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This is our last issue of our first year. For those unfamiliar with the MCA, this is the statewide chess organization recognized by the US Chess Federation. Its purposes are to maintain a system of qualification to the State Championship and running it, the encouragement of tournaments and other forms of chess activity, and the regular publication of a newsletter. Membership (\$3/year or if under 21, \$2/year) may be purchased by sending a check to McDonald or when a player participates in an event sponsored by an MCA affiliate. If you wish to join, do so now since dues may be raised at the Business Meeting this month in Jackson.

We did not receive the membership labels until this month and the previous issue did not get out to non MCA members. This one will be. If you received two issues of this Chessletter, or if your address label does not have a check mark on it (and you are an MCA member in the latter case) please let us know. Our treasurer, Jay Jilbert, is moving to Arkansas. While he gave all records to Bill McDonald, there might still be some problems with MCLs that were returned to him or payments to him that he is forwarding or returning. If your label was typed instead of being printed by a computer (it would show the same info on the top line as your CL&R label) you were not on the USCF's membership list.

If anything was wrong with your address, please send a correction to the Editor. Our Summer camp was changed to mid July, so the note on the previous MCL may be disregarded.

MISSISSIPPI CHESS CONGRESS June 28-30 at the Jackson Hilton at 750 N State St. Schedule: 6/28 7:30pm MCA Business Meeting; 6/29 8 to 8:45 Registration; Rounds at 9-2-8/8:30-1:30. Trophies to top 3, 1st & 2nd B & C, 1st only to D,E, Unrated, Junior, College, High School. Entry fee \$10 over 21, \$5 under 21. Time limit 50/2 & 20/30. Inquiries and advance registration to Bill McDonald, 3585 Lanell Lane, Pearl 39208.

MISSISSIPPI OPEN Aug 2-4 at the Prentiss Motel, Highway 61 South, Natchez. EF \$12, under 21, \$10. \$100 1st, \$50 2nd, \$10 ea to 1st A,B, C,D, & E. Trophies to top 2 in A,B,C & to top only in D,E, & Unr. Registration 8:30-9:45am Rounds at 10-3-8/8-1. Book prizes for Upset, Brilliancy, & Shortest Game.

MISSISSIPPI SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP starts Friday Aug 2 at 8:30 pm. No entry fee; trophy to best Mississippi speed chess player.

Letter to the Editor

The purpose of this letter is to explain a better system, in my opinion, for awarding prizes at tournaments in Miss. Most tournaments today give a prize to the top 2, top A-E, unr., with prize for under 15 as often as money to 1st "per entries." This is real nice for a junior on an ego-trip or an "E" with an empty space on his mantelpiece but what have they gained? It would probably help their chess much more, to say nothing of everyone else's, to put all that money spent on trophies into a prize for first and maybe second. This would bring three kinds of strong players; those motivated by the money itself, such as traveling sharks who see a chance for some easy money. Some simply want a chance to break even, considering gasoline prices and lodging. The last type wouldn't go to a tournament to play 2 Cs, a D, a B, and maybe an A in the final round. The latter would come to a cash tournament at the prospect of playing the former.

This would help all the weaker players in the state because they can't learn that much playing someone about their own strength.

This theory wouldn't seem to hold much water coming from [a strong player] since one could shrug it off saying he's after that money himself, but coming from an over-rated 1492 hopefully people will listen. Actually I do have a very selfish reason for all this; I play better against stronger players.

Rick Johnson

The decisions concerning what prizes will be offered at a tournament have been left to the local organizers. If they want to award a trophy to one-third of the participants, that's fine. If they want to hold a tournament which will attract the strongest players plus the ones who want a shot at them, they can do that also. The organizers are the ones who decide how much they are willing to risk.

Of course, there is nothing that says that only cash or trophies are permissible as prizes. Chess merchandize, free entries to future events, or cash in lieu of the above could also be awarded.

It is our understanding that the La. Chess Assn. underwrites its member's events to a certain extent. In case a tournament loses money, it still pays all prizes and the LCA officers determine whether or not (and how much) to reimburse the organizers. - Ed.

A PROPOSAL FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Thus far we have been met with three types of opinions on the following system: favorable, unfavorable, and the other "Why have such a complicated system?" Because of some questionable residency problems that resulted when the Miss. Championship was a one-shot tournament, the concensus at our business meeting in 1973 was to force contenders to play in a number of state events to collect qualifying points. While other systems may be simpler, they seem to place too much weight on "the luck of the Swiss", size of the tournament, and too little on how well a player does.

Currently QP's are determined by the size of the tournament and how high a player finishes in the tournament. It makes no difference how strong the tournament is or how strong a player's opponents are, final standings are determined by tie-break and how well the other leaders did. The same performance (4-1 for example) may be good for seven points one time and only two or three another.

