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This special issue of the MCL is being sent to all USCF members in the state as well as our regular membership. If you are not yet a member of the MCA we hope you will take this opportunity to join. In addition to being the statewide affiliate recognized by the USCF the MCA, through this publication, publishes tournament ads, cross-tables, member's games, and articles of especial interest to you, the Mississippi chessplayer. We are a non-profit making organization.

Mississippi won the match against Louisiana held June 6 and hosted by the Gulf Coast Chess Club. Enroute to our 12-8 victory, Mark Morss, John Poole, and John Masters each posted 2-0 scores.

July 31-Aug 1 I Got Your Attention Didn't I, Jackson

Please tell everyone  
not to come.

Details inside.

## CANCELED!!

Sep 4-6, Third Annual Mississippi Chess Congress, 6-SS, Registration 12-1 pm, Rounds 1:30-7, 8:30-7, 8:30-1:30. Time limit: 45/2 & 15/30. Sheraton Motor Inn, I-55 North at Northside Dr interchange. Entry fee: \$12, under 18 \$8. Prizes \$50 1st, \$20 2nd, Class prizes per entries. In Jackson  
Mississippi Closed Championship, 5-SS, Entry fee: \$15 (Restricted to Top 16 MCA Qualifiers).  
Annual Miss. Chess Assn business meeting will be held on Sep 5 at 3 pm.

Sep 24-26, 2nd Annual Gulf Coast Classic, 5-SS, Registration 9-9:30 am  
Sep 25, Site Biloxi-Sheraton on US 90. Open: Open to all, EF \$20, 1st \$222 & trophy, 2nd \$111. Booster: Rated under 1800 or unrated, EF \$12, Prizes 1st \$99 & trophy, 2nd 88, 3rd 77, 4th 66. Amateur: Rated under 1400, EF \$10, 1st 55 & trophy, 2nd 44, 3rd 33, 4th 22, 5th 11.

Sep 25-26, Dixie Chess Festival, Starkville. I: Problem solving contest. 1 hr to solve 20 game-like positions. EF \$2, Reg 9-11am. II North-South match. EF \$2 +USCF&MCA. Entrants divided into north-south teams for 1 game match beginning at 1 pm. III Miss High School Championship. EF \$0 but USCF & MCA required. Reg 9-9:45 am, Rds at 10,12:30,3,5:30. TL 60/1 IV Miss. Speed Championship. EF \$2, starts at 8 pm. The above events are on 9/25. V Dixie Twister 4-SS, Reg by 8:45am 9/26, EF \$5, Rds 9,12,2:30,5.

Before a certain official of the Jackson Chess Club went away for the summer, he reserved the playing site for and sent the USCF an ad for the I Got Your Attention Didn't I. The only problem was that there was an excellent possibility that there would be no tournament director in Jackson that weekend. After a business meeting in late May the JCC tried to cancel the tournament ad. When we were told this was impossible we ordered a list of TD's from Miss. and all neighboring states along with the gummed labels for all USCFers in the state. When John Barrett, the JCC treasurer, received a letter from the USCF saying that our tournament was canceled, the club canceled the playing site and stopped looking for a TD.

Most recently we received the following letter and saw page 424 in July CL&R. It would have required about 24 entrants for the tournament to break even, and there would have been no class prizes for a tournament that small. Several people did not like the small room we held the Greater Jackson Open in in Feb, and the IGYADI would have been held at the same place. (The State Championship will be several miles north of the GJO and IGYADI site.) Also, we have told a number of out-of-town players that the tournament was off. Rather than lose money and leave a terrible impression on those who participated, the JCC voted to keep the tournament canceled.

TO J. Barrett  
Univ. of MS Medical Center  
2500 North State St.  
Jackson, MS 39216

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION  
479 BROADWAY  
NEWBURGH, N. Y. 12550

SUBJECT: publication of cancelled tournament

DATE: July 7, 1976

**MESSAGE**

FOLD

Dear Mr. Barrett,

While checking my advance copy of Chess Life & Review, I noticed that your announcement for "I got your attention didn't I", which was supposed to have been cancelled in the July issue was listed none-the-less.

There is always a risk of error when cancellations or late notices are received beyond the deadline since several persons are involved in making the changes. Apparently your letter requesting this cancellation, that I had forwarded to the editor in New York City was received too late.

I must apologize for assuring you in my correspondence of June 11 that your announcement will definitely be cancelled instead of making you aware that there may be a possible error. We can only suggest that you try to publicize this cancellation locally and have a notice posted at the site or preferably have someone there to inform the players of this cancellation.

PLEASE REPLY TO ►

SIGNED

Sincerely,  
Miss Irm Russek  
Tournament Clerk

**REPLY**

MAGNOLIA MONEY MADNESS  
Starkville, Miss.  
June 11-13, 1976

	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Med	Sol
1. Bruce W. Baker (Del)	2038	W 8	W22	W 7	W 2	D 5	4½ - 1		
2. Anthony Crawley	1842	W15	W18	W 3	L 1	W 6	4 - 1	9	15½
3. Brian C. Wiggin (Ala)	1781	W17	W13	L 2	W 8	W 9	4 - 1	9	15
4. Byron M. Watson	1769	W23	W14	L 5	W15	W12	4 - 1	7½	
5. James Gallagher (Tenn)	1966	W11	D 6	W 4	D 9	D 1	3½ - 1½		
6. Donny Gray (Ark)	1709	W20	D 5	W10	D 7	L 2	3 - 2	9½	
7. Peyton Crowder	1776	W16	W21	L 1	D 6	D10	3 - 2	8	14½
8. Keevin R. Lee	1449	L 1	W24	W18	L 3	W19	3 - 2	8	13½
9. Robert Olsen (Tenn)	1523	D10	W23	W22	D 5	L 3	3 - 2	8	13
10. Robt. B. Williams	1674	D 9	W25	L 6	W18	D 7	3 - 2	8	12
11. Richard Carter	1593	L 5	W17	L14	W23	W15	3 - 2	6½	11
12. Keith Killcrease	1589	L21	W19	W16	W14	L 4	3 - 2	6½	10½
13. Claude Jackson	1673	W24	L 3	L15	W16	W17	3 - 2	6	
14. Bill Trim	1312	W25	L 4	W11	L12	D22	2½ - 2½		
15. M. A. Farrell	1429	L 2	W26	W13	L 4	L11	2 - 3	10	
16. John Barrett, Jr.	1300	L 7	W20	L12	L13	W25	2 - 3	8	
17. Tom Schrade	1436	L 3	L11	W24	W22	L13	2 - 3	7½	
18. John Gray	1666	W26	L 2	L 8	L10	W23	2 - 3	7	
19. Miklos Bencze	1410	L22	L12	W26	W20	L 8	2 - 3	6½	
20. Larry Wright	1545	L 6	L16	W21	L19	W24	2 - 3	6	10
21. Bill Sierichs	1292	W12	L 7	L20	L25	W26	2 - 3	6	9
22. Harold Melvin	1666	W19	L 1	L 9	L17	D14	1½ - 3½		
23. Gordon E. Scott	1385	L 4	L 9	W25	L11	L18	1 - 4	8	
24. Ron R. Davis	1299	L13	L 8	L17	W26	L20	1 - 4	7	
25. Bruce Husted	1596	L14	L10	L23	W21	L16	1 - 4	6½	
26. Duke Fleckenstein	1220	L18	L15	L19	L24	L21	0 - 5		

Tournament Directors

Larry Wright  
Peyton Crowder

Prize Winners

First-----Bruce W. Baker-----\$ 65  
Class B---Brian C. Wiggin-----\$ 20  
Class B---Byron M. Watson-----\$ 20  
Class C---Keevin R. Lee-----\$ 12.50  
Class C---Robert J. Olsen-----\$ 12.50  
Class C---Richard Carter-----\$ 12.50  
Class C---Keith Killcrease---\$ 12.50  
Class D---Bill Trim-----\$ 25

May Melee  
Starkville  
May 11-16, 1976

1 Peyton Crowder	1776	w3	w4	w2	3-0
2 Larry Wright	1545	w4	w3	L1	2-1
3 Paul Barton (Fla)	1599	L1	L2	w4	1-2
4 John Weeks	1177	L2	L1	L3	0-3

