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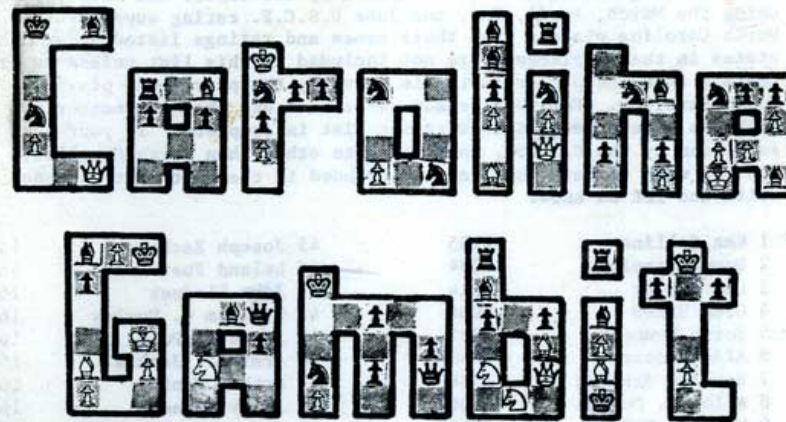
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# RATINGS OF NORTH CAROLINA CHESSPLAYERS

The following rating list was compiled by Lee Taylor and Jeri Taylor using the March, April, May, and June U.S.C.F. rating supplements. North Carolina players with their names and ratings listed under other states in the supplements are not included in this list unless we are certain that the player listed is actually the player who plays in North Carolina. For this reason, we cannot use the NCCA membership lists to make sure that this rating list is complete. If your name is listed by the U.S.C.F. under a state other than North Carolina, and you wish to have your rating included in the next list, please write and let us know.

1 Ken Collins	2185	45 Joseph Zachary	1679
2 David Steele	2094	46 Leland Fuerstman	1677
3 Lee Taylor	2014	47 John Lindner	1660
4 Greg Samsa	2008	48 William C. Hurley	1659
5 Terry Newman	2001	49 James S. Polk	1652
6 Alan Kussack	1949	50 Armin J. Jancis	1650
7 Bernard Schmidt	1936	51 Arthur Menius	1641
8 Allen H. DuVall	1906	52 Jimmy Sneed	1640
9 Mike W. McCann	1862	53 Jimmie W. Blackmon	1638
10 Ron Simpson	1861	54 Paul Kryzstoforski	1635
11 John Daugman	1853	55 Ricky L. Bailey	1625
12 James L. Osborne	1852	56 Chuck Howard	1625
13 Frank Montakhab	1845	57 Fred Wilson	1623
14 Jim Watson	1822	58 Alfred Post	1617
15 Grady Brown	1817	59 B. R. Chamberlain	1615
16 Joan Schmidt	1810	60 Robert Fentress	1609
17 Stephen Herman	1794	61 David H. Rogers	1609
18 Raymond C. Freeman	1793	62 Gregory Hall	1603
19 Esco Yancey, Jr.	1787	63 William D. Strutton	1598
20 Daniel Liu	1778	64 William Cruse	1597
21 Allen Cooley	1774	65 Shirley Williams	1596
22 Roger L. Sample	1769	66 Mark Tullis	1595
23 Stephen B. Whiteman	1768	67 John W. Brooks	1594
24 Harry Lofton	1763	68 Loren Jones	1594
25 Max Waushauer	1762	69 William Archer	1592
26 Steven Buntin	1741	70 George C. Harwell	1591
27 Douglas E. Kelly	1740	71 Gregory L. Greer	1590
28 Russell Brown	1739	72 Warren Jackson	1586
29 John W. Thompson	1733	73 John Smithwick	1583
30 John E. Bunch	1729	74 Donald Ross Hull	1575
31 David O'Bryant	1728	75 William Peters	1575
32 Stephen G. Morgan	1722	76 John Crosland	1569
33 Billy Belk	1713	77 Ronald Studts	1565
34 Pickard M. Wilson	1713	78 Randy Lankford	1561
35 Rex Demers	1711	79 Daniel S. Herman	1560
36 Robert Spurrier	1706	80 Alan H. Lipkin	1559
37 Charles R. Watson	1706	81 Roger Simond	1557
38 John T. Davis	1701	82 Gary L. Hathcock	1554
39 Christopher O'Connell	1700	83 William J. Dotson	1551
40 Rodney C. Hook	1698	84 Andrew B. Heath	1551
41 Garth Miller	1693	85 Robert J. Dunn	1550
42 Rhodes Peele	1687	86 Bill Wall	1541
43 Randy C. Lovelace	1684	87 J. L. Kelley	1540
44 John Speights	1679	88 Dennis Christopher	1535

89 Robert Kello	1534	146 Daniel B. Barlow	1416
90 George Yachan, III	1530	147 Kenneth C. Barrett	1415
91 Paul D. Whippo	1528	148 Ernest A. Whitley	1415
92 Dan Kindsvater	1527	149 Bob Morrell	1410
93 Edwin N. Hyde	1525	150 Billy Watt	1409
94 Ralph M. Evans	1521	151 Lenny Heath	1408
95 Ronald J. Stubbs	1520	152 Raymond Hight, Jr.	1406
96 Arnold Keener	1517	153 A. J. Rucienski	1405
97 Ernest Lightbourne	1512	154 Peter Bost	1398
98 Gordon K. Klintworth	1502	155 Mark R. Cornwell	1397
99 James H. Willis	1502	156 Ronald Gray	1396
100 Chris Kremer	1500	157 John Ashburn	1394
101 Darrell S. Wade	1498	158 Fred Vultee	1393
102 Goutam Gupta	1497	159 Paul Beale	1390
103 Michael W. Bolch	1496	160 John D. Moore, Jr.	1390
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142 La Vaughn H. Hayes	1428	199 Kyle West, Jr.	1330
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#### NORTH CAROLINA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

IMPORTANT: Organizers please read items 1, 2, and 3 below.

