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TOURNAMENTS

MAY 26-27 1979 LITTLE ROCK OPEN LITTLE ROCK, AR

5-SS, 45/2. Old Paris Room, Sam Peck Downtown Motor Inn, Capitol and Gaines streets, Little Rock, AR 72201. EF: \$15. \$\$ Open section: 100-50, Top B, \$35, Top C & below, \$15 Trophies to all above. Reserve section: 100-50, Top D/E, \$35 Top UNR., \$15. Trophies to all above. Prizes based on 20 in each section. Reg. 8-9:15 a.m. May 26. Rds. 9:30-2:30-7:30; 9-2. Reserve open to 1600 or below. EF free if playing in first rated tournament. ENT: Little Rock Chess Club, c/o Danny Williamson, 2316 South Pine, Little Rock, AR 72204.

MAY 26-27 2ND MID-SOUTH REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEMPHIS, TN

5-SS, 50/2. Howard Johnson's Motor Inn, 3280 Elvis Presley, Memphis, TN 38116. Held in four classes: Open, C, D, E/UNR. EF: \$20 open/\$15 classes. \$\$ Open: 200-100-50, Top Jr. \$35 & trophy, trophies to top 2. Classes: 100-50-25, trophies to all above. Reg. 8-9:15 a.m. Rds. 9:20-2-7; 9-2. ENT: W.C. Neitzel, 5690 Walnut Grove, Memphis, TN 38117.

MAY 26-17 SOUTHWESTERN LA. OPEN LAFAYETTE, LA

5-SS, 45/2. Holiday Inn South, Highway 90E, Lafayette, LA 70501. EF: \$18, \$15 under 21. \$\$ 200-100, \$50 each A, B, C, D/E/UNR. Prizes based on 45 players; 1st guaranteed. Reg. 8-8:30 a.m. Rds. 9-2-7, 8:30-2. ENT: Rand Nini, Box 321, Berwick, LA 70342.

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CHess LIFE

CROWDER WINS ZEPHYR

Peyton Crowder of Starkville was undefeated in the Dixie Zephyr tournament, winning with a handy 3-0. Roland Dennis Davis was second with 2-0. Davis lost only to Crowder. Eight persons participated, including three unrateds.

CROWDER AGAIN

Not quite a month after the first Dixie Zephyr, Peyton Crowder captured first place in the Dixie Zephyr II at Starkville. He finished 3-0. Richard Wood and Dennis Davis tied for second, with Wood placing higher on Solkoff points. Seven players participated.

DIXIE ZEPHYR Feb. 18, 1979 Starkville, MS

	<u>Rtg.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Solk.</u>	<u>C.</u>
1 Peyton Crowder.....	1752	W2	W4	W3	3 - 0		
2 Roland D. Davis.....	1134	L1	W8	W6	2 - 1		
3 Larry Wright.....	1536	W7	D5	L1	1½-1½	5½	4
4 Claude A. Jackson...1575		W6	L1	D5	1½-1½	5½	3½
5 Richard Wood.....1473		D8	D3	D4	1½-1½	3½	
6 Arnold Gregory.....Unr		L4	W7	L2	1 - 2	4½	
7 Joe T. Reeves.....Unr		L3	L6	W8	1 - 2	3	
8 Howard C. Coleman...Unr		D5	L2	L7	½-2½		

DIXIE ZEPHYR II March 11, 1979 Starkville, MS

	<u>Rtg.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Solk.</u>
1 Peyton Crowder.....	1731	W6	W5	W4	3 - 0	
2 Richard Wood.....	1473	D4	W6	D5	2 - 1	3½
3 Dennis Davis.....	1134	Bye	L4	W7	2 - 1	2
4 Gordon E. Scott....	1627	D2	W3	L1	1½-1½	6½
5 Larry Wright.....	1536	W7	L1	D2	1½-1½	5½
6 M. A. Farrell.....	1526	L1	L2	Bye	1 - 2	5
7 Randy Walls.....	1192	L5	Bye	L3	1 - 2	3

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The purpose of the MCA is to promote chess in Mississippi. It is with this purpose in mind that each of us as members of the MCA must ask, What can I do to promote chess in Mississippi? Especially now, because chess in Mississippi is in a decline.

Several years ago, because of the lack of individual interest and participation, the MCA ceased to function and died. This happened in spite of a great effort by a few dedicated members. (The MCA, of course, was later re-formed.) Unless the MCA has your continued interest and participation, our association could die again.

