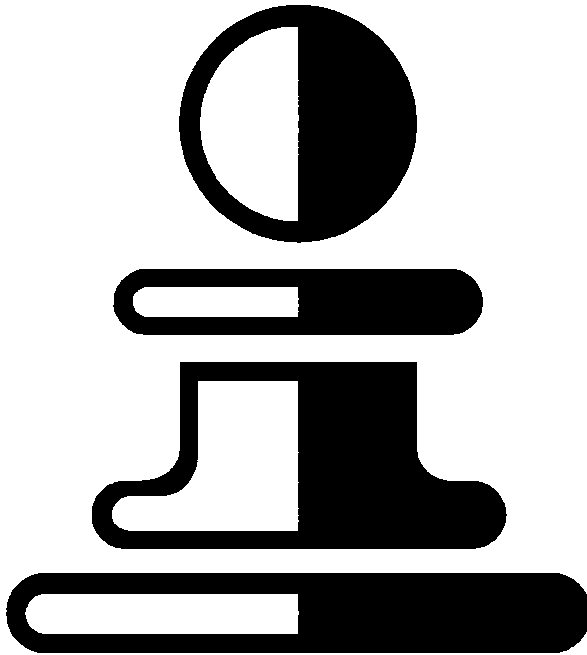


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“Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitude toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.”

Charles R. Swindoll

The President's Page

By Michael Spohn

SCCA President

This President's Page is to inform you of a mistake that I made while directing the South Carolina Championships. On Saturday October 30th, Dr. Ardaman properly requested byes for the rounds on Sunday. That is not what is in question. What is in question is my error in judgement regarding how the byes were treated after they were awarded. Specifically, I did not want to set a precedent of settling the state title with byes, but in the confusion of the state meeting, discussions with my assistants about whether to grant the byes etc, I failed to communicate this point to all the participants. The money was never in question, thus all the cash prizes were distributed properly. I inadvertently misled the participants in the championship section. Moreover,

I was incorrect to even consider not letting the byes count towards the state title. Due to my error, Brent Bovay was wrongly awarded the title at the tournament site with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points while Miles Ardaman had 4 points. This was not appropriate. So after consulting with the SCCA officers, as well as a National Tournament Director who sits on the USCF Rules Committee, it was decided that the title had to be taken from Mr. Bovay and awarded to Mr. Ardaman. This was done to protect the integrity of how the SCCA determines its champion. Thus, Ardaman has been properly declared as the Champion of South Carolina for 1999.

Please accept my sincere apologies for any trouble or misunderstanding that I may have caused.

The View From “C” Level

By Pete Danker

The phrase *amaurosis scachistica* literally means “chess blindness,” and refers to mistakes we all make during the course of a game. It has come to be applied to those moves made by players of Master through Grandmaster levels which, after extensive analysis, proved to be not the best move. They either missed a chance to win with a brilliant combination, or gain material, or did not foresee a coming attack. Of course, when we “C” players do it, it is called a “blunder.” Further, virtually every World Champion has been afflicted by this disorder. But, the one thing most of these “weaker” moves have in common is this: they had a purpose for being made, but that is not what we are talking about today.

What we are talking about in this article is the form of chess blindness that results in the inexplicable loss of material. Unfortunately, we have all been stricken with this malady at one time or another. Therefore, it stands to reason that there would be at least one occurrence at this year’s SC Open.

I promised one of the participants in the game anonymity, since these incidents cause understandable embarrassment. In fact, the position used on the following page has been altered to protect the innocent, but it makes exactly the same point.

Now, here’s the scenario: White has to make three moves to make the first time control, and his flag is clinging to the minute hand by its fingertips, hanging on for dear life. Black has more than ten minutes on his clock. White has been playing hurry-up chess, and making reasonably sound moves, *but Black gets lured into White’s speed chess*, and plays the unbelievable

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move 1... Qb8?? Tragic.

Here are a few things Black should have considered before touching a piece; (1) avoid 1... Re1+, because White gets to quickly dispose of a move, (2) try to find a move White does not anticipate and has not prepared for, and (3) at least consider 1... Qe8. Then,



Black to move

White must formulate a new line of attack in a very short time, and there is precious little left. Instead, Black makes an inexplicable blunder. Naturally, White makes his time control, and Black soon resigned.

Why did he do this? What was he thinking? Nobody knows . . . not even the player himself, but he is certainly old enough to know better. However, if there is a lesson in this for the rest of us, it may be this: no one is exempt from the malady of AS. Remember the basics when your opponent is in severe time trouble and use it to your own advantage. Above all, remember these hints:

1. Look for an obscure but sound move. This causes your opponent to spend a few extra ticks considering the ramifications.
2. Try to avoid a forced exchange sequence.
3. Do not allow your opponent to lure you into *his* speed chess game. Let him make the mistakes.
4. Do not take a break during your opponent's time trouble. Why give him time to formulate options?

By the way, if you saw 1... Qxd5!! in the diagram, congratulations! You qualify for Expert Solver!

Out of the Frying Pan

By R. John McCrary
USCF Vice-President

And into the fire! That is how I felt when I learned that I had been elected to the USCF Executive Board after enduring the most vicious USCF campaign ever — only to face the most daunting challenges in USCF history as a Board member.

