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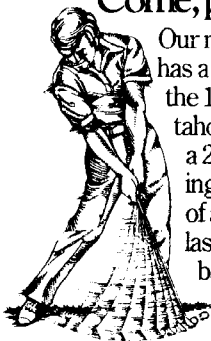
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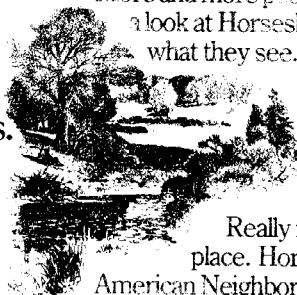
How about a handsome two-story traditional, nestled in the trees be-



tween two golf fairways? Or a contemporary on a hillside overlooking a lake? Or... well, you simply have to come see for yourself. Our neighborhood is affordable, too, with most homes priced in the \$70's and \$80's (though a few range to \$100,000 and above).

On the river, and moving along beautifully.

More and more people are coming out to take a look at Horseshoe Bend. And they like what they see. We think *you'll* like what



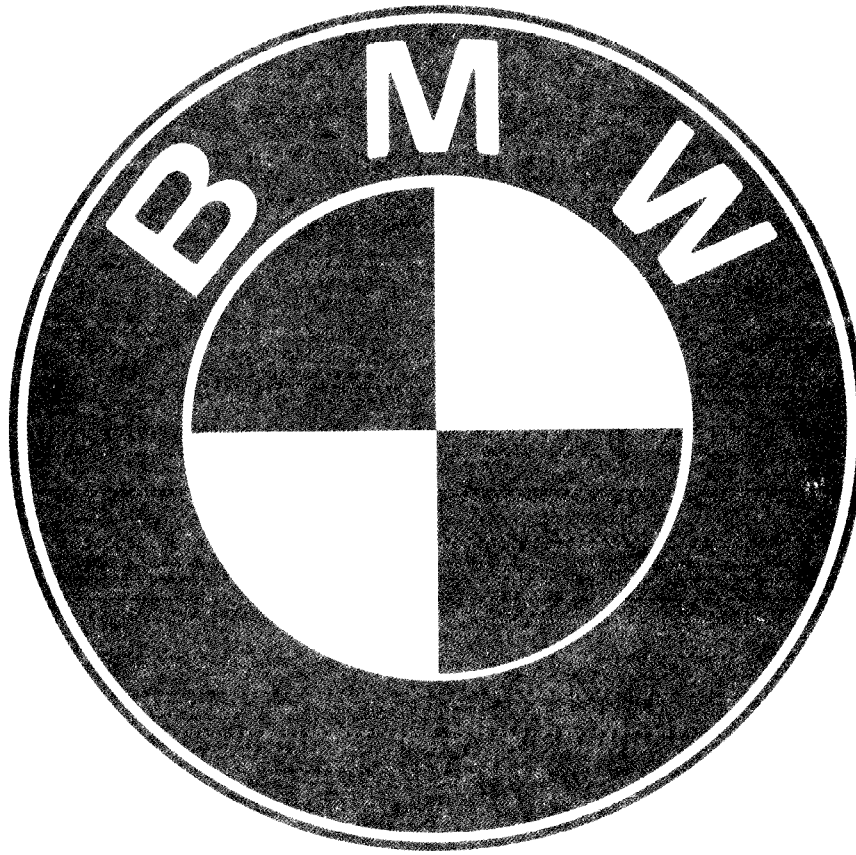
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LETTER FROM EDITOR

Dear Reader:

As you can see by this issue of The Chessman there has been a change in management. The only way good things are ever going to come about in this old world is with change.

So, out with the old broom and in with the new and damn the torpedoes - full speed ahead! We intend to give you some real powerful chess news. Along with this terrific game of chess we can plan other items as you will notice. You may make comments on anything you see that pleases you or displeases you. You might even add what you would like to see and read or offer suggestions freely.

A word or two of friendly words here that may be a little trite - all mail becomes the property of The Chessman once it is received unless stated otherwise. It most definitely will be subject to editorial scrutiny and, if for any reason it must be shortened, it will be done so only due to space. There is no guarantee that the article will be published; however, all mail can be used for the magazine and it might be selected for inclusion in The Chessman.

If you have a story about chess, a game, puzzles, advertisements, photos, or anything worthy that you would like to share with the readers, then this is your opportunity to do so. This offer will remain open during the next twelve months of my term as editor.

One thing we can do is spread the good news of our magazine by getting The Chessman into as many hands as possible. After you are through reading it - pass it on. There are so many people interested in chess and our magazine can help them in knowing where the next tournament is, where to play chess in various states, and so many other good things.

I will be anxious to hear from you. So, here is to good reading and until the next edition of The Chessman, I remain,

The Editor

JERRY W. GRABLE

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

If our club wanted to use The Chessman magazine to raise revenue and create interest for our chess club could we sell your magazine? Also, would you be willing to send us some extra copies to support this cause?

B. Borders

Dear Mr. Borders:

It is our feeling that The Chessman magazine should be prominently displayed at all tournaments, club meetings, and certainly be given as a handout during membership drives. We will be glad to send you some complimentary copies of The Chessman when they are available. In some instances we might be able to furnish past issues.

The Editor

Dear Editor:

The Southwest High School Chess Club of Atlanta sponsored its 6th Annual Southwest High School Championship on April 22-23. Justin Morrison, Tom Morris, and Mark Coles each tied for first place with 4 points in five rounds. Justin and Tom won the trophies for having more tie-breakers. Southwest's own Paul Yancey won a trophy as the top player rated under 1400.



The enclosed photograph shows Eric May of Southwest High vs. Hugh Thomason of Talbert Elementary (Calhoun, Ga). Eric won this round.

Sincerely yours,

Duane Cooper

President SWHS Chess Club

Dear Editor:

Please allow me this opportunity to express my thanks to any delegate or voting member from Region Four that may have given consideration to casting a write-in ballot for me in the up-coming election for Regional Vice President, as was endorsed in the May June issue of The Chessman.

I must decline in the spirit of

fairness and for what I believe to be in the best interest of chess in the Southeast. I had both the opportunity and nominations necessary to become a qualified candidate. Of my own free will and without outside pressure I decided not to run at this time because of local, state, and regional commitments which would demand the majority of my attention.

Our region deserves to be represented by devoted individuals with the available time and talent. Therefore, I request that you cast your ballots for those who have expressed their desire to serve you and the region.

Moreover, support those that are elected as they strive to help make our region number one!

Thank you,
Bill Dodgen

Dear Editor:

The new The Chessman magazine is becoming so popular that I wanted to offer an article and some photos that I have saved over the years. Do you have any procedures that I must follow to have these printed?

Joe Starburst

Dear Mr. Starburst:

Each state association has its own editor. These state editors send in to The Chessman articles and photos they would like to have published in our magazine. Please submit your material to the state editors with a comment about whether or not to return your material if used or not.

If you desire to have your material returned, then you must send a stamped enveloped with your address on it to ensure this.

Of course you can write to the Chessman direct if you feel you must and it is possible that we may include your article or use it at a later time.

The Editor.

Dear Editor:

At one of the tournaments I was told that I had to join the Georgia Chess Association in order play chess. I'm from Tennessee and did not want to joint another association since I belonged to one already. What does this mean?

Doug Reed

Dear Mr. Reed:

Without knowing anymore than what you have stated I would venture to say that if you belonged to another state association and had a card or any identification to this effect, then you certainly would not have to re-join a new membership in order to play.

The Editor

WHAT'S YOUR BEST MOVE ?

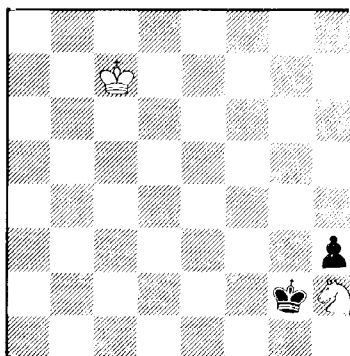
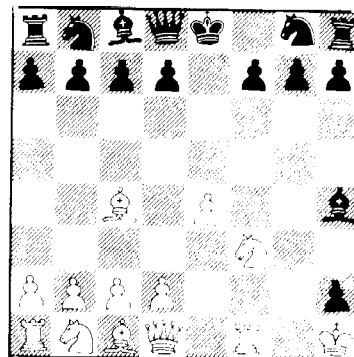
By Jay Schneider

Submit your answers and why to The Chessman for inclusion with the correct answers in the next issue!



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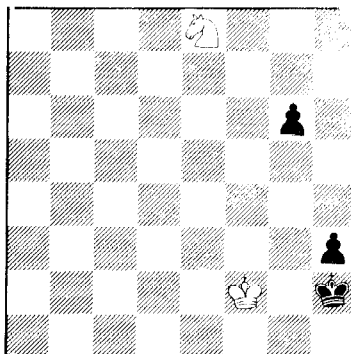
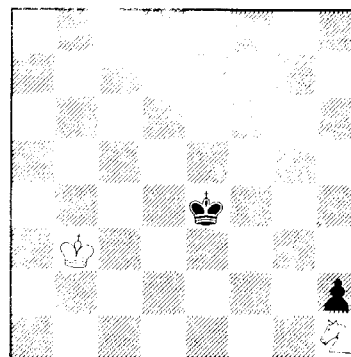
- a) P-Q3 / d6
- b) B-B3 / Bf6
- c) N-KR3 / Nh6
- d) P-Q4 / d5



What's the score?

- a) 1-0
- b) ½-½
- c) 0-1

- 2. a)
- b)
- c)



- 3. a)
- b)
- c)

ALABAMA NEWS

WELCOME ALABAMA

Thanks to Earle Morrison, the past president of the Georgia Chess Association, The Chessman magazine continues to grow by printing the chess news for those states where our circulation is building. Earle recently presented me a letter from Mr Jack Gwin who is the Secretary for the Alabama Chess Federation says, "The officers of the Alabama Chess Federation have voted to accept The Chessman's offer to have The Chessman as Alabama's periodical in common with Georgia, Florida and South Carolina."

With the acceptance by The Chessman to print Alabama's news it becomes more obvious that our magazine is beginning to make a move through the south and is reaching a lot of chess players. We have heard from many of you giving us advice and encouragement to continue in our endeavors.

Gathering the states together is a difficult job and each day is a new frontier in itself. With your help and cooperation we can attain all the goals necessary for a strong chess movement in the southeast.

Earle Morrison has worked hard and deserves thanks from all of us. Alabama we are glad you have closed ranks with us and look forward to helping you and your clubs grow. If we can help you with The Chessman we will be eager to try.

The Editor

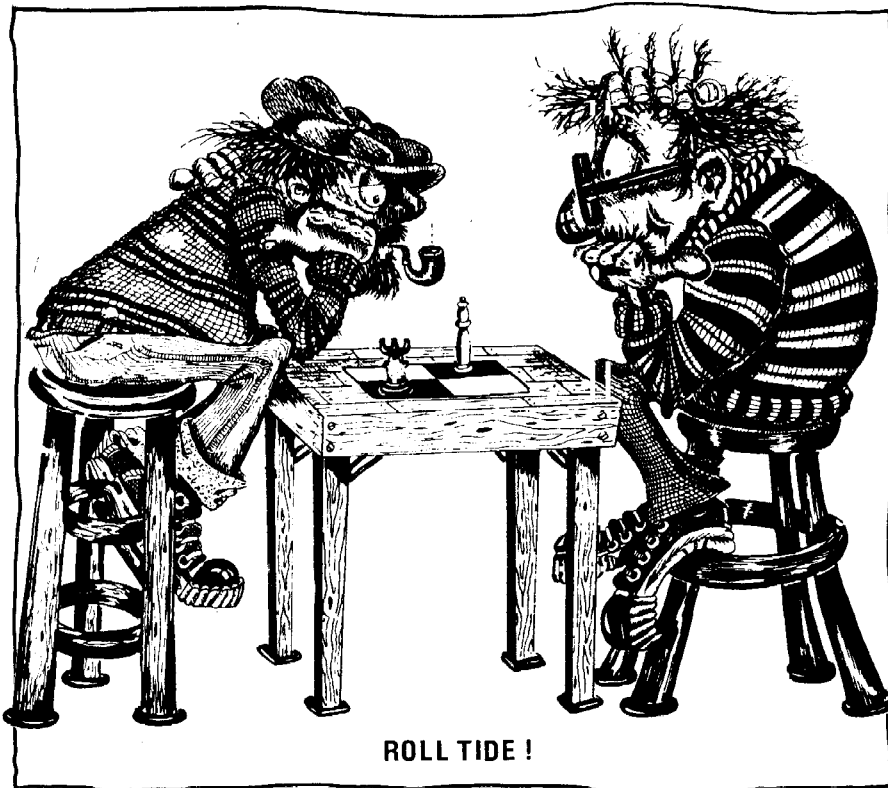
Mr. John Draper writes that he plays chess with the Anniston Chess Club. Someone gave him a copy of The Chessman and he showed it around and it took off like a grass fire and they all wanted to get a copy of it. He told them The Chessman was not on the newsstands so he let them have his copy.

The Chessman is available to our state associations as well as to all of our subscribers. We plan to begin a retail circulation in the immediate future. We are already on the newsstands in some areas-if you are quick.

If you know of any book stores or outlets that would like to handle our magazine let us know and we can remedy the problem.

On several visits to John Draper's home and talking about Alabama and chess he mentioned that he was extremely elated over the idea that Alabama was going to have a good magazine representing his state.

I agree with John and we are proud to be selected to represent the Alabama Chess Federation. I trust the future will prove great things for all of us.



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FLORIDA NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA CHESS ASSOCIATION

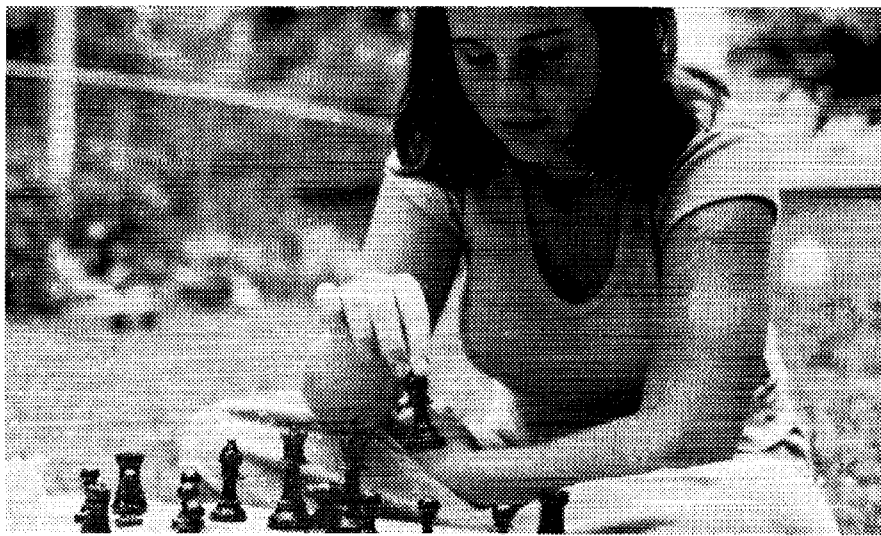
It seems incredible that we are again at the deadline for an editorial; surely it was just yesterday that we sent off the last one. (As a matter of fact it was just yesterday; that one was really overdue.) It seems that all the powers that be are actively conspiring to keep us completely occupied with day to day crises, leaving no spare time to contemplate educational sermons for use in this space. In times past, this President often used to write while on long airplane trips: when truly inspired we could toss one off single-handed between Melbourne, Florida and Chicago, and even when uninspired we could generally throw something together before reaching Los Angeles. And a three hour stopover in Atlanta is always good for an editorial. But alas, our travel budget has lately been so tight that an occasional trip is now so rare as the Metric System in the U.S. This doesn't leave much time for writing.

So, okay an editorial is due. Our Florida Chess Association membership is back up to around 300 from our base of 175 six months ago. This is encouraging and it will continue to grow. We attended the recent "Miami Memorial Classic" chess tournament on May 27-29. We did not hear any adverse comments concerning the Florida Chess Association and its affiliation with the chess publication, The Chessman. On the contrary, it appears the Florida Chess Association will be getting more support in the future from the Miami area. That is a rewarding good feeling.

We have other good news at this time. The Florida State Open tournament will be held this year at Florida Technological University in Orlando over the Labor Day holiday weekend, September 1-4, consisting of seven rounds. The host motel a short distance away is The University Inn. We have beautiful playing areas and location, and urge everyone to attend. Full particulars appear elsewhere in this publication of The Chessman and will also appear in Chess Life and Review, for August. Come, play and meet your friends from all over the state and from other states as well.

In our recent travels we have met various chess players and other persons, and one or two have remarked that some of the columns seem to favor one side of a controversial issue or one man's personal views. If you would read the fine print carefully you will see that all contributions and suggestions are invited, and chess news material is welcomed from whatever source. In those columns which are signed (such as this one) any opinions are certainly those of the writers; if they happen to differ from your opinions, why not let us know. (Let us try, however, to confine ourselves more or less to "chess" matters.) In this editorial column we feel disposed to try to say something; we have opinions and this journal, The Chessman, has a purpose, a *raison d'être* which we wish to discuss here.

Egon R. H. Teodorson, President
Florida Chess Association



Chess can be played outside in this wonderful weather we are having. Elka is an example of the determined female who wants to play chess. Whether it is inside with the air condition or outside in the warm sun.

This short story was submitted by Mr. Thomas J. O'Donnell of Tampa, Florida who has a talent for writing fiction and we wanted to share it with our readers. If you have a story you would like to see published in The Chessman you may submit it to our Literary Editor, The Chessman, 665 Great Southwest Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30336.

