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1970 Connecticut Amateur Open Chess Championship

On February 7 and 8, 1970 at Gen. Haller Post, New Britain, Connecticut, 32 players competed in the 1970 Connecticut Amateur Open. Pierre LeClere of Wethersfield won with a perfect 5 - 0 record. Arkadijs Strazdins, New Britain Chess Champion, placed second after tie break points with a score 4-1. The Top Expert was Larry Norderer of Windsor, 1969 State Champion, with a score 3-2. The Top Class A winner was Robert Milardo of Cromwell with a score 4-1. The Top Class B winner was Roger Pahl of New Haven with a score 4-1. The Top Class C winner was Christopher Hall of Bristol, with a score 3½-1½. The Top Class D winner was Daniel Williams, New Britain, with a score 2-3. The Top Unrated was John Rothfield of West Hartford, with a score 2½-2½. Trophies was awarded to the 1st., 2nd. and Class winners.- The Tournament was very excellently directed by Peter Klokowski from the New Britain Chess Club.

The crosstable follows:

Name and Rating		Rd.1		Rd.5	Pts.
1 Norderer, Larry	2082	W17 W10 L6 W11 L4			3
2 Strazdins, Arkadijs	2022	W18 W 9 W 5 W 4 L3			4
3 LeClere, Pierre	1950	W19 W12 W 8 W 6 W2			5
4 Milardo, Robert	1916	W20 W11 W16 L 2 W1			4
5 Maxwell, Daniel	1877	W21 W14 L 2 D12 W13			3½
6 Pahl, Rogers	1767	W22 W13 W 1 L 3 W10			4
7 Klovins, Arvids	1724	W23 L16 W17 D13 L15			2½
8 Tinkham, Robert	1708	W24 D15 L 3 Withdraw			1½
9 Wittgenstein, Paul	1706	W25 L 2 W19 D16 W30			3½
10 Struss, John	1670	W26 L 1 W18 W20 L 6			3
11 Stone, Donald	1635	W27 L 4 W31 L 1 W19			3
12 Carey, Robert	1624	W28 L 3 W22 D 5 D16			3
13 McCready, Ben	1616	W29 L 6 W26 D 7 L 5			2½
14 Ligas, Paul	1603	W30 L 5 L20 W24 W22			3
15 Hall, Christopher	1598	D31 D 8 D30 W23 W 7			3½
16 Terry, Eleanor	1585	W32 W 7 L 4 D 9 D12			3
17 Townsend, Ricky	1539	L 1 W28 L 7 W32 L20			2
18 Grayb, Mathew	1529	L 2 W25 L10 W26 L31			2
19 Bartsch, Thomas	1513	L 3 W32 L 9 W25 L11			2
20 Strazdins, Andris, R.	1477	L 4 W27 W14 L10 W17			3
21 Paszkowski, Frank	1450	L 5 Withdraw			0
22 O'Brien, William Jr.	1427	L 6 W29 L12 W27 L14			2
23 Siegrist, Steven	1405	L 7 L30 W28 L15 bye			2
24 Archacki, Stanley	1385	L 8 L31 W29 L14 Withdraw			1
25 Valauskas, Edmund	1345	L 9 L18 Bye L19 L26			1
26 Williams, Daniel	1168	L10 Bye L13 L18 W25			2
27 Duffy, Williams	unr.	L11 L20 L32 L22 L28			0
28 Farrell, Kenneth	unr.	L12 L17 L23 L29 W27			1
29 Hall, William	unr.	L13 L22 L24 W28 W32			2
30 Rothfield, John	unr.	L14 W23 D15 W31 L 9			2½
31 Heslin, Donald	unr.	D15 W24 L11 L30 W18			2½
32 Strazdins, Edgars, J.	unr.	L16 L19 W27 L17 L29			1

Wethersfield Man Wins Chess Title

Pierre LeClere of Wethersfield won the 1970 Connecticut Amateur Open, five round Swiss system chess championship, U. S. Chess Federation Rated, at Gen. Haller Post over the weekend. His score was 5-0.

Arkadijs Strazdins, New Britain chess champion, placed second after tie break points with a score of 4-1.

The top expert was Larry Norderer of Windsor, 1969 state champion, with a score of 3-2. The top class A winner was Robert Milardo of Cromwell, 4-1.

