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### SOUTH CAROLINA DEFEATS NORTH CAROLINA IN ANNUAL MATCH!

For the second straight year the South Carolina team has defeated North Carolina in the annual match, this time by the score of 7 to 5. The match was every bit as close as the score would indicate; it was tough and go right up to the end.

Here is the lineup of the two teams and the results:

| Bd. | S. C.                         | N. C.                   | Bd. | S. C.                          | N. C.                        |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1   | Lee Hyder $\frac{1}{2}$       | D. Steele $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7   | Harry Lofton 1                 | Charles Watson 0             |
| 2   | Steven Shaw 1                 | Richman 0               | 8   | Mario Schenkel 1               | Mrs. J. Schmidt 0            |
| 3   | Spenser Mathews $\frac{1}{2}$ | Kolczak $\frac{1}{2}$   | 9   | Jim Inman $\frac{1}{2}$        | R. Brown $\frac{1}{2}$       |
| 4   | Geo. Pritchard 0              | B. Schmidt 1            | 10  | Harvey Studstill $\frac{1}{2}$ | James Thompson $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5   | John Thompson 0               | Grady Brown 1           | 11  | Tom Davis 1                    | Cook 0                       |
| 6   | Alex Edelsberg 0              | Peele 1                 | 12  | Eugene Haney 1                 | Doleinger 0                  |

As before, depth was the winning factor for the S. C. team; we scored 5 points on the last 6 boards. Davis and Haney gave the Palmetto State a quick lead, but then boards 4, 5, and 6 came in and it didn't look so promising; but Harry Lofton was able to equalize the match by breaking his opponent's attack with the win of a rook. Hyder missed his chances on Board 1 and everything got traded off; but Prof. Shaw took every pawn in sight and scored a nice win on the second board. Schenkel-Schmidt was the deciding game; Schenkel had some extra pawns but a clock that was fast running out; when he finally made the time limit he had also established a clear win.

Thus the traveling trophy will stay in S. C. and receive a new inscription. Next year's match is scheduled for Columbia, once again, according to the policy of alternating between Columbia and Charlotte.

### HYDER, STUDSTILL, CHALMERS ARE WINNERS IN ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lee Hyder yielded a draw to runner-up Spenser Mathews and won the rest of his games to take the S. C. Championship in Columbia this past October. Mathews was also undefeated but drew his first round game with Paul Neil to finish half a point behind the leader.

For the first time a separate reserve section was held, limited to players with ratings of 1600 and below, and Harvey Studstill of West Columbia, who entered the event with a rating of exactly 1600, played true to form and scored a clean sweep with 5-0.

In the Peter Grant Memorial Championships, held as part of the tournament, John Chalmers took the trophy as the top Columbia player with 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  points. Studstill won the trophy in the Reserve section, and also the Junior trophy, awarded for the best percentage score by a player 18 or younger.

We were pleased to welcome to the tournament Mrs. Helen Pelliodi, the first lady to enter it in several years.

Complete cross-tables are given on page 2.

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### CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The complete constitution and bylaws of the Association, as adopted at the 1967 annual meeting, are to be found on pages 3 and 4.

# COMPLETE RESULTS OF THE 1968 SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

| Player                        | Results by Rounds                |     |     |      |     | Total |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|-------|
|                               | 1                                | 2   | 3   | 4    | 5   |       |
| 1 Lee Hyder, Aiken            | W10                              | W12 | W4  | D2   | W3  | 4½    |
| 2 Spenser Mathews, Sp'burg    | D11                              | W9  | W6  | D1   | W4  | 4½    |
| 3 John Chalmers, Cola.        | W13                              | D6  | W10 | W7   | L1  | 3½    |
| 4 George Pritchard, Cola.     | W14                              | W7  | L1  | W5   | L2  | 3     |
| 5 James Inman, Florence       | L12                              | W13 | W8  | L4   | W9  | 3     |
| 6 Harold Tallman, Aiken       | W8                               | D3  | L2  | WF11 | D7  | 3     |
| 7 Alex Edelsburg, Cola.       | W9                               | L4  | W12 | L3   | D6  | 2½    |
| 8 W. L. Milligan, Cola.       | L6                               | W11 | L5  | D12  | W13 | 2½    |
| 9 Harold Funderburk, Camden   | L7                               | L2  | Bye | W10  | L5  | 2     |
| 10 Thomas Davis, Cola.        | L1                               | Bye | L3  | L9   | W12 | 2     |
| 11 Paul Neil, Columbia        | D2                               | L8  | W13 | LF6  | Bye | 2½    |
| 12 John R. Nuzum, Aiken       | W5                               | L1  | L7  | D8   | L10 | 1½    |
| 13 Donald Morse, Darlington   | L3                               | L5  | L11 | Bye  | L8  | 1     |
| 14 Mrs. Helen Pellicci, Cola. | L4; transferred to reserve Sect. |     |     |      |     | (0)   |

