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**VS**

**Mecking**

**AUGUSTA, GA.**

**A RETROSPECTIVE**

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## THE KORCHNOI-MECKING MATCH OF 1974

by Lee Hyder

It is hard to believe that ten years ago Augusta, Georgia, was a world chess center. In 1974 Bobby Fischer was World Chess Champion, and one of the Russians was working to get the title back. Eventually, of course, they did it without moving a pawn, but in January of 1974 no one anticipated that!

Five Russian players qualified for the quarterfinals of the Candidates' play-off. One of these, Viktor Korchnoi, had already established himself as one of the world's best players, but was not, perhaps, considered as good as Spassky or some of the others. The luck of the draw put him up against the young Brazilian star Henrique Mecking. Sensing that the match might prove dramatic, USCF Executive Director Ed Edmondson put in a bid for the USCF to hold this match in the U.S., and had it accepted by the World Chess Federation, FIDE.

Where to hold the match? The Russians did not want to play in the warm climate of California; Mecking did not want to play in the northern U.S. in the winter. At that time Ed remembered that Augusta had recently entertained Tigran Petrosian, the former World Champion from Russian Armenia, and Petrosian had come away well impressed. So he called Bill Dodgen, and invited him to bid on the match. Then Bill called me, and a number of other people, and before we knew it we were in the match business!

There was then a very active club in North Augusta under Dodgen's leadership, and a less active club in Aiken. We had a good cadre of volunteers to call on, and they responded enthusiastically. A good thing, too! Before it was over we needed them all.

Bill and I set about raising money and finding a site. Edmondson came down and helped select a site from several possibilities we had located; the Towers Motel on Broad Street made a good offer, and we accepted it. Our part of the budget was small, compared to what the USCF was contributing, but we took it seriously. We had tickets printed. I sold ads and put together a tournament program, and with Bill we solicited contributions from anyone who would give. Most people, of course, had never heard of a "Candidates' Match," but they found the idea of the Russian grandmaster playing in Augusta fascinating.

There were dozens of other details to attend to. Bill Dodgen was in his element. He got on the phone and followed up on all kinds of arrangements, donations, and publicity. I hate to think of his phone bill--but he got the job done.

Suddenly it was time for the match, and the principals started arriving. Now the fun really began!

Korchnoi came with his wife, and a "second" in the person of International Master V. Osnos (who turned out to be a quiet, amiable young man, very well liked by all despite his very limited English), and a KGB watchdog right out of central casting. The last-named fellow, a plump, rather venial sort, knew very little about chess, and spent much of the visit rather

bored. Served him right. Bill Dodgen found him fudging his expense account and used that as leverage to relax his grip on the Korchnoi a little.

When the Russians arrived, I went to greet them at the motel and they broke out the vodka. Lesson: never plan to do anything much after greeting a Russian delegation. Those little bottles are powerful, and they believe in emptying them.

Mecking breezed in with a young Brazilian master as one second and the redoubtable Ulf Andersson of Sweden as the other. He and Andersson were both about the same age, but very different in personality, and as the match went on it seems they just didn't communicate very much. They should have!

The arbiters arrived: the head arbiter, B. Kazic ("Bozo"), came from Yugoslavia, and he was very, very good; he kept everything in hand throughout the match. Martin Morrison, the young Californian who was then on the USCF staff, was his assistant. It is hard to imagine a more conscientious or efficient pair. They seemed to have the players' respect, and there wasn't any difficulty at the playing table. (But both players were *prima donnas* away from it.)

For the banquet and drawing of colors, we had other distinguished guests from the chess world, including Florencio Campomanes, who is now President of FIDE. He is a striking man; educated in the U.S., he speaks flawless English and is outspoken on all kinds of chess and other matters. He is a friend of Phillippine President Marcos, and sees that chess enjoys support at a high level of his government. One of the most fascinating evenings I can remember was a dinner at my house during the match with Campomanes, Morrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Kazic. The whole chess world, and lots else, were covered with depth and erudition during the evening's conversations.

Then it was time to play. We had a crowd that first night. Charles Walter came over from Columbia and manned a demonstration board in the lobby, offering comments and analysis (with the aid of Andersson and others!). The players arrived, Korchnoi in suit and tie, and Mecking in his white sweater with "Brazilian Coffee" on the front in Portuguese. He wore that all through the match, and it made Korchnoi, who has a strong sense of the proprieties of the game, furious. The crowd set well back from the playing table. We had a TV camera focused on the board, and a monitor back in the audience so they could see the play better. There was also a demonstration board in the playing room. We had had a photo session for the papers the day before the match started, and photography during the first minutes of the match. The Sports Illustrated writer and photographer turned up only after the first game was in progress, and had to settle for telephoto shots through a window. That hurt our publicity a bit, but after all the careful negotiations with the players on this point, we weren't about to change anything.

The tension for that first game was electric. Early on Mecking offered a pawn; Korchnoi declined, lost his initiative, and got into trouble, but Mecking could not win it, and the game went drawn. It was a pattern that was to recur. The first four games were draws. The match was for three wins, with a maximum of sixteen games, and we were wondering if

it would end with one win and fifteen draws, or maybe even a coin flip, like Smyslov-Huebner this year.

About the second or third game we were gathered in front of the demo board when a tall, brash young man breezed in wearing an amazing plaid sport coat, and announced that he was Master Larry Gilden of Washington, and that he was willing to give the crowd expert comment for a reasonable price. At that time GM Andersson was enlightening us for free, so we didn't jump at the bait very quickly. After Larry got a good look at the activities, he decided to go on to Florida.

Mecking erred in the fifth game, and Korchnoi jumped on it for a win. The completion of the match changed. It was no longer enough for Mecking to draw, and this seemed to demoralize him. A couple of games later he made an even more horrible endgame blunder and lost again. (I watched that game, and remember thinking that only a grandmaster would dare to make such risky moves! It turns out he shouldn't have dared.)

All this got on Mecking's nerves. He had a reputation as a hypochondriac, and consulted doctors several times during the visit. It turns out, of course, that he really was sick, and was never to reach such a pinnacle of chess again. Not knowing that, we still appreciated that there was enough pressure to crush a man. There can be few activities as thoroughly nerve-racking as a chess match at the rate of three (or fewer) games a week.

Korchnoi, meanwhile, was warming to Augusta. Unlike Mecking, who was all business, he was willing to receive the hospitality that was offered him, especially by Augusta chess fan Dan Hagler. During some of his relaxed moments he let drop some comments that suggest that he was thinking of defecting even then. He knew that Karpov was being groomed as the new chess star, and remarked wryly that his next job might be as Karpov's second. He also noted that his own former second, Sosonko, had emigrated to Israel and settled in Holland--and it was in Holland, later, where Korchnoi sought asylum.

