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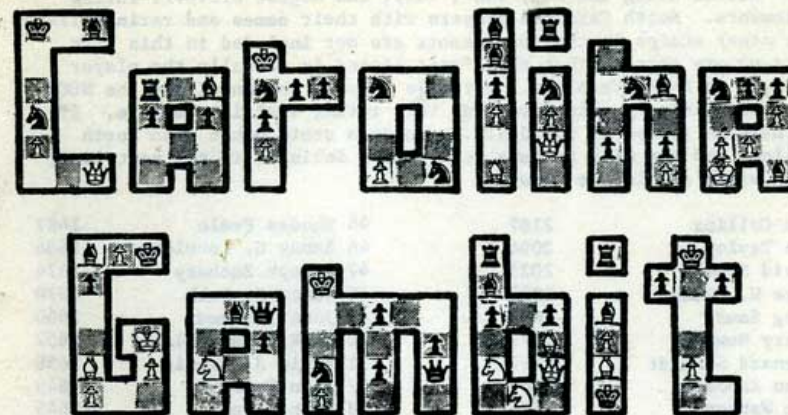


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1 Ken Collins	2187	45 Rhodes Peele	1687
2 Lee Taylor	2094	46 Randy C. Lovelace	1684
3 David Steele	2025	47 Joseph Zachary	1674
4 Mike W. McCann	2022	48 James S. Polk	1670
5 Greg Samsa	2019	49 John Lindner	1660
6 Terry Newman	1977	50 B. R. Chamberlain	1652
7 Bernard Schmidt	1967	51 Armin J. Jancis	1650
8 Alan Kussack	1940	52 John T. Davis	1649
9 Jim Watson	1896	53 Arthur Menius III	1645
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11 Daniel Liu	1873	55 Jimmie W. Blackmon	1638
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13 James L. Osborne	1852	57 Chuck Howard	1632
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15 Allen Cooley	1838	59 Ricky L. Bailey	1625
16 Grady Brown	1817	60 Bill Wall	1624
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20 Stephen B. Whiteman	1801	64 Dan Kindsvater	1603
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22 Joan Schmidt	1786	66 William Cruse	1597
23 William Adickes	1784	67 Mark Tullis	1595
24 Randy Dolinger	1777	68 John W. Brooks	1594
25 Rex Demers	1772	69 Loren Jones	1594
26 Stephen Herman	1768	70 William C. Hurley	1589
27 John W. Thompson, Jr.	1768	71 Robert Fentress	1587
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31 David O'Bryant	1749	75 William Peters	1575
32 Leland Fuerstman	1745	76 Donald Ross Hull	1570
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38 Garth Miller	1720	82 Jan Ludwinski	1557
39 James H. Willis	1719	83 Roger Simond	1557
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92 John W. Querry	1525	149 William W. Stine	1395
93 Ralph M. Evans	1521	150 Mark R. Cornwell	1392
94 Ronald J. Stubbs	1520	151 Paul Beale	1390
95 George Yachan	1516	152 Tom Ludwinski	1389
96 Ernest Lightbourne	1512	153 William B. Couch	1388
97 La Vaughn H. Hayes	1503	154 John Ashburn	1383
98 Chris Kremer	1500	155 Roger Britt	1375
99 Timothy Caspar	1498	156 John R. Sherrill	1375
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101 Darrell S. Wade	1498	158 James C. Young	1371
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205 Tony Edward Garcia	1304	262 Peter Winn	1203
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207 Bennie D. Roberts	1302	264 Peter Groot	1199
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210 Judy M. Walters	1298	267 John B. Fowler	1197
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317 Gary L. Lyles	1010	330 Eddie R. Carnes	921
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319 Larry D. Harvey	1001	332 Louis J. Benson	899
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321 Richard Cannon	993	334 Dwight Irons	877
322 Mark Spence	992	335 Tim W. White	876
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BOOK REVIEW by Mike McCann

Sizilianisch I, Handbuch der Schach-Eroffnungen by Rolf Schwarz
Publisher: Kurt Rattmann Chess Digest #C-234 \$14.95 1975 Revision

For those of you who don't know, Schwarz's new book "covers" the Classical Dragon, Yugoslav Attack, Accelerated Dragon, and the "Ultra" Fianchetto. The quotation marks around the word "covers" are mine, in as much as I feel that any book revised in 1975 should at least have theory through 1974. This book doesn't even have it through 1973!