Magnolia Money Madness

Jackson-Farrell 1 P-Q4 NKB3 2 NKB3 PQ4 3 PK3 PK3 4 BQ3 QN2 5 00 BK2 6 PB3 00  
7 QN2 PB4 8 NK5 PxP 9 BPxP NK1 10 PB4 PB4 11 RB3 N2B3 12 RR3 NQ3 13 PKN4 NxP  
14 NxN PxN 15 BxP+ KB2 16 QxP KK1 17 BN6+ KQ2 18 NB3 KB2 19 BQ2 BQ2 20 RB1+ KN1  
21 NK5 PR3 22 BQ3 NK5 23 BxN Px8 24 NN6? PK4 25 QN3 PxBP 26 PxP BxR 27 QxB RB3  
28 QN4 RxN 29 QxR QxP+ 30 KR1 QxB 31 RB1 QK7 32 QN1 PK6 33 PB5 KR2 34 QN2 QxQ  
35 KxQ RQ1 36 KB3 BB4 37 RK1 RQ7 38 RK2 KN3 39 RxR PxR 40 KK2 BQ5 41 PN3 KB4  
42 KxP KN5 43 KB2 PQN4 44 PKR3 BB3 0:1

Crawley-Wiggin 1 PK4 PQB3 2 PQ4 PQ4 3 PxP PxP 4 BQ3 NKB3 5 PQB3 PK3 6 BKB4 QN2  
7 NB3 BK2 8 QN2 PQR3 9 PQR4 PQN3 10 00 NR4 11 BK3 BQ3 12 NK5 KNB3 13 BKB4 QB2  
14 RK1 00 15 RK3 BN2 16 QK2 KRB1 17 RKR3 NB1 18 BKN5 BK2 19 RK1 PN4 20 PxP PxP  
21 BxN BxB 22 BxP+! NxB 23 QR5 RR7 24 QxN+ KB1 25 QN1 KRR1 26 RR8+ KK2 27 RxR RxR  
28 NQ3 RR1 29 PKN3 KB1 30 QR2 BB3 31 RR1 PN3 32 QR7 QB1 33 RR6 KN2 34 QN6 BR1  
35 QxNP 1:0

Schrade-Melvin 1 e4 e5 2 f4 d6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 Bc4 Be7 5 00 Be6 6 Be6: fe 7 fe de  
8 d3 Nf6 9 Nc3 00 10 Qe1 Nd4 11 Nd4: ed 12 Ne2 e5 13 Rf5 Qd6 14 Qg3 Nd7 15 Rh5 Rf7  
16 Bd2 Bf6 17 Raf1 Re8 18 Rff5 Kh8? 19 Qg6 Nf8 20 Qf7: Qd8 21 Rh7: Nh7 22 Rh5 Re7  
23 Qg6 Qg8 24 Ng3 Re6 25 Nf5 Bd8 26 Rh7:+ 1:0

Baker-Crawley 1 PK4 PK3 2 PQ4 PQ4 3 PK5 PQB4 4 PQB3 NQB3 5 NB3 QN3 6 PQR3 PB5  
7 PKN3 NR4 8 QN2 BQ2 9 BR3 NR3 10 00 BK2 11 RN1 00 12 NK1 PB4 13 PxPep RxP  
14 PB4 NB4 15 QK2 BQ3 16 NIB3 RIKB1 17 RB2 NN6 18 NxN QxN 19 NK5 BB1 20 RR1 BB2  
21 BK3 RQ1 22 QRKB1 R3B1 23 PN4 NxB 24 QxN QN4 25 PB5 PxP 26 PxP QK1 27 BN2 QK2  
28 PB6 PxP 29 RxP QxR 30 RxQ RxR 31 QN5+ RN3 32 NxR PxN 33 BxP+ KN2 34 QK7+ 1:0

Gallagher-Watson 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Qe2 Be7  
8 f4 Nbd7 9 g3 Qc7 10 Bg2 h6 11 Bh4 Rb8 12 000 b5 13 Rhe1 Bb7 14 e5 de 15 fe Nd5  
16 Nd5 Bd5 17 Bd5 ed 18 e6 Nf6 19 ef Kf7 20 Qe6 Kf8 21 Bf6 Bf6 22 Qf6 1:0

May Meele

Wright-Weeks 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PQ3 3 PQ4 PxP 4 NxP NKB3 5 NQB3 PQR3 6 BN5 PK3  
7 PB4 QN2 8 QB3 QB2 9 BQ3 PN4 10 000 BN2 11 KRK1 BK2 12 QN3 (The position has  
transposed to Spassky-Fischer, 15th game) 12 .. PN5 13 NQ5 NxN 14 PxN BxP  
15 BxB NB4 16 NB5 RKN1 17 BxQP QR4 18 QN5 KQ2 19 QK7+ KB3 20 NQ4 KN3 21 QB7 1:0

Olsen-Scott 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 h6 4 00 c6 5 d3 Bf5 6 Nbd2 Nbd7 7 b3 e6  
8 Eb2 Be7 9 e4 de 10 de Bh7 11 Qe2 00 12 Rad1 Qc7 13 e5 Nd5 14 c4 Nb4 15 a3 Bd3  
16 Qa3 Bf1 17 Bf1 Na6 18 Bd3 Nac5 19 Bc2 f5 20 ef6 Nf6 21 b4 Na6 22 Qe6 Kh8  
23 Ne5 Rfe8? 24 Ng6 (White misses the standard smothered mate N-f7-h6, Qg8, Nf7)  
24 .. Kh7 25 Ne7 Kh8 26 Bf6 Re7 27 Be7 Re8 28 Qg6 Kg8 29 Qe8 1:0

D Gray-Crowder 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 Ngf3 Nc6 5 Bb5 de 6 Bc6 bc 7 Ne4 cd  
8 Qd4 Qd4 9 Nd4 Ba6 10 Bf4 c5 11 Nb3 c4 12 Nd4 Nf6 13 Nf6 gf 14 Be3 Bb7  
15 Rg1 Bd6 16 g3 a6 17 000 Ke7 18 Rd2 Rhd8 19 Re1 Kf8 20 R1d1 Be7 21 Ne2 Rd2  
22 Rd2 Rd8 23 Bc5 Rd5 24 Be7 Ke7 25 Rd5 Bd5 26 Kd2 e5 27 Ke3 f5 28 f4 f6  
29 Nc3 Kd6 30 Nd1 h5 31 Nf2 a5 ½:½

Schrade-Wiggin 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 e5 Bg4 6 b3 e6 7 Ba3 Qa5  
8 Bb2 Ne7 9 Be2 Nd7 10 00 Bf3 11 Bf3 c5 12 Re1 cd 13 Qd4 Nc6 14 Qa4 Qa4  
15 Na4 00 16 c4 Nde5 17 Be5 Ne5 18 Rad1 Nf3 19 gf dc 20 bc Rac8 21 c5 Rfd8  
22 Rb1 Rd7 23 Rb3 Rd2 24 Rb7 Ra2 25 Re4 Rd8 26 Rc4 Bd4 27 c6 Bf2 28 Kg2 Bg1  
29 Rb2 Rb2 30 Nb2 Bb6 31 Na4 Rc8 32 Kh3 Kf8 33 Kg4 Ke7 34 Kg5 Be3 35 f4 e5  
36 Kh6 Bf4 37 Kh7 Bg5 38 Nc3 Ke6 0:1

Lee-Baker 1 NKB3 PK3 2 PB4 PKB4 3 NB3 NKB3 4 PQ4 BK2 5 PKN3 00 6 BN2 PQ4 7 PxP PxP  
8 00 PB3 9 BB4 QN2 10 PQR4 PQR4 11 QN3 KR1 12 QRN1 NK5 13 PK3 PKN4 14 BK5 NxB  
15 KNxN NQ7 16 QB2 NxQR 17 NxN BB3 18 NQ3 QK2 19 NQ2 BQ2 20 NB3 BN2 21 RK1 QRK1  
22 QB5 PN5 23 KNK5 BxN 24 Px8 QxQ 25 NxQ BB1 26 NQ3 PN3 27 RQB1 BN2 28 RB3 PB4  
29 PN3 RK2 30 RB2 Rq1 31 KB1 BR3 32 KK2 PQ5 33 PK4 RxP 34 KQ2 BxN 35 KxB PxP+  
3-6 BxP KN2 37 RK2 R1K1 38 PB4 PxPep 0:1 -4-

J Gray-Williams 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 b3 d6 4 Bb2 e6 5 d4 cd 6 Nd4 Nf6 7 Nc3 a6  
 8 Be2 Be7 9 00 00 10 Kh1 Qc7 11 f4 b5 12 Bf3 Bb7 13 e5 de 14 Nc6 Bc6 15 Bc6 Qc6  
 16 f3 Nd7 17 Qe2 f6 18 ef Bf6 19 Rf3 Rac8 20 Rd1 Nc5 21 Ba3 Rfe8 22 Rdf1 Nd7  
 23 Ne4 Qc2 24 Nf6 Nf6 25 Qe5 Rcd8 26 Bb2 Rd5 27 Qg3 Qb2 28 Rf6 Qf6! 0:1

