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President's message to the membership of the MCA:

It is with great regret that I announce the resignation of Vince Kerlin as editor of the Journal. Vince edited most of this issue before he gave up the job. Robert Shirley has agreed to serve as editor until the business meeting in the fall.

With exception of the big Jackson tournament, attendance at MCA events has been quite poor of late. There have been very few Sweepstakes tournaments, so few, in fact, that I shall recommend we discontinue this project after this year. I still think it was a good idea, and I'm sorry it didn't have the desired effect on tournament attendance.

Note that the Mississippi State Closed Championship and Class Championships Tournament will be held in Hattiesburg this year. I hope we can make this a really big one!

Peyton Crowder

Sunday, April 12, 1981. TWO-ROUND SWISS and MISS. SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP. Registration from 9 to 10 A.M. Round 1 at 10 A.M. State Speed Championship at 1 P.M. Format to be determined by the number of entries. Round 2 of Swiss to be played as soon as speed tourney is completed. No entry fee and no prizes for either of these events. Time limit for the Swiss is 45/90. MCA and USCF memberships required. Site: Memorial Hall of the Miss. State U. campus, Starkville, Miss.

Magnolia Sweepstakes Event

(Oops...entry fee for this event will be \$1 for ~~Magnolia Sweepstakes fee~~)

April 25-26, 1981. MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP. Student Union Building, Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss. 5 Rd. SS. EF \$5 plus MCA and USCF. Open to Miss. residents born after Apr. 25, 1962. Trophies to first, second, and categories III, IV, V, and VI. Registration 9-10 A.M. Apr. 25. Rounds TBA. Cash prizes will be limited to reimbursement of expenses.

May 9-10, 1981. MAGNOLIA MARATHON III. 8R SS. TL 45/90. Memorial Hall on the Miss. State U. campus, Starkville, Miss. EF \$7. MCA and USCF required. Reg. 9-10 A.M. May 9. Rds. 10-1-5-8, 8:30-12-3-6. Prizes per entries.

Magnolia Sweepstakes Event

May 23-24, 1981. THE BLACK WARRIOR JOUST. Demopolis Inn, Demopolis, Ala. 5R SS. TL 50/2. Two categories, Open and Amateur (below 1600). EF for either \$15. \$12 if received by 5/16. Reg. 8-9 A.M. May 23. Rds. 9:30-2-7, 9-2. Prizes: Open \$100 first and trophy, \$60 2nd, \$50 top Cat. II. Amateur \$75 first, \$50 2nd, Unr. \$30 & trophy. Adv. entries to Black Warrior Chess Club, Demopolis Inn, Box 596, Demopolis, Ala. 36732

TOURNAMENT CROSSTABLES

Philidor Round-robin

Hernando, Ms.

1. Michael R. Stewart	1696	X	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	6-0
2. Robbie Brasher	UNR.	L1	X	L3	W4	W5	W6	W7	4-0
3. Harvey Kidd	1498	L1	W2	X	W4	L5	L6	W7	3-3
4. John V. Rogers	1362	L1	L2	L3	X	W5	W6	W7	3-3
5. Jack Rogers	1287	L1	L2	W3	L4	X	W6	W7	3-3
6. Tim Hankins	1112	L1	L2	W3	L4	L5	X	W7	2-4
7. Wayne Campbell	1096	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6	X	0-6

Vince Kerlin Special

Hernando, Ms.

1. Michael R. Stewart	1696	X	W2	W3	W4	W5			4-0
2. John V. Rogers	1362	L1	X	W3	D4	W5			2½-½
3. Jack Rogers	1287	L1	L2	X	W4	W5			2-2
4. Wayne Campbell	1096	L1	D2	L3	X	W5			1½-½
5. Tim Hankins	1112	L1	L2	L3	L4	X			0-4

Winter Warm-up

Starkville, Ms. Jan. 11, 1981

1. M. A. Farrell	1729	W4	W2	W3					3-0
2. Joe L. Harris	1586	W5	L1	W4					2-1
3. Clarke Harrell	1617	L6	W5	L1					1-2 5½
4. David A. Smith	UNR.	L1	Bye	L2					1-2 5
5. Larry M. Wright	1772	L2	L3	Bye					1-2 3
6. Peyton Crowder	2000	W3	---	---					1-2 1

February Zephyr

Starkville, Ms.