The most piquant example is to be seen on page 163 in the note to White's 16th move (the 10...Rac8 variant, without ...Qa5). Schwarz does not even mention 16 Nde2 which will probably become the book line after the 1974 match game Karpov-Korchnoi.

A detailed study of the text would appear to indicate that Schwarz practically took David Levy's text on the Classical and Yugoslav Dragon and copied it. There are some improvements in as much as there are more complete games, and that a large part of them are at the end of each chapter, rather than buried in the notes. Unfortunately for the appraisal of this volume, there appear to be no games in the book that were played later than 1972...another mark of datedness.

As for the sections of the book devoted to the Accelerated and "Ultra" systems, Schwarz appears to have gleaned most of his analysis from "Schach-Archives" and "Shahmatni Bulletin." This would, of course, be completely correct of the analysis were up to date. 1972 theory again! I did find one 1973 game on page 246, but this is clearly insufficient for the serious tournament player who wants to keep up to date.

As for the positive aspects of the book, for any "systems" player, this would appear to be the optimum text in print at this time on this system. The material Schwarz uses is covered very thoroughly and in such a way as to make the book very comfortable reading, if you read German.

In the end, in my opinion it simply isn't worth \$15.00.

Ever had a next-to-the-last-round game "adjudicated for pairing purposes?" If so, somebody goofed. Write Al Lipkin, Tournament Direction Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Reader cites need for investigation

Dear Sir:

I have recently learned from a former U.S.C.F. player from Vance County High School that his school's top performer at the N.C. High School Championship (Lenoir-April 12-13, 1975) was in fact not a student at Vance; in other words, an ineligible player led V.C.H.S. to the second place title. I think the N.C.C.A. should look into the matter and see if the above allegation is correct. Thank you.

David Ostrow
Greenville, N.C.

[This letter was not the only one I received concerning this allegation, but it was the kindest. At the very least, there seems to be a misunderstanding; perhaps there is more, but I do not intend to draw further conclusions until after an official N.C.C.A. investigation. Ed.]

An answer to "Chess Life and Review"

Dear Lee,

Anyone who has read *Chess Life and Review* lately cannot help but notice its acute case of Fischeritis. After reading Dr. Richmond's article in the August 1975 issue I felt that the disease might start an epidemic in the U.S.C.F. membership, but that I might at least attempt some preventive measures on behalf of North Carolina chess players. To this end it must be stated that Fischer's non-negotiable demand that the title match be terminated as drawn with the champion retaining the title if the score reached 9-9 in an unlimited series of games is usurpatory and indefensible and remains the sole reason that the title match was not played.

Fischer's draw provision imparts to the champion a tremendous advantage over and above the traditional advantage: best of 24 with champion retaining title if tied 12-12. Dr. Kalme's assertion that the opposite is in fact the truth is quite absurd. As quoted from the article: "Kalme compares these situations: (1) With the score 11 1/2-11 1/2 under the old system. (2) With the score 8-8 under Fischer's proposed system. In situation (1) the challenger must win the very next game as any other result would give the champion at least a drawn match and retention of the title. In situation (2) the challenger must win both of the next two games - but in an unlimited series. Kalme claims the statistical odds in situation (2) are more favorable to the challenger than situation (1)."

Even conceding that Kalme is correct, the fact is that the odds facing the challenger, namely Karpov, would be so formidable as to render the statistical difference relatively absurd when compared to the basic consideration that Fischer's proposal entails. The crux of the matter is that under the old system, if the challenger wins a game he has reversed his relative status with the champion so that he now enjoys the advantage the champion had formerly enjoyed; but under Fischer's proposed draw conditions he would only have neutralized it. In order to illustrate the difference one must consider the following

situation where the favorable score of the challenger counterbalances the traditional advantage of the champion: (1) With the score 12-11 in favor of the challenger under the old system. (2) With the score 9-8 in favor of the challenger under Fischer's proposed system. In situation (1) the champion must win the next game in order to retain the title. In situation (2) he must win the next game in an unlimited series. The champion's chances of success would be as slight as the odds facing the challenger in Kalme's situation (1) whereas the statistical odds facing the champion in situation (2) would be approximately even. Clearly, the draw provision is an attempt by Fischer to set presumptive match conditions which effectively correspond to the "resigning" of a game by the challenger before a move has even been played.