The future of the MCA depends on each member, you just a few. So ask yourself, "What can I do to promote chess in Mississippi?" Here are a few suggestions based on our immediate needs.

The MCA needs new members, so encourage your friends to join. We need new chessplayers, so teach someone how to play chess. New chess clubs are a must--start one in your town.

Tournament directors are needed--why don't you become a TD? More tournaments in new towns are needed. Tournament activity in Mississippi has existed mainly on the efforts of Pete Crowder in Starkville, Paul Waldowski in Jackson and Ed Issa in Greenville. We must have greater attendance at these and future tournaments, so plan to be at the next one.

Plans are being made for MCA membership and fund raising tournaments in the near future. Be there are bring a new chess player to join the MCA.

So let's all get together with one purpose: to make the MCA the great chess organization that chess players deserve to have.

Yours in chess, U.J. Gilbert

NO REPORT FILED

Neither I nor MCL Editor Ed Issa received any report of the 3rd Winds on Capitol Hill Tornado, which was held Feb. 24 in Jackson. This was supposed to be the first MCA fund-raising tournament, but we have not received a report on how much money was raised for the MCA.

BRILLIANCY TROPHY

Please send the games from recent tournaments to Ed Issa. Organizers who want to take advantage of my personal offer to award a brilliancy trophy for each MCA tournament should send the game, along with the address of the winner, to Issa.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Write for an application, take an open-book test, and you can become a TD and help organize Mississippi tournaments. The address is Tournament Directors Certification Program, USCF, 186 Rt. 9 W, New Windsor, NY 12550.

MISSISSIPPI VERSUS ALABAMA

Plans are being made for a Mississippi versus Alabama match. Tentative sites are Meridian, Starkville and Columbus. It would be held before the 1979 State Championship tournament. If you are interested in playing for your state, write Ed Issa.

FREE PUBLICITY

Tournament organizers can get free publicity for their events from Mississippi's educational television station. Write to Mississippi ETV, P.O. Drawer 1101, Jackson, MS 39205.

TEACH CHESS

You don't have to be an expert to teach chess. If you are interested in really giving the Mississippi Chess Association a big boost, plan a chess class in your town. I have some teaching material that will make it easy to do. Write me.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS BEGIN TOURNAMENT

Fifth and sixth graders at Kirkpatrick School in Clarksdale began a chess tournament April 11. Twenty-eight youngsters entered. Eventually, school officials plan to form a USCF-affiliated club at Kirkpatrick.

WALDOWSKI TO LEAVE STATE

Current MCA Vice President Paul Waldowski is leaving the state on May 19. He will be working on his masters degree in Oklahoma City. I would like to thank Paul for outstanding work in service to Mississippi chess. Paul is also the current state champion. He said that anyone interested in information about chess on the Gulf Coast should contact Jim Cain, 5433 C Street, Biloxi, MS 39530.

ARKANSAS CLEARINGHOUSE

Planning a chess tournament? If you'd like to know if your chosen date conflicts with tournaments in Arkansas, write to the new Arkansas clearinghouse: Gerald O'Bryan, Box 1371, Fayetteville, AR 72701. Gerald informs me that a South Arkansas Open is planned for Camden on June 16-17 and the Arkansas Open at Hot Springs on July 21-22. Other clearinghouses are listed in Chess Life and Review.

--U.J. Gilbert

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because the USCF is changing computer systems, no official rating lists have been published in recent months. The following article is based on official ratings only. Some of the players listed below are not MCA members. If you know any of them, sign them up and earn builder credits.

SURVEY OF MISSISSIPPI CHESS PLAYERS

by Vincent D.W. Kerlin

Greetings, fellow players! This article is about many of the players in our state; some experienced veterans, others fresh newcomers. All share one thing, though--a love of the game of chess, the experience of a chess game, a battle of wits, the game where one move can mean sudden death.

Based on the latest official rating list published, there are 123 USCF players registered in Mississippi. Of these, 70 are full-fledged players, some having played the game for 20 years or more. Fifty-three are "provisionally" rated players, having played fewer than 26 games in tournament and match play. Many, like myself, have been playing serious chess for less than one year.

The following lists will present the class leaders in each respective class, and, where possible, the top 10 for that class. In addition, a graph showing the distribution curve of the membership in the state is shown. This should enable all to see just where they fit in in the overall Mississippi chess picture. I, along with MCA President U.J. Gilbert and vice president Paul J. Waldowski, hope to see a continued growth of interest in chess and an increase in the number of active players, both on a club lever and in tournaments and matches.

