

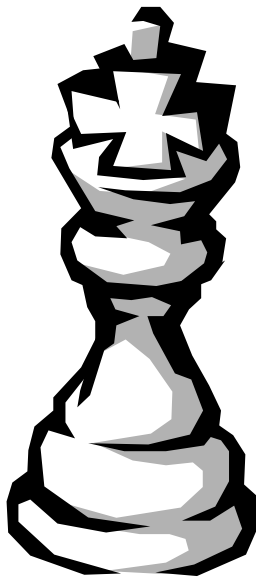
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### Editor's Note of Thanks

I would like to thank Brent Bovay, John Dusky, and Saul O'Conner for the games they annotated. I would also like to thank SCCA President Michael Spohn and his predecessor John McCrary for the materials they submitted. I especially want to thank Pete Danker of the Rock Hill Chess Club for his fine contributions to this issue.

I need materials for the next issue by June 29, 1998.

# The President's Page

By Michael Spohn

SCCA President

The South Carolina Open is back in action thanks to the hard work of Pete Danker and the Rock Hill Chess Club. The Open will be held in Rock Hill on June 6-7. It is my hope that by having it in the upstate area, we will have a chance to draw players from North Carolina and Georgia, thereby ensuring a strong turnout for all sections. Pete Danker will assist me in directing what should be an exciting tournament. There one thing we need to avoid: starting the first round late. In order to prevent this, the pairings will be done immediately at the end of registra-

tion. Anyone who has not completed registration by this time will receive a first round bye. This should enable us to start the Open in a timely fashion.

***"At the state scholastic championships in March, we had 74 players. All this without advertising in Chess Life."***

The date for the South Carolina Closed Championship has been set for October 2-3. It will be held once again at the the Days Inn on Garners Ferry Road in Columbia. The Closed Championship will follow the same format as last year with the addition of a new section to determine a South Carolina Junior Champion. Please note that anyone can play up a section as always. Scholas-

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## The View From “C” Level

By Pete Danker

I first got into competitive chess in 1992, and won money in my very first tournament. Since then, however, I seem to have gotten into that rut so many of us have found ourselves in; trapped in a zone of suspended animation, inhabited by those who win a few, lose a few. Why we blunder is anyone’s guess, but I honestly believe there are ways to avoid such incidents, and this series will attempt to explain some of them. We will include an actual game in each installment, watching as the combatants stumble along the sidelines until one of them clumsily drops any chance of a win.

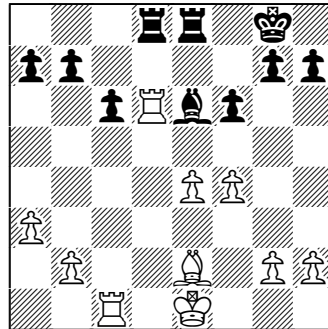
The first game we will review is one I played with the Black pieces against James Collins at this year’s Snowstorm in Charleston. *Collins (1671) v. Danker (1475)*: **1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. d3 Bb4 4. Bd2 d5 5. cxd5 Nxd5 6. Nxd5 Bxd2+ 7. Qxd2 Qxd5** This opening sequence is probably not in any book, because, remember, perennial “C” players are usually not that familiar with openings. **8. e4 Qd6 Nf3 9. Nf3 Nc6 10. Be2 Qb4** This move is typical of a “C” player, with the idea of simplification, and taking the highly mobile knight into hostile territory. Besides, Black is a notorious knight junkie. **11. Rc1 Qxd2+** May as well deprive White of his castling privileges while we’re here. **12. Kxd2 O-O 13. Rhd1 Be6** Here it is important to note that Black practically forced White to make a good move! **14. a3 Rac8 15. Ke1** Black allows White to “castle by hand” by missing 14....Bb3. **15.... f6 16. d4 exd4** Forced, else the fork, or an isolated e

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pawn. **17. Nxd4 Nxd4 18. Rxd4 c6** Looks good, right? Guards the pawn majority, frees the Rooks, the d4 knight is impervious to pawns, etc. **19. Rd6 Rfe8 20. f4** This move appeared to be routine, but what do I know? Oblivious to the threat, I settled in for a technical endgame, and offered the exchange. **20....Rcd8.** (diagram) **21. Rxe6!!**

Hey!... nobody trades down. Oh... that's it. **21.... RxR, Bc4, Kf7, BxR, KxB,** so what? **21....Rxe6 22. Bc4 Kf7** Only now did I see his next move, and sure enough... **23. f5!!.** Black made a futile attempt to play on despite a whole piece deficit, and resigned on move 37.



Collins v. Danker after 20...Rcd8

The point of all this is to highlight the reasons we, as “C” players, make the mistakes we make. In the case above, Black was simply unaware of danger because he was afflicted by S.A.D. (Selective Analysis Disorder), and he underestimated his opponent’s talent. His positional analysis was directed toward f7, c4, e6, d6, d8, and g1. The pawn on f4 was not even in the equation! Trust that the player with Black now understands that a standard chess board has 64 squares, not just six. Trust, also, that the player with Black shall not, ever again, assume that any other player’s rating is indicative of his or her limitations. I congratulate Mr. Collins

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**Half the battle is won when one knows what  
the adversary is doing.**

*Bruce Lee*

# Delegate's Report

By John McCrary, SCCA Delegate to the USCF

**O**ur state president, Michael Spohn, made the excellent suggestion that I provide a "state of the USCF" report each issue. I have represented South Carolina at the USCF Delegates' meetings every year since 1984, except for 1985, when Don Lemaster did so. USCF policy is set each year at these meetings, which are held at the US Open.

**Money:** Our new Executive Director, Mike Cavallo, has shown he knows how to cut costs without reducing services, and has put the USCF back on track to solvency after a disastrous 1996 nearly brought about the collapse of the organization. Mike has also corrected some problem situations within the business office that once threatened the USCF with possibly serious lawsuits. I played a small

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part in these issues by interviewing 39 USCF employees in November 1996, and in making a number of suggestions that were later adopted. I will return to the USCF office in mid-April to conduct a follow-up survey. I suspect I will still find areas where poor information flow impairs efficiency in that office, but I also expect to find positive changes since my previous survey.

**Membership:** Unfortunately, nobody has solved the problem of declining regular memberships that has been occurring since the last dues increase in 1994. In time, the USCF will act on my suggestion to have a

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systematic survey of membership to understand better the demand for services that our members have, and how we can better meet that demand. Our overall membership remains between 80,000 and 85,000, with scholastic and youth memberships preventing a total pattern of decline. College-age memberships also represent an area of decline, and the USCF is trying to address this issue by creating new membership categories for college clubs, and by giving increased publicity to college events.

**The World Championship(s):** While this question goes beyond the immediate domain of the USCF, we are in a unique position to try to influence things, since both Kasparov and Karpov have business ties to the US. I authored the USCF official position on the world championship last year, and I have been engaging in a futile struggle to get our top leadership to use our influence as leverage to help bring about a reconciliation of the title schism. I personally feel that both sides are wrong. Kasparov is taking us back to the bad old days when champions owned and controlled their titles, and regularly abused the privilege. FIDE, on the other hand, is throwing out the whole idea of a meaningful world championship by turning it into an annual lottery. As it stands now, both Kasparov and FIDE may defend their respective titles in the US this year! And yet our membership still declines.

**The US Charitable Chess Trust has a new president,** since I was elected to that position in January. My first task is to take a fresh look at all Trust activities, but such is slow going! The Trust sponsors scholastic activities nationwide, including the Chess-A-

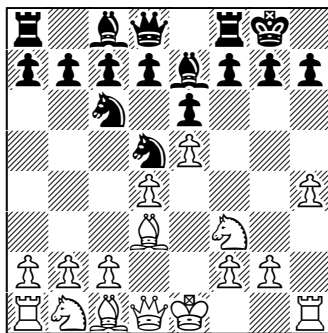
# The Classic Bishop Sacrifice

By Henry J. White

**Y**ou're at the board waiting for your opponent to move. Your king is nestled safely behind a wall of castled pawns, and you've already mapped out the strategic winning plan. "What's taking this guy so long to move", you wonder. Then suddenly, without warning or provocation, your opponent's light squared bishop does a kamikaze move and snaps off your pawn on h7. You've stumbled into the so-called classic bishop sacrifice, and you quickly realize you've got a lot of work to do.

Vladimir Vukovic devotes an entire chapter to the classic bishop sacrifice in his treatise *The Art of Attack in Chess*. This book belongs on the shelf of every serious tournament chess player. It is now back in print and available at the USCF. Order a copy immediately.

