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This issue of the Chessletter is being sent to all persons who were members of the USCF in January in this state. We had intended to send a special issue published last month to all active tournament players in the state, but did not have the mailing list in time. A copy of our By-Laws and Championship System was in that issue. Extra copies may be obtained by writing to the Editor or by picking up a copy at the Greater Jackson Open before the business meeting.

Members of the MCA (\$3/yr adult, \$1/yr under 18) are entitled to play in all major tournaments of this and several other adjoining states without having to join any other organization (except the USCF). Membership includes a subscription to the Miss. Chessletter, published bi-monthly in Feb, April, etc. Usual features include crosstables of tournaments you have played in, announcements of events you can plan to play in, articles and annotated games submitted by some of our best players, and coverage of events in your local chess club. We note that Chess Life & Review is phasing out coverage of local events, relying on publications such as this one to pick up the slack.

We just heard that Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco beat Cleveland, Houston, and Los Angeles respectively in the first round. Washington had the bye; New York should win a disputed match against Miami.

2nd Greater Jackson Open Feb 21-22, 5-SS, 45/2 hrs, 12/half-hour thereafter. Admiral Benbow Inn, 905 N State St, take Exit 31 (Fortification St Exit [#31] off I-55N, turn left at N State) Entry fee \$12, if under 21 \$8. Prizes 1st \$125, 2nd \$25 guaranteed, class prizes per entries. Registration 8-8:45 am, Rounds at 9,2,7 Sat 8:30,2. Business Meeting of the MCA at 1:30 2/22. No smoking. Entries & Enquiries: Rick Johnson, 735 Lawrence Rd, Jackson 39206

4th Dixie Open
Jan. 9-11, 1976

	Rtg.	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Rd. 5	Score	Med.	Sol.
(Ala.) 1. Brian C. Wiggin	1791	W 9	W18	W 3	W 4	L 2	4 - 1	10	
2. L. Peyton Crowder	1824	L 3	W17	W20	W 8	W 1	4 - 1	8½	
3. Richard Carter	1539	W 2	W21	L 1	W 9	D 6	3½ - 1½	10½	
4. Byron Watson	1758	W19	W10	W 6	L 1	D 5	3½ - 1½	10	
5. Robt. B. Williams	1637	W11	D20	D 8	W12	D 4	3½ - 1½	9	
6. Gunnar Woodard	1711	W17	W15	L 4	W18	D 3	3½ - 1½	7½	13
7. Claude A. Jackson	1681	L20	W19	W14	W10	D 8	3½ - 1½	7½	12
8. Laird Woodard	1418	W22	W13	D 5	L 2	D 7	3 - 2	9½	
9. Gordon E. Scott	1412	L 1	W22	W13	L 3	W18	3 - 2	8	
10. Rick Johnson	1500	W24	L 4	W16	L 7	W19	3 - 2	7½	
11. Larry M. Wright	1489	L 5	L16	W23	W17	W15	3 - 2	6	
12. Keevin R. Lee	1454	L21	W23	W15	L 5	W20	3 - 2	4½	
13. Ed Issa	1568	W16	L 8	L 9	W20	D14	2½ - 2½	7½	
14. Thomas Schrade	1421	L15	W24	L 7	W16	D13	2½ - 2½	6½	
15. Gary Ladner	New	W14	L 6	L12	W23	L11	2 - 3	8½	
(Tenn.) 16. Philip S. Maclin, Jr.	1229	L13	W11	L10	L14	W22	2 - 3	8	
(Tenn.) 17. Philip S. Maclin, Sr.	1383	L 6	L 2	W22	L11	W21	2 - 3	7½	12½
18. M. A. Farrell	1526	W23	L 1	W21	L 6	L 9	2 - 3	7½	12
19. John F. Barrett, Jr.	1401	L 4	L 7	W24	W21	L10	2 - 3	7½	11½
20. U. J. Gilbert	1288	W 7	D 5	L 2	L13	L12	1½ - 3½		
21. James W. Smith	1093	W12	L 3	L18	L19	L17	1 - 4	7	12½
22. Stan Ivy	New	L 8	L 9	L17	W24	L16	1 - 4	7	10½
23. John L. Weeks, Jr.	1199	L18	L12	L11	L15	Bye	1 - 4	7	10
24. L. E. Crowder	1169	L10	L14	L19	L22	LF	0 - 5		

Tournament Directors

Larry M. Wright
L. Peyton Crowder

Prize Winners

1st Place..Brian C. Wiggin Trophy + \$30
2nd Place..Peyton Crowder Trophy + \$30
Class B....Byron Watson Trophy
Class C....Richard Carter Trophy
Class D....Philip Maclin, Jr. Trophy
Class E....James W. Smith Trophy
Unrated....Gary Ladner Trophy

Upset Win..... U.J. Gilbert \$5
Shortest Mate.. John F. Barrett \$5

As part of our reciprocal agreement with the Alabama Chess Federation we announce the following:

Huntsville, Ala, Mar 6-7, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Sparkman Drive, Room M-50, 5-SS, \$\$ 125, 75, 50, Top B-D \$25 ea, Registration 9-10am Mar 6, TL 50/2 & 15/½ hr thereafter. EF: \$15 adult, \$10 junior. Entries & Enquiries: Gerald Wheeler, 2504 Guenevere Ave, Huntsville AL 35803, Prizes based on 30 entries.