Now it was time for Mecking to hold on through some very difficult games--but he did hold on. By the time the match reached game 12 we had pretty much run out of spectators, and nearly out of volunteers to guard the door that led to the motel bar. Then, in game 12, Mecking played a flawless game and won, and interest returned to the match.

I went into game 13 hoping it would be decisive, and Mecking obliged by playing a game so sharp that it was obvious it would probably not be drawn. He got the advantage, had the opportunity to win a pawn, and declined it, trying to play for bigger gains. They were not there; Korchnoi turned the tables and won in a few moves. The few of us watching were entranced by the events on the board; when the game ended, we were still on the edges of our seats. Chess spectating can be exciting. The end of the match in such an abrupt manner after the long tension left everyone emotionally spent.

There were farewell ceremonies, leavetakings, and it was over. Since the match Korchnoi defected, and has flirted with the world championship title three times, but never quite made it. Mecking has left chess

because of his disease; I do not know if he is alive or dead. Ed Edmondson, sadly, is dead, and his assistant, Martin Morrison, is out of chess (but into other things, and living happily in California). Both Andersson and Osnos have been successful at a high level of international chess, though neither has yet become a Candidate in his own right. Bill Dodgen has traded in his chessboard for a Bible, and is a lay minister to South Carolina prisons when he is not pursuing his radio career. I know that without Bill we would never have had the Candidates' match in Augusta, and for this (and much else), I thank him.

A few months later Chuck Braun showed me the Shakhmatny Bulletin with the match games. At the head of the page, in Russian letters, was "Augusta". Our place in chess history—even in Russia.

### KORCHNOI-MECKING: A SPECTATOR'S VIEW

By John McCrary

(I will supplement Lee's excellent article with a few anecdotal recollections from my spectator's vantage point.)

Korchnoi and Mecking were well-behaved mostly, but there was some tension under the surface. The players' restrooms were located behind some swinging doors that made much noise as they closed. Korchnoi always closed the doors slowly, so as not to disturb Mecking; Mecking, however, simply flung open the doors and let them slam without regard to their noise. I saw Korchnoi bobbing his head irritably back and forth once to the tune of the noisy doors. Then he got even; the next time he went through the doors, he shut them slowly, hesitated a second, shot a glance back at Mecking, then let them slam! Mecking nearly jumped out of his seat, but Korchnoi's revenge was sweet.

Korchnoi and his entourage were flown to Atlanta to meet Governor Jimmy Carter (Mecking declined the invitation). No one dreamed that the governor would be President in three more years, but this ranks as one of the few times chess masters have been formally welcomed by United States Presidents (present, past, or future Presidents). Carter is one of the few Presidents known to have played chess, Jefferson and Lincoln being two others.

Once, when I was seated in the front row just prior to the resumption of an adjournment, I was analyzing the adjourned position on a pocket set. I felt that I was being stared at, so I looked up to see Mecking staring intently at my analysis. (Korchnoi was not yet at the boards.) Mecking blushed as I caught his eye, and looked away. If he'd realized the discrepancy between his skills and mine, he wouldn't have bothered! This type situation is why Fischer wanted pocket sets banned for the first few rows.

The opening banquet was quite nice, with many chess dignitaries on hand. I sat across the table from two Atlanta newspaper reporters assigned especially to the match; one did a special feature later in the Atlanta Sunday magazine. An Augusta politician mistakenly referred to the event as a "golf match," and didn't catch his error despite an astonished look from Ed Edmondson.

Ulf Andersson was often found flirting with available females, and ignoring the game in progress. I guess that's as good a way as any for a player's second to pass the time!

In all, the quarter-final match was a lifelong memorable event. The organizers, Lee Hyder and Bill Dodgen of the SOCA, have their places assured in chess history.

S. C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP  
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Date: October 7-9, 1983

PLAYER	ST	PRE RING	POST RING	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
1. Pohl, Klaus A.	SC	2356	2348	W-9	W-8	W12	L-5	W-7	4.0
2. Erb, David	SC	2123	2136	L13	W23	W18	W12	W-5	4.0
3. Zeimetz, Joseph	SC	2099	2121	H--	D18	W14	W11	W-9	4.0
4. Williams, Wayne GO	SC	2101	2104	W19	L11	W20	H--	W13	3.5
5. Hart, Patrick D.	SC	2087	2114	W21	D17	W11	W-1	L-2	3.5
6. Berry, Jack J.	SC	2137	2130	D18	D14	W13	D-7	D10	3.0
7. Hyder, M. Lee	SC	2073	2088	W22	D13	W17	D-6	L-1	3.0
8. Tinkler, Paul E.	SC	2023	2020	W23	L-1	W15	L-9	W16	3.0
9. Miller, David W.	SC	1933	1963	L-1	W22	W16	W-8	L-3	3.0
10. George, Herbert A.	NY	1877	1924	L17	D19	W22	W18	D-6	3.0
11. Williams, David KN	SC	2024	2023	W15	W-4	L-5	L-3	D18	2.5
12. Smeltzer, Jeffrey	SC	2004	2003	W20	W16	L-1	L-2	D14	2.5
13. Blanks, Lindsay E.	SC	1947	1959	W-2	D-7	L-6	X--	L-4	2.5
14. Causey, David Y.	SC	1836	1872	H--	D-6	L-3	W19	D12	2.5
15. Floyd, William B.	SC	1839	1826	L11	B--	L-8	D20	D21	2.0
16. Williams, Jim	SC	1665	1679	B--	L12	L-9	W21	L-8	2.0
17. Hill, Jimmy	SC	2017	2025	W10	D-5	L-7	U--	U--	1.5
18. Corbett, III, Claude	SC	1955	1953	D-6	D-3	L-2	L10	D11	1.5
19. Hyatt, James C.	SC	1954	1935	L-4	D10	H--	L14	D23	1.5
20. Mahaffey, Marion E.	SC	1788	1802	L12	W21	L-4	D15	U--	1.5
21. Bush, Jr., Harold M.	SC	1962	1892	L-5	L20	D23	L16	D15	1.0
22. Abrams, Harry Lee	SC	1925	1904	L-7	L-9	L10	W23	U--	1.0
23. Thurmond, Russell	SC	1880	1857	L-8	L-2	D21	L22	D19	1.0

Tied players are listed in order of pre-tournament ratings: W-Win, L-Loss, D-Draw, X-Forfeit Win, F-Forfeit Loss, Z-Forfeit Draw, H-1/2 Pt. Bye, B-Bye, U-Unplayed.

