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## THOMPSON, HAWTHORNE, AND NUZUM WIN AT AIKEN CHESS FESTIVAL

Seventeen hardy chessplayers braved a torrential rain, the Hong Kong flu, and all other deterrents of the holiday season and turned out for the Aiken Holiday Chess Festival. John Thompson of Greenville overwhelmed the other competitors in the Senior division and took the first place trophy with a perfect 5-0 score. Gerald Prazak of Charleston took second place with 3-2. The Junior division was more numerous, due no doubt to the "S. C. Junior Champion" trophy to be won by the top S. C. resident; nine players turned out and contested it vigorously. Doug Hawthorne of Aiken and Yale University won first place and the trophy on the tie-break with 4-1; Charles Williams of Augusta was second with the same score. Hawthorne lost no game but drew with Steven Hunt of Athens, Georgia and with Harvey Studstill of West Columbia. Williams lost to Hawthorne in Round 1 and won the rest of the way.

In the unrated one-day special tournament John Nuzum of Aiken won out in a group of three players, with 4-0 in a double round robin.

The event was co-sponsored by the SCCA and the Aiken City Recreation Department. Gene Fuller, city recreation director, spared no effort to make the tournament a success. The facilities could have served a much larger tournament.

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## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: AIKEN, SPARTANBURG WIN TOURNAMENTS; STATE HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT PLANNED FOR APRIL 26 IN COLUMBIA.

High School chess action has continued to be brisk around the state, and two team tournaments have been reported to us since our last issue. Greenville High School was host to a seven-team tournament on January 25, which was won by a team from Aiken High School that scored 7 points of a possible 8. Spartanburg High School was second with 6 points. On February 15 Carver High School of Greenville was the site of a five-team competition, and Spartanburg won this one with 6½, ahead of Carver and Greenville with 4. Brookland-Cayce, winner of an earlier tournament this year, did not compete in either match.

Wade Hampton High School of Columbia is to be the site of the next tournament on March 8, and on April 12 Dorman High of Spartanburg will host a similar competition. The interscholastic chess season will be climaxed by the annual State Team Championship at Brookland-Cayce High School (Cayce-West Columbia) on April 26; details of this event are on a later page of this issue.

It is noteworthy that this thriving competition has been organized by J. M. Smith and the students and other sponsors with little or no support from any interscholastic organization. It would seem to be time for the schools to recognize interscholastic chess!

# DETAILED RESULTS OF THE AIKEN HOLIDAY CHESS FESTIVAL

## SENIOR (1-5) and JUNIOR (6-14) DIVISIONS:

Player	Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
John Thompson, Greenville	1	W4	W3	W2	W5	W5	5-0
Gerald Prazak, Charleston	2	D3	W5	L1	W4	D11	3-2
W. L. Milligan, Columbia	3	D2	L1	W5	D8	D12	2½-2½
Harold Kelley, Aiken	4	L1	L12	L9	L2	D14	2-4½
Bill Brittingham, Augusta	5	W14	L2	L3	L1	L1	1-4
Harvey Studstill, W. Columbia	6	W9	W11	D7	D13	L10	3-2
Doug Hawthorne, Aiken	7	W10	D13	D6	W12	W9	4-1
Don Holzworth, North Augusta	8	L11	W14	L12	D3	D13	2-3
Mark Brodie, Aiken	9	L6	L10	W4	W14	L7	2-3
Charles Williams, Augusta	10	L7	W9	W14	W11	W6	4-1
J. Donnelly, Augusta	11	W8	L6	D13	L10	D2	2-3
Roger B. Ramsey, W. Columbia	12	L13	W4	W8	L7	D3	2½-2½
Steven Hunt, Athens	13	W12	D7	D11	D6	D8	3-2
Stephen Scott, Columbia	14	L5	L8	L10	L9	D4	2-4½

## SPECIAL ONE DAY TOURNAMENT:

Nuzum, Aiken: 4-0; Duncan, Aiken: 2-2; R. Holzworth, N. Aug.: 0-4.

## LATEST USCF RATINGS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Incorporating the January, 1969 revisions; includes all players active from December, 1967, to October, 1968.

Hyder	2048	Hawthorne	1661	Brodie	1388
Braun	1947	Inman	1644	Wright	1385
Edelsburg	1880	Cooksey	1639	Behling	1361
Mathews	1872	Neil	1618	Rollings	1359
Tallman	1870	Townes	1614	Brewster	1308
Jacobi	1870	Nuzum	1563	Holzworth	1289
Hoenck	1858	Holroyd	1536	Easterling	1265
Chalmers	1850	Phillips	1512	S. Cabaniss	1222
Fickling	1833	Prazak	1503	Boettcher	1110
Bell	1832	Houston	1499	Scott	1026
J. Cabaniss	1773	Funderburk	1491	Morse	963
Schenkel	1766	Milligan	1479	Kirkland	770
Koh	1741	Davis	1474	Mrs. Pellicci	737
Lofton	1728	Swats	1466		
Garrett	1725	Ramsey	1460		
J. Thompson	1696	Barr	1457		
Pritchard	1694	Kelley	1405		
Purvis	1684	J. Smith	1403		
Studstill	1664	Donnan	1391		

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## RESULTS OF THE INTERSCHOLASTIC MATCH AT GREENVILLE, JAN. 25, 1969

Aiken (7): Mark Brodie 2, Dick Duncan 1, Don Jennings 2, Steve Waters 2. Spartanburg (6): Venson Steadman 1, Earl Brown 2, Randy Rickard 1, Charles Adams and Mark Crenshaw 1 of 1 each. Wade Hampton Reds: (5½) Carlos Quintero 2, Gary Dudley 1½, John Neiss 2, Joe Morgan 1. Wade Hampton Greys: (3½) Richard Widemeyer 0, Dick Todd 1½, Chesley Ruff 1, Brad Van Name 1. Carver (Greenville) (4) (order reversed; sorry!) Don Robinson 2, Willie Means 1, Bill Hunter 0, Wiley Canty 1. Greenville (2): Lamar Craze 0, Mike Page 0, Frances Carpenter 1, Ted Cochran 1. Dorman (Spartanburg) (0): Bob Gillespie, Darrel Massey, Bill Cannon, Bill Clayton and Bill Kimbrell.