4th Dixie Open

G Woodard-Watson 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 NXP N-KB3
5 N-QB3 P-QR3 6 B-KN5 P-K3 7 P-B4 B-K2 8 Q-B3 P-KR3 9 B-R4 QN-Q2
10 000 Q-B2 11 B-K2 P-KN4 12 PXP N-K4 13 Q-B2 PXP 14 B-KN3 B-Q2
15 P-KR3 R-QB1 16 N-KB3 NXP 17 Q-K1 NxQN 18 QxN QxQ 19 PxQ NxN
20 BxN P-Q4 21 KR-K1 K-B1 22 K-N2 B-KB3 23 R-K3 K-N2 24 K-N3 R-QB3
25 B-K5 KR-QB1 26 BxB+ KxB 27 R-Q4 R-QB5 28 B-K2 B-R5+ 29 K-R3 RxB
30 PXR BXP 31 B-R5 B-N3 32 BxB KxB 33 R-QN3 P-N4 34 K-N4 R-B5+ 0:1

Wiggin-Carter 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 N-KB3 P-Q4 3 P-K5 P-QB4 4 P-Q3 N-QB3
5 P*KN3 P-B3 6 Q-K2 Q-B2 7 PXP NXP 8 B-N2 P-KR3 9 B-N2 P-KR3 10 N-B3
P-QR3 11 R-K1 Q-K2 12 N-KR4 N-Q5 13 Q-Q1 Q-KB2 14 N-K2 P-KN4 15 NxN
BPxN 16 N-B3 B-B4 17 N-K5 Q-B2 18 B-Q2 N-Q2? 19 Q-R5+ 1:0

Farrell-Wiggin 1 P-Q4 P-KN3 2 P-KN3 B-N2 3 B-N2 P-QB3 4 P-K4 P-Q4
5 PXP PXP 6 N-KB3 B-N5 7 QN-Q2 BxQP 8 00 B-N2 9 P-QB3 N-KB3 10 R-K1
00 11 P-KR3 B-Q2 12 N-QN3 B-QB3 13 B-N5 QN-Q2 14 Q-K2 N-K5 15 QN-Q4
NxN 16 NxN NxN+ 17 BxN PxN 18 QxP QxQ 19 RxQ N-K4 20 B-K2 B-B3 21 R-N7
KR-N1 22 RxB RxB 23 R-N1 N-B5 24 BxN PxB 0:1

Williams-Gilbert 1 N-KB3 P-QB4 2 P-QB4 P-KN3 3 P-KN3 P-N3 4 B-N2 B-QN2
5 00 B-N2 6 N-B3 N-KB3 7 R-N1 00 8 P-QR3 P-Q4 9 PXP NXP 10 NxN BxN
11 P-Q3 N-B3 12 P-K4 B-K3 13 N-N5 N-K4 14 NxB PxN 15 Q-N3 N-B6+
16 BxN RxB 17 QxP+ K-R1 18 B-K3 B-Q5 19 K-N2 R-B3 20 BxB QxB 21 QxKP
QR-KB1 22 P-B4 QxQP 23 KR-K1 P-KN4 24 P-B5 K-N1 25 P-R3 R-R3 26 QxNP+?
R-N3 27 PXR Q-B6+ 28 K-R2 $\frac{1}{2}:\frac{1}{2}$

Crowder-Carter 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Qc2 d5 5 a3 Bc3+ 6 Qc3:
Nc6 7 Nf3 b6 8 cd Qd5: 9 Bf4 Ba6 10 Rcl Na5 11 Qc7: Nb3 12 Qc6+ Ke7
13 Qc7+ Nd7 14 Rc6 Rhc8 15 Qd6+ Qd6: 16 Bd6: Ke8 17 Rc3 Rc3: 18 bc Rc8
19Bb4 Bb5 20 Nd2? Nd4: 21 Ne4 Nf5 22 g4 a5? (... Bc6) 23 gf ab 24 Nd6+
Kd8 25 Nb5: ba 26 Kd2 a2 27 Bh3 Rc5 28 fe? Rb5: 29 Kc2 fe 30 Be6: Ra5
31 Ral Ne5 (35 min left) 32 f3 (10 min left) Ke7 33 Ra2: Ke6: 34 Ra5 ba
35 Kb3 Kf5 36 c4 a4+ 37 Ka4: Nc4: 38 Kb4 Ne5 39 Kc3 Kf4 40 Kd2.Nf3+
41 ef Kf3: 42 Ke1 Kg2 43 Ke2 g5 44 Ke3 h5 45 Ke2 Kh2: 0:1

L Woodard-Crowder 1 e4 e6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 g3 Nc6 5 Bg2 Nf6 6 Ngf3
de 7 d3 e5 8 00 Bg4 9 h3 Bh5 10 Nc4 Qc7 11 g4 Bg6 12 Nfd2 Rd8 13 Rel
Be7 14 h4 h6 15 Na3 Qd7 16 f3 a6 17 Nac4 b5 18 Ne3 c4 19 Ndf1 Qa7
20 Qe2 Nd4 21 Qf2 Bc5 22 Kh1 Ne6 23 c3 Nf4 24 Qc2 00 25 Rd1 Nf2+ 0:1

Watson-Wiggin 1 P-K4 P-KN3 2 P-Q4 B-N2 3 N-QB3 P-Q3 4 P-KB4 P-QB3
5 N-KB3 B-N5 6 B-K3 N-Q2 7 P-KR3 BxN 8 QxB N-N3 9 B-Q3 P-K3 10 P-KN4
P-Q4 11 P-K5 N-Q2 12 00 P-KR4 13 P-B5 RPXP 14 QxNP B-R3 15 PxKP BxB+
16 K-R2 N-R3 17 PxN+ QxP 18 QxQ+ KxQ 19 N-K2 R-R2 20 R-B3 B-N4
21 QR-KB1 QR-KR1 22 K-N2 K-K1 23 N-B4 R-N1 24 N-R5 N-B4: 25 BxN PxB
26 N-N3 P-B5 27 N-K2 R/2-N2 28 K-R2 K-K2 29 R-N1 K-K3 30 NXP+? BxN 0:1