The assertion that Fischer's draw proposal has an historical background is another rather admirable piece of propaganda. Whatever credence that Fischer's proposal gains from tradition stems from the era when the F.I.D.E. did not exist as a governing body to ensure fairness and validity in the determination of the world champion. The championship was literally owned by the holder who risked his title only when he felt up to it, only against an opponent he felt was an easy mark, and only under match conditions which ensured he would not have to strain himself. The lengthy reigns of Lasker and Alekhine in particular are permanently marred by the callous treatment they afforded their strongest opposition.

In order to earn the right to play Fischer for the title of World Champion, Karpov had to win the world Jr. Championship, the Leningrad Interzonal, and successive matches against Polugaevsky, Spassky, and Koichnoi. The necessity to prepare for so many strong opponents, in addition to the World Championship, along with the traditional draw advantage undoubtedly represents an extremely formidable task for the challenger to the World Championship; one that sufficiently ensures that a just and deserved result has been achieved if a new world champion is indeed crowned. Yet, the U.S.C.F. did everything in its power to ramrod Fischer's draw proposal through the F.I.D.E. General Assembly, and, failing in this, spearheaded the attempt to commute an Extraordinary General Assembly. Although the vote was precariously close, the proposal fortunately failed. However understandable attempts to save the match might have been, there can be no principled justification for a political decision to force Karpov to assume a deteriorated status as challenger just months before the match was scheduled to begin, discarding the traditional draw advantage of the champion that had been in effect for over twenty years.

Moreover, it is extremely doubtful that F.I.D.E. acceptance of the draw proposal would have received a positive response from the Russian Chess Federation and could very possibly have led to a split in the F.I.D.E. causing incalculable damage to international chess. Clearly, the F.I.D.E. moved to preserve its integrity and its ability to serve as an effective governing body when it opposed change in its prescribed rules and regulations concerning the World Chess Championship....

Under the circumstances the fact that Karpov did not achieve the world title through victory over the board in no way lessened the value of his achievement. All of Fischer's demands concerning the match excluding the draw provision were accepted by the F.I.D.E. and President Euwe, and Karpov and the Russian Chess Federation were willing to abide by the regulations and decisions of the world governing body. Karpov and his supporting federation took every responsible step to enable the world championship match to take place.

Even if Karpov had voluntarily acceded to the draw provision on behalf of the chess world, the resulting contest could hardly have been

considered as a world championship title match. The single and explicit purpose of a world championship match is to determine the world champion. Inane statements of the sort that in the event of a 9-8 score in the champion's favor, "the challenger still has the very great incentive of trying to prove that he is the champion's equal and to increase significantly his share of the prize money" reflect the perversion of the match toward satisfying utterly minute and absurd objectives in compensation for so totally denigrating its definitive one. Although Bronstein is regarded as a very creative player, few would consider him the equal of Botvinnik. For Karpov to undertake the difficult task of wresting the world championship title from Fischer under such tremendous odds would be not only to effectively sacrifice his hard-earned right to represent a serious contention for it, but would also be to rend the match of its dignity and meaning and in the long run would prove detrimental to international chess competition and ultimately to national and regional competition.

Therefore, I do not believe that the U.S.C.F. acted in the best interests of its membership in its total and absolute support of Fischer's demands, whatever they may import toward the integrity of the system. I am not prepared to question the sincerity or conviction that Fischer holds toward his draw proposal, but I do believe that a national federation should refrain from displaying such unprincipled devotion to the aura of one well-known celebrated personality and direct its resources toward developing a greater body of titled players in its efforts to further American chess.

Steve Herman
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Anonymous Reader sees defect

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that as a subscriber to the Carolina Gambit that this official NCCA publication has one glaring weakness. This weakness is the lack of games between our members and especially among and between our top ten.

I believe that most of our members would enjoy and profit by reviewing games such as the Simpson-Taylor (First Tarheel Classic), Steele-DuVall (1975 Carolina's Open) and of course games from the Second PFEFFERKORN Open. This does not mean to discontinue games between our top players and those of our neighboring states.