THE CHALLENGER

By Thomas J. O'Donnell

He was small. I mean the newspaper pictures didn't give the impression of such smallness, but then again, everything else they mentioned was incomplete, to put it mildly. Just for openers, they didn't mention the dozen or so cigars he smoked per day. I know what you're thinking. So what? A lot of people smoke cigars. But real quick now, how many 13 year old boys do you know that put away a dozen or so stogies a day? Now many, I'll bet. And rude! Most little boys call me Mister. Mister! Not just Osgood! "Come in, Osgood." "Make it quick, Osgood." That's annoying and rude, especially so if your name's 'Osborn', like mine is.

Now I don't want anyone to think I'm taking sides in this battle, course I'm not. In fact, my instinct goes with the human against any machine, especially CHES, which, of course, stands for Chess Heuristic Evaluation System. Well, what CHES did to Fischer shouldn't happen to anyone, especially a Fischer. Some say it was old age, and let's fact it 67 years is old when you're the Chess Champion of the world. Or, I should say ex-champion!

It's clear now the Russians must have spent millions developing CHES, then baited Fischer with remarks like, 'the old man is afraid of a hulk of bolts', etc. Well, you see the picture. Fischer and CHES met in neutral Sweden and CHES won the match 13-5 after Fischer had won the first 3 straight. I'm afraid that did it for

Fischer. After the last game, when Fischer lost a close one to CHES and the match, all he kept saying was, "but Karpov fell for it....." Nobody could get him to say anything else.

On the other hand, that cigar smoking brat was favored to take the crown from Fischer some day anyhow; but losing to a machine, a Russian machine! It's a tough way to go down.

In the record books they have just CHES. Of course, the Russians have him down as

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LETTER TO FCA EDITOR

Dear Mr. Storch;

Congratulations to Egon Teodo Teodorson and you and your fellow directors for having the courage and foresight to participate in the three state experiment. Having a dependable publication like The Chessman should have a very beneficial effect on the Florida Chess Association and the three state region serviced by it.

Sincerely,
Tom O'Donnell

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GETTING TOGETHER IN FLORIDA

Some interesting questions were sent in from Charles Turk of the Miami Chess Club that are important not only for Florida but for all the states that take The Chessman.

Q. How do I sign people up in the Florida Chess Association?

A. Use the membership form contained in this issue of The Chessman and mail it to the officer of your state organization. It too, is listed in this issue. Another way is to sign up during tournaments in your state.

Q. May I take ads for the Chessman magazine, and if so, what is the cost?

A. Yes. A simple paragraph advertisement of your chess club's tournament will be printed at no cost. If you desire additional space we have a rate sheet shown elsewhere in The Chessman, please look for as they are a real bargain.

Q. Will you allow advertising by private concerns in The Chessman.

A. Yes. In order to keep the costs of printing a magazine down, we naturally want advertisement and encourage all to use our magazine as their market place.

Q. Do you want interviews with local Masters?

A. Yes. The Chessman would like to promote chess in every way possible. We would like to have on record interviews with all the Masters of each state along with their picture for future publications. I urge that the editorial staff of each state to forward this type article to The

Q. May we start a column with chess puzzles?

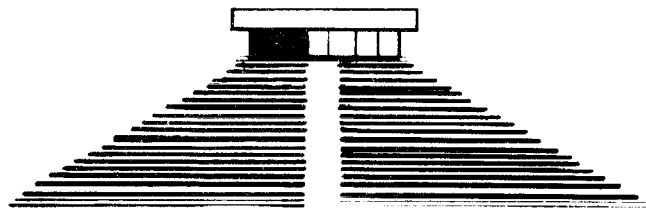
A. Yes. This should be given to the respective state editors to be forwarded to The Chessman. Each state association has an editor that gathers articles for publication and then forwards them to The Chessman. This does not mean that you cannot write directly to The Chessman, it merely says we have a procedure we would like to follow.

Q. Can we submit short stories?

A. Yes.

Q. What are your deadlines?

A. Glad you asked. We can



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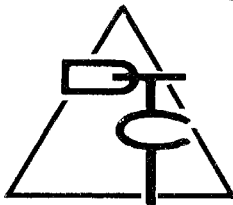
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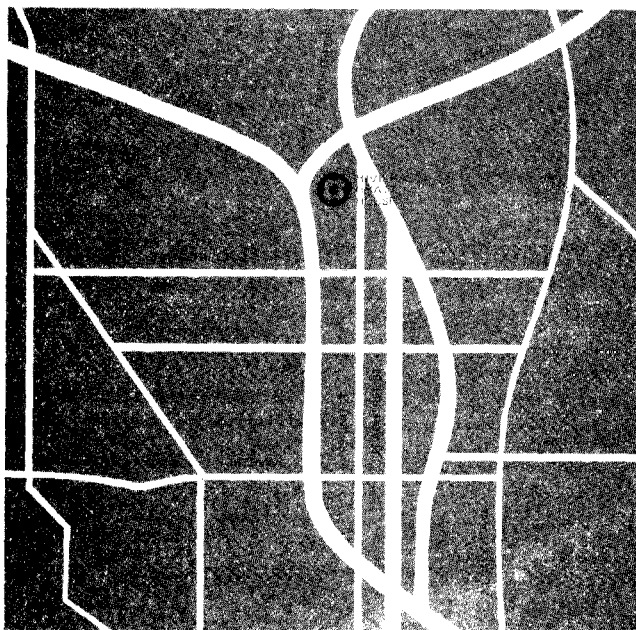
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Q. Will you return articles submitted?

A. Only if you request it and send a stamped envelope with your return address on it.

Q. Will my article be printed?

A. Keep the faith, baby.

My thanks to Charles Turk and others for taking time to write and ask these questions. The fact that individuals and club members want state affiliation with the FCA sounds good. This is the way we get chess solidarity in the south.

You know of course when you join the state association you automatically receive a copy each month the magazine is published for as long as your membership lasts.

The contents of The Chessman are extremely valuable to any player in the southeast. Knowing where to play chess, where the tournaments are scheduled, games, results, and the usual editorials make it the best buy in chess. So, sign up-today.

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Under the title "Advice to Spectators at Chess Tournaments" is a German book that is completely blank, except for one page, on which are the words "Halts Maul" -- keep quiet!

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Dr. Reuben Fine and Isaac Kashdan were officers in the Mexican Army. They were given these honorary titles to facilitate travel in Mexico during a tournament there!

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The first player and writer on chess in America was Ben Franklin.

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Harry Nelson Pillsbury, one of America's chess giants, was put to a unique test. Dr. Threlkeld-Edwards of Bethlehem and Prof. Merriman of Lehigh University tested his memory for things other than chess by giving him this list of words to memorize: antiphlogistine, periosteum, takadiastase, plasmon, ambrosia, Threlkeld, streptococcus, staphylococcus, micrococcus, plasmodium, Mississippi, Freiheit, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, athletics, no war, Etchenberg, American, Russian, philosophy, Piet Potgelter's Rost, Salamagundi, Oomisillecootsi, Bangmamvate, Schlecter's Nek, Manzinyama, theosophy, catechism, Madjesoomalops. Pillsbury looked at it a few minutes, then repeated the whole list, and then repeated it backwards! He repeated it again, the next day.



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May 31, 1978

Mr. Steve Schneider, President
GEORGIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

Dear Steve,

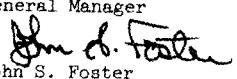
The RIVIERA HYATT HOUSE is pleased to have been chosen as the host hotel for the 1978 GEORGIA CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENTS. The recent World High School Chess Championship held at our facilities was a big success, and we look forward to hosting the following tournaments as well: Southern Open Chess Tournament, June 30- July 3; Georgia Open Chess Tournament, September 1- 5; Atlanta Open Chess Tournament, November 24- 27.

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GEORGIA NEWS

Scene from game in which Tom Morris won the State Championship in Georgia. Tom is from Decatur, Georgia and attends Emory, Univ.

LETTER FROM THE GEORGIA CHESS ASSOCIATION PRES.

I want to thank all of you who attended the GCA annual meeting last May 7th. The new officers are listed for you elsewhere in THE CHESSMAN. Any dealings that you need to have with the Georgia Chess Association should be handled directly with the appropriate officer. I have developed a list of volunteers through Georgia but the Georgia Chess Association is always looking for more assistance. If you would like to volunteer to assist the GCA please send me your names, addresses and phone numbers along with areas that you wish to assist in. To further expand chess activities I am accepting volunteers to act as regional chess organizers. So far we have had Tom Algeo volunteer for the Northeast Georgia.

By now everyone knows that Tom Morris of Decatur, Georgia is the new Georgia State Champion. Congratulations again, Tom!

The Georgia Chess Association has a primary function to develop and expand chess activities in Georgia. If you have programs or ideas that you would like to submit, let me hear from you, that is what we are here for.

Sincerely,
Steve Schneider
President GCA



TOP 50 RATED GEORGIA PLAYERS

1. Ruben Shocron	2186	26. Phil Lamb	1769
2. Mike Decker	2115	27. Stephen Whiteman	1768
3. Stuart Rundlett	2064	28. Phillip Boylan	1767
4. Randy Kolvick	2038	29. James Vermilya	1767
5. Tom Algeo	2028	30. Tom Morris	1765
6. P'L'N. Murthy	2025	31. Elmore Copeland	1753
7. Spencer Hurd	2010	32. Ulysses Martin	1752
8. William Scott	1994	33. Charles Starling	1750
9. Donald Schultz	1973	34. James Pressley	1746
10. Terrence de Peaza	1952	35. Don Mullis	1745
11. Dennis Druash	1914	36. George Andrews	1742
12. Justin Morrison	1910	37. Kermit Alexander	1732
13. Jared Radin	1910	38. C' A' Lukaart	1727/17
14. Steve Hunt	1859	39. Ralph Hawkins	1726
15. James Allison	1854	40. Barry Barrentine	1725
16. Ervin Underwood	1843	41. John Simmons	1722
17. Jim Corbett	1816	42. Truman Reese	1718
18. Steven Ledford	1814	43. Richard McDaniel	1717
19. Stan Sherman	1811	44. Alison Bert	1714
20. Rex Blalock	1801	45. John Smith	1714
21. Robert Hicks	1793	46. Bob Joiner	1714
22. Mark COles	1782	47. Larry Willes	1695
23. Robby CClose	1778	48. David Lee	1690
24. Charles Jurjevich	1776	49. David Lorentzson	1689
25. Al Hamilton	1770	50. Joseph Scott	1686

THE ATLANTA KINGS 1978

The photo looks like any other tournament photo. Four players (left to right: W. A. Scott, P.L.N. Murthy, Mike Decker, and Richard Long) pushing the wood around with their four opponents who are somewhere off to the right of the picture. Except in this case their opponents are 800 miles off to the right--in Philadelphia!

For the second year now the Atlanta Kings have taken part in the National Chess League--America's only professional inter-city chess league--a league in which the teams never engage in face to face contests. Among the conveniences of this particular sport is that the playing field is portable and can be set up anywhere and that the plays themselves can be recorded either for posterity (or **The Chessman**) or for transfer from chessboard to chessboard. The National Chess League benefits from both conveniences. One team of players may set up their boards in a YMCA on the West Coast and relay their moves by telephone to their opponents who are sitting in an art gallery just off Peachtree Street in Atlanta.

The National Chess League was created in 1976 by the U.S. Chess Federation to foster more inter-city chess competition and to generate increased publicity for the game by adapting it to the professional sports league style of play. Most major (and several smaller) cities are represented and many of the strongest masters in the country have regularly participated. League champions have been: 1976- the Washington Plumbers, 1977-the New York Threats, and 1978- the Berkeley Riots. (Chess players tend to be more verbally creative than professional baseball or football team owners).

Atlanta is not a major power in chess. We are inevitably among the lowest ranked teams in the league but have gotten as much out of the league as anyone. Where else could our local players come up against regularly Master and Expert strength competition? We have enjoyed the opportunity to engage such opponents and have benefited from the publicity which our matches have generated. We owe many thanks to Peachtree Center which sponsored the team this season and to Messrs. W. A. Scott, Lew Martin, and Steve Schneider who helped us to obtain such generous commercial patronage.

Finally, a brief note about our **modus operandi**. National Chess League matches are played between teams of six players. Because all the matches are played via long-distance telephone each team must provide an operator to keep the phone line open and to record the moves as they come in and go out. Each team also needs several runners who relay the moves between the chessboards and the telephone. A director is needed in each city to assure that all of the normal USCF tournament regulations are observed and to resolve any disputes that might arise. (Steve Schneider once again graciously agreed to serve as our director at no cost to the team.) A team captain is responsible for picking the line-up for each match and for doing all the paperwork required by the league office in San Francisco. (Lew Martin volunteered for this thankless job and

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The photo shows the Atlanta Kings defending the table with (left to right) W. A. Scott, P.L.N. Murthy, Mike Decker, and Richard Long. They are a part of the National Chess League which is designed to entice inter-city chess exchanges.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN GEORGIA

Adel	Cook County Chess Club, Cook High School, Thursday 3:05 PM
Albany	Albany Chess Club, NW Branch Library (Day & Time not known)
Athens	Athens Chess Club, Dudley Park, Thursday, 8:00 PM University of Georgia Chess Club, Chemistry Bldg, Room 1505, Wednesday, 7:30 PM
Atlanta	Don Mullis Chess Studio For Advanced Players. Call for appointment. (404) 622-8279. East Side Chess Club, The Meeting Place, 2564 Gresham Road, Saturday, 3:00 PM Briarcliff High School Chess Club, Wednesday, 3:10 PM-7:30 PM Northeast Chess Club, St Michaels Church, 3323 Chestnut Drive, Thursday, 7:00 PM Atlanta Chess Club, Luckie Street YMCA, Friday, 7:30 PM Emory University Chess Club, Room 211, Student Union, Saturday, 12:30 PM
Augusta	North Augusta Chess Club, North Augusta Recreation Center, Wednesday, 7:30 PM
Dalton	Dalton Chess Club, Contact Willard Strain, 1508 Dug Cap Road
Decatur	Decatur Chess Club, Church of the Epiphany, 2089 Ponce de Leon, Parish Hall, Thursday, 7:30 PM
Gainesville	Lanierland Chess Club, Gainesville High School Library, 1120 Rainey Street, Tuesday, 7:30 PM
Macon	Macon Chess Club, Robert Train Bldg, Oglethorpe Blvd, Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Marietta	Cobb County Chess Club, Osborne Middle School, off South Cobb Drive, Thursday, 7:30 PM
Rome	Rome Chess Club, Rome Recreation Center, 300 West Third Street, Friday
Savannah	Armstrong College Chess Club, Gamble Hall, Friday, 12:30 PM Savannah Chess Club, Duffin Park Activities Bldg, Monday, 7:00 PM, Phone 355-3979, for further info.
Thomaston	Thomaston Chess Club, Civic Center, Tuesday, 7:30 PM
Valdosta	Valdosta Chess Club, Tall Tree Apts, Recreation Center, 200 Connel Road, Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Editor note: Bring your sets and pieces to the chess clubs. There are many college chess clubs which meet only during the school year. If any reader is aware of any chess club not mentioned and would like to have them listed send the club name and particulars to **The Chessman**. The Chessman needs listings for clubs in all the southeastern states.

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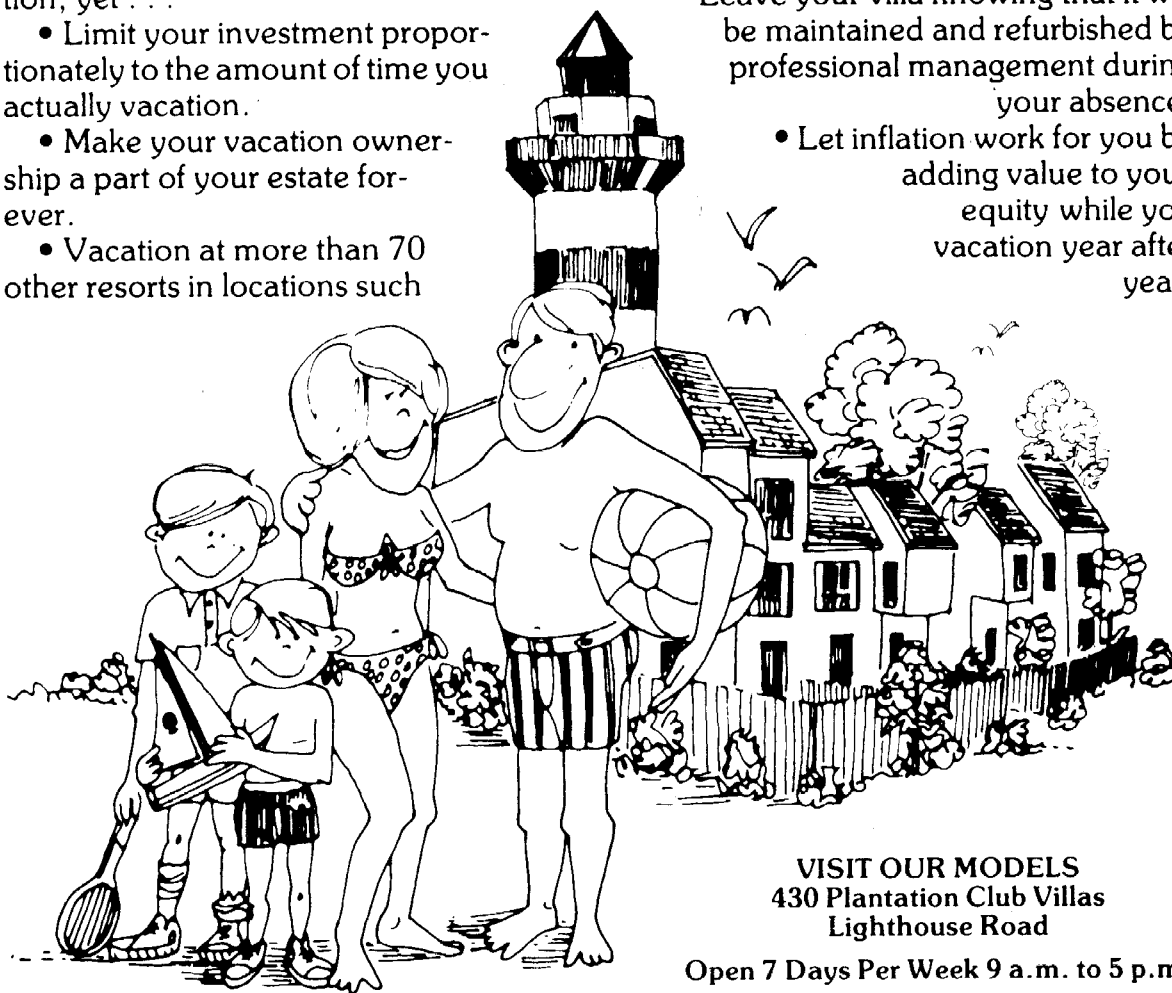
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SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Clemson	Clemson Chess Club , Church of Christ meeting room, 212 Seneca Rd, 6:00 PM-12:00 , Monday-Thursday
Greenville	Greenville Chess Club, Bobby Pierce Community Center, Townes Street, Wednesday, 7:30-11:00 PM
Lancaster	Lancaster Chess Club, Starr Hall, Univ of So. Car-Lancaster, Thur. 7:00-11:00.
N. Augusta	Augusta/N.Augusta Chess Club, Augusta Recreation Center, Wed, 7:30 PM
Charleston	Charleston Chess Club, Post Courier Bldg, 6296 Rivers Avenue, Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Columbia	Palmetto Chess Club, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Bldg, Alpine Road at I-20, Thursday, 7:00 PM
Spartanburg	Spartanburg Chess Club, Sugar & Spice Cafe, North Pine Street, Tuesday, 7:30 PM
Rock Hill	No information furnished
Florence	No information furnished
Camden	No information furnished

EDITOR NOTE: The Chessman would like to publish club information if some reader or club member would write with the details.

