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Growing Pains or Why Didn't We Know About That

In the first year of the new MCA, we have had several problems come up which could have been avoided by just a little more timely communication between tournament organizers and the USCF or the MCA. As an example plans for a USCF and MCA event should be submitted to the MCA about six months before the event is to take place. We may be able to hold a few "instant tournaments" since the MCA is still young, but we can't make a habit of it. The MCA officers (including yours truly) are not blameless in this department either. Had the minutes of the second business meeting been confirmed earlier, some confusion as to the dates of the Miss Open and Championship could have been avoided.

The dates that have been reserved so far this year are

Mar 30-31	Vicksburg Open	We promise to get the holes in this schedule filled in the next issue.
Apr ?????	Laurel Open	
May 4-5	Ole Miss Open (Oxford)	
Jun 1-2	Miss-Lou (Natchez)	
Jun 29-30	???? (Jackson)	
Aug 2-4	???? (Natchez)	

We think the MCL can go monthly if it stays at only 8 pages. Like everything else, there is a good chance that the MCA dues will have to be increased at the MCA annual business meeting this summer.

In addition to the crosstables from MCA events, we will make every effort to print as many games as possible from these events. Tournament directors are urged to collect and forward the scoresheet copies that the players turn in.

Individual members of the MCA are always invited to send in their best games for publication. This goes for any article they wish to submit as well.

We will publish in the next issue a directory of all MCA chess clubs along with the time and place that they meet. Officers of their chess clubs are asked to write to confirm this information.

If you are rated above 1700, would you consider writing a column for the MCL on a regular basis?

Mar 30-31 VICKSBURG OPEN 5-SS, 45/2, Assembly room Vicksburg Hospital at I-20 and Hall's Ferry Exchange. EF \$10 + MCA. Prizes per entries. Registration closes at 9:30 NO LATE ENTRIES. ENT Joe Farris 1806 Vicklan St. Vickburg 39180.

The Ole Miss A team won the Miss. Intercollegiate in Starkville recently. The runners-up were Delta State A, Miss State A, Miss State C, Ole Miss C, Southern A, and Miss State B, respectively. The Starkville Tornado, held concurrently, was won by Sam Brown.

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Johnston-Dean 1 P -Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 N-KB3 P-QN3 4 P-K3 B-N2 5 B-K2 P-B4  
 6 0-0 PxP 7 Pxp Q-B2 8 Q-Q3 B-Q3 9 N-B3 N-B3 10 N-QN5 Q-N1 11 P-B5 Pxp 12 Pxp Bxp  
 13 Q-B4 B-N3 14 B-B4 P-K4 15 QR-Q1 P-Q4 16 Rxp Nxr 17 Qxn/5 0-0 18 Nxp Nxn  
 19 Qxn Qxq 20 Bxq KR-K1 0:1

Jackson-Dean 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 N-B3 4 N-N5 P-Q4 5 Pxp N-QR4  
 6 B-N5+ P-B3 7 Pxp Pxp 8 B-Q3 P-KR3 9 N-K4 B-K2 10 0-0 N-Q4 11 Q-R5 Q-B2 12 R-K1 N-KB5  
 13 Q-B3 P-KB4 14 N-N3 P-K5 15 Nxp Pxn 16 Bxp 0-0 17 Q-B3 B-R5 18 Q-K3 N-R6+  
 19 K-R1 Nxp+ 20 K-N1 N-N5 21 Q-KR3 B xR 22 P-KN3 Q-N3+ 0:1

Finger-Dean 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 N-Q5 4 B-R4 Nxn 5 Qxn P-QB3  
 6 P-QB3 B-B4 7 P-QN4 B-N3 8 0-0 Q-B3 9 Q-N3 N-K2 10 B-N2 N-N3 11 P-Q4 P-Q3  
 12 N-Q2 N-B5 13 QR-K1 0-0 14 Pxp Pxp 15 K-R1 B-K3 16 P-B4 QR-Q1 17 R-Q1 B-Q5  
 18 BxB RxB 19 B-B2 Bxp 20 NxB RxB 21 Q-QN3 R-Q5 22 RxB PxB 23 R-K1 N-K3 24 P-B3 Q-K2  
 25 P-K5 P-QN3 26 Q-Q3 P-N3 27 P-QR3 P-QB4 28 Pxp Qxp 29 P-N3 R-B1 30 B-R4 Q-R4  
 31 Q-Q1 N-B4 32 B-B2 P-Q6 33 B-N1 P-Q7 34 R-N1 N-R5 35 Q-K2 R-B8 36 B-K4 Q-B4  
 37 R-B1 RxB+ 0:1

