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TOURNAMENTS

MISSISSIPPI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

AND STATE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Aug. 31-Sep. 2. 5-SS, 50/2. Ramada Inn, Miss. Highway 12, Starkville, MS 39759. The following official titles will be awarded: Mississippi State Champion, State Champion--Class A, State Champion--Class B, State Champion--Class C, State Champion--Class D, State Champion, Class E, State Unrated Champion, and State Champion--13 and Under. Open to Mississippi residents only. EF: \$15; \$10 under 13. MCA mem. req. \$\$ Cash per entries; trophies to all title winners listed above. Reg. 9-10 a.m. Sep. 1; optional reg. 7-8 p.m. Aug. 31. Rnds. Optional rnd. 8 p.m. Aug. 31. 10-3-8, 8:30-3. State business meeting 1:30 p.m. Sep. 2. ENT. U.J. Gilbert, Box 1202, Clarksdale, MS 38614.

JUNE 16-17

MAGNOLIA OPEN

STARKVILLE

5-SS, 50/2. Memorial Hall, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS 39762. EF: \$10 at site; \$8 if rcvd. before June 15. \$\$ (based on 20) \$75 first place; \$25 to all classes with four or more entries. Reg. 9-10 a.m. June 16; optional reg. 7-8 p.m. June 15. Rnds. Optional rnd. 8 p.m. June 15. 10-2:30-7:30, 9-1:30. ENT. Dixie Chess Association, Box 3214, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

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CHESS LIFE

CLINTON, SEID & SMITH ARE WINNERS

A total of \$95 was raised for the MCA at the Clarksdale MCA Membership Tournament, held May 19 at the Carnegie Library. Although the event was not USCF rated, MCA membership was required. Twelve unrated and six rated players participated. The event was won by Walter Clinton of Greenville (3-0). Second was Vincent D.W. Kerlin of Greenville. First intermediary (ages 13-17) was Edward Seid of Greenville. First place age 12 and under went to Michele Smith, 12, of Clarksdale (3-0). U.J. Gilbert directed; he also donated the trophies awarded in the tournament.

SENTEF IS JACKSON CHAMPION

The following report was sent by Dr. John F. Barrett Jr., "The 1979 Jackson Chess Club held its annual club championship during March and April and awarded the traveling trophy to Joseph Sentef, the club's highest rated player, who is now residing in Jackson and attending medical school. It makes one wonder whether or not the school will make his game suffer, or possibly vice versa. His only 'slip' occurred with a second round draw with Dale Jones, whose games during the event were up and down, as were those of the second-highest rated player, Warren Porter. Gunnar Woodard finished a strong second, losing only to Joe in round 4. Keith Killcrease, Gary Ladner and Gordon Scott all finished joint 3rd-5th, with Gary taking a board prize on tie breaks. All in all, the turnout was good at 14 entries, but falling behind last year's 22 players. The defending champion, J.T. Purnell, was not able to play."

MARATHON FAILS TO EXHAUST WRIGHT

Larry M. Wright of Starkville captured first place in the 8-round Magnolia Marathon, held April 7-8 at Starkville. His score was 7-1. Wright's only loss was to Keith Killcrease of Jackson. Peyton Crowder of Starkville finished second with 5½ points. Eleven players participated.

CLARKSDALE MCA MEMBERSHIP TOURNAMENT

		#1	#2	#3	Score	
1	Walter Clinton	1101	W 6	W 2	W 3	3
2	Vincent D.W. Kerlin	1281	W 7	L 1	W 6	2
3	Edward Seid	1110	W 8	W 5	L 1	2
4	Ann Thresto	UNR.	BYE	D 7	W 8	2
5	Chuck Thresto	997	BYE	L 3	W 7	1½
6	Mary Jane Dillard	UNR.	L 1	W 8	L 2	1
7	Steve Brandon	906	L 2	D 4	L 5	½
8	Gray Gilbert	1015	L 3	L 6	L 4	0
9	Michele Smith	(12)*	W15	W13	W11	3
10	Barbie Coker	(11)	W18	W17	L15	2
11	Amy Cohen	(12)	W17	W14	L 9	2
12	Mac Barnes	(10)	L13	W15	W18	2
13	Orthal Stone	(11)	W12	L 9	W14	2
14	Joe Ross	(10)	W16	L11	L13	1
15	Glenn Gill	(12)	L 9	L12	W18	1
16	Jeff Dillard	(11)	L14	L10	W17	1
17	Daniel Weldron	(10)	L11	W18	L16	1
18	Stacy Wilson	(11)	L10	L17	L15	0

* Number in parentheses is the age of the player.