## RESULTS OF THE INTERSCHOLASTIC MATCH AT CARVER H. S., FEB. 15, 1969

(Games played by each player in parentheses) Spartanburg (6½): Steadman 1 (2), Newcomer 1 (1), Biggins ½ (1), Crenshaw 1 (1), Clements 1 (1), Sardone 1 (1), Rickard 1 (1). Carver (4): Robinson 2 (2), Means 1 (2), Hunter 0 (2), Canty 1 (2). Greenville (4): Craze 1½ (2), Page 1½ (2), Cochran 1 (2), Jordan 0 (2). Wade Hampton (3½): Quintero 1½ (2), Dudley 1 (2), Neiss 1 (2), Morgan 1 (2). Dorman (2): Gillespie 0 (2), Kimbrell 0 (1), Ellwood 1 (1), Massey 0 (1), Clayton 1 (1), Cameron 0 (1), Henderson 0 (1).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS

### SPRING HOLIDAYS OPEN AT SPARTANBURG

The 1969 Spring Holidays Open will be held at Spartanburg High School March 29-30. There will be two sections, one for players of Class B and above, the other for Class C and below. The entry fee will be \$2.00, and trophies will be given as prizes. SCCA and USCF membership will be required, but memberships in other state chess associations will be honored for residents of those states. (5 Rd. Swiss system)

Registration and additional details may be obtained from J. M. Smith, 611 DuPre Dr., Spartanburg, S. C. 29302.

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### COASTAL EMPIRE OPEN

The Georgia Chess Association will hold this new tournament at Savannah on April 19-20. It will be a 5 Rd. Swiss, held at the Skyliner Service Club, Hunter AAF. Entry fee: \$10. First prize: \$100. Cash prizes both sections. Details and entries from Tom Nelligan, 222 E. 41 St., Savannah 31401.

We wish to thank the Georgia Chess Association for publicizing S. C. tournaments and are happy to reciprocate. We are only sorry our schedule was such that we missed the Georgia Open at Pearson in mid-February.

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### REVIEWS, CONCLUDED.

CHESS DIGEST. Published quarterly P. O. Box 21225, Dallas, Texas 75211. Annual Subscription \$5.80.

Publishing a chess magazine, whatever the intellectual satisfaction, is a chancy and unpromising way to make a living, or even to avoid losing the living you have; the maximum circulation for the whole country is only a few thousand, advertising is nearly non-existent, and the market is already crowded. Ken Smith, a well-known Texas master, is making a valiant effort to publish his CHESS DIGEST against all those odds, and, despite a bad year in 1968 with a monthly, intends to publish quarterly this year.

We wish him luck; his magazine is very well produced and does have some unique material, principally translations of Russian and Slavic analysis. Also there are games, with and without annotations, and problem positions, etc. It's a nice magazine, fills something of a void, but I fear it can appeal to only a small part of the chess public. Primarily it is aimed at the serious student of the game, but these are a minority and have lots of other material to study. The quality of his quarterly will have to be very high to attract many new subscribers.

CHESS DIGEST also stocks a wide variety of books, probably the best in the country. I recommend their catalogue to your consideration.

THE LOCAL MAGAZINES: Our neighbors' news.

I receive, and enjoy, the newsletters put out by the state chess associations of Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Some of you who have chess friends in our neighbor states may also find these interesting, and so I list them here.

NCCA GAMBIT: Published irregularly, and missing from my desk for some while, but an interesting publication when it appears. Those interested in the NCCA should write the Secretary, Grady Brown, 3921 Woodleaf Rd., Charlotte 28205.

## REVIEWS, CONTINUED

GEORGIA CHESS-LETTER. Editor: Philip K. Mace, 4346 Snellings Dr., Columbus, Georgia 31907. A mimeographed bimonthly, the Georgia chess letter concentrates on news, but has some games. The editors are quite concerned with chess organization around their state, and have had several interesting articles analyzing where the chess activity is, and what's going on. GCA Membership: \$2.00.

TENNESSEE CHESS NEWS. Published by Peter Lahde, 2609 Sailboat Ct., Nashville, Tennessee 37217. Another mimeographed bimonthly, published for quite a few years now by Pete Lahde, this bulletin is a model of its kind. Lots of games and news, a few annotations, this has always been a real pleasure to play through and read through. Editor Lahde's team of correspondents covers the state well. (TCA dues \$2.00)

IN CONCLUSION: This series has covered all the publications in English available to us, which are likely to be of interest to South Carolina chessplayers. CHESS INFORMANT, properly a series of books rather than a magazine, will be reviewed later (we recommend it.) The British Chess Magazine lists a publication in English, CHESS EXPRESS, but we know nothing about it, and the rate is too high to justify a trial subscription to find out.

Magazines come and go, and we will try to keep up. We note with regret the absence of CHESS SCRIBE for more than two months, and hope that this excellent venture is not to be given up.

As in all things, we will be interested in comments by our readers. We would like to have any new publications brought to our attention, and welcome contributed reviews of books or other literature, subject to the usual editorial constraints of space, style, and suitability.

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## SPARTANBURG SPRING HOLIDAYS OPEN: MORE INFORMATION

Rate of play: 50 moves in 2 hours. Registration for the first round at 9:30 am March 29. Rd. 2 at 3 pm, Rd. 3 at 8 pm. Players entering late will be given a chance to make up the first round.

"There are eight beautiful engraved trophies!" says Mrs. Smith. This should give everyone the best possible chance for a trophy.

The Smith pairing system will be used for unrated players.

