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TEAM CHAMPIONS REPEAT IN 18TH NORTH CAROLINA SCHOLASTICS

By Robert Singletary

A record 269 players representing 52 schools converged on Metro School in Charlotte March 3 and 4 for the 18th Annual North Carolina Scholastics. Yet, when the smoke cleared, history had repeated itself as each of the team champions in the four divisions had repeated as state champions, marking the first time in North Carolina scholastic history that this feat had occurred.

By far, the most interesting race was in the High School division as East Mecklenburg, Raleigh Enloe, and West Charlotte fought tooth and nail through the five round tournament. However, in the last round, East Mecklenburg got some clutch performances by Derek Stepp, Scott Kaufmann and Russell Meyer. East Mecklenburg finished with a team score of 15.5, followed by Enloe with 15.0 and West Charlotte with 14.5. Lenoir Hixson finished as the top 3-A school with a score of 11.5. In the individual race, Derek Stepp of East Mecklenburg and Frankie Newton of Alpha Christian finished as co-state champions with 4.5-0.5 scores, followed by seven players with 4-1 results.

In the Junior High division, Charlotte McClintock continued its reign over the Junior High ranks as they took their fifth straight state championship with a score of 16, easily surpassing Charlotte Hawthorne with 12.5 and Lenoir Hixson with 12.0. Raleigh Martin Middle School captured the Middle School state championship with a score of 12.0. In the individual standings, Joey Yandle of Charlotte Carmel finished with a perfect 5-0 score followed by David O'Neill of Charlotte Country Day with a 4.5-0.5 result.

The most excitement occurred in the Elementary division as Charlotte First Ward, which easily won its fifth straight championship and sixth in seven years, challenged perfection. First Ward did not achieve perfection, but they did finish with a result of 19.5 out of 20, the highest mark ever in North Carolina scholastic history. First Ward was followed by Charlotte Barringer with 14.5 and Charlotte Cotswold with 14.0. In the individual hunt, First Ward teammates

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BILLY WATT MEMORIAL

On April 21 the eleventh Billy Watt Memorial drew 121 players to Statesville. Some of the best games are inside and the results below. Next issue: "Who was Billy Watt?" An interview with his father.

BILLY WATT XI RESULTS

OPEN					
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	John Lane	NC	3.0	150.00	
3rd	Jack Berry	NC	2.5	50.00	
CLASS A					
1st	Dave Richards	NC	3.0	125.00	
2nd-3rd	Curtis Graham	SC	2.5	62.50	
	Doug Williams	VA	2.5	62.50	
CLASS B					
1st	Clarke Brosi	NC	3.0	125.00	
2nd-3rd	James Lindgard	NC	2.5	62.50	
	Jackie Ryan	NC	2.5	62.50	
CLASS C					
1st-2nd	Dan Hauser	NC	3.0	100.00	
	Dennis Davidson	NC	3.0	100.00	
3rd	Kevin Dupuis	NC	2.5	50.00	
CLASS D					
1st-2nd	Richard Hartwell	NC	3.0	80.00	
	Paul Tate	TN	3.0	80.00	
3rd	Scott Brown	VA	2.5	40.00	
SCHOLASTIC					
1st-2nd	Martin Coble	NC	3.0	30.00	
	Marty Katz	NC	3.0	30.00	
3rd	Mandy McFarland	NC	2.5	20.00	
BRILLIANCY: Clarke Brosi, \$15 EF credit in the 1990 closed State Championship.					

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FROM THE DIRECTORS

By Wilder Wadford

Major shifts have been made for some events. Due to the workload of having to do the Gambit, I have been unable to organize the Carolinas Open for this year. For the same reason the Team Championship has been moved to August. The details are in this issue.

I am pleased to announce that David Petranick, who is a graduating senior at Davidson College and a familiar face in the Scholastics arena as well as at our chess tournaments, is going to take over as Editor. I will be guiding him through the next issue. I hope to then turn my attention to other issues.

The CMSCA coordinated a tremendous success in the 1990 State Scholastics Championship. We collected enough dues to easily fund the Scholastic's budget for John Thomas and to give them coverage in the Gambit. I would like to thank John Thomas for all of his good work because his efforts contributed to the success of the State Championship.

I hope that you have enjoyed the last three issues of the Gambit. I have tried to give the magazine a new look with heavy concentrations of North Carolina games, new columns, wide coverage, personality profiles and the revival of a genre of literature known as "Chess Fiction". I think it all got started with my story, "Dirty Tricks". Derek Slater and Robert Morrell then got into the act. Some people think that chess players do not have a sense of humor. I am not trying to make the Gambit "Mad Magazine" but I do think that some light stories are nice accents to the serious material normally seen. I hope you find them entertaining. I also hope you will enjoy the good work of David Petranick.

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COMMITTEE REPORT: BRANTON, BUAIZ AND COOLEY ALLEGATIONS

The investigation into alleged irregularities in nine matches among the above named players is still in process. Questions have been submitted to the players and not all the answers and cross examinations have been completed.

A complete report and our findings will be published in the July issue of the Gambit.

Anyone having information concerning these matches is requested to contact Wilder Wadford.

Scholastics

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Kevin Dupuis, Aleks Stamatovich and Sean Jones all finished as tri-state champions with perfect 5.0 results.

In the Primary division, Charlotte Cotswold captured its third straight state title, surpassing Charlotte Landsdowne and Charlotte Irwin Avenue. Lee Hudson of Charlotte Cotswold captured the individual title with a perfect 5-0 score.

The College section also enjoyed excellent competition as a record turnout from seven different colleges competed. David Schmidt of North Carolina State finished first, Sam Shah of Virginia Tech finished second and James Hunnings of North Carolina State finished third.

The tournament was smoothly organized by the great volunteers of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Scholastics Chess Association while directing chores were shared by NTD Robert Singletary, Kenneth Baxter, Paul Sharer, Susan Stepp, John Welch and David Petranick.

CLASSIFIEDS

BOOKS

The Book of the First American Chess Congress. (1857) 563 p., color frontpiece of chess problem, original binding, gilt lettering, firm tight condition.
The Modern Chess Primer. 13th Edition. (1933). By Rev. E.E. Cunnington.
Your Chess Companion for 1940. Koltanowski. Ed., John R. Buck. Also a colorful porcelain chess set. For all items contact Bill Adickes. (704)253-4494.

