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IM's BASH ICM's at the LOTSIII
by Wilder Wadford

DeFirmian, Dzindzichashvili and Lein met a determined group of International Masters at the world class Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina January 19-21 and unexpectedly came up short. All 307 players there assumed that former US Champ Nick and current Co-Champ Roman would take the field. Instead, IM's Donaldson, Kogan and Shirazi upended this prestigious field of titleholders.

The first round went as anticipated with all GM's and IM's taking victories. In the second, Lein was the first to fall with a bizarre rook sac for nothing but air that Anatoly could only explain with "These things happen." That makes the rest of us mortals feel better. Then in the third, Roman was stung by IM Karl Burger narrowing the field down to DeFirmian, Frias, Donaldson, Kogan, Shirazi and Burger.

In the fatal fourth Kogan drew DeFirmian in what appeared to all as a totally lost position, Shirazi drew a strange exchanging game with Frias and Burger was bumped by Donaldson. In the fifth DeFirmian quickly drew with Donaldson, Frias was busted by Kogan, Dzindzichashvili was zapped by Shirazi and only the International Masters Donaldson, Kogan and Shirazi were left standing at the top.

1st-3rd	IM Donaldson (2574)	4.5
	IM Kogan (2563)	4.5
	IM Shirazi (2522)	4.5
4th-6th	IGM DeFirmian (2675)	4.0
	IGM Lein (2579)	4.0
	IM Taylor (2511)	4.0
	SM Burnett (2478)	4.0
	SM Kolvick (2391)	4.0
	Chtivelband (2458/P)	4.0

North Carolina Scholastics INVITATIONAL

SHARER SWEEPS INVITATIONAL

Sixteen year old Gillian Sharer defeated all players in the 1990 Junior Invitational held January 27-28, 1990 at the Landsdowne School in Charlotte. The first two rounds were witnessed by 150 scholastic players. The last three rounds were played at the home of Jim Yandle, who also hosted the Adult Invitational. Many thanks again Jim. Selected games are printed within. Congratulations Gillian!

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JUNIOR INVITATIONAL

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	SCORE
1.GILLIAN SHARER (1793)	x	1	1	1	1	1	5.0
2.FRANKIE NEWTON (1778)	0	x	1	1/2	1	1	3.5
3.JOSEPH YANDLE (1641)	0	0	x	1/2	1	1	2.5
4.DAVID O'NEILL (1577)	0	1/2	1/2	x	0	1	2.0
5.MARTIN HUMMINGS (1633)	0	0	0	1	x	0	1.0
6.ELIZABETH VICARY (1737)	0	0	0	0	1	x	1.0

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FROM THE DIRECTORS

By Wilder Wadford

I am very pleased to announce that my want ads are getting some response. The first was from Clifford Anderson of Waxaw, who is now our able Grievance Committee Chairman. He is a Tournament Director, past president of the Florida Chess Association, past USCF delegate from Tennessee and is currently President of the national organization "We Oppose Computers In Tournaments" (WOCIT). Rounding out the Committee is Clarke Brosi of Charlotte and Lynn Thet of Chapel Hill.

The second was from Derek Slater who has agreed to be the Games Editor. He is an Expert who lives in Raleigh and carries with him not only the credentials of his playing ability but he used to write for the Kentucky chess magazine.

Still needed, however, is an Editor. I can only say that my duties as President have suffered greatly because of the time I have to spend on the Gambit.

I would like to announce at this time that I intend to run for President again with certain provisos. I have been blessed with the aid of Leland Fuerstman, John Thomas and James Johnson. It is an absolute prerequisite that these men remain on board or a competent replacement found. I am not suggesting that anyone considering running for office should not do so because I would welcome competition for any office, including my own. You can count on me to help you and give you the benefit of my experience.

Another absolute requirement is that the job of the Editor be filled. It is impossible for me to continue for another two years doing double duty and be effective at either job. I only know that if I were not shackled with the President's duties it would be better. Or, if I were not shackled with the Editor's job, my next term, if elected, would be the fruition of all of my efforts for the past year and a half.

If you are satisfied with the current leadership, I need to impose upon you who are willing to work to step forward now. I would like to have another term but I will not do my job except at full tilt and having both jobs as President and Editor is too much.

Why should anyone become the Editor? It is an extremely satisfying job. I have enjoyed putting together the Gambit because I have had the opportunity to investigate and find out more about our state, its players and in general following the events with a

special eye to finding the best games and becoming familiar with all players. It has been an advantage being the Editor in that it gives me a better basis upon which to execute my duties as President. But it is time for me to move on to other projects and the future.

WANTED

1. An Editor for the Gambit. Please call Wilder Wadford 704/645-4216.
2. People to help the Editor type, proofread, do articles or make tournament reports. Call Wilder Wadford, 704/645-5216.
3. Someone to underwrite the Team Championship. Call Leland Fuerstman 704/523-2181.
4. Someone to donate money to scholastic activities. Call John Thomas 704/728-6945.
5. Someone to run for any NCCA office. We will provide training and smooth transition. Call Wilder Wadford 704/645-4216.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

A few months ago while perusing the November rating supplement, I was surprised to find some suspicious tournament results. For instance, Allen Cooley, Tournament Director, reported several match results: Cooley-Branton two matches and Cooley-Buaiz two matches with 10-0 and 8-0 results in favor of Cooley against Buaiz, one reported in North Carolina and the other in South Carolina.

A few weeks later at a tournament I had the opportunity to talk to both Buaiz and Branton about these matches. Buaiz indignantly denied ever having played these matches, much less losing 18 zip. Branton refused to discuss the matter.

Now I see more of the same in the January rating supplement. What is going on? -Jim Tobin, Charlotte, NC-2/19/90

Dear Mr. Tobin:

The officers of the NCCA have been aware of this controversy since last October and have made inquiries to the USCF, Branton, Buaiz and Cooley. We are conducting an investigation into the matter and should have all the facts by the next issue of the Gambit. However, at this time any disclosures would be inappropriate until all parties have had an opportunity to be fully heard. -Wilder Wadford, President and Editor, NCCA-2/20/90

LAND OF THE SKY III OPEN

1st-3rd	IM	John Donaldson	(2574)	WA	4.5	1,083.33
	IM	Boris Kogan	(2563)	GA	4.5	1,083.33
	IM	Kamran Shirazi	(2522)	NY	4.5	1,083.33
4th-6th	IGM	Nick DeFirmian	(2675)	CA	4.0	125.00
	IGM	Anatoly Lein	(2579)	NJ	4.0	125.00
	IM	Tim Taylor	(2511)	NC	4.0	125.00
	SM	Ron Burnett	(2478)	TN	4.0	125.00
	SM	Randy Kolvick	(2391)	NC	4.0	125.00
		Dima Chtivelband	(2458/P)	OH	4.0	125.00

U2300						
1st	NM	Craig Jones	(2247)	PA	3.5	500.00
2nd-3rd	NM	Edward Koss	(2222)	NJ	3.0	187.50
	NM	Allen M. Cooley	(2209)	SC	3.0	187.50

U2200						
1st		Mark Smith Soto	(2156)	NC	3.5	500.00
2nd-3rd		Hans Multhopp	(2165)	OH	3.0	46.87
		Chris Chambers	(2154)	TN	3.0	46.87
		Wayne Thompson	(2132)	VA	3.0	46.87
		Mark Brodie	(2131)	NC	3.0	46.87
		Richard Kennedy	(2118)	FL	3.0	46.87
		Shawn Hoshall	(2117)	NC	3.0	46.87
		Jeff Smeltzer	(2116)	SC	3.0	46.87
		Jerry T. Wheeler	(2189)	TN	3.0	46.87

U2100						
1st		Michael Hazock	(2092)	PA	3.5	500.00
2nd-3rd		David Haines	(2029)	NC	3.0	125.00
		Robert Cale	(2022)	VA	3.0	125.00

AMATEUR

1st		Oscar Maldonado	(1999)	NY	5.0	1,000.00
2nd		Jeff Pennig	(1970)	TN	4.5	500.00
3rd-4th		Douglas Holmes	(1998)	SC	4.0	71.42
		Joe Callaway	(1981)	NC	4.0	71.42
		M. Tannenbaum	(1974)	FL	4.0	71.42
		Paul King	(1959)	NC	4.0	71.42
		Gary Branton	(1940)	NC	4.0	71.42
		Brian Combs	(1933)	NC	4.0	71.42
		John VonDerleith	(1924)	SC	4.0	71.42

U1900						
1st-3rd		Walter Schaetzle	(1893)	AL	4.0	218.75
		J. Michael Locsch	(1863)	NC	4.0	218.75
		James Futch	(1856)	GA	4.0	218.75
		Robert Eoff	(1049)	NC	4.0	218.75

U1800						
1st		Mark Allen	(1732)	NC	4.0	500.00
2nd		Richard Jones	(1704)	GA	3.5	250.00
3rd		John Burnett	(1796)	TN	3.0	17.86
		Lee Zinzow	(1794)	NC	3.0	17.86
		Gillian Sharer	(1793)	NC	3.0	17.86
		Ted Watkins	(1782)	NC	3.0	17.86
		Daryl Collier	(1756)	NC	3.0	17.86
		Rowland Johnston	(1730)	MI	3.0	17.86
		Bradley Fowler	(1729)	NC	3.0	17.86

U1700						
1st		Kelles Tate	(1619)	TN	3.0	500.00
2nd-3rd		David Weber	(1650)	FL	2.5	93.75
		Frank Samford	(1624)	GA	2.5	93.75
		Jerome Sheridan	(1622)	TX	2.5	93.75
		Michael Klein	(1608)	NC	2.5	93.75

ROOSTER

1st-2nd		William Barnes	(1560)	DC	5.0	650.00
		Owen D. Ellison	(1519)	NC	5.0	650.00
3rd-4th		Benjamin Garrett	(1582)	AL	4.5	250.00
		Mark D. Heavlin	(1509)	VA	4.5	250.00

FROM THE LAND OF THE SKY By Wilder Wadford

The Land of the Sky III was a tremendous success with 307 entries. We are pushing the LPO as the largest tournament in the South. We are already larger than the LPO in guaranteed cash. Richard Hartwell and Jerome Sheridan have each agreed to up their guarantees to \$2,500 and the Grove Park Inn will cover \$15,000, so the Land of the Sky IV will have a guaranteed prize fund of \$20,000 with perhaps a \$40,000 payout, depending upon participants.

It is obvious that we are attracting the premier players in the United States when we have the likes of DeFirmian, Dzindzichashvili, Lein and a vast array of International Masters, including Donaldson with Inside Chess. We got great coverage from television, US Sports Center, Inside Chess and there will be an article forthcoming in Chess Life. Without your support this event would not succeed. I know that it is an expensive tournament but certainly no more expensive than going to any other event of a similar size and the surroundings and regional camaraderie can't be beat.

Grove Park Inn has three concerns about this event: the sale of rooms; protection of their property and the appearance of the players. Some of you may be offended by this article but I request that you please indulge me to explain something very important about the facts of corporate life.

Unless the Inn sells room nights, it is not interested in promoting this tournament. That is not to say that the Inn is unhappy this year. They sold more room nights than they did the year before but not as many as they expected. They discovered that some people added sleeping bags all over the floor. This is not acceptable as it increases the wear and tear on each room and is not what the deal is. A contract is a contract and I would hope that every chess player would honor that contract. I ask you to examine the corporate basis of this tournament and I think you will see that our relationship will be jeopardized if more support is not given for the Inn. For those of you have honored your contract and given your support I once again thank you from the bottom of my heart.

It was noticed by a number of the patrons, as well as the employees, that certain things occurred which were unacceptable behavior at a World Class Hotel. Among these are trashing

U1500					
1st-2nd	Dan Hauser	(1491)	NC	4.5	300.00
	James Fitzgerald	(1480)	TN	4.5	300.00
3rd	Eugene Cathcart	(1488)	IL	4.0	37.50
	Sherlock McNab	(1459)	SC	4.0	37.50
U1400					
1st	David Perkins	(1398)	NC	4.0	400.00
2nd-3rd	Wes Dockery	(1387)	TN	3.0	50.00
	Charles Lamb	(1343)	NC	3.0	50.00
	Bernhard Prebble	(1355)	MD	3.0	50.00
	Cleon Flowers	(1352)	TN	3.0	50.00
	Jack Short	(1317)	TN	3.0	50.00
	Gary D. Meyer	(1301)	NC	3.0	50.00
U1300/UNR					
1st	Alan Parker	(UNR)	GA	3.5	300.00
2nd-3rd	David Mangis	(1245)	NC	3.0	22.72
	Kelvin Smith	(1136)	TN	3.0	22.72
	Sean Jones	(1133)	FL	3.0	22.72
	Peter Blanchette	(UNR)	NC	3.0	22.72
	Herbert Silvers	(UNR)	TN	3.0	22.72
	Jack McNeese	(UNR)	NC	3.0	22.72
	Robert Grant	(UNR)		3.0	22.72
	William Ussery	(UNR)	CA	3.0	22.72
	Peter Groves	(UNR)	NC	3.0	22.72
	Jack M. Davis	(UNR)		3.0	22.72
	Jay Farabee	(UNR)	NC	3.0	22.72

BLITZ

Special Prizes	MASTER				
1st (GPI Suite)	1st ICM	Balindaichashvili, R	NV	9 1/2	\$60.00
2nd (GPI Room)	2nd IM	Shirazi, Kamran	NY	8 1/2	30.00
	EXPERT				
	1st	Cole, David A.	NJ	7 1/2	40.00
	2nd	Berry, Jack	NC	7	20.00
	"A"				
3rd (1/2 EF, LOSIV)	1st	Tannenbaum, Mike	FL	8	40.00
	2nd-5th	Pincus, Alan	PA	6	5.00
		Smith, Richard	NC	6	5.00
		King, Paul	NC	6	5.00
		Loesch, Mike	NC	6	5.00
	"B"				
3rd (1/2 EF, LOSIV)	1st	Klein, Michael	NC	8	40.00
	2nd	Nimylowich, W.	OH	7	20.00
	"C"				
	1st	Bent, Scott	OH	7 1/2	40.00
	2nd-3rd	Stepp, Derek	NC	6	10.00
		Havey, James	NC	6	10.00
	"D/E/UNR"				
4th (1/2 EF, LOSIV)	1st-2nd	Kelly, Shane	HT		30.00
		Tisinger, Steve	NC		30.00
4th (1/2 EF, LOSIV)					

bathrooms, grinding cigarettes on the floor or flicking ashes on the floor, sitting on the arms of chairs, not placing trash in receptacles and in general just being messy. I know this type of behavior is not characteristic of all the players, however, there is a sizeable minority of chess players who have no respect for property.