ALLSBROOK WINS MIDLANDS OPEN

By John McCrary

The Midlands Open held in Columbia, South Carolina on June 3-4, 1978 is now history. Fred Allsbrook a USCF rated expert, entered the tournament and won with a 5-0 score and was followed by Michael Anderson with a 4-1. Doug Williams was best 1550-1699 and John Wooton won the under 1550 prize. The Reserve Section was won by Tom Thorpe with 4½-½ and he was followed by George Kemmerlin and Gene Smith (Best Unrated), both at 4-1.

The Midlands Open was a successful Tournament with 33 players competing in two sections. The open section included one expert and five Class A players. The prize fund of \$226.00 was

almost double the guaranteed amount and seven new USCF and three new SCCA memberships were sold.

The South Carolina Department of Corrections is sincerely thanked for providing facilities at the Women's Correctional Center for this tournament. Also, Bob Webb of the Palmetto Club and an employee of the Department of Corrections is thanked for arranging the tournament site and for contending with the inevitable administrative problems associated with a state-owned site. The Midlands Open was organized by the Palmetto Chess Club and directed by John McCrary.

WEBB, GERGEL, MARDER-- 1, 2, 3 AT PALMETTO

Bob Webb has recently won the Palmetto Chess Club Championship in Columbia. He was followed by Max Gergel and Milton Marder. Gergel joined the USCF for the first time after a lifetime of playing, while Marder played in his first rated tournament after being in the USCF for 30 years. John McCrary won section B and Dwayne Muller Section C. Webb and Gergel got Class A ratings, while Marder got a rating of 1799 from this tournament.

CHESS IN COLUMBIA

The Palmetto Chess Club of Columbia, South Carolina has recently completed its championship tourney. The impressive winner was Bob Webb followed by Max Gergel and Milton Marder. Section B was won by John McCrary and Section C was won by Dwayne Muller. Mr. Gergel joined the USCF for the first time after a lifetime of play while Mar. Marder played in his first rated tournament after three decades in the USCF. The tournament included ten new club members which were respondents to a membership drive recently completed.

The Palmetto Chess Club has elected new officers. They are:

President - Max Gergel
V/President - John McCrary
Secretary - Bill Bland
Treasurer - Bob Webb
Ladder Statistician - Leroy Lewis

RESULTS BLALOCK, IVEY, AND WEISS

TOP NORTH AUGUSTA SPRING ROUND ROBIN

The fifth annual North Augusta Spring Round Robin was played on May 20, 1978 with twelve players in three 4-man sections and six players in an unrated division. Rex Blalock topped Section A with 2½-½. George Ivey in Section B with 3-0, and Garrett Weiss in Section C with 3-0. John Donnelly took the unrated division with a 5-0.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By John McCrary

The South Carolina Chess Association is presently conducting a drive for new members. Right now, membership totals are quite poor, of the almost 400 members of the USCF in South Carolina only about 130 (at the time of this writing in early June 1978) are in the South Carolina Chess Association. Yet this low membership count occurs at a time when South Carolina is among the national leaders in the USCF Builder Drive, and when there is an overall increase in chess activity around the state.

The membership drive consists of two steps: (1) A mass mailing solicitation to USCF members around the state (This step is largely completed). (2) Personal contacts by South Carolina Chess Association officers, membership committee members and SCCA members in general, with membership prospects in local areas.

It is apparent that step (2) is more effective. The mass mailing will probably bring little more than a ten percent response. Personal contacts are far more effective in my experience. But there is a great need for membership committee members. There are only four persons on this committee now and they are: John McCrary-Chairman (Columbia), Richard Stucker of Camden, Jack Berry of Orangeburg and Greg Martin of Florence. Clearly several major cities and towns are not covered by either a committee member or by an SCCA officer. Anyone wishing to work on the membership committee and make personal contacts in his area should write to John McCrary at 1520 Senate Street, Apt. 18H, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

Our state association is no stronger than the enthusiasm of its members. We presently have bargain dues and a good selling tool in THE CHESSMAN. Come on everybody - WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

NOTES FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION

By Bill Dodgen, President

I am pleased to announce that the Palmetto Chess Club in Columbia has been selected to be the Host of the 1978 South Carolina Closed Championship. Mr. John McCrary will direct the event which will be on the first weekend in

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TOURNAMENTS

July 29-30, 1978 ATLANTA SUMMER OPEN

5-SS, Holiday Inn, I-75 at Lockheed-Dobbins Exit, Marietta, Georgia.
Registration: 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM.
ENT: Steve Hunt, 4153 Wesley Club Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30034
NS: 45/2
Entry Fee: \$11.50 if received by July 22; \$14.00 at site.
Georgia Chess Association membership required (\$4, \$7/2-yr.) other states O.K.
Prizes: \$150 - \$100 - \$50 based on 60 players, A, B, C, D/E each \$50
Unrated \$40, under 16 \$25.
Rounds: 10:00 - 3:00 - 8:00; 10:00 - 3:00
Motel Rates: Adults \$18-\$24, each additional \$4; under 16 \$15-\$20, up to four in room. You must mention tournament to get special rates.

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July 29, 1978 JULY TORNADO

4-SS in 8 man sections (maybe more in lower section)
Location: Holiday Inn, I-75 at Lockheed-Dobbins Exit, Marietta, Georgia.
Registration: 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM
ENT: Steve Hunt, 4153 Wesley Club Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30034
NS: 30/30
Entry Fee: \$4.00 if received by July 22; \$5.50 at site, Georgia Chess Association membership required (\$4.00, \$7.00/2 years) other states O.K.
Prizes: Trophies to top 2 in each section.
Rounds: 11:00 AM - 1:00 - 3:00 - 5:00
Motel Rates: Adults \$18 - \$24 each additional \$4; under 16 \$15 - \$20, up to 4 in room. You must mention tournament to get special rates.

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July 30, 1978 JULY QUICK SWISS

3-SS in 8 man sections (maybe more in lower section)
Location: Holiday Inn at I-75 at Lockheed-Dobbins Exit, Marietta, Georgia.
Registration: 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
ENT: Steve Hunt, 4153 Wesley Club Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30034
NS: 40/90
Entry Fee: \$4.50 if received by July 22; \$6.00 at site, \$1.00 off to players in July Tornado. Georgia Chess Association membership required (\$4.00 yr., \$7.00 2/yr.), other states O.K.
Prizes: \$20.00 - \$10.00 each section.
Rounds: 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Motel Rates: Adults \$18 - \$24, each additional \$4.00, under 16 \$15.00 - \$20.00, up to four in rooms. You must mention tournament to get special rates.

August 20, 1978 ATLANTA AUGUST QUADRANGULAR

3-RR
Location: YMCA, 145 Luckie Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia
Registration: 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM
ENT: Steve Hunt, 4153 Wesley Club Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30034.
NS: 45/90
Entry Fee: \$4.50 if received by August 13, or \$6.00 at site. Georgia Chess Association membership required. (\$4.00 yr. or \$7.00 2/yr.). Other states membership required O.K.
Prizes: Trophies to 1st each quad.
Rounds: 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 4:30 PM

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August 26, 1978 GEORGIA 30/30 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

4-SS
Location: YMCA, 145 Luckie Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia
Registration: 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM
ENT: Steve Hunt, 4153 Wesley Club Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30034.
NS: 30/30
Entry Fee: \$4.50 if received by August 19, or \$6.00 at site. Georgia Chess Association membership required. (\$4 yr. or \$7 2/yr.). Other states membership O.K.
Prizes: Based on 35 players, \$50 - \$30 - \$20, under 16 \$15.00, upset \$10.00
Rounds: 10:00 AM, 12:00 N., 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM

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August 12-13, 1978

IN-MATES CHESS CLUB SUMMER OPEN

Georgia State Prison Library - Reidsville, Georgia 30453
Rounds 5, Swiss, 40/80
Entry Fee \$10 in advance, \$12 at site
Membership required in USCF, Georgia Chess Association, other states honored.
Special Entry Fee: Inmates of Georgia State Prisons one-half price.
Restrictions: Tournament is not open to females and children under the ages of 16 due to security reasons of the prison.
Prizes: Guaranteed only if 40 or more play:
First - \$100, Second - \$75, Third - \$50, Top Inmate - \$25.
Trophies awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd top B, C, D, E, and un-rated.
Registration at site 8-9 AM
Game Times: 9 AM, 12:30 PM, 3:30 PM (8-12-78)
9 AM, 12:30 PM (8-13-78)
Entries to be sent to In-Mates Chess Club c/o Mr. William Curry
Georgia State Prison
Reidsville, Georgia 30453

Smoking is limited.

August 19, 1978 SKEWER DERBY

4-SS, Wade Martin Building Ground Floor at Midlands Technical College, 316 Beltline Boulevard, Columbia, South Carolina
Registration: 8:00 AM-8:45 AM
Time Lapse: 40/75
Rounds: 8:45, 11:15, 1:45 and 4:15
Entry Fee: \$5.50 if received by August 19, or \$6.50 at site.
Prizes: (Based on 20 entries)
\$36.00-\$23.00-\$17.00, top unrated \$14.00

Send advance entry fees to:
David Erb
106 Wembley Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29209

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July 15, 1978 KING PINS

4-SS, Wade Martin Building Ground Floor at Midlands Technical College, 316 Beltline Boulevard, Columbia, South Carolina
Registration: 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM
Time Lapse: 40/75
Rounds: 8:45, 11:15, 1:45 and 4:15
Entry Fee: \$5.50 if received by July 13, 1978. \$6.50 at site.
Prizes: (Based on 20 entries)
\$36.00 - \$23.00 - \$17.00, top unrated \$14.00.

Send advance entry fee to:
David Erb
106 Wembley Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29209

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SEPTEMBER 16-17 THIRD ANNUAL TUCKER CLASSIC

5-SS
Location: Tucker Recreation Center, 4316 Church Street
Tucker, Georgia 30084
Phone 938-5383
Entry Fee: \$5.00 Adult, \$3.00 under 16 if received by September 8, 1978, add two dollars more at tournament site. Free entry to last years champions and all experts who complete all five rounds.
Registration: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM
Rounds: 9:15 AM Start
Time Control: 40/1
Prizes: Trophies (based on four eligible per class) to 1st, second, third top expert, top A, B, C, D, E, top under rated, top high school top elementary and top female. Top two teams of four in grades 1 thru 12.
ENT: Steve Schneider, 3135-1 Buford Highway, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Tournament listings continued on page 20

SISTER GAMES

Chess vs. Checkers

IN CHESS

- 1) All 64 squares are used.
- 2) White Moves first.
- 3) Captures are optional.
- 4) Only 1 piece may be taken at one time.
- 5) The capturing piece replaces the one removed.
- 6) A stalemate is a draw.
- 7) The pieces move in a different way.
- 8) The pawns promote to anything but a king.
- 9) Choice of opening is not restricted.
- 10) The time limit specifies a certain number of moves per hour.

IN CHECKERS

- 1) Only 32 squares are used.
- 2) Black moves first.
- 3) Captures are compulsory.
- 4) One or more pieces may be captured at one time.
- 5) The capturing piece jumps over the one removed.
- 6) A stalemate is a loss.
- 7) The pieces move all the same way.
- 8) The pieces promote only to a king.
- 9) Openings are chosen by ballot.
- 10) The time limit is five minutes on any one move.

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A game of chess can be won in two moves!

White

- 1) F-KB4
- 2) P-KK4

Black

- P-K3
- Q-R5 Mate

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Chess is so highly revered in the Soviet Union that it is taught in the public schools. Yet, blindfold play is forbidden by law! We must wonder if they realize that a master player analyzing a combination ten moves ahead is really playing blindfold chess?

SPASSKY-FISCHER-KARPOV-KORCHNOI and the Hypnosis Theory

By George Koltanowski

Since 1972, when the psychological-hypnosis entered the world of chess battles, matches for the Candidates' and World Title Crown, chess has not been the same.

Something "cavalier" has gone out of them. Dr. Max Euwe, ex-world champion and president of the FIDE (International Chess Federation) when interrogated about these freakish hypnotic claims, said "In my time we still had gentlemen." And truly, many of the recent battles have turned into tragic comedies.

Flies died by the hundreds at the Spassky-Fischer match in Reykjavik from the fluorescent light that shone onto the chessboard. Erfim Geller, Russian Grandmaster, asserted at the time that that was due to "Yankee" influence, getting experts in the chemical field to produce this "Magnetic-cerebral" to cause these "natural deaths". It was on protest of the Russian Chess Federation that these antics stopped. The Russians called it the "Fischer Influence".

Two years later, during the final Candidates' match between Karpov and Korchnoi and amidst great political pressure, the Jew, Korchnoi, surely had to lose against the darling favorite son, Karpov. Lose he did. He maintains he was hypnotized by Karpov. True or False? Wait a moment before you decide.

Since Victor Korchnoi's break with his mother country (the West calls it clever, the East calls it traitor), Korchnoi has won matches against Werner Hug, Switzerland; Jan Timman, Holland; Tigran Petrosian, USSR; Lev Polugajevsky, USSR; and Boris Spassky, USSR; came in second in Wyk aan Zee, and has won a couple of important tournaments since defecting. All this in spite of the fact that the USSR will not allow Korchnoi's wife and son out of the country.

In 1977 we saw another episode of

"Hypnosis in Chess". This time in Yugoslavia. Korchnoi is beating Spassky with great ease. He has won five games in a row. Screams to high heaven that Spassky is using the "occult" treatment on him. Spassky would make his move, get up, and go behind a set up screen, stand there, hidden from Korchnoi's sight and meditate. The secretary of Korchnoi wrote Anthony Miles, the English Grandmaster, that Korchnoi felt quite strange during these four games, couldn't see straight, and could hardly move the pieces he intended to move. Korchnoi was in a state of "hallucination". She also stated that Spassky had studied hypnosis since 1964. If such a thing were true, let's see the points in favor of Spassky.

-- Beat the Czech Vlastimil Hort in Reykjavik, quarter finals Candidates' matches;

-- Beat the Hungarian Lajos Portisch in Geneva 1977, semifinals of the Candidates' matches.

In both matches Spassky started poorly but ended up very strong.

-- And here in Belgrade, after an incredibly poor start in the finals of the Candidates' matches, he just rolled over his opponent. But then Korchnoi won the final two games and the match giving him the right to play for the world title against Karpov.

Why did Spassky not succeed in his hypnotic attack according to Korchnoi? Very simple, the two English seconds of Korchnoi, Raymond Keene and Michael Stean, brought in an English hypnotist and under his spell Korchnoi could free himself of the Spassky influence. (That is, if you believe all this nonsense!)

Now let us see points against the hypnosis theory:

- Spassky lost to Tigran Petrosian in 1966 for the world title.

- He lost to Robert Fischer, USA, in 1972, but this time Spassky claims he had been hypnotized by Bobby Fischer!

- He lost to Korchnoi in 1977-78 with this "double hypnosis".

CONCLUSION: 1.) If Spassky did have this hypnotic power from 1964 on, why apply it now and not sooner?

2.) Why apply this power only against certain opponents?

In my young years and even today, when playing an opponent I sometimes hoped that the opponent would not see what I threatened, or would not see a winning move for him - but that was not hypnosis. Most of the time it did not help then or now.

"Why did you get up early to finish your hopelessly lost game this morning? You could have resigned last night" I asked the grandmaster at a recent tournament. The grandmaster looked at me and replied "Why should I? My opponent could have had an accident last night!"

Now that chess title matches have reached high stakes the press, radio and television media will jump on these mysterious accusations by one or the other participants. The show must go on. It will, from July 16 in Baguio, Philippines, when Karpov and Korchnoi will have the word in the World Title Match.

Gentlemen, let's play chess, please!