North Carolina Scholastics

1990 N.C. STATE SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

COLLEGE

- 1st David Schmidr
2nd Sam Shah
3rd James B. Hunnings

HIGH SCHOOL

- Individual:
1st Derek Stepp:Co-champ
2nd Frankie Newton:Co-champ
3rd Gillian Sharer
4th John Bailey
5th Wade Doster
6th Scott Kaufman
7th Elizabeth Vicary
8th Russell Meyer
9th Chris Harbinson
10th Bill DeArmedy
Top C Robert Smith
Top D Manu Bettegowda
Top E Andy Oberhofer
Top Unrated: Chris Ahlin

- Team:
1st East Mecklenburg
2nd Enloe
3rd West Charlotte
4th East Burke
5th Country Day
Top 3A: Hibriten H.S.

JUNIOR HIGH

- Individual:
1st Joey Yandle-Champ
2nd David O'Neill
3rd Ryan Deering
4th Brian MacKenzie
5th Philip Gnika
6th Craig Kaufman
7th Travis Shaw
8th Jimmy Damon
9th Jayanth Chandran
10th Albert Monroe
Top C: Kent Annas
Top D: Stuart Rowe
Top E: Charles Sumner
Top Unrated: Jason Whitson

- Team:
1st McClintock
2nd Hawthorne
3rd Hibriten
4th East Union
5th Country Day

ELEMENTARY

- Individual:
1st Kevin Dupuis:Co-champ
2nd Aleks Stamatovich:Co-champ
3rd Sean Jones:Co-champ
4th Charles Oliphant
5th Michael Klein
6th Marko Stamatovich
7th Zaw Ther
8th Steven Genson
9th Michael Bailey
10th Jason Bouknight
11th Andrew McClure
12th Samuel Young
13th Marty Katz
14th Terry Moon
15th Tarak Shah
Top D: Brian Slusser
Top E: Thomas Williamson
Top Unrated: Tymak Gozdzik

- Team:
1st First Ward
2nd Barringer Elem
3rd Cotswold Elem
4th Irwin Avenue
5th Martin Middle
6th Piedmont Middle
7th Myers Park Traditional
Top K-5: Fred Olds

PRIMARY

- Individual:
1st Lee Hudson-Champ
2nd David Loveless
3rd Greg Herberg
4th Marc Belitza
5th Niko Swarthout
6th Thomas Westra
7th Michael Jarjour
8th Shamon Benton
9th Nicholas Ballew
10th Hunter Oberkat

- Team:
1st Cotswold
2nd Lansdowne
3rd Irwin Ave.
4th Huntersville
5th Myers Park

GAMES FROM THE STATE SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

COLLEGE

- BRILLIANCY Chad Johnson(1783)-
Gary Branton(1950) 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 Bc4
Bd7 10 0-0-0 Rc8 11 Bb3 Ne5 12 h4
Nc4 13 Bc4 Rc4 14 h5 Nh5 15 g4
Nf6 16 Bh6 Ne4 17 Ne4 Rd4 18 Qh2
Re4 19 Bg7 Kg7 20 Qh6 Kf6 21 g5
Ke6 22 fe Bc6 23 Qh3 f5 24 gf Kf6
25 e5 Ke5 26 Rhel Kf6 27 Qh4 Kf1
28 Qh7 Ke8 29 Qg6 Kd7 30 Qg7 Bf3
31 Kd3 Bh5 32 Kde3 Rf1 33 Qg5 Qh8
34 Rh3 Rh7 35 Rehl Bg6 36 Qg6 Rh3
37 Qg4 1-0

- Robert Lawrence(1621) - Gary
Branton(1950) 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 e6 3
g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 Nc6 6 Nge2
Nge7 7 Be3 Nd4 8 f4 Qb6 9 Rb1 0-0
10 0-0 d6 11 Qd2 e5 12 h3 Be6 13
b3 f5 14 Nd5 Qd8 15 Ne7 Qe7 16 fe
Ne2 17 Qe2 Be5 18 Bf4 fe 19 Qe4
Bd4 20 Kh2 d5 21 Qe2 Rae8 22 Rbel
Qd7 23 Qd2 Bf6 24 Be5 Be5 25 Rf8
Rf8 26 Re5 b6 27 Qe2 Bf7 28 Re7
Re8 29 Re8 Be8 30 Bd5 Qd5 31 Qe8
Kg7 32 Qe7 Kh6 33 Qe4 Qh5? 34 Qh4
Qh4 35 gh a5 36 c3 Kg7 37 Kg3 Kf6
38 Kf4 h6 39 d4 cd 40 cd Ke6 41
Ke4 b5 42 a3 g5 43 hg hg 44 d5
Kd6 45 Kd4 b4 46 a4 Kc7 47 Kc5 1-0

HIGH SCHOOL

- BRILLIANCY Robert Smith(1433)-
Julie Schmidt(1273) 1 d4 d6 2 c4
Nf6 3 Nc3 Be6 4 e4 c5 5 d5 Bd7 6
Bg5 Ng4 7 Be2 Ne5 8 f4 Ng6 9 f5
Ne5 10 Nf3 Qb6 11 Rb1 Ng4 12 h3
Ne5 13 0-0 Na6 14 a3 Qd8 15 Ne5
de 16 Bh5 g6 17 fg hg 18 Qf3 Rf5
19 Bg4 f6 20 ef fg 21 fg Qb6 22
Bh5 0-0-0 23 Qf5 Rd7 24 Qf8 Rf8
25 Rf8 Rd8 26 g7 Qh6 27 Rd8 Kd8
28 g8(Q) 1-0

- Wade Doster(1575) - Gillia
Sharer(1784) 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6
Nc3 Nf6 4 cd ed 5 Bg5 Be7 6 e
Bf5 7 Qb3 Nbd7 8 Nd5 Nd5 9 Qd
Bb4 10 Kd1 Qg5 11 Nf3 Qg6 12 Qb
Rb8 13 Qc7 0-0 14 Rcl Bd6 15 Qc
Bb4 16 Qc7 Rfd8 17 a3 Bd6 18 Qc
Nb6 19 Nh4 Qh5 20 Nf3 Na4 21 Qc
Nb2 22 Kd2 Ba3 23 Qa6 Bb4 24 Rc
Bc3 25 Kc3 Rdc8 26 Kd2 Rc2 27 Ke
Rcl 28 Kd2 Rc2 29 Kel Nd3 30 Kd
Rcl 0-1

JUNIOR HIGH

- BRILLIANCY Jimmy Smith(1433)
Patrick Moore(1180) 1 e4 e5 2 Nf
Nc6 3 d3 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bc5 5 Be3 Qe
6 Nd5 Nd5 7 ed Nd4 8 c3 Nf5 9 b
Bc3 10 fe Qd6 11 e4 Ne3 12 Qe
Nf1 13 Qf1 c6 14 Ng5 0-0 15 Qf
f6 16 Nh3 f5 17 Qh5 cd 18 0-0 g
19 Qh6 b6 20 ef Rf6 21 Ng5 Qe7 2
fg Rg6 23 Rc8 Qf8 24 Qh7 1-0

This next game is printed not
because it is particularly good
but because of who the loser is.
This young man had learned to
play chess just FOUR DAYS before
the tournament!

