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**AIKEN WELCOMES THIRTY-SECOND SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

For the first time in the forty-five year history of the South Carolina Chess Championships the attractive little city of Aiken will host the competitions for 1971. The annual event will be held on October 29, 30, and 31 in the Heritage Room meeting complex of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank on Park Avenue just off Laurens Street in downtown Aiken.

A warm welcome is being prepared for all South Carolina chessplayers by the players in Aiken and nearby towns who are sponsoring the event. As you will see elsewhere in this issue, the Aiken Chamber of Commerce has taken note of the event and extended an official welcome. The Heritage Room facilities, which have been made available without charge through the courtesy of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, were used in the Aiken Chess Festival early this year and drew much favorable comment from the participants. Coffee and other refreshments will be available at the site throughout the tournament. The playing schedule of five rounds in 2½ days is more relaxed than that usual at many weekend tournaments; Saturday evening will be free for those who wish to enjoy movies or other entertainments in the area.

For those who may not be familiar with Aiken we enclose a descriptive brochure. Although the city is located at one edge of the state, it is convenient to nearly all parts. For example, driving time from either Spartanburg or Charleston, using I-26 and connecting highways, is only a few minutes over two hours in either case. The new I-20 freeway puts downtown Aiken within an hour of downtown Columbia.

Comfortable modern accommodations with free parking, TV, and coffee shop are available within two blocks of the playing site at the Commercial Hotel, 235 Richland Ave. W. (Single \$8, Double \$12). Those who prefer motel accommodations will find two large motels on the Augusta Highway at the city limits (U. S. #1, west): The Heart of Aiken Motel (P. O. Box 903, Aiken 29801) (\$8 Single, \$10-\$12 double, color TV \$1 extra) which has a restaurant adjoining; and, slightly farther out, the Town House (Single \$8, double \$9-\$11, color TV \$1 extra). A wide variety of restaurants and food service establishments are located in the city.

The annual business meeting of the SCCA will be held on Sunday afternoon before the final round. At this meeting SCCA officers will be elected for 1971-1972, and other business affecting the organization may be discussed.

As in the last three years the tournament will be divided into two sections to provide better competition for all. Both sections will be restricted to S. C. residents, students attending S. C. schools, or servicemen stationed within the state. The Open section may be entered by players of any strength; the Reserve section is restricted to players rated below 1600, or those players who have not yet obtained a rating. Membership in the USCF and SCCA are required, but may be obtained when registering. Entry fees are \$5 and \$3 in the Open and Reserve sections respectively. Trophies will be awarded the top two players in each division, and to the top Junior player in the Open.

Registration will be at the tournament site from 7-8 p. m. on October 29, just before the first round to be played that night. We hope it will find a large number of South Carolina chessplayers gathered for a lot of chess and a lot of fun!

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NORTHEASTERN S. C. OPEN AT FLORENCE MOVED!!!!!! SEE PAGE 4!

## S. C. CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY EXTENDS OVER FORTY-FIVE YEARS

Chess has been played in South Carolina since colonial times, and accounts of American chess from the first part of the nineteenth century mention that the game was played in Charleston at that time. An active group was in existence there early in this century, but, so far as is known, it was not until 1926 that a group of chess enthusiasts got together for the first state championships. The competition for the title of State Champion was then continued annually until 1933, when the organizing group passed out of existence. The present S. C. Chess Association dates from 1948, when a group of Columbia players that included Alex Edelsburg and the late Lanneau Foster organized the first postwar competition. This was won by Harold Mouzon of Charleston; Mouzon, now a resident of Virginia, is apparently the only South Carolinian ever to achieve master strength. In the years 1949-1953 an Open tournament was conducted, with the highest finishing resident of the state being named Champion; more recently, the tournament has been restricted to residents, students and servicemen. In 1968, and years since, the competition was split into two divisions on the basis of ratings.

All this we know primarily due to the efforts of Prof. Robert Brand of Statesboro, Ga., who was for some years Secretary of the SCCA while on the faculty of the Citadel. While holding this position Brand strove to compile all possible information concerning the history of chess in the state, and obtained much of the documentation from Prof. Foster and from Dr. Elmer Hallman of Spartanburg, who had custody of the records of the first S. C. Chess Association. Prof. Brand compiled the list of state champions and championships in 1966 and published it in issue no. 8 of the Bulletin of the South Carolina Chess Association, the predecessor of this publication. We reproduce this record below along with records of championships conducted since 1966. Note that in general, ties were not broken. Listings are as follows: Year; Champion(s) with his(their) place of residence; tournament site; number competing.

