britain Chess Club meets every Tuesday evening at Wooster Street in New Britain. Phone 755-8710 for further info.

By Rob Roy Waterbury Republic

Dec. 11, 1986

Chess news

NEW BRITAIN — Former New York National Chess Master Kerry J. Leahy, now living in Naugatuck, recently gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Quartette Club, the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) meeting place, 225 Wooster St.

Twenty NBCC members participated in the simultaneous exhibition. It took Leahy about four hours to finish all of the games, Leahy winning 12, losing four and drawing four.

He lost to John R. Fryer, Joseph Mansigian, Andrzej Masiukiewicz and Richard F. Zantow.

He drew to John A. Bacławski, George N. Markowski, John Peasley and Arkadijs Strazdins.

The exhibition was sponsored by the NBCC and the Quartette Club.

Leahy, 30, is among the 40-42 NBCC members, who will travel to Boston Dec. 14, to play in a chess match at the Boylston Young Men's Christian Union Chess Club. The Boylston Chess Club is the biggest in membership and considered the strongest in New England for many years. The NBCC is considered the strongest in Connecticut.

SPEED TOURNAMENT

The New Britain Thanksgiving open speed tournament (five-minute games) will be played tomorrow night at the Quartette Club. Play will start at 7:40. The single round-robin tournament is limited to the first 25 players with assignments on a first sign-up, first-play basis.

It is expected that many of Connecticut's top players will participate, including 1986 Connecticut speed champion Eric J. Godin and the newest NBCC members, national chess masters Steve Hobart and Richard N. Bauer and national expert Barry C. Cocomo.

The tournament will be directed by Duncan W. May and Strazdins, who won the event many times. Registration will be from 7 to 7:30.

12 players qualify for city chess championship tourney in January

NEW BRITAIN — Twelve players have qualified for the 37th annual New Britain city chess championship finals, a U.S. Chess Federation rated single round-robin tournament to start Jan. 13, at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Forty area chess players competed in the qualification tournament over the past 13 weeks. The three players with highest scores from each of the four sections will be playing in the finals for the city title. Others who did not qualify, will play in the reserve tournament, a six-round Swiss system open event starting Jan. 27.

Section (A) qualifiers are: Eric J. Godin, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Brian Bambrough, 7-2, and Karl H. Kochman, 6-3.

Section (B) qualifiers: Steve Hobart, 9-0; Michael Casella, $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, and Paul Wooster, $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Section (C) qualifiers: Arkadijs Strazdins, city champion for 30 years, $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; Craig F. Palmer and Ronald J. Bourassa, each 7-2.

Section (D) qualifiers: Christopher Dearing, 9-0; Duncan W. May and Scott M. Gunderman, each 7-2.

Casella, 16, an Aquinas High School senior, is the youngest player of those qualifying for the city championship.

Playing in the reserve tournament are: George Alsis, Stanley J. Archacki, John A. Bacławski, Russell Berube, William V. Dworski, Calvin W. Fahey, Douglas E. Fiske, Peter Galazan, Kenneth Harrison, Carl P. Hennessey, Zdzislaw Janowski, William J. Lindberg, Richard K. Lee, Joseph Mansigian, Robert Milardo, Donald J. McNamara, George J. Markoski, Andrzej Masiukiewicz, Joseph B. Miglizzi, Peter P. Mitchell, Lawrence T. O'Neill, Arnold C. Panciera, John C. Pasco, Michael Sheroff, Charles A. Venturi, William Weil, Richard F. Zantow and Hermann E. Zickfeld.

The tournament was sponsored by the New Britain Chess Club and the Quartette Club, and directed by May and Strazdins.

OPEN SPEED TOURNAMENT

The New Britain Thanksgiving open speed tournament attracted 21 Connecticut speed players (five-minute games) at the Quartette Club last Tuesday night.

The winner was former Hungarian Chess Master Michael Szlovak, now living in Hartford, with the score of $18\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$. His only loss was to Carl K. Woll, present Connecticut chess champion. He drew with national master Richard N. Bauer, who took second place honors with a score of $17\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Kerry J. Leahy was third with $16\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$; Zoran Lazetich, 1985 Connecticut champion, fourth with $15\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, 1986 Connecticut speed champion Godin and Strazdins tied for fifth, with a score of 13-7.

The above five chess masters are New Britain Chess Club members. The event was sponsored by the New Britain Chess Club and the Quartette Club and directed by May.

NB VS SPRINGFIELD

The rematch between the New Britain Chess Club and the Springfield, Mass., Chess Club, will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Quartette Club.