Lee-John Gray 1 PQB4 NKB3 2 NQB3 PKN3 3 PQ4 BN2 4 PK4 PQ3 5 NB3 QN2 6 PQN3 PB4  
 7 BN2 PXP 8 NXP NB4 9 QB2 PQR4 10 BK2 QN3 11 KNK5 BQ2 12 NQ5 Nxn 13 BxB NN5  
 14 QQ1 RNI 15 BQ4 NB3 16 NB3 NR2 17 NB3 QB2 18 00 RNI 19 PQR3 PQN4 20 NQ5 QB1  
 21 PQN4 NXP 22 BxN RN2 23 BK3 PXP 24 PRXP PXP 25 NN6 NB6 26 NxQ NxQ 27 NXP+ Pxn  
 28 KRxn KK2 29 BXP RXP 30 RQ4 RQB1 31 BN5+ PB3 32 RK4+ BK3 (if ..KBI 33 BR6 mate,  
 but 32 .. KQ1 33 BXP+ seems better than 32 .. BK3 LW) 33 RxB+ KB1 34 RXP+ KN2  
 35 RB7+ KN1 36 BK6 1:0

Carter-Schrade 1 PK4 PQB3 2 NQB3 PQ4 3 NB3 PXP 4 NXP BB4 5 NN3 BN3 6 PQ3 NB3  
 7 NK5 QN2 8 NxB RPN 9 PQ4 QB2 10 PQB3 PK3 11 QB3 BQ3 12 BQ3 000 13 BQ2 PK4  
 14 000 PXP 15 PXP PB4 16 KN1 KN1 17 BB3 QN3 18 BB4 Rdf8 19 PKR3 BxN 20 QxB+ KR1  
 21 KRK1 PXP 22 BxQP QB3 23 BN3 NK5 24 QKB3 N5B4 25 QxQ PXP 26 BxNP 1:0

Wright-Barton 1 PK4 PQB4 2 NKB3 NQB3 3 PQ4 PXP 4 NXP PKN3 5 NQB3 BN2 6 BK3 NB3  
 7 PB3 00 8 QQ2 PQ3 9 000 BQ2 10 PKR4 QN1 11 PKN4 Nxn 12 BxN PQN4 13 PN5 PN5  
 14 Pxn Pxn 15 BXP BXP 16 BxB PxB 17 QXP BK3 18 QxQ QRxQ 19 PN3 RN3 20 BR3 RIN1  
 21 BxB PxB 22 RQ7 RIN2 23 RQ8+ KN2 24 PQB4 PK4 25 PR5 PXP 26 RXP KN3 27 RR1 KN4  
 28 KQ2 RN2 29 RN1+ KR3 30 RXP KXR 31 RQ7+ KN3 32 KK2 PR4 33 KK2 PR4 34 RR5 PR5  
 35 RQ5 RB3 36 KB2 RR3 37 RQ2 PB4 38 PXP+ KXP 39 KK3 PR6 40 RR2 RKR3 41 PB5 RR5  
 42 PB6 KK3 43 KB2 KQ3 44 KN3 RR2 45 RXP RN2+ 46 KB2 KXP 47 RR2 KQ4 48 KK3e wins.

July 10, 1976

Current MCA Postal Chess Ratings are:

Jimmy Aden	771
Charles Dean	658
Keith Killcrease	516
Ed Issa	515
James W. Smith	507
Gordon E. Scott	463
David Hayes	433
Roger Mathes	292

A couple of those listed are not currently playing, but they were participants in last year's event that is still underway. There is still one game in progress from the 1975 Championship that will determine the final winner.

In the 1976 Championship, the current scores are: James W. Smith, 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 2 games in progress; Keith Killcrease, 2 wins, 1 draw, 3 games in progress; Charles Dean, 3 wins, 1 loss, 2 games in progress; Roger Mathes, 2 wins, 4 games in progress; Jimmy Aden, 3 wins, 3 games in progress.

That's everything up to date.

Oxford Porter-J Gray 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 e4 d6 4 d4 Bg7 5 Be2 NBd7 6 Be3 c6  
 7 Qd2 e5 8 Nf3 ed 9 Nd4 00 10 00 Re8 11 Bd3 Nb6 12 a4 Bg4 13 Qf4 Be6 14 b3 d5  
 15 ed cd 16 c5 Nbd7 17 Nb5 Nh5 18 Qc1 Bd4 19 Nfd4 Qf6 20 Ne6 Re6 21 Nc7 Nc5  
 22 Qc5 Rc6 23 Qa5 b6 24 Qd5? Rd8 25 Ne8 Re8? 26 Bb5 Rd6 27 Qd6 Qd6 28 Be8 Nf4  
 29 Rfd1 Qe5 30 Bb5 Qg5 31 Bc6 Qc5 = 32 Bf3 Qc3 33 Rb1 Nd3 34 Bd5 Qc2 35 Rf1 Nf2??  
 36 Rbc1 Qd2 37 Bf7 Kg7 38 Bg6 hg? (Black is still playing for a win and is still  
 hoping for Rf2?? Better is .. Nh3 making defence against a perp later on quite  
 difficult.) 39 Rc7 Kh6 40 Rf2 Qe1 41 Rf1 Qe3 42 Kh1 Qb3 43 Ra7 Qc4 44 Rg1 Qd4  
 45 Rb7 Qa4 46 Rb6 Qa5 47 Rgb1 Qc5 48 h3 Qf2 49 R1b3 Qd4 50 Kh2 Qc5 51 R6b5 Qc4  
 52 R5b4 Qc5 53 Rh4 Kg7 54 Rg3 Qc1 55 Rhg4 Kh6? (Black can make things difficult  
 by marching his King to the center. White would then have to advance his pawns  
 and Black could then harass the WK with numerous checks. As it is, the White  
 King is in a vault safe from checks while the rooks can win by themselves with  
 mating threats.) 56 Rg6 Kh7 57 R6g4 Qh6 58 Rg7+ Kh8 59 Rg8 Kh7 60 R3g7 Qg7  
 61 Rg7 Kg7 62 g4 Kg6 63 Kg3 Kg5 64 Kf3 Kg6 65 Kf4 Kh6 66 Kf5 Kg7 67 g5 Kf7  
 68 g6 Kf8 69 Kf6 Kg8 70 g7 1:0

Humans vs. Computer Match

3/19/76

Round 1, Board 1

45/2, 30/1: Sicilian - Dragon

White: Blitz ( ? )

Black: John E. Masters ( 1603 )

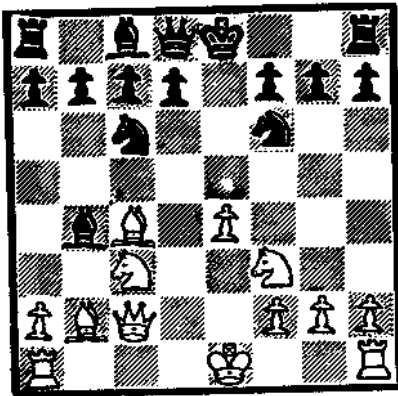
and

Jimmy DiCesare ( 1518/7 )