Crowder-Wiggin 1 d4 g6 2 c4 Bg7 3 e4 d6 4 Nc3 Nc6 5 Be3 e5 6 d5 Nce7
7 Be2 f5 8 g3 Nf6 9 Bf3 00 10 h3 fe 11 Ne4: Ne4: 12 Be4: Nf5 13 Qd2 Ne3:
14 Qe3: Bf5 15 Ne2 Qf6 16 Nc3 Rf7 17 Rd1 a6 18 Rd3 b5 19 cb ab 20 Bf5:
gf 21 a3 e4 22 Rd1 Rb8 23 00 b4 24 Qa7 Qd8 25 ab Rb4 26 Ne2 Rb2
27 Nf4 c5 28 Qa3 Qb8 29 Ne6 Ra7 30 Qe3 Qe8 31 Qg5 Qf7 32 Qf5 Re7 33 Qf5
Re7 34 Ral Rb8 35 Ra6 Re5 36 Ra6 Rf8 37 Qd2 Qf6 (Both players in time
trouble) 38 Ra7 e3 39 Qd3 ef+ 40 Kh2 Qf5 41 Qd2 Rd5 42 Qa2 Kh8 43 Qb2
Qe5? 44 Qb7 1:0 ♣

Carter-Smith 1 PK4 PK4 2 NKB3 NQB3 3 BN5 PQR3 4 BxN QPxB 5 PQ3 BQ3
 6 NB3 NB3 7 00 00 8 PKR3 BK3 9 PQ4 PxP 10 QxP NQ2 11 PK5 PQB4?
 12 QK4 BK2 13 QxNP N-N3 14 RQ1 QN1 15 QxQ QRxQ 16 PKN4 PB5 17 PR3 NQ2
 18 NQ5 BxN 19 RxB NN3 20 RR5 KRQ1 21 RXP RQ8+ 22 KN2 PR3 23 PN4 PxPep
 24 PxP NQ4 25 PN4 NB5+ 26 KR2 NQ6 27 RB6 BQ1 28 RB2 RR1 29 RB4 BK2
 30 RXP BxP: 31 RQ7 BB6 32 BN2 NxB 33 RxR NXR 34 RxN RxP 35 RQ3 ± BxP+??
 (..B-N5 and the ending would be very difficult to win) 36 NxB 1:0

Wright-Weeks 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 NQB3 3 PQ4 PxP 4 NXP PK4 5 NKB3 NKB3
 6 BQ3 BK2 7 NE3 PQ3 8 BQ2 BK3 9 00 00 10 NK2 PQ4 11 NN3 PxP 12 NNxP
 NxB 13 BxN PB4? 14 BxN PxB 15 NXP QB2 16 BB3 BB3 17 QK2 QRQ1 18 PB4
 QN3+ 19 "R1 BQ4 20 QRQ1 BK2 21 QR5 RB3? 22 NQ7 RR3 (..BB2 23 NXR+ BxN
 24 "XR+ QxR 25 "xBP BxB 26 PxB BxP gives White an easier ending than
 as in the game.-Wirght) 23 QxR PxQ 24 NxQ PxN 25 PQN3 KB2 26 RQ3 RKN1
 27 RB2 BR5 28 RK2 BK2 29 RN3 RxR 30 PxR PR4 31 KR2 BQ3 32 KR3 BK2
 33 PR4 BQ1 34 RQ2 KK3 35 BN7 PN4?36 PxP PxP 37 PB4 BR4 38 RxB 1:0

Maclin, Jr-Wright 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PQ3 3 PQ4 PxP 4 NXP NKB3 5 NQB3
 PQR3 6 PB4 PK3 7 BK3 BK2 8 QQ2 NB3 9 BK2 00 10 000 BQ2 11 PKN4 PQN4
 12 PQR3 PQN5 13 PxP QNXP 14 PN5 NK1 15 PR4 QR4? (A waste of time)
 16 NN3 Q B2 17 PB5 PB3 18 BN4 PK4? (Loses. 18..QB1 might have held
 for a while. 19 .. NxN 20 QxN+ & QxR) 19 NQ5 QN2 20 NxB+ 1:0

Our thanks to Larry Wright for his coverage of the Dixie Open.

The USCF informs us that they are starting a chess league which will feature the best players from nine major US cities. Teams from Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Francisco, and Washington will compete in six game matches by telephone. Play started Jan 28 and will run through May 12 with all matches played on Wednesdays.

A USCF officer asked us to publish the following:

1. As a Regional Vice President of USCF I seek to serve all the chessplayers in our Region. Therefore I welcome any letters containing the needs, opinions, and ideas of our Mississippi members. Address is as follows:
 Bill Dodgen
 2008 Robin Road
 North Augusta SC 29841
2. I have proposed a project to the Policy Board of USCF, NATIONAL CHESS DAY-1976. The project was approved and I have been appointed Chairman for this event. National Chess Day-1976 will be on October 9, 1976. All local chess clubs are encouraged to plan some "open door" event on this date. The Mississippi Chess Association, as all state associations, are asked to contact the office of their Governor to see if a proclamation for chess day can be obtained from the executive office. I also welcome any letters of suggestions, or questions, on this subject. Additional details will be sent as the program progresses.