3RD WINDS ON CAPITOL HILL
(MCA Fundraiser)

		#1	#2	#3	#4	Score	
1	Warren B. Porter	1898	W10	W 5	W 4	W 2	4
2	Peyton Crowder	1731	W 7	W 6	W 9	L 1	3
3	Keith Killcrease	1665	W11	L 4	W10	W 6	3
4	Gordon E. Scott	1627	D 9	W 3	L 1	W 7	2½
5	M.A. Farrell	1535	W 8	L 7	L 7	W10	2
6	John F. Barrett	1387	W12	L 2	W11	L 3	2
7	Steve Shearer	1302	L 2	W 8	W 5	L 4	2
8	S. Charns	UNR.	L 5	L 7	W12	W 9	2
9	Dennis Davis	1134	D 4	W11	L 2	L 8	1½
10	A.R. Burford	1374	L 1	W12	L 3	L 5	1
11	Mart Shearer	1189	L 3	L 9	L 6	W12	1
12	M. Lowe	UNR.	L 6	L10	L 8	L11	0

JACKSON CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

		#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Score	
1	Joseph Sentef Jr.	2042	W 5	D 7	W 6	W 2	W 3	4½
2	Gunnar Woodard	1812	W 9	W 8	W 7	L 1	W 6	4
3	Keith Killcrease	1665	W10	L 6	W 5	W 9	L 1	3
4	Gordon E. Scott	1627	W11	L 5	L 9	W12	W 8	3
5	Gary Ladner	1582	L 1	W 4	L 3	W 7	W 9	3
6	Warren B. Porter	1898	W12	W 3	L 1	D 8	L 2	2½
7	Dale C. Jones	1802	WF	D 1	L 3	L 5	W11	2½
8	Charles Dean	1646	W13	L 2	W12	D 6	L 4	2½
9	John F. Barrett	1387	L 2	W13	W 4	L 3	L 5	2
10	L. Judson Farmer	1173	L 3	L12	D11	BYE	WF	2
11	D. Wilkins	NEW	L 4	BYE	D10	W13	L 7	2
12	M.A. Farrell	1535	L 6	W10	L 8	L 4	BYE	1½
13	Dennis Davis	1134	L 8	L 9	BYE	L11	LF	½
14	Paul Dorocke	1288	LF	WD	WD	WD	WD	0

MAGNOLIA MARATHON

	NAME	RTG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SCORE	MED.	
1	LARRY WRIGHT	1525	W6	W9	L8	W3	W2	WF7	W4	W5	7-1		
2	PEYTON CROWDER	1755	L5	W4	W7	W8	L1	D3	W10	W6	5½-2½		
3	M.A. FARRELL	1487	W10	L7	W9	L1	W11	D2	Bye	L4	4½-3½	22	
4	MABRY FOWLER	1246	D7	L2	W6	L5	Bye	W10	L1	W3	4½-3½	21½	
5	GORDON E. SCOTT	1472	W2	L8	L11	W4	W10	Bye	L6	L1	4-4	21	
6	ROGER MATHES	1422	L1	W10	L4	Bye	L9	W11	W5	L2	4-4	20½	
7	JIMMY TRAYLOR	1497	D4	W3	L2	W11	W8	LF1	LF	LF	3½-4½		
8	KEITH KILLCREASE	1677	W11	W5	W1	L2	L7	WITHDRAWS			3-5	16½	
9	JOHN F. BARRETT	1393	Bye	L1	L3	W10	W6	WITHDRAWS			3-5	8½	
10	CLAUDE CLEGG	UNR	L3	L6	Bye	L9	L5	L4	L2	Bye	2-6	19	
11	RANDY WALLS	1172	L8	Bye	W5	L7	L3	L6	WITH-DRAWS			2-6	15½

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our efforts to rebuild the MCA are indicated by the growing number of new MCA members. However, we are still far short of the total membership needed to ensure a successful organization.