1. U. J. Gilbert	1658	W8	D4	D2	W6				3-0
2. Peyton Crowder	2000	W6	D3	D1	W7				3-0
3. Clarke Harrell	1664	W9	D2	W7	D4				3-0
4. M. A. Farrell	1729	W11	D1	W5	D3				3-0
5. Tom Kearney	1655	D7	W9	L4	W11				2½-½
6. Gordon Scott	1717	L2	W8	W10	L1				2-1
7. Larry Wright	1753	D5	W10	L3	L2				1½-2½
8. Mabry Fowler	1779	L1	L6	W11	D9				1½-2½
9. Rodger Wilson	1806	L3	L5	W11	D8				1½-2½
10. John Campbell	1191	Bye	L7	L3	--				1-3
11. Walter Gilbert	1200	L4	L9	L8	L5				0-4

(Cross-round pairing utilized)

King's Indian Attack: Seid(1684): Dotson(1346)

Rated Club Game

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5 4.O-O e45.Ne1(the only safe move) Nf6 6.d3 Bf4 7.b3 Bc4 8.Bb2 O-O 9.Qd2 Bb4 10.c3 Be711.Qg5(with his other pieces not quite developed, W commits positional suicide) Bg612.f4 Bd6 13.Nc2 exd 14.exd Re8 15.Ne1??(e1 was best controlled, not occupied by, apiece) Qe7 16.Nf3 Bxd3 17.Re1 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 Qxe1+!! 19.Nxe1 Rxe1+ 20.Bf1 Be4 Mate 0-1

CHESSNUTS ROASTING Jackson, Ms. Dec. 14, 1980

1. Dale Jones	1930	W10	W8	W2	3
2. Rodger Wilson	1806	W12	L3	L1	2
3. M. A. Farrell	1755	W4	L2	W7	2
4. Joe E. Collins	1472	L3	W13	W8	2
5. Louis Stokes	1876	W9	L6	W12	2
6. Warren Porter	2002	D7	W5	---	1½
7. Clarke Harrell	1664	D6	W9	L3	1½
8. Gordon Scott	1690	W11	L1	L4	1
9. William Killcrease	1697	L5	L7	W11	1
10. David Ratliff	1534	L1	L11	W13	1
11. Stephen Mangum	1520	L8	W10	L9	1
12. Gary Ratliff	1520	L2	W13	L5	1
13. Larry Gaither	1222	L4	L12	L10	0

TENTH DIXIE OPEN, Starkville, Miss. March 7-8, 1981

1. Dale Jones	1930	W6	L4	W3	W2	W5	4
2. Peyton Crowder	2027	D3	W10	W4	L1	W8	3½
3. Donald Cogley	1648	D2	W7	L1	W11	W4	3½
4. Rodger Wilson	1806	W5	W1	L2	W8	L3	3
5. M. A. Farrell	1755	L4	W11	W9	W6	L1	3
6. Larry Wright	1780	L1	D9	W7	L5	W11	2½
7. Gordon Scott	1698	D8	L3	L6	W10	W9	2½
8. Robert Shirley	1726	D9	D7	W10	L4	L2	2
9. Joe L. Harris	1597	D8	D6	L5	W10	L7	2
10. James Evans	1468	W11	L2	L8	L9	L7	1
11. Thomas Kearney	1655	L10	L5	Bye	L3	L6	1

(Cross-round pairing utilized to minimize no. of byes)

MISSISSIPPI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN HATTIESBURG. SITE: STUDENT UNION BUILDING ON THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI CAMPUS. DATE: SEPT. 5 & 6, 1981 WITH OPTIONAL ROUND ONE ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 4, OPEN TO MISSISSIPPIANS ONLY. REGISTRATION FROM 9 TO 10 A.M. SEPT. 5 WITH OPTIONAL REGISTRATION SEPT. 4 FROM 6 P.M TO 7 P.M. WITH OPTIONAL FIRST ROUND AT 7 P.M. ROUNDS SATURDAY AT 10-2:30-7. ROUNDS SUNDAY AT 8:30 AND 1:30. FIVE ROUND SWISS FORMAT. ENTRY FEE \$25 AT SITE, \$20 IF RECEIVED BY SEPT. 1, 1981. PRIZES: \$80 FIRST, \$50 SECOND, CATEGORIES II THROUGH VI AND UNRATED EACH \$40. PRIZES BASED ON AT LEAST 32 TOTAL ENTRIES. CLASS PRIZES BASED ON AT LEAST 4 PLAYERS PER CLASS. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL BE DR. PEYTON CROWDER. BLITZ COMPUTER WILL PLAY, BUT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES OR TITLES. NO PLAYER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLAY AGAINST BLITZ. SEND ADVANCE ENTRIES TO DR. PEYTON CROWDER, BOX 3214, MISS. STATE, MISS. 39762.