Dean-Dike 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 N-QB3 N-KB3 4 B-N5 QN-Q2 5 N-B3 B-N5  
 6 P-B5 P-B3 7 Q-B2 Q-R4 8 Q-B2 0-0 9 N-N3 Bxn+ 10 PxB Q-B2 11 P-K3 P-K4  
 12 Pxp Qxp 13 B-KB4 Q-K5 14 B-Q3 QxNP 15 0-0-0 N-K5 16 QR-B1 P-B4 17 QR-N1 Q-R6  
 18 Bxn BpxB 19 R-N3 Q-K3 20 P-KR4 R-B2 21 P-R5 N-K4 22 N-Q4 Q-K2 23 Bxn QxB  
 24 P-R6 K-R1 25 P-KB4 PxpPe.p. 26 Qxp+ KxQ 27 Pxp+ K-N1 R-R8 1:0

Dean-O'Reilly 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 Pxp 4 Nxp N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P- Q3  
 6 B-KN5 P-K3 7 N-N3 P-QR3 8 P-QR4 B-K2 9 B-QB4 0-0 10 0-0 Q-B2 11 B-K3 N-QN5  
 12 B-Q3 P-Q4 13 Pxp NxB 14 Qxn R-Q1 15 Q-K2 Nxp 16 Nxn Pxn 17 P-QB3 P-QN3  
 18 N-Q4 P-QR4 19 KR-K1 Q-Q2 20 Q-B2 P-R4 21 N-B3 Q-B2 22 Bxp QxB 23 RxB Q-KB3  
 24 R-K3 B-B4 25 Q-K2 B-N5 26 Q-Q2 P-N3 27 N-Q4 K-N2 28 P-B3 B-B1 29 Q-KB2 Q-N3  
 30 R-K7 R-QN1 31 P-QN3 K-B1 32 QR-K1 R-N2 33 RxB QxR 34 P-KN4 Q-N3 35 Q-R4 K-N2  
 36 Pxp R-R1 37 Q-B2 Q-KB3 38 Pxp R-R3 39 Pxp B-R6 40 K-R1 Kxp 41 Q-N3 Q-Q3  
 42 QxQ RxB 43 P-KB4 R-KB3 44 R-K3 B-N5 45 P-R3 B-Q2 46 R-B3 R-KR3 47 K-R2 K-B3  
 48 P-B5 R-R4 49 R-B4 K-K4 50 R-B3 K-K5 51 P-B6 1:0

Mann-Dean 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 N-QB3 P-B4 4 P-Q5 P-Q3 5 N-B3 B-K2 6 P-K4 P-K4  
 7 P-KR3 0-0 8 B-Q3 N-R3 9 P-QR3 N-B2 10 P-QN4 Pxp 11 Pxp N-R3 12 B-R3 N-Q2  
 13 N-QR4 P-QN3 14 Q-Q2 P-B3 15 N-R4 P-N3 16 N-KB3 P-B4 17 P-QN5 Pxp 18 Bxp N/3-B4  
 19 Nxn NpxN 20 0-0 N-B3 21 KR-K1 NxB 22 RxB Bxp 23 PxB RxB 24 K-N2 R-B4 25 R-N4 B-N4  
 26 Q-K2 P-QR3 27 B-B1 BxB 28 RxB Pxp 29 Pxp R-QR4 30 R-QN1 R-B2 31 R-QN3 Q-R1  
 32 Q-K4 R-R7 33 R/3-N3 R/7xp+ 34 K-R1 R-B8+ 35 K-R2 R/2-B7+ 36 R-N2 RxB  
 37 QxR Q-KB1 38 Q-K4 R-B7+ 39 R-N2 R-B5 40 Q-K2 R-QN5 41 R-B2 Q-K2 42 Q-B1 K-N2  
 43 R-R2 Q-N2 44 R-R5 Q-KB2 45 QxQ KxQ 46 R-R6 Rxp 47 Rxp P-B5 48 R-QB6 Rxp  
 49 R-QB6 Rxp 50 R-B2 P-K5 51 R-B2+ R-KB4 52 R-K2 K-K4 53 K-N3 R-B6+  
 54 K-N2 K-B5 55 R-R2 P-R4 56 R-N2 P-R5 57 R-N6 P-N4 58 R-B6+ K-K6 59 R-QR6 R-N6+  
 60 K-R2 K-K7 61 R-R2 K-B6 62 R-R3+ P-K6 63 R-R1 K-B7 64 R-R2+ P-K7 65 R-N2 K-B8  
 66 R-N1+ P-K8(Q) 67 RxB KxB 0:1