- 1926. Prof. William H. Morton, Spartanburg; Columbia YMCA; 8.
- 1927. James Henry Rice, Jr., Wiggins; Ft. Sumter Hotel, Charleston; 16.
- 1928. Col. Oliver J. Bond, Charleston; Masonic Hall, Sumter; 12.
- 1929. Benjamin O. Johnson, Spartanburg; Judd Hall, Spartanburg YMCA; 14.
- 1930. Elmer B. Hallman, Spartanburg; Hotel Fort Sumter, Charleston; 13.
- 1931. Edward L. Dashiell, Spartanburg; Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Greenville; 5.
- 1932. P. J. Walker, Varnville; Charleston; 8.
- 1933. Edward L. Dashiell, Spartanburg; YMCA (?), Spartanburg; Unk.
- 1948. Harold A. Mouzon, Charleston; Wade Hampton Hotel, Columbia; 12.
- 1949. Paul L. Cromelin, Columbia; (Open Champion: William Adickes, Asheville, N. C.) Hotel Cleveland, Spartanburg; 32.
- 1950. Harold A. Mouzon, Charleston; Charleston YMCA; 12.
- 1951. Paul L. Cromelin, Columbia; Wade Hampton Hotel, Columbia; 14.
- 1951. S. C. Open at Prince George Hotel, Georgetown; won by Lars N. Enequist, Baltimore, Md.
- 1952. Alex Edelsburg, Columbia; Old Foster School of Dance, Columbia; 12.
- 1952. S. C. Open, Hotel Wade Hampton, Columbia; M. Wiener, Wash. D. C.
- 1953. S. C. Open, Hotel Wade Hampton, Columbia; Rea B. Hayes, Greenville, tied with Douglas Kahn (D. C.) and Dr. George Smith (Address unknown); Hayes was state champion; 19.
- 1954. Rea B. Hayes, Greenville; Columbia Hotel, Columbia; 11.
- 1955. Ernest E. Hoensch, Charleston Heights; Hotel Wade Hampton, Cola.; 9.
- 1956. Prof. Lanneau L. Foster and Alex Edelsburg, both Columbia; Old Foster School of Dance, Columbia; Unk.
- 1957. R. Grady Brown, Hartsville; Prof. Steven Shaw, Columbia; Harold A. Mouzon, Charleston; (3-way tie) Old Foster School, Columbia; 12.
- 1958. R. Grady Brown, Hartsville; Prof. Ernst Breitenberger, Columbia; Old Foster School of Dance, Columbia; 12.
- 1959. Harold A. Mouzon, Charleston; Frances Marion Hotel, Charleston; 24.
- 1960. Alex Edelsburg, Lanneau Foster, Peter Grant, all Columbia (3-way tie); YMCA, Sumter; 17.
- 1961. John G. Wallenburg, Aiken; Foster School of Dance, Columbia; 16.
- 1962. Lanneau L. Foster, Columbia; Fort Sumter Hotel, Charleston; 20.

## SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMPIONS (CONTINUED)

1963. Prof. Steven J. Shaw, Columbia; Poinsett Hotel, Greenville; 20.  
1964. Dr. Lee Hyder, Aiken; Foster School of Dance, Columbia; 28.  
1965. John A. Chalmers and Alex Edelsburg, both Columbia; Foster School, Columbia; Unk.  
1966. Dr. Lee Hyder, Aiken; Foster School of Dance, Columbia; Unk.  
1967. Dr. Lee Hyder, Aiken, and Alex Edelsburg, Columbia; YWCA, Columbia; 28.  
1968. Dr. Lee Hyder, Aiken; (Reserve: Harvey Studstill, West Columbia) YWCA, Columbia; 14 + 11.  
1969. Spencer Mathews, Spartanburg; YWCA, Columbia; 12 + 16.  
Reserve: Robert Holroyd, Inman.  
1970. Charles Walter, Columbia; (Reserve: Roger Ramsey, West Columbia); YMCA, Columbia; 10 + 10.

## NEWS FROM THE ANNUAL USCF BUSINESS MEETING AT THE U. S. OPEN TOURNAMENT

(Courtesy of Dan Semonoff's report in the R. I. C. A. Bulletin)

The USCF held their annual business meetings at the U. S. Open tournament in Ventura, California, in August; the International Chess Federation (FIDE) congress was held in Vancouver, B. C., where the Canadian Open was contested in early September. Thanks to Mr. Semonoff, Mr. Harold Winston of Chicago, and Ken Smith's excellent CHESS NEWSLETTER, we can report a wide variety of news of interest to the chess world.

The news of most immediate interest is that the Fischer-Petrosian match will be contested in Buenos Aires, starting Sept. 30 and continuing at the rate of three games a week. We have arranged to receive game scores at the earliest possible dates, and may have the complete set at the S. C. Championships.