Nevertheless, it is also my opinion that everyone even vaguely connected to the publication of The Carolina Gambit should be congratulated and complimented, as it is an excellent production. Thank you.

Anonymous

NORTH CAROLINA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

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.

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(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.

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. Registration: 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.
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. Entries: A. C. Menius III, 308 Laurel Hill Rd., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Limited Smoking.

October 19 DUKEQUAD #2 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: Duke University Chess Club, Box 4687, Duke Station, Durham, N.C. 27706.

October 25-26 WINSTON-SALEM STATE OPEN Winston-Salem, N.C.
5-SS, 40/100, Winston-Salem State University, Hauser Student Union, Winston-Salem. EF: (if rec'd by 10/20): Top Section (1600 & above): \$18. Lower Section (below 1600 & Unrated): \$12. All \$5 more at door. \$1000 in cash prizes (if 100 players). All EF returned to players as prizes (above expenses). \$\$: Top Section: 1st: \$250; 2nd: \$150. Class A: \$100, 50. Class B: \$100, 50. Lower Section: 1st: \$100; 2nd: \$75. Class D/E: \$60, 25. Unr. \$40. NCCA membership required (other states OK). REG: 8-9:30. RDS: 10, 2:30, 7. 10, 3. Smoking: Opponents Choice. ENT: The Southern Chess Administration, Box 11614, Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

October 25 ONSLOW FALL OPEN Jacksonville, N.C.

3-SS, 40/90, City Hall on Hwy. 17 across from Howard Johnson's in Jacksonville. EF: \$5. NCCA membership required, other states OK. 8-man sections. \$\$: \$20 to 1st in each section. REG: 9-10. RDS: 10:30-2:30-6:30. Entries to Loren Jones, Box 321, Jacksonville, NC 28540.

November 1-2 THE CHARLOTTE OPEN Charlotte, N.C.

5-SS, 40/100, Coliseum Downtowner, 3024 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, N.C. Open to all or unrated. EF: \$15 if received by Oct. 29, 1975. \$18 if paid at tournament. USCF and NCCA membership required. \$\$: \$150 \$75 - \$35, Top B, C, D, E, \$35 each (cash based on 25 boards). Trophies to 1st, Top A, B, C, D, E, Unrated, "Biggest Upset" (Trophies Guaranteed). Registration: 8-9:30 a.m. 11/1. Rounds: Sat 10-3-8, Sun 10-3. Special Hotel Rates: Sgl \$16, Dbl \$18, Tri \$21, Quad \$24. Send check or M.O. to: Leland Fuerstman, P.O. Box 11435, Charlotte, NC 28209 (704-535-1189). Coliseum Downtowner Phone: 704-372-4330.

November 8-9 NEW DEAL OPEN Raleigh, N.C.

4-SS, TIME CONTROL IS FORTY MOVES IN TWO HOURS. N.C. State University Student Center, Raleigh. In two sections: OPEN: Open to all, EF \$10. RESERVE: Open to under 1600 & Unrated, EF \$8. BOTH: 1st: 1/3 of section EF's, 2nd: 1/6 of section EF's. 1st each class represented: 1/3 of EF's of respective class in section. NCCA membership required, other states accepted. REG: 8:30-9:30. RDS: 10-5, 9-4. ENT: A.C. Menius, 308 Laurel Hill Road, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Limited Smoking.

November 15 RAM VII Chapel Hill, N.C.

TIME CONTROL CHANGED TO 40/95 for experimental purposes. Other details same as RAM VI, see pg. 9.

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.

November 28-30 SECOND TARHEEL CLASSIC Raleigh, N.C.

