MATHEWS WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP; HOLROYD SWEEPS SECOND SECTION

Spencer Mathews of Spartanburg scored a last-round win over defending champion Lee Hyder and won the 1969 South Carolina Championship with a 4-1 score. The new champion, runner-up the previous year, had to come from behind after losing in the third round of the hard-fought event to Ed Garvin of Columbia. Harvey Studstill and Hyder tied for second with $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

It has been a while since the state tournament was so strongly contested. The three top players were pressed hard by a contingent of younger players that included Garvin, Charles Walter, and Danny Purvis of the Columbia area, and Mark Brodie of Aiken. The tempo was set right in the first round when Brodie, a rapidly improving player, defeated Studstill, and Purvis carried Hyder through 70 moves and into the middle of the night before finally losing his way in a difficult rook endgame. At the end of three rounds Hyder was a full point ahead of the field but Studstill held him to a draw in the fourth round, giving Mathews his chance. The tightly fought game which resulted seemed at one time to be going in Hyder's favor, to the extent that Mathews was willing to play for the draw; but when his opponent tried to find a win he only found a smashing combination for his opponent, who won a piece and everything else.

The reserve section was a somewhat different story: it was hotly contested and close except for Robert Holroyd, who scored a cool 5-0 in winning the trophy. Roger Ramsey lost only to Holroyd and secured second place with 4-1.

THE SOUTH RISES AGAINE

The North Carolina-South Carolina match was the same delightful story for the third year in a row, only more so, as a strong group of South Carolinians ran over a game group from Charlotte by 6-1. The match was scheduled for twelve games, but N. C. captain Grady Brown was unable to field more than the seven players he brought from the Charlotte area. Grady upheld the honor of the Tarheel state by winning on Board 2 against Prof. Shaw, but elsewhere it was a clean sweep for the South Carolina team: Hyder, Braun, Edelsburg, Studstill, Schenkel, and Walter all winning in fairly short order.

LARRY EVANS CAME TO TOWN

and did nearly as well as Gen Shannen, yielding only three draws in thirty simultaneous games in Augusta. South Carolinians Lee Hyder, Ed Garvin, and Charles Walter upheld the honor of South Carolina by scoring the draws against the grandmaster, who played rapidly and very, very well in general. Your editor in particular would not relish the prospect of facing Evans with time on his clock in a tournament game!

Player: CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION	RD:	Ť	5	3	4	5	Total
1 Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg		Was	W6	L8	W 9	W 3	4
2 Harvey Studstill, W. Columbia			W11		D3	W4	
3 Lee Hyder, Aiken		W4	W8		D2		35
4 Dan Purvis, Cayes		Lż	W12	Wit		L2	3
5 John Thompson, Greenville		W12	L7		Wio		ź
6 Mark Brodie, Aiken			L1	L9	w8	D 7	2 <u>1</u>
7 Charles Walter, Columbia		W9		L3	L4	D 6	33332222 333322222 1
8 Ed Garvin, Columbia			L3		L6	D9	2₽
9 Thomas G. Davis, Columbia		<u>17</u>	W10	W6	L!	D8	22
10 Art Venable, Cayce		rs.	L9	W12	L5	Bye	2
11 Harold Funderburk, Camden					WF12		
12 Donald Morse, Darlington		L5	Li	LIU	LF1	- m.c.,	0
RESERVE SECTION		wod	DIA Q	waa	W4 1	TATE C	*
13 Robert Holroyd, Inman					W14	W20	5 4
14 Roger Ramsey, W. Columbia						W19	21
15 Paul Clements, Spartanburg					W22		22
16 Harold Kelley, Aiken 17 Douglas Cail, Beaufort					D19		3
18 James Boan, Hartsville						5 W23	3
19 Dr. J. S. Barr, Greenville						L15	33332222 23332222
20 Ray Wood, Aiken						L14	23
21 Horace Edwards, Spartanburg						W24	2 1
22 William Taylor, Hartsville						D17	2 1
23 Lawton Wiggins, Hartsville						27 L1	8 2
24 John Purvis, Cayce					L 20		1 5
25 Terry Chick, Darlington					6 F 1		4
26 Robert Denmark, Darlington		L14	L!6	W27	2. 60	es . 😙	ij
27 Wayne Morse, Darlington		L18	L20	L26	L 23	2.9	0
28 Dave Neilson, Darlington		L13	LF2	5 F	23 -	an ⇔ာဏ	О

