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## NB chess play resumes tomorrow

NEW BRITAIN — Chess play resumes after the holidays at the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) with an open speed tournament (five-minute games) tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, sponsor of the NBCC, 225 Wooster St.

The tournament is limited to the first 25 players with assignments on a first sign-up, first-play-basis. Registration is from 7 to 7:25. The event will be directed by Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

The first round of the 1988 38th annual New Britain city chess championship finals, a single round-robin, U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament, will begin Jan. 12, and continue for 10 successive Tuesday nights at the Quartette Club.

The 12 expert players who qualified from a field of 38, who competed in the qualification tournament last year, are, alphabetically:

Brian Bambrough, Gary L. Cote, Douglas E. Fiske, John R. Fryer, Scott M. Gunderman, Steve Hobart, Duncan W. May, Andrzej Masiukiewicz, Robert Milardo, Arkadijs Strazdins, Paul Wooster and Richard F. Zantow.

Gunderman, now in San Diego, Calif., has withdrawn from the tournament and was replaced by John A. Baclawski, the next qualified player in line for the qualifying tournament.

Three past champions are playing in the event: May, who won once; Milardo, four times; and Strazdins, 30 times, the first 24 consecutively, since 1952.

### RESERVE TOURNAMENT

The 1988 17th annual New Britain city chess championship reserve open tournament, a six-round Swiss system USCF rated, will start Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club.

It is open to all but participants must be or become members of the USCF (Every players who plays in USCF rated tournaments earns a "rating" — a statistic that indicates the relative strengths of participants).

Trophies will be awarded to the top three and top junior player under 18. Also, if in each class — Expert, A, B, C, D, E and Unrated — there are four players or more, the top player in that class will be awarded a trophy.

Also, two biggest upset prizes, subscriptions for one year to the Massachusetts chess magazine, "Chess Horizons," will be awarded.

More information and registration may be secured from May or Strazdins, USCF tournament directors, tomorrow, Jan. 12 and 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Quartette Club.

All official USCF rated tournament games at the NBCC start at 7:30 p.m., and the time limit is 40 moves in 90 minutes. The second time limit is (if needed) 30 minutes sudden death. Both tournaments are co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC, an affiliate of the USCF.

### PREVIOUS WINNERS

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; 1985, Charles A. Venturi; 1986, James M. Bolton; 1987, John R. Fryer.

# Wallingford engineer wins state championship

By ROB ROY

Ken Plesset, an electronic engineer from Wallingford, is the new Connecticut state chess champion, being the only player to finish the tournament with a perfect 4-0 score. Eric Godin of West Hartford fin-

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ished clear second with a 3½-½ score. In a tie for third place were Jim Bolton from New Haven (who lost to Plesset in the final round) and Carl Woll of Windsor. Plesset, Godin, Bolton and Woll are all national masters.

Top seed, senior chessmaster (rated 2420) Richard Bauer of Farmington disappointed spectators, performing far below expectations, drawing expert Douglas Onnen of Coventry, losing to expert Martin Garcia of Feeding Hills, Mass., defeating Class "A" player Andy Loftus of Farmington, then drawing expert Robert Donahue of West Suffield.

Joseph Felber of Amityville, N.Y., won the Top Under 2200 prize for having the best finish for a non-master in the open section of the tournament. He had a 3-1 score, losing to Bolton in the third round.

Don Johnson of Ivoryton won the Classic section. Second place went to Paul Duerig of Bethel. Third went to Mark Puglisi of Middletown. All three finished with 3½-½ scores. Final ranks were determined by a tie-breaking system.

A poor turnout of amateur players caused that section to be grouped in together with the classic section. Tony Zelianka of Waterbury won the top amateur prize. Howie Stromberg of Southington won the second place amateur prize.

The state speed-chess championship (five-minute chess) was won by Roger Pahl of West Haven. Sam Sheynin of Woodbridge finished in second place and Chris Dearing of Meriden finished third.

Worthy of note was the participation of prototype chess computers entered into the competition by Fidelity Electronics. Fidelity "A" lost to Plesset, defeated expert Joe Hody of New Milford, drew with expert Gary Cote of Norwich, then defeated expert Terris Porter of New Haven.

Fidelity "B" lost to Felber, defeated expert Bill Gzesiak of Hartford, defeated expert Donahue, then lost to expert Onnen. Fidelity "C" did not play the first two rounds, defeated class "A" player Sam Bahou of East



ROB ROY photo

The Conn. chess champion title at stake. James Bolton (left) of New Haven fails to win last round game against new champion Ken Plesset of Wallingford.

Hartford then drew with expert Peter McCluskey of Wallingford.

Also worthy of note was the participation of Joshua Waitzkin of New York City. His 1978 rating (22 points

shy of being certified a national expert) places him as the fourth strongest player aged 12 or younger in the United States.

Frank Camaratta of Madison, Rob

Roy of Waterbury, and Regis Stirling of Old Lyme served as tournament directors. The Travelers Insurance Co. donated the use of their Constitution Plaza Building for the event.

Elections of officers of the Connecticut State Chess Association were held: Rob Roy of Waterbury was elected president, his term beginning in June 1988; Robert Milardo

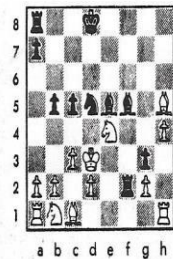
of Cromwell, vice president; Regis Stirling secretary/treasurer; Richard Bauer, news correspondent for "Chess Horizons" regional magazine; and Rob Roy tournament director.

### SOLVE THE PUZZLE

The Nimzovich-Alapin puzzle of last week showed how black's neglected development proved to be fatal. The keymove was Q-d8. Black can respond only by capturing the queen with the bishop. Rook to e8 checkmates.

This week's puzzle occurred in a famous game between Fitzgerald and Loyd back in 1898. Black moves and checkmates white in two moves. Read next week's column for the solution and another puzzle taken from a master game.

Rob Roy of Waterbury writes this column weekly.



# West Hartford man new city champion

By ROB ROY

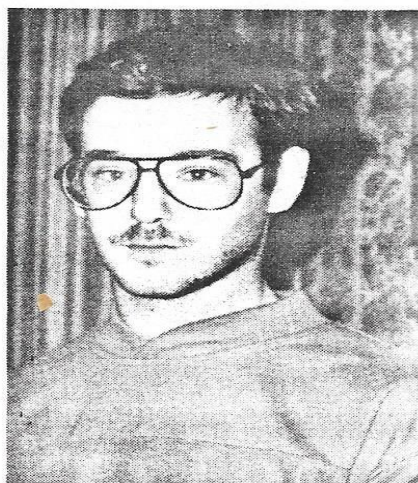
Eric Godin of West Hartford is the new 1988 Waterbury chess champion, having won the title tournament with a perfect 3-0 score. Godin is a nationally certified chessmaster.

Hanon Russell of Milford finished in second place; Russell is the chess columnist for the Newtown Bee, the Milford Citizen and the weekly newspapers of Orange and Bethany.

Kerry Leahy, a chessmaster from Naugatuck, shared third place with Mark Mangone of Bridgeport. The championship section of the tournament was limited to the top eight players. The average rating was 2075.

John Neville of New Milford, a national expert and the defending Waterbury champion from 1987, was defeated in the first round by Godin. Godin also knocked out Stanley Capps of Davisville, N.H., an expert who traveled 200 miles to play in Waterbury.

Joe Hoddy of New Milford, a two-time Waterbury champion, attempted once again to retire the rotating trophy (three wins and the winner



ROB ROY photo

## Eric Godin

ments to be held in Waterbury on Saturday are: Jan. 16, 23, and 30, Feb. 20, March 5 and 26, April 30, June 4, July 30, August 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 15 and 29, Nov. 19 and 26, and Dec. 17. Phone 755-9749 for details.

## CORRECTION

The caption to the photograph in last week's column reporting on the state chess championship was in error. It should have read: "The game with the state title at stake." James Bolton, left, of New Haven loses his last round game to the new state champion; Ken Plesset, right, of Wallingford.

## SOLVE THE PUZZLE

The Fitzgerald-Loyd puzzle of last week was not very easy. Black was to mate white in two moves. The key move was 1. P-c4 check. White responds with his only move, K-c2. Black then mates white with 2.N-e3!

Black moves and mates white in two moves in this week's puzzle. It occurred in a famous game between Paulsen (white) and Newmann in the Berlin tournament of 1864. Read next week's column for the solution and another puzzle taken from a master game.



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keeps the trophy), but was defeated in the first round by Kerry Leahy.