7-SS, 50/2, Milner Carolina Hotel, 228 W. Hargett St., Raleigh, NC 27602. EF: (if rec'd by 11/24); Top Section (1600 & above); \$18. Lower Section (below 1600 & Unrated): \$12. All \$5 more at door. \$1000 in cash prizes (if 85 players). All EF (above expenses) to be returned to players as prizes. Players unable to play games Friday will receive 1/2 point bye for each game missed. \$\$: Top Section, \$250, 150. Class A; \$100, 50. Class B; \$100, 50. Lower Section, \$100, 75. Class D/E; \$60, 25. Unrated; \$40. NCCA membership required (other states OK). REG: 11/28; 10-12 noon & 6-7 p.m. 11/29; 8-9:30 a.m. RDS: 11/28; 1, 7:30. 11/29; 10, 2:30, 7. 11/30; 10, 3. Smoking; opponents choice. ENT: The Southern Chess Administration, Box 11614, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106.

*** TAYLOR AND McCANN NEW STATE CHAMPIONS ***
by A. C. Menius

The largest prize fund in the history of the N.C. Closed drew 93 players to the 1975 edition of the tournament held at the Carolina Union in Chapel Hill on Labor Day weekend. Taking top honors in the Championship section as co-state champions were Lee Taylor and Mike McCann, the latter playing in the top section for the first time. Each recieved \$162.50 with identical scores of four wins and two draws, while Greg Samsa took the \$75 third place prize with a 4 1/2 - 1 1/2 mark. Terry Newman, Jim Watson and Steve Whiteman scored 4-2 to split the \$30 class A award.

The closest fight of all occurred in the Reserve Section where Ricky Bailey, Al Lipkin, Billy Belk and Bill Wall each finished at 5-1 to earn \$62.50 apiece. Bailey won the first place trophy on tiebreaks and the class B title went to Lipkin. Chris Kremer, like Wall playing in his first Closed, acquired the Class C trophy with 4 1/2 - 1 1/2, while a 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 record was enough for Joshua Mann to earn Unrated honors.

Patsy Newman took the Booster section title on tiebreakers over Ulf Hellsten, another rookie, who got the class D trophy. Each achieved a 5-1 mark and recieved \$62.50. Involved in a three-way logjam for third at 4 1/2 - 1 1/2 were Walter Gardner, Lee Raby, and Sean O'Brien with each getting \$8.33. Top E was Reginald Pendergraph, who scored 3-3.

The bitterly contested tournament, directed by Arthur Menius, assisted by Mark Tullis and Sean O'Brien, saw only three players finish without a loss [Mike McCann, Lee Taylor, and Alise Howard]. Another feature was DUCHESS, which became the first computer to play in the Closed.

Mike McCann (2024)-Lee Taylor (2094), round 5: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Bd7 4 Ngf3 de 5 Nxe4 Bc6 6 Bd3 Nf6 7 Qe2 Nxe4 8 Bxe4 Bxe4 9 Qxe4 c6 10 Bg5 Qd5 11 Qxd5 cd 12 0-0-0 Bd6 13 Rh1-e1 0-0 14 Bh4 Nc6 15 Bg3 Bxg3 16 hg Rfc8 17 Ne5 Nb4 18 c3 b5 19 Kd2 Nc6 20 Kd3 Rc7 21 Nxc6 Rxc6 22 b3 Rac8 23 Rcl Ra6 24 Ral Ra3 25 Kc2 Ra6 26 Kd3 Kf1 27 Rel-b1 Rc7 28 g4 Ra6 29 g5 h6-30 gh gh 31 Rh1 Kg7 32 g4 Kg6 33 f4 Rc6 34 Kc2 b4 35 Rh3 Ra3-a6 36 Kb2 bxc+ 37 Rxc3 Rxc3 38 Kxc3 Rc6+ 39 Kd3 f5 Draw.

DUCHESS (1337)-Lee Taylor (2094), skittles: 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Qb6 6 Be2 cd 7 cd Nh6 8 b3 Bb4+ 9 Kf1 Nf5 10 Bb2 0-0 11 Kgl f6 12 ef Rxf6 13 Qd3 Bd7 14 Nbl-d2 Raf8 15 Ral-cl Nfe7 16 Bc3 Ng6 17 Bxb4 Qxb4 18 Qe3 Nf4 19 Ne5? Nxe5 20 Qxe5??[20 de Nxe2+ 21 Qxe2 Rxf2 23 Qxf2 Rxf2 24 Kxf2 Qxd2+ also wins] Qxd2 21 Qc7 Nxe2+ 0-1

The Continuing Story of....."PAWN POWER"

by "Dr. Al"

