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MASTER SWEEPS BLUFF CITY

Elliott Winslow of St. Louis, MO came to Memphis with the intention of taking home the first place prize, which he ultimately did with a perfect score. In the process of winning the tournament he defeated five Memphis players, including Robert Ilderton, an expert who has just recently moved to the Memphis area. The smaller than expected number of players still put on a very strongly played event, with Memphis players taking six of the first eight places.

CINDERFELLA WINS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Fred ("Who?") Lowe surprised everybody and his brother by finishing at the head of the pack in the 1977 Memphis City Amateur Championship. Although outranked by a combined opposition with over 350 higher rating points, Lowe simply walked through the upset-prone tournament and - when the dust cleared - found himself alone in first place. Well done, Fred.

Larry Corder finished where he started: namely, in second place. Kazi Lawrence moved up to third place with a fine effort after a long absence from tournament play. The remainder of the top five starters all lost considerable ground. Unrateds Jack Jackson, Robert Goldman, Jr., and John Purvis III each scored their well-deserved first tournament game victories ever. --Dan Mayes

HURT MAKES IT AN EVEN DOZEN

The name of John Hurt should by now become synonymous with City Chess Champion. This year John made it an even dozen by again winning the Memphis City Championship. Although the field was not nearly as strong as in past years, mainly because the 1976 City Co-Champions chose not to defend their titles, it was still no easy task for John, because in the entire field, almost all the contenders had won games against him at one time or another. After going through an almost perfect tournament, John's one loss was to last place finisher, Phil Maclin, on a simple oversight.

MEMPHIS-DYERSBURG BEGIN MATCH

In the first round of the newly initiated Memphis-Dyersburg Match, played at Newbern, TN, Memphis walked away with a resounding lead. Although the Memphis team had superior ratings on all boards, Dyersburg was not to be underestimated as can be attested to by the Memphis participants. The next round will be played in Memphis some time in the very near future.

SPRING SHOWER AT DYERSBURG

Marty Appleberry, now residing in Memphis, and Henry Robinson of Nashville shared first place at the Dyer County Spring Open a full point in front of the field. The small number of participants could be partially blamed on the last minute change of dates for the tournament. Although there were few real surprise victories, the one most outstanding was 11-year-old Richard Garner (1180) of Dyersburg winning over Mike Sulcer (1527) of Marion, AR.

KURODA WINS FIRST EAST ARKANSAS OPEN

Paul Kuroda of Fayetteville, AR, a student at University of Arkansas, took home first place money in the first East Arkansas Open. He drew to Ruth Orton in the third round, and then won in round four over Joe Sentef, a master from Philadelphia, PA, who is a student at the University of Mississippi. In the last round Paul had an extremely long battle with Bill Orton to seize the tournament.

(Ed: at press time we have still not received games that were mailed for this publication; we will endeavor to have them in next issue.)