Ten players competed in the amateur section. Leo Markiw of New Haven won first place with a perfect 3-0 score. David Goldfarb of Avon won second place. Mike Malec of Naugatuck shared third place with Omelan Markiw of New Haven.

Forty different chess players have participated in the U.S. Chess Federation tournaments of the Waterbury Chess Club since the club's conversion to a USCF program in September, 1987.

Sam Sheynin of Woodbridge won the USCF tournament held Nov. 21. Joe Hoddy finished second. The Nov. 28 tournament went to Stephen Muccioli of Brewster, N.Y. Earnest Johnson of Peekskill, N.Y., finished in second place.

The amateur section on Nov. 28 was tied between Richard Virdone of Littleton, N.H., and Bill Parker of Windsor Locks. Fran Gasper of Naugatuck captured third place.

Eric Godin and 9-year-old Robert Kozlowski of New Britain each received perfect scores in the Dec. 21 "Indian Open." Lance Hunter and 11-year-old Marc Berman of Bronxville, N.Y., shared third place honors. Berman has recently been chosen for the All-American Chess Team; his 1962 rating is 38 points shy of being expert-level.

U.S. Chess Federation tourna-

## Farmington resident wins New Britain chess tourney

NEW BRITAIN — Michael L. Sheroff of Farmington won the recent 17th annual New Britain City Reserve Open Chess Championship Tournament at the Quartette Club.

He was one of 35 central Connecticut area players to participate in the six-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated event.

Sheroff scored  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , with a draw against Joel G. Clott of Hartford. Edward A. Harris of Meriden shared second place with Wesley B. Frazier Sr. of Bristol, with a score of 5-1, each. Two players finished with a score of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , with the tie-break formula deciding their standings:

4th — Clott.  
5th — Lawrence T. O'Neill of Berlin (1984 champion).  
Finishing 4-2, were:  
6th — Joseph Mansigian of New Britain (1974 champion).  
7th — Thomas R. Fillion of Southington.

8th — George J. Markoski of Middletown.  
9th — Neal Felsinger of Hartford.  
10th William V. Dworski of New Britain.  
11th — Peter Galazan of New Britain.

Trophies will be awarded tomorrow night at the Quartette Club to the first three overall, and top class winners:

Clott (A).  
O'Neill (B).  
Markoski — second top (B).  
Fillion (C).

Matthew C. Venturi, 16, a 10th grader at New Britain High School — second top (C) He scored 3-3.

John Peasley of New Britain, with 3-3 (D).

Randy Greenough of East Windsor, with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ , second top (D).

Daniel P. Hale of New Britain, with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  (unrated).

### OTHER NEWS

The biggest upset prize, a one year subscription to the Massachusetts Chess magazine "Chess Horizons," was awarded to Greenough for upsetting a player with 372 USCF rating points difference and Peasley for beating an opponent with 365 points difference.

The winners are New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) members, co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC, an affiliate of the USCF. The event was directed by Duncan W. May and Arkadijs Strazdins, USCF accredited tournament directors.

The following NBCC members played in recent tournaments: Senior Master Richard N. Bauer played at the 25-player 1988 Newton (Mass.) Open Chess Championship, and with five other players tied for second place with a score of 3-1. Gary L. Cote in the expert section tied for sixth, with 2-2.

Bauer won the Crescent Metro 1988 Marti Gras Open Chess Championship at the Branford Motor Inn, with a score of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -2.

Connecticut's top junior player, Michael Casella, tied with two other players, for second place with 3-1. A total of 55 players attended.

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

## City chess tourney starts Tuesday

NEW BRITAIN — The 17th annual New Britain city chess championship reserve tournament will begin Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

The six-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated competition will be held on consecutive Tuesday nights until March 1. It is open to all but participants must be or become members of the USCF, the national body rating the tournament.

Early registration shows that 30 New Britain area players have signed up including two title holders, Joseph Mansigian of New Britain, 1976 winner, and Lawrence T. O'Neill of Berlin, 1984 winner.

Late registration will be held Tuesday night from 7 to 7:20.

The tournament is co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC), an affiliate of the USCF. Duncan W. May and Arkadijs Strazdins will direct.

### OTHER NEWS

NBCC member Eric J. Godin recently played at the 1988 Waterbury open championship, winning the eight-player championship section, 3-0.

He also played in the 1987 Connecticut state open championship in Hartford, and with a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  score, took second place honors. Another NBCC member, James M. Bolton, tied for third with former NBCC member Carl Woll, 3-1 each.

Kenneth Plesset of Wallingford won the championship, 4-0. Godin, Bolton, Woll and Plesset are national masters.

To promote chess in the central Connecticut area, the NBCC and Quartette Club will sponsor a simultaneous exhibition by Godin April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club.

Godin will play against up to 30 players. More information may be had at the NBCC from Arkadijs Strazdins, president.

## NB chess news

**NEW BRITAIN** — National Chess Master Eric J. Godin, 27, one of the top players of the 85-member New Britain Chess Club (NBCC), performed a simultaneous exhibition at the Quartette Club last night.

Godin, currently with 2,306 U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rating points, is the third highest rated chess player in Connecticut. (International Grandmaster Sergey Kudrin of Stamford is tops and Senior Master Richard N. Bauer of Farmington is second.)

The exhibition was co-sponsored by the NBCC and the Quartette Club. The NBCC meets every Tuesday night at 7 at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

### NB WINS IN HARTFORD

NBCC member Christopher Dearing won the 1988 Hartford chess championship with a score of 3-0, played March 27 at the Hartford Public Library.

### MASSACHUSETTS TOURNEY

The 57th Massachusetts Open Chess Championship, a four-round Swiss system with a time limit of 45 moves in two hours, a USCF rated event, will be played April 16-17, at the Holiday Inn, Holidome and Conference Center, Holyoke, Mass. The event has six sections, plus a special scholastic tournament will be held each day during the Massachusetts Open.

Registration will be at the site of the first day of the event from 9-9:30 a.m. Round one will begin at 11. All players must be a current USCF member and also a home state chess association member.

There are \$2,250 in cash plus other awards with \$500 to the champion.

More information can be secured at the NBCC tonight from Strazdins.

### U. S. OPEN TOURNEY

The 1988 U.S. Open Chess Championship, a 12-round Swiss system, a USCF rated event will be played Aug. 7-19, at the Lafayette Swiss Hotel, Boston, in nine sections. There are more than \$30,000 in cash plus other awards, with \$5,000 to the winner. The entry fee is \$85 at the site. More information may be had by writing U. S. Open Committee, P.O. Box 155, North Billerica, Mass. 01862.

### TOP 32 NBCC MEMBERS

The following list of the top 32 NBCC members rated as master-expert and class (A), who participated in chess tournaments or team matches during 1987, and using the March, 1988, USCF rating supplement list are in order by rank:

#### Master (2,200 plus rating points)

1. Richard N. Bauer, 2,350.
2. Eric J. Godin, 2,306.
3. Kerry J. Leahy, 2,262.
4. James M. Bolton, 2,234.
5. Steve Hobart, 2,221.

#### Expert (2,000-2,199)

6. Arkadijs Strazdins, 2,187.
7. Christopher Dearing, 2,131.
8. Gary L. Cote, 2,118.
9. Brian Bambrough, 2,098.
10. Derek Meredith, 2,074.
11. Douglas E. Fiske, 2,053.
12. Michael Casella, 2,026.
13. John R. Fryer, 2,018.
14. Andrzej Masiukiewicz, 2,010.
15. Duncan W. May, 2,007.
16. Neal Felsinger, 2,005.

#### Class (A) (1,800-1,999)

17. Craig F. Palmer, 1,999.
18. Paul Wooster, 1,982.
19. John A. Baclawski, 1,980.
20. Robert Milardo, 1,971.
21. Ronald J. Bourassa, 1,952.
22. Joseph Mansigian, 1,921.
23. Mihaly Szlovak, 1,908.
24. Walter Pajak, 1,895.
25. William Weil, 1,851.
26. Michael L. Sheroff, 1,849.
27. Karl H. Kochman, 1,842.
28. Joel G. Clott, 1,825.
29. Edward A. Harris, 1,815.
30. Richard K. Lee, 1,808.
31. John D. Pires, 1,805.
32. Raymond Lamont, 1,801.

## NB chess news

**NEW BRITAIN** — National Chess Master Eric J. Godin, 27, of Farmington, gave a simultaneous exhibition last week at the Quartette Club, meeting site for the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC).

Twenty seven central Connecticut players participated. It took Godin about five hours to finish all of the games. Godin winning 16, losing 7 and drawing four.