Another system being proposed is only a small improvement. QP's would be determined by a player's score alone with no consideration for the strength of a player's opponent. In events where contenders are upset early, a high finisher may only have to beat the upsetter in a fairly easy schedule. Where a tournament is dominated by outside experts and A's, the relative standings of Mississippians could be up for grabs. Once again, tournament size is the all important factor in awarding points. Although a provision is included for the average tournament rating, this average will rarely be anything but Class C. The amount of points awarded for 1st place in any given event would average over 15 points, but rarely fluctuate more than 3 or 4 points.

Our proposal is based only on how well a player does against his own set of opponents. In each round a player would get a performance rating equal to his opponent's rating if the game ended in a draw. If the game ends in a win or loss 400 points would be added to or subtracted from (respectively) the opponent's rating to give a performance rating for that game. These round-by-round performance ratings would be averaged for each player at the end with 1600 subtracted from the result. This would be divided by 10 to give the qualifying points for a player for that event. Provisions are included for estimating a rating for unrated players, increasing the number of QPs for an event over 5 rounds, and prevent the winning of points for a loss or losing of points for a win. Otherwise a win against a 1000 rated player would be worth only 1400 points and pull the average down.

The formula for estimating ratings is

$$\text{Est Rating} = \left(\frac{\text{wins} - \text{losses}}{\text{games played}} \right) \times 400 + \text{Average tournament rating}$$

Performance ratings are determined by

$$\text{Performance rating} = \left(\frac{\text{wins} - \text{losses}}{\text{games played}} \right) \times 400 + \text{Average rating of a player's opponents}$$

Since most participants play in 5 games, 5 can be substituted in the above equation as "games played." The following table is prepared by substituting all possible scores into $\frac{(W - L)}{\text{games played}} \times 400$

which is common to both formulas.

Score	5	4½	4	3½	3	2½	2	1½	1	½	0
Amount to be added or subtracted.	+400	+320	+240	+160	+80	0	-80	-160	-240	-320	-400

When estimating ratings for unrated players, it is assumed that their opponents' ratings are all equal to the tournament average.

This is an example from the Oxford Open. First of all the average rating of all participants with a rating is 1505. Since #10 Vague broke even with 2½, 1505 is his estimated rating since nothing is added or subtracted from the tournament average for this score. Sencze scored 2 points, so 80 points is subtracted from the tournament rating for his est. rating. Since Dorn only played 4 games, the table does not apply. Substituting into the formula we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{est rating} &= \frac{2 - 2}{4} \times 400 + 1505 \\ &= \frac{0}{4} \times 400 + 1505 \\ &= 1505 \end{aligned}$$

Mayer played 5 games and scored 1 point, from the table 240 would be subtracted from 1505 for 1265. Salmon lost all games, but in this system wins against players below 1250 are considered to be against

opponents rated at 1250. Therefore 1250, rather than 1105 is used for his estimated rating. 1250 is also used by other players if they beat Mathes instead of 1233, his wallchart rating.

Performance ratings can now be calculated.

1 Krouse	Score 4½	av rating of opponents: 1603
	Perf rating = +320	+ 1603 = 1923
2 Abel	Score 4½	av rating of opponents: 1622
	Perf rating = +320	+ 1622 = 1942
3 Gray	Score 4	av rating of oppoennts: 1492
	Perf rating = +240	+ 1492 = 1732
4 Doredant	Score 3½	av rating of opponents: 1541
	Perf rating = +160	+ 1541 = 1701
5 Crowder	Score 3	av rating of opponents: 1622
	Perf rating = +80	+ 1622 = 1702

Other performance ratings are 6 Farris 1624, 7 Odom 1564, 8 Farrell 1600
9 Hayes 1536, 10 Vogue 1424.

If the performance rating is over 1600, 1600 is subtracted from the performance rating. This is divided by 10 to give the Qualifying points. Krouse: 32, Abel: 34, Gray 13, Doredant: 10, Crowder: 10, Farris: 2
Note that although Doredant scored ½ more than Crowder, Crowder played a rougher schedule. Both finished with the same performance rating.

Exceptions: Losses against players rated above 1950 are calculated as if they had been against players rated at 1950. (Similar to wins against players rated less than 1250.) If the tournament has six rounds the number of performance rating points above 1600 is multiplied by 1.2 before dividing by 10. (For a seven round event, this factor is 1.4.) If a player withdraws or scores less than 1600 performance points, no Qualifying Points will be awarded.

On the other side of the state championship system is the problem of how the event will be run. One proposal would have the top sixteen players meet in a Swiss System while the other would have only the top six players contest a Round-Robin.

A defect in the Swiss System is that in the early rounds time must be lost while the weaker players are weeded out. While this makes possible one-weekend tournaments with no limit on the number of entries, is there any reason why it must be imposed on the state championship tournament as well? It could be pointed out that a player could come in 16th in any QP system by having just one better than average result in a tournament year. A 3½ could do it for sure while in some cases maybe a 3-2 could qualify a player. In deciding on a championship system we have the opportunity to eliminate any weeding out at the tournament by simply holding a six-man Round Robin. The Qualifying Point system would have already done the weeding out; persons in the Round-Robin would have proven themselves as true contenders to the title.