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ID	PLAYER	ST	RING	PRE	POST	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
10238994	1 WOODARD, GUNNAR M	MS	2038	2059	W27	W17	D-7	W20	W-8		4.5
10767555	2 JURJEVICH, JOSEPH	AL	1989	2076	W24	W14	W-3	W-4	D-5		4.5
10119642	3 GUTERMUTH, DAN H	LA	2260	2253	W27	W12	L-2	W14	W11		4.0
10158338	4 SENTEF, JR JOSEPH	PA	2124	2131	W33	W13	W-6	L-2	W15		4.0
10381878	5 GRAY, DONNY	AR	2050	2075	W16	W26	D-8	W-7	D-2		4.0
10380537	6 GALLOWAY, CHARLES	LA	1978	1996	W22	W15	L-4	W17	W13		4.0
10478600	7 JONES, DALE C	MS	1930	1938	W28	W21	D-1	L-5	W24		3.5
10247021	8 PERKINS, STANLEY S	MS	1830	1860	W35	W32	D-5	W10	L-1		3.5
11126006	9 LIDDELL, SAMMY L	MS	1584	1703	D10	W19	L29	W18	W20		3.5
10382432	10 SMITH, TIM	AR	1962	1941	D-9	W29	D20	L-8	W27		3.0
10395062	11 CLARK, GLEN W	TX	1931	1926	W34	L20	W33	W26	L-3		3.0
12040530	12 WILSON, RODGER E	MS	1806	1798	W36	L-3	W23	L15	W29		3.0
10223547	13 HARGETT, PAUL R	AL	1804	1813	W30	L-4	W27	W21	L-6		3.0
10247659	14 FARRELL, M A	MS	1779	1791	W40	L-2	W34	L-3	W30		3.0
11502997	15 SHIRLEY, ROBERT H	MS	1726	1749	W31	L-6	W30	W12	L-4		3.0
11023649	16 GUINN, JOHNNY LEE	MS	1658	1723	L-5	L37	W41	W25	W26		3.0
10247012	17 MASTERS, JOHN E	MS	1770	1769	W38	L-1	W18	L-6	D23		2.5
10417112	18 IRRY, DENNIS J	MS	1714	1706	D19	W36	L17	L-9	W33		2.5
10247535	19 SCOTT, GORDON E	MS	1698	1688	D18	L-9	W40	L24	W31		2.5
10247730	20 KILLCREASE, WILLIA	MS	1697	1754	W25	W11	D10	L-1	L-9		2.5
10247250	21 JACKSON, CLAUDE A	MS	1692	1687	W39	L-7	W31	L13	D22		2.5
10247489	22 HARRELL, CLARKE	MS	1670	1673	L-6	L31	W38	W39	D21		2.5
10381894	23 GILBERT, U J	MS	1651	1657	L-1	W38	L12	W37	D17		2.5
11414061	24 SIT, JEROLD B	MS	1648	1676	L-2	D40	W32	W19	L-7		2.5
12231740	25 CAREY, ART	MS	2126/1	1680	L20	L28	W35	L16	W37		2.0
10245591	26 FOWLER, JR MABRY	MS	1773	1751	W41	L-5	W28	L11	L16		2.0
12164450	27 PAGAN, LUIS A	AR	1643	1636	L-3	W35	L13	X--	L10		2.0
12133400	28 COOK, WILLIAM L	MS	1457	1489	L-7	W25	L26	L31	W39		2.0
11383165	29 JOHNSON, PRESTON	MS	1419/5	1584	F--	L10	W-9	W33	L12		2.0
11321208	30 COCKRELL, MICHAEL	MS	1355/8	1434	L13	W37	L15	W32	L14		2.0
12282550	31 DAGENHAERT, VAUGHN	MS	0	1569	L15	W22	L21	W28	L19		2.0
12222390	32 HUGHES, JAMES D	MS	0	1456	W37	L-8	L24	L30	W35		2.0
11414052	33 SEID, EDWARD	MS	1697	1674	L-4	W41	L11	L29	L18		1.0
12060900	34 COLLINS, JOE E	MS	1472	1473	L11	W39	L14	F--	F--		1.0
11388906	35 GUTERMUTH, JULIE	LA	1436	1423	L-8	L27	L25	X--	L32		1.0
12282520	36 BAILEY, JOHN A	MS	0	1156	L12	L18	L39	X--	L38		1.0
12282490	37 CROSTHWAIT, JAMES	MS	0	1421	L32	W16	L30	L23	L25		1.0
12282500	38 MOSLEY, EARL	MS	0	1362	L17	L23	L22	F--	W36		1.0
12282560	39 RUFF, CHESLEY B	MS	0	1249	L21	L34	W36	L22	L28		1.0
12282540	40 POWELL, NORRIS	MS	0	1442	L14	D24	L19	F--	F--		.5
12282530	41 RICHARDS, RANDY	MS	0	1317	L26	L33	L16	F--	F--		.0

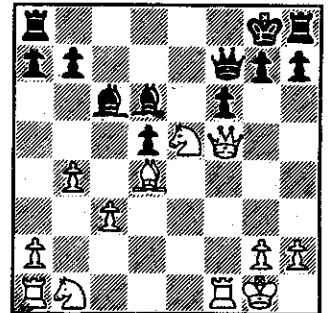
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W-WIN, L-LOSS, D-DRAW, X-FORFEIT WIN, F-FORFEIT LOSS
Z-FORFEIT DRAW, H-1/2 PT BYE, B-BYE, U-UNPLAYED

THE TRY FOR NUMBER ONE!