## Reserve Section:

|                              |     |     |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1 Harvey Studstill, W. Cola. | W6  | W2  | W4  | W3  | W5  | 5  |
| 2 Dr. James Barr, Gr'ville   | W7  | L1  | W10 | D6  | L8  | 2½ |
| 3 Harold Kelley, Aiken       | W8  | L4  | W5  | L1  | L6  | 2  |
| 4 J. M. Smith, Spartanburg   | W9  | W3  | L1  | L5  | W11 | 3  |
| 5 R. B. Behling, Columbia    | W10 | W9  | L3  | W4  | L1  | 3  |
| 6 Robert Holroyd, Inman      | L1  | W11 | W7  | D2  | W3  | 3½ |
| 7 Roger Ramsey, W. Columbia  | L2  | W8  | L6  | W10 | W9  | 3  |
| 8 Mark Brodie, Aiken         | L3  | L7  | W11 | W10 | W2  | 3  |
| 9 Stephen Scott, Columbia    | L4  | L5  | L10 | W11 | L7  | 1  |
| 10 J. T. Boettcher, Sumter   | L5  | W9  | L2  | L8  | L7  | 1  |
| 11 Mrs. Pellicci             | -   | L6  | L8  | L9  | L4  | 0  |

## Notes:

In the championship section the names of players with the same scores are listed arbitrarily; ties were not broken. The results of the reserve section are listed in the order of the players' original ratings. It is worth noting, except for the winner, how hard fought and even this section was.

The tournament directors were Thomas G. Davis (Championship) and J. M. Smith (Reserve). Examination of the cross-tables of the reserve section will show several apparent errors which are not really errors at all, but result from Mr. Smith's pairing system described on another page of this bulletin.

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SCCA MEETING, OCTOBER 13, 1968

The following officers were elected for the year 1968-1969:

President: Thomas G. Davis, Columbia

Vice-President: James G. Inman, Florence

Secretary: Lee Hyder, Aiken

Treasurer: Spenser Mathews, Spartanburg.

(Although the Constitution provides for a Secretary-Treasurer, it was voted to divide the responsibilities of this office.)

It was voted to hold the annual Closed Championships in 1969 at the same site and approximate time as in 1968, if possible. The officers were given discretion in making the arrangements.

The status of the annual high school tournament was discussed, and purchase of a trophy similar to that donated by the SCCA in past years was authorized. Also authorized was an arrangement whereby \$1 of the high school tournament fee would be payable toward a \$2 SCCA membership; those playing in this tournament might receive the Newsletter but must pay the remainder of the membership fee to play in other tournaments.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
OF THE  
SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION  
Adopted December 1967

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Chess Association, hereinafter abbreviated SCCA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The SCCA is an organization of chess players and those interested in chess who reside in the State of South Carolina, and non-residents declared to be members by the Secretary-Treasurer. The purpose of the SCCA is to encourage and foster the playing of chess in South Carolina through tournament and match competition, assistance in local organization, publication of a periodical, and by all other feasible means.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

A. Any person is eligible to become a member of the SCCA upon application. There shall be no bar to membership for reasons other than immoral character or abuse of membership privileges.

B.( Amendment adopted at time of ratification)

1. There shall be two classes of members, Junior and Senior, both of whom shall have voting privileges. Junior members shall consist of those 18 years of age and younger.
2. Dues for each class of member shall be established by majority vote of those members present at an annual business meeting, and may be altered by a similar vote at any subsequent annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

A. The government of the SCCA shall be vested in three officers: a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer. Their duties shall be those usual to their offices and any additional duties prescribed herein.

B. The length of term for officers shall be one year, extending from their election at the annual business meeting held in connection with the annual closed tournament of the organization. Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice-President assumes the office of President. If the office of Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer should become vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the President for the unexpired portion of the term only.

C. Any member of the SCCA eligible to vote is eligible to serve as an officer, elected or appointed.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

A. A business meeting of the SCCA shall be held on one of the days the annual closed tournament is being played. The time, place and agenda of the meeting shall be furnished all members a reasonable length of time in advance of the meeting.

B. During the business meeting of the SCCA, held in connection with the annual closed tournament, the time and place for the following year's closed tournament and business meeting shall be decided by vote of the members.

C. A special meeting of the organization may be called by the President, provided that each member is notified by mail at least thirty days in advance of the stated time for the meeting.

D. A quorum for SCCA meetings shall consist of fifteen members.

E. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SCCA.

ARTICLE VI - TOURNAMENTS AND MATCHES

A. The SCCA shall sponsor a closed tournament each year and such other tournaments the organization may decide are practicable.

## ARTICLE VI (Cont'd)

1. The closed tournament shall be limited to residents of South Carolina; temporary residence, such as that at an educational institution or a military base will qualify a player in this category. The winner of the closed tournament shall be declared South Carolina chess champion. If two players or more tie for first place, they shall be declared co-champions.