Beating him were William V. Dworski, Joseph Mansigian, John C. Pasco and Owen P. Walsh, all of New Britain; Randy Greenough of East Windsor, Karl H. Kochman of South Windsor and Pete Vallacci of Waterbury.

Tying him were Zdzislaw Janowski of New Britain, Richard K. Lee of Rocky Hill, Wesley B. Frazier, Sr. of Bristol and Michael A. Spaner of Waterbury.

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

### TOURNAMENT

The NBCC, an affiliate of the U.S. Chess Federation, will begin its 1988 individual chess championship, a six-round Swiss system USCF rated tournament at the Quartette Club Tuesday nights, beginning April 19, 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 and other prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers, top junior 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 from Duncan W. May or Arkadijs Strazdins, tournament directors, tonight at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Past champions are:

- 1949 — Anthony G. Gray.
- 1950-51 — Edmund Roman.
- 1952-71 — Strazdins.
- 1972 — Robert Milardo.
- 1973 — Daniel S. Lechowicz.
- 1974 — Robert W. Lane.
- 1975-76 — Strazdins.
- 1977-78 Milardo.
- 1979 — Ronald J. Bourassa.
- 1980-81 — Strazdins.
- 1982 — Milardo.
- 1983 — Milardo and Kurt J. Holyst, co-champions.
- 1984 — John A. Baclawski.
- 1985 — Zoran Lazetich.
- 1986 — Eric J. Godin.
- 1987 — Richard N. Bauer.

## Chess news

NEW BRITAIN — Twelve qualified expert players from the 40-player qualification tournament competed for the 1988 annual New Britain city chess championship finals, an 11-round single round-robin U. S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated event at the Quartette Club.

Competitions were held Tuesday nights for the past 13 weeks.

National Chess Master Steve Hobart of Meriden finished first with a score of 10-1. He defeated nine players and drew two.

Second place finisher (9-2) was Brian Bambrough of Glastonbury, and third, John R. Fryer (8-3) of Plainville.

Bambrough defeated eight players, drew with Hobart and fourth place finisher — four-time champion Robert Milardo of Middletown, and lost his game to fifth place finisher Douglas E. Fiske of Hartford.

Hobart, formerly from Lafayette, La., and his wife, Pam, joined the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) in 1986, and are ranked fifth with the 85-member club.

His other tournament results are twice second in the Louisiana state championship, twice second in the Lafayette city championship. Last year he was second at the 37th annual New Britain city championship with a score of 8-3. In the individual club championship with 44 players, he was fifth with 4½-1½. Mrs. Hobart is the 1982 Louisiana women's champion and is rated by the USCF as a Class (B) player.

Others with a score of 6-5, or lower, were:

6th — Andrzej Masiukiewicz of New Britain.

7th — Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain (champion 30 times).

8th — Paul Wooster of Meriden.

9th — Duncan W. May of Plainville.

10th — Gary L. Cote of Norwich.

11th — Richard F. Zantow of Southington.

12th — John A. Baclawski of New Britain.

Ninty-one players competed in the championship cycle, qualifying, reserve and finals. Trophies were awarded to the top five. Subscription to the Massachusetts chess magazine "Chess Horizons" plus Connecticut State Chess Assn. membership for one year was awarded to Masiukiewicz for 6th place and Zantow for biggest upset, beating a player with 245 points difference.

The event was co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC, and was directed by May and Strazdins.

The 1988 NBCC individual championship is under way at the Quartette Club with 40 players. Participating are three national masters, nine experts, 10 Class (A), 11 Class (B) and nine Class (C) players. The six-round Swiss system event will be finished May 24. Visitors are welcome.

### CHESS MATCH

The NBCC will play the Springfield, Mass. Chess Club June 14, at 8 p.m. at the Springfield Boys' Club. It is expected that this will be a 28-30 board match. The NBCC team has played the Springfield Chess Club eight times since 1984, New Britain winning four matches, drawing two and losing two.

### SUMMER OPEN

The 23rd annual New Britain Summer Open Chess Championship, a four-round Swiss system with time control 40/60, a USCF rated tournament, has been scheduled at the Quartette Club for July 10. The first round will start at 9 a.m. May and Strazdins will be tournament directors.

### SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

American Grandmaster Arthur Bisquier will give a simultaneous exhibition and lecture Sunday at the Campus Center Auditorium, American International College, 1500 State St., Springfield, Mass. He will play against all comers and the exhibition will start at 2 p.m. Bisquier will charge an \$8 fee. Players should bring their own chess sets and boards. The event is sponsored by the Springfield Chess Club.

# Chess news

**NEW BRITAIN** — National Senior Chess Master Richard N. Bauer of Farmington has won the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) 1988 championship. Ranked second in Connecticut and first at the 85-member local club, he won his second championship in a row, scoring  $5\frac{1}{2}$  in the recent six-round Swiss system U.S. Chess Federation-rated event at the Quartette Club.

Forty members participated in the 38th annual event.

Bauer defeated five players and drew with National Master Eric J. Godin of West Hartford. Bauer is the most active chess player at the NBCC and so far this year has also played in five other major tournaments in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He won the Crescent Metro Spring Open in Branford with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  and scored well at four strong Mas-

sachusetts tournaments. Also, Bauer is one of the top NBCC speed chess players (five minute games).

National Expert Christopher Dearing of Windsor took second place honors with 5-1. He lost to Bauer, but upset National Masters Godin and Kerry J. Leahy of Naugatuck. The win brought him close to U.S. Master rating. Two players finished with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , with the tie-break formula deciding their standings. They were: Third, Godin, 1986 champion, and fourth, Leahy.

## OTHER TOP SCORES

Tied for fifth through 10th, with 4-2 were: John A. Baclawski of New Britain; Michael L. Sheroff of Farmington; Arkadijs Strazdins (24-time champion), Andrzej Masiukiewicz and Joseph Mansigian of New Britain and Brian Bambrough of Glastonbury.

Tied for 11th through 14th, with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , were: Duncan W. May of Plainville; Douglas E. Fiske of Hartford, Karl H. Kochman of South Windsor and Lawrence T. O'Neill of Berlin.

Trophies and other prizes were awarded to the top four and top Class winners: Strazdins, top (Expert); Masiukiewicz, second top (Expert); Baclawski, top (A); Sheroff, second top (A); O'Neill, top (B); John C. Pasco of New Britain, second top (B); William J. Lindberg of Newington, top (C); Basil R. Greenough of New Britain, top (D); Owen P. Walsh of New Britain, top (Unrated).

## UPSET PRIZES

The biggest upsets were scored by Pasco, who defeated expert Masiukiewicz with 344 points difference, and Richard K. Lee of Rocky Hill, who topped expert Bambrough with 299 points difference. They received one-year subscriptions to the Massachusetts chess magazine "Chess Horizons," and memberships in the Connecticut State Chess Assn.

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

## SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Robert R. Kozlowski, of New Britain, a 10-year-old fourth grader at Holmes School, won the State Elementary School Championship with a score of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  during recent competition at Avon High School. The event, open to students in grade 6 and below, attracted 20 competitors. He was awarded an engraved trophy.

Also, the May 1988, USCF Rating Supplement List shows that Kozlowski is ranked number 50, with 1408 points, in the "Top 50" junior players in the U.S. (9-10 year old). Kozlowski, the youngest NBCC member, joined two years ago. During the summer, the NBCC will hold speed-chess (five-minute tournament) and action-chess (30 minutes per game) every Tuesday night from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

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## Chess news

**NEW BRITAIN** — One of the biggest chess matches between two New England Chess Clubs will take place tonight when the New Britain Chess Club 35-player team goes to Springfield, Mass., to play the Springfield area chess players.

The Springfield Club is the second strongest club in Massachusetts, with only the Boylston Chess Club of Boston ranked higher, according to the New Britain club. New Britain has played Springfield eight times since 1984, winning four matches, drawing two and losing two.

The top board for the local club will be represented by Richard N. Bauer, club champion and the only senior master in the state. Local team captains are Duncan W. May and Arkadijs Strazdins for New Britain.

NBCC member Ronald J. Bourassa scored 3-3 in the 196-player 1988 U.S. Amateur Chess Championship played over the Memorial Day weekend in Stamford. Winner was Gregory Kotlyar of Albany, Calif.

The top New England player was Charles Laamanen of the Springfield Chess Club who tied for third place with Jonathan Feinberg of Albany, N.Y. with a 5-1 score.

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## NB Chess Club beats Springfield

**NEW BRITAIN** — The New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) 31-player team made up of national masters, experts and Class (A) and (B) players, defeated the Springfield, Mass., team at the Springfield Boys' club in a chess match Tuesday night, 17½-13½.

