

## ESTENGER WINS IN THREE TOURNAMENTS

Otto Estenger, Sr., of Greenwood, S. C., entered the S. C. chess scene in a striking manner this winter by sweeping the top sections of three straight one-day tournaments. Estenger, a native of Cuba, compiled a score that corresponds to master level in winning the three events. At Spartanburg in December he defeated N. C. Co-champion Russell Brown; at Greenville in January he twice defeated Tom Nard, first board for the N. C. team against S. C. last fall; and in Aiken he took on the last three S. C. champions in succession and scored  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Estenger was accompanied to the tournaments by his son Otto Jr., who also played, and by Mrs. Estenger, who did not compete but who followed the competition knowledgeably, for she too is a chessplayer.

Last winter Charles Walter was the big winner in the one-day tournaments, and he went on to win the state championship. Will history repeat? The prospect is that the 1971 tournament will be the strongest ever, with Estenger, Bliss, Walter, Mathews, and Hyder all being possible contenders.

Other winners at the one-day tournaments include:

Spartanburg: Section B: Karl Andrews, Athens, Ga.; J. M. Collins, Shelby, N. C.; Donald Hull, Gastonia, N. C.;  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  each. Section C: David Williams, Spartanburg, and Sam Lee Perkins, Greensboro, N. C., each 3-0. Section D: Thomas Forster, Spartanburg, 3-0.  
 Aiken: Ed Garvin, Columbia, 2-1; Douglas Cail, Beaufort,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ; J. M. Collins, Shelby, N. C., 3-0; Norman McCurry, Spartanburg,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Harold Bush, Spartanburg, 3-0; Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg, 3-0.  
 Greenville: Section B: Donald Hull, Gastonia, 3-0; Section C: Mickey Bush, Spartanburg, 4-0; Section D: John Ulrich, Sumter, 3-0.

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## BLISS, HYDER FINISH FIRST AT THE SEA ISLAND OPEN

With only 15 entrants, the Sea Island Open at Beaufort over New Year's weekend proved to be one of the strongest events held in this area recently. The tournament was won by Lt. Robert Bliss of Charleston AFB and Lee Hyder of Aiken, each of whom scored three wins and two draws for a 4-1 total. Half a point behind were 3 formidable players: Master Emeritus Norman Whitaker of Washington, S. C. Champion Charles Walter, and Randy Dolinger of Greensboro, N. C. Unrated player Henryk Lota of Savannah, Ga., took the Reserve prize with an excellent 3-2 score. (Continued, Page 2)

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## THE FIRST SOUTH CAROLINA MASTER CHESS CALENDAR

Thanks to the efforts of J. M. Smith, and several other chess organizers in South Carolina and in nearby states, it has for the first time become possible to forecast in detail an active chess schedule for the next eighteen months. Few other local or state organizations have achieved this. Turn to page 5 for the master calendar and other details concerning plans for the S. C. chess scene.

# COMPLETE RESULTS FROM THE AIKEN CHESS FESTIVAL, JANUARY 9, 1971

Sect #	Players	Results				Total
1	Otto Estenger, Sr., Greenwood	E	H	W	M	2½-1½
	Lee Hyder, Aiken	-	1	1	1	1½-1½
	Charles Walter, Columbia	0	1	-	1	1-2
	Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg	0	1	1	-	1-2
2	Ed Garvin, Columbia	G	H	S	P	2-1
	C. E. Braun, Aiken	-	1	1	1	2-1
	F. F. Simpson, Augusta, Ga.	0	0	-	1	1-2
	Robert Painter, Beaufort	1	0	1	-	1-2
3	Douglas Cail, Beaufort	C	B	B	C	2½-1½
	Robert Brand, Statesboro, Ga.	-	1	1	1	2-1
	James Baker, Columbia	0	0	-	1	1½-1½
	Dan Clemmensen, Ft. Gordon, Ga.	0	0	0	-	0-3
4	J. M. Collins, Shelby, N. C.	C	H	S	P	3-0
	Henry Hudak, Aiken	-	1	1	1	2-1
	Joseph Szepanski, Aiken AFB	0	0	-	1	1-2
	F. S. Pruitt, Statesboro, Ga.	0	0	0	-	0-3
5	Norman McCurry, Spartanburg	M	M	S	S	2½-1½
	Henry McCormack, Statesboro, Ga.	-	1	1	1	2-1
	J. M. Smith, Spartanburg	0	0	-	1	1-2
	W. L. Shoemaker, Beaufort	1	0	0	-	1½-2½
6	Harold Bush, Spartanburg	B	W	K	E	3-0
	David Williams, Spartanburg	-	1	1	1	2-1
	Harold Kelley, Aiken	0	0	-	1	1-2
	Mark Edwards, Statesboro, Ga.	0	0	0	-	0-3
7	Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg	H	W	U	H	3-0
	Ray Wood, Aiken	-	1	1	1	4-1
	John Ulrich, Sumter	0	0	-	1	3-2
	T. R. Herold, Aiken	0	0	-	1	3-2
	John Boettcher, Sumter	0	0	1	0	3-2
	Otto Estenger, Jr., Greenwood	0	0	0	0	1-4
	Konrad Godfrey, Statesboro, Ga.	0	0	0	0	0-6