Their next concern is probably going to raise the hackles of a few people but it has to be addressed. Chess is a royal game and I want to restore dignity to the game. If you want corporate money or you want a job you usually put on your best appearance. In a way that's what we are doing. We're asking the Sammons Corporation (GPI) to do special things for us. So they expect you to do some special things for them. It simply has to do with personal appearance.

There was a time in this game when wearing a coat and tie was the normal attire for an event as prestigious as the Land of the Sky. Have you ever seen a picture of Capablanca when he did not look dapper? Of course, times have changed and dress codes have relaxed. The Inn does have a dress code and it means wearing a jacket to the dining areas and to be properly attired in all other areas. Each year I have struck that down by telling them it would be impossible because chess players are accustomed to very casual dress. I feel it is time now for the tide to turn and to show them that we want to cooperate. What I am asking the North Carolina players to do is to take the lead in sprucing up our image. If the North Carolina players would dress up their image at a chess tournament or any chess

tournament, I am sure that, even though it is superficial, it will give us initial respect from the corporate sponsors. There was a time in my life when t-shirts, jeans and going barefoot were extremely appropriate. But the Grove Park Inn is a high class place and its clientele is accustomed to proper appearances. Consider this, the people who frequent the Inn have lots of money. They are the people we need to associate with. They can afford to make grants to chess and promote the game. Therefore, I ask the North Carolina players to improve their fundamental appearance when they play chess at the Grove Park Inn and, in fact, at any chess tournament. This is a request. I'm not asking coats and ties, just more appropriate dress. I think it will have an infectious way of encouraging those who come to our tournament to do the same.

Some of you may be a little irritated by these appeals. If you can show that the Grove Park Inn's requests are unreasonable, I would be more than willing to hear your reasoning. However, it is my common sense feeling that they are correct and it can do nothing but improve our chances to obtain money from sources unimagined.

Ken Baxter, Leland Fuerstman and Robert Singletary, as TD's, agree with me on these issues because they can tell you the difficulty of getting repeat performances from hotels that are turned off by some players behavior and appearance.

Thank you for your support of of the Land of the Sky. I hope we can make this the classiest event in the nation. Why not? We Star of the South.



Mad Man Dapper Dan
at Grove Park Inn

GAMES

THE LAND OF THE SKY OPEN

IM Karl Burger-IGM Dzindzichashvili 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 c5 4 d5 (This is less logical than 4 dc, 4 c4, 4 Bg2 or even 4 c3.) 4...Bg7 5 Bg2 d6 6 c4 b5 7 O-O O-O 8 Re1? (A silly move. Correct is 8 cb.) 8...bc 9 Nc3 e5 (Simpler is 9...e6 and White will have to struggle for equality.) 10 Ne5! (By introducing a radical intraelemental barter which completely changes the pawn structure, White strives for the initiative.) 10...de 11 d6 e4 12 Ne4 Nf7! (Only move.) 13 Nc3 (13 Bg5? Qb6 14 Be7 Re8 15 Nc3 Bb7 16 Nd5 Qa5 17 Nc7 Bg2 18 Kgg2 Nc6 19 Na8 Ra8-/+.) 13...Nb6 14 a4! (Only move.) 14...a5 15 Ba8 Na8 16 Qd5 Nb6 (16...Qb6 17 Qa8 Bb7 18 Nd5 Qb3 19 Ne7 Kh8 20 Qa5 c3 21 Ra3+/-.) 17 Qc5 Be6 18 Bg5! f6 19 Be3 N6d7 20 Qb5 (Unclear though Dzindzi rejected a draw offer since this was a Swiss 5 Rounder. Actually compensation.) 20...f5 21 Nd5 Kh8 22 Rad1 Ne5 23 Bb6 Qd7 24 Ba5! 24 Qd7 too risky in that it gives up the initiative and exposes his pawns to the disease of weakness. 24...Bd7 25 Ba5 Ba4 26 Ra1 Bd7 (26...Bb3? 1 27 Nf4 Nbc6 28 Ne6 c3 29 Nf8 cb 30 Ra3 Na5 31 d7 Nec6 32 Ne6 Bc3 33 Rb1 Bc2 34 Rb2 Bb2 35 Ra2 Bb3 36 Ra5 Be6 37 Ra8 Kg7 38 d8Q Nd8 39 Rd8-/+.) 27 Bc3 Nf7 28 e4 fe 29 Re4 Nd6 30 Re7 Bc3 31 Nc3 Re8 32 Re8 Ne8 33 Nd5 Nc6 34 Ra8 Kg7 35 Nb6 Nf6 36 Nc4 with rough equality.) 1 Qf7 25 Bc3 Nbd7? (25...Bd7 26 Qb4 Nbc6 27 Qa3 g5 28 f4. In this highly unclear position I judge White's chances to be not inferior.) 26 Nf4 g5 27 Ne6 Qe6 28 Qd5! (Roman states that his two year old child would have found this move despite being awakened from a deep sleep!) 28...Qh6 29 a5 f4 30 De5! (It is to be noted that I had 404 seconds to play moves 28-40!) 30...Be5 (30...Ne5 31 d7 Rd8 32 Qd6! The dual threat of Qe7 and Qh6 wins for White.) 31 a6 Qf6 32 Rf1 Qd8 33 Qc4 f3 34 ef Bf6 35 Qd5 Qb6 36 Qb7 Qb7 37 ab Rb8 38 Rcl Kg8 39 Rc7 Nf8 40 Ra1 Bd8 41 Ra8. Black resigned. This is the first loss for Dzindzichashvili in sixty consecutive games and gives me the hat trick (3-0) in our personal encounters. Besides this, the game is cute! - Annotations by IM Karl Burger.



Final Position (41 Ra8)
Burger-Dzindzichashvili

IGM Nick Defirmian-IM Boris Kogan 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 d6 5 O-O Bd7 6 d4 Nge7 7 Bb3 h6 8 Nc3 Ng6 9 h3 Na5 10 Be3 Nb3 11 ab Be7 12 Qe2 O-O 13 Rad1 Qc8 14 Nd5 Re8 15 de de 16 Rd3 Be6 17 Rfd1 Rd8 18 Rc3 Rd5 19 Rd5 c6 20 Rd1 Bc7 21 Rcd3 Qe6 22 Qd2 a5 23 Qc3 Rd8 24 Qc4 Rd3 25 Rd3 Nf8 26 Bc5 Qc4 27 bc Ne6 28 Bd6 Bd6 29 Rd6 Ne5 30 Ne5 Ne4 31 Rd7 Ne5 32 Re7 Re8 33 Re5 Ne4 34 Nd3 Nd6 35 Re5 Ra8 36 e5 Nb5 37 Re7 a4 38 Rb7 a3 39 ba Ra3 40 Ne5 Rc3 41 Nc6 Rc5 42 Ne7 Kh7 43 g4 Nd4 44 Rd7 Ne6 45 Rd2 Nf4 46 h4 h5 47 f3 g5 48 hg hg 49 fg Rg5 50 Kf2 Rc5 51 Kf3 Rc4 52 Rh2 Kg7 53 Nf5 Kg6 54 Ne3 Ra4 55 c4 Ne6 56 Rd2 Kf6 57 Ke4 Ng5 58 Kd5 Ra5 59 Kc6 Ne4 60 Rd4 Ng5 61 Kd6 Ne6 62 Kb6 Ka3 63 Nd5 Ke5 64 Rd7 Rg3 65 Nc7 Ng5 66 Rd5 Kf6 67 c5 Rg4 68 c6 Nf7 69 Nb5 Ke6 70 Rd1 Rc4 71 c7 Ne5 72 Rd6 Ke7 73 Rd5 Nd7 74 Kb7 Ne5 75 Kb6 Ne6! (After this White cannot prevent Nc7 with a theoretical draw. - Kogan) 76 Re5 Kd7 77 Rh5 Ne7 78 Rh7 Ke6 79 Nc7 Ke5 80 Rh5 Kf6 81 Nd5 Ke6 1/2-1/2



Position after 51 Kf3
Defirmian-Kogan

IM John Donaldson-IM Karl Burger 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 c5 3 g3 Nc6 4 Bg7 g6 5 a3 a5 6 Nf3 Bg7 7 O-O Nge7 8 Ne1 O-O 9 Nc2 d6 10 Nc3 Rb8 11 Rb1 Bd7 12 d3 h6 13 Rd7 Kh7 14 Nb5 Be6 15 Nd5 Bd5 16 cd Nd4 17 Nd4 ed 18 Qa4 h6 19 b4 ab 20 ab b5 21 Qa6 Rb6 22 Qa2 Qd7 23 Rfc1 Rfc8 24 Rc2 Rh7 25 bc dc 26 d6 Ra7 27 Qf7 Qd6 28 Rb5 Ra1 29 Rc1 Rc1 30 Bc1 c4 31 dc Rf8 32 e5 Qc5 33 Qc4 1-0

IM Boris Kogan-IM Victor Frias 1 c4 Nf6 2 d4 c5 3 Nf3 g6 4 g3 Bg7 5 Bg2 Qa5 (Better is 5...O-O 6 O-O cd or 6...d6) 6 Nc3 (Not 6 Bd2 Qb6 7 Bc3 Ne4) 6...Ne4 7 Qd3 Nc3 8 Bd2! O-O 9 Bc3 Qc7 10 d5 Bc3 11 Qc3 d6 12 O-O Bg4 (Or 12...Nd7 13 e4 with the following Rael) 13 Rfel! (With the idea Nf3-d2, h3, e4 and so on.) 13...Bf3 14 efl Rfe8 15 f4 Nd7 16 Re3 a6 17 a4 b6 18 Rael and Black's position is bad because he cannot defend his Kingside. - Annotations by Kogan. 1-0

N. Defirmian - J. Donaldson 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 g6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Bc4 O-O 8 Bb3 a5 9 f3 d5 10 Bd5 Nd5 11 ed Nb4 12 Nde2 Bf5 13 Rcl b5 14 O-O Rc8 15 Nd4 Bd4 16 Qd4 Nc2 17 Re2 Bc2 18 Bh6 e5 19 Qe5 f6 20 Qe6 Rf7 21 Ne4 Be4 22 fe Qd7 23 Qe7 Re7 1/2-1/2.

SICILIAN DEFENSE - NM Fuerstman (2128) IGM Dzindzichashvili (2605) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 Nc3 b5 6 g4! Bb7 7 Bg2 Ne7 8 Be3 Ng6 9 f3 Nc6 10 Nc6 Bc6 11 Qd2 Bc7 12 O O 13 Rad Qc7 14 Ne2 d5 15 Nd4 de 16 Nc6 Qc6 17 fe Bc5 18 Bc5 (not 18 e5? Qb6! and the white "e" pawn falls) 18...Qc5 19 Qf2 Rac 20 c3 Ne5 21 h3 Qf2 22 Rf2 Rfd 23 Rfd Rd2 24 Rd2 Kf 25 Rd6 Rc6 26 Rc6 Nc6 27 Bfl+/-Ne5 28 Kf2? (the immediate a4! leads to a direct material advantage for white. The text move allows Black to win a critical pawn after 32...Nd3, Nb2) 28...Ke/ 29 a4 ba 30 Ba6 Kd6 31 Bb5 Kc5 32 Ba4 Nd3 33 Kf3? (Ke3 leads to an easy draw) 33...Nb2 34 Be8 (The idea was that if White had played Ke3, after ...Nb2 there would follow Bb3 trapping the Knight! Black must play Nc4 whereby the exchange B x N leads to a dead draw pawn ending, damnit!) 34...Nc4 35 Kf4 f6 36 h4 e5 37 Kf3 Nd6 38 Rd7 Kc4 39 Be6 Kc3 40 Bd5? (Ke3 would have held a little longer) 40...Kd4 41 h5 h6 O-1 (If I had only played 28 a4 against the co-U.S. Champion "I could have been a contender; I could have been somebody"). Notes by Fuerstman.



Position after 27...Ne5
Fuerstman-Dzindzichashvili
White Plays 28 Kf2? (a4!)

C. Corbett III(2086) - Mark Smith-Soto(2156) 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 ed cd 4 c4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Nf3 Be7 7 c5 b6 (after Black's 7th move: More usual is 0-0, though my 1975 edition of ECO does give this move in a footnote suggesting as possible the line 8 b4 a5 9 Na4 Nfd7 10 Bb5 0-0 11 a3 ab 12 ab e5, unclear) 8 b4 a5 9 Bh5 Rd7 10 Qa4 0-0 11 a3 Ne4 (after Black's 11th move: Hoping for 12 Ne4 Bb5 etc.) 12 Bb2 ab (after Black's 12th move: Expecting 13 Qa8 bc 14 Rd7 cb 15 Rb Qd7) 13 Qb4 bc 14 Qb3 c4 15 Qc2 Nc3 16 Bd7 Ne4 (after Black's 16th move: Now if Bb5 or Ba4, Qa5) 17 Ne5 Nd7 18 Nc6 Qe8 19 f3 Nf6 20 0-0. Black won in 34. 0-1. Notes by Smith-Soto.

