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## TOURNAMENTS

FEB. 24                      3RD WINDS ON CAPITOL HILL TORNADO                      JACKSON

An MCA fund-raiser tournament. 4-SS, 45/90 & 15/30, University Medical Center Alumni House, Jackson, MS. EF: \$5; \$\$ A percentage of the EF to top 3. Reg. 8-9 a.m. Rds. 9:30-1-4-7. ENT: John F. Barrett Jr., 1009 Harding, Jackson, MS 39202.

Unrated section, EF: \$3. \$\$ USCF memberships awarded and vinyl roll-up boards also given. Other details as above.

MAR. 3-18                      1979 PILLSBURY CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP                      MEMPHIS

9-SS, 40/2 & 25/1. Open to all, but Pillsbury CC mem. req. Hanover Square Apartments Recreation Room, Germantown, TN. EF: \$20. \$\$ 60 & Alpha chess clock; 2nd, \$50 and trophy; 3rd, \$30 and trophy; most improved, 1st, \$20 and Alpha clock; 2nd, \$30 and trophy. Prizes based on 22 entries. Reg. 11 a.m. March 3. Rds. 11 a.m. March 3; 10-3 March 4; 10-3 March 10; 3 p.m. March 11; 10-3 March 17; 2 p.m. March 18. Adjourned games will be finished beginning at 10 a.m. March 11 and 10 a.m. March 18. ENT: Jack Smith, 815 Creekside #1, Memphis, TN 38117.

MAR. 17-18                      ARKANSAS AMATEUR OPEN                      LITTLE ROCK

5-SS, 50/2. Under 1600 only. Ozark Room, Student Government Building, University of Arkansas at Little Rock. EF: Free to persons playing in 1st tournament. Others, \$15. \$\$ (Based on 30) 100-50, Top D, \$50; Top E, \$50, Top UNR., \$50; trophies to all of the above. Reg. 8-9:15 a.m. March 17. Rds. 9:30-2:15-7, 9-2.

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MAR. 31-APR. 1

9TH AZALEA CITY OPEN

MOBILE

5-SS, 50/2 & 25/1. Rodeway Inn (Mobile Central), 1500 Government St. (U.S. 90), Mobile, AL 36604. EF: 20 (\$18 if rcvd. by March 26). \$\$ Open section: 200-75; 1st A, \$75; 2nd A, \$50; 1st B, \$75; 2nd B, \$50; trophies to 1st, top A&B. Amateur section: 100-50; 1st C, \$50; 1st D, \$50; 2nd D, \$25; 1st E, \$40; 2nd E, \$25; 1st UNR., \$25; trophies to 1st, top C, D, E, UNR. Reg. 8-9 a.m. March 31. Rds. 10-2:30-8, 9-3. ENT: Bill Roberson, 3860 San Juan Dr., Mobile, AL 36609. Scholastic section for high school and below. EF: \$8 (\$5 if rcvd. by March 26). \$\$ 40-25-15. Prizes based on total of 75 entries.

APR. 21-22

FISH OPEN II

PINE BLUFF

5-SS, 45/2. Simmons 1st National Bank, 5th and Main, Pine Bluff, AR. EF: Free if first USCF tournament. Others, \$15. \$\$ Cash based on entries. Trophies to top 2, top B, C, D/E, UNR. Reg. 8-9 a.m. April 21. Rds. 9:30-2:30-7:30, 9-2. ENT: Donny Gray, Rt. 8, 1645 Whipporwill, Pine Bluff, AR 71602.

## CHESS LIFE

### EXPERT WINS DIXIE OPEN

Kalju Nekvasil, an expert from Washington, D.C., won the 7th annual Dixie Open with a perfect 5-0 score. He received a \$60 prize. Second was Arliss Dietz of Alabama with 4-1. Prize-winners were: A, Moshe Khatena, \$15; B, Dietz, \$30; 1st C, Claude A. Jackson, Kim Hunt and Ted Beringer, \$13.34 each; 1st D, John F. Barrett and Steve Shearer, \$10 each; 1st E, Mart Shearer and Alan Karlak, \$15 each; UNR., Naraghian Khosrow, \$20. The tournament was held at Mississippi State University and was directed by Larry M. Wright and Peyton Crowder of Starkville.

### JONES, CROWDER TOP FOGIES

Ten old fogies met in Starkville for a tournament restricted to those 25 and under. Dale C. Jones of Jackson and Peyton Crowder of Starkville led the field with 4½ points each. They received \$12 apiece. John Dribben of Greenville won \$8 for top C, Richard Wood got \$8 for top D and Randy Walls \$8 for top unrated. Other players received honorable mentions based on degrees of fogieness. Larry M. Wright directed.