B. In keeping with the purpose of the SCCA, the officers of the organization shall be alert and responsive to opportunities and desires for additional tournaments, such as speed tournaments, team tournaments and junior tournaments; interstate and interclub matches, chess exhibitions and chess instruction.

C. The President is authorized to arrange the dates, locations, schedules, entry fees, prizes and special conditions of all tournaments, matches and exhibitions sponsored by SCCA, not inconsistent with Article V, Sections A. and B. and Article VI, Section A.

D. In conducting a SCCA sponsored tournament, the tournament director shall have full charge. He shall be governed by the Laws of Chess of the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) and of the United States Chess Federation (USCF), except as amended by him and announced to all the players in a meeting in advance of play. In all disputes his decision shall be binding provided it is upheld by a majority of the tournament committee.

E. The tournament director shall have the power to disqualify from the tournament any player, or expel from the playing site any non-player, who violates tournament rules and regulations; interferes in any way with the normal conduct of games in which he is not a contestant; uses the tournament for purposes other than chess, such as solicitation of business; or refuses to abide by the decisions of the tournament director.

F. The director shall appoint an adjudication committee and a tournament committee and explain their duties before play begins.

1. The rate of play for all SCCA tournaments shall be determined by vote prior to beginning of play.
2. No tie-breaking system shall be used to determine final ranking of players in SCCA tournaments, although tie-break points may be used by the tournament director himself and may be used with the published results.

## ARTICLE VII - PUBLICATION

A. The SCCA shall publish a periodical at least three times a year. It shall contain announcements, results of chess events, dates for meetings, news items, articles, editorials, games and other material on chess. The publication shall be named SCCA NEWS.

B. The President shall appoint a member or members of SCCA to serve as Editor and Publisher. All editorial matter must be submitted to the President for his approval before publication. The Editor or Publisher shall keep a record of expenditures and submit this to the Secretary-Treasurer for reimbursement.

## ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATION

A. The SCCA shall be a franchised affiliate of the United States Chess Federation.

B. USCF membership shall be required of each entrant in a tournament, match or exhibition sponsored or co-sponsored by the SCCA.

## ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Regular, Patron and Junior members present at any annual meeting held in accordance with the provisions of Article V.

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

AIKEN HOLIDAY CHESS FESTIVAL

December 28-29, 1968

Sponsored by the SCCA, the Aiken Chess Club, and the Aiken Municipal Recreation Department. Site: Municipal Auditorium, on Park Ave. just east of Laurens St. in downtown Aiken.  
To be played in at least four sections, as described below.

**RATED SECTIONS:** Five Round Swiss System Tournaments, 50 moves/2hrs. Senior Section for players 21 years of age and above;  
Junior Section for younger players.  
Entry fees: \$2 for Srs., \$1 for Jrs. USCF and SCCA memberships rqd.  
Prizes: Chess Set to winner each division. Other prizes and trophies as entries permit, including:  
S. C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY TO BEST S. C. PLAYER IN JR. DIVISION.

Registration: in advance to Aiken Recreation Dept., P. O. Box 437, Aiken, S. C. 29801, or from 8 to 9 a. m. at the playing site on December 28. Play will begin at 9 a. m. December 28.  
Subsequent rounds: 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dec. 28; 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. December 29. (Subject to adjustment if necessary.)

**ONE DAY UNRATED SECTIONS:**  
The number will depend on entries. It is expected that there will be at least Junior and Senior sections.  
Five round Swiss system tournaments, to be completed on December 28.  
Entry fees: Junior: 50 cents; Senior: \$1.  
Registration as for Rated Sections.  
Prizes: Trophies and SCCA Membership to winner each division.

Out-of-town players will find convenient accommodations at the Commercial Hotel, 235 Richland Ave. W., one block from the tournament site; or at the Town House or Heart of Aiken Motels on the Augusta Highway west of the city.

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SPRING HOLIDAYS OPEN

March 29-30, 1969

A five round, Swiss-system tournament to be held at Spartanburg High School, DuPre Dr., in Spartanburg, S. C. There will be two sections, one for players of Class B and above, the other for Class C and below.

Entry fee: \$2. SCCA and USCF memberships required, but memberships in other state chess associations will be honored.  
Prizes: Trophies.  
Registration and additional details: J. M. Smith, 611 DuPre Dr., Spartanburg, S. C. 29302.

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GROUNDHOG SPECIAL TOURNAMENT

A five round, Swiss-system tournament to be held at the Charlotte, N. C. YMCA Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 1969.

Entry fee: \$6. USCF membership required. \$50 first prize guaranteed plus trophies to top class A, B, C, D or E, unrated; custody of Jerry Spann rotating trophy to winner. Other prizes as funds permit.

Registration: by mail to R. Grady Brown, 3921 Woodleaf Rd., Charlotte N. C. 28205; or at the tournament site 7:15-7:45 Jan. 31. First rd. at 8:00 on Jan. 31.

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Note that the SCCA and the NCCA have agreed to honor each other's memberships for tournaments where state membership is required. (None is required for the Groundhog Special.)