This year's election was the first under the new system: candidates ran for the seven Board seats, rather than for specific offices. The Board then elected its own officers from among its members. I was elected USCF Vice-President, after getting two Board votes for President. It was hoped that the new system would prevent the types of personal attacks on candidates that have marred past elections. Unfortunately, the opposite happened. The attacks were worst than ever.

I was identified early as perhaps the leading potential vote-getter among the sixteen candidates. As a result, my picture went up on a few politicians' walls with a big bulls-eye painted on it! I was accused of being a "do-nothing" although I have won four national awards from three previous Boards for my USCF achievements, and had had a very successful tenure as President of the US Chess Trust. Then when I pointed out my achievements in response to that slander, I was accused of being a self-congratulatory liar. I have always had a reputation for strong ethical standards, but I was accused of being the most unscrupulous secret conspirator ever to darken USCF doors.

The "hit parade" against me failed, as I was indeed the leading vote-getter across the entire nation outside of California. Unfortunately, when California was fig-

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ured in, I dropped to fifth place, although only two percentage points out of first in a photo-finish among the top six. I was far ahead of seventh place, so my election was never really in doubt. I was particularly pleased that I did very well in the New York-New Jersey region, since the most vicious "hit" against me had come from a New Jersey leader.

Now I must face incredible challenges. Membership is sagging, the paper-

intensive office is inefficient, internet chess is creating new markets faster than the USCF is able to keep up. Add in a couple of lawsuits against the USCF and

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an unbalanced budget, and it makes me wonder when I will ever get a full night's sleep again!

Anyway, I succeed Lee Hyder as only the second South Carolina resident to become a USCF Board member. I have had one thrill since the election: I represented the USCF at the closing ceremonies of the FIDE World Championship in Las Vegas. As part of that, I was interviewed on Armenian national TV, and had my picture taken with the new champion and the FIDE President by a number of European press photographers. I also gave the official opening remarks at the FIDE Presidential Board, the highest body in world chess.

Thanks to the SCCA for endorsing me, and to Mike Spohn for writing a very good endorsement letter which I used nationally. Such endorsements were necessary to counter the "Hit Parade."

SCCA Business Meeting Minutes

By Bill Willard, SCCA Secretary

October 30, 1999

1. George Williams was recognized as the nominating committee chairman. Mr. Williams nominated the following for state officers: Michael Spohn for President; Henry White for Vice President; Bill Willard for Secretary; Pat Hart for Treasurer.
No other nominations came from the floor. The nominations were closed and a motion was made that the above officers be re-elected. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. The USCF delegates for the year 2000 were chosen. Since John McCrary is now Vice President of the USCF, he is no longer a delegate from South Carolina. After discussion, the motion was made for Michael Spohn to be the Delegate, with Bill Willard as 1st Alternate, and Diana McCrary as 2nd Alternate. The motion was seconded, and passed.
3. For the year 2001, a new selection process for delegates will be used. Until now, state associations have elected delegates to the national convention. The USCF will send out ballots to ALL members in each state to elect delegates for the year 2001. This affects the SCCA. Currently, only 25% of the USCF members in South Carolina are members of the SCCA.
In order to address this, a motion was introduced to endorse in order four members of the SCCA. Prior to the vote next year, our Association may choose to contact each state member to enlist support. The motion to endorse Michael Spohn, Henry White, Bill Willard, and Pete Danker as delegates to the USCF was seconded and passed.

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4. Michael Spohn discussed the addition of a major state tournament in Greenville in December of 2000. A major tournament is planned every month (except May) in the state for next year. One reason for the success is that several players have obtained TD credentials.
5. John McCrary discussed USCF issues. One possibility is an on-line version of *Chess Life*. Details of these and other possible changes are presently being discussed.
6. The Treasurer's report submitted by Pat Hart was presented. (See page 10).
7. The SCCA has had no dues increase for eleven years. However, due to improvements in *Palmetto Chess* recently and the additional focus on scholastic chess, reserves have dwindled. A motion was made to increase adult memberships in the SCCA from \$8 to \$10 annually, and junior memberships from \$3 to \$5 annually. The motion was seconded and passed. This increase will go into effect 11/01/99.
8. The meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted.

Newsletters Available on CD-ROM

The South Carolina Chess Association has published a newsletter almost continuously since 1959. All 135 issues of these newsletters, over 2,700 pages, are now available on CD-ROM in Adobe's digital PDF format. This format allows key word searching. The CD's are being sold at our website, www.scchess.org, for \$20.00.

1999 Treasurer's Report

By Patrick Hart

Balance 9/30/98 \$3,569.55

Income

Expenses

1999 SC Open	\$2,960.00	1999 SC Open	\$2,646.05
1998 SC Championship	\$1,945.00	1987 SC Championship	\$1,677.28
USCF Dues	\$1,248.00	USCF Dues	\$1,246.00
SCCA Dues	\$760.00	Scholastic Sets&Clocks	\$723.05
1999 SCCA Scholastic	\$518.00	1999 SCCA Scholastic	\$547.09
1998 Fall Scholastic	\$439.00	Palmetto Chess	\$546.45
Gamecock Classic	\$380.00	Gamecock Classic	\$381.05
USCF State Fund	\$281.20	1998 Fall Scholastic	\$379.64
Middle State Scholastic	\$120.00	Savannah Tournament	\$275.00
Tee Shirts	\$69.00	WinTD + Ratings Disks	\$113.95
Upper State Scholastic	\$65.00	Middle State Scholastic	\$105.45
Lower State Scholastic	\$60.00	Lower State Scholastic	\$102.45
Gamecock Scholastic	\$60.00	Gamecock Scholastic	\$91.10
Scott's Branch Scholastic	\$45.00	Website Registration	\$70.00
Donations	\$20.00	Scott's Branch Scholastic	\$65.68
Interest	\$17.99	Club Support	\$65.45
Scholastic Set	\$7.50	Upper State Scholastic	\$62.00
Tourney Ads	\$5.00	Returned Check	\$52.00
		Chess Puzzles	\$40.00
		Affiliation Renewal	\$40.00
		Postage	\$38.73
		Officer Dues	\$32.00
		Scoresheets	\$19.90
		Bank Charge	\$5.00