The classic bishop sacrifice is the oldest known sacrifice involved in attacking the castled king position. Vukovic traced its origin to the following position found in Greco's 1619 handbook: there followed **7. Bxh7+ Kxh7 8. Ng5+ Kg8** If **8...Bxg5**, then **hgx5+ Kg6 10. Kh5+ Kf5 11. Qh3+ Kg6 12. Qh7++**; if **8...Kh6**, then **Nxf7** dbl check costs Black his queen; if **8...Kg6 9. h5+**, then there is the choice between **9...Kh6 10. Nxf7+** and **9...Kf5 10. Qf3++**. **9. Qh5 Re8** or **9...Bxg5 10. hxxg5 f5 11. g6 etc. 10. Qh7+ Kf8 Qh8++**.



Position after 6. ...d5

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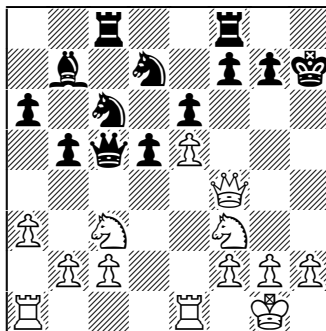
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The sacrifice is difficult to decline since White has picked up the h-pawn with check. Vukovic does discuss positions where the sacrifice can be declined, but there are few such situations. The central question is what should Black do after accepting the sacrifice and the opponent's knight has checked him at g5. He has three options: (1) run back to g8, (2) attempt to fight it out on h6, or (3) try to survive at g6. Each must be carefully examined.

Several conditions are necessary for the sacrifice to work. First, White must have a knight within easy and safe reach of g5. Second, the White queen must be within reach of h5 or some other square in the h-file. Third, Black's knight should not be able to reach f6, and neither his queen nor bishop should be able to occupy the b1-h7 diagonal unmolested.

In his survey of games involving the sacrifice, Vukovic found that "at least two active supporting pieces are necessary, if the classic Bishop sacrifice is to bring the attacker success." The principal supporting pieces he found were a pawn at e5, bishop on the c1-h6 diagonal, knight on e2 or c3, and rook on e1. Some combination of two of these are needed for the attack to succeed.

I have faced the classic bishop sacrifice twice in tournament play. The first time I was playing Black against Paul Tinkler in the 1990 Snowstorm. We reached this position after 15. Bxh7 Kxh7. (*diagram*)



Tinkler v. White after 15...Kxh7

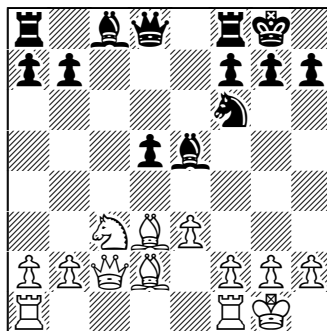
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Notice Tinkler has a pawn on e5, knight on c3 and rook on e1, all of which indicate the sacrifice was probably sound. Tinkler then played **16. Qh4+**. I didn't think I could survive by **16...Kg8**, so I played **16...Kg6** and was promptly slaughtered by **17. Qg5+ Kh7 18. Qh5+ Kg8 19. Ng5 Rfe8 20. Qxf7 Kh8 21. Re3** (This is one of those supporting pieces Vukovic says is necessary for the sacrifice to bring the attacker success.) **Qxe3 22. fxe3 etc.**

Instead of **16...Kg6**, Fritz indicates I should have played **16...Kg8**. There would have followed **17. Ng5 Rfe8 18. Qh7+ Kf8 19. Qh8+ Ke7 20. Qxg7 Ndxg5** and Black survives the storm.

My second time facing the classic bishop sacrifice had a happier ending. In this year's Snowstorm, I reached this position with the White pieces against Randal Altman.



White v. Altman after 12. ♖c2

He then played **12...Bxh2?** Notice that Black has none of the supporting pieces advocated by Vukovic. **13. Kxh2 Ng4+ 14. Kg3** Going back to g1 was certain death. **14...Qg5 15. f4!** and the attack was repulsed.

My two games against the classic bishop sacrifice illustrate the points made by Vukovic. Tinkler had several pieces supporting the queen and knight. He was successful. Altman had nothing supporting his queen and knight. He failed. Take Vukovic's factors into consideration the next time you're attempting or defending against the classic bishop sacrifice.

## Reflections on the 1998 Snowstorm

By Pete Danker

**I**t was a long drive, and past turnouts had not been so great, and I had to work Friday, and so forth and so forth. But this was CHESS, my friends, and it is my State, my Organization, and my opportunity to support our chess program. Plus, I had a chance to hang out with many of my friends for an entire weekend, and, maybe, just maybe, win a couple of bucks. What I discovered was that I had been missing a wonderful event the past several years.

John McCrary did a terrific job of directing, and honored me by allowing me to assist. The playing site offered the local flavor of Charleston, and I was surprised to learn that it was the birthplace of the great Paul Morphy's father. No doubt, I had a wonderful time, but I want to talk about something much more important.

In Charleston this year, I witnessed something very encouraging. I witnessed what I believe to be the beginning of a revival of chess in South Carolina. Despite the absence of many key players from around the state, there were still nearly 50 participants. I believe that this attendance is only an omen of things to come; that we will see more and more participation in the next few months, and South Carolina chess players will come from all corners of the state to enjoy our great game.

However, I do not believe that we can become complacent and be satisfied with the status quo. We must support our state organization at each opportunity we have. Rather than allow our program to flicker and die out, we must, as a group, actively pursue every opportunity to promote, organize, and encourage tournaments

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# TOURNAMENT NEWS

## 1998 Scholastic Championships

By Michael Spohn

The South Carolina Scholastic Championships were held in Columbia at Airport High School on March 7, 1998. This was a fun tournament to direct and an exciting one to watch. Thanks to the assistance from a number of people the event was well run. I would especially like to thank Dr. John McCrary, Dr. Clyde Smith, Dean Roesner, Luther Barnett, and Wayne Williams for their assistance in directing the tournament. Michael Lafer, Sr., and George Williams were kind enough to serve as housemen to eliminate byes in two sections. With the exception of a late start, the tournament ran smoothly.

The turnout was excellent with 59 students playing in the High School section and 15 in the Middle/Elementary section (8 middle, 7 elementary). The competition was incredibly fierce with many hard fought games. Spartanburg High won the High School team trophy, dethroning The Governors School for Science and Mathematics, which finished second.

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## 26TH CHARLESTON CLASSIC

ON FEBRUARY 21-22, 1998, THE 26TH ANNUAL SNOWSTORM TOURNAMENT WAS HELD IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. PAUL TINKLER AND DOUG HOLMES TIED FOR FIRST, EACH SCORING 4½ POINTS. BRENT BOVAY, KEITH EUBANKS AND HENRY WHITE FOLLOWED WITH 4 POINTS. FORTY-SIX PLAYERS PARTICIPATED. JOHN MCCRARY DIRECTED THE EVENT.



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The final high school standings and points are as follows:

- 1. Spartanburg 14.5**
- 2. Governor's School 14.0**
- 3. Sumter 13.5**
- 4. Saluda 13.5**
- 5. C.A. Johnson 12.0**
- 6. Lugoff-Elgin 8.0**
- 7. Battery Creek 8.0**
- 8. North Augusta 5.0**
- 9. Scott's Branch 5.0**
- 10. Beaufort Academy 5.0**
- 11. West Florence 4.0**
- 12. Lexington 2.5**

The individual high school champion will not be crowned until May 30 at an invitational tournament in which the top eight qualifiers from the scholastic championship will compete for the overall high school title.

Trophies were awarded to the following grade champions:

Elementary School Champion: Kevin Yoon

Middle School Champion: Justin Daniel

12th Grade Champion: Michael Lafer, Jr.

11th Grade Champion: Jesse Inman

10th Grade Champion: Patrick Chester

9th Grade Champion: Justin Pickett

8th Grade Champion: Stephen Mathis

7th Grade Champion: Tim Rankin

6th Grade Champion: Drew Tweito

5th Grade Champion: Not awarded

4th Grade Champion: Gerald Lancaster

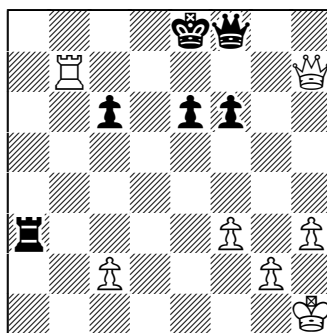
3rd Grade Champion: Not awarded

## From the Editor's Desk

### Living Right Revisited

I must not be living right. In the last issue I gave the following position from O'Conner v. Willard with the continuation 31...Ra1+ 32. Kh2 Qd6+ 33. g3 Qd2++.

Mr. Saul O'Conner wrote to inform me about one small detail: the line was never played in the game. Mr. Willard had sent me some analysis without the complete score. I made the unwarranted assumption that the analysis was actually played. Mr. O'Conner pointed out that the three move combination was



O'Conner v. Willard after 31. ♖xb7

missed over the board by Mr. Willard, who actually played **31...Ra8** and lost to O'Conner's **32. Qd7++**.

