



HANDY vs. NEMAFFEY Black mates in

eight moves

1st S. C. OPEN



The Snowstorm Open

SPECIAL NOTICE

This issue of SCCA NEWS is being sent to a great many of our chessplaying friends throughout South Carolina who have not vet joined the South Carolina Chess Association. We hope you will note the many tournament's sponsored around the state by the SCCA and play in one soon. We also hope you will consider joining the SCCA now. It is the best way to keep up with what is going on in chess in South Carolina, and to participate yourself!

Bill Flovd SCCA President .

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POHL. ARDAMAN WIN S. C. OPEN

Masters Klaus Pohl of Greenville and Miles Ardaman of Davidson. M. C. tied for first in the first South Carolina Open Championhship in Lancaster this Januarv. The two winners drew with each other and swept through the rest of the field to finish 4 1/2 - 1/2. The winning scores were a full point ahead of the next plavers. Jimmy Hill of Columbia and Dale Mountford of North Charleston. The Winners split first and second prizes totaling \$161.50. The third and fourth place plavers split the Category 1 first prize and third prize: David Williams of Spartanburg received the second Category 1 prize.

In the Reserve Section Dimitrijs Rubenis of Charlotte and Dennis Fish of Greenville tied for the first prize. Richard Van Hall of Lancaster. James C. Hvatt of Columbia. and William R. Flovd of Columbia split the third prize. Arturo Martin de Nicolas was top Categorv III plaver. and Anwar Ahmadiem and Opie Lindsav tied for second in Categorv III.

John McCall of New York won the five-player Amateur Section. Bovce Gibson was second.

Marion Mehaffev, who organized the event for the Lancaster Chess Club. thanked the 42 players who participated in what should be the first of an annual event.

HAFT. HOUPTFORD WIN SNOWSTORN OFEN

Pat Hart and Bale Hountford each scored 4-1 to the for first in the 10th annual Snowstorm Open in Charleston this past February. Third were Flags Fohl, who was upset by Mountford in Round 4. and Faul Tinkler: each scored 7.5-1.5.

The tournament was so closely contested that the whole range of scores for the eighteen players was in the range 1 to 4/Class Prizes were won by James Hyatt (B). John Vonderliett (C), and Dennis Salwierz (D).

Pat Hart reports that attendance was burt by a lack of publicity. Nonetheless, players came from several parts of the state to join the Charlestonians in their annual event.

SURVEY REPORT

In our last issue we offered a survey as to the arranoements for the State Championship. Exactly two players, the Editor and the State Champion. Voted, both resoundingly in favor of the traditional system of playing it over all three days of the weekend.

AN INVITATION

Anvone interested in submitting a bid on a State Championship. Open or Closed, should contact SCCA President Bill Floyd for ground rules.

NEUS FROM AROUND THE STATE

SATURDAY SWISS # 1. COLUMBIA

January 23: Jack Berry of Columbia and Bavid Williams of Spartanburg each scored 3-0 to top the field of 18 players in this three round Swiss tournament. Close behind with 2-1 scores were eight players: Jimmy Hill. Jose Hector Elias. Tom Thorpe. Doug McCov, Bill Bland. Darryl Ferguson. Jorge Escalante. and Robert Carlton. Don Lemaster directed.

GAMECOCK GAMBIT III. COLUMBIA

March 6: Klaus Pohl or Greenville and Jack Berry of Columbia each scored 4-0 to share top honors in this four round Swiss. Tied for third to sixth places were Leland Fuerstman. Jimmy Hill. James Tobin. and Cliff Hvatt with 3-1 scores. Cliff Hvatt was the top "under 1800" plaver. and Paul Wester took the "under 1400/Unr." prize with a 2.5-1.5 score. Bon Lemaster directed this 24 plaver event.

END OF THE YEAR OPEN. LANCASTER

Forty-three players turned out to break a record for this annual event. including nine from the home town. The event was divided into five groups, each of which played a four round Swiss. Section winners were Klaus Pohl. Robert Grunwald-Jeff Rayfield. Fred Miller-Martin Mehaffey. Randy Lowder, and George Bisher. Richard Stucker and Ken Thomas also won prizes in the E Section. Entries came from as far away as Cincinnati and Jackson. Mississippi!

FEBRUARY OPEN QUADS. SPARTANBURG

Februarv 20: Klaus Pohl and Claude Corbett each scored a perfect 4-0 to win the Februarv Open Quads held at USC-Spartamburg. Because of the large number of people who entered the Open (24) the two winners did not have to plav one another. In the crucial fourth round Pohl had a wild time scramble with Wayne Williams. the second rated plaver, but held on to triumph. Meanwhile Corbett, who had his best tournament ever. defeated Bush to claim his share of the prize.

Winners in the guad sections ere E. Seko. R. Klatte-F. Olschewske-D. Jackson (three way tie). M. Hopper. and C. Gardner.A total of forty players participated in the various events.

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NEWS FROM SPARTANBURG

The second annual Landrum Championship was won by David Williams of Spartanburg. This tournament, played February 6, was organized by the Landrum Community Center and was directed by Mike Williams. Matthew Elliott won the high school section and Singer Hamrick, a second grader, received the elementary school trophy. A total of fourteen players participated.

Mickey Bush gave a simultaneous exhibition at Spartanburg's Westpate Mall on February 2. He ran into some stiff competition, though, and struppled five hours to post a record of 11 wins. ? losses, and a draw. Each player defeating Bush won \$25 in coupons donated by the merchants. Two new members for the Spartanburg CC and the USCF resulted from the promotion.

Ravid Williams won a preliminary Golden Knights section of correspondence chess with a score of 5 1/2 – 1/2.