S. C. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP  
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Date: October 8-9, 1983

PLAYER	ST	PRE RING	POST RING	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
1. Turner, Jerry	SC	1731	1790	W15	W13	W-9	W-6	D-3	4.5
2. Hawthorne, Benjy F.	SC	1597	1620	L12	W15	D10	W13	W-9	3.5
3. Martin, Don	GA	1588/10	1686	W16	D-6	W-8	D-9	D-1	3.5
4. Stoudemayer, Tully	SC	1567	1608	L-9	W17	W16	W-7	D-6	3.5
5. Lowder, Randy J.	SC	1530	1591	L-6	W14	W13	D-8	W11	3.5
6. McCoy, Douglas L.	FL	1738	1765	W-5	D-3	W11	L-1	D-4	3.0
7. Landau, Michael	SC	1614	1625	W18	L-9	W12	L-4	W14	3.0
8. Strickland, Robert	SC	1685	1683	W10	D11	L-3	D-5	D12	2.5
9. Smith, Robert M.	SC	1644	1665	W-4	W-7	L-1	D-3	L-2	2.5
10. White, J. Henry	SC	1627	1625	L-8	W18	D-2	L11	W16	2.5
11. Dowers, William	SC	1624	1630	W14	D-8	L-6	W10	L-5	2.5
12. Lawrence, Philip L.	SC	1521	1538	W-2	D16	L-7	H--	D-8	2.5
13. Corbett, Joseph S.	SC	1557	1541	W17	L-1	L-5	L-2	B--	2.0
14. Jones, Warren E.	SC	1435	1444	L11	L-5	W17	W15	L-7	2.0
15. Sanders, George	SC	1435	1445	L-1	L-2	W18	L14	W17	2.0
16. Roy, Jim	SC	1649/12	1608	L-3	D12	L-4	W18	L10	1.5
17. Smoak, Dale A.	SC	1453/14	1385	L13	L-4	L14	B--	L15	1.0
18. Lowder, Phillip W.	SC	1607	1536	L-7	L10	L15	L16	U--	.0

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S. C. RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP

October 8-9, 1983

	RATING	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
1. Schwartz, Elliott	1462	W8	W4	W2	L7	W5	4.1
2. Tichenor, Clarence	1410	W9	L6	L1	W4	L3	2.3
3. Califf, John	1408	WF	L7	W12	L6	W2	3.2
4. Crawford, John N.	1373	W11	L1	L6	L2	L12	1.4
5. Williams, Aston B.	1303	D12	W8	L7	WF	L1	2½.2½
6. Browning, Hugh K.	1128	Bye	W2	W4	W3	L7	4.1
7. Berry, Earl P., Jr.	New	W13	W3	W5	W1	W6	5.0
8. Blair, William S.	Unr	L1	L5	L11	Bye	L9	1.4
9. Chappell, Howard L.	Unr	L2	L12	L13	WF	W8	2.3
10. Freedman, David A.	Unr	LF	---	---	---	---	---
11. Plotczyk, Wm. V.	Unr	L4	L13	W8	LF	---	1.3
12. Reach, Ralph Thomas	Unr	D5	W9	L3	HBye	W4	3.2
13. Thomson, Scott D.	Unr	L7	W11	W9	LF	---	2.2



## S. C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP/OPEN

Date Started: 10/08/83

Date Ended: 10/08/83

PLAYER	ST	PRE RING	POST RING	1	2	3	4	TOT
1. Kirby, John	NC	1946	1957	W13	W12	W-5	W-2	4.0
2. Kirby, Kevin	NC	1743	1751	W-7	W-4	W-3	L-1	3.0
3. Eller, Jim F.	NC	1465	1490	W-9	W-6	L-2	W10	3.0
4. Branton, Jr., Gary L.	NC	1250	1296	W16	L-2	W-7	W11	3.0
5. Walker, Jeffery TO	NC	1366	1382	W14	W15	L-1	D-6	2.5
6. Allen, Jim E.	NC	1107	1173	W11	L-3	W-8	D-5	2.5
7. Campbell, John	SC	1400/3	1373	L-2	W16	L-4	W15	2.0
8. Miller, Tom L.	NC	1263/13	1258	L15	W14	L-6	W13	2.0
9. Church, Randy D.	NC	1208/12	1219	L-3	L11	W16	W12	2.0
10. Kantsiper, Brian L.	SC	0	1292	L12	W13	W15	L-3	2.0
11. Tichenor, J. Ted	SC	0	1380	L-6	W-9	W12	L-4	2.0
12. Dean, William Russ	NC	1320	1298	W10	L-1	L11	L-9	1.0
13. Adderholdt, Tim G.	NC	1245/6	1231	L-1	L10	W14	L-8	1.0
14. Bruce, Daniel J.	NC	1208/12	1159	L-5	L-8	L13	W16	1.0
15. Hyder, Robert L.	SC	1144	1140	W-8	L-5	L10	L-7	1.0
16. Filler, Lane	SC	0	918	L-4	L-7	L-9	L14	.0

## S. C. JUNIOR CHAMP/EXTRA GAMES

PLAYER	ST	PRE RING	POST RING	1	2	3	TOT
1. Branton, Jr., Gary L.	NC	1296	1323	W-7	W-7	W-5	3.0
2. Smoak, Dale A.	SC	1453/13	1453	W-8	U--	U--	1.0
3. Dean, William Russ	NC	1294	1309	W-4	U--	U--	1.0
4. Kantsiper, Brian L.	SC	1292/4	1267	L-3	W-6	U--	1.0
5. Campbell, John	SC	1373/7	1313	U--	U--	L-1	.0
6. Hyder, Robert L.	SC	1140	1130	U--	L-4	U--	.0
7. Filler, Lane	SC	918/4	911	L-1	L-1	U--	.0
8. Blair, William S.	SC	0	1053	L-2	U--	U--	.0

Tied players are listed in order of pre-tournament ratings: W-Win, L-Loss, D-Draw, X-Forfeit Win, F-Forfeit Loss, Z-Forfeit Draw, H-1/2 Pt. Bye, B-Bye, U-Unplayed.