IM Karl Burger(2405) - Dave Hurchalla(2116) 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 c4 Bb4 4 Bd2 a5 5 g3 0-0 6 Bg2 d6 7 0-0 Bd2 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Nc3 Re8 10 e4 e5 11 d5 Nb8 12 Ne1 Na6 13 Nd3 Nfd7 14 f4 ef 15 gf Nac5 16 Rael Nd3 17 Qd3 f6 18 Kh1 b6 19 Nb5 Ba6 20 Nd4 Nc5 21 Qc2 Qd7 22 Re3 Qa4 23 b3 Qa3 24 Qbl Nd7 25 Rg3 Nf8 26 Nf5 g6 27 Qal Kf7 28 Nh6 Kg7 29 Ng4 Nd7 30 Nf6 Nf6 31 e5 Ref8 32 ef Rf6 33 f5 Raf8 34 fg hg 35 Rgf3. 1-0

Jack Berry(2124) - Tom Sloan(2000) 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cd ed 5 Bg5 c6 6 e3 h6 7 Bh4 Bf5 8 Qf3 Bh7 9 Bf6 Qf6 10 QF6 gf 11 Nf3 Nd7 12 Kd2 Rd6 13 Bd3 Bg6 14 Nh4 Rg8 15 g3 Nb6 16 Rael Kd7 17 Rhe1 Rae8 18 Nf5 Bf5 19 Bf5 Kd8 20 Bd3 Kd7 21 a3 a6 22 Re2 Re7 23 Ne2 Ree8 24 Ne1 Re7 25 b4 Rb8 26 Nb3 Ke8 27 Nc5 Kf8 28 Ref1 Nd7 29 a4 Ke8 30 a5 Be7 31 Ra2 Rd8 32 Kc3 Kf8 33 Bf5 Ke8 34 Nd7 Rde7 35 Bd7 Kd7 36 Kd3 f5 37 Kc3 h5 38 f3 Re8 39 Re2 f4 40 gf Bf4 41 Rfel Bd6 42 e4 de 43 fe f6 44 Rf1 Re6 45 Rf5 h4 46 Rh5 Be7 47 Rh4 f5 48 Rf4 fe 49 Rfe4 Re4 50 Re4. 1-0

Mark Brodie(2131) - SM Ron Burnett(2478) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 Bd7 7 Be3 Ng4 8 Qe2 Ne3 9 fe Ne5 10 Bb3 e6 11 0-0-0 a6 12 Nf3 Qa5 13 Rhf1 Be7 14 h4 Rc8 15 Qd2 Qc5 16 Qd4 Qd4 17 Rd4 Nf3 18 Rf3 Bh4 19 Rd6 Bf6 20 Ne2 Bc6 21 Nf4 Ke7 22 Rd1 Be4 23 Rff1 Rhd8 24 g3 Rd1 25 Rd1 Rd8 26 Nd3 h3 27 a4 g5 28 Bc4 h4 29 gh gh 30 Rd2 Bg5 31 Re2 Bf3 32 Re1 h3 33 Ne5 Rd1 34 Rd1 Be3. 0-1

Tom Sloan(2000) - NM Ken Naugle(2121) 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 Bf4 b6 4 e3 Bb7 5 Bd3 Be7 6 Nbd2 Nh5 7 Bg3 f5 8 Qe2 0-0 9 Ne5 Qe8 10 f4 d6 11 Nef3 Qg6 12 Bf2 Nbd7 13 Rg1 Qh6 14 g4 fg 15 Rg4 Ndf6 16 Rg2 Nd5 17 Rg4 Be8 18 Be4 Bd7 19 0-0-0 Ndf6 20 Rg2 c5 21 Rdg1 d5 22 Ba6 Rab8 23 Nc5 Be8 24 Bh4 cd 25 Bg5. 1-0

Jack Berry(2124) - David Freitag(2110) 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 ed 5 cd d6 6 e4 g6 7 Bd3 Bg7 8 Nge2 0-0 9 0-0 a6 10 a4 Nbd7 11 f4 Qc7 12 h3 Rb8 13 Be3 c4 14 Bc2 Nc5 15 e5 Ne8 16 ed Nd6 17 Bd4 f5 18 Be5 Qe7 19 Qd4 Nd7 20 Bg7 Qg/ 21 Qg/ Kg/ 22 Nd4 Nc5 23 Rfel Kf6 24 Rad2 Bd7 25 Ne6 Rtc8 26 g4 b5 27 g5 Kf/ 28 ab ab 29 Ral b4 30 Nc5 Rc5 31 Ra6 Nc8 32 Rf6 Kg7 33 Na4 Rd5 34 Rd1 Rd1 35 Bd1 Ba4 36 Ba4 Rb6 37 Kf2 Rf6 38 gf Kf6 39 Ke3 Nb6 40 Bb5 Nd5 41 Kf3 c3 42 bc bc 43 Ba4 g5 44 fg Kg5 45 Ke2 Nb4 46 Bd7 Kf4 47 Kd1 Ke4 48 Be6 f4 49 Bg8 h6 50 Ke2 f3 51 Kf1 Ke3. 0-1

SM Ron Burnett(2478) - David Haimos(2029) 1 e4 e6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 Ngf3 Nc6 5 g3 Bd6 6 Bg2 Nf6 7 0-0 0-0 8 Re1 Qc7 9 Qe2 e5 10 ed Nd5 11 c3 Nde7 12 Ne4 f6 13 Nfd2 Bf5 14 Nc4 Be4 15 de Na5 16 Rd1 Rfd8 17 Be3 Nc4 18 Qc4 Kf8 19 Rd2 Qe6 20 Rad1 b6 21 Bh3 Be7 22 Bd7 Qb7 23 a4 a6 24 a5 Ra7 25 b4 cb 26 cb b5 27 Qe6 Raa8 28 Be5 Re8 29 Be8 Re8 30 Be7 Re7 31 Rd8. 1-0

David A. Freitag(2110) - SM Randy Kolvick(2391) 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 c5 5 cd ed 6 d4 Nc6 7 0-0 Be6 8 Nc3 Rc8 9 e3 c4 10 Ne5 Bb4 11 Nc6 Rc6 12 f3 0-0 13 e4 de 14 fe Bg4 15 Qd2 Rd6 16 d5 Re8 17 Qf4 Bc5 18 Kh1 Bd4 19 Bd2 Qd7 20 Rfel Nh5 21 Qf1 b5 22 Be3 Be5 23 Bf2 Rf6 24 Qg1 Rh6 25 Re3 b4 26 Nd1 Qc7 27 Qel a5 28 Kgl Rf6 29 Rbl Bd4 30 Qd2 Be3 31 Be3 Rg6 32 Bf4 Nf4 33 Qf4 Qf4 34 gf Bf3 35 Ne3 Re4 36 Kf2 Bg2 37 Ng2 Rd4 38 Rel Kf8 39 Ne3 Rf4 40 Ke2 Rb6. 0-1

Matt Noble(2170) - David Freitag(2110) 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 ed 5 cd d6 6 Nf3 g6 7 Bf4 Bg7 8 Qa4 Bd7 9 Qb3 Qc7 10 e4 0-0 11 Nd2 Re8 12 Be2 Re7 13 0-0 Na6 14 Nc4 Ne8 15 Bf3 Nb4 16 a4 Nd3 17 Bg5 f6 18 Bh4 g5 19 Rg3 Ne5 20 Be2 Nc4 21 Bc4 a6 22 Qd1 f5 23 ef Rf5 24 Qd7 h6 25 f4 g4 26 Bd3 Bd4 27 Bf2 Bf2 28 Rf2 Ng7 29 Re2 Re2 30 Ne2 Re8 31 Ng3 Qe7 32 Bf5 Nf5 33 Nf5 Qf5 34 g3 Re4 35 Re1 Re1 36 Qe1 Qd5 37 Qe8 Kg7 38 Qe7 Kg6 39 Qe8 Qf7 40 Qe4 Qf5 41 Qb7 Qb1 42 Kg2 Qe2 43 Kgl Qa4 44 Qb8 Qd1 45 Kg2 Qe2 46 Kgl Qe6 47 Qb6 Qel 48 Kg2 Qd2 49 Kgl a5 50 Qb3 Qel 51 Kg2 Qe2 52 Kgl c4 53 Qb8 Qe6 54 Qb5 d5 55 Qa5 d4 56 Qd2 Qe4 57 Kf2 Qf3 58 Kgl d3 59 Qel Qe6 60 Qe3 Qd5 61 Qe8 Kf6 62 Qh8 Kf5 63 Qh7 Ke6 64 Qh6 Kd7 65 Qg7 Kc6 66 Qf6 Kb5 67 Qe7 d2 68 Qe8 Kb6 69 Qb8 Kc5 70 Qa7 Kb5 71 Qb8 Ka6 72 Qc8 Ka7 73 Qc7 Ka6 74 Qc8 Ka5 75 Qc7 Ka4 76 Qa7 Kb3 77 Qa3 Kc2 78 Qa4 Kb2 79 Qb4 Kc2 80 Qa4 Kc3 81 Qal Kd3 82 Qbl Ke3. 0-1

Ronnie Sands(2003) - IM Karl Burger(2405) 1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg/ 3 c3 d6 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 Bd3 Nc6 6 Bg5

h6 7 Bh4 e5 8 de Ne5 9 Ne5 de 10 Na3 0-0 11 Nc4 Qe7 12 0-0 Qe6 13 Bf6 Qf6 14 Qe2 h5 15 Ne3 c6 16 Rad1 Bh6 17 Bc2 Be6 18 Bb3 Rfd8 19 Be6 Qe6 20 b3 a5 21 Rd8 Rd8 22 Rd1 Rd1 23 Nd1 Qd6 24 g3 b5 25 Nb2 Bd2 26 Qd1 Kf8 27 Qc2 Bh6 28 Qd3 Qa3 29 Qb1 a4 30 Nd3 Qd6 31 ba ba 32 Qb4 Qb4 33 cb f6 34 Kf1 Bd2 35 Ke2 Bc3 36 Kd1 g5 37 f3 g4 38 Ke2 Bd4 39 fg hg 40 Kf1 Ke7 41 Nf2 Bf2 42 Kf2 Kd6 43 Ke3 c5 44 Kd3 cb 45 Kc4 b3 46 ab a3 47 Kc3 Kc5 48 b4 Kb5 49 Kb3 a2 50 Ka2 Kb4 51 Kb2 Kc4 52 Kc2 Kd4 53 Kd2 Ke4 54 Ke2 f5 55 Kt2 Kd3 56 Ke1 Ke3. 0-1

SM Ron Burnett(2478) - IGM Nick DeFirmian(2675) 1 e4 c5 2 c3 Nf6 3 d4 cd 4 cd d6 5 e5 Nd5 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 ed e6 8 Nc3 Qd6 9 Bd3 Be7 10 0-0 0-0 11 a3 Nc3 12 bc b6 13 Ng5 h6 14 Qh5 Bg5 15 Bg5 Qd5 16 f4 Nd4 17 Qh3 Nf5 18 Bf5 ef 19 Be7 Re8 20 Rad1 Qc6 21 Bd6 Ba6 22 Rf2 Qd6. 0-1

IGM Nick DeFirmian(2675) - NM Will Wharton(2304) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Be3 a6 8 Bb3 Qc7 9 0-0 Be7 10 f4 0-0 11 f5 Nd4 12 Bd4 b5 13 a3 e5 14 Bf2 Bb7 15 Qe2 Bc6 16 Rad1 a5 17 Nb5 Qb7 18 Nd6 Bd6 19 Rd6 Ne4 20 Rd3 a4 21 Bc4 Qb2 22 f6 Nf6 23 Bc5 Rfd8 24 Kf6 gt 25 Rg3 Kh8 26 Qf1 Rd6 27 c3 Rad8 28 Bd6 Rd6 29 Bf7 Qb8 30 Kh1 Qd8 31 Rg8 Qg8 32 Bg8 Kg8 33 Qc4 Kg7 34 Kgl e4 35 Kf2 f5 36 Qc5 Re6 37 Kel Kg6 38 Qe3 h6 39 c4 Rf6 40 Qg3 Kf7 41 Qt4 Kg6 42 Ke2 Re6 43 Ke3 Be8 44 h4 Rf6 45 g3 Bc6 46 Qc7 Ke6 47 Qt4 Rf6 48 Qe5 Kf7 49 Qc7 Kf8 50 Qd8 Kf7 51 c5 Re6 52 Qc7 Kg6 53 Qf4 Rf6 54 Qe5 Kf7 55 Qc7 Kf8 56 Qd8 Kf7 57 h5 Re6 58 Qh8 Rf6 59 Qh7 Kf8 60 Kf4. 1-0

Paul Leyderman(2033) - David Hurchalla(2116) 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 c5 6 c3 Nc6 7 Ne2 cd 8 cd a5 9 0-0 Nb4 10 Bbl b5 11 f4 g6 12 Nf3 Nc6 13 Qel b4 14 Qg3 Ba6 15 Rf2 Re8 16 Be3 Ne7 17 h4 Nb6 18 Nh2 Na4 19 Ng4 Bg7 20 Qh3 h5 21 Nh2 Nb2 22 Qe3 Nd1 23 Rf1 Be2 24 Qe2 Nc3 25 Qd2 Nbl 26 Rbl1 Nf5 27 Nf3 Nh4 28 Nh4 Qh4 29 Qe2 0-0 30 Qb5 Rca8 31 Rbc1 Rfh8 32 Qd7 Qd8 33 Qa4 Bf8 34 Rc2 Qe8 35 Rc6 Ra6 36 Rlc1 Rc6 37 Qc6 Qe6 38 Re6 a4 39 Re1 b3 40 ab Rb3 41 Bf2 a3 42 Ral Bb4 43 Kf1 Rb2 44 g3 a2. 0-1