# BROOKLAND-CAYCE WINS HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Brookland-Cayce High School sponsored a tournament for four-man teams from S. C. high schools on November 16, and took first prize from the other five teams which entered. The winners scored 7 points of a possible 8; a team from Aiken High School was second with five points. The two winning teams received book prizes.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

We hope to have a complete financial report in the next issue. Briefly stated, the carry-over from 1967-68 was less than \$5 at the beginning of the Closed Championships. Enough members paid dues at that time to make prospects of continued solvency bright.

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## RATINGS

J. M. Smith of Spartanburg has kindly furnished us with the latest ratings of all recently active S. C. players; these are given below.

|              |      |            |      |
|--------------|------|------------|------|
| Hyder        | 2023 | Putnam     | 1630 |
| Braun        | 1947 | Townes     | 1614 |
| Edelsburg    | 1920 | Studstill  | 1600 |
| Tallman      | 1903 | Fitch      | 1571 |
| Varn         | 1882 | Hawthorne  | 1536 |
| Smeltzer     | 1879 | Prazak     | 1535 |
| Jacobi       | 1870 | Phillips   | 1512 |
| Hoenck       | 1855 | Houston    | 1499 |
| Fickling     | 1833 | Davis      | 1494 |
| Bell         | 1832 | Funderburk | 1479 |
| Mathews      | 1828 | Barr       | 1468 |
| Chalmers     | 1821 | Swats      | 1466 |
| Haney        | 1782 | Milligan   | 1443 |
| Wludyka, P.  | 1776 | Kelley     | 1425 |
| Inman        | 1775 | Smith, J.  | 1412 |
| Schenkel     | 1766 | Donnan     | 1391 |
| Robbins      | 1764 | Wright     | 1385 |
| Koh          | 1741 | Rollings   | 1359 |
| Garrett      | 1722 | Behling    | 1346 |
| Thompson, J. | 1708 | Holzworth  | 1310 |
| Lofton       | 1687 | Brewster   | 1308 |
| Purvis       | 1682 | Easterling | 1265 |
| Alpert       | 1674 | Sears      | 1238 |
| Pritchard    | 1647 |            |      |
| Smith, G.    | 1643 |            |      |

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## THE DECISIVE GAME FROM THE 1968 CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

White: Hyder; Black: Chalmers. English Opening.

1 P-QB4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3 P-KN3 B-N5 4 B-N2 O-O 5 P-K3 P-Q3  
6 KN-K2 P-B3 7 O-O B-N5 8 P-KR3 B-K3 9 P-N3 Q-Q2 10 K-R2 N-R3  
11 B-N2 QR-Q1 12 P-Q4 Q-B2 13 Q-B2 P-QN4 14 P-QR3 BxN 15 QxB NPxP  
16 NPxP PxP 17 PxP P-Q4 18 N-B4 QR-K1 19 KR-K1 PxP 20 NxB PxN  
21 QxP N-N1 22 RxP RxR 23 QxR+ K-R1 24 R-QB1 KN-Q2 25 R-B2 P-KR3  
26 P-Q5 P-B4 27 QxP+ ; Black resigns.

This is a hard game to comment on. If there was any one clear mistake I believe it was 13--P-QN4 weakening the Q-side. The line is harder for Black to play than it would seem.--LH

# GAMES AND ANALYSIS

Edited by G. E. Braun, 7 Winthrop Dr., Aiken, S. C. 29801

## A COMMON UNCOMMON POSITION

After the moves 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 N-B3 4 N-B3 (White's third and fourth moves may be transposed), we arrive at a position quite common in amateur games. Yet the position is quite rare in master play. Surely masters wouldn't always avoid such straightforward developing moves without good reason. And indeed there is a reason. That reason is 4--NxP!! This move comes as a surprise to many amateurs, although it is well known to experts. White soon discovers that he cannot win a piece with 5 NxN because 5--P-Q4! forks two pieces.

Black equalizes easily as can be seen by the following analysis:

I. 6 B-Q3 (after 5 NxN P-Q4) PxN 7 BxP B-Q3! 8 P-Q4! (8 BxN+ PxB 9 P-Q4 P-K5 or 8 O-O O-O 9 P-QB3 R-K1 10 Q-B2 P-KR3 11 P-Q4 PxP 12 PxP N-N5, Scarellio-Nora, Israel Olympics 1964) 8--PxP (NxP 9 NxN PxN 10 QxP Q-K2 11 B-K3 O-O is good too.) 9 BxN+ (if 9 NxP O-O! and now 10 O-O NxN 11 QxN BxP+ or 10 NxN Q-R5 11 BxP+ QxB 12 N-Q4 R-Q1 13 Q-K2 P-B4 or 10 B-K3 Q-R5 11 BxN PxB; Tarrasch-Lasker, match, 1916) 9--PxP 10 QxP O-O 11 O-O P-QB4 (or 11--R-K1 12 P-QN3 P-QB4 13 Q-B3 R-K3 14 B-N2 R-N3 15 KR-K1 B-N2, Sosin-Rabinovich, Moscow, 1924) 12 Q-B3 B-N2 13 P-QN3 Q-Q2 14 B-N2 P-KB3 15 QR-Q1 Q-B4 16 Q-B4+ K-R1 17 N-R4 Q-KR4; Tartakover-Bogolyubov, 1922.