George Koltanowski
President, United States Chess Federation
May 2, 1978

TOURNAMENTS *cont.*

1978 PEACH STATE OPEN

(AUGUST 12 - 13, 1978) (GA)

5-SS, 45/2, Sheraton Inn-Atlanta Airport, 1325 Virginia Avenue, East Point, Georgia 30344. In 2 sections: **OPEN:**, **Entry Fee:** \$12.50 if received by August 5th; \$14.50 at site. **Prizes:** (Cash based on 40 entries) \$125.00 - \$60.00 - \$40.00; Classes A, B, C, each \$50.00; Under 1400 - \$25.00. **AMATEUR:** **Entry Fee:** \$10.00 if received by August 5th; \$12.00 at site. **Prizes:** (Cash based on 30 entries) \$75.00 - \$40.00 - \$30.00; Classes E and Unrated each \$30.00 **BOTH:** Georgia Chess Association Membership required, other states O.K. **Registration:** Ends at 9:30 A.M. **Rounds:** 10:00 - 3:00 - 8:00 - 10:00 - 3:00. **SPECIAL!!!** 1st Place Winner and also Top 1800+ win the right to play in a telephone match with the Atlanta Kings. **Motel Rates:** \$22.00 up to 4 in room. **Enter:** International Chess Imports, 3055 General Lee Road, Macon, Georgia 31204. **NS.**

7TH ATLANTA QUADRANGULAR

(AUGUST 13TH) (GA)

3-RR, 40/80, Sheraton Inn-Atlanta Airport, 1325 Virginia Avenue, East Point, Georgia 30344. **Entry Fee:** \$5.50 if received by August 5th; \$7.00 at site. **Prizes:** Trophy to 1st each section; 3 - 0 score gets free G.C.A. membership. **Registration:** Ends at 9:45 A.M. **Rounds:** 10:00 - 1:30 - 5:00. Georgia Chess Association membership required, other states O.K. **Enter:** International Chess Imports, 3055 General Lee Road, Macon, Georgia 31204. **NS.**

7TH ERIE COUNTY QUADRANGULAR

(AUGUST 20TH) (PA)

3-RR, 40/80, Y.M.C.A., 10th and Peach Streets, Erie, Pennsylvania 16501. **Entry Fee:** \$5.50 if received by August 13th; \$7.00 at site. **Prizes:** Trophy to 1st each section; 3 - 0 score gets free entry to next quad. **Registration:** Ends at 9:45 A.M. **Rounds:** 10:00 - 1:30 - 5:00. **Enter:** International Chess Imports, 3055 General Lee Road, Macon, Georgia 31204. **LS.**

6TH CHATTANOOGA QUADRANGULAR

(AUGUST 20TH) (TN)

3-RR, 40/80, Baylor High School at Signal Mountain Road and I-124, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37400. **Entry Fee:** \$5.50 if received by August 13th; \$7.00 at site. **Prizes:** Trophy to 1st each section; 3 - 0 score gets free entry to next quad. **Registration:** Ends at 9:30 A.M. **Rounds:** 10:00 - 1:30 - 5:00. **Enter:** International Chess Imports, 3055 General Lee Road, Macon, Georgia 31204. **NS.**

5TH CHATTANOOGA QUADRANGULAR

(JULY 22ND) (TN)

3-RR, 40/80, Baylor High School at Signal Mountain Road and I-124, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37400. **Entry Fee:** \$5.50 if received by July 15th; \$7.00 at site. T.C.A. Membership required, other states O.K. **Prizes:** Trophy to 1st each section. **Registration:** Ends at 9:45 A.M. **Rounds:** 10:00 - 1:30 - 5:30. **Enter:** International Chess Imports, 3055 General Lee Road, Macon, Georgia 31204. **NS.**

6TH ERIE COUNTY QUADRANGULAR

(JULY 22ND) (PA)

3-RR, 40/80, Y.M.C.A., 10th and Peach Streets, Erie, Pennsylvania 16501. **Entry Fee:** \$5.50 if received by July 15th; \$7.00 at site. **Prizes:** Trophy to 1st each section; 3 - 0 score gets a free entry to future quad. **Registration:** Ends at 9:45 A.M. **Rounds:** 10:00 - 1:30 - 5:00. **Enter:** International Chess Imports, 3055 General Lee Road, Macon, Georgia 31204. **NS.**

THE SWISS GAMBIT

By Steve Hunt

No, this isn't an article on a deservedly obscure opening line. The Swiss Gambit differs from other gambits in that it is unintentional and involves the loss, not of a pawn, but of a first-round game itself.

The Swiss system of pairing pits the top half (by ratings) against the bottom half in the first round. In one-section tournaments, then, first round opponents may be 700 or more points apart. There can be a great temptation to coast, to not take one's opponent seriously. This can lead to disastrous results. After a loss, the higher-rated player's excuses are numerous: "I was partying 'till 4 last night," "I was thinking ahead to round three," "I don't feel well; I shouldn't have played today," and "How lucky can that guy get?" Rarely does the upsetter receive credit for playing the game of his life.

In explaining such upsets, Tarrasch stated, "...first-class players lose to second-class players because second-class players sometimes play a first-class game." Dr. Tarrasch might have added, "...and first-class players sometimes play a second- or third-class game." Tarrasch explained, "It is not enough to be a good player; you must also play well." Many highly-rated players are surprised when much lower-rated opponents fail to roll over and play dead, thus causing them to have to work for the win.

Losing a first-round game is a traumatic experience for the higher-rated player. He has 1) lost up to 30 rating points, 2) subjected himself to jokes ("Ha! Ha! You've got an 800 performance rating so far!"), and 3) seriously jeopardized his chances of winning a prize. Losing a first-round game can cause a player to become depressed and discouraged. Many players will withdraw in self-disgust at this point.

Other players, however, will sit up and take notice that they had better concentrate harder on their chess. Three times in the last year, I have lost a first-round game. In each case, I won the rest of my games, gaining one clear first, one tie for first, and one tie for second. Sometimes you can learn more from your losses than from wins!

The moral is simple. Give every game your best shot, regardless of your opponent's rating. Everyone loses occasionally, but those who learn from their losses and come back fighting, undiscouraged, in the next round, can minimize their losses. ■■

The 5th Annual

People's Chess Tournament

The 5th Annual People's Chess Tournament was held over Washington's Birthday weekend in Pauley Ballroom in the Student Union on the Berkeley campus of the University of California. One hundred and forty-two chess hopefuls showed up to compete for nearly \$2,000 in cash and gift certificates.

In the Master Section, International Grandmaster Larry Christiansen scored 4 wins and 2 draws to take first place on tiebreaks over Nick DeFirmian. Christiansen was awarded \$300 and

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FINAL STANDINGS of the National Chess League

Marshall Division	Match Points	Game Points
Westfield Colonials	5½	24½
New York Threats	3½	23½
Philadelphia Quakers	3½	21½
Boston Volunteers	3½	19
Long Island Beachboys	2½	16
Westchester Americans	2	16½

Morphy Division

Washington Plumbers	4	19½
Cleveland Kinghunters	3½	20½
New Orleans Maple Leafs	3	15½
Lincoln Mid-Americans	2	12½
Berwick Bay Browns	2	12
Atlanta Kings	1	12½

Pillsbury Division

Los Angeles Stauntons	4½	23½
Berkeley Riots	4½	23½
West Covina Whiz Kids	3½	21½
Milwaukee Techniques	3	13
Phoenix Rooks	2	12½
Portland Blitz	1	16

The winner of each division plus one remaining "wild-card" team with the best score among the non-Division winners were seeded into the play-offs. In the semi-finals Berkeley defeated the favored Westfield team while Washington knocked off Los Angeles. In the 1978 NCL Championship Match Berkeley beat the 1976 champion Plumbers by the narrowest of margins: 3½-2½.

These final standings (not counting our three exhibition matches) show us to have finished about where our ranking would have indicated. Several of our players, however, had excellent performances. Were there an MVP Award for the Kings three players would seem to be in the running. Steve Hunt has the record for more wins than any King (+5 = 2 -2) and the third highest performance rating (2129) for his nine games of the 77-78 seasons and exhibition matches. Fred Allsbrook, who could only make it in to Atlanta for two matches, has the highest performance rating (2344) for his +1 = 1 record. Mike Decker is second in both winning record (+4 = 4 -2) and performance rating (2260) for his ten games.

Atlanta plans to be back again in the league for the 1979 season. We hope for commercial interest and sponsorship and plan to organize other exhibition matches against both league and independent teams. Cities interested in playing the Kings should contact Steve Schneider, our new Georgia Chess Association president.

Kings article and analysis by Mike Decker

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At Monte Carlo in 1902, Tchigarin fought for 144 wearisome moves to defeat Mason, only to lose to Marshall in 8 moves.

TOURNAMENTS *cont.*

JULY SPEED TOURNAMENT (GA)

July 15

5-Min, (Not rated), Single or double round-robin depending on number of entrants. EF: \$1.00, Prizes: (All EF's returned as prizes) 2/3 to 1st, 1/3 to 2nd, Reg: 7:00-7:30 PM, Round starts at 7:45 PM. Site: YMCA, 145 Luckie Street NW, Atlanta, Ga, ENT: Steve Hunt, 4153 Wesley Club Drive, Decatur, Ga, 30034 GCA membership required-other states OK.

SEPTEMBER QUICK SWISS

September 30

3-SS in 6-man sections (May be more in lowest section) YMCA, 145 Luckie Street NW Atlanta, Ga, 40/80. EF \$4.00 if received by 9/22 or \$5.50 at site. Prizes \$20 to 1st place in each section. Reg. 8:30-9:15 AM. Rounds 9:30-12:30-3:30. GCA membership required -other states OK. ENT: Steve Hunt, 4153 Wesley Club Drive, Decatur, Ga. 30034, No Smoking.

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL (GA)

September 30

3-SS, 30/30, YMCA, 145 Luckie Street NW, Atlanta, Ga, EF: \$4.50 if received by 9/22 or \$6.00 at site. Prizes (based on 25 players): \$40.00 1st, \$25.00 2nd, \$15.00 top under 1700, \$15 top under 1400. SPECIAL: All EF's \$.50 less to players in Sept Quick Swiss. Reg 6:00-6:45 PM, Rounds: 7:00-8:30-10:00. GCA membership required-Other states OK, ENT: Steve Hunt, 4153 Wesley Club Drive, Decatur, Ga, 30034. No Smoking.

THE ANDERSON OPEN (SC)

August 20-21

6-SS, 40/90, Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, I-85 at US Hwy 76/28 Bypass, Anderson SC, Reg 8:00-9:00 AM on Aug 20. Rounds on 8/20 10-2-6, On 8/21 9-1-5. EF \$25.00 or \$30.00 at site. Prize Guaranteed \$150-\$100-\$75-\$50-\$50-\$25. Open to all. ENT: Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, PO Box 5022, Anderson, South Carolina, 29623, Hotel Rates: (Mention Chess Tournament for this discount rate) \$15-\$22-\$24-\$28, No Smoking, State membership required from any state.

3RD ANNUAL I.C.I. ALABAMA CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

(JULY 29 - 30, 1978) (AL)

5-SS, 45/2, University of Alabama-Birmingham Building No. 1, located between 8th and 10th Avenue, South and 13th and 14th Streets, Birmingham, Alabama. Open to below 2000!; may play in one class above your own. **Entry Fee:** \$15.00 if received by July 22nd; \$17.00 at site. Alabama membership required; other states O.K. **Prizes:** (Cash based on 12 per class) Classes A, B, C, D, and E each \$100.00 - \$50.00; Unrated may play in any class and win 90% A, 80% B, 70% C, 60% D, and 50% E. **Registration:** Ends at 9:30 A.M. **Rounds:** 10:00 - 3:00 - 8:00; 9:30 - 2:30. **Enter:** International Chess Imports, 3055 General Lee Road, Macon, Georgia 31204. NS.

I.C.I.'S 16TH STEAK AND BOOKS

(JULY 30TH) (GA)

3-SS in 8-man sections, All in the Family Restaurant, 175 Emery Highway, near Macon Coliseum, Macon, Georgia 31204. **Entry Fee:** \$6.50 if received by July 23rd; \$7.50 at site. Georgia Chess Association Membership required, other states O.K. **Prizes:** \$20.00 - \$10.00 - \$5.00 in books in each section; Top Sirloin Steak dinner to each entrant. **Registration:** Ends at 9:45 A.M. **Rounds:** 10:15 - 1:30 - 4:30. **Time Limit:** 40/80. **Enter:** International Chess Imports, 3055 General Lee Road, Macon, Georgia 31204. LS.

TOURNAMENTS *cont.*

SEPTEMBER 3, 1978 GEORGIA OPEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP (Open to grades 1 thru 7)

4-SS

Location: Rivleria Hyatt House
1630 Peachtree St., NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

ENT: Steve Schneider, 3135-1 Buford
Highway, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Entry Fee: \$4.00

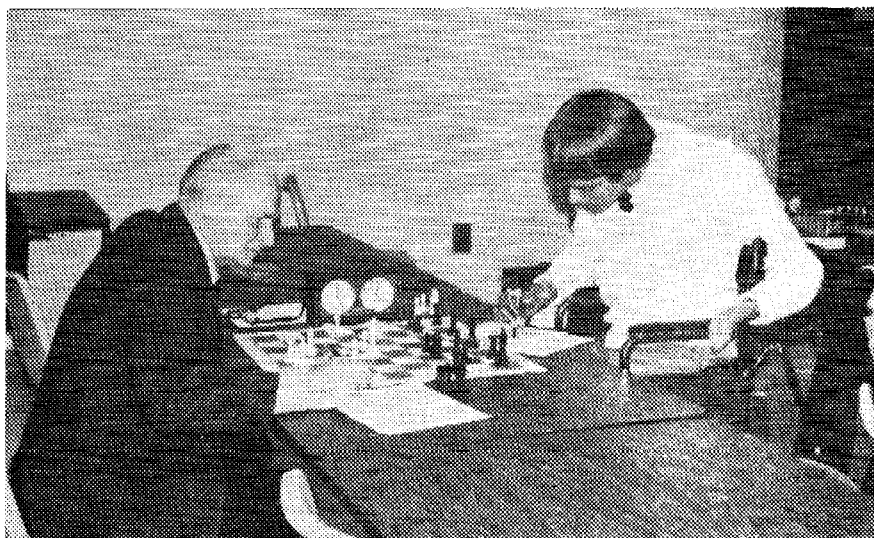
Registration: 10:00 AM

Rounds: 10:15 AM

Time Control: 30/30

Prizes: Trophies (Based on entries)

(Note: Bring your bathing suit & towel)



Two players from the Cobb County Chess Club (L-R Ernie Herczeg and Richard Hamilton) appear to be logging their moves. Both are strong players and hold high rankings on their club ladder..

5TH ANNUAL

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the championship trophy, DeFirmian \$300 and the U.C. Student trophy. Tied for 3rd - 5th were Yasser Seirawan (Junior Trophy), John Peters, and Harry Radke, each with 4½. Jay Whitehead's 4-2 score earned him the sixth prize.

Craig Barnes and Rajan Ayyar each scored 4½ in the Expert Section to share first-place money, the trophy going to Barnes on tiebreaks. Curtis Carlson was third with 4, Craig Mar fourth with 3½.

In Class A, Richard Dost took sole possession of first place with 5-1. Tied for 2nd-7th at 4 were Frank Berry, Jr., Robert Phillips, David Weldon, Robert Fojt, David Bocek, and Ron Wright. Peter Prochaska's 3½ brought him 8th prize.

Fred Nelson and Craig Campbell each finished 5-1 in Class B, the trophy going to Nelson on tiebreaks. Third to fourth places were shared by Michael Ogush and Gary Pylant, each with 4½. Duane Wilk was 5th.

John Wells finished 5-1 to take \$120 first prize and the trophy in Class C. William Talcott's 4½ was good for second place. Tied for 3rd-7th were Branislav Steiner, Joseph Ruggiero, Oscar Salgado, Alan Chappel, and Gregg Guffrey, each with 4. Daniel Sunnarborg scored 3½ to take 8th.

In Class D & E, Nelson Sowell drew only once, scoring 5½ - ½ and taking first place. Jon Wooley's 5 earned him second-place money. George Chu had 4½ for 3rd, and Eugene Lubarsky was 4th with 4.

In the Booster Section, Mark Euchignani scored a perfect 6-0 to take top honors. Jal Szymanski was 2nd with 5, Gary Carter 3rd with 4.

Alan Benson was Chief Director, assisted by Mike Goodall and Mike Donald.

COMPUTERS MUST REGISTER

Chess playing computer programs which are proposed to play in USCF-rated tournaments must be evaluated by the USCF Ratings Committee. Programs which are accepted for rated play by the Committee will be issued a certificate. Any program change or computer change will require re-registration.

Any programmer who wishes to register his program should request the "Procedures for Computer Chess Program Registration" from the USCF National Office.

Programs may not be sold memberships at the site of the tournament.

YOU ARE INVITED.....

The Georgia Chess is having a picnic at Stone Mountain on August 6th. The picnic will begin at 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

It promises to be all day chess fun including Simuls, Speed Chess, Skittles, etc. We will attempt to have former GCA champions from pre-1970 to play current contenders.

Bring your own lunch. The Entry Fee is only \$1.00. Let them see and hear chess on Stone Mountain!

Everyone that plays chess is invited.

MAESTRO OF GRANDMASTERS

My Seven Chess Prodigies, by John W. Collins, 313 pp., index. Foreword by William Lombardy. Simon & Schuster.