The Second Lawrence Pfefferkorn Open held at the Hilton Inn in Winston-Salem on July 26th and 27th drew 153 players from all over the country to establish itself as the major annual Southern Chess Tournament in the U.S. Players, some from as far as California, Oregon, and New York, took home over \$3100 in cash prizes. There were 37 cash winners led by Timothy Taylor, the young master from Easton, Pa., who, with the only perfect score of five points, won \$500. Second place honors went to Rosendo Balinas, a master from Rockville, MD, with 4 1/2 points who played 4 prize winners out of 5 games to win 2nd place. Robert Ash, a strong Class A player from Urbana, Ill., took 3rd place with 4 1/2 points.

Steve Herman, our strong N.C. Player, won 4th place and took 1st Place Class A with 4 1/2 points and Kalju Nekvasil, the very strong Class B (!) player from Washington, D.C. took 5th place overall and 1st Place Class B with 4 1/2 points.

The experts shared a three way split with fours points each (out done by two A players and a B Player!). They were Ed Kites of Richmond Va., Michael Cossette of Virginia Beach, Va., and Klaus Pohl of Greenville, S.C. Sharing 2nd through 9th Class A prize money with four points each were Terry Newman of Fayetteville, NC, Miloslav Nekvasil of Washington, DC, Mack Garner of Maryville, TN, Jim Watson of Whitakers, NC, James Gwyn of Plainfield, NJ, Tim McCarthy of Cleveland, OH, Danny Myers of Danville, VA, and Ronald Gravatt of Buena Vista, VA.

Class B 2nd through 4th place was shared by Allen Cooley of Winston-Salem NC, Chris O'Connell of Chapel Hill, NC, and Ted Jewell of Johnson City, TN with four points each. Class C was split nicely ten ways with \$50 each going to players with three points. They were John Smith of Milledgeville, GA, Robert Webb of Raeford, NC, Carl Heassler of Lake Oswego, OR, Kieth Melborne of Washington, DC, Don Poncin of Ft. Bragg, NC, Gordon Klintworth of Durham, NC, Robert Moore of Charlotte, NC, Charles Clifford of Knoxville, TN, Phil Lowrey of Greenville, TN, and Barbara Taylor of Easton, PA. Barbara, by the way, is the wife of Tim Taylor (1st overall). We expect to see the Taylors next year!

It required three points to take home any Class D/E money! The five people doing so were Bill Austin of Roanoke, VA, Mitch Gillespie of Marion, NC, Tony Garcia of Winston-Salem, NC, Don Moore of High Point, NC, and Steve Newsome of Takoma Park, MD. Thomas Caldwell of Durham, NC won 1st place Unrated with three points (his first tournament) and Mike Redding took the second Unrated prize with two points.

The tournament was held in three rooms. The top five boards were separated into their own room as were the next twelve boards. Boards 18 and lower were in a large ballroom. The lighting was excellent and the rounds were all started as promptly as could be expected (the T.D. was very upset at having to start one round 30 minutes late - the others were started no more than about 15 minutes late!) The 2nd LPO was the largest Chess Tournament in the history of North Carolina Chess. The second largest tourney was the 1st LPO held at Tanglewood last year. All money taken in above expenses will be added to next year's guaranteed prize fund of from \$3500 to \$4000. The entry fee shall remain the same or be decreased making the 3rd LPO the largest Open Tournament in the South's history.

The first annual A. Lipkin Best Game Award went to a local player and editor of the Carolina Gambit, Lee Taylor of Carrboro, NC, who had his choice of \$50 cash or \$100 worth of free entries to S.C.A. tournaments. He chose the free entries (of course!) The tournament was directed by Dr. Al Lipkin with invaluable (to say the least!) assistance by the Winston-Salem Chess Club members Richard Cheshire, John Crosland, Andy Fix and Robert Fentress. Pairings were hastened with the use of an electronic balance which was used to count the pairing cards.

ATTENTION TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS AND OTHER GAMBIT CONTRIBUTORS: The date for submitting materials for publication in the November-December issue of the Gambit is October 20th.