Winners of other classes were: Top Class C, Roger Pahl of New Haven, 4-1; Class D, Daniel Williams, a student at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 2-3; top unrated, John Rothfield of West Hartford, 2½-2½; from college, Andris R. Strazdins, University of Connecticut, Hartford branch, 3-2; top senior high school, Paul Ligas, New Britain High School, 3-2 and top junior high school, Robert Carey of Storrs, 3-2.

Trophies Awarded

Trophies were awarded to the first, second and class winners, and special awards to top student players.

Sponsors of the tournament were the Connecticut State Chess Assn., Gen. Haller Post and the New Britain Chess Club, hosts to the 32 players who competed.

The New Britain Club will play matches against the Wesleyan University team at Gen. Haller Post Feb. 18 and against the Meriden, Huntington Club of Shelton, and New London, in March and April.



Goldstein

'Ah, Ha!'

Ricky

Ricky Townsend, 10, of Wethersfield, seems quite self-assured as he moves in a chess game at the Connecticut Amateur Open Chess Championship Saturday in New Britain. Later in the tourney Ricky was defeated in a stiff contest by Larry Norderer of Windsor, defending state title-

holder. The tournament was held at the General Haller Post, Polish World War Veterans. Late Sunday night the tournament was still continuing with trophies to be awarded in several classes (Beck Photo).

Mr. Goldstein and Ricky Townsend

The Hartford Courant, Monday, February 9, 1970

Monday, February 18, 1970 at Wesleyan University 9:00 AM.
Time Limit - 45 moves - 1 Hr

<u>New Britain</u>		<u>Wesleyan University Chess Club</u>	
1. George Strazdins	1/2	Robert Milorin	1/2
2. Peter K. Karowski	0	Walter Trice	1
3. Robert W. Lane	1	Jim Mathews	0
4. Paul Lige	0	Jim Boxer	1
5. Richard Szwedczak	0	Walter Zdrok	1
6. Irene Pasowski	0	Jon Addelson	1
7. Donald Heslin	0	Steve Niesman	1
8. Donald Soucy	0	Jon Meyer	1
9. William Thomson	0	Dave Conter	1
10. Stanley Linderstein	1	Maurice Hakim	0
William Duffy	1	Mike Long	0
3 1/2		7 1/2	

NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

JANUARY - APRIL - 1970

U.S. Chess Federation Player		U.S.C.F. RATING		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TOTAL POINTS
STRAZDINS	Arkadijs	1	2022	1 1/2	00	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	25 1/2
MILARDO	Robert	2	1916	0 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	24
LAKE	Robert, W.	3	1875	0000	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	19 1/2
KLOSOWSKI	Peter	4	1751	0000	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	22
LIGAS	Paul	5	1603	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	12
OSZCZAK	Richard	6	1503	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	16
PASKOWSKI	Frank	7	1450	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	11 1/2
ARCHACKI	Stanley, J.	8	1385	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	13
VALAUSKAS	Edmund	9	1345	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	9 1/2
SOUCY	Donald	10	1316	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	10
SANDBERG	Douglas	11	1300	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	3
STRAZDINS	Edgars, J.	12	1350	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	4 1/2
HESLIN	Donald	13	1350	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	6 1/2
HALL	William	14	1350	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	6 1/2

Time Limit:
50 moves/2 hrs.
Played at Gen. Miller Hall.
New Britain, Conn.

Circles if won or lost without play.

Tournament Director: Edmund Valauskas.

President: Roman M. Kolodziej.

— 1970 —

The New Britain, 5th Annual Summer Open,
5 Round Swiss, 50 moves two hours, Chess
Tournament, played July 11 and 12, 1970 at
Gen. Heller Post, was won by:

William Edwards from Waterbury, Conn.
with a perfect score 5-0.

Alexandri Strazdins, second after tie-break 4-1 (11)

Top Class A was Peter Kloskowski 4-1 (9½)

" " B " Daniel Lechowicz 4-1 (7½)

" " C " Daniel Williams 2½-2½

" " D " Stanley J. Archetti 3-2

" " E " James Cowling 3-2

" " UNRATED William Thomson 2-3

The Top Junior under 16 was John Rothfield
from West Hartford. Trophies was awarded
to the 1st, 2nd. and all class winners.

