

NEKVASIL WINS CAROLINAS OPEN OVER O'BRYANT ON TIE-BREAK

Report by Gary Small

Seventeen-year-old Miloslav Nekvasil, of Washington, D. C., and David L. O'Bryant, 21, of Wilmington, N. C., each scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ points to top the 1974 Carolinas Open at Myrtle Beach on July 13 and 14. Nekvasil was awarded the first place trophy on the median tie-break, and each player received prize money of \$62. The only mark on the record of either player was their draw with one another in Round 4.

Three players, Joseph Sims of Greensboro, N. C., David Causey of Conway, S. C., and W. D. Reed of Darlington, S. C., each scored 4 points. Sims was awarded the third-place trophy on the tie-break, and the three split the third prize money.

Other winners included: Class A: O'Bryant; Class B: Nekvasil; Class C: Reed; Class D: Harold Osen of Hickory, N. C.; Class E: Buddy Bloom of Columbia, S. C., and Unrated: Robbie King of Wilmington, N. C.

A field of 25 participated in the two-day, five round event. Gary Small directed for the Grand Strand Chess Club.

Nekvasil, whose rating was 1773, was also the winner of the Amateur Division of the Southern Open in Nashville this year.

A full crosstable is given on an inside page.

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SHOCRON WINS REGION IV NON-SMOKING TOURNAMENT AHEAD OF WALTER

Ruben Shocron, USCF Master from Milledgeville, Georgia, topped one of the strongest fields ever assembled in this area to win the Region IV Non-Smoking Championship in Augusta, Ga., on August 3 and 4. But Shocron won only on tie-break, and had to split the top prize money with S. C. co-champion Charles E. Walter of Columbia, who matched his score of 4-1. The two did not meet; both were drawn by Otto Estenger of Greenwood, and by Marty Appleberry of Huntsville, Alabama. These two players drew with each other in the last round to fall into a tie with Michael Tomey of California for third position.

In the Amateur Section unrated player Mark Oshman of Shaw AFB finished first with 5-0, ahead of five players with 4-1. In the Booster Section there was a tie for first among three Georgians, Mark and Harold Meyers of Cochran and Paul Cobia of Savannah.

Jim Gates of Columbus, Ga, directed the event and furnished the additional information on the inside pages of this issue.

GREENVILLE, SPARTANBURG WIN END-OF-SUMMER INTERCLUB MATCHES

In a double interclub match held on the picnic tables of Greenwood State Park on August 24, Greenville and Spartanburg scored convincing wins over Aiken and North Augusta respectively. Greenville's top player Jeff Smeltzer decided the match with Aiken by winning from Lee Hyder to make the score 5-3. Spartanburg was tougher still, winning by $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ despite one forfeit. On top board for Spartanburg Spencer Mathews downed NACC Champ Bob Martens.

Even the losers had a pretty good time, though, and the talk at the end was of the possibility of more matches in the future. Maybe Spartanburg-Aiken and NA-Greenville?

Results were as follows:

Greenville	Aiken	Spartanburg	North Augusta
Jeff Smeltzer 1,	Lee Hyder 0	Spencer Mathews 1,	Robt. I. Martens 0
Wm. Cross 0,	Chas. Braun 1	H. M. Bush 0,	Ray Neill 1
S. D. Johnson 1,	Robt. Phillips 0	Louis Knoepp 1,	Frank Simpson 0
Wm. Haasl,	Harold Kelley 0	Tom Foerster 1,	Ken Yost 0
Jim Barr 0,	Mike Chesser 1	Mark Cantrell $\frac{1}{2}$,	Billy Clifford $\frac{1}{2}$
James Kerns 0,	Jim Gayle 1	Forfeit 0,	Clyde Wells 1
Dennis Fish 1,	John Phillips 0	John C. Bell 1,	Ernest Albenese 0
Jeff Bise 1,	Mike Phillips 0		

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MARTENS WINS IN NORTH AUGUSTA

Report by Bill Dodgen

The Augusta-North Augusta Chess Assn. concluded their first annual Club Championship on July 17. Dr. Robert (Bob) Martens took first place, yielding only a draw in the five round tournament to finish $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Tied for second at 4-1 were Ray Neill, Frank Simpson, and Kenneth Yost. Other scores: Billy Clifford and Gary Cumpson, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Claude Eaton, Dan Hagler, Ernest Albanese, Clyde Welb, Bill Dodgen, and Jon Standahl 3; Rex Blalock, John Garris, and Charles Schafer $2\frac{1}{2}$; Doyle Woodward, Poppy Cumpson, Jeff Bennett, John Balfour, R. Sikes, and Bo Hagler 2; Otis Miller, George Kinser, D. C. Kirkley, Jan Dabrowski, and Robert Ducate $1\frac{1}{2}$, Jay Larsen 1, and Max Hicks 0. Twenty-eight participated in the tournament, which was played over an 8 week period.

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COCKRELL TOPS SECOND CCI EVENT

Ken Cockrell of Columbia made the high score in the second CCI tournament at the Central Correctional Institution on August 31. Cockrell drew with Lee Hyder, who played only two games. Houston Mayes and Jimmy Hill of CCI each scored 2 of 3.

HIGH SCHOOL CHESS

High school chess continues to be a matter of great interest to the SCCA, and we have received several comments since our story in the last issue.

In a letter of July 20, SCCA President J. M. Smith wrote as follows:

"As I have stated before, I am in favor of the High School League taking over the conducting of the H. S. Chess Championship completely. The SCCA would not be involved. If the SCCA is to conduct the championship then the players will have to be members of the SCCA and the USCF."

About the same time I received the letter printed on p. 4 from Stephen Dann of Massachusetts. I met Dann at the New York USCF meetings and discussed his experiences in directing and organizing high school events further. He contacted all the high schools by direct mailing and started organizing events for those that responded. By the time the Mass. interscholastic league noticed chess, there was already a booming program that they were happy to support.

With this in mind we contacted the S. C. High School League directly. Bill Dodgen of the North Augusta Chess Club telephoned Lawrence B. Graves, the Executive Director of the organization, and learned that the rules governing non-athletic activities had been changed. The new rules as published in the League Handbook for 1974-75 are printed in their entirety below. Mr. Graves, in response to a question, stated flatly that the League did not have the time or interest to organize chess competition, and in fact would like to be entirely free from responsibilities in this regard. However, the association of high school principals has given them the responsibility for non-athletic contests, and they are obliged to exercise it.

The rules, as printed, are quite clear concerning who may participate in interscholastic chess competition. Note especially that any student who receives a prize of cash or valuable merchandise becomes ineligible to play for his school team.

"Section 10. Non-Athletic Activities.

To be eligible to participate in the non-athletic activities of the League, a student must meet the following requirements:

- A. A student must not have reached his 20th birthday. Birth certificates are not required, but the principal will certify the age of each contestant.
- B. A student must be a bona fide undergraduate student taking a minimum of three units of work, or their equivalent, for which no previous credit has been received.
- C. A student will become ineligible at the end of the fourth school year from the date that he first entered the 9th grade.
- D. To be eligible during the first semester, a student must have passed three units of work the previous school year.
- E. To be eligible during the second semester, a student must have passed three regular unit subjects or their equivalent during the first semester.
- F. A student must have attended school at least 60 days in the semester immediately preceding the contest.
- G. A student must maintain an amateur status." (Cont. p. 5)

CHESS ORGANIZERS OF NEW ENGLAND

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July 11, 1974

Dr. Lee Hyder
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Dear Dr. Hyder,

Just received the SCCA News in the mail today. I thought you would appreciate a few comments on your fine publication.

The main reason for the letter is the stories on pages one and two about scholastic chess. No doubt you have read or will soon read Goichberg's story on page 469 of July CL&R. I come from an area where rated high school and even junior high events are a dime a dozen. We have singles, doubles, 3-man, 4-man and 5-man team championship events. However, I can remember (as Goichberg does) when there were no such events. The secret to running successful rated scholastic tournaments is to stimulate interest at as many schools as possible. Running unrated team events, giving discounts to juniors at adult open tournaments and encouragement of scholastic chess leagues are three ways to encourage such interest. Until recently, most scholastic activity in Massachusetts was unrated. As interest increased we slowly added rated events, to the point where today we can say there will be 40 rated scholastic events in the state during the next year.