The Wolfpack II July 15, 1975 report by A. C. Menuis

The Wolfpack II was a thirty player event held at the NCSU Student Center in Raleigh. The event, sponsored by the Vass Barden Chess Club, was directed by A. C. Menuis. Section winners were Greg Samsa (3-0) in section I, John Smithwick (2 1/2 - 1/2) in section II, Steve Bowman, Joe Kile, Robert Kaplan, and Albert Carlson (all 2-1) in section III, and finally, Jeri Taylor and Terry Boone (both 2 1/2 - 1/2) in section IV.

The Slowpoke Open and Reserve Wilmington, N.C. Aug. 16-17, 1975 report by David O'Bryant

The Open section was won by James Lussier with three points. Lee Taylor, Patrick Hart, John Linder, and Arthur Menuis tied for 2nd with 2 1/2 points. Hart, Lindner, and Menuis also split the B prize. Five of the eight players in the Open section won prizes. Gregory Greer and George Yachan tied for 1st in the Reserve section with 3 1/2 points. Thomas Craven won the D/E prize with three points. Phil Couvillion won the unrated prize with 2 1/2 points. The tournament was directed by David O'Bryant.

North Carolina Chess-Games by NCCA Members

First A. Lipkin Best Game Award
July 26, 1975 Winston-Salem, NC
Ray Lopez - Steinitz Defence
Lee Taylor Joe Zachary

1. e4	e5
2. Nf3	Nc6
3. Nc3	Nf6
4. Bb5	d6
5. d4	Bd7
6. O-O	ed
7. Nxd4	Nxd4
More usual is 7...Be7.	
8. Bxd7+	Qxd7
9. Qxd4	Be7
10. b3	

"Book" is 10.Rd1 O-O 11.e5 Ne8 Bf4. The text move prepares to put the bishop on a powerful diagonal where it can exert lasting pressure on the center and the black kingside.

10. ...	O-O
11. Bb2	Rfe8
12. Rad1	Bf1
13. Rfel	Ng4

A knight maneuver evidently designed to protect the e5 square.

14. h3	Ne5
15. f4	Ng6
16. Qf2	

16.f5 seemed impatient. Now white threatens f5 and f6 with some effect.

16. ...	Be7
17. f5	Ne5
18. Nd5	Qc6
19. Re3	Bh4??!
20. Qxh4!	Qxc2

The point of black's 19th move; white apparently loses a pawn as black regains his bishop.

21. Rg3!!
Abandoning my only inactive piece, I now obtain the proverbial "winning attack" on the black king.

21. ...	Qxd1+
22. Kh2	Red8

The best defence is 22...Kh8 (22...g6 23.Qh6) 23.Nf6 h6 24.Nxe8 Rxe8 25.f6 Rg8 (25...Ng6 loses immediately to 26.Rxg6 fg 27.f7 with the threat Qxh6) 26.Bxe5 de 27.Rxg7 Qd2 (if 27...Rxg7 28.Qxh6+ Rh7 29.Qf8 mate) 28.Qg3 (Less exact is 28.Qg4 Qf4+ 29.Qxf4 ef 30.Rxf7.) Rd8 29.Rh7+ Kxh7 30. Qxg7 mate.

23. Qg5	Kf8
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If 23...g3 24.Qh6 f6 25.Nxf6+ Kf7 26.Qxh7+ Kxf6 27.Rxg6 mate, or 26... Kf8 27.Rg8 mate. The game concluded 24.Qxg7+ Ke8 25.Bxe5 de 26. Qxe5+ and black resigned since mate follows.

FIRST RAMADA SPECIAL
June 23, 1974
notes by Michael Bolch
Michael Bolch Gary Pennell

1. P-K4 P-K3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. N-Q2 P-QB4
4. KPXP QXP
This move avoids the isolated pawn.
5. N-KB3 PxP!
Now white has to spend time on the recapture; not 5...N-QB3 6.P-B4 Q-R4 7.P-Q5 PxP 8.PxP QxP 9.B-B4!+
6. N-N3!?
White was in unfamiliar territory and decides to grab his pawn back, even though it loses time.
6. ... P-K4?
Black forsakes development to hold his extra pawn.
7. P-QB3! Q-K5+
The only way to break the pin on the QP and hang onto the pawn.
8. B-K2 PxP
9. PxP N-QB3
Finally black develops a minor piece.
10. 0-0 B-K2
Trying to avert the coming dangers on the king file.
11. R-K1 P-B3?
Black's effort to hold the pawn is in vain, while white's development is overwhelming.
12. NxP
Threatening 13.B-R5+.
12. ... Q-QR5
13. B-R5+
I saw no forced win, but put my faith in good old Fred (Reinfeld), who says good development leads to good attacks. Simply N-B4 may be the objective best.
13. ... P-N3
14. NxP PxN
15. BxP+ K-B1
16. Q-Q5 N-Q1
17. RxB?!