1st Annual Oxford Open

May 4-5, 1974

Final Rank	Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1.	Jerold D. Krouse	1851	W7	W18	W6	D2	W5	4 1/2
2.	David L. Abel	1657	W11	W14	W5	D1	W6	4 1/2
3.	John Gray	1372	L5	W17	W19	W15	W7	4
4.	Richard Doredant	1688	W21	D9	W8	L5	W14	3 1/2
5.	L. Peyton Crowder	1870	W3	W8	L2	W4	L1	3
6.	Joe D. Farris, Jr.	1653	W13	W16	L1	W9	L2	3
7.	Don Odom	1345	L1	W20	W10	W14	L3	3
8.	M. A. Farrell	1541	W15	L5	L4	W19	W9	3
9.	David L. Hayes	1528	W19	D4	W12	L6	L8	2 1/2
10.	Mike Vague	unr.	L14	W11	L7	D12	W17	2 1/2
11.	Billy Shea	1293	L2	L10	W20	W16	D13	2 1/2
12.	Mike P. Burkhardt	1532	L16	W13	L9	D10	W15	2 1/2
13.	John Cotter	1261	L6	L12	BYE	W20	D11	2 1/2
14.	Gordon Scott	1444	W10	L2	W16	L7	L4	2
15.	Roger Mathes	1233	L8	BYE	W18	L3	L12	2
16.	Miklos Bencze	unr.	W12	L6	L14	L11	W21	2
17.	Ron Dorn	unr.	LF	L3	W21	W18	L10	2
18.	Rick Johnson	1492	W20	L1	L15	L17	W19	2
19.	Dan Meyer	unr.	L9	W21	L3	L8	L18	1
20.	William W. Salmon	unr.	L18	L7	L11	L13	BYE	1
21.	Ernest Cadden	1320	L4	L19	L17	BYE	L16	1

Games From Oxford

Doredant-Crowder 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 B-N5 4 P-K5
P-QB4 5 P-QR3 PXP 6 PxB PxN 7 Q-N4 PXP 8 BxP P-KN3 9 N-B3 N-Q2
10 B-N5 N-R3 11 Q-B4 N-B4 12 P-B4 PXP 13 QxP P-QR3 14 Q-Q3
0-0 15 0-0 N-N3 16 QxQ RxQ 17 B-K2 B-Q2 18 P-N4 N-K2 19 N-Q4
N-B3 20 P-N5 NxN 21 BxN BxP 22 BxN BxB 23 BxR BxR 24 B-N6 B-K7
25 P-N5 R-QB1 26 K-N2 R-B5 26 K-N2 R-B5 27 P-R3 R-B3
28 B-Q8 P-N4 29 B-R5 B-B5 30 R-Q1 B-Q4+ 31 K-N3 R-B5 32 R-QN1
K-B1 33 B-Q2 R-B7 34 B-K3 K-K1 35 R-QB1 RxR 36 BxR K-Q2
37 B-Q2 K-B3 38 P-R4 K-B4 39 K-B4 K-B5 40 K-K3 P-N5 41 B-B1
P-R4 42 K-Q2 K-N6 43 K-Q3 B-B5+ 44 K-Q4 K-B7 45 B-K3 P-N6
46 KxB P-N7 Wh Resigns

Abel-Krouse 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3 P-K3 P-QB4 4 N-KB3 N-KB3
5 B-Q3 N-B3 6 0-0 PxBP 7 BxP P-QR3 8 P-QR4 P-QN3 9 PXP Q-B2
10 PXP QXP 11 R-K1 B-B4 12 N-B3 0-0 N-KN5 R-Q1 14 Q-K2 B-N2 15
QN-K4 B-K2 16 NxBP KxN 17 N-N5+ K-K1 18 NxBP R-Q3 19 NxBP+
K-B1 20 N-B5 R/3-Q1 21 P-K4 N-Q5 22 B-R6+ K-K1 23 N-N7+ K-Q2
24 KR-Q1 K-B1 25 Q-K3 B-B4 26 QR-B1 N-N5 27 Q-KB3 QxB
28 QxN+ K-N1 29 N-B5 Q-KB3 30 P-K5 QXP 31 NxN RxN 32 RxR QxR
33 QxQ BxQ 34 P-QN3 K-R2 35 R-Q1 R-Q1 36 K-B1 B-KB3 37 RxR BxB
38 P-B3 B-B2 39 K-B2 B-N3+ 40 K-N3 B-B2+ 41 K-R3 B-B1+
42 P-N4 K-N3 43 K-N2 K-B3 44 P-N5 K-Q3 45 B-N8 B-B4 46 P-N4
K-K4 47 B-B4 P-QR4 48 PXP BxP 49 P-KR4 K-B5 50 K-B2 B-N3+
51 K-N2 Draw

Krouse-Crowder 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 N-QB3 B-N5 4 B-Q3
PXP 5 BxP N-KB3 6 B-B3 P-B4 7 B-K3 PXP 8 QxP QxQ 9 BxQ N-B3
10 BxN+ PxB 11 000 BxN BxB N-K5 13 B-Q4 P-K4 14 R-K1 P-KB4
15 BxKP 0-0 16 N-R3 P-B5 17 RxN P-B6 18 P-KN4 P-KR4 19 R1/K1
PXP 20 N-B4 R-B2 21 B-Q6 R-B3 Wh won on 44th move.