Mr. O'Conner founded the Rock Hill Chess Club in 1972. Prior to last October's state championship, he had not played in a tournament since the 1976 North Carolina Open. He played his fine game against Mr. Willard at age 65.

This unfortunate situation reminds me of an article in *Electronic T-Notes*, which is the electronic newsletter for ChessBase users written by Steve Lopez. You can find it at <http://www.chessbaseusa.com>. In the November 30, 1997 issue, Lopez wrote that "There's only one thing worse than losing a brilliantly played game: winning it and not getting credit." He then told the story of Tom Peters, who sent a brilliantly played postal game to the USCF, only to have it published with the names

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reversed. Thanks to modern technology, the game is now stored in a huge database maintained at the University of Pittsburgh, with the names still reversed.

You can find the full, and correct, game score of O'Conner v Willard in the games section of this issue. It includes analysis by Mr. O'Conner.

### **George Williams Wins**

Congratulations to George Williams of Columbia, who went to only his second tournament, the Southern Congress in Atlanta, and scored 4 points, tying for the first place U1600 prize. His fifth round game in which he sacrificed a rook is found in the games section of this issue.

Mr. Williams fared better in Atlanta than some other notable South Carolina players, including Keith Eubanks, Brent Bovay, and yours truly. In fact, Williams scored better than the rest of us combined.

### **Otto Estenger**

Lee Hyder has informed me that Otto Estenger, who was one of the strongest chess players in South Carolina in the 1970's, died in Orlando, Florida, on February 27 of this year.

Mr. Estenger, a native of Cuba, was a resident of Greenwood, South Carolina, where he taught at Lander College. His strength as a chess player was at or near the master level during most of his time in South Carolina. He was very successful in tournament play, winning the state championship in 1971 and 1972. A quiet and reserved man, Mr. Estenger was a real chess enthusiast. His play was solid and logical, and he was a sharp tactician.

Mr. Estenger is survived by his widow, Wilma, his son, Otto, Jr., and two grandchildren.

# Games of the RHCC

By Pete Banker

**M**embers of the Rock Hill Chess Club (“RHCC”) have turned in some remarkable performances, both at the club and during their travels. Some were winning performances and some were losing efforts, but all were certainly interesting studies, and hard-fought battles. This series will highlight some of the most interesting games. The first game comes from an encounter between David Baker and no less a player than GM Gregory Kaidanov. Here’s what happened.

One of the features of 1998 Land of the Sky in Asheville, North Carolina, was a Friday night simul conducted by GM Kaidanov, with a mere \$25 per player entry fee. With nothing else to do with his money, David entered. What transpired is history now, but let’s play “What If...” Following is the actual score, along with a few observations of my own.

**Baker,D (1009) – Kaidanov,G (2695) [C45]**  
1998 Land of the Sky Simultaneous exhibition

**1. e4 e5** The beauty of a simul of this type is that the participant never has anything to lose. Kaidanov on the other hand, wants to avoid any out-of-the-book, complex situations, hence the common, reply. **2. ♠f3 ♠c6** Probably anticipating the Ruy Lopez, typical of a lesser player's repertoire. **3. d4** Surprise! David had studied the Scotch for some time just for such an occasion. **3. ... exd4 4. ♠xd4 ♠c5** Blumenfeld's Variation...rare, and little studied. **5.**

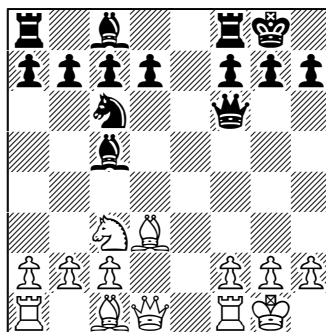
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**♞f5 ♜f6 6. ♠e2** This is David's own invention, and requires some analyzing on Kaidanov's part, but during a simul, time is not allotted for such luxuries. But, what if 6...g6? **6. ... ♞ge7** 6...d6 may be an improvement, but Kaidanov apparently realizes the need to castle, and soon! **7. 0-0 ♞xf5 8. exf5 0-0** He can't have the f5 pawn yet, due to 9. Bd3 and the bishop pair is aimed directly at the king's new address, not to mention complications arising from Re1+ next. **9. ♞c3 ♜xf5** With d6 screaming to be played, Kaidanov finally grabs the f5 pawn, maybe anticipating 10. Bg4. **WRONG! 10. ♠d3!** Now White's bishops dominate the board, assisted by the c3 knight. **10. ... ♜f6??** (diagram) A terrible blunder by the grandmaster. This should cost him the game. **11. Ne4?**

We will stop here, because David unfortunately missed the wrecking-ball shot 11. Qh5!!, threatening either Qxc5, or Qxh7++. The text move allowed Kaidanov equality, and he eventually won the game,



Baker v. Kaidanov after 10... ♜f6??

of course, but after 50+ moves. But, remember, this is a game of "What If". Let's imagine that David HAD seen, and played, 11. Qh5. Let's imagine that GK played 12. .... Bxf2+ 13. Rxf2. Mate is still threatened at h7, so 13. .... g6 is required, and the black queen gets a long vacation. Therefore, Kaidanov must abandon the c5 Bishop, and play without him. With a Grandmaster at a whole piece deficit, would a player of

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## LOCAL CHESS CLUBS

### AIKEN

Contact: M. Lee Hyder  
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Aiken, SC 29801  
(803) 648-8924

### ANDERSON

The Blue Ridge Chess Club.  
Contact: Bill Willard  
(bwillard@carol.net)  
(864) 882-7841 after 6:00 PM

### CHARLESTON

The Charleston Chess Club meets every Wednesday from 7:00 PM until closing in the McDonald's restaurant at 1201 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard (Highway 7) and Orange Grove Road. (I-26 Exit #216).

Contact: Patrick Hart  
(path@awod.com)  
1558 Periwinkle Drive  
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464  
(843) 849-0177

### COLUMBIA

The City of Columbia Chess Club meets at Lorick Park, 1751 Lorick Avenue (off North Main) each Thursday evening from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Larry Thompson  
(803) 691-9339

Some chess players have been meeting informally at the Barnes

& Noble Bookstore on Harbison Boulevard, across from the Columbia Centre Mall. The gatherings usually occur on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.  
278-A Harbison Blvd  
Columbia, SC 29212  
(803) 749-9009

### GREENVILLE

The Greenville Chess Club meets at the Bobby Pearce Center, 820 Townes Street Extension, each Thursday evening from 7:30 PM.

Contact: Wayne Williams  
402 Berea Forest Circle  
Greenville, SC 29611  
(864) 246-6363

### GREER

The BMW Chess Club meets in the Employee Club of the BMW Manufacturing Corporation at 1400 Highway 101 South.

Contact: Horace Mays  
(864) 989-6000, Ext. 7334 or Fax:  
989-5861

### HARTSVILLE

The Hartsville Chess Club meets 2120 Ousleydale Road, each Thursday evening from 7:30 PM.  
Contact: Billy Walters  
(843) 383-1089

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### **MURRELLS INLET**

The Murrells Inlet Chess Club meets at 341 Rum Gully Circle each Tuesday from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Ray Lewis  
(843) 651-8924

### **MYRTLE BEACH**

The South Strand Chess Club meets in the Surfside Civic Center each Tuesday from 7:00 PM

Contact: William Smith  
(843) 238-0853

The Grand Strand Chess Club meets in the Barnes & Noble bookstore (in cafe) each Tuesday from 1:00 PM.

Contact: Frank Abbott  
(843) 293-2723

### **NORTH AUGUSTA**

The North Augusta Chess Club meets in the Riverview Park recreation center basement each Wednesday evening from 7:00 PM.

Contact: M. Lee Hyder  
(hyder@grouppz.net)  
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### **ROCK HILL**

The Rock Hill Chess Club meets in the student center at York

Technical College on Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM.

Contact: Pete Danker  
(803) 548-0955  
Boyd Bruce  
(boydb@lyon.york.lib.sc.us)

### **SPARTANBURG**

The Spartanburg Chess Club meets in Mimi's Uptown Deli, 180 East Main Street, each Tuesday evening from 7:30 PM.

Contact: David Williams (864) 573-9861; Spencer Matthews (864) 582-2551; club phone (864) 585-8332

### **WOODRUFF**

The Woodruff Chess Club meets in the First Citizens Bank, corner of Pine Street & Main Street, each Monday evening from 7:00 PM.

