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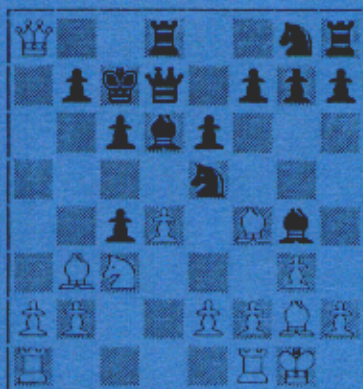
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THE WORLD CHESS

CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAOS, AGAIN!



A quick grandmaster
defeat!
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That Cover Position:

It must have been decades since any Grandmaster has been trounced so quickly and decisively, as was Tony Miles in Dublin last month. In the cover position after

1 d4 Nc6 2 Nf3 d5 3 g3 Bg4 4 Bg2 Qd7 5 e4 e6 6 0-0 0-0-0 7 Nc3 dc4 8 Qa4 Bb4 9 Ne5 Ne5 10 Qa7! c6 11 Bf4! Bd6 12 Qa8+ Kc7

Miles' Opponent Kumaran played:

13 Nb5+! Kb6 14 Qa7+ Kh5 15 a4+ 1-0 (Mate in one)

1993 South Carolina High School Cross Tables:

PLNR	NAME	ST	FrRate	PstRate	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
1	DOWTY, DARYL WAYN	SC	1517+00	1546+02	W--29	M--16	M--5	W--4	4.0
2	FISH, VINCENT	SC	1337+00	1377+05	W--19	M--18	M--9	M--3	4.0
3	DOWTY, JONATHAN C	SC	1522+00	1516+00	W--15	M--8	M--7	L--2	3.0
4	TAHID, SHAHAMAT	SC	1477+02	1469+02	W--27	M--28	M--10	L--1	3.0
5	HONG, JASON J	SC	1389+02	1396+02	W--16	M--22	L--1	M--13	3.0
6	PITCHELL, ANDREW	SC	1300+05	1302+05	L--22	M--36	M--15	M--19	3.0
7	FURVIE, JAC MIN	SC	1251+05	1270+07	W--32	M--20	L--3	M--18	3.0
8	VALLAPRABH, ANU	SC	1207+00	1229+02	W--25	L--3	M--32	M--22	3.0
9	BROWN, ALEX	SC	1106+00	1150+05	M--31	M--14	L--2	M--20	3.0
10	GOOND, TONY	SC	891+00	998+12	M--35	M--17	L--4	M--23	3.0
11	ABDELSALAM, ARWAR	SC	0	1302+04	L--20	M--26	M--21	M--14	3.0
12	THIELEN, THOMAS E	SC	726+06	859+10	D--24	L--13	M--29	M--28	2.5
13	BLAIR, JAMES D	SC	0	1184+04	D--23	M--12	M--17	L--5	2.5
14	GARDNER, JOSEPH	SC	1455+08	1348+12	M--33	L--9	M--23	L--11	2.0
15	KLINE, DAVID P	SC	1338+08	1284+12	L--3	M--28	L--6	M--30	2.0
16	SAVAGE, CRAIG	SC	1219+04	1163+08	M--21	L--1	L--19	M--31	2.0
17	JONES, RYAN	SC	1214+04	1121+08	M--26	L--10	L--13	M--32	2.0
18	BOVAY, BRENTON L	SC	1049+05	1069+09	M--30	L--2	M--31	L--7	2.0
19	MILLER, TREVOR C	SC	912+04	994+08	L--2	M--35	M--16	L--6	2.0
20	MATTHEWS, MANTON	SC	0	1173+04	M--11	L--7	M--27	L--9	2.0
21	PUCKETT, STANLEY	SC	0	1047+04	L--16	M--29	L--11	M--33	2.0
22	SMITH, RUSTY R	SC	0	1233+04	M--8	L--5	M--28	L--8	2.0
23	CORRETT, BRIAN A	SC	959+00	958+00	D--13	M--24	L--14	L--10	1.5
24	BLAIR, JAMES D	SC	0	776+04	D--12	L--23	L--33	M--34	1.5
25	HALL, TIMOTHY	SC	0	903+03	L--8	L--19	X--0	D--27	1.5
26	GALLOWAY, JONATHA	SC	0	886+04	L--17	L--11	D--34	M--36	1.5
27	PUCKETT, JOSEPH	SC	0	958+04	L--4	M--34	L--20	D--25	1.5
28	PUCKETT, JONATHAN	SC	1198+04	1053+08	M--34	L--8	L--22	L--12	1.0
29	KIRNE, TONY	SC	849+09	821+12	L--1	L--21	L--12	B--0	1.0
30	JACKSON, WILLIAM	SC	0	824+04	L--18	L--32	M--36	L--15	1.0
31	GARRISON, CHRIS A	SC	0	869+04	L--9	M--33	L--18	L--16	1.0
32	GREGORY, BENJAMIN	SC	0	915+04	L--7	M--30	L--8	L--17	1.0
33	MC LELLAN, JAY	SC	0	820+04	L--14	L--51	M--24	L--21	1.0
34	MC CLANAHAN, KELL	SC	0	657+04	L--28	L--27	D--26	L--24	0.5
35	LAN-ORD, ANDREW	SC	0	603+02	L--10	L--19	U--0	U--0	0.0
36	BEDENBAUGH, BRYAN	SC	0	735+04	L--5	L--6	L--30	L--26	0.0