## WALDEN KNIGHTS OPEN

November 11, 1983

PLAYER	ST	PRE RING	POST RING	1	2	3	TOT
1. Hill, Jimmy	SC	2025	2041	W-4	W-2	W-3	3.0
2. Abrams, Harry Lee	SC	1904	1896	W-6	L-1	W-5	2.0
3. Roberts, Leroy E.	SC	1553/12	1588	W-5	W-4	L-1	2.0
4. Hunt, Wade A.	SC	1442/2	1455	L-1	L-3	W-6	1.0
5. Walker, Delaine	SC	0	1423	L-3	W-6	L-2	1.0
6. Cash, Johnny Ray	SC	0	1160	L-2	L-5	L-4	.0

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## YOU ASK, YOU GOT - NOVEMBER 12, 1983

## TD - Patrick Hart

			1	2	3	4	Score
1.	David Causey	1836	X	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.0
2.	Robert Moorer	1723	—	X	0	0	0.0
3.	Paul Tinkler	2023	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	X	0	1.5
4.	Patrick Hart	2087	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	X	2.5

			1	2	3	4	Score
1.	Philip Lawrence	1521	X	0	1	1	2.0
2.	Al Veronee	1521	1	X	1	1	3.0
3.	Jim Roy	1649	0	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.5
4.	James Hanlon	1555	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0.5

		1	2	3	Score	
1.	Arthur Simeone	1519	W4	L2	W6	2.0
2.	Wesley Bryant	1519	W5	W1	W4	3.0
3.	Ian Wolfe	UNR	BYE	L4	W5	2.0
4.	Paul Snyderwine	1088	L1	W3	L2	1.0
5.	Clark Rivers	UNR	L2	W6	L3	1.0
6.	Ronald Anderson	UNR	-	L5	L1	0.0

SPARTANBURG CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP,  
RESERVE SECTION

1.	1556 Emmanuel Seko	---	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	5-0
2.	1433 James Smith	L1	---	(W3)	W4	W5	W6	4-1
3.	1720 Joel Deguzman	L1	(L2)	---	N4	L5	W6	2-3
4.	1239 Ronald Rutledge	L1	L2	L3	---	W5	W6	2-3
5.	1099 James Fleming	L1	L2	W3	L4	---	W6	2-3
6.	1099 James Carlisle	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	---	0-5

The upper section is not finished but here are the standings as of 1-7-84:

Ernesto Deguzman, Sr.	4-0
Jeffrey Smeltzer	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
David Williams	3-3 (Finished)
Spencer Mathews	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ (Finished)
Harold Bush	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ (Finished)
Mario Schenkel	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
Mark Cantrell	1-4

## THE 1983 S. C. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

South Carolina has three new state co-champions: Klaus Pohl, David Erb, and Joseph Zeimet. Pohl possesses the championship trophy by virtue of superior tie breaks, but all three share the title and the honor of being the state's current best.

The championship tourney was held in excellent playing conditions at the Seibels-Bruce Building at Lady and Bull Streets in Columbia. This site afforded comfort, quiet, privacy, easy parking, and plenty of space. Senior TD, Don Lemaster, made the very difficult job of directing seem easy; I wish other directors, including this editor, could figure out his secret! Marion Mahaffey brought his usual excellent selection of chess books for sale. Although I do not play in QTB tournaments (being strictly a postalite for years), I like to visit tourneys just to shop at Marion's business!

The state amateur championship was won by Jerry Turner, a business owner from Florence. The reserve section was taken by Earl Berry, Jr., with a solid 5 - 0 score.

The S. C. Junior Championship was an interesting story. It was held as a result of a conversation among this editor, Bill Corbett, Bill Floyd, and Don Lemaster during the State High School Invitational this past spring. The conversation centered on the lack of S. C. junior chess activity now as contrasted with past years. The decision was made to risk trying a state junior tourney this year, although similar tourneys in the past have not always worked.

The idea was successful, thanks to an infusion of North Carolina juniors, who took the top six places. North Carolina's emphasis on chess in the schools is getting much attention and if this tourney is a valid indicator, good results are being achieved.

In all, the tournament in 1983 was strong and successful, filled with good sportsmanship in a friendly atmosphere. On to next year!

## THE SCCA BUSINESS MEETING

The annual membership meeting of the S. C. Chess Association occurred on October 8, 1983, at the site of the state championship.

First order of business was election of officers. All incumbents were unanimously re-elected. President Floyd announced that the SCCA News Editor would continue his appointment.

Treasurer Mahaffey gave the financial report of the association. In essence, the SCCA is financially sound, but is not growing financially, i.e. it met its bills, but had no significant net treasury gain.

There was discussion of whether the Policy Board should have a week's flexibility in scheduling the S. C. State Championship, to avoid conflicts with major football games, etc. Arguments were presented on both sides, including the opinion that having a specific weekend allowed planning well in advance. The consensus was to adhere to the first full weekend (Friday-Sunday) in October.

Some discussion occurred on whether to make the S. C. Championship open to residents of other states, who would be ineligible for the title. Opposition was expressed to this idea, and no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned by President Floyd. The next general membership meeting will occur at the next state championship.

#### THE 1983 S. C. POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The first-ever S. C. state postal championship is nearly through, with only two games left. McCrary leads, but Bush could tie for the title if he accomplishes the difficult task of defeating both his remaining opponents. The close, competitive character of the tourney is evident from the crosstable. No player has gone undefeated, and most players have been in contention for first. Every active player has knocked someone else out of the title! David Williams is planning a tournament booklet: a fitting memorial of the first S. C. postal tourney held. Meanwhile, the second championship is accepting applications; see the ad elsewhere in this issue.

	MC	BF	WW	BC	BS	DW	MB	TM	CF	Total
John McCrary	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$
Bill Floyd	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	5 - 3
Wayne Williams	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	5 - 3
Bill Corbett	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	$4\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$
Bob Strickland	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$
David Williams	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X		1	1	4 - 3
Mickey Bush	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$		X		1	$3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$
Terry McNab	0	0	0	1	0	0		X	1	2 - 5
Cliff Hyatt *(Withdrawn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0 - 8

\*Hyatt lost to Wayne Williams before withdrawing.

### CHESS AND THE FEMALE SEX

Chessplayers differ in many ways, but they have at least one thing in common: they are overwhelmingly male. Why are women players so scarce? There have been many theories: e.g., that women are less aggressive, or that chess is more suited to the male "Oedipus Complex," etc. But these and other psychological theories fall short, in my opinion.

Instead, we must consider a sociological theory: few women play chess because the cultural stereotypes of chess contradict cultural stereotypes about women.

Our society is filled with gender stereotypes that seem to lack a logical basis: e.g. teachers and nurses are supposed to be women, while doctors and lawyers should be men, etc. While such traditional ideas are being questioned today by many, they still permeate our lives.

Many of these gender-roles are associated with ideas about women that have long been widely held: i.e. women have been thought to be less intelligent, less serious, and more sociable than men. (These ideas are held by many cultures.)

In contrast, the cultural stereotype of chess is that it is a serious, non-sociable game that requires much intelligence and "deep thought" to play at all. It is therefore not surprising that chess has been assumed to be a game more suited to men than to women.

In contrast, the game of bridge is popularly thought to be a sociable game that can be played at a casual level without requiring much intelligence. (These statements are true of chess, too, but the popular mind doesn't know that.) It is thus not surprising that women play bridge much more than they play chess. But even in bridge, one finds the influence of cultural gender-roles, for most strong players and bridge authors are male! I have a book on the history of bridge, published around 1960. The book makes a number of cracks about women bridge players, implying that they talk incessantly while concocting "fantastic misplays." The book's tone is humorous, but humor generally reflects people's real prejudices.