When we first started out we wanted the sanction of the state high school principal's association. But such associations hardly care about chess. Either they try to pour chess into an athletic mold (with poor results) or they ignore the game altogether. We now operate "in cooperation" with the association and run our own events. Everyone is happy. Working directly with such associations usually creates many problems: Special transportation arrangements, problems with Sunday play and requirements like an advisor having to be present for each team. Since many students work on Saturdays, I'm glad we can schedule singles tournaments on Sundays. I hope you can see my point.

The population density of South Carolina would not permit the running of many scholastic events. However, it would pay to have a state high school championship with preliminary sections in different parts of the state. Winners from each preliminary event would win a USCF membership (prelims would be unrated, finals rated) and would go to finals. Any USCF member in high school or below could enter the finals directly. The system I describe is currently used in Connecticut each February.

It's not the high cost of USCF membership as much as the lack of knowledge of USCF among most students. Running low-cost unrated novice events gives you the chance to explain USCF-rated play to a large group of interested prospects. A novice program at the junior high and elementary level will net high school players who eventually are rated Class A and above! Three players from my novice events in 1973 are class A players and all are under 16. We have students in junior high who have stopped playing in high school tournaments because they find no competition! I wouldn't have believed these results just three years ago. I hope our experience can help your own state association promote scholastic chess.

Yours truly,


Stephen Dann

A major point at issue last year was playing in out-of-state high school events. The following section appears relevant, but does not resolve the question completely.

"Section 13. Opponents--No school shall enter any contest with a South Carolina public high school that is not a member of the league, or with a high school in another state that is not a member of the high school association of that state." (Further clauses govern such matters as schools on probation, etc.)

It would appear that there is a possibility of violating this rule in playing in the CCA-sponsored events, since no such restriction is imposed there. The operation of this rule is unfortunate. Thus a S. C. public high school may play a private school in S. C. that is not a member of the league, but apparently may not play a school from another state under similar circumstances.

There are several steps the SCCA might take. One would be to petition the Principal's Association for recognition in the light of the above. A second would be to disavow the whole thing and let the schools work matters out for themselves. The third would be to maintain the status quo. It would be appropriate to decide this at the annual meeting in view of Mr. Smith's proposal.

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CORRECTION

The following items reflecting new amendments to the SCCA Constitution and Bylaws were inadvertently omitted in the last issue.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

E. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of five persons in advance of the meeting to present a list of nominees for the elective offices on the Executive Board.

F. The Secretary will prepare a list of proposals and nominees from the annual meeting which will be submitted to the membership for referendum.

Addition to Article VI, Section A:

The Executive Committee will set tournament conditions for the state championships.

Mr. Smith has proposed the following additional change for 1974:

"I propose that Item 1 of Article VI., F, concerning the rate of play in the SCCA tournaments, be deleted."

The annual business meeting of the SCCA will be held at 1 p. m. on Sunday, November 3, at the site of the S. C. Closed Championships in Columbia. All SCCA members are eligible to participate and vote.

I may propose that the SCCA authorize a S. C. Match Championship.--Ed.

CHESS FOR THE BLIND

A very energetic lady, Kay (Mrs. Robert J.) McCrary, has set out to assist blind chessplayers in South Carolina. She needs our help.

Writing on behalf of the South Carolina Commission for the Blind, Mrs. McCrary reports that she has found at least five blind chess players in the state, and expects to find more. Blind players are less handicapped than you might think; after all, many players of modest ability can play blindfold, and the blind players are allowed to touch the pieces to ascertain their positions.

There is, in fact, a U. S. Braille Chess Association, sponsored by the USCF, that sponsors over-the-board and postal tournaments and a U. S. Blind Championship. There is a World Championship for the Blind.

The biggest handicap that the blind players have is that there is little chess literature available in Braille. This is where we can help. Anyone with tape recording equipment can read chess publications and make a record that can be circulated to interested players. Much of this issue of SCCA NEWS will be so circulated.

If you would like to do this, write Mrs. McCrary at the South Carolina Commission for the Blind, P. O. Box 11638, Capitol Station, Columbia, S. C. 29211. She can send instructions and a list of works already taped. If you would like to do still more--well, Mrs. McCrary says there is a big need for a national lending library for blind players.

Can any one of our subscribers imagine how this might be set up? There is not a large number of books, but appreciable work might be involved. Write Mrs. McCrary, or me, your comments. --Ed.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

That problem, White to play and win, was incorrectly printed in the last issue. A corrected version is on p. 20. Sorry for the trouble it must have caused!

Is there an artist among our members who would like to design a masthead or do cartoons? If so, send me your ideas. We are very deficient here!

I attended the U. S. Open and the USCF Business Meetings this year. Several important matters were acted on, as I report here. A more complete three page report is available to interested members who send me a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope.

USCF Dues will rise at the end of December to \$15 for adults, \$8 for juniors 18 and under. No new Life or Sustaining memberships will be sold after that time.

A new USCF Policy Board will include five elected officers and the Immediate Past President. I expect to seek one of these offices in the 1975 elections.

Computerization of ratings should be complete in about a year and will make it possible for each member to receive his current rating monthly.

A Grandmaster Of The New School: Ulf Andersson

BY MARTIN MORRISON

One of the most pleasant rewards of serving as arbiter and USCF representative at the Korchnoi-Mecking match was the opportunity to become acquainted on a personal basis with the participants. Much will be, and has already been, written on the "stars" of the match, Korchnoi and Mecking. Yet, it was my special pleasure to associate especially closely with one who was less conspicuous at this match, but will likely make a notable appearance at the candidates level, if not in 1977, very soon thereafter.

I introduce him as a ranking representative of the New School — grandmaster Ulf Andersson of Sweden.

Basically of quiet temperament, Andersson has nevertheless been making an audible impact on the international chess scene. In 1970, the year in which he was awarded the international master title for his first place finish at Wijk aan Zee (II), his FIDE rating was 2480. In 1971, the year of his first place with Hort at Gothenburg, it increased to 2510. The grandmaster title came to Andersson in 1972, by which time he was rated 2535. At 2550, he displayed his capacity for competition at the highest levels by his tie for first place at the 1973 Dortmund International with former world champion Spassky and grandmaster Hecht. Indicating consistent progress, this record is all the more remarkable when we remember that we are speaking of a player only 22 years old.

One day I received a revealing insight into the technique which made such achievements possible. During a rare free moment between official duties, I stopped by Andersson's room in the "Brazilian wing" for a friendly chat. When he opened the door, out flowed the strains of Bach's E-Minor Violin Concerto. (Later, he informed me that he often liked to analyze with a cassette of Bach playing on his portable recorder, which he invariably brings with him).

Seeing that he had been analyzing a position on the chessboard, I was led to ask his habits in analyzing. He replied that he studies "positions" from the tournaments in which he participates. He owns very few chess books, he revealed, for he likes to do original analysis. (Mecking, on the contrary, when he found out that Andersson had brought only a few volumes of Chess Informant with him, insisted that he go to the library of one of the local chessplayers to borrow an ample supply of Soviet magazines and basic analytical books).

Andersson admitted to receiving a subscription to Schach-Echo and an oc-

casional Informant, both on a complimentary basis. All this, it seems, is in direct opposition to the habits of his Soviet contemporary Karpov, who reportedly is an avid user of all the Soviet and foreign literature has to offer.

Andersson is first and last a player. He revealed he had never written an article for publication, except theoretical variations for Chess Informant in chess-esperanto symbols.

From many other conversations and personal observation, it was evident that he felt somewhat uncomfortable in his role as Mecking's second. Practically no one expected the match to run four weeks. Andersson himself, hoping for a two or three-week contest, looked forward to playing in a Spanish international tournament.

I could feel his restlessness to get back into action, as he catalogued for me his schedule for the rest of the year (so complex that he has it all charted out in a written program). No wonder though; he is by far the most active international player, with 12 international tournaments to his credit in 1973.

We calculated that he must play an average of one FIDE-rated game every third day in the course of a year. Chess to Andersson means formal, tournament chess. In a strange departure from the practice of most young players, he entirely avoids speed chess, considering it an idle waste of time. "When an interesting theoretical position appears," he remarked, "it is gone in a second with no time for analyzing it."