Reviewed by Frank Brady

It will undoubtedly be a fascinating experience, as *My Seven Chess Prodigies* gains almost certain distribution throughout the world, to learn of the reactions of grandmasters and some of the other chess elite to its message. They may be shocked, perhaps even saddened as they read it and consider their own solitary careers, realizing just how important a *maestro* can be to students in fervid pursuit of the art of excellence in chess. Although there have been serious chess teachers in the past who have helped to hone young players into great masters. (Ilya Rabinovitch influenced Botvinnik, and Vladimir Zak tutored Boris Spassky and Viktor Korchnoi), it is probably safe to say that there has never been a teacher in the long history of chess who has been quite as successful with so many players as the author of *My Seven Chess Prodigies*, John W. Collins. A talented master himself, Collins has held such august titles as N.Y. State Champion, U.S. Correspondence Champion and Champion of the Marshall Chess Club, and he has freely given of his experience and brilliance to the young prodigies who have entered his life. As a result, he has helped to produce a World Champion, several players (three grandmasters) who have left an indelible impression on international chess, and an unofficial academy of students who have won literally hundreds of regional, national, international and world titles. This book explains how they—and he—did it.

Of course, someone with the glorious talent of a Bobby Fischer (who as Collins points out came from the head of Zeas, so to speak), who

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often, along with Steve Schneider, had to stay up to 2:00 AM or later waiting for the last games of each match to be finished.)

And now to our season.

Exhibition Match Jan. 11

Atlanta Kings Philadelphia Quakers

1. Richard Long	2083	0-1	Bruce Rind	2337
2. Mike Decker	2074	1-0	Karl Dehmelt	2275
3. P.L.N. Murthy	2021	0-1	Mike Shahade	2243
4. W. A. Scott	1993	0-1	Rick Costigan	2107
5. Don Schultz	1936	0-1	Dan Heisman	2088
6. Tom Algeo	1895	1-0	Mike Kat	1860
7. Justin Morrison	1893	0-1	Alex Katsenelinboigen	1800

Steve Schneider arranged this practice match with Jim Politowski (Philadelphia's organizer) in order to acquaint new players and runners in both cities with the peculiarities (both physical and psychological) of long-distance chess. Considering the relative strengths of the teams we were satisfied with a 2-5 score. Mike Decker's defeat of Master Karl Dehmelt (2275) was annotated in the March-April *Chessman*, pp. 13-15. More importantly for the future of the Kings were the addition of Prof. Richard Long (2083) and long-retired from tournament chess, P.L.N. Murthy (2021), and Tom Algeo (then 1895 and clearly on the rise) to the team. Our average rating for the 1977 season was only in the 1800's. For 1978 it promised to be near 2000.

Round 1 Jan. 18

Atlanta Kings Westfield Colonials

1. Mike Decker	2074	0-1	Arthur Bisguier	2439
2. P.L.N. Murthy	2021	0-1	Mike Valvo	2394
3. W. A. Scott	1993	0-1	Robert Kaimo	2284
4. Stuart Rundlett	1965	0-1	Eugene Shapiro	2245
5. Don Schultz	1936	0-1	Steve Stoyko	2215
6. Steve Hunt	1916	1/2-1/2	Wayne Conover	2197

1/2-5/2

Our first regularly scheduled and our first match in our new home--the glass-walled art gallery in the Gain Tower of Peachtree Center. No other league franchise had a home-court designed by an architect like John Portman looking down upon the flag and sculpture-decked terraces of the Midnight Sun Dinner Theatre. Other teams met in old, rather cramped and noisy chess clubs; one met in a bar; others in YMCA's or private homes. Maybe not in USCF ratings or results, but otherwise we had all the class.

We realized that the first round of the season was likely to be rough given our ranking and the ways of the Swiss pairing system. It was. Westfield, N.J. (a far-flung suburb of New York City) boasted a 2299 average rating (to our 1984) and a grandmaster on board one. At the time of this writing Westfield had already knocked league champions New York out of the running and had qualified for the league play-offs.

Several of the games were at least interesting. Decker set up a large photo of his opponent across the board from him to compensate for the absence of the real Bisguier. The

picture (as Black) won a positional Four Knights Game in 37 moves. Murthy and Rundlett both got into passive positions which eventually cost them a pawn each and the end-game. Scott and Schultz lost tactical battles to their master opponents. For a long while it seemed as if Steve Hunt was about to endure Murthy's and Rundlett's fate but somehow his opponent never managed to convert his space advantage into anything more tangible. Steve maintained equality all the way to the draw on move 48 preventing a shut-out.

White: Wayne Conover 2197 - Black: Steve Hunt 1.Nf3, Nf6 2.g3, c5 3.Bg2, Nc6 4.0-0, g6 5.d3, Bg7 6.e4, d6 7.c3, 0-0 8.Re1, Qc7 9.d4, cd 10.cd, Bd7 11.Nc3, a6 12.e5, de 13.de, Ng4 14.Nd5, Qd8 15.Bf4, Be6 16.Nc3, Qxd1 17.Raxd1, Rad8 18.Rxd8, Rxd8 19.h3, Nh6 20.Ng5, Bc8 21.Nd5, Nf5 (Black's position is slightly difficult. e6 is always threatened along with pressure on the h1-a8 diagonal) 22.Nb6 (or 22.b3 with the idea of 23.e6), h6 23.Nf3, g5 24.Bc1, Be6 25.b3, Nb4 26.g4, Nd4 27.Nxd4 Rxd4 28.Be3 (if all the Queen-side pawns should go then Black would draw easily), Rd3 29.Be4, Rd8 30.a3, Nc6, 31.b4, Nxe5 (...Bxe5 allows 32.Bxc6; 33.Bxg5; and 34.Rxe5 ±) 32.Bxb7, Rb8 33.Be4, Rd8 34.a4, Rd2 36.Rc1, Re2 37.Bb7, Nd3 38.Rf1, Rc2 39.Bxa6, Nxc5 40.bc, Rxc5 41.Bb5, Bd4 (with the idea of 42...Rc2) 42.Rd1, Rxb5! 43.ab, Bxb6 (Black has the better of a probable draw. At worst he will be an exchange down for a pawn with pawns only on one side of the board.) 44.Ra1, Bc4 45.Ra6, Bxf2 (there is no square for this bishop where it will not be pinned against the king or the other bishop). 46.Kxf2, Bxb5 47.Rh6, f6 48.h4, Drawn (White has no winning chances at all.)

Round 2 Feb. 1

Atlanta Kings Lincoln Mid-Americans

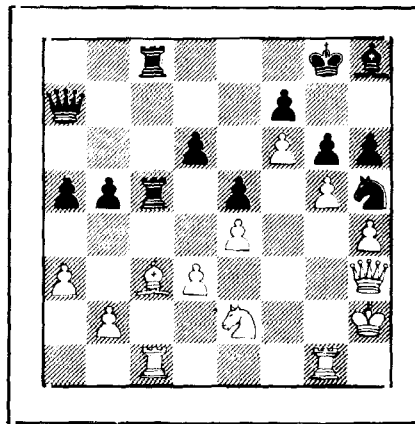
1. Richard Long	2083	0-1	Loren Schmidt	2201
2. W. A. Scott	1993	0-1	Rod Malpert	2192
3. Stuart Rundlett	1965	0-1	Mike Blankenau	1990
4. Jared Radin	1950	1/2-1/2	Mike Matthews	1852
5. Stan Sherman	1936	0-1	Mike Chess	1832
6. Steve Hunt	1916	1-0	Bruce Draney	1830

1/2-4/2

Last year with a weaker Atlanta team and a far stronger Lincoln one we upset the Mid-Americans 3 1/2-2 1/2. We almost won again --at any rate the match was not nearly as bad as the final 1 1/2-4 1/2 score would indicate. Richard Long lost on time fairly early. W. A. Scott turned down a draw offer but went on to be outplayed by his near master opponent. Jared Radin in a better position hung an exchange, then picked up a free rook, then lost back his extra piece and soon agreed to a draw--who knows what might be hung (or is it hanged?) next? Steve Hunt won fairly easily while Stan Sherman, playing in his first league match against a strong expert (with a suspicious Class A rating) found himself in the following awkward position:

29.B-Q4! (a spectacular but ultimately unsound idea, in a position as good as this there is no reason for speculative sacs), PxR 30.QxR+, RxQ (both sides now had about three minutes to reach move 40) 31.RxR+, K-R2 32.R/1-QB1, Q-Q2 33.R/1-B7, Q-K3 (It is hard not to think of defense when you are up material and your opponent is attacking, but here a counter-attack with 33...Q-N5! would win for Black--his

Queen picks up the King-side pawns with checks while White has neither mate nor perpetual check with his rooks since Black has two pieces guarding his KN2 square.) 34.R-B8, Q-K4+ 35.K-N2, PxP 36.R/8xP+, K-N1 37.R/KB-K7, QxR 38.PxQ, K-B2 39.PxP, B-K4 40.K-B3, N-N2 41.R-N7, P-N5 42.PxP, PxP 43.N-B4, BxN 44.KxB, N-K3+ 45.K-N4, N-B4 46.RxNP, NxP/6 47.RxP, NxP 48.RxP, N-B5 49.RxP, N-K4+ 50.K-R5, Black resigns.



Chess-Sherman (White to move)

Round 3 Feb. 15

Atlanta Kings New Orleans Maple Leafs

1. Mike Decker	2106	1/2-1/2	Jude Acers	2374
2. P.L.N. Murthy	2031	1-0	Joe Katz	2166
3. Jared Radin	1981	0-1	Jim Rouselle	2112
4. Justin Morrison	1940	0-1	Ed Williams	2075
5. Victor Reppert	1937	0-1	Wayne Trosclair	1986
6. Tom Algeo	1923	0-1	John Parsons	1964

1 1/2-4 1/2

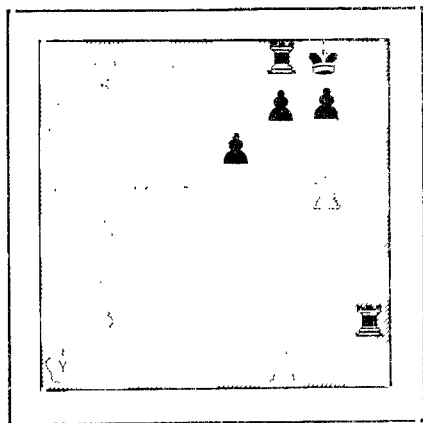
This one we really should have won. After about twenty moves we held a positional or material edge on every board except Murthy's. At the end only Murthy won (see the May-June *Chessman*, pp. 13-14). Our only other score occurred on board one where Jude ("The Greatest") Acers 2374 played a waiting game and then waited until he was an exchange down before looking for any play.

White: Mike Decker Black: Jude Acers

1.PK4, P-K3 2.P-Q4, P-Q4 3.N-QB3, PxP 4.NxP, B-K2 5.N-KB3, N-KB3 6.B-Q3, NxN 7.BxN, N-Q2 8.0-0, P-QB4 9.P-B3, PxP 10.N-NxP, Q-Q 11.B-K3, N-KB3 12.B-B2, B-Q2 13.R-K1, N-Q4 14.Q-Q3, P-KN3 15.B-R6, R-K1 16.QR-Q1, B-Q3 17.P-KN3, P-QR3 18.P-QR3, P-QN4 19.P-KR4, R-QB1 20.P-R5, Q-QN3 21.PxP, RPxP 22.K-N2, P-K4 23.B-N3, R-B5!? 24.N-B3!, B-B3 25.BxR, PxR 26.QxQB, Q-QN2 27.Q-KR4? (27.R-Q3 with the idea of either R-KR1 or R/1-Q1 and RxN should win), N-B5+! 28.PxN, BxN+ 29.K-N1, BxR (Better was kicking the Queen first with 29...B-K2 after which Black has a slight edge.) 30.Q-B6, B-B1 31.BxB, RxR (With the rook off of the King-file Black has no real threats.) 32.RxB, Q-B6 33.R-Q8, Q-N5+ 34.K-R2, Q-R4+ 35.K-N1, Q-N5+ 36.K-R2, PxP 37.RxR+, KxR 38.Q-R8+ , K-K2 39.Q-K5+ , K-B1 40.Q-R8+ , K-K2 41.Q-K5+ , K-B1 42.Q-R8+ , K-K2 Drawn by repetition.

Everyone else saw better (or even totally won) games drift into lost endings. Victor Reppert

had a positionally superior middle game go into the following most peculiar double rook and triple pawn ending (see diagram).



White has several (mostly unpromising) plans to consider: a direct attack on the King side pawns, a long-range plan of getting the rooks doubled on the seventh rank even at the cost of several of those QNP's, or an attempt to make something of those ungainly pawns. In retrospect 34.P-N5 seems best, trying to tie down Black's back-rank rook while aiming to place rooks on White's QN4 and QB5. The game, however, continued: 34.R/B1-KN1 P-N3 35.R-QR5, R-N1 36.R-N4, K-N2 37.R QB4, R-N3 38.K-R2, P-B4 39.P-N5, K-B3 40.R-B5, R-R1 41.R-R6, R/1-QN1 42.R-B6 (another bizarre set-up!), RxB/B3 43.PxR, K-K2 44.R-R7+ K-Q3 45.R-KN7, KxP 46.RxP, K-Q4 47.R-B6, K-K4 48.R-B7, K-K5 49.K-R3, P-B5 50.P-N4, P-B6 51.K-R4, K-K6 52.R-K7, R-N3 53.K-R5 R-Q3 54.P-N5, P-B7 55.White Resigns

Reppert-Trosclair Round 4 March 3

Atlanta Kings		Westchester Americans	
1. Ruben Shocron	2208 0-1	Sundh Weeramantry	2215
2. Mike Decker	2106 0-1	Richard Buckner	2112
3. Fred Allsbrook	2100 1-0	David Steinberg	2099
4. P. N. Murthy	2031 0-1	Jack Witkowski	2068
5. Randy Kolwick	2025 0-1	Fan Samuels	2061
6. Steve Hunt	1926 0-0	Steve Chachak	1905

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We were fortunate in postponing this match until the night before the Southern Chess Congress allowing us to add Ruben Shocron (2208) and Fred Allsbrook (2100) who were then in town to our line-up. But even with our strongest team ever (2066 average) we managed to score only two points. Weeramantry lured Shocron into a prepared line in the Scotch Gambit and won very quickly. Decker dropped a pawn in a better middle-game and went on to lose. Murthy and Kolwick were never really in it. Hunt again had a rather easy win to remain undefeated in three starts this season. Fred Allsbrook found a nice shot to put away a very closed and seemingly drawish position.

White: Dave Steinberg 2099 Black: Fred Allsbrook 1.P-K4, P-K3 2.P-Q4 P-Q4 3.P-K5, P-QB4 4.P-QB3, N-QB3 5.N-KB3, B-Q2 6.P-QR3, P-B5 7.P-KN3, KN-K2 8.B-R1, N-R4 9.QN-Q2, Q-B2 10.O-O, P-KR3 11.N-K1, O-O-O 12.P-B4,

P-KN3 13.R-B3, P-R4 14.R-B2, N-B4 15.Q-K2, B-K2 16.R-QN1, B-QR5 17.N/2 B3, Q-N3 18.B-B1, B-N6 19.B-K3, Q-N4 20.K-N2, Q-R5 21.N-N1, B-Q8! (Black now wins an exchange by force after which White's reduced forces have no effective scope.) 22.RxB, NxB+ 23.QxN, QxR 24.N/K1-B3, Q-R5 25.N-R3, R-Q2 26.N/R3-N5, B-Q1 27.P-R3, N-B3 28.P-KN4 PxP 29.PxP, R-K2 30.P-B5, N-PxP 31.PxP, R/2-K1 32.NxBP, R/K-N1+ 33.N/3-N5, BxN 34.NxB, R-R4 35.P-B6, R/NxN+ 36.QxR, RxQ+ 37.K-R2, N-Q1 38.P-B7, N-P 39.RxN, Q-B7+ 40.K-R3, P-R4+ 41. White Resigns.

Round 5 March 15

Atlanta Kings		Milwaukee Techniques	
1. Richard Long	2083 0-1	John Anderson	2127
2. Spencer Hurd	2019 0-1	Josef Friedman	2147
3. W. A. Scott	1993 0-1	Peter Weister	2130
4. Don Schultz	1951 1/2-1/2	Robert Holyon	2063
5. Stan Sherman	1936 1-0	Gregory Nowak	1976
6. Steve Hunt	1926 1-0	Mark Sokolowski	1968

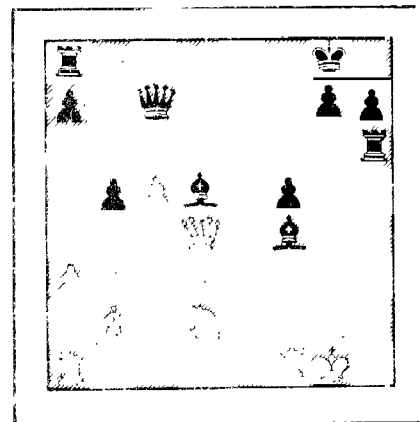
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An exciting round featuring two tactical melees and one classic ending on boards 4 & 6. The top boards? Well 1 and 2 lost on time in worse positions while 3 dropped an early exchange. Our closest match to date.

White: Robert Holyon 2063 Black: Don Schultz 1.P-K4, P-K4 2.N-QB3, P-KN3?! 3.P-B1 PxP 4.N-B3, B-N2 5.B-QB4, N-KB3 6.P-Q3, N-N1 7.O-O, O-O 8.P-KN4, P-Q4!?! (8...PxP opens the question to White. If 9.NN5 then PxP+ 10.KxP, B-K4+ 11.K-N1 or N2, B-B3 and Black has two extra pawns to counter White's still disorganized attack.) 9.PxN (9.BxQ, P-B3 and ...BxP), PxP 10.BxP, P-QB3 (to stop N-Q5 and NxBQ) 11.P-R6, B-R1 12.K-R1, B-N5 13.K-R1, B-R4 14.R-N5, Q-B3 15.RxB QxB 16.R-R4, Q-B2 17.Q-K2, N-Q2 18.R-KN1, N-B4 19.P-Q4, N-K3 20.QxP, KR-Q1 21.N-K2, P-QN4 22.Q-Q2, Q-N3 23.P-QB3, P-QB4 24.P-Q5 P-B5 25.Q-Q1, N-B4 26.N/2-Q4, N-Q6 27.Q-Q2, R-K1 28.R/4-N4, QR-Q1 (Black offered a draw here) 29.N-B6 R-Q2 30.N/3-Q4, R-B2 31.R-B1, R-N3 32.NxR, N-B4 33.Q-B4, Q-N2 34.P-K5, N-Q3 35.O-B3, Nx-KP 36.NxN RxN 37.R-N2, Q-Q2 38.R-Q2 Drawn on White's proposal. Both sides had less than a minute left. White is probably slightly better after P-Q6 with threats on the White squares and on Black's KB2.