- (1) Be sure to clear your tournament with the NCCA Tournament Clearing Service. This service is designed to help tournament organizers avoid date conflicts. Call direct 919-924-2688 between 7 and 9 p.m.
- (2) Send your announcements directly to the following address: Carolina Gambit, Box 396, Carrboro, N.C. 27510. The Gambit is published every two months. This means that all NCCA members receive prompt notification of tournaments announced herein. The next issue will be mailed to members on September 20th. Send announcements for this upcoming issue by August 20th. Tournament organizers are encouraged to send tournament results, games, and/or newsstories for publication in the Gambit.
- (3) The NCCA provides tournament supplies free of charge for any USCF event requiring NCCA membership. Write Dr. Al Lipkin, 2635 Glenhaven Lane, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106, for more information.



# UPCOMING NORTH CAROLINA CHESS TOURNAMENTS

July 26 - 27 SECOND LAWRENCE PFEFFERKORN OPEN Winston-Salem, N.C.  
 5-SS, 50/2, Hilton Inn, Marshall and High St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101  
\$3000 in cash prizes unconditionally guaranteed. Trophies available if  
 desired. EF: \$20 if rec'd by 7/22. \$5 more at door. Prizes \$\$:  
 1st \$500. 2nd: \$250. 3rd: \$150. Class A: 250, 150, 100. Class B: 250  
 150, 100. Class C: 250, 150, 100. Class D/E 250, 150, 100. Unr: 60,  
 40. NCCA membership required, other states OK. Reg. 8:00-9:00 a.m. 7/26  
 RDS: Sat: 10, 3, 8. Sun: 10, 4. HR: S 14, D 18 (for players). Advance  
 entries: Southern Chess Administration, Box 11614, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.  
 Preregistrants need not arrive at the tourney until the time of round 1.  
 Smoking: Opponents choice. (No smoking area available.)

August 16 - 17 SLOWPOKE OPEN Wilmington, N.C.  
 4-SS, 40/2, El-Berta Motor Inn, 4505 Market St., Wilmington, NC. In two  
 sections: OPEN, open to all; RESERVE, open to those rated 1599 and below.  
 EF if received by 8/11/75: OPEN \$13.50; RESERVE \$9.50. All EF \$1.50  
 more after 8/11/75. NCCA membership required. Prizes: OPEN \$140 1st,  
 \$70 2nd, \$50 Top B and below (based on 22 entries in Open section).  
 RESERVE \$90 1st, \$45 2nd, \$25 Top D/E, \$25 Top Unrated (based on 22  
 entries in Reserve section). Reg. 9-10:15 a.m., 8/16. Rds. 11-5,  
 9:30-3:30. Entries to David L. O'Bryant, 739 Eastwood Rd., Wilmington,  
 NC 28401. Smoking is prohibited. Hotel Rates: \$8.75 \$12.50 \$15.25.

Aug. 30 - Sept. 1 N. C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP Chapel Hill, N.C.  
 6-SS, 50/2, UNC Student Union, Chapel Hill. Only N.C. residents, full-  
 time students at N.C. colleges, and servicemen stationed in N.C. In 3  
 sections: Championship (open to all - winner is state champ); Reserve  
 (under 1800 or UNR.); and Booster (under 1400 or UNR.). EF: Champ. \$12,  
 Reserve \$9, Booster \$6, if mailed by 8/24. All \$3 more at door. Checks  
 payable to NCCA. NCCA membership required (\$3). \$\$: Champ. \$200,  
 Reserve \$125, Booster \$75, Second-place cash as entries permit. Trophies  
 to 1st in each section, top B, C, D, and E. Unr. trophy in Reserve  
 Section. Reg. 10 a.m. - 12 noon, rds. 1:30-7, 11:15-5, 9-4. NCCA bus.  
 meeting 11 a.m. 8/30. ENT: Arthur Menius, 541 Hertford St., Raleigh,  
 NC 27609.

September 6 THIRD RAGWEED OPEN Winston-Salem, N.C. (Saturday)  
 3-SS in 8-man sections, 40/100, Miller Park Community Center, 400 Miller  
 Park Circle, Winston-Salem. EF: \$5. NCCA membership required (other  
 states OK). \$\$: \$20, \$10, 3rd place certificates to winners of each  
 section. Trophies available. Reg: 8:30-9:30, RDS: 10, 2:30, 7:30.  
 Ent: The Southern Chess Administration, Box 11614, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

September 7 DUKEQUAD #1 Durham, N.C. (Sunday)  
 3-RR Quadrangular (4-man sections of similar strength), 40/100, then 10/25,  
 Duke University West Campus, Durham, N.C. in the Social Science Bldg.  
 EF: \$4. Reg. 8:30-9:15 a.m. Rds. 10-2:30-7, earlier if agreed. \$11 or  
 trophy to winner of each section (tied sections split \$). Limited  
 smoking. Entries: Until 9/1-Steve Whiteman, Box 5882, Duke Station, Dur-  
 ham, N.C. 27706. After 9/1-Duke University CC, Box 4687, Duke Station,  
 Durham, N.C. 27706.

September 13 RAM V Chapel Hill, N.C.  
 3-SS, 8 man sections, 40/90. UNC Student Union, Chapel Hill. EF: \$3.  
 NCCA membership required, other states accepted. EF + USCF \$15, Jrs. \$9.

Trophy to first in each section. Reg. 9-10. Rds. 10:30-3-7. ENT: A.C.  
 Menius III, 308 Laurel Hill Rd., Chapel Hill 27514. Limited Smoking.