### PLAYING BY PHONE

A team of four Greenville chessplayers defeated Kosciusko 3-1 in a match played by telephone. John E. Masters beat Peyton Crowder in a Benoni declined; John S. Dribben defeated Dr. Claude A. Jackson's King's Indian; Larry M. Wright broke through Vince Kerlin's offbeat Caro-Kann, and Edward Seid won over L. Doty Jackson in a complicated struggle arising from a Bird's Opening. Ed Issa and L.E. Crowder directed.

HUNT WINS BURGIN MEMORIAL

Kim Hunt of Jackson finished first and Wayne Britt second in an eight-player "quickie" event called the Bill Burgin Memorial Tornado--named in honor of the former state senator from Columbus. Dale C. Jones placed third. The tournament was played Oct. 1.

GREENVILLE SCHOOLS BATTLE

Greenville Christian School defeated Washington School 8-2 in an unrated match Feb. 10. Jerold B. Sit went 1-1 on board 1 against Bill Tolson, while Walter Clinton blitzed Edward Seid on board 2. There were five boards. Vince Kerlin directed.

CORRECTION

The score of the Jackson versus Baton Rouge match (played Oct. 1) was 13-7 instead of 13½-6½ as stated in the vol. 6, no. 1 issue of the MCL.

7th Dixie Open  
Jan. 12-14, 1979  
Starkville, Miss.

	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Score	M.	S.
1 Kalju Nekvasil (Wash D.C.)	2034	W 9	W 5	W 4	W 2	W 6	5 - 0		
2 Arliss Dietz (Ala)	1703	W10	W14	W 3	L 1	W 4	4 - 1		
3 Moshe Khatena	1881	W15	W11	L 2	D 5	W 9	3½ - 1½		
4 Peyton Crowder	1731	W 7	W 8	L 1	W11	L 2	3 - 2	10	
5 Larry Greer (Ky)	1626	W19	L 1	W12	D 3	D 7	3 - 2	9	
6 Claude A. Jackson	1575	L17	W13	W 8	W12	L 1	3 - 2	8	14½
7 Kim Hunt	1421	L 4	W19	D 9	W10	D 5	3 - 2	3	12
8 Ted Beringer (Tex)	1494	W20	L 4	L 6	W16	W14	3 - 2	6½	
9 Edward D. Boldt (Tenn)	1564	L 1	W16	D 7	W15	L 3	2½ - 2½	8½	
10 John F. Barrett	1387	L 2	W20	W15	L 7	D12	2½ - 2½	7½	12½
11 Larry M. Wright	1499	W18	L 3	W14	L 4	D13	2½ - 2½	7½	12
12 Gordon E. Scott	1627	W16	W17	L 5	L 6	D10	2½ - 2½	7	
13 Steve Shearer	1302	L14	L 6	W17	W19	D11	2½ - 2½	6	
14 Mart Shearer	1189	W13	L 2	L11	W17	L 8	2 - 3	8	
15 M.A. Farrell	1535	L 3	W18	L10	L 9	W19	2 - 3	6	10½
16 Alan Karlak	828	L12	L 9	W20	L 8	Bye	2 - 3	6	9
17 Mike Barton (Tenn)	1165	W 6	L12	L13	L14	D18	1½ - 3½	7	
18 Randy Walls	1192	L11	L15	L19	WF	D17	1½ - 3½	4½	
19 Naraghian Khosrow (Tenn)	Unr	L 5	L 7	W18	L13	L15	1 - 4		
20 John Shamburger	Unr	L 8	L10	L16	LF	LF	0 - 5		

Old Fogies Open  
Starkville, Miss.  
Dec. 15-17, 1978

	Rtg.	1	2	3	4	5	Score	M.	S.
1 Dale Jones	1802	W 6	W 3	D 2	W 7	W 4	4½ - 1½	7	13½
2 Peyton Crowder	1731	W 9	W 5	D 1	W 3	W 6	4½ - 1½	7	13
3 John S. Dribben	1562	W10	L 1	W 5	L 2	D 7	2½ - 2½	9	
4 Ed Issa	1694	D 7	L 8	W 9	W 6	L 1	2½ - 2½	6	12
5 Richard Wood	1347	W 8	L 2	L 3	D 9	W10	2½ - 2½	6	11½
6 Larry Wright	1499	L 1	W 7	W 8	L 4	L 2	2 - 3	9	
7 Philip Maclin, Sr.	1558	D 4	L 6	W10	L 1	D 3	2 - 3	7	
8 Gordon E. Scott	1627	L 5	W 4	L 6	L10	W 9	2 - 3	6	
9 Randy Walls	Unr	L 2	W10	L 4	D 5	L 8	1½ - 3½		
10 Vincent Kerlin	1246	L 3	L 9	L 7	W 8	L 5	1 - 4		