It is expected that this will be a 22-25 board match.

Springfield's leading players are Massachusetts national chess masters David M. Lees and Stanley Targonski.

Top boards for New Britain will include 12 national chess experts, including Bauer, Woll, Godin, Steve Hobart and James M. Bolton, former Connecticut and New England champion.

The match will be rated by the U.S. Chess Federation and sponsored by the New Britain Chess Club and the Quartette Club.

Team captains are May and Strazdins for New Britain and Charles Laamanen and Thomas G. Cantin for Springfield.

The public is welcome to attend.

CHESS MATCH

NEW BRITAIN C.C., CONNECTICUT VS SPRINGFIELD C.C., MASSACHUSETTS.

PLAYED BY 21 BOARDS - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 02, 1986 - AT THE QUARTETTE CLUB
(NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB MEETING PLACE), 225 WOOSTER ST, NEW BRITAIN, CONN.

TEAM CAPTAINS:

DUNCAN W. MAY
ARKADIJS STRAZDINS

CHARLES LAAMANEN
THOMAS G. CANTIN

NEW BRITAIN	SCORE	SPRINGFIELD
1. Richard N. Bauer	2342 10583896 1-0	David M. Lees 2299 10003202
2. Carl K. Woll	2239 11394361 0-1	Martin Garcia 2178 10032474
3. Steve Hobart	2215 10379041 0-1	Irving S. Pierce 2086 10003563
4. Eric J. Godin	2212 10030727 1-0	Nicholas Tavares 2023 10001846
5. James M. Bolton	2170 10038821 1-0	Thomas G. Cantin 2021 12081360
6. Arkadijs Strazdins	2127 10031494 0-1	Edward Burdon 2011 10002044
7. Barry C. Cocomo	2106 10032369 0-1	Alan B. Cabot 1987 10003296
8. Brian Bambrugh	2103 10034086 1-0	John L. Phillips, Jr 1984 10121353
9. Douglas E. Fiske	2087 10027977 1-0	Aleksandra Brancis 1945 12447888
10. Derek Meredith	2074 10031443 0-1	Charles Laamanen 1926 11523595
11. John A. Baclawski	2020 10031559 1-0	Todd W. Rowland 1752 12443224
12. Christopher Dearing	1967 12117860 1-0	Grego G. Rufo 1713 12422028
13. Karl H. Kochman	1959 10032067 1-0	Stephen M. Sunter 1855 12439110
14. Andrzej Masiukiewicz	1700 12474770 0-1	Tony Pettus 1682 12455721
15. Michael Casella	1950 12440626 1-0	Alan V. Raczka 1627 10001901
16. Neal Felsinger	1932 10032610 1-0	Alfred R. Williams 1627 12426632
17. Duncan W. May	1931 10031770 1-0	Robert Williams 1517 10003024
18. Ronald J. Bourassa	1859 10040302 1-0	Mark Chamberland 1428 12410293
19. John R. Fryer	1816 12439430 1-0	Richard J. Rego 1395 12420628
20. Joseph Mansigian	1776 10031621 0-1	John Greco UNR. 12454680
21. Kenneth Harrison	1766 10019605 1-0	Cliff Reed UNR. ?

TOTAL SCORE 14-7

RATING FEE \$5.25

THREE MASSACHUSETTS PLAYERS PAID EACH \$1.00
(USCF MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES) PER GAME PLAYED.

1. Tony Pettus - expires 10-1985	\$1.00
2. Alfred R. Williams ?	\$1.00
3. Cliff Reed ?	\$1.00
CROSSTABLE FEE	\$2.00

TOTAL \$10.25

Arkadijs Strazdins, Tournament Director
I.D. # 10031494 - 9999

P.S. John L. Phillips, Jr. renewal dues was send to Membership
Department directly - December 04, 1986.

SEND TO USCF
FOR RATING
DEC. 05, 1986

Chess News

HANON W. RUSSELL



One of Connecticut's more active chess clubs is the New Britain Chess Club. It meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 pm at the Quartette Club Hall, 225 Wooster Street, New Britain. The 1984 New Britain Championship begins January 27. It is a six-round Swiss system with a time control of 40/90 and then 30/SD. Entry fees are \$10 (regular) and \$8 (students and seniors).

The club also runs speed tournaments.

Twenty-two Speed-Chess tournaments were held this

past season at the Quartette Club. Eric Godin won five of them. Winning three tournaments each are Kerry Leahy, Jon Hanen and Neal Felsing. Arkadijs Strazdins, the club's president, won two tournaments.