The U. S. Open was a tie between Walter Browne of Australia and Larry Evans of Las Vegas (each 10-2); World Champion Boris Spassky and Hans Ree of the Netherlands tied for first in the Canadian Open.

Scheduled events: The 1972 U. S. Open will be next August in Atlantic City, New Jersey, at the Shelburne Hotel. A special two-week package rate including lodging and entry has been arranged, which should cut expenses somewhat. The 1971 U. S. Championships will be contested in New York City Oct. 17 through November 17 among 14 top-rated U. S. players. A plan to qualify some of the entrants to this tournament through regional play-offs is under study and will be voted on at the 1972 USCF business meeting. U. S. Junior Championship will be early next summer in Minneapolis. An international tournament among 16 top masters and grandmasters will be held in San Antonio, Texas, in November and December of 1972, sponsored by the Church's Fried Chicken chain of quick service restaurants; so help us, the sponsor dropped his sponsorship of a golf tournament to sponsor this event instead! America is becoming intellectual! This is the first international master event in the U. S. since the 1966 Piatagorsky Cup, and the biggest in number of participants in many decades.

If Fischer wins, there will probably have to be another neutral site for his match with Spassky next spring. The alternative is to split the match between the U. S. and the USSR, and it is doubtful that either would agree to that, especially since the first 12 games would be in the U. S. Fischer has been pretty rough on his home ground.

The FIDE changed the whole World Championship playoff system for the next time around, and they are doing it the way Fischer wanted! There were also some concessions to the Russians, who wanted a chance to get more of their players into the Interzonal. The Interzonal will now be two tournaments of 16 players each, comprising 23 players selected from Zonal competition, the World Junior Champion, and eight players seeded in by a selection committee. (This would have avoided the great exertions needed to get Fischer in last time round, and also allows for several of the other top masters, mostly Russian, to enter this way.)  
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## NORTHEAST S. C. OPEN MOVED TO DARLINGTON!

Once again the hospitable city of Darlington has rescued a Pee Dee chess event after the original plans were scrapped because of opposition to Sunday chess. The School Board of Florence Public School District # 1 refused to ratify a contract negotiated by their Superintendent for the use of school facilities for this event, creating a bit of a crisis! St. John's High School of Darlington was more hospitable, and the tournament will now be held in the cafeteria of that school, 231 St. John Street, Darlington, with all other arrangements as before. Here is the program:

Northeastern S. C. Open. Five Rd. Swiss System tournament in two sections, St. John's High School, Darlington, S. C. Reserve Section restricted to players rated under 1500. USCF, SCCA (or other state) membership required; EF \$10. Cash prizes: Open: first, \$75; Second, \$50; Third, \$30; Fourth, \$25; Fifth, \$15; Reserve: \$25, \$20, \$10. Registration at the tournament site 8:00-8:30 a. m. Nov. 27; first round 9:00 a. m. Advance registration to James G. Inman, Rt. # 6, Florence 29501.

It might be noted in passing that playing chess on Sunday, although widely accepted in this country today, has been criticized from time to time by both clerical and secular authority down through the centuries. We have, however, never heard of any of our contemporary masters, for whom chess is a profession, objecting to Sunday play. Neither Fischer nor Reshevsky will play on their Sabbath, which is however Saturday for each. Amateurs, for whom the game is relaxation, are obliged to play in their spare time, whenever that may occur, and it would be hard for players objecting to Sunday play to take part in many competitions in this part of the country. At least the good citizens of Darlington should find a chess tournament less disruptive to their Sunday peace than the crowds they get twice a year for auto races! Thanks, Darlingtonians, for your hospitality.

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The top three from each Interzonal tournament, and the two finalists from the last series of Candidates' matches (or the defeated World Champion, if the challenger has won) will then play a series of elimination matches to determine a challenger. As Fischer had proposed, these matches are not a specified number of games, but rather will continue until one player has achieved a certain number of wins: three in the first round, four in the semi-finals, and five in the finals. The world championship match will be conducted on the same plan, with six wins required win. (This plan was last used in the Alekhin-Capablanca match in 1927, with Alekhin winning 6-3, 25 games being drawn.)

Other USCF news: There are now 22, 482 USCF members. A title of "Life Master" has been established; it requires a rating above 2300 for 100 consecutive games, or above 2200 for 300 consecutive games. A program for Tournament Director certification remains under study after extensive discussion, and may be established in 1972 for tournaments starting in 1973. A resolution was also passed at this years USCF membership meeting, asking that in the future any major matters to be presented for a vote be announced in advance of the meeting.

Collegians! Note the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship, at the University of Toronto, December 26-30, 1971. There will be a \$2000 prize fund. Are you Gamecocks, Tigers, etc., ready? Watch CHESS LIFE AND REVIEW for more details if you are!