GAMECOCK GAMBIT III. MARCH 5. 1932

1	Klaus A.Pohl	2331	14.7	uo	us	W2	4A
							3-1
2.		2089		W10			
	Jack J. Berry			W12			4-0
4.	McCalment. John	1996	W16	W20	L1	L3	2-2
5.	David Erb	1963	Bve	19	W18	W12	2.5-1.5
6.	David K. Williams	1933	¥17	W21	L2	LS	2-2
7.	Jimmv Hill	1911	₩18	W23	L3	W10	3-3
8.	James F. Tobin	1855	W1 ?	L1	₩14	W11	3-3
9.	James C. Hvatt	1690	£20	W5	₩16	W 6	3-1
10.	Douglas L. McCov	1637	W22	L2	W15	L7	2-2
11.	William B. Floyd	1623	L23	₩17	W21	L8	2-2
12.	Lerov E. Roberts	1578		L3	D20	L5	1.5-2.5
13.	Alfredo Juarez	1525	L1	D18	W23	L20	1.5-2.5
14.	Phillip W. Lowder	1517	L2	W19	L8	M. JA	1-2
	Wavne A. Busser	1424	L3	W22	L10	L21	1-3
16.	Philip L. Lawrence	1422	Ł4	₩24	L9	L23	1-3
17.	Luis Á. Matos	1384	L6	L11	L24	Bve	1-3
18.	Andrew A. Jackson	1369	۲7	D13	L5	₩22	1.5-2.5
19.	McGinnis. Manfred	1322	L8	L14	W22	₩24	2-2
20.	Faul D. Wester	1269	₩9	L4	D12	W13	2.5-1.5
21.	Henry Jinks. Jr.	1183	Bve	L6	L11	W15	2-2
	Dale W. Osterlie	Unr.	£10	L15	L19	٤18	0-4
	Shareef Ibrahim					W16	
						L17	
2٩.	John Willie Young	ulli .		C10	₩1.		

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GAMES

Edited by C. E. Braun

Let's start with a wild one from the S. C. Open, where a spectacular ending decided the game between Wade Handy and Marion Mehaffev!

1 e3 d5 2 b3 Nc6 3 Bb2 e5 4 Nf3 Bg4 5 Be2 e4 (a) 6 Nd4 Bxe2 7 Nxe2 Qd7 8 Ng3 0-0-0 9 Nc3 Bd6!? 10 Nxd5 Bxg3 11 hg f6 (b) 12 Nf4(c) Nge7 13 Bc3 (d) Qd6 14 Qg4+ Kb8 15 Qxg7 Ne5 16 0-0-0 (e) R/d8-g8 17 Qh6 Ng4 18 Qh5 Rg5 20 Bxf6 Ra5?! (better Qf5) 21 Bxh8 Qa3+?! 22 Bb2 Qxa2 23 Qxe7 a6 24 Qd8+ (f) Ka7 25 Bd4+ c5 26 Nd5? cd 27 Qb6+ Kb8 28 Qxd4 (g) (diagram position) - continued after notes --

- Better to solidify the center with 5--f6. а.
- Black would come out about even with 11--4xd5 12 Bxg7 Ne7 13 Bxh8 Rxh8. ъ.
- с.
- d.
- Better is 15 Nc3 (or even c4). Slow. Better 13 d4. Night as well go whole hog with Rxh7. e.
- white needs to look after the K. Somewhere in here he f. should play d4.
- White can still take the draw, but he doesn't see the g. clouds on the horizon. Now, according to Mehaffey, "At this point I am down a R and two P's, so I must find the mating move or resign. After eight minutes I found an eight move mate". It went like this:

28--Rc5 29 Nc3 Qa1+ 30 Nb1 Nd3+ 31 4xd3 ed 32 c3 (or c4) Wa233 Na3 4xa3+ 34 Kb1 4xb3 35 K moves a mate.

From the 9th Snowstorm Special here's a miniature between Rick Lipe and Walt Weatherson:

1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-K3 N-KB3 3 B-Q3 F-B3 4 N-Q2 B-N5 5 P-KB3 (a) B-R4 5 P-XN4 (b)B-N3 7 P-N5 N/3-Q2 8 P-K4 P-K4! (Black has equality) 9 QPxP (c) QxP 10 PxP? (Q-K2!) Q-R5+ (d) 11 K-K2 (e) KB-B4 12 Q-B1 BxB+ 13 PxB NxP 14 N-K4 B-N3 15 B-N5 Q-R4 16 N-Q6+? (1) K-Q2 17 N-K4 PxP 18 N-B6+ PxN and Black quickly won.

- Playable, but 5 N-B3 is more usual. a.
- White overextends himself and leaves his kingside ь. vulnerable.
- 9. N-N3 holds things together. с.
- 10--Q-N7 would be tough to answer. đ.
- 11 K-B1 was worth looking at. And at White's 12th ė. 4-Q1 would have gained a tempo and relieved the pressure.
- A blunder. Better 16 N-R3! threatening 17 N-B4. Now f. it is hopeless.

Here's a quickie from the 9th Snowstorm Special. David Causev vs. Lindsav Blanks in a Sicilian Defense.

1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. N-KB3 P-Q3 3. P-Q4 PXP 4. NXP N-KB3 5. N-QB3 P-K3 6. P-KN4 (a) P-QR3 7 P-N5 KN-Q2 6. P-KB4 (b) NK-QB3 9. B-K3 B-K2 10. Q-B3 (c) 0-82 11. KR-N1 N-84 12. 0-0-0 8-02 13. P-85 N-K4 14. 0-R3 0-0-0 15. R-M2 P-0N4 16, N-N3 MMN+ 17, RPMN K-N2 18, B-04 P-N5 (d) 19, N-R4 B-N 20. PXB PXP 21. PXP Q-B3 22. Q-QN3 N-B6 23. QXP+ K-R1 and Resions. (e) Keres' attack. a .. b. Bitino off too much. Better is 8. B-K3. Now Black can bet away with an immediate 8--P-ON4 9 P-OR3 B-N2 and later --N-N3 with a cood oame. c. White should play 10. 0-02 0-82 11. 0-82. Now Black can (and should have) play 10--NEN 11. BRN P-K4. 18. F-04 looks good. After 19. d. Black needs to clarify thinos KPxP. he could try 19--PhBP. Even 18--P-KR3 is a better plan. One possibility is 24. Bor Bort 25. QUB NAR 26. BOR RMB 27. For-P.