Every neophyte, regardless of the sport or activity, longs for the day when all the long, hard hours of study and practice, the suffering and the self-denials, finally bring some results. And when it comes to chess, there is nothing that makes one happier than clear 1st in a tournament, especially when one manages to defeat some higher rated opponents in the process. With this article I hope to give some insights into my thinking and, at times, lack of it, as I garnered my first 1st! in WINTER WAR I.

Sicilian-Larsen/Santasiere Var.:Kerlin(1517):Issa(1704)

1.e4 c5 2.f4!?(For those of you who might not know Ed Issa personally, he has an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of openings and much of current theory. It was for this reason I ventured this not-too-often played variation of a very well-known opening, as Ed is pretty well-versed on most of the main lines.) e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Bb5+ Nc6 5.exd(opening the e-file so as to exert pressure on the K-side, as I was slightly ahead in development) exd 6.O-O Ng-e7 7.Re1(this natural move helps tie up B's K-side for some time) Qd6 8.d4 Bd7 9.Bxc6 Bxc6?(here I expected B to recapture with the b-pawn, strengthening his center and preventing the isolation of his Q-pawn, but to my advantage he didn't) 10.dxc(I opted to give B an isolated Q-pawn, preferring to play against one than with one) Qxc5 11.Be3 Qd6?! 12.Bd4(possibly the knight being posted here would have been better, but I felt the Bishop's long range influence would discourage B from castling Q-side and still bear down on the K-side) f6(B attempts to salvage his somewhat constricted position.) 13.c3 Kf7 14.b4 Qxf4(here B rips a pawn but draws more fire in the process) 15.Ne5+ Kg8(foolish is 15...fxe16.Rf1) 16.Rf1(anyway!) ...Qg5 17.Nf3 Qh5 18.Qe2 Nf5??(a costly lapse of attention) 19.Qe6+ Qf7 20.Qxf5 Bd6 21.Ne5(see diag.) Bxe5 22.Bxe5 Bd7 23.Qd3 Re8 24.Bd4 a6 25.Nd2?(I should have played the prophylactic a4, and could have incorporated it into a Q-side operation) Bb5 26.Qf3(I feared B's having a passer by 26.c4 dxc or 26.c4 Bxc4 27.Nxc4 dxc 28.Qc3 b5, so material becomes even again with this unintentional exchange sacrifice) Bxf1 27.Rxf1 Qe6 28.Qg3 Kf8 29.Bc5+ ...Kf7 30.Nf3 h6(B evidently hopes to activate his smothered Rook on his 2nd rank) 31.Nh4 g5 32.Qc7+ Kg8 33.Nf5 Rh7 34.Qd6 Qxd6 35.Bxd6 Kf7 36.Nd4 Re6?(another lapse) 37.Nxe6 (here B resigned; I saw the eventual exchange of rooks, and with a Bishop for a pawn the endgame should present no difficulties) 1-0



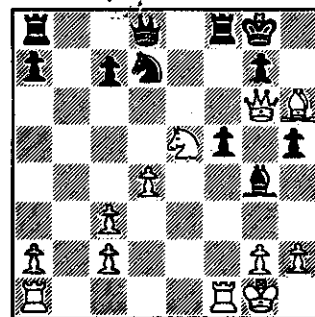
pos. after W's 21st mv.

Center Counter Def.-Unorthodox Var.:Dotson(1363):Kerlin(1517)

1.e4 d5 2.d4 dxe 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f4?(I

felt that this move was reckless, as B will now have a much better endgame to play) exf ep.
5.Nxf3 Bg4 6.Bd3 e6(e5 would have been better, leaving the c8-h3 diagonal open) 7.Be3
...Bb4 8.O-O Bxc3(inflicting a positional weakness a la Nimzowitch) 9.bxc Nd5 10.Bd2
...f5(looking at this move in home analysis led me to the conclusion that it was very pre-
 mature;had I already castled and had my Q-knight developed it would have been plausible,
 but it only gives W an opening to my K-side which almost proves fatal) 11.Qb1 Nb6 12.Ne5
...h5(from here on I must do considerable 'squirring') 13.Qb3 Nd5 14.Qxb7 Nb6 15.Bb5+
...N8-d7 16.Bxd7+ Nxd7(B is in dire straits; W has 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18Qxa'+ or 17.Nxd7 Kf7
 18.Ne5+ any; with the extra piece, W can pressure e6 and work on B's open K-side) 17.Qc6
...O-O(as the saying goes,"Black castles into it"; W still has Nxd7 but feels there is a
 mate looming ahead) 18.Qxe6+ Kh7 19.Qg6+ Kg8 20.Bh6(see diag.)