Not to say that Andersson believes in all work and no play. Even though the Candidates Match provided him with his first opportunity to visit the United States, he found himself very much at home here. What could be more American than his avid desire for watching TV, especially in color. (In Sweden, there are only two government-owned, black-and-white stations, and the programs there are not nearly as interesting, he says. "Bonanza" is a welcome replacement for the recurrent Swedish news programs). Add to this an enormous appetite for the American staple, the hamburger, and you have an instant convert to the best (or worst) of our system.

In their early years, many young players have been compared to Bobby Fischer. Usually the comparison amounts to no more than the fact that their chess playing ability outstrips their age. On the other hand, with Andersson we seem to have a true student of the New School, devoted to original theoretical analysis, in the true Fischer tradition.



ULF ANDERSSON

ANDERSSON WINS CAPABLANCA MEMORIAL

Ulf Andersson of Sweden came in with his greatest success by winning the 11th Annual Capablanca Memorial Tournament in Camaguey, Cuba.

Andersson lost only to Guillermo Garcia of Cuba, while winning nine games and drawing five.

Eduard Gufeld of Russia scored 11 points for second place. Tied for third were Evgeny Vasyukov of Russia and Rainer Knaak, the East German champion, 20 years old.

In the following game, Andersson sacrifices the exchange surprisingly in the endgame. The opponent, Eldis Cobo, the Cuban international master, won the U.S. Open in 1958.

PIRC DEFENSE

COBO **ANDERSSON**
1 Pg3 Pg6 2 Bg2 Bg7 3 Pd4 Nf6 4 Pe4
Pd6 5 Ne2 0-0 6 bNc3 Pe5 7 0-0 Nc6
8 PxP PxP 9 QxQ RxQ 10 Bg5 Be6 11
Pf4 PxP 12 NxP Bc4 13 Nd3 Ng4 14 BxR
RxB 15 Ph3 Ne3 16 Rf2 cBxN 17 PxB
RxP 18 Nd5 Bd4 19 Kh1 NxN 20 PxN
BxR 21 PxN PxP 22 Pg4 Bd4 23 Rb1 Rd2
24 Ph3 RxP 25 BxP Kg7 26 Re1 Bc5 27
Bd5 Bd6 28 Re3 Rh2+ 29 Kg1 Rd2 and
White resigned.

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REGION IV NON-SMOKING CHAMPIONSHIP

OPEN:

Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	total	T-B	Home
1. Ruben Shocron	2319	w7	d4	w6	d3	w8	4	9½	Milledgeville
2. Charles E. Walter	2142	w14	w13	d3	d4	w7	4	8½	Columbia, SC
3. Marty Appleberry	2193	w5	w12	d2	d1	d4	3½	11	Alabama
4. O. Estenger, Sr.	2135	w10	d1	w9	d2	d3	3½	10½	Greenwd, SC
5. Michael Tomey	1789	L3	w21	w19	w11	d6	3½	7½	California
6. Klaus Pohl	2139	w15	w20	L1	d8	d5	3	8½	LaGrange
7. Spencer Hurd	1869	L1	w14	w12	w13	L2	3	8	Moultrie
8. Jared Radin	1897	d21	w18	w20	d6	L1	3	7	Atlanta
9. Steven Shaw	1994	d18	w19	L4	d10	w12	3	5½	Columbia, SC
10. Paul Semmes	1705	L4	bye	d13	d9	d11	2½	7½	Savannah
11. Jeff Smeltzer	1994	L12	w15	w16	L5	d10	2½	6	Greenville, SC
12. George Grimsley	1534	w11	L3	L7	w18	L9	2	8½	Jacksonville
13. M. Lee Hyder	2069	w16	L2	d10	L7	d14	2	7+	Aiken, SC
14. Herb Haberland	1726	L2	L7	w17	d16	d13	2	7-	W. Col., SC
15. Henryk Lota	1726	L6	L11	w18	d19	d16	2	6+	Savannah
16. Jere E. Roland	1705	L13	w17	L11	d14	d15	2	6-	Slocumb, Ala.
17. Denis Druash	1831	L20	L16	L14	bye	w19	2	5½	Columbus
18. Charles C. Cox	1539	d9	L8	L15	L12	bye	1½	7	Stn. Mtn.
19. Claude Baton	1352	bye	L9	L5	d15	L17	1½	6½	N. Aug., SC
20. Jose Fernandez	2204	w17	L6	L8	withdrew		1		Florida
21. Mark Ricketts	1489	d8	L5	withdrew			½		Savannah

BOOSTER: (under 1600)

1. Mark Meyers	Unr.	w11	w4	w3	w2	L5	4	10	Cochran
2. Harold Meyers	Unr.	w6	w12	w5	L1	w9	4	8	Cochran
3. Paul Cobia	1462	w10	w8	L1	w9	w4	4	7½	Savannah
4. John M. Garris	1421	w14	L1	w6	w5	L3	3	10	Augusta
5. George Boutwell	1433	w13	w9	L2	L4	w1	3	9	Atlanta
6. Jan Dabrowski	1274	L2	w16	L4	w15	w10	3	6	N. Aug., SC
7. William Dodgen	1484	L9	d13	w10	w11	WD	2½	3½	N. Aug., SC
8. Betty S. Ray	1279	w15	L3	L9	d14	w13	2½	5	Savannah
9. Jackson Palmour	1220	w7	L5	w8	L3	L2	2	10	Atlanta
10. D. C. Kirkley	1172	L3	w15	L7	w12	L6	2	8	N. Aug., SC
11. Charles McGahee	1244	L1	w14	w12	L7	WD	2	6½	Aiken, SC
12. Dan Hagler	1329	w16	L2	L11	L10	w15	2	5½	Augusta
13. Joseph Widener	1151	L5	d7	L14	w16	L8	1½	7	SC
14. Joey Harrison	959	L4	L11	w13	d8	L16	1½	6½	Dothan, Ala.
15. Phillip Mahaffey	Unr	L8	L10	w16	L6	L12	1	6½	Lancaster, SC
16. Denny Bonner	945	L12	L6	L15	L13	w14	1	5	Atlanta

Out of a total of 75 players, 23 took home prizes. In the Open Ruben Shocron won \$250 and 1st trophy. Charles Walter also won \$200, tying for first with Shocron. Marty Appleberry and Otto Estenger, Sr. tied for 3rd and split \$100. First under 2000 went to Michael Tomey who came penniless to the tournament, but left 100\$ richer. There was a three way tie for 2nd under 2000 among Spencer Hurd, Jared Radin and Steven Shaw. They each got \$16.67. Top "A" trophy went to Jeff Smeltzer. Top "B" was won by George Grimsley.

REGION IV N.S. CHAMPIONSHIP:continued.

AMATEUR: (under 1800)

Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	total	T-B	Home
1.Mark Oshman	Unr.	w11	w31	w9	w7	w3	5		Shaw AFB
2.Ralph Hawkins	1697	w31	w13	w6	L3	w11	4	10	Dublin
3.Ben Wheeler	1746	w19	w26	w12	w2	L1	4	9½	Atlanta
4.Charles Hillis	1629	w25	d29	w17	w8	d5	4	8	LaFayette
5.Jon Standahl	1514	w14	d17	w29	w15	d4	4	7½	Augusta
6.Billy Clifford	1408	w35	w34	L2	w24	w13	4	7	Belvedere, SC
7.Frank Simpson	1775	w28	d18	w10	L1	w19	3½	8½+	Augusta
8.John Simmons	1743	w33	d10	w18	L4	w17	3½	8½-	Douglas
9.Paul Tinkler	1627	w23	w22	L1	d19	w18	3½	7+	Greenwd, SC
10.Adrian Stilson	1434	w30	d8	L7	w29	w21	3½	7-	Alabama
11.Rodger Pudwill	1391	L1	w14	w36	w12	L2	3	9	N.Dakota
12.Charles G. Ray	1530	w20	w16	L3	L11	w23	3	8½	Savannah
13.Andrew Hanson	1309	w37	L2	w34	w21	L6	3	8	Augusta
14.Marion Mahaffey	1211	L5	L11	bye	WF	w22	3	7	Lancaster, SC
15.Louis Knoepp, Jr.	1635	L22	w23	w33	L5	w24	3	6+	Spart., SC
16.Robert Howard	1209	w27	L12	L21	w33	w25	3	6-	Savannah
17.Gary Cumpson	Unr.	w21	d5	L4	w26	L8	2½	9½	Augusta
18.Joseph Schimminger	1497	w32	d7	L8	w22	L9	2½	9	Ft.Gordan
19.Rex Blalock	1364	L3	w30	w32	d9	L7	2½	8½	Thompson
20.Ray Neill	1254	L12	L21	w31	d30	w29	2½	4½	Martinez
21.Robby A. Close	1416	L17	w20	w16	L13	L10	2	8½+	Atlanta
22.James Gayle	1322	w15	L9	w37	L18	L14	2	8½-	Aiken, SC
23.George Kinser	1315	L9	L15	w27	w36	L12	2	8	Augusta
24.O. Batenger, Jr.	1286	L34	w27	w26	L6	L15	2	7	Greenwd, SC
25.Al Hamilton	1320	L4	L37	w35	w32	L16	2	6	Alabama
26.Doyle Woodward	1444	w36	L3	L24	L17	w32	2	5½+	Hepzeiah
27.Dr.Kenneth Yost	1509	L16	L24	L23	w31	w30	2	5½-	N.Aug., SC
28.John D.Lauff	1375	L7	L32	L30	w35	w33	2	3½	Savannah
29.Clyde S. Wells	1262	WF	d4	L5	L10	L20	1½	10	Augusta
30.Ernest Albanese	Unr.	L10	L19	w28	d20	L27	1½	7	Augusta
31.Edward A. Todd	1339	L2	L1	L20	L27	w36	1	8½	Birmingham
32.Drew Ronake	1205	L18	w28	L19	L25	L26	1	6½	Stn.Mtn.
33.Paul Rideout	1349	L8	w35	L15	L16	L28	1	6	Aiken, SC
34.S.Donald Johnson	1575	w24	L6	L13	withdrew		1	5+	SC
35.Poppy Cumpson	Unr.	L6	L33	L25	L28	bye	1	5	Augusta
36.Beatty McCaleb	965	L26	bye	L11	L23	L31	1	5-	Alabama
37.Robert Phillips	1614	L13	w25	L22	LF		1	4	Aiken, SC
38.Bob H.Pitta	1573	LF					0		Columbus

Prizes awarded in the Amateur section were: Mark Oshman 1st trophy and \$150. Tied for 2nd were Ralph Hawkins, Ben Wheeler, and Charles Hillis-they each won \$50. 2nd place trophy went to Ralph Hawkins. Jon Standahl won 1st under 1600 and Billy Clifford won 2nd-each took home \$50. In the Booster section 1st place trophy was awarded to Mark Meyers. His Father took the Unrated trophy. 2nd and 3rd trophies went to Paul Cobia and John Garris. Jan Dabrowski won the "D" trophy. Top "E" was given D.C.Kirkley. Joey Harrison was awarded a USCF pin for top under 1000.

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar: S. C. and vicinity

Sept. 21: Seven Oaks Fall Open, Columbia

Sept. 28: King George's Round Robin, North Augusta

Oct. 12: Flatworld Whirlwind, Columbia

Oct. 12-13: Pal Benko Special, Augusta, Ga.

Nov. 1-3: S. C. Closed Championships, Columbia

November 23: S. C. Junior Championship and Special Open, N. Augusta

November 30: Third CCI Tournament, Columbia

January 11-12: Aiken Midwinter Tournament, Aiken

Georgia

Sept. 21-22: Atlanta Fish Fry, Atlanta

Oct. 26-27: In-Mates Winter Open, Reidsville

Nov. 16-17: Atlanta Open, Atlanta

DETAILS:

SEVEN OAKS CC FALL OPEN, SEPT. 21, COLUMBIA

3-SS in 8-man sections (maybe one 12-man section). 40/90 EF \$6.

If joining the USCF for the first time combined EF and dues \$9 Jr., \$13 Sr. Prizes: \$25 to first each section, \$15 second in 12-man section.

Reg. 9-10 a. m. at site: Seven Oaks Recreation Center, off St. Andrews Rd., across from Allied Chemical Plant.

KING GEORGE'S ROUND ROBIN Sept. 28, NORTH AUGUSTA

3-RR at N. A. Recreation Dept., Buena Vista Ave. EF \$1 for members Augusta-N. A. Chess Assn., \$2 for others. 4-man sections with chess medal to winner each section. State membership (Ga. or SC) Req.

Reg. 8 to 9:30; first round 10. 60/90. Subsequent rounds as soon as possible.

PAL BENKO SPECIAL, OCT. 12-13, AUGUSTA, GA.

At the Towers Motor Inn, Broad St. at US Rt 1. 4-SS, 60/100 1st 2 rds., 60/2 last two rounds. 3 sections: Championship: \$20 EF, \$25 after 10/5. Prizes: \$250, 150, 100; \$100 to top under 2000. (1 prize/player)

Trophy to 1st. Amateur: Players under 1800. EF \$15, \$20 after 10/5.

Players under 18, this section: EF \$10, \$15 after 10/5. Prizes \$125,

75, 50, trophies to 1st and top under 1600. Booster: Under 1600. EF

\$5, \$8 after 10/5. Trophies to top 3. Trophy to top woman in tmt.

SCCA or GCA membership req. Reg. 9-11:30 10/12; Rds. 1, 7; 10, 3.

Entries: W. H. Dodgen, 2008 Robin Rd., N. Augusta, SC 29841

SPECIAL PRIZE: Top 7 from championship, top 7 from Amateur, top 4 from booster may play in free simultaneous exhibition against U. S. Open

co-champion Pal Benko. Player who defeats Benko wins two round trip

air tickets, hotel accommodations, and entries to 1975 National Open in

Las Vegas. If two win: one ticket each. More than two: tie break.

Prize open to players below 2350 only unless they are a Ga. or SC resident.

FLATWORLD WHIRLWIND, OCT. 12, COLUMBIA

3-SS, 8 man sections, maybe a 12 man section 40/90, Woodland Pk. Recre-

ation Center, behind VA Hospital, off US 378, E. Columbia. Look for

the City recreational signs. EF \$6, \$5 by Oct. 10. Prizes as Seven Oaks

event above. Reg 9-10; Rds. 10:30, 2:30, 6:30. Ent: LeRoy E. Lewis,

3218 Montgomery Ave., Columbia 29205

S. C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS, NOV. 1-3, COLUMBIA

5-SS, 3 Sections, at SCN Bank Cafeteria, Main & Lady Sts., downtown.

Championship Section: 40/2, Open to all SC residents, students, and

servicemen stationed in SC. EF \$6 before 10/18, \$7.50 at tmt. Trophies to top three. Reg. 7-8p.m. 11/1, Rds. Fri. 8:30, Sat. 10, 3; Sunday 9, 2. Intermediate Section. 50/2. Open to below 1600 or unr.; no residence requirement. EF \$4 in advance, \$5 at tmt. Trophies to top three. Play on 2 days only: Reg. 8:30-9:30 Sat., Rds. 10, 2, 6; 9, 2. Reserve section: Open to below 1400 or unr. EF \$2.50 in advance, \$3.50 at tmt. Otherwise similar to Intermediate Sect. Registration, all sections, to Don Elton, 3207 Berkeley Forest Dr., Columbia, SC 29209.

S. C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, NORTH AUGUSTA, NOVEMBER 23:
4-SS at North Augusta Recreation Center, Buena Vista Ave. Open to S. C. Residents aged 20 and under; SCCA membership req. EF\$2; Trophies. 40/60. Reg. in advance to W. H. Dodgen, or at site 7:30-8:15. Rounds 8:30, 11, 2, 5, may be changed if necessary. SPECIAL OPEN held simultaneously, 3-RR in 4-man sections, 40/75, EF \$3, book prizes, open to all but SCCA or other state mem. req. Reg. 8:30-9, Rds. 9, 12:30, 4, or earlier.

THIRD CCI TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 30, COLUMBIA
At Central Correctional Institute, 1515 Gist st., Columbia (enter from Horry St.) No fees, no prizes; 3-SS, 40/60. Entry in advance only to Lee Hyder, 33 Longwood Dr., Aiken 29801 by 11/20. Don't wear blue jeans. Rds 9, thereafter as possible. Come a few minutes early.