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## CHESS CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

SPARTANBURG: "Our city chess club is at the present time meeting here at the High School on DuPre Drive Wednesday evenings at 7 p. m. We have 6 or 8 players most of the time."--J. M. Smith

NORTH AUGUSTA: The North Augusta-Augusta chess group meets Friday nights in members' homes. Persons interested in this group should contact the Secretary, Frank Nieberding, at 701 Crestlyn Dr., North Augusta.

COLUMBIA: "The Palmetto Chess Club has been in existence in Columbia since 1953; I organized the club then and was the first president. We have been chartered officially for a couple of years. On paper we have some 4 dozen members, but currently attendance is pretty low; not exceeding a few couples playing. We meet every Wednesday between 7 and 10 p. m. at the Y. W. C. A., 1505 Blanding St., and welcome guests." --Alex Edelsburg, club president. Interested persons are invited to contact Mr. Edelsburg at his office (779-3684) or home 787-8901) telephones.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

The material below represents the personal opinions of the editor exclusively, and in no way represents any official opinion of the SCCA or any other of its officers. In printing it he serves notice that the columns of this paper are open to all who want to discuss chess matters affecting the South Carolina chess community. Letters and other contributions of this type are welcomed, and contrasting views especially, so that all sides of controversies may be represented.

--MLH.

### THE AIKEN HOLIDAY CHESS FESTIVAL: LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE.

While the Aiken Holiday Chess Festival was a success in terms of fellowship and competition, it fell short of succeeding in terms of numbers. The thirty or so people needed for it to break even did not all show up, so the City of Aiken as primary sponsor took a small loss. Worse yet, a lot of effort by Recreation Director Gene Fuller and his staff was partly wasted. Here are my best guesses as to why, for the benefit of the several readers who may want to organize a chess tournament sometime.

First, the holiday season does not seem to be a good time, except for students. There is too much going on, and the weather does not encourage travel.

Second, it seems that you cannot easily get the casual chessplayer to compete in a tournament, even with lots of trophies, publicity, and low entry fees. There are apparently only a certain number of people who have the "bug" that makes them want to compete in tournaments; the others are content to play now and then.

Thirdly, from this it seems that tournaments are organized simply for those people who do compete; this is a relatively small group, that can be predicted pretty well in advance. For a tournament like that in Aiken, offering no cash prizes or titles, this means those players in the immediate area, and a few from a convenient driving distance. With larger prizes, stronger players and weaker ones too will come from some distance to compete, although this number is still fairly small. (Other examples: Carolinas' Open, Charleston, 1968: \$100 first prize, 21 participants; Augusta Open, 1968: \$70 first prize, 32 participants.) Final conclusions: Don't expect too many players; make the entry fee high enough!

### HAS ANYONE SEEN THE SOUTHERN CHESS ASSOCIATION?

Perhaps it's not really lost; after all, it does sponsor the Southern Open every year over the July 4 weekend. But then it quietly disappears for another year, and not even its members may know where to find it; after the 1967 Southern Open in Atlanta where I paid my fees to join, I received no membership card, communication, or anything until Don Schultz sent me a notice of the 1968 tournament. David Burris of Knoxville is the current president, according to the TCA News, but plans for the 1969 tournament (presumably to be held in Tennessee) are not yet available.

It seems to me that the Southern Chess Association is merely a paper organization which carries on the sole business of organizing the annual tournament; "dues" merely constitute an extra entry fee for that tournament. The "organization" is beholden to no one except those persons who show up every July 4, and as the geographic location of the event may range from New Orleans to Miami to Raleigh, the composition of this group may change drastically from year to year. Now there is nothing necessarily wrong with any of this, except that there ought to be a real chess association in the South. In this large area, which is lightly populated with chessplayers, the need for an effective regional organization is greater than in urban centers with lots of players of all strengths. Such a group could sponsor various regional chess events; coordinate local events, help local groups in publicizing their activities, and generally work to promote chess on a regional basis. I don't see that the SCA as presently constituted could ever hope to achieve these ends; in fact, they do pretty well to keep the tradition going. A body with no reasonably stable membership will not accomplish much. It would be better if the SCA were

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## COMMENT, CONTINUED

organized as a federation of state organizations. Perhaps the three USCF vice-presidents from the South could form an executive committee, and the USCF Directors could function also as Regional directors. Such a basis could enable the organization to function on a much wider scale than is presently possible.

## REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL CHESS

as mentioned on p.1, it seems to be doing very well and to have aroused a lot of interest around the state. It deserves official recognition as an interscholastic competition.

## THERE IS NO EDITOR KNOWN TO US

who will pass up the opportunity to print an unsolicited letter like this one. Writer and chessmaster Acers will be familiar to many readers from his participation in Southern chess for several years, where he scored many victories. Now resident in California, he is presently Games Editor of the California Chess Reporter.

"Dear Lee--

I find your publication interesting and some of the analysis is not only correct but useful for me.

Best wishes always, Jude Acers

P. S. Hooray Tom Jobe! and your reviews of periodicals, notably Chessman's Quarterly, are very perceptive."

## ON THAT NOTE

your attention is called to the analysis on the next page of the Wilkes-Barre variation, which is probably the best thing we have printed yet. This interesting line, which seems to be sound, has been studied only by Keres among the great masters. We know of no other up-to-date analysis all in one place.

As this issue may find wider interest than usual, we offer a few extra copies for sale at 50 cents (25 cents to SCCA members.)

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## FLORENCE CHESS NEWS:

The Florence chess group is meeting irregularly in homes. It has about 10 members. Florence High School has organized a chess club; its president, John Brassington, is looking for competition. His address is Wisteria Dr., Florence, S. C.

## ANNUAL STATE HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

April 26, 1969 at Brookland Cayce High School, West Columbia.  
Registration at 10:00 a. m.; drawing for opponents at 10:30. No registration after 10:30. The tournament is for teams of 4 players, and will consist of two rounds, or three if more than one schools enter. Entry fee \$1 per player, pays for a year's subscription to SCCA News and may be applied on a \$2 SCCA membership. Trophy to winning school plus recognition on the permanent plaque.  
Time limit: 40 moves in 50 minutes. Rounds at 10:30, 1:00, (3:00)  
Each team must supply 2 Stouton sets and boards, and clocks are requested. Further details from J. M. Smith.