Both clubs presented many of their top ranked players, including four masters and 22 experts who played the top boards.

The match was scheduled with 35 players from each club, but four NBCC players were not present.

Winning their games for New Britain were Barry W. Cocomo, Joel G. Clott, Wesley B. Frazier Sr., Neal Felsing, Karl H. Kochman, Kerry J. Leahy, Richard K. Lee, Derek Meredith, John C. Pasco, Daniel M. Sargent, Andris R. Strazdins, Arkadijs Strazdins, Mihaly Szlovak, Dr.

Anthony P. Yablonski Jr. and Richard F. Zantow.

Playing draws were Richard N. Bauer, Brian Bambrough, Michael Casella, Zdzislaw Jankowski and Duncan W. May.

Winning their games for Springfield were Leo Belisle, Edward Bourdon, Harvey J. Burger, Alan B. Cabot, Frank Clark, Robert T. Donahue, Tony Pettus, Glen Rochon, Todd W. Rowland, Stephen M. Sunter and Stanley Targonski.

Playing draws for Springfield were Richard J. Burns, Robert J. Cambell, David M. Lees, Joel M. Sacks and Nicholas Tavares.

Dr. Yablonski scored the first victory for New Britain and Casella, the top Connecticut junior player under 18, was the last player, and drew his game in a difficult endgame, the New Britain club reported.

The match was rated by the U.S. Chess Federation and sponsored by the Springfield Chess Club. May and Arkadijs Strazdins were team captains for New Britain; Charles Laamanen and Lees for Springfield.

A re-match between both clubs will be held late in August or early September in New Britain. The NBCC meets every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

# CHESS MATCH

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

Played by 31 boards - TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1988 - at the Springfield  
Boys Club,,Springfield, Mass. (Springfield C. C. meeting place)

## TEAM CAPTAINS:

DUNCAN W. MAY

CHARLES LAAMANEN

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ARKADIJS STRAZDINS, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR  
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NEW BRITAIN TEAM	SCORE	SPRINGFIELD TEAM
1. BAUER Richard N. 2357 10583896 ½-½		LEES David M 2286 10003202
2. LEAHY Kerry J. 2259 10614830 1-0		PRYOR William M. 2196 10032229
3. BOLTON James M. 2232 10038821 0-1		TARGONSKI Stanley 2170 10001838
4. RAMBROUGH Brian 2159 10034086 ½-½		CAMPBELL Robert J. 2129 10002826
5. STRAZDINS Arkadijs 2155 10031494 1-0		PIERCE Irving S. 2109 10003563
6. SZLOVAK Mihaly 2117 12478724 1-0		LAAMANEN Charles M. 2104 11523595
7. CASELLA Michael 2109 12440626 ½-½		TAVARES Nicholas 2085 10001846
8. MEREDITH Derek 2068 10031443 1-0		MEYER Fred J. 2080 10001978
9. COTE Gary L. 2038 10034841 0-1		DONAHUE Robert T. 2076 10033136
10. MILARDO Robert 2028 10035562 0-1		CABOT Alan B. 2074 10003296
11. MASIUKIEWICZ Andrzej 2022 12474770 0-1		BOURDON Edward 2023 10002044
12. FELSINGER Neal 2014 10032610 1-0		HERDMAN Richard A. 1984 12426130
13. COCCOMO Barry W. 2007 10032369 1-0		HIRSH Thomas 1948 12415287
14. FRAZIER Wesley B. 2003 12504183 1-0		BRANCIC Aleksandar 1947 12447888
15. BAGLAWSKI John A. 1968 10031559 0-1		ROWLAND Todd W. 1876 12443224
16. MANSIGIAN Joseph C. 1962 10031621 0-1		SUNTER Stephen M. 1850 12439110
17. MAY Duncan W. 1943 10031770 ½-½		BURNS Richard J. 1823 12500894
18. BOURASSA Ronald J. 1930 10040302 0-1		BURGER Harvey J. 1820 10003181
19. SHEROFF Michael L. 1909 11294235 0-1		PETTUS Tony 1717 12455721
20. CLOTT Joel G. 1852 12276740 1-0		SAINT LOUIS Andre 1673 11039421
21. KOCHMAN Karl H. 1816 10032067 1-0		REISS Peter 1636 12414216
22. LEE Richard K. 1797 10031869 1-0		RACZKA Alan V. 1614 10001901
23. DWORSKI William V. 1760 10033187 0-1		ROCHON Glenn 1550 12513893
24. GALAZAN Peter 1702 12118560 0-1		BELISLE Leo 1480 12056480
25. ZANTOW Richard F. 1678 12466923 1-0		POMERLEAU Gaston 1470 11397671
26. YABLONSKI, Jr. Anthony 1676 10031681 1-0		CHAMBERLAND Mark 1458 12410293
27. SARGENT Daniel M. 1668 12505921 1-0		CORBETT Thomas 1443 12417362
28. PASCO John C. 1666 10031478 1-0		MINOR Edward W. 1434 12120570
29. JANKOWSKI Zdzislaw 1630 12471849 ½-½		SACKS Joel M. 1375 12473712
30. STRAZDINS Andris R. 1364 10031486 1-0		NEWMAN Tim UNR. 12503102
31. GREENOUGH Basil R. 1246 12508270 0-1		CLARK Frank UNR. 12513374

TOTAL SCORE 17½-13½  
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RATING FEE \$7:50  
PRINTOUT FEE \$2:00

TWO MASSACHUSETTS PLAYERS PAID TOURNAMENT  
MEMBERSHIP FEE \$1:00 EACH FOR ONE GAME PLAYED.

- 1) PETTUS Tony - 12455721 - 09/1986??
- 2) CORBETT Thomas - 12417362 - 04/1988??

\$1:00  
\$1:00

TOTAL \$ 11:50

P. S.) MEREDITH Derek 10031443 - 05/1988  
RENEWAL DUES WAS SEND TO USCF MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY.  
(JUNE 15, 1988)

## West Haven man wins chess title

NEW BRITAIN — The 23rd annual New Britain summer open chess championship has been won by national master Roger D. Pahl of West Haven with a score of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The United State Chess Federation (USCF) four-round Swiss system tournament was held this month at the Quartette Club, attracting 17 players.

Douglas E. Fiske of Hartford was second, 3-1, and Joseph C. Mansigian of New Britain, third, 3-1.

Top class winners were: Anthony J. Purpora of Orange, (A) 3-1; Daniel Lewis of Windsor (second top — A), 3-1, and William J. Lindberg of Newington, (B), 2-2.

The tournament's youngest chess player, Robert R. Kozlowski, 10, Holmes School pupil, scored  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and was the top player under 16. He is the 1988 state elementary school champion.

Subscription to the Massachusetts chess magazine, "Chess Horizons," and Connecticut State Chess Assn. membership for two years was awarded to Joseph M. Hoddy of New Milford for the biggest upset, beating an expert player with 258 points difference.

The event was co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC), and directed by Duncan W. May and Arkadijs Strazdins, club president.

### PAST WINNERS

Previous winners were:

1966-68 — Strazdins, New Britain.

1969 — Peter A. Kloskowski, New Britain.

1970 — William Edward, Washington, Conn.

1971-73 — Strazdins.

1974 — James Baker, Washington, D.C.

1975 — James M. Bolton, New Britain.

1976 — Julius Fuster, Waterbury.

1977 — Jerome A. Crawford, New Britain.

1978 — Steven H. Strogatz, Torrington.

1979 — Ronald J. Bourassa, Waterbury.

1980 — Thomas M. Little, New Canaan.

1981 — Matthew Coulombe, New Britain.

1982 — Peter L. Thaus, Bridgeport.

1983 — Strazdins.

1984 — John D. Pires, Middletown.

1985 — Eric J. Godin, Farmington.

1986-87 — Scott M. Gunderman, Wallingford.

### ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY

The NBCC, an affiliate of the USCF, will hold its annual meeting to elect 1988-89 officers and discuss general club business Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. A speed tournament will be held after the meeting.

### WEEKEND STATE TOURNEY

The 1988 Connecticut state open chess championship is under way today and tomorrow in Hartford.

The USCF event, a four-round Swiss system with time limit of 30 moves in 90 minutes, is at the Travelers Insurance Co., 50 Prospect St., Hartford. It is in three sections: Open (open to all); classic (under 2,000 USCF rating points) and amateur (under 1,600).

Prizes include \$1,700 in cash, with \$320 and a trophy going to the champion. Connecticut State Chess Assn. President Rob Roy of Waterbury is director.

The speed chess championship (five-minute games) were this afternoon.