...Qf6(B can now hold and his N at d7 is no longer loose) 21.Bg5
...Qxg6 22.Nxg6 Rf7 23.Rg-e1 Kh7 24.Nf4 Nf6 25.Re6 Ne4 26.Bh4
...g5 27.Bxg5 Nxg5 28.Rg6 Rg8 29.Re6 Ne4 30.d5 h4 31.c4 h3
32.g3 Rd8 33.Rb1 Rd6 34.Rb7 Rxc6 35.dxc Nd2 36.Nd5 Bf3 37.Rxc7
...Rxc7 38.Nxc7 Bxc6 39.Ne6 Nxf3+ 40.Kh1(W should have played Kf1
 or Kf2 to nullify the effect of the upcoming discovered check, which
 seals the game) Ng5dis.ch. 41.Kg1 Nxe6 42.Kf2 Be4 43.Ke3 Bxc2



Pos. after W's 20th mv.

44.Kd2 Be4 45.Kc3 a5 46.Kb3 Nc5+ 47.Kc3 Kg6 48.Kd4 Nd3 49.a4 Nb2 50.Kc5 Na4+ 51.Kb5
...Nc3+ 52.Kxa5 Kf6 53.Kb6 Ke6 54.Kc5 Ke5 55.Kb4 Kd4 56.c5 Bc6 57.Kb3 Na4 58.Kc2
...Nxc5 59.Kd2 Bf3 60.Ke1 Ke3 61.g4 fxg 62.Kf1 Be2+ 63.Kg1 Nb3 64.Kh1 Nc5 65.Kg1
...Ne6 66.Kh1 Ng5(I think H.L. hoped I would falter and allow a stalemate, but fortu-
 nately my wife had brought me coffee and a late breakfast so I was wide awake!) 67.Kg1
...Nf3+ 68.Kh1 Nxb2 69.Kxb2 Kf2 70.Kh1 Kg3 71.Kg1 h2+ 72.Resigns(W resigns as 72.Kh1
...Bf3 mates next move; this was the longest and most contested game, and we were both
 drained by it.) O-1

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Q's Gambit-Slav Defence:U.J. Gilbert(1625):Issa(1704)

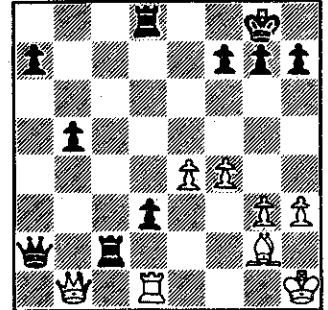
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bf4(this is not

the most normal move for W;I could not find it in any opening or game collections, and feel
 after looking at the game it was weak) Bf5 5.c5 b6 6.b4 a5 7.Bxb8 Qxb8 8.Ne5 Qb7
9.bxa bxc 10.dxc Qb4+ 11.Qd2 Qxc5 12.e3 Ne4 13.Qd4 Qxa5+ 14.Ke2 e6 15.Nd2 Bc5
16.Qb2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Qc7 18.Nf3 O-O 19.Kd1 Rf-b8 20.Bd3 Bg4 21.h3 Bxf3 22.gxf Qe5
23.Rc1 Ba3 24.Rb1 Rxb1 25.Bxb1 Rb8 26.Bc2 Qa1+ 27.Resigns

Reti-Kerlin Attack:Seid(1634):Kerlin(1517)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5(if W concedes the opening, I like to steer it out of quiet channels into a pitched battle) 4.b3 e4(sometimes one must pursue an attack and put development to the side momentarily) 5.Ng1(the 1st concession by W) Nf6 6.Bb2 b5 7.e3 Rb8(just in case middlegame exchanges leave the long diagonal running to a8 open) 8.d3 exd 9.Qxd3 Nb4 10.Qd1 Bf5 11.c3?(evidently an oversight, as B will use c2 to win the exchange or d3 to win the Bishop at b2) Nc2+ 12.Kf1 Nxa1 13.Bxa1 ...Ne4 14.Nf3 Rb6 15.Nd4 Qd7 16.Ke2 Be7 17.Nc2 O-O 18.Nd2 ...Nxd2 19.Qxd2 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Rd6 21.Rd1 Re8 22.Kf1 Bf6 23.Kg1 Rd8 24.Qc1 c5 25.Qa3 d4 26.cxd cxd 27.e4 Be7 28.b4 ...d3(passed pawns can be notoriously nerve-wracking) 29.Be5 ...Rc6 30.f4 Rc4 31.Bc3 Bxb4(wins a pawn and makes my passer all the more dangerous) 32.Bxb4 Qd4+ 33.Kh1 Rxb4 34.h3(W wasn't about to let a back-rank mate combination sneak up on him) Ra4 35.Qb3 Qc4(any exchanges help B, so I pressure W to swap or move) 36.Qb1 ...Rxa2 37.Rc1 Rc2 38.Rd1 Qa2(see diag.; B now secures the "absolute 7th" and W can't stop all of B's options; the ice breaks somewhere) 39.Qxb5 Rxb2 40.Rd2 Qxd2 41.Resigns