## NORTH AUGUSTA CHESS NEWS:

The North Augusta chess group we mentioned earlier is the only one we know of in these parts with a periodic bulletin, put out by the Secretary, Frank Nieberding. The 5 February issue may be of interest, so here is part of it:

"The Aiken Tourney Champ, Mr. John Thompson, has been keeping Dr. Yost busy for the past few weeks. John has the task of educating Bath Mill supervisors in leadership techniques and is in town every Wed. Dr. Mareska, Mr. Harry Bell, Jr., Dr. Yost & myself waylaid Mr. Thompson on the 15th of Jan. at my house. John came over expecting a friendly game and found an impromptu simultaneous waiting for him. As you may know, Dr. Yost and Mr. Bell are tough customers by themselves, (Continued on p. 10)

# THE WILKES-BARRE VARIATION OF THE TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

By C. E. Braun

Against the Two Knights' Defense, 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-Qb3 3 B-B4 N-B3, White normally continues with 4 N-N5 to put pressure on the KBP. The normal counter to this attack is 4...P-Q4 5 PXP N-QR4 ( NXP? gives White a choice between a solid plus with 6 P-Q4! or the "Fried Liver" attack with 6 NxBP!?) The N-QR4 variation involves a pawn sacrifice for a not-so-potent attack, and when the smoke clears away, Black often finds himself in an ending a pawn down.

A far sharper attack is obtained with 4...B-B4!, the Wilkes-Barre or Traxler (a Czech expert who played it frequently) Variation. As will be seen, the game takes a wild course. The player who remembers the most analysis has a big advantage. Much of the analysis of this line given below is due to the Czech master Rohlicek and the American correspondence expert, Ken Williams.

White has four choices for his fifth move: they will be considered in turn.

I. 5 NxBP. This fork is the obvious "refutation". 5...BxP+!

A. KxB NxP+

a. 7 K-K3 Q-R5 8 P-KN3 (8 Q-B3 N-B3 9 NxR Q-Q5+ 10 K-K2 QxB+ 11 K-Q1 N-Q5++) NxNP 9 PxN Q-Q5 10 K-B3 P-Q4 11 R-R4 P-K5+ 12 K-N2 O-O 13 Q-R5 (13 R-B4 PxB 14 Q-R5 P-KN3 15 N-R6+ K-N2 16 Q-KN5 B-Q2 17 N-B3 Q-K4. Johnson-Schroeder, correspondence) B-K3 14 QxP+ KxN 15 R-B4+ K-K2 16 Q-R4+ K-Q2 17 B-N3 R-R1 18 Q-N5 B-R6+ 19 K-R1 B-N5+ 20 K-N2 B-B6+ 21 RxB PxR+ 22 KxP QR-KB 23 Resigns. Zajicek-Rohlicek.

b. 7 K-N1 Q-R5 8 P-KN3 (8 Q-B3 R-B1? or 8 Q-K2 N-Q5? or 8 Q-B1 R-B1 9 P-Q3 N-Q3 10 NxN PxN 11 Q-K2 N-Q5 12 Q-Q2 Q-KN5++) NxNP 9 PxN (9 Q-K1 QxB 10 QxN QxN 11 N-B3 P-Q3 +) QxP+ 10 K-B1 R-B1 11 Q-R5 P-Q4! (11...N-Q5 is also good) 12 BxN N-N5 13 B-B4 (13 Q-B3 QxQ+ 14 BxQ RxN 15 K-K2 NxBP 16 B-K4 B-N5+ 17 K-Q3 NxR 18 N-B3 B-B6 and the N escapes, or 13 B-N3 NxBP 14 R-N1 B-R6+ 15 K-K2 N-Q5+ +++ Williams) P-QN4 14 B-N3 (for 14 BxP+, see MCO) NxBP+ and 15 NxR.

B. 6 K-B1 Q-K2 7 NxR P-Q4 8 PXP (8 B-K2 B-R5 9 P-Q3 PXP 10 PXP Q-B4! 11 P-KN3 B-R6+ 12 K-K1 R-Q1 13 B-Q2 B-N4 14 B-Q3 B-N5 15 Q-B1 NxP 16 BxN BxB+ 17 NxB Q-K6+ ++ Williams) N-Q5, and now

a. 9 P-KR3 B-R5 (B-N6 or N-N5 are good alternatives) 10 P-B3 N-B4! 11 P-Q4 P-K5 12 B-Q2 (12 B-KB4 P-KN4 13 P-KN4 P-K6 14 Q-B3 N-R3 +) B-Q2! 13 K-N1 P-K6 14 N-B7 B-B7+ 15 K-R1 B-N6+ 16 K-N1 QxBP + Trotimov-Sargonas, Correspondence.

b. 9 P-B3 B-N5 10 Q-R4+ N-Q2! 11 KxB (11 PxN Q=B3 12 PXP Q-B5+ Q-R5+ 12 K-K3 (12 P-KN3 Q-B3) Q-N4+ 13 K-B2 Q-B4+ 14 K-N1 O-O-O 15 PXP R-KB1 ++ Mikishka-Traxler, 1896.

c. 9 KxB N-N5! Williams.

d. ( N-B3 B-N5 10 B-K2 NxB 11 NxN N-K5 12 P-Q3 Q-B3 13 BxN B-Q6 14 Resigns. Gosling-Murray, Whitby, 1958.

e. ( B-K2 B-R5! 10 P-KN3 (10 P-Q3 Q-B4) B-R6 11 K-K1 N-K5 12 P-Q3 NxNP 13 B-K3 N-K5 14 Resigns. Wead-Larsson, Correspondence, 1967.

f. 9 P-Q6 QxP 10 P-B3 B-N5 11 Q-R4+ P-QN4 12 BxP\* NxB 13 KxB Q-N3+ 14 P-Q4 N-K5+ 15 K-K1 O-O-O 16 N-B7 NxQP! ++ Podsypanin-Mazukevich, Tula 1958.

g. 9 P-Q3 B-N5 10 Q-Q2 B-K7+ 11 KxB N-N5+ 12 K-N1 Q-B4++ Rosenbaum-Gold, San Francisco 1959.

