

# Leasure Battles 23 Chess Challengers

Phil Leasure of Gardner, Wachusett Chess Club champion for the past three years, crossed pawns with 23 challengers in a recent simultaneous exhibition conducted in the spacious Oak Room of The Fitchburg YMCA on Wallace Avenue.

After 5 hours of thud and blunder Leasure emerged with 17 wins, 3 draws, and 3 losses. Those succeeding in holding the WCC champ to no decision included Ashburnham's Evert Siiskonen, Dick McMaster of Fitchburg, and Steve Brown of Leominster. The victorious trio of the evening consisted of Westminster's George Putika, Barry Pomeroy of Fitchburg, and surprise guest of the evening, Lester Garbicz of Akron (Ohio), a former WCC champion.

Another surprise visitor of the evening's fray was Frank Hacker of Utica (N.Y.), WCC champion in 1961. Although not directly involved in a game with Leasure, Hacker is reported to have come to the aid of his colleague Garbicz in the nick of time and transform the hotly-contested game from near defeat into sweet victory for Garbicz, much to the chagrin of the unsuspecting Leasure.

In other chess action conducted recently at the Fitchburg YMCA, the Montachusett Chess Association of Fitchburg held a one-day tournament of 3 games, known in chess parlance as a Quadrangular.


In this type of tourney the director arranges the players in order of their last published ratings and then inserts the unrated players according to his judgment or guess as to their ability. Starting at the top of the rating list, the director then divides the players into groups of four and they proceed to play a round-robin. Forty players turned out for this year's Quadrangular.

WCC players successful in capturing 1st place in their individual sections included Roland Leger of Fitchburg and Leominster's Steve Brown.

Other sectional finishers included: Phil Leasure, 2nd; Ron Burris, 3rd; Frank Hacker, 4th; Chris Hall, 2nd; George Putika, 2nd; and Richard Threadgould, 2nd.

## WCC STANDINGS

Ron Burris	1766
Phil Leasure	1765
Stephen Gerzadowicz	1736
George Mirijanian	1654
Thomas Smith	1611
Dave Thomas	1592
Chris Hall	1576
Steve Leppala	1570
Eric Jakobowicz	1561
Evert Siiskonen	1526
Robert Fortler	1502
Roland Leger	1496
Stephen Hendricks	1477
George Putika	1451
George Miller	1434
Tom Herrick	1431
Reggie Boone	1421
Joe von Deck	1400



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