- Mark Gragg(1310) - Riki
Yamakawa(Unr.) 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nc6
3 c3 Bf5 4 e3 f6 5 h3 e5 6 de fe
7 Bb5 a6 8 Bc6 bc 9 Ne5 Qd6 10
Qd4 c5 11 Qf4 Be4 12 f3 Bc2 13
Qf7 Kd8 14 Nc6 Kc8 15 Na5 Bg6 16
Qf4 Qf4 17 ef Rb8 18 0-0 Rb5 19
Nc6 Kd7 20 Ne5 Kc8 21 Na3 Rb6 22
g4 Bd6 23 Ng6 hg 24 Kg2 d4 25 Nc4
Kc6 26 Nd6 Rd6 27 cd cd 28 f5 gf
29 gf Ne7 30 Bf4 1-0

ELEMENTARY

- BRILLIANCY Aleks Stamatovich
(1462) - Michael Klein(1652) 1 e4
e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5
0-0 Bc5 6 c3 b5 7 Bb3 d6 8 h3 0-0
9 Rel Bb7 10 d3 h6 11 d4 ed 12 cd
Bb6 13 Nc3 Na5 14 Bc2 Re8 15 b3
b4 16 e5 de 17 de Qd1 18 Nd1 Bf3
19 gf3 Bd4 20 Bb2 Nc6 21 f4 Nh5
22 Be4 Re6 23 Rcl Ne5 24 fe Bb2
25 Nb2 Rae8 26 Nc4 Nf4 27 Kh2 g6
28 Rcd1 c6 29 Rd6 Rd6 30 ed Kf8
31 d7 Rd8 32 Bc6 Ne6 33 Nd6 Kg7
34 Nb7 Rb8 35 Rd1 Kf6 36 d8(Q)
Nd8 37 Rd8 Rd8 38 Nd8 1-0

- Zaw Ther(1463) - Kevin
Dupuis(1571) 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3
d4 ed 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 0-0 Bc5 6 e5
Ng4 7 Bf4 0-0 8 h3 Nf2 9 Qe2 d3
10 cd Nd3 11 Kh1 Nf4 0-1

- Stanley Richards(997) - Tarak
Shah(1194) 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3
Nc3 Bc5 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 0-0 d6 6 h3
Be6 / Be6 fe 8 d3 d5 9 Ng5 Qd7 10
Nb5 Ne7 11 Ne6 a6 12 Nbc7 Kf7 13
Na8 Ke6 14 ed Ned5 15 c4 Ne7 16
Qe2 Ra8 17 Rel Nc6 18 Bf4 Qd4 19
Be3 Qd6 20 Bc5 Qc5 21 Qe3 Nd4 22
Racl Rd8 23 f4 Nd7 24 fe Ne5 25
Qg5 Nf3 26 Kf1 Ng5 0-1

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CHILDREN DO THE DARNDDEST THINGS!

by Wilder Wadford

I have no children but I have a lot of theories. The parents I met at the recent State Scholastics Championship said they used to be that arrogant. Now they have theories on a daily basis and still don't understand kids. Maybe it's because we're adults and our thinking so fastened that novel approaches from the eyes of babes are incomprehensible.

So give a child a hammer and see if everything doesn't need pounding. Put a child in front of a chess board and see if the game is ever the same to you again.

Two eight year olds sit down at the board. One has a brand new clock his Mom just bought him. The kid without the clock starts bashing out his moves from move one at Blitz speed. The kid with the clock moves nonchalantly. Soon the clockless kid drops a second piece and then refuses to play with the clock anymore.

The other guy protests that if a clock is available he has to play with it. The TD agrees. The barker is immovable. He will not play with a clock. We tell him that he will lose on time. He shoots back angrily, "I've lost on time anyway!". He's about to cry. Only 20 minutes into the round and he's lost on time??

Then it dawns on me. They had a clock but neither knew how to set it. The kid with the clock only knew he had a new clock and was going to try it out. The kid without the clock only knew that when the flag dropped he lost! His end of the clock had been innocently set at 5:50.

Now find that scenario in the rulebook! I properly set the clock and made them start from scratch.

Check this out for a swindle. One child is up a Queen. The other decides he won't move despite protests from his opponent. The kid with the Queen stares at the board for ten minutes, noticeably gets twitchy and nervous. There is confusion in his eyes. He suddenly blurts out simply and in dead earnestness, "Is it a draw?". The other kid says yes and thank you.

On another board I see two Kings and a Rook each. I'm told it's been this way for an hour. They repeat positions about six times in a row in about 3 minutes plus they're way over the 50 move limit. Neither will relent. I come back 5 minutes later and one Rook has disappeared. I come back in a few minutes and the other is gone. Still they slug it out with lone Kings! Coach comes over and puts a stop to it. Now that's fighting spirit.

Finally, a small child in a big baseball cap is clubbing his opponent on the board. His opponent touches a piece but fails to move it. He moves another. Three moves later the kid with the cap is being pummeled. He calls foul and says that we have to go back to his winning position and make his opponent move the piece he touched. I watch John Thomas explain the facts of chess life to the little fellow. It sinks in. He pulls his big cap down over his face. Tears begin to drip off his chin. John bends down, puts his arm around the boy's shoulders and starts whispering in his ear. Fifteen minutes later I never saw a happier child. Whatever John said to that boy I'm sure would be a sound basis for another theory!

ANNOUNCEMENT

The students and sponsor of the chess teams at Hibernian High School wish to acknowledge and dedicate their awards won at the state scholastic tournament to NM Neal Harris.

Mr. Harris volunteered his time to travel to Lenoir for pre-tournament instruction and traveled at his own expense to Charlotte in support of the team's effort. We appreciate his interest and wish to honor him by this dedication.

Thank-you Neal! We appreciate it!

CHESS LEAGUE STARTED

By Robert Yost

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools began a chess league this year which began in December and ended in February. Eight teams representing seven schools participated in team vs. team competition. East Mecklenburg finished on top of the heap undefeated. West Charlotte A finished second, its only loss coming at the hands of East Mecklenburg (4-1). Other participants in approximate order of finish were Providence, West Charlotte B, Myers Park, Independence, West Mecklenburg and Harding.