C. 6 K-K2 N-Q5+ 7 K-Q3 P-QN4 8 B-N3 NxP!! 9 NxQ N-B4+ 10 K-B3 N-K7+ 11 QxN B-Q5+ 12 K-N4 P-R4+ 13 KxNP B-R3+ 14 KxP B-Q6+ 15 K-N4 N-R3+ 16 K-R4 N-N5+ 17 KxN P-B4 mate. Reinisch-Traxler, 1890.

II. Well, if the knight fork doesn't work, what about 5 BxP+? After the forced 5...K-K2, White has four tries:

A. 6 P-Q4 NxQP 7 P-QB3 N-B3 8 B-N3 R-B1 9 B-K3 BxB 10 PxB P-Q3

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# THE WILKES-BARRE VARIATION (CONTINUED)

11 N-Q2 Q-K1 12 Q-K2 Q-N3 13 N(5)-B3 N-QR4 14 B-B2 B-K3 15 O-O-O  
N-Q2+

B. 6 B-N3 R-B1 7 P-Q3 (70-O P-KR3 8 N-KB3 P-Q3 9 P-KR3 Q-K1!?)  
with an unclear position) P-Q3 8 N-B3 (or 8 P-KR3 Q-K1 9 N-QB3  
Q-N3 and 10--R-B1+ or 8 B-K3 B-N5 9 Q-Q2 P-KR3 10 BxB PxB 11 P-KR3  
B-Q2 12 N-B3 Q-K1+ Trmal-Nun, Czech championship 1962) P-KR3 9 B-K3  
B-N5 10 BxB PxB 11 QN-Q2 N-Q5 12 P-KR3 B-R4 13 P-KN4? NxNP! 14 NxN  
(14 PxN NxN! 15 NxN BxP++) QxN 15 Resigns H. Steiner - Paoli,  
Reggio Emilia, 1951.

C. 6 B-B4 R-B1 7 O-O P-Q3

a. 8 B-K2 P-KR3 (or PxB=) 9 N-B3 NxP 10 P-Q3 N-B3 11 P-B3 B-KN5=

b. 8 N-QB3 N-Q5 9 N-K2 NxN+ 10 BxN P-KR3 11 N-B3 NxP 12 P-Q3

N-B3 13 P-Q4 PxP=

c. 8 P-Q3 P-KR3 9 N-B3 B-KN5 10 B-K3 Q-Q2 11 N-Q2 P-KN4=

D. 6 B-Q5 N-QN5 (Not MCO's P-KR3) 7 N-QB3 R-B1 8 O-O P-Q3+ Williams.

III. Can White get an edge with 5 P-Q4? Black counters with 5--P-Q4!  
6 BxP (6PxP NxP 7 P-Q6 O-O +, but White can equalize with 6 PxB PxB)  
QxP and White again has the choice between NxBP and BxP+:

A. 7 NxBP Q-K2 8 NxR B-KN5

a. 9 Q-Q3 NxR 10 PxN O-O-O (--B-B4 is good too.) 11 Q-N3 NxP

12 K-K2 NxR 13 B-KN5 Q-B1 14 N-QB3 N-B7 15 R-B1 N-Q5+16 K-B1

B-Q3 17 R-K1 K-Q2 18 RxB BxR 19 QxB B-Q6+ 20 Resigns. Paulig-

Giertz, Correspondence 1966. The Wilkes-Barre strikes again!

b. 9 Q-Q2 O-O-O (--NxR as in a is also good.) 10 N-B7 (10 O-O

or N-B3 are answered by P-B3 and 10 P-QB3 is met by RxB 11 PxR

--if PxN RxB-- N-K5 12 Q-Q3 --if 12 PxN B-N5 -- NxKBP 13 KxN

Q-R5+ 14 K-B1 N-B6+) NxR 11 NxR N-B5 12 P-QB3 (12 O-O Q-R5 13 N-B7

B-B6 14 QxN(B5) PxQ 15 N-K5 B-K7+) NxP+ 13 K-B1 Q-R5 14 PxN

14 Q-N5 N-B5 15 BxN B-R6+ 16 K-K1 N-B6 17 K-Q1 NxQ++) Q-R6

15 P-KB3 N-R5+ ++

c. 9 P-KB3 NxR 10 PxN N-N5 (--Q-R5+ is riskier) 11 N-R3 (on 11

P-B3 Black wins with Q-R5+ 12 K-B1 Q-B3+ or 12 K-Q2 Q-B7+ or 12

P-N3 N(Q5)-B7+) O-O-O 12 B-Q2 Q-R5+ 13 P-KN3 N(Q5) xP+ 14 NxN

N-Q6+ ++

d. 9 B-B7+ K-B1 10 P-KB3 (10 Q-Q3 R-Q1 11 B-Q5 -- if Q-KN3 NxP+

and if 11 Q-B4 B-K7 -- NxR 12 PxN B-B4+) NxP+ 11 PxN NxKP 12

P-KR4 Q-B3 13 NxQ2 N-N6 14 R-R2 R-Q1 15 PxB RxN +-Williams.