It's not surprising that chess is gender-stereotyped, for there are very few activities in all life that are not arbitrarily considered "male" or "female." Usually these sex-role classifications are quite illogical, based sometimes on historical accidents. Poker, for example, is considered "male," while other card games that are not dissimilar are considered "female." The difference may be purely historical: that poker, an older game, developed

under different cultural conditions, and thus got its "gender-stamp" differently in its early development.

Unfortunately, once an activity is marked as "male" or "female," it becomes very difficult to change the stereotype. There are two reasons for this: (a) Gender-roles are learned early in life, before children can critically evaluate what they learn; (b) Social pressure is automatically brought on anyone who violates cultural stereotypes.

Most chessplayers learn the game as older children or adolescents, when sex-role identifications are very strong. By the time an adult woman has come to question the ideas about "femininity" she grew up with, she will have passed the prime period for learning chess, and will be at a disadvantage to men who learned to play earlier.

Furthermore, women are unwilling to receive the social pressures involved with violating traditional roles, particularly if they are the only woman in a club. I once taught my sister-in-law the game of chess. She developed a quick aptitude for the game, even reporting that she found herself obsessed with thinking chess-moves at times. Then, she asked me for the location of a chess club in Atlanta. I started to give her an address, when my wife told her she'd probably be the only woman there; her facial expression changed, she never asked for a club address again, and soon dropped all interest in the game. Likewise, when our club has advertised, I've received calls from women. They all wanted to know if there were other women there, and they all refused to come when they learned that there were not.

Since basic cultural stereotypes of women and chess are the same in many nations, these tendencies are world-wide. (Governmental leaders are also predominantly male, world-wide, suggesting that ideas of male intellectual superiority are practically universal.) But what can be done to bring more women to chess?

I believe that chess will need some well-publicized trailblazers to break the ice. Perhaps it will take a strong woman player, competing successfully at a world-championship level, and getting much publicity. Or, maybe clubs should advertise women's championships for their city, making sure that places like college campuses receive the public notices. Or, maybe girls' championships in schools can be tried, perhaps in upper primary grades before adolescent social pressures become overwhelmingly strong.

As it is, many potential members of the chess world are being excluded because of questionable reasons. It would be desirable to improve that situation.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

1983 was a good year for SOCA members publishing in national chess magazines. First, this editor had four significant publications: two of my significant historical findings were published in British Chess Magazine, and I had a historical article and one of my postal games in Chess Life. Likewise, Jimmy Hill had a correction to Fine's Basic Chess Endings published in Chess Life, and Andy Jackson of Columbia published in all issues of Transcendental Chess, a magazine with a nationwide distribution. It wasn't that long ago that persons from the Southeast almost never appeared in chess magazines outside their region. Our culture as a whole is changing, and chess is reflecting those changes; the South is gradually rejoining the Union.

In case you haven't heard, Kasparov and Smyslov won their semifinals in London. Controversy is still raging over Campomanes' original decisions regarding match sites. Nearly everyone agrees now that he acted within the rules, but some feel that his contradiction of player preferences was questionable.

My own view is that Campomanes acted appropriately. While player preferences are important, they are not as important as the larger needs of the chess world. Campomanes is right in his desire to spread chess in the developing countries, and to move chess events around the world to different sites. Player preferences, frankly, are often based on trivial considerations (e.g. "inadequate security" at Pasadena). As Lee Hyder noted in his article this issue, the Russians objected to California's weather(!) for the Korchnoi Mecking match; ironically, however, Augusta had an abnormally pleasant January during the match (temperature in 70's), yet this didn't cause the Russians any apparent discomfort.

A USCF News Release just received says Kasparov surpassed Karpov on the July rating list by 2710 to 2700. This is the first time since Fischer became inactive that Karpov has been passed. That same news release reports the possibility that the Kasparov-Smyslov match may be played in Kiev in March.

The crosstable's not back (it will appear in the April issue), but here are the winners of the End-of-Year in Lancaster:

- A: Jack Berry and Cliff Hyatt tied
- B: William R. Belk and William Covington, Jr.
- C: Rolf M. Storz and Robert C. Moore
- D: Daniel Davis
- E: William Haigler and Christopher Edwards

## SPARTANBURG CHESS CLUB: PAST AND PRESENT

by DAVID WILLIAMS

Chess clubs seldom document their own existence aside from sending in annual dues to the USCF. Our club is no exception. Nevertheless, when John McCrary asked me to do a history of the Spartanburg Chess Club, I promised to look into it. According to Jim Smith, a chess club met in Spartanburg during the '30s. Professor E. B. Hallman, a South Carolina state champion, was one of its members along with John Bell, who remained a strong player well into his seventies. Both men are now deceased, but not before participating in the Border Chess League, a series of matches held between players from Spartanburg and Western North Carolina around 1973.

The earliest known location of the Spartanburg club was the old YMCA which has been demolished. The club has since met in private homes and offices, restaurants, recreation center, and colleges before finding its current location at the Arts Center on S. Spring Street in downtown Spartanburg. The club meets Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 10:30. We have approximately 15 regular members along with about the same number of players who drop in occasionally. Included among the regulars are a master and two experts.

The Spartanburg CC Newsletter was started by me about a year ago as a means of organizing and publicizing our club. It includes a schedule of club events, news, and an occasional game, review, or contest. (Publication has been temporarily suspended until I get my VIC-1525 printer fixed.) Other club members have also been active in promoting chess in our area. For instance, Spencer Mathews assisted a local prison with their chess programs; Jim Smith teaches chess to senior citizens at The Shepherd's Center; and several members have given simulms.

We would appreciate hearing from other clubs that would be interested in playing matches with us. Chessplayers visiting Spartanburg are encouraged to drop by Tuesdays for an evening of chess.

--David Williams

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Most chessplayers are aware of Benjamin Franklin's "The Morals of Chess," published in 1787. That was the second chess essay in America and was part of the first Russian Chess Book! In that essay, Franklin argued that chess strengthens the personal qualities of foresight, circumspection, and caution. Franklin, however, was human: he borrowed the "foresight, circumspection, and caution" directly from a 1756 book on draughts. It is historically questionable whether William Payne or the famous Dr. Samuel Johnson authored that section. I made this discovery; it was published in the April 1983 British Chess.



## THE 1984 SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN

The place was Lancaster, South Carolina, on January 14-15, 1984. There, gathered in one large room, were nearly 50 of the most highly skilled chessplayers within the boundaries of a state with millions of souls, thousands of whom play chess. Even the weaker participants were rare, intelligent people displaying rare and complex skills, not only in chess but elsewhere.

The scene was reminiscent of one of the first regional chess-gatherings ever, an English meeting of the early 1840's. That meeting had "nearly fifty gentlemen," and was acclaimed "perhaps the largest assemblage of chessplayers that ever met together for the purpose of play at one time, since the invention of this ancient pastime." The South Carolina Open boasted a higher standard of play than that early meeting, and there were more chess titles for sale by the T.D. than existed in all English literature in 1840! Yet the casual, modest manner of the players seemed incongruent with the quality of the event.