Total Income \$9,000.69 Total Expenses \$9,325.32

Net Gain / Loss (\$324.63)

Balance 9/30/99 \$3,244.92

From the Editor's Desk

To Err is Human

Our President did consult with me about how to handle the byes given to Dr. Ardaman at this year's state championships. In fact, he specifically asked for my candid opinion about what he should do. At the tournament site where a decision had to be made promptly, I concurred with him that the byes should not be given full effect toward the championship. After the tournament, upon further reflection in the quiet of my home, I came to the conclusion that the byes should have been given full effect and that the title had to be stripped from Brent Bovay and awarded to Dr. Ardaman. I too apologize for not making the right call at the tournament site.

Let me also offer my words of support for our President. I know how hard he works to make our association a better organization. He takes great pride in getting things right, and he takes any mistake seriously. Mike Spohn has done a tremendous job organizing and directing tournaments in all parts of the state. Not just our regular tournaments, but many scholastic events as well. He receives not one dime of compensation for his hard work. Moreover, I'm certain he receives few kind words of appreciation from our ungrateful and apathetic membership.

Of the many e-mails I've read about the title controversy, one from John Dusky put it all in the proper perspective. Mr. Dusky wrote as follows: "minus this incident [about the Ardaman byes] – Congratulations to Mike and his staff on a great tournament. Although we started traditionally late, I felt everything ran very smoothly and the playing environment was superb. I'm sure I speak for most of the participants, when I say, that I definitely will be coming back next year."

TOURNAMENT NEWS

1999 SC Championships

The 1999 State Chess Championships were held in Columbia, South Carolina on October 30-31. Dr. Miles Ardaman scored four points in the Championship Section and has been awarded the championship title, with Brent Bovay, Keith Eubanks, and John Dusky tying for second, each scoring 3½. Thus, Dr. Miles Ardaman is the 1999 South Carolina Chess Champion. The championship title was erroneously awarded to Brent Bovay at the tournament site.

Alexendar Guetchkov of Greenwood won the Amateur Section with a perfect score. Dominick Di Mantova, Robert Folts, and Ramakrishna Gundala tied for second with 4 points each.

Ricky Durbin of Kentucky won the Reserve Section with a perfect score. Pani Wickramasinghe, Glen Suares and Lance MacMillan tied for second with 4 points each.

The Junior Section was won by Robert Matson, a tenth grade student from Charlotte, North Carolina.

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South Carolina Games

(375) Hyder,L (2023) – Bovay,B (1947) [E90]

SC Championships Columbia, SC (3), 10/30/1999

[Annotated by Brent Bovay and Fritz 5.32 (100s)]

In round three, I was paired with Lee Hyder. This would be the first time we played, except for two games a few years ago in the SC postal championship. Besides being a multiple time state champion, Dr. Hyder is known as a fierce and excellent player. **1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 ♗bd7 6.♗e3 0-0 7. ♗f3 e5 8.d5 ♗e8** Starting the classical KID battle. Black stakes most if not all of his game on a direct kingside attack, while White of course tries to utilize his space advantage. However, Dr. Hyder tried a different move that luckily for me, I had some experience against. **9.g4 f5** At the Denker Tournament of high school champions a few years ago, as White, I played g4 in a similar position



Hyder v Bovay after 9...f5

against NM Ryan Porter. After crushing me all too easily, he explained that the opening of the g-file was not that great for White and it is VERY hard for White to get an attack. Remembering his comments, I didn't mind the following position. **10.gxf5 gxf5 11.exf5 ♗c5** I am in no hurry to grab back the f-pawn. NO need to play Rxf5, letting White further his development with Bd3, while getting more control over e4. With Nc5, I just uncover more pressure on f5, if 12. Bxc5, then Black gets the d6 square for the knight,

domination over the dark squares and quite a lively game in my opinion. **12.♖g1 ♘h8** last book move **13. ♙g5** [13.♙xc5 dxc5 14.♙d3 ♙xf5±] **13...♜f6** In the style of Nimzovich [13...♙f6 14.♙h6 ♙g7 15.♙e3±] **14. ♚c2 ♛e8** White aims to get the queen to safety while I am looking at center play with a potential e4. **15.0-0-0** This looks sensible, but White has overlooked a nasty reply. I kept wondering how to best deflect the White queen from defense of f5, then I discovered that in having the added weapon of the open f file, I could just TAKE the pawn. **15...♙xf5!** Suddenly, White is in big trouble. With the exception of the a8 rook, all of Black's pieces are becoming very deadly. I have now gained control over the vital e4 square, and White's kingside attack has not made any progress. Let me say that I would have never found 14... Bxf5 without remembering what the dynamics of the KID are: tactics, tactics, and control of e4. **16.♛xf5 ♜fe4** White's queen becomes a mere spectator now. **17. ♛g4 ♜xf2 18.♛g2 ♜xd1 19.♙xd1!?** I as White, may have played 19. Nxd1, though White is still in