Contact: Lloyd Angel  
(864) 476-7860

**“That’s the real Capablanca  
~~you’re playing against, you~~  
loon. The whole club is  
laughing at you.”**

*Helen Hayes*

## South Carolina Games

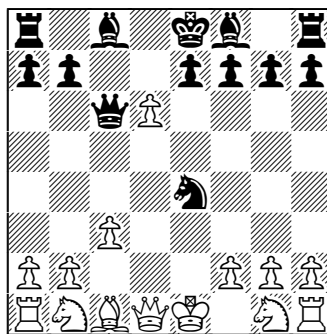
**W: Corbett, C (1925) - B: Bovay, B (1955) [B22]**

1998 Snowstorm (4),

*Annotated by Brenton Bovay*

**1. e4 c5 2. c3 d6** As a Najdorf player, nothing breaks my heart more than seeing an Alapin and closed Sicilian. **3. d4** ♠f6 **4. dxc5** ♠c6 **5. ♠b5** ♠xe4 In the South Carolina Postal Championship, my game with Corbett continued 5. cxd Nxe4 6. dxe Qxd1 7. Kxd1 Nxf2+ 8. Ke1 Nxh1 9. exf8=Q Kxf8! 10. g3 h5! with a clear advantage to Black according to ECO due to

11...h4 coming up. Here Corbett tries another way with 5. Bb5. I don't fear 6. Bxc6 bxc6 7. Qa4 Nxc5 8. Qxc6+ Bd7. **6. cxd6** ♠b6 **7. ♠xc6+** ♠xc6!? (diagram) Here comes the key moment of the game. I had intended 7. bxc6, messing up my pawn structure for the bishop



Corbett v. Bovay after 7...♠xc6!?

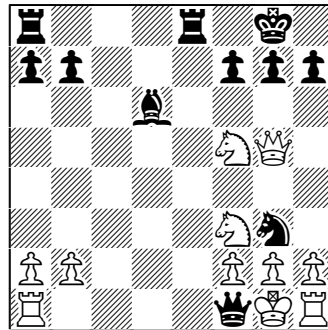
pair. However, I found a more interesting alternative. **8. dxe7** ♠xe7 Now for the sacrificed pawn, Black has the bishop pair and a rather large lead in development. **9. ♠f3** ♠g6 **10. ♠d2?** ♠c5! Nd2 was a mistake, White should have castled as soon as possible. It's too late now since the weak white squares become fatal. **11. ♠e2** ♠d3+ **12. ♠f1 0-0** **13. ♠g3** ♠a6 White is still moving the same pieces over and over. Now my queen is on an ideal diagonal. With a large lead in development, the bishop

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pair, and White unable to castle, Black has more than enough compensation for the pawn. **14. c4 Qf5 15. d4 Qd6** Clearing the e-file with tempo. **16. g5 fe8 17. 2f3 xc4!** Of course the bishop was immune due to the threat of Re1 mate. **18. xf5??** White makes the final fatal error. The game is now over. Perhaps 18. Qxf5!? or 18. Be3 was better. **18. ... xc1+**

Of course, 18...Nf4+ 19. Kg1 Ne2+ 20. Kf1 Ng3+ 21. Kg1 Qf1 mate was also good, but how often do you get a chance to use the following pattern in a tournament game? **19. g1 e2+ 20. f1 g3+ 21. g1 f1+!** (diagram)



Of course 22. Rxf1 22. Ne2 is mate. **0-1.**

Corbett v. Bovay after 21... f1!

## **W: Dusky,J (1852) – B: Sheridan,J (1624) [A01]**

1998 Land of the Sky (2),

*Annotated by John Dusky*

**1. b3 d5 2. Ab2 d4** A very committing move. Black has already decided to play for the big center. In *Larsen's Opening*, GM Andrew Soltis does not even list 2...d4 as a possible reply. He suggests 2...c5 with a wide range of choices to follow. **3. f3 c6** Although this looks good on the surface, since it defends d4 and prepares e5, the move blocks the c-pawn which Black may eventually need to push to help support d4 or block the h1–a8 diagonal after White fianchettoes on the kingside. **4. d3 e5 5. g3 Ae6 6. Ag2 f6** This seemed to be an unnecessary

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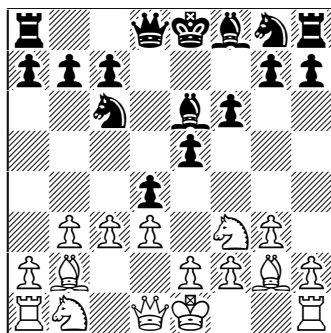
weakening of the king-side. Perhaps 6...Bd6 or 6...Rb8 is more flexible. **7. c3** (diagram) White is ahead in development and decides to strike at the extended Black center to soften it up. A bit of psychology went into this move as well. If my opponent was

so concerned about his center, a direct attack on that proud center would keep him off balance as he would always be worried about its destruction.

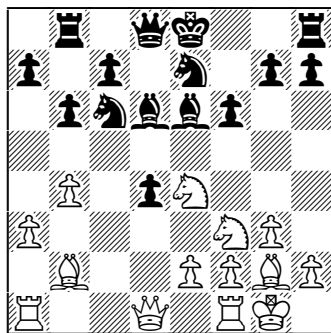
**7. ... dxc3** Once again very committing. Black should probably hold out and do something that helps his position. For instance, 7...Rb8 looks good, then 8.cxd4 Nxd4 with an eventual ...c5. **8. Qxc3 Qb4 9. 0-0 Qge7 10. Qe4 Bb8 11. a3 Qd6**

A position arises where even though Black has grabbed more space with his pawns, White has used his minor pieces to gain control or at least influence several key squares deep within Black's camp. **12. b4 b6** Black gains some control over c5, but leaves the White

queenside squares, especially c6, very weak. This well illustrated if we consider the position with Black's white squared bishop having been exchanged for one of White's knights. **13. d4 exd4** (diagram) Black has not castled, so I felt another attack on Black's proud center was in order. White hopes to destroy



Dusky v. Sheridan after 7. c3

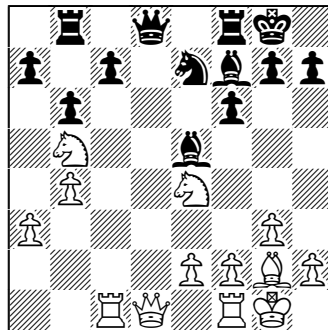


Dusky v. Sheridan after 13...exd4

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the Black center and leave him with a cramped position full of weaknesses and holes on the queen-side. **14. ♖xd4 0-0 15. ♜c1** Stepping up the pressure on c6. **15. ... ♖xd4 16. ♖xd4 ♕f7 17. ♖b5 ♕e5** (diagram) This leads to a loss of material for Black. In contrast, 17... Nc8 seems to hold things



Dusky v. Sheridan after 17... ♕e5

together, but does not improve Black's plight. **18. f4 ♗xd1 19. ♜fxd1 ♕b2 20. ♜xc7 ♖d5 21. ♜xa7 ♖e3?** This forces White to place his both of his rooks on the seventh rank. **22. ♜dd7** The weak d6 square will soon spell the end of Black. **1-0.**

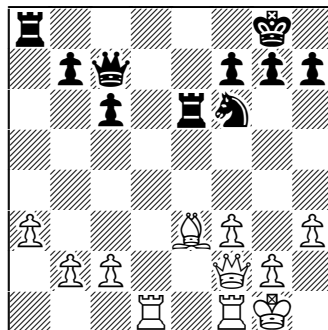
### W: O'Conner,S - B: Willard,B (1197) [A00]

1997 State Championship (4), 10/19/97

Annotated by Saul J.

O'Conner

**1. ♖c3** The Queen's Knight Attack, a.k.a The Dunst Opening. **1. ... ♖f6 2. ♖f3 d5 3. e3 ♖c6 4. ♕b5 ♕d7 5. d4 e6 6. 0-0 a6 7. ♕d3 ♕d6 8. a3 e5 9. dxe5 ♕xe5 10. ♖xe5 ♖xe5 11. h3 ♖xd3 12. ♗xd3 ♕b5 13. ♖xb5 axb5 14. ♗xb5+ c6 15. ♗e2 0-0 16. ♕d2 ♜e8 17. f3 d4 18. ♜ad1 dxe3 19. ♕xe3 ♗c7 20. ♗f2 ♜e6** (diagram) **21. ♕b6** I think he



O'Conner v. Willard after 20... ♜e6

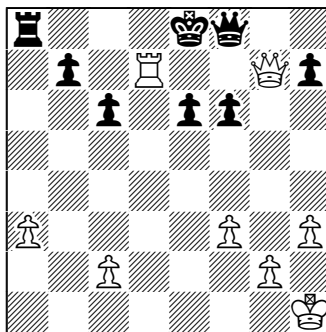
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thought I was going to play 21. Bd4, but this key move does not come until move 24. **21. ... ♖e5 22. ♜fe1** I was so intent on attacking the queen that I failed to see the pawn on b2 was hanging. **22. ... ♙xb2 23. ♜xe6 fxe6**