September 20 BURLINGTON OPEN I Burlington, N.C.  
 3-SS, 8 man sections, 40/90. McDade Museum Building, 1333 Overbrook Rd.,  
 Burlington (site accessible via NC 62). EF: \$3. NCCA membership re-  
 quired, other states OK. EF + USCF \$15, Jrs. \$9. Trophy to first in  
 each section. Reg. 9-10. Rds. 10-2-6. ENT: A.C. Menius, 308 Laurel  
 Hill Rd., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Limited Smoking.

September 27 - 28 \$1500 DIXIE OPEN Greenville, South Carolina  
 5-SS, 40/100, Sheraton Motor Inn, 1001 South Church St., Greenville, South  
 Carolina. \$1500 in cash prizes unconditionally guaranteed. In two  
 sections: OPEN, open to all; AMATEUR, open to 1599 and below. EF: OPEN  
 \$13.75; AMATEUR \$9.75. Renew or get first USCF membership at special  
 combined rates: Open Section Entry Fee and USCF \$26.75; Amateur Section  
 Entry Fee and USCF \$22.75. Entries mailed before 9/20/75 will be in  
 a special drawing for \$10 CASH. PRIZES: OPEN \$300 + Trophy 1st, \$100 2nd,  
 \$75 3rd, \$50 4th, \$50 5th; AMATEUR \$150 + Trophy 1st, \$100 2nd, \$75 3rd,  
 \$50 4th, \$50 5th; CLASS PRIZES: Class A \$100 + Trophy 1st, \$50 2nd;  
 Class B \$100 + Trophy 1st, \$50 2nd; Class C \$100 + Trophy 1st, \$50 2nd;  
 Class D \$100 + Trophy 1st, \$50 2nd; Class E + Unrated \$100 + Trophy 1st,  
 \$50 2nd. One cash prize per player. SPECIAL PRIZES: \$25 to the player  
 traveling farthest distance. \$15 + Trophy, Scott Grady Upset award in  
 Open Section. \$15 + Trophy, Scott Grady Upset award in Amateur Section.  
 Drawings for door prizes of chess sets, chess clock, new radio. Registra-  
 tion: Friday night 7-11 p.m. or Saturday morning 8-9:30 a.m. Rounds:  
 Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun. 9-3. Entries: Bill Grady, Sec., Greenville CC, Box  
 3615, Greenville, S. C. 29608. HR: S \$12 or 16, D \$19 (chessplayers only),  
 under 19 free with parents. For reservations call 1-800-325-3535, free.

October 4 RAM VI Chapel Hill, N.C.  
 Details same as RAM V, see pg. 6.

October 19 DUKEQUAD #2 Durham, N.C. (Sunday)  
 Details same as DUKEQUAD #1, see pg. 6.

November 15 RAM VII Chapel Hill, N.C.  
 Details same as RAM V, see pg. 6.

November 22 - 23 DUKE FALL OPEN Durham, N.C.  
 5-SS, Social Science Building, Duke University West Campus, Durham, NC.  
 Registration 8:30-9:15 a.m. 11/22. In three sections. OPEN, open to all,  
 40/100, then 10/25. EF \$12 if mailed by 11/15; later \$2 more. Jrs. \$2  
 less. Prizes: if 50 entries total: \$85, 50, 30; if 40: \$70, 35, 25; if 30:  
 \$55, 35. AMATEUR, under 1800, 40/100, then 10/25. EF \$10 if mailed by  
 11/15; later \$2 more. Jrs. \$2 less. Prizes: if 50 entries total: \$55,  
 30, 20; if 40: \$45, 25, 15; if 30: \$40, 25. BOOSTER, under 1400, 40/90,  
 then 15/30. EF \$8 if mailed by 11/15; later \$2 more. Jrs. \$2 less.  
 Prizes: if 50 entries total: \$40, 25, 15; if 40: \$30, 20, 15; if 30: \$30,  
 15. ROUNDS: Open and Amateur Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun. ? Booster Sat. 10-  
 1:45-5:30, Sun. ? Limited smoking, all sections. ENT: Duke University  
 Chess Club, Box 4687, Duke Station, Durham, NC 27706.

NCCA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION POSTPONED: A special meeting to present, dis-  
 cuss, and vote of ammendments to the NCCA Constitution will not be held  
 until after the annual business meeting of the NCCA. The annual business



meeting will be held at 11a.m. on Saturday, August 30, 1975 at the site of the N. C. Closed Championship in Chapel Hill. At that time the NCCA membership will set a time and a place for a special "constitutional convention." All NCCA members are urged to attend the annual business meeting conveniently scheduled to begin two and one-half hours before the first round of the N. C. Closed Championship.

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# GAME OF THE MONTH by Ken Collins

Playing the right type of game can often be the key to success. After having a couple of hair raising games with this same opponent, black decided to play a solid careful game. White tries to push through a K side attack, but black's position is too solid. When white over-extends his attack, black is ready to take advantage of the weaknesses.

## FIRST TARHEEL CLASSIC June 22, 1975 Rusty Potter Ken Collins

1. d4 d5  
2. c4 c6  
3. Nc3 Nf6  
4. Nf3

With 4.e3 white can force e6 (4.e3 Bf5? 5.cd cd 6.Qb3 etc.), the Semi-Slav formation, with a different type of game.

4. ... d:c4  
Releasing the tension of the center to allow easy development.

5. a4  
After 5.e4 or 5.e3, b5 can hold the pawn, with a razor-edged tactical struggle ensuing.

5. ... Bf5  
6. e3 e6  
7. B:c4 Bb4

Black's sequence of moves was first worked out by Alekhine in the early 1920's. Euwe made them popular 15 years later when he used it to win the title. The point is to regain control of e4 and restrict white's center pawns.

8. 0-0 0-0  
9. Qe2 Nbd7

Ne4 was the original idea, but the gambit Bd3 left black's K dangerously exposed. The modern method, developed by Smyslov, plans a counter attack in the center with e5 or c5.