Crowder-Abel 1 N-KB3 P-KN3 2 P-KN3 B-N2 3 P-Q4 N-KB3 4 P-B4
P-B4 5 P-Q5 P-QN4 6 PXP P-QR3 7 PXP BxP 8 N-B3 P-Q3 9 B-N2
0-0 10 0-0 N-N5 11 B-Q2 Q-N3 12 P-KR3 N-K4 13 NxN BxN 14 Q-B2
N-Q2 15 KR-K1 P-B5 16 B-K3 Q-N5 17 P-R3 Q-N2 18 QR-N1 KR-N1
19 KR-Q1 Q-N6 20 R-Q2?? BxN 21 Q-K4 BxR 22 BxB R-K1 23 B-QB3
QR-B1 24 Q-Q4 N-B3 25 P-N4 PXP 26 R-Q1 P-R3 27 R-Q2 Q-B8+
28 K-R2 K-R2 29 P-N5 PXP 30 B-K4 R-KN1 31 Q-K3 NxB 32 QxN
QR-K1 33 P-KR4 P-B3 34 PXP K-N2 35 K-N3 Q-N8+ 36 K-B3 R-KR1
and Black wins

The source of the following games wishes to remain anon.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd4: 4 Nd4: Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7
7 f3 00 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Nc6: ? bc 10 Bh6 Bh6: 11 Qh6: Qb6 12 000?
Be6 13 Kbl? Rfb8 14 Qc1 a5 15 Bd3 Qb4 16 Kal? a4 17 Ne2 Nd7
18 Nf4 Nc5 19 Ne6: fe 20 Rhe1 a3 21 b3 Qc3+ 22 Kbl Nb3:!
23 cb Rb3:+ 24 ab a2 X

1 e4 d6 2 d4 g6 3 Nf3 Bg7 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 Nc3 00 6 00 c6 7 a4 a5
8 Qe2 d5 9 ed cd 10 Bb5 Ne8 11 Re1 e6 12 Bg5 Qb6?? 13 Be7
Nd6 14 Bf8: Kf8: ? 15 Nd5: Bk Resigns

The following game was played at the Leesville Centennial in 1971.

Doredant-Eatman 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3
 4 B-R4 N-B3 5 O-O B-K2 6 R-K1 P-QN4 7 B-N3 P-Q3 8 P-B3 O-O
 9 P-KR3 (All Book so far, I think here Black should play
 9 .. N-QR4 followed by .. P-B4.) 9 ... P-R3? (too passive)
 10 P-Q4 R-K1 11 B-B2? (QN-Q2 at once is better) 11 ... B-B1
 12 QN-Q2 B-N2 13 P-Q5 N-N1 14 N-B1 P-QB4 15 N-K3 P-N3 16 N-R2
 (A move borrowed from Hubert Gleason who has become famous
 by developing his knights to R2.) 16 ... QN-Q2 17 N/3-N4
 K-R2 18 Q-Q2 P-N4 (Here I considered 19 P-KR4 but rejected it
 for some reason unknown to me now.) 19 Q-K2 NxN 20 QxN N-B3
 21 Q-B5+ K-N2 22 Q-B3 B-B1 23 B-Q1 K-R2 24 B-Q2 B-KN2 25 N-B1
 R-KN1 26 N-K3 B-B1 27 P-KN4 N-K1 28 QxP+ B-N2 29 Q-B3 (The
 Q must be withdrawn at once.) 29 ... R-B1 30 N-B5 R-R2 [For-
 get the underline under text till move 46.] 31 B-B2 R/2-KB2
 32 Q-N3 B-B3 33 K-N2 R-N1 34 R-R1 R-N3 35 R-R2 BxN 36 KPxB
 R/3-N2 37 R/1-R1 K-N1 38 P-B3 P-K5 39 BxP B-K4 40 P-KB4 N-B3
 41 Q-B3 NxB 42 QxN B-B3 43 PxB BxP 44 BxB QxB 45 K-B3 R-K2
 46 Q-B4 Q-B3 (Of course, being two pawns down black cannot
 afford to exchange queens.) 47 P-KR4? (As is printed on the
 famous box that Jerry Krouse carries his chess set in, this
 move is a real lemon. [Do you still have that box, Jerry?])
 47 ... Q-B2 48 R-Q1 R-K4 49 R/2-Q2? (White is showing the
 qualities which have given him a "C" rating. Better is
 49 R-K2.) 49 ... P-KR4! 50 R-N2 PxB+ 51 K-N3 RxBP 52 QxQP
 (White tries desperately for counterplay.) 52 ... R-B6+
 53 K-R2 R-R6+ 54 K-N1 RxB?? (Now anyone who misses 55 Q-Q8+
 winning a rook deserves what happens here.) 55 R-KB1 R-R8+
 (Now Black forces mate in three. At the conclusion of this
 game I smiled and shook hands with Bob Eatman. They tell me
 his cast will come off in a few weeks. Good game Bob!)