MISSISSIPPI CHESS ASSOCIATION

(From the office of Vice President)

Dear Membership:

As the newly elected Vice President, I have been asked by the President, Ed Issa, to coordinate the chess activities of Mississippi for the upcoming 75-76 calendar year into some sort of workable plan. I can not begin to tell you how difficult this is as one must work around such things as: famous holidays, college examinations, and large, traditional, out-of-state tournaments. It is all but impossible and I know the calendar I have devised will not please everyone; yet I feel I have been as fair as possible in the location and timing of traditional tournaments. Organizers should note that the following calendar is a calendar of tentative dates, names, and sites of events, and all but those under sections 1, 3, 4, 6, and 14 are unconfirmed as of 1/1/76.

Organizers will please note the following:

- (A.) Those wishing to hold M.C.A. tournaments on the following or any other dates, must contact me at the below address. Confirmation of tournament dates, name, and site will be made on a first come, first serve basis. This does not mean that tournaments can not be held on the same date in opposite extremes of the state; as I fully believe that these tournaments have a reasonable chance of being successful. If a conflict does arise between two organizers in close proximity concerning a mutual date, I will work doubly hard to see that it is worked out to everyone's satisfaction.
- (B.) At least three weeks before the deadline date for tournament announcements to be received by the U.S.C.F. for publication in the "Tournament Life" section of either one or two issues of CL&R (date list elsewhere in this issue), the organizer should mail his announcement to me at the below address. Upon receiving the announcement, I will hold it for one week to see if any conflicting announcements arrive from the surrounding area. If this occurs, I will give priority for the M.C.A. qualifying tournament in that area on a specific date to the organizer who has held the least amount of qualifying tournaments for the year; otherwise the first come, first serve rule still applies. I will mail the organizer's announcement that has received priority for the M.C.A. qualifying tournament on to the U.S.C.F. for publication. The other organizer's announcement will be returned to him in time enough for him to still submit it to the U.S.C.F. for publication in CL&R. When I return an organizer's announcement, I will ask him if at all possible to reconsider and choose another date, as priority has already been given to someone else at that time for an M.C.A. qualifying tournament to be held in that area. If this is impossible, the organizer involved will still be able to submit his announcement to the U.S.C.F.; though his tournament will not be an M.C.A. qualifying tournament.
- (C.) For a tournament to be an M.C.A. qualifying tournament (for the State Championship), it must receive publication in the "Tournament Life" section of at least one issue of Chess Life & Review prior to the event. The sponsoring organization must also be in Mississippi, and be an M.C.A. affiliate (\$5.00 per year payable to the M.C.A. through the Secretary-Treasurer).
- (D.) The below is simply a plan of tentative dates, names, and sites in which changes and alterations are welcomed by the organizers

concerned. Events have been conspicuously avoided being placed on Easter weekend, first weekend in May (collegiate examinations), Memorial Day weekend, and the 4th of July weekend not only because they involve holidays to a large number of people, but also because most of the surrounding states schedule traditional tournaments for these dates. If tournament organizers request these specific dates for Mississippi tournaments, I have no objection; though I feel they would be more successful if scheduled at another time.

- (E.) Confirmation has been obtained for those events under sections 1, 3, 4, 6, and very nearly that under section 14; so organizers (especially those in close proximity) are asked to avoid scheduling anything within several weeks of these events; as they will involve large numbers of people.
- (F.) Organizers in the Clarksdale, Gulf Coast, Laural, Natchez, Vicksburg, and previously unrepresented areas are urged to contact me concerning tournament organization and possible dates. As these areas have been almost absent from M.C.A. activity recently, I feel they deserve all of the assistance I and the M.C.A. can offer. Organizers of any chess activities other than tournaments in Mississippi, such as simultaneous exhibitions and lectures in which M.C.A. members are invited to attend, should feel free to contact me for advice and publicity.
- (G.) The President of the L.C.A. has informed me that the L.C.A. is planning several large tournaments for the month of May. This is the reason for our changing of the Miss-Lou Open from May to June in the hope of drawing more strong players from Louisiana to participate in the event. The Greenville Chess Club has informed me that it offers to cede its date in late July to any club wishing to hold a tournament at that time - a nice gesture. The Computer and L.C.A. vs. M.C.A. matches will only involve a limited number of people; so they should not be of major concern to organizers trying to arrange for tournaments on those dates.

Organizers should feel free to write me at any time concerning any questions, advice, and even criticism they have on the proposed calendar. I have long ago learned that one of the best ways of testing the feasibility of one's ideas is through exchanging viewpoints with other people. I only ask that those concerned give the calendar a chance, and judge it on its merits and faults and not those of its inventor; as my only dream is to see the M.C.A. grow and prosper through more, and better successful tournaments. God Bless and thank you all for your time, patience, and assistance.

John E. Masters
Vice President

Confirmations:
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From the United States Chess Federation
(Very Important)

The following are the deadline dates for each issue of CL&R.
These dates are absolutely firm and apply to everyone. Dates refer to

date of receipt in Newburgh. All announcements acknowledged.