10. e4 Bg6  
10...Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.Bf4 is an older line that allows white a space Black has a difficult choice. After advantage. Now the KP is threatened. 16...c5 17.Qg4 Nc7 18.Ng5 B:g5 19.B:g5

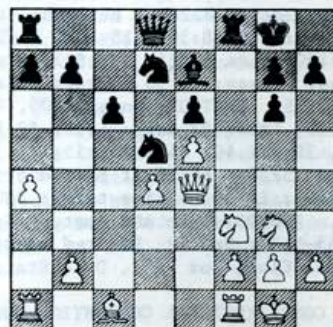
11. Bd3 Bh5  
The point; now the only way for white to prevent e5 is to play it himself.

12. e5 Nd5  
13. Ne4 Be7  
Against this pawn formation, black usually breaks with c5 and later f6. However, he must be tactically careful, e.g. 13...c5?! 14.Bg5! Qb6 misplaces his pieces.

14. Ng3  
Another line is 14.Bd2 c5 15.dc N:c5 16.N:c5 B:c5 17.Racl Be7 with equal chances.

14. ... Bg6  
15. B:g6 f:g6  
After 15...h:g6 16.Ne4 c5 17.dc N:c5 18.Neg5 black would be vulnerable to Qc4-h4.

16. Qe4  
A good move, threatening pressure against e6 and the K side with Qg4, Ng5, etc.



Qe8 20.Ne4 cd 21.f4 white threatens Nd6 and Be7 as well as a K side attack. After one half hour of thought, black decides to maintain a strong defensive position in the center and use the f file for counter pressure.

16. ... Nd7-b6  
17. Rd1

As black does not intend to play c5 immediately, this is somewhat unnecessary.

17. ... Nc7  
18. a5

Or else black can play Qd5.

18. ... Nbd5  
Of course Nc4? b3 loses.

19. h4  
Increasing the pressure on the K side as black's secure center formation prohibits any penetration there. Also possible is 19.Qg4 Qd7 20.Ne4 trying to secure d6 for the N.

19. ... Qd7  
If 19...Qe8, preventing h5, then 20.Qg4 Rad8 21.Ng5 B:g5 22.h:g5 and black will be vulnerable on the h file. The text prepares the doubling on the f file and the use of f4 as a strong point. The Q will also defend the second rank after any exchange of bishops.

20. Kh2  
Consistent but too time consuming. Ng5 is safer.

20. ... Rf7  
21. Rh1 Raf8  
22. Kgl Nf4

Just in time to counter the attack. Now h5 g5 locks white out. Black also threatens N:g2.

23. Ng5  
This loses material. 23.Nd2 is OK though after Qd5 24.b3 Bb5! black's game is preferable.

23. ... B:g5  
24. h:g5 Qd8  
25. Ra3

No better is 25.B:f4 R:f4 26.Qe3 Q:g5 threatening Qg4.

25. ... Q:g5  
26. Rf3 Ncd5  
27. b3

Threatening Ba3.

27. ... Qe7  
28. Bd2

Preventing Qb4. White has now

covered his weak points and has drawing chances since black's extra pawn is doubled.

28. ... h6  
Black's pieces are ideally placed but cannot force a break in white's defense (28...Ng2? 29.R:f7 Q:f7 30.Q:g2). He decides to weaken white's position by advancing his g pawn. Also possible is 28...Qa3 29.Kh2, but there is no effective target for the Q.

29. Qc2  
Intending Ne4, but allowing black to open his position. Perhaps 29.B:f4 N:f4 30.Qc2 offers some counterchances.

29. ... N:g2  
A fairly obvious sacrifice that gives black a decisive attack if accepted, e.g. 30.R:f7 Q:f7 31.K:g2 Q:f2+ 32.Kh3 Ne3 or 30.K:g2 R:f3 31.Bd1 Qg5, etc. White decides to try a troublesome counter attack but black's well placed pieces hold the position.

30. Q:g6 R:f3  
31. Rh6 Ngf4  
f4 is once again the key square. Now black's K can escape safely on the white squares.

32. Qh7+ Kf7  
33. Bf4 N:f4  
34. Ne4 Ke8  
35. Rh2

There is no effective continuation. Both sides were short of time, so the game continues on its own momentum.

35. ... Kd8  
36. Rh4 g5  
Even more aggressive was 36...Qb4 e.g. 37.Q:g7 Qe1+ 38.Kh2 R:f2 etc. or 37.Kf1 Q:d4 etc., but time was short.

37. Q:e7+ K:e7  
And white lost on time. After 38.Rh7+ Kd8 (Rf7?? 39.R:f7 K:f7 40.N:g5+) 29.R:b7 (N:g5? Rg8) Ne2+ 40.Kf1 N:d4 41.R:a2 R8f4 42.N:g5 R:f2+ black forces mate. [Ken says he wants to write some articles on booster chess, so if you have a game, which you lost, and you do not know why, send it to 3715 Rhodes Ave., Charlotte, NC 28210. Ed.]



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I cannot understand the notation for games used in the *Gambit*. I, as most people do, use standard notation. Is there any possible way to satisfy both groups of people?

If possible, please do so. Thank you.

Name withheld by request

[Printing all games and analyses in both algebraic and descriptive (referred to as "standard" in the letter) would waste a lot of space and money; which incidentally is why many chess books cost so much. Publishers must print a book in either descriptive or algebraic, therefore limiting the number of copies (players using one notation generally will not buy a book using another). If everyone used the same notation, then publishers could print more copies, thereby lowering the price per copy.

As a matter of policy, the *Gambit* prints games and analyses in the notation preferred by the contributor. Readers who cannot read algebraic should consult any current copy of *Chess Life and Review*. Page 368 of the June 1975 issue contains an explanation of algebraic notation for players not familiar with it.