**24. ♘d4** Intending to open the castled position with 25. Qg3. **24. ... ♙b5 25. ♘xf6 gxf6 26. ♙g3+ ♙f7 27. ♜d7+ ♙e8 28. ♙g7 ♙c5+ 29. ♙h1 ♙f8** (diagram)

Here I really bogged down and burned 20 minutes on my clock. I had shades of *My System*



O'Conner v. Willard after 29...♙f8

running through my head, remembering how Nimzovich had stressed the importance of play on the seventh and eighth ranks. But with no mate threat on the move, what to do next? 30. Rxb7 or 30. Qxh7. It might seem simple to the reader, but I had not played a tournament game in twenty years. Winning this game would give me two points in as many days, so I didn't want this one to slip away. **30. ♙xh7 ♜xa3 31. ♜xb7** Better was 31. Rd1 to prevent 31...Ra1+ 32. Kg2 Qd6+ 33. g3 Qd2 mate. **31. ... ♜a8?? 32. ♙d7# 1-0.**

**W: Lafer, Jr.,M (1504) - B: Oody,K (1920) [B84]**

1998 Snowstorm

Annotated by Fritz 5.00 (75s)

**1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♘xd4 ♘f6 5. ♘c3 e6 6. ♘e2 ♘e7 7. 0-0 a6 8. ♘e3** [8. f4 0-0 9. ♙h1 ♙c7 10. ♙e1 b5 11. ♘f3 ♘b7 12. e5 ♘e8 13.

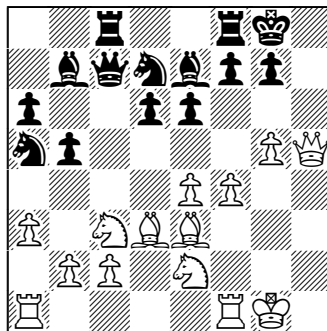
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f5 dxe5 14. fxe6 Qxf3 15. exf7+ Rxf7 16. Qxf3 Qd7 17. Ag5 Qf8 18. a3 Qd6 19. Qd2 Rxf1+ 20. Wxf1 Wc6 21. Re1 Re8 ½-½ Karpov, A-Kasparov, G/Wch31-KK1 Moscow 1985] 8. ... Wc7 Black is behind in development. 9. f4 0-0 10. g4 h6 11. Qd3

[11. g5 hxg5 12. fxg5 Qfd7±] 11. ... b5 12. a3 Qb7± [12. ... e5 13. Qf5 Qxf5 14. gxf5 exf4 15. Qxf4=] 13. Wf3 Qc6 14. Qde2 Rac8 15. h4 White plans g5 15. ... Qa5 16. g5 White wins space 16. ... hxg5± [16. ... Qxe4!? is an interesting idea 17. Qxe4 d5=] 17. hxg5 [Instead of 17. fxg5 Qd7=] 17. ... Qd7 18. Wh5 (diagram) [18. Rf2 f5 19. Wh3 Qd8 20. exf5 exf5+-] 18. ... f5?+- [18. ... g6 19. Wh6 Rfd8±] 19. Rf3 [19. Rf3 fxe4 20. Rh3+-; 19. Qd4!? and White can already relax 19. ... Wd8 20. exf5 We8+-] 1-0.



Lafer, Jr. v. Oody after 18. Wh5

### W: Williams, G (1535) - B: Miller, L (1497) [E30]

Southern Congress (5), 4/5/98

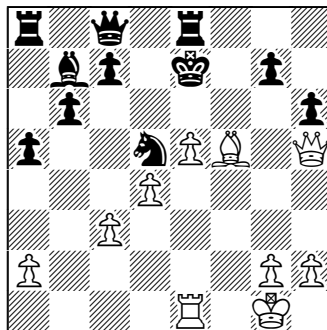
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1. d4 Qf6 2. c4 e6 3. Qc3 Qb4 4. Ag5 Qxc3+ 5. bxc3 d6 6. Qf3 Qbd7 7. e3 b6 8. Qd3 Qb7 9. 0-0 0-0 10. We2 h6 11. Ah4 Wc8 12. e4 e5 13. Qd2 Re8 14. Rae1 a5 15. f4 exf4 16. Qxf6 Qxf6 17. Rxf4 d5 18. e5 White gains space 18. ... dxc4 19. Qxc4 Qd5 20. Rxf7?+- [20. Rf2= and White is still in the game] 20. ... Wxf7 21. Wh5+ We7= [21. ... Wg8 22. Wg6 We6 (22. ... Qxc3

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23. ♖h7+ ♜f8 24. ♜f1+ ♜e7 25. ♖xg7+ ♜d8 26. ♜f5 ♜e2+ 27. ♜h1 ♖xf5 28. ♜xf5+-) 23. ♖h7+ ♜f8 24. ♜f1+ ♜e7=] **22. ♜f5--+** (diagram on page 27) [22. ♖h4+ g5 23. ♖xh6 ♜d8= (23. ... ♜xc3 again the pawn contains a lethal dose of poison 24. ♖f6+ ♜d7 25. ♜xb6+ cxb6 26.



Williams v. Miller after 22. ♜f5

♜d6#)] **22. ... ♜f4??=** there were better ways to keep up the pressure [22. ... ♖b8 23. ♜f1 b5 (23. ... ♜xc3 24. ♖h4+ g5 25. ♖xh6+-) 24. ♖h4+ g5 25. ♖xh6 ♜d8± (25. ... bxc4?? Black cannot capture the knight 26. ♖g7+ ♜d8 27. ♖d7#)] **23. ♖g4+** [⬇23. ♜xc8 and White has air to breathe 23. ... ♜xh5 24. ♜xb7=] **23. ... ♜e6 24. ♜e3 ♖d7 25. ♜d1?--** [25. d5 ♜xd5 26. ♜d1=] **25. ... ♜d5??±** weakening the position [⬇25. ... ♖c6 a shame that Black overlooked this excellent chance 26. ♜g6 ♖xc3 27. ♜f5+ ♜f8--+] **26. c4 c6** Consolidates d5 **27. cxd5 cxd5 28. ♜b1 b5?+-** [⬇28. ... ♜ab8 29. ♜xe6 ♖xe6 30. ♖xg7+ ♜d8±] **29. ♜xe6** Threatening mate... how? **29. ... ♖xe6 30. ♖xg7+ ♜d8 31. ♜xb5** The mate threat is ♜xd5 **31. ... ♖e7** [31. ... ♜g8 32. ♜xd5+! an unpleasant surprise 32. ... ♖e8+-] **32. ♖xh6** [⬇32. ♖g6!? and White can already relax 32. ... ♖e6 33. ♜xd5+ ♜c7 34. ♖c2+ ♖c6+-] **32. ... ♜c8** [32. ... ♖e6 a last effort to resist the inevitable 33. ♖g5+ ♜d7 34. ♜xd5 ♜g8+-] **33. ♖b6+ ♖c7 34. ♜xd5+ ♖e7 35. ♖f6# 1-0.**

**W: Rankin,T (1217) – B: Daniel,J (1772) [B71]**

1998 Scholastic Championships (3),

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Annotated by Fritz 5.00 (70s)

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4

cxd4 4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5.

♖c3 g6 Controls f5 6. f4

♖c6 7. ♖f3 ♖g7 8. ♖c4

0-0 9. 0-0 ♖d7 10. ♖e3

♖g4 11. ♖c1?+ [♖11.

♖d2= is a viable option]

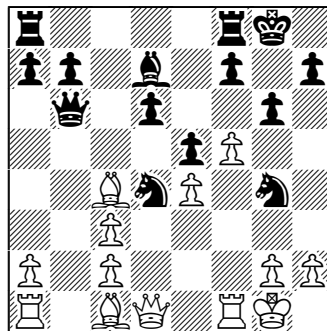
11. ... ♖xc3 12. bxc3

♖b6+ 13. ♖d4 e5 14.

f5?+ [♖14. h3? exd4 15.

hxc4 dxc3+ 16. ♖f2]

14. ... ♖xd4?? =



Rankin v. Daniel after 14... ♖xd4??

(diagram) releasing the pressure on the opponent

[♖14. ... exd4 Black had this great chance 15. ♖xc4

♖e5+]

15. cxd4 ♖xd4+ 16. ♖xd4 exd4 17. fxg6

hxc6 18. ♖d1 ♖ac8 [18. ... ♖e5 19. ♖b3 ♖c6 20.

♖d5=]

19. ♖xd4 ♖e6 20. ♖d3 ♖e5 21. ♖xd6

♖xd3 22. cxd3 Covers c4 [Instead of 22. ♖xd3

♖xc2 23. ♖e3 ♖e8=]

22. ... ♖c2 23. ♖h6 [23. ♖e3

b6=]

23. ... ♖fc8 24. ♖b1 [♖24. ♖e3?+ is worth

consideration]

24. ... ♖xa2 25. ♖xb7?+ another

bit of territory lost [♖25. ♖e3 b5 26. h4 (26. ♖xb5?