The tourney came close to becoming the "Icestorm Special," as Lancaster was nearly icebound the day before, with the possibility of more on Sunday. But the weather cleared, though some players may have stayed away because of it. Many of the same proficients who have led South Carolina Chess for years were there, but there were also new faces with promise for the future.

The overall winner was Columbia's Jack Berry, a young man who was winning junior prizes only a few years ago. His 4½ points provoked a smile and a taciturn comment. "I really needed this one." Paul Tinkler and Martin Mahaffey shared second, and the Class A prize was split by Terry Turner, Bill Corbett, Lindsay Blanks, and Kevin Kirby.

In the Reserve, William Belk was first, James Blanning second, and Robert Moore third. The Class C prize was split by Edward Biddix and Everitt Hite. The Amateur Section went to Gregory Frady, followed by Jerry Itin at second, and Joseph Stegall in third. The best Class E-unrated were Christopher Edwards, Leslie Mitchum, Robert Fitzgibbons, and Robbie Baucom.

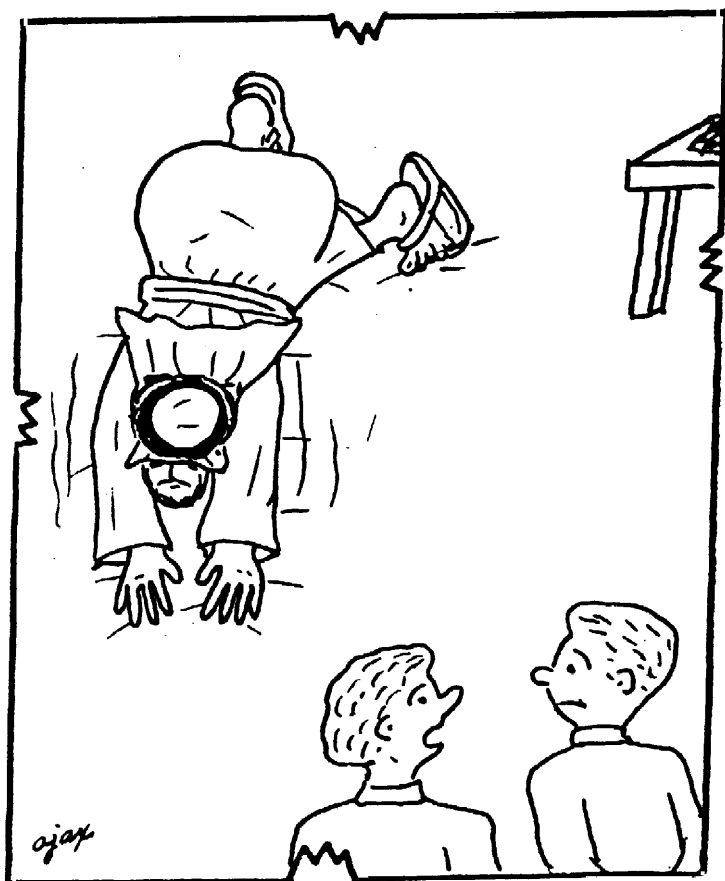
A full crosstable, with rating changes, should follow in the April issue. The tourney was ably organized and directed by Marion Mahaffey, one of the top organizers in the state for years.

### The Future: U. S. Chess and the Schools

One of the most interesting interviews I've done was with Joseph Stegall, a participant in the S. C. Open, and a young teacher at East Union Middle School in Marshville, North Carolina. Mr. Stegall runs the school chess club, with about 100 members(!), 13 of whom were at the Open. Most of the club members are children who learned of chess only through the club. There are also a number of USCF members in the club, who are likely to remain involved in organized chess of the future, as a direct result of their early school involvement.

The Marshville school club would certainly compare in some respect to the programs of the USSR; and we all know what the phenomenal effects have been of the Russians' emphasis on early chess. The state of North Carolina is gaining a reputation nationwide for showing what is possible in school chess.

Mr. Stegall is very interested in establishing more competition with South Carolina schools. Unfortunately, our state lags far behind our northern neighbor in this area. Nevertheless, it is unquestionable that if our schools could have more contact with those in North Carolina it could only benefit our youngsters. Anyone with suggestions for inter-state scholastic play is encouraged to write Joe Stegall at Route 3, Box 133, Marshville, North Carolina 28103. Maybe North Carolina will rub off on us!



"I SEE YOU GAVE ABDULLAH THE FULL-POINT BYE."

## GAMES

(Unless otherwise indicated, annotations by Charles Braun)

## SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMPIONSHIP

10/7/83

Bill Floyd

David Williams

1.e4 g6; 2.d4 Bg7; 3.Nc3 d6; 4.Be3 a) c6; 5.Qd2 Qc7; 6.Be2 b) e5; 7.d5 Nf6;  
8.h3 c) 0-0; 9.Nf3 Nbd7; 10.a4 a5; 11.0-0 Ne8; 12.Ne1 f5 d); 13.ef gf;  
14.f4 e4; 15.Bc4 c5; 16.Rb1 Nb6; 17.Be2 Bxc3; 18.bc Nxa4; 19.g4? e) Qg7;  
20.Kf2 Nxc3; 21.Rb3 Nxe2; 22.Qxe2 Qh6; 23.gf Qh4ch; 24.Kg1 Rf7; 25.Rf2  
Bxf5; 26.Rg2ch Kf8; 27.Bf2 Qxf4; 28.Be3 Qe5; 29.Bh6ch Ng7; 30.Rf2 a4;  
31.Rb6 a3; 32.Bf4 Qxf4!; 33.Rxf4 a2; 34.Rxd6 al/Q; 35.h4 Qe5; 36.Rxf5  
Rxf5; 37.Rd7 Qd4ch; 38.Kg2 Nh5; 39.Nd3 Ral; 40.Kh3 Rf3ch; 41.Kh2 Qg1 mate.

- a) More usual is 4.f4.
- b) 6.0-0-0 is consistent.
- c) 8.f3 is better. Then later, h4-5 is possible.
- d) Beats White to the punch.
- e) Too late to think about an attack.