21st Snowstorm Special

By Pat Hart

Our annual Charleston winter tournament lived up to its billing in more ways than one. The tournament was originally so named because of a freak snowstorm that hit Charleston in February of 1973 during the South Carolina State Junior Championship. This year, the snow only hit the Midlands, and could not stop a record turnout in entries (52) that resulted in an \$800 prize fund. (More than advertised!) In the crowded field, three players tied for first with four wins and a draw apiece: strong masters Jonathan Schroer and Matthew Morris, and Lindsay Blanks, who has raised his game by a quantum leap in the last year. Blanks had a draw early, which put him behind the leaders in the pairings, but he still did not face an easy field. His win in the last round against fellow South Carolina Co-Champion Klaus Pohl brought him up with the leaders, who played each other to a draw.

I draw your attention to the crosstable on Page four. Notice the many scores of 3.0 or better!. This is the result of our class pairings. Once out of the running for the top prizes, most players in the last two rounds were paired against their own class wherever possible. Does it work? Well, EVERY class prize winner won their prize outright! Perhaps the top boards will follow their lead in the future. <grin>

This was also our second tournament in a row in which four masters headed the field, including this time an International Master. It is likely that we will split our future tournaments into Open & Under 2000 sections, with the Open being a Grand Prix. The only way this will become permanent is if the turnout remains good or gets larger. Make plans now to come to Charleston in August for the next tournament!

Doug Holmes served as Tournament Director of this year's Snowstorm.

Cross-Table, 21st Snowstorm Special **February 27 - 28, 1993**

#	Player	Rating	Round					Score
			1	2	3	4	5	
1.	Jonathan Schroer	2409	W25	W12	W8	W4	D2	4.5
2.	Matthew Morris	2342	W26	W15	W7	W6	D1	4.5
3.	Klaus Pohl	2316	W27	W14	L10	W15	L5	3.0
4.	Mark Hoshor	2201	W28	W16	W9	L1	W11	4.0
5.	Lindsay Blanks	2135	W29	D18	W13	W10	W3	4.5
6.	Timothy Brookshear	2108	W30	W17	W11	L2	W23	4.0
7.	Patrick Hart	2065	W31	W22	L2	W8	D16	3.5
8.	Brad Jeffers	2052	W33	W21	L1	L7	W15	3.0
9.	Irving Rosenfeld	1921	W32	W23	L4	D12	W46	3.5
10.	Michael Bacon	1916	W34	W24	W3	L5	W37	4.0
11.	John Vonderleith	1900	W35	W45	L6	W14	L4	3.0
12.	Alex Sadowsky	1896	W36	L1	W18	D9	---	2.5
13.	Emery Highley	1849	D37	W46	L5	W49	L14	2.5
14.	James Blanning	1805	W39	L3	W30	L11	W13	3.0
15.	James Chaffin	1800	W40	L2	W31	L3	L8	2.0
16.	James Gray	1799	W41	L4	W32	W22	D7	3.5
17.	John Valentine	1775	W42	L6	W33	L23	L18	2.0
18.	Michael Milburn	1761	W44	D5	L12	D46	W17	3.0
19.	James Collins	1724	L45	D37	D36	L24	---	1.0
20.	Daniel Crewz	1699	L46	W35	L39	---	---	1.0
21.	William Floyd	1675	W47	L8	L37	---	---	1.0
22.	Stanley Lowery	1653	W48	L7	W40	L16	W30	3.0
23.	John Rogers	1638	W49	L9	W45	W17	L6	3.0
24.	David Woodbury	1611	WF	L10	D49	W19	---	2.5
25.	John Haymond	1574	L1	D36	W38	W27	W29	3.5
26.	Daryl Wayne Dowty	1549	L2	D38	W42	L40	W48	2.5
27.	John Crawford	1543	L3	L39	W28	L25	L49	1.0
28.	John Kelly Barnhill	1516	L4	L40	L27	L38	---	0.0
29.	Alvin Veronee	1508	L5	W41	L46	W33	L25	2.0
30.	Robert Osbourne	1506	L6	W42	L14	W31	L22	2.0
31.	William Pilaud	1500	L7	W44	L15	L30	W33	2.0
32.	Alex Dery-Chaffin	1459	L9	W48	L16	W45	W47	3.0
33.	Donald Wilson	1410	L8	W47	L17	L29	L31	1.0
34.	Anthony Brown	1387	L10	L49	W44	L41	---	1.0
35.	Gale Nicolet	1377	L11	L20	L47	W48	W36	2.0
36.	Delmore George	1351	L12	D25	D19	L47	L35	1.0