♖cc2 27. ♖b8+ ♖h7+)]

25. ... ♖cc2 Do you see

the mate threat?

26. ♖f1 [26. h4 otherwise it's curtains at once

26. ... ♖xc2+ 27. ♖h1+]

26. ... ♖a1+ [26. ... ♖a1+ 27. ♖b1 ♖xb1+ 28. ♖c1 ♖bxc1#]

0-1.

**Crittenton, L (1875) - "Clubber" Hyatt, J (1875)**  
[B78]

1998 Golden Knight,

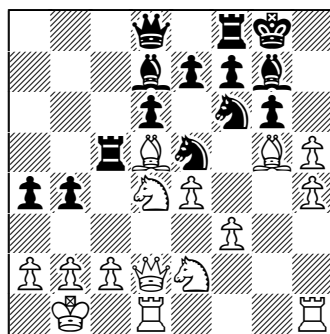
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1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5.

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**♟c3 g6 6. ♙e3 ♙g7 7. f3 ♟c6 8. ♚d2 0-0 9. ♙c4 ♙d7 10. 0-0-0 ♟c8 11. ♙b3 ♟e5 12. h4 h5** [12. ... ♟c4 13. ♙xc4 ♟xc4 14. h5 ♟xh5 15. g4 ♟f6 16. ♟de2 ♟a5 17. ♙h6 ♙xh6 18. ♟xh6 ♟fc8 19. ♙d3 ♙4c5 20. g5 ♟xg5 21. ♙d5 ♟xd5 22. ♟xd5 ♟e8 23. ♟ef4 ♙c6 24. e5 ♙xd5 25. exf6 exf6 26. ♟xh7+ ♟f8 27. ♟h8+ 1-0 Karpov,A-Kortschnoj,V/Moscow cf (Wch) 1974] **13. ♙g5 ♟c5 14. ♟b1 b5 15. g4 a5±** [15. ... hxg4!? is noteworthy 16. f4 ♟c4 17. ♙xc4 bxc4=] **16. gxf5 a4±** Black gets more space [16. ... ♟xh5 17. ♟d5 ♟e8 18. ♟e3=] **17. ♙d5=** [⬇17. ♙xf6!? ♙xf6 18. ♙d5±] **17. ... b4 18. ♟ce2** (diagram) **♟xh5±** [18. ... ♟xd5!? deserves consideration 19. exd5 **A**) ≤19. ... gxf5 **A1**) ≤20.



Clubber v. Crittenton after 18. ♟ce2

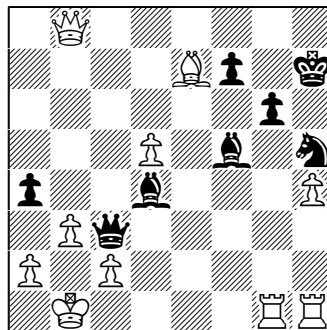
♟xb4 ♟c7= (20. ... ♟xd5 21. ♟f4 ♟c6 22. ♟xc6 ♟xd1+ 23. ♟xd1 ♙xc6 24. ♟g1±); **A2**) 20. ♙h6±; **B**) ≤19. ... ♟xd5 20. hxg6 ♟xf3 21. gxf7+ ♟xf7 22. ♟xb4±; **C**) 19. ... b3= ] **19. ♟dg1=** [19. ♟xb4!? ♟c7 20. ♙xe7±] **19. ... ♟c7 20. ♙xe7 ♟c8 21. b3??-+** hands over the advantage to the opponent [⬇21. ♟c1± was a good chance to save the game] **21. ... ♟xf3 22. ♟xb4** [22. ♟xf3 ♟xc2 23. ♙xd6 ♟xd2 (23. ... ♟xd6?? 24. ♙xf7+ ♟xf7 25. ♟xd6 ♟b2+ 26. ♟a1 ♟xe2+ 27. ♟d4 ♙xd4+ 28. ♟xd4+-) 24. ♙xc7 ♟b2+ 25. ♟a1 axb3-+ (25. ... ♟xc7?! 26. ♟ed4 ♟f2 27. ♟xg6=) ] **22. ... ♟b8=** [⬇22. ... ♟xg1!? 23. ♟xg1 axb3 24. axb3 ♙b5 25. ♙xd6 ♟xd6 26. ♟xb5 ♟h2-+] **23. ♟a3?-+** [23. ♟xb8+ ♟xb8 24. ♟xf3-+] **23. ... ♟xd4** [23. ... ♙xd4?! 24. ♟xg6+ ♟h7 25.

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♙xd6 axb3 26. ♖xc5 (26. ♜xd4?? would be a gruesome error 26. ... bxc2+ 27. ♔a1 c1♙+ 28. ♜xc1 ♜xc1+ 29. ♖xc1 ♖xc1#) 26. ... ♖xc5 27. ♙xc5 bxc2+ 28. ♖xc2 ♖b2+ 29. ♖c1 ♖xe2 30. ♗d6 ♙xc5 31. ♖xd7 ♙a3+ 32. ♖b1 ♜d2+ 33. ♔a1=] **24. ♜xd4 ♜xd5** [24. ... ♜f4 25.

♙xf7+ ♖xf7 26. ♙g5 ♙xd4 27. ♖f1-+] **25. exd5 ♙xd4** 26. ♖xd6 [26. ♙xd6?? ♖c3! the logical end 27. ♖c1 ♙f5-+] 26. ... ♖c3! touché!. Threatening mate: ♖b2 27. ♖xb8+ ♖h7 28. ♖c1 White threatens to counter with ♖f1



Clubber v. Crittenton after 28... ♙f5!

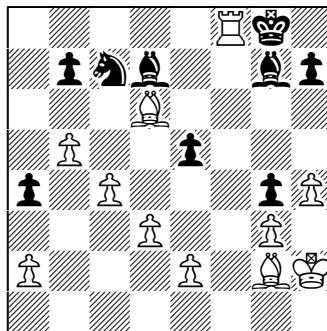
**28. ... ♙f5!** (diagram) the final blow **29. ♖h2** [29. ♖h8+ doesn't change the outcome of the game 29. ... ♖xh8 30. ♖g2 ♖b2+ 31. ♖d1 ♖b1+ 32. ♖d2 ♖xc2+ 33. ♖e1 ♖c1+ 34. ♖e2 ♜f4+ 35. ♖f3 ♖e3#] **29. ... ♖a1++-** [29. ... ♖b2+ 30. ♖d1 ♖b1+ 31. ♖e2 ♖xc2+ 32. ♖e1 ♙c3+ 33. ♖d2 ♖xd2+ 34. ♖f1 ♙d3#] **30. ♖d2 ♖xa2±** [30. ... ♖c3+ 31. ♖d1 ♖f3+ 32. ♖c1 axb3 33. axb3 ♜f4] **31. ♖c1??-+** White lets it slip away [31. ♖c7 axb3 32. ♖c4 ♙xg1 33. ♖xg1 ♙xc2 34. ♙d6 ♖a5+ 35. ♖c3 ♖d5+ 36. ♖e3 ♖e4+ 37. ♖d2-+] **31. ... axb3 32. ♖c7 b2** Threatening mate... how? . . . . [32. ... b2 33. ♖b7 ♜g3-+ (33. ... bxc1 ♙+ 34. ♖xc1 ♙e5 35. ♙g5]; 33. ... bxc1 ♜ 34. ♖xc1 ♙e5 35. ♙g5] **0-1.**

**W: Holmes,D (1963) - B: Lafer, Jr. (1504) [A05]**  
1998 Snowstorm (4),  
*Annotated by Fritz 5.00 (60s)*

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**1. ♖f3 ♜f6 2. g3 g6 3. b4 ♠g7N** [3. ... b6 4. ♠b2 ♠b7 5. ♜a3 ♠g7 6. ♠g2 0-0 7. 0-0 d6 8. c4 c5 9. ♜c2 ♜c7 10. d3 ♜bd7 11. e4 e6 12. ♜e3 ♜g4 13. ♠xg7 ♜xe3 14. fxe3 ♜xg7 15. ♜g5 ♠ae8 16. a3 d5 17. bxc5 bxc5 18. ♜b3 Smyslov,V-Botvinnik,M/Wch22-Moscow 1958/½-½ (41)] **4. ♠b2 0-0 5. ♠g2 d6** Prevents intrusion on e5 **6. c4 e5 7. d3** Secures e4 **7. ... a5 8. b5** This push gains space **8. ... ♜bd7 9. ♜bd2 ♜c5 10. 0-0 ♠e6 11. h3** Consolidates g4 **11. ... a4 12. ♠a3** The white bishop is safe in front of a4 **12. ... ♜fd7 13. ♠b1 f5 14. ♜e1 g5 15. ♜c2 f4** Black gets more space **16. ♜h2 fxg3+ 17. fxg3 ♠xf1 18. ♜xf1 ♜f8±** [18. ... g4 19. ♜e4=] **19. ♜e4 ♜xe4 20. ♠xe4 ♜xf1 21. ♠xf1 ♠b8 22. ♜e3 ♜f6 23. ♠g2 g4 24. h4±** [24. hxg4 ♜xg4+ 25. ♜xg4 ♠xg4 26. ♠d5+ ♜h8±] **24. ... ♠d7?+-** [⬢24. ... h5!± would allow Black



Holmes v. Lafer, Jr. after 28. ♠xf8!