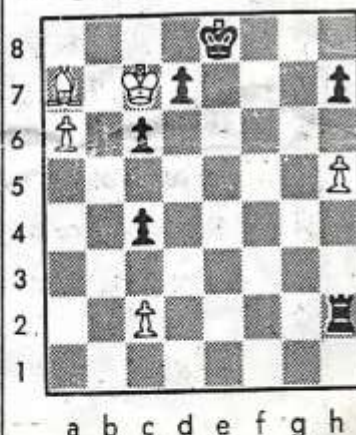
Winning one Speed-Chess tournament each are Robert Milardo, Sam Sheynia, Stephen Orio, Chris Deering, Mike Casella and Steve Hobart.

Speed-Chess tournaments have been held in New Britain for the past thirty-three years. Arkadijs Strazdins has

won 349 of the 503 tournaments held. Robert Milardo has won thirty of them. Tony Miller won 17, and Zoran Lazetich won 12.

Others worthy of note are Eric Godin 9, Derek Meredith 8, Jon Hanen 6, Carl Traczynski 6, Kerry Leahy 5, Kurt Holyst 5, Steven Strogatz 5, Peter Kloskowski 4, John Baclawski 4, Steve Orio 4, Neal Felsing 3, William Aust 3, James Azzola 3, Peter Yanchak 3, and Ray Lamont 3.

"Line-interference" is a theme which is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also has practical value in real games.



White to move and win
(F. Sackmann, 1912)

White begins with the paradoxical 1 Bf2. If 1 Bb6, Black catches the passed pawn. 1...Rxc2, 2 a7, Ra2. Now Black needs one more move to reach the a-file. 1...Rxb5, or 1...Rh1 2 Bd4; 1...Rh3 2 Bc5. 2 Bb6 Rh3 3 Bc5 Rh1 4 Bd4 Rh3 5 Bb2 Rh5 6 Bc3 and wins, since there is no rank via which the Rook can reach the a-file.

C-H-E-S-S M-A-T-C-H.

NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB: VERSUS BOYLSTON CHESS CLUB.

PLAYED BY 36 BOARDS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1986 AT THE BOYLSTON CHESS C.

TEAM CO-CAPTAINS:

DUNCAN W. MAY
ARKADIJS STRAZDINS

WILLIAM LUKOWIAK
WARREN C. PINCHES

Eric J. Godin	2212	1 - 0	Richard Gutman	2138
(1986 NBCC Champion)			(1986 Boylston C. C. Champion)	
Richard N. Bauer	2342	½ - ½	Fernando Dlaykon	2301
Steve Hobart	2215	0 - 1	Alex Cherniack	2260
Andrzej Masiukiewicz	2175	0 - 1	Alan Shaw	2246
James M. Bolton	2170	0 - 1	Michael Lalikos	2231
Arkadijs Strazdins	2127	0 - 1	Thomas Durnan	2144
Scott M. Gunderman	2110	1 - 0	Richard Lappin	2126
Barry W. Cocomo	2106	1 - 0	Art Nugent	2116
Brian Bambrough	2103	½ - ½	Charles Mays	2096
Douglas E. Fiske	2087	1 - 0	Francois Weil	2094
Derek Meredith	2074	1 - 0	Troy Franklin	2074
Gary L. Cote	2036	1 - 0	Michael Tomlinson	2072
John A. Baclawski	2020	0 - 1	Fred Pearson	2000
Mihaly Szlovak EST.	1970	1 - 0	Rich Daly	1998
Christopher Dearing	1967	0 - 1	Andrew Arisimov	1985
Karl H. Kochman	1959	0 - 1	Alex Slive	1978
William Weil	1957	0 - 1	Alejandro Bottran	1976
Duncan W. May	1931	0 - 1	David McKee	1970
Ronald Bourassa	1859	1 - 0	Bernardo Ioglesias	1916
John R. Fryer	1816	1 - 0	John Bescherer	1877
Kenneth Harrison	1766	0 - 1	David Enoch	1862
Mrs. Pam F. Hobart	1720	0 - 1	Roy Birt	1844
Charles A. Venturi	1691	0 - 1	Jim Stougaris	1807
William V. Dworski	1671	0 - 1	John Coleman	1789
Arnold C. Panciera	1652	0 - 1	Patrick Lake	1782
Hermann E. Zickfeld	1654	0 - 1	David Shin	1769
John C. Pasco	1573	0 - 1	William MacLellan	1769
William J. Lindberg	1552	0 - 1	James Byrd	1714
Stanley J. Archacki	1536	0 - 1	Bart King	1710
Peter Galazan	1510	0 - 1	Anthony Cortizas	1678
Calvin W. Fahey	1476	0 - 1	Greg Levey	1627
Richard F. Zantow	1453	0 - 1	Charles Alex	1613
Donald J. McNamara	1423	0 - 1	Robert Egan	1607
Andris R. Strazdins	1389	0 - 1	Robb Swanson	1582
Matthew C. Venturi	1302	0 - 1	Dennis Seawald	1577
36. John Peasley	1293	1 - 0	Frank Ferdinand	1536