NM Leland Fuerstman(2125) - NM William Wharton(2334) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Be2 e5 7 Nb3 Be7 8 Be3 0-0 9 Qd2 a5 10 a4 Nb4 11 Rd Be6 12 Bf3 Bc4 13 Ncl Rac 14 Nd3 Nd3 15 cd Bb3 16 Re d5 17 ed Nd5 18 Rd5 Rd5 19 0-0 Bb4 20 Qe2 Bc6 21 Nb5 Qd5 22 Qg4 Kh 23 Na7 f5 24 Qh3 Kcd 25 Nc6 bc 26 f4 Qd3 27 fe Qe4 28 Rf4 Qe5 29 Rh4 h6 30 Bh6 gh 31 Rh6 Kg8 32 Rhc6 Rd6 33 b3 Rf7 34 Rc8 Kg7 35 Re7 Qd4 36 Kh Qd5 and they

eventually drew in 57. Both players had time trouble and incomplete scoresheets. 1/2 -1/2

NM Leland Fuerstman(2123) - Lindsay Blaines(1910) 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Bc3 6 bc Ne7 7 Nf3 Nc6 8 Bd3 Qa5 9 Bd2 Qa4 10 0-0 cd 11 cd Nd4 12 Bb4 Nf3 13 Qf3 Bd7 14 Rfb Nc6 15 Bd6 0-0-0 16 Ra2 Nb8 17 Rb4 Qa5 18 Rab Bc6 19 Qf7 Rd7 20 Qe6 Na6 21 Kb1 Bb7 22 Rb7 Kb7 23 Qd7 Nc7 24 Qg7 Re 25 Qh7 Rc 26 Qd7 Qb6 27 h4 Qa5 28 g3 Qe1 29 Kg2 Qa5 30 Bf5 Rg8 31 Bc7 Qc7 32 Qd5 Kb6 33 Qg8 and White won in 44. 1-0

Jerry Gray(2003) - NM Leland Fuerstman(2123) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Rca Rd7 10 h4 Rc 11 Bb3 Ne5 12 0-0-0 Nc4 13 Bc4 Rc4 14 g4 Qa5 15 Kb Rfc 16 Nb3 Qe5 17 Bf4 Qe6 18 Nd4 Rd4 19 Qd4 Nh5 20 Qa3 Nf4 21 Qf4 Qc4 22 Qe3 Be6 23 Rh2 b5 24 Nd5 Bd5 25 ed Re5 26 Rg2 a5 27 Qe4 Qc7 28 f4 Bg7 29 h5 Qd7 30 hg hg 31 f5 Rc4 32 Qe7 g5 33 Qd2 Rd4 34 Qe1 Rb4 35 c3 Rf4 36 Qe2 b4 37 Rf2 Rf2 38 Qf2 bc 39 b3 Qb5 40 Qc3 Bf6 41 Qd3 Qb4 42 Rg c2 43 Kc2 Qc5 0-1

AMATEUR

Paul King(1959) - Larry Ousley(1754) 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 d6 3 c4 c5 (transposing into something of a Benoni) 4 d5 e6 5 Nc3 ed 6 cd g6 7 e4 a6 8 a4 (for obvious reasons) Bg7 9 Be2 0-0 10 Bf4 (played here merely to slow his development) Re8 11 Nd2 (to protect the pawn... but more importantly headed for the outpost c4) Qc7 12 0-0 Nhd7 13 Bg3 Rb8 14 Re1 Ne5 15 Be5 de (Re5 would give good pawn play with f4) 16 a5 (to secure the outpost e4) Bf8 17 Ne4 (at last!) Bd6 18 Qc1 Nd7 19 Bg4 Rf8 (f5 was threatened) 20 Qh6 Nf6 21 Bc8 Rbc 22 h3 Kh8 23 Ra3 (to exploit b6) Ng8 24 Qh4 f6 25 Rb3 Rf7 26 Rb6 Rd8 27 Qg4 f5 28 Qh4 h6? 29 Rb7 Qb7 30 Qd8 Be7 31 Qe8 Kg7 (Black could have resigned here...but he wasn't convinced so he played on for 10 more moves) 32 Ne5 Rf6 33 Nd7 Rf8 34 Nf8 Bf8 35 ef Qb2 36 Qg6 Kh8 37 Re3 (Re8 is also good) Be7 38 Kg3 Bg4 39 h4 Ne7 40 Qe8 Kh7 41 hg Qc1 42 Kh2 Nf5 43 g6. 1-0 ann. Paul King.

Paul King(1959) - John Burnett(1796) 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 d5 3 c4 Bg4 4 Ne5 e6 5 Bg5 Bb4 6 Nc3 Bc3 7 bc Bf5 8 e3 Nbd7 9 Qb3 Rb8 10 Qa4 a6 11 c5 c6 12 Be2 h6 13 Bf4 Ra8 14 Qb4 Qc8 15 a4 0-0 16 0-0 Ne5 17 Be5 Nd7 18 Bd6 Re8 19 Ra2 e5 20 Rb2 Ra7 21 de Ne5 22 Be5 Re5 23 Qb6 Qa8 24 a5 Re7 25 Rd1 Rd7 26 c4 Qb8 27 cd Rd5 28 Rd5 cd 29 c6 Bc8 30 Qd8 Kh7 31 Rd3 g6 32 c7 Qa8 33 Qd5 Be6 34 Qd8 Qc8 35 Be4 Ra8 36 Rd2 Ra7 37 h4 h5 38 Rd6 Ra8 39 Qe7 Qe8 40 Re6 1-0

Walter Shreiner(1830) - Jerome Sheridan(1622) 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 d5 3 Nc3 Bf5 4 Nf3 h6 5 Qb3 dc 6 Qb7 Nbd7 7 Nb5 Rc8 8 Bf4 e5 9 Ne5 Rh4 10 Nc3 Rb8 11 Qa7 Ra8 12 Qb7 Rb8 13 Qc6 0-0 14 Nd7 Qd7 15 Qd7 Rd7 16 Bc7 Rb7 17 Bf4 Ba5 18 0-0-0 Bc3 19 bc Ne4 20 f3 Nc3 21 Rd2 Ra8 22 Rb2 Na2 23 Kc2 Ba4 24 Kb1 Nc3 25 Kc1 Bb3 26 e4 Ra1 27 Kd2 Na4 28 Bc4 Rh1 29 Rb3 Rb3 30 Bb3 Ra1 31 Kc2 Nb6 32 d5 Kf8 33 Bd6 Ke8 34 Be5 Rg1 35 g4 f6 36 Bg3 Nd7 37 Ba4 Ke7 38 f4? Ne5 39 Bc6 Ne4 40 g5 Ng3 41 gf gE 42 hg Rg3 43 Kd2 Kd6 44 Kc2 h5 45 Kf2 Rg8 46 Ba4 h4 47 Bd1 f5 48 Bf3 Rg4 49 Ke3 Rg7 0-1

Liberty Green(1918)-Frankie Newton(1778) 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2 Nc6 7 0-0 e5 8 Re1 Nd7 9 Bg5 Ne7 10 Qd2 c6 11 Bf1 f5 12 ef gf 13 de de 14 Rad1 Qe8 15 Qd6 Ng6 16 c5 h6 17 Bc4 Kh7 18 Bd6 Nf6 19 Bc8 Rc8 20 Bf6 Rf6 21 Qd7 Rf7 22 Qd2 Rcc7 23 Ne2 e4 24 Nd4 Rcd7 25 Qc3 Qd8 26 Rd2 Rd5 27 Red1 Rfd7 28 b4 f4 29 f3 e3 30 Rd3 Nh4 31 Qc2 Qg5 32 Nc3 e2 33 g3 edQ 34 Rd1 Qg6 35 Ne4 Nf3 36 Nf3 Rd1 37 Kg2 R7d4 38 Ng5 hg 39 Ng5 Kh6 30 Nf7 Qf7 0-1

Robert Gabriel(1797) - Norman Noel(1826) 1 e4 c5 2 f4 Nc6 3 Nf3 e6 4 Be2 Nge7 5 0-0 d5 6 d3 b6 7 Nc3 Bh7 8 ed Nd5 9 Bd2 Be7 10 Qe1 Qd7 11 Ne4 0-0-0 12 a3 Nf6 13 b4 Ne4 14 de Nd4 15 Bd3 Nf3 16 Rf3 c4 17 Bc3 cd 18 Bg7 d2 19 Rc3 Bc5 20 Re5 bc 21 Qd1 Rhg8 22 Bf6 Bc4 23 Bd8 Rg2 24 Kf1 Qd4 25 Bh4 Qg1. 0-1

Theresa Williams(1626) - David Myers(1831) 1 b3 b5 2 Bb2 e6 3 Nf3 Bb7 4 e3 b4 5 Be2 a5 6 a4 Nf6 7 0-0 Ba6 8 d4 d5 9 Nbd2 Bd6 10 Ne5 0-0 11 f4 c5 12 Rf3 Qc7 13 Rcl cd 14 Bd4 Nc6 15 Rg3 Nd4 16 ed Be2 17 Qe2 Rac8 18 c4 bc 19 R3c3 Qb7 20 Rc6 Be5 21 fe Rc6 22 Kc6 Qc6 23 ef Qc1 24 Nf1 Qf4 25 fg Qd4 26 Kh1 Rc8 27 Qb5 Re1 28 h3 Qf4 29 Kg1 Qe3 30 Kh2 Qf2 31 Qb8 Kg7 32 Qe5 Qf6 33 Qg3 Qg6 34 Qe5 f6 35 Qe6 Rf1 36 Qd5 Qf5 37 Qb7 Kg6 38 0-1

Michael Klein(1608)-David Deininger(1767) 1 e4 c5 2 c3 Nc6 3 Nf3 g6 4 Bb5 a6 5 Bc6 bc 6 0-0 Bg7 7 d4 cd 8 cd Qc7 9 Nc3 e6 10 Re1 Ne7 11 Bg5 f6 12 Bh4 0-0 13 Bg3 d6 14 Rac1 Qd7 15 Qa4 Ra7 16 Rc2 e5 17 Recl h5 18 Qc4 Qe6 19 Qe6 Be6 20 Rd1 g5 21 h3 g4 22 hg Bg4 23 Rd3 Rd7 24 Nh2 Be6 25 Nf3 Rc8 26 Na4 Ba2 27 Ra3 Bb1 28 Re2 Rb7 29 Nd2 Bc2 30 Nc4 Bd1 31 Rd2 Ba4 32 Nd6 Bh6 33 Nb7 Bd2 34 Ra4 ed 35 Rd4 Bc1 36 Rb4 Bd2 37 Ra4 Ra8 38 Nd6 a5 39 Nb7 Bb4 40 Bc7 c5 41 Bd6 Nc6 42 Bc5 Bc5 43 Nc5 Kf7. 1/2-1/2

BOOSTER

James Fitzgerald(1480) - Albert Nasby(1549) 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 ed 4 Bc4 Bb4(I knew this move was supposed to be bad for Black, but I did not know its refutation.) 5 c3 dc 6 0-0 cb 7 Bb2 Ne7 8 Ng5 0-0 9 Qh5 h6 10 Bf7 Kh8 11 Qh6.(Hardly a good game, but the shortest and most enjoyable of my "career" as a chessplayer. This was only the second game in which I've played the Scotch.) 1-0 ann. James Fitzgerald.

Steve Nowlin(1566) - Fred Veas(1099) 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 cd ed 5 Bg5 Be7 6 e3 a6 7 Bd3 Nc6 8 Ne2 Bg4 9 Qc2 Nb4 10 Qa4 Nc6 11 Nf4 0-0 12 a3 Re8 13 Qc2 Nd4 14 ed Bc5 15 Kf1? Bd4 16 Bf6 Qf6 17 Nfd5 Qe6 18 Nc7 Qc6 19 Na8? Bh3 20 f3 Qf3 0-1

Steve Cator(unr.) - Charles Greeson(1413) 1 d4 e6 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 d5 4 e3 Nd7 5 Nc3 Nf6 6 cd ed / Be2 Bd6 8 0-0 Qc7 9 h3 h6 10 Bd3 Nb6 11 e4 de 12 Ne4 Ne4 13 Be4 Be6 14 Re1 0-0-0 15 Qc2 g6 16 a4 Nd5 17 Bg6 Ne7 18 Bd3 Rdg8 19 Kf1 Nd5 20 g3 Bh3 21 Kgl Ne7 22 Ne5 Rg7 23 a5 f6 24 Kh2 fe 25 Kh3 ed 26 Kg2 Bg3 27 fg Qg3 28 Kf1 Qh3 29 Ke2 Qg4 30 Kd2 Rf8 31 Re2 Rf1 32 Re7 Qf4 0-1

Owen D. Ellison(1519) - Mario Arrizon(1506) 1 d4 d5 2 c4 Nf6 3 cd Nd5 4 e4 Nb6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Nf3 h6 7 Rf4 N8d7 8 Nb5 Bb4 9 Nd2 e5 10 de c6 11 Nd6 Bd6 12 ed Nf6 13 Be2 0-0 14 0-0 Re8 15 e5 Nh7 16 Nf3 f6 17 Qd4 Nd5 18 Rfel Nf4 19 Qf4 fe 20 Bc4 Be6 21 Ne5 Qd6 22 Rad1 Bd5 23 Bd5 cd 24 Qf7 Kh8 25 Ng6 1-0