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## CROSSTABLES OF THE SEA ISLAND OPEN, BEAUFORT, JANUARY 1-3, 1971

Player, Hometown	Result by rounds:					Total
1 Robert Bliss, Charleston AFB	W8	W5	D4	W13	D2	4-1
2 Lee Hyder, Aiken	W11	W7	W3	D4	D1	4-1
3 Norman Whitaker, Washington, D. C.	W12	W6	L2	W10	D4	3½-1½
4 Charles Walter, Columbia, S. C.	W14	W13	D1	D2	D3	3½-1½
5 Randy Dolinger, Greensboro, N. C.	W9	L1	D8	W6	W13	3½-1½
6 Robert Painter, Beaufort	W15	L3	W7	L5	W12	3-2
7 Henryk Lota, Savannah, Ga.	Bye	L2	L6	W15	W11	3-2
8 John Miller, Savannah, Ga.	L1	W9	D5	L12	W10	2½-2½
9 John Lauff, Savannah, Ga.	L5	L8	L14	Bye	W15	2-3
10 J. M. Bailey, Augusta, Ga.	L13	Bye	W12	L3	L8	2-3
11 W. L. Shoemaker, Beaufort	L2	W15	L13	W14	L7	2-3
12 Douglas Cail, Beaufort	L3	W14	L10	W8	L6	2-3
13 Robert Brand, Statesboro, Ga.	W10	L4	W11	L1	L5	2-3
14 Jeff Brewton, Hudson, N. C.	L4	L12	W9	L11	Bye	2-3
15 C. N. Shoemaker, Beaufort	L6	L11	Bye	L7	L9	1-4

The Groundhog Open at Charlotte in February was won by Norman Whitaker who scored 5-0 in a field of 45 players. Several S. C. players competed unsuccessfully, including Dr. Otto Estenger of Greenwood, who suffered his first competitive loss in this area at Whitaker's hands, but finished with a very respectable 3½ score. J. M. Smith reports that it was strong competition throughout, with the majority of the field being Classes A & B.

# COMPLETE RESULTS FROM THE WADE HAMPTON OPEN, GREENVILLE, JAN. 16, 1971:

No.	Player, hometown	Results by Rd: 1 2 3 4				Total
Section A:						
1	Otto Estenger, Sr., Greenwood	W2	W2			2-0
2	Thomas A. Nard, Asheville, N. C.	L1	L1	W7		1-2
Section B:						
3	Donald Hull, Gastonia, N. C.	W6	W9	W4		3-0
4	Michael Farmer, Taylors	W8	W5	L3		2-1
5	Dr. J. S. Barr, Greenville	W7	L4	D6		1½-1½
6	David O. Stern, Greensboro, N. C.	L3	W8	D5		1½-1½
7	J. M. Collins, Shelby, N. C.	L5	W9	L2		1-2
8	James F. Lutz, Gastonia, N. C.	L4	L6	D9		½-2½
9	James M. Smith, Spartanburg	L3	L7	D8		½-2½
Section C:						
10	Mickey Bush, Spartanburg	W17	W12	W11	W20	4-0
11	Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg	W15	W13	L10		2-1
12	Chauncey Harmon, Shelby, N. C.	W16	L10	W15		2-1
13	Sommers Douglass, Shelby, N. C.	D14	L11	W16		1½-1½
14	Dr. George T. Miller, Greenwood	D13	L15	W17		1½-1½
15	Andy Gunn, Gaffney	L11	W14	L12		1-2
16	Lynwood Spencer, Gaffney	L12	W17	L13		1-2
17	Joseph A. Hullender, King's Mountain, N. C.	L10	L16	L14		0-3
Section D:						
18	John Ulrich, Sumter	W19	W21	W20		3-0
19	John Kollmayer, Spartanburg	L18	W23	W21		2-1
20	Paul W. Moore, Greenville	W24	W22	L18	L10	2-2
21	C. N. Allen, Greenville	W23	L18	L19		1-2
22	Otto Estenger, Jr., Greenwood	L20	L24	W23		1-2
23	Lewis Moore, Gaffney	L21	L19	L22	W24	1-3
24	Dennis Herald, Gaffney	L20	W22	L23		1-2

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## SEA ISLAND OPEN, Continued

As someone predicted after considering the strength of the field, the winners did not have an easy time of it. Although there were only two decisive games between the five leaders, the competition was fierce. Dolinger came within a few seconds of defeating Bliss but lost on time forfeit instead. Walter played three hard-fought draws against Bliss, Hyder, and Whitaker, and missed good winning chances against Hyder. Hyder's win over Whitaker was certainly the most decisive game of the event as it knocked the old master out of contention. The game started with Whitaker playing the exchange variation of the Ruy Lopez and exchanging queens directly in order to get into an endgame where he is very strong. Whitaker's early initiative was soon neutralized and there follows a long game of maneuvering that only opened up after the 50th move when Whitaker decided on an active, but risky course that eventually lost material. (See "Games" for the full score.)

Full crosstables of the event are given on p. 3. The Sea Island Open was sponsored by the Beaufort Chess Club, and William Shoemaker and Robert Painter were assisted in the direction by Lee Hyder.

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## PUZZLERS

Answers to the Winter questions:

- (1) In the Albin Counter Gambit 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-K4 3 PxKP P-Q5 4 P-K3? loses to B-N5+ 5 B-Q2 PxP! 6 BxB (PxP Q-R5+) PxP+ 7 K-K2 PxN(N)+!
- (2) In the Ruy Lopez 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 BxN QPxB 5 NxP Black plays Q-Q5! N-KB3 QxP+ with the advantage of two bishops, and no other troubles.
- (3) An old Ruy Lopez trap runs: 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-Q3 4 P-Q4 B-Q2 5 N-B3 N-B3 6 O-O B-K2 7 R-K1 O-O? 8 BxN BxB 9 PxP PxP 10 QxQ QRxQ (best) 11 NxP BxP 12 NxB NxN 13 N-Q3 P-KB4 14 P-KB3 B-B4+ 15 NxB NxN 16 B-N5 R-Q4 17 B-K7 winning the exchange: Tarrasch-Marco, 1892.
- (4) After 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 PxP 3 N-KB3 N-K3 4 P-K3 P-QN4? Black's pawns are smashed by 5 P-QR4!, i. e. P-QB3 6 PxP PxP 7 P-QN3 etc.

