

1972

Awarded 1st Brilliant
1972 New Britain Chess
Played → January 24, 1972
 at Gen. Haller Post
 Lopen Lomaski 2053 Z
Latvian Co

1	P-K4	P-K4
2	N-KB3	P-KB4
3	P-Q4	PxKP
4	NxP	N-KB3
5	B-K2	P-Q3
6	N-N4	B-K2
7	N-B3	P-Q4
8	N-K5	O-O
9	P-KN4	B-K3
10	P-N5	KN-Q2
11	P-N6	NxN
12	PxPch.	K-R1
13	PxN	P-B3
14	KR-N1	N-Q2
15	B-N4	B-R5
16	B-K3	NxP
17	BxB	N-B6ch.
18	K-K2	P-Q5
19	R-N2	Q-B3

Prancy Prize
Chess Champ
 1972 -
 Post.
 Daniel Lechowicz 1763
Gambit

20	B-N4	PxB
21	NxP	Q-B5
22	Q-Q3	QR-Q1
23	QxP	N-Q5ch.!
24	Resigns	

City chess club victorious over Trinity, UConn

The New Britain Chess club's seven-man team defeated the Trinity College team by a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in a match at Trinity over the weekend.

The New Britain team also defeated the 17 player University Team at Storrs by a score of $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$.

Brian McGuiness, 13, the youngest player for New Britain, scored the first victory at Storrs. He was followed by Daniel Lechowicz, James Baker, Howard Curzer, Mark Berg, Mark Corrington, Josh Kremer, John Besaw, and Mark Deniham. Arkadijs Strazdins drew on board 1.

The 1971 season was one of the best for New Britain as it went undefeated in eight matches.

Good Performers

Contributing to last year's team victories was the excellent performance of the following players who played one or more times with the team: Arkadijs Strazdins, Robert Milardo, Robert W. Lane, Peter Kloskowski, Daniel Lechowicz, Loren Lomaski, Andris R. Strazdins, James Baker, Tadeusz Szafranski, Stanley J. Archacki, Paul Ligas, Jan Kasica, Edmund Valauskas, Wiktor Halik, William Thomson, Brian McGuiness, Alfred Goldstein, Donald Heslin, Mark Berg, Charles Avedisian, William Hall, Howard Curzer, Mark Corrington, Stanley Liauksminas, Jonas Liudzius, Arthur Belliveau and Joseph Zisk.

City Championship

There are 20 participants in the 1972 Single Round Robin, United States Chess Federation rated New Britain City Championship tournament.

After 14 rounds, the leading players are Arkadijs Strazdins and James Baker with scores of 13-1; Daniel Lechowicz, $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, followed by Loren Lomaski, Paul Ligas, Robert Milardo, and Tadeusz Szafranski. The tournament director is William Thomson.

Feb. 1, 1972 -
New Britain Herald

Mark Berg was in 2nd place with $4\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ in the
 East Field Hall - Reserve, March 1972 in
 Springfield, Mass. 88 Players - Chess matches April 9, 1972

New Britain New Milford

Sunday at 1:30 P.M. at New Milford.

1	Arvid's Steadins $\frac{1}{2}$	Willi Aunt $\frac{1}{2}$	
2	Robert Melander 1	Danial Barry 0	
3	Jan Kasica 0	Samuel Pruman 1	
4	Paul Ligns 1	Ben Mc. Gready 0	
5	Mark Berg $\frac{1}{2}$	Joseph M. Houdy $\frac{1}{2}$	Former
6	Donald Hestlin 0	Ereta Fuchs 1	U.S. women
7	Jan Beren 0	Donny Daigneault 1	champs
Year old 8	Brian Mc. Ganniss 0	Richard Schmid 1	
Year old 9	Bruce Crower 0	Gus Nordblom 1	
10	John Guinness 0	Joseph Seewald 1	
	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	

Chess Match.