B. 7 BxP+ K-K2

a. 8 P-QB3 P-KR3 9 PxN BxP+

b. 8 B-N3 NxR 9 QxQ+ RxQ 10 R-PxN P-KR3 11 N-B3 NxP =

c. 8 N-B3 P-B3 9 B-QB3 R-B1+ Informator.

d. 8 B-QB4 P-N4 9 B-Q3 (9 B-K2 P-KR3 10 N-B3 NxKP 11 NxP NxKBP

12 KxN -- 12 QxN BxQ 13 N-B6+ K-Q2 14 NxQ NxR 15 B-B3 R-K1+ 16

K-B1 P-N5! -- N-B3+ 13 K-N1 NxN 14 QxQ RxQ 15 BxNP B-N2 16 B-B1

N-B6 17 K-K2 N-Q5+ ++ P-KR3 10 N-KB3 N-N5 11 O-O (Other tries

are 11 R-B1 Q-Q3 12 P-KR3 -- 12 P-B3 NxN+ 13 PxN NxRP 14 R-R1

Q-N3 15 B-B1 NxP+ 16 QxN R-B1 17 Q-R5 BxP+ 18 Q-Q2 R-Q1+ --

and 11 B-K3 R-B1 12 QN-Q2 P-B3 13 P-KR3 NxN+ 14 NxN NxR 15 PxN

BxP 16 NxP Q-Q3 +) NxN 12 PxN (12 QxN R-B1 13 Q-K2 RxP 14 RxR

BxR+ 15 K-R1 B-N3) NxRP 13 KxN Q-Q2 14 P-KB4 (14 B-K3 Q-R6+ 15

K-N1 B-QN5 16 P-QB3 R-B1 17 PxB R-B3+) Q-R6+ 15 K-N1 B-KN5 16

B-K2 Q-N6+ 17 K-R1 Q-R5+ 18 K-N1 QR-Q1 19 B-Q2 (19 Q-K1 R-Q3

20 P-B5 B-R6 21 Q-B3 -- 21 B-K3 QxKP 22 P-B3 QxB+ -- B-Q5 22

Q-B3 P-N4 23 B-K3 P-KN5 +) B-KR6 20 B-KB3 RxB 21 NxR R-Q1 22 B-Q2

RxN 23 Q-B3 B-KN5 24 Q-B3 BxP+ ++

IV. White can avoid the attack with 5 O-O O-O

A. 6 N-QB3 P-Q3 7 P-Q3 B-KN5 8 N-B3 N-Q5 9 K-R1 P-B3 10 B-K3 P-Q4

11 PxP PxP 12 BxN KPxB 13 N-QR4 B-Q3 14 B-N3 P-QN4 15 P-KR3 PxN

16 BxRP B-R4+ Alcorn-Dickson, Whitby, 1957.

B. 6 P-Q3 P-Q4 7 PxP B-KN5 8 Q-Q2 NxP 9 N-K4 B-K2 10 P-KB3 B-K3

11 Q-B2 Q-Q2 12 B-QN5 P-QR3 13 B-R4 N-N3 14 B-N3 BxB = Daja-Rabar,

Yugoslav Championship 1956.

Conclusion: The Wilkes-Barre is a sound defense. White can get  
equality with 5 O-O or with 5 BxP+ K-K2 6 B-B4, but he cannot survive  
the attack if he accepts the offered pieces.

# GAMES

## FROM THE AIKEN CHESS FESTIVAL

A hard fought game from Rd. 1 gets the Senior Division winner off to a flying start:

White: John Thompson; Black: Harold Kelley. QP Game.

1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4 P-K3 4 P-K3 QN-Q2 5 QN-Q2 P-B4  
6 P-B3 Q-N3 7 Q-N1 B-Q3 8 B-K5(?) P-QR3 9 BxB QxB 10 B-K2 O-O 11 O-O  
R-K1 12 B-Q3 P-K4! 13 PxKP NxP 14 NxN QxN 15 Q-Q1 B-N5 16 B-K2 B-B4  
17 N-B3 Q-K5 18 P-KR3 Q-B7 19 QxQ BxQ 20 QR-B1 B-K5 21 N-Q2 QR-Q1? (a)  
22 N-N3 P-B5(b) 23 N-B5 R-K2 24 NxN NxN 25 QR-Q1 P-QN4 26 R-Q4 R/2-Q2  
27 KR-Q1 P-B4 28 R-R1 P-QR4 29 P-QR4 N-B4(c) 30 B-Q1 P-N5 31 P-R  
PxP 32 B-B2 R-N2? 33 QR-Q1 R/2-Q2 34 BxP R-Q3 35 P-R5 N-N6 36 RxB!  
RxB 37 B-K6+ K-B1 38 BxR NxP 39 P-K4 P-B6 40 PxB PxB 41 R-QB1 R-QB1  
42 R-B2 K-K2 43 K-B1 R-B4 44 K-K2 K-Q2 45 K-Q3 K-B2 46 RxB RxB 47 KxB  
Resigns.

a. 21--P-QN4 holds things together nicely. On 22 N-N3, QR-B1.

b. Better was 22--P-QN3 23 BxP R-R1.

c. 29 N-B3! to overprotect the weak pawn is better.

Here is another important game from Rd. 1 -- it eventually decided first place! White: Doug Hawthorne; Black: Charles Williams.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxB 4 NxP N-QB3 5 N-QB3 6 B-KN5 P-KN3(?) 7 BxN PxB 8 Q-Q2(a) P-QR3(b) 9 R-Q1(c) B-K3 10 B-K2  
B-K2 11 O-O O-O 12 K-R1 Q-N3 13 N-N3 N-K4 14 N-Q5 BxN 15 PxB QR-B1  
16 QR-K1 R-B2 17 P-KB4 N-Q2 18 B-Q3 N-B4 19 NxN QxN 20 R-B3 QxQP  
21 P-B5 B-Q1?(d) 22 Q-R6 Q-R4 23 QR-KB1 R-K1 24 R-KR3 R-K8 25 QxRP+  
K-B1 26 Q-R6+ K-K2 27 PxB RxB+ 28 BxR PxB 29 Q-N7+ K-K3 30 R-K3+ K-B4  
31 B-Q3+ K-B5 32 R-K4+ Resigns.

a. 8 B-B4! B-n2 9 N/4-N5 O-O 10 QxP P-KB4 11 O-O-O Q-R4 12 Q-B7 Q-N5  
13 N-Q6 with advantage. Milich-Gromek, 1956.

b. Better is 8--B-N2 9 B-N5 B-Q2 10 O-O O-O 11 QR-Q1 NxN 12 QxN P-B4.

c. Still time for B-B4.

d. Black has to think about his king. 21--P-KN4 or --R-Q1 and R-B1.