See Page 10 for this month's problems.

# SPARTANBURG CASTLE CLUB OPEN, DECEMBER 12, 1970

No.	Player, hometown	Results by round:	1	2	3	Total
Section A:						
1	Otto Estenger, Sr., Greenwood	D2	W3	W4		2½-½
2	Grady Brown, Charlotte, N. C.	D1	W4	W3		2½-½
3	Russell Brown, Charlotte, N. C.	W4	L1	L2		1-2
4	James Lutz, Gastonia, N. C.	L3	L2	L1		0-3
Section B:						
5	Karl Andrews, Athens, Ga.	W15	W10	D6		2½-½
6	J. M. Collins, Shelby, N. C.	W11	W13	D5		2½-½
7	Donald Hull, Gastonia, N. C.	D13	W11	W8		2½-½
8	Henry Greene, Durham, N. C.	W9	W16	L7		2-1
9	David Maloney, Davidson, N. C.	L8	W12	W16		2-1
10	James Patterson, Gaffney, S. C.	W14	L5	W15		2-1
11	James S. Barr, Greenville, S. C.	L6	L7	W14		1-2
12	Jeff Brewton, Hudson, N. C.	L16	L9	W13		1-2
13	Robert McLean, Fayetteville, N. C.	D7	L6	L12		½-2½
14	Lewis Moore, Gaffney, S. C.	L10	L15	L11		0-3
15	J. M. Smith, Spartanburg, S. C.	L5	W14	L10		1-2
16	David Stern, Greensboro, N.C.	W12	L8	L9		1-2
Section C:						
17	David Williams, Spartanburg	W29	W19	W22		3-0
18	Sam Lee Perkins, Greensboro, N. C.	W30	W25	W23		3-0
19	Dante Williams, Stone Mountain, Ga.	W25	L17	W26		2-1
20	John Bell, Inman	W21	L22	W27		2-1
21	George Miller, Greenwood	L20	W30	W24		2-1
22	Peter Lerch, Fayetteville, N. C.	W27	W20	L17		2-1
23	Dana Tabor, Huntersville, N. C.	W28	W24	L18		2-1
24	David Baldwin, Southern Pines, N. C.	W26	L23	L21		1-2
25	William Biggins, Spartanburg	L19	L18	W30		1-2
26	Bruce Blanton, Gaffney	L24	W28	L19		1-2
27	Harold Bush, Jr., Spartanburg	L22	W29	L20		1-2
28	Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg	L23	L26	W29		1-2
29	Sommers N. Douglas, Shelby, N. C.	L17	L27	L28		0-3
30	Lynwood Spencer, Gaffney, S. C.	L18	L21	L25		0-3
Section D:						
31	Thomas Forster, Spartanburg	W37	W33	W34		3-0
32	Chauncey Harmon, Shelby, N.C.	W36	L34	W37		2-1
33	Joseph Hullender, King's Mountain, N. C.	W39	L31	W38		2-1
34	John Kollmeyer, Spartanburg	W38	W32	L31		2-1
35	Cam Harr, Spartanburg	D40	L37	W39		1½-1½
36	Otto Estenger, Jr., Greenwood	L32	L38	W40		1-2
37	Ronald Floyd, Raeford, N. C.	L31	W35	L32		1-2
38	Andy Gunn, Gaffney	L34	W36	L33		1-2
39	Eure Jenkins, Shelby, N. C.	L33	W40	L35		1-2
40	Dennis Herald, Gaffney	D35	L39	L36		½-2½

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## MATCH AIKEN VS. AUGUSTA-NORTH AUGUSTA, JAN 20 - FEB 5

Aiken (6)	Bd.	Augusta-North Augusta (4)
Lee Hyder 1, 1	1	Harry Bell 0, 0
C. E. Braun 1, ½	2	F. F. Simpson 0, ½
Henry Hudak 1, 0	3	William Mareska 0
Ray Wood ½, 0	3	" " 1
" " ½, 0	4	Ken Yost ½, -
Harold Kelley -, ½	4	Luis Sanchez -, ½
T. R. Herold ½, 0	5	Frank Nieberding ½, 1

The annual match between the Aiken Chess Club and the Augusta-North Augusta Chess Club went to Aiken this year by 6-4, thus evening the series at one match apiece. Aiken won the first round on their home grounds by 4-1, but the return portion of the match in North Augusta was 3-2 in their favor. The match included a couple of oddities: a nine-move game, and a triumphant cry of "mate!" by a player who wound up losing the game; it seems he didn't see that bishop way over there--

## THE SOUTH CAROLINA MASTER CHESS CALENDAR

Below is a sequential listing of all the chess events that can presently be anticipated in S. C. and the immediate vicinity between now and the summer of 1972.