Strazdins was awarded special prize for the
most brilliantly played game in the Tournament
against Jack Boardman from Stamford, Conn.
in the very difficult Latvian gambit.

Tournament directors; Peter Kloskowski and
Alexandri Strazdins, Sponsors: Gen. Heller Post and
the New Britain Chess Club, - 24 players
competed in the Tournament.



OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET

Brilliance Prize

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

479 BROADWAY

NEWBURGH, N. Y. 12550

EVENT

Annual 5th New Britain Summer Open

DATE

July 11, 1970

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BOARD

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OPENING

Latvian Gambit

WHITE

Jack Boardman

BLACK

Arundis Strazins

1. *P-K4* *P-K4*
2. *N-KB3* *P-KB4*
3. *B-B4* *PxP*
4. *NxP* *Q-N4*
5. *P-Q4* *QxP*
6. *Q-R5ch* *P-N3*
7. *B-B7ch* *K-Q1*
8. *B-N5ch* *B-K2*
9. *BxP* *QxRch*
10. *K-K2* *P-B3*
11. *N-B3* *QxR*
12. *BxBch* *KxB*
13. *B-B5* *Q-QB8!!*
14. *Q-B7ch* *K-Q1*
15. *Q-B8ch* *K-B2*
16. *NxP4* *QxPch*
17. *N-Q2* *N-KR3!!*
18. *QxR* *NxB*
19. *N-B7!* *P-N4!*
20. *Q-Q8ch* *K-N2*
21. *Q-B6* *P-Q4*
22. *N-Q8ch* *K-N3*
23. *Q-R8* *P-N5!*
24. *P-QR3* *B-R2ch*
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CIRCLE CORRECT RESULT

WHITE WON

DRAW

BLACK WON

30 Annual New England Open Championships, played
 Sept. 5-6-7, 1970 Town Hall in Midland Hall,
 Warwick, R.I. 153 entrys. Crown 1800 + up
 Arkadijs Strazdins +3 - 2 and 1 Ad.

Pierre LeClerc $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ Banner 1799 and lower
 Andris R. Strazdins $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$, Valauskas 2-4
 and William Thomson 0-4

Strazdins play Round 1 grandmaster Robert Byrne
 on lost on time - 40 moves, -

Chess match.

New Britain Wesleyan University

Played Tuesday, October 27, 1970

at Wesleyan University - Middletown, Ct.

1	Arkadijs Strazdins	0	Robert Milarden	1
2	Peter Kloxanowski	1	James Baker	0
3	Robert W. Lane	1	Walter Zdrox	0
4	Arvids Klavins	$\frac{1}{2}$	John Meyer	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	Daniel Lechewicz	1	Alton Kroemer	0
6	Stanley J. Archetti	0	Steve Wiessman	1
7	Paul Ligas	1	Richard Kronie	0
8	Edmund Valauskas	0	Howard Cruyster	1
9	William Thomson	0	Thomas Wu	1
10	Donald Heslin	1	Edmund Custer	0
<u>Captain!</u>		$5\frac{1}{2}$	<u>Captains</u>	$4\frac{1}{2}$

1970 - 1971

The meeting was called to order Wednesday September 16, 1970 at 8:30 P.M. by New Britain Chess Club President Roman M. Koleszaj. Elections of officers was held with the following results for the 1970-1971 season:

President:	Mr. Strazdins	by acclamation
Vice President:	Mr. Thomson	" "
Secretary - Treasurer:	Mr. Archacki	" "
Tournament Director:	Mr. Strazdins Klostowski	" "
Team Captain:	Mr. Strazdins	" "
Stand up:	Mr. Hestlin	" "

Andris Strazdins

New Business.

- * It was decided to hold a double round robin city championship tournament to begin in the fall.
- * A committee would be formed to organize the Jan Cendrowski Memorial Tournament.
- * The 6th New Britain Summer Open would be held in June.

- * If there is a request the Connecticut Chess Open will be held in New Britain.
- * The club decided to plan to play the following teams in team play:

1. Huntington Chess Club
2. C.C.S.C. "
3. UCONN Chess Club
4. Wesleyan "
5. New Haven Chess Club
6. New London "

- * It was decided that dues would be \$1.50 for students & over 65 and \$3.00 for the rest.
- * Mrs. Thompson motioned to close the meeting at 10:10. Andris Strazdins seconded. It was agreed.