N. C S. C. MATCH RESULTS	
South Carolina	North Carolina
1 Lee Hyder W	Russell Brown L
2 Prof. S. Shaw L	R. Grady Brown W
3 Charles E. Braun W	E. B. Gallant L
4 Alex Edelsburg W	Ralph Cook L
5 Mario Schenkel W	F. Locke L
6 Charles Walter W	R. Wright L
7 Harvey Studstill W	D. Rosser L

A number of one or two game rated matches among S. G. players were played simultaneously with the match. Results of these were as follows:

Ed Garvin defeated Dan Purvis
Ray Wood defeated Mawk" Arnold twice.
Tom Davis defeated Dr. George Miller (Augusta).
Roger Ramsey defeated Douglas Cail.
R. B. Behling defeated Clifton Brewster.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Yates of Rock Hill, the runner-up at Spartanburg last spring, writes us from his present temporary address of Viet Nam that he expects to return to the U. S. next spring and to be stationed at Fort Gordon, near Augusta, Ga. We look forward to your return, "Mike"; meanwhile, Godspeed.

SPARTANBURG _ SIX MAN SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Another successful one day tournament was held in Spartanburg October 25. This one attracted eighteen players who were divided into three sections, and each section then played a three round Swiss system tournament. Section #1 ended in a tie between Spencer Mathews and Ed Garvin, who each scored 2½ and drew with each other. Section # 2 was even closer and was won by Paul elements on tie break; he and three (!) others scored two points each. Randy Rickard swept the third section with a perfect score.

Detailed results were as follows:

Player:	Rd.	1	2	3	Total
SECTION ONE: 1 Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg 2 J. M. Smith, Spartanburg 3 Douglas Cail, Beaufort 4 Dr. J. S. Barr, Greenville 5 Charles Walter, Columbia 6 Ed Garvin, Columbia		W2 L1 W4 L3 L6 W5	W4 L5 L6 L1 W2 W3	W2 L5 W4	21/2 0 2 0 2 0 2 2 2 2 2 2
SECTION TWO: 7 Venson Steadman, Spartanburg 8 Robert Holroyd, Inman 9 Norman McGurry, Spartanburg 10 Vincent Sardone, Spartanburg 11 Paul Glements, Spartanburg 12 William Biggins, Spartanburg		W7 W10 L9 L12	W10 L11 W12 L7 W8 L9	W10 L11 L8 W9	2 2 2 0 2 1
SECTION THREE: 13 David Williams, Spartanburg 14 Bailey Dixon, Clinton 15 Harold Bush, Jr., Spartanburg 16 James Greel, Spartanburg 17 Tom Adams, Spartanburg 18 Randy Rickard, Spartanburg		L13 L16 W15 L18	L17 L18 W13	W1:7 L15 W14 L18 L13 W16	1 2

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THREE-WAY TIE FOR PETER GRANT TROPHY

The annual Peter Grant Memorial Tournament for the Columbia area championship was held as a five round Swiss system competition in August and September at the Palmetto Chess Club in Columbia. Hot competition and numerous upsets led eventually to a three-way tie among Harvey Studstill, Charles Walter, and Peter Wludyka. The tie was not broken and the three competitors were named co-champions. Each scored 4-1.

Approximately 15 players entered the tournament. The Memorial tournament has been held annually in memory of Mr. Grant, who was for many years one of South Carolina's strongest and most enthusiastic chessplayers, until his untimely death several years ago. The perpetual trophy for the tournament was donated by Mrs. Grant in honor of her husband.