Hyder v Bovaay after 19. Kxd1

deep trouble. **19...e4!** jumping Black's pieces into action and at the same time exploiting my domination of the center. **20.♜d2±** [20.♙e3!? ♛e7 21.♜g5+-] **20... ♙d4** Bringing the Indian bishop into the action as well as eliminating any threat to it as there was when it sat on g7, in the indirect fire of the queen and rook on the g-file. **21.♙h6** [21.♙e3! is an interesting idea 21...♛e5 22.♛g3 ♙xc3 23.bxc3 ♛xc3 24.♙xc5 ♛a1+ 25.♙e2 dxc5 A) 26.♜xe4?? a poisoned pawn 26...

♖ae8 (26... ♗xa2+ 27. ♔d3 ♗b1+ 28. ♔c3 ♗a1+ 29. ♔c2=) 27. ♗e3 ♗xa2+ 28. ♔d1 ♗b1+ 29. ♗c1 ♗xc1+ 30. ♔xc1 ♖xe4+; **B)** 26. ♗xc7?? the pawn contains a lethal dose of poison 26...e3 27. ♗g7+ ♗xg7 28. ♖xg7 exd2+; **C)** 26. ♗e3±] **21... ♗h5+ 22. ♕e2 ♖g8** White simply has too much hanging, the rook on g1 and the bishop on h6 are just too much to defend. I believe this game also shows that knowing the IDEAS behind the openings is much more important than just memorizing moves. This way, when confronted by new moves, you still know what you should be striving to do. I also want to thank NM Ryan Porter for his advice after he waxed me years ago at the Denker tournament. [22... ♖g8 23. ♕g5 ♕xb2+] **0-1.**

(360) Holmes,D (1947) – Bovay,B (1947) [E92]

SC Championships Columbia, SC (5), 10/31/1999

[Annotated by Brent Bovay]

Going into the last round, I was in the clear lead by half a point. Knowing that a draw was at LEAST needed to ensure a tie, and that a win would make me the winner outright, I was a little disheartened to see I would be facing Doug Holmes with the black pieces. To those of you who don't know my record against Doug, despite comparable ratings (actually identical here), he has had my number as I don't cope well with his excellent positional play. His record against me going into this game was somewhere around 7W-1L-3D. Needless to say I was nervous. **1.d4 ♕f6 2. ♕f3 g6 3.c4 ♕g7 4. ♕c3**



Holmes v Bovay after 7...Nc6

d6 5.e4 0-0 6.♘e2 e5 7.♘e3 ♖c6 Here I was silently cursing myself, Doug is known as an expert against the KID with his unusual strategy of not castling king-side. I have never come close to gaining even equality in the KID against him, and after using 20 minutes to think of another opening, I STILL ended up in the KID. It's hard to give up what you know :) **8.d5 ♗e7 9.♗d2 ♗e8 10.b4 f5 11.f3 ♗f6** After the game, I was told that I had walked right into a line ECO lists as inferior for Black without even knowing it. This is since I never play Nc6 in the KID. **12.c5** This is the critical stage. Knowing that Doug wanted me to play f4, thereby locking up the center so that his king was protected by a shield of pawns and still having the option of castling queenside if needed, I considered my game almost lost. I figured my only way to fight back was to make Doug fight on ground of my choosing, that is, a wild tactical battle. With this in mind, I came up with a wild idea that had almost everyone thinking I was both lost and crazy. **12...c6!?** setting up the combo **13. cxd6 ♗exd5!?** **14.exd5** Call it inspiration or desperation, but I call it fun and wild. For my piece I have one pawn, soon



Holmes v Bovay after 14...cxd5

to be two, a huge pawn mass in the center with threats of moves such as d4, etc, a now potentially potent g7 bishop, and most important, Doug had been dragged from his calm positional win into a fierce slugfest in which there were tons of threats. After years of trying (at the cost of a HIGHLY speculative sacrifice), I had succeeded in getting Doug to finally have to play my

way :) **15.♖b3 ♗e6 16.♘b5 ♗f7!** This was the only move in order to stop the huge threat of Nc7. I protect the white squared bishop and at the same time keep Nc7 from becoming a double attack. Doug had seen this move when he played 15.Qb3, but had hope I would miss it. I was fortunate because it is my only move. **17.♗f2 a6** Shoving the knight out of play as it cannot go to c7 or c3 due to my pawn mass and the threat of winning it outright. **18.♘a3 e4!?** This was a tough choice, many suggested d4 after the game, but I think this is wrong. Even giving up d4 is not as bad as giving up control of c4 and letting Black's knight get back into the game. **19.♗d4 ♔xd6** Now I have two pawns for the piece as well as my pawn mass. **20. Bc5** can be met by Qe5, grabbing the needed tempo to avoid losing material and still set up my attack on White's uncastled king.

However, White now relaxes and in his desire to get his king to safety, plays a grave mistake.