1971

March 13-14: Dogwood Open, Shelby, N. C. (1)  
March 20: S. C. High School Championships (1)  
March 27: Castle Club Open, Spartanburg\*(1)  
April 17: Castle Club Open, Spartanburg\*(1)  
May 8: Gaffney Open, Gaffney\*(1)  
June 11-13: Carolinas' Open, Charlotte(1)  
June 19: Shelby Open, Shelby\*  
July 10: Greenville Open, Greenville\*  
July 17-18: Water Festival Open, Beaufort (1)  
August 14: Shelby Open, Shelby\*  
August 21: Second annual S. C. Open team tournament, site to be named.  
September 18: Castle Club Open, Spartanburg\*  
October 3: Annual S. C.-N. C. match, Columbia (tentative)  
October 16: Gaffney Open, Gaffney\*  
October 29-31: Annual South Carolina Closed Championships, Columbia  
November 13: Greenville Open, Greenville\*  
December 11: Fourth annual Aiken Holiday Chess Festival, Aiken

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January 8(or 8-9) Sea Island Open, Beaufort  
January 22: Greenville Open, Greenville\*  
February 4-6: Groundhog Open, Charlotte  
February 19: Gaffney Open, Gaffney\*  
March 17-18: Dogwood Open, Shelby  
April 15: Castle Club Open, Spartanburg\*  
May 13: Gaffney Open, Gaffney\*  
June 17: Shelby Open, Shelby\*  
(1) See Page 11 for details.  
\* Piedmont one-day sectional tournament series.

I consider the above listing about the most important item ever printed in these pages, because now for the first time it is becoming possible to organize S. C. chess on a level which will provide chess competition frequently for everyone in the state. This is due to the strenuous efforts of chessplayers in all parts of the state, and to the success of the one-day tournament concept. This Calendar will change with time; there will certainly be additions, and circumstances may require deletion or rescheduling of some of the events now scheduled far in advance. These changes will be reported in these pages as they occur, and a complete listing will be published every second issue.

In addition to the above, there are some events now being contemplated for which dates have not yet been set, and several of these are particularly exciting. The Beaufort Chess Club intends to schedule in 1972 the greatest tournament ever held in South Carolina, with a prize fund exceeding \$1000. We will try to have more details in our next issue. Also in the planning stages are a simultaneous exhibition, by one of the top International Grandmasters, which will probably be held in Columbia; a chessplayers' outing at one of the state's recreational areas for one day this summer, and a Handicap tournament of the kind held by the Aiken Chess Club recently, but open to all. We are awaiting word from North Carolina on the possibility of a Women's tournament which one of the leading "chess widows" of the area has proposed.

And what's more (!) there are several areas which haven't been heard from yet. Robert Strickland's reports from Charleston indicate a boom may be building in that area. In our neighboring cities of Augusta, Statesboro, and Savannah, Georgia, and in Wilmington, Fayetteville, and Asheville, N. C., there are numerous players who now participate in South Carolina chess. As the Shelby, N. C. Club has shown, the "bug" of chess activity can be catching, and we may look for more from these areas. Wherever you are, if you can add to this calendar of events, please write at once. This kind of coordination will be the key to a successful chess program in South Carolina and vicinity.

## CHESSE ACTIVITY PICKS UP IN CHARLESTON AREA

### From reports by Robert Strickland

The inaugural CNSYD (Charleston Naval Shipyard) Chess Club Open Tournament, hosted by the First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Charleston on February 6, drew an exceptionally strong field including three of the top ten players in the state. The title-deciding game was a three-hour draw between Antonio del Rosario of the Naval Base and John M. McCray of Charleston AFB. The half-point was all del Rosario needed to home port the first CNSYD Chess Club Open trophy aboard his ship, the USS Orion.

The course of the tournament was set in the opening round when Bob Strickland of CNSYD scored an upset draw against McCray. Bob's only loss was to Joseph Dinan, the runner-up in last year's S. C. championships.

Seven players competed in the Open. The tournament's reserve section was rescheduled for play at the regular Thursday night meetings of the CNSYD Club.

#### Complete cross-tables of the Open:

No.	Player	Rating	Rd.	1	2	3	Total
1.	Antonio del Rosario	1852		W7	W6	D2	2½-½
2.	John M. McCray	1856		D4	W3	D1	2-1
3.	Joseph A. Dinan	1715		W5	L2	W4	2-1
4.	Robert F. Strickland	1586		D2	W7	L3	1½-1½
5.	Henry Horres, Jr.	Unr.		L3	Bye	W6	1-1
6.	Alvin Veronee	"		Bye	L1	L5	0-2
7.	Jack Howel	"		L1	L4	Bye	0-2

Lt. Robert Bliss has established an active chess club at Charleston AFB; it meets every Tuesday at 7 p. m. at the Base Service Club. Anyone in the Charleston area, military or civilian, is invited to join. There are no dues or other memberships required.

A six-board match between the CNSYD Club and the CAFB club ended in a 3-3 tie, when played Feb. 23. A return match is scheduled for April 16. On the top board Antonio Del Rosario, who is proving himself to be one of the strongest players in the area, played a draw with Lt. Robert Bliss.

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## RESURGING CLUB IN GREENVILLE

Mike Farmer has reorganized the Greenville Chess Club which had not met regularly for several years. We will have an account of the club activities in our next issue. Mike has also agreed to serve as our correspondent for the Piedmont area.

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## HARTSVILLE: TOURNAMENT IN PROGRESS; CHESS SCHOOL FLOURISHES

An eight man double round-robin tournament for the championship of the Hartsville Club was nearing completion as we went to press. The two leaders, Jim Inman with 11½-1½ and Virgil Smith with 9-1, still had one crucial game with each other to play. Their first encounter was drawn.

The Hartsville Club is sponsoring a "Chess School" which has attracted a large number of new players of all ages. The members of the club have divided up the task of instruction among the more experienced members.

(A chess school was also sponsored in Aiken by the Recreation Department with Lee Hyder as instructor. The group has grown into a young peoples' chess club with nearly 20 teen-age boys and girls taking part under the continuing sponsorship of the Aiken Recreation Department.)