INMAN RECOVERING

Retiring S. C. C. A. Vice-president Jim Inman is recovering from an automobile accident which injured his back this fall. Jim is required to wear a back brace because of a crushed vertebra but has been able to return to his new job with the Sherwin-Williams Co. in Gaffney. His wife and son were uninjured in the wreck. Jim writes that he is anxious to resume his chess; so any chessplayer in the Gaffney area can probably find a game at 303 Thomas St.

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SCCA BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the S. C. C. A. was held at the Columbia YWCA on the afternoon of November 9. The new slate of officers elected at the meeting included Thomas G. Davis, reelected President; James M. Smith, Vice-President; Lee Hyder, reelected Secretary; Harold M. Kelley, Treasurer.

The organization voted to support the annual High School Championships with a trophy in the same manner as in previous years. A discussion of Junior chess brought no definite action, but there was an apparent consensus that more should be done in this area. The possibilities of match competitions between local clubs also received favorable comment.

Next year's closed champtonships will be held at about the same time as this year's, again in Columbia. A date will be chosen to avoid conflict with South Carolina home football games. The Carolinas Open will also be held in South Carolina in the summer of 1970.

PERSONALITIES

For the benefit of numerous readers who don't know the SCCA efficers and thampions personally, here are a few trief notes:
President Tom Davis lives in Columbia and is a Vice President of the South Carolina National Bank;
Vice-President J. M. Smith teaches at Spartanburg High School;
Secretary Lee Hyder and Treasurer Harold Kelley are both chemists at the Savannah River Laboratory of DuPont, and live in Aiken;
State Champion Spencer Mathews lives in Spartanburg and teaches psychology at Converse College;
Bob Holroyd, winner of the Reserve Championship, lives in Inman and is a computer programmer with Deering-Milliken.

MONEY

The balance in the SCCA Treasury after all the costs of the Closed Championships were paid stood at \$89.93, the highest mark on record for a comparable time of year. This is enough to provide three issues of the Newsletter and the high school trophy; with anticipated income from new and renewed memberships during the year there should be little trouble providing for a fourth issue and other obligations.

AIKEN CLUB NEWS

Mark Brodie, Aiken High senior, won four straight games from Lee Hyder and Chuck Braun to take first place in the club ladder. At the moment Braun is second, Hyder third. About ten players were active in the ladder before the Teamsters' strike against the Pet Milk Co. interrupted the club schedule in November. This may be the first time the Teamsters have shut down a chess club! Play was to resume the first Wednesday in December.

COMPETITION

Persons or clubs interested in holding individual or team competitions should contact the SCCA officers. There are several possible team competitions which have been proposed and may be held: these include Aiken vs. Augusta, Columbia vs. Aiken-Augusta, and Junior competitions.

BEAUFORT CLUB ACTIVE

A new chass club has been formed in Beaufort which includes a number of enthusiastic players. At press time they were planning an open four-man sectional tournament for Dec. 7; details are given on another page. The club may be contacted through their secretary at 1002 Paul Drive, Beaufort, or through Mr. William Shoemaker, 2003 Hodge Dr., Barton, S. C. 29902.

Another new club is active in the Hartsville area and several members played in the State Championships; However, we have no details right now. Would one of the members send us a report for the next issue?

COMING EVENTS

At press time two four man sectional tournaments were scheduled for S. C.:
In Beaufort, December 7, at the Pius X Center on Pigeon Pt. Rd.
Four man sectional, 45 moves/90 minutes. \$3.00 entry fee, trophies.
We don't have the starting time; probably around 9:30. For details contact William Shoemaker, 2003 Hodge Dr., Beaufort. (We hope to get this issue out by Dec. 7, with luck.) USCF membership required.

In Aiken, the second annual Aiken Holiday Chess Festival January 10 at the Aiken Municipal Auditorium on Park Avenue. Co-sponsored by the Aiken Recreation Dept. Four man sections, round robin "Chess-in" Style. Entry fee \$1.00, +USCF, SCCA. Register at 9:30, play starts by 10:00. Trophies. Advance entries, etc. from Lee Hyder.