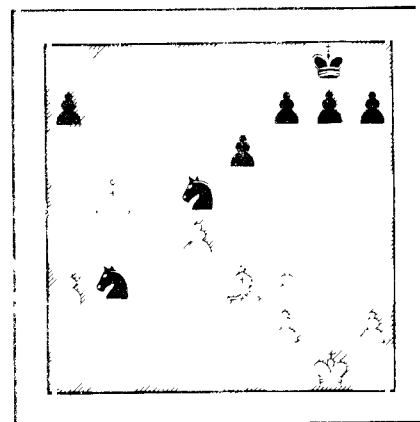
White: Stan Sherman Black: Gregory Nowak 1976 A nice counterpart to Stan's game with Mike Chess. Is there something about Stan that makes his opponents want to sac pieces unsoundly? 1.N-KB3, P-Q4 2.P-QN3 P-K3 3.B-N2, P-KB4 4.P-K3 N-KB3 5.B-K2 B-Q3 6.P-QB4, O-O 7.O-O, P-QB3 8.Q-B2, B-Q2 9.P-Q3, B-K1 (White's last denied Black the normal Stonewall grip on e4 but left him with the problem: Stonewall bishop) 10.N-K5, QN-Q2 11.P-KB4, Q-B2 12.Q-B3, P-QB4 13.NxN, BxN 14.PxP, PxP, 15.N-Q2, P-QN4 16.P-QR3, P-Q5 17.PxP, N-Q4! 18.Q-B1, BxP 19.PxP (19.P-N3, B-K6+ and ...PxP), BxP+ 20.K-R1, B-B5 21.B-KB3, B-QB3 22.BxN, BxB 23.Q-B3, R-B3 24.Q-Q4, R-KR3+ 25.K-N1 (see diagram on next page) 25...B-K6+?! [25 B-R7+ 26.K-B2 (if K-R1? then ...B-K4+)] and now: A.26...BxKNP 27.QxP+, QxQ 28.BxQ, R-KN3! or B. 26...Q-N6+ 27.K-K2, QxNP+ both seem to win) 26.QxB, Q-R7+ 27.K-B2, P-B5 28.Q-Q4, QxP+

29.K-K1 R-K1+ 30.K-Q1 R-R7 (30...BxP+! 31.K-B1, R-R7) 31.R-B2, Q-N5+ (taking the rook leads to immediate mate) 32.K-B2, RxR 33.QxR, R-K7 34.Q-Q4, Q-N7 35.R-Q1 P-QR4 36.P-QN4, P-K5 37.QxBP B-N6+ 38.K-B1, BxR 39.Q-N8+, K-B2 40.Q-B4+, K-N3 (and White has a technically won ending which he efficiently wraps up.) 41.KxB, R-K3 42.B-K5, P-R4 43.P-Q4, Q-N5+ 44.QxQ+ PxQ 45.K-K2, K-B4 46.K-K3, R-KR3 47.N-B1, K-K3 48.K-K4, R-R8 49.P-Q5+, K-Q2 50.P-B6+, K-B1 51.N-K3, R-QB8 52.NxP, Black Resigns



Sherman-Nowak (Black to move)

White: Mark Sokolowski 1968 Black: Steve Hunt 1.P-K4, P-QB4 2.P-QB3, P-Q4 3.PxP, QxP 4.P-Q4 N-QB3 5.N-KB3, B-N5 6.B-K2 PxB 7.PxP, P-K3 8.N-QB3, Q-Q4 9.O-O, N-B3 10.B-K3 (P-KR3 is better), B-N5 11.O-N3 O-O 12.P-QR3, BxN 13.PxB, N-K5 14.QxNP, NxQBP 15.B-Q3 BxN 16.PxB, Q-Q4 17.KR-QB1, N-R4 18.QxQ, NxQ 19.QR-N1, QR-N1 20.RxR, RxR 21.R-B5 N-N6 22.R-N5, RxR 23.BxR (Diagram) Now follows an interesting N's v. B's ending--White's five pawns are all isolated but bishops tend to be stronger the more complicated and open the position is. 24.K-B1, B-R4? NxB 25.P-N 26.BxN N-B4 26.P-Q5, P-K4! N-Q7 26.K-K2, N-N8 27.K-K1 NxP 28.K-Q2, N-B5+ 29.K-K2, K-K2 30.B-N3 N-Q3 31.B-R6, K-Q2 32.K-Q3, K-B3 33.K-B3, N-B4 34.P-K4, N-Q3 35.K-N4, K-N3 36.B-Q3 P-R4+ 37.K-R4, P-R3 38.P-K5, N-K1 39.P-B4, N-B2 40.P-B5, N-Q4 41.B-B4 N-B6+ 42.K-N3, N-N4 43.P-Q5 PxBP 44.P-K4 PxP 45.PxP, N-Q5+ 46.N-B3, N-B3 47.B-Q5, K-B4 48 Resigns.



Sokolowski-Hunt (Black to move)

Exhibition Match March 24

Atlanta Kings

Louisville Longshots

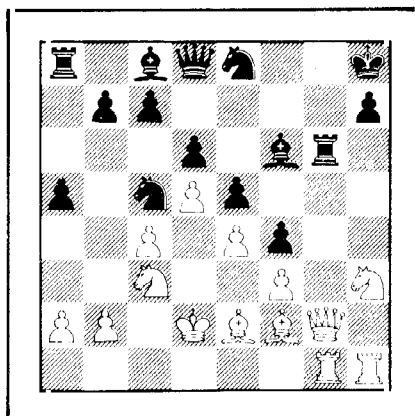
1. Stuart Rundlett	2005	0-1	Dennis Gogel	2158
2. W. A. Scott	1993	1/2-1/2	Alan Eriebacher	2021
3. Terrance dePeaza	1982	1/2-1/2	Mike Dockery	1977
4. Don Schultz	1950	1/2-1/2	John Dockery	1857
5. Victor Reppert	1937	1-0	Bill Naff	1831
6. Stan Sherman	1936	0-1	Eddie Thomas	1828
7. Mark Coles	1739	0-1	Tim Moreland	1659

2 1/2-4 1/2

Louisville was up for this match. Atlanta clearly was not. I was serving as operator-director in Louisville during my spring vacation and can attest that Longshots (not an NCL team) were ready. They had reserved a large mansion owned by the University of Louisville, had obtained both television and newspaper coverage of the match, and even had individual placards identifying each player for the aid of spectators. Only Victor Reppert ground out a win. Scott and Schultz obtained draws from dubious positions. Terrance dePeaza of Fort Mac had a legitimate draw. The best game involved a Queen sacrifice by Louisville's top board against Georgia expert Stuart Rundlett.

White: Dennis Gogel 2158 Black: Stuart Rundlett 1.P-Q4, N-KB3 2.P-QB4, P-KN3 3.N-QB3, B-N2 4.P-K4, P-Q3 5.B-K2, O-O 6.B-K3,

P-K4 7.P-Q5 P-QR4 8.P-KN4, N-R3 9.P-KR4, N-B4 10.P-B3, N-K1 11.P-R5, P-KB4 12.P-R6, B-R1 (better is B-B3) 13.NPXP, PxP 14.N-R3, B-B3 15.K-Q2, K-R1 16.Q-KN1, R-KN1 17.Q-R2, P-B5 18.B-B2, R-N3 19.QR-KN1, RxP 20.Q-N2, R-N3 (Diagram) 21.QxR! PxQ 22.RxP, N-N2 23.NxP+, K-N1 24.N-R5, Q-K2 25.NxB+, K-B2 26.R/1-N1, QxN (nothing else) 27.RxQ+, KxR 28.P-B4!, P-N3 (28...PxP 29.B-Q4+) 29.PxP+, PxP 30.BxN, PxB 31.N-R4, R-N1 32.P-N3, B-Q2 33.NxP, B-K1 34.N-Q3, N-R4 35.R-B1+, N-B5 36.NxN, PxN 37.RxP+, K-K4 38.K-K3, B-N3 39.B-R5, BxB 40.R-B5+, Black Resigns.



Gogel-Rundlett (White to move)

Round 6 April 19

The last round of the regular season and Atlanta is sitting in last place and so is due to be "kicked up" to the next highest point group. We were, however, slightly higher rated (2019 to 1990 which statistically converts to only a 3/4-2/4 winning margin-virtually a tie). But what happened just about compensated for the rest of a losing season: the first match over in which Atlanta did not lose a single game and also our greatest winning margin.

Atlanta Kings

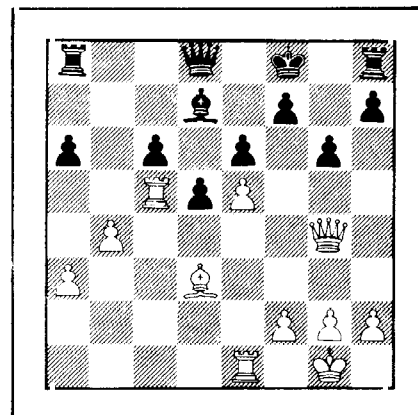
Portland Blitz

1. Fred Allsbrook	2145	1/2-1/2	John Donaldson	2279
2. Mike Decker	2106	1-0	Clark Harmon	2134
3. Stuart Rundlett	2033	1/2-1/2	Billy Heywood	1964
4. Tom Algeo	1968	1-0	Clay Kelleher	1916
5. Victor Reppert	1937	1-0	Jeff Holmes	1895
6. Steve Hunt	1926	1/2-1/2	Phil Weber	1750

4 1/2-1 1/2

For once we can show every game.

White: John Donaldson 2279 Black: Fred Allsbrook 1.P-K4, P-K3 2.P-Q4, P-Q4 3.N-Q2, N-KB3 4.P-K5, KN-Q2 5.B-Q3, P-QB4 6.P-QB3, N-QB3 7.N/1-KB3 (unusual), Q-N3 8.O-O, PxP, 9.PxP, NxP 10.NxN, QxN 11.N-KB3, Q-N3 12.Q-R4, Q-N5 13.Q-B2, Q-B4 14.Q-K2, Q-N3 (14...B-K2 15.B-K3, Q-R4 16.Q-B2 is theory) 15.P-QR3, B-K2 16. P-QN4, P-QR3 17.R-K1 N-N1 18.B-K3, Q-Q1 19.N-Q4 N-B3 20.NxN, PxN 21.Q-N4, P-N3 22.QR-B1, B-Q2 23.B-R6, B-KB1 24.BxB, KxB 25.R-B5 (Diagram. White's strength on the dark squares is more than enough compensation for the pawn.), P-QR4 26.Q-KB4, K-N2 27.PxP, Q-K2 28.R/K1-B1, KR-QN1 29.P-R6, R-N6 30.R/B5-B3, QxP 31.RxR, QxR/6 32.B-B1, K-N1 33.Q-Q4, Q-QR6 34.R-R1, P-QB4 35.RxQ, PxQ 36.B-Q3, K-N2 37.K-B1, P-B3 38.P-B4, K-B2 39.K-K1, PxP 40.PxP, K K2 41.R-QN3, B-B1 42.R-N6, K-Q2 43.B-N5+, K-B2 44.R-B6+, K-N1 45.K-Q2, R-R2 46.K-Q3, B-Q2 47.R-B5, R-B2 48.P-R7+ (48.BxB?, RxR or 48.RxR?, BxB+), RxP 49.BxB, RxB 50.R-B6, R-K2 51.KxP, (White's active position is full compensation for the pawn.) K-N2 52.R-Q6, K-B2 53.K-B5, R-K1 54.P-N3, R-K2 55.R-B6+, K-Q2 56.R-R6, K-B2 57.R-R8, R-Q2 58.K-Q4, R-K2 59.R-R7+, K-Q1 60.R-R8+, Draw.



Donaldson-Allsbrook (Black to move)

White: Mike Decker Black: Clark Harmon 2134. 1.N-QB3, P-KN3 2.P-K4, P-Q3 3.P-Q4, B-N2 4.N-B3, N-KB3 5.B-K2, P-B3 6.O-O, P-QN4 7.P-QR3, P-QR3 8.P-KR3, B-N2 9.B-K3, O-O 10.Q-Q2, R-K1 11.QR-Q1, Q-B2 12.P-K5, PxP

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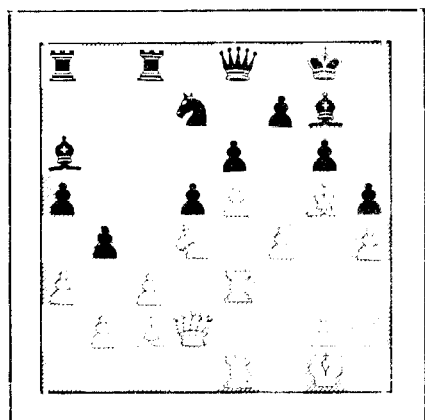
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13.PxP, N-Q4 (13...KN-Q2 allows 14.P-K6!) 14.NxN, PxN 15.B-KB4, P-K3 16.B-Q3, N-Q2 17.KR-K1, KR-QB1 18.P-KR4, P-KR4 19.P-B3, N-B4 20.B-B2, (I would not have repeated the position for the third time in the ensuing sequence) 20...N-Q2 21.B-Q3, N-B4 22.B-B2, P-OR4 (Black is equally reluctant to draw) 23.N-Q4, B-QR3 24.R-K3!, Q-K2 25.B-N5, Q-K1 26.R/1-K1, N-Q2 27.P-KB4, P-N5 (See Diagram on next page) 28.P-N4!, PxNP 29.Q-Q1, PxRP 30.PxP, N-B1 31.QxP, R-R2 32.R-R3, R/2-B2 33.R/1-K3, R-B5!? 34.B-Q3, Q-R5 35.P-R5, RxN 36.PxR, R-B8+ 37.K-B2!, BxB 38.RxB, Q-B7+ 39.Q-K2, Q-N8 40.PxP, NxP 41.P-B5! (getting the bishop back into play), R-QB7 42.R-Q2, RxR 43.BxR, QxP+ 44.Q-B3, Q-B7 45.Q-QB3, Q-B4+ 46.Q-B3, Q-B7 47.Q-B3, Q-B4+ 48.R-B3 (It was getting near 3 AM, only midnight in Portland, and I only wanted to reach move 60 and adjudication without hanging anything. Hence the two-time repetition.), Q-N5 49.Q-K3, Q-R5+ 50.K-K2, Q-R7+ 51.R-B2, Q-R5 (51...Q-R4+? 52.Q-B3) 52.BxP, B-R3 53.Q-KB3, Q-K2 54.B-N4, Q-B2 55.Q-QB3, Q-N2 56.R-N2, K-R2 57.Q-Q3, B-N2 58.Q-R3+, K-N1 59.B-Q2 (59.RxN either here or on the next move also wins.), Q-N7 60.Q-K3, B-B1. Adjourned and adjudicated a win for White (61.R-N3 and 62.Q-QB3)



Decker-Harmon (White to move)

White: Bill Heywood 1964 Black: Stuart Rundlett 1.P-QB4, N-KB3 2.N-QB3, P-KN3 3.P-KN3, B-N2 4.B-N2, O-O 5.N-B3, P-Q3 6.O-O, P-K4 7.P-Q3, N-QB3 8.R-N1, P-QR4 9.P-QR3, R-K1 10.Q-B2, B-K3 11.P-QN4, PxP 12.PxP, Q-B1 13.P-N5, N-Q5 14.NxN, PxN 15.N-Q5, NxN 16.PxN, B-R6 17.P-N6, BxB 18.KxB, Q-B4 19.PxP, QxQP+ 20.K-N1, KR-QB1 21.P-K4, PxPc.p. 22.BxP, R-R7 23.Q-B1, P-QN4 24.B-N5, P-B3 25.B-K3, R-R3 26.Q-B2, R-B3 27.Q-N3, Draw.

White: Tom Algeo Black: Clay Kelleher 1916 1.P-K4, P-K3 2.P-Q3, P-Q4 3.N-Q2, B-Q3 4.P-KN3, N-K2 5.B-KN2, O-O 6.N-K2, P-QB4 7.O-O, N-Q2 8.P-KB4, R-N1 9.N-QB3, P-Q5 10.N-N5, N-QN3 11.P-QR4, P-QR3 12.NxB, QxN 13.P-R5, N-Q2 14.N-B4, Q-B2 15.P-B5, P-K4 16.B-Q2, N-QB3 17.Q-R5, P-B3 18.P-KN4, P-QN4 19.PxPep., NxP 20.NxN, RxN 21.P-N3, N-N5 22.QR-B1, Q-KB2 23.Q-R4, R-N4? (a disastrously time-consuming plan) 24.P-N5, R-R4 25.R-B3, PxP 26.BxP, R-R7 27.R-R3, P-N3 28.PxP, QxP 29.R-N3, K-B2 30.R-B1+, Black Resigns.