We are happy to hear from Hartsville Chess Club President Virgil Smith that recent misunderstandings in that area appear to have been resolved and that the club continues to support SCCA programs. News like that is always welcome!

## PIEDMONT CHESS SEASON OFF TO A GOOD START AS TWENTY-NINE PLAY IN GAFFNEY

Twenty-nine avid chess competitors turned out to initiate the Fall series of one-day Piedmont tournaments in Gaffney on September 18. Leroy Taylor of Carrboro, North Carolina led the way by taking the A Section with 2½-1, ahead of Don Hull of Gastonia and Harry Lofton of Greenville. Lofton, long active in S. C. chess, was playing in his first event in some time. David Williams of Spartanburg scored an excellent 3-0 win in the B section, a feat which was duplicated by Paul Moore of Greenville in Section C. Earl Jones of Shelby went these one better, winning section D with 4-0!

The next one-day open has been scheduled for Spartanburg H. S. on Oct. 16. The full schedule is given below; cross-tables of the September event are printed elsewhere in this issue.

### PIEDMONT ONE-DAY TOURNAMENTS

Here is the schedule of one-day events in the upper part of the state. Note the changes for next spring, as compared to the calendar published in our last issue.

Oct. 16: Spartanburg High School	Feb. 19: Gaffney High School
Nov. 20: Gaffney High School	March 11: Spartanburg High School
December 4: Shelby High School	April 8: Greenville High School
Jan. 22: Spartanburg High School	

The S. C. High School Championships are now scheduled for May 13 at a site to be named later.

### END OF AN ENJOYABLE TRADITION

NCCA President Grady Brown of Charlotte has written us to report, reluctantly, that he has been unable to arouse sufficient interest among North Carolina chessplayers to field a team this year. Both states have had troubles doing this at times--it takes a tremendous amount of organization and personal contact to assemble a team from all over the state. Grady has labored mightily at this over the years, and we share his disappointment at being unable to continue the series. Thanks, Grady! It was fun while it lasted, and maybe sometime in the future enough interest will build up to cause the series to be resumed.

### TIE\*BREAK

The tie-break system described in the last SCCA NEWS will not be used for the closed championships after all. An improved version has been developed which has the advantage over all currently used methods of tie-breaking of having statistical validity. It is too long to describe here, but a written description will be available soon for interested persons.

### MISCELLANY

If you happen to be in the North Carolina mountains during the week, you might like to visit the Highlander Chess Club in Asheville. It meets Wednesday evenings at the home of Bill Adickes, 66 Linden Ave. Call Adickes (253-4494) or Tom Nard (252-4681) for information.

The revival of chess in the Aiken-Augusta area has encouraged the formation of a new club at North Augusta High School. The North Augusta Club is looking for matches with other high schools. Interested persons should contact the club President, Bruce McCalley, 707 Hammond Dr., North Augusta, S. C., 29841. Jimmy Scogin is Vice-President; Mr. Hatcher of the faculty is Sponsor, and the club is meeting Saturday mornings in the Fairview Presbyterian Church facilities.

Thanks to the Shelby Chess Club for the result lists included in this issue.

One of the surprises in the last S. C. High School Championships was this French Defense: Ed Garvin (Dreher) vs. Norman McCurry (Spartan.)  
 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 (a) 3 N-Q2 (b) P-QB4 4 QPXP (c) PXP 5 NXP  
 QxQ+ 6 KxQ (d) N-Q2 7 N-Q6+ BxN 8 PxB KN-B3 9 P-KB3 (e) O-O 10 B-KN5  
 P-KR3 11 B-R4 P-KN4 12 B-K1 R-Q1 13 P-QB4 P-N3 (f) 14 K-B2 N-K1 15  
 P-KR4 P-B3 16 PXP RPXP 17 R-Q1 N-B4 18 B-B3 K-N2 19 N-R3 P-K4 20  
 P-QN3 B-B4+ 21 K-N2 RXP? (g) 22 RxB NxB 23 NXP R-Q1 24 N-R3 N-B2 25 N-B2  
 N-Q6+ 26 BxN BxB 27 NxB RxB 28 K-B2 R-Q1 29 R-Q1 RxB 30 KxB N-Q3  
 31 B-N4 N-B4 32 K-Q2? (h) N-R5 33 P-B5 PXP 34 BxB P-R3 35 P-QN4 K-B2  
 36 P-R4 K-K1 37 P-R5 (i) K-Q2 drawn.