From the Palmetto Club Championship comes a game between David Erb and M. McGinniss in which McGinniss starts slowly, but comes on with a rush! It's a Kino's Indian Defense.

1. P-04 P-KN3 2. P-0B4 B-N2 3. N-0B3 N-KB3 4. P-K4 P-03 5 B-K2 P-0N3 (a) 6. B-K3 0N-02 7. N-KB3 (b) N-N5 B. B-N5 P-KR4¹⁷ 9. P-KR3 N-B3 10 0-0 (c) B-N2 11. P-K5 (d) N-K5 12. B-B47 (e) NNN 13. FCN PAF 14. PCF P-K3 15. 0-B1 0-K2 16. KR-01 0-0-0 17. B-N5 F-KB3 18. PXP BXF 19 BXB 00XB 20 P-0R4 P-P4 (f) 21. 0-K3 N-B4 22 N-N5 B-B3.23. B-B3 RXR+ 24 RXF BXE 25. PXB NXP 26. NXP R-K1 27. 0-K4 K-N1 28 0-B6 RXN 29 0XN 0X0BP 30 R-08+ K-N2 31 0-N5 (f) 0XKBF 32 0-07 R-K8+ Resigns. Notes by Lee Hyder:

a. Unusual! Now 6. P-KB4 would be interesting and critical.

b. 7. P-KR4 or 7. P-B3 would be worth trying also.

c. white could play 10. 0-02 B-N2 11 B-03 F-B4 12 F-g5 with advantage.
d. 11. B-03 would be much better.

e. 12. NKN is best: now Black ruins his opponent's pawns and gets the advantage.

f. White has no counterplay and Black can attack the weak pawns at leisure.

 ϱ_* Or 31. Q-Q7 QABP 32. Q-B8+ K-B3 33 Q-R8+ K-B4 and White's attack is over.

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This game from Charleston pits Pat Hart against R. John Vanderlieth in a Sicilian Defense. Hart is White.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2. N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 NXP P-K3 5. N-QB3 B-B4 (a) 6. N-N3 B-N5 7. B-Q2 KN-K2 8. P-QR3 BXN 9. BXB P-K47 (b) 10. Q-Q6 N-N3 11. N-Q2 Q-K2 12. N-B4 P-QN4 13. QXQ+ KXQ 14. N-K3 P-QR3 15 N-Q5+ K-B1 (c) 16. O-O-O B-N2 7 (d) 17. N-N6 R-Q1 18. RXF RXR 19 NXR+ K-K2 20. N-B5 B-B1 21 N-Q3 (7) R-Q1 22. N-N4 B-N2 23. NXN+ BXN 24 P-B3 P-B3 25. B-N4+ K-K3 26. P-KN3 N-K2 27. B-R3+ K-B2 28. R-Q1 RXR+ 29. KXR P-N3 30. K-K2 N-N1 31. K-K3 N-R3 32. P-KB47 (e) PXF 33. FXF P-B4 34. PXP FXP 35.K-Q4 K-K3 36. P-B4 (f) FXF 37. B-B1 B-N4 38 B-K17 N-N5 39. BXP+ (o) BXB 40 KXB NXP 41 K-B5 N-B6 42. B-B2 N-Q7 43. K-N6 N-B5+ 44. KXP NXNP 45. K-N5 K-Q4! 46. B-R4 P-R3 47. B-B6 N-Q6 48. P-R4 NXP 49. P-R5 N-K3 50. K-N6 N-B4 51. B-K7 N-Q2+ 52. K-B7 P-B5?? (h) 53. P-R6 P-B6 54. P-R7 K-K3 55. B-R4 N-K4 56. F-R8(Q) K-B4 57. Q-Q5 Resigns.

Notes:

a. The Sicilian Defence has a lot of variations, but this isn't one of them. Black should play 5--P-QR3 first, so that he can then retreat the B to R2.

b. Weakens the QP. P-B3 is necessary.

c. Better 15.--K-Q1.

d. Loses the weak pawn with no compensation.

e. Misses the free pawn with 32. B-088.

f. 36. B-K1 is better. Now Black can play 36--N-N5 which either regains the pawn or results in a probable draw with bishops of opposite color.

o. Better 39. B-N3.

h. Terrible. Now on 52--N-K4 53. P-R6 N-B3 and it's White who has to struggle.

Up in Charlotte. Marion Mehaffev won quickly against Charles Dulin. 1. e4 d5 2. d4 (a) dxe 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 exf 5. Nxf3 Bg4 6. Be2 e6 7. 0-0 c6? (b)8. h3 Bxf3 9. Rxf3 Bd6 10. Bg5 Nbd7 11. Qf1 Qc7 12. Rd1 Nh5 13. Ne4 Exh2+ (c) 14. Kh1 f5 (d) 15. Rxf5! exf 16. Exh5+ g6 17. Qxf5 Nf8 (e) 18. Nf6+ Kf7 19. Ng4+ Ke8 20. Re1+ Be5 21. Rxe5+ Resigns. a. Turns it into a Blackmar Gambit. b. Black needs to get moving. 7.-c5! is best: just about any developing move would be c. K. c. White is building a fire while Black is fiddling. d. Black is counting on this move to solve his problems. but White is

readv.

e. 17.--oxh 18. Qe6+ Kf8 19. Bh6 mate.

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Here's a hard-fought game between Klaus Pohl and Pat Hart, where Hart pets on top for most of the game, but can't star there. Time rears its head again and the master prevails. Notes by Lee Hyder.