We must have new chess clubs in the major towns and in the rural areas of Mississippi. That means that someone like you needs to take over in your area and form a chess club. I will be glad to help you in any way. If you need assistance or ideas, contact me or editor Ed Issa. Our addresses are on the first page of this newsletter.

The MCA needs certified tournament directors--especially in the Jackson area. Write the USCF for your tournament director's test. Your TD certification will be of great benefit to the MCA.

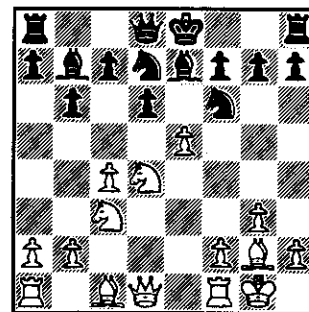
The present administration took office in September of last year. At that time the MCA treasury was left totally denuded by the cost of last year's championship tournament in Jackson. Those costs were well over \$300, and they broke the MCA. The chessletter will continue to be mailed, however. The cost will be absorbed by me and editor Ed Issa if necessary. The length and content of the chessletter will be decided on by Issa.

Details of the 1979 Mississippi State Championship tournament are in this issue. The event is also the Mississippi State Class Championships. You may be the next state champion in your rating class, so plan to attend.

--U.J. Gilbert

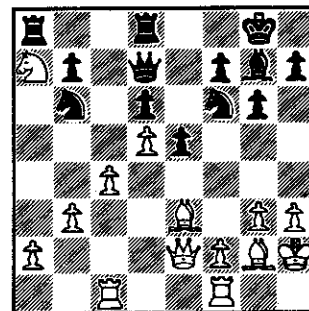
GAMES

ENGLISH White: Nekvasil (2034) Black: Crowder (1731) 7TH DIXIE OPEN 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4 d6 4 g3 b6 5 Bg2 Bb7 6 Nge2 e5 7 0-0 Be7 8 d4 e:d 9 N:d4 Nbd7? (Qc8) 10 e5 B:g2 11 e:f6 N:f6 12 K:g2 (+-) 0-0 13 Re1 Qd7 14 Qf3 Ng4 15 R:e7 Q:e7 16 Q:g4 Qe5 17 Nf5 g6 18 Nh6+ Kg7 19 Bf4 Qe6 20 Be3 c5 21 Re1 Q:g4 22 N:g4 f5 23 Bh6+ Kf7 24 B:f8 R:f8 25 Ne3 (1-0)



Position after 10 e5

KING'S INDIAN White: Jones (1802) Black: Wright (1499) OLD FOGIES OPEN 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 g3 d6 4 d4 Bg7 5 Bg2 0-0 6 Nf3 Nbd7 7 0-0 c5?! (e5!?) 8 e3 c:d 8 e:d Nb6 10 Qe2 Bg4 11 h3 Be6 (Bd7) 12 d5 Bf5 13 Nd4 Bd7 14 Be3 Re8 15 b3 Qc8 16 Kh2 e5 17 Ndb5 B:b5 18 N:b5 Rd8 19 Racl Qd7 20 N:a7 (+-) Nc8 21 Nb5 Ne7 22 Rfd1 Nf5 23 Bb6 Re8 24 Nc7 Nd4 25 R:d4 e:d4 26 N:e8 R:e8 27 Qd3 Ng4+ 28 h:g4 Q:g4 29 Bf3 Qg5 30 Rd1 Re3 31 f:e3 Be5 32 Qe2 Q:g3+ 34 Kh1 d3 35 Qg2 Qh4 36 Bd4 d2 37 Q:d2 Position after 20 N:a7 (1-0)



EASY CHESS

by Ed Issa

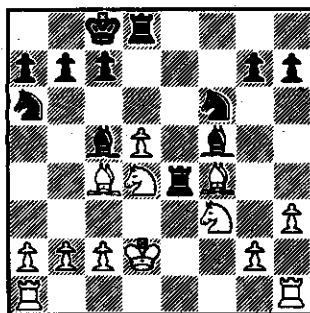
This is a column for beginners and those interested in learning more about the principles of chess. Each column will feature one game between unrated players or between players with relatively less USCF experience. Notes will focus on chess basics, with little detailed analysis of variations. Unannotated games will also be published occasionally.