20.0-0?? Overlooking a cute tactic. **20...♘g4!**

Now White must actually go down material as the bishop on d4 can't be defended because the mate threat on h2 must be



Holmes v Bovay after 20.0-0

answered. **21.fxg4 ♗xd4+ 22.♔h1 ♗xa1 23.♖xa1** It is safe to say here that White is lost. While material is close (two knights vs rook and two pawns) the reality is that my passed pawns are monsters and White's knights are hemmed in. However, you are now about to see why I also called this game one of the most disappointing I have ever played. I proceeded to fall apart only inches to the finish line and cost myself

clear first. **23...fxg4?!**

There was no need for this when f4 is so much stronger. I had thought that after White retook on g4, I would win a piece with Qf4, but I overlooked the simple Qd1 protecting both pieces.

24.♙xg4 ♔f4 25.♚d1 d4

26.♘c2 h5?? I totally

started to fall apart. I only analyzed that I could deflect the White bishop all the way to the queenside where it would be useless (27. Bd7 27... Rad8 28. Ba4, etc). I overlooked Doug's last gasp try. Of course, I should have just played 26...e3 and kept running my pawns up the board. **27.♘xe4!** In his desperation to rid himself of my monster pawns, Doug takes the only choice in offering the exchange in return for the elimination of my pawns. I was so startled by this that my brain quit working. Of course 27... Qxg4 loses to Nf6+, while 27...hxg 28. Qxd4 loses both my beloved pawns. 27... Qxe4 runs into Bf3. Even with that though, Black would still be up the exchange in a won position. I was so thrown off track by Nxe4 that I proceeded to make my moves as if I was blind. **27... ♗ad8??** Forcing White to save his exchange. I had simply thought I could take either piece at my leisure while protecting my d pawn. I totally forgot Doug could protect both pieces with Bf3. **28.♙f3** "Brent you moron" I thought to myself. **28...d3 29.♘e1 ♙c4 30. ♘d2 b5 31.a4 g5 32.g3 ♚d4 33.axb5 axb5** Of course Bxb5 is much better as it prevents the a1 rook from infiltrating my position. As it is, the game descended into a draw 2 moves later when I accepted Doug's offer. I still had a minute on my clock but my mind was



Holmes v Bovay after 26...h5

frozen. Black is still CLEARLY winning. The plan is simple enough, Qe3 and an eventual infiltration by the rook into f2 while White is helpless (assuming I had played 32... Bxb5) I was so frozen by all my blunders after what I thought was one of my best games and my bad time pressure, I accepted the draw. This one hurt pretty bad because I thought I finally had Doug where he couldn't escape, but he showed why he is such a tough player to beat and did what he had to do to get a draw. So, the SC championship became a three way tie for second between Keith Eubanks, John Dusky, and myself. Congratulations to Keith who is one helluva player, and I want to send a special congratulations to my best friend, John Dusky. It seems like it was only a little while ago (actually 1993) that we met and began to play together. He was 1300 and I was 1100. It seems hard to believe that after all the blitz games we played and tournaments we drove to together from Orlando to Philadelphia, that less than 7 years later, we would be so close to sharing a state title. Besides getting the ideal sparring partner that day in 1993, I also gained my best friend. Congrats again John! 34.♖a6 ½-½.

(378) Frady,G (1958) – Eubanks,K (1949) [C16]

SC Championships Columbia, SC (1), 10/30/1999

[Fritz 5.32 (100s)]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘b4 4.e5 ♙d7 5.a3 ♘f8 6.♘b5 last book move 6...c6 7.♘a4 b5 8.♘b3 a5 9.♙g4 f5 10. ♙g3 ♘a6 11.♘ge2 ♖a7 12.♘e3 ♖b7± [12...a4 13. ♘a2=] 13.♘f4 ♙f7 14.♘d3± [14.♘d2!?± is noteworthy] 14...♘d7± [14...b4!? must definitely be considered 15.axb4 ♘xd3 16.cxd3 ♖xb4±] 15.0-0 h6 Consolidates g5 16.h4± [16.♖ad1!?±] 16...♘e7= [16...g5 17.f4 gxh4 18.♙xh4±] 17.♖fe1± [17.f4 ♖h7=] 17...g5 18.f4± [18.hxg5 hxg5 19.♘xg5 b4±] 18...gxh4 19.♙f3

♖h7 20.♗f2 ♖g7 21.♗h3 ♗b6 22.♙f2 ♖g6 23.♙h1 ♖d7 24.♗e2-+ [24.♖g1 ♖g4+] **24...♙b7+** [24...♗c4 25.♙xc4 dxc4 26.♖g1-+ (26.♖xc6?? the pawn is safe and cannot be captured without dire consequences 26...♙b7 27.♖xb7 ♖xb7-+)] **25.c3?-+ [♟25.♖ab1+]**

25...♗c4 26.♖ad1 [26.♖ed1 ♗xb2 27.♖d2 ♗c4-+] **26...♗xb2 27.♖d2 ♗c4 28.♖d3 ♗xa3** The passed pawn on a5 will become decisive later **29.♖g1 ♗c4 30.g3 ♖g4** [30...hxc3 makes it even easier for Black 31.♖xc3 ♖f7 32.♖xc3 ♖g7 33.♙h4-+] **31.gxh4 ♖xf3+ 32.♖xf3 ♖xg1+ 33.♗hxc1 ♗d2 34.**