Players who cannot understand algebraic notation are at a great handicap when it comes to improving their game. Aside from *MCO* and *Basic Chess Endings* almost all of the reference works I use for study are written in algebraic. I am sure that within twenty years 90% of the players in the world and probably 95% of all chess publications will use algebraic. For this reason I recently started keeping score in algebraic although I have used descriptive since I started playing in tournaments in 1969. Got to keep up with the times, you know! Ed.]

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THE CONTINUING STORY OF.....

"PAWN POWER"

by Dr. Al



This month's Pawn Power takes us way back to one of the famous, but now defunct, Winston-Salem Tornados. The T.D. (whom we shall call "Dr. Al") had just finished chewing out a young fellow (whom we shall call Mick) for "unsportsmanlikeconduct." To wit: being incredibly obnoxious.

It turns out that Mick, being a devoted rock music lover, had brought a portable tape player to the tournament and was deeply involved in listening to the Rolling Stones (who else?) with a little ear-phone in one ear. Mick's opponent was not upset about this since he could not hear the music. What Mick's opponent was upset about was the fact that Mick was constantly beating on the table and bouncing about to the music (with many a "dum-dee-dum's" and "rat-a-tat-tat's") during their game. This turned out to be pretty good strategy, since Mick had won both his games in the first two rounds.

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## CLEAR IT FIRST!

Well, round three had begun and Mick was still listening to one of his tapes (I believe it was Black Sabbath this time) and was doing an enviable job of only squirming a little in his seat with only occasional whispers of "wow" and/or "far out." His opponent was only mildly irritated. Finally his opponent made an error by moving into check. Mick stopped his squirming immediately and stared at the board. He then screeched out at the top on his lungs (to overcome the volume of the music naturally) "YOU CAN'T DO THAT!!!!"

Pieces flew, players jumped, tables collapsed and women fainted as several players simultaneously ran to the rest-rooms and to the T.D. Dr. Al, being (with all modesty) the best T.D. in the U.S. decreed that Mick could no longer listen to his music. Mick, in tears, subsequently went on to lose the rest of his games and was never seen in tournament play again. The moral: Hear today, gone tomorrow!

### EVER HAD FOUR BLACKS IN A ROW?

If so, send this and any other complaints, questions, gripes, disputes and/or suggestions to the newly founded Tournament Direction Committee. Designed to improve tournament conditions, the committee consists of Al Lipkin and Arthur Menius, who will gladly lend an ear to anyone, player or director, faced with a tournament problem. After meeting with both the complaint and the complainer, they will reach a decision and upon request, results will be published in the *Gambit* and even sent to the USCF. In case of conflict with either member of the committee, Chuck Howard will serve as an alternant. Write Dr. Al Lipkin, 2635 Glenhaven Ln. Winston-Salem, NC.



The Mimosa I & II March 29 and May 3, 1975 report by Jim Willis

The Mimosa I played in Morganton on March 29th drew 36 participants. Section winners were Pickard Wilson, Robert Moore and Luis Alvarez(=), Dan Kindsvater, and Mitch Gillespie. The Mimosa II (May 3rd) drew 28 players. Section winners were Jeff Smeltzer, Dan Kindsvater, Gill Porter and Paul Calloway(=), and Grady Warren. The players in the Mimosa II were pleasantly surprised by the participation of Bill Addickes of Asheville, winner of many chess titles and owner of the Linden Valley Railroad, after an absence of two years from the Carolinas chess scene.

The Second Ragweed Open May 17, 1975 by Al Lipkin

This tournament was named after the 1st Ragweed Open, the first tournament I ever directed. The 1st Ragweed was held at the request of several local players and was not advertised in C.L. & R. since it was too late. With only a one week notice in the Gambit the tournament drew 56 players. Hence, for good luck, all the S.C.A.'s one-day tourneys are called "Ragweed."

The Second Ragweed Open attracted 31 players to the Miller Park Community Center in Winston-Salem on May 17th. Winning the top 8-man section were (who else?) Mike McCann and Allen Cooley. Steve Sands of Greensboro took Section II, and Algie Clyburn of Charlotte won Section III. Section IV, the lowest rated section, was won by LaVaughn Hayes, an unrated player from Spring Lake. The tournament was played in and directed by Al Lipkin who swears (for the sixth time!) that he'll not do both again since he always loses all his games when he does!

The Vance Cash Tornado May 24, 1975 report by Raymond Hight, Jr.

This tournament was a four round swiss system held on May 24th in Henderson. First place went to Greg Samsa who posted a perfect 4-0 score. Tied for 2nd - 5th with 3-1 scores were Ray Freeman, Daniel Liu, Chris O'Connell, and Walter Spence. Class prizes were awarded as follows: Class C, Mark Walker (2-2); Class D, Walter Spence (2-0-2); Class E, Sidney Evans, (2-2); Unrated, Jesse Gilbert (2-2) and La Vaughn Hayes (2-2) in a tie. The tournament was sponsored by the Vance County Chess Club and the Vance Senior High School Chess Club. Raymond R. Hight, Jr. directed.

## MASSACRE AT DANVILLE!!!!

by Al Lipkin

North Carolina demolished Virginia in the first N.C. vs. Va. Open Team Championship held in Danville, VA on May 31 and June 1. It was the total points scored by each team that counted towards each State's total. Out of 105 games played, N.C. had a total of 67 points to 38 for Virginia. The whole idea was to give the state with the biggest turn-out an edge. An "edge" is what N.C. got since only 16 of the 44 total players were from Virginia. Quality points were posted during the tournament to keep track of just how many games where a N.C. and Virginia player were competing were won by each state. It turned out that even though the top two boards were from Virginia, N.C. was able

to amass more Q.P.'s winning 36 points out of a total of 71 games played between N.C. and Va. players. Virginia was assisted by one player from Texas and two from West Virginia.