1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. N-QB3 N-QB3 3. F-KN3 P-KN3 4. R-N2 B-N2 5 P-Q3 P-Q2 6. P-B4 P-N1 7. N-B3 N-B3 8. O-O O-O 9. B-Q2 P-QN4 10. P-QR3 P-QR4 11. R-N1(a) P-N5 12 PXP RPXP 13. N-K2 Q-B2 (b) 14. P-N3 B-Q2 15. P-R3 N-D51(=)16. N/2XN7 (c) PXN 17 P-N4 KR-B1 18 R-B1 R-N4 19 NXP7 (d) Q-B4 20. B-K3 NXNF1 21. PXN BXN 22. BXB QXB+ 23. P-B2 R-QB4 24 P-B5 B-N4 25. B-B1 P-Q426. PXOP RXOP 27. B-N2 R/4-QB4 28. B-K4 Q-K6 29. Q-Q2 QXO 30. RXO R-B631 R-R1 B-Q2 32. $P-Q4^{-}$ R-K6 33. B-N7 R/1-B2 (e) 34. K-B2 R-R6 35. B-N2 R/6-B6 36. B-K4 B-B3 37. P-Q5 R-Q2 38. R/1-Q1 B-N2 39. R-Q4 P-K3 40. P-B61 RXOP7 (f) 41. BXR RXP4 42. K-K3 BXB 43. R-QB41 R-B64 44. RXR PXR45. R-Q3 P-B7 46. R-B3 P-B6 (g)+ 47. RXQ P-R4 48. P-N5 50 Hoo.

a. The position is a fairly standard closed Sicilian. The approach adopted by White is very slow and gives Black a chance to take the initiative. b. Hart supposted P-N6 here, but simply 14. P-B3 in reply looks good. 13--C-N3 looks better than the Move played.

c. This gives Black a fine target. After such a continuation as 16. F-N4 B-B3 17. F-B5 N-Q2 the game would be complex and nearly equal. d. Better 17. Q-K1 Q-N3 20. Q-R4.

e. Hart suppests 33--R/1-B6 as better.

f. Time trouble spoils a complex and interesting game.

Jimmy Hill, plaving Black, best Wade Fischer rather quickly in the S. C. Open: 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2. P-Q4 PAP 3. P-QB3 P-Q4 4. P-K5 (a) P-K3 5. QAP N-QB3 6. Q-Q1 (b) Q-N3 7. N-B3 B-B4 8. E-Q3 BAP+ 9. K-K2 B-B4 10. R-B1 P-KR3 11. K-K1 B-Q2 12. N-R47 NAP 13. Resigns (c) a. Retter is 4 KPAP QAP. b. 5. P4P N-QB3 6. N-KB3 B-KN5 (Better 6--P-K3=) 7. N-B3! Q-R4 (or BAN 8. PAB QAP 9. QAQ NAQ 10 N-N5 N-K3 11. B-K3 P-QR3 12. Q-Q-0 with White advantage) 8. B-QN5 P-K3 9. D-O N-KB3 10. Q-Q3 with advantage.

c. If 13, Q-R5 N(B).

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A HISTORIC GAME

R. John McCrarv of Columbia has found what appears to be the first published chess game from the Georgia-Carolina area. and apparently the earliest reference to South Carolina chess in the chess literature. This game was published in the American Chess Magazine. which was in fact the first chess Magazine in America. It lasted only two years. 1846-1847. The Editor was Charles Stanley. a transplanted Englishman who was at the time the acknowledged United States champion.

Unfortunately, because of the peculiar custom of anonymity of the day, the names of the players are forever lost. McCrary notes that chess in this region has come a long way since this game. and that when it was played Faul Morphy was a boy of nine!

Thanks to McCrarv for sharing this with us. We print the game in its entirety below. complete with archaic notation and Stanley's comments.

Game XLV. LateIv played in Augusta. Ga.. between Messrs. M. and J.. two skillful amateurs.

White. Mr. M. Black. Mr. J. 1. K.P. two. 1. Q.P. two. 2. K. P. one (a) 2. Q.B.P. two. 3. K.B.F. two. 3. K. Kt. to R. third. 4. K.Kt. to B. third. 4. K.P. one. 5. K.B. to K. second. 5. K.B. to K. second. 6. Castles. 6 Castles. 7. K.Kt. to K.B. fourth. 7. 0.P. one. 8. Q.B.P. one. 8. 0.Kt.P two. 9. Q.P. one. 9. Q.B.P. one. 10. Q.Kt. to R. third 10. Q.R.P. one. (b) 11. Q.Kt. to B. second. 11. K.B.F. one. 12. Q.Kt. to K. third. 12. P. takes K.P. 13. Kt. takes Kt. 13. R. takes Kt. 14. Kt. takes P. 14. Q. to K. B. 15. B. to K.Kt. fourth. 15. R. to B. third. 16. B. to K. third. (c) 16. B. to Q. third. 17. Q. to K. second. 17. K. to R. (d) 18. K.R. to B. third. 18. Kt. to Q. second. 19. Q.R. to K.B. 19. Q. to K. ≣econd. 20. R. to R. third 20. Q.B. to Kt. second. 21. K.B.P. one. 21. P. takes K.B.F. 22. B. takes Kt. 22. R. takes P. 23. F. takes B. 23. R. takes R. 24. B. takes R. 24. K.R.P. one. 25. B. takes R.P. (e) 25. P. takes B. 26. R. takes P. (check) 26. K. to Kt. 27. 0. to Kt. fourth (check) 27. K. to B. 28. R. to R. eighth (check) 28. K. to B. second. 29. Q. checkmates (f) - 10 -

NOTES (Bv Stanlev)

a. We should prefer taking the Pawn. and in the event of a recapture with the adverse Queen. would attack her with Queen's Knight: there is. however. no positive objection to this mode of play.