Frady v Eubanks after 28...Nxa3

♖g3 ♗f7 [34...♗xb3 might be the shorter path 35.♖xc3+ ♗f7 36.♖b8-+] **35.♙a2** [35.♙c2 doesn't get the cat off the tree 35...♗e4 36.♖g2 c5-+] **35...♙xh4** [35...c5 seems even better 36.♗g2 ♗e4 37.♖h3-+] **36.♖xc3 ♗xc3** [36...♙xf2!? keeps an even firmer grip 37.♖h8 ♗g7 38.♖e8-+] **37.♙xh4 b4** [37...♖g7!? keeps an even firmer grip 38.♗c1-+] **38.cxb4 axb4 39.♙e1?!** hardly fazing for the opponent [39.♗c1 ♙a6 40.♙e1-+] **39...b3 40.♙xd2 bxa2 41.♙c3 ♙a6 42.♗c1 ♙c4 43.♗ge2** [43.♗g2 doesn't change anything anymore 43...♖a7-+] **43...♙xe2 44.♗xe2 ♖b7** [44...♖b7 45.♗g1 ♖b1-+] **0-1.**

(387) Eubanks,K (1949) – Martine,X (1947) [D04]

SC Championships Columbia, SC (2), 10/30/1999

[Fritz 5.32 (100s)]

1.d4 d5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.e3 c6 4.♙d3 e6 5.0-0 ♙d6 6.b3 ♗bd7 7.♙b2 ♖c7 8.♗bd2 e5 9.dxe5 ♗xe5 10.♗xe5 ♙xe5 11.♙xe5 ♖xe5 12.♖f3 ♙e6 13.♖g3 ♖xc3 14.hxc3 0-0-0 15.a4 h5 16.f3 Consolidates e4+g4 **16...g5**

17.b4 [17.♔f2 d4 18.exd4 ♖xd4] **17...g4** This push gains space **18.f4 h4 19.gxh4 ♖xh4 20.f5 g3** Do you see the mate threat? **21.♖f4** [21.fxe6?? a first-class blunder 21...♗dh8 22.♙h7 ♖8xh7 23.♖xf6 ♖h1#] **21... ♖xf4 22.exf4 ♙d7 23.♖f1 ♖e8 24.♜f3 ♜g4 25.♜g5 f6 26.♜e6 ♜f2 27.♖xf2** [27.♖e1 ♖h8 28.♜f1 ♜xd3 29.cxd3 ♖h4] **27...gxf2+ 28.♜xf2 ♜b8 29.♜g7 ♖h8 30.♜f3 ♜c7 31.g4 ♜d6 32.g5 ♖g8 33.gxf6 ♖f8 34.♜g4 ♖xf6 35.♜g5** White activates its king **35...♜e7 36. ♜h5 ♖d6 37.f6+ ♜f8 38.♙g6 a5=** [38...b6!?] **39. bxa5 c5 40.c3** [♠40.f5!? and White has air to breathe 40...d4 41.♜f4=] **40...d4 41.cxd4 ♖xd4** [♠41... cxd4!? 42.♙d3 ♙xa4] **42.f5 ♙e8??**+– not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game [42...c4 43.♜f4 ♖d6] **43.♜g7** The mate threat is ♜e6 **43...♙xg6??** the pressure is too much, Black crumbles [43...♙f7 44.♜e6+ ♜g8 45.♜xd4 cxd4+–] **44.fxg6 ♖e4** [44...♖d5+ is the last straw 45.♜f4 ♖d7+–] **45.♜f5** Threatening mate... how? **45...♖e1 46.**



Eubanks v Martine after 46. Ne6+

♜e6+! a check from hell [46.♜e6+ ♖xe6 47.♜xe6 c4 48.g7+ ♜g8 49.♜e7 b6 50.f7+ ♜xg7 51.f8♖+ ♜g6 52.♖f4 bxa5 53.♖g4+ ♜h6 54.♜f6 c3 55.♖g6#] **1-0.**

(388) Williams,G (1598) – Guetchkov,A (1600)
[E11]

SC Championships Columbia, SC (5), 10/31/1999

[Fritz 5.32 (100s)]

1.d4 ♜f6 2.♜f3 e6 3.c4 ♙b4+ 4.♙d2 a5 5.♜c3 d6 6. e3 ♜bd7 7.♖c1 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.a3 ♙e7 10.♙d3 [10. e4 0-0=] **10...♜c5 11.♙b1 ♙g4 12.h3 ♙h5 13.0-0??**+–

White has let it slip away [13.g4 had to be tried to avoid defeat 13...♙g6 14. ♖xe5 ♙xb1 15.♞xb1± (≤15.♖xb1 ♖fd7 16. ♖xd7 ♖d3+ 17.♙e2 ♖xc1+ 18. ♙xc1 ♞xd7±)] 13...e4 14.g4 exf3 15.gxh5 ♞d7 [15... ♖xh5?! 16.♞xf3 ♞xd2 17.♙c2=] 16.♞xf3 ♞xd2 17.♞fd1?+ [17.b4 axb4 18.