A Charlotte-Mecklenburg City Championship Tournament at West Charlotte on February 17 provided a fitting climax for the league. West Charlotte won the four-round tournament with 11.5 points. East Mecklenburg, which was three points down after round 3, closed with a rush to finish second with 10.5 points. The surprise of the tournament was darkhorse Providence High School which finished third with 8.5 points.

The top five individual finishers were (1) Wade Doster of West Charlotte (3.5 points), (2) Derek Stepp of East Mecklenburg

(3 points), (3) Chris Harbinson of West Charlotte (3 points), (4) George Battle of West Charlotte (3 points), and (5) Clement Kwok of Providence (3 points).

This year the league got off to a late start and did not complete its league schedule. But considering the fact that it almost did not get started at all, late is certainly better than never. We hope to involve all Charlotte-Mecklenburg High Schools next year and get off to a much earlier start.

ENLOE-WEST CHARLOTTE-MATCH

By Robert Yost

On February 9 the Enloe Chess Team from Raleigh traveled to West Charlotte High School for a three round match. Round One ended Friday evening with the two chess powers deadlocked 2.5 to 2.5. West Charlotte was dominant in Round Two and carried a 6 to 4 lead into the final round. Enloe finished strongly in Round Three but was only able to make up one point in losing 8 to 7 to West Charlotte.

The teams board by board with total number of points in parentheses are as follows:

Enloe

- Board 1. Elizabeth Vicary (2.5)
2. Dan Chidali (0)
3. Julie Schmidt (1.5)
4. Daniel Hall (1)
5. Chris Fritzsche (2)
Greg Anman (0)

West Charlotte

1. Wade Doster (.5)
2. George Battle (3)
3. Chris Harbinson (1.5)
4. Manu Bettegawda (2)
5. Andy Oberhofer (1)

It is hoped that this will grow into a yearly tournament with the top four teams in the state participating in a quad format. There would be an engraved trophy which would rotate each year to the winning school. All of the details, including the name of the tournament (Tournament of Champions? Big Four Tournament?) have yet to be worked out. Any suggestions? Write Robert Yost at 5109E Brooktree Drive, Charlotte, N. C. 28208 or call (704) 393-2111.

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THE DREAM FULFILLED

by John E. Thomas

Robert Bruce Annas was honored by our nation's government by having his name listed on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Robert Annas, membership #10209251 was a life member of the United States Chess Federation.

My name is John E. Thomas. I too am a USCF life member. I also help organize chess activities. Those of us that help arrange and play in chess events are aware of other USCF members. I have known for years that there was another life member who lived in Lenoir. I would send him information about tournaments, hoping to meet Robert, but he would never come. I know now why he could not come. First he was too sick, then he was dead.

Many of us had our lives changed by the war in Vietnam. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke out against it. President Lyndon B. Johnson supported it. It tore our country and many of our homes apart. It left wounds that will never heal. Such was the case with Robert Annas.

According to family members, Robert entered the Army in the late 1960's. He was not in Vietnam very long before he became involved in the Tet offensive, which was probably the bloodiest of the war. He was wounded---badly. His spinal cord was torn. He lost a kidney and there was other damage. He was left paralytic and with the prospect of receiving medical care for the rest of his life. He battled his wounds and their effects bravely. He had a car altered so he could drive himself for medical treatment and physical therapy. He was often sick and in and out of hospitals. He was sick so much that his hospital visits interfered with the time he could spend with his family. He had a loving wife and a son. Robert battled for years. He was so sick that he could not play chess very much. His wounds deprived him of many of his loves for life. Robert eventually died in 1984. He became another casualty of the war in Vietnam. A man whose dreams were left unfulfilled.

Earlier this school year I became aware of a young student at Hibriten High School in Lenoir. He had won a trophy in his first chess event. He was proud and I was glad for him as any teacher would be for their student. His name was Kent Annas. Kent continued his winning ways. His rating stayed around 1500 which is the median for all players, including

adults, in the United States. I also finally became aware that Kent was Robert Annas's son. I saw an enthusiasm in Kent and a desire to do well. I also became very interested in Kent due to his determination and his father's past interest in chess.

Last fall Kent and his mother flew to Washington for the ceremony to enshrine Robert's name at the Vietnam War Memorial. There was a story in a local newspaper, so the community shared in the emotion of the event.

After Kent returned he resumed his chess play. He played during lunch, after school and on weekends. He learned more about the game and he knew he wanted to play in the state scholastic chess tournament.

On Sunday, March 4th, the state tournament ended. All that remained was the award ceremony. I knew my players had done pretty well but I did not know how well. The ninth grade team won the third place award for teams composed of ninth grade students and below (this was Kent's team). The varsity team won the top 3-A high school award. I was very proud of them. But when the top C award was announced Kent Annas's name was called out. It was all I could do to keep from crying.

After the award ceremony we went by the Mecklenburg County Vietnam War Memorial. I asked the students to reflect on the opportunities we enjoy as being Americans and the sacrifice many have made in Vietnam and in other wars so that we can benefit by living in a free and prosperous society. I thought the visit was effective. We all had an opportunity to be thoughtful and to share the moment.

The next morning I thought about Robert Annas. I cried as I told my wife the story. I felt that Robert would have been very proud of his son. His love of chess had somehow realized itself in the play of his son. Maybe his dream is being fulfilled after all.

SUPER DATABASE ON THE HORIZON

By Lajos Pogany

A few months ago I got a letter from the troubled Hungary where a young computer genius created a chess database with features which are dreams of the studying researching tournament player - grandmaster or amateur, no matter. Incidentally, I have some view over this territory knowing the advantages and limits of the W. German, American, etc., databases of this kind, so the description about this creation awakened my attention enormously. I decided to fly to Budapest on February 28th with Grandmaster

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Pal Benko and Internationalmaster Karoly Honfi. I visited the inventor in his Hungarian residence to gain direct information about the program.

Our little committee was enormously surprised! The inventor - under the motto that the poor cook with water (instead of port wine...) - built the program on a small Russian computer (Sinclair, 64 RAM) plus a little device: "PC Speed" which promotes the entered 30,000 games (!!) through the system. The little mechanical beast uses a normal TV screen to monitor and it is so small that it fits (almost) in a coat pocket.

In a few seconds and with a single or maximum of 2 key strokes one can execute the following acrobatics:

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A SPECIAL FEATURE

BILL ADICKES, A CHAPTER FROM THE BOOK OF NC CHESS

by Wilder Wadford

In every chess community there are a few selfless and honorable leaders. Leaders who keep on keeping on are hard to find. Bill Adickes is such a man.

He was born in 1921 in Biltmore near Asheville. His father was a highway contractor and his mother a housewife. Bill's family has a chess tradition. His grandparents, uncle and parents all played chess. He even had an ancestress in South Carolina who was a terror on the board.