We have for this issue quite a variety of games from many sources. Play through the lot and you will see all kinds of chess! First, to stir up the blood, here are two games which were chosen by Jude Acers, former Louisiana master, to illustrate his very successful lecture tour. He calls them the "most incredible games ever played". Play through them and see why! First we have Hamppe vs. Mettner, a Vienna Game played in

Vienna in 1873: (the punctuation marks are given by Acers)

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 B-B4 3 N-R4?! BxP+ 4 KxB Q-R5+ 5 K-K3 Q-B5+ 6 K-Q3 P-Q4 7 K-B3 QxKP 8 K-N3 N-QR3! 9 P-QR3 QxN+!!! 10 KxQ N-B4+ 11 K-N4 P-R4+ 12 KxN! N-K2! 13 B-N5+! K-Q1 14 B-B6! P-N3+ 15 K-N5 NxB+! 16 KxN B-N2+ 17 K-N5! B-R3+! 18 K-B6! B-N2+; drawn by repetition.

Now that everyone is in the right kind of a tactical mood (and I hope you went through that slowly enough to examine some of the sidelines) here is the chess amateur's greatest triumph, a super-brilliant defeat of a grandmaster. E. Z. Adams vs. Carlos Torre, New Orleans, 1923, Philidor's Defense.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KE3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 QxP N-QB3 5 B-QN5 B-Q2 6 BxN BxB 7 N-B3 N-KB3 8 O-O B-K2 9 N-Q5 BxN 10 PxB O-O 11 P-B4 P-B3 12 B-KN5 PxP 13 PxP P-QR4! 14 KR-K1 R-K1 15 R-K2 R-QB1? 16 R/i-K1 Q-Q2 17 BxN! BxB 18 Q-KN4!!! Q-N4 19 Q-QB4!!! Q-Q2 20 Q-B7!!! Q-N4 21 P-QR4!!! QxRP 22 R-K4!! Q-N4 23 QxNP Black resigns.

Now let's see some South Carolina games. Here's the 6th game of the match between Charles Walter (White) and Ed Garvin; Walter won the match 5½-1½. Ruy Lopez, Steinitz Defense Deferred.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4 P-Q3 5 O-O B-N5 6 P-KR3 B-R4(a) 7 P-B3 P-QN4(b) 8 B-B2 Q-B3? 9 P-KN4 B-N3 10 P-Q4 Q-K2?(c) 11 P-Q5 N-N1 12 P-QR4 PxP 13 BxP+ K-Q1 14 R-K1 P-B3(d) 15 Q-N3 P-QB4 16 PxPep Q-B2(e) 17 B-K3 B-B2 18 P-B4 K-K2(f) 19 Q-N7 Resigns

Notes (by Walter except as indicated):

- Or 6--P-KR4 7 BxN+ PxP 8 P-Q4 Q-B3 9 PxP PxP 10 QN-Q2 B-QB4 11 Q-K1!±
- Better 7--N-B3. CEB
- 10--Q-Q1 is better.
- Dreaming about 15--B-K1, but he doesn't get it in.
- Or 16--B-K1 17 B-K3 BxP 18 Q-N6+ Q-B2 19 BxB NxB 20 RxP wins.
- No better is 18--K-B1 19 B-N6 Q-K2 20 P-B7 N-Q2 21 B-B6 and wins.

From the Aiken-Augusta match, a Vienna Game by your Games Editor against F. F. Simpson shows some interesting tactical points.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3 B-B4(a) N-B3(b) 4 P-Q3(c) B-B4 5 P-B4 P-Q3 6 N-B3 P-QR3d7 P-B5 O-O(e) 8 B-KN5 N-QR4 9 N-Q5! NxB 10 PxN(f) K-R1 11 Q-B1(g) P-B3 12 NxN PxN 13 B-R4 K-N2(h) 14 P-KN4(i) P-R3 15 Q-Q2 Q-N3 16 P-B3 P-QR4 17 QR-N1 B-Q2 18 K-K2(j) QR-Q1 19 P-N5 RfPxP 20 BxP R-R1(k) 21 BxP+ Resigns.

- The idea of this opening is to play a K Gambit without allowing Black to counter with P-Q4.
- In a game between the same opponents a week earlier in the Aiken Chess Festival, Simpson came to grief early when he played 3--NxP.
- A bit sharper is the immediate 4 P-B4.
- Black has many possibilities here; none are fully satisfactory. Most usual is 6--B-KN5 when White gets the two bishops with 7 N-QR4 and later P-KR3 if necessary. The idea of 6--P-QR3 is to preserve the bishop: if 7 N-QR4 then B-R2!
- Black has already made one "defensive" move and must now continue actively with N-Q5 or N-QR4.
- Black has the two bishops, but he is positionally lost. His K side is compromised, and he cannot counterattack in the center or on the Q side.
- Not 11 Q-Q2 because of NxP. White threatens 12 BxN PxP 13 Q-R6.
- The K has to step up into the pocket to keep the Q from blitzing!
- White can afford a few moves to shore up his position. Black can only mark time.
- This keeps the B from coming to the aid of his K via K6 to N4. Now the stage is set for the attack.
- 20--PxP 21 QxP+ K-R2 22 P-B6 R-KN1 23 Q-R5mate.
- 21--KxB 22 Q-N5mate.