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tic players are not mandated to play in the Junior section. With the addition of this new section, we could see 10 to 30 more players at the Closed Championships. Please set this date aside for this fall.

Thanks to help from Pat Hart and Dr. Clyde Smith, we have put together a calendar of events for South Carolina tournaments for the next twelve months. If your tournament or club event is not being listed in *Palmetto Chess*, please write or e-mail me and I'll see

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that it is added to our tournament calendar. Most of you will be surprised at the number of tournaments being held annually in our state. We can answer the call for more tournaments by simply getting the word out about the tournaments we already have. This has worked well for our scholastic tournaments. In the past we could expect only 18 to 24 players. This year we have had at least 44 players in each tournament. At the state scholastic championships in March, we had 74 players. All this without advertising in *Chess Life*. Just imagine what effect this same approach could have on our regular tournaments. More players translates into larger prizes and new opponents, things everyone will appreciate.

**I'll see you at the South Carolina Open in June.**

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within our state, at every corner. We owe this to our officers, who work tirelessly to maintain cohesion within our ranks, and to chess players to come. The scholastic program needs our support in order to ensure the future of chess in our state, and there is so much work to be done.

There are those among us who are determined that chess will not go away, nor will we, as a unique crowd, relent, when it comes to defending our rights and privileges. Let's just not forget that chess is not ours to give or take away. It belongs to the Morphys, the Alekhines, and the Capablancas who perpetuated the game throughout history, and it also belongs to the youth who do not even know how to play yet. We owe to them a legacy of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and the promise of chess to come. We can do this, folks, so support our

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David's strength have gone on to win? Would you or I have won under these conditions? Is just one piece down enough? I don't know. But let's play "What If" some more. What if 11. Qh5 g6 (required) 12. Qxc5. Now, Black faces so many threats that it appears impossible to defend against them all, i.e., 13. Bg5, Ne4 or d5, Bh6, Re1, etc. (Also, notice that White can almost sac his Queen with 13. Qxf8+ Kxf8 14. Bh6+ Kg8 15. Re1 Ne7 (else Re8++), and here comes a serious Knight fork at e5!) Frankly, I see a win everywhere I look, and my rating is 1475!

Anyway, Kaidanov decided to give David his undivided attention after this narrow escape. Though he had been standing throughout the entire simul, Kaidanov pulled up a chair and slammed it down in front of David's board, and asked him if he had a clock. "You bet your sweet Schliemann I have a clock, pal!" said David, and produced his famous Heuer from his bag. At this point, Kaidanov went around to the two remaining players, whom he quickly dispatched, and returned to David's board. Giving David five minutes and taking one for himself, Kaidanov went on to win, as stated earlier, but had, indeed, noticed his own blunder, but never thanked David for ignoring it. Now, like Casey at the Bat, David may never know the sweet taste of a victory over insurmountable odds, in this case, victory over a GM. He can, however, be proud of the fact that he came this close to causing the greatest upset in the history of chess, as far as I know. He also lasted longer than any other contestant. Oh well, maybe next time.

Incidentally, the reason 11. Qh5!! was not played is explained in another article entitled "S.A.D.", or "Selective Analysis Disorder", which, for some unknown reason, affects each of us at one time or another.



## GSSM Winter Classic

### January 17, 1998

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01. Gary Hardin	2030	W14	W8	W5	W4	L2	4.0
02. Justin Daniel	1776	W15	W7	D6	W4	W1	4.5
03. Clyde Smith	1575	W16	W10	W9	L1	W8	4.0
04. James Hughey	1504	W17	L9	W15	L2	L5	2.0
05. Michael Lafer, Jr.	1469	W18	W21	L1	D6	W4	3.5
06. Jesse Inman	1374	W19	W13	D2	D5	W16	4.0
07. Michael Lafer, Sr.	1331	W20	L2	W14	W9	L12	3.0
08. Michael Spohn	1238	W21	L1	W17	W10	L3	3.0
09. Marshall Alexander	1235	W22	W4	L3	L7	L15	2.0
10. Jason Harvey	1192	W23	L3	W19	L8	W11	3.0
11. Mark Ammons	1103	L24	W20	L16	W21	L10	2.0
12. Omari Swinton	1079	W25	L5	W27	W13	W7	4.0
13. Drew Tweio	1075	W26	L6	D18	L12	W24	2.5
14. Scott Adkins	1056	L1	W21	L7	L19	W23	2.0
15. Jabari Leslie	1040	L2	W24	L4	W25	W9	3.0
16. Chris Jenkins	1029	L3	W23	W11	W18	L6	3.0
17. Elizabeth Bly	1022	L4	W28	L8	L24	W25	2.0
18. Wally Altman	951	L5	W25	D13	L16	W19	2.5
19. Anthony Mott	951	L6	W26	L10	W14	L18	2.0
20. Hank Pellerin	861	L7	L11	—	—	—	0.0
21. Chris Kettrey	853	L8	L14	W24	L11	W26	2.0
22. Mike Bishop	760	L9	L17	L25	L26	L27	0.0
23. Sara Lemanski	629	L10	L16	D26	W27	L14	1.5
24. Johnny Parham	Unr.	W11	L15	L21	W17	L13	2.0
25. James MacDougall	Unr.	L12	L18	W22	L15	L17	1.0
26. Ahmad Umrani	Unr.	L13	L19	D23	W22	L21	1.5
27. Robyn Pavlakovich	Unr.	Bye	Bye	L12	L23	W22	2.0

**26th Annual Snowstorm**  
**February 21-22, 1998**  
**TD-John McCrary**

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01. Wayne Williams	2154	W24	W13	L7	W12	D4	3.5
02. Paul Tinkler	2094	W25	W16	W8	W7	D3	4.5
03. Douglas Holmes	1963	W27	W15	W11	W20	D2	4.5
04. Brenton Bovay	1955	Bye	W32	W10	W5	D1	4.0
05. Claude Corbett	1923	W28	W22	D12	L4	—	2.5
06. Kyle Oody	1920	W29	W17	L20	W16	D9	3.5
07. Keith Eubanks	1889	W20	W18	W1	L2	W11	4.0
08. Henry White	1877	W31	W19	L2	W22	W20	4.0
09. John Dusky, Jr.	1854	L32	W37	W14	W25	D6	3.5
10. Dominic DiMantova	1809	D33	WF	L4	W31	L32	2.5
11. Norman Hammer	1751	W34	W44	L3	W30	L7	3.0
12. James Collins	1671	W35	W23	D5	L1	W33	3.5
13. Ervin Jones	1641	W36	L1	W27	D32	W34	3.5
14. Frederick Olmsted	1630	D37	W33	L9	D24	—	2.0
15. Ernesto Cabiad	1599	W38	L3	L30	L36	—	1.0
16. John Rogers	1568	W39	L2	W29	L6	W36	3.0
17. John Crawford	1537	W40	L6	L32	L46	W43	2.0
18. Donald Wilson	1525	W41	L7	L31	L44	—	1.0
19. Willian Hart, Jr.	1524	W42	L8	D34	L33	L31	1.5
20. Michael Lafer, Jr.	1504	W43	W35	W6	L3	L8	3.0
21. Tony Makarome	1493	L44	L36	W42	WF	L28	2.0
22. Randall Altman	1484	W45	L5	W41	L8	W30	3.0
23. Pete Danker	1475	W46	L12	D36	L34	W37	2.5
24. John Compton	1451	L1	W38	Bye	D14	L41	2.0
25. John Roberts	1444	L2	W39	W44	L9	W46	3.0
26. James Walyus	1426	Bye	LF	—	—	—	0.5
27. Clyde Baker	1425	L3	W40	L13	W29	W44	3.0
28. James Rivers	1412	L5	L41	W43	W40	W21	3.0
29. William Pilaud	1400	L6	W42	L16	L27	WF	2.0
30. Michael Lafer, Sr.	1388	L7	W43	W15	L11	L22	2.0
31. James Smith	1370	L8	W46	W18	L10	W19	3.0
32. Roger Collum, Jr.	1362	W9	L4	W17	D13	W10	3.5
33. David Biggs	1356	D10	L14	W37	W19	L12	2.5
34. William Nash	1321	L11	W45	D19	W23	L13	2.5
35. Jonathan Crompton	1178	L12	L20	Bye	L41	W45	1.5