His family moved to Nashville, Tennessee soon after he was born. He grew up on a plantation in a three story house built in 1856. The isolation helped Bill become one of the dominant players in the South in the 40's, 50's and early 60's. As an only child he had to find entertainment mostly in books on all kinds of topics. One was chess. But he really had no one to play with but his parents.

His folks moved back to Weaverville, NC soon after Bill finished high school. Before he left he discovered some serious chess books. His uncle was a charter member of the fabled Vass Barden Chess Club in Raleigh. Each year Bill would take the train to visit and play in the annual State Championship held during the New Year holidays. The club was in a small room rented by Mr. Barden across from his photography studio. There the best players in the state would gather. Bill made friends and became inspired.

Then came the World War. Bill was the Valedictorian at the Military College at Oak Ridge, NC and a Lt. Colonel in his High School's JROTC. He went to OCS at Ft. Benning and was a replacement instructor. He won the Infantry Badge. There was little time for chess but he continued to study and play whenever he could. He even put on a couple of simulms at the Service Club.

When the war ended he moved back to Asheville to support his parents. He became an accountant and met his wife, Ann, who is also a chess player and was the Sales Director at the Grove Park Inn for 17 years.

It was then that Bill's chess abilities flowered, both on the board and as an organizer. There was a small informal club but under Bill's leadership it found new life. Soon there were 10 regulars which was good in those days and rated tournaments that drew 20 to 40 players. These were sizeable tournaments then.

Bill went on a tear after the war until the early sixties. He placed first or near the top in all the major Carolinas tournaments. He was the South Carolina Open Champion in 1949 and North Carolina Champion in 1961. He achieved a strong Expert's rating which was hard to do then in the South. I can remember in the early 70's when Ken Collins was our top player and he was only 2100 plus.

But he was not only active in play but also in organization. He led the Asheville Chess Club for all those years, elected President of the NCCA in 1949 and President of the Southern Chess Association in the early fifties. In fact, Bill was pioneer civil rights activist. In 1951, as President, Bill organized the annual Southern Chess Congress in Asheville. A Black man by the name of Walter Scott, Editor of a Black newspaper, Atlanta World, wanted to play. Bill could see no reason why not. There was an uproar in the Southern chess world. Angry letters and national attention focused on Bill's prescient liberalism. Several Southern factions broke off and held a counter tournament further South. Bill says: "I don't call them rednecks, just good old southern conservatives. They broke off and called a meeting in Mississippi. I wanted an open tournament to allow all races." Lawyers were sent up to change his mind. No way. Scott and other Blacks from D.C. played. Hank Aaron, the baseball player, has funded a history of the Black race in Atlanta and Bill's tournament made it's place.

In the 60's career pressures interfered with Bill's progress as a player and organizer. He continued to play but found that he could not devote the time necessary to chess nor could he see a way to make a living at it. He picked up another hobby, model railroading, during this time. He won many awards for his realistic models built for his miniature railroad: The Linden Valley R.R. He hands out free passes to ride his line at the Club for fun.

A SPECIAL FEATURE

The Club remained small until the Fischer boom and the arrival of Wilder Wadford in the mid 70's. The club grew and whenever Wadford could not take charge Bill was there to help keep it going. Always telling jokes, teaching a novice and spreading good will, he is a true chess evangelist. Bill has always been a mentor of mine. His experience and good advice have been invaluable to me. I was deeply honored when he gave me his collection of chess memorabilia which include his games, scrapbooks and a priceless collection of assorted Gambits including the very first one printed in 1951!

The following games I confess were arbitrarily chosen. I could not go through all of them and get this article to press. But I had no trouble finding good ones. Many were printed in Chess Life (he has two TN's in MCO) and The Gambit. I have played Bill for 15 years and know his style of play. Trappy, aggressive and fearless disregard for material if an attack can be obtained, his play is a joy to observe and to be against.

The seminal secret to his play was the discovery of the book Opening Chess Traps. Bill says: "Forget all that stuff about the Ruy Lopez and all those lines. Learn some simple traps." Premature attacks and sacs are a way of chess life for him.

What has chess done for Bill? "I've met some fine fellows and I've had a good time" he says. Any regrets Bill? "I've always been kind of stuck in the middle and never got to develop my game." How well we all know, Bill.

So set up your board and play over these games. They reflect a man's life. They are full of fun and rollicking, swashbuckling disrespect for the road often travelled.

Adickes - Ellis, Tennison Gambit (7/1/47) 1 Nf3 d5 2 e4 d4 3 Bc4 h6? 4 Ne5? (4 Bf7! 5 Ne5, 6 Qh5! Adickes) e6 5 Qh5 Qc7 6 d3 Nf6 7 Qe2 c5 8 0-0 Qc7 9 f4 Bd6 10 Nf7 Kf7 11 e5 Nc6 12 Na3 a6 13 g4 Nd5 14 ed Qd6 15 g5 Ke7 16 f5 Bd7 17 f6 gf 18 Bd5 Qd5 19 gf Kd6 20 Bf4 e5 21 Nc4 Kc7 22 Ne5 Rag8 23 Bg3 Ne5 24 f7 Rg3 25 hg Nf7 26 Qe7 Ng5 27 Rael Nf3 28 Rf3 Qf3 29 Qc5 Bc6 30 Qe5 Kd7 31 Qd4 Kc7 32 Re7 Kb8 33 Qh8 Ka7 34 Qd4 Kb8 35 Qf4 1-0. (An Alice in Wonderland fantasy-Adickes).

Kit Crittenden was the first Editor of the Gambit in 1951, then known as the North Carolina Chess Bulletin. Just a teenager at the time, Kit was a Raleigh, North Carolina sensation and held a firm grip on the Eastern North Carolina title and Adickes consistently held the Western title. Crittenden directed national attention on NC chess when the prodigy won the State Championship at the age of 14! In 1958 he tied for third with Hans Berliner in the Washington D.C. Championship. Bill and Kit became good friends and arch rivals over the board. In this next game Bill clips Kit in typical sac style.

Adickes - Crittenden, Tarrasch Defense, Western Carolina Open (1950), Notes by Adickes and reprinted from 1950 Chess Life. 1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5? (According to one of the seven Strategic Principles of

Warfare, Black seeks the "Element of Surprise") 4 cd (The "Reconnaissance in Force" the tactical device forcing the enemy to reveal his intentions about the disposal of his forces.) 4...ed 5 Nf3 Nc6 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Be7 (The "March Into Assembly Areas" according to principle.) 8 0 0 0 9 de Be5 10 Na4 Be7 11 Nd4 (11 Be3, the movement of an armored unit from GHQ Reserve into close tactical support of the strong point at d4 was better.) 11...Nc4 (Black crosses the "Line of Departure". However, a study of military history would show him that Lee failed on the third day at Gettysburg because of an uncoordinated attack.) 12 Be3 Ne5 13 Rcl (Corps Artillery moves into position bearing on an important line of communication.) 13... Nc4? 14 Rc4! (see diagram).



