

TENNESSEE POSTAL CHESS

By Richard Searles

All games have been completed in the 1972 Tennessee Postal Championship preliminary round and adjudications of the remaining games are now underway in an effort to determine all the finalists. So far, the following postalites have earned assignment to the 1972 finals sections: TC-1-72 Ellis, TC-2-72 Searles, TC-3-72 Reh, TC-4-72 Dickerson, TC-6-72 Hall, TC-7-72 Fawbush, TC-8-72 LaVerne, Horton, and Meadows. In TC-8-72 a unique situation developed when Wagner withdrew and each of the remaining contestants won 2 games each. It is hoped that pairings to the finals section will be in the mail by mid-July.

Entry to the 1973 Postal Championship preliminary round was closed on the deadline date of June 30, 1973. At this time it is not known whether TCA will sponsor a 1974 postal tournament. This and other matters affecting postal chess in Tennessee will undoubtedly be discussed at the annual TCA meeting held during the Tennessee Open over the Labor Day holidays. Since I am both TCA president and postal editor I have been extremely concerned with the lack of interest shown by TCA members in postal chess, particularly in view of the low entry fee / high cash prize ratio. In part, this may be due to the fact that only a small percentage of Tennessee chess players are also TCA members. This is regrettable because only a strong state organization can effectively provide a good chess program in Tennessee. There has been some discussion about requiring TCA membership for all Tennessee residents entering open tournaments held in Tennessee. This proposal has both merit and fault. If TCA can provide a benefit to these tournaments, then I am in favor of this proposal. Such a benefit might be increased, and guaranteed prizes removing much of the financial burden from the shoulders of the local organization promoting the tournaments. Another would be coordinated tournament scheduling. Many of our readers can think of other advantages and/or disadvantages. If you have a suggestion that you feel should be brought to the attention of the general membership of TCA please write me before ~~before~~ our annual meeting in September.

POSTAL RESULTS:

R-2-72 D. Mikulecky 1 Horton 0
Horton $\frac{1}{2}$ Fausey $\frac{1}{2}$

R-3-72 Gardner 1 Porter 0
Gardner 2 J. Mikulecky 0 (f)
Porter 2 J. Mikulecky 0 (F)

R-4-72 D. Mikulecky 2 Tate 0 (f)
Willman $\frac{1}{2}$ D. Mikulecky $\frac{1}{2}$

TC-3-72 Nickel 1 Reh 0

TC-4-72 Dickerson $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 Irwin $\frac{1}{2}$ -0

Dickerson 1 Kruglewicz 0

TC-5-72 Narveson $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Ellis $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

TC-8-72 Horton 2 LaVerne 0

TC-2-73 Fielden 1 Bennett 0

POSTAL RATINGS:

Bennett	535	Garner	473	McGinnis	436	Stephens	500
Bubis	514	Grounds	500	Meadows	424	Tate	480
Euchalter	500	Haglin	397	Mikulecky, D.	599	Tazewell	560
Coveyou	970	Hall	582	Mikulecky, J.	456	Thomas	510
Dickerson	554	Hargrove	500	Narveson	888	Tucker	364
Ellis	668	Horton	420	Nickel	499	Vaughn	600
Fausey	502	Irwin	586	Nuckols	500	wagner	600
Fawbush	944	Johnson	500	Porter	520	ward	370
Fielden	515	Kruglewicz	471	Rylant	402	wheeler	500
Finger	356	LaVerne	744	Reh	820	white	900
Freeman	418	Lundin	500	Searles	892	willman	890
Gardner	624	Lyles	500	Stancliff	601		

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