AIKEN MIDWINTER TOURNAMENT: Details next issue.

ATLANTA FISH FRY, SEPT. 21-21:5SS, 40/2, Atlantan Hotel, 111 Luckie St. EF advance \$10, \$7 if under 18, \$3 more after 9/12. Prizes (based on 50 entries) \$100 + trophy, 50, 50, B, C, D, E, Unr. each \$20. Reg. 8-9, Rds. 9:30, 2:30, 7:30; 11, 3. Reg. Atlanta Chess 2001 Fisher Trail, Atlanta 30345. NS

IN-MATES WINTER OPEN, REIDSVILLE, 10-26/27. 5-SS, 2 sects., 50/2 (Am. 45/2(Open), at Ga. State Prison, in Prison Library. Open: EF \$15, cash prizes and trophies per entries. Am. (Under 1600) EF \$9, trophies for winners and class ch., \$ per entry. EF advance, to 10/21: \$10 and \$7 amateur. Reg. at site 7-8; Rds. 8, 1:30, 7; 9, 12:30. Meals and free refreshments. Inq. and Reg: Mr. Robert E. Hall, Athletic Director, Ga. State Prison, Reidsville 30453.

ATLANTA OPEN, ATLANTA, NOV. 16-17: Atlanta American Hotel, EF \$15, \$400 prize fund. Other details not available.

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RATINGS

On the following pages we present the latest ratings of all players as compiled from the official rating lists by Bill Dodgen. In the following each name is the number of the month in which the rating was printed: 4 = April, etc. Our apologies to anyone who was missed, quite a job to compile this list of 227 names from lists of many thousands. One or two names are out of sequence, so if you don't see your name, look about a bit. (See pp. 16-17)

Spencer Mathews' Dragon Sicilian gave him a nice win on first board of the North Augusta-Spartanburg team match. Bob Martens was the North Augusta player with the White pieces. The copious notes are by Mathews; welcome, Spencer, and send us more!

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 O-O 8 Bc4 Nc6 9 Qd2 Bd7 (a) 10 Bb3 Rc8 11 O-O-O Ne5 12 Bh6 (b) Bxh6 13 Qxh6 Rxc3 (c) 14 bc Qa5 15 c4 (d) Qc3 (e) 16 Kb1 a5 17 Qd2 (f) Qxd2 18 Rxd2 a4 19 c3 ab 20 ab Bc6 (g) 21 Kb2 Ra8 22 Ra1 Rxa1 23 Kxa1 Kf8 24 Kb2 Ke8 25 Kc1 Kd7 26 Kd1 Kc7 27 Ke2 N(e5)d7 28 Ke3 e5 29 Nc2 Nc5 30 b4 Na4 31 b5 Bd7 32 Rd3 (h) Nb2 33 Na3 Nxd3 34 Kxd3 Be6 35 Nc2 Nd7 36 Ne3 Nc5+ 37 Kc2 f5 38 ef gf 39 g3 b6 40 Kd2 Kd7 41 Kc2 Ke7 42 h4 f4 43 gf ef 44 Ng2 Bf5+ 45 Kd2 Ne6 46 h5 Kf6 47 Resigns

a. Everyone will recognize this as the Yugoslav attack against the Dragon Sicilian. White's idea is to castle long and play h4, h5, and hg. The idea has been quite powerful, and, according to many, can be played almost mechanically (See Fischer-Larsen, 60 Memorable Games, #2). I continue to play the Dragon because I'm more familiar with it than with anything else and because I've had some decent results. In 1964 I even got a win against Fischer in a simultaneous from the Black side of a Dragon:

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 O-O 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 O-O-O d5 10 Nxc6 bc 11 h4 Qa5 12 e5 Nd7 13 Bh6 Bxe5! 14 Bxf8 Nxf8 15 h5 Rb8 (Threatening Qb4 followed by Bf4) 16 Re1 d4 17 Rxe5 Qxe5 18 Ne4 Bf5 19 Bd3 Bxe4 20 Bxe4 c5 21 hg hg 22 Bd3 Ne6 23 Bc4 Nf4 24 g3 d3 25 cd Ne2+ 26 Kb1 Nd4 27 Qh6? Rxb2+ 28 Kxb2 Nf5+ 29 Resigns.

I think Black has chances to defend successfully on the K-side if he can overcome his fear of moving his own pawns there. I'd like to play some games answering White's h4 with h5. I tried that once in a game with Charles Walter, current state co-champion, and was treated to a drubbing: (First nine moves as in Martens-Mathews:)

10 Bb3 Rc8 11 h4 h5 12 O-O-O Ne5 13 Bg5 Nc4 14 Bxc4 Rxc4 15 Nb3 Be6 16 e5 Ne8 17 g4 Bxe5 18 gh gh 19 Eh6 Kh8 20 Rdg1 Rg8 21 Rxcg8+ Kxcg8 22 Rg1+ Kh8 23 Qg2 Resigns.

After the game Charles pointed out 13--Nh7 as a possible improvement.

b. One of White's standard ideas is to eliminate the "Dragon" bishop with this move; but here it comes too early since, after move 13, White's king's protection is loosened and Black assumes a definite initiative.

c. An idea introduced by Parma. (MCO-10, p. 195, col. 43, note k.)

d. I think White's best is Kb2. Even then, though, Black has Rc8 or b5 followed by Nc4+, with an initiative.

e. Now Black gets at least a P for the exchange and has serious threats to boot. (e. g. 16--Nd5+). Naturally 16. Qd2 loses to --Qa1 mate.

f. On 17 Nb5 Bxb5 18 cb a4! 19 Bxa4 Nc4! or 19 Bd5 Nxd5 20 any x d5 Nc4!. On 17 Ne2 Qb4 18 c3 Qb6 19 Ka1 (or c1) a4 20 Bc2 Nxc4; and I like Black.

g. I can't find a better plan than to use d7 to bring the knights over and attack the Q-side pawns. Even so, Ra8 should have come first. White should play Ra2 next.

h. Now it's all over.

The other first board in the four-city dual match was an upset, and a very convincing one at that. Jeff Smeltzer, playing White, never let Lee Hyder get started. A Caro-Kann Defense. Notes by Hyder.
 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 d3 4 Ne4 Nd7 5 Nf3 Ngf6 6 Nf6; Nf6(a) 7 Bc4 Bf5(b)
 8 O-O e6 9 Qe2 Be7 10 c3 O-O 11 Re1 c5? (c) 12 Bg5! Re8 13 Rad1 Nd7 (d)
 14 dc! Bg5 15 Ng5 Qe7 16 b4 Red8 17 Nf3 Bg4 18 h3 Bh5 19 Rd6 b6 20
 Red1 Bf3: 21 Qf3 Ne5 22 Qe4 Nc4 23 Qc4 bc 24 Qc5 Rd6 25 Qd6 Qd6 26 Rd6
 Kf8 27 c4 and White soon won.

- a. Black is playing a quiet line of the Caro-Kann that has been somewhat in vogue lately. White gets a good game without trouble, though.
- b. Not Bg4? 8 Ne5!
- c. Terrible! 11--Bg4 was better but White has a good game anyway.
- d. Trying to exchange and meet d5 with e5. cd was not good because of Nd4! and the point e6 is very weak. White now wins a P and keeps the initiative.

In a meeting of Spartanburg and Greenville players Harold Bush finds a combination in the opening against Jeff Smeltzer and makes the pawn he won stand up. A Gruenfeld Defense; Bush was White and comments.