First place honors (and money!) went to Mike McCann of N.C. and Ed Kites of Va. Mike beat Rusty Potter, a 2190 player from Va. to tie for first (Mike has still never lost an S.C.A. tournament). Bernie Schmidt and Alan Kussack shared the Class A money, both from N.C. First Class B went to Steve Herman of N.C. Two N.C. players, Randy Dolinger and Jim Watson, shared 2nd Class B with Benjie Richardson. Young Jan Ludwinski and Dr. George Harwell shared Class C, both from N.C. Frank Creasy of Va. took first Class D/E with three N.C. players sharing 2nd place; Steve Sands, Walter Thompson and Bill Couch. N.C. swept the unrated section with William Gordy and Mike Drake sharing the prize money.

The tournament was conceived and executed by the Southern Chess Administration with Dr. Al Lipkin directing. Robert Harrison of Danville was instrumental in obtaining the facilities for this fine tournament, and with Mr. Harrison's help, a second N.C. vs. Va. Open Team Championship is in the works for next year.

Team Match held in North Carolina Mountains June 7, 1975 by Bill Adickes

Teams from Asheville and Spartanburg tied for first in a recent match held June 7th at Hendersonville, N.C. Other teams in the four-city, two round meet, came from Brevard, N.C. and Greenville, S.C. The players voted to make the match an annual event, and adopted the name "Carolinas Border Chess League."

The First Tarheel Classic June 21 and 22, 1975 by Al Lipkin

The First Tarheel Classic was held at the Milner Carolina Hotel in Raleigh on June 21st and 22nd. The hotel turned out to be a great site to play chess since it was somewhat isolated from the hussle and bussle of the downtown area, but it was certainly close enough to walk for food and refreshments. Although a fairly old hotel, players found that the lighting was excellent, except for one area with blown fuses, and the airconditioning worked satisfactorily. The big bonus came with the excellent price given to chess players. Although a little old-fashioned, the rooms were extremely inexpensive (the T.D. and four others stayed in three rooms for only \$5 a night!). And the Golden Eagle and Holiday Inn were within walking distance for those who like to pay for modern facilities and swimming. The hotel is currently "dressing up" and has invited the S.C.A. to return for another tourney, which they have already accepted! The low rates allowed the prize fund to be increased more than 6% over the advertised amount!

Winning \$116 apiece were Ken Collins, Bernie Schmidt, and Mike McCann (THE Mike McCann who still has never lost at an S.C.A. tourney! Interestingly enough, Ken Collins and Bernie Schmidt have never lost at an S.C.A. tourney either! But Mike McCann has never missed one in N.C.) These three fine players took top honors for first and second overall plus first Class A money. Ken was able to beat the fine Virginia Master (now expert again) Rusty Potter who was able to draw Mike this time (after losing to him at the N.C. vs. Va. Open Team Championship.)



Second place Class A money was split by Ron Simpson and Jeff Smeltzer. Jeff, incidentally, is going to direct that big S.C. tourney in September. John Bunch and Daniel Liu shared Class B money with 3 1/2 points apiece.

The lower section had the roughest competition for the money that I've ever seen. Four points in Class C did not win anything! The First Place money was split between Bill Wall, Mark Walker and Donald Garratt with 4 1/2 points each! Incidentally, Bill and Mark, with 4 points going into the final round, could have agreed to a draw to split the money but played for the win. After a very tough game, the position was a dead draw with Bill hovering over the board like a vulture trying to find something...anything...before agreeing to the draw. It took 4 points (!!) to win Class D/E for David Ostrow. Second place D/E was shared by Gary Pennell, Tom Ludwinski, and Mike Jeffreys. I was very disappointed to hear that the Ludwinski brothers are leaving the state soon to move north. Good luck Tom and Jan!! The unrated prize was taken by a new member, John Poulos.

The tournament was a great success with Al Lipkin directing and reading the Tarot Cards (generally for attractive young ladies). The T.D. learned a great deal about end games from the Simpson-Taylor game which lasted until nearly 11:00 p.m. and got into two time squeezes. Poor Lee Taylor played non-stop chess from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. to miss the prize money by 1/2 point. The next Tarheel Classic is scheduled for mid-winter at the same place. See you there!

Taylor, Liu, and Bowman Win Big at 1975 Carolinas Open June 28 - 29, 1975  
by Lee Taylor

Only twice in my life have I posted a perfect 5-0 tournament score, and both times the Shelby Chess Club was sponsoring the tournament. My first 5-0 score came in March of 1971 at the First Dogwood Open playing competition rated no higher than 1800. This year's Carolinas Open was another matter entirely. To win I had to beat Jim Watson (1822), Al DuVall (1906), Mike Tomey (2024), and David Steele (2093). Actually, facing Al DuVall in round five, I did not need a win, but Al did, and so, the easy last round draw was definitely out of the question.

Since playing in a chess tournament takes up quite a bit of time, I did not get to watch Daniel Liu, winner of the Reserve Section (under 1800), or Steve Bowman, winner of the Booster Section (under 1400), as they both posted 4 1/2 - 1/2 scores. I was, however, very pleased to see Daniel win his section; he has a lot of potential, and I will not be particularly surprized if he places high enough at the N.C. Closed to qualify for the Invitational. He is already a full-fledged Class A player.

With help from the NCCA, the Shelby Chess Club guaranteed rather substantial first place prizes in all sections, promising other prizes "as entries permitted." Well, since over sixty players showed up, "entries" just barely "permitted" the following prize distribution to be set up:

	Open	Reserve	Booster
1st	\$300	\$150	\$75
2nd	20	10	5
3rd	10	5	2.50

I thought I should clarify this distribution before I tried to explain:

- (1) How Stephen Slechta and James Hardy scored 4-1 in the Booster Section for 2nd-3rd place and received \$3.75 each.
- (2) How Leland Fuerstman, John Thompson, James Willis, and Rex Demers scored 4-1 in the Reserve Section for a 2nd-5th place and received \$3.75 each.
- (3) And finally, how half the players in the Open Section "placed in the money" as Lee Hyder placed 2nd with a 3 1/2-1 1/2 score and received \$20; and as David Steele, Michael Tomey, Allen DuVall, Frank Montakhab, and Jim Watson scored 3-2 for a 3rd-7th place finish worth \$2 to each of them.