1. e4, c5 2. Nf3, d6 3. d4, c:d 4. N:d4, Nf6 5. Nc3, g6 ( The Dragon fitted in perfectly with our plan to get complicated middle game positions )  
 6. f4!, ( Half expecting 6. Be3 and either the Yugoslav or Classical Attack, the ultra-sharp and no less dangerous Levenfish Variation came as a bit of a shock ) 6. ... Nc6! ( Best. If 6. ... Bg7? 7. e5, d:e 8. f:e, and now; (A.) 8. ... Nfd7 9. e6, Ne5 10. Bb5 Ch, Nbc6 11. e:f Ch, K:f7 12. O-O Ch, + Kamyschov - Averbach, Moscow 1948 (B.) 8. ... Nd5? 9. Bb5 Ch, Kf8 10. O-O, B:e5? 11. Bh6 Ch, Kg8 12. N:d5, Q:d5 13. Nf5!, Qc5 Ch 14. Be3, Qc7 15. Nh6 Ch, K any 16. R:f7 mate (C.) 8. ... Ng8 9. Bp5 Ch, Nc6 10. N:c6, Q:d1 Ch 11. N:d1, a6 12. Ba4, Bd7 13. h3, Nh6 14. N:e7, = Pilnick - Kashdan, New York 1949 ) 7. N:c6, ( On 7. Bb5, Bd7 or Qc7!? is sufficient ) 7. ... b:c6 8. e5, d:e? ( Best is 8. ... Nd7 9. e:d, e:d 10. Be3, Be7! ( ( 10. ... Qe7 11. Qd4, Bg7 12. Q:g7, Q:e3 Ch 13. Be2, Rf8 14. Rf1, Ba6 15. Rf3, Qg1 Ch 16. Bf1, B:f1 13. O-O-O, + ) ) 11. Qd2, O-O 12. O-O-O, Qa5 13. Kbl, d5 14. f5, Bf6 15. Bd4, B:d4 16. Q:d4, Rb8 17. Qd2, Nc5 + Sherbakov - Lisitsin, USSR Championship 1955; though we feared 8. ... Nd7 9. e:d, e:d 10. Bc4, Nb6 11. Qd4, Rg8 ( ( 11. ... Qe7 Ch 12. Kf2, ) ) 12. O-O!?, with unclear complications ) 9. Q:d8 Ch, K:d8 10. f:e, Ng4 ( Best. If 10. ... Nd5 11. N:d5, c:d5 12. Bg5!, h6 13. Bh4, g5 14. Bf2, Bg7 15. O-O-O?! , Bb7? ( ( 15. ... B:e5 ) ) 16. Bd4, e6 17. Be2, + Donner - Spanjaard, Veenendaal 1953; or 10. ... Nd7 11. Bf4, Bg7 12. O-O-O, Ke8 13. Rel, Nc5 14. Be2, Bd7 15. Bf3, + Fine ) 11. Bf4, Be6! ( Being unfamiliar with the position after B's 8th move, finding the best move was not always easy! If 11. ... Bg7 12. O-O-O Ch, Ke8? 13. Nb5!, + Clarke - Dake, San Francisco 1943 ) 12. O-O-O Ch?!, ( Better is 12. h3!, Bh6! 13. B:h6, N:h6 14. O-O-O Ch, Kc7 15. g4, followed by 16. Bg2, + Euwe; or 12. Ne4, Bg7 13. Nc5, B:e5 14. O-O-O Ch, Kc7 15. N:e6 Ch, f:e6 16. B:e5 Ch, N:e5 17. Rel, Kd6 18. g3, Ng4 19. Bc4, e5 20. Re2, ± Boleslavski ) 12. ... Kc7 13. Rd4, ( 13. Ne4, should be considered ) 13. ... Bh6 14. B:h6, N:h6 15. Ba6?, ( Mistake. Many moves come to mind as being stronger - among them: 15. h3, 15. Be2!?, 15. Ne4, or 15. Na4. The latter two moves threaten 16. Nc5; while the "Fischer trap" protects a2. ) 15. ... Ng4! ( Wins either the h, or e pawn ) 16. h3, N:e5 17. Rhd1?!, ( 17. Rel, f6 or Nd7 looks adequate to hold B's advantage; though the text allows B to force the exchange of at least a pair of rooks, and win control of the d file ) 17. ... Rhd8 18. R:d8, R:d8 19. R:d8?, ( This must lose, W must cede the d file to B with 19. Rel, to keep any drawing chances alive. ) 19. ... K:d8 20. h4?, Bc4! ( And the rest is simply a matter of technique. ) 21. B:c4, N:c4 22. Ne4, Ne3 23. g3, ( Of course 23. Ng5, is answered by f6! ) 23. ... h5 24. Ng5, ( Better seems 24. Kd2, Nc4 Ch 25. Kc3, Nd6 26. Nc5, Ke8! + ) 24. ... f6 25. Ne6 Ch, Ke8 26. Nc7 Ch?, ( The final straw - mandatory was 26. Nd4, and 27. Ne2 ) 26. ... Kd7 27. Na6, Nf1 28. Nc5 Ch, Kd6 29. Nb7 Ch, Kd5 30. c4 Ch, K:c4 31. Na5 Ch, Kd5 32. Nb3, N:g3 33. Nd2, g5 34. h:g, f:g 35. Nbl2, h4 36. Nc3 Ch, Kd4 37. Kd2?, Ne4 Ch 38. N:e4, K:e4 39. a4?, h3 40. b4, h2 41. a5, hl (Q) 42. Kc3, Qf3 Ch ( Both 42. ... Qcl Ch, or Qal Ch, mate one move faster - unless ... ) 43. Kc4?, Qd3 Ch 44. Kc5, Qd5 mate, 0 - 1 : Annotated by JEM -6-

## THE ELECTRON GAMBIT

John E. Masters and Jimmy DiCesare versus Coko V. (Notes by Ed Issa and John Masters). SCOTCH GAME. 1.e4 e5 (Coko took 3:03 to reply.) 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 e:d (It spent 3:23 on this one.) 4.c3 (the Goring Gambit) d:c (Here the computer considered declining with d5 or Nf6.) 5.Bc4!? c:b (The Semi-Danish line, considered to favor white. Coko scanned a wide range of possibilities: Bb4; Na5 Nb4 and Qe7. But it selects the most "materialistic" continuation.) 6.B:b2 Bb4+ (In 3:30, Coko finds the "book" move.) 7.Nc3 (The computer preferred 7.Nd2 and worked up the following analysis: 7.Nd2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be2.) 7. . .Nf6 8.Qc2.



All book so far, although Coko expected 8.a3. Now the program considered 8. . .Na5, Qe7, d5 and 0-0, but played instead 8. . .B:c3!? This unexpected capture forced Masters and DiCesare to throw out their prepared analysis, so they took 30 minutes on the next move.

9.Q:c3?! Coko predicted 9.B:c3 0-0 10.0-0 Re8. However, after 9.B:c3 0-0?! 10.e5 Re8 11.0-0-0 Ng4 12.B:f7 K:f7 13.Qf5+ Kg8 14.Ng5 Nh6 15.Q:h7+ Kf8 16.Qh8+ Ng8 17.Nh7+ Kf7 18.e6+ Ke7 19.Q:g7+ K:e6 20.Rhe1+ Kf5 21.Rd4+ and mates soon.

Better for black is 9.B:c3 d6 10.0-0-0 Bg4, with complications apparently favoring white.

9. . .0-0 (Most of the kibitzers expected Coko to play 9. . .N:e4. But it spent 4:06 thinking about 9. . . Qe7 instead.) 11.e5 The humans took 18 minutes on this move. Coko expected 10.0-0 d6 11.Rad1.) 10. . .Ne4 (Alternatives were Re8 and d5.)

11.Qc2?! (The computer looked at 11.Qd3 but strangely neglected to consider 11.Qe3!? d5 12.0-0-0 c6@.) 11. . .d5 12.Rd1 (Here 12.0-0-0!? looks better. Extremely unclear is 12.e:d?! Q:d6!? and white's best looks like 13.0-0 instead of 13.Q:e4 Qb4+. However, white may have a lead in development after 13.0-0.)

The humans had taken an hour and 14 minutes on a 45/2 limit. Now Coko played 12. . .Nb4! an unexpected Knight sortie. 13.Qa4 (The computer expected 13.Qb3 d:c4 14.Q:c4.) 13. . .a5!? (Perhaps 13. . .c5!? is better: 14.B:d5 N:d5 15.Q:e4 Qa5+ is unclear.) 14.B:d5! (Coko expected 14.Rd4.) 14. . .Bd7 (3:12. Also possible is 14. . .Nc5 15.Qb5.) 15.Qb3 Nc5 16.Qc4 Be6! (6:06)

As 16th move alternatives, Coko calculated these lines:  
 (a) 16. . .N:d5 (a1)17.R:d5 Ne6?! (what about 17. . .Be6?!)  
 (a2)17.Q:d5 b6? 18.Ba3 Bf5; (b)16. . .Na5 17.Ba3. -7-

17.B:e6 (The humans had 20 minutes left here for 28 more moves, having taken 11 minutes on move 17.) 17. . . .Nbd3+!  
 18.Ke2 f:e6 (If 18. . . .N:b2? 19.R:d8 N:c4 20.R:f8+ K:f8  
 21.B:c4) 19.R:d3 (If 19.Ba3 Rf4! intending Re4+. A possibility to be investigated is 19.Bd4!?) 19. . . .Q:d3 20.Q:d3 N:d3  
 21.K:d3 (Coko had seen this series of exchanges and judged the position to be in black's favor.)