Notes (by McCurry, except as noted)

- My first victory, as the French is my favorite opening.
- Avoiding the more complex Winawer line 3 N-QB3 B-QN5.
- Garvin perhaps expected BXP, but I thought I saw something better. (4 KPXP gives Black the most problems. Recapturing with the Q costs in development, and KPXP saddles Black with an isolated P. CEB)
- I now thought it would be easy to get the P back, but I forgot about the N move to Q6.
- Preventing, of course, N-K5 by Black.
- I now have about the worst P structure possible.
- A dumb move. 21--NXP was right, forcing BxN.
- Garvin thought he could win outright on the other side of the board. This proved an error in judgment.
- There is no way to force the win. (37 K-K3 NxNP 38 K-K4 gives White some chances. CEB)

Sometimes you have to know the book! Here a young Virginia player gets his opponent lost in a wild variation of the Ponziani--an opening better than its reputation. Watch! A. Smith-J. Connors, New England 1970. 1 P-K4 (1 -- says Smith) P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-B3 P-Q4 4 B-N5 PXP 5 NXP Q-N4 6 Q-R4 QxP 7 RxB+ PxB 8 QxP+ K-K2?? (up to here, it was book) 9 QxP+ K-K3 10 QxP+ KxN 11 P-Q4+ PXP 12 B-B4+ K-K5 13 N-Q2 ++!

Christmas gift!

A couple of years ago a friend of the editor's enclosed one of his more interesting games in a Christmas card. Not long ago it turned up again, and after looking it over once more he decided it was worth sharing. Strom vs. McDonald; Dallas tournament; Hungarian Defense. Notes by Strom, except as indicated. 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 B-K2 4 O-O (a) P-B4? 5 P-Q4 (b) BPXP 6 NXP P-Q4 7 B-QN5 (c) B-Q2 8 NxB (d) QxN 9 N-B3 N-B3 10 P-B3 O-O-O (e) 11 PXP NXP 12 NxB PxB 13 B-K3! B-B3 14 P-B3 Q-Q4? (f) 15 Q-R4 R-Q3 (g) 16 P-B4 Q-R4 (h) 17 P-Q5 B-K4 (i) 18 P-KN1 R-N3 (j) 19 PxB BXP 20 PXP+ K-Q1 (k) 21 P-N8(Q)+ K-K2 (l) 22 R-B7+! KxB 23 B-K8+ K-B3 24 Q-Q8+ and won.

- I didn't know that 4 P-Q4 was the normal reply. It looks better.
- Better 5 BxN! RxB 6 P-Q4 PXP 7 NXP with advantage. If 5--PXP 6 NxP! NxB 7 Q-R5+ P-N3 8 QxN RxB 9 QxP+. MLH
- If Q-R5+ P-N3 8 NXP N-B3--and three pieces are en prise.
- Perhaps BxN is better, securing the N at K5; but this move maintains the pin, and I like to get B for N.
- O-O seems safer in retrospect. (I think Black should clear things up first with P-QR3. CEB)
- Black should play P-QR3 now. At this point I could have played 15 Q-N4+ K-K1 (or Q-Q2 QxKP) 16 P-B4, leaving his KP and my QP weak.
- Black decides to counterattack at once rather than just defend. A good decision! P-QR3 now gives me a target for a Q-side pawn push.
- I did not realize how quickly the counterattack was developing!
- 17--B-Q5! Now 18 PxB BxB+ 19 K-R1 R-Q7 wins. 18 B-B2! R-R3 19 P-R3 BxB+ 20 RxB P-K6 is complicated, as is 18 BxB NxB 19 QxRP N-K7+ K-B2.
- He could still play R-Q5, and my pawns are weaker now.
- Of course, if KxP then 21 QxP+ K-B1 22 Q-R8 mate.
- The next move was the hardest to find. Any check which would allow him to interpose his B will allow him to chase my K, with plenty of opportunity for a mate or perpetual check. For example--22 B-B5+ B-Q3+ 23 K-B2 BxB+, and my extra Q is en prise. But I found the best move by a process of elimination--the only move!

## GAMES, CONTINUED

In our continuing series, entitled "watch the master get bombed" we present a game from a simultaneous exhibition in Monterrey, California. Gligoric vs. Barnes, Sicilian Defense. 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP P-KN3 5 P-QB4aB-N2 6 B-K3 P-Q3 7 N-QB3 N-R3(b) 8 B-K2 O-O 9 O-O P-B4 10 Q-Q2 NxN 11 BxN(4) P-K4(c) 12 B-K3 P-B5 13 Q-Q5+ K-R1 14 B-Q2 Q-R5 (d) 15 P-B3 P-KN4 16 B-K1 Q-R4 17 QxQP(e) P-N5 18 R-Q1 Q-N4 19 N-Q5 N-N1 20 N-E7 R-B3 21 Q-Q8 P-N6! 22 P-KR3 BxP! 23 QxR B-Q2 24 RxB Q-R5 White resigns.

a. The Maroczy bind, which Black used to avoid by carefully inserting 4--N-KB3 5 N-QB3 before P-KN3. The bind was thought to give White a won game by preventing Black's break in the center with P-Q4, as well as his counterplay along the QB file. Meanwhile White proceeds with his normal K-side attack.

b. This is one of the ideas that helped show that Black can survive the bind. He prepares to launch a K-side attack with P-B4, stealing White's thunder.

c. Weakens the QP, but solidifies the K side.

d. Black abandons the hapless QP and puts all his money on the attack.

e. White pours through the center, and Black through the K side. Both attacks succeed!