The annual Groundhog Open in Charlotte will be February 6-8 at the Charlotte YMCA. 5-round Swiss, USCF rated, cash prizes. Details will be in CHESS LIFE, or write Grady Brown, 392? Woodleaf Rd., Charlotte, N. C. 28205.

The next Newsletter will come out in February in order to include advance notice of events forthcoming in the Spring. Get your announcements in by the first week of February if at all possible.

The Southern Open is tentatively scheduled for Miami, Florida, next July 2-5. More information in the next Newsletter. The first issue of the Southern Chess Association Newsletter has been published and distributed to members. Persons interested in joining should contact the Secretary, Philip Lamb, 2805 Pierce Dr. N., Macon, Georgia 31024. Dues are \$2.00. Publication of the Newsletter is scheduled quarterly.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Not necessarily representing the policy of the SCCA or its other officers.

As most of you know, CHESS LIFE has just absorbed CHESS REVIEW and now has attained a near monopoly in American chess publishing. This will undoubtedly result in a strong USCF, and will make it difficult for anyone else to compete with any of its functions. Thus, although the Correspondence Chess League of America is supposed to be recognized by the USCF as the official national body for correspondence chess, the USCF is now in direct competition with it. Since the USCF includes virtually all tournament chessplayers in the U. S., it has a great advantage; some sort of merger would appear likely in a very few years.

There are numerous advantages in having a strong, active USCF as the central organizing body in American chess. There are also dangers. The strength of the USCF is due almost completely to one man, Col. Edmondson, who is vastly more efficient and dedicated than any of his predecessors. Thus the future of the organization for the next few years is very much dependent on his continued health and dedication to his work. The USCF officers must bear this in mind and attempt to build the organization into one that will function in any event.

It seems inevitable also that a larger USCF will become even more impersonal and unresponsive to the membership, if this is possible. The recent casual elimination of family memberships is an example of the kind of "minor" change which saves a little trouble for the USCF business office at the expense of individuals, including several South Carolim families. This should be reconsidered, and the organization should be alert for ways to provide more service, instead of less. Alas, I doubt that this will happen, and in several years of dealing with the USCF as first a USCF Director and then as a State officer, I have found the officers quite unresponsive even to the thoughts of the "Directors". Apparently the annual meetings of the membership and directors are the only opportunities to be heard, and (Continued on Page six)

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relatively few of either attend these; the officers and the Business
Manager do attend the Directors' Meeting armed with enough proxies
to defeat any movement offensive to them or to accomplish any purpose
of their own. This is obviously a very unhealthy situation, with
dangers which are immediately apparent. In addition the bylaws have
just been changed so that Directors must be certified further in
advance of the annual Directors' meeting, thus frustrating the
practice of several states which appointed as directors those members
who planned to play in the U. S. Open and who therefore would represent their state at this meeting.
I suggest that any South Carolinian who plans to play in the U. S.
Open in Boston next summer should contact SCCA President Dawis for
possible certification as a Director for South Carolina and to discuss
how he might advance the interests of the SCCA and South Carolina
chessplayers in general. I suggest the restoration of family memberships as one such action. Those who have other proposals
should write Mr. Davis and/or this Editor, who will continue the policy
of printing all correspondence of this type.

GAMES SECTION

Edited by C. E. Braun, ? Winthrop Dr., Aiken, S. C. 29801, to whom games should be submitted.

Here is the crucial fifth round game which decided the 1969 Scuth Carolina Championship. White: Spencer Mathews: Black: Lee Hyder. Notes mostly by Hyder.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 N-B3 4 P-Q4 PxP 5 P-K5 P-Q4 6 B-N5 N-K5 7 NxP B-Q2 8 BxN PxB 9 O-O B-K2 1C P-KB3 N-B4 11 QN-Q2(a) O-O 12 P-B3 P-B3 13 P-QN4 N-K3 14 PxP RxP 15 QN-N3 NxN (t) 16 QxN R-N3 17 B-K3 B-Q3 18 N-B5 B-R6 19 R-B2 Q-K2 2O R-K1 R-K; 21 N-Q2 R-K3 22 R/2-K2 B-KB4 23 N-B5 BxN 24 PxB R-QN1 25 K-B1 R-K; 26 K-N; (c) R-K4? 27 B-R611 B-K5 28 B-B4 R-B4 29 B-N3 Q-B1 30 PxB PxP 31 R-B2 P-K6 32 RxP RxR/7 33 BxR R-Q1 34 Q-K5 R-Q8+ 35 R-K1 R-Q7 36 B-Q4 RxRP 37 R-KB1 Resigns