21. . . .c5 22.Rc1 Rac8 23.Ke3 (Coko wanted white to try 23.Rc4? so it could get in 23. . . .b5 with tempo. Wishful thinking, even for a computer.) 23. . . .b5 (Black seems to enjoy a tangible plus here, especially due to his Q-side majority and potentially active Rooks. But is it a definite win?)

24.Nd2?! (Here Masters and DiCesare had eight minutes left for 21 moves. Coko had expected the stronger 24.Ng5 and planned to continue 24. . . .Rc6 24.Ne4 c5?! Stronger for black may be 24. . . .Rfc8!?) 24. . . .a4?? (3:43 First error in the ending 24. . . .c4!? is a possibility.) 25.Ne4 c4 (Forced. Now Black has a very weak pawn majority.) 26.Ba3.

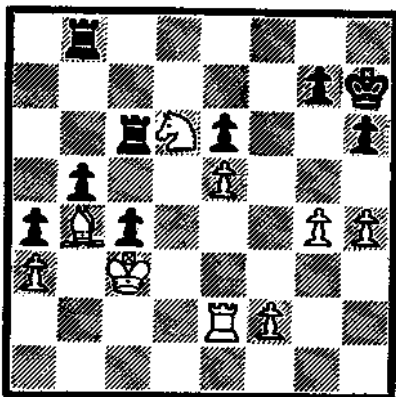
Here the computer "forgot" the position, and it was several hours before the problem could be corrected.

26. . . .Rfd8 27.Nd6 Rc6 (Rb8!?) 28.Bb4 (Coko expected 28.N:b5 Rd5 29.Nc3 R:e5+ 30.Kd2.) . . .Ra6 (28.a3!? Rc3)  
 29.a3 Rb8 30.Rc2 (The humans had 3½ minutes left.) 30. . . .Rc6  
 31.Kd4 (Coko predicted 31.Rc3?!, but white wants to blockade with the King.) 31. . . .Rd8 32.Kc3 Rb8.

33.Kd4 (Predicted move: 33.f4) 33. . . .Rd8 34.Kc3 Rb8  
 35.Re2?! (In view of the extreme time pressure, a draw would not be a loss of face here. Other possibilities here are 35.f4 h6 36.Rf2 and 35.h4 h6 36.h5! Kh7 37.f4 g5 38.h:g  
 K:g6 39.g4 Rf8 40.Rf2 Rb8 41.f4+ e:f 42.g:f+)

35. . . .h6 36.h4 Kh7 37.g4 (37.f4!? Rf8 38.N:b5 R:f4 39.Nd4 Rb6 40.g3.) Here the game was abandoned because the long delay at move 26 had used up all the computer time.

Is the final position a draw? Try the following analysis.



Black's most logical move is 37. . . .g5. Then 38.h5 blocks up the position and should draw.

A riskier line for white is 38.h:g h:g. If 39.f3 with the idea of 40.Rf2, white may be able to hold. Interesting is the try 39.f4?! g:f 40.Rf2 Kg6 41.R:f4 Kg5 42.Rf6 K:g4 43.R:e6 Kf5.

Are there improvements for either side? Try your own moves and see.



CRAWLEY COMMENTS

"Sacrifice Something"

Najdorf Sicilian--2nd Rd Bicentennial Southern  
 Crawley-R Downs 1 P K4 PQB4 2 NKB3 PQ3 3 PQ4 PxP 4 NxP NKB3 5 NQB3 PQR3 6 BQB4  
 PK3 7 BN3 PQN4 8 00 BN2?! 9 RK1! QNQ2 10 BxP!?! (JOBNS leads to advantage for  
 White in all lines. I knew this but I figured I could "crush" him quickly  
 with the text. I had played a game against M A Farrell previously but the condi-  
 tions were different. In that game Black's Bishop was on K2. Levy in Sacri-  
 fices in the Sicilian states that when Black has played his Bishops to N2 and  
 K2 before he has castled and the QN is on Q2, the sacrifice is almost 100%  
 correct. The object is not to get 3 pawns for the piece but to smash Black due  
 to his exposed King. In the game with Farrell he wisely declined the sac but  
 obtained a lost position. After 10 BN5! White gets the advantage but he has to  
 be prepared to "sacrifice" his Bishop on Q5 instead.) 10 ... PxB 11 NxKP QN1  
 12 BB4! (Recommended by the great Sicilian crusher Velimirovich in ECO. Al-  
 though at the time I didn't know it. After the text the position is assessed as  
 "unclear". 12 .. NK4 (The threat was 13 NxB and 14 BxP.) 13 BN3 BBI 14 NxB RxB  
 15 PB4 N/4N5 16 PK5 QR2+ 17 KR1 PxP 18 PxP? (PKR3 is much stronger) NR4  
 19 NK4 NxB+ 20 PxN NB7+ 21 NxN RxN 22 QQ5! QN2 23 QN8+ RB1 24 QxRP BB4! 25 QR5+  
 PN3 26 QN5 RR1+ [26,QK2 maybe? -Ed.] 27 KN1 QR2+ 28 RK3 RQ1 29 R1K1 RQ7 30 QB6  
 RR4?! 31 PKN4! BxNP 32 QxP+ QB2! 33 QB6+ BQ2 34 QR8+ KK2 35 RKB3 (RKB1 loses  
 to RR8+) [Black's next move is a blunder, he should consider 35 .. RxP+.]  
 35 .. QR2?? (Here my flag fell. White has a mate in six at most, e.g. 36 QB8+  
 KK3 37 RB6+ KQ4 38 QQ6+ KB5 39 RB4+ Qk5 40 RxQ+ RQ5 41 R or Q xR mate! An  
 unfortunate loss which my friend Byron Watson can verify. I kept him awake for  
 almost 3 hours that night!!)

"Never Fear the Isolated Queen's Pawn"

Colle System--5th Rd Magnolia Mony Madness  
 Crawley- D. Gray 1 PQ4 PQ4 2 NKB3 NKB3 3 PK3 PK3 4 BQ3 PB4 5 PB3 NB3 6 QNQ2 BQ3  
 7 00 00 8 RK1 (The main lines runs 8 PxP BxP 9 PK4 QB2 10 QK2 BQ3 11 RK1 NKN5  
 12 PKR3 KMK4 13 NxN NxN 14 PxP PxP 15 NB3 +=, but I wanted middle game play.)  
 8 .. QB2 9 PK4 PxQP 10 BPxP NN5?! (To effect the blockade of his Q4. But as  
 will be seen later in the game this blockade prevents black from getting an attack  
 on the pawn while White is free to carry out his plans on the Kingside.) 11 BN1  
 PxP 12 NxP QNQ4 13 NxB QxN 14 NK5 PQN3 15 QB3 QN5?! (My opponent had a habit of  
 banging his pieces when he thought he had a made a good move. This was one of  
 them. I can't see why though. He's losing time. The Rook goes where it wants  
 to go anyway.) 16 RQ1 BN2 17 PQR3 QK2 18 QKN3 NR4? 19 QN4 KNB3 20 QR4 (threat  
 BB5 and BxP+) 20 .. PKR3 21 RQ3 NR2 22 QN3 PKN4? 23 PB4 QRB1 24 BQ2 KR1 25 PxP  
 PxP 26 RKB3! (threat RxP) NB5?? 27 RxN!! BxP (A last ditch try. 27 PxR loses to  
 QR3 which mates or wins the Queen.) 28 R82 Black Resigns. White's Bishops  
 lurking in the background were powerhouses. This game is an example that proves  
 that bishops work better from unexposed positions.

Johnson Memorial Tornado  
 June 26, 1976

1 Warren Porter	1825	w7	w10	w2	w3	4
2 Laird Woodard	1558	w11	w4	L1	w6	3
3 Gordon Scott	1385	w9	w6	w8	L1	3
4 William Sierichs	1292	w8	L2	w10	d5	2½
5 William Killcrease	1589	L6	w9	w7	d4	2½
6 A R Buford	1252	w5	L3	w11	L2	2
7 John Barrett	1300	L1	w12	L5	WF	2
8 Gunnar Woodard	1747	L4	w11	L3	w9	2
9 Robert Horton	769	L3	L5	bye	L8	1
10 Bill Trimm	1312	w12	L1	L4	LF	1
11 Richard Parker	1153	L2	L8	L6	bye	1
12 Jerry Richards	unr	L10	L7	W/D	--	0

It was unfortunate that Gunnar didn't score at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  in these games as he played well and had a good game until his final move in each. These show differing aspects of his style and should be instructive.