Postal Chess Charles Dean, contributor of the above postal games, won against John Weeks before he had even started one of his other games. Kim Hunt withdrew.

Hunt-Johnson 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cb a6 5 ba Ba6: 6 Bg5  
 d6 7 Bf6: gf 8 g3 Nd7 9 Be2 Bg7 10 e4 f5 11 ef Bb2: 12 Nd2  
 Ba1: 13 Qa1: Nf6 14 Ne4 Qa5† 15 Kd1 Bd3 16 Nf6:† ef 17 Qf6:  
 0-0 18 Qg5† Kh8 19 Qf6†  $\frac{1}{2}$ : $\frac{1}{2}$

HISTORY OF THE MISSISSIPPI  
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP  
by Jerry Krouse

This is a limited, uncomplete history, as I came on the scene relatively recently. Anyone having information, interesting sidelights, or cross tables, please send them to me or the MCL editor.

CHAMPIONS

1954	C. P. GRAY	Port Gibson
1955	RODNEY BAINE	Cleveland
1956	RODNEY BAINE	Cleveland
1957	TROY MILLER	Natchez
1958	TROY MILLER	Natchez
1959	PEYTON CROWDER	Greenville
1960	PEYTON CROWDER	Greenville
1961	R.S. SCRIVENER	Nesbit
1962	F. PARHAM, JR.	Natchez
1963	F. PARHAM, JR.	Natchez
1964	PEYTON CROWDER	Greenville
1965	JOHN. R. POOLE	Jackson
1966	F. PARHAM, JR.	Natchez
1967	SPENCER HURD	Biloxi
1968	F. PARHAM, JR.	Natchez
1969	TROY MILLER	Natchez
1970	JERRY KROUSE	Natchez
1971	JERRY KROUSE	Natchez
1972	JERRY KROUSE	Natchez
1973	WARREN PORTER	Jackson

C. P. Gray, the first champ, committed suicide. His chess books were given to Fenner Parham, Jr., by his widow. Troy Miller has a beautiful chess set that is either the one Gray used, or was ordered by him. Gray was also a checkers player, and wrote a book on that subject.

Rodney Baine, a teacher at Delta State, donated the trophy that was retired by yours truly in 1972. His proviso was that it had to be won three times in succession to be retired. It's amazing that it survived as long as it did. Note that 4 people had back-to-back wins but didn't get the third in a row.

Troy Miller is probably the most widely experienced player among the champions, having traveled to tournament sites all over the nation. He once played in a tournament of state champs in Yankton, S. D. Troy was an expert in those days, and won many of the big tournaments in this area.

Peyton, or Pete, Crowder was one of the early leaders of organized chess in Mississippi. His music lured him away from chess for a few years, but now he is back in the thick of things.

R. S. Scrivener was named "Master Emeritus" by the USCF, and until the time of his death was one of the strongest postal chess players in the country. He came across the Tennessee line two weeks before the 1961 championship and won it. Because of his late arrival, there was some question of his eligibility.