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-KN3 3 N-QB3 P-Q4 4 PxP NxP 5 P-K4 NxN 6 PxN B-N2
 7 B-QB4 P-QB4 8 N-KB3aB-N5?b9 BxP+! K-B1(c) 10 B-K3 (d) ?! PxP 11 PxP
 Q-R4+ 12 B-Q2 Q-R4 13 B-Q5 N-B3 14 BxN PxP 15 B-K3 R-Q1 16 R-QB1 Q-R4+
 17 Q-Q2 QxQ+ 18 NxQ BxP 19 BxB RxB 20 RxB K-B2 21 P-B3 KR-Q1 22 R-B2
 B-K3(e) 23 K-K2 B-Q2 24 N-N3 B-N4+ 25 K-B2 R-Q6 26 R-K1 B-R5 27 R-K3
 BxN 28 PxP RxR 29 KxR 30 R-N2 P-QR4 31 K-Q2 P-R5 33 K-B3 R-B1+ 33 K-N4
 PxP 34 KxP R-B2 35 R-QB2 R-R2 36 K-B3(f) R-R5 37 K-Q3 R-N5 38 K-K3
 R-R5 39 K-B2 R-N5 40 K-N3 R-R5 41 R-B5 (g) R-R7 42 P-R4 R-R8 43 P-R5
 R-QN8 44 PxP+ PxP 45 K-N4 R-N7 46 P-N3 R-N5(h) 47 R-B6 R-N4 48 P-B4
 R-N5 49 P-K5 R-N6 50 K-R4 (i) R-N1 51 K-N5 R-N1 (j) 52 P-N4 R-N2 53
 P-K6+ K-N1 (k) 54 K-R6 R-R2+ 55 KxP R-N2+ 56 K-B5 K-R2 57 P-N5 R-N1
 58 R-B7 R-N2 59 R-B8(l) R-N3 60 R-R8+ Resigns

- a. N-K2 is usual here, but I wanted to get out of well known lines.
- b. A blunder. MCO-10 suggests (p. 416-6c) 8 N-KB3 N-B3 9 B-K3 O-O
 10 P-KR3 PxP 11 PxP Q-R4+ 12 K-K2!
- c. Probably best. If --KxB 10 N-N5+ K moves 11 QxB with great advantage.
- d. Maybe a loss of time, although Black also loses time with his Q.
 Possible was 10 R-N1 (P-N3? 11 B-Q5)
- e. White is a P up but Black has some counterplay with the Q-file and his B. If he wanted to play B-Q2, as he later does, he could have done it now though. (I don't know why he does so-it accomplishes little. Ed.)
- f. Now White shifts his K to the kingside. Maybe Black has better than just moving his R back and forth. (The standard way of defending such positions is to take the R to the 8th rank, play P-KR4, and continue to advance to force exchanges. The R harasses the pawns and K from behind. This usually draws, although here, with the Black pawns split and vulnerable, it is more difficult, perhaps impossible. Bush shows why passive defense fails. Ed.)
- g. Now White's R is active, and the threat is to break up Black's pawns with P-KR4, R5. (or play --P-R6, better in some lines. Ed.)
- h. I would prefer --R-N3.
- i. Gaining time to play either P-N4 or K-N5.
- j. The only move, but now Black is cramped to death.
- k. Obviously all other moves lead to mate!
- l. Nimzovich smiles! It is zugzwang. The rest is simple.

GAMES, CONTINUED

A nice game by the winner of the Carolinas Open. David Causey vs. Miloslav Nekvasil, Sicilian Defense.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 N-B3a N-B3 4 P-Q4 P-Q4(b) 5 PxQP(c) KNxP 6 NxN(d) QxN 7 B-QN5(e) B-N5 8 P-B4 Q-K5+ 9 B-K3 PxP 10 QxP BxN 11 PxP QxQ 12 BxQ O-O-O 13 B-K3 N-Q5 14 BxN RxB 15 R-Q1 16 K-K2 P-K3 17 R-Q3 P-QR3 18 B-Q7+ K-B2 19 P-N3 B-B4 20 B-R4 R-Q1 21 RxxR KxxR 22 R-Q1+(f) B-Q5 23 P-QR3 K-B2 24 R-Q2 P-K4 25 B-K8(g) K-Q1 26 B-R4 K-B2 27 B-K8 P-B3 28 B-B7 R-R5 29 B-Q5 RxB 30 K-B1 R-R8+ 31 K-N2 R-R8 32 P-R4 R-R6 33 R-Q3 R-R7 34 Resigns.

- a. Black's second move indicates his desire to complicate matters early. White tries to steer the game into conventional variations. The normal attempt to get an advantage is 3 P-K5 N-Q4 4 N-QB3, but Black can hold his own. A less well known but more effective line is 3 P-K5 N-Q4 and now 4 P-B4!? with the possibilities: I. 4--N-B2 5 P-Q4 PxP 6 NxP N-QB3 7 N-KB3 P-Q3 (or 7--N-K3 8 N-B3 Q-B2 9 N-Q5 Q-N1 10 Q-K2+) 8 PxP PxP 9 N-B3 B-K2 10 B-K2 B-K3 11 B-B4+. II. 4--N-N5 5 N-QB3 P-Q3 6 PxP B-KB4 7 P-Q3 P-K3 8 P-QR3 N/5-B3 9 B-K3 BxP 10 N-K4!+ III. 4--N-N3 5 P-Q4 P-K3 (5--PxP 6 QxP+) 6 N-B3 N-B3 (6--PxP 7 QxP 8 Q-K4 P-Q4 9 PxPep BxP 10 B-K3 N-Q2 11 R-Q1+) 7 P-Q5 PxP 8 PxP N-K2 9 P-Q6 N-B3 10 N-QN5 wins
- b. Black insists on complications. 3--PxP 4 NxP leads to standard lines.
- c. A new try here is 5 B-QN5 NxP 6 N-K5 NxN 7 PxN Q-R4 8 R-N1 B-Q2 9 NxP QxP+ 10 B-Q2 QxQP 11 NxP Q-K5+ 12 K-B1 KxN 13 B-Q3 Q-QR5 14 RxB+ --Cardoso vs. Myagmarsuren, XX Olympiad.
- d. Probably best here is 6 B-QB4 NxN 7 Pxn P-K3 8 O-O B-K2 9 B-KB4+.
- e. Now Black equalizes easily. Better 7 B-K3 or 7 P-QB4.
- f. White should strive to trade rooks with R-KN1-4.
- g. White's game lacks a plan. Better 25 P-N4. Black now maneuvers into a very drawish situation.

Causey did better as Black in this game against Harold Osen:

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-QR3 6 B-K2 P-K4 7 N-B5 (a) BxN 8 P-B P-Q4 9 B-N5 P-Q5 10 N-K4 (b) Q-R4+ 11 N-Q2(c) N-K5 12 B-R4 NxN 13 QxN B-N5 14 P-QB3 PxP 15 Q-Q8+ QxQ 16 BxQ PxP+ 17 Resigns.

- a. Usual is 7 N-N3. N-B5 isn't played any more because of Kuzminic's 7--NxP! BxN 9 NxN P-Q4 10 N-N3 O-O 11 N-R5 B-R1! 12 B-R6 R-K1 13 Q-Q3 Q-Q3+.
- b. Better is 10 BxN.
- c. 11 B-Q2 is the last chance. Now Black closes in for the kill.

Tired of the same old Sicilians? Here's a fresh approach for White that works out well. Played in the USS last year. Benish-Belich.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 P-QB3!? P-QR3 4 B-N2 P-Q3 5 P-Q4 PxP 6 NxP N-KB3 7 B-Q3 B-K2 8 O-O Q-B2 9 P-QB4 N-B3 10 N-Q2 O-O 11 R-B1!(a) P-QN3? 12 NxN QxN 13 BxN BxB 14 P-K5 BxP 15 B-K4 P-Q4 16 PxP Q-Q3 17 PxP BxP+ 18 K-R1 R-R2 19 PxP+ K-R2 20 Q-R5! P-N3 21 QxB Resigns (b)

- a. White has controlled the center the entire game. This move effectively restrains both P-Q4 and P-QN4.
- b. 21--QxN 22 BxP R/2xP 23 BxR RxB 24 Q-K5+ and mates.

GAMES, CONTINUED

Turning to postal chess, Jimmy Hill sends us the game that qualified him for the semi-finals of the 1973 Golden Knights Tournament. His opponent, K. Collins, tried a Benko Gambit. Hill was White.

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-B4 3 P-Q5 P-QN4 4 PxP P-QR3 5 PxP BxP
6 N-QB3 P-Q3 7 N-B3 P-N3 8 N-Q2 (a) Q-R4!? 9 Q-B2 (b) B-KN2 10 P-K4
(c) BxB 11 NxN? NxKP 12 B-Q2 NxB 13 NxN N-Q2 14 O-O N-N3 15 KN-K4
O-O 16 KR-Q1 KR-N1 17 R-Q2(?) N-B5 18 R-Q3 RxB 19 Q-B1 R/1-N1
20 P-KN4! N-R6 21 Q-N5 N-N8 22 QxKP R/7-N2 (d) 23 N-B6+ K-R1 (e)
24 R-R3 P-R3?? (f) 25 RxN! RxQ (g) 26 RxR+ B-B1 27 RxP+ K-N2
28 P-N5! Resigns.