G Woodard 1 Pk4 Pk4 2 NKB3 NQB3 3 BN5 PQR3 4 BR4 NB3 5 00 PQN4 6 BN3 BK2 7 PQ4 PXP 8 PK5 NK5 9 BQ5 NB4 10 NXP BN2 11 NB5 NK3 12 BxKN QPxB 13 NXP+ KB1 14 NXP+ PxN 15 BR6+ KK1 16 QR5+ KK1 17 RQ1+ BQ3 18 PxB PXP 19 BB4 PQ4 20 NB3 NK2 21 QK5 QN3 22 BK3 QB3 23 NK4 NN3 24 QN7+ KB1 25 NB5 PQ5 26 NxB PxB 27 RQ8+! RxR 28 NXR PXP+ 29 KR1 KxN 30 RQ1+ KB1 31 QN8+ KN2 32 QxP+ KN3 33 QxN RKB1 34 QQ3 QQ4 35 QxQ?? (allowing Black's swindle to work. 35 QK3+ K moves 36 RKB1 QxRP 37 QQ4 prevents 37 .. QR8? and prepares to nush the KRP.) 35 .. PB8Q+ 0:1  
Black in the above game was Bill Sierichs.

G Woodard-G Scott 1 PK4 PKN3 2 PQ4 BN2 3 NQB3 PQ3 4 PB4 PQB3 5 NB3 PK3 6 BQ3 QN3 7 PK5 PQ4 8 QK2 PKB4 9 QK2 PKB4 10 NKN5 NB1 11 QB2 NR3 12 PKR3 NN1 13 BQ2 PKR3 14 NB3 NR2 15 NK2 NK2 16 PQN3 QQ1 17 PB4 PR3 18 PB5 BQ2 19 NB3 NKB1 20 NKR4 NB1 21 QN3 NK2 22 NR4 KB2 23 NN6 RN1 24 PQR4 BK1 25 BR5 NB1 26 PN4 KN1 27 NB3 Nxn 28 BxN QK2 29 QRN1 NQ2 30 BB7 RR1 31 PN5 RPXP 32 PXP KR2 33 PXP PXP 34 RR1 BB2 35 BR6 NN1 36 BQ6 QQ2 37 BK2 RxR 38 RxR QN2 39 QB2 NQ2 40 BQ3 RR1 41 RxR QxR 42 QR4 KN1 43 QK1 QR5 44 QN1 BB1 45 BB2 QB5 46 BxB NxB 47 QN3 QR3 48 KB2 BK1 49 QR4 QN2 50 BN3 NQ2 51 NQ2 NN1 52 KK3 KB2 53 KQ3 NR3 54 KB3 NB2 55 QR5 NN4+ 56 KQ3 KK2 57 BR4 BQ2 58 NN3 BB1 59 QN4 (Perhaps the Knight should be maneuvered to this square.) 59 .. QR1 60 NR5 0:1 (The time control was 40/60 & 20/30. White made this move with about fifteen seconds to spare but never punched his clock. The game was over when the white space appeared after the 6 mark. The players had originally thought White had a won game, but 60 .. BR3 appears to hold, ie. 61 NN3 QN2 62 NB1 [intending N-Q3, Q-R5, and N-N4] 62 .. NXP 63 KxN QN7+ with a perp.)

Scott-Porter 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 c5 3 Bg2 d5 4 d3 Nc6 5 00 e5 6 a3 Be7 7 c4 d4 8 Nbd2 h6 9 Nb3 Be6 (Joe Katz plays B-Q2 and Q-B1 when preparing for B-R6 making P-KR3 unnecessary.) 10 Bd2 Qd7 11 Ne1 Bh3 12 e3 h5 13 e4 h4 14 Bg5 hg 15 fg Ng4?! 16 Bh3 Rh3 17 Be7 Ne3 18 Qf3 Qe7 19 Rf2 b6 20 Ng2 Ng2 21 Kg2 Qe6 22 Raf1 f6 23 Nc1 (Qf5!) Kf7 24 Ne2 Rgh8 25 Rh1 Ne7 26 Ng1 Rh5 27 Kf1 Ng6 28 Rg2 Qc8 29 Qd1 Rg5 30 Qf3 Rh6 31 Rf2 Qh8 32 Qe2 Rgh5 (White is quite content to sit on a defensive position all day so Black is obliged to attack ... all day. Black has made no progress on the Kingside and needs to open a new front.) 33 Nf3 Qc8 34 Ng1 Qb7 35 Qg4 b5 36 cb Qb5 37 Qd1? (White needs to prevent c4. On 37 Qe2 Black would have had to reorganize before attempting a breakthrough.) 37 .. c4 38 dc Qc4 39 Kg2 Rg5 40 Rc2 Qa6 41 Nf3 Nh4+ 42 Nh4 Rh4 43 Qf3 Rf4 44 Qb3+ Kg6 45 Re1 Rgg4 Rce2 Qc6 (The pseudo sac 46 .. Re4 would lose the Pawn ending. White would be left with 2:1 majorities on the wings while Black's connected passers would already be blockaded.) 47 Qd3 Rg5 48 Kh1 Rfg4 49 Rg2 Rh5 50 Rc2 Qd7 51 Kg2 R4g5 52 Kh1 Qg4 53 Rg2 Rh8 54 Ree2 Rgh5 55 Ref2 Rc8 56 Rg1 Rhh8 57 Kg2 Rc6 58 Rh1? (Black had just finished backing his trucks out of the crowded K-side parking lot when they had to be called back.) 58 .. Qh3+ 59 Kf3 Rh4 60 Ke2 Qg4+ 61 Rf3?? (Kd2 would have held the pawn since the Rh1 would not be hanging after Qe4??) 61 .. Qe4 62 Qe4 Re4 63 Kd3 Rg4 64 h3 Rg5 65 h4 Rh5?! (Rg4 blockading the K-side and supporting the center pawns from the wing may be better.) 66 g4 Rh8 67 Rf5 Rhc8 68 h5 Kf7 69 g5 Rcl 70 Rh2 Rdl+ 71 Ke4 Ke6 72 gf (Good try for a swindle. Black still has to play carefully.) 72 .. Re1+ 73 Kd3 Kf5 74 fg Re3+ 75 Kd2 Kf6 76 Rg2 Rg8 77 h6 Rh3 78 Rf2 Ke7 79 Re2 Rh6 80 Re5 Re6 81 Ra5 Rg7 82 Ra7 Kf6 83 Ra4 (83 Rg7 is no better.) Rd6 84 Kd3 Rg3+ 85 Kc4 d3 86 Kc3 d2 87 Kb4 d1Q (and wins, but having gone this far...) 88 Ra5 Qd4+ 89 Kb5 Rb6 mate 0:1

The Alabama Chess Federation at it's May business meeting voted to recognize the Southern Open as the Region IV Championship, and to petition the other Region IV state organizations to do the same. A Tennessee player independently proposed this during the Southern Chess Association business meeting and it was passed. The Tennessee man also proposed that the Region IV USCF Regional VP's be automatically installed as administrators of the Southern (which is not a new idea), but this was voted down. I was elected SCA president and Kamalaker Raut of Savannah VP, with Bill Hendry remaining as treasurer. Please make the proposal at the MCA business meeting in September that Mississippi recognize the Southern as the Region IV Championship.

We are requesting bids for the 1977 Southern Open. Four of the last six Southern bids have been in Alabama; I want to move it out, but sort of favor an eastward movement to get SC & NC players involved. I'm hoping to return the Southern to a \$2000-\$3000 prize range with 200+ players.

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In addition to being the newly elected president of the Southern Chess Association, Bill is also the editor of Alabama Chess Antics.

Since Mississippi has not held the Southern in recent years, if we want it we have a good chance to get it. The 4th of July falls on Monday next year which can't help but to improve the turnout. Bids or requests for more information should be sent to Mr. Bryan. -WP

MCA-LCA Match, Biloxi, Mississippi, 6 June 1976

MISSISSIPPI		LOUISIANA	
1. Mark Morss (1953)	11	Selby Anderson (1995)	00
2. Anthony Crawley (1867)	10	Charles Applewhite (2014)	01
3. John Poole (1848)	11	Glenn Ruiz (1986)	00
4. Warren Porter (1812)	0½	Steve Hobart (1922)	1½
5. Peyton Crowder (1754)	01	Newton Grant (1848)	10
6. Gunnar Woodard (1755)	0½	Jules LeBon (1869)	1½
7. Gary Gray (1720)	½0	Dennis Baker (1784)	½1
8. Robert Williams (1684)	01	Bill Phillips (1780)	10
9. Stan Perkins (1674)	½1	Mark Lazarre (1670)	½0
10. John Masters (1603)	11	Llew Kohler (1527)	00
	57		53

MISSISSIPPI	12	LOUISIANA	8
4/2/4 first round		4/2/4 first round	
6/2/2 second round		2/2/6 second round	
10/4/6 total		6/4/10 total	
average rating 1767		average rating 1839.5	

The Mississippi--Louisiana Match gave me a chance, at long last, to meet some of Mississippi's fine chess players. I felt good about the friendly, supportive feelings that we all shared during the match. I think this partly explains why we won, even though we were outrated on every board.