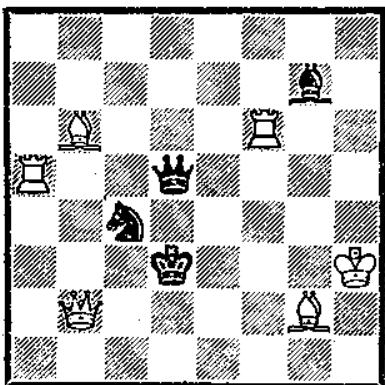
CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

Gulfport Chess Club - Meets Sunday afternoons (Starts 1 pm)
 at the Gulf National Bank and Thursday evenings
 (7 pm) at the Westside Community Center. For more
 information drop by or write to the GCC at Box 636,
 Gulfport 39501.

Jackson Chess Club - Meets Tuesday evenings at the St. James
 Episcopal Church on Oak Ridge Drive. For more infor-
 mation write to the JCC at Box 12222, Jackson 39211.

Greenville Chess Club - Meets Sundays at the Buster Brown
 Community Center. No address given.

Notice for JCC members: There will be a special election
 on July 2 to replace our treasurer. A treasurer as
 good as Jay Gilbert (who is moving to Arkansas) will
 be hard to find, but we'll try.



The solution to last month's
 problem was 1 Qb8. The WP on
 c4 fell out and had to be stamped
 on at the last minute.

In this problem, White will
 make four moves returning all his
 pieces to the squares they stand
 on now, except that Black will
 be mated. Try not sacrifice
 anything! This one stumped me;
 I thought the composer was off his
 rocker. He wasn't.

White to play, preview mate in 4.
 Six white men, Four black men.
 - Andrew M Lockett, New Orleans

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>RATE.</u>	<u>RD1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>PT</u>
1	Bradford, Mark	LA	2192	W35	W16	W12	D 3	W 9	4
2	Amburn, Thomas	LA	1911	W48	W24	W 7	D 4	W14	4
3	Hale, William	LA	1999	W19	W 8	W15	D 1	D 4	4
4	Anderson, Selby	LA	2035	W17	W50	W10	D 2	D 3	4
5	Parham, Fenner	MS	1836	W51	W21	D 9	D13	W16	4
6	Gary, Howard	MS	1613	W34	L 9	W19	W31	W13	4
7	Farris, Joe	MS	1653	W45	W37	L 2	W20	W12	4
8	Freberg, Alan	MS	1596	W33	L 3	W29	W30	W15	4
9	Applewhite, C.H.	LA	1939	W27	W 6	D 5	W14	L 1	3
10	Phillips, William	LA	1596	W30	D13	L 4	W26	W25	3
11	Lormand, Joseph	LA	1502	W32	L12	W21	D25	W38	3
12	Lebon, Jules	LA	1891	W49	W11	L 1	W18	L 7	3
13	Wiggin, Brian C.	AL	1873	W23	D10	W40	D 5	L 6	3
14	Stephens, Mark	LA	1902	W29	W20	W39	L 9	L 2	3
15	Crowder, Peyton	MS	1870	W26	W31	L 3	W24	L 8	3
16	Woodard, Gunnar	MS	1589	W46	L 1	W23	W32	L 5	3
17	Scott, Gordon	MS	1444	L 4	W22	L18	W33	W30	3
18	Miller, William T.	MS	1756	W47	D40	W17	L12	D22	3
19	Marshall, Buck	MS	1426	L 3	W45	L 6	W46	W32	3
20	Johnson, Rick	MS	1492	W42	L14	W41	L 7	W34	3
21	Knight, James M.	MS	903	BYE	L 5	L11	W48	W36	3
22	Hunter, Matthew C.	MS	1505	D50	L17	W37	W40	D18	3
23	Penny, Michael J.	MS	1317	L13	W42	L16	W37	W31	3
24	Brown, Sam P.	MS	1506	W44	L 2	W33	L15	D29	2
25	Krouse, Jerry	MS	1851	L40	W47	W27	D11	L10	2
26	Etienne, Jace	LA	1298	L15	D28	W50	L10	W41	2
27	Istre, Winfred J.	LA	1422	L 9	W34	L25	D41	W40	2
28	Murphy, Henry	MS	NEW	L31	D26	L35	W50	W48	2
29	Roberson, T. D.	MS	1401	L14	W44	L 8	W42	D24	2
30	Chambers, George S.	LA	1203	L10	BYE	W38	L 8	L17	2
31	Berthelot, Paul J.	LA	1483	W28	L15	W46	L 6	L23	2
32	Hill, John P.	MS	NEW	L11	W49	W36	L16	L19	2
33	McCormick, Justin	LA	1206	L 8	W35	L24	L17	W47	2
34	Matt, John L.	LA	1217	L 6	L27	W51	W35	L20	2
35	Jones, Charles E.	LA	1461	L 1	L33	W28	L34	W46	2
36	Daniel, William A.	LA	1462	L37	W43	L32	W45	L21	2
37	Vaughan, Jack	MS	NEW	W36	L 7	L22	L23	W45	2
38	Farrell, M. A.	MS	1541	L41	W51	L30	W47	L11	2
39	Doredant, Richard	MS	1668	W43	W41	L14	QUIT----		2
40	Wheeler, Webester	LA	1295	W25	D18	L13	L22	L27	1
41	Bencze, Miklos	MS	UNR	W38	L39	L20	D27	L26	1
42	Latham, Mark A.	MS	NEW	L20	L23	BYE	L29	D43	1
43	Lormand, Eric	LA	1222	L39	L36	L48	W49	D42	1
44	Barrett, John F.	MS	UNR	L24	L29	L47	D51	BYE	1
45	Schrems, Paul	LA	1222	L 7	L19	W49	L36	L37	1
46	Barlow Jr., Walter B.	LA	UNR	L16	W48	L31	L19	L35	1
47	Woodard, Laird	MS	1242	L18	L25	W44	L38	L33	1
48	Lee, David M.	LA	1426	L 2	L46	W43	L21	L28	1
49	Farmer, Judson L.	MS	1347	L12	L32	L45	L43	W51	1
50	Clark, E. D.	MS	UNR	D22	L 4	L26	L28	Quit	
51	Shea, Billy J.	MS	1293	L 5	L38	L34	D44	L49	