Snowstorm Cross-Table, Continued

#	Player	Rating	Round					Score
			1	2	3	4	5	
37.	Dan Thielen	1321	D13	D19	W21	W39	L10	3.0
38.	Conway Le Crow	1313	---	D26	L25	W28	D45	2.0
39.	John Matthew Loy	1277	L14	W27	W20	L37	D41	2.5
40.	Andrew Mitchell	1248	L15	W28	L22	W26	W43	3.0
41.	Timothy Vincent	1214	L16	L29	BYE	W34	D39	2.5
42.	Christopher Lebhar	1014	L17	L30	L26	W43	W44	2.0
43.	Tommy Kinne	842	L51	L52	D48	L42	L40	0.5
44.	Charles Billings	UNR.	L18	L31	L34	BYE	L42	0.5
45.	Michael Will	UNR.	W19	L11	L23	L32	D38	1.5
46.	Albert Errazo	UNR.	W20	L13	W29	D18	L9	2.5
47.	William Smith	UNR.	L21	L33	W35	W36	L32	2.0
48.	Brenton Bovay	UNR.	L22	L32	D43	L35	L26	0.5
49.	Mark Darmafall	UNR.	L23	W34	D24	L13	W27	2.5
50.	Doug Cail	UNR.	LF	---	---	---	---	0.0
51.	Julie Evans	1204	W43	---	---	---	---	1.0
52.	John Dusky	1352	---	W43	---	---	---	1.0

COMING EVENT

1993 SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Grand Prix) Simpsonville, S. C., June 12-13, 1993

5-Rd Swiss System tournament, time limit 40/100 and SD/60

Prizes: \$500 based on 30 entrants, top 2 guaranteed. \$150 1st, \$100 2nd, A-B-C-U1400 each \$60, Best game \$10, Unr. based on performance rating. More \$\$ if entries permit. 5 Grand Prix points available.

Rounds: 10-3-7, 10-3. EF: \$25 by 6/9, \$30 at site.

Site: Comfort Inn (803-963-2777), I-385 at Fairview Rd., Exit 27, about 10 miles SE of Greenville. Room rates: \$42 single, \$47 double.

Advance entries and inquiries: Bill Corbett, 400 N. Southerlin Rd., Taylors, SC 29687, 803-895-2691.

Registration at site: 9:00 to 9:30 a. m., June 12.

SCCA membership required; other states ok. NS, NC.

The 1993 South Carolina Scholastic Championships

By John McCrary, Ph. D.

South Carolina has three new champions! Vincent G. Fish and Daryl Wayne Dowty share the state high school championship, as a result of their identical 4-0 scores at the tournament at the Tremont Motor Inn on March 6. Shabeeb Tauhid became the state middle/elementary school champion by scoring a perfect 5-0 in that division. The Governor's School for Science and Mathematics won the team trophy, edging out Stratford and Saluda High Schools.

The high school Co-Champions agreed to a blitz game to decide the home of the larger trophy, although the title is shared. Their first sudden-death game, however, resulted in a K vs. K draw! The second game at a faster time control gave the trophy to Fish. Third place in the high school tournament was shared by nine players with 3-1 scores: Jonathan Dowty (Daryl's brother) came first on tiebreak ahead of Shahamat Tauhid, Jason Hong, Jae Min Purvis, Andrew Mitchell, Anu Yallapragada, Alex Brown, Anwar Abdelsalam, and Tony Soong.

In the Middle/Elementary event, Raymond Dowty and Adam Latham tied for second, with Rusty Hess, Cory Matteson, and Morgan Jones fourth through sixth respectively. No player scored zero in this section!

An unusual feature was the presence of three informal "family teams": three Dowtys, three Pucketts, and two Touhids. Taken together, all these brothers made a combined score of 22.5-11.5, a good argument for in-home training!

The improved quality of play was evident, and resulted in fewer colorful anecdotes this year. However, there was one scholar's mate. Then the winner was asked how he won so quickly, he replied, "Skill!", and proudly walked away.

Special thanks again go to the adult sponsors, Dr. Clyde Smith, Wayne Williams, Doug Holmes, Bill Corbett, Dean Roesner, and everybody's parents! See you next year!

Complete results of the Scholastic Tournaments are given in the cross-tables elsewhere in this issue.



GAMES

A Big Win!

Randy Ferguson added a notable win to his record in the Land of the Sky tournament in Asheville, N. C. He has thoughtfully annotated his game against Senior Master **Miles Ardaman** for our readers. Ferguson played White.

1 e4 Nc6

The Nimzovich Defense is Ardaman's standard reply to 1 e4. This time I came prepared.