Parham, the only player to win the championship four times, might have retired the trophy in 1961-62-63, as he finished 2nd to Scrivener in 1961. Had Scrivener been ruled ineligible, it would have been 3 in a row for Fenner. Fenner's forte is tactical chess, and his wins have been prolific. He was one of 3 winners against Fisher in a 75 player simultaneous played in New Orleans.

Jackson attorney John Poole, is another tactical player. At his peak he was winning many area tournaments. John always strived for the open game, and it's surprising he did not win the championship more than once.

Spencer Hurd, a very strong player, was only in the state long enough to qualify and win the championship. He has since been terrifying Louisiana and Georgia chess players.

I had been playing about 5 years when I won the championship. The open game is also my hunting ground. As a point of principle I chose not to compete in the 1973 championship. Due to my lengthy absence from tournament chess it will be extremely difficult to come back for 1974, and I am now wrestling with the decision.

Warren Porter has been one of the strongest players in the state for years. It was just a matter of time till he could take a championship, and this probably isn't his last. Warren is a positional player in the extreme, but you can't knock success!

According to the sketchy info I have, the championship tournament was originally started as an "open" tourney. In the next few years it became a "Closed" tournament (only Mississippians could play). It then was switched back

to the "open" format which it retained for many years until 1970.

In 1970, I discovered that the "open" format was allowing our championship to be decided, in most cases, by out-of-state players. Remember, that at that time, we did not have 200+ USCF members in the state. We held open state championships in Natchez, and usually 50-75% of the players were from Louisiana or elsewhere. I even found cases in some championships where the champion or strong contender played only one or two Mississippians in these tournaments.

I also felt that the Swiss System tournament was not the fairest format, as all players would not face the same strong players.

So, in 1970, lacking a formal state organization, and having run most of the chess activities in the state for several years, I polled all the USCF members in the state that I could find. The question put was; whether to retain the old system, or to change to one in which an open tournament would serve as a qualifying tournament, in which the top three qualifers became eligible to play in a closed, double, round-robin, play-off. The new system carried by a margin in excess of 80% of those polled.

It is interesting to note (I suppose to finally dispose of any notions that I changed to system to make it easier for me to win) that in the first year of the new system, 1970, I would have won the championship under either the old or the new system; In the Qualifying tournament, which previously had been the open tournament deciding the champion, I was the highest scoring Mississippian, and under the old system would have been champion. Then, in the first closed play-off, consisting of the multiple former champions, Miller and Parham, and the then strong Neville Marshille, I won by a score of 5-1.

Now, of course, the championship has been changed for a fifth time. The Qualifying and Playoff idea has been retained, but modified. Now you receive qualifying points by playing in various tournaments throughout the state, and

finally play in a closed, 6 man (5 qualifiers decided by the number of points they accumulate in the qualifying tournaments, and the current champion), single, round-robin tournament. The play-off will be held at the same time as a major Mississippi tournament later in the year.

I think the latest system is just about perfect for Mississippi. Warren Porter's suggestion that a player's qualifying points be based on his performance rating in a given qualifying tournament deserves strong consideration. This means that a player winning a small tournament consisting of strong players might possible get more qualifying point than a player winning a large tournament consisting of weak players.

The qualifiers, winner, and order of finish for the last four (play-off) years are:

1970	1971
1 Krouse 5-1 Nat.	1 Krouse 5-1 Nat.
2 Parham Nat.	2 Doredant 3-3 Jxn.
3 Miller Nat.	3 Harrell 2-4 Jxn.
4 Marshall Nat.	4 McDonald 2-4 Jxn.
1972	1973
1 Krouse 3½-2½ Nat.	1 Porter 4½-1½ Jxn.
2 Haley 3-3 Jxn.	2 Crowder 4-2 MSU
3 Gray 3-3 Pas.	3 Burkheart 3-3Vbg.
4 Crawley 2½-3½Mer.	4 Doredant ½-5½Jxn.

Some other interesting facts are that Natchez has retained the championship in 10 of the last 19 years.

Parham has won 4 times. Three time winners are: Krouse, Miller, and Crowder. Baine won twice, and all others once each.