Alekhin's Defense can be dangerous for both sides. Here Ed Garvin shows a White attack in the Castle Club Open last April, against Robert McLean. 1 P-K4 N-KB3 2 P-K5 N-Q4 3 P-Q4 P-Q3 4 P-QB4 N-N3 5 P-B4 PxP 6 BPxP N-B3 7 B-K3 B-B4 8 N-QB3 P-K3 9 N-B3 N-N5 10 R-B1 P-B4 11 P-QR3 (a) N-B3? (b) 12 P-Q5! PxP 13 PxP N-N1 14 B-N5+ (c) B-Q2 15 P-K6! PxP 16 PxP BxB 17 QxQ+ KxQ 18 NxB N-B3 (d) 19 N-N5! K-K2 20 BxP+ K-B3 21 P-KR4! BxB 22 RxB P-QR3 (e) 23 O-O+ K-N3 24 N-KB7 PxN (f) 25 P-R5++. Notes, by Garvin:

a. Better is 11 B-K2.

b. The losing move. Correct is 11--PxP 12 NxP N-B3 13 NxB QxQ+ (or 13--PxN 14 Q-B3 P-N3 15 B-K2 NxKP 16 QxNP B-N2--; Diaz-McKay, Lugano, 1968. CEB) 14 RxQ PxN and Black is still on his feet.

c. 14 P-Q6! may be as good as this, too.

d. Trying to save a P by N-R3 is pointless.

e. On 22--P-KR3 23 O-O+ K-N3 24 N-KB7 Black loses more slowly, but just as surely.

f. Rather than die slowly after 24--P-KR3 25 NxR+, Black takes the easy way out.

William Patterson is Charleston's most promising young player. Here he plays well for awhile, then blunders. Bob Strickland, playing White, quickly seizes the opportunity. From the Charleston APB Tournament, a Q Gambit. Notes by Strickland.

1 N-KB3 N-QB3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 P-QB4 P-K3 4 P-K3 N-KB3 5 B-K2 P-KN3 6 O-O B-N2 7 N-B3 O-O 8 N-K5 (a) NxN 9 PxN N-K5 10 P-B4 NxN 11 PxN (b) P-KB3 12 PxQP QxP (c) 13 PxP BxP 14 Q-B2 Q-QB4 15 B-N2 (d) QxP+ 16 K-R1 R-Q1?(e) 17 R-K1 Q-Q7 18 Q-N3 R-K1 19 B-B4 Q-Q3 20 B-R3 Q-N3 21 B-N4 P-QR4 22 Q-R4! R-Q1?(e) 23 QR-Q1! RxR?? 24 Q-K8+ Resigns.

a. Trying to block Black's Q side development.

b. I wanted the open lines, so didn't mind the doubled P.

c. Black wants to simplify.

d. White sacrifices the KP to keep the B active.

e. P-K4 is much stronger, i. e. 17 P-B4 B-B4 18 Q-Q1 QR-Q1 19 Q-K1 PxP. CEB

f. Better here would have been P-B3. Black was now in severe time pressure.

The Editor of this publication survived the following game last February. He was lucky! There are lessons to learn here, about Bird's Defense to the Ruy Lopez, so note them well, all you Ruy players.

Lee Hyder vs. Ron Steensland, Castle Open, Spartanburg.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 N-Q5 4 NxN PxN 5 O-O P-B3 6 B-B4 (a) N-B3 (b) 7 R-K1 P-Q3 8 P-QB3 (c) N-N5 (d) 9 Q-K2?(e) Q-R5 10 P-KR3 P-Q6! 11 BxQP N-K4 12 B-B2 (f) BxP 13 PxB QxRP 14 B-Q1 P-KN4?(g) 15 Q-B1 Q-R5 16 P-Q4 N-N3 17 Q-N2 N-B5 18 BxN PxB 19 K-B1 P-KR4 20 N-Q2 Continued, next page.

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Hyder-Steensland (Continued): 20--O-O 21 N-B3 Q-K2 22 Q-N5 Q-B2  
23 Q-B5+ K-N1 24 B-N3 B-K2 25 K-K2 Resigns.