White: Jeff Holmes 1895 White: Victor Reppert 1937 1.P-Q4, N-KB3 2.P-QB4, P-QB4 3.P-Q5, P-Q3 4.N-QB3, P-KN3 5.P-K4, B-N2 6.B-

K2, O-O 7.B-N5, P-QR3 8.Q-Q2, Q-R4 9.P-B3, P-K3 10.O-O-O, P-QN4 11.Q-B2, P-N5 12.N-R4, PxP 13.KPxP, B-Q2 14.P-QN3, BxN 15.PxB, QN-Q2 16.R-K1?, N-N3 17.B-Q1?, P-N6 18.QxNP, QxR 19.QxN, Q-B6+ 20.B-B2, QR-N1 21.QxQP, R-N7 22. White Resigns.

White: Steve Hunt Black: Phil Weber 1750 1.P-Q4, P-Q4 2.P-QB4, N-QB3 3.N-KB3, B-N5 4.PxP, BxN 5.NPxP, QxP 6.P-K3, P-K4 7.N-QB3, B-N5 8.P-QR3, BxN+ 9.PxB, PxP 10.BPxP, N-KB3 11.R-QN1, O-O (Kmoich claims that Black is better in this position) 12.R-N5, Q-Q3 13.RxP, KR-K1 14.B-K2, N-Q4 15.R-N3, P-OR4 (...P-KB4!?) 16.O-O, P-R5 17.R-Q3, R-K3 18.K-R1, QxP+!? 19.KxQ, R-R3+ 20.K-N3, R-N3+ 21.K-R4, R-R3+ 22.K-N3 (22.K-N4, R-N3+ 23.K-B5??, N/3 K2+ 24.K-K4 or K5, R-K3 mate), R-N3+ 23.K-R2, R-R3+ 24.K-N2, Draw.

Exhibition Match May 21

Atlanta Kings

1 Mike Decker 2106 1/2-1/2
2 Tom Algeo 1968 0-1
3 Steve Hunt 1926 0-1
4 Tom Morris 1755 1-0
5 Mark Coles 1739 0-1
6 Lew Martin 1554 0-1

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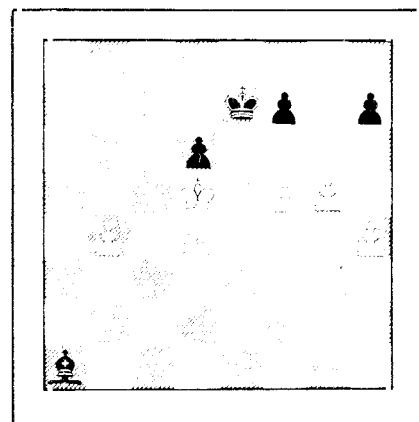
John Nardandrea 2102
Mark Ryan 2085
Harold Alford 1965
Miles Ardeman 1763
Eric Solomon 1770
James Payne 1554

1 1/2-4 1/2

This practice match was set up in a slightly different manner. Each team got to use their highest rated players on boards 1-3, their best young player on board 4, Class B on board 5, and Class C on board 6. Otherwise it was a repeat of the Louisville upset and probably for the same reasons. But it should have been a lot worse. At one point a 0-6 white-wash seemed assured--every Atlanta player was down material. But then Tom Morris' opponent moved a rook **en prise** and Orlando's first board let Decker get out of a bad ending and suddenly 1 1/2-4 1/2 didn't seem so awful anymore!

White: Mike Decker Black: John Nardandrea 2102 1.Nc3, c5 2.e4, Nc6 3.Nf3, g6 4.d4, cd 5.Nxd4, Bg7 6.Ba3, Nf6 7.Be2, O-O 8.O-O, d6 9.Nb3, a6 10.f4, b5 11.Bf3, e5 12.f5, gf 13.ef, Bb7 14.g4?! (better is 14.Nd5 or Ne4), e4! 15.Nxe4, Nxe4 16.Bxe4, Qe7! 17.Qf3, Re8 18.Bxc6, Bxc6 19.Qxc6, Qxe3+ 20.Kh1, Rac8 21.Qf3, Qxf3+ 22.Rxf3, Bxb2 23.Rd1, Rxc2 24.Rd2, Re2 25.Rfd3, Be5 26.Rxc2, Rxc2 27.Rd2, Rxd2 (27...Rc4!) 28.Nxd2, Kf8 29.Kg2, Ke7 30.h4, a4 31.Kf3, d4 (Both players saw that Black could here win a piece with 31...b4 32.Ke4, a4 33.g5, b3 34.ab, a3 35.b4, a2 36.Nb3, a1/Q 37.Nxa1, Bxa1 38.Kd5, Diagram. It seems as if Black has no win! White has only to get rid of Black's QP and KBP in order to draw against his RP and wrong-colored B (i.e. a B of the opposite color than the square on which the RP would queen--the point is that such a bishop can never drive the defending king out of that corner). After the game Tom Morris, Lew Martin, Jay Schneider and I tried to find a win here for Black; best play seems to be 38...Be5 39.b5, Kd7 40.h5, Kc7 41.g6, hg 42.hg, fg 43.fg, Kb6 44.g7, Bxg7 45.Kxd6 draw. (Can anyone find a win here? Neither BCE nor Averbach is of much help.) 32.Ke3, Kd6 33.Nf3, Bc3? (f6 or Bb2

would preserve good chances.) 34.Ng5, Be1 35.Nxf7+, Draw.



Decker-Nardandrea (analysis, Black to move)

MAESTRO

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seemed perfectly programmed, actually knowing before he was instructed, might not have needed the benefit of his tutelage: the three other supreme prodigies of the game—Morphy, Capablanca and Reshevsky—seem to have developed without the support of consistent training in a quasi-formal setting. The question that this book implores, however—note that there is not one but seven prodigies discussed here, all comets of various intensities—is whether some of the other less than invincible masters of the game could have entered the select circle of world chess players had they placed themselves at an early age under the guidance of a master with the dedication to and love for the game that Collins so enthusiastically communicates. If he did nothing else, Collins gave of his time to these budding young tyros and it could be that they learned by osmosis and example as much as by any other method. For instance, taking into account speed, skittles and double-blindfolded encounters, it is my estimate that Collins has played some 50,000 games with Bobby Fischer, starting with their first skirmish on that summer's day in 1956 when Bobby was 13, up to and including his secret visit to Manhattan this past February. This execution of his art through practice with his teacher became the vehicle of Fischer's genius.

And to give the reader an even stronger definition of his youngsters, Collins includes over 80 of their most dazzling games—"songs without words" as he passionately describes them—all offering excellent study material many never before published and some often inspiring.

The one defect of the book, and it is glaring, is the publisher's inexplicable blunder of not including an early photograph of each of the seven young masters.

It is of Fischer, however, the "biggest prodigy" and his star pupil, that Collins writes

in an exceptionally perceptive and poignant way:

I can say I never saw him cry when he lost. In fact, neither then nor now, in private or public, have I ever seen him overreact to wins, draws and losses. However if he did cry, I think I could understand it. It was not the same as a child crying because he could not have ice cream or could not go to the movies. Rather, I imagine, it was because he knew, even then, he was the greatest player in the world and should not be losing to anybody. It was because he felt that there was something unreal about it, and that the constant string of wins he knew was coming had been delayed for another game or another day.

My Seven Chess Prodigies fills an enormous gap in what chess means—and how it can be taught—to the innately talented; in effect, how a grandmaster can become a grandmaster with a little help from his friends and a memorably profound influence bearing down on him from his teacher. It also adds to chess history by giving us facts heretofore unknown or uncertain about mystics like Fischer (such as the first authoritative declaration that his father, not just his mother, was Jewish), the economic backgrounds of each of the prodigies (almost all lower-middle class), and the relationship of each prodigy to his family (four of the seven were raised without a father).

Collins accepted his first student more than thirty years ago, at the Hawthorne Chess Club—which was really more a concept than a club and met in his living-room in Brooklyn—and in his book he describes the early lives of seven of his most accomplished proteges, Five—Bobby Fischer, Robert and Donald Byrne, William Lombardy and Raymond Weinstein—developed into some of the greatest of American players, and the other two—Salvatore Matera and Lewis Cohen—are rapidly ascending young stars. Collins has a fastidious, almost elephantine memory and with the help of his sister Ethel—a backstage mother who was always on hand to whisper encouragement to all of her brother's prodigies—he has recreated the early lives of the young masters at the Hawthorne masterfully and with the deftness of a true portraitist. There is heart, felicity and imagery here that rivals *The Lives of the English Poets* (Samuel Johnson) in its love and command of subject. The prodigies—at least most of them—also helped their teacher by supplying information about their personal and chess lives: the result is a nostalgic work of impeccable detail: what books they chose to read, how many games they played, how many hours they studied, what masters they revered or even idolized, what their favorite openings were, how they reacted to their victories and defeats. Here is Bobby Fischer with Collins trudging up and down Nostrand Avenue in Brooklyn, looking for a Christmas tree on a bitterly cold Christmas Eve, finally finding one and lugging it back to the Collins household where they spent the remainder of the evening listening to carols while playing chess. We find the always serious Raymond Weinstein practically wrapped around a copy of Botvinnik's classic work, *100 Selected Games*, so inseparable from it that he knows practically

every game by memory. We learn of Robert Byrne's eye injury as a child which, by coincidence, threw him and Collins together. Salvatore Matera talks ironically about his nervous fright, when he was eight years old and about to play in his first tournament, not of losing necessarily, but of what Collins would think of him if and when he was defeated. Donald Byrne's blasé behavior is memorably discussed:

He gives a game everything he has, is a terrific fighter. But watching him one would never guess it. Before a game, in the throes of it, strolling around the room between moves, calmly smoking a cigarette, and after the point is won, halved or lost, he appears relaxed, good-natured, and amused. Results have never produced a visible overreaction. Franz Hal's portrait of the "Laughing Cavalier" comes to mind.

Lewis Cohen's historic adventure of playing six games of five-minute chess with Fischer prior to Reykjavik is recounted in William Lombardy's study of chess books on the New York City subway (a feat that probably only a prodigy could manipulate) and his resemblance, in chess style, to Capablanca, is discussed and rationalized.

The most attractive and valuable and hence the most serendipitous aspect of the book, however, is that it can be used as a source manual of instruction. Specific routines are outlined, which if followed cannot help but improve one's game; for example, Collins' World Championship Program, wherein his pupils are made to play over and carefully study 100 games of each world champion from Steinitz to Karpov. The best response to the Pirc or the secrets of how to maneuver in a delicate Rook-and-Pawn ending are not to be found in *My Seven Chess Prodigies*, but Collins intended no such treatise: the book

emerges as a general manual of advice, a virtual dictionary of common sense and chess philosophy in connecting the game to one's life. Collins defines the generalities of chess genius, the importance of chess character and the necessity of establishing goals; not just winning material or mating the King, but goals that affect one's view of the game, such as setting out to be confident or accumulating as much knowledge as possible, intermingled with a "...passion for the game, the strange fascination for it, the winged imagination, the great effort, the urge to give battle, the will to win, and the desire to create a thing of beauty."

William Lombardy, who has remained the closest and most affectionate to Collins of all of the grown-up prodigies, provides a sincere and heartfelt Foreword to *My Seven Chess Prodigies*, wherein he proclaims that "this is no ordinary chess book," obviously and rightly implying that its author is no ordinary chess teacher. It should be noted, for historical reasons if not for any other, that Reverend Lombardy wrote the Foreword at the final hour before it went to press because Bobby Fischer enigmatically failed to provide it for his old friend and mentor, even though he had promised to do so and despite the fact that he had read and liked the original manuscript. It's sad that Collins failed to teach Fischer how to acquire the grace that is a hallmark of his own personality. But to use Collins' own words as a defense of Fischer: "If the heart has its own reasons, so does genius."

This is a book that both seasoned player and novice will learn to love; parents of real, imagined and sprouting prodigies will find it as valuable as Dr. Spock; psychologists intrigued with the mysteries of the prodigy will have a field day with it. In giving the chess world *My Seven Chess Prodigies*, Jack Collins, perhaps the most effective chess teacher the game has ever known, has now become one of its most trenchant writers.



O'DONNELL STORY

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Comrade CHES, but just the same, he isn't any more human for it.

Now you know why I'd like to favor a human, especially a U.S.A. human. But Grandmaster Felton J. Roberts or "Jimmy" is a bit much to take. They say he's as strong a player now at 13 years old as Fischer was when he won the World Championship at 28.

The reason I had that interview with Felton J. Roberts or "Jimmy" as his fans call him is that I'm doing an article for a leading magazine on the forthcoming Championship match between "Jimmy" and CHES; and, Jimmy is new to say the least. For instance, take his last U.S. Championship match with Grandmaster Bevens. Now winning is one thing, but for a 10 year old (at that time) kid to play a Grandmaster blindfolded and win seven straight while continuously smoking those foul weeds and conversing with anyone who would listen was not only humiliating to the poor Grandmaster but tremendous news value; and, especially at the end when Grandmaster Bevens conceded the match and went to shake hands, but "Jimmy" just laughed and blew a big cloud of smoke in his direction!

Well, that's news! But like I said before, he's rude. Well the fans loved it and he's the hottest thing in chess and new today. I know how poor Bevens felt cause I got a cloud of smoke in my face about ten times during the interview. In fact, that's how I knew the interview was over. When I finally stopped coughing from that last blast of smoke and cleared my eyes, where "Jimmy" had been sitting was only a big cloud of smoke. He was gone. I mean that's rude!

To make the article complete, however, I had to interview CHES which on the face of it looked pretty silly. The Russians had maximum security surrounding CHES and it took me a full two months to get to see him. It seems that CHES has not only been playing for the Soviet Chess Championship while waiting for the match with "Jimmy", but has been analyzing all of Felton J. Roberts games, and I might add, Mr. Roberts remarks about CHES. I don't think anyone would have given odds that "Jimmy" could pull this off.

But an assignment's an assignment. And so there I was face to face, or rather face to console with the World Champion. I don't mind telling you I felt a bit foolish.

I turned to Ivansky, CHES's creator and coach, and asked, "What do I do?" He looked just as foolish as I felt when he said, "Just talk to him. Oh, I mean it." And so, feeling rather sheepish I decided to get it over with. I said in a queer voice, "How do you think you'll do against Grandmaster Roberts, Comrade CHES?" Well, without a seconds wait it replied, "I shall win against the Capitalist Lacky." There you have it. It was a darn odd machine. I mean I could picture calling that cigar smoking brat many names, but I hadn't thought of 'Capitalist Lacky'.

I noticed though after the reply there was a slight hum and a light on the computer console flickered momentarily. I asked Ivansky what

that meant and he just shook his head and murmured, "I don't know."

So, sensing a news item I asked again and he replied, "Every time we mention Felton J. Roberts, the computer hums momentarily and that light flickers, but I don't know what it means. We had many technicians check CHES's circuits, but to no avail."

Well, I had my story and on reflection I must say that at the very least CHES didn't blow smoke in my face. I was thankful for that. In the preliminary release, I dropped the bombshell that not only did CHES analyze all of Grandmaster Felton J. Roberts' games, but further analyze him, which taken together with the fact that CHES hadn't lost a game since his momentary lapse to Fischer, which was over four years ago, things didn't look good for Felton J.

On top of all this, Ivansky had informed me that nearly all recorded games of chess were now in CHES's memory banks so it came as no surprise that the odds against "Jimmy" were now calculated at better than fifty-to-one that he would lose the match.

I'm told that when Jimmy was shown the article, he merely laughed and blew clouds of smoke in all directions. Well, it was clear to me who would win. The big joke in the newspaper was 'who would Jimmy blow smoke rings at since it couldn't bother a computer'.

Fortunately, I had a ringside seat at what was being billed as the encounter of the ages - a fifteen round event with the winner the one who gained eight or more points; a point for a win and a half point for a draw. I'll betcha I was the only one in the amphitheater, in fact in the world, who was not surprised when "Jimmy" smashed CHES in 29 moves in the first game.

Oh, I'll give it to the Russians. I understand they worked round the clock between the end of the first game and the beginning of the

second. There must have been over two dozen computer technicians and specialists trying to find out what went wrong.

The second game was more of the same as was the third and I'll swear that that brat must have gone through a box of cigars a day. But the fourth round held a surprise.

CHES won out in 73 moves and the gallery, which was filled with Russians, let out a tremendous roar. But being up close, I knew what really happened. Felton J. Roberts had smoked too many cigars!!! He was easily a pale shade of green in the fourth game. Well, the fifth game was delayed due to illness, naturally "Jimmy's".

But the rescheduled fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth was a replay of the first three. I noticed from where I was sitting that the light on the console which in the beginning was only blinking occasionally was almost constantly lit by the last game, and really, that hum was getting bothersome.

Since there's no way for a computer to shake hands on defeat, Ivansky filled in and got a cloud of smoke for his troubles. You know something, in the last game when CHES went down in 27 moves, I was really rooting for him; and I'm as red-blooded an American as the next guy. But there's no getting away from it, nothing could stand up to the arrogance and determination and will of Mr. Felton J. "Jimmy" Roberts. For my money, the Russians went wrong when they fed to CHES "Jimmy's" personal characteristics and remarks. The technicians are not up to it now, but I think someday they will find that "Jimmy" broke CHES's will (or whatever he has like that) and "Jimmy" just talked him down so to speak.