Williams v Guetchikov after 16...Qxd2

axb4+] 17...♞xb2 18.e4 [18.♖b5 ♙d8-+] 18...♞d8 19. ♖d5 ♖xd5 [19...♞d7!? and Black can already relax 20.♖xe7 ♞xe7 21.♞f5-+] 20.exd5 0-0 21.♞f5 Threatening mate: ♞xh7 21...g6 22.♞g4 ♞f6 23.hxg6 [23. ♙c2 cannot change destiny 23...♙d6-+] 23...fxg6 24. ♞e2 [24.♞c2 is not the saving move 24...♖d7 25.♞e6+ ♞xe6 26.dxe6 ♖c5-+] 24...♙d6 25.♞f1 [25.♞f1 does not win a prize 25...♞de8 26.♞e1 ♖b3-+] 25...♞de8 [25...♖b3 might be the shorter path 26.♞cd1 ♖d4 27. ♞xd4 ♞xd4 28.♞e6+ ♖g7 29.♞e4-+] 26.♞g4 ♞f4 [26...♖d7 seems even better 27.♙h1-+] 27.♞g2 [27. ♞xf4 does not help much 27...♞xf4 28.♞c3 ♖a4-+] 27...♞e5 Threatening mate... how? 28.♞c3 ♞g5 Do you see the mate threat? 29.♞g3 ♞xg3 The mate threat is ♞xg2 30.fxg3 [30.♞xg3 cannot undo what has already been done 30...♞xc4 31.♞g2 ♖d3 32.♙xd3 ♞xd3-+] 30...♞xf1+ [30...♞e3+!? makes it even easier for Black 31.♙h1 ♞xf1+ 32.♞xf1-+] 31.♞xf1 ♞xf1+ 32.♙xf1 ♙xg3 [32...♙xg3 33.♙e2 ♙e5-+] 0-1.

(361) Harley,P (1810) – Hyder,L (2023) [C18]

SC Championships Columbia, SC (4), 10/31/1999

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♖c3 ♙b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♙xc3+ 6. bxc3 ♖e7 7.♞g4 ♞c7 8.♞xg7 ♞g8 9.♞xh7 cxd4 10.

♖e2 dxc3 11.f4 ♜bc6 12.♞d3 ♙d7 13.♞xc3 0-0-0 14.
 ♜b1 ♜f5 15.♞g1 d4 16.♞d3 ♙e8 17.g4 ♜h4 18.♞g3 f6
 19.exf6 ♙g6 20.f5 exf5 21.♙f4 ♞a5+ 22.♜f2 fxg4 23.
 ♞b3 b6 24.♞xg4 ♞h5 25.♞h3 ♜f5 26.♞xh5 ♙xh5 27.
 ♞xg8 ♞xg8 28.♙h3 1-0.

(364) Di Mantova,D (1671) – Williams,G (1598)

[D02]

SC Championships Columbia, SC (3), 1/30/1999

1.d4 ♜f6 2.♜f3 e6 3.♙f4 d5 4.e3 c5 5.♜bd2 ♜c6 6.c3
 ♙d6 7.♙g3 0-0 8.♙d3 h6 9.♜e5 a6 10.f4 ♙d7 11.0-0
 c4 12.♙c2 ♙e7 13.♞f3 b5 14.a3 a5 15.e4 b4 16.♜xd7
 ♞xd7 17.e5 ♜h7 18.f5 ♜g5 19.♞h5 exf5 20.♙xf5
 ♜e6 21.♞g4 ♙g5 22.♜f3 ♞e7 23.h4 ♙e3+ 24.♜h1 g6
 25.♞ae1 h5 26.♞h3 ♙h6 27.♙b1 bxa3 28.bxa3 ♞xa3
 29.♙xg6 ♜g7 30.♞d7 ♜e7 31.♞a1 ♞xc3 32.♞xe7
 fxg6 33.♞d6 ♜h7 34.♞xd5 a4 35.♜g5+ ♙xg5 36.hxg5
 ♞xg3 37.e6 ♞c7 38.♞f6 c3 39.♞e4 ♜f5 40.♜g1 c2 41.
 ♞c1 ♞ac8 42.♞xf8 ♞xf8 43.♞xc2 ♞b6 44.♞c4 ♞e8 45.
 ♞e5 ♞xe6 46.♞c7+ ♞e7 47.♞xe6 ♞xc7 48.♞e5 ♞d7
 49.d5 a3 50.♞e8 ♞a7 51.♞b8 ♞a4 52.♞b7+ ♜g7 53.
 ♞b3 ♞a7 54.♞b6 ½-½.

(373) Haymond,J (1400) – Hofer,D (1527) [A02]

SC Championships Columbia, SC (5), 1/31/1999

1.f4 ♜f6 2.♜f3 g6 3.e3 ♙g7 4.♙e2 0-0 5.0-0 c5 6.♜c3
 d5 7.b3 ♜c6 8.♙b2 b6 9.a3 a6 10.♞e1 ♞e8 11.♞b1 ♙f5
 12.♞d1 d4 13.exd4 cxd4 14.♜a4 b5 15.♜c5 ♜e4 16.
 ♜xe4 ♙xe4 17.d3 ♙f5 18.♜h4 ♙e6 19.f5 ♙xf5 20.
 ♜xf5 gxf5 21.♞xf5 e5 22.♙h5 ♞a7 23.♞g4 ♞ee7 24.
 ♞bf1 f6 25.♞xf6 ♞e8 26.♞xc6 ♞f8 27.♞xf8+ ♜xf8 28.