Dan Hauser(1491) - Brian Wade Doster(1541) 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 ed cd 4 c4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e6 6 c5 Be7 7 Nf3 0-0 8 Bg5 b6 9 b4 a5 10 a3 Nf7 11 Bf4 ab 12 ab Ra1 13 Qa1 bc 14 bc Nc6 15 Qa4 Bh7 16 Bb5 Qc8 17 Bc6 Qc6 18 Qc6 Bc6 19 0-0 f6 20 Rd1 Rd8 21 Be3 Ra8 22 h3 Ra3 23 Ne2 e5 24 Rcl Ba8 25 c6 e4 26 cd ef 27 Re8 Kf7 28 gE Re5 29 d8Q Bd8 30 Rd8 Ke7 31 Rc8 f5 32 Re5 Re5 33 de g6 34 Kg2 Kc6 35 Bd4 g5 36 f4 h6 37 Kg3 Kf7 38 fg hg 39 f4 Kg6 40 fg Kg5 41 h4 Kh6 42 Nf4 Bc6 43 Nd3 Kh5 44 Ne5 Bb7 45 e6 Be8 46 Nf3 Kg6 47 Kf4 Kh5 48 Bf6 Ba6 49 Kf5 Be2 50 c7 Ba6 51 Nd4 Be8 52 Ke5 Kg6 53 Bg5 Kh5 54 Kd5 Kg6 55 Nc6 Kh5 56 Ne7 Bh3 57 e8Q Bc8 58 Nc8 Kg6 59 Ne7 Kh7 60 h5 Kg7 61 h6 Kh7 62 Ke6 Kh8 63 Kf7 Kh7 64 Bcl Kh8 65 Ng6 Kh7 66 Nf8 1-0

Brian Wade Doster(1541) - Dave Mangis(1245) 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 e5 4 Nf3 d5 5 cd Nd5 6 g3 g6 7 dc Qa5 8 Qa4 Qa4 9 Na4 Bd7 10 Nc3 Nc3 11 bc Bg7 12 Nd4 Na6 13 Bg2 Nc5 14 Rb1 0-0 15 Ba3 Rfc8 16

0-0 Rab8 17 Rfd1 Na4 18 Nf5 Nc3
19 Ne7 Kh8 20 Rd7 Nb1 21 Nc8 Rc8
22 Bb/ Re8 23 Bc5 a5. White won
in 44. 1-0

Dan Hauser (1491) - Linda
King (1597) 1 e4 b6 2 d4 Bb7 3 Nc3
e6 4 a3 d6 5 Nf3 g6 6 Bd3 Bg7 7
Bg5 Ne7 8 Qd2 0-0 9 Bh6 Nd7 10
Bg7 Kg7 11 h4 f5 12 Ng5 Rf6 13
Bc4 Qg8 14 d5 Ne5 15 Ba2 ed 16 ed
Ba6 17 Ne6 Re6 18 de Bc4 19 f4
Ba2 20 fe Be6 21 ed Nc6 22 dc Re8
23 0-0-0 Qf7 24 Qd6 Ne7 25 Rhel
Nc8 26 Qe5 Qf6 27 Qf6 Kf6 28 Rd8
Nd6 29 Re8 1-0

Robert Morrell (1448) - Peter
Blanchette (unr.) 1 e4 e5 2 f4 Nc6
3 Nf3 Bc5 4 Nc3 d6 5 Bb5 Bd7 6
Bc6 bc 7 fe Bg4 8 ed cd 9 d3 Nf6
10 Qe2 0-0 11 b3 Bd4 12 Bb2 Qa5
13 Qd2 Bf3 14 gf Rc8 15 Na4 Qd2
16 Kd2 Bb2 17 Nb2 Re6 18 Rhgl d5
19 Raf1 de 20 fe Rd8 21 Kc3 g6 22
Nc4 c5 23 Rf5 Nd7 24 Ne3 Kf8 25
Rf4 Ne5 26 Nd5 Kg7 27 Kd2 h5 28
h3 f6 29 Rg3 g5 30 c4 Kf7 31 Rg5
Rh8 32 Rf5 Rh6 33 Kc3 Nc6 34 a4
Nd4 35 Kd2 Nf5 36 Rf5 Re8 37 Nf4
Re5 38 Re5 fe 39 Nd5 Rg6 40 Kc3
Rg3 41 b4 cb 42 Nb4 Rh3 43 c5 Ke7
44 Nc6 Ke6 45 Na7 Rg3 46 c6 Rg7
47 Nb5 Rg8 48 a5 h4 49 a6 Rc8 50
a7 Rc6 51 Kb4 Rc8 52 Ka5 h3 53
Kb6 h2 54 Kb7 Rh8 55 Nc7 Kd7 56
Na6 h8Q 57 Nb8 Ke6 58 a8Q Qb1 59
Kc7 Rh7 60 Kc8 Qc2 61 Qc6 Qc6 62
Nc6 Kd6 63 Nb8 Rh3 64 Nd7 Rd3 65
Nf6 Ke6 66 Nd7 Rd7. 0-1

Dave Mangis (1245) - Don
McNealy (1545) 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3
g3 Nc6 4 Bg2 Bc5 5 e3 a6 6 a3 d6
7 b4 Ba7 8 Nf3 0-0 9 0-0 Rb8 10
Bb2 Bf5 11 d3 Qd7 12 Re1 h6 13 d4
e4 14 Nd2 Re8 15 Ne2 Bh3 16 d5
Ne5 17 Be5 Re5 18 Nf4 Bg2 19 Kg2
Nh7 20 Qc2 Rbe8 21 Re2 Qg4 22
Rae1 g5 23 Nh3 Qf5 24 Rf1 g4 25
Nf4 Ng5 26 Nb3 Bb6 27 c5 de 28 bc
Ba7 29 Nd4 Qf6 30 Rdel Nf3 31 Rd1
b6 32 cb Bb6 33 Nc6 Rg5 34 Rh1 a5
35 h3 gh 36 Rh3 Qf5 37 Kh6 Kg/ 38
Rdh1 Ne5 39 Qb2 Kf8 40 Rh8 Rg8 41
Ne5 Re5 42 d6 f6 43 d7 Qd7 44 Ng6
Kg7 45 Ne5 Qf5 46 Qb5 Rh8 47 Rh8
Qe5 48 Qe5 fe 49 Rh4. White won
in 70. 1-0

Editor's Note: The following game
annotated by Larry Meyer contain
some honest self evaluations
which remind us all that chess is
a game, after all, and should be
fun.

"I am basically a hacker at
chess. The only time I play is in
3 or 4 tournaments a year. In
between I don't study or
anything. I learned as a kid and
mostly play for the fun of it. I
mostly know some concepts but not
any book lines. As a result, I
never produce anything
spectacular but sometimes my
opponent will be momentarily
confused because they don't know
what line I'm playing when in
fact I'm winging it."

Larry Meyer (1301) - Derek
Stepp (1575) 1 e4 c5 (Right away I
have a problem. I really don't
know the book response. I should
learn it someday but I know the
idea he is playing for.) 2 Nc3
Nc6 3 Nf3 g6 (I assume he is going
to play Bg7. Nf6) 4 Bb5 Bg7 5 d3
d6 6 0-0 Bd7 7 h3 (I do this not
to give King escape, but for
another reason.) 7...Nf6 8
Nh2 (This confused him and I know
I'm not developed and that
Knights on the edge aren't proper
but I want to get in position to
attack Kingside.) 8...a6 9
Bc6 (Why not? I don't have
anything else to do with him.)
9...Bc6 10 Ng4 Rc8 11 Bh6
Ng4 (This is what I would rather
than Bxb8 so I probably was lucky
on this sequence. Now he can't
castle.) 12 Bg7 Rg8 13 Qg4 Rg7 14
Rae1 Kf8 15 Nd5 (Probably not a
good move on my part.) 15...Bd7
16 Qh4 e6 (Anticipated.) 17 Nf6 h5
18 Qg5 Rc6 19 e5 de 20 Re5 c4 21
Re5 cd 22 Rc6 Bc6 23 Qc5 (Wasted
move.) 23...Qc7 24 Qg5 dc 25 Rc1
Qd8 (I figure I'm in real danger
but I'll force action.) 26 Nh7
Ke8 27 Nf6 (Considered Qd8 but
then my plan doesn't work.)
27...Ke7 28 Nh5 Kd7 29 Qd8
Kd8 (This is what I was after even
though I have no idea at this
point how to save my Knight but I
do know I cancelled his attack
and got up all at the same time.)
30 Ng7 Be4 31 f3 Bd3 32 Kf2
Ke7 (Knight trapped. Should have
probably taken c6 but figured I'd
get a pawn anyway and I'd break
up pawns later since there was no
immediate threat to my Knight.)
33 Ke3 Bc4 34 Rc2 a2 35
Rc8 (Probably should have been c/.
Told you I was a hacker.)
35...Bd5 36 Ne8 Bc6 37 Nc7
Kd7 (Oops.) 38 Rf8 Kc7 39 Rf7 Kd6
40 Kf4 b5 41 Rf6 a5 42 Kg5 b4 43
Rf4 Ke5 44 g3 b3 45 g6 a4 46 Rb4
f3 47 a4 Be4 48 Kg5 Bc6 49 Rb4
Bd5 50 h4 Kd6 51 Kg6 e5 52 h5 e4
53 Rd4 (I'm really just running
around.) 53...Ke5 54 Rd1 e3 55
Re1 Kd4 56 h6 Kd3 57 h7 Be4 (What
I had been waiting for and I
didn't see coming, although he
may have done it anyway since he
is lost otherwise. He expected me
to screw up the end game but I
fooled him.) 58 Kg7 Bh7 59 Kh7
Kd2 60 Rh1 e2 61 Rh2. (I stopped
taking notation at this point. As
I recall, he went to attack b2 so
he could promote his b pawn.
White raced the g pawn and was
promoted first at which time he
resigned.) 1-0 "Mostly this was a
bad game for Black rather than a
good game for White. But I was
pleased nonetheless. I'm sure he
missed many opportunities and
handed me a few that I was lucky
to capitalize on. Like I said I
play for fun and never really
have any game plan going in. I
just think of concepts and ideas
as the game progresses. I don't

expect to ever be a great player
but I do have great fun." -Larry
Meyer-

Master

RETURN TO CHESS

By Tim Taylor,
International Master

I began a historical novel
called Elaine the Fair on
December 26, 1983. The last
three years, when I lived in
North Carolina, I have worked
exclusively on the book. I
finally finished the book in
December 1989. I had less than a
month to prepare for my first
serious tournament in years, the
1990 Land of the Sky.

The following game, played
in the first round, shows the
effects of the long layover. One
doesn't forget strategy and the
endgame was played as well as
ever, but increased time
consumption and a layer of rust
over my tactical alertness nearly
caused a disaster.

Taylor - Moore

Kings Indian Defense

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 c4
d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 Nc6 7 Nge2 a6.
In a recent club game (vs. Mike
Chromczak) the old opening
mistake 7...e5 (This is only good
when the BN can go to d4) was
played against me. I gained the
advantage with 8 d5 Ne7 9 Qd2 Ne8
10 g3!, which is an idea of
Botvinnik's from his game with
Alatorsev, USSR 1931! 8 a3 Kb8.
ECO gives 8... Bd7 thence Qb8 as
better. Without this preparation
one sees a potential weakness on
c6. 9 b4 e5. Black changes his
plan, for the seemingly logical
9...b5 runs into 10 cb ab 11 d5
followed by Nd4 attacking b5 and
c6. 10 d5 Ne7. But unfortunately
Black's alternative has only
landed him in a positionally
worse game reminiscent of Taylor-
Chromczak and Botvinnik-
Alatorsev. 11 c5. Gheorghiu-
Pavlov, Romania 1968, continued
11 Nc1 Ne8 12 Nb3 f5 13 Qd2 and
White won a strange game, but I
think my game is singular.
11...Ne8 12 g3. In the style of
Botvinnik. 12...Kh8 13 Qd2 f5 14
Bg2. White has prevented...f4,
retained his Queenside pressure
and completed his development.
In short, White is clearly
better. 14...Bd7 15 0-0 Nf6 16
Kh1 Neg8 17 Rael Rf7 18 Nd1?
Recall that comment about
tactical rust, this move is a
blunder that could have destroyed
all of White's strategical play.
The positional idea - clearing
the c file - is good, but the
execution is faulty. White
should play 18 ef1 and it 18...
Bf5 19 Nd1 as in the game, or if
18...gt 19 t4, in either case
with a clear advantage. The move
played gives Black a chance.

18...Qf8? Which he misses. Correct is 18...fe1 19 fe Ne4! and Black wins a pawn. 19...cf. White doesn't give Black a second chance. 19...Rf5 20 Nf2 Re8 21 Ne3 Bc8 22 Nfe4. The total domination of e4 increases White's plans. 22...Ne4 23 Ne4 Nf6 24 Ng5 Rfe7 25 Ne4 Ne4 26 fe Rf7 27 cd cd 28 Rf7 Qf7 29 Qc3! Black cannot prevent the invasion at c7. White's advantage is decisive. 29...Qf8 30 Qc7 Bf6 31 Rf1! Practically forces the exchange of Queens. 31...Qe7 32 Qe7 Be7 33 Rcl1. Now the Rook cannot be stopped from reaching c7. 33...Kg8 34 Rc7 g5 35 h3. Black's QB has no moves. 35...h6 36 Kh2 Kg7 37 Bf3 Kg6 38 Bdl Kf6 39 a4 Kg8 40 a5 Rd8 41 Ba4 Bf8 42 Kg2 Be7 43 b5! Opening lines on the Queenside. If Black sits, White plays b6 and Bc6 winning. While 43...Bd/ also loses to 44 Rd7! and 45 ba. 43...ab 44 Bb5 Bf8 45 Bd2 Be7 46 Bf1! Bf8 47 Kf2 Be7 48 Ke1 1-0. Some people asked me if the game had ended in a draw. After all, there is still even material! Of course, in reality White wins easily by marching his King to b6 and playing Rb7. Radical attempts to refute that plan lead only to the loss of the b pawn - so Black's resignation here is quite justified. All in all this would be a very nice game - if I had just played moves 18 and 19 in reverse order!