	RECEIVED IN NEWBURGH	FOR TOURNAMENTS STARTING
(1.)	Jan 16 thru Feb 15	Apr 15 thru May 14
(2.)	Feb 16 thru Mar 15	May 15 thru Jun 14
(3.)	Mar 16 thru Apr 15	Jun 15 thru Jul 14
(4.)	Apr 16 thru May 15	Jul 15 thru Aug 14
(5.)	May 16 thru Jun 15	Aug 15 thru Sep 14
(6.)	Jun 16 thru Jul 15	Sep 15 thru Oct 14
(7.)	Jul 16 thru Aug 15	Oct 15 thru Nov 14
(8.)	Aug 16 thru Sep 15	Nov 15 thru Dec 14
(9.)	Sep 16 thru Oct 15	Dec 15 thru Jan 14
(10.)	Oct 16 thru Nov 15	Jan 15 thru Feb 14
(11.)	Nov 16 thru Dec 15	Feb 15 thru Mar 14
(12.)	Dec 16 thru Jan 15	Mar 15 thru Apr 14

Deadline dates given are for publication in one issue only. To receive the maximum two publications in successive issues, submit announcements one month earlier. Example: announcements for tournaments starting April 15 through May 14 appear in the April issue if received Jan 16 thru Feb 15, but appear in both the March and April issues if received Dec 16 (no earlier) thru Jan 15. Organizers should note that most Mississippians do not receive their issues until the middle of the month; therefore if their tournament is scheduled for the first half of the month it should be announced in the previous month's issue. If the organizer's tournament is scheduled for the last half of the month, then that month's issue of CL&R is sufficient for minimum announcement of the event; using the 15th of the month as the break point.

MISSISSIPPI CHESS ASSOCIATION

1975-76 Calendar (Tentative)

Section:	Dates:	Tournament Name:	Site:
(1.)	Jan 9-11	4th Dixie Open	Starkville, MS M.S.U. Campus
(2.)	Jan 23	Computer Match	Hattiesburg, MS U.S.M. Campus
(3.)	Feb 12-14	American College Unions Inc. Regional Tournament	Tuscaloosa, AL U.A. Campus
(4.)	Feb 21-22	2nd Greater Jackson Open	Jackson, MS Admiral Benbow Inn
(5.)	Mar 19-21	Third Annual Oxford Open	Oxford, MS U.M. Campus
(6.)	Apr 2-4	Miss. Intercollegiate Team Championship	Hattiesburg, MS U.S.M. Campus
(7.)	Apr 10	Louisiana vs. Mississippi Match	Biloxi, MS Sheraton Motor Inn
(8.)	Apr 23-25	3rd Starkville Open	Starkville, MS M.S.U. Campus
(9.)	May 14-16	Capital City Bicentennial	Jackson, MS

MISSISSIPPI CHESS ASSOCIATION

1975-76 Calendar
(Tentative)

Section:	Dates:	Tournament Name:	Site:
(10.)	Jun 25-27	Miss-Lou Open	Natchez, MS or Vicksburg, MS
(11.)	Jul 9-11	Miss. Woodpushers' Team Championship	Jackson, MS
(12.)	Jul 30- Aug 1	Port City Chess Classic	Greenville, MS Greenville Community Center
(13.)	Aug 20-22	Miss. Chess Congress & State Championship	Jackson, MS or Starkville, MS
(14.)	Sep 24-26	Sheraton Gulf Coast Chess Classic	Biloxi, MS Sheraton Motor Inn

1976 MISSISSIPPI CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING POINT STANDINGS

Player	1A 1975 Miss. Champ.	6D 1975 Miss. Open	7B Sheraton G.C.C. Classic	6C 2nd Starkville Open	Total Points Earned
1. Richard Price	16	-	12	7	35
2. Anthony Crawley	-	-	-	16	16
3. Warren Porter	16	-	-	-	16
4. Peyton Crowder	11	-	-	2	13
5. Gary Gray	11	-	-	-	11
6. John E. Masters	11	-	-	-	11
7. Richard Carter	-	5	-	-	5
8. Allyne L. Smith	-	5	-	-	5
9. Mike Vague	-	5	-	-	5
10. Robert Williams	-	2	-	2	4
11. Bruce U. Bowe	-	-	3	-	3
12. Charles Nowe*	-	-	3	-	3
13. Michael Penny	-	-	3	-	3
14. John Gray	-	-	-	2	2
15. Rick Johnson	-	-	-	2	2
16. Larry M. Wright	-	-	-	2	2

*Charles Nowe may not be a Mississippi resident. This list is published to allow each M.C.A. member to check his qualifying points. Please notify John E. Masters if you discover an error or if you have questions.

All before Farrell-G. Woodard are Ladder; the rest are 4th Dixie Open

Farrell-Farrell 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 Nf3 g6 4 Bf4 d6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Nb5? a6
7 Nc3 00 8 g3 Nc6 9 Bg2 Nd7 10 d5 Nc7 11 00 b5 12 eb ab 13 a3 Nb6 14
Qd3 Na4 15 Na4 ba 16 Rb1 Qa5? 17 Bb2 Qb6 18 Bc3 Ba6 19 Qc2 f6? (Pa4,
which is messing up White's Queenside, should be preserved.) 20 Qa4
Nb5 21 Qb3 Rfb8 22 Bb2 Qa7? 23 Rfe1 Nd4 24 Qa4 Ne2+ 25 Kh1 Bc3 26 Qa7
Ra7 27 Rbd1 Bc2 28 Ba1 Bd3 29 Bf1 Ng3 30 hg Bf1 31 Rf1 Hb2 32 a4 h6 33
a5 f5 34 Bab1 Ba2 35 Rfe1 Ba3 36 Nh4 Kf7 37 Re3 Re3 38 fe e4 39 Rb5 e3
40 Bc1 e2 41 Nf3 Bc3 42 Nd4 Ba5 43 Nc6? Strangely enough, this loses
with best play. 43...Bd2! 44 Bd2 Ba1+ 45 Kg2 Ba2? (45...Rd1 46 Bc1 (or
46 Rb2 Rd2+ 47 Kf3 c1/Q) Rc1 47 Rb2 Rg1+ 48 Kg1 c1/Q 49 Kany Qb2 wins)
46 Kf3 Ra1 47 Rb7 Rf1+ 48 Ke2 Rb1 49 Re7+ Kf6 50 Re6+ Kf7 51 Rd6 Nb2
52 Ne5+ Ke7 53 Re6 1:0 Good to see you back, Clarke.