It would be very interesting to get a more detailed history of our championship, and of the champions. This information will have to be supplied by some of our early players who might have access to details. Also, it would be worthwhile to try and round up games by the winner of each championship. This could be a continuing feature of the MCL. Those of you that have this information, please send it to me C/O P. O. Box 1003, Natchez, Ms. 39120.

ROY - MILLER (W) - JERRY KROUSE (B) STONEWALL ATTACK: 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-K3 N-KB3  
3 B-Q3 P-B4 4 P-QB3 N-B3 (Other lines: A. 4...QN-Q2 5 P-KB4 P-KN3 6 N-B3 B-N2  
 7 O-O O-O 8 N-K5 Q-B2= MCO 9th edition, B. 4...P-K3 5 P-KB4 QN-Q2 6 N-B3 P-KN3  
 7 QN-Q2 B-N2 8 O-O O-O 9 N-K5 P-N3 10 Q-B3 B-N2 11 P-KN4+ Rudenio-Bykova, U.S.S.  
 R. 1940.) 5 P-KB4 B-N5! (Pachman's exclamation.) 6 N-B3 P-K3 7 QN-Q2?! (Stronger  
 is 7 O-O B-Q3 8 Q-K1 O-O 9 N-K5 B-B4! and still, Black stands very well. After  
 10 BxB PxP, White's K-Pawn is permanently weak [Pachman]) 7...B-Q3 8 O-O PxP!  
 (According to Pachman, "It is now necessary for White to recapture at Q4 with  
 the K-Pawn, or else Black can take advantage of the open QB-file." I agree  
 with the open QB file, but nothing was said about 9 KPxP BxP winning an easy  
 pawn. So, not wanting to lose a pawn, White captures with the BP.)  
 9 BPxP O-O 10 Q-K1? (10...N-N5! should have been considered.) 10...R-B1? (After  
 10...N-N5! White could practically resign, as his "good" Bishop will be traded  
 for a Knight, and Black will have a free attacking game with easy entry into the  
 cramped enemy position via the open QB file.) 11 P-QR3! Q-K2 (Placing the Queen  
 to take advantage of the open K-file that should come after an eventual ...B-KB4,  
 BxB,...KPxB.) 12 N-K5 B-KB4 13 BxB KPxB 14 QN-B3 N-K5 (Planning to driver the  
 enemy Knight away by ...P-B3.) 15 NxN RxN (After this move, White "wins" a pawn,  
 and, perhaps, loses the game. 15...PxN with an eventual ...P-QB4 also seems  
 strong.) 16 Q-R5 (If 16 N-K5 then 16...R-B7 immediately.) 16...Q-K3! (An inter-  
 esting idea for a trap was 16...R/1-B1 17 QxQP N-B3 18 QxP(B5)? RxB! 19 QRxR  
 RxR 20 RxB QxP+ and wins, but 18 Q-N3! holds everything. After the text move,  
 Black plans to attack aterally via KN3 with the Queen, and use the open QB file  
 for the Rooks.) 17 QxRP KR-B1 18 Q-R5 (White now "sees" the coming storm, and  
 hastens to bring the Queen back.) 18...R-B7 19 Q-K1 P-KN4! (Every Piece is to  
 be brought into the assault. The Black Bishop will now join in.) 20 PxP  
 (Otherwise, Black could play ....PxP, ...Q-KN3, ...K-R1,...R-KN1 etc.) 20...  
 Q-KN3 21 Q-R4 P-KR4! (White threatened 22 Q-R6 trading off Black's attack.)  
 22 Q-K1 (Seven moves for the White Queen, but Black still holds all the cards  
 after 22 N-K5 BxN followed by doubling Rooks on the 7th, and NxP at the correct  
 time.) 22...NxP 23 NxN QxN 24 P-N3 Q-N5! (Stronger than 24...P-KR4 because of  
 the double threats 25...R-K7 and 25...Q-R6.) 25 R-B2 (White is lost, but per-  
 haps 25 B-Q2 RxP will hold out longer.) 25...BxNP! 26 PxP? (Leads to a forced  
 mate in five. A pretty surprise continuation, which however, also loses, is  
 26 RxR! BxQ dis. check 27 R-N2! R-B7! 28 RxQ BPxR and White is in Zugzwang!)  
 26...QxP+ 27 K-B1 (If 27 K-R1, not 27...RxR?, but 27...Q-R6+ as in the game.)  
 27...Q-R6+ 28 K-N1 K-R2! 0-1. resigns as the Mate by ...R-N1+ is un-  
 avoidable!