Of course, now I have in store an interview with the World's Champion, but I feel somehow that a flickering light and a low hum would have been less aggravating than a cloud of smoke in the face. ■■

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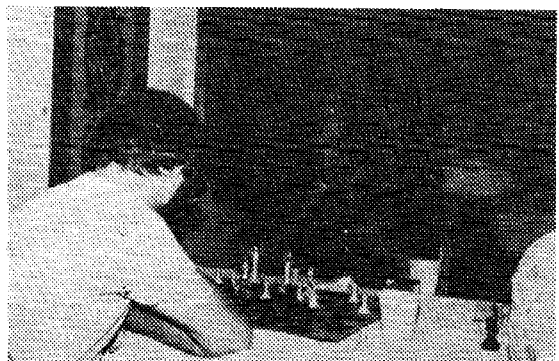
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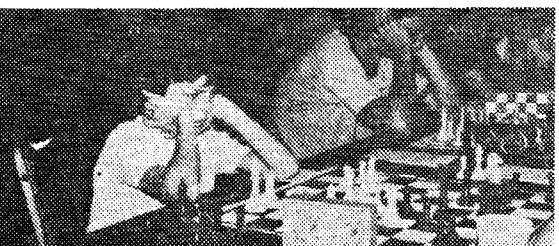
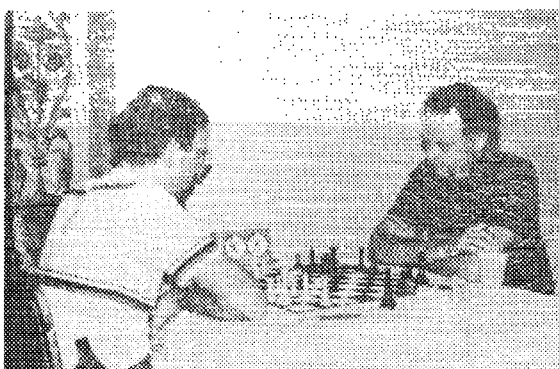
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| (tied with others) | |

Amateur Section

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Brian McCarthy | 7-0 |
| 2. Thomas Harley | 5-2 |
| 3. Andrew Campbell | 5-2 |
| 4. Ken Seagle | 5-2 |
| 5. Bernie Hathcock | 5-2 |

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| 3. Peter Symbas | 3-1 |
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Here in the major upset from the Atlanta Rated
Championship, held May 27-29 in Atlanta:

Rd. 1 White: S. Hunt 1927
Black: W. Jess Barrentine (1277)
Queen's Gambit Declined

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|-----------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | N-KB3 |
| 3. PxP | QxP |
| 4. N-QB3 | Q-QR4 |
| 5. N-KB3 | N-K5 |
| 6. B-Q2 | NxB |
| 7. QxN | P-K3 |
| 8. P-K4 | B-N5 |
| 9. B-K2 | P-QR3 |
| 10. O-O | N-Q2 |
| 11. QR-B1 | N-KB3 |
| 12. Q-B2 | BxN |
| 13. PxB | P-B4 |
| 14. KR-Q1 | B-Q2 |
| 15. N-K5? | B-R5 |

Winning the exchange. White resigned ten
moves later. White underestimated his oppo-
nent and moved quickly, missing the threat
behind B-Q2. Black played well and quickly
realized his material advantage.

After a first-round loss, the highly-rated
player will usually play lower-rated opponents
for two or three rounds before battling his
peers. This gives him the chance to catch up in
the standings, as his fellow A players and
Experts knock each other out in rounds three
and four. Eventually, however, he must face
these opponents, knowing that he cannot
afford even a single draw. The fifth-round game
of the Atlanta Rated Championship follows:

White: S. Hunt (1927)

Black: D. Brad Wade (2018)

Catalan

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-QB4 |
| 3. N-KB3 | PxP |
| 4. NxP | P-K3 |
| 5. P-KN3 | P-Q4 |
| 6. B-N2 | PxP |

Stronger is the book move. ...P-K4. Play might
proceed 7. N-KB3, P-Q5, O-O (NxP?, Q-R4ch),
N-B3 with equality.

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| 7. Q-R4ch | QN-Q2 |
| 8. O-O | P-QR3 |
| 9. N-QB3 | R-N1 |

Not 9...P-QN4; 10. N(3)xNP, N-N3; 11. N-Q6 dbl.
ch, K-K2; 12. N-B6h, KxN, 13. Q-Q1ch followed
by 14. NxQ.

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| 10. B-KB4 | P-QN4 |
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With this move, Black gives up the exchange. If
10... P-K4! 11. BxKP, P-QN4; 12. BxN, QxB; 13.
Q-Q1 with a great lead in development.

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| 11. Q-Q1 | B-N2 |
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Black could not prevent both 12. BxR and N-B6.

12. BxR	BxB
13. KxB	QxB
14. P-QR4?!	

Probably premature.

14. ...	P-N5
15. N-R2	P-QR4
16. R-B1	N-N3
17. P-K3	B-B4
18. Q-B3?	

White should prevent the exchange of his strong knight by playing 19. N-B6, Q-R1; 20. Q-B3.

18. ...	Q-O?
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Black should play ...BxN.

19. N-B6	Q-R1
20. N-K5	P-B6!
21. QxQ	RxQ
22. N-Q3!	

Not 22. PxP?, P-N6! winning the knight.

22. ...	QN-Q2!
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Best. White threatened 23. PxP, P-N6, 24. R-N1!

23. QR-Q1	P-B7?
24. R-Q2!	N-Q4

Black cannot protect the BP by 24...P-N6; 25. N-B1, R-N1 because of 26. NxNP! RxN? 27. NxB winning a piece due to the back-rank mate threat.

25. N-B1	
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Not

RxP?,	P-N6.
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25. ...	BxP?!
26. PxB	NxPch
27. K-B2	NxR
28. KxN	R-B1
29. NxNP!	PxN
30. RxN	K-B1
31. K-K2	P-N6
32. R-Q3	R-B5
33. RxP	RxP
34. K-Q2	P-KN4
35. R-N7	P-R4
36. KxP	P-R5
37. P-QN4	PxP
38. PxP	R-Q6
39. N-Q3	R-R7ch
40. K-B3	R-KN7
41. P-N4!	RxP

If 41. ...P-B4, 42. PxP, PxP, 43. P-N5, P-N5, 44. P-N6, and white queens first.

42. RxPch!	K-K1
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If 42... KxR, 43. N-K5ch winning back the rook with an easily won endgame.

43. R-KN7	K-Q1
44. N-K5	R-N6ch
45. K-Q4	K-B1
46. P-N5	R-N8
47. K-B5	R-B8ch
48. K-N6	K-K1
49. RxP	K-K2

50. N-B6ch	K-B3
51. R-N2	P-K4
52. R-K2	Resigns

In the final round, I met Ulysses Martin, who had knocked an A player out of contention in the previous round. Martin and I were leading the tournament with 4-1 scores going into this game.

White: Ulysses Martin (1733)
Black: S. Hunt (1927)
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1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. N-QB3	P-KN3
3. P-K4	P-Q3
4. P-B4	B-N2
5. N-B3	P-B4
6. B-N5ch	KN-Q2
7. P-K5?!	BPxP!
8. QxP	O-O
9. P-KR4	PxP
10. Q-B2	

The pawn was lost. After 10. PxP, NxP!

10. ...	PxP
11. BxN	NxB
12. BxP	Q-R4
13. B-Q2	N-QB3
14. P-QR3	QR-B1
15. P-R5	N-K4
16. PxP	NxNch
17. PxN	Q-K4ch

18. N-K2	RPxP
19. Q-R4	KR-Q1
20. B-B3	RxB
21. PxR	B-N4

Black's two bishops and White's busted pawns and insecure king give Black a considerable advantage, despite a slight material deficit.

22. Q-K4
Forced. If Q or R to R2, ... BxPch would win a rook.

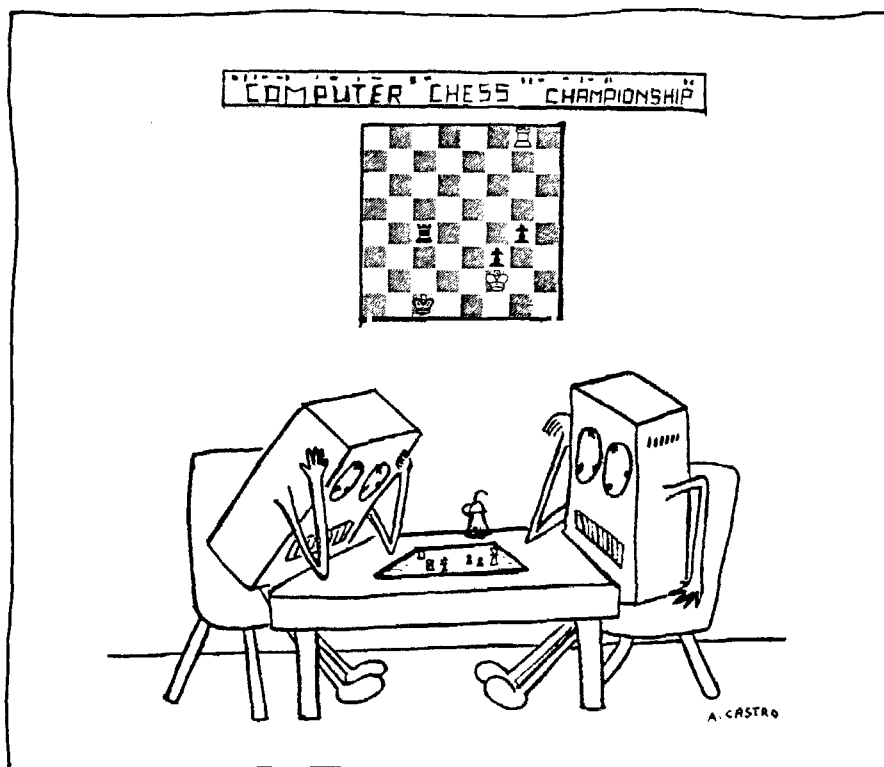
22. ... Q-B2
Spurning White's draw offer.
23. R-Q1

This turns out badly, but it is hard to find a good move for White. If 23. R-QN1, for example, there would follow ... BxPch. If 24. NxB? the same continuation as played in the game would result. If 24. K-B1, R-Q7, 25. R-K1, RxN!, 26. RxR, Q-N6 with the unstoppable threat of 27. ... Q-K8ch. If 24. K-B2, BxN, 25. QxB, R-Q7 or 25. KxB, R-Q7ch, 26. K-B1, Q-N6 winning.

23. ... BxPch
24. NxB?? Q-N6 mate

If White had played 24. K-B2, Black would have won with 24. ... RxR, 25. RxR, Q-R7ch, 26. K-B1, Q-R8ch, 27. K-B2, QxR.

This game was played in The People's Tournament, Berkeley, California in February 1978. The game is annotated by the winner Larry Christiansen, GM.



White: Grandmaster Larry Christiansen, Modesto, California.

Black: U.S. Master Yasser Seirawan, Seattle Washington.

1. N-KB3 P-KN3
 2. P-K4 B-N2
 3. P-Q4 P-Q3
 4. N-B3 N-KB3
 5. B-K2 O-O
 6. O-O N-B3
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 11. KR-K1 P-R5(b)
 12. P-QR3 N1-Q2
 13. P-R3 R-K1
 14. B-B1 N-N3
 15. B-KR6(c) PxP
 16. BxB KxB
 17. PxP(d) B-Q2(e)
 18. R-K3 R-R4
 19. R-Q3 N-B5
 20. Q-B1 R-B4
 21. N-KN5(f) NxRP
 22. R-Q4 P-R3
 23. N5-K4 NxN
 24. RxN(g) N-B5
 25. R1-Q4 N-N3(h)
 26. R-KR4 R-KR1
 27. Q-R1(i) R-B1(j)
 28. B-Q3 P-N4(k)
 29. RxKR!! KxR
 30. R-R4ch(l) K-N2
 31. R-R7ch K-B3(m)
 32. R-R6ch(n) K-N2
 33. R-R7ch K-B3
 34. N-K4ch K-N3(o)
 35. Q-Q1 P-N5(p)
 36. Q-Q2 RxQP(r)
 37. Q-R6ch R-B4
 38. RxPch(s) K-K4
 39. Q-N7ch K-K3
 40. R-B6ch K-K4
 41. RxPch K-B5
 42. P-N3ch Resigns(v)
- (a) Probably better is B-K3 where the bishop controls important queen side dark squares.
- (b) This move ties down White's queen side and gives Black a fine outlet for his rook on QR4. I discounted this in the mistaken belief my central buildup would outweigh flank activity.
- (c) Better is PxEP, PxP 16. B-KB4
- (d) Better is NxP, NN3xN 18. PxN
- (e) Black completes his development and guards his QN4 square. White now has real problems to guard his Queen's pawn.
- (f) White must play actively and hopefully soften up the Black King Side.

- (g) A critical point in the game. Black has won a pawn but his King side has been weakened and his Queen side pieces are in poor positions for defense.
- (h) Better, as Seirawan pointed out after the game is 25. N-K4, 26. P-B4 P-B4, 27. BxP. White should play 28. P-B3, P-B4 29. R-K3, N-B2, 28. B-Q3 with a hard game in prospect.
- (i) The idea of this move is to prevent the push P-R6 and put latent pressure on the QR1-KR3 diagonal.
- (j) Better is 27. P-N4 28. KR-K3 B-B4 29. R-B1 P-R6, 30. QxP R-B1, 31. Q-N4 R-Q5 with massive complications.
- (k) Better is 28. R-P1, but white has more than adequate compensation for the pawn.
- (l) This is the point of 29. RxxRP. If now 29. PxR, 30. Q-B1ch K-R4 31. Q-Q2ch R-N4, 32. Q-Q2ch K-R4 33. Q-K2ch K-R4 34. QxSch K-R4, 35. Q-B3ch K-N4, 36. QxBP and mate cannot be stopped. After 30. Q-P1ch if Black plays K-N2 he runs into 32. Q-N5ch K-B1, 33. Q-R6ch K-R1 33. B-R7ch K-N1 34. B-N6ch K-N1; 35. Q-R7ch and mate.
- (m) 31. K-B1 32. Q-Q1 however, 33. R5 and unavoidable mate.
- (n) To gain time for a check.
- (o) If 32. R-K4 is played, though 33. P-N4 34. R-K4 35. R-K4 36. N-B5ch K-Q3, 38. is crushing for White.
- (p) 37. BxKxR 36. Q-R6ch R-K4 37. Q-P1ch K-R1, 38. Q-R6ch K-N1 39. N-B6ch K-N1 mate.
- (r) 30. KxR leads to mate with 31. N-B6 and K-N2, 38. Q-N5ch, etc.
- (s) 38. Q-N5ch K-K3, 39. R-R6ch P-B3, 40. R-R6ch also mates as do countless other moves.
- (t) 40. RxxPon K-B4 42. RxP mates.
- (v) This game certainly was worthy of the best game played in the tournament and it does deserve the honorary prize it did have been one!

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS

(Continued from page 17)

November at the Tremont Motel. Neither University of South Carolina nor Clemson have scheduled football games at that time we wanted to make this as did not have a conflict as promised last year when your Dame came to West Murray, South Carolina for details in The Chessman and how to participate.

I hope he will be moving from Columbia soon. He has been transferred to Arkansas by his employer, the United States Forestry Service. He has been active in South Carolina chess for many years. Thank you, your chess friends who love you.

I did not approach a non-playing octomatch this year. Nominations will be accepted only from the floor at the annual banquet. I am sorry I did not list all nominating requirements (100 South Carolina Chess Association members, Chessman who is a member of the Chessman, nominations are closed at the banquet meeting. The election will be accepted and winners will not be eligible as candidates in the next year. We will be published in the Jan. Feb. 1979 issue of The Chessman which will also contain the ballot.

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On the way to the annual chess match chess from 1941-1924 (approximate) showing game.



Above photo taken during game time at the Cobb County Chess Club Show (Front L-R) J. W. Grubie, Ken Seagle. (Back shown) Jim Davis and opponent.

SENIOR MASTER TO PLAY IN ATLANTA

Mr Steve Schneider of the Georgia Chess Assn has confirmed that Senior Master John Peters will stop in Atlanta on September 26, 1978 and remain in this area for at least three days.

The Church's Fried Chicken will be sponsoring his visit here and Atlanta plans to turn out for the good events planned.

Mr. Peters will be holding a Simultaneous Exhibition at the Riveria Hyatt House Motel on September 26, 7:30 PM. The first 30 players paying the entry fee \$5.00 to Steve Schneider will be allowed to participate. Each player will receive a special scorebook and any player with a win will receive a prize from Church's Fried Chicken.

John Peters originally is from Boston but now comes from Los Angeles. At the Lone Pine Tournament in 1977 he earned his first norm for the International Master's Title.

He tied for 1st place in the 1977 American Open.

While in Atlanta John will give a free lecture and it will be open to questions and answers, at a chess club in the Metro area to be designated. He plans to give a simul at the US Penitentiary. Then on Thursday, September 28 he will appear at one or two schools in Metro Atlanta.

Anyone wanting John Peters to stay at their home while in Atlanta should contact Steve Schneider about this.

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September 3

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Registration:10:00, Rounds 10:15
Time Control 30/30, Prizes:Trophies
(Based on entries)
(Note: Bring your swim suit & towel)

ATLANTA HANDICAP CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

August 5

(Un-rated) Location: YMCA, 145 Luckie St, Atlanta, Ga, EF received by July 30 \$2.00 or \$2.50 at site. 4-SS, Time Control 40/1 modified by handicap. Handicap based on difference in 2 opponents ratings.(New players and provisional players placed either in average of tournament or at discretion of TD. Unofficial ratings if more recent will be used) If a 1300 player and a 1900 player, the 1900 player will have only 1/6 the time or 10 minutes for 40 moves. Prizes(Based on 40 entrants) 1st-\$130, 2nd-\$95, 3rd-\$60, 4th-\$40, Top under 1600-\$25, Registration 8:30-9:00, Rounds start at 9:15 AM

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board, and all are faced at the same time, is held by Miguel Najdorf of Argentina, who, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1950, played 250 games in 11 hours with the result of 226 wins, 10 losses; and 14 draws. It is interesting that Stahlberg's record is often quoted as the **true** simultaneous record, only to be put down by Najdorf's, since, in tournaments in which they both played, in South America in the 1940's, Najdorf **also** came out on top!

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