Position after 14 Rc4!
Adickes-Crittenden

(The Fire-Fight Phase of combat is begun!) 14...dc (Forced. The counter-battery demonstration, 14...Nf2 loses to 15 Rc8!) 15 Be4 (From here, White's game almost plays itself. The White forces have gained command of center terrain from which they have a large field of action.) 15...Bf6 16 Qc2! Bh3 17 Rd1 Qc7 18 Bh7 Kh8 19 Bf5 Bf5 20 Nf5 Qc7 21 Bd4 Bd4 22 Rd4 b5? (White announced mate in three.) 1-0. (A rather elementary, but pretty, mating net; illustrating how control of strategic center ground gives mobility for a rapid deployment to either wing.)

Now for a swindle, Adickes style.

Peter Tarasov - Adickes, French, Asheville City Tournament (1951) 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Qb6 6 b3 cd 7 Nd4 Ne5 8 Be3 Nf6 9 Nb5 Bc5 10 Bc5 Qc5 11 Qd4! Qd4 12 cd Nc6 13 Nc7 Kd8 14 Na8 b6 15 Na3 Bb7 16 Nb6 ab 17 Nb5 Kd7 18 Be2 Ne4 19 0-0 Ba6 20 Rfd1 Nd6 21 a4 f6 22 f3 Nf5 23 Rd2 Ra8 24 g4 Nd6 25 Nd6 Be2 26 Re2 Nd4 27 Rb2 Kd6 28 Kf2 Rc8 29 Rd1 e5 30 Rd3 Ne6 31 Rdd2 d4 32 Rdc2 Nc5 33 Ke2 Rf8 34 Kd2 f5 35 b4 Na4 36 Ra2 b5 37 g5! e4 38 f4 Rf7 39 Rc8 Kd5 40 Rac2 Nc3 41 Rc5? Kd6 42 R2c3 dc 43 Kc3 Rc7 44 Re7 Kc7 0-1. (Some would call this a swindle-Adickes.)

Another sac attack coming here.

N.W. Banks - Adickes, French, Asheville (1953), Notes by Dr.

Norman Hornstein, Reprinted from The Gambit 1953. 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Be3 ("Typically Banks" says Adickes. "Charity will hardly water the ground" said Bacon.) 3...Nf6(3...de states Euwe. for White to rue. How true! Black refuses to condescend to pluck the pawn, however.) 4 e5 Nf7 5 c3 c5 6 f4 Nc6 7 Nf3 Qb6(Outwitting Nimzowitch! Black has a magnificent attack unusual for the second player in the French at this stage.) 8 Qc2 cd 9 cd Bb4 10 Kf2 f6! 11 a3 Be7 12 Nc3 fe 13 fe 0-0 14 Ke2 Rf3!(The King is already out of the defences. But this King Field Sacrifice will strip him more naked. Besides two center pawns must go. See diagram.)



Position after 14...Rf3!
Banks-Adickes

cd Kg8 35 bc Rf8 36 Qb7 Ne2 37 Khl Nc3 38 d6 Na2? 39 Qb3 1-0.

In the late 60's and early 70's there emerged a Charlotte resident by the name of Grady Brown who led the NCCA as its President. Adickes leads off with a bayonet attack, gives up castling and sacs his Queen!

Grady Brown - Adickes, Greater Charlotte Open(2/6/70). 1 d4 d5 2 c4 dc 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3 e6 5 Bc4 c5 6 0-0 a6 7 Qe2 b5 8 Bd3 Bb7 9 dc Be5 10 Rd1 Nhd7 11 h3 Qc7 12 Rh2 Ke7 13 Nc3 g5 14 Racl Rhg8 15 b4 g4 16 Nal Bb4 17 Nd5 Nd5 18 Rc7 Nc7 19 Bh7 Rg5 20 Qd3? Nd5 21 Ba3 Ba3 22 Qa3 b4 23 Qb2 a5 24 Be4 Rc8 25 Bd5 Rd5 26 Rd5 Bd5 27 Nd3 Be4 28 Nel Rc3 29 Qe2 Ne5 30 f3 Bd3 31 Nd3 Nd3 32 h4? g3! 0-1. (See diagram).



Final Position after 32...g3!
Brown-Adickes

Tom Nard was one of Bill's best friends and they played hundreds of games against each other including many one on one matches. Here Bill swarms all over him.

Adickes - Nard, Holidays Open, Raleigh(7/14/70). 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 c5 3 Bg2 Nc6 4 0-0 g6 5 c4 dc 6 Na3 Bg7 7 Nc4 Nf6 8 Nfe5 Ne5 9 Ne5 0-0 10 d3 Nd5 11 Nc4 Rb8 12 Qa4 b5 13 Qa7 Be6 14 Ne3 c4 15 Bd2 Nb6 16 Bb4 Bf6 17 Rfd1 Qe8 18 d4 Na4 19 Rd2 Bd7 20 Nd5 Bg5 21 f4 Bh6 22 Be7 Kh8 23 e4 Bc6 24 Nf6 Qc8 25 Bf8 Bf8 26 Qf7 Bg7 27 d5 Rb7 28 Bh3 Qb8 29 Qe6 Qa7 30 Khl Rb8 31 dc Qc3 32 c7 1 0.

In this next game Bill gives some tactical instruction to the rising Master-to-be Neal Harris.

Harris - Adickes, Last Sunday Quad, Asheville(10/31/76). 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Bd2 de 5 Qg4 Nf6 6 Qg7 Rg8 7 Qh6 Qd4 8 0-0 Qf2 9 Bg5 Rg6 10 Qh7 Rg5 11 Ne4 Qf4 12 Kbl Nh7. 0-1. Black resigned in 18.

A tournament was organized in Bill's honor and he was on his best behavior in this sacrificial ruse with Robert Spurrier.