AGGRESSIVE PHILIDOR

The Philidor Defense against the King's Pawn opening has a stodgy reputation. In this game, White makes a positional error on move 11, allowing Black to gain an advantage in development by activating his pieces. An advantage of just a few moves is important in the opening and early middlegame.

White: Jerold B. Sit (1188) Black: Bill Tolson (UNR.)
Greenville Christian School versus Washington School match

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 d6(a)
3 Bc4(b) f5?!
4 Nc3 Nf6!?(c)
5 d3 d5?!(d)
6 e:d5 e4
7 d:e4 f:e4
8 Ng5 Bg4
9 f3 e:f3
10 N:f3 Bc5
11 h3?(e) Qe7+
12 Qe2 Q:e2+
13 K:e2(f) Bf5
14 Nb5(g) Na6



15 Bf4 0-0-0
16 Nbd4 Rhe8+
17 Kd2 Re4!(h)(diag.)
18 N:f5 R:f4(i)

19 Ne3?(j) B:e3+
20 K:e3 R:c4(k)
21 Nd2 N:d5+
22 Kf3 Rf4+
23 Kg3 Rdf8
24 Rhf1 g5?!(l)
25 Nf3 Ne3
26 Rf2 g4!
27 h:g4 R:g4+
28 Kh3?(m) R8f4
29 Ne5??(n) Rh4+
30 Kg3 Nf5#

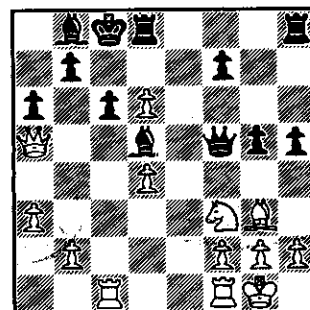
- a) The Philidor Defense. B defends the P directly. More popular is 2...Nc6, defending while developing a piece.
- b) Normal is 3 d4, taking the center immediately.
- c) Wisely declining the complications of 4...d:e4 5 N:e4 d5 6 N:e5! and B will win a piece, but W will get a big lead in development. Some variations: (A) 6...d:e4 7 Qh5+ g6 8 N:g6 Nf6 9 Qe5+ (B) 6...d:c4 7 Qh5+ g6 8 N:g6 h:g6 9 Q:h8.
- d) A speculative sacrifice. It's usually unwise for B to sac this early in the opening. A more solid continuation would be 5...Nc6 6 Bg5 Be7 7 Qd2.
- e) Time is of the essence. W is attacking a piece, but B can answer with a move that takes more priority--a check. W should have played 11 Qe2+.
- f) The K will later be vulnerable on the open e-file. 13 N:e2 Bh5 14 Bf4 Bb6 15 0-0-0 looks better.
- g) Development is called for. 14 Bf4 Bb6 15 Rad1 is a suggestion.

- h) The consequences of B's lead in development are beginning to show.
- i) Two of W's pieces are under attack; the game is at a critical point. What is W to do?
- j) White should play 19 B:a6 R:f5 20 Bc5 N:d5 21 Kc1, but B is still better
- k) By removing the defender, B has won a piece. He has a won game at this point.
- l) Swapping out the Rs brings B closer to an ending.
- m) 28 Kh2
- n) 29 g3 Rf6 30 Kh2 Rh6+ 31 Kg1 R:g3+ 32 Rg2 R:g2#

MORE GAMES

FOUR KNIGHTS GAME White: Wright (1525) Black: Crowder (1755)
 MAGNOLIA MARATHON. 1 e4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e5 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 Bc4?! (4 Bb5) 4...Bc5?! (4...N:e4!?) 5 a3 a6 6 d3 d6 7 Bg5 h6 8 Bh4 g5 9 Bg3 Qe7 10 Nd5 N:d5 11 B:d5 Nd8!? 12 0-0 c6 13 Bb3 Ne6 14 c3 Qf6 15 B:e6 B:e6 16 d4 e:d 17 c:d Ba7 18 e5 Qf5?! 19 e:d 0-0-0?! 20 Rcl h5 21 Qa4 Bd5 22 Qa5 Bb8 23 R:c6+! b:c6 (Or else lose the Queen) 24 Q:a6+ Kd7 25 Qb7+ 1-0.