L. Woodard-Killcrease 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 e4 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6
Nc6 d6 7 Qd8 Kd8 8 Bg5 e5 9 000+ Kc7 10 Bc4 Be6 11 Be6 fe 12 Rd3 Be7
13 Rhd1 Rd8 14 Rd8 Rd8 15 Rd8 Bd8 16 f3 b5 17 Be3 Kd7 18 Nd1 h5? Prep-
arations for defense of e5 should be made. 19 Bf2 Bc7 20 Nd3 Bd6 21
Bc5 h4 22 Bb4 Nh5? (22...Bb4 23 Nb4 a5 24 Nd3 Nd6 seems to hold) 23
Bc3 g5 24 Ne5+ Kc7 25 Ba5+ Kb7 26 Nf7 Bh2 27Nd8+ Kc8 28 Ne6 Rr4 29 Nf4
Bf4 30 Bd2 Bd2+ 31 Kd2 Kd7 32 Kd3 e5 33 e5 Ke6 34 Ke4 a5 35 f4 g5 36
Kf4 a4 37 b3 ab 38 ab Kf7 39 Kf5 Ke7 40 e6 Kf8 41 Ke5 c4 This is the
right plan; drawing chances increase as pawns decrease; in fact it took
me four tries to find the correct winning idea in the final position,
it's very nearly drawn. 42 bc bc 43 Kd6 1:0

L. Woodard-G. Woodard 1 PQ4 NKB3 2 NKB3 PKN3 3 PK3 BN2 4 BQ3 PQ3 5 NQ2
00 6 PQB3 (All this preparation for PK4 puts no pressure on Black's
position and allows him to place his pieces optimally and transpose to
a Ruy Lopez type position. Bobby Fischer says that if you can play a
King's Indian you can play a Ruy. Note that all the play is on the
Kingside, and that's Black's side in this type of game if he doesn't
have to spend three years trying to fianchetto his King Bishop, as he
has to in main-line Ruys.) NQB3 7 Castles PK4 8 PK4 RK1 9 RK1 NKB4
(Note also that this thematic clearing of the way for the KBP hits the
white QP.) 10 NN3 PQR3 11 BN5 PKB3 12 BB4+ KR1 13 BQ2 QK2 14 QB1 BN5
15 NR4 BQ1 16 BR6 NB2 17 BxB KxB 18 PKR3 BQ2 19 NQ2 NN4 20 QNB3 NB5
(A knight on B5 is the objective of both sides of a Ruy.) 21 NxN PxN
22 NKB3 RKB1 23 RK3 BxP! 24 PxKP (24 PxN NxP 25 KR1 PN5 26 NN1 RXP and
QR5 gives Black three pawns and a good attack for the piece; 25 KN2
PN5 26 NK1 RXP. 27 KR1 (27 KN3 QB3) NB5 and QR5 wins; 25K91 PN5 26 NQ2
RXP 27 KK1 QR5 28 Q92 or 'most anything QRKB1 29 KQ1 (else RB8+) PN6
and wins) 24...NxNP 25 PxQP PxQP 26 BQ3 QXP 27 NQ2 QB4 28 RB3 NB5 29
NN3 QK5 30 NQ4 PQ4 Laird was careful to write time forfeit in his col-
umn trying to discount the outcome of this fateful and long-awaited
confrontation between the two who are terrorizing the rest of Jackson
Chess Club 0:1

Farrell-G. Woodard 1 PQ4 NKB3 2 PK3 PKN3 3 BQ3 BN2 4 NKB3 00 5 QNQ2
PQ3 6 00 QNQ2 7 PK4 PK4 8 PQB3 QK2 9 QK2 PQB3 10 PKR3 PQN4?11 PQR4
This the proper refutation of Black's unnecessary and downright weak-
ening last. 11...NR4 12 NN3 PxRP 13 NQR5! NN3 14 NxBP QB2 15 PQ5 BN2
16 NN4 (BN5) PQR4 17 NB2 BB1 18 NR3 RK1 (If PB4 prepared by his last
move, then 18 PxB BxP 19 BxB PxB 20 NxP attacking the Knight on R5.)
19 BQN5 BQ2 20 BxB QxB 21 QN5! KRN1 22 QxQ NxQ 23 NB4 BB1 24 RXP NB4
25 RXP RXP 26 NxR NxP 27 RK1 PKB4 28 NB6 RN6 29 RK2 NR4B3 30 NN4 NQ2
31 NQ2 NxN 32 BxN (32 RxN BR3) RXP 33 NQ3 RN8+ 34 RK1 RN2 35 PKB3 NB3
36 RR1? NxP 37 NN4 (PB4 to try to blockade) NxN 38 PxN PQ4 39 RN1 RN4