b. It would probably be better play to take the Knight with Bishop. thus doubling White's Pawn on this Rook's file. and at the same time getting rid of a Piece which is likely to become somewhat troublesome.

c. Clearing the road for Queen's Rook. Having in the early part of the game acquired a slight superiority of position. Mr. M. shows much judoment in the manner in which he follows up his advantages.

d. A lost move, to say the very least: the King was certainly guite as well situated at his Knight's square.

e. Winning the game in a very handsome manner.

f. The above is the very first specimen of "Georgia" Chess play that has come under our notice: and we are pleased to learn from the correspondent to who we are indebted for it. that in South Carolina. as well as other states in the Union. the popularity and practice of the Royal Game is vastly on the increase.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The best news we have heard for some time came recently from Bill Flovd. The South Carolins High School League has decided that they will neither sponsor high school chess competition nor interfere with the SCCA if it wishes to sponsor competitions. This would appear to end a nearly impossible situation where there was no real support for scholastic chess in the state, but the schools could not cooperate with the SCCA without getting into difficulties. Bill is working now on a program for encouraging scholastic chess in the state. It's late for this school year, but we can look forward to activity in the fall!

This issue of SCCA NEWS will look different to you. It's being printed by computer equipment and a "dot-matrix" printer. This gives us great many opportunities for graphic enhancement that will be used in future issues: by setting the type in the "elite" mode we also get in about 20% more text to the page. We hope this will be sufficiently legible and would appreciate comments. One problem that surfaced was that the printer isn't printing the tails of v's and commas: we hope to have this fixed by next issue.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following letter and attachment were received from Natasha Peysikova. 135 Elmira Loop #9H. Brooklyn NY 11239.

"My name is Natasha Pevsikova. I'm the fiance of Victor Korchnoi's son. Igor.

"I'm enclosing Victor's letter for your magazine and i ask you to publish this letter for behalf of his family.

"If it is possible, please publish this letter in his own handwriting."

The handwritten letter was not suitable for reproduction: here is a transcript:

"Dear Chess Friends!

"Since 5 and a half years ago I have left the USSR. I am fighting for a reunion with my family. for liberation of my wife and son from the Soviet country. I have applied to various political figures of the world, to a number of organizations--"Amnestv International" and others. several times I have tried to draw an attention of FIDE to MV family's case. When before the match in Merano. 1981. with Karpov. Mr. F. Olafsson officially applied to Soviet authorities with a request to release my family. it seemed--Soviets faltered. Their officials assured Mr. Olafsson, that the family soon would be freed. first reports on my family situation appeared in the Soviet media. But the match has been over already. whereas my family is still in the USSR. .. Soviets now promise to let my family go, as soon as my son finishes to serve his sentence in a Siberian camp, accused for allegedly an evasion of a draft into the Soviet Army. His term--2 1/2 years--will come to an end on the 13th of Mav. The (illegible) possibility to compel Soviets to keep their promise -- is to remind on it to them by thousands. dozens thousands letters!

I appeal to U. S. chessplavers with a request to help me -- for sake of humanity and justice. for sake of maintainance of human rights in the world -- to reunite at last with my family. Your letters to senators. to F. Olafsson. or directly. Moscow. Kremlin -- to Brezhnev or Andropov, will be a considerable support to me in my struggle for life and liberty of my wife and son.

> V. Korchnoi Feb. 4. 1982.

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THE KORCHNOI LETTER

The letter on the facing page reminds us of a human tragedy that is Multiplied many times: thousands of Russians are being persecuted by their government because they spoke against it. Korchnoi certainly hasn't made his battle any easier by his continuous criticism of his former country and colleagues. But FIDE should not have accepted a situation where he played for the title with his family hostage. I don't know if it would do any good to write Moscow, but it might to write Olafsson. Many of us in this area met Bella Korchnoi. She is a pleasant lady, and ought to be let out of that large prison.

BOOKS

I've always liked tournament books, ever since I pot my first one (Zurich 1953. still worth having in the excellent Dover edition.) Unlike the anthologies and other books full of the spectacular. you can get a picture of real master play. Mistakes as well as glory. Alas. they don't sell. and publishers avoid them.

Fortunately there are people who are in the publishing trade for love rather than money. Bob Dudley, for one. Under the name of "Chess Enterprises. Inc." he has published a variety of little volumes that are fun to read and very easy on the pocketbook. Now he has published two tournament books that are worth having and can be had for a \$5 bill each.

"The Annotated Open" is not a student's book, but it is fun. Jim Marfia. the author, has written a very personal account of the 1981 U. S. Open in Palo Alto, along with a hundred or so of the most interesting games. Marfia has a breezy style that I have found enjoyable since I first saw his work in "Michigan Chess". This is a browser's book that many would enjoy.

On the other hand. "1981 U. S. Championship" by Larry Christensen is a student's book. This book contains all the games from that event. with annotations of many by Christensen. Christensen is highly respected as an annotator. and he has done more than a little work on this volume. It's a real bargain.

The books can be had from Chess Enterprises. 107 Crosstree Rd.. Coraopolis. PA 15108. Incidentally. Dudley also publishes the best club bulletin in the country (according to the Chess Journalists of America) for the Pittsburgh Chess Club.