- Preserving the right to castle.
- Benko recommends 9 P-K4 BxB 10 KxB B-N2 11 N-B4.
- Premature, and by recapturing with the N White loses a P.
- NxN looks good.
- Better BxN.
- P-R4 was the only move.
- Black could have tried RxR+ here.

We close with a fascinating game played in Round 5 of this year's U. S. Open. Watch the tactics!

Board 33. M. Looks - J. Watson

1. e4	Nf6	13. Kf2	f6	25. Bf2	Bd5
2. e5	Nd5	14. ef	gf	26. Re1	Rg8
3. d4	d6	15. Qa4	Qe4	27. Be4	Ba2
4. c4	Nb6	16. Rhd1	Bc5	28. Bh7	Rg7
5. f4	de	17. Bd3	Rd4	29. Bd4	Bd4
6. fe	Nc6	18. Qd4	Qd4	30. Bf5	Kb8
7. Be3	Bf5	19. Nd4	Nd4	31. Rc2	Bb3
8. Nc3	e6	20. Rdcl	Bb6	32. Rd2	c5
9. Nf3	Bg4	21. Rc4	e5	33. h4	Rg3
10. c5	Nd5	22. h3	Be6	34. h5	Bc4
11. Nd5	Qd5	23. Rc3	f5	35. 0:1	
12. Be2	O-O-O	24. Kf1	f4		

CROSSTABLES OF THE SECOND CCI TOURNAMENT, AUGUST 31, 1974

Player-Hometown		Result:	Rd 1	2	3	Total
1	Kenneth Cockrell, Columbia	W5	D3	W6		2½-1½
2	Leonard Hamilton, CCI	W11	D10	--		1½-1½
3	Lee Hyder, Aiken	W9	D1	--		1½-1½
4	Houston Mays, CCI	W7	L11	W8		2-1
5	Jimmy Hill, CCI	L1	W8	W7		2-1
6	Jerry Wells, CCI	D10	W9	L1		1½-1½
7	Woodrow Smith, CCI	L4	W12	L5		1-2
8	Charles H. Walter, Columbia	W12	L5	L4		1-2
9	Weslie Bennett, CCI	L3	L6	W12		1-2
10	Ken Simpson, Columbia	D6	D2	--		1-1
11	LeRoy Lewis, Columbia	L2	W4	--		1-1
12	Russell Knight, Columbia	L8	L7	L9		0-3
13	Charles E. Walter, Columbia	W14	--	---		1-0
14	K. K. Chang, Columbia	L13	--	---		0-1

LATEST RATINGS OF SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYERS

Compiled by Bill Dodgen

Michael Abercrombie-7	1234	Jan Dabrowski-6	1274
Harry Lee Abrams-8	1413	Hank Dangerfield-7	1703
David Alexander-4	1074	Tyrone Dash-4	1422
Lisa Alexander-4	693	Gary Davidson-4	1205
C. N. Allen-4	1344	Ronald Davis-4	1109
Luis Alvarez-4	1433	Steve Davis-4	1427
Michael Anderson-6	1659	Tom J. Davis-6	1220
Mike Anthony-4	1086	Stephen Deaton-7	1572
Mike Applewhite-4	1574	Timmie DeWeese-8	1127
Jody Aycock-7	1212	Bailey Dixon-4	1196
Mike Baxley-8	1526	William Dodgen-4	1484
Carl T. Beavers-7	1608	Ed Dromgoole-4	1252
John C. Bell-6	1333	Bob Ducate-7	1231
Robert Behling-8	1387	O. Duckett-8	1237
Stanley Benson-6	1234	Audie DuPuis-8	1243
Bill Besson-4	1191	Greg B. Earle-7	834
Robert Bevis-8	1214	Claude Eaton-7	1352
Ronald Birnbaum-4	1539	Don Elton-4	1525
Harold Blanton-8	1221	Bruce Evers-4	741
Harue Blanton-8	1303	Deborah Hernandez-7	1010
Buddy Bloom-7	1326	Otto Estenger, Jr.-8	1376
James Boan-8	1450	Otto Estenger, Sr.-8	2135
James Bogan-8	1614	Harold Feldman-4	1275
Richard Booker-4	1433	Mike Fisher-8	1521
Edward Bowling-7	1078	Wade F. Fisher-8	1439
Harold Brandon-4	1145	Dwight Flowers-7	990
Chuck Braun-7	1808	Gene Fluder-4	1229
Russ Bridgham-4	747	Leonard Flynn-7	1741
Barry Bridges-6	1268	Thomas Foerster-7	1606
Richard Britton-8	1403	Don Fort-4	978
Sylvester Brown-8	1374	Jim Frawley-8	1557
Hugh Browning-4	1282	Mike Frawley-8	1485
Randy Brust-4	1216	Sam l C. Freeman-6	1224
Ralph Bryant-4	1525	Ken Fulbright-4	1232
Mark Buff-4	949	David Futral-6	1277
James Bullard-4	1241	Steve Gardner-7	1591
Richard A. Burns-4	1267	Jim Gayle-7	1322
Harold M. Bush, Jr.-7	1682	Charles Gilfillan-5	1469
J. W. Cabaniss-4	1654	Charles Gorman-5	1524
Stephen Cabaniss-6	1670	Neil Gosnell-7	1408
Thomas R. Cabaniss-4	1123	Clifford Gottlieb-7	1529
Curtis Cantrell-7	1412	Henry Graham-4	1355
Mark Cantrell-6	1545	James Greenway, Jr.-6	1499
James Carlton-4	1083	John Guido-4	1446
C. M. Caudill-7	957	Jack P. Gwin-8	1796
David Causey-4	1665	Herbert Haberland-8	1727
Lynn Cavendish-4	1464	John Hadstate-7	1244
Kwei-Kwang Chang-8	1650	John Halloran-4	1051
Mike Christ-4	1362	Arthur Hammons-4	1758
Bruce Christensen-8	1030	Wayne Harriman-7	1313
Billy Clifford-7	1408	Patrick D. Hart-8	1640
Kenneth Cockrell-8	1556	Larry Heavrin-6	1223
Larry Crawford-8	1531	Donald Henderson-8	1362
Russell Crawford-7	1653	David Hendrix-4	988
Paul M. Crescente-7	586	J. Scott Hickman-8	1419
Lee Croteau-4	1376	Jimmy Hill-8	1838

