700 players in hall

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POLCE RAID BINGOGAME



OBLIVIOUS TO CAMERAMAN, Villy Svarre, 10 men from various parts of Canada began the national chess tournament in Hotel Vancouver Friday night. Pondering his next move is Geza Fuster of Toronto, who holds the Ontario title for normal speed play.



DEFENDING HIS NATIONAL CROWN is task facing Frank R. Anderson of Toronto, who has played more than 30,000 games since he took up chess. The tournament will last for one week, and Mr. Anderson will have to be sure in his moves to keep his title.

CANADIAN CHESS MASTER TO PLAY CN CHESS CLUB 2nd FEB

30-BOARD SIMULTANEOUS TO BE HELD IN 6+h FLOOR LOUNGE AT 6:30 PM



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FRANK ANDERSON

MR. FRANK ANDERSON, International Master, is well known in chess all over the world, having the following to his credit:

Honours Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Statistics graduate from the University of Toronto
Toronto Chess Champion 5 times (the first at the age of 20)
Ontario Chess Champion 3 times
Canadian Champion 2 times (1953, 1955)
Canadian Chess Olympic team member 1954, 1958, 1964,
winning the title of International Master last year
Has a minimum score of 80% in international competition
Holds a win over Bondarevsky, the former USSR Champion
Holds world record for simultaneous tandem play jointly
with Dr. G. Berner playing 100 boards making alternate
moves with Dr. Berner
Has played as many as 8 games simultaneously blindfolded
Has programmed computers to play chess.

KING OF THE GULF CHESSMEN

Pick a number between one and one million. Multiply it by itself. Again. Again. Again. And again!

Lost? Keep going. Then think of this: There are even more possible plays in a game of chess—in fact, an almost infinite number. That makes it all the more incredible that anyone could become a master of the game.

But Frank Anderson, Marketing Consultant for Gulf Computer Sciences, Inc. (GCSI), San Diego, is just such a man, an international chess master and authority on chess. His photographic memory, his phenomenal accomplishments in blindfolded chess play, and his wins in tournaments and exhibitions have earned him a worldwide reputation in chess circles. He has played as many as 50 games-by-mail at once, and, in exhibition chess, has played as many as 100 games simultaneously.

"I set out to master chess," Frank says simply, "and I accomplished my im," indicating the self-confidence that labled him to overcome childhood illness and achieve both the personal and professional goals he had decided upon.

What moved Frank to excel in chess is perhaps forever a mystery, but that same desire to master all tasks is still with him. Four years ago he could not hammer a nail. Today, he's an avid doit-yourselfer. His home workshop, which he built himself, is neatly stocked with all essential tools. Nails and screws are, of course, separated by size and type and properly labeled.

"I got some books from the library to find out what tools I would need for a basic workshop," he says. "Then I built something. Then I went back and got more books on carpentry and home improvement. I built something else."

The routine repeats itself in almost all areas of Frank's life, and he is quick to recognize the pattern. "Theory, practice, theory, practice... to perfection," he says. "I find that way of doing things most satisfactory."

His love for logic and order also led him to an interest in computers. A native of Canada, Frank began his prossional career as a computer consultant there with his graduation from the University of Toronto, where he majored in mathematics and statistics.

He joined Gulf in 1967 as assistant to the head of the Mathematics and Computing Division, then switched to GCSI when it was formed two years ago. As Marketing Consultant at GCSI, he is responsible for computer time sales in 13 western states. The wholly owned subsidiary of Gulf Oil Corporation has headquarters in Houston, with offices in Pittsburgh and San Diego.

Prior to joining Gulf, he and his wife Sylvia went on a two-year honeymoon trip to Europe and North Africa. They toured 25 countries in a camper bus, a surprising thing for a man who was so crippled by arthritis at the age of ten that he spent nearly ten more years as an invalid. At 16, still bedridden, he read a couple of books on chess and taught himself to play.



"The only part of the body that I could exercise was my mind," he said. "And chess motivated me to get out of bed—so that I could get more books on chess, read more, learn more!"

At 19 he moved himself into a wheel-chair and headed for the library. He read every book on chess that he could find and discovered his photographic memory. He can remember, move for move, literally thousands of chess games played throughout the world. His astonishing mental ability and chess prowess led him to the Chess Olympics in 1954 and 1958. Both times he was awarded gold medals, with scores of 85 and 86 out of a possible 100. (The average score for a player is about 40.)

Another illness kept him from completing the number of games necessary to qualify as a Grand Master, but he feels he earned the title anyway.

"I was only a game away from becoming Canada's first Grand Master," Frank recalls, "but I was too sick to play that last game. That's when I decided to give up chess, at least on a professional basis. I had other things to do with my life, other goals to reach."

But even on the job, Frank's reputation as a chess champion follows him. When six executives at one of GCSI's client companies found out about him, they challenged Frank to a chess match. The six men formed one team, Frank the other. The match is still in progress, but Frank feels the odds are fair.

"Whatever analogies can be drawn between life and chess, or the game of life and so on, aren't really correct," Frank says. "Chess was only one factor in my early years, but there were other things I wanted, too."

An important part of his decision to leave competition chess was a desire for a wife and family. Professional chess players, like professional golfers and tennis players, must travel frequently. And while a golf tournament takes only a few days, a chess tournament lasts a month or more.

Today Frank speaks with pride of his wife and two daughters, Carol, who is three, and Joy, 18 months. The older one is learning to play chess.

Obviously, the nomadic life of a chess master doesn't appeal to Frank Anderson, a man who enjoys his wife and children and work, whose philosophy is partly summed up by, "Only do things you enjoy. I enjoy chess, and still play when I can. And I enjoy my work, my home life, my hobbies."

His ever-present enthusiasm and quest for knowledge has taken him into a new field of interest—hydroponics, the growing of fruits and vegetables without soil. The greenhouse on his patio shelters, among other things, green beans, lettuce, and corn, all fed with pure nutrients and watched carefully. Frank did all of the inside carpentry and electrical work himself.

Characteristically, he read over 75 books before beginning the new project.