Position after 22...Bb8



SICILIAN DRAGON White: Wright (1525) Black: Mathes (1422) MARATHON
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 c:d 4 N:d4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Be2?! Nc6 9 N:c6?! b:c6 10 0-0 Bd7 11 Qd2 Re8? (11...Qa5) 12 Bc4 Qb8?! 13 Bb3 Rd8 14 Bf4 Nh5 15 Bg5 Nf6 16 Rfel a5 17 a3 Qa7+ 18 Be3 c5 19 Rab1 a4 20 Ba2 Rdb8 21 Kh1 Qa5 22 e5 Ne8 23 Bh6 Ra7 24 B:g7 K:g7 25 Qf4 Bf5 26 g4 d:e?? 27 Q:e5+ f6 28 Q:b8 Ra8 29 R:e7+ Kh6 30 Qf4+ 1-0.

BENKO GAMBIT White: Dean (1646) Black: Farrell (1526) JCC CHAMP.
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 c:b a6 5 e3 (Probably the strongest system against the Benko) 5...Qb6?! (Looks premature. The square may be needed for the QN after Nbd7) 6 Nc3 d6 7 Nf3 g6 8 Bc4 Bg7 9 0-0 Bd7 10 b:a N:a6 11 b3 Ne4 12 Qd3 N:c3 13 Bb2 Nb4 14 Qd2 Nb:a2?! (14...0-0) 15 B:c3 B:c3 16 Q:c3 N:c3?! (16...0-0) 17 R:a8+ Qd8 18 R:d8+ K:d8 19 Ra1 Re8 20 Ra8+ Kc7 21 Ra7+ Kd8 22 Ng5! e6 23 N:f7+ Ke7 24 d:e d5 25 e:d7 Rd8 26 N:d8 K:d8 27 Ba6 Ne4 28 Bb5 1-0.

BENKO DECLINED White: Ladner (1582) Black: Sentef (2042) JCC CHAMP.
 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 c:b a6 5 b6 d6 6 Nc3 Nbd7 7 e4 g6 8 Be2 Bg7 9 f4 0-0 10 Nf3 Q:b6 11 0-0 Ng4 12 Bc4 Qb4 13 Qe2 B:c3 14 b:c3 Q:c3 15 Bb2 Qe3+ 16 Q:e3 N:e3 17 Rfc1 N:c4 18 R:c4 Rb8 19 Rc2 Nb6 20 Nd2 f5 21 e5 Bb7 22 e:d e:d 23 Rel B:d5 (Black is now two pawns ahead--but can he win the endgame with opposite colored Bishops?) 24 Ba1 Rfe8 25 R:e8 R:e8 26 Kf2 Kf7 27 Rb2 Nc4 28 N:c4 B:c4 29 Rb7+ Re7 30 R:e7 K:e7 (All the swaps have been to Black's advantage) 31 a3 Ke6 32 Ke3 Kd5 33 g3 Bb5 34 Bf6 Kc4 35 Be7 d5 36 Bf6 d4+ 37 Ke2 Kb3 38 Be7 c4 39 Bc5 c3+ 40 Kel d3 41 Be3 K:a3 42 B d4 d2+ 0-1.

top mca builders

Paul Waldowski is the Mississippi Chess Association's leading builder at present, with eight memberships to his credit. He is followed by the Dixie Chess Association (7), the Clarksdale Chess Club (6), and the Jackson Chess Club (4). The following have earned one builder point: the Gulf Coast Chess Club, L. Allen Kerr, and someone named Shirley, according to a report from MCA Secretary-Treasurer Warren Porter. Totals do not include the new members who joined at the Clarksdale Membership Tournament.

You still have a chance to be a top builder. The following trophies and money prizes will be awarded 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).

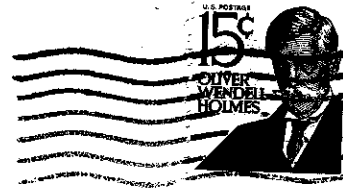
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