II. 6 B-N5 PxN 7 NxP Q-N4 (or 7--Q-Q5 8 BxN+ PxB 9 P-Q4 B-R3 with a good game) 8 P-Q4 (8 NxN can be answered with QxP or QxB) QxNP 9 R-KB1 P-QR3 10 BxN+ (or 10 B-B4 NxP 11 PxN B-KN5 12 Q-Q4 B-N5+! 13 B-Q2 BxB+ 14 QxB O-O Szily-Fuster, Budapest, 1952) PxB 11 Q-R5 B-R3! 12 QxP+ K-Q1

III. BxP QxB 7 N-B3 Q-Q1 8 P-KR3 B-K2 9 Q-K2 N-Q5 10 NxN PxN 11 N-K4 O-O 12 O-O P-KB4 13 N-B5! Q-Q3 14 N-N3 P-QB4 15 R-K1 R-B2 16 P-Q3 B-Q2 17 N-Q2 B-B3 with at least equality. Noradungian-Momo, Moscow Olympics 1956.

There are two alternatives for White on his fifth move:

I. 5 BxP+ KxB 6 NxN P-Q4. With castling out of the question for Black, it seems as if White has the edge. In fact, however, White has problems which are not easy to solve:

- A. 7 QN-N5+ K-N1 8 P-Q4 (8 P-Q3 P-KR3 9 N-R3 B-N5 10 P-QN3-- or 10 P-QB3 Q-B3 11 N-N1 R-K1-- Q-Q2 11 N-N1 K-R2 12 B-N2 P-Q5!)
- 8--P-KR3 9 N-R3 B-KN5 10 PxP NxP 11 N(R3)-N1 B-QB4 12 PxKR3 B-R4 13 B-B4 NxN+ 14 NxN Q-K2+ 15 K-B1 (15 Q-K2 Q-B3! 16 Q-Q2 R-K1+) P-B3 16 P-KN4 R-KB1 17 B-N3 B-N3 18 N-K5 B-K5 19 R-KN1 BxKBP!+ Sojka-Makarczyk, Polish Championship 1948.
- B. 7 KN-N5+ K-K1 8 Q-B3 Q-K2
- C. 7 N-B3 P-K5 8 N-N1 Q-N4 with Strub, Levi, Switzerland, 1955.
- D. 7 N-N3 P-K5! 8 N-N1 P-KR4

II. 5 O-O NxN 6 QPxN P-B3 7 N-R4 P-KN3 8 P-KB4 P-KB4 9 N-B3 (or NxP P-Q4! with advantage) P-K5 10 N-N5 B-B4 11 K-R1 Q-K2 12 P-QN4 B-N3 13 P-QR4 P-QR3 14 B-R3 N-Q1. The Boden-Kiezeritzky Gambit; there are other good lines for Black.

C. E. Braun and Mark Brodie of Aiken are now playing a USCF rated 16-game challenge match. Here's one of the early games:

White: Brodie. Black: Braun. Ruy Lopez, Open Defense.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4 N-B3 5 O-O NxP 6 P-Q4 P-QN4 7 B-N3 P-Q4 8 PxP B-K3 9 P-B3 B-K2 10 R-K1 O-O 11 B-B2 N-B4 12 B-K3 Q-Q2 13 N-Q4 NxP 14 BxP+ KxB 15 Q-R5+ K-N1 16 NxB PxN 17 BxN BxB 18 RxN RxP 19 K-R1 R-B8++.

See the next page for notes--

# GAMES, CONTINUED

## Comments on Brodie-Braun:

13 N-Q4 is a natural move, but it gets White into trouble. If 16 QxN Black plays N-Q6. 19 K-R1 gets Black mated, but other moves lose the Q due to the discovered check.

Here's Board 1 in the SC-NC match: White: Hyder; Black David Steele. Sicilian Defense.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP P-K4 5 N-N5 P-QR3 6 N-Q6+ BxN 7 QxB Q-B3 8 Q-R3 (a) KN-K2 9 N-B3 R-QN1 10 B-K3 P-QN4 11 N-Q5 NxN 12 PxN N-K2 13 P-QB4 PxP 14 BxP O-O 15 O-O B-N2 16 QR-Q1 KR-B1 17 P-QN3 N-B4 18 Q-B1 Q-KN3 19 Q-N1 NxB 20 QxQ RpxQ 21 PxN P-Q3 22 P-K4 R-B4 23 R-Q2 R/1-QB1 24 K-B2 P-B4 25 K-K3 P-B5+? 26 K-B3 (b) K-B2 27 P-KR4 R-KR1 28 P-N3! P-N4! 29 PxP R-R6 30 R-KN2 K-N3 31 K-B2?c PxP+ 32 RxB RxB 33 KxR R-B1 34 R-B3 R-KR1 35 B-K2 B-B1 36 B-B1 KxP 37 R-B7 P-N3 38 R-QR7 R-R5 39 BxP BxB 40 RxB RxB 41 RxB R-K7 42 R-R6 R-Q7 43 K-K3 K-B4 44 P-Q6 K-K3 45 P-Q7+ KxP 46 RxB RxB 47 K-K4 R-QN7 48 KxP Drawn.