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# GAMES, CONTINUED

The decisive game from the Sea Island Open was the following strenuous battle between International Master Norman Whitaker of Washington, D. C., and Carolinas Open Champion Lee Hyder. Whitaker, white, played the exchange variation of the Ruy Lopez opening.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 BxN QPxP 5 P-Q4(a) Pxp 6 QxP QxQ 7 NxQ B-Q2! 8 B-K3 (b) N-B3 (c) 9 P-B3 O-O-O 10 N-Q2! B-K2 11 O-O-O P-KR4(d) 12 N-B4 P-B4(e) 13 N-N3 P-QN3 14 N-K5 B-K1 15 B-N5 N-Q4! 16 BxB NxB 17 RxR+ KxR 18 R-Q1+ K-B1 19 N-Q2 P-KB3 20 N/5-B4 N-B3 (f) 21 N-B1 B-B2 22 N/4-K3 P-R5 23 P-QR3 N-Q5 24 P-B3 N-K7+ 25 K-Q2 N-B5 26 K-K1 P-B5 27 R-Q2 P-QN4 28 N-B5 N-Q6+ 29 K-K2 P-N4 30 N/1-K3 R-B1 31 P-R3 K-N2 32 N-N4 B-K3 33 N-N7 B-B1 34 N-R6K-N3 35 K-K3 R-R1 36 N-N4 R-B1 37 N-R6 R-R1 38 N/7-B5 B-Q2 29 P-N3?(g) N-K4! 40 P-N4 N-Q6 41 R-Q1 B-B1 42 N-K7 B-K3 43 N/7-B5 P-B4 44 R-KN1 Pxp 45 RfxP B-B1 46 N-B7 R-R2 47 N/7-Q6 BxN 48 NxB R-R2 49 N-Q6 R-Q2 50 N-B5 N-N7 51 N-Q4 N-R5 52 K-Q2 N-N7 53 P-N3(h) Pxp 54 RxP N-Q6 55 P-R4 Pxp 56 R-R3 Nxp 57 RxP N-B3 58 R-R6 NxB 59 PxN RxP+ 60 K-B1 K-B4(i) 61 RxP R-Q3 62 R-B5+ K-Q5 63 P-K5 R-K3 64 P-B4 R-R3! 65 R-B6 R-R8+ 66 K-B2 R-R7+ 67 K-B1 K-B6 68R-Q6 R-KB7 69 R-Q1 RxP 70 R-K1 R-B2 71 P-K6 R-K2 72 R-K3+ K-Q5 73 K-Q2 K-Q4 74 Resigns.

- a. This is the old line that goes straight for an endgame with better pawns but gives Black good play. Better is 5 O-O, as played by Fischer. A careful check of the books hasn't turned up an equalizing line.
- b. White has lots of tries here, but none confer any advantage. Some of the less usual are 8 B-KB4 O-O-O 9 N-Q2 P-QB4 10 N-K2 N-K2 11 N-N3 B-N3=; and 8 N-K2 P-QB4 9 P-QN3 P-B5! 10 Pxp B-R5! 11 P-QB3 O-O-O! 12 N-Q2 B-B7! 13 P-B3 B-B4!?, Verlinsky-Alekhine, 1929.
- c. Book here is 8--O-O-O 9 N-Q2 N-K2 10 O-O-O (10 P-KB4 P-B3 11 N-K2 N-N3 12 P-KR3 B-Q3 13 K-B2 KR-K1 14 QR-Q1 P-QB4!?) R-K1 11KR-K1 (11 P-B3 N-N3) N-N3 12 N-K2 B-Q3 13 P-KR3 P-KB4 14 Pxp N-R5 15 N-QB4 (15 P-KN4 N-N7 16 R-B1 NxB 17 PxN RxP 18 N-N1 P-N4?) NxNP 16 R-N1 NxB 17 NxN B-K4 18 N-Q4 R-K2?; Petterson-Alekhine, Oreboro 1935. If 9 N-B3, B-K2 is good, e. g. 10 O-O-O P-QB4!\*
- d. An original idea to restrain the pawn majority.
- e. Necessary to prevent White from posting his knights in dominating positions at K5 and KB5.
- f. Black has held equality despite the exchanges, for his pieces find good squares. (But time now becomes a factor: Black has 30 minutes for 30 moves, while White has an hour more. MLH)
- g. The first White mistake: the QNP must now go to N4, and Black can exchange his only weakness, the doubled pawn.
- h. Now, with the time control past and Black holding at least an even game, White goes for counterplay but weakens himself badly in the process.
- i. Not 60--R-Q3? 61 P-K5! The three connected passed pawns soon become overwhelming.

From the Sea Island Open comes this game by one of the winners of the event. Robert Bliss vs. Robert Brand, French Defense.

1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 Pxp Pxp 4 N-KB3 N-KB3 5 N-B3 B-KN5(a) 6 B-N5+ P-B3 7 B-K2 B-Q3 8 P-KR3 BxN 9 BxB O-O 10 B-K3 Q-H2 11 Q-Q3 B-B5 12 O-O-O BxB+(b) 13 PxB R-K1 14 QR-K1 QN-Q2 15 P-KN4 P-KR3?(c) 16 P-KR4 Q-N6 17 Q-K2 N-K5 18 BxN PxB 19 QR-KN1 Q-Q3 20 P-N5 N-B1 21 R-R3 Q-N3 22 P-R5 Q-R2 23 R/3-N3(d) Pxp 24 RxP N-K3 25 R-K5 N-B2 26 Nxp K-R1 27 P-R6 RxR 28 Pxp+ Qxp 29 Q-R2+ Q-R2 30 QxR+ Resigns

- a. White's opening isn't very enterprising, although played by Larsen. 5--P-QB3 6 B-Q3 B-Q3 7 O-O O-O 8 N-K2 R-K1 9 N-N3 QN-Q2 (9--N-K5!)
- 10 N-B5 N-B1 11 NxB QxN 12 N-K5+; Larsen-Petrosian, Havana, 1966; or 5--B-Q3 6 B-Q3 O-O 7 O-O R-K1 8 B-KN5 P-QB3 9 R-K1 RxR=; Larsen-Byrne, from the same event.
- b. Better is 12--QN-Q2.
- c. Weakens the K side, giving White a great advantage. 15--N-N3 or even --Q-N6 were better.
- d. 23 P-N6 was also strong.