As an afternote, in a future edition of the MISSISSIPPI CHESSLETTER, we hope to publish a complete list of all MCA members--including non-USCF members. I mean, after all, everyone likes to see his name in print, right? Anyway, here are the ones to beat! Good luck!

EXPERTS

- 1 Joe Sentef Jr. 2042
- 2 Paul J. Waldowski 2005

CLASS A

- 1 John R. Poole 1938
- 2 Warren B. Porter 1898
- 3 Moshe Khatena 1881
- 4 Stefan Massong 1854
- 5 Gunnar Woodard 1812
- 6 Dale C. Jones 1802

CLASS B

- 1 Robert B. Williams 1775
- 2 Frank Kelley 1774*
- 3 Jerold D. Krouse 1774
- 4 Byron M. Watson 1757
- 5 Peyton Crowder 1731
- 6 Demetrius L. Hale 1723
- 7 J.T. Purnell 1720*
- 8 Stan Perkins 1718
- 9 Gary W. Spetz 1712
- 10 John E. Masters 1716

♠ listed under Pennsylvania; * indicates provisional rating

CLASS C

- 1 Alvin Watts 1599
- 2 W.A. Carter 1590*
- 3 Sammy Liddell 1584*
- 4 Gary L. Ladner 1582
- 5 Claude A. Jackson 1575
- 6 Dwight K. Weaver 1571
- 7 Richard Carter 1570
- 8 Michael J. Penny 1568
- 9 John S. Dribben 1562
- 10 Barry Gold (tie) 1549
- 10 James G. Lee 1549

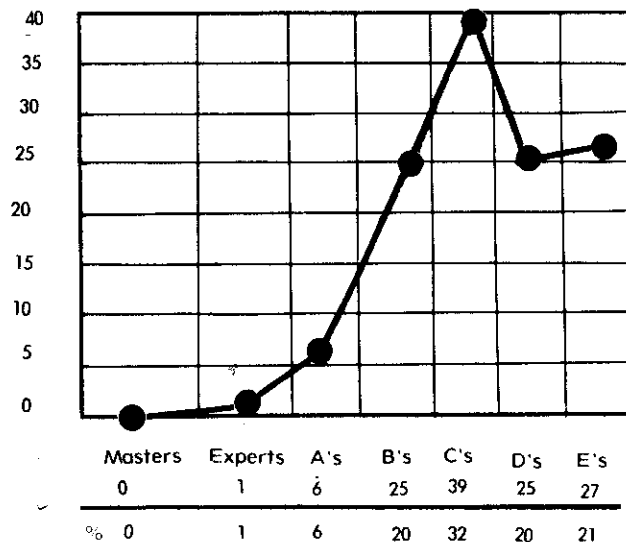
CLASS D

- 1 David Cochran 1393*
- 2 Bob H. Pitts 1388
- 3 John F. Barrett Jr. 1387
- 4 Paul F. Fitch 1387*
- 5 Harold L. King 1380*
- 6 Jacob Bell 1379*
- 7 Lynn Holifield 1379*
- 8 Edsel Robinson 1378
- 9 A.R. Burford 1374
- 10 Michael Cockerell 1368*

CLASS E

- 1 John Schonholtz 1196
- 2 Mart H. Shearer 1189*
- 3 Jerold B. Sit 1188*
- 4 L. Judson Farmer 1173
- 5 Clarence Townsend 1172
- 6 Ben B. Johnson 1167
- 7 Ludwig C. Alt 1159*
- 8 George Chamberlain 1151*
- 9 Mario A. Galicia 1136*
- 10 Dennis Davis 1134*

No. of players

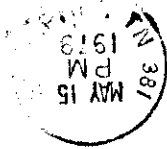


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You can become a winner in the Mississippi Chess Association builders program--by signing up new members into the MCA. President U.J. Gilbert is personally offering trophies and money prizes to the club or individual who gets the most members by the 1979 Mississippi State Championship.

The prizes are: 1st place, \$75 and trophy (you must sign up at least 10 people); 2nd place, \$25 and trophy (minimum of 5 new members); 3rd place, \$15 and trophy (minimum of 5 new members).

Remember, credit will be given only for new members, not renewals. Membership applications or receipts must be marked for builder credit. Or use this coupon:

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