(a): 8 Q-Q2 is considered best. In the game Black could play better 9--N-Q5 10 B-Q3 R-QN1. After Black's 12th move in the game MCO gives 13 O-O-Q+.

(b) White has the advantage. Black should have played 25-R-B1.

(c) 31 K-K2 holds the pawn. After the text the draw is inevitable.

A note by Hyder:

8 Q-R3 is a suggestion of Spassky's that I saw analyzed some years ago in the obscure and short-lived publication "Chess in the USA". It offers a gambit which is probably a good one: 8--Q-N3 9 B-K3! QxKP 10 N-B3 Q-QN5 11 QxQ NxQ 12 O-O-O followed by B-B5, B-B4, etc.

Harvey Studstill sends us a game of his from a USO tournament in August of this year. White: Studstill. Black: McNamara. Ruy Lopez.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4 N-B3 5 O-O B-B4 6 P-B3 P-QN4 (a) 7 B-B2 P-Q3! 8 P-Q4 PxP 9 PxP B-N3 10 P-KR3 N-QN5 (b) 11 B-N3 Q-K2 12 P-K5 PxP 13 PxP N-K5! 14 P-R3 N-QB3 15 Q-Q5 N-Q5 16 QxKN?(c) NxB 17 QxR Q-Q2?(d) 18 R-R2 P-QB3 19 Q-N8 B-B4 20 B-K3 Black resigns.

a. A good alternative to 6--B-R2 which favors White, according to MCO.

b. A waste of time. After 10--O-O, Black has a good game.

c. Snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. 16 NxN puts Black away.

d. After 17--O-O, it is White who is struggling: 18 R-R2, B-KB4 threatening BxN. If 19 B-N5 Q-K3! 20 Q-N7 N-B4, or 20 QxP BxP+.

Another game from the Closed Championships. White: Brodie. Black: Boettcher. Vienna Game.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 B-B4 3 B-B4 N-KB3 4 P-B4 PxP(a) 5 P-Q4(b) B-N5 6 KN-K2(c) NxP 7 O-O NxN 8 NxN B-Q3(d) 9 Q-R5 P-KN3(e) 10 Q-B3 Q-R5 11 N-N5 N-B3 12 NxB+ PxN 13 QxBP? NxP 14 Q-K4+ N-K3 15 QR-K1 P-KN4 16 P-KN3 Q-N5 17 B-K2 P-B4 18 BxQ PxQ 19 BxQP P-N3 20 B-K5 R-B1 21 B-R5+ K-K2 22 RxB NxB 23 RxB B-N2 24 R-K3 P-Q3 25 B-N7+ K-Q2 26 B-N4+ K-B3 27 R-B7+ BxB 28 R-B7 B-Q4 29 B-K2+ K-R5 30 BxN RxB 31 RxB+ K-N5 32 P-B3+ K-B4 33 R-B7+ B-B3 34 P-QR4 P-Q4 35 B-N5 and Black won.

a. Black gives up the center too soon. 4--P-Q3 5 N-B3 N-B3 is normal.

b. A bit ambitious. 5. N-B3 is better.

c. 6 P-K5 is met by N-K5 7 Q-Q3 Q-R5+ 8 P-N3 PxP 9 N-B3 P-N7+.

d. Black gets a good game after O-O.

e. Again O-O is better.

f. 13 P-B3 would nail things down in the center.

## Some games from Shakhmatny Bulletin:

Russia vs. Hungary, 1968. White: Polugayevsky. Black: Csom.

1 P-QB4 N-KB3 2 N-QB3 P-K3 3 N-B3 B-N5 4 Q-B2 P-QB4 5 P-QR3 B-R4 6 P-KN3 N-B3 7 B-N2 O-O 8 O-O P-QR3 9 R-Q1 Q-K2 (better R-N1) 10 P-Q4 PxP 11 NxP NxN 12 RxB R-N1 13 P-QN4 B-B2 14 B-N2 P-QN4 15 PxP P-B3 16 R-R4 B-K5 17 N-K4!! Black resigns. After 17--NxN QxN Wins the bishop; 17--BxB leads to disaster after 18 NxN+.