2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Bg4 4 c3 Nf6 5 Nhd2 e6 6 Qh3 Qc8 7 Bd3 a6

This is a novelty, and a pretty good one. It prohibits White from playing Bb5 later.

8 O-O Be7 9 Re1!? e5

White would have done better to have played 9 e5, as he would have prevented Black from playing e5 and cramped his position.

10 h3 Bh5 11 Re3 Nd7 12 Be2 Bg6

White was threatening 13 Nxe5.

13 a4 O-O 14 Nf1 exd4 15 cxd4 Bf6 16 Qd1 Re8

Black is probably better.

17 Ng3 a5?! 18 Bh5! Nh4 19 Bxd7! Qxd7 20 Bd2 Ra6

Through the exchange, White has now equalized the position.

21 Be3 d5 22 e5 Be7 23 Rc1 Rb6 24 Ne2!

The start of some well planned maneuvering with the knight.

24--Na2 25 Ra1 Nxc3 26 bxc3 Qf5 27 g4! Qc2 28 Qxc2 Bxc2 29 Ne1! Bb3

This is not the best diagonal for the B, but due to White's threat of f4 and f5, this is a necessary concession.

30 f4 Rc6 31 Nf3 Rb8 32 f5 b5 33 axb5 Rxb5 34 Nf4 a4

The question now is who will break through first, White on the kingside or Black on the queenside?

35 g5 a3 36 f6 Bf8

The time control was after move 35, so now White has the time to find the winning plan.

37 e6! fxe6 38 f7+ Kxf7

After this Black is lost. He could not play 38--Kh8 because of 39 Ne5 followed by Ng6+.

39 Ne5+ Kg8 40 Nxc6 a2 41 Re2 Bd6 42 Nxe6 Rh6 43 Ned8! g6 44 Re8+ Kg7 45 Rf1 Bf4

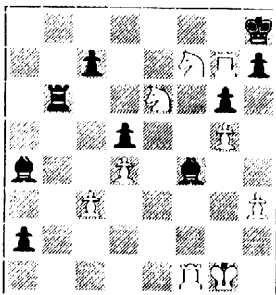
I had overlooked this move. Black is still threatening Bd1!! and Rb1, but White has too many trump cards to allow this.

46 Ne6+ Kf7 47 Re7+ Kg8 48 Ncd8! Ba4

White had threatened mate in one with 49 Re8, but now he has an even prettier finale.

49 Rg7+ Kh8 50 Nf7#

Whoever said that two bishops are better than two knights?



Games, Continued

The wonderful thing is that this wasn't the only big upset for a South Carolinian in this tournament. We offer here Exhibit 2:

W: GM Sergey Kudrin (2600+)
B: Lindsay Blanks (2135)

Land of the Sky VI, 2/7/93

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bc4 e6 7. O-O Be7 8. Bh3 O-O 9. f4 Nbd7 10. Be3 Qc7 11. g4 Nc5 12. Qf3 b5 13. g5

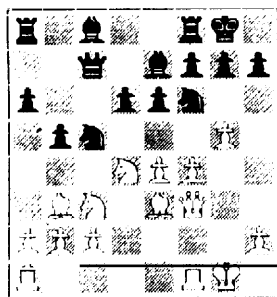


Diagram 2 (After 15 Nxc5)

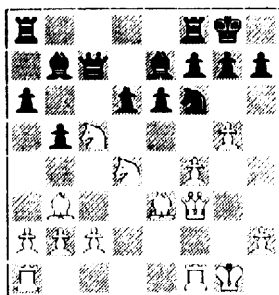
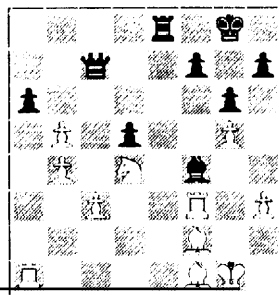


Diagram 3 (Final Position)



13--Nfxe4!?! 14. Nxe4 Bh7 15. Nxc5

(See Diagram 2 next column)

Bxf3 16. Nxe6 Q-d7 17. Rxf3 d5

Is 17--Rfe8 better? 18 Bd5 Rac8--

18. Nxf8 Bxf8 19. c3 Re8 20. Bc2 g6 21. Bd3 Bc5 22. h3 Qa7 23. Bf2 Qh6 24. b4 Bf8 25. a4 Qc7 26. Bf1 Bd6 27. axb5 Bxf4 0-1.

Diagram 3. Win on time? The score I have doesn't say.