P.S. This year we will join the Connecticut Team Championship. There are (4) four men on a team. Our tentative team will be:

be the following:

1. A. Strazdins
2. R. Milardo
3. R. Lane
4. P. Klockowski

The games are rated
and the cost of entry
is \$5.00.

CHESS MATCH

New Britain - University of Connecticut - stars

Played Sunday, Nov. 8, 1970 at Storrs by 10 man team

1	Arvids Strazdins	1	Anthony Miller	0
2	Robert Milardo	$\frac{1}{2}$	Andris Strazdins	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Robert W. Lane	1	Robert Nichols	0
4	Tadeusz Szafrenki	0	Bruce Dawson	1
5	Arvids Klavins	1	Armin Jancis	0
6	Daniel Lechowicz	1	John Dondrow	0
7	Howard Curzer	1	Leslie Prins	0
8	Joseph Zisk	1	Donald Neutz	0
9	Donald Heslin	1	Jay Desopala	0
10	Edgars J. Strazdins	0	David Selinger	1
		$7\frac{1}{2}$		

Arvids Strazdins

Teams

Captains

Anthony Miller

University of Conn.
Plays

Talented, well-annotated games

By Harold Dondis



Black, to play, can win, but how? Answer below.

If you would like a book of diverse, talented games with scholarly and careful notes, we very much recommend "Selected Chess Masterpieces" by Svetozar Gligorich.

Gligorich, a debonair sometime journalist, and probably one of the 10

winning in a blaze of glory. Here, from the New Britain, Conn. Summer Open, is the other side of the coin, in which Black hurls back the attack in a wild game.

LATVIAN GAMBIT

Boardman	Strandlin	Boardman	Strandlin
White	Black	White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4	14. Q-B7 ch	K-Q1
2. N-K3	P-KR4	15. Q-B8 ch	K-R7
3. B-B4 (a)	P-B7	16. N-KP	Q-B ch
4. N-KP	Q-N4	17. N-Q3 (d)	N-KR3
5. P-Q4	Q-P4		
6. Q-N3 ch	P-B7	18. Q-B7	P-Q4
7. P-B7 ch	P-Q4	19. P-Q7	P-Q4
8. B-B5 ch (e)	P-KR4	20. Q-B7 ch	K-R4
9. N-KP	Q-N4	21. Q-B7	P-Q4
10. K-K2	P-B7	22. Q-B7	P-Q4
11. N-Q3 (d)	P-B7	23. P-Q7	P-Q4
12. B-B7 ch	K-R4		
13. B-B5 (e)	Q-B8		

(a) Unless the white player knows this line thoroughly (and who doesn't), he is playing into Black's hands. (b) According to "Chess Digest" this line is related. They now claim that 4... P-Q4 is to Black's advantage. (c) Best here is 8... P-B7 ch; 9. K-K2, P-B7; 10. N-K3, P-KR4; 11. Q-B4! (Chess Digest). 12... P-Q4; 13. P-B7 ch; 14. Q-B7 ch; 15. Q-B8 ch; 16. N-KP; 17. N-Q3 (d); 18. Q-B7; 19. P-Q7; 20. Q-B7 ch; 21. Q-B7; 22. Q-B7; 23. P-Q7. White's best chance appears to be 13. N-KP!

(d) And here 11. N-K3 would give some hope, a possibility? (e) For 11. N-K3, Q-B7; 12. Q-B7; 13. Q-B8; 14. Q-B8; 15. Q-B8; 16. Q-B8; 17. Q-B8; 18. Q-B8; 19. Q-B8; 20. Q-B8; 21. Q-B8; 22. Q-B8; 23. Q-B8.

Annotations by J.A.C.

Answer to Problem — Black wins easily with 1... RxB ch; 2. KxR, B-B5; 3. N-K3 (else 3... F-K5), R-R7 ch; 4. Resigns.

CHESS CALENDAR

Jan. 1 — Y.M.C. Union, 43 Eoylston Street, Open House 30/30. Refreshments galore.

Jan. 2-3 — 1st Hartford preliminary Hartford CC, Hartford YMCA.

Jan. 9-10 — Narragansett Open, RICA, 23 Aborn st., Providence.

Jan. 16-17 — Burgess Memorial (not advertised in Chess Life) at YM-Union.

Annotated by U.S. Master
John Curd