New Britain Chess Club Conn. Central State College
 Played at Con. Haller Park
 April 19, 1972 (Wednesday night)

New Britain CCSC

1	Arkadijs Strazdins	$\frac{1}{2}$	Peter Kleskowski	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	Daniel Lechowicz	$\frac{1}{2}$	Paul Ligas	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Robert Milardo	1	Mark Berg	0
4	Jan Kasica	1	Russ Levere	0
5	Stanley J. Archam	1	Mark Carrington	0
6	Josh Kremer	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mark Simonian	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	Lester Tassar	0	Peter Mitchell	1
8	Tadeusz Szafranski	1	Lester Motowidlo	0
9	John Bacowski	1	Gary Norton	0
10	Robert Corr	1	Russel James	0
11	Edmund Valauskas	0	Timothy Majewski	1
		$7\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$

Team Captains:

Robert Milardo Peter Kleskowski

Chess match
 New Britain - New Haven

Sunday, May 28, 1972 at Con. Haller Park

1	Arkadijs Strazdins	$\frac{1}{2}$	Leon Hamblin	$\frac{1}{2}$	2123
2	Loren Lomaszy	$\frac{1}{2}$	James Balton	$\frac{1}{2}$	2047
3	Peter Kleskowski	0	Roger Pahl	1	2028
4	Robert Milardo	0	Dr. Corfinel	1	2045
5	Jan Kasica	0	John Koch	1	1914

June 28, 1972

Chess tourney ends in deadlock

Robert Milardo and Arkadijs Strazdins, many times city and club champion, tied for first place, each with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$, in the 1972 New Britain Chess Club 5 round robin system championship, a U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament, recently played at Gen. Haller Post.

Milardo won out on a tie break with a .5 Harkness-Median system points better.

After the tie break, the results were: $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ each, Peter Kloskowski and Daniel Lechowicz; 3-2, Jan Jasica, Tadeusz Szafranski, Robert Corr, John A. Balcowski and William Thomson; $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, Paul Ligas, Stanley J. Archacki and Edmund Valauskas; 2-3, Brian McGuinness, Mark Simonian, Anthony E. Strelchun and Timothy Majewski, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, Ronald J. Bourassa, Lester Tasarz, William H. Hall, and Vern Rand.

Strazdins was director of the tournament, sponsored by Gen. Haller Post and the New Britain Chess Club.

Lose To Yale-N.H.

The New Britain Chess Club five-man team lost to the Yale-New Haven Club by a score of 1 to 4 at Gen. Haller Post last Saturday.

Strazdins, after six hour play, drew Jan Hambleton. Other results, with New Britain players listed first, are Loren Lomaski drew James Bilton, former state champion; Kloskowski lost to

Roger Pahl, Milardo lost to Dr. Boriss Garfinkel and Jan Kasica lost to John Koch.

The Open Connecticut state championship will be played at the New Haven YMCA July 8 and 9.

The seventh annual New Britain summer Open 5 round Swiss system, will be played at Gen. Haller Post July 15 and 16. Trophies will be awarded to the top two A. B. C. D. E. unrated and juniors under 16 in all classes. Strazdins is director. Registration will be held at the post Wednesday night.

Strazdins captures chess title

Arkadijs Strazdins, an employee of the Stanley Works won the 1972 New Britain single round robin city chess championship, a U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament from a field of 20 players during games held the past four months at Gen. Haller Post.

Strazdins scored 17½ wins and 1½ losses. He lost to Robert Milardo in the first round, then won 17 straight and, in the last round, drew against Robert Milardo after 93 moves. *Ed. Valauskas*

Rated as an expert by the chess federation, Strazdins has defended his title 20 years in a row and won 67 tournament victories. A dinner party was held in his honor after the tournament at a Rocky Hill restaurant.

Daniel Lechowicz, who was leading the tournament for a long time, was second with a score of 16-4. His play was highlighted with a win over expert Loren Lomaski in a Latvian Counter gambit which will be published in leading newspapers. He was awarded a special brilliancy prize.

Baker Third

James Baker was third with a score of 16-3, Loren Lomaski fourth with 15½-3½, Robert Milardo, team captain, fifth was 15-3, and was followed by Paul Ligas, Mark Berg, Robert Corr, Tadeusz Szafranski, Jan Kasica, Donald Heslin, William Thomson, Stanley J. Archacki, Edmund Valauskas, Arthur Belliveau, Brian McGuinness, David Dobrzanski, William Hall, Stanley Liaukminas and Alfred Goldstein.

Award plaques, made by artist William Thomson, and other prizes, were: Strazdins, Lechowicz, Baker and top student players, Milardo, Ligas, Dobrzanski and McGuinness. Thomson was director of the tournament, sponsored by Gen. Haller Post and the New Britain Chess Club.

In a match played recently between the New Britain and Milford clubs, the New Britain 10 man team combination of five senior and five junior players lost by a score of 7 to 3. There will be a rematch in New Britain in September.