GAMES FROM THE MISS-LOU OPEN

Bradford(2192)-Appelwhite(1939) 1 P-K4 Qb4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 NXP
N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-KN3 6 B-K3 B-N2 7 P-B3 O-O 8 B-QB4 N-QB3 9 Q-Q2 B-Q2 10
O-O-O Q-R4 11 N-N3 Q-Q1 12 P-KR4 P-QA4 13 P-QR4 N-K4 14 B-K2 B-K3 15 B-R6
B-QB5 16 BxKB BxB 17 BxN BxR 18 BxN BxQB 19 KXB PxB 20 Q-R6 P-K3 21 R-Q1
Q-K2 22 Q-N5 P-KB3 23 Q-K3 KR-QB1 24 Q-N6 R-B3 25 Q-N5 K-B2 26 NxRP R-B2
27 N-QB4 R-Q1 28 RxB QxR 29 Q-N6 R-Q2 30 QxQ RxB 31 N-N5 R-Q2 32 P-QN4
P-KR4 33 P-QR5 P-KN4 34 PXP PXP 35 NXP+ 1-0.

Farris(1653)-LeBon(1891) 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 N-B3 N-QB3 4 B-N5 N-Q5
5 NxN Pxn 6 N-K2 P-QR3 7 B-B4 P-QN4 8 B-N3 Q-N3 9 P-Q3 P-Q3 10 B-Q2 N-B3
11 O-O B-K2 12 B-N5 O-O 13 N-N3 B-Q2 14 P-QR3 QR-QB1 15 Q-B3 R-B4 16 B-Q2
P-K4 17 N-B5 BxN 18 QxB Q-N2 19 B-N5 Q-B1 20 Q-B3 N-Q4 21 BxB NxB 22 Q-K2
N-B3 23 QR-B1 N-Q1 24 P-KB4 PXP 25 RXP N-K3 26 R-B2 R-B2 27 R/1-KB1 N-Q1 28
Q-R5 P-N3 29 Q-Q5 N-B3 30 QXP/6?(RXP!) R-Q2 31 Q-B4 Q-B2 32 P-KR4 Q-Q3 33
QxQ RxB 34 BXP+ K-N2 35 B-Q5 RxB 36 RxB N-K4 37 R-B4 K-R3 38 P-KN4 K-N2
39 K-N2 R-Q2 40 K-N3 R-QB2 41 R-B2 P-QR4 1-0.

Stephens(1902)-Roberson(1401) 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 P-Q4 PXP 3 P-QB3 PXP 4 NXP
P-K3 5 B-QB4 N-QB3 6 N-KB3 P-Q3 7 O-O P-QR3 8 Q-K2 N-KB3 9 R-Q1 B-Q2 10
B-KN5 P-QN4 11 B-N3 P-KN3 12 P-K5! NXP 13 NxN Pxn 14 RxB! QxR 15 BxN R-N1
16 R-Q1 Q-B2 17 BXP Q-N3 18 B-Q4 B-B4 19 N-Q5! Q-B3 20 N-B6+ K-B1 21 BxB+
K-N2 22 Q-K5 K-R1 23 N-K8+ 1-0 (! marks by the winner).