W.C. VAN BUSKIRK (W) - J. KROUSE (B) GORING GAMBIT: (THE GORING GAMBIT IS REF-  
UTED! Unless improvements are found in earlier book moves, this line provides  
 a draw against one of the crucial variations of the formerly "dreaded" Goring  
 Gambit!) 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 P-QB3 PxP 5 NxP B-N5 6 B-QB4  
 N-KB3! 7 P-K5 (I.M. David Levy gives this move an "!", but let's take a closer  
 look!) 7...P-Q4 8 PxN PxP 9 QxQ+ NxQ 10 PxP R-KN1 11 B-R6 N-K3 12 O-O-O BxN  
 13 PxP (In this crucial position Levy says, "Analysis suggests, however, that  
 White's play should prove ample compensation for a pawn, e.g. [A] 13...NxP  
 14 KR-K1+ N-K3 [on 14...B-K3 15 P-N4! R-Q4 16 N-N5 RxR+ 17 KxR White has a  
 strong bind on the position] 15 B-B4 B-Q2 [not 15...RxP 16 B-N3] 16 BxP R-QB1  
 17 B-N3 B-B3 18 N-Q4! BxP [18...R-N3 19 P-B4! and otherwise White plays N-B5-  
 Q6] 19 P-B4! K-B1 20 NxN+ PxN 21 RxP with a virtually won ending; [B] 13...  
 B-Q2 14 KR-K1 O-O-O [or 14...P-B3 15 P-N4!] 15 N-N5!; [C] 13...P-KB3 14 KR-K1  
 K-B2 15 P-N4 NxP 16 BxN RxB [16...KxN 17 R-K7+] 17 R-Q8 R-KN1 18 RxR KXR 19  
 R-K8 K-B2 20 R-R8 K-N2 21 R-Q8 P-N4 22 N-Q4, once again with a much superior  
 ending." The game, and refutation follows variation "C".) 13...P-KB3!! 14

KR-K1 K-B2 15 P-N4 NxP 16 BxN BxP!! (Not 16...RxB as in Levy's variation above. 16...BxP!! effectively ends any hopes White has of a win!) 17 B-R6! (If 17 R-K3? RxB Black should win with his two pawn plus.) 17...BxN 18 R-Q7+ K-N3 19 B-B4?! (White should be insured a draw after 19 B-K3, which at first looks suspect as it closes the K-file. But, on closer examination, Black is tied up: 19...KR-QN1 20 R-N1+ K-B4, and the action of the White Rooks will get the draw. 19 B-K3 would have prevented Black's next move.) 19...P-B4 20 R/1-K7 (20 B-Q6 seems strong, e. g. 20...QR-B1 21 R/1-K7 P-KR4 22 R-QB7!-) 20...P-KR4 21 P-KR4 B-B3 22 R-Q6 (22 R-QB7 now looks good, as 23 R-Q6 or 23 R-K3 is threatened.) 22...K-B4 23 B-K3 R-N5?! (Blindness. Black doesn't see White's obvious next move. Perhaps 23...QR-KB1 followed by 24...R-N5 was the right idea.) 24 R-KB7 R-N3?! (Black seems intent on trying to equalize the game! The original play of 24...RxRP probably should have been followed.) 25 B-N5! R-K1 26 R/7xP+ RxR 27 RxR+ R-K5! (Trying for a dominating K-position.) 28 R-B4+? (Perhaps this is finally the losing move. 28 K-B2 is called for.) 28...K-Q6 29 B-B6 P-N4! 30 K-Q1? (30 R-B5 P-N5 31 R-K5 [31RxBP? PxP! wins.] is White's only chance. The Black rook can't move off the K-file because of 32 R-K3 mate.) 30...R-K7 31 P-R3 P-QR4! 32 R-B5 (Too late!) 32...P-N5 0-1. White resigns, as Black wins something on the order of: [a] 33 RxBP PxBP 34 BxP [34 RxB P-B7+] 34...B-R5+ etc.; [b] 33 RPxP RPxP 34 PxP P-B6 etc. It will be interesting to see if an early improvement will save this line for White.