Notes:

- a. Another good line is 6 B-R4 N-B3 7 P-Q3 P-Q4 8 B-KN5 PXP 9 PXP B-K2 10 P-K5 N-Q4 11 BxB NxB 12 B-N3 O-O 13 N-Q2+. Aronin-Tolush, USSR, 1951.
- b. The alternative is 6--P-Q4 7 PXP PXP 8 R-K1+ N-K2 9 B-N5+ B-Q2 10 BxB+ QxB 11 Q-R5+ or 11 P-B3+.
- c. Another good move is 8 P-Q3 B-K2 9 N-Q2 O-O 10 N-B3+.
- d. On 8--PXP White plays 9 Q-N3! Q-B2 10 P-QR4+, or on 8--B-K2 9 PXP P-Q4 10 PXP+.
- e. Better 9 P-KR3 N-K4! 10 B-B1 P-Q6! 11 R-K3!. Velimorivich-Despotovich, Yugoslavia, 1970.
- f. 12 K-R2!
- g. Black has a win! 14--N-Q6 15 Q-B1 QxQ 16 RxQ NxB and the N can escape no matter what White tries. Now White consolidates.

Charles Walter sends us his best game from the Carolinas Open. He reports using only 13 minutes on his clock for the whole game! Walter vs. C. Tappert; Sicilian Defense. Notes by Walter.

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Bb3 b5 8 O-O Be7 9 f4 b4 10 Na5 Ne4? (a) 11 f5 d5 (b) 12 Ne6 (c) Be6 (d) 13 fe fe 14 Qg4! (e) Be5+? (f) 15 Ne5 Nc5 16 Qg7 Qb6 17 Qh8+ Kd7 18 Rf7+ Kc6 19 Be3 Ra7 20 Ba4+ Resigns.

- a. In the variation 8 f4 b4 9 Na5 Ne4 10 O-O, now Bb7 is correct; here Black has a B on e7 instead.
- b. I would have answered e5 with 12 Ne6.
- c. I had only used 10 minutes so far, and 30 seconds in playing this!
- d. If fe, I planned 13 Qh5+ g6 14 fg Kd7 15 h7 and maybe 16 Bd5.
- e. Now I was moving too fast! I had been short on sleep for several days, and couldn't concentrate enough to play slowly. 14 Qh5+ g6 15 Qe5 was most direct; White should still win after the move played.
- f. Black is lost anyway.

And now a correspondence game in the Wilkes-Barre Variation of the Two Knights Defense, that has theoretical importance! Bob Bliss, take note! J. Larry Dietz vs. C. E. Braun, 1971 CCLA Grand National.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 N-B3 4 N-N5 B-B4! 5 BxP+(a) K-K2 6 B-Q5(b) N-QN5!(c) 7 N-QB3 R-B1 8 O-O P-Q3(d) 9 P-QR3(e) B-N51(f) 10 N-B3 BxN 11 PxB N/5xB 12 PxB Q-K1 13 R-K1 Q-N3+ 14 K-B1(g) N-N5! 15 P-Q3 NxP\* 16 K-K2 NxP 17 R-B1 Q-N5 18 N-K4 N-R7+ 19 K-Q2 NxR 20 Resigns. (h)

- a. White shies away from the "take everything" line and just grabs a P.
- b. This "improvement" is recommended by Informator.
- c. Other moves are suspect: 6--R-B1 7 N-KB3! P-Q3 8 P-B3 B-KN5 9 BxN+; 6--P-KR3 7 N-KB3 P-Q3 8 BxN PxB 9 P-Q3+.
- d. The end of the book line. Ken Williams' comment is "White's problems are not simple." (Williams is a leading expert on the line. --Ed.)
- e. Black has a few problems too. He must strike quickly before White can consolidate.
- f. The N is still needed at N5 to tie down the Q.
- g. 14 K-R1 BxP 15 R-K2 B-Q5 16 R-N2 Q-B2; or 16 P-B4 N-N5.
- h. 20 QxN R-B6 21 NxB RxBP+ or 21 P-QN4 B-K6+ 22 K-K1 R/1-KB1 puts him away.