An interesting Gruenfeld from a Spartanburg Open. Hull vs. Norman McCurry.

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-KN3 3 N-QB3 P-Q4 4 Pxp Nxp 5 P-K4 NxN 6 PxN P-QB4 7 B-K3 B-N2 8 B-QB4 O-O 9 N-K2 Pxp 10 Pxp N-QB3 11 O-O B-Q2(a) 12 Q-Q3(b) R-B1 13 R-QN1(c) R-N1 14 KR-B1 P-K3 15 B-QN5 P-QR3 16 B-QB4 N-R4!(d) 17 Q-Q2 NxB 18 RxN B-N4 19 R/4-N4 Q-Q2 20 N-B3 B-B3 21 P-Q5!(e) BxN (Continued at top of page 10)



## NEWS, VIEWS, AND EDITORIAL COMMENT

The numerous servicemen among our members may well be interested in the USO-All Services Postal Chess Club. The director is Maj. Robert A. Karch, (536229023, USARPACINTS, APO San Francisco, Cal. 96331), one of the most competent and successful chess organizers in the U. S. Maj. Karch sent us the Jan. issue of the club publication "King's Korner", and writes in it "On the outside looking in? You're welcome to join our small club! We play chess by mail, and we're mostly servicemen, stationed in the U. S. and overseas. Send \$2 and state your class (A, B, C, or D) to Maj. Karch." The January issue includes an account of the 1970 Armed Forces Championships which ended in a tie between the Army and the Air Force, ahead of the Sea Services. Robert Bliss of Charleston AFB was one of the Air Force team, and scored 7-5 against strong competition (there were three masters and eight experts among the eighteen participants).

One of the great pleasures of the Sea Island Open and the Aiken Chess Festival was the opportunity to visit again with Prof. Robert Brand. Prof. Brand was for a number of years Secretary of the SCCA during his long career as Professor of Modern Language at The Citadel. Now retired from teaching and resident in Statesboro, Georgia, Prof. Brand is once again able to devote a goodly portion of his energies to chess, and to the oriental strategic game "Go", at which he is quite accomplished. During his term as SCCA secretary he researched the history of chess competition in South Carolina and published the results in the SCCA Bulletin, the forerunner of this publication. He has promised us to supply an updated version for publication in one of our next few issues. He is also working on the immense project of extending his history to cover the whole U. S.

Prof. Brand was able to introduce your editor to Go, which is a truly fascinating game. The USCF has a couple of books describing the game, and sets may be found for sale in the larger cities: Druke and Sons make them in this country, and a variety of imported sets are available. Prof. Brand, who has investigated the matter thoroughly, recommends that Go equipment and literature be ordered directly from Japan from "The Ishi Press, Box 2126, Central Post Office, Tokyo". He left a great deal of other information with the editor, which can be printed if interest in this area develops.

Since the editorial "Chess and Money" we have found two other writers commenting in this area. One is C. J. S. Purdy, the veteran Australian champion, who wrote the British magazine CHESS to present his thesis that English players are not competitive enough, and that perhaps conditions there (lack of financial incentive) were to blame. After describing some of the prize funds in U. S. tournaments (which apparently are unmatched elsewhere in the world) Mr. Purdy turned to the example of Walter Shawn Browne, the Australian grandmaster who has spent most of his life in the U. S. A. "It would not be possible to breed a Shawn Browne in Britain, or even Australia. Browne, when you get to know him, is a nice chap but not in the English sense. That guy is tough--tough on others, tough on himself. And he gets results." I found Mr. Purdy's reasoning hard to follow, but apparently he feels that the kind of competitiveness and self-discipline that make a winner at chess require incentives.

Stephen Dann, editor of the Massachusetts State Chess Assn. publication "Chess Horizons" also wrote an editorial on money, and in particular on the importance of cash prizes. Dann states flatly that "Cash prizes have been one of the main factors in the growth of chess as an American sport in recent years. For over 100 years the finer aspects of chess failed to build the popularity of the game. It is ironic that money, frequently criticized as being detrimental to chess, has brought the game such growth and dignity in recent years." Dann called for further consideration of the problems relating to amateur standing and professionalism in chess.

The USCF is seeking bids for the U. S. Junior Open. Interested parties should at once write Harry Glidden, 243 S. Stage Rd., Medford, Ore. 97501. It's probably too late for this year, but this would be a good tournament to have in this area sometime.

# GAMES, CONTINUED

Hull-McCurry: 22 QxB PxP 23 PxP7(f) QxP 24 P-B3 K1-Q17(g) 25 B-R6 P-B3  
26 QxP R-Q2 27 R-KB4 R-KB2 28 QxR+ QxQ 29 RxQ KxR 30 K-B2 Drawn  
a. In typical Gruenfeld style, Black has allowed White to set up a pawn  
center. Now is the time to strike back. Premature is 11--N-R4 because  
of 12 B-Q3! (Not 12 R-B1 NxB 13 RxN P-QN3!+ ) B-K3 13 R-B1+ or 13 P-Q5+.  
Best is 11--B-N5! 12 P-B3 N-R4.  
b. Better is 12 R-B1. Now Black could try 12--B-N5 (13 P-B3 N-K4)  
c. The QB file is where the action is (or should be). Black falls for  
the feint, however, rather than call the bluff with 13--N-R4.  
d. Finally!  
e. White decides on an active move. Black would have the better of it  
after 21 N-K2.  
f. 23 B-R6! wins the exchange.  
g. Better 24--KR-K1 or P-KB3. Now White regains the P and the bishops  
of opposite color prevail.