Strazdins, state speed chess champion from 1976-79, directed this event. The Connecticut State Chess Assn. annual meeting will be held tomorrow at 9 a.m. Many NBCC members are playing in the tournaments.

## ARKADIJS STRAZDINS

The main reason for the longevity and success of the New Britain Chess Club is Arkadijs Strazdins. He has done everything necessary to keep the club strong over that time, from greeting potential new members and setting them up with opponents, to cleaning up afterwards. He also manages to get in a few games of chess and a few beers each Tuesday night. In recent years the job of running the club has been shared with Duncan May, and Strazdins' tournament results have slipped a bit, but he has remained the hub of the New Britain club, and always will.

I would like to present a 'quartet' of Strazdins games from the past few years. His approach, especially to the opening, is quite unique. He seems to ignore development and dare his opponent to attack. His favorite defense, the Latvian Gambit, is scorned by chess theory, but Strazdins shows how precisely White must play to defeat it. The first two games seem to be a mirror image of Morphy's masterpieces. In these, the attacker sacrifices everything, but surprise, surprise, there is no mate. Strazdins willingly returns much of the material to develop his pieces and gain the win.

*John A. Baclawski vs. Arkadijs Strazdins*  
1988 New Britain City Qualifying Tournament  
Latvian Gambit  
Notes by Rick Bauer

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 f5 3 Bc4 fxe4 4 Nxe5 Qg5 5 d4 Qxg2 6 Qh5+ g6 7 Bf7+ Kd8 8 Bxg6 Qxh1+ 9 Ke2 c6 10 Nc3 Qg2!!

It's all in ECO up until this point, where Black got the worse of it after 10 ... Nf6 11 Qh4! Be7 12 Bg5 Qxa1 13 Bxf6 Bxf6 14 Qxf6+ Kc7 15 Nc4!, and 10 ... Kc7 11 Bf4! hxg6 (11 ... Qxa1 12 Nxd7! Kxd7 13 Qf5+ +-) 12 Qg5 Be7 13 Nxc6+ d6 14 Bxd6+ Kd7 15 Ne5+, and 10 ... e3 11 Bxe3! Qxa1 12 Qg5+ Kc7 13 Nf7 b5 14 Qd8+ Kb7 15 Ne4 Nf6 16 Qa5 +-. Black's move here prevents the queen check on g5, as well as any discoveries against Black's queen on h1. But there is a tactical problem.

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White can trap Black's queen with 11 Bg5! Be7 12 Bxe4 Qxg5 13 Nf7+. Instead, the queen is allowed to retreat, and Black is soon winning.

11 Bxe4? Qg7 12 Nf7+ Kc7 13 Qe5+ d6 14 Qxg7 Bxg7 15 Bf4 Bf8?

This is overly generous. Black should simply play 15 ... Be6 16 Nxd6 Kd7 with an easy win.

16 Rg1 Be6! 17 Nxh8 Nf6 18 Bf3 Nbd7 19 d5! cxd5! 20 Nb5+ Kb6 21 Nd4 Re8 22 Kd1 Ne5 23 Be2 a6 24 Be3 Kc7 25 Bf4 Bd7 26 Be3 Nc4 27 Bc1 Ne4 28 Nf7? Nxf2+ 29 Ke1 Ne4 30 b3 Ne5 31 Ng5 h6 32 Nxe4 dxe4 33 Rg8 d5 34 a4? Bb4+ 35 Kf1 Rxb8 0-1

*Lawrence T. O'Neill vs. Arkadijs Strazdins*  
1988 New Britain City Qualifying Tournament  
Latvian Gambit  
Notes by Rick Bauer

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 f5 3 Bc4 fxe4 4 Nxe5 Qg5 5 Bf7+? (5 Qh5+) Ke7! 6 d4 Qxg2 7 Qh4? (7 Rf1) Qxh1+ 8 Ke2 Qxc1

An amazing opening. Black has won a rook, bishop and pawn by move eight without moving any pieces except his king and queen! White seems to be trying to follow the line shown in the previous game, but in lines that sacrifice heavy material, move order is critical! Now Black need only stop mate to escape with a win.

9 Nc3! Qxc2+!

Too greedy would be 9 ... Qxa1? 10 Nd5+ Kd8 (10 ... Kd6 11 Nc4+ Kc6 12 Nb4+! Bxb4 13 Qd5 mate) 11 Bxg8 when the Black king is in trouble.

10 Kf1 Nf6 11 Qg5 c6! 12 Bb3 Qxb2 13 Rc1 Qa3!

Black avoids the loss of his queen after 13 ... d6 14 Nc4, but even that

would win for Black after 14 ... Bh3+ 15 Kg1 Qxc1+ 16 Qxc1 Nbd7.

14 Nf7 d6 15 Nxh8 Bh3+ 16 Kg1 Nbd7 17 Re1 d5 18 Nxe4 Kd8?! (18 ... dxe4 19 Rxe4+ Kd8 20 Nf7+ Kc7 -) 19 Nf7+ Kc8 20 Nc3 Bb4! 21 Re8+ Kc7 22 Qg3+ (22 Qf4+ Kb6 23 Na4+ Qxa4! 24 Bxa4 Rxe8 -) Kb6 23 Na4+ Ka6 24 Qd3+ b5! 0-1

Strazdins gives the following concluding analysis: A) 25 Rxa8 Kb7! 26 Rh8 bxa4 27 Qxh3 axb3 28 axb3 Qa1+ 29 Kg2 Qxd4 -+ B) 25 Re2 Qc1+ 26 Bd1 Bg4 27 f3 Bxf3! 28 Qxf3 Qxd1+ 29 Kg2 bxa4 -+ C) 25 Re3 Qc1+ 26 Bd1 Bg4 27 f3 Bd2! -+.

*Frank Camaratta vs. Arkadijs Strazdins*  
Connecticut Team League Match  
March 16, 1984  
Caro-Kann Defense

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 h6 4 h4 e6 5 e5 b5 6 Bd3 a5 7 Nce2 Ne7 8 h5 Nd7 9 Nf4 Nb6 10 Qg4 Nf5 11 c3 Bd7 12 Nge2 Qc7 13 Ng3 Ne7 14 Qe2 O-O-O 15 O-O Kb7 16 b3 Nec8 17 a4 bxa4 18 c4! c5! 19 cxd5 exd5 20 dxc5 Bxc5 21 bxa4 Rhe8 22 Bb2 d4! 23 Be4+ Bc6 24 Nd3 Bf8 25 Rfc1 Na7 26 Nf5 Qd7 27 Nxd4 Bxe4 28 Qxe4 Qd5! 29 Qf4 Be7 30 Qg4 Bf8 31 Rab1 Rc8 32 Qf3 Red8 33 Rxc8 Qxf3 34 Nxf3 Naxc8 35 Nf4 Nxa4 36 Bd4+ Ncb6 37 e6 f6 38 Ng6 Bb4! 39 e7 Re8 40 Ra1 Nc3 41 Kf1 Ncd5 42 Nfh4 Nxe7 43 Nf4 Nc6 44 Bxb6 Kxb6 45 Nf5 Rg8 46 Ne6 g6 47 hxg6 Rxb6 48 Ke2 Rg8! 49 Kd3? Rxb2 50 Nxh6 Rxf2 51 Ng4 Ne5+! 52 Nxe5 fxe5 53 Ng5 Kb5 54 Ne4 Rf3+ 55 Ke2 Rh3 56 Rf1 a4! 57 Rf5 a3 58 Rxe5+ Ka4 59 Nc5+ Bxc5 60 Rxc5 a7 61 Rc8 Ra3 62 Ra8+ Kb4 63 Rb8+ Kc5 64 Rc8+ Kd6 65 Rd8+ Ke7 66 Rd1 a1 Q-O-1

"Whether this game deserved a brilliancy prize or not, one thing is inarguable. There was plenty of perspiration and inspiration involved from both expert players. This game is characteristic of my style," said Strazdins of this last game.

*Arkadijs Strazdins vs. Anthony A. Miller*  
Connecticut Team League Match  
February 28, 1984  
English Opening

1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 d4 exd4 5 Nxd4 Bb4 6 Bg5 h6 7 Nxc6 Bxc3+ 8 bxc3 bxc6 9 Bh4 c5 10 f3 d6 11 e4 g5 12 Bf2 Nd7 13 h4 f6 14 Rb1 Ne5 15 Be3 Be6 16 hxg5 fxg5 17 Be2 Qf6 18 Bd2 O-O 19 Qa4 Rab8 20 Rb3 Qg7 21 O-O Rxb3 22 axb3 Rb8 23 Rb1 c6 24 Qa2 Qb7 25 Qa4 Qb6 26 Be3 Rb7 27 g3 Rf7 28 Kg2 Qd8 29 Rf1 Qc8 30 Rh1 Qf8 31 Rf1 d5? 32 cxd5 cxd5 33 f4! Bg4 34 Qa2 gxf4 35 Bxf4 Bxe2 36 Qxe2 Ng6 37 Qg4! Kh7 38 exd5 Qg7 39 Bxf6! 1-0

## CONNECTICUT CLUB NEWS

MINUTES OF THE NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB 1988

The meeting was opened at 10:10 p.m., July 26, 1988, by Arkadijs Strazdins. The secretary's report was read by Duncan May.