The New Britain Chess Club championship, five round Swiss, a U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament, will begin at Gen. Haller Post Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. Strazdins will be tournament director.

...abouts during the vacation...
son drop us a line. *Saturday Aug. 5, 1972*

Even before yesterday's victory, it was the consensus of New Britain Chess Club members that Bobby Fischer will be the next world chess champion. . . Fischer is a genius and no one can beat him," says Arkadijs Strazdins, New Britain chess champion. . . (the Herald chess champion, by the way, is Tony Grey . . . he's been at the game for many years). . .

Fischer

Strazdins wins chess tourney

Arkadijs Strazdins, New Britain chess champion for many years, won the annual New Britain Summer Open, five round Swiss System, a U.S. Chess Federation rated tournament, at Gen. Haller Post recently.

His victory came on a tie break over Parker G. Montgomery of Kotonahy, N.Y. after each player finished in regular play with a score of 4½.

Strazdins previously won the tournament in 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1971. Peter Kloskowski was the winner in 1969 and Williams Edwards in 1970.

Other Finishers

Donald J. Connors of Arlington, Va., finished third in the recent tournament; Donald Heslin, New Britain, was fourth; Kenneth Krysts of Easton, Conn., fifth; Charles T. Avedisian, New Britain, sixth; Joseph M. Hoddy of New Milford, seventh; Joseph A. Koller of Yaphank, N.Y., eighth; Paul Ligas, New Britain, ninth, and Daniel Lechowicz, New Britain, 10th.

Trophies Awarded

Trophies and prizes were presented to the first 10 top players and to John A. Bacilowski, first place in top unrated class and Frank H. Codts, second. Top junior players receiving awards were Paul Ligas, Matt Frank, John Rothfield and David Cantor.

The tournament, which attracted 44 players, was sponsored by Gen. Haller Post, of which John Markow is commander, and the New Britain Chess Club. The director was Strazdins.

New world champion

Robert Fischer beat Boris Spassky
with a score $12\frac{1}{2} - 8\frac{1}{2}$

Aug. 1972

NEW BRITAIN - YALE, Oct. 15, 1972 at New Haven

Team Captains:
Lechowiec N.B.
Mike Goodman Yale

1	Arkadijs Strazdins	0	Wayne Schachtberger	1
2	Loren Lomaskey	$\frac{1}{2}$	John Cunningham	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Peter Kleszkowski	0	Luis Ivan Muniz	1
4	Robert Milerka	1	Mike Goodman	0
5	Danial Lechowicz	1	Andrew Goodman	0
6	John Rothfield	1	Len Allin	0
7	Mary Simonian	0	Bruce Kagan	1
8	Tadeusz Szafronski	1	Hayden Trubitt	0
9	Mary Berg	1	Robert Watson	0
10	Robert Corr	0	Robert Liberman	1
11	Dan Durasoff	0	Vassilis Pesaoglou	1
12	Stanley J. Archon	1	Rusty Norton	0
13	Peter Mitchell	0	Wayne Purdom	1
14	William Thomson	0	Lionel Saporta	1
15	William H. Hall	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bill Martin	$\frac{1}{2}$
16	Roger Masone	1	George Bradley	0
17	Victor Haliu	1	Jack Risko	0
18	Joseph Mansigian	0	David Myers	1
		<u>9</u>		<u>9</u>

Mr. Masone won the first game for N.B.

1972 - 1973

The meeting was called to order
Wednesday, September 23, 1972 at 8:45 P.M.
by New Britain chess club President
Arkadijs Strazdins.
Elections of officers was held with
the following results for the 1972-1973
season:

President: Re-elected Arkadijs Strazdins
Vice President: Stanley J. Archacki
Secretary: Daniel Lechowicz
Treasurer: Paul Ligas
Tournament Director: William Thomson, Strazdins
Team Captains:
A Lechowicz
B
Student Rep. Mark Berg

Nominations for President
① Stan Archacki
② Arkadijs Strazdins

Motion passed that runner-ups
will be vice-president

Nomination for Secretary
Dan Lechowicz

Nomination for Treasurer
Paul Ligas

Election for President

Results

Stan Archacki 11 votes

Arkadijs Strazdins 27 votes

Motion was passed that the
new officers will appoint
tournament directors & team
captains.

A motion was presented to
adopt a constitution as per
Harkness, with amendments.

The above motion was carried.

The following motion on dues
was passed:

N.B. Chess Club elects officers, plans tourneys

Arkadijs Strazdins, city chess champion for the past 20 years, was reelected president of the New Britain Chess Club for the 1972-73 season at a recent meeting at Gen. Haller Post.