## Charleston Classic continued

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
36. Chuck Cameron	1151	L13	W21	D23	W15	L16	2.5
37. Ronnie Farmer	1093	D14	L9	L33	W45	L23	1.5
38. Jason Harvey	1037	L15	L24	W45	LF	—	1.0
39. James Southard, Jr.	927	L16	L25	L46	Bye	—	1.0
40. Brian Neilson	877	L17	L27	Bye	L28	LF	1.0
41. Woodrow Baker	Unr.	L18	W28	L22	W35	W24	3.0
42. Jackson Davis	Unr.	L19	L29	L21	LF	—	0.0
43. Justin Pickett	Unr.	L20	L30	L28	WF	L17	1.0
44. William Hope	Unr.	W21	L11	L25	W18	L27	2.0
45. Bryan Willoughby	Unr.	L22	L34	L38	L37	L35	0.0
46. Paul Bryan	Unr.	L23	L31	W39	W17	L25	2.0

## Scholastic Championships

**March 7, 1998**

**TD-Michael Spohn**

### High School

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01. Michael Lafer, Jr.	1504	W31	W18	W15	W9	L2	4.0
02. Jesse Inman	1374	W32	W19	W13	W12	W1	5.0
03. Matt Stone	1250	W33	W20	L12	W22	Bye	3.5
04. David Williams	1166	W34	W24	D17	L46	L15	2.5
05. Jonathan Fowler	1162	W35	L26	W11	L6	L31	2.0
06. Chad Warren	1133	W36	L46	W37	W5	D17	3.5
07. Elizabeth Bly	1118	W37	W53	D26	W10	L46	3.5
08. Stephen Whitaker	1100	L38	L36	W45	L41	L20	1.0
09. Omari Swinton	1079	W39	W28	W57	L1	W16	4.0
10. Buddy Martell	1065	W40	W51	D46	L7	D26	3.0
11. Scott Adkins	1056	W41	W52	L5	W28	W24	4.0
12. Jabari Leslie	1040	W42	W38	W3	L2	W55	4.0
13. Aubry Threlkeld	1033	W43	W55	L2	D31	W51	3.5
14. Chris Jenkins	1029	W44	L57	W35	W32	W59	4.0
15. Chris Schenck	1012	W45	W59	L1	W57	W4	4.0
16. Chase Shealy	1005	L46	W40	W36	W20	L9	3.0
17. Justin Miller	1000	W47	W60	D4	W26	D6	4.0
18. Mark Ammons	995	W18	L1	W38	L55	L33	2.0

## High School continued

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
19. David Smith	974	W49	L2	W33	L59	W36	3.0
20. Wally Altman	956	W50	L3	D51	L16	W8	2.5
21. Ben Sykes	935	L52	W39	L55	W47	W34	3.0
22. Ben Bruce	934	L51	W42	W52	L3	W37	3.0
23. Ponnoreay Pich	927	L53	D41	L31	L51	W60	1.5
24. Sharon Leader	920	W54	L4	W58	W25	L11	3.0
25. Anthony Mott	919	L55	W43	W53	L24	W39	3.0
26. Jarrett Dunn	874	W56	W5	D7	L17	W10	3.0
27. Derrick Smith	860	L57	W48	L59	W53	W40	3.0
28. Morgan Jones	852	W58	L9	W34	L11	L41	2.0
29. Ahmad Umrani	850	Bye	—	—	—	—	0.5
30. Brandon Miller	807	L59	D45	D41	W60	L57	2.0
31. Gavin Berry	798	L1	W44	W23	D13	W5	3.5
32. Michael Summer	786	L2	W47	W60	L14	W44	3.0
33. James Lambert	772	L3	W50	L19	W42	W18	3.0
34. Michael Bishop	714	L4	W49	L28	W50	L21	2.0
35. Abraham Champange	702	L5	W54	L14	L40	W49	2.0
36. Andrew Diggs	700	L6	W38	L16	W52	L19	2.0
37. Elijah Stewart, Jr.	697	L7	W57	L6	W58	L22	2.0
38. Sara Lemanski	629	W8	L12	L18	L44	W50	2.0
39. Ryan Wright	600	L9	L21	W48	W45	L25	2.0
40. Robert Bryant	Unr.	L10	L16	W49	W35	L27	2.0
41. Joe Dukeman	Unr.	L11	D23	D30	W8	W28	3.0
42. Gary Harris	Unr.	L12	L22	W50	L33	L52	1.0
43. Kevin Holman	Unr.	L13	L25	W54	L48	L53	1.0
44. Jose Gonzalez	Unr.	L14	L31	L62	W38	L32	1.0
45. Judson Ragsdale	Unr.	L15	D30	L8	L39	L54	0.5
46. Patrick Chester	Unr.	W16	W6	D10	W4	W7	4.5
47. Jeff Drewiske	Unr.	L17	L32	W56	L21	L58	1.0
48. Quentin Gaymon	Unr.	L18	L27	L39	W43	L56	1.0
49. Campbell Faulkner	Unr.	L19	L34	L40	W54	L35	1.0
50. Eric Douglass	Unr.	L20	L33	L42	L34	L38	0.0
51. James McDougall	Unr.	W22	L10	D20	W23	L13	2.5
52. Eddy Heath	Unr.	W21	L11	L22	L36	W42	2.0
53. Nick Tetreault	Unr.	W23	L7	L25	L27	W43	2.0
54. Travis Wiggins	Unr.	L24	L35	L43	L49	W45	1.0
55. Kevin Gay	Unr.	W25	L13	W21	W18	L12	3.0
56. Jeremy Farmer	Unr.	L26	L37	L47	L62	W48	1.0

## High School continued

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
57. Amanda Miller	Unr.	W27	W14	L9	L15	W30	3.0
58. Bryan Willoughby	Unr.	L28	L62	W24	L37	W47	2.0
59. Justin Pickett	Unr.	W31	L15	W27	W19	L14	3.0
60. Laverne Williams	Unr.	L61	L17	L32	L30	L23	0.0
61. Luther Barnett	Unr.	W60	—	—	—	—	1.0
62. Michael Lafer, Sr	HM	—	W58	W44	W56	—	3.0

## Middle & Elementary

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
01. Justin Daniels	1772	W8	W5	W2	W3	W4	5.0
02. Tim Rankin	1241	W9	W7	L1	W10	W12	4.0
03. Drew Tweito	1075	W10	W6	W11	L1	W10	4.0
04. Stephen Mathis	985	L12	W13	L8	W7	L1	2.0
05. Joshua Brunson	896	W14	L1	L10	W15	L7	2.0
06. Kevin Yoon	831	W13	L3	L12	L16	W14	2.0
07. Gerald Lancaster	813	W15	L2	W14	L4	W5	3.0
08. Daniel McEechern	708	L1	W12	W4	W11	L13	3.0
09. Elizabeth Lemanski	665	L2	W14	D15	L12	D11	1.0
10. Krista Williams	621	L3	L16	W5	L2	L3	1.0
11. Rebecca Lemanski	543	L16	D15	L3	L8	D9	1.0
12. Clay Danielson	Unr.	W4	L8	W6	W9	L2	3.0
13. James Anderson	Unr.	L6	L4	L16	W14	W8	2.0
14. Brandon Ross	Unr.	L5	W9	L7	L13	L6	1.0
15. Jake Tweito	Unr.	L7	D11	D9	L1	L16	1.0
16. George Williams	HM	W11	L10	W13	W6	W15	5.0

# SC Open

## June 6-7, 1998

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**5SS, 35/90, SD/60.**

**Location.** Hampton Inn, 2111 Tabor Dr., Rock Hill, SC (I-77 exit #79). \$1800 b/60.

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**Reg.** 9-9:50.

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# Simultaneous Exhibition

By

**Charles Walter, United States Chess  
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Charles Walter is a five (5) time winner of the South Carolina Chess Championship. He is the highest rated South Carolina chess player in history, having achieved a United States Chess Federation rating of 2418. He will take on all comers simultaneously on separate boards.

Mr. Walter has agreed to perform this exhibition to help the Capital City Chess Club raise funds to purchase chess clocks for use in scholastic tournaments. Accordingly, the club is requesting a donation of \$5.00 per game.

For further information contact **Earl Thompson** or **Larry Thompson** at 803-691-9339.

**Location:** Lorick Park and Recreation Center, 1600 Lorick Avenue, Columbia, South Carolina.

**Directions:** Follow North Main to the 4200 block where it intersects with the 1200 block of Lorick Avenue (not far from Zestos and the Lutheran Seminary). Turn onto Lorick Avenue, go approximately five-tenths of a mile. After crossing the railroad tracks, Lorick Park will be on your left.

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