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David Letterman

1999 SC Championships

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Championship Section			Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Ardaman, Miles	2412	W7	W5	W2	-H-	-H-	4.0
2	Eubanks, Keith	1949	W12	W10	L1	D3	W8	3.5
3	Bovay, Brent	1947	D4	W9	W11	D2	D5	3.5
4	Dusky, John	1848	D3	D11	D5	W6	W12	3.5
5	Holmes, Douglas	1947	W8	L1	D4	X7	D3	3.0
6	Wilson, Fred	1860	L10	D8	D9	L4	-B-	2.0
7	Oody, Kyle	1853	L1	W12	W10	F5	-U-	2.0
8	Harley, Patrick	1810	L5	D6	D12	W11	L2	2.0
9	Corbett, Bill	1839	D11	L3	D6	D12	-U-	1.5
10	Martine, Xavier	1774	W6	L2	L7	-U-	-H-	1.5
11	Hyder, Lee	2023	D9	D4	L3	L8	-U-	1.0
12	Frady, Gregg	1958	L2	L7	D8	D9	L4	1.0
Amateur Section			Rd1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Guetchkov, A.	1600	W10	W9	W13	W4	W5	5.0
2	Di Mantova	1671	W15	W8	D5	D3	W10	4.0
3	Folts, Robert A.	1650	-H-	W14	W21	D2	W8	4.0
4	Gundala, R.	1417	W7	W6	W12	L1	W14	4.0
5	Williams, George	1598	W23	W18	D2	W13	L1	3.5
6	Saharkhiz, S.	1635	W17	L4	L10	W21	W16	3.0
7	Hyatt, James C.	1600	L4	D11	D19	W22	W17	3.0
8	Hastings, Brian	1510	W20	L2	W23	W18	L3	3.0
9	Morton, George	1500	W24	L1	W22	L10	W18	3.0
10	Biggs, David	1445	L1	W24	W6	W9	L2	3.0
11	Haymond, John	1400	L13	D7	L14	W25	W21	2.5
12	Bowie, William	1637	W16	D21	L4	L17	D15	2.0

Amateur Section continued			Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
13	Olmsted, Fred	1598	W11	W22	L1	L5	-U-	2.0
14	Rogers, John	1582	L18	L3	W11	W19	L4	2.0
15	Donnan, M.	1490	L2	L23	-H-	W20	D12	2.0
16	Roberts, John G	1478	L12	D19	-H-	W23	L6	2.0
17	Brown, John	1450	L6	W20	L18	W12	L7	2.0
18	MacDougall, J.	1315	W14	L5	W17	L8	L9	2.0
19	Nash, William	1244	L21	D16	D7	L14	W25	2.0
20	Nixon, Bill	1222	L8	L17	W25	L15	W22	2.0
21	Hofer, Don	1527	W19	D12	L3	L6	L11	1.5
22	Jackson, A.	1407	-B-	L13	L9	L7	L20	1.0
23	Pilaud, William	1400	L5	W15	L8	L16	-U-	1.0
24	Saharkhiz, Saeid	1085	L9	L10	-N-	-N-	-N-	0.0
25	Thompson, Earl	Unr	-N-	-N-	L20	L11	L19	0.0
Reserve Section			Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Durbin, Ricky	1313	W30	W4	W7	W2	W6	5.0
2	Wickramasinghe	1392	W19	W22	W3	L1	W10	4.0
3	Suares, Glen	1283	W21	W16	L2	W20	W9	4.0
4	MacMillan, L.	Unr	W9	L1	W15	W22	W7	4.0
5	Miller, Matt	1314	W26	W10	D6	L7	W13	3.5
6	Jordan, Brandon	Unr	W18	W24	D5	W13	L1	3.5
7	Johnson, James	1379	W20	W15	L1	W5	L4	3.0
8	Cameron, Chuck	1320	L12	W11	L13	W26	W20	3.0
9	Tichenor, C.	1281	L4	W26	W12	W19	L3	3.0
10	Mahaffay, Jeff	1157	W29	L5	W17	W18	L2	3.0
11	Matson, Robert	977	L15	L8	W27	W17	W26	3.0
12	Halliday, Bob	884	W8	D13	L9	D14	W19	3.0

Reserve Section continued			Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
13	Sandifer, Ralph	1321	W14	D12	W8	L6	L5	2.5
14	Saharkhiz, S.	1262	L13	L21	X30	D12	W22	2.5
15	Le, Allen	1183	W11	L7	L4	W21	D16	2.5
16	Etheredge, Darrell	Unr	W17	L3	L19	W25	D15	2.5
17	Shull, Bruce	1260	L16	W30	L10	L11	W28	2.0
18	Danker, Pete	1236	L6	W28	W21	L10	-U-	2.0
19	Mayfield, Howard	1161	L2	W27	W16	L9	L12	2.0
20	Willard, Bill	1091	L7	W29	W24	L3	L8	2.0
21	Tompkins, Andy	Unr	L3	W14	L18	L15	W25	2.0
22	Evans, Anthony	1200	W27	L2	-H-	L4	L14	1.5
23	Spohn, Michael	1305	-U-	-U-	-U-	W29	-N-	1.0
24	Kammerer Jr, J.D.	1260	W28	L6	L20	-U-	-U-	1.0
25	Saharkhiz, Saeid	1085	-N-	-N-	W28	L16	L21	1.0
26	Willard, Daniel	638	L5	L9	W29	L8	L11	1.0
27	McIntosh,	Unr	L22	L19	L11	L28	W29	1.0
28	Parker, Ryan	Unr	L24	L18	L25	W27	L17	1.0
29	Bruce, Alaric	Unr	L10	L20	L26	L23	L27	0.0
30	Matthews, John C	Unr	L1	L17	F14	-U-	-U-	0.0

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Rounds: 9-10-11-1-2:15

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