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L. J. Hockman-4	1381	George Poston-6	1085
Robert Holley-6	1519	Ray Potwara-4	1552
Ray Holzworth-4	1547	Russell Price-4	1434
R. L. Honeycutt-4	1409	Danny Purvis-8	1782
Henry Horres, Jr.-6	1473	Roger Ramsey-4	1635
Jesse Howard-4	1225	Thomas Read-4	1693
Jesse Hubbard-7	1319	W. D. Reed-4	1576
Henry E. Hudak-6	1541	Jeff Roberts-4	1462
Peter G. Hudson-7	1684	John Roberts-8	1276
James E. Hughey-8	1632	David Rorie-7	1404
Keith Hunley-7	1374	Chris Ryan-6	924
David Hutchins-8	1624	Keith Sanders-7	1059
M. Lee Hyder-7	2069	Ernest Schlich-6	1426
James G. Inman-5	1789	Joan Schlich-6	1557
Ken James-6	696	Joan Schmidt-7	1779
David Jenkins-4	1444	James Scott-4	1422
Donald S. Johnson-8	1513	Steven J. Shaw-8	1986
Lowell Johnson-8	887	William Shoemaker-8	1449
Martin Johnston, Jr.-7	1606	Mark Simmons-8	1619
Jayson E. Jordan-7	1667	Jeff Smeltzer-8	1958
Clay Kelley-4	1058	Charles Smith-7	1276
Harold Kelley-4	1382	James M. Smith-7	1460
James Kerns-4	1352	Robert M. Smith-8	1335
Robert Kingsmore-7	1388	Virgil Smith-8	1641
D. C. Kirkley-7	1172	Kenneth Snipes-7	1096
Gerald Knighton, Jr.-6	1226	Stephen Stankewich-8	1322
Gerald Knighton, Sr.-6	1497	William T. Stevens-7	1550
Louis Knoepp, Jr.-6	1635	Kevin Stewart-7	1248
Warren Kurtze-4	1059	Mike Stowell-7	1493
Phillip Lee-4	906	Joe Surge-8	1381
Leroy E. Lewis-8	1252	Phillip Tetsuwari-4	1550
Darrell P. Lotz-7	1241	John W. Thompson-4	1656
Ernest Lowry-6	1123	Paul Tinkler-4	1627
Ray P. McClain-7	1013	Clayton Turner-6	1047
Charles McGahee-8	1307	Jerry Turner-8	1332
F. X. McGahee-6	1614	Walter Turnier-6	1391
Marilyn McGahee-6	1184	Thomas Vinson-8	1224
Bill McWhorter-7	1368	Steve Wall-6	1521
Marion Mahaffey-7	1211	Charles Walter-4	1670
Jack Maltby-7	1365	Charles E. Walter-5	2142
Ken Mann-6	1479	Charles H. Walter-8	1535
Aubrey Martin-6	713	Billy Walters-6	1368
Gregory Martin-8	1470	Ronnie Walters-8	1285
Spencer Mathews-6	1927	Douglas Watson-8	1297
John Mattis-4	1327	Joseph Widener-5	1151
James Millen-8	1273	Jim Williams-5	1520
Lloyd Milligan-8	1620	David Williams-7	1749
Stobie Mills-8	1900	Mark Wagner-7	1534
David Mitchum-4	1286	Steve Waterhouse-7	1479
Richard Moravec-8	1346	David Wittschen-8	1283
Donald Morse-8	1705	Ray Wood-6	1452
Gale A. Nicolet-8	1361	Robert Wood-7	1261
Robert Earl Norman-6	1269	Kenneth Yost-6	1509
John R. Nuzam-5	1579	Leonard Zucker-6	1362
Thomas S. Odom-8	1246		
E. Pallares-4	1544	Average	1391
Ted Palmer-8	1468	" Established Rating	1492
William S. Patterson-6	1620	" Provisional "	1251
Joseph Pawlikowski-5	1293		
Robert G. Phillips-6	1614		
Paul Rideout-6	1349		

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Walter Browne is the new U. S. Champion, going undefeated through the Chicago 14-player round robin. His score of $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ was $1\frac{1}{2}$ points ahead of Pal Benko and Larry Evans.

V. Hort, Czechoslovakian Grandmaster, and Benko tied for first in the 1974 U. S. Open Tournament in New York. Each scored 10-2. Two Dutch masters, Jan Timman and Hans Bohm, tied with Bisguier and Lombardy at $9\frac{1}{2}$. Hort defeated Benko in their individual encounter when Benko left a rook en prise in time trouble. There were 549 entrants in the tournament.

The U. S. team of Chellstorp, Matera, Stoutenborough, Meyer, Ervin and Jacobs, all new to international competition, finished second in the World Student Team Championships in England. The U. S. team scored $22\frac{1}{2}$ points in the 28-team event; Russia won with $26\frac{1}{2}$ points.

The above notices are from official USCF press releases.

Kim Commons of Los Angeles, a young Senior Master, won the Southern Open in Nashville, but only by tie-break. Four others matched his score: Larry Christiansen of Riverside, Cal., the new U. S. Jr. Co-Champion; Milan Momic of Muscle Shoals, Ala., long a leading Southern master; Bruce Albertson of Pennsylvania, and young expert Kenny Thomas of Memphis. There were 182 competitors in three divisions.

Charles Cleveland of Birmingham is the new SCA President. Bids for the 1975 event are being accepted by 1974 President Peter Lahde of Nashville until Oct. 31. A bid has been submitted by Birmingham.

An international computer chess championship conducted in Sweden was won--surprise--by a Russian computer ahead of three American programs.

Two high school match results not printed before: Camden 4, Kennan 2; Camden 7, Airport 1. This was one of several items mislaid at the time of the Korchnoi-Mecking Match. I apologize. --Ed.

Edward Simmons of Charles A. Brown High School of Charleston writes that their team finished with a 6-8 score in the Tri-County Chess League (that we didn't know about!--Ed.). New officers for the coming year are Clyde Myles-President; Leroy Wilson-V. P.; Avis Gibbs, Treas.; and Willie Jacques-Secy. Simmons is the outgoing President, and Mrs. B. J. Johnson the sponsor.

Teams reported active in the Charleston area include Wando, Summerville, James Island, Porter Quad, and Hanahan.

We hope that all these schools will continue their activity and that Mr. Simmons' graduation won't detract from the excellent start that he and his team made since their first meeting last October.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER?

Through gross error we never printed a report of the Camden End-of-Year Open played last December 29, nor did we publicize their May 11 tournament. Many, many apologies!!!

There were no fewer than fifty entries in the end-of-year event. In Section A William L. McClain took first place with a score of 3-0 ahead of Charles H. Walter, Kenneth Cockrell, and Thomas Forster, each with 2-1. In Section B James Hughey's 3-0 topped the 2-1 scores of Philip Tetsuwari and Fred Wilson. In Section C Stephen Deaton won with 3-0, and Gregory Martin won second.

In Section D, David Causey finished with a perfect score and Robert M. Smith was second. Raymond Richards scored 3-0 to top Section E, with Billy Walters beating out Bob Wood, Kenneth Snipes, and Marion Mahaffey on the tie-break for second. Michael Anderson also posted a 3-0 score in Section F; Jesse Hubbard won second on tie-break, ahead of Donald Henderson and Carl Beavers.

CROSS-TABLES OF THE 1974 CAROLINAS OPEN

#	Player	Result by Rounds:	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	David L. O'Bryant		W13	W8	W4	D2	W3	4½-1½
2	Miloslav Nekvasil, Jr.		W14	W7	W5	D1	W6	4½-1½
3	Joseph H. Sims		W15	W10	W6	W11	L1	4-1
4	Herbert W. Haberland		W16	W9	L1	W10	L5	3-2
5	David Y. Causey		W17	W12	L2	W13	W4	4-1
6	Carl T. Beavers		W18	W11	L3	W12	L2	3-2
7	W. D. Reed		W20	L2	W15	W17	W8	4-1
8	Ralph G. Bryant		W21	L1	W18	D20	L7	2½-2½
9	Mario R. Sanchez		W22	L4	L20	Withdrew		1-4
10	James M. Smith		W23	L3	W19	L4	W20	3-2
11	Robert A. Duncan		W24	L6	W22	L3	W19	3-2
12	Harold S. Osen		W25	L5	W24	L6	W18	3-2
13	Robert J. Walker		L1	W21	W14	L5	L23	2-3
14	Julian Walker		L2	L20	L13	W23	L22	1-4
15	Jan Ludwinski		L3	W23	L7	W21	W17	3-2
16	Mark D. Filliman		L4	L22	W25	L24	W21	2-3
17	William R. Brown		L5	W25	Bye	L7	L15	2-3
18	Roger E. Britt		L6	Bye	L8	W22	L12	2-3
19	Buddy Bloom		Bye	L24	L10	W25	L11	2-3
20	Kenneth D. Call		L7	W14	W9	D8	L10	2-3
21	Thomas R. Morrison		L8	L13	W23	L15	L16	1-4
22	Tom Ludwinski		L9	W16	L11	L18	W14	2-3
23	Thomas C. Yunick		L10	L15	L21	L14	L25	0-5
24	Robbie King		L11	W19	L12	W16	W13	3-2
25	Gerald Redfearn		L12	L17	L16	L19	W23	1-4

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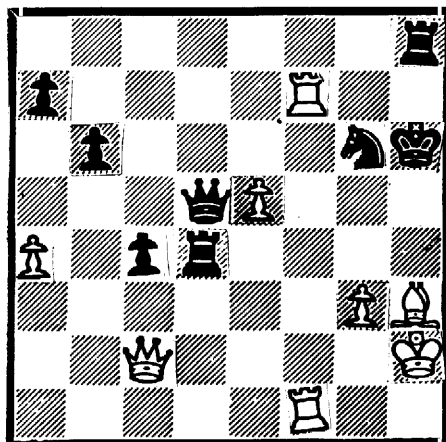
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