Bradford(2192)-Hale(1999) 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4
N-B3 5 O-O B-K2 6 R-K1 P-QN4 7 B-N3 O-O 8 P-Q4 P-Q3 9 P-QB3 B-N5 10 B-K3
N-QR4 11 QN-Q2 NxB 12 Pxn P-QB4 13 P-R3 BxN 14 QXB N-Q2 15 PxBP NXP 16
BxN PxB 17 N-B1 P-QR4 18 KR-Q1 Q-N1 19 N-K3 R-Q1 20 N-Q5 B-B1 21 R-Q2 P-R5
22 PXP RXP 23 QR-Q1 R-Q3 24 Q-B5 R/3-QR3 25 K-R2 R-R8 26 RxB RxB 27 Q-N5
R-R3 28 N-K7 K-R1 29 R-Q8! QxR 30 N-N6+ BxN 31 QxQ K-N1 32 P-B3 P-N5 33 PXP
PXP 34 Q-N8 R-K3 35 P-R4 P-R4 36 K-R3 P-N3 37 P-N3 K-N2 38 Q-N5 B-Q3 39 Q-Q5
B-B1 40 K-N2 B-K2 41 K-B2 B-B1 42 K-K3 B-K2 43 P-B4 PXP 44 PXP $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

Anderson(2035)-Phillips(1596) 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 NXP
P-KN3 5 P-QB4 NxN 6 QxN N-B3 7 P-K5 N-N1 8 N-B3 B-N2 9 B-B4 P-Q3 10 O-O-O
Q-R4 11 Q-Q5 Q-N3 12 P-B5 Q-N5 13 R-Q4 QXP 14 QxQ PxB 15 B-N5+ 1-0.

Appelwhite(1939)-Parham(1836) 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3 4 B-R4
N-B3 5 O-O NXP 6 P-Q4 B-K2 7 PXP O-O 8 P-B3 P-Q4 9 PXP.p. BXP 10 B-B2 P-B4
11 BxN PxB 12 N-N5 K-R1 13 NXP BXP+ 14 KxB Q-R5+ 15 K-N1 QxN 16 N-Q2 Q-N3
17 P-KB4 B-R6 18 Q-B3 B-N5 19 Q-N3 QR-K1 20 N-B3 Q-R4 21 B-Q2 R-K7 22 QR-Q1
R-Q1 23 B-B1 RxB 24 RxB BxN 25 QxB QxQ 26 PxB K-N1 27 B-Q2 K-B2 28 K-B1 R-K2
29 K-B2 P-KN3 30 R-KR1 P-KR4 31 P-B5 K-B3 32 PXP KXP 33 R-N1+ K-R2 34 R-N5
R-K4 35 R-N2 R-B4 36 K-K3 P-R5 37 R-R2 R-R4 38 P-KB4 N-K2 39 K-B3 N-B4 40
B-K1 P-R6 41 B-B2 K-N3 42 P-N3 R-R2 43 P-R4 P-N3 44 K-N4 R-Q2 45 RXP R-Q7
46 B-R4 R-N7+ 47 K-B3 NxB 48 RxB R-B7 49 R-N4+ K-B4 50 R-N5+ K-B3 51 R-K5
RXP+ 52 R-K3 RxB+ 53 KxB K-B4 54 P-N4 P-B3 55 P-R5 PXP 56 PXP P-B4 57 K-Q3
KXP 58 K-B4 K-K5 59 KXP K-K4 60 K-B6 K-K3 61 K-B7 K-K2 62 K-N6 K-Q3 63 K-N7
K-B4 64 KXP K-B3 65 K-R7 K-B2 66 P-R6 K-B1 67 K-R8 K-B2 68 P-R7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

McCormick(1206)-Scott(1444) 1 d4 d5 2 e3 Nf6 3 Bd3 Nc6 4 Nd2 Nb4 5 c3 N:d3+
6 Ke2 N:cl+ 0-1.

LeBon(1891)-Lormond(1521) 1P-K4 N-KB3 2 P-K5 N-Q4 3 P-QB4 N-N3 4 P-Q4 P-Q3
5 P-KB4 B-B4 6 N-QB3 P-K3 7 N-B3 PXP 8 BXP N-B3 9 B-K3 B-K2 10 P-Q5 N-N5
11 N-Q4 Q-Q2 12 P-QR3 N-R3 13 P-Q6 PXP 14 P-B5! Q-Q1(if 14...PxBP 15 B-QN5)
15 Pxn QXP 16 B-N5+ 1-0 (if 16...K-Q1 or B1 17 NXP+).

Amburn(1911)-Brown(1506) 1 P-K4 P-Q3 2 P-Q4 N-KB3 3 N-QB3 P-KN3 4 N-KB3 B-N2
5 B-K2 O-O 6 O-O QN-Q2 7 B-N5 P-KR3 8 B-R4 P-KN4 9 B-N3 N-R4 10 Q-Q2 NxB 11
BXP P-K4 12 P-Q5 N-B3 13 QR-Q1 P-QR3 14 P-QR4 N-N2 15 B-Q3 B-Q2 16 R-B2
Q-B1 17 QR-KB1 P-KB3 18 P-KR3 R-B2 19 P-QN3 N-B1 20 N-KR2 N-N3 21 B-K2 Q-B1
22 N-Q1 P-KB4 23 B-R5 K-R2 24 PXP BXP 25 N-K3 1-0.