Thanks, Chuck! And while we are on the subject of correspondence chess, your editor can't resist the temptation to add a correspondence game just finished that he considers one of his best ever. (That is one of the fringe benefits of being an editor--you get to show off your own games!) J. D. Paterson (Toronto) vs. Lee Hyder; Gruenfeld Defense.  
1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-KN3 3 N-QB3 P-Q4 4 N-B3 B-N2 5 Q-N3 PXP 6 QxBP O-O 7 P-K4 P-B3 8 P-QR4 (a) B-K3 9 Q-N4 Q-B2 10 P-R5! P-B4! (b) 11 PXP QN-Q2 12 P-B6 QxBP 13 B-QN5 Q-B4 14 Q-R4 (c) N-N5 15 O-O N/2-K4 16 N-Q4! QR-Q1! 17 N-B2 (d) Q-B2 (e) 18 P-B4 Q-B4+ 19 K-R1 N-Q6! (f) 20 BxN RxB 21 P-R3 Q-KR4! (g) 22 K-N1 RxP! 23 PxR QxP 24 R-B2 NxR 25 KxN Q-R7+ 26 K-B3 (h) B-N5+! (i) 27 K-K3 Q-N6+ 28 K-Q2 R-Q1+ 29 N-Q5 Q-B7+ 30 Resigns (30 K-Q3 Q-K7 mate)

- a. A new move to me, and it looked good. Black must respond sharply to get counterplay. Usual is 8 B-K2 P-QN4--see any book.
- b. It was necessary to foresee this possibility, for otherwise Black (Continued, next page)



# GAMES (CONCLUDED)

Paterson-Hyder, Notes, Continued:

would have a badly cramped game with little counterplay. The point is that B-K3 by White is met by N-KN5, and the P cannot be held.

c. Avoiding the exchange, which would give Black easy equality. But the initiative Black gets instead lasts the rest of the game, to the surprise of both players. (It plays like a gambit, with equal material!)

d. White has defended resourcefully and is threatening to consolidate by playing a N or B to K3. Hence Black loosens up his position--

e. With the fearful threat of N-B6+!

f. The exclamation marks are given on two grounds: first, the winning combination is foreseen; second, a lot of tempting alternatives which lead to nothing are avoided. 1. e.: 19--N-B7+ 20 RxN QxR 21 B-K3! and 22 PxN; 19--B-B5 20 BxB NxB 21 P-KR3; 19--N-B5 20 P-B5!.

g. Threatening RxP+. Black had the less clear possibility 21--N-B7+ 22 K-R2 NxRP!. Instead, the sacrificial line played wins in a few moves.

h. On other K moves Black chooses his checks so that the K reaches the Q file at Q2; then R-Q1+ wins material, and the attack is still on.

i. Now if 27 KxB Q-N7+ and B-B3 mate.

## CROSS-TABLES FROM THE GAFFNEY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN, SEPTEMBER 18

#	Player, Hometown	Result by Rounds:	1	2	3	4	Total
Section A:							
1	Leroy S. Taylor, Carrboro, N. C.	W2	W5	D4			2½-½
2	Harry Lofton, Greenville	L1	W3	W5			2-1
3	Donald R. Hall, Gastonia, N. C.	W4	L2	W6			2-1
4	John Thompson, Greenville	L3	W6	D1			1½-1½
5	Dana Tabor, Huntersville, N. C.	W6	L1	L2			1-2
6	Thomas Forster, Spartanburg	L5	L4	L3			0-3
Section B:							
7	David Williams, Spartanburg	W8	W11	W9			3-0
8	Dr. James S. Barr, Greenville	L7	W12	W11			2-1
9	Harold Bush, Spartanburg	W12	W10	L7			2-1
10	John C. Bell, Inman	L11	L9	W12			1-2
11	David O. Stern, Greensboro, N. C.	W10	L7	L8			1-2
12	Sommers Douglas, Shelby, N. C.	L9	L8	L10	L18		0-4
Section C:							
13	Paul W. Moore, Greenville	W18	W19	W14			3-0
14	Chauncey Harmon, Shelby, N. C.	W15	W17	L13			2-1
15	James M. Smith, Spartanburg	L14	W20	W19			2-1
16	Jeff Hoffman, Spartanburg	L19	W18	D17			1½-1½
17	Jim Osborne, Greensboro, N. C.	W20	L14	D16			1½-1½
18	Richard O. Stucker, Camden	L13	L16	W20	W12		2-2
19	Betty Taylor, Greensboro, N. C.	W16	L13	L15			1-2
20	Jim Patterson, Gaffney	L17	L15	L18			0-3
Section D:							
21	Earl Jones, Shelby, N. C.	W26	W24	W27	W22		4-0
22	C. N. Allen, Greenville	W23	W27	W24	L22		3-1
23	Dale Tabor, Huntersville, N. C.	L22	W28	W29			2-1
24	Mark Cantrell, Spartanburg	W25	L22	L21	W26		2-2
25	Michael Graham, Greensboro, N. C.	L24	W29	D28			1½-1½
26	James Greenway, Spartanburg	W28	L21	L24			1-2
27	Greg Hall, Greensboro, N. C.	W29	L22	L21			1-2
28	John Moore, Gaffney	L26	L23	D25	L27		½-3½
29	Lewis Moore, Gaffney	L27	L25	L23			0-3

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