Elections were held with the following results:

President Arkadijs Strazdins, unanimous (19th term)

Vice President

Nominees: Stanley Archaki, 2

\*Duncan May, 10 (1st term)

Secreatry Robert Milardo, elected (9th term)

Treasurer Andris Strazdins, unanimous (16th term)

Publicity Director position eliminated

Team Captains Duncan May, unanimous (12th term)

Richard Zantow, unanimous (1st term)

Tournament Directors Arkadijs Strazdins, USCF accredited

Duncan May, USCF accredited

Treasurer's Report, read by Andris Strazdins, summarized as follows:

Prior Balance and Income	\$1,922.90
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Expenses: Rent	\$650.00
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Other	<u>271.00</u>
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Total Expenses	<u>921.00</u>
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Balance	\$1,001.00
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The following new dues schedule was passed unanimously:

Club dues: \$20.00, regular

12.00, juniors, students,

Viet Nam vets, senior citizens

The following motion by Brian Bambrough was passed 6 to 5, effective for the next four speed chess tournaments:

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In speed chess tournaments two games per round be played unless either of the players wants to play only one game. If only one game is played, then the players choose for color and double the result is entered on the score sheet.

Arkadijs mentioned two long-time players for special notice, Donald McNamara and Basil Greenough.

Discussion focussed on poor showing at the Summer Open. Eric Godin suggested cash prizes. Duncan May suggested advertizing two months rather than one in Chess Life. The topic will be discussed further.

Arkadijs Strazdins observed that we should support our chess masters when they give simultaneous exhibitions.

Andris Strazdins informed us that the Quartette Club is having a cleaning service on Wednesdays, and we must put tables away on Tuesday evenings.

Thee meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Milardo*  
Robert Milardo, Secretary

from notes by Duncan May

## National chess master to give simultaneous exhibition in NB

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) and the Quartette Club will sponsor a simultaneous exhibition by national chess master Kerry J. Leahy Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St.

Leahy, 32, currently with 2,274 U.S. Chess Federation rating points, is the third highest rated NBCC member. He will play against all comers. Players may choose either white or black pieces. Entry fee is \$4 for senior players; \$3 for students and senior citizens (\$1 less for NBCC members).

Anyone who would like to play against Leahy and who is not an NBCC member should bring a chess set and board, if available. Late entries will be accepted Tuesday night by Arkadijs Strazdins, club president, from 7 to 7:25. Spectators are welcome free.

### STATE OPEN

The 1988 Connecticut state open chess championship played recently at the Travelers Insurance home office in Hartford, was won by Donald Cole of New York City on a tie-break over Richard N. Bauer of Farmington. Third was Martin Garcia of the Feeding Hills section of Agawam, Mass. All scored 3½-½. However, Bauer is the Connecticut champion. The title and accompanying trophy is reserved for a resident of Connecticut. Bauer, an NBCC member won the state championship in 1983 and 1984.

Twenty seven played in the open section. The "classic" section (under 2,000 points) with 25 players was won by Wesley Green of Canton, 4-0.

The "amateur" section (under 1,600) with 25 players, was won by NBCC member Owen P. Walsh of New Britain, 4-0. Another club member Philip Goulis of Portland tied for second with two other players, each with 3-1.

The event's biggest upset was when Matthew E. Goldman, 12, of White Plains, N.Y., playing among the top ranked competitors, defeated in the third round last year's cham-

pion, National Master Kevin Plesset of Wallingford. Goldman won three of four games.

The NBCC described the total of 67 players in the state championship as "very disappointing" as it was expected that at least 120-130 players would participate.

Connecticut State Chess Assn. President Rob Roy of Waterbury directed.

### 'BLITZ' TOURNEY

The 1988 Connecticut state "blitz" chess championship (five-minute games) was cancelled due to conflict with the second round of the regular tournament.

The tournament has been rescheduled for Aug. 23, and will be played at the Quartette Club, at 7:30 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the Connecticut State Chess Assn and NBCC.

Strazdins, four-time state speed chess champion, will direct.

The NBCC meets every Tuesday night at 7 at the Quartette Club, sponsor of the chess club.

## NB Chess Club members take top 3 spots in state 'blitz' tourney

NEW BRITAIN — Three New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) members took the first three places in the 1988 Connecticut state "blitz" championship, (five-minute games) played at the Quartette Club, Aug. 23. Each participant played 26 games.

Mihaly Szlovak of Hartford won first prize with a score of 23½-2½, losing to Richard N. Bauer of Farmington, this year's regular chess champion, and Christopher Dearing of Windsor Locks, and drawing one game with defending champion Roger D. Pahl of West Haven.

Second place honors went to Dearing, with 20½-5½. Third was Kerry J. Leahy of Naugatuck, with 19½-6½. The last time the state chess speed championship was held in New Britain was in 1979. The event was sponsored by the Connecticut State Chess Association and the NBCC, and was directed by Arkadijs Strazdins.

### OTHER NEWS

The NBCC will host its first "blitz" tournaments for the 1988-89 season tonight and next Tuesday at the Quartette Club. Play starts at 7:30, and is limited to the first 25 players who register. Duncan W. May will direct.

The first regular chess tournament for the 1988-89 season will be the 1989 New Britain city chess championship — qualification, a U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated single nine-round-robin tournament.

It is co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and the NBCC, and will be held at the Quartette Club each Tuesday, one game per night in September, October and November.

The first round will start Sept. 20, the final round on Nov. 15. The time limit is 40 moves in 90 minutes. The second time limit is 30 minutes sudden death per player if needed. Competitors will be divided into three or more sections, with 10 players in each section. From each section, the first three will play in the finals for the 39th annual city championship in January, February and March.

For players not qualifying for the championship, there will be a five-round Swiss system open reserve tournament, played concurrently with the finals. The tourney is open to chess players in New Britain and NBCC members regardless of where they live.

Trophies and other prizes will be awarded to top scorers in the finals and reserve tournaments only. USCF membership is required which may be obtained during registration. USCF membership dues are \$25, but effective Jan. 1, will be \$30 per year for regular members.

More information and registration can be secured from May or Strazdins, USCF accredited tournament directors, Tuesday nights at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., New Britain.

## Chess player is 17-4-4 in NB exhibition

NEW BRITAIN — Former New York Chess Master Kerry J. Leahy, 32, now living in Naugatuck, gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., last week.

Twenty five central Connecticut area chess players participated in the exhibition. It took Leahy about 4½ hours to finish all games, compiling a 17-4-4 record.

He lost to David P. Blanzaco of Wethersfield, Peter Carley of West Hartford, Randy Greenough of Windsor and Joseph C. Mansigian of New Britain.

He drew to Walter Kasmer of Hartford, Richard Lee of Rocky Hill, Peter Galazan and Arkadijs Strazdins of New Britain.

The exhibition was sponsored by the Quartette Club and New Britain Chess Club.

### TOURNAMENT

The 48th 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 (USCF) and World Chess Federation rated event, will

be played Sept. 3-5, at the Conference Center, Waterville Valley Resort, Route 49, Waterville Valley, N.H., in eight sections:

Championship, open to anyone; expert, open to under 2,225 USCF rating points; premier, under 2,050; classic, under 1,925; reserve, under 1,800; amateur, under 1,675; booster, under 1,550; novice, under 1,400.

Registration will be at the site the first day of the event from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Round one will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Players must be a current USCF and a home state association member. More than \$4,500 in cash plus trophies to winners of all sections will be awarded, with \$1,000 going to the champion.

This tournament has been the largest Labor Day weekend tournament in the United States the past two years, according to Strazdins.

Stephen Dann of Worcester, Mass., will be chief tournament director. More information can be had at the Quartette Club next Tuesday night from Strazdins, New Britain Chess Club president.

CHESS MATCH

NEW BRITAIN C. C. (CONN.) VS CANDLEWOOD C. C. (CONN.)

Played by 12 boards - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1988 - at  
the Candlewood C. C., Brookfield, Conn.