From a high school match: White: Danny Purvis; Black: Mark Brodie.

1 P-KB4 P-Q4 2 N-KB3 P-QB4 3 P-KN3 N-QB3 4 B-N2 N-B3 5 O-O B-B4 6 P-Q3  
P-KR3 7 Q-K1 P-K3 8 QN-Q2 N-QN5 9 Q-Q1 Q-N3 10 K-R1 N-N5 11 N-N3 P-R5  
12 QN-Q4 PxB 13 KPxB B-R2 14 P-KR3 B-QB4 15 PxB?(a) BxN 16 NxP QxN  
17 P-B3 QxQP 18 PxB QxP 19 B-Q2 P-KR4 20 P-KN5 B-K5 21 Q-K2(?) (b)  
B-Q6 22 R-B3 Q-R5+ 23 R-R3 QxR+ 24 Resigns.

a. After 15 P-B3 Black would be hard put to keep from losing material.

b. 21 BxB PxB 22 Q-K2, and White can hang on.

Harvey Studstill sends us another high school game. He reports that Brookland-Cayce defeated Dreher High of Columbia in a team match on four boards by 6-2.

White: Danny Purvis; Black: Studstill. Sicilian Defence.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-QR3 3 P-Q4 PxB 4 NxP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-K4 6 N-N3  
B-N5 7 Q-Q3 P-Q4 8 PxB NxP 9 B-Q2 B-K3 10 O-O-O BxN 11 BxB Q-B2 12 B-Q2  
N-QB3 13 P-QB4 N/3-N5 14 Q-N3 B-B4 15 BxN NxN 16 P-QR3 N-R7+ K-Q2  
R-Q1+ 18 K-K1 RxB+ 19 KxB O-O 20 P-KR4 R-Q1+ 21 N-Q2 Q-N3 22 Q-N5 Q-Q5  
23 P-QN4 Q-R8+ 24 K-K2 N-B8+ 25 K-B3 Q-B6+ 26 Q-K3 QxN 27 QxQ Rxq  
28 K-K3 R-R7 29 P-N4 RxB+ 30 K-Q2 N-N6+ 31 K-B3 N-Q5+ 32 Resigns.

East German Pietzsch takes ex-world champ Smyslov apart in this game from Polyantsa-Zdroj. (sic.!) Pietzsch is White; QP opening.

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-KN3 3 B-N5 B-N2 4 QN-Q2 P-KR3 5 B-R4 P-B4 (?)  
6 BxN BxB 7 N-K4 BxB 8 NxN PxN 9 QxP O-O 10 Q-Q2 P-Q4 11 O-O-O Q-N3  
12 N-B3 B-K3 13 P-K4 PxB 14 QxRP R-B1 15 NxP N-Q2 16 B-Q3 BxB 17 KR-K1  
N-B1 18 R-K3 Q-Q5 19 N-QB3! B-K3 20 B-K4! Q-N3 21 B-Q5 Q-R4 22 BxB  
PxB 23 K-N1 R-B3 24 R-Q4 R-Q1 25 R-R3!(a) RxB 26 Q-R8+ K-B2 27 R-B3+  
Black resigns.

(a) At last!

Here's a fiery Russian game played between Riabchenok and Kotkov at Svemlovorsk. So help us.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxB 4 NxP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-QR3 6 B-KN5 P-K3 7 Q-B3 B-K2 8 O-O-O Q-B2 9 B-K2 P-N4 10 BxN PxB 11 P-K5  
P-Q4 12 PxB B-N5 13 NxQP PxN 14 QxP B-N2 15 BxB+! PxB 16 KR-K1+!  
K-B1 17 Q-N5 BxR 18 RxB Resigns.

# NORTH AUGUSTA (CONTINUED FROM P. 6)

and with Dr. Mareska as 3rd antagonist and me to confuse the issue, John had some rough sledding. Harry whopped up on him, Ken drew, Bill beat him through sheer cunning (and the fact they were playing on one of my "way-out" chess sets) and Frank resigned rather than drive him to distraction. Since that night John has been a bit wary, and always asks how many people he'll have to play at one time. It is agreed however that Mr. Thompson is a fine gentleman and has an excellent sense of humor, he didn't get mad when the trap was sprung upon him. Above all he's an excellent chessplayer."

The North Augusta club has invited Larry Evans to give a simultaneous exhibition in Augusta. As yet they have received no definite commitment from him.

## AIKEN CHESS CLUB NEWS

Harold Kelley reports:

The Aiken Chess Club is the most active club in South Carolina. If This statement is wrong, please excuse it, and present evidence to the contrary! Here are the details: Since the present club was formed just three years ago, 112 people have attended one or more weekly sessions. Currently 25 players are active, having attended at least one time since mid-November, and the average weekly attendance is nine; it has ranged from 3 (just before high school exams) to 13. About half the weekly attendance is composed of high school students who have their own chess ladder.

At the moment twelve members are active on the ladder, which is headed by Chuck Braun, Lee Hyder, and Mark Brodie in the first three places. Braun has been in first place most of the last year, reaching it first due to Hyder's inactivity, and, after losing it, returning a second time just after Brodie upset Hyder last August. Three or four challenges since have failed to unseat Braun. There have been about 50 ladder challenges in all during the past year.

The high school students participate in both their own and the chess club's ladder. At last report Brodie was on top of this one. The Aiken Chess Ladder Rules have been successful in arousing competition in Aiken; they were published in the SCCA NEWS last year, and additional copies are available to interested persons.