TOTAL SCORE 11 - 25

THANKS TO ALL TEAM MEMBERS WHO PLAYED IN THIS GREAT MATCH. ALTHOUGH THIS MATCH WAS SCHEDULED FOR 42 BOARDS - 6 PREREGISTERED PLAYERS DID NOT SHOW UP. THE GREAT BOYLSTON C. C. PUT TOGETHER A GREAT TEAM AND SIMPLY OUTPLAYED US, ON LOWER BOARDS. ALSO, THANKS TO ALL PLAYERS WHO DONATED EXTRA MONEY FOR THE TRIP. ARKADIJS STRAZDINS, PRESIDENT NBCC.

Chess club to play in Boston tomorrow

NEW BRITAIN — One of the reported biggest chess matches ever between two New England chess clubs will take place tomorrow at 1 p.m., when the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) 42-player team goes to Boston to play the Boylston Young Men's Christian Union Chess Club.

The Boylston Chess Club is reported to be the biggest in membership and strongest in New England, and includes many of the top Massachusetts nationally rated chess masters and experts.

The New Britain team, captained by Duncan W. May and Arkadijs Strazdins, includes six national chess masters and 12 experts, and other top NBCC players.

For the first time playing for the New Britain team will be two women, Mrs. Linda A. Bourassa, rated Class (A), and Mrs. Pam F. Hobart, rated Class (B). The youngest player will be Matthew C. Venturi, 14, a ninth grader at St. Paul's High School; and the oldest player will be Donald J. McNamara who joined the NBCC for the first time in 1936, and has been a member since.

Previously the NBCC and the Hartford Chess Club played the Boylston Chess Club three times, the locals winning two, losing one.

The NBCC will not meet Dec. 23 and 30 due to the holidays.

Boston-based chess club defeats NB

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) and Boylston Young Men's Christian Union Chess Club (BYMCU) played in Boston last Sunday with the Boston team winning, 25-11.

The NBCC took 36 players to Boston. The match was scheduled with 42 players from each club, but six NBCC players — two masters, one expert and three Class (A) players who were scheduled to go — did not show up, and, thus, weakened the team's effort, according to Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president.

Although on 29 boards, the NBCC players faced a Boston opponent having a higher U.S. Chess Federation rating. The first 20 top boards did extremely well, said Strazdins. They pulled to a 10-10 tie, but the lower 16 boards was able to win only one game.

The NBCC team is to be congratulated for scoring 11 points under these circumstances against the New

England's biggest and strongest chess club for a century, said Strazdins.

Both clubs presented many of their top ranked players, noted Strazdins.

Winning their games for NBCC, were 1986 NBCC champion Eric J. Godin, who defeated 1986 Boston champion Richard Gutman. Others who won were: Scott M. Gunderman, Barry C. Cocomo, Douglas E. Fiske, Derek Meredith (formerly Matthew Coulombe), Gary L. Cote, Michaly Szlovak, Ronald J. Bourassa, John R. Fryer and John Peasley.

Playing draws for NBCC were the team's highest rated player Richard N. Bauer, who played Colombian Master Fernando Diaykan, and Brian Bambrough who played expert Charles Mays.

So far, NBCC players have played the BYMCU team four times (three together with Hartford Chess Club players), and the result is 2-2.

The fifth in this series of matches is tentatively scheduled next August in New Britain.

Team captains were, Duncan W. May and Strazdins for New Britain and William Lukowiak and Warren C. Piches for the Boston team.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The 12th annual Waterbury open chess championship will be played Jan. 3, at the Silas Bronson Library, 267 Grand St., Waterbury.

This will be a four-round Swiss system tournament and the time control is 30 minutes per player for the entire game. First round starts at 11 a.m.

Rob Roy, chess columnist for the Waterbury Sunday Republican, will direct.

The NBCC will be closed for the holiday season the next two Tuesdays and will reopen Jan. 6, with the New Year's open speed tournament at the Quarrlette Club, 225 Wooster St.