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CROSSTABLES FOR THE S. C. OPEN

0	n Section						
1.	H Section Klaus Fohl. Greenville	W10	<u>u</u>	W5	DC	WC.	4.5-0.5
ź.	Miles F. Ardaman. Davidson NC	W11		W9	D1	₩4	4.5-0.5
3.	Leland Fuerstman. Charlotte	W12		¥13		L1	3-2
4.	Jeffrey Smeltzer. Greenville	D13		W12		12	3-2
5.	Allen M. Coolev. Winston-Salem		. –			111	2-3
5.	Paul E. Tinkler. Charleston	L15			D14		2.5-2.5
7.		W16			D15		2-3
8.	J. Fred Wilson. Clover	W1.7		W15		L14	2-3
e.				L2	L4	L13	2-3
	Harold M. Bush. Jr., Spart'bg			L17			1.5-3.5
	David K. Williams. Spartanburo			W18			3-2
	Lindsav E. Blanks. Charleston		¥17			W18	2-3
	Jimmy Hill, Columbia	<u>D</u> 4	W10		พร	WC	3.5-1.5
	Bale Mountford. N. Charleston	15	W18		Ũó	W8	3.5-1.5
	Jon F. Pietras, Charlotte	W6	15	LE	D.T	D16	2-3
	Claude W. Corbett III. Tavlors		W11	Ló		D15	2-3
	James E. Huohev. Bennettsville						1-2
	Ralph B. Cade. Columbia		L14				1-4
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Res	erve Section:						
1.	Bennis Fish. Greenville	W10	L8	W18	₩15	W2	4-1
2.	Dímitriis Rubenis. Charlotte	₩11	97	34	₩4	L1	4-1
3.	Richard Van Hall. Lancaster	¥12	L18	WII	Wió	813	3.5-1.5
4.	James C. Hvatt. Columbia	WiZ	WS	W15	17	DS.	3.5-1.5
5.	Marvin S. Weaver. III. Bea'y'l	₩14	115	₩10	Witt	idi eu	2-1
6.	Ralph Huohes. Greenville	L15	w12	£13	Witt	rdr ew	1-2
7.	Joseph 3. Corbett. Green	W16	12	117	L10	W13	2-3
ε.	William B. Flovd. Columbia	₩17	w1	L2	WIE	I :4	3.5-1.5
?.	Emmanuel V. Seko. Spartanburg	W19	٤4	L1ó	₩12	L15	2-3
	Bent: F. Hawthorne. Greenwood	L1	W14		W.T.	D16	2.5~2.5
11.	John R. Vonderlieth. Chariton	L2	115	£3	8ve	D19	1.5-3.5
12.	Amon Funderburk. Winston-S m	L3	Ĺó	Ŵi؟	5	Bve	2-3
13.	A. Martin de Nicolas. Lancier	L4	₩17	₩6	W1 .7	D3	3.5-1.5
14.	Anwar Ahmadiem. Charlotte	15	L10	Bve	W19	W17	3-2
	Opie D. Lindsav. Charlotte	₩6	W5	L4	L1	W7	3-2
16.	Phillip L. Lawrence. Mt. Fl't	L.T	W11	WS -	L3	F10	2.5-2.5
17.	Charles Ammons. Greenwood	63	848	¥7	613	114	2-3
18.	Ken Thomas, Lancaster	E ve		L1	LC	L."	2-3
19.	Kimberlev Lane. Fort Mill	L?	L13	L12	L14	D11	0.5-4.5
	leur Section:					_	
	Bovce D. Gibson. Gastonia	₩4	W2	W3		-	3-1
	Bebby L. Boan. Charleston	LS	L1	D4	8ve		1-3
	Rick Carpenter. Lancaster	8ve		L1	L4	12	9-4
	John Kimlev. Charlotte	٤1	Bve		¥3	L5	2-2
5.	John McCall. New York City	₩2	W 3	8ve	W1	W4	4-0

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USCS FEBRUARY OPEN/QUADS

Pla	ayer	Rating	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Total
1	K.Pohl	2338	W12	W16	W9	W3	4
2		1813	W14			W8	4
3 4	W.Williams	1987	W13	W10	W5	L1	3
4	J.Hill	1885	W20	W6	L2	W17	ź
Ś	A.Cantrell	1821	W21	W17	L3	W11	á
5 6	F.Olmsted	1 506	W7	L4	W16	W9	ź
7	H.Bush	1918	16	W14	W19		21
7 8	E.DeGuzman,	Sr2265	L11	W21	W13	L2	4333322222222222111
9	L.Blanks	1886	W19		L1	I6	2
16	J.Hyatt	1679	W24	L3	D17	D1 2	2
11	J.Corbett	1617	W8	Ľģ	W1 5	L5	ž
12	B. Hawthorne	1 584 1 526	L1	DÍ8		DÍO	2
13	0.Harris	1 526	ī3	W23	L8	W20	2
14	0.Harris Paul Orr	1258	L2	L7	W21	W22	2
15	H.White	Unr	Ĩ16	WZO		W24	2
16	H.White M.Williams	1777	W1 5		16	D7	14
17	D.Fish	1773	W18	Ĩ5	D10	ī4	14
18	D.Fish O.Osteen	177 3 1255	L17	Dí2	w24		11
10	W.Hearl	1496	L9	W24			1
20	C.Ammons	1465	т4	7.15	W23	L13	ī
21	R.Jernigan	1342	L5	ĨŜ	114		1
22	S.Sharifzad	eh linr	₩23	Ĩ2		L14	1 1 1
23	Perrin Orr	1037	L22	Ĩĩ 3		L21	ō
24	H.Bridgers	Unr	LIO			L1 5	ō
~ .	Average rat	ing 167		/			•
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A1	E.Seko	1 591	¥4	₩3	D2		2
2	E.DeGuzman,	Jr1 576	D3	WF	D1		2 1]
3	M.Elliott	1661	D2	Li	WA		
4	J.DeGuzman	1585	L1	LF	L3		0
B1			W3	L2	WF		2
2	P.Olschewsk	e 1410	W4	W1	L3		2
3 4	D.Jackson	1355 1337	<u>L1</u>	¥4	W2		2
	B.Gibson	1337	L2	L3	LF		0
C1	M.Hopper	1317	W4	W2	W3		3
2	P. Marsosudi	ro1249	D3	L1	W4		1호
3	R.Rutledge	1190	D2	W4	L1		13
4	R.Rutledge C.Mulligan	1124	$\mathbf{L1}$	L3	12		0
D1	C.Gardner	Unr	W3	W2	W4		3
2	D.Horton	1116	W4	L1	W3		2
34	W.Brand	Unr	L1	W4	L2		02220311103210
4	C.Burnette	Unr	L2	L3	L1		0
	Average rat	ting 138	0.6				