TEAM CAPTAINS:

DUNCAN W. MAY.

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JOSEPH M. HODDY.

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ARKADIJS STRAZDINS, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.  
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NEW BRITAIN TEAM				SCORE	CANDLEWOOD TEAM			
1. SZLOVAK Mihaly	2130	12478724	1 - 0	TUCKER Everest Jr.	2146	10127394		
2. CASELLA Michael	2084	12440626	0 - 1	MUCCIOLI Stephen	2068	10091756	N	
3. STRAZDINS Arkadijs	2078	10031494	1 - 0	PRUMAN Samuel	1970	10041007		
4. MANSIGIAN Joseph C.	1985	10031621	1 - 0	PETRUSCHOW Anatol	1966	10037247		
5. BACLAWSKI John A.	1976	10031559	½ - ½	VOJVODIC Milan	1920	12462217	N	
6. FRAZIER Wesley B.	1966	12504183	1 - 0	RAGSDALE James S.	1893	10041031		
7. MAY Duncan W.	1941	10031770	1 - 0	HALL Henry	1867	12482808		
8. O'NEILL Lawrence T.	1789	12084640	½ - ½	SIMMONS Robert A.	1790	10104424		
9. WALSH Owen P.	1652	12513892	0 - 1	SCRIMGEOUR James S.	1501	12498573		
10. WALSH Christopher	1471	12423270	0 - 1	ROBINSON Leonard	1573	11410294		
11. CORR Robert H.	1414	12426683	1 - 0	GVIGVI Armand	UNR	12518457		
12. WILLIS Marvin P.	UNR.	12520618	1 - 0	CASSIDY John	UNR	NO MEMBER		
TOTAL SCORE				8 - 4				

CASSIDY John PAID TOURNAMENT MEMBERSHIP FEE \$1:00

RATING FEE	\$3:00	
PRINTOUT FEE	\$2:00	
	\$1:00	
TOTAL		\$6:00

Thanks to all New Britain Chess Club members who in their busy lives took time out and played in the match. Also, thanks to Mr. Hoddy who challenged us and it was a pleasure to play at the Candlewood Chess Club. Mr. Hoddy promised to come to New Britain in a rematch - perhaps with a 10 - 14 man team, Tuesday, December 13, 1988.

Arkadijs Strazdins,  
President NBCC.

# New Britain wins team competition

## CHESS

By Rob Roy

The New Britain Chess Club defeated the Brookfield Chess Club in a 12-board team competition held recently at the Candlewood Firehouse. The final score was 8-4 in favor of the New Britain team.

Winning their games for New Britain were Mihaly Szlovak, Arkadijs Strazdins, Joseph Mansigian, Wesley Frazier, Duncan May, Robert Corr and Marvin Willis. Winning for Brookfield were Stephen Muccioli, James Scrimgeour, and Leonard Robinson. Two games ended in a draw.

Brookfield will play a return match in New Britain on Dec. 13.

### SPEED-CHESS WINNERS

Nineteen speed-chess tournaments were held in New Britain during the 1987-88 season and Kerry Leahy of Naugatuck won first place in five of them and tied for first in one.

State speed-chess champion Mihaly Szlovak won first place in five tournaments. Rick Bauer of Farmington won first place in three events along with Christopher Dearing. Michael Casella won two, and tied for first in one. Stephen Orio won one, and Arkadijs Strazdins tied for first in one. Kerry Leahy had the best score for any one event; he finished the Aug. 9 tournament with a 21-1 score.

MARK TWAIN GAME

Waterbury Sunday Republican, November 13, 1988

Waterbury Sunday Republican, August 28, 1988

## City chess champ wins open

By ROB ROY

Eric Godin, Waterbury's chess champion, won first place and the \$200 first prize in the 1988 Columbia Open with a perfect 3-0 score. Godin defeated chessmaster Jim Bolton of New Haven in the final round.

State champion Rich Bauer of Farmington was among the 12 players in the competition, but a second-round draw with chess expert Everest Tucker of Brookfield prevented his chances for placing first.

### SIMULTANEOUS PLAY

Chessmaster Kerry Leahy of Naugatuck played 25 chessplayers simultaneously at the New Britain Chess Club. He defeated 17, drew four and lost to four.

Winning against Leahy were: David Blanzaco of Wethersfield, Peter Carley of West Hartford, Randy Greenough of Windsor and Joe Mansigian of New Britain.

Drawing their game were: Walter Kasmer of New Hampshire, Richard

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Lee of Rocky Hill, Peter Galazan and Arkadijs Strazdins, both of New Britain. Leahy allowed players to have the advantage of the white pieces. It took four and one-half hours to finish all the games.

### STRAZDINS GAME

Arkadijs Strazdins vs. Diane Gherge, 1988 World Open. 1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 d6 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. Nh4 Bg6 5. Nxe6 hxg6 6. e4 Nbd7 7. Be3 e5 8. f3 Nh5 9. Bf2 Be7 10. g3 c6 11. Bg2 0-0 12. 0-0 Qc7 13. d5 Nb6 14. a4 a5 15. Qd3 Rac8 16. Bh3 Rb8 17. b3 Rfd8 18. Be3 Nd7 19. Rad1 Nc5 20. Qe2 Na6 21. Qf2 Nc5 22. Rd2 Nf6 23. Qe2 Qb6 24. Rfd1 Ra8 25. Bg2 Qc7 26. h4 Na6 27. Qf2 Nc5 28. Rb1 Rab8 29. Bf1 Qc8 30. Qh2 Qc7 31. Rdd1 Qb6 32. Qf2 Qc7 33. Bc4 Qc8 34. Kg2 Qc7 35. Rh1 Qb6 36. g4 Qb4 37. Bd2 Qb6 38. h5 gxh5 39. g5 Nh7 40. Rxh5 g6 41. Rxh7 Kxh7 42. Qh4 + Kg8 43. Rh1 1-0.

## NB Chess Club tourney tomorrow

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess Club annual Thanksgiving Open "blitz" tournament (five-minute games) will be played tomorrow night at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St. The single round-robin tournament is limited to 25 players. Registration will be from 7 to 7:25 with play starting at 7:30. The event will be directed by Arkadijs Strazdins.

### SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

National senior chess master Richard N. Bauer of Farmington will give a simultaneous exhibition at the Quartette Club Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. He will play against up to 30 players at the same time.

Bauer is the second highest rated chess player in Connecticut and one of the tops in New England. He won the Connecticut State Open Championship in 1983, 1984 and 1988 and is the 1987 and 1988 local club champion. He tied for second in the recent New England Open Championship.

Chess players who would like to compete against Bauer should contact Strazdins from 7 to 7:25 that night. Entry fee is \$4 for senior players and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Players who are not club members should bring their own chess sets and boards.

### CHESS MATCH

The New Britain Chess Club defeated the Candlewood Chess Club 8-4 in a 12-board match held in Brookfield recently. The results on the individual boards with New Britain players first in each case were:

Mihaly Szloval 1-0 Everest Tucker Jr.

Michael Casalla 0-1 Stephen Mucioli

Arkadijs Strazdins 1-0 Samuel Pruman

Joseph C. Mansigian 1-0 Amatol Petruschow

John A. Baclawski 1/2-1/2 Milan Vojvodis

Wesley B. Frazier 1-0 James S. Ragsdale

Duncan W. May 1-0 Henry Hall

Lawrence T. O'Neill 1/2-1/2 Robert A. Simmons

Owen P. Walsh 0-1 James S. Scrimgeour

Christopher R. Walsh 0-1 Leonard Robinson

Robert H. Corr 1-0 Armand Gvigvi

Marvin P. Willis 1-0 John Cassidy  
May was team captain for New Britain. A rematch between the clubs is scheduled Dec. 13.

The New Britain Chess Club meets Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Quartette Club.

## Chess news

NEW BRITAIN — National Senior Chess Master Richard N. Bauer of Farmington gave a simultaneous exhibition Tuesday night at the Quartette Club.

Twenty-six central Connecticut area chess players participated. It took Bauer about five hours to finish all games, winning 17, losing two and drawing seven.

He lost to Walter R. Kasmer of Plainville and Joseph C. Mansigian of New Britain.

He drew to David Aldi of Southington, Peter M. Carley of West Hartford, Robert Milardo of Middletown, Michael L. Sheroff of Farmington, Arkadijs Strazdins, Christopher R. Walsh and Marvin P. Willis, all of New Britain.

The exhibition was co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and New Britain Chess Club.