Here are my games from the match:

Anderson--Morss, Round 1. 1. P-K4 P-K4, 2. N-KB3 N-QB3, 3. E-N5 N-B3, 4. O-O NxP, 5. P-Q4 (better than 5. R-K1) 5...P-QR3, 6. E-R4 (better than 6. B-Q3--notice that Black has entered the Open Defense without permitting the Exchange Variation) 6...P-QN4 7. B-N3 P-Q4, 8. PxB B-K3, 9. P-B3 B-K2, 10. QN-Q2 O-O, 11. B-B2 P-B4, 12. N-N3 Q-Q2, 13. N(B3)-Q4 NxN, 14. PxB (the main line is 14. NxN P-B4, 15. NxB QxN, 16. P-QR4, when White threatens 17. PxF PxF, 18. RxB RxB, 19. Q-Q3; however, 16...P-N3! solidifies Black's position and enables him to obtain some play with his queenside pawn majority) 14...P-QR4, 15. P-B3 P-R5, 16. PxB PxB, 17. BxB BxB, 18. RxB RxB, 19. B-K3 K-R1 (I was preparing for ...P-B4; Anderson later suggested that 19...R-Q1 first, more or less compelling 20. R-B1, was more precise), 20. R-B1 (the point of Anderson's suggestion is that 20. Q-B2! R-Q1, 21. R-Q1 was possible, preventing 21...P-B4) 20...R-Q1, 21. Q-B2 P-B4, 22. PxB P-Q5, 23. R-Q1 (23. P-B6 BxB--but if Black's King were on KN1, White would then win with 24. QxBch Q-Q4, 25. QxQch RxQ, 26. P-B7) 23...BxB, 24. PxB (again, if Black's King were on KN1, White would win with 24. QxBch) 24...P-Q6, 25. Q-B3 (25. Q-Q2 Q-K3 returns to the game after 26. P-QN4 QxP or 26. Q-B3 Q-N5) 25...Q-N5 (besides threatening the Rook, Black intends 26...B-N4, loosening the blockade of his advanced pawns), 26. Q-Q2 Q-R4, 27. P-QN4 QxP, 28. R-R1 (weak, but Black can force his Bishop to Q5 in any case) 28...B-B3, 29. R-R2 Q-Q4, 30. R-R5 B-Q5, 31. R-R1 (White's panicky Rook-moves were a product of time pressure) 31...Q-N4, 32. R-K1 BxBch, 33. RxB QxBch, 34. QxQ P-Q7 O-1.

Morss--Anderson, Round 2. 1. P-Q4 P-KB4 (a new move for Anderson, he later told me), 2. P-K4 PxB, 3. N-QB3 N-KE3, 4. P-B3 PxF, 5. NxP P-K3 (not the worst, but 5...P-KN3! fortifies the light squares of the kingside), 6. B-Q3 B-K2, 7. O-O O-O, 8. Q-K1 (I gave some thought to 8. N-KN5!) 8...N-B3, 9. P-QR3 P-Q3, 10. Q-R4 Q-K1 (so that, after 11. B-KN5 P-KE3, the move 12. BxF will not be possible), 11. P-Q5 N-K4 (worse are 11...PxF, 12. NxP and 11...N-Q1, 12. N-QN5), 12. NxN PxB, 13. RxN RxB (13...B-B4ch, 14. K-R1 RxB, 15. QxPch K-B1, 16. N-K4), 14. QxPch K-B1, 15. P-KN5 R-B4 (15...B-B4ch, 16. K-R1 R-B4, 17. N-K4, threatening both 18. NxB and 18. P-KN4, was pointed out later by Anderson; however, 15...Q-B2! 16. BxBch QxB, 17. Q-R8ch K-B2, 18. PxBch KxB (forced), 19. BxBch KxB, 20. Q-R5ch K-K3, 21. N-K4 (prevents 21...Q-B4ch and prepares 22. R-Q1) 21...K-Q4, 22. R-Q1ch K-B3, 23. Q-B3 B-K3 (Black holds out longer with 23...K-N3, 24. Q-N3ch K-B3, 24. Q-B3ch K-N3, 25. R-Q5, but he has no serious drawing chances) 24. N-Q6ch L-O.

## A FINAL EDITORIAL

This is the last year I will edit the Mississippi Chessletter. Volunteer work such as this gives its own rewards, but what used to be a challenge slowly became a chore. It is time to step aside to someone who has as much, if not more enthusiasm than I had three years ago.

This past year has been the first time the MCA has started to become the statewide organization we are supposed to be. I am hoping this trend can continue. This year the Gulf Coast set a Mississippi record for the largest rated tournament in addition to hosting the Miss-Lou Match. This year the MCA business meeting will not be held on the Friday night before the tournament which made the meeting difficult to attend without leaving during working hours. By holding the meeting in the middle of the tournament, all sections of the state should be represented.

With entry fees, USCF dues, and MCA dues to pay an adult may have to spend \$30 to enter a tournament, but the "free pass" set up last year to partially alleviate the problem has been difficult to manage. Instead of the free pass, I hope the membership considers one of the following: 1. Only Mississippians who have either a USCF rating or a participating (non CL&R) membership would have to join the MCA before playing in an MCA affiliated tournament. 2. All Mississippians would be required to be members of or join the MCA before playing in an MCA tournament, but affiliates would be required to return the affiliate discount to the member and would be encouraged to offer a reduced entry fee to someone joining the USCF and MCA for the first time.

A few words about the Mississippi Chessletter in general: The publication can only be as good as the members make it. If we were willing to pay an editor \$100 an issue we could expect him to visit different chess clubs, attend all the tournaments to copy the scoresheets and wallcharts. Since this is not the case these tasks must be done by the tournament organizers and individual members. Material used in the MCL must be typed by somebody. If you can type, typing your own material to the MCL Editor makes his job easier and increases the likelihood it will be used. It is much easier to arrange the crosstables by tie-break when one has the pairing cards than when one has only the original wallchart. With only one exception all crosstables have been arranged by tie-break by the tournament director, and for this I thank you.

Until 1976 the USCF rating supplements were monthly and if was no trouble to publish the ratings of all MCA members. This year, with the bi-monthly supplements coming out at the same time as the MCL's, the ratings would have been outdated by the time we could use them. If the MCA members are willing to wait an extra three or four weeks for this feature, the next editor could revise it.

In the past few years the chess clubs of this state have experimented with several different types of methods for awarding prizes. From the total trophy tournament we have gone to the total cash tournament. Perhaps this change has left our upcoming C's, D's, and E's out in the cold. With little to gain and much to lose in so far as rating points are concerned, the higher rated players continue to demand cash for the top place (or two), but do the lower players also want cash? All trophies in a class don't have to be awarded, especially if there are few players in that class. Besides a trophy doesn't mean much to someone nearly certain to win one no matter how well or poorly he plays. Perhaps not engraving any trophy and not awarding more than one trophy for each three players in a class would be worth looking into.

The most serious defect in our Qualifying Point system that has appeared this past year has been the absence of C & D players from the Coast being able to participate in the state championship. A plus score, required to win QP's, is nearly impossible to achieve against the Experts, A's, and B's in the top section of their tournament while most of the one section tournaments were well over 200 miles inland. Since the MCA Executive Committee (MCA Officers and Club representatives) will meet Aug 1 to study this and other problems, we'll confine further comment to the following: If we are going to keep a qualifying point system to determine the state championship, let's come up with one that is fair and works.

With at least one notable exception (between Pearl and Clinton) most clubs in the state have been quite timely, cooperative, and prompt in scheduling tournaments, coordinating with the MCA, and submitting tournament ads to the USCF. To assure proper publicity a tournament should be planned five (5) [count em, RJ] months in advance to allow two ads in CL&R, with at least one ad in neighboring state chess publications. Our ad swapping agreements can't be done when events are put together so late that only a Mailgram can reach the USCF in time for just one ad.