Adickes - Spurrier, Bill Adickes Open(6/15/80). Notes by Frank

Montakhab in a letter sent to Bill dated 6/27/80. (Dear Bill, I just went over your game with Robert Spurrier. You played with deadly precision. In fact, you played the opening in an exemplary manner. There isn't much that can be said by way of improvement.) 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 d5 4 Nc3 Nbd7 5 cd ed 6 Bg5 Be7 / e3 0-0 8 Qc2 b6 9 Bd3 Bb7 10 0-0 (To make a few general observations, I suppose you know that at his 10th move, White has a risky but complicating move which may be used against less careful players. White can play 10 Ne5, to be followed with h4, and either 0-0-0 or Ke2. The idea is to attack the Kingside. However, Black can attack on the Queenside by making c5, etc.) 10...Ne4 11 Be7 Qe7 12 Qa4!(Qa4! is high class strategy.) 12...c5 13 Ba6 Ndf6 14 Bb7 Qb7 15 Ne5 Rac8 (Up to the 15th move, the game is played as a model for this variation. If Black wanted to aim for quieter pastures and an eventual draw, he could play 15...Nc3, followed by b5 and c4. However, Black did not have to go for a draw, as his position is basically sound.) 16 Racl Rfd8 17 Rfd1 a6 18 Ne4 (Again excellent judgment.) 18...Ne4 19 f3 Nf6 20 Qb3(Qb3 is sharp tactical play. So is 23 b3!) 20...c4 21 Qb4 b5 22 a3 Ne8 23 b3! f6 24 Nc4! (See diagram. Nc4! is a positional sac which can be justified by the later course of the game. In this case you showed enough justification to show that the sac was worth the two pawns. Always enterprising and lively chess from you. Never dull and mechanical. That is your style. Shows an overflow of creative imagination.)



Position after 24 Nc4!
Adickes-Spurrier

24... dc 25 bc Nd6 26 c5 Qe7 27 Qb3 Nc4 28 Rel Kf8 29 a4 (Again, sharp eye for tactics! So is 35 h4.) 29...Qd7 30 Red1 Na5 31 Qc3 Nc6 32 ab ab 33 Qd3 b4 34 Qh7 Qd5 35 h4 Kf7 36 e4 Qc4 37 h5 Nd4 38 Qg6 Kf8 39 h6 Qf7 40 Qg4! (Just brilliant. So is 42 h7!) 40...Ne6 41 Rd6 Rd6 42 h7! (See diagram.)

15 gf Nd4 16 Bd4 Qd4 17 Bg2 b6 18 Qd3 Qe5 19 Kd2 Ne5 20 Qe2 Qd4! 21 Kc2 Ba6 22 Rad1? (This loses quickly; but Black has the choice of attack with every move.) 22...Qc3 23 bc Be2 24 Rd2 Be4 25 f4 Bf6 26 Rel g6 27 Bh3 Kf7 28 Bfl Bfl 29 Rfl Ne4 30 Rd3 Rc8 31 Rff3 Nc3! 0-1. (Black resigned after the exchange of pieces. A fine game by Adickes who will be present at the Open in Wilmington.)

A pretty combination is next resulting in a mating net.

Adickes - C.Worsteu, Kentucky Open(2/27/65) 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 c5 5 d5 0-0 6 Nc3 d6 7 Nf3 Nbd7 8 0-0 Nb6 9 Qb3 e6 10 e4 Re8 11 Bf4 Re7 12 a4 a5 13 Rad1 Nh5 14 Bg5 Nf6 15 e5 de 16 d6 Rd7 17 Ne5 Rd6 18 Ng4 Rd4 19 Rd4 Qd4 20 Nf6 Bf6 21 Rd1 Qc4 22 Qc4 Nc4 23 Bf6 1-0.

Here he gives up a Rook and two Knights for a Queen.

Adickes - J.Page, Carolinas Open(8/9/69) 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 g3 c5 4 d5 d6 5 Bg2 Bg7 6 e4 e5 7 Nc3 0-0 8 Nge2 Nh5 9 Be3 f5 10 Qd2 Na6 11 0-0 Nf6 12 f4 ef 13 Bf4 Qe7 14 Racl fe 15 Nb5 Ne8 16 Nec3 Nac7 17 Ne4 Nb5 18 Nd6 Qel 19 Rel Nbd6 20 b3 Nf5 21 Be5 Ned6 22 Bg7 Kg7 23 g4 Nd4 24 Re7 Rf7 25 Rf7 Nf7 26 b4 Ne5 27 Qe3 Ng4 28 Qe7 Kg8 29 d6 Be6 30 d7 Bd7 31 Bd5 Kh8 32 Qd7 Ne3 33 Qe7 Nd5 34



Position after 42 h71
Adickes-Spurrier

42...Ke7 43 cd Kd6 44 e3!(Supergrand!!) 44...fe 45 Qb4(However, instead of 45 Qb4, 45 Rd1 wins in short order: 45...Ke7 forced, 46 Qb4 Kf6 forced, 47 Qh4 and wins. After 47 Qh4, Black can have the following options, none of which saving the game. 47...Kg6 48 h8(N)! or 47...Ng5 48 Rd6 or 47...g5 48 Qh6. And there are other possibilities at every turn, all resulting in White's win. The continuation in the text wins also by force and Newman's et al's suggestion will not save the game. It'll take more moves, but White will win.) 45...Nc5 46 Rd1 Ke6 47 Qc4? Ke7 48 Qc5 Rc5 49 h8(Q) Ke6 50 Qh3 1-0.

Bill has always been a joker. As long as I have known him he has told me good, clean, punny stories. Where he gets them I don't know. He can also be funny on the board as this next topey turvy battle with IM Boris Kogan exhibits.

Kogan - Adickes(11/20/81)
1 d4 1-0.

Bill's latest title was the Asheville Chess Club Championship in 1986. He had not been playing particularly well during the year so no one felt he had a good shot at it. But he rose to the occasion and blasted us all off the board. Here he tosses Jim a rook for a fatal attack.

Adickes - Jim Johnson, Asheville Club Championship(10/15/86). 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 d5 b5 4 bc a6 5 ba Ba6 6 g3 d6 7 Bg2 g6 8 Nh3 Bg7 9 0-0 0-0 10 Re1 Nbd7 11 e4 Qb6 12 Nc3 Ne5 13 Nf4 Rfb8 14 Rbl Nfd7 15 b3 g5 16 Nh5 Nd3 17 Ng7 Nel 18 NF5 Ng2 19 Qh5 Nf6 20 Qh6 Ne8 21 Ne7 Kh8 22 Bg5 (22 Qf8-Adickes)) Ng7 23 Bf6 Rg8 24 NF5 1-0.

Bob Eoff has always been Bill's toughest opponent at the Club. Bob is not easily taken in by traps and is extremely resourceful on defense. Both had perfect scores going into the last round of the ACC Championship. We all felt that

Bob would come out on top. Bill says that this is his favorite game because he was the underdog, had poor results against Eoff and hadn't won a title in a while. And he won it in classic Adickes style-the trap!