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LIVING WITH COMPUTERS By Lajos Pogany

There exists a growing trend to restrain the computers from live chess. But that is ridiculous!

One cannot help thinking about the history of the first sewing machine, when the good olde english master tailors smashed it in anger and fear of job threatening competition. Kasparov plays against Deep Thought, Gulk against Mephisto Portoros, and a lot of us are still sniveling about the "nightmare": what will happen if chess computers will "solve the entire problematic of the Chess", beating from Johnny Little to the Worldmaster every one, in every game?

Obvious - huh? - chess will die, because no more ingenuity is needed to win a game, the computer does that. Right?

THAT'S THE SOLUTION!

Only one member, Mathias Moersch (1844) of Chapel Hill, sent solutions to our first chess quiz. But do not despair, there are five more and plenty of time to catch up and three prizes to compete for. Moersch got 3 out of 4 of the first set for 10 points. He missed the fourth one but his answer 1...Qc3 contains similar motifs. Moersch notes: "Thanks for this new feature."

Obviously the positions are more sophisticated than those in Chess Life, generally for players with mixed strength. Readers should not be intimidated if no solution can be found as they are designed for experts and up but are not beyond the reach of an industrious lower rated player.

Each issue of the Gambit this year will have four middle game positions for you to solve in continuous ladder competition.

The prizes are: 1st-Free EF in 1991 Closed Championship, 2nd-\$20 credit against EF in Closed, 3rd-\$10 credit against EF in Closed or free year's subscription to Gambit.

The positions are from games in recent events in Europe and cannot be found in publications in the United States.

If you solve all four you score 16 points, three 10 points, two 5 points and one two points. The standings of the ladder will be published in each Gambit.

The answers involve relatively short combinations but all you need send is the key first move. It would be recommended for the contestant and this writer if you would include the ensuing line.

The deadline for these four problems is April 20, 1990.

Solutions should be sent to Lajos Pogany, 18 Fairfax Avenue, Asheville, NC 28806.

January-February solutions:

1. Nf6
2. f6
3. ...d5
- 4.1...Rb6! 2 Qd3(If 2 Rb6 Rc1 3 Kg1 Qf3 4 Rg6 Kh7.0-1) 2...ed 3 Qb6 Qf3 4 Kg1 Rc2 and won.

Wrong! Unless you are so smarmy as a computer you will still find someone who will play better chess than you and when you'll leave the site of your defeat moodlessly the thought will not cheer you up, that the "New Headroom" compu would have won your game, damn it!

In other words: Chess remains a game for everyone and a computer remains a machine. In certain countries an activity - without serious financial impact as - e.g. football, baseball, tennis - counts a little. Generally spoken, we must be thankful to

Here are the next 4 positions. The first is a hard nut!



Pos.1, Black to Move



Pos.2, Black to Move



Pos.3, Black to Move



Pos.4, Black to Move

scientists and manufacturers for spending time, energy and expenditures to focus on such a shaky business as Chess. Since in tennis a regional champion eventually makes more money than our world champion of chess, the explanation of the urge to create and produce chess playing machines must be recognized as a highly idealistic, unselfish idea, another "game" for the mind with mostly impractical content.

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A FOND FAREWELL

By NM Rich Jackson

It is with a great deal of sadness that I bid farewell to my many friends throughout North Carolina. I have recently accepted a position as a chess coach for the Roanoke City School System. The most difficult thing that I had to face was realizing that I would have to say goodbye to my many friends throughout the state, my current and former students, and to my many opponents over the past four years.

North Carolina has been very good to me. I was awarded the National Master Title in 1985 after having moved here. Also, thanks to Larry Goldberg and the wonderful folks that make up the CMSCA, I learned how to be a fine chess instructor. Being a good player does not make a good coach. Thanks to their tutelage and patience, I have achieved a national reputation as a fine coach.

I remember my first opportunity to teach a group of CMSCA students vividly. In only twelve minutes, I taught them how to play the entire game of chess! Larry wanted to burst apart at the seams laughing, but he was, and remains, too much of a gentleman to do so. He took me under his wing and helped to mold my teaching style. Thanks, Larry!

The CMSCA gave me the opportunity to work with some of the finest coaches in the land: Vince McCambridge, Lev Albut, Suail Weeramantry (the best of the best), John Donaldson and Bill Colias. I had the opportunity to learn from watching these fine coaches teach.

This all led to my working with some of the most outstanding young talents in the United States, including Charlotte's own Michael Klein. Not only is North Carolina blessed with Michael, but Zaw Thet of Chapel Hill is a rising star. These two will have many exciting battles in the years to come and many state titles will come their way before they graduate from High School.

Not only is North Carolina blessed to have these two young players, but others as well - Gillian Sharer, Elizabeth Vicary, Frankie Newton, Jocy Yandle, the Humming brothers, Lee Hudson, Kevin Dupuis and so many others that come to mind.

I will dearly miss seeing my current and former students as they progress in the years to come. Fortunately, they have an excellent coach to guide them - my teammate from the 1989 NC Team Championship Team - The Charlotte Knights National Master, Will Wharton.

I look forward to seeing my young friends at the National Championships each year and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.

As for the North Carolina Chess Association, I have never seen it in such capable hands as those of Wilder Wadford. His guidance and leadership is what this state needs so desperately. Do not let him resign in the fall of 1990. I urge you to persuade him to serve at least one more term to finish what he has started.

Leland Fuerstman and I were never the best of buddies, but I admire his desire to improve chess in North Carolina. His efforts to organize the 1989 NC Team Championships were exemplary, at no small expense to himself it might be added. Also, his finding of a site for the 1989 NC Invitational at Jim Yandle's house has to be saluted! He directed the tournament in a professional manner with all potential problems being headed off before they could arise. Adjournments were done at the proper time to ensure that rounds started at the scheduled time. Congrats Leland!

John Thomas has done, and continues to do, a fine job as your Scholastic Chairman. He has solicited the advice of many knowledgeable scholastic teachers and parents. For the first time in many years, statewide attention is being focused on scholastics and not on isolated pockets such as Raleigh, Winston-Salem and Charlotte. The future of NC Scholastic Chess is at its highest point in many years and is only going to get better.

Thanks to Jim Johnson also must be extended. NCCA Membership is rising and this is directly attributable to his efforts.

One of the hardest goodbyes has to be saying so to Robert Singletary. He is one of the best as a tournament director and as a friend. As a TD he is quick and accurate with his pairings. However, one of his greatest attributes has to be his willingness to admit a mistake, which is very infrequent! Unlike most TD's who act like a dictator and think of their word as gospel, Robert is fair and quite willing to correct a mistake. More than any other thing I admire this human quality about Robert.

Without his many efforts over the years chess in North Carolina would be in the ice ages compared to what it is now! Keep it up and I will see you in Fort Lauderdale - But I will have to say no to being a TD (chuckle, chuckle, chuckle).

To all of the many others

who deserve a special mention I apologize that space limitations prohibit me from doing so. However, keep up the fine work!

As a chess player, it was a great honor to finish my playing in North Carolina (as a resident!) at the 1989 NC Invitational Championship. To be selected by your peers as a participant in this prestigious event is a great honor and one that I have always cherished.

This was my third Invitational and my goals were very simple. In the 1986 and 1987 Invitationals I drew three games, lost two and finished tied for last both times. This time out I did not want to finish last and I wanted to finally win a game!

After round one, Randy Kolvick and Will Wharton made it clear to the other participants that this was their tournament by quickly seizing the lead and very soon they would leave the rest of us behind. It was now a battle for third place amongst the rest of us. I was lucky to finish third with 2 1/2 points (2 wins [!], 2 losses and one draw).

I was fortunate to achieve both of my goals in this event and I hope you will find my games entertaining. My battle with Randy in the fourth round is a classic example of Senior Master Kolvick's style and desire to win. Any other player would have agreed to a draw after I set up what I felt was an unbreakable blockage. Not Randy! He kept grinding away until a fatal King walk led to my demise. Well done, old friend!

Memorable moments are numerous. My win over Neal Harris at the 1986 Salisbury Open was of theoretical interest and was published in the International Magazine Chess Players News. To my knowledge, I don't believe it was ever published in the Gambit. I hope you enjoy it.

NM Harris - NM Jackson
Salisbury, N.C.
Austrian Pirc - - - BO9
February, 1986

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4
(The Pirc Defense has long been a regular part of my repertoire. Neal chooses the violent Austrian attack. This brought a smile to my face as it insured a decisive result for one of the players - who remained to be seen), 4... Bg7 5 Nf3 0-0 (Black has a good alternative in 5... c5 and I have had good success with it, but I was in a must win situation and opt for a more violent choice) 6 e5 (A more positional approach is 6 Bd3, whereupon 6... Nc6 leads to some

interesting tactical fights.) 6...Nf7 7 h4! (This initiates what I call the Can Opener Attack. It is the most direct method of attacking the black monarch. However, by attacking so early on the Kingside, white must be prepared for a counterattack in the center.) 7...c5! 8 e6! (White attempts to shed the pawns from around the King. A wild alternative is: 8 h5! cd 9 hg dc 10 gf Rf7 11 Bc4 e6 12 Ng5 Nf8! 13 Nf7 Kf7 14 Qh5 Kg8 with a wild and extremely unclear position.) 8...fe 9 h5 gh! (Believe it or not, but I had had this position on two occasions prior to this game, as White! On both occasions, Black blundered with 9... Nf6? and after 10 hg! got pulverized.) 10 Rh5 Nf6 11 Rh4 cd 12 Nd4 Nc6 13 Nc6! (13 Re3 is equal - Nunn). 13...bc 14 g4 Nd5! (The exclamation is Nunn's from "The Pirc for the Tournament Player." This was an untried variation of theoretical interest, at that time. Within the next four moves Neal has a position that is in shambles. Enterprising players might want to start analysing here to improve on White's play. 15 Qd3 h6 (Forced.) 16 Nd5! ed 17 f5 (17 g5? Bf5! - /+) 17...e6! (The exposed position of the White Rook pays dividends. Now the initiative passes over to Black. NM Jim Gallager suggests 18 Rh2 for White at this point) 18 Qg3! ef 19 g5 Qe7 20 Kd1 f4!! (A shot that decides matters) 21 Bf4?? (While it will lose in the long run, best was: 21 Rf4 Rf4 22 Qf4 hg 23 Qg5 Qg5 23 Bg5 Bb2 and with two extra pawns, Black will win the endgame. This was all forced as White cannot allow 21...hg.) 21...hg!! (A simultaneous pin and fork. Not something you see every day.) Black mopped up from here. (0-1) in 26.

Another memorable moment was the 1987 Billy Watt Memorial. With three International Masters participating (McCambridge, Donaldson, and Schroer). "Lowly" NMs didn't stand much of a chance, or did we?

NM Jackson - IM Jonathan Schroer
Billy Watt
Poisoned Pawn Najdorf B97
April, 1987

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Qb6 (Crud! I didn't want to play a long theoretical line against a professional. However, I had never lost the White side of a poisoned pawn and I said, "what the heck!") 8 Qd2 Qb2 9 Rb1 (a good alternative is 9 Nb3, and in recent years it has gained a lot of fans. However, at the time this game was played, this line was very popular.) 9...Qa3 10 f5 Nc6 11 fe f6 12 Nc6 bc 13 e5 de (In Celler-Fischer, Monte Carlo-

1967, 13...Nd5! was played. This move may be underrated.) 14 Bf6 gf 15 Ne4 Be7 16 Bc2.

A funny story must now be told. In the fall of 1980, Schroer and I played a series of speed chess games at the Raleigh Chess Club - all of which were Poisoned Pawns - and I won most of them. At the time of this game, Jonathan and I had forgotten about that former meeting. All of a sudden, both of us looked at each other and remembered. Almost like a light bulb lighting up over the board at this exact moment.

I could almost read Schroer's thoughts, "Darn. There was only one person in North Carolina I didn't want to play the Poisoned Pawn against - and here I am playing it against him. He knows book as well as I do, I've got to get him out of it." An hour deep "deep think" now produces a theoretical novelty that dies in its infancy.

16...f5?? (only 16...h5! and 16... 0-0?! are playable) 17 Bh5! Kf8 18 Qh6! Kg8 19 0-0? (On the verge of a smashing victory against an International Master, I start to panic. I was worried that Schroer knew some offbeat analysis that I didn't know. Of course, 19 Rb3!! is fatal for Black. After 19 Rb3!! Qh3 20 ah fe 21 0-0 Bc5 22 Kh1 Ra7 23 Qg5 Rg7 24 Qd8 Bf8 25 Rf8 MATE. Verging on panic, I opt for a safe move to maintain the status quo.) 19...f4 (Schroer desperately tries to stop the threat of Rg3) 20 Ng5?? (Inwardly panicking, I take the safe out and force a perpetual check - taking the sure thing. Of course, 20 Rb3 Qa2 or anything else, 21 Rg3!! fg 22 Bf7 mate.) 20...Bg5 21 Qg5 Kf8 22 Qd8 (1/2 - 1/2) A sad finish to an easy victory!

It was nice to win the inaugural event of the 1989 NC Collegiate Championships. Equally nice, was the opportunity to team up with Will Wharton, Ken Naugle, Tim Loesch, Ken Baxter, John Kirby and David Japp in the 1989 NC Team Championships. A total team effort was required to eke out a narrow half point victory. Two state championships (one shared with six other teammates) in 1989. Not half bad!

Well, adios for now. When in Roanoke, give me a call.

Man has won!