**Thursday Tornado**  
 Miss. State University  
 Nov. - Dec. 1973

1. Peyton Crowder	1840	W3	W9	W2	W4	W5F	5-0		
2. Paul Newsom	1620	W10	W11	L1	W9	W15F	4-1	7	
3. Jerry Joyner	unr.	L1	W15	W12	W13	W4	4-1	6½	
4. Byron Watson	1657	W12	W7	W5	L1	L3	3-2	10½	
5. Robert Pogue	1684	W14	W6	L4	W10	L1F	3-2	8	
6. Charles Pierce	unr.	W8F	L5	L13	W17	W12	3-2	7	11½
7. Mike Stephenson	1268	W16	L4	W14	W11	L10	3-2	7	11
8. Jimmy Robbins	1586	L6F	W17	L9	W16	W11	3-2	5½	
9. Charles Maudly	1232	W18	L1	W8	L2	D13	2½-2½	9	
10. David Ratliff	1444	L2	D13	W15	L5	W7	2½-2½	8½	
11. Walter Rogers	unr.	W13	L2	W17	L7	L8	2-3	8½	
12. Randall Roberts	unr.	L4	W16	L3	W14	L6	2-3	8	
13. Richard Carter	1377	L11	D10	W6	L3	D9	2-3	7½	
14. Thomas Perkins	unr.	L5	W18	L7	L12	W16	2-3	5½	
15. Victor Roberts	unr.	L17	L3	L10	W18	L2F	1-4	7	12
16. John Weeks	1230	L7	L12	W18	L8	L14	1-4	7	11½
17. Paul Huddleston	1253	W15	L8	L11	L6	L18	1-4	6	
18. Fred Scephard	unr.	L9	L14	L16	L15	W17	1-4	3½	

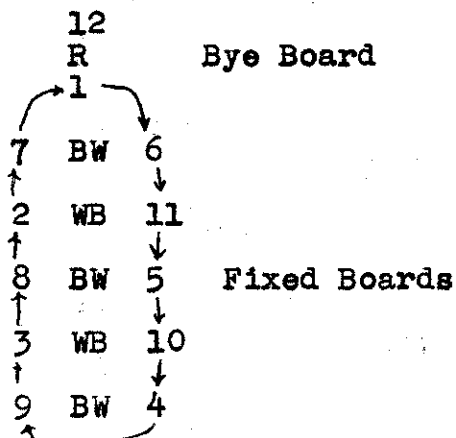
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# How the Round Robin Works (CONCLUSION)

by Warren Porter

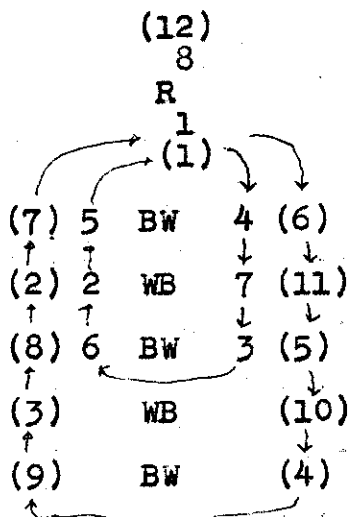
For routine RRs the formulas and rules discussed in the first part will suffice. If it is necessary to modify the RR, a model may be needed. The reader may wish to set up these models using numbered cards (like playing cards or the pairing cards) and the Pawns from his chess set.



The starting position of an 11 or 11 + 1 man event is shown on the left.