Here's another brilliancy from the Dublin Zonal Tournament:

Adams vs. Sadler

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Bh3 b5 8 0-0 Bb7 9 Re1 Nbd7 10 Bg5 Qh6 11 a4 b4 12 Nd5 exd5 13 exd5+ Ne5 14 a5 Qc5 15 Be3 Qc8 16 Ba4+ Ke7 17 f4 Nxd5 18 fxe5 dxe5 19 Qh5 f6 20 Bf2 g6 21 Rxe5+ Kf7 22 Qf3 Nc7 23 Qh3+ Kg7 24 Nf5+ gxf5 25 Qg3+ Kf7 26 Bh3+ Nd5 27 Rxd5 1-0

The President's Page

by John McCrary, Ph. D.

The S. C. Scholastic Championship was a very positive experience this year, with a number of players who were veterans of previous tourneys. It is always a relief to see some of today's youth using their brains, in a society that seems increasingly preoccupied with mindless activities! Special thanks go to the coaches who work with these youths, and to the U. S. Chess Federation, which underwrites our scholastic funding.

I was honored on February 27 to participate in the official opening of the new U. S. Chess Hall of Fame Museum, located at the new U. S. Chess Center five blocks from the White House. I was also privileged to interview the 1993 inductees, GM Pal Benko, and former World Correspondence Champion Victor Palciauskas. That was quite a thrill for me! I have been following Benko's career for 30 years (since my early teens).

Palciauskas, who is only seven years older than I, revealed that he had visited Columbia last year. Unfortunately, he had no time to find the local chessplayers.

The Palmetto Chess Club of Columbia is back at the Tremont Motor Inn on a trial basis. While this site has been preferred by many members, some of the club patrons who formerly paid the rent are no longer active. It remains to be seen whether the attendees are willing to pay about \$2.00 per visit to pay the rent; collections are presently lacking. While players generally are used to free sites, a paid site has two advantages: (a) Play can continue to midnight or later; (b) The club is less likely to be summarily evicted if they pay their way!

A number of new publications are out. The *American Chess Journal* is a nicely-produced periodical with lengthy articles on historic events (including history in the making). The first issue contains a detailed first-person account of Fischer-Spassky II, and a newly-researched article on the New York 1927 Grandmaster Tournament and its relationship to the Alekhin-Capablanca matches. Very detailed book reviews are also included. Single issues are \$12.00; a three-issue subscription (one year) is \$30.00, and a six-issue subscription is \$54.00. Order from American Chess Journal, P. O. Box 2967, Harvard Square Station, Cambridge, MA 02238. Recommended!

Another new publication is the book *The Polgar Sisters: Training or Genius*, by Cathy Forbes. (It is available from the USCF.) Unfortunately, I am disappointed with this book. Much of the information about the Polgars seems secondhand or
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anecdotal, with little depth or new information. Furthermore, the book's author is an avowed feminist, who perceives the world through her prejudices. Male chessplayers are not kindly treated in the book; it would seem that we are overwhelmingly bent on the oppression and/or harassment of female players. Ms. Forbes makes statements about male players that would be considered insensitive if the genders were reversed!. Let us look forward to a more astute work by some other author on the very deserving Polgar sisters.

(Ed. note: Ms. Forbes as a free-lance author may have had a real problem in getting any new information on the Polgars. Their father, who was their tutor, will talk to journalists only for a rather substantial price. No doubt the sisters, also, are aware of the value of their fame.)

The controversy surrounding the World Championship gets more complex daily. Kasparov and Short have formed a new organization called the Professional Chess Association, separate from the Grandmaster Association (GMA) which Kasparov earlier founded and abandoned. Short resigned as President of the GMA to help form the PCA. It supposes that it will take over the World Championship and professional chess in general, leaving FIDE and the GMA high and dry. Kasparov and Short allege that FIDE set the title match for Manchester without consulting them. FIDE has now issued a lengthy rebuttal, alleging the following: that Kasparov's meddling in the bidding process caused at least two bids more lucrative than Manchester to fail; that Kasparov agreed to Manchester and then blatantly reneged after talking to Short; that Short broke a promise to call FIDE on the decision date, making it impossible to consult him about Manchester, and has refused to meet with Kasparov and FIDE subsequently to work out a settlement. Meanwhile Karpov has blasted Kasparov for trying to return to the old days when champions controlled their titles, and Seirawan has attacked Short for resigning his GMA presidency to leap onto Kasparov's ship. Stay tuned!

After all that, let us close on an unambiguous pleasant note. Our Editor and Vice-President, Dr. Lee'Hyder, has been appointed to a U. S. Dept. of Energy panel to study the causes the recent nuclear plant accident in Tomsk, Siberia. Lee will be touring DOE installations to help ensure that they are safe from such disasters. Good luck!