## SCCA CHAMPIONSHIP

10/9/83

Paul Tinkler

Jim Williams

1.N-KB3 P-Q4; 2.P-QN3 N-KB3; 3.B-N2 B-B4 a); 4.P-K3 P-K3; 5.P-Q4 b) B-Q3  
c); 6.P-B4 P-B3; 7.B-K2 BXN d); 8.QXB B-N5ch; 9.K-B1 QN-Q2; 10.P-QR3 B-K2;  
11.P-KN3 N-K5; 12.K-N2 P-KB4; 13.Q-Q3 0-0; 14.P-KR4 B-B3; 15.N-K5 Q-B2;  
16.NXN QXN; 17.P-B3 N-Q3; 18.Q-Q2 KR-K1; 19.QR-QB1 QR-Q1; 20.KR-Q1 N-B2;  
21.P-QN4 P-K4 e); 22.PXKP NXP; 23.BXN BXB; 24.PXP P-QN4? f); 25.RXP QXR;  
26.PXQ RXQ; 27.RXR P-QR3; 28.R-Q7 R-QR1; 29.P-B4 B-B3; 30.B-B3 K-B1;  
31.R-R7 Resign.

- a) Two other good systems for black are:

- I. 3..B-N5; 4.P-K3 (P-B4 P-K3; 5.P-K3 N-Q2; 6.B-K2 P-B3;  
7.N-Q4 BXB; 8.QXB B-Q3=) P-K3; 7.B-K2 N-QB3:? 6.0-0 B-K2;

7.P-Q4 0-0; 8.P-B4 QPXP; 9.BXP B-Q2 PXP; 10.Q-K2 PXP; 11.NXP Q-R4 and

II. 3...P-B4; 4.P-K3 (4.P-B4 P-K3; 5.P-K3 N-QB3; 6.BPXP NXP=) N-B3; 5.B-N5 B-Q2; 6.0-0 P-K3; 7.P-Q3 (7.P-B4 P-QR3; 8.BXN BXB; 9.N-K5 R-B1= B-K2; 8.QN-Q2 0-0 9.BXN BXB; 10.N-K5 R-B1.

- b) 5.B-K3, and 6.0-0 are more in keeping with the spirit of this opening.
- c) Black should play 5...P-KR3 to preserve the bishop. White should now exchange with 6.N-R4.
- d) Prevents castling.
- e) A bit impatient.
- f) 24...QXP loses to 25.B-B4 but 24...PXP is OK.

# SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 5

10/9/83

Klaus Pohl

Lee Hyder

1.e4 e5; 2.Nf3 Nc6; 3.Bb5 g6 a); 4.d4 b) exd4 c); 5.Nxd4 d) Bg7; 6.Be3 e) Nge7 f); 7.Nc3 0-0; 8.Qd2 d6; 9.Bxc6 bxc6; 10.Bh6 c5; 11.Bxg7 Kxg7; 12.Nde2 Rb8!? g); 13.0-0-0 Be6; 14.Nf4 Rb4; 15.Nd3 Rd4 h); 16.Nb5 Rxe4; 17.Nxc5! Re5; 18.Qc3 Kg8; 19.Qxe5 dxe5; 20.Rxd8 Rxd8; 21.Nxe6 fxe6; 22.Nxc7 Kf7; 23.Re1 Rd7; 24.Nb5 Nc6; 25.Nc3 Kf6; 26.Ne4+ Kf5; 27.c3 h5; 28.Re3 Rd5; 29.Nd2 Resigns i).

- a) The Fianchetto Defense, one of many unusual replies to the Ruy Lopez. If you plan to play 1...e5 as Black, it's a good idea to have one of these in your repertoire. This will give you a chance to put the game in more familiar (for you) channels. You can bet that White is ready for 3...a6; 4.Ba4 Nf6.
- b) 4.Nc3 is met by Nd4! (5.Nxe5 Qg5)
- c) 4...Nxd4 used to be recommended here, but 5.Nxd4 exd4; 6.Qxd4 Qf6; 7.e5 Ab6; 8.Qd3 gives White the edge (8...a6; 9.Bc4 Qa5+; 10.Nc3 Qxe5+; 11.Be3 Bh6; 12.0-0+)
- d) 5.Bg5 Be7; 6.Bf4 is White's best chance for an edge.
- e) 6.Nxc6 bxc6; 7.Bc4 Ne7; 8.Nc3 d6; 9.0-0 Be6; 10.Bb3 0-0!+.
- f) Look good but is inferior to 6...Nf6; 7.Nc3 0-0; 8.Nxc6 (8.F3 Ne7) bxc6; 9.Be2 Re8; 10.Bf3 Ba6; 11.Q-d2 Qb8; and Black has a good game (Pollard-Bigiasson, San Francisco, 1983)

- g) This is the beginning of an ill-fated rook maneuver that looks promising but is nicely refuted. 12...Be6 was a more circumspect if less feisty move.
- h) This was supposed to be a thorn in White's side, but it is neatly dislodged.
- i) 30.Rf3+ is going to make life impossible.

1981 GOLDEN KNIGHTS  
David Williams      Phil Gagnon

1.P-QB4 N-KB3; 2.N-QB3 P-KN3; 3.P-KN3 B-N2; 4.B-N2 O-O; 5.P-K4 P-Q3;  
6.KN-K2 a) P-K4 b); 7.O-O B-N5; 8.P-Q3 P-QB3; 9.B-K3 N/1-Q2; 10.P-KR3  
B-K3; 11.P-B4 B-R3?; 12.Q-Q2 PXP; 13.BXP BXB; 14.RXB!? N-R4; 15.R-R4! NXP;  
16.Q-R6 NXNch? c); 17.NXN N-B3; 18.N-N3 Q-K2; 19.R-KB1 N-R4; 20.NXN PYN;  
21.R-B6! B-B4; 22.Q-N5ch Resigns.

- a) The Botvinnik System. White's plan is to attack up the KB file.
- b) I prefer P-QB4, P-QR3, R-QN1, etc. forcing White to slow down his K-side development to secure the Q-side.
- c) N-R4 is better, I think.

1984 SOUTH CAROLINA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries are being accepted for the 2nd Annual State Postal Championship. Entry fee is \$5.00, payable by March 1st. Send entries to Don Lemaster, SCCA Secretary (address on back).

## SOUTH CAROLINA CLOSED CHAMP

10-9-83

White: David Erb

Black: Jeffrey Smeltzer

1.d4 Nf6; 2.c4 g6; 3.Nc3 Bg7; 4.e4 d6; 5.Be2 0-0; 6.Nf3 Nbd7; 7.0-0  
 e5; 8.Re1 ed4; 9.Nd4 Nc5; 10.f3 a5; 11.Be3 Re8; 12.Bf1 Nfd7; 13.Qc2 Ne5;  
 14.Rad1 Bd7; 15.b3 c6; 16.a3 Qb8; 17.b4 ab4; 18.ab4 Ne6; 19.b5 Ra3; 20.Qb2  
 Qa8; 21.Ra1 Qa5; 22.Ra3 Qd8; 23.Qa2 Nd4; 24.Bd4 Nf3+; 25.gf3 Bd4+; 26.Kh1  
 Qf6; 27.Ne2 Bf2; 28.Rd1 cb5; 29.cb5 Bc5; 30.Ra8 Qf3+; 31.Bg2 Qe3; 32.Re8+  
 Be8; 33.Rf1, Resigns.