40 KB2 KB2 41 PN3 KK3 42 PR4 PK5 43 PXP QXP 44 KK3 KQ4 45 KB4? BR3† 0:1
 Claude Jackson-R. Johnson 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 d5 3 e3 c5 4 c3 cd 5 cd Qc7
 6 Bd3 g6 7 Nc3 Bf5 8 Bf5 gf 9 Bd2 e6 10 Rcl Nc6 11 Qa4 Ne4 12 Ne4 fe
 13 Ne5 Rc8 14 Ba5 Qd6 15 Bd2 a6 All along I've followed a strategy of
 getting my pawns off the color of the Bishops since a Bishop ending
 seems imminent. 16 00 f6 17 Nc6 Rc6 18 Rc6 Qc6 19 Qd1 Bd6 20 Qh5+ Ke7
 21 Rcl Qe8 22 Qe8+ Re8 23 Ba5 Kd7 24 Kf1 Rc8 25 Rc8 Kc8 26 Bb6 h5 I
 offered a draw here. 27 h3 Kd7 28 a3 Be7 29 b4? Kc6 30 Bc5 Bc5 31 de
 (After 31...a5 32 Ke2 ab 33 ab Kb5 34 Kd2 Kb4 White is dead lost.)
 b6?? 32 cb Kb6 33 a4 e5 34 Ke2 f5 35 f3 ef+ 36 gf Kc6 37 Kd3 Kb6 38
 Ke2 Kc6 39 Kd3 Kb6 40 f4 e4+ 41 Kd4 Kc6 42 Ke5 a5 43 b5+ Kc5 44 Kf5
 Kc4 45 b6 d4 46 b7 d3 47 b8/Q d2 48 Qb5+ Kc3 49 Qe2 Kc2 50 Ke4 Kc1 51
 Boogidy. Black resigns. 1:0

Williams-Lee 1 NKB3 NKB3 2 PKN3 PQN3 3 BN2 BN2 4 PB4 NR3 5 00 PK3 6
 PQ4 BK2 7 NB3 NK5 8 QN3 PQB4 9 NK5 NxN 10 PxN (BxB.NxP+ 11 KR1 NB2
 12 BxR QxB 13 QB3 NxP 14 QxQ NxQc6) 10...QB2 11 BB4 BxB 12 KxB QN2+
 13 KN1 QK5? 14 QN5 QN2 15 NxP 000 16 NK5 NB2 17 QR4 PKN4? 18 NB6 BB3
 19 NxP+ KN1 20 NB6+ KB1 21 NxR 1:0

Wiggin-Carter 1 PK4 PK3 2 NKB3 PQ4 3 PK5 PQB4 4 PQ3 NQB3 5 PKN3 PKB3
 6 QK2 QB2 7 PXP NxP 8 BN2 PKR3? (A tense position. This seems just too
 weakening. Probably good is Bd6 and e5 immediately.) 9 00 BQ3 10 NB3
 PQR3 11 RK1 QK2 (Every tempo counts here. Black should either 00 or
 Bd7 and 000 quick.) 12 NKR4 NQ5 13 QQ1 QKB2 14 NK2 PKN4 (NxN+) 15 NxN
 BPxN 16 NB3 BB4 17 NK5 QB2 18 BQ2 NQ2? (BQ2) 19 QR5+ 1:0

Watson-Wiggin 1 PK4 PKN3 2 PQ4 BN2 3 NQB3 PQ3 4 PKB4 PQB3 5 NKB3 BKN5
 6 BK3 NQ2 7 PKR3 BxN 8 QxB NN3 9 BQ3 PK3 10 PKN4 PQ4 11 PK5 NQ2 12 00
 PKR4 13 PB5 RPXP 14 QXP BR3 15 PXP BxB+ 16 KR2 NR3 17 PxN+ QXP 18 QxQ+
 KxQ 19 NK2 RKH2 20 RKB3 BN4 21 QRKB1 QRKR1 22 KN2 KK1 23 NKB4 RKN1 24
 NKR5 NKB4 25 BxN PxB 26 NN3 PB5 27 NK2 R2KN2 28 KR2 KK2 29 RKN1 KK3 30
 NxP+? (30 KR1 KB4 31 NN3+ KK3 32 NR5 RN3 33 NxP+ BxN 34 RxB+ RxB 35
 RxB is somewhere between draw and won for White.) BxN+ 0:1

Crowder-Wiggin 1 d4 g6 2 c4 Bg7 3 e4 d6 4 Nc3 Nc6 5 Be3 e5 6 d5 Nce7
 7 Be2 f5 8 g3 Nf6 9 Bf3 00 10 h3 fe 11 Ne4 Ne4 12 Be4 Nf5 13 Qd2 Ne3
 14 Qe3 Bf5 15 Ne2 Qf6 16 Nc3 Rf7 17 Rd1 (1:05) a6 (1:15) 18 Rd3 b5 19
 cb ab 20 Bf5 gf 21 a3 (1:27) e4 22 Rd1 Rb8 23 00 b4 24 Qa7 Qd8 25 ab
 Rb4 (1:44) 26 Ne2 (1:43) Rb2 27 Nf4 c5 28 Qa3 Qb8 29 Ne6 Ra7 30 Qe3
 Qe8 31 Qg5 Qf7 32 Ng7 Qg7 33 Qf5 Re7 34 Ra1 Rb8 35 Ra6 Re5 36 Qf4
 Rf8 37 Qd2 Qf6 38 Ra7 e3 39 Qd3 ef+ 40 Kh2 Qf5 41 Qd2 Rd5? Allows the
 pin and subsequent occupation of the 7th. 42 Qa2 Kh8 43 Qb2+ Qe5 44
 Qb7 time loss. Mate is unavoidable. 1:0

Not only does it take a lot of space, but constantly saying "I know I'm a fish, but this is what I think" in my articles is probably also very tiresome to read, so I'll just state my opinions and rely on you to let me know if and when you disagree. We want this chessletter to be a forum for intelligent dialogue, and meaningful comments will be printed in the following issue, so PLEASE WRITE IN with your ideas!