1993 South Carolina Junior High/Elementary Cross Table:

PLR#	NAME	ST	PreRate	PstRate	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
1	TAUHID, SHABEER S	SC	1457#D2	1472#D4	W---3	W---4	W---2	W---5	W---6	5.0
2	DOWTY, RAYMOND	SC	1165# 0	1163# 0	W---5	W---3	L---1	W---6	L---4	3.0
3	LATHAM, ADAM	SC	966#09	1025#14	L---1	L---2	W---6	W---4	W---5	3.0
4	HESS, JAMES R	SC	1186# 0	1164# 0	W---6	L---1	D---5	L---3	W---2	2.5
5	MATTESON, ROBERT	SC	0	873#05	L---2	D---6	D---4	L---1	L---3	1.0
6	JONES, MORGAN	SC	655#05	736#10	L---4	D---5	L---3	L---2	L---1	0.5

DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN?

Musings by Editor Lee Hyder

The first World Chess Champion was Wilhelm Steinitz. He was World Champion because he said so, and he defied anyone to prove otherwise in a chess match. That concept held up for sixty years or so, until Alekhin died while holding the title. Now World Champion Kasparov has decided to restore this situation. Chaos reigns! As I write we have two "World Champions", and prospects of a third. Even allowing for the growth of master chess over the decades, that seems rather too many.

At this writing it appears that Kasparov is holding strong cards, at least for the near term. Like Fischer, he hates FIDE for their actions; unlike Fischer, he is going to take action by playing his top challenger outside FIDE. No one that FIDE can put up in his place as champion can have any serious recognition as World Champion. Ah, but look three years down the road. Unless Kasparov succeeds in bringing the world's best players over to his side, FIDE will crown a champion who will be very widely recognized as such. Garry has three years to take chess away from FIDE; I'm betting he can't do it, because he is too much the autocrat himself.

Meanwhile, back in this country, the USCF is going into its triennial big election of national officers. So far, it appears that capable and responsible people are running. This is not to say

that old jealousies and hatreds won't come to the fore among their supporters. Indeed, one issue has already risen: the USCF spent several hundred dollars (in vain) to try to find out who sent out the scurrilous mailings that blighted the last elections. Larry Evans' friends say it was aimed at him, and that all that was done was to support Evans' innocence. Good enough, but it certainly seems that most of the ill will in the Federation comes from a very small number of people, who tend to be avid Evans supporters or enemies. I wish these people would take their little war somewhere else and let the rest of us enjoy chess in peace.

I've decided to take on writing a weekly chess column. It's being published in a little weekly paper here, the *Aiken Times*. The *Times* is one of those ad-supported publications that is distributed free throughout the city. They are delighted to have contributed copy of all kinds! It seemed to me to be a good opportunity for promoting local chess. Now that I've taken the plunge into local journalism, I'll be happy to offer the column to any other papers in the state on the same basis, i. e. free. If you know of a paper in your area that might print a chess column, let me know and I'll send them columns for their examination. It's my contribution to the promotion of the game. I'll use some of the material here, too.

Remember to plan for chess this summer. The S. C. Open will be in June, as noted elsewhere, and the Charleston Classic in August. Enjoy your summer!

ARCHIVISTS' CORNER
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Of all the openings to be examined by Ruy Lopez de Segura in his Libro de la invención liberal y arte del Axedrez, written in 1561, perhaps the most controversial was his discovery of 1. e4 e5 2. f4; now known as the King's Gambit.

Lopez did not name the opening, however, and the term, "Gambitto del Ke" only first appears in the famous Regole per il Giuoco de' Scacchi, an Italian translation of Lopez's book, with additional variations added by Giulio Cesare Polerio, about 1590 (H. J. Murray: A History of Chess, 1913, pp. 814 and 822). Nevertheless, both the opening, and its name, became what the eighteenth century Italian master Ercole del Rio called "...an apple of discord" by the end of the sixteenth century.

The blistering attacks first presented here set the pace of future analysts for the next four hundred and thirty-one years.

	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	e4					
	e5					
2	f4(1					
	ef.....				Nf6.....	Bc5(24
3	Nf3.....		Bc4(11		Nc3	Nf3
	Nf6(2....	Ne7(7	Nf6.....	Qh4+(16	ef	d6
4	e5	d4	Qe2	Kf1	d4	Bc4(25
	Nh5(3	Ng6	Bc5	Bc5(17	Bb4	Qe7
5	d4(4	Bc4	c3	d4	Bd3	Ng5
	g5	d6	Bxg1(12	Bb6	Qe7	Nh6
6	Nfd2	Rf1	Rxg1	Nf3	Qe2	Qh5
	Ng7	Bg4	g5	Qf6(18	Nc6	Bg4
7	Ne4	c3	e5	e5	e5(21	Bxf7+(26
	Be7	Nh4	Ng8(13	Qf5(19	Nd5(22	Qxf7
8	h4	Kc2(8	d4	Bd3	Bd2	Nxh7
	Ne6	Nxg2	Qe7	Qg4	Nxd4	Bxh5
9	d5	Rg1	g3	h3	Nxd5	Nxh8(27
	Nc5	Bxf3(9	fg	Qg3	Qh4+	
10	Nxc5(5	Qxf3	Rxg3	Nc3(20	g3	
	Bxc5	Nh4	h6		fg	
11	Qh5	Qxf4	Qh5(14		Qg2	
	Bd4	Qe7	Nf6		gh+	
12	hg(6	Rf1(10	Qxf7+(15		Kf1(23	