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END OF THE YEAR OPEN. LANCASTER Section I					
1. Klaus Pohl. Greenville	2338	85	W8	₩6	3-0
2. Leland Fuerstman. Charlotte	2133	D6	D7		1-1
3. Jack J. Berry, Columbia	2084	D7	L6	WB	1.5-1.5
4. Rex Demers. N. C.	1997	Ľ8	WS .	W7	2-1
5. David Erb. Columbia	1976	L1	L4	Bve	1-2
6. J. Fred Wilson. Clover	1976	B 2	₩3	L1	1.5-1.5
7. Rodger Wilson. Jackson. MS	1924	D3	D2	L4	1-2
8. Jon F. Pietras. Charlotte	1873	₩4	L1	L3	1-2
Section II					
9. Robert M. Grunwald. Charlotte	1819	W13	₩16	D10	2.5-0.5
10. Jeff Ravfield. Charlotte	1813	W14	411	D6	2.5-0.5
11. Kim Lopdrup. Cincinnati. OH	1775	W15	L10	L13	1-2
12 James E. Hughev. Bennettsv'l	1761		L13		1.5-1.5
13. Marvin F. Wilson. NC	1749		W12		2-1
14. David Griffin. Charlotte	1738		W15		1-2
15. Rolf M. Storz. Monroe. NC	1682		L14		0.5-2.5
16. James C. Hvatt. Columbia	1679	D12	٢?	D15	1-2
Section III					
17. Fred G. Miller. Jr. Lancaster			₩24		2.5-0.5
18. Hartin M. Mehaffev. Lancaster			W19		2.5-0.5
19. Robert Muhl. Stanlev, NC	1579		L18		1.5-1.5
20. Reese W. Teague. Jr., C'lotte			L21		0-2
21. Anwar Ahmadieh. Charlotte	1537		w20		1-1
22. Duane Janowshi. Monroe. NC	1532		L23		0.5-2.5
23. Irv Engel. Monroe. NC	Unr .		W22		1-2
24. Phillip Lowder. Sumter Section IV	1485	W20	L17	₩23	2-1
25. Sidi Bundy. Monroe. NE	1471	¥74	1.27	L28	1-2
26. Wavne Busser. Sumter	1455		L32		0.5-2.5
27. Randy J. Lowder. Florence	1454		₩25		3-0
28. David Renau. Lancaster	1431		W30		2-1
29. Geoffrey Alexander. Clemson	Unf.			L30	0-3
30. Josef Tesque. Charlotte	Unr.		128		1.5-1.5
31. Charles Ammons. Greenwood	1399	L27	W29	W26	2-1
32. Harvey Truesdale. Lancaster	Unr.		₩26		2-1
Section V:					
33. Richard Stucker. Camden	1381	W38	D36	W39	2.5-1.5
34. George Disher. Orangeburg	1361	₩40	W37	W35	3-0
35. Boug Mandra. Florence	1355	441	₩39	L34	2-1
36. Ken Thomas. Lancaster	1327	642	D33	628	2.5-0.5
37. David Johnson. Lancaster	1269	₩43	L34	Bve	2-1
38. Ernest Lowry. Bennettsville	1247	L33	Bve	L36	1-2
39. Jesse R. Johnson. Lancaster	1205	8ve	L35	L33	1-2
40. H. Tim Bedenbaugh. Lancaster	Uwr.		143		0-3
41. Rick Carpenter. Lancaster	Unr.		₩42		2-1
42. Elizabeth F. Bevore. Charl'te			₩40		1 - 2
43. Simon M. Frohman. Charlotte	Unr.	L37	₩40	L41	1-2

CROSS-TABLES: TENTH AMNUAL SNOWSTORM SPECIAL

Player-Rating	Results	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1. Patrick Hart 2. Dale Mountford 3. Klaus Pohl 4. Paul Tinkler 5. Lindsay Blanks 6. James Hyatt 7. Scott Whitney 8. David Causey 9. Ralph Bryant 10. Dennis Fish 11. Dennis Salwierz 12. James Hanlon 13. John Vonderlieth 14. John Crawford 15. William Floyd 16. Edward Price 17. Lee Westbrock 18. Bobby Boan	1886 1679 2050 1758 1638 1773 1277 1577	W16 W9 L13 L115 W18 L3 W16 L1 W5 L10 D7	D7 D14 D5 L3 L15 L1 L2 L16 L4 D6 U9 W12 W18	W4 W1 L2 D5 J3 W1 5 W1 5 W1 5 W1 5 W1 5 W1 5 W1 5 W1	W3 L2 D8 W17 D10 D4 D7 L1 W18 L12 L6	W10 W8 W13 D3 L5 D11 L4 D9 S L6 W18 L12 D17 D16	