(COMPUTERS-from page 9)

It is banality to enhance the profiting effect of small chess computers as faithful pals and playmates for sporadic chess fans in remote areas. In the early 70's when I moved into the States I was accustomed to the continental circumstances (particularly in Hungary or Germany) finding chess contacts in no time, thanks to the news stand publications and frequent media columns. In Virginia it took me 6 months to get the right orientation. Since then a few things happened about chess marketing and promotion, but still it isn't so easy to follow a serious line up to competitions, chess get-togethers. Forget now for a moment New York and LA - about 25 million of the United States plus two hundred fifty million inhabitants - as the two most lively chess centers, where something always happens, if nothing else a "Blitz" or Octangular in the Marshall or Manhattan Clubs. The rest of the about 60,000 serious (??) chess enthusiasts are living in such distances from each other as in Europe would be an entire Holland...which options do these players have?

Either: to travel hundreds of miles to a chess tournament, spending hotel and living costs and increasing entry fees with three (or four? New York Open...) digits, carrying the proud "Bye,bye Chessbird!" title, collecting 1-2-3 or more 1/2 point byes. Moreover: reentering the fight if the outcome becomes disgusting...degrading themselves and the philosophy of Chess to a laughing matter instead of a life and death struggle only because of the money hunger of some tournament organizers. Ask McEnroe if he would pay \$1000 after a lost game against Lendl to reenter again in the Wimbledon Open? What would the world of tennis say - the watchers, bystanders, officials. And we are demanding a serious status in the (often suspicious) eyes of the outsiders with an attitude like this? What is chess? A serious mind exercise or a pure "dead wish" for money?

Or: the increasing camp of those, who aren't willing (or able) any more to keep up with the up hill "bye" way of the cost inflation in chess (the turnout of big events is actually in a slow but steady decrease, and still nobody cries "Mayday!...") has a great alternative: procuring a chess computer. I have a strong

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AN EXQUISITE MADNESS

By Robert Morrell, Jr.

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"Nerds, geeks and geezers!" My wife was upset, so I ignored the taunt. It was the whole weekend, after all. Still, other husbands spend more time with golf, tennis or mistresses; she didn't have to get so personal about it. Give me a little respect please, dear, I was going to use my brain this weekend. I was going to play chess.

I had last played competitive chess in the early seventies, during the reign of the first American World Champion, Bobby Fischer. I hadn't been a geek or a geezer but...well, anyway, like a lot of Fischerites, I had fallen away from the royal game when he defaulted his title. Actually, I took up skydiving. Family and good sense eventually prevailed, and I settled down again. Last year I began coaching chess at the Salvation Army Boy's Club. A few games and a little review and after sixteen years, I found myself headed to the LPO, a three-day event held in the Winston-Salem area each summer. This year it filled the Holiday Inn in Clemmons. With a purse of over \$10,000 and attendance in the hundreds, the LPO (Lipkin-Pfefferkorn Open, after its founders) is one of the Southeast's most prestigious chess tournaments.

When I arrived, I found that, my wife's insults aside, things had changed. Normalcy, in the American stone soup sense of the word had arrived. This was no invasion of the computer programmers. Instead, psychiatrists, soldiers, mechanics, grocers, pig farmers and doctors faced off with equal trepidation. The number of women players, though still small, was up. Black chess players, also a rarity in the seventies, were all but common. Suit and tie types puffed pipes, while long hairs in heavy metal T-shirts drowned out distractions with Walkmans. In the halls, there were people talking in Russian. Fischer was gone, but chess had chugged on ahead without him.

The nerds were still there, of course: four-eyed acne/asthma victims trading monographs on the latest moves against the French defense for dog-eared Star Trek novels. The only change was that they no longer used slide rules to calculate their chess ratings. The geezers were there as well, but in fewer numbers it seemed to me. I suspect that our increasingly sadistic society had more of them out jogging their ancient frames in the July heat. And the geeks, well what is a geek anyway? Someone who is

different? Let's face it, in a country that values "Wheel of Fortune" and the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders, you have to be a little out of synch to want to play a game that makes you think for a couple hours.

To understand why sixty-four squares and sixteen statuettes could stay the focus of so many minds for the fifteen or so centuries chess has been around, you have to grasp the central truth of chess: there is no luck. Here is a game that your bratty baby brother is not going to win with some unlikely roll of the dice. Nor are you going to lose because your mixed doubles partner stayed out too late last night with some guy in a Corvette; the two-timing hussy. In chess, it's all you and only you.

Of course, no luck means no excuses either, something that drives as many people away from chess as the lack of chance attracts. Chess players hang their psychic butts over the abyss everytime they sit down at a board. You can't soften a loss with the idea that the ref was the opposing coach's second cousin, or wish the sun hadn't gotten in your eyes. Like mountain climbers, chess players accept the consequences of their mistakes. Unlike the mountain climbers, chess players have to live with themselves the next day. Each Monday, across the nation, there are golfers and chess players planning their next try at a game that the day before they swore by all that was holy they would never touch again.

If masochism is a hidden element of chess, perfectionism is an overt one. Every move is recorded for future analysis. In the pairings room at the LPO, players shared their games with each other, gloating or moaning, laughing or crying; they all searched for ways to improve. Victories were blunted with the discovery of missed moves by your opponent, or defeats made even more exasperating with the discovery of a mate-in-three that you overlooked. Verdicts are not always swift. A recent issue of Chess Life announced that a refutation to a move made a game played in a Paris Opera box in 1858 had finally been found. There is a feeling of immortality in chess, a link with the past that makes the game larger than life. Leafing through my own tournament scorebook, I found, a few pages before my games at the 1989 Billy Watt Memorial Tournament in Statesville, my last tournament win in the seventies. It was against Billy Watt. Wherever you are, Billy, 6.P-Q3 allowed me too much room in the center.

The most overt element of

chess for me at the LPO was fear. Chess is a war game and I was a case study in combat stress. My heart pounded, my stomach ached and I was flushed to the point of feeling like a space heater. I can say with certainty that not once during the 250 times I jumped out of an airplane did I ever feel the terror that gripped me each of the five times I sat down at the board at the LPO. I ended up losing ten pounds in three days, along with two-and-a-half of five games and a lot of sleep.

It always amazes me that they teach this game to children. Chess is violent. There was a chess mom at the LPO who obviously did not understand this. She admonished her child's fifth round opponent to "be nice to my son". The opponent looked up, straight-faced: "I'll kill him if I can, ma'am," he replied. All the players in earshot nodded in agreement. Crush! Kill! Attack! Play for blood! Then shake hands afterwards and be gracious. It's no wonder that a substantial percentage of chess masters end up in insane asylums.

The fact is, the government encourages chess in the schools. Thomas Malinzak, a math and computer science teacher at Mt. Tabor High School, runs the chess club there. "It started as a chess and Dungeons and Dragons' Club" he told me, "but the D&D faded out." Hearing that put me in as an upbeat mood about American youth as I've been since the death of disco. Malinzak is big on game theory, decision making and chess's ability to teach these things. His kids play chess on a computer screen by the way, no actual pieces.

Studies show that kids who play chess are very unlikely to abuse drugs. There are several theories for this. Some say that chess teaches you to think ahead to the consequences of your actions; others say that it gives you a respect for your own brain. My own belief is that kids who play chess don't get addicted to drugs because they're already addicted to chess.

Two weeks before the LPO, my wife hid my credit cards. I had been buying chess books by phone. The catalogs read like a South African marital arts magazine. (Afraid of Being Black? Learn the Sicilian Dragon, and Crush White Before the First Time Control, 176 pgs. \$12.95.) A prominent player at the LPO was worried the repo man was going to get his car while he was playing. He had lost his wife, his job and was two payments behind on his Honda. The entry fee for the LPO was sixty dollars. He paid cash.

Not every chess player ends up sleeping on park benches of course. A few months after the

LPO, I attended one of the Winston-Salem Chess Club's Thursday night meetings at the Shoney's on University. There I met Dr. Amon Funderburk. A man of intimidating silence, Dr. Funderburk swatted down a new opening I had been studying (Be a Swashbuckling Chess Pirate, Learn the King's Gambit, 160 pgs., \$16.95). "There have been plenty of studies on the physiological effect," he pointed out. Increased pulse rate, dramatic jumps in blood pressure, and all the other elements of high stress are apparently accepted norms in tournament chess. "You're just exercising a different muscle," he concluded. This depressed me. As bad as I had felt the next day, it was obviously a muscle I had not used in a while.

Dr. Funderburk has been playing chess for thirty years, and his main regret seems to be not having learned the game at a younger age. Though he likes to think of himself as a "quiet physician by day and a killer stalking the board by night," he readily admits to lacking the intense competitive instincts of the more possessed players. Chess is an art form to Dr. Funderburk, and he is quite happy to appreciate the works of the masters, rather than worry over his own latest creation. He believes that this is why he has endured while others, including Bobby Fischer himself, have burnt out.

The constant talk of Bobby Fischer was the biggest surprise in my return to chess. I had thought that some of the teenagers I would be playing wouldn't even know who he was. After all, some of them already think Ronald Reagan is a combat toy, and he has only been gone eleven months. Bobby Fischer hasn't been seen in public in 16 years. Reliable reports have it that he is a skinhead in L.A. studying anti-Semitic literature, and has dropped the "e" from his name. (You think I'm making this up don't you?) In the lobby of the Clemmons Holiday Inn, there was always someone talking about him. "If a computer won the world championship, he'd come out of retirement. Do you think he's too old to beat Kasparov, the current champion? Fischer chose this move in this opening, so I did too." For some, Bobby Fischer is as much an obsession as the game itself.

In his best selling book, Searching for Bobby Fischer, Fred Waitzskin observed that the United States now has, as a result of the Fischermania of the seventies, the biggest crop of high quality young players in its history. Yet almost none of them can make enough money at the game to play full time. Those who do

spend most of their time in Europe, where corporations sponsor big-money tournaments. In the mid seventies, Fischer was offered a million dollars to play one game. He turned it down. Chess may have broadened its demographics, but it has not built on that base. Perhaps today's players want Fischer to come out because they believe that until his enigma is laid to rest, U. S. chess cannot rise above his high water mark.

I gained 25 ratings points at the LPO. A few months later I blew that and more at a rinky-dink tournament in Virginia. One day you eat the fish, the next day your're food for the fishes. There's another tournament coming up in Chapel Hill in December and the big "Land of the Sky" tournament in Asheville is the week before the Super Bowl. If I can find my credit cards, (Don't Just Silence Your Opponent, Rip His Lungs Out: Queen's Gambit Declined, 212 pgs. \$19.95) and assemble my tournament drugs: aspirin, Tums, Pepto-Bismol, sleeping pills, etc., I think I could get those points back.

If not, well, it's an interesting way to lose weight.

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suspect, that a good - 2200 or so - computer with a modern opening library (Cost = about the expenses of one single tournament...) means a real competition but, not to the top players, but to the top organizers of events.

In my opinion with the phobic handling to expel computers through a strict "No no!" from human competitions or the tolerancy to neurotic players who refuse to play those harmless little machines, due to some kind of mysterious allergy, virtually limits the chances exactly to the original idea of the organizers: namely to make more money. A clever restriction to win prize money etc, the computer owner still would be happy and curious how his silent pal is doing. Also the odd distinction: how to create ratings for domestic and imported computers to see their real strength has to be dissolved once and for all.

Two years ago I had the abortive idea to try to organize a "computers against humans" tournament (encouraged by the success and well adopted Land Of The Sky mass tournaments by the management of the Grove Park Inn, Asheville. These events are also my projects here.) Possibly: I was thinking of a Microcomputer

World Championship, similar to those which are held in Dallas, Amsterdam or Rome. I knew that space and technical support wise it is an easy task and I believed that it would be an elegant and problemless job. Moreover - one of the leading chess computer manufacturers of the World, German Mephisto Productions, expressed their immediate, enthusiastic participation. So I was optimistic.

Too soon! Sonorous calls awoke me and my desperation shortly. I was instructed "not so fast my friend", I should pay just \$1000 for a license to be permitted to rate computers, I should fill out different applications, invite various observers from various associations and if I want to do it seriously, I should offer some prize money also in the bracket of 5 digits and the Computer World Association will weigh if my offer is good enough. So the bureaucracy of modern chess moved into the computer world also. Those who are generating and keeping alive this bureaucracy do not realize that chess is a full self containing movement with practically none of the very few outside sources of financial support. If a greater part of the players get unsatisfied or discontented the whole setup could scramble without a ghost of a chance to damage the sweet, classic, original idea:

"LET'S PLAY CHESS!..." with or without computers...

(Editor's Note: Lajos Pogany is a chess Expert from the Asheville Chess Club, a very knowledgeable advocate of chess computers, the Entertainment Director of the Grove Park Inn and originator of the Land of the Sky Tournament.)

CHAMPIONSHIP

CHES FRIENDSHIP (Excerpts)

By Don Maddox, Chess Life 6/89

"Imagine my surprise...to find...that chess is a social sport! I was amazed to see the transformation wrought by the introduction of the spirit of teamwork into the essential private purgatory of the individual chess player. Did I agonize over bad positions? Yes, but only after I checked the status of my team's other boards. Did I regret my mistakes? Yes, but my measure of success was my contribution to the team not my personal score."