The playing conditions at Crest High School (located near Shelby and Boiling Springs) were excellent. I had no problem with lighting, table size, or chair comfort. The free coffee was located within twenty feet of board one, and the light bulbs in the necessary facilities were still burning (which is not an assumption one can always make, as I discovered on June 21st).

I.T.D. Don Hull directed, ably assisted by Chuck Howard and Sommers Douglas who paired and looked after the Reserve and Booster sections respectively. In my opinion all three did an excellent job. Without competent and efficient T.D.'s, a tournament cannot be very pleasant. These three guys made the 1975 Carolinas Open a very pleasant tournament; and I plan to attend any more tournaments they happen to direct or the Shelby Chess Club happens to sponsor.

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CORRECTION: The winner of the Wilmington Booster held on March 15-16 was John G. Lindner, Jr., not John D. Linder, Jr. as was reported on pg. 10 of the May-June Gambit. We are sorry for this error which was made during the typing of the final copy, and not in the report submitted by the organizer of the tournament.

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NORMAN T. WHITAKER DIES IN GEORGIA  
reprinted from SCCA NEWS

Norman T. Whitaker, octagenarian International Master well known in the Carolinas for his frequent participation in our tournaments, died in South Georgia on May 22nd. An attorney, Whitaker spent most of his life in Washington, D.C. He left a portion of his estate to be used in encouraging chess in the Southeast.

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NORTH CAROLINA'S JOAN SCHMIDT TO PLAY IN U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP  
USCF news release

North Carolina's top-rated woman, Joan Schmidt, has qualified to play in the Twenty-First Invitational United States Women's Chess Championship and Ladies Zonal Tournament of the World Chess Federation. This tournament, sponsored by the United States Chess Federation, is being held at the Plankinton House in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 12th thru 27th.

An eleven-player round-robin, this tournament matches the following USA women players with established ratings active during the past two years, selected on the basis of their USCF national ratings as of 15 April 1975: Mona M. Karff (2011), Gisela K. Gresser (1921), Marilyn K. Simmons (1919), Diane Savereide (1910), Greta P. Olsson (1822), Ruth Herstein (1877), Eva Aronson (1862), Ruth I. Orton (1833), Rachel Crotto (1830), Joan Schmidt (1821), and Linda Mahan (1807). Prize Fund: \$200 1st, \$150 2nd, \$100 3rd, \$75 4th, \$50 5th, \$25 6th, \$50 best game, \$25 Brilliancy.

The Champion has custody until the next tournament of the semi-perpetual Lucille Kellner Memorial Trophy and retains permanently a sterling silver replica Championship Trophy. The two top finishers qualify for the Ladies' Interzonal Tournament of the World Chess Federation with all expenses paid. Financial assistance has kindly been donated by the American Chess Foundation and Mr. Louis Kellner. The time-limit is 40 moves in the first two and one-half hours, 16 moves per hour thereafter, with accumulation of time. The tournament director is Pearle R. Mann.

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A REPORT FROM CANADA  
by Bill Wall

I recently participated in the World Class Championship Vancouver Open in Vancouver, British Columbia, May 17-25. This was supposed to be the world's largest class event with a \$30,000 prize fund. Unfortunately, the turnout was small; only 325 players participated out of 600 expected.

The Open section had five Grandmasters: Keres of Estonia; Browne of USA; Bilek and Forintos of Hungary; Suttles of Canada. Many IGM's were missing because of another large chess invitational in Ohio.

The Open section was won by Keres with 8 1/2 out of 10, without losing a single game. He beat Walter Browne in the final round after offering Browne a draw twice. Browne ended up with a score of 6 after having a poor start and losing on time to Dr. Macskasy of Canada. Fortintos

took a clear second with a 7-3 score.

I participated in the Class C section and won four straight games to take the lead after four rounds. Then I lost my fifth round to Frank Szarka, editor of several chess magazines in Canada such as Chess Chat. I later found out from Szarka that 30 years ago he was an international master in Hungary and played in many tournaments with Portisch, Gligoric, and other older chess masters of the Baltic countries. Szarka had not played any tournament chess in 20 years so his rating was much lower than it should have been. He won the class C section with 9 1/2 out of 10!

I scored 7 out of 10 after losing in rounds 5 and 8, and drawing in rounds 7 and 10. One of my wins has been dubbed the "Swindle of the Century" and is a most remarkable win after being in a lost position from move two!! It occurred during round 9 in a fight for second place, and it cost my opponent several hundred dollars as I pulled off one of the most remarkable combinations ever seen in tournament play. I have included the game with annotations for all Carolina Gambit readers. This game has also been submitted to several Canadian and Northwest chess publications as well as C.L.&R.

A five-minute blitz tournament open to all was held on May 24th. It was a 12-round swiss event with 50 participants. I scored a respectable 7 out of 12 for 10th place, losing my first two games to experts. The winner was Zuk, a leading master of Canada and a top blitz player. Browne did not participate in this event.

Some interesting things occurred in this tourney. Before round one started I wanted to get autographs of the Grandmasters. Nobody was speaking to Paul Keres, probably because they thought he couldn't understand English. I followed him around for awhile before I had enough nerve to go up to him and say in Russian, "Goovreetchie po Angleeskie?" (do you speak any English?) He turned around to me and said, "Excuse me, what did you say?" "Forget it," I said, "How's Karpov?" He spoke perfect English and later signed by latest issue of "64" magazine.