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SATURDAY SWISS #1/OPEN

COLUMBIA

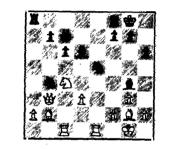
			PRE	POST				
	PLAYER	S T	RING	R14G	1	5	3	TOT
1	BERRY, JACK J	SC	2066	2083	W16	W11	h=3	3.0
5	WILLIAMS, DAVID KN	8C	1951	1963	#17	n-7	n+5	3.0
3	HILL, JIMMY	SC	1988 .	1983	W10	M15	L=1	5.0
4	ELIAS, JOSE HECTOR	SÇ.	1877	1864	N-8	L=5	¥=6	5.0
5	THURPE, THOMAS E	SC	1725	1743	W18	ii = 4	F-5	5.0
6	MC COY, DOUGLAS L	FL	1637	1640		-		2,0
7	BLAND, JR WILLIAM	SC	1601	1651				2.0
8	FERGUSON, DARRYL L	SC	1492	1524	L=4	w14	W11	5.0
9	ESCALANTE, JORGE A	sc	1353/5	1437			-	2.0
10	CARLTON, ROBERT E	3C	1290/4	1467	L=3	¥15	x15	5.0
11	HYATT, JAMES C	sç	1712	1687				1.0
12	FLOYD, WILLIAM B	SC	1655	1637	W14	L=3	L10	1.0
13	TYLER, RUBEN	SÇ	1185/5	1519				1.0
14	JINKS, JR HENRY	\$C	1183/5	1254	F15	L=8	W17	1.0
15	WILSON, NATHANIEL	SC	0.	1550				1.0
16	ROBERTS, LEROY E	SC	1578/5	1501	L=1	L=6	L=9	•0
17	JACKSON, ANDREW A	\$C	1369	1335	~ ~			.0
18	WESTER, PAUL D	SC	1259	1253	L*5	L= 9	F==	•0

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JULY 31. GAMECOCK GAMBIT VII. COLUMBIA. Arrangements as for Gamecock Gambits V and VI. Advance entries by 7/29.

Notes on above abbreviations: SS= Swiss Svstem. TL=Time Limit. EF = Entry Fee. NS= No Smoking. St. = SCCA membership required. USC Russell House is on Greene St. in the heart of the USC campus.



WAS JACK BUSTED? BV Bill Floyd

The following pame shows how impatience in chess is NOT rewarded. In the game. White played 18. N/B and soon found himself in immense trouble. But after 18. B/N! can anyone find a way for Black to hold? Palmetto Club Championship. 1980: Bill Flowd vs. Jack Berry. 1. N-KE3 N-KE3 2. F-KN3 P-04 3. B-N2 P-E3 4. F-02 B-E4 (a) 5. 0N-02 P-K3 4. 0-0 0N-02 7. F-K3 B-03 (b) 8. P-0N4 0-8 9. R-K1 (c) P-0R4 10. 0-N3 (d) PAF 11. P/F B-N5 12. P-K4! 0-52 13. F-N2 P-K4 14. 0R-B1 F-KR3 15. P/F N/F 16. N-54 N/Np 17 KN:P N:N (e)

a. Aha. sions of life.

b. Alas. the life signs weaken.

c. Still strugoling for P-K4.

d. This looks weak, but actually both fits White's queenside objectives. and keeps Black from dominating the queenside.

e. And thus we arrive at the diagrammed position where White, overly excited, played quickly and lost. Only one minute devoted to basic analysis would have led to what I had really been building up to since move 0 12: $B\times N^3$. Can anyone find a saving line for Black? (Not likely:the threat to the QN seems decisive, and if $18--B\times B$ 19 N×B wins. Ed.)

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COMING EVENTS

MAY 1. SATURDAY SWISS. COLUMBIA

#2. 3-5S. 40/70. USC Russell House Rm. 327. Columbia. EF: \$5 if received by 4/29: \$7 at site. \$\$ 80% return of entries. Reg: 8:30-9:30 am: Rds. 10-1:30-5. Entries: Bon Lemaster. 1471 Pine St.. West Columbia.S.C. 29169. NS. St.

MAY 22: CHESS IN MAY. USC-Spartanburg, SPARTANBURG. 3-SS. 40/90. in 4 sections by rating. EF: \$5. \$4Jr. \$\$Chess cassette to each section or optional prize. Reg: 9-9:45 Rds:10-2-6 Entries to David K. Williams. 109 Applewood Lane. Spartanburg. SC 29301. NS-St.

MAY 21-23: SOUTH CAROLINA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP. COLUMBIA. 4-SS. 40/100 Restricted to plavers at least 55 years old. At Humphries Hall. Columbia College. 4800 Colonial Dr. EF \$4 if received by May 17. \$6 at site. Trophies to winner and top under 1500: winner is 1982 SC Senior Champion.Reg: at site 2 to 3 pm 5/21 or in advance to Bill Flovd. 4315 Devereaux Rd.. Columbia SC 29205. Rds: 3:15. 10-3: 1. NS. St. NOTE: This tournament is being held with the Senior Sports Festival sponsored by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. The Festival includes over 20 events ranging from Bridge to horseshoes to golf. The festival also includes many social events and special housing arrangements. and is for both Men and women over 55. Further information is available from Jim Testor. Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control. 2600 Bull St. Columbia SC 29201 (Ph 758-7956) NOTE ALSO: Proceeds from the chess event will be used to promote Jr.

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JUNE 5-6: MIDLANDS OPEN. COLUMBIA. 5-55. 40/90 USC Russell House Rm. 327. Two sections: OPEN: EF \$12 if received by June 1: \$15 at site. AMATEUR (Under 1600) EF \$5 by June 1. \$8 at site. BOTH SECTIONS: \$8 80% return of entries. req: 8:30-9:30: Rds. 10-2-6: 10-2:30. Entries: Don Lemaster. address above. NS. St.

JUNE 19: GAMECOCK GAMBIT V. COLUMBIA. 4-98. TL 40/70. University of South Carolina. RM. 327 Russell House. EF: \$8if received by 6/17: \$10 at site. Prizes: 80% return of entries. Registre 8:30-9:30 AM . Rds. 9:30-12-2:30-6. Entries to Don Lemaster. address above. NS. St.

JULY 3. GAMECOCK GAMBIT VI. COLUMBIA. Arrangements as Gamecock Gambit V. above. Advance entries by 7/1. NS. St.

JULY 24. SATURDAY SWISS #3. COLUMBIA. 3-55. TL 40/70. at Russell House. address above. EF \$5 if received by 7/22: \$7 at site. Prizes. registration as Gamecock Gambit V. Rds. 10-1:30-5. NS. St.

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