Other officers are: Vice president, Stanly J. Archacki; secretary, Daniel Lechowicz; treasurer, Paul Ligas; tournament directors, William Thomson and Strazdins; team captain, Lechowicz, and student representative, Mark Berg.

Past presidents of the club are Edmund Roman, Robert Corr, Jan Laska, Atty. William V. Dworski, Jan Cendrowski and Roman M. Kolodziej.

Large Membership

The club, which has the largest membership in the state, will have four chess tournaments for the year, all U.S. Chess Federated rated, as follows: New Britain city round robin championship and Swiss system tournaments, New Britain Chess Club championship, the eighth annual New Britain summer open, and the Jan Cendrowski Memorial, honoring the former club president.

The club will play matches against Yale, New Milford, Central Connecticut State College, Huntington Club of Shelton, University of Connecticut, Trinity College, New Haven and Manchester Chess Clubs.

Wednesday,
Sept. 27, 1972

Under 18 yrs & over 65
\$3.00 per year

Between 18 yrs & 65 yrs
\$5.00 per year.

Following were the results
officers election:

1972-1973

President: Arkadijs Strazdins

Vice President: Stan Archacki

Secretary: Dan Lechowicz

Treasurer: Paul Ligas

Connecticut State Team Match Championship

Played Dec. 13, 1972 at Gen. Haller Post.

New Britain "B" New Haven "A"

1	John Rotfield	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr.	Harrow	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	Paul Ligas	$\frac{1}{2}$		Russell	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	Mark Simonian	0	James	Boltan	1	champs 3 times N.Y.
4	Peter Mitchell	0	Dr. Boris	Gorfinkel	0	3 times

Team 1 Captains: Boltan
Daniel Lechowicz James Boltan

*New Britain - University of Connecticut
25 men match at Storrs,
Sunday, November 5, 1972
at 2 P.M.*

1.	Arkadijs Strazdins	1	John Farwell	0	2133
2.	Robert Milarder	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. Prof. Elliot Wolk	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3.	Robert M. Lane	0	Anthony Miller	1	
4.	Daniel Lechowicz	0	Carl Scatignella	1	
5.	John Rothfield	1	Robert Nichols	0	
6.	Wesley Frazier	1	Andrius R. Strazdins	0	
7.	Mark Berg	$\frac{1}{2}$	Peter Berger	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8.	Donald Heslin	$\frac{1}{2}$	Norman Bolle	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9.	Stanley J. Archacki	0	Bruce Dawson	1	
10.	Robert Carr	0	Scott Redfern	1	
11.	Stephen B. Weisman	$\frac{1}{2}$	Scott Osur	$\frac{1}{2}$	
12.	William H. Hall	0	Rich Golpitts	1	
13.	Karl Schimanski	0	Don McCormick	1	
14.	Mark Denihem	$\frac{1}{2}$	Hee neham	$\frac{1}{2}$	
15.	John A. Baczowski	$\frac{1}{2}$	Frank Gancarz	$\frac{1}{2}$	
16.	Vincent Staszewicz	0	Leslie Smith	1	
17.	Roger J. Masone	1	Fred Meissner	0	
18.	Lester Tuszarz	0	Dat McGuinn	1	
19.	Brien McGuinn	0	Ron Blich	1	
20.	William Thomson	1	Vishu Saxena	0	
21.	Russel Janos	0	Albin Chua	1	
22.	Robert Loftus	0	John Bechiocchi	1	
23.	Andy Loftus	0	Walter Filipeit	1	
24.	Anthony Salvatore	0	Robert Fritz	1	
25.	Antony Galozan (12 years old)	1	Paul Cieniewicz	0	
		9	captains		16

CHESS MATCH

New Britain — New Milford
10 man teams, played Sunday
November 19th, 1972 at Mr. & Mrs. Edmund
Valauskas house in Southington

1	Arkadijs Strazdins	$\frac{1}{2}$	exp. Richard Becker	$\frac{1}{2}$	2152
2	Robert Milardo	1	Daniel Barry	0	
3	Robert M. Lane	0	Joseph M. Hoddy	1	
4	Daniel Lechowicz	1	Dennis Daigneault	0	
5	John Rothfield	0	David Hoddy	1	
6	Mark Berg	1	Rene Du Cret	0	
7	Jan Kasica	1	John Shaw	0	
8	Jadousz Szafrański	1	Joseph Seewald	0	
9	Mark Simonian	1	Raymond O'Brien	0	
10	Edmund Valauskas	1	David Janella	0	