1) Editor's Note: The King's Gambit, which makes its first appearance in this book by Lopez. The opening nearly became a cult in the nineteenth century and was regarded as the "classic method of attack" in the symmetrical King Pawn Game. J. H. Blackburne, one of England's finest attacking masters, wrote of it (J. H. Blackburne: Mr. Blackburne's Games at Chess, 1899, p. 84): "It is well for the young player to accept the gambit and defend it in the ordinary manner, as no other opening affords greater scope for

ingenuity or leads to more entertaining chess. Nothing is better calculated to improve one's play than plenty of off hand practice at this opening with a player somewhat superior to himself. When the novice can play 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. P-KB4 with an idea in his head of what is to follow, he has begun to understand chess."

2) Editor's Note: This modern looking defense, revived in the nineteenth century by the great German masters Emil Schallopp (b. 1843, d. 1919) and Louis Paulsen (b. 1833, d. 1891), later was reintroduced at the International Gambit Tournament, Vienna, 1903. Lopez's 4...Nh5, listed in the column, was hailed as an "innovative novelty" when it was rediscovered by Russian master Ilia Stepanovich Shumov (b. 1819, d. 1881) in 1875.

3) 4...Qe7 5. Qe2 ("This move does not appear to be the best that the White can play in this conjuncture: if he moved the King's Bishop to his King's second square, the Black Knight would equally be compelled to remove, and the White might then Castle: a most essential move when the adversary's Queen is on her King's second square." Sarratt: The Works of Damiano, Lopez, and Salvio on the Game of Chess, 1813, p. 88) Nd5 (5...Nh5 6. Nc3 c6 7. Ne4, "...and the White has a very good game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., p. 85) 6. c4 Nb4 7. d4 g5 8. h3 d6 9. a3 N4c6 10. Nc3 g4 11. hg Bxg4 12. Qe4 f5 (12...Bxf3 13. gf de 14. Nd5 Qd6 15. de Nxe5 ["He would lose his Queen's Rook, were he to take with his Queen." Sarratt: Ibid., p. 90] 16. c5, "...and White has the best of the game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 89-90) 13. Qxf4 (Sarratt notes, p. 92, that the rule of en passant did not yet exist) Bxf3 14. gf de 15. Qxf5 ed+ 16. Ne4, "...and White has the best of the game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 90-92.

4) In the "Fifteenth Game, Second Gambit," Lopez gives 5. g4, with the comment: "This game is played after the Italian method, 'a passar battaglia,' which is, pushing a Pawn two squares when the first square is guarded by one of the adversary's Pawns."

Editor's Note: Some four hundred years later, this variation, 5. g4, was rediscovered by the Soviet master, Cheremisin, and renamed the "Tashkent Variation."

5) Or 10. Nbc3, "...and the White has the best of the game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 93-94.

6) 12...Bxe5 16. g6 Qe7 17. gf+ Kd8 18. Be2, "...and the White has a very good game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 93-95.

7) Editor's Note: 3...Ne7 as a defense in the King Knight's Gambit makes its first appearance in this book. It was later examined by Polerio in 1590, by Greco in 1624, and disappeared from tournament play until it resurfaced in a Russian correspondence game played about 1900 between Nemo and Blumenfeld. The Soviet masters began to experiment with the move again in the middle 1960s, Kuznetsov-Bonch Osmolovsky (Moscow 1964) and Bronstein-Bikhovsky (Tallinn 1965), being two primary examples.

8) Editor's Note: This is not a typographical error!

In the sixteenth century, the King had the power to Castle as we do today, move like a Knight, or move like a Rook, once in the game; provided he was not in check. There is another example of this strange kind of Castling rite in column 12, note 24.

9) 9...Bh3 10. Qe2 Nh4 11. Ng4, "...and White has the best of the game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: The Works of Damiano, Lopez, and Salvio on the Game of Chess, 1813, pp. 96-97.

10) 12...Ng6 13. Bxf7+ Kd8 14. Qf5 Nd7 15. Bg5 Nf6 16. e5 de 17. de Qxe5 18. Bxg6 Qe2+ 19. Nd7 hg 20. Bxf6+ gf 21. Qxf6+, "...and Black loses the game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 98-100.

11) Editor's Note: The Bishop's Gambit, now generally regarded as the soundest of the King's Gambit variations, was a favorite of Lopez. The Italian masters of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries declared against it, thinking that Black maintained the Pawn by 3...Qh4+. Nonetheless, some two hundred and eighty years later, the Russian analyst, Carl Friedrich Jaenisch (b. 1813, d. 1873), provided analytical proof that it was White's best reply.