a. Book is 11 P-KB4 or 11 N-B3 with a slight edge for Black. CaB. b. This move brings the White Q to its best square without loss of time, frustrating the Black attempt at attack which follows.

c. White offered the draw, and Black declined, seizing instead on the idea of B-B1-R3. It never happened--

A spectacular miniature by the new champion: White: Mark Brodie; Black: Spencer Mathews. Ruy Lopez.

P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 BxN QPxB 5 O-O (a) B-KN5 6 P-KR3 P-KR4 7 P-Q3 Q-B3 8 QN-Q2 N-K2 9 R-K1 N-N3 10 PxB (b) PxP 11 N-R2 B-B4 12 K-R1 RxN+! 13 KxR Q-R5+ 14 K-N1 QxP+ White resigns.

a. A very popular line since Fischer "discovered" it.

b. The bishop has been immune since the sixth move, and, as Mathews shows, the immunity hasn't worn off!

Another quick win by the new champion, from Round 4: White: Mathews; Black: Tom Davis.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PxP 3 N-KB3 N-KB3 (a) 4 P-K4 N-Q4 5 QxP P-K3

6 B-QB4 N-QB3 7 Q-K4 N-N3 8 B-N3 P-Q4 9 PxPep QxP (t) 10 0-0 N-R4 (c)

11 N-B3 NxB 12 RPxN Q-B3 13 B-K3! QxQ 14 NxQ N-Q4 (d 15 RxP RxR (e)

16 BxR P-N3 17 P-B4 P-B4 18 N-B3 N-N5 19 BxP B-Q3 20 R-Q1 K-K2

21 N-QN5 B-B5 (f) 22 B-B5+ Resigns.

a. Best. After 3--P-K4 4 P-P3! PxP 5 NxBP N-QB3 6 B-QB4 P-Q3

7 N-KN5 N-R3 8 0-0 B-N5 9 BxP+1; or 3--Q-R4+ 4 P-B3 PxP 5 NxP N-KB3

6 B-Q2 N-QB3 7 B-QB4 followed by 8 Q-K2 with a good game.

b. Better was 9--BxP 10 N-B3 Q-K2 11 0-0 0-0!=

c. Black continues to neglect his development while White is mobilizing.

d. All the woodchopping hasn't helped a bit. Black is lost.

15-NxB 16 RxR NxR 17 RxB+ K-Q2 18 R-R8!

f. or 21--R-Q! 22 NxB RxN 23 B-B5.

GAMES, CONTINUED Mathews' fourth win was also short and to the point. White: Mathews; Black: Funderburk. Ruy Lopez. P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 N-Q5 4 NxN PxN 5 P-Q3 P-QR3 (a)
6 B-R4 P-QN4 7 B-N3 P-Q3 8 0-0 N-B3 (b) 9 P-QR4 B-N2 10 P-QB3 P-QB4
11 PxQP PxQP 12 PxP PxP 13 RxR BxR 14 N-R3 Q-Q2 (c) 15 NxP P-Q4
16 P-K5 N-N5 17 P-K61 PxP 18 QxN QxN 19 QxP+ B-K2 20 B-N5 Q-Q2 21 B-QR4 B-B3 22 B/4xB QxB 23 QxB++
a. Best is 5--P-QB3 6 B-B4 P-Q4 or 6--N-B3; or 6 B-R4 B-B4.
b. Better 8--B-B4 followed by --N-K2 and 0-0
c. Overlooking White's reply. Black's last chance was 14--B-Q3. The defending champion also demonstrated how to win a game quickly. White: Lee Hyder; Black: Charles Walter. Nimzo-Indian.