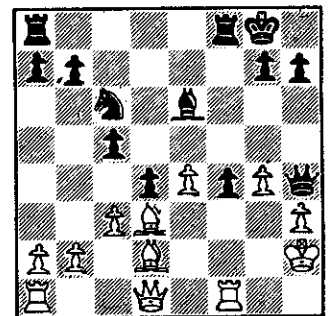
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*****DR. HARVEY KIDD WINS HERNANDO CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP IN ROUND 9!*****

The following is the penultimate game in a 9-round battle between Dr. Harvey Kidd and Michael Stewart for the Hernando Chess Club championship. As with the World Champion, Stewart only needed a draw to retain the title. But Dr. Kidd was able to outmaneuver Stewart in an unusual variation of the Benoni. The game and comments follow.

Old Benoni:Stewart(1696):Kidd(1498)

1.d4 c5?! 2.d5 Nf6 3.Nf3(3.e4 is the most common move here) e6 4.dxe(d6! can really put B in knots if followed up good) fxe!?(strengthens the center but potentially dangerous to the K-side) 5.e3?(too slow; W allows B to reach equality w/o a fight) Be7 6.Bd3 O-O 7.O-O Nc6 8.Nc3 e5 9.Ne4 d5 10.Nf6+ Bf6 11.e4(a little late) d4 12.Bd2 Bg4 13.h3 ...Bh5 14.c3 Bh4 15.g4 Bf7 16.Nh4 Qh4 17.Kh2 Be6 18.f4 exf(see diagram) 19.Bf4 Rf7 20.Bg3 Qe7 21.Rf7 Qf7 22.a3 Rf8 23.Qe2 Qf6 24.e5 Qg5 25.Bc4 Qg6 26.Be6+ Qe6 27.Rf1 Rxf1 28.Qxf1 Ne5 29.Bxe5?(W misses 29.Qe2!, winning a piece and giving him a won endgame) Qxe5+ 30.Kg2 Qd5+ 31.Qf3 Qxf3 32.Kxf3 d3 33.Ke3?(b3 would help restrain the Q-side pawns) c4 34.b3 b5 35.h4 Kf7 36.bxc bxc(B now has Zugzwang on his side) 37.Kf3 Kf6 38.Ke3 a5 39.a4 Kg6 40.Kf3 h5 41.g5 Kf5 42.g6 Kxg6 43.Kf3 Kf5 44.Kf3 g5 45.Resigns 0-1



Pos. after B's 18th mv.

There were only two games from the State Championship anyone said anything about. The other one was that Jones beat Wilson, not the other way around.

Jones - Jackson 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 g3 c6 4 Nf3 Be7 5 Bg2 d6 6 d4 Nbd7 7 00 e5 8 d5 c5 9 e4 a6 10 Nh4 Nf8 11 f4 Ng4 12 Nf5 Bxf5 13 exf5 h5 14 Bf3 Nf6 15 Qe2 N8d7 16 fxe5 Nxe5 17 Bf4 Qc7 18 Rfel Nfg4 19 Bxg4 Nxc4 20 Ne4 000 21 Ng5 Bf6 22 Nf3 Rd7 23 Qd2 Ne5 24 Nxe5 dxc5 25 Bg5 Re8 26 Bxf6 gxf6 27 Re4 Rh8 28 b4 b6 29 a4 cxb4 30 Qxb4 Qc5+ 31 Qxc5+ bxc5 32 Rb1 Rb7 33 Rxb7 Kxb7 34 a5 Kc7 35 Rh4 Kd6 36 Kf2 Rb8 37 Rxh5 Rb4 38 Rh6 Rxc4 39 Rxf6+ Kxd5 40 Rxf7 Ke4 41 g4 Kf4 42 f6 Rc2+ 43 Ke1 Ke3 44 Kd1 Rxh2 45 Rg7 c4 46 f7 Kd3 47 Ke1 Ke3 48 Rh7?? (Dale Jones found 48 f8Q! Rh1+ 49 Qf1 leaving Black a Rook up.) Rxh7 49 f8Q Rh1+ 50 Qf1 Rxf1+ 51 Kxf1 Kd2 0:1