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North Carolina Scholastics

GAMES

THE NC INVITATIONAL

Sharer-O'Neill 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be2 Bg7 7 Be3 O-O 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 O-O-O Ng4 10 Bg4 Bg4 11 f3 Bd7 12 g4 Ne5 13 Qe2 a6 14 h4 f6 15 Rdg1 Qe8 16 f4 Nf7 17 f5 Nh8 18 Qh2 Rf7 19 f6 Ng6 20 g5 Kh8 21 Qd2 Ne5 22 Qe2 f5 23 e4 Bf5 24 Nf5 Rf5 25 Bd4 Nf3 26 Bg7 Kg7 27 Rf1 Nd4 28 Qd3 Rf1 29 Rf1 Nc6 30 Nd5 Qh5 31 Ne7 Rd8 32 Qc3. 1-0

Humming-Yandle 1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 e6 3 e3 Nc6 4 c3 b6 5 f4 Be7 6 Bf6 Rf6 7 Nf3 Bh7 8 Bd3 Qe7 9 Qe2 d6 10 Nbd2 Rd8 11 O-O g6 12 a3 O-O 13 b4 Nb8 14 e4 e5 15 f6 de 16 d5 c6 17 e4 c5 18 b5 Nd7 19 a4 Bg7 20 a5 Nf6 21 ab ab 22 Ra7 Ra8 23 Rfa1 Ra7 24 Ra7 Ra8 25 Ra8 Ba8 26 Qd1 Ne8 27 Qa4 Bb7 28 Qa7 Qc7 29 Nb1 Bc8 30 Qc7 Nc7 31 Nc3 Kf8 32 Na4 Na8 33 h3 f5 34 Kf2 Ke7 35 Nc3 Kf6 36 Ne2 fe 37 Be4 Bf5 38 Kc3 Nc7 39 g4 Bh6 40 Kd3 Bd7 41 Nc3 Bf4 42 Na4 Ke7 43 Nb6 Be8 44 Kc2 Bf7 45 Kb3 Ne8 46 Ka4 Nd6 47 Bc2 Kd8 48 Ka5 Kc7 49 Ka6 Be8 50 Na4 Nc4 51 b6 Kb8 52 Nc4 Be3 53 Bb3 Nd6 54 Ne6 Bb5 55 Ka5 e4 56 Nc7 ef 57 Nb5 f2 58 Nd6 f1q and Black won in 77. 0-1

Sharer-Humming 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 ed ed 5 Bd2 Bf5 6 a3 Bc3 7 Bc3 Ne7 8 Nf3 Nd7 9 Bd3 O-O 10 O-O c5 11 de Nc5 12 Bf5 Nf5 13 Re1 Ne4 14 Bb4 Re8 15 Nd2 Qc7 16 Ne4 de 17 Bc3 Nh6 18 Qd4 Nf5 19 Qd5 Qf4 20 Qd2 e3 21 fe Re3 22 Rf1 Qe4 23 Rf5 Re2 24 Qg5 Qe3 25 Qe3 Re3 26 Rd1 and White won in 62. 1-0

Humming-Newton 1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 g6 3 e3 Bg7 4 Bd3 O-O 5 f4 d6 6 Nf3 c5 7 c3 Nd5 8 e4 Nc7 9 Nbd2 Ne6 10 d5 Ng5 11 Ng5 Bd7 12 O-O h5 13 f5 h6 14 Nf3 Qb6 15 Kh1 e4 16 Bc2 e6 17 f6 f6 18 Re1 e5 19 Qe2 Bg4 20 Rf1 Nd7 21 h3 Bf3 22 Nf3 Nf6 23 Rf2 Nh5 24 Kh2 Rf6 25 Raf1 Raf8 26 b3 cb 27 ab Rc8 28 Bd3 Rc3 29 Bb5 Rb3 30 Ra4 Re3 31 Qc2 Rf4 32 Nd2 Rf2 33 Rf2 Rh3 34 Kh3 Qf2 and Black won in 39. 0-1

Newton-Yandle 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Bc4 Bg7 7 f3 O-O 8 Be3 Nc6 9 Qd2 Bd7 10 O-O-O Rc8 11 Bb3 Qa5 12 g4 Ne5 13 h4 Nc4 14 Bc4 Rc4 15 Nb3 Qa6 16 Bh6 Rfc8 17 Bg7 Kg7 18 e5 Ne8 19 h5 d5 20 hg Qg6 21 Rh5 Kf8 22 Rdh1 e6?? 23 Rg5 and White won in 63. 1-0

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19 Rc1 Nc6 20 Qc5 Ne4 21 Be4 Be4 22 Nd6 Bf3 23 Rc3 Be2 24 Qd5 Nd8 25 Re3 Bg4 26 Re8 Kh7 27 Qe4 f5 28 Qe7 Qe7 29 Re7 Nc6 30 Rb7 Rb8 31 d5 Rb7 32 Nb7 Nd4 33 d6 Ne6 34 d7 Nf4 35 d8Q and White won in 48. 1-0

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Yandle-O'Neill 1 e4 e5 2 f4 Bc5 3 Nf3 J6 4 Nc3 Nc6 5 Bb5 Bd7 6 Bc6 Bc6 7 d4 ed 8 Nd4 Bd7 9 Be3 Qh4 10 g3 Qh3 11 Qd2 Bg4 12 Nce2 Nf6 13 Nc3 Bb4 14 e5 Ne4 15 Qd3 Bc3 16 bc Nc5 17 Qf1 Qf1 18 Kf1 O-O-O 19 ed Rhe8 20 Kf2 Ne4 21 Kgl Nd6 22 Bf2 Nf5 23 Rfe8 b6 24 Re8 Re8 25 Re1 Re1 26 Be1 Nd6 27 Kf2. 1/2-1/2

Other games not available or the scoresheets incomplete.

North Carolina Scholastics

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1. GILLIAN SHARER (1793)	x	1	1	1	1	1	5.0
2. FRANKIE NEWTON (1778)	0	x	1	1/2	1	1	3.5
3. JOSEPH YANDLE (1641)	0	0	x	1/2	1	1	2.5
4. DAVID O'NEILL (1577)	0	1/2	1/2	x	0	1	2.0
5. MARTIN HUMMING (1633)	0	0	0	1	x	0	1.0
6. ELIZABETH VICARY (1737)	0	0	0	0	1	x	1.0

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2 Frankie Newton	1778
3 Elizabeth Z. Vicary	1737
4 Joseph W. Yandle	1641
5 Scott Howard Kaufmann	1634
6 Martin Hummings	1633
7 Michael Martin Klein	1608
8 David P. O'Neill	1577
9 Derek R. Stepp	1575
10 Charles E. Coble	1566
11 Bill De Armev	1546
12 Brian W. Doster	1541
13 T. Ryan Deering	1514
14 Philip Gnilka	1506
15 Zaw L. Thet	1506
16 Kevin Dupuis	1484
17 Marcus Hummings	1474
18 Russell D. Meyer	1472
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Sharer-O'Neill

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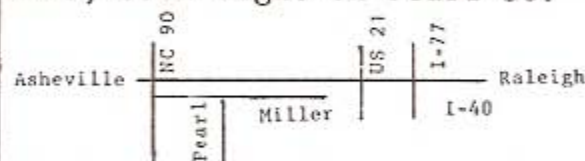
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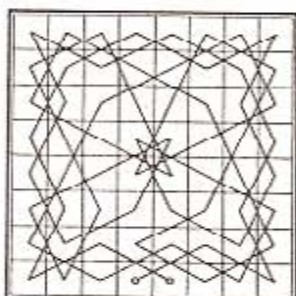
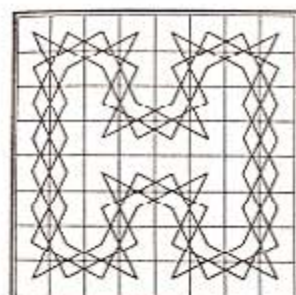
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9. William Wharton	7.00
10. Robert Moore	6.00
10. James Tobin	6.00
10. Kye Hedlund	6.00
(Land of Sky III not posted)	

HOW THE GRAND PRIX WORKS

For each rated game won one point is awarded. Three bonus points are awarded for every twelve players to winners in their section; e.g., thirty six player section has nine bonus points. No more than 25 points may be scored in any event. All reported events must be NCCA sanctioned and you must be a NCCA member at the time you claim to score points. The TD is responsible for turning the results in. However, if he has not you may send in an official USCF crosstable for the event to claim your points. The yearly competition lasts from state championship to state championship. Prizes are 1st-\$70 and free EF to State Championship and 2nd-\$30. All results should be sent to Robert Singletary at his NEW ADDRESS: 5901-C Shadetree Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613 (919)881-8482.

KNIGHTS



Diagrams are showing Knights' tours of the board, no square being visited twice, and the tour ending where it began.

Team CHAMPIONSHIP

The Team Championship has been tentatively set for May 19-20 in Charlotte. A team is five players with optional alternates. The average rating cannot exceed 2100 in the Open section and 1700 in the Amateur. Begin making plans now.

The team should ideally come from the same area, but this is not a requirement. Elect a captain. Call Leland Fuerstman now.

Entry fees will be kept as low as possible. This is a prestige event but there will be cash prizes and a handsome team plaque.

Team play introduces a whole new concept of playing chess. Tim Loesch writes: "... the comradery of a team format ... (made) this a memorable tourney...one of the best tournaments ever held in North Carolina...it is my sincere hope...that this tourney (will be) a permanent part of the North Carolina Chess scene".

There are many strategies in a team event; stacking your team with strong players and giving up two games no matter what, or bringing in an alternate when a player is not playing well. The combinations are endless.

My team last year needed a win bad. I had to either draw or win my game. I was clearly losing. But my teammates were pulling for me. I was not playing alone. My heart, mind and adrenalin pushed me. Opportunity knocked and I pounced on it. I offered a draw even though I was now winning the game. Never have I savored a draw more. We won. Do not miss this tournament. It's fun!

(See Chess Friendship p.13)

-Wadford-

TOURNAMENTS

1990 NC SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

March 2-4, 1990

5-SS, 40/90, SD/30, Metro School, 700 E. 2nd St., Charlotte, NC. (704)847-8267

March 3. Ramada. 3-SS, 40/90, 30/1, no S/D, Ramada Inn, 600 S. Kings Drive, Charlotte, 704-377-6800, HR: \$35 in advance. In two sections. \$100 first each section. EF: \$20. NCCA mem. req. Reg. 9-9:45am, Rds. 10-2:30-7. Ent: Leland Fuerstman, 320 Seneca Place, Charlotte, NC 28210. 704-523-2181

March 17. Phi Kappa Blanca. 3-SS, 40/90, SD/30, NCSU Student Union (Cates Ave. & Morrill Rd.), 3 Sections: Open, 1400-1799, U1400. EF: \$7 in advance, \$8 at site. NCCA mem. req. \$5G 40-10 each section. Reg. 9-9:45am, Rds. 10-2-6. Ent: Robert Singletary, 5901-C Shadetree Ln., Raleigh, NC 27613 (919)881-8482. NS NC

March 24. Ramada

April 1. Rambo. 3-SS, G/1, UNC-CH Student Union (corner of S. RD. & Raleigh Rd.), Chapel Hill. EF: \$5 by 3/27, \$6 at site. NCCA mem. req., \$5(b/8): \$26 to 1st. Reg. 11:00-11:23 am, Round times: 11:30, 2, 4:30. Send Ent: Robert Singletary (see above).

April 7. Phi Kappa Blanca.

April 14. Ramada

April 21. Billy Watt Open. See inside for details.

May 5. Ramada

May. NCCA Team Championship, TBA

June 8-10. Wilmington Open #4. \$5G 1130+ 5-SS, 40/90, SD/1, Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 5032 Market St., Wilmington, NC 28403. 2 Sections. OPEN: 1st \$300+1/2 EF Land of Sky IV-2nd \$200, U2100 &

U1900 each \$25, U2000 \$100 + 1/2 EF Land of Sky IV. RESERVE(U1800): 1st \$225 + 1/2 EF to Land of Sky IV-2nd \$130, U1400 & Unr. each \$25, U1600 \$75 + 1/2 EF Land of Sky IV. EF prizes played off with 5 min. knockout if tied. EF prizes may be sold or transferred. 1 cash prize per person. EF: \$25. Reg.: 6/8-7:15 to 7:45pm, 6/9-9:15 to 9:45am. RDS.: 6/8 at 8:00 pm or 6/9 at 10:00 am-3-8, 8-2. one half point bye available for Rds 1-3 if requested by 6/7. NCCA Mem. Req. ENT: Eugene Davenport, 319 N. 27th St., Wilmington, NC 28405 919-762-9151. HR: \$45, max occ. 4 people. peak season, reserve early. 919-392-1101.

CHESS CLUBS

Tuesday: Appalachian State University Chess Club, 7:00pm-11:00pm, 2nd Floor ASU Student Union in the Forum Room, Boone, NC, call Ron Halley, 704-262-2777.

Tuesday: Metrolina Chess Club, 7:00 until, Bible Baptist Church, 2724 Margaret Wallace Road. Contact Ken Baxter, 704-364-4417.

Wednesday: Asheville Chess Club. North Asheville Community Center, 6:30-10:30pm. Contact Wilder Wadford, 704-645-4215.

Wednesday: Charlotte Chess Club, Shoney's, 440 S. Ind. Blvd., full scale 40/90, 30/60 tournament chess featured each meeting. Contact Leland Fuerstman, 704-523-2181.

Wednesday: Fayetteville Knights, Fayetteville at Senior Citizens Service Center, Blue St. (off the Bragg Blvd. near Kagney's). Call Mike Chromczak 919-897-2117, Paul King 919-822-2774, Larry Williams 919-425-6754.

Wednesday: Seahawk Chess Club, Wilmington, UNC-W Student Union Bldg. Contact Ulf Hellsten 919-458-5539.

Thursday: Winston Salem Chess Club 7:00 until, Shoney's, University Parkway.

Friday: Raleigh Chess Club, 7:00 until, Kiwanis Park Recreation Center, 2525 Noble Rd. Contact Ed Bergmark at 919-755-6434, 919-847-1309 and 919-782-7383.

Sunday: USO/Jacksonville Chess Club, 1:00pm until late evening. USO, 9 Tallman St. Lots of speed chess and match play. Contact Jeff Walsh, 202 Johnson Boulevard, Jacksonville, NC 28540, 919-846-8349.

NEED INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING

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