I would like to thank everyone who has made the MCA a success these past years and wish the officers and members of the MCA continued success in the future.

Ed Issa and U.J. Gilbert went 4-1 and 3-2 at the Little Rock Open May 22 and 23. Issa won the \$40 top C prize and Gilbert the \$30 top D prize in the one-section event. Here are two of their games.

Dan Bennett (1452)--U.J. Gilbert (1318) English 1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nf3 d6 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 Bg4 7.0-0?! (7.h3) Qd7 8.Re1 Nc6 9.Bd2 (Guarding the QN and paving the way for b4) Bh3 10.Bh1 Ng4?! 11.Rb1?! (Why ignore B's K-side operations? Does B have enough attack after 11.Ng5!? N:f2 12.K:f2 Bd4ch. 13.e3 Qf5ch. 14.Nf3?) 11. . .f5! 12.Qc1?! Rae8 13.Ng5 N:f2 14.K:f2 Bd4ch. 15.e3? (15.Be3) f4! 16.Bd5ch. (To disrupt communication on h3-c8 diagonal) 16. . .e6 17.B:c6 Now B is two pieces down and has three hanging. 17. . .f:gch. 18.Kg1 (18.K:g3 Q:c6 and the WK is more exposed than in the game) 18. . .g:hch. 19.K:h2 Q:c6 20.K:h3? Greed does not pay here. W may be able to win by closing up the h1-a8 diagonal with one of the Ns or the KP. 20. . .Rf3ch!! 21.N:f3 Q:f3ch. 22.Kh2 Be5ch. 23.Kg1 Qg4ch. (23. . .Qg3ch. is quicker) 24.Kh1 Qh4ch. 25.Kg1 Qh2ch. 26.Kf1 Rf8# Whew!

Ed Issa (1529)--Larry Vejrosta (1761) King's Indian Attack 1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.d3 W may try the Doredant Variation with 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nge2. 3. . .Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7?! (I expected 6. . .c5) 7.0-0 c6 8.Nbd2!? (8.Nc3) b5 B's setup resembles a Saemisch Byrne. Instead of B's last move--which prevents 9.Nc4--Black may try 8. . .Ng4!?) 9.h3 Qc7 10.Nh4 Bb7 (B's setup looks unnecessarily passive, with no attempt at play on the g1-a7 diagonal) 11.Ndf3 a5 12.f5 c5 (Aiming for Q-side play) 13.f:g f:g? 14.Ng5 Qb6 15.Ne6 Rfc8 16.Be3 Nf8? 17.N:g7 K:g7 18.Qf3+- N8d7 19.Qf4 Rg8?! 20.g4 e5? 21.Qh6ch. Kh8 22.g5 Nh5 23.Rf7++ Nf8 24.Raf1?! (24.N:g6 wins a Knight or a Pawn) 24. . .Nf4 25.B:f4 e:f4 26.R1:f4 c4 ch. 27.Kh2?! (27.Kh1) c:d 28.R:f8 d5 29.Rf4-f7 1-0.

Here are some games of some theoretical interest to Miss. players.

R. Davis-T. Davis Greater Jackson Open 1 Pq4 Pq4 2 PK3 NKB3 3 BQ3 NB3 (PB4 first is better) 4 PKB4 BKN5 5 NKB3 NK5 6 00 Qq2 7 PB3? There is no need for this move since there is no pressure on White's center. PB4, pressuring that of Black and allowing NB3 is stronger. 7...PK3 8 QB2 PB4 9 NK5 NxN 10 BPxN 000 11 PQN3 PKR4 12 PB4. (BR3 exchanging off the bad bishop should be played.) 12...QK2 13 PXP PXP 14 NB3? (PKR3 is no threat-the rook file would be too strong, but BR3 not only exchanging the queen's bishop but also clearing QB1 for a rook must be played before the text.) 14...PR5 15 BxN BPxB 16 PR4 QN4 17 NN5 PB3 18 NxP KN1 19 NxP PxN 20 QxP BB6 21 RR2 RB1 22 QN6 KR1 23 KRB2?? RxB 24 RB1 QxKP+ 25 QRB2 RxB 26 KxB QB8# 0:1

Britt-T. Scott 1 Pq4 Pq4 2 PK3 NQB3 (PQB4) 3 PKB4 PK3 4 NKB3 NK2 5 QN2 PB4. Black's last two moves are entirely contradictory. A knight on K2 should go to B4 and be followed by a kingside fianchetto to pressure Q5, though it is much stronger when aided by a pawn at QB4. With KB4 blocked Black's best idea by far is to plant a knight at K5. 6 PB3 QQ3. This awkward placement is also a result of the fact that the QBP is still on the 2nd, blocking the Q1-QR4 diagonal. 7 PQR4 BQ2 8 BQ3 NN3 9 00 BK2 10 PB4 PXP 11 NxP. Note White's strong control of his K5. Black has two potential knight posts at his disposal-Q4 and K5, but no knight to put there. 11...QQ4 12 QK2 BQB1 13 QNK5 QNxN 14 QPxN. This transfers the knight post to Q4. 14...00 15 BB4 QR4 16 NQ4 PB4 17 NxP BxN 18 BxB KR1 19 QR5 PN4 20 BxP RxB 21 QxR PXP 22 PQN3 QN5 23 PXP QB6 24 QK4 RQ1 25 BR3 PQR4 26 KRQB1 QQ7 27 RB2 QQ2 28 BxP BR5 29 PB5? (PN3+--) QQ8# 0:1 from Jxn Championship

Killcrease-Dedwylder Jxn Championship 1 PQB4 NKB3 2 NQB3 PKN3 3 PK4 PQ3 4 PKN3 PB4 5 BN2 BN2 6 KNK2 NB3 7 00 BK3 8 NQ5 00 9 KNB4 BxN 10 KPxB NQ5 11 PQ3 PQR3 12 PKR3 NQ2 13 BK3 PQN4 14 NK2 NN3 15 RB1 NxN 16 QxN RB1 17 QQ2 RK1 18 BR6 PN5 19 BxB KxB 20 PB4 PQR4. (PK3 21 PXP PXP gives White's king bishop some air but Black's pawn structure isn't so passive in the center and on the kingside.) 21 PB5 NQ2 22 RB4 RKR1 23 PKR4 NB3 24 BB3 QN3 25 RB1 PR5 26 PN4 RB2 27 PN5 NQ2 28 BQ1 NK4. Forced, to cover K32. 29 BxP RR2 30 PN3 R/1-R1 31 PXP RPXP 32 QKB2 RKB1 33 QQN2 KN1 34 QK2 R2R1 35 PR5 RR1-Q1 36 RB1-B2 QN1 37 QK4 KN2 38 Pq4 PXP 39 QxP QB2 40 PR6 KN1 41 BB6 PB4 42 PXP PXP 43 RXP RxB 44 RxB QK2 45 QB4 RKB1? Even a neutral move such as 45...RQB1 is hopeless in the long run because White can force a further improvement in his position at no risk by 46 Rk6. 46 PR7 KxP 47 RxB NxB? 48 RB7 1:0

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G. Woodard-Porter 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Qd2 Be7 8 000 h6 9 Bh4 a6 10 f4 Qc7 11 Nf3 b5 12 Bd3 Bb7 13 Rhel Na5 14 e5 b4 15 Nb5? ab 16 ef Nb3 17 Kb1 Nd2 18 Rd2 gf 0:1

FINAL QUALIFYING POINT STANDINGS

1. Crawley	23
2. Crowder	22
3. Porter	19
4. G. Woodard	12
5. Carter	11
6. Watson	11
7. G. Gray	11
8. Masters	11
9. Williams	10
10. Killcrease	10
11. J. Gray	9
12. Jackson	6
13. Scott	5
14. Johnson	5

We have a tie for the last two spots. These players also have 5 points and have played in one tournament each. Scott attended all tournaments while Johnson missed only one this year.

Mannsfield  
Penny  
Vague  
Smythe

The above order is by rating.

The order of finish in the US Junior Championship was

1-2 Mark Diesen	5
1-2 Michael Rohde	5
3 Kenneth Regan	4
4-5 Yassar Seirawan	3½
4-5 Ronald Henley	3½
6 Jonathan Tisdall	3
7-8 John Fedorowicz	2
7-8 Nick Defirmian	2

John Masters, MCA Vice-President, had called an MCA Executive Committee meeting for Jackson at 2pm to set up the agenda for the Sep 5 meeting, which will include selecting and printing proposed Championship systems and changes. The meeting will be open to the public, but only MCA officers and representatives of MCA affiliated chess clubs may vote.

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