Player #12, if he exists, is outside the track that the other players run on and reverses the colors on the Bye board every game. Colors on the fixed boards do not change. If only 11 players are participating, player #1 is kibbitzing the game #6 vs #7. **THERE IS ALWAYS AN ODD NUMBER**

**OF PLAYERS ON THE TRACK.** Proceeding from #1 (at the Bye board or the waiting area) counterclockwise, every other position is given a consecutive number, the players' pairing numbers. The players will rotate one position clockwise after each game until they have made one circuit around the track and have played everybody.



When making changes in the tournament this model can prove useful. Suppose round 1 of an 8 man event has been played and 4 new players try to enter. Not only can they be admitted, but only two of the original players will have different opponents in the 2nd round.

Here are the initial positions of an 8 and 12 man event. New numbers are in (). Originally #3 would have gone to the other side to have B7 in round 2, but as #(5) he stays on that side. Only players #3 (5) and #7 (11) have different opponents in round 2. Any even number of new opponents can

be added to the bottom. The new players will have to make up their first round game; (3) vs (10) and (4) vs (9).

To add one man to an odd event, the newcomer simply becomes the Bye man and plays a make up game with #1 later. No pairing numbers will change.



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Robert Allen	1413/7	Jerry Krouse	1858
William Barrentine	1473/15	Bill McDonald	1498
Richard Burkhardt	1594	Charles Mandley	1232/7
Richard Carter	1369	John Masters	1369/10
Anthony Crawley (1)	1623	Rolland May	1664/10
Peyton Crowder (5)	1870	Leo Myers	1576
Charles Dean	1575	W T Miller (6)	1749
Richard Doredant	1668	Baird Montgomery (1)	1482/10
John Dribbon	1574/5	Paul Newsom (5)	1630
Judson Farmer	1360	F P Parham	1836
M A Farrell	1542	Michael Penny	1274/12
Joe Farris (7)	1726	Charles Pierce	1297/7
Tommy Freeland	1032/5	Stan Perkins (7)	1603/15
Howard Gary	1316/12	Robert Pogue	1652/15
U J Gilbert	1302/10	Warren Porter	1925
John Gray	1343	David Ratliff	1430/10
David Hayes	1528/10	Jimmy Robbins	1570
Paul Huddleston	1170/12	T D Roberson	1381
Ed Issa	1529/10	David Roberts	1256
Rick Johnson	1492/5	Clayton Rowland	1385
Jerry Joyner	1692/5	Gordon Scott	1437
L Allen Kerr	1359/7	Billy Shea	1317/15
Mike Stephenson	1318	Gunnar Woodard	1464/5
Byron Watson (6)	1654	Laird Woodard	1200/9
John Weeks	1192	Larry Wright	1566
Robert Williams (4)	1532	Chris Young	1547/5
Chuck Wilmore	1295		

STILL UNRATED: David Abel (4), Jimmy Aden, Lawton Barnes, R E Bird, Franklin Abel, Charles Balch, Scott Boulette, A R Burford, E C Burkhardt, Hillman Butler, Ernest Cadden, Paul Cain, George Carter, Ritchie Carter, E D Clark, Ray Coxe, L E Crowder, Bill Daniels, Joseph Datlof, Wilk W Dedwyldor, Jimmy Diesare, Ronald L Dorn, Doyle Ellis, Allan Freberg, Walter G Gilbert Ribert Gines, Mike Harris, John Hedman, Lyle Hill, Brian Hofford, Claude A Jackson, Douglas Jones, David Label, Clayton Lehman, Charles McCall, Gordon Macie, Roger Mathes, Harold Melvin, Dick Merril, Dan Meyer, Jim Montgomery, Grenoille Nellen, Don Odom, Garland Orr, Dennis Palmer, Richard Parker, Floyd Patterson, N M Perkins, Jay Pryor, Johnny Pryor, C J Pusch, Elliot Ranney, Joe Regel, Ann Rose, Kevin Scanlon, Leo Scanlon, Donald Scarbourgh, James Scarbourgh, Mike Simms, Jerry Smith, Michael Sullivan, R L Summers, Geary Sutterfield, George Thatcher, Gosby Thompson, P W Van, Clif Vick, Rickey Walker, Alvin Watts, Dan Walters, Robert Watson, Dwight Weaver, Walter Whitehead, & Michael Wilmore

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