The Jackson Optimist Scholastic Chess Championships drew fifteen people each in the High School and Junior High Sections. There was a near total turnover in the Junior High section with the sole exception of Richard Aplenc, the tournament winner. St Andrews won the team prize ahead of two teams from Pearl Junior High. Attempts at a quick mate at KB7 were not uncommon; i.e.: McAllister - Paul King 1 g3 e5 2 Bg2 Nc6 3 b3 Bc5 4 Bb2 Qf6 5 Nh3 d6 6 Nc3? Bxh3 7 Bxh3 Qxf2X. In another case, a Queen sortie meets with unwarrented success: Wood - Grantham 1 g3 g6 2 Bg2 Bg7 3 e3 e6 4 Qg4 Nf6 5 Qc4 d5 6 Qa4+ c6 7 Nf3! Nbd7 8 Qd4 Nh5 9 Qg4 f5 10 Qg5 Bf6 11 Qh6 Rg8?? (... Ne5! with the threat of .. Ng4 or .. Nf7 wins; i.e., 12 Nxe5 Bg5) 12 Qxh7 and White eventually won. The last round encounter on board 1 for the title between St Andrews teammates was played with a better idea of what was going on: Cardy Miller - Richard Aplenc 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Nf3 e5 4 Nd5 d6 5 Bb5 Bd7 6 d3 Nf6 7 Bg5 Be7 8 00 00 9 c4 Nxd5 10 Bxe7? (cxd5) Ndx7! 11 Ng5 Nd4 12 Bxd7 Qxd7 13 Nf3 Nxf3+ 14 Qxf3 f5 15 exf5 Rxf5 16 Qg4 Rd8 17 Rael Rxf2 18 Qxd7 Rxf1+ 19 Rxf1 Rxd7 White Resigns.

The quality of play in the High School section was, as expected, much better. Joe Collins took first for the second straight year, but he had a few scares. St Andrews was unable to field a team upstairs, leaving it wide open for the Forest Hill "A" team. In fact, all four members of their team finished 3-1 and tied for 2nd, leaving the FH "B" and Brandon HS far behind. Some of the games from the HS section:

Hughes - Anthony 1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 d6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 Qf3 Be6 5 Bb5 Bd7 6 Bc4 Nf6! 7 d3 Nd4 8 Qd1 Be6 9 Bxe6 Nxe6 10 Bg5?? Be7?? (... Nxc5) 11 Bxf6 Bxf6 12 Nf3 Nd4 13 Nxd4 exd4 14 Nd5 c6 15 Nxf6+ Qxf6 16 Qd2 c5 17 000 00 18 Rdel Rfe8 19 g3 Rab8 20 Qf4 Qxf4+ 21 gxf4 b5 22 e5 dxe5 23 Rxe5 Rxe5 24 fxe5 g6 25 f4 b4 26 Rgl Kf8 27 Rg5 a5 28 e6? fxe6? (28 .. f5! first, and munch on the Pe6 later. As it is, White gets an active rook and an edge.) 29 Rxc5 Ra8 30 c3? (Rc7) 30 .. bxc3 31 bxc3 dxc3 32 Rxc3 Rd8 (Thanks to White's 30th, Black has two fewer weak pawns to defend.) 33 Kd2 a4 34 Rc6 Kf7 35 Ra6 Rd4 36 Ke3 Rb4 37 a3 Rb2 38 Ra7+ Kf6 39 Rxh7 Ra2 40 h4 Rxa3 41 h5 gxh5 42 Rxh5 Ral 42 Ra5 a3 44 Ke4 a2 45 d4?? (45 Kd4 draws at least. White can win the dangerous a-pawn with 46 Kc3 Rcl+ 47 Kb2 alQ+ 48 Rxa1, but Black can still draw.) 45 ... Rel+ 46 Kd3 alQ 47 Rxa1 Rxa1 and Black soon won.

Welch - Priester The second highest rated player survives a scare in this game. 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bc4 Bg4 4 h3 Bxf3 5 Qxf3 Nf6 6 d3 h6 7 Be3 a6 8 d4 Nc6 9 d5 Nd4 10 Qd1 (Bxd4) Nxe4 11 00 (Bxd4) Nf6 (... Nf5) 12 c3 (There went the last chance to win the pawn back.) 12 ... Nf5 13 Bd3 e4? (... Nxe3) 14 Bc4 Nxe3 15 fxe3 Be7 16 h4 Qd7 17 Rf4 c6? (It's too early to open the game--Black should castle Q-side first.) 18 g4 cxd5 19 Bxd5 Nxd5 20 Qxd5 00 21 g5 hxg5 22 hxg5 Bxg5?! 23 Qxg5 d5 24 Nd2 Qb5 (24 .. Rae8 with the idea

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of .. f6 to defend the mate and Re5 may give better chances than the line he chooses.) 25 Rg4 g6 26 Rf1 Qxb2 27 Rxf7?? (White sacrifices a Rook for two Pawns and six checks. Instead, 27 Rf6! wins by force with the threat of Rxc6.) 27 ... Kxf7 28 Qxc6+ Ke7 29 Qg7+ Rf7 30 Qe5+ Kf8 31 Qd6+ Re7 32 Qf6+ Rf7 33 Qh8+ Ke7 34 Qxa8?? (34 Qe5+ and offer a draw is best. White's King is just as open as Black's.) 34 .. Qc1+ 35 Kh2 Qxd2+ 36 Rg2 Rh7+ 37 Kgl QelX.