JACKSON VERSUS BATON ROUGE  
 Jackson, MS  
 Oct. 1, 1978

JACKSON 13

BATON ROUGE, La. 7

1 Joe Sentef	2	1 Pat Brown	0
2 Warren B. Porter	2	2 Walter Herbert	0
3 Dale C. Jones	2	3 Llew K. Kohler	0
4 Stan Perkins	2	4 Tom LeBlanc	0
5 Keith Killcrease	1½	5 Joseph Hawkins	½
6 M.A. Farrell	1½	6 Timothy A. Damon	½
7 Gordon E. Scott	0	7 Robert Donlon	2
8 John F. Barrett	0	8 Ronny Anzalone	2
9 Paul Dorocke	0	9 Deme Ballard Sr.	2
10 John Schonholtz	2	10 D.E. Hurkett	0

GREENVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL VERSUS WASHINGTON SCHOOL

GCS 8

WS 2

1 Jerold B. Sit	1	1 Bill Tolson	1
2 Walter Clinton	2	2 Edward Seid	0
3 Mark Weeks	1	3 Burl Osborne	0
		Clyde Patton	1
4 Tommy Britt	2	4 Ann Van Keuren	0
5 Steve Hinton	2	5 Marcie Lupher	0
		Jimmy Fitts	0

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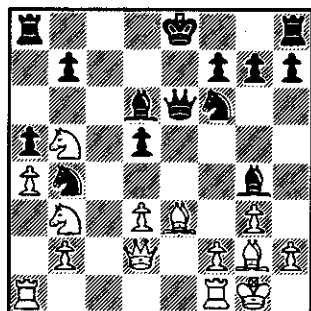
--U.J. Gilbert

## P O R T E R P O N D E R S

Porter-Appleberry, Mid-South Open, Memphis, 1978 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 c6 4 Nf3 (White can't play this line like a system.) 4 .. e4 5 Nd4 d5 6 cxd5 Qb6 (Appleberry remarked that Wayne Trosclair of New Orleans asked Larry Evans about 7 Qa4 here. Evans didn't see anything wrong with it and tried it against Keres in 1971. That game continued 7 .. Bc5 8 dxc6 00 9 cxb7 Bxb7 10 e3 Bxd4 11 Qxd4 Qxd4 12 exd4 Nc6 & White had to fight to hold a draw.) 7 Nb3 a5 (Botvinnik-Tal 1961 continued 7 .. cxd5 8 Bg2 a5 9 d3 a4 and White defended the Nb3 by tactical means.) 8 a4 cxd5 9 d3 (White has to break down Black's imposing center.) 9 .. exd3 10 exd3 Bg4 11 Be2 Bh3 12 Bf1 Be6 13 Bg2 Bg4 14 Qc2 Qe6+ 15 Be3 Nc6 16 00 (Black forgot that White could castle.) 16 .. Nb4 17 Qd2 Bd6? (I think 17 .. Be7 is better here; i.e. 18 Bc5 Nc6) 18 Nb5 [Diagram] (Black decides that giving away the exchange is the lesser of several evils. On 18 .. Bb8 19 Bc5 prevents Black from castling and threatens the e-file and to win a pawn at b4.) 18 .. 00 19 Nxd6 Qxd6 20 Bc5 Qa6 21 Bxf8 Rxf8 22 Nc5 Qd6 23 d4 (23 Nxb7?? Qb6) b6 24 Nd3 Nc6 25 Qf4 Qxf4 (I wasn't expecting a Queen trade, but the knight could have forced a trade of minor pieces on e5, and the WQ would be well placed on f4.) 26 Nxf4 Nb4 27 h3 Bd7 28 b3 g5 29 Ne2 Re8 30 Nc3 Rc8 31 Rac1! (To meet 31 .. Nd3 with 32 Nxd5) 31 .. Kf8 32 Nb5 Rxc1 (Frequently the side down in material comes to you to exchange rather than allowing your well placed pieces to stand. Black hopes to prevent White's remaining rook from penetrating.) 33 Rxc1 Ne8 34 Nc7 (Threat: N-a8xb6) 34 .. Bc6 35 Na6 Bb7 36 Nxb4 axb4 37 Bf1 Nd6 38 Rc7 (Threat: Rd7) 38 .. Bc8 (.. Ke8? loses to Bb5+) 39 Rc6 Ke7 40 Rxb6 g4 and **Black resigns** without waiting for a reply.

This was my first master scalp since 1967.

--Warren B. Porter



Position after  
18 Nb5

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--U.J. Gilbert



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