## AND MORE GAMES:

The Evans Gambit claimed one more victim in this game from the USSR Semifinal tournament at Leningrad, 1968:

Rishkov vs. Orlov:

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 B-B4 4 P-QN4 BxNP 5 P-B3 B-R4  
6 P-Q4 PxP 7 O-O PxP 8 Q-N3 Q-B3 9 P-K5 Q-N3 10 B-R3 P-QR3 11 NxP  
KN-K2 12 N-Q5 NxN 13 BxN P-QN4 14 P-K6! BPxP 15 BxN PxP 16 N-K5 Q-K5  
17 Q-N3 P-N3 18 QR-Q1 P-N5 19 KR-K1 Q-B4 20 NxBP PxP 21 QxRP! Resigns

Here's an interesting Scotch game from the Yugoslavia-Hungary match. This will help you sharpen up on your algebraic notation. Messing vs. Forintos.

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 ed 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc6 bc 6 e5 Nd5 7 Nd2 Qh4  
8 Bd3 Nb4 9 Be4 Ba6 10 c4 f5 11 Bf5 Bc5 12 Bd7+ Ke7 13 O-O Rxf8  
14 Nf3 Rf3 15 Qf3 Kd7 16 Qf5\* Ke8 17 Bg5 Qc4 18 Rac1 Rf8 19 Qh3 Rf2  
20 Rc4 Rf3+! White resigns.

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When a young chessplayer from an obscure Southern town whose rating is only 1580 enters an open tournament in Pittsburgh he is bound to get his comeuppance, right? Wrong. A correspondent of ours from Tennessee has sent us the story of Tom Jobe, late of the East Tennessee town of Maryville, who scored 4 of 5 in the Golden Triangle Open recently, including the nice win over a well-known master shown below.

Incidentally, it has long been your editor's feeling that ratings in the South are too low, there being not enough good young players staying in the area. Thus the younger players win points from the old-timers, and take them out of the state. Perhaps this case is a good example. At any rate, here is the game:

White: Dr. Eric Marchand. Black: Jobe. King's Indian Defense.

1 P-Q4 P-KN3 2 P-QB4 B-N2 3 P-KN3 N-KB3 4 B-N2 O-O 5 N-KB3 P-Q3  
6 O-O N-B3 7 P-Q5 N-QR4 8 KN-Q2 P-B4--a well-established line,  
recently played a lot. 9 P-QR3 N-Q2 (prevents P-QN4) 10 Q-B2 P-Qr3  
11 QN-B3 N-K4 12 N-Q1 P-QN4 Black is already taking over the  
initiative! 13 N-K3 B-Q2 14 R-N1 PxP 15 P-R3 Q-K1 16 N(3)xP QNxN  
17 NxN NxN 18 QxN R-N1 19 P-QN4 B-N4(! says Jobe) 20 Q-B2 P-B5  
21 P-QR4 BxP 22 QxBP Q-B1. White's attempt to remove his weaknesses  
on the queen's side by attacking there has not worked out well.  
23 QxQ KRxQ 24 B-N5 B-B7 25 QR-B7 B-N7 Now Black's passed pawn is  
Mighty! 26 QR-K1 RxP 27 BxP R-N3! 28 B-N5 P-QR4 29 B-Q2 P-R5  
30 P-B4 P-R6 31 B-B1 R-R1 32 P-K4 B-Q5+ White resigns!

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## SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS by J. M. Smith.

These ideas for improving the conduct of tournaments were devised by Mr. Smith, and were in part applied successfully by him at the Closed Championships. We print them here to make them available to all the members for study and consideration.

- 1 There should be in a tournament such as the Closed Championships a Championship Section open to all and an Amateur Section for players below a given rating.
- 2 All rated players are listed in a declining order for pairing in each section.
- 3 In the first round the unrated players are selected by lot and paired up from the bottom. An odd player will be paired according to Rule 7.
- 4 For the second and remaining rounds the unrated players are paired as follows: Those with drawn games remain in that section. Those who win their first game are paired in the Championship Section. Losers of their first game will be paired in the Amateur Section.

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## THE CHALLENGE POSITIONS:

We have received only one attempt at the challenge positions; just as well, for in the game Thompson-Hoenck it was Black to move, not White as written. We are declaring the competition at an end, but would still welcome analysis, or interesting positions our readers would like to submit.

## MEMBERSHIP:

As we go to press the SCCA has 40 active, dues-paying members. This is probably a record, but there are a number of others in the state who might be interested. Spread the word!

Here's where our members live:

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|---------------------|----|
| Columbia area       | 11 |
| Aiken-North Augusta | 10 |
| Charleston area     | 7  |
| Greenville          | 3  |
| Spartanburg area    | 3  |
| Florence-Darlington | 3  |
| Camden              | 1  |
| Sumter              | 1  |
| Clinton             | 1  |

## REVIEWS OF MAGAZINES (Continued from previous issues)

THE CHESS CORRESPONDENT. Published by the Correspondence Chess League of America, 706 Mt. Hope Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45204. Annual Subscription \$3.50; CCLA membership \$6.00.