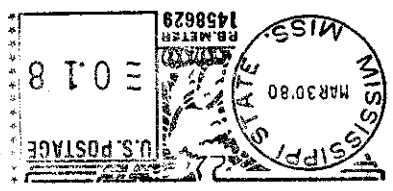
Priester - Collins Even the tournament favorite wasn't immune to serious errors. Collins had to win this game twice. 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 d6 4 Bxc6+ bxc6 5 e5 d5 6 h3 Bf5 7 d3 (An immediate 7 Nh4 keeps Black from developing his Bishop outside his Pawn chain.) 7 .. e6 8 00 Ne7 9 Bg5 Qc7 10 Bxe7? (Since Black's game is cramped, White shouldn't trade without reason. 10 Bh4 Ng6 11 Bg3 may be worth a try.) 10 ... Bxe7 11 d4? (Lets Black undouble his Pawns. 11 c4!) 11 .. Rb8 12 b3 00 13 dxc5 Bxc5 14 Nc3? (14 Nbd2 shouldn't drop a Pawn or piece although it will give White a passive game against Black's two Bishops.) 14 ... Bb4 15 Qd2?? (Drops a piece with no compensation. A better plan seems to be 15 Ne2 [15 Qd4? c5 16 Qe3 d4], but it will cost White his e-pawn after B-e4xf3 and Qxe5) 15 ... Qa5 16 Qe3 Bxc3 17 Rcl Qxa2?? (Inexcusable. Simply 17 .. Bb2 first is good enough. 17 ... Be4 keeps up the pressure and still wins a Pawn in complicated play, maybe more. Now White is back in the game again.) 18 Qxc3 Qa6 19 Nd4 Rfc8 20 Nxf5 exf5 21 Rfel c5 22 Rcd1? (22 Ral Qb7 23 Qd3 threatening the Pf5, and Qa6 putting pressure on the backward a-pawn should give White enough active play to draw.) 22 .. d4 23 Qd3 Qxd3 24 Rxd3 Rb6 25 c3?? (Gives the game back to Black. 25 Ral followed by 26 f4 to secure the Pe5 appears adequate.) 25 .. Rxb3 26 Rcl? Re8 27 Ral (Finally!) Rxe5 28 Rxa7 Kf8 29 Ra8+ (29 Kh2 to prevent the pitfall into which White falls on move 30 may be better.) Ke7 30 cxd4?? Rel+ 31 Kh2 Rxd3 32 dxc5 Rcl 33 Ra7+ Rd7 34 Ra5 Rc7 35 c6 Ke6 36 g4 f4 37 Rf5 Rc4 38 Kg2 R7xc6 39 Kf3 R6c5 40 Rxf4 Rxf4+ 41 Kxf4 g5+ 42 Kf3 Rc3+ 43 Kg2 Ke5 44 f3 Kf4 45 Kh2 Rc2+ 46 Kgl Kxf3 47 Kh1 Kg3 White Resigns (finally)

Mikes - Collins This was Joe's best game. 1 e4 c5 2 Bb5 a6 3 Bc4 b5 4 Bd5 Nc6 5 Bxc6 (Both Priester and Mikes were in big hurries to trade off their King Bishops. White will really miss that Bishop in this game though.) 5 .. dxc6 6 c3? Qd3! 7 Qe2 c4 8 Qf3? (Nf3 threatening Qxd3 and Ne5) Nf6 9 e5 Nd5 10 b3 Bf5 11 bxc4 Qxf3 12 Nxf3 bxc4 13 Na3 Bd3 14 Ng5 h6 15 Nf3? (Nh3 with the idea of f3 and Nf2) e6 16 Nd4? (Kd1 and either Nel or Nc2) Kd7 17 Ndc2 Bc5 18 Ne3 Bxe3 19 fxe3? (dxe3 may drop a Pawn, but it is better than remaining in a bind.) 19 ... Rab8 20 g3 Ne7 21 h4 Ng6 22 h5 Nxe5 23 Rh4? Nf3+ 24 Kf2? (Kd1 to be followed by N-c2-e1) 24 ... Nxh4 25 gxh4 e5 26 Kf3 e4+ 27 Kf4 Rhe8 (Black's QR and B immobilize White's entire Q side.) 28 Nxc4 (What else?) Bxc4 29 Ba3 Rb5 30 Rgl Rxh5 31 Rxc7 Rxh4+ 32 Kg3 Rh5 33 Rxf7+?? (Being a Rook down, White was dead lost anyway.) 33 ... Bxf7 34 Kf2 Bxa2 35 Ke2 Rh2+ 36 Kel Rg8 37 Kd1 Bbl 38 Kcl Rb8 White Resigns

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