Something I've found useful in studying games is stopping afterwards and saying "Do I remember what opening it was? Do I know who was doing what to whom in the middlegame? Why did the winner win?"

Thank to Richard Price and Warren Porter for help on occasional points. It's very helpful to have the two top players in the state available for consultation.

And thank to you for reading.

I've always admired the way Krouse's articles ended where the page did too.

The MCA has finally outgrown its Qualifying Point system. As long as all tournaments were attracting about the same people, and run in the same format nearly any system would give a list of contenders for the State Championship. However, the QP system was quite unfair to anyone who played in the Gulf Coast Classic. As a sectional tournament only a few players in the top part received any QP's. Had the GCC been a one section tournament and had attracted the same number of players (no reason to assume otherwise), no less than sixteen participants would have received a minimum of 7 Qualifying Points for scores of 3-2 or better. By contrast only eight QP's were needed to get into the 75 Championship after the entire 74-75 season of 7 tournaments. Had the GCC (or any other tournament) been a six or seven round event, no QP's would have been awarded at all.

I don't think the MCA or its QP system have any right dictating to organizers what type of tournament they can hold. It would be easy enough for the special business meeting to correct our QP system's worst faults (currently QP's are based on the average rating of the participants you didn't play and the number of players you didn't meet), but what about the State Championship itself? Our concurrent Championship/Amateur tournament has lost money since its conception for two straight years. Would be tournament directors have to play in their own events if they are in the QP race, something the USCF and a number of players are trying to discourage.

My proposal is that the Qualifying Point System be dismantled and replaced by a seven round Mississippi Closed Championship, which would be open only to Mississippians. The QP System and Championship has been a thorn in the side of the MCA for 2 1/2 years now and will continue to be as long as any player or organizer feels short-changed by it. We now have an excellent opportunity to remove this thorn.

-Warren Porter

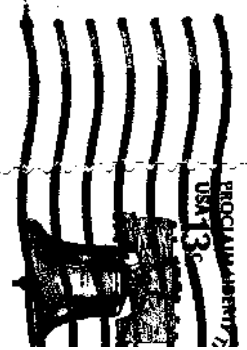
Whereas it is possible that a large tournament can have a low class C average rating and offer a much lighter schedule than a small tournament with a high class C average rating (Class C being the class of all MCA tournaments with no other restricted sections.), and thus a player could get more Qualifying Points for a more mediocre performance, and

Whereas the present system can give QP's to only the highest (Open) section of a tournament in more than one section (as the recent Gulf Coast Chess Classic in which only 4 of the 82 players recieved QP's), thus unnecessarily creating a conflict between playing in a lower section for closer competition and possible prizes and playing in the open section for QP's, and

Whereas the present system doesn't have the flexibility to handle a tournament with more or less than five rounds,

Be it enacted that a QP system based on the algebraic sum of one fiftieth of a player's performance rating (the rating of his opponent plus 400 if he wins, that of his opponent if he draws, that of his opponent minus 400 if he loses) minus 1600 (with suitable safeguards to insure that no one can get points for losing or lose them for winning) for each individual game; that if the sum is positive it be retained by the player as QP's; that Articles 1,2,3,6,7, and 9 of the present system be adopted as they currently stand with the following exceptions: clauses restricting any clause to five rounds be deleted; that the State Championship be treated as any other tournament with respect to the awarding of QP's; that if one or more of the top sixteen qualifiers fail to be in attendance each be replaced from those present, in order to increase the system's main value-- its appeal to the borderline players; that the State Championship not conflict with the US Open so that Mississippi may have a representative thereat; that consideration be given to a small prize fund in the Amateur event and much local advertising be given it; and that the clauses herein be suitably renumbered. Rick Johnson

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University of Miss. Computer-John Gray 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 c1d
 4N:d4 Nf6 5 Ne3 a61 (not everyone plays as well as Price) 6 Be2
 Nc6 7 Be3 Bd7 8 00 e6 (b5?!) 9 N:c6? (f4! with Kingside attack)
 b:c 10 f3? (f4!) Be7 11 Qd4 Qc7! 12 Bcd1 d5 13 Bd3?? (13 e5 c5
 14 Qf4 e:d 15 Qg4 Q:e5 with good center) c5 14 N:d5 e:d 15 Qc3 Bd6
 16 e:d B:h2+ 17 Kh1 N:d5? (Qg3) 18 Q:g7 Be5 19 Qh6 Qc6 20 c4 N:e3
 21 Q:e3 Qf6? (Qe6) 22 Bde1 Qh4+ 23 Ke1 f6 24 f4 Rg8 25 f:e Rg3 26
 Qe4 Q:e4 27 B:e4 Rb8 28 e:f R:b2 29 Bc6+ Kf8 30 B:d7? Rg8+ 31 Kh1
 Rh2+ 32 Kg1 Rg2+ 0:1

John Gray-Brent Looper 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 c1d4 4 N:d4 Nf6 5 Nc3
 Nc6 6 Bg5 d6 7 Be2 Be7 8 00 00 9 Kh1 (to push f and possibly g
 pawn) a6 10 a4 Qc7 11 f4 h6 12 Bh4 Rf8 13 f5 d5 (This starts a
 continuation. I thought was wrong but turned out well enough for
 him.) 14 f:e6 B:e6 15 N:e6 f:e6 16 e:d5 N:d5 17 Qe1 Ne3 18 Bc4
 N:f1 19 Qe6 Kh8 20 R:f1 B:h4 21 Rf7 Qd6 22 Qg4 Bf6 23 Qf5 Ne5 24
 Bd3 N:d3 25 Ne4 Nf2+ 0:1