What a difference an editor makes! Once the Correspondent was the best magazine in the country for following opening theory and for picking up interesting games from abroad, due to the efforts of its editor, W. M. Spackman. But Spackman has been gone for quite a few years, and the magazine is now a rather modest club bulletin composed mainly of tournament announcements and results, with a few games or an occasional contributed article. The CCLA is a worthwhile organization for correspondence players, but its magazine will attract few people on its own merits.

While we are on the subject of correspondence chess, we excerpt below some comments sent us by Jim Inman.

### Correspondence Chess for You!

In the world of postal chess the name of the game is "strategy". It's the ideal way to improve your over-the-board play. Setting up your board in your leisure time lets you play without making the normal oversights made over the board.

Correspondence chess offers one new friends and different styles of play. It is an enjoyable game for all ages. I'm now playing 18 games by mail and I'm really enjoying it. You can too. It's an adventure you will not forget.

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Continuing with the reviews, let's move on to the English publications:

THE BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE. Published monthly at 9 Market St., St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Sussex, Great Britain. Annual subscription \$4.35 regular mail, \$6.05 air mail.

CHESS. Published at least monthly at Sutton Coldfield, England. Annual subscription \$5.00.

CHESSMAN QUARTERLY. Published Quarterly by Chessman Publications, Ltd., 26, Churchill Ave., Birkenhead, Cheshire, England. Annual Subscription \$3.75. Single copies available at \$1.00.

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The English may not be the best chessplayers in the world, but they are among the most literate, and they publish some good magazines. All those listed are in a fairly small format (about 5" x 9") by American standards, and the two magazines of general interest look much alike, but they certainly are not. Let's consider them one by one:

The BCM is a general interest magazine which tends to be rather archival, taking note of all major British and world chess events. The British events will not be of interest to many. A few games and articles of analysis are published--disappointingly few of late, at least of annotated games. The strong point of the BCM is their book reviews and their catalogue of books for sale. They systematically mention and list for sale almost anything in print on the game. I think no chess bibliophile can afford to be without the BCM. They also book subscriptions to most of the world's chess magazines. If you crave to take the South African Chessplayer, or Tal's journal Chess in Latvian, get in touch with the BCM.

CHESS is a one-man publication, and proof that a strong and talented editor can make a good magazine. It is full of games, human interest material, and commentary on the world chess scene and British chess in particular. It makes good reading, and is worth taking. They also sell books and equipment, including some clocks and sets at attractive prices (BCM does the same), but the listings and reviews are not as systematic or as comprehensive as the BCM. Still, if you only take one, take CHESS, and you won't miss much. I recommend it.

I'm afraid I cannot recommend CHESSMAN QUARTERLY, though. This journal is devoted mainly to detailed opening analysis, very good and detailed (the English masters tend to be very strong in this field; they start losing a few moves after the opening against foreign masters.) However, any one issue cannot cover so very much, and the editor has made the (to me) inexcusable decision to continue articles from issue to issue. This is maddening in a quarterly journal; it is taking them a solid year to cover the poison pawn variation of the Sicilian. Not even a correspondence player can wait that long! Save your money, if you want to be a student of the game, and buy the Informator regularly.

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#### TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS (Continued from Page 9)

- 5 Opponents of forfeited games must be paired.
- 6 When a bye is necessary it is  $\frac{1}{2}$  point given to the lowest score from the last round.
- 7 If there is an odd player in either section he will be selected from the middle of the section and stand by to be paired with the first winner of his section. Then the player having played the extra game will not be paired in the next round unless a vacancy exists.
- 8 Players entering the tournament late at the second round can make up the first round.
- 9 No player will play the same opponent more than one time.

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#### CLUB NEWS

Aiken Chess Club: Continues to meet at the PET MILK Co. Bldg. on Highway 215 E. Monday nights at 7:30.

The Florence Chess Club has been formed through the efforts of Jim Inman, and is meeting Tuesday nights. Interested persons should contact Jim. A club is also active at Florence High School, and sent representatives to the team tournament described elsewhere in this issue.

We hope to be able to report on all the clubs in the state in future issues. The next issue is planned for early March.

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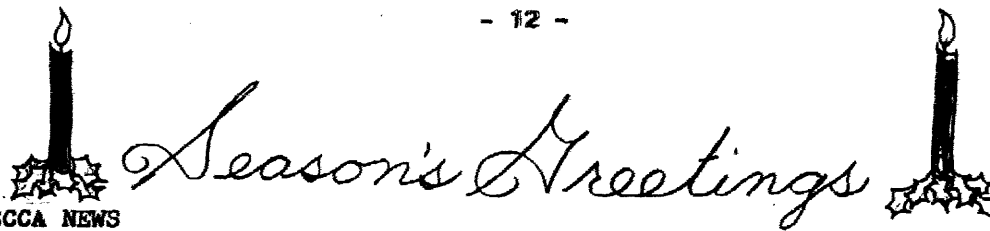
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