I first met Walter Browne at the American Open in 1969 and again at the World Open in '73. He hasn't changed too much except he's a little older and much stronger as a chess player. This event was his worst in a long time. Before the round I asked if he was going to win. He asked if I was going to leave. I left. He was joking, of course, and I talked to him and his wife for several hours. When he wasn't playing chess he would try to play tennis when the weather permitted or go bowling (he has a 160 average).

During the middle half of the tourney, one of the players in the Open Section threw his chess clock over the second floor railing. It burst in several pieces (no, I don't think he wanted to see time fly), but somehow the pieces were put together. Once the button was hit, though, it would fall apart. Somebody suggested putting it on Browne's table during the next round. Another defective clock rotated 10 times faster than normal and it too almost replaced Browne's clock.

In one of the lower sections two opponents practically fought each other because neither one wanted to use the other's set or board or clock. They kept knocking the others guy's pieces off the board and



trying to set up their own. They were yelling and carrying on so bad that some of the players moved to different tables to get away from them. I don't know how it was settled, but when it was over the Dodd Gambit was employed (i.e., when you are completely lost, you knock all the pieces on the floor, rip up the paper board, and yell "Dodd Gambit!!!")

During the blitz match one guy saved himself from losing on time by promoting his lone pawn to a Bishop with nothing else except kings on the board. He claimed a draw due to insufficient mating material.

In the evenings after completion of serious play, a skittles room was set up where most of the players hung out. Often someone would call the Pizza House and have a pizza delivered to the skittles room. When the pizza got there no one would claim it, so the delivery boy would have to sell it at a discount. A nice way to get a cheaper pizza.

The players were young and old, from afar or local area. I came the farthest distance from stateside and played players from Alaska, Houston, New York, Ontario, and Moscow (Moscow, Idaho, that is). Chess Anyone?

# "THE SWINDLE OF THE CENTURY"

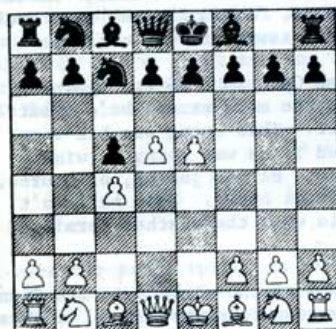
May 25, 1975  
Vancouver, B.C.

Robinson Wall

1. e4 c5  
2. d4 Nf6?

I came 15 minutes late and played too fast. I had in mind to play 2...cd then 3...Nf6, but somehow got my moves turned around.

3. e5 Nd5  
4. c4 Nc7  
5. d5



[Bill Wall finds a knight maneuver!]

5. ... d6  
I need to simplify in such a cramped position.

6. Nf3 de  
7. N:e5 Nd7

Still trying to exchange and develop at the same time.

8. Nd3 e6  
9. de N:e6

I seemed to have survived a near fatal opening.

10. g3  
Now he gains an important diagonal.

10. ... Be7  
11. Bg2 Qa5+

I wanted the Q on the Q-side, and perhaps occupy the d8 square with a rook later.

12. Nc3  
12.Bd2 was also good followed by Bc3.

12. ... O-O  
13. O-O Bf6?

I wanted to place the bishop on a more active square and try to control a diagonal myself.

14. Nd5 Qd8?  
A wasted tempo, but I was afraid of the Knight working its way to e7 or c7 later on.

15. Bd2 Rb8  
Breaking the pin with his fianchettoed bishop and trying to support b6 or b5.

16. N:f6 N:f6  
17. Nf4 Qb6

Still trying to occupy the Q-side for possible counterplay.

18. N:e6 B:e6  
19. Qc2 Qa6

I wanted to play ...b6, then Qc8, then Bh3 to neutralize his powerful bishop.

20. b3 b6  
21. Bc3! Nd7

I did not like ...Ne8 and keeping my rook hemmed in.

22. Be4 f5?!

Now I have a weak pawn structure.

23. Bg2 Rbd8

I did not want the rook to become trapped if his bishop ever got to e5 or f4 and I still wanted to play ...Qc8.

24. Rfel Rfe8  
25. Qb2

Bearing down on g7

25. ... Re7  
26. R:e6!!

This gives white a decisive advantage.

26. ... R:e6  
27. Bd5 Nf8

I am in a lost position with all of my pieces out of play.

28. B:g7 R:d5  
29. cd Re7

Better may have been 29...Re8, but on 29...Rg6 because of 30.B:f8 and 31.Qh8 and 32.Rdl or Q:h7.

30. B:f8! K:f8  
31. Qf6+

He could have played 31.Qh8+! and pick up my pawns, but he wants to get his rook into play.

31. ... Ke8  
Not Rf7 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Rel followed by 34.Qe8+ winning the rook.

32. d6 Re2

Can't allow the rook to occupy the e file.

33. d7+! K:d7  
34. Rdl+

Now he gets his rook into play.

34. ... Kc7  
35. Qd8+ Kb7

36. Rd7 + Kc6

He can now force mate in five or win the queen.

37. a4????

Sure this threatens mate in one with Qc7, and it would have worked if I did not have forced mate in six!! He should have played 37.Rc7+ Kb5 38.Qd3+ Ka5 39.Qc3+ Kb5 40.Qc4+ Ka5 41. Qa4 mate. Now here is the Swindle of the Century.

37. ... Rel+  
38. Kg2 Qfl+  
39. Kf3 Qhl+

40. Kf4 Qe4+  
41. Kg5 Qg4+  
42. Kf6 Qg6#

The remarks of my opponent are censored. This was the most critical round and if I had lost I would have had no chance to place in the money. Only a miracle saved my game as all the pawns were in the right position and he overlooked his own forced mate. What is even more remarkable is that no time pressure was involved as we both had half an hour left on move 35.

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