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-K3 N-QB3 B-N5 4 P-K3 P-B4 5 B-Q3 P-Q4 6 P-QR3 PxBP (a) 7 BxBP B-R4 (b) 8 N-B3 N-B3 9 O-O PxP 10 PxP O-O 11 B-KN5 mxN (c) 12 PxB P-QN3 13 Q-Q3 B-N2 14 QR-Q1 Q-K2 15 KR-K1 KR-Q1 16 B-R2 QR-B1 17 B-N1 P-N3 18 B-R2 N-N1 19 N-K5 R-Q3 20 Q-R3 P-KR4 21 NxNP PxN 22 RxP+ K-N2 23 RxP O-KB2 21 RxP OxR 25 R-K6 O-KB2 21 NxNP PxN 22 BxP+ K-N2 23 BxR Q-KB2 24 BxB QxB 25 R-K6 Q-KB2 26 BxN+ Resigns. When playing the Nimzo, Black has to make up his mind to exchange his B when called upon.
b. This retreat is now fashionable, but the old-fashioned B-K2 (after --PxP) looks better. c. Again a change of plans. Black's only counter play is in the center, and this effectively puts him out of action. Hyder now gets his ropes ready to tie up his opponent. Tom Davis checked in with the following convincing win as White against Art Venable: against Art Venable:
1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP B-Q2 (a) 5 N-QB3 P-K4
6 KN-N5 BxN 7 BxB+ N-QB3 8 O-O B-K2 9 B-R4 N-B3 10 Q-Q3 (b) O-O
11 N-K2 (c) N-Q2 (d) 12 B-K3 N-N3 13 B-N3 R-B1 14 P-KB4 N-N5 15 Q-Q2
N-B5 16 BxN RxB 17 P-B3 N-B3 (e) 18 Q-Q5 R-R5 19 N-N3 R-R4 20 Q-Q2
B-R5 21 N-B5 B-K2 22 R-B3 (f) Q-Q2 23 R-N3 B-B3 24 Q-K2 P-KN3 (g)
25 Q-R51 K-R1 26 Q-R6 R-N1 27 R-R3 B-R5 28 QxB P-R4 29 Q-B6+ K-R2 30 RxP+ PxR 31 Q-R6++ Very unusual but not particularly bad. 10 B-KN5 would keep the pressure on Q5. To prevent 11--N-Q5 11--P-Q4 was in order here. d. This puts the QR out of the game. 17--N-R3 was better. Storm clouds are gathering over the BBack kingdom. A weakening move. Now White valks right in. Board one of the interstate match: Lee Hyder against Russell Brown. 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP P-Q41? (a) 5 PxP (b) QxP 6 B-K31 P-K3(c) 7 QN-B3 B-N5 8 N-N5 BxN+ 9 PxB Q-K4 10 B-K2 P-QR3(e) 11 N-Q6+ K-K2 12 N-B4 QxP+ 13 B-Q2* Q-Q5 14 0-0 P-K4 (f) 15 P-QB3 Q-Q1 16 B-K3 N-B3 17 B-B5+ K-K3 18 P-B4 N-Q4 19 PxP P-KR4 (g) 20 B-N4+ (h) Resigns. a. Good for shock value only.
b. Best, but 5 B-QN5 and 5 NxN also give White the edge.
c. Other moves are no better, i. e. 6--NxN 7 N-B3 N-B6+ 8 PxN QxQ+ 9 RxQ B-Q2 10 B-QN5!+
d. On 8--Q-K4 9 Q-Q2+. Black needs development; 10--N-K2 cr **N-B3 is called for. Black's only hope is to digest the P. 14--N-B3 is his best strategy. (But then 15 B-N4+ is most uncomfortable. And on 14--P-QN4 15 N-R5 is a killer. Black is dead lost. MLH;

* N. B. 13 K-B1 is pretty good too. MLH
g. To prevent the check at N4.

There will be more games from these events and the Evans exhibition in our Spring issue, which should be out in late February.

Surprise!

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