At least three proposals for deciding our state championship will be introduced at our business meeting in Jackson later this month. Though you are not now, nor may never be, a contender for the championship, this is a matter important to all who are interested in the growth of Mississippi chess. Competition is the life-breath of chess, and the awarding of the championship is the most valuable asset we have to encourage competition. Therefore, an orderly, equitable, method of deciding our championship must be decided on by the MCA membership. I urge you to study all proposals before casting your vote.

Pete Crowder and I have (as of this writing) decided to submit proposals that are similar, except for one important area: the number of qualifiers and the type tournament. Pete wants 16 finalists to play in a Swiss-system tournament. I would like to point out some of the reasons a 16 man, Swiss-system is not best for Mississippi chess.

1. A Swiss-system is not the most equitable format; too much is left to chance and the pairing system. Only 5 entrants can play the strongest player, and only 5 can play the weakest, leaving 10 who have completely different playing schedules.
2. 16 people is too many for our state championship! Through the Oxford open we had less than 100 different people competing in MCA tournaments. Many of these wouldn't have played if the tournament wasn't in their home town, but even so, we would be putting about 17% of our tournament players into the championship play-off. Imagine, 1/6 of all the tournament players in the state! This many people would cheapen our championship. The non-contenders who participated would not feel that they really had a chance. They would probably feel that this was just another weekend tournament, and I venture that many of the finalists would not make a 100 or 150 mile trip to participate. Pete's proposal practically admits this by stating that any even number of finalists that showed up would be allowed to compete for the championship.

The reasons for using a rond-robin are so obvious they hardly need be mentioned:

1. EQUITABLE - 6 finalists, 5 rounds, each opponent playing one game against everybody else in the tournament! Sweet and simple!

If it really becomes necessary to expand our championship, we can still use the round-robin for up to 8 people by playing a 7 round tournament on the Labor Day weekend (or other 3 day weekend).

As far as the other points of the proposal, I will only say that a great many hours have gone into hammering out what we believe to be good for Mississippi chess.

Please consider all proposals carefully, but based on my experience as an organizer, former USCF Director, state champion, and avid chess fan, I can only recommend the round-robin as best for Mississippi chess.

I hope to see all of the MCA membership voting in Jackson!

QUALIFYING POINT STANDINGS

June 17

Jerry Krouse	15
Joe Farris	11
David Abel	8
Peyton Crowder	7
Stan Perkins	7
John Poole	7
W T Miller	6
T D Roberson	6
Byron Watson	6
Gunnar Woodard	6
Paul Newsom	5
F P Parham	5
Ed Issa	4
Howard Gary	3
John Gray	3
Richard Burkhardt	2
Richard Doredant	2
Alan Freberg	2
Matthew Hunter	2
Harold Melvin	2
Anthony Crawley	1

JUNE RATINGS

Ahlvin Marty	1231
Allen Robert	1512
Berger Marilyn	1393
Booles Tim	1132
Burkhardt Richard	1580
Cadden Ernest	1362
Carter Ritchie	1411
Crawley Anthony	1637
Clark Tom	1577
Crowder Peyton	1878
Dean Charles	1594
Dedwyldor Wilk	1278
Doredant Richard	1647
Farmer Judson	1289
Farrell M A	1475
Farris Joe	1638
Freberg Alan	1596
Garretty Joe	1456
Gary Howard	1613
Gilbert U J	1534
Gilbert Walter	1015
Graham Tanith	1015
Gray John	1399
Haley Bill	1740
Hayes David	1463
Hedman John	1479
Hunt Kim	1236
Hunter Matt	1483

Issa Ed	1563
Johnson Ben	1217
Johnson Rick	1565
Krouse Jerry	1851
Liddell Jeff	1463
Lundquist Steve	1662
Mandley Charles	1327
Mathes Roger	1243
May Roland	1595
Miller W T	1756
Moe Paul	1417
Montgomery Baird	1481
Odom Don	1438
Parker Richard	1336
Pogue Robert	1636
Poole John R	1848
Porter Warren	1925
Roberson T D	1465
Rose Ann	959
Rowland Clayton	1298
Sanders Robert	1303
Scanlon Kevin	1281
Scanlon Leo	1127
Scott Gordon	1451
Shea Billy	1274
Watts Alvin	1112
Wilmore Chuck	1383
Wilmore Michael	1245
Woodard Gunnar	1583
Woodard Laird	1227
Wright Larry	1554
Young Chris	1553

CLOSING THOUGHTS

The iniquities of the present system were shown at the Miss-Lou Open. Although 50 players, including two experts and many Class A's, there were no more qualifying points given out there than Oxford (which conflicted with a Memphis event). The average rating for the Miss-Lou by the way was 1549.