One interesting chess event in the Aiken chess scene was a USCF rated challenge match between Braun and Brodie. The match, originally set at 16 games, was over in 10 after 7 wins for Braun and 3 draws. It was closer than the score indicated, though, and we print here some of the interesting games:

White: Brodie; Black: Braun. Two Knights' Defence.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 N-B3 4 N-N5 B-B4(a) 5 NxHP BxP+ 6 KxB NxP+ 7 K-N1 Q-R5 8 P-KN3 NxNP 9 NxR NxR(b) 10 KxN?(c) QxB 11 Q-R5+ P-N3 12 Q-B3 N-Q5 13 N-R3 NxQ(d) 14 NxQ K-B1 15 P-Q3 K-N2 16 K-N2 N-K8+ 17 K-N3 NxP/7 18 R-N1 P-Q3 19 B-Q2 KxN 20 R-KB1 B-B4 21 N-K3! N-Q5(e) 22 B-B3 N-K7+ 23 K-R4 NxR 24 PxN R-KB1 25 NxR RxN 26 RxR PxR 27 K-N5 P-B5 28 K-N4 K-N2 29 Resigns.

a. The Wilkes-Barre Variation, analyzed on p. 7.

b. Black missed his best chance here, with Rohlicek's 9--P-Q4!, i. e. I. 10 PxN QxP+ 11 K-B1 B-R6+, or II. 10 BxQP N-Q5 11 B-B7+ K-K2 12 PxN QxP+ 13 K-B1 B-N5, or III 10 Q-B3 B-K3!, or IV 10 B-K2 NxR+ 11 QxN N-Q5 12 QxP+ B-K3.

c. White could have drawn with 10 Q-B1! as in MCO-10.

d. Black is glad to swap!

e. Avoids bishops of opposite color.

More on p. 11.

## LATE TOURNAMENT NEWS!!!

The Southern Open will definitely be held in Knoxville, Tennessee over the July 4 weekend. We will have details in the next issue in June.

For more information just in on the Coastal Empire Open, see p.11.

## THE COASTAL EMPIRE OPEN

We have just received the following additional details: The first prize in the amateur section will be \$50; in the Open section \$200! Second prizes ½ of that, 3rd in Open \$50, in amateur \$15. Amateur section restricted to players with ratings under 1800. Trophies to top 3 each section, highest scorers all classes, unrated, Juniors under 19 and 15, the best woman player in each division. The Junior prizes are to be awarded in both divisions too. This remarkable prize fund has already attracted several entries from masters. Advance entries to Tom Nelligan, 222 E. 41st St., Savannah, Georgia 31405.

## MORE GAMES:

From the Brodie-Braun match, another example of the P-KR3 treatment of the Naidorf Sicilian: White, Braun; Black, Brodie.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-QR3 6 P-KR3 (a) Q-B2 7 P-KN4 P-QN4 8 B-N2 B-N2 9 O-O(b) P-K3 10 P-R3 QN-Q2 11 P-N5 N-KN1 12 P-B4 N-K2 13 B-K3 N-QN3 14 N/3xP! PxN 15 NxNP Q-B3 16 NxP+ K-Q2 17 NxB+ Resigns.

a. See the Fall 1968 issue for analysis of this line.

b. 9 P-KB4 P-K3 10 P-QR3 B-K2 11 P-B5+ is the recommended line.

## A MYSTERY WRAPPED IN AN ENIGMA---

Applies not only to Russia but to the source of the copy of the Christian Science Monitor that shows up in my mail now and then, folded with the chess column to the outside and marked so I couldn't possibly miss it. This is always a welcome surprise, for the chess column is a good one, about 30 column inches chock full of games and problem positions. The rest of the paper makes good reading too, for it has some good writing and feature articles. Thank you, friend, whoever you are. The game which follows was printed in their February 15 column, and impressed me so that I'd like to share it with the readers. The exchange of a piece for three pawns with queens on, early in the game, is usually a bad one; here is the exception that proves the rule. The game was played between Lev Polugayevsky (Russia) and Hector Rosetto (Argentina) in the recent Lugano chess Olympiad.

1 P-QB4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3 P-KN3 P-B3 4 N-B3 P-K5(a) 5 N-Q4 P-Q4 6 PxP Q-N3 7 N-N3 PxP 8 B-N2 N-B3 9 O-O P-QR4 10 P-Q3(b) P-R5 11 B-K3 Q-N5 12 PxP!! PxN 13 P-QR3 Q-R4 14 PxP N-K4 15 QxP(c) B-K2 16 B-N6 Q-R3 17 B-Q4 N/4-Q2 18 N-N5 O-O 19 N-B7 Q-R5 10 Q-QB3 B-Q3 21 NxR QxN 22 P-K4 B-K4 23 KR-K1 B-K4 24 P-B4 BxB+ 25 QxB Q-R3 26 QR-B1 P-R4 27 P-R3 N-B1 28 P-K5 N/3-R2 29 R-B7 P-KN4 30 K-R2 Q-R3 and Black resigned.

a. Obviously the two players have reached different conclusions about the prospects for the Black center pawns.

b. At this point White has to foresee the position at the 15th move and plan the sacrifice; otherwise he is driven back.

c. White's advantage rests in his better development, and the strong center pawns he will have. The rest of the game is a typical example of what a strong master will do when his opponent has no place to develop counterplay.

Oh, yes; the chess column in the CSM is written by Frederick R. Chevalier. Not knowing who he is, and considering the French translation of his surname, I'd guess it's a pseudonym for some master in the New England area. ---LH

## COLUMBIA TOURNAMENT

The Columbia State newspaper for February 23rd printed a photo of Alex Edelsburg playing Harvey Studstill in the "annual Palmetto Tournament". We have no further information on this tournament.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN GAME from Shakmatny Bulletin: Zlotnik vs. Novopashin.  
p P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-Q3 6 P-KN4! B-K2! 7 P-N5 KN-Q2 8 B-K3 P-QR3 9 P-B4 N-QB3 10 P-KR4 O-O(a) 11 B-K2 R-K1 12 R-KB1 R-N1 13 P-B5 N/2-K4 14 Q-Q2 P-N4 15 P-B6 B-B1 16 NxN NxN 17 O-O-O P-N5 18 N-R4 Q-R4 19 P-N3 PxP 20 PxP K-R1 21 K-N1 Resigns  
a. Right into the teeth of the pawn storm!

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