## LATE ADDITION TO THE TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

The 1971 Asheville Open: 5Rd SS, Grove Park Inn, Asheville, July 10-11,  
1971. EF \$8; \$50 First prize + ABCD and Unr. Trophies to all winners.  
Registrar 7:30-8:30 July 10. Entries: Tom Nard, 270 H1 Alta, Asheville,  
N. C. 28806, or phone 252-4681.

## PUZZLERS

Chess Informant 2 has some fascinating endgames and combinational positions.  
Here are a couple of "simple" endings to test your skill:

#1: White: K, g3; B, b5; Ps, a4, f4; Black: K, e7; B, h3; Ps, a5, b6,  
h5. Black plays and wins.

#2: White: K, b3; Bs, d8, g4; Ps, a4, c4, d5; Black: K, f7; B, b4;  
N, b6; Ps, a5, c5, d6. Black plays and draws.

#3: White: K, c5; Ps b5, f4, h4; Black: K, a7; Ps, b7, g6, h5. White  
plays and wins.

## LATE NEWS, ETC.

John Ulrich has organized a club at Shaw AFB and they are playing a  
tournament this spring.

It has also been reported to us that a young people's club is being  
organized in Camden. (It now appears that the only sizable town in the  
state with no known chessplayers is Anderson.)

Dr. M. Lee Hyder has been nominated for Regional Vice-President of the  
USCF and has no known opposition. His election will give the state this  
office for the first time since Lanneau Foster held it in the early  
sixties.

The USCF By-Laws Committee is seeking to resolve the problem of tourna-  
ment conflicts resulting from the activity of independent promoters.  
Those who have ideas are invited to write the Editor, whose personal  
vote in favor of a laissez-faire policy has already been transmitted  
to the Committee.

Once again much has been squeezed out of this issue by the pressure of  
space and deadlines. We have a new printer who is much faster and  
provides better service, and this should be in your hands by March 10.  
Perhaps if funds permit there can be more pages in the summer issue,  
out about June 1, so we can run some of the features we are presently  
saving. (More games, an article on computer chess, even poetry!) We  
will have a report on the Castle Club series by our new Piedmont corres-  
pondent, Mike Farmer, and any late news on the Candidates' matches  
through Ken Smith's "Chess Newsletter" (which is recommended for keeping  
up with the chess world.) It is clearly going to be a big chess year--  
get in on it!!

## COMING EVENTS

### CHANGE OF PLANS FOR THE SPARTANBURG\*WADE HAMPTON MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS!

Due to the unavailability of the Greenville site for the remaining two tournaments, those originally scheduled for Greenville will instead be played in Gaffney, ~~of in~~ Spartanburg. Same dates. Details are as follows:

All tournaments of the same type: The entire field divided into four sections: 1700+; 1500-1699; 1300-1499; 1300 and below. Three round Swiss system, 40 moves/ 90 minutes. Registration 9-9:30, rounds at 10, 2, 6. USCF and SCCA memberships required (other state memberships honored). Trophies to winner each section. Entry fee \$3.00. Tournaments in Spartanburg (Castle Chess Club Open) at Spartanburg High School Cafeteria, DuPre Dr., just off U. S. 29 east of the city. Dates: Feb. 27, March 27, April 17. Tournament in Gaffney at Gaffney High School, May 8.

### ANOTHER COMPLETE CHANGE OF PLANS: SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

The annual S. C. High School Team Championships are now scheduled for March 20, 1971 at Spartanburg High School, instead of April 17 as previously announced.

The competition is for teams of four players. Each school must have four players. It will be USCF rated and all players must be members of the USCF and the SCCA. The entry fee is \$1.00 per player. There will be a trophy awarded to the winning school and they will also be entered on the permanent plaque. Registration is 9:30 to 10:00 a. m. at the tournament site, and will close promptly at 10. Two or three rounds (depending on entry), 30 moves in 60 min. Rounds at 10, 1, 3:30. Play-off in case of tie.

### CAROLINAS' OPEN AT CHARLOTTE

Note the early date this year, which makes it possible to hold two big tournaments in the Carolinas again this year--see the announcement following this one.

June 11-13, 1971, 6Rd SS, 50/2, YMCA 400 E. Morehead St., Charlotte, N. C. Two Sections: One open to all, Booster Section open to players with ratings under 1600 or to unrated players. EF: Open \$10, Booster \$8. NCCA (or SCCA) memberships required. Prizes: Open \$100; Booster \$50. Trophies in Open to 1, 2, A, B; in Booster to C, D-E, Unr., Woman. Other prizes as entries permit. Registration ends 7:30 p. m. 6/11; rounds at 8, 10-3-8, 9-2. Entries to Grady Brown, 3921 Woodleaf Rd., Charlotte 28205.

### WATER FESTIVAL OPEN AT BEAUFORT

July 17-18, 5 Rd SS at the National Guard Armory, 1500 Rodgers St., Beaufort. EF \$10; Prizes \$150, 75, 50; Class prizes of \$25 each to players with ratings in 1700s, 1600s, 1500s, 1400s, under 1400, and unrated. Special rates available at Buccaneer Motel: \$6.24 (single) and \$8.36 (double) Possible Grandmaster exhibition July 16. Register at tournament site on July 17 at 8:30 a. m., or in advance to Douglas Gail, 1002 Paul Dr., Beaufort 29902.

### DOGWOOD OPEN AT SHELBY, N. C.

March 13-14 at Shelby City Park, W. Sumter St., Shelby. 5 Rd SS, 50/2. EF \$6 before March 11, \$8 afterwards. \$50 first prize, A, B, C, and D trophies, other prizes according to entry. Registration to 9 am March 13, or in advance to Donald Hull, 3120 Imperial Dr., Gastonia, N. C. 28052. Rounds 9-2-7, 9-2.

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