12) 5...g5 6. d4 Bb6 7. h4, "...and White has the best of the game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., p. 101.

13) "It would be better to Castle (7...0-0)." Sarratt: Ibid., p. 103.

14) 11. h4 f6 12. Qh5+ Kd8 13. Bxg8 Rxg8 14. Qxh6 d6 15. Qxf6 Qxf6 16. ef Re8+ 17. Kf2 gh 18. Rg7 Be6 19. Bg5 Rf8 20. Nd2 Nd7 21. Rel Bf7 22. Re7, "...and White will win the game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 104-106.

15) 12...Qxf7 13. Bxf7+ Kxf7 14. Rf3, and White wins. Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 102-103.

16) If: (A) 3...c6 4. Nf3 d5 5. ed cd 6. Bb5+ Nc6, with about even chances. Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., p. 132. (B) 3...f5 4. ef Qh4+ 5. Kf1 f3 6. Bb3 fg+ 7. Kxg2, "...and Black has the best of the game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., p. 135.

17) Options: (A) 4...d6 5. Nf3 Qg4 6. Kf2 Nf6 7. Rel, with a good game for White. Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., p. 117. (B) 4...g5 5. Nf3 Qh5 6. d4 Nf6 7. Qe2 Nc6 8. e5 Ng4 9. Nc3 Be7 10. Nd5 Bd8 11. h3 Na5 12. Kg1 Ne3. Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 122-123. (C) 4...Nf6 5. Nf3 Qh5 6. Qe2 g5 7. d4 (7. Ne5 Qxe2+ 8. Kxe2 d6 9. Nxf7 d5, "...and the White must lose a piece; or the Knight and the Bishop for the King's Rook." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 124-125) d6 8. e5 de 9. Qxe5+, "...and the White has a much better game than his adversary." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 126-127.

18) 6...Qg4 7. Bxf7+, "...and the White will win the game, as Black cannot avoid the loss of his Queen." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 118-119.

19) 7...Qc6 8. Qe2, "...and White has the better game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., p. 121.

20) "...and Black cannot save the Queen." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. Sarratt: Ibid., pp. 120-121.

Notes for columns 7-12, continued

21) 7 Nf3 g5 8 d5 Ne5 9 Nxg5 Nxd5 10 exd Qxg5 11 g3 Kd8 12 Bxf4 Nxd3+ 13 Qxd3 Re8+ 14 Kd2 Qg6 15 Rae1 Qxd3+ 16 Kxd3 d6 17 Rxe8+ Kxe8 18 Re1+ Kd7 19 Bg5 "--and the White has a good game." Analysis by Lopez, 1561.

(Sarratt: *The Works of Damiano, Lopez, and Salvio on the Game of Chess*, 1813, pp. 114-115.)

22) 7--Nxd4 8 exf Nxe2 9 fxe Nxc3 10 a3 Ba5 11 Bd2 "with a good game for White." Analysis by Lopex, 1561. (Sarratt, *ibid.*, pp. 107-108.)

23) "If (Black) takes your King's Knight with his Pawn, you must take it with your Queen." Analysis by Lopez, 1561. (Sarratt, *ibid.*, p. 110.)

24) 2--d6 3 Bc4 exf4 4 d4 Qh4+ 5 Kf1 Bg4 6 Nf3 Bxf3 7 Qxf3 g5 8 Qb3 Kc8(!) (This kind of "castling" was played in Spain at the time.) 9 Bxf7 Nf6 10 Nd2 g4 11 e5 dxe 12 dxe Bc5 13 Be6+ Nbd7 14 Bxd7+ Kxd7 15 Qb5+ Kc8 16 Qxc5 "with the better game for White." Lopez, 1561. (Sarratt, *ibid.*, 111-113.)

25) 4 fxe dxe 5 Nxe5 Qh4+ 6 g3 Qxe4+ 7 Qe2 Qxh1 8 Ng6+ Ne7 9 Nxh8 Bh3, and "Black forces the exchange of queens, adn wins the king's knight." Lopez, 1561. (Sarratt, *ibid.*, pp. 128-129.)

26) "If 7 Qh4 exf, and White cannot hinder the Black from pushing his King's Bishop's Pawn on the King's Knight, which decides the game in his favor. Lopez, 1561. (Sarratt, *ibid.*, p. 131.)

27) "And Black must win the Knight." Analysis by Lopex, 1561. (Sarratt, *ibid.*, pp. 130-131.)

We are grateful to Mr. Lutes and to En Passant, the journal of the Pittsburgh Chess Club, for this look at chess analysis in the early days of the modern game - in fact even before the castling rule had been universally developed. This is one section of a longer article; the other includes a wide variety of KP openings including the one eventually named for Fr. Lopez. It appears that it was presented as only one of a wide variety of possible openings, and no special one at that. If space permits in the future, we may publish more of this classical work as assembled by Mr. Lutes.

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