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMP

10-9-83

White: J. M. Zeimetz

Black: David K. Williams

1.e4 c5; 2.Nf3 d6; 3.d4 cd4; 4.Nd4 Nf6; 5.Nc3 a6; 6.Bg5 e6; 7.f4 Be7;  
 8.Qf3 Qc7; 9.0-0-0 Nbd7; 10.Bd3 b5; 11.Rhe1 Bb7; 12.Qg3 b4; 13.Nd5 Nd5;  
 14.ed5 Bd5; 15.Be7 Ke7; 16.Nf5 Kd8; 17.Qg7 Rf8; 18.Nh6 b3; 19.ab3 Kc8;  
 20.Kb1 a5; 21.Be4 Be4; 22.Re4 Kb7; 23.b4 a4; 24.Rd3 d5; 25.Red4 Nb6; 26.  
 Rc3 Qe7; 27.Qe5 Nc4; 28.R(3)c4 dc4; 29.Qb5 Kc7; 30.Rc4 Kd8; 31.Qb6+ Ke8;  
 32.Qc6+ Qd7; 33.Qa8+ Ke7; 34.Ng8+ Rg8; 35.Qg8 1-0.

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMP

10-9-83

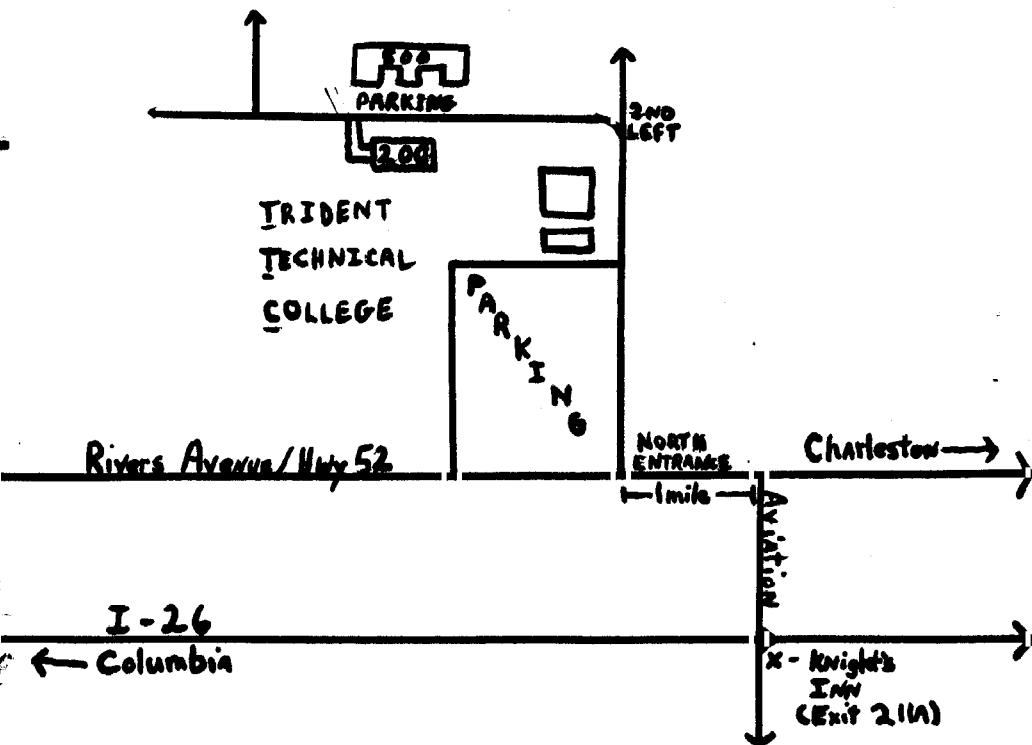
White: Erb 2112

Black: Hart 2113

1.P-Q4 N-KB3; 2.P-QB4 P-B4; 3.P-Q5 P-K3; 4.N-QB3 PXP; 5.PXP P-Q3; 6.P-Kr  
 P-KN3; 7.B-Q3 B-N2; 8.KN-K2 0-0; 9.0-0 P-QR3; 10.P-QR4 P-N3; 11.P-R3  
 QN-Q2; 12.N-N3 R-N1; 13.P-B4 R-K1; 14.Q-B3 Q-B2; 15.B-K3 P-B5; 16.B-B2  
 P-QN4; 17.PXP PXP; 18.R-R7 R-N2; 19.NXP RXR; 20.NXQ RXN; 21.B-Q2 B-N2;  
 22.B-B3 N-B4; 23.P-B5 P-N4; 24.N-R5 NXN; 25.QXN P-B3; 26.QXRch RESIGNS.

## TOURNAMENT ADS

FEB. 18-19. 12TH SNOWSTORM SPECIAL. 5-SS, 40/100, Trident Technical College, 7000 Rivers Ave. (Hwy. 52), Bldg. 200, N. Charleston, SC. EF: \$15, if by 2/14; \$20 at site. \$\$G320: 100-70, B.C. under 1400 each 50, Unr. b/performance rating, more \$\$ per entries. Reg. 9:10-9:50 a.m., Rds. 10-2-7, 10-2:30 HR: Knight's Inn, Aviation & I-26; \$24.92-29.08. Ent: Charleston CC, Box 634, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482. (803)883-3783. LS. NC.



MARCH 10-11. CAROLINAS OPEN. Univ. of SC at Lancaster, Starr Hall, Hubbard Dr., Lancaster, SC 29720, 6 sections: OPEN, 4-55, 40/2. FF. \$20, if by 3/7; \$25 at site. Rds. 10-3, 9-3. CAT. I, 4-SS, 40/12, open to below 2000. EF: \$20, if by 3/7; \$25 at site. Rds. 10-3, 9-3. CAT. II, 4-SS, 40/2, open to below 1800. EF: \$17, if by 3/7; \$20 at site. Rds. 10-3, 9-3. CAT. III, 5-SS, 40/90, open to below 1600. EF: \$15, if by 3/7; \$18 at site. Rds. 10-2-6, 9-2. CAT IV, 5-SS, 40/80, open to below 1400 & Unr. EF: \$12, if by 3/7; \$15 at site. Rds. 10-2-6, 9-2. CAT. V, 5-SS, 40/80, open to below 1200, no Unr. EF: \$12, if by 3/7; \$15 at site. Rds. 10-2-6, 9-2. ALL, ST (SC OR NC) \$6, other states OK. \$\$G 80%: 40%-20%-10%-10%. Reg. 8:30-9:30 a.m. Ent: Marion E. Mahaffey, 1207 Memorial Park Rd., Lancaster, SC 29720. NS. NC.

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