Now I threw in the exchange to open up black's position. Black's best is 17...NxR! 18.QxN+ K-N2 19.QxN+ KxB and black survives.
17. ... KxR?
18. Q-QB5+! K-Q2
19. B-R3 Q-R3
On 19...Q-B3 20.B-K8+! KxB 21.Q-B8+ K-Q2 22.R-Q1+ K-K3 (22...K-B2 23. QxN+ K-N1 24.Q-Q6+ QxQ 24.BxQ mate)

23.N-Q4+ K any 24.NxQ N[orP]xN
25.Q-N7 wins.
20. R-Q1+ K-K3
21. B-B5+ Resigns
If K-B2 22.Q-B8 mate.

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1975 N.C. CLOSED
Sept. 1, 1975
notes by Lee Taylor & Chase Hooks
Chase Hooks George Harwell

1. e4 e6
2. d4 d5
3. Nc3 Nf6
4. Bg5 d5:e4
5. N:e4 Nbd7
6. Nf3 Be7
7. B:f6
I believe that this is an original idea in this variation. If 7.N:f6+ B:f6 and black obtains equality since he usually gets in c5 without much trouble; or as in Fischer-Petrosian, Curacao 1962 8.Qd2 B:g5 9.N:g5 Nf6 10.Be2 0-0 11.Rd1 Qd6 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Nf3 Rfc8=.

7. ... N:f6
8. Qd3 Bd7
9. Ne5 N:e4
10. Q:e4 c6
Black has real problems; his queen bishop cannot do anything. 10...c5? 11.Q:b7 Rb8 12.Q:d7+ Q:d7 13.N:d7 K:d7 14.0-0-0-.

11. 0-0-0 0-0
12. Bd3 f5
13. Qe2 b5
14. h4
14.N:c6 B:c6 15.Q:e6+ Kh8 16.Q:c6 Q:d4 and white wins, but the position could become quite complicated; e.g. 17.Qf3 Bf6 18.c3 Qa4 19.Q:f5 g6 20.Q:b5 Q:a2 and black has lots of cheapo attempts (21.Qa6? Bg5+ 22.Kc2 R:f2+ etc.).

14. ... Rf6
14...B:h4? 15.Qh5.
15. f4
15 g4 immediately is better.
15. ... Be8
16. c3 a5
17. g4 f5:g4
18. Q:g4 b4
19. Rdg1 Bf8
20. Qf3 b4:c3
21. Qe4!

With what should be a winning attack.

21. ... c3:b2+
22. Kbl Rf5
Only move. 22...g6 23.h5 and black cannot survive. If 22...Rh6 23.Ng4 Rh5 (R:h4? 24.Nh6+ Kh8?? 25.Qh7 mate) 24.Q:e6+ Kh8 25.Bc4 mates!
23. Ng4
Threatening Q:e6+ and Nh6+.
23. ... Kh8
24. Nh6?!

White gets carried away; this move is not quite sound. Better is 24.Q:e6 Bd7 25.Qc4 Rh5 26.Ne5.
24. ... g7:h6

25. Q:e6 Rf7
26. B:h7!
Now this sac is sound and cannot be accepted. Black proves white's 24th dubious by 26...Bg7 although after 27.Bc2 white is still very dangerous as he threatens Qg6, e.g. 27...Q:d4 28.Qg6 Kg8 29.Bb3 Ra7 30.Rd1 Qf6 31.Q:f6 B:f6 32.Rhg1+ Kf8 33.Rg6 and the game rages on.
26. ... K:h7??
Time pressure. Even worse is 26...R:h7??? 27.Qg8 mate.
27. Qg6+ resigns
Got a game? Send it in! Ed.

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