Team $7\frac{1}{2}$ Captains $2\frac{1}{2}$
Daniel Lechowicz — Joseph M. Hoddy —

Connecticut State Team Match Championship

Played November 26, 1972 at Con. Haller Post

1st Round New Britain A — New Britain B

1	Arkadijs Strazdins	1	Paul Ligas	0
2	Peter Klorowski	1	Jan Kasica	0
3	Robert M. Lane	$\frac{1}{2}$	Peter Mitchell	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	Daniel Lechowicz	1	Roger J. Mawer	0
5	John A. Bacłowski	1	Vincent Stasiewicz	0
		$4\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$

Team Captain: Daniel Lechowicz

New Britain may have its own "Bobby Fischer" in 12-year-old Antony Galazan, a 7th grader at Nathan Hale Junior High. Antony was one of the junior players on the New Britain Chess team which recently played the 25-man UConn team — and, although the locals lost — he won his game.

Nov. 18, 1972. SLADE J.H.

New Britain Herald Monday, November 27, 1972

N.B. Chess Club defeats Milford

The New Britain Chess Club defeated the New Milford Chess Club 10-man team in a recent match by a score of 7½ to 2½ at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Valauskas in Southington.

The results, with New Britain players listed first, follow: Arkadijs Strazdins drew expert Richard Beckner; Robert Milardo defeated Daniel Barry; Robert M. Lane lost to Joseph M. Hoddy; Daniel Lechowicz defeated Dennis Daigneault; John Rothfield lost to David Hoddy; Mark Berg defeated Rene DuCret; Jan Kasicz defeated John Shaw; Tadeusz Szefanski defeated Joseph Seewald; Mark Simonian defeated Raymond O'Brien; and Edmund Valauskas defeated David Janello.

Team captains were Daniel Lechowicz for New Britain and Joseph M. Hoddy for New Milford.

Chess expert Strazdins will give a simultaneous exhibition against 25 or more players at Gen. Haller Post Wednesday night. The regular New Britain championship tournament games will not be played that night.

The Hartford Times Sunday, Oct. 22, 1972

She Can't Spell Chess But She Can Play It

By DEBORAH FARRELL
Times Staff Writer

Petite, demure Sandra Milardo is a darn good chess player, according to her father, a director of the U.S. Chess Federation.

Miss Milardo was a spectator yesterday and passed out score sheets at the largest chess tournament ever held in Connecticut, the 1972 Connecticut State High School Chess Championship Tournament at the Hartford YMCA.

Despite her proficiency at the game, she was ineligible to play in the tournament for Sandra is only five years old and in the first grade and says she can't even spell chess.

But the Cromwell tyke is an indication of the growing phenomenon of "Fischerism" — the boom in chess interest since Bobby Fischer captured the world

chess championship.

At the tournament held this weekend more than 200 players entered, more than double the participants at the same tournament last year, according to Jim Bolton, a director of the U.S. Chess Federation.

"Fischer brought publicity to the game," Bolton said. "And the students look up to him."

"It's almost impossible not to have a successful tournament now," he said.

The game's increase in popularity is probably greater than the upswing in tournament entrants indicates, Bolton said, because many high schools do not have chess teams.

As Bolton talked, a player asked him to continue his conversation elsewhere.

Scenes like this, Bolton said, are also partly a result of Fischer, with more players

demanding conditions ideal for the concentration the game requires.

Robert Milardo, Sandra's father, said the sport is also spreading into younger age groups to children Sandra's age.

He expects a heavy turnout for the scholastic tournament, for children from five years old through high school, which will be held in February.

Right now, though, Sandra has difficulty finding children her own age to play with, although more and more young children are discovering the game.

Milardo said she'll probably play in the scholastic tournament, however.

Sandra learned by watching her father play. She readily admits that the queen is her favorite piece but adds, "My Daddy says the king is the most important piece."

The Connecticut Chem League - Team Champs
for 1972-73 - four man teams

New Britain A New Britain B $4\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$

Strazdins	1	Ligas	0
Kloskowski	$\frac{1}{1}$	Kasich	$0\frac{1}{2}$
Lane	$\frac{2}{2}$	Mitchell	$\frac{1}{2}$
Lechowicz	1	Masone	0
Baclawski	1	Staskiewicz	0

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