

## PAUL KURODA WINS KING COTTON OPEN

By Gary Pylant

The King Cotton Open in Memphis was won by Paul Kuroda (1917) of Arkansas with a perfect score of 5-0. In the process he defeated three experts: Eddie Middleton and John Hurt, both of Memphis and Bill Orton from Arkansas. (Two of the games are found in this issue) Second with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points were: Eddie Middleton, Bob Baskin, Bill Orton, and Danny Williamson. The event attracted 22 players. (Sorry we did not get a cross-table for this event.)

The King Cotton Amateur was won by Donny Gray of Pine Bluff, Ark. with a better tie-breaker over Larry Corder of Memphis, both with perfect scores of 5-0. (A cross-table is in this issue.) The event attracted 41 players.

## 1974 KNOXVILLE OPEN CHESS TOURNEY

By Richard Word

Maryville attorney Mack Garner Defeated Nashvillian Douglas Ralston in the final round at the 1974 Knoxville Open to take the Champion trophy and \$75 cash prize with a total score of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points. Ralston received the runner-up trophy for his 4 point score and split the \$50 cash prize with Richard Bennett of Concord, who defeated former Knoxville open champion Emmanuel Tsitsekli in the last round to also score 4 points. Richard White took the Class B trophy on tiebreaking points over Charles Ball (Alcoa), Richard Ward (Knoxville), and Thomas Noonan (Oak Ridge). All scored 3 points. The Class C trophy was won by Joe Roberdeau of Nashville on tiebreaks over Mike Bennett (Knoxville), both had 3 points. Jay Harris won the Under 1400 trophy with a 2 point score on tiebreaks over Gordon Norman, both from Knoxville. The event took place May 4-5 in Knoxville, U.T. Student Center.

In the Amateur section, Knoxville Ken Purser posted a perfect 5 point score to take the 1st place trophy. The second place trophy went to William Webb of Knoxville who scored 4 points. Alan Lewis, also of Knoxville, won the Under 1300 trophy with a  $3\frac{1}{2}$  point total. Maryvillian Marion Teffteller won the Unrated trophy on tiebreak over Knoxville Steve Webb and Mark Wendel. All Scored 3 points.

There were 26 players in the Open section and 16 in the Amateur. The tournament was sponsored by the UT Chess Club. (Cross-tables in this issue)

## TSITSEKLIS, SEARLES TOP "HATTER'S"

Emanuel Tsitsekli of Knoxville and Richard Searles of Cleveland both went 4-0 and divided 1st and 2nd place prize money in the 1974 MAD HATTER'S TORNADO held May 18 at U.T. Student Center in Knoxville. This was a comeback tournament for several players with Tsitsekli getting revenge for his Knoxville Open loss to Richard Bennett. Paul Dyer and Guy Kooi tied for top Class B honors at 3-1 to make up for a letdown during the Knoxville Open.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

The Memphis Amateur Championship was won by Philip Morgan 5-0, second was Mark McLaughlin with 4-1. Sixteen players participated.

The Memphis Spring Rating Tournament was won by James Rackley on tie-break over Dwight Weaver.

The Memphis City Championship was won by Eddie Middleton. Complete results will appear in next issue. (Above tourneys reported by Gary Pylant)

The June Music City Invitational was won by newcomer to Nashville John Logue. This was on his second try playing in an Invitational.