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HURT RETAINS MEMPHIS TITLE

John Hurt again took first place (shared first with Gilley last year) in the eight player round robin of the Memphis City Championship. This he accomplished by winning five games and drawing two (Gilley and Snyder) for a 6-1 score. Jim Wright lost the individual encounter with Hurt and one draw to take a close second. Mark Gilley and newcomer J. Snyder scored a respectable 4½-2½ to tie for third.

The tournament was not as strong as it has been in former years, though as hard fought as ever. Witness an interesting encounter on next page. An amateur event took also place though we don't have any details; but a game is on next page.

The championship results follow:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1. Hurt	-	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	6	- 1
2. Wright	0	-	½	1	1	1	1	1	5½	- 1½
3-4. Gilley	½	½	-	0	½	1	1	1	4½	- 2½
3-4. Snyder	½	0	1	-	½	1	½	1	4½	- 2½
5-6. Garner	0	0	½	½	-	0	1	1	3	- 4
5-6. Mitchell	0	0	0	0	1	-	1	1	3	- 4
7. Goode	0	0	0	½	0	0	-	1	1½	- 6½
8. Davis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	- 7

STANCLIFF SURPRISING WINNER IN MURFREESBORO

For the first time in the short history of the Murfreesboro Rank and File, stalwart Leon Stancliff took top honors in the club championship contested by sixteen players. To accomplish this he gave up only two draws to last year's winner Jim Price and Wagner. Jim Price was upset by newcomer Whitt to be relegated to second which he shared with Wagner with a 4½-1½ score. Highest USCF rated player Roy Clark and prexy Bob Keathley had to be contend with an even score. (We received only one game so far, but I understand it has been analysed so we will hold it until we receive the annatation.)

The tournament standings follow:

	Rating	Score	Tie-B.		Rating	Score	Tie-B.
1. Stancliff (1426)	5	-1	23	9. Keathley (1306)	3	-3	16½
2. Price (1425)	4½	-1½	22	10. Abrahams (1286)	3	-3	14½
3. Wagner (1461)	4½	-1½	20	11. Prahl	3	-3	12
4. Stein (1481)	4	-2	21½	12. Buckmaster	1	-5	14
5. Yokley	4	-2	21	13. Martin	1	-5	12½
6. Mueller	4	-2	16½	14. Weems	1	-5	12
7. Whitt	3	-3	20	15. Patterson	1	-5	11
8. Clark (1579)	3	-3	19½	16. Young	0	-6	11

BIRMINGHAM OPEN AGAIN WON BY TENNESSEAN

Three out of four times Tennesseans have won the Birmingham Open. This time John Hurt did the trick again for the second time. Mike Goode who is High School Champion of Memphis took second place in the Amateur event with a 4-1 score. A game from the Open may be found on next page. The standings for the top six in the Open were:

1. Hurt (Memphis)	4	-1
2. Bates (Huntsville)	3½	-1½
3. Bonner (Huntsville)	3½	-1½
4. Appleberry (Huntv.)	3	-2
5. Williamson (Huntsv.)	3	-2
6. Wright (Memphis)	2½	-2½