### TOURNAMENT

The New Britain Chess Club Thanksgiving open speed tournament (five-minute games), played at the Quartette Club Nov. 22, was won by Speed Chess Master Christopher Dearing of Windsor Locks with a score of 16 1/2-1 1/2. Current Connecticut "blitz" champion Mihaly Szlovak was second with 16-2.

The chess rematch between New Britain and Springfield, Mass. will take place at the Quartette Club Tuesday at 8 p.m. It is expected to be a 20 or more board match.

Springfield's leading players are National Chess Masters David M. Lees, William Pryor and Martin Garcia. Top boards for New Britain will be represented by Connecticut's only Senior Chess Master, Richard N. Bauer, and Masters Eric J. Godin, Steve Hobart and James M. Bolton.

State top junior player Michael Casell, 18, whose current U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) expert rating is 2,113 pints, and other top New Britain Chess Club expert players will also play.

The match will be rated by the USCF and is co-sponsored by the Quartette Club and New Britain Chess Club, an affiliate of the USCF.

So far, New Britain has played Springfield nine times since 1984, New Britain winning five matches, losing two and drawing two.

Team captains are Duncan W. May and Richard F. Zantow for New Britain, Charles Laamanen and Lees for Springfield. Spectators are welcome free of charge.

## NB Chess Club beats Springfield

NEW BRITAIN — The New Britain Chess club defeated the Springfield, Mass. Chess Club, 11-4, last Tuesday at the Quartette Club.

The match was scheduled with 20 players from each club. However, five Springfield members were unable to play.

Results on the individual boards with New Britain players first in each case were:

1. Richard N. Bauer, 1-0, Martin Garcia.

2. Eric J. Godin, 0-1, William M. Fryer.

3. Steve Hobart, 0-1, Robert J. Campbell.

4. James M. Bolton, 1-0, Nicholas Tavarrese.

5. Brian Bambrough, 0-1, Charles Laamanen.

6. Michael Casella, 1-0, Alexander Brancik.

7. Arkadijs Strazdins, 1-0, Stephen M. Sunter.

8. John R. Fryer, 1-0, Richard J. Burns.

9. Derek Meredith, 1-0, Andre St. Louis.

10. Douglas E. Fiske, 1-0, Alan V. Vaczka.

11. Neal Felsinger, 1-0, Payman Borhan.

12. Robert Milardo, 1-0, David J. Host.

13. Joseph C. Mansigian, 1-0, Mark Chamberland.

14. Michael L. Sheroff, 1-0, Tom Corbett.

15. John A. Baclawski, 0-1, Tim Newman.

The match will be rated by the U.S. Chess Federation. May was team captain for New Britain and Laamanen for Springfield.

The next match between the two clubs will be June 6, 1989, in Springfield. So far, New Britain has played Springfield nine times since 1984. New Britain winning five matches, losing two and drawing two.

### CHESS MATCH TOMORROW

A chess rematch between New Britain and the Candlewood Chess Club of Brookfield will be held at the Quartette Club tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Team captains are Richard F. Zantow for New Britain and Joseph M. Huddy for Brookfield. Spectators are welcome free of charge.



## CHESS MATCH

NEW BRITAIN C. C. - CONNECTICUT VS. SPRINGFIELD C. C. - MASSACHUSETTS  
PLAYED BY 15 BOARDS - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 1988 - AT THE NEW BRITAIN C.C.,  
NEW BRITAIN, CONN.

### TEAM CAPTAINS:

DUNCAN W. MAY

CHARLES LAAMANEN

ARKADIJS STRAZDINS - TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

NEW BRITAIN TEAM			SCORE	SPRINGFIELD TEAM		
1. BAUER Richard N.	2388	10583896	1-0	GARCIA Martin	2231	10032474
2. GODIN Eric J.	2269	10030927	0-1	PRYER William M.	2165	10032229
3. HOBART Steve	2268	10379041	0-1	CAMPBELL Robert J.	2136	10002826
4. BOLTON James M.	2207	10038821	1-0	TAVARES Nicholas	2085	10001846
5. BAMBROUGH Brian	2141	10034086	0-1	LAAMANEN Charles	2070	11523595
6. CASELLA Michael	2113	12440626	1-0	BRANCIK Aleksandar	1990	12447888
7. STRAZDINS Arkadijs	2089	10031494	1-0	SUNTER Stephen M.	1895	12439110
8. FRYER John R.	2086	12439430	1-0	BURNS Richard J.	1857	12500894
9. MEREDITH Derek	2084	10031443	1-0	St. LOUIS Andre	1688	11039421
10. FISKE Douglas E.	2058	10027977	1-0	RACZKA Alan V.	1684	10001901
11. FELSINGER Neal	2035	10032610	1-0	BORHAN Payman	1536	12485791
12. MILARDO Robert	2012	10035562	1-0	HOST David J.	1493	12508133
13. MANSIGIAN Joseph C.	1989	10031621	1-0	CHAMBERLAND Mark	1477	12410293
14. SHEROFF Michael L.	1974	11294235	1-0	CORBETT Tom	1444	12417362
15. BACLAWSKI John A.	1963	10031559	0-1	NEWMAN Tim	1394	12503102

TOTAL SCORE 11-4

NEW BRITAIN CHESS CLUB PLAYERS PLAYED MATCH DURING THE NEW BRITAIN VS. SPRINGFIELD CHESS CLUB MATCH.

1. ALDI David	1896	10037905	1-0	DWORSKI William V.	1794	10033187
2. GOULIS Philip	1653	12465224	0-1	CARLEY Peter M.	1493	12397931
3. GREENOUGH Randy	1530	12504184	1-0	WILLIS Marvin P.	UNR	12520618

RATING FEE FOR 36 PLAYERS \$4:50

PRINTOUT FEE 2:00

TOTAL \$6:50

## New Britain Chess Club news

**NEW BRITAIN** — The scheduled chess match between the New Britain Chess Club (NBCC) and the Candlewood Chess Club of Brookfield last Tuesday night at the Quartette Club was postponed because of the snowstorm and has been rescheduled for April 4, 1989.

### SPEED TOURNAMENT

The NBCC will host the last chess tournament of the year, its annual Christmas open speed tournament (five-minute games) Tuesday night at the Quartette Club.

The tournament is limited to the first 20 players with assignments on a first sign-up, first play basis. Registration will be from 7 to 7:25 with play starting at 7:30.

The event will be directed by Arkadijs Strazdins, NBCC president. The NBCC will be closed for the holiday season Dec. 27, reopening Jan. 3, with the annual New Year's open speed tournament.

The NBCC meets Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Quartette Club, 225 Wooster St., New Britain.

### 19 TOURNAMENTS HELD

The NBCC staged 19 speed tournaments at the Quartette Club during the 1987-88 season.

Forty-six players participated in one or more tournaments. Speed chess master Kerry J. Leahy won first place in five of them, and tied for first in one.

This year's Connecticut speed chess champion, Mihaly Szlovak, won five tournaments; Richard N. Bauer and Christopher Dearing, three each; Michael Casella, the state's top student player, winning two and tying for first in one; Stephen Orio winning one, and Strazdins, tying for first in one.

The best result for the season was achieved by Leahy, who won the single-round-robin tournament No. 539 on Aug. 9, by a score of 21-1.

The tournaments were co-sponsored by the NBCC and the Quartette Club and directed by Duncan W. May and Strazdins.

The NBCC is the only chess club in Connecticut with regularly held speed tournaments for the past 35 years and played 541 tournaments in that time.

The following list is that of 44 speed chess masters who, over the years, have won a speed tournament at least once. Life speed chess master Strazdins leads all contestants, having played in 520 tournaments and winning 349½. Other players and wins follow:

Robert Milardo, 30.  
Anthony A. Miller, 17.  
Leahy, 14½.  
Zoran Lazetich, 13.  
Eric J. Godin, 10.  
Derek Meredith, eight.  
Richard N. Bauer, Orio, Szlovak and Jonathan M. Hanen, seven each.  
Christopher Dearing and Carl D. Traczynski, six each.

Kurt J. Holyst and Steven H. Strogatz, five each.

John A. Baclawski, Peter A. Kloskowski and Casella, four each.

Neal Felsinger, William Aust, Peter P. Yanchak, James Azzola and Raymond Lamont, three each.

Pierre LeClerc, May, Paul Wooster and Sam Sheynia, two each.

Douglas Grant, Eugene W. Konig, James M. Baker, Dr. John Paardenkoofer, Bruce Grunental, Stephen Varga, John Farwell, Christopher Ferrante, Filippus Frenkel, Dennis Gallagher, Leonard Weeks, Dr. Aaron C. Tannanbaum, Steve Hobart, John R. Fryer, James M. Bolton and Ray Woll, one each.