Adickes - Eoff, Asheville Club Championship(10/29/86). 1 Nf3 d5 2 e4 de 3 Ng5 Nf6 4 d3 ed 5 Bd3 h6 6 Nf7!? Kf7 7 Bg6! 1-0. (See diagram.)



Final Position after 7 Bg6!
Adickes-Eoff

The Cobra strikes again and this time with Bill's own TN, the Adickes Gambit!

Charles Phillips - Adickes, Adickes Gambit, Asheville Chess Club Octagonal(7/13/88). 1 d4 e5 2 de Nc6 3 Nf3 Qe7 4 Qd5 f6 5 Bf4 Qb4 6 Bd2 Qb2 7 Rc3 Rh4 8 Qb3 Qel 0-1.

Master

NM Greg Samsa(2392)-NM Paul Neuer(2135), Chapel Hill, 1989. Notes by Samsa. 1 Nf3 c5 2 c4 Nc6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 d4 cd 5 Nd4 g6 (5...e6 followed by Bb4 or d5 is an alternative) 6 e4 Nd4 7 Qd4 d6 8 Be2 Bg7 9 Bg5 0-0 10 Qd2 Be6 11 Rcl (This is an excellent tournament system since Black obtains canned play against a number of natural moves. For example, if 11 f3 Rc8 12 Nd5 Bd5 13 ed b5 += or 11 0-0 Qa5 12 Racl a6 13 b3 b5 14 cb ab 15 e5 b4, unclear. The text clears the long diagonal) 11 Qa5 12 f3(The main drawback to Black's system is its lack of space. It is more important for White to stabilize the position than to castle.) 12...Rfc8 13 Nd5 (Equally thematic is 13 b3 a6 14 Na4 Qd2 15 Kd2 Rc6 16 Nc3 Rac8 17 Nd5 Kf8 18 Be3 += Karpov-Kavalek 1974.) 13 Qd2 14 Kd2 Bd5 15 ed (15 cd seems more natural. However, White can't penetrate on the c file and a draw is the most likely result since White's king bishop is permanently bad. After the text, White can activate the King bishop on the b1-h7 diagonal after a kingside pawn storm.) 15 Kf8(To free the knight.) 16 g4 Rc7 17 h4 Rac8 18 b3 b6 (Although 18...b5 saves a tempo, Black's position remains

passive. However, it isn't easy for White to break through.) 19 h5 b5 20 Bf6! (This move requires appreciating the strength of White's position in the opposite color end game. In addition, White must reject the natural 20 cb. with the idea of using the 2 bishops to support the queenside pawns. 20...Rcl 21 Rcl Rcl 22 Kcl Nd5 23 a4 Nd5 24 a5 Nc8 followed by advancing the center pawns.) 20...Bf6 21 f4 bc (The problem with Black's position is that it is permanently passive. Although the text seems to open the game for Black's rooks, it also allows White's king to penetrate the queen's side and gives White a potential passed pawn. I would have preferred 21...b4 22 g5 Bc3 23 Ke2 e6 24 Bg4 Re8 25 Rcd1 although Black's d6 square becomes weak.) 22 Rc4 Rc4 23 Bc4 Rc7 24 g5 Bg7 25 Kd3 Rc8 26 b4 (Black's bishop is cut off from defending the queen's side.) 26...Rc7 27 a4 Rc8 28 Rh2 Rc7 29 a5 Rc8 30 h6 Bh8 31 Ra2 (See diagram. Black's bishop is bad.)



Position after 31 Ra2
Samsa-Neuer

31...Rb8 32 b5 Ke8 33 b6 ab 34 a6 b5 35 Bb5 Rb5 36 a7 1-0

NM FUERSTMAN VICTOR OVER SM POHL

NM Fuerstman(2128)-SM Pohl(2335), Myrtle Beach (3/17/90)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 0-0 6 Be3 e5 7 d5 Na6 8 h4 Nc5 9 Qc2 h6 10 f3 Nh5 11 g4 Nf4 12 0-0-0 Bf6 13 Nh3 g5 14 hg hg 15 Nf4 ef 16 Rd4 Re5 17 Re5 de 18 Rh5 a5 19 Rdh Ra6 20 Bf1 Kg7 21 Qh2 Rg8 22 Rh6 Kf8 23 Ra6 Na6 24 Qh6 Ke8 25 Qh7 Ke7 26 d6 Kd6 27 Qf7 Kc5 28 a3 Rf8 29 Na4 Kd4 30 Qh5 Ne5 31 Qh2 Nd3 32 Bd3 Kd3 33 Qc2 Kc3 34 Re1 Kf3 35 Qe2 Kg3 36 Rgl Kh3 37 Qg2 1-0



Final Position
Fuerstman-Pohl

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MEASURE YOUR CHESS AGGRESSIVENESS

by Robert Morrell Jr.

We all know that chess is a war game, and while some of us go at it on the boards like cerebral Rambos (nice oxymoron, that), others play like, well, George McGovern. Just how aggressive are you? Do you go for broke or wait for your opponent to make that big mistake? The following test is scientifically designed to rank your aggressive tendencies on the board. Total the numbers at the end of each of your answers to put you in your proper place between Morphy and Steintz.

1) Early in a game, your opponent collapses of an apparent heart attack. His wife and children gather round, and after exchanging tearful farewells with them, he looks up and with life fading from his eyes, asks you for a draw. In response, you: A) Accept immediately.(0) B) Analyze your position on the board first.(1) C) Ask the TD to get a doctor to confirm that he isn't faking it.(2) D) Tell him that you wouldn't give a draw to your dying mother, whom you love.(4) E) Try and push him over the edge by announcing a mate in six.(7)

2) When psyching yourself up for a game, you visualize yourself: A) Crushing your opponent's pieces with a hammer.(2) B) Rolling hand grenades into your opponent's kingside.(3) C) Strangling your opponent with your bare hands.(4) D) Ransacking your opponent's village and carrying off his women.(5) E) Not screwing up.(0)

3) You view your opponent's pawns as: A) Potential queens.(0) B) The shape of his position.(1) C) Juicy morsels to be gobbled up.(3) D) Speed bumps.(6)

4) You view your own pawns as: A) Potential queens.(0) B) An integral part of your strategy.(1) C) Expendables in your kingside attacks.(3) D) Howitzer shells.(5)

5) You will consider a pawn rush only: A) When you have safely castled on the opposite wing.(0) B) When playing a lower rated player.(2) C) When you have more than a piece advantage.(3) D) When it's your move.(5)

6) Endgames are: A) When the queens are off the board.(0) B) Sometimes unavoidable.(3) C) When your opponent won't resign.(4) D) For weenies who can't finish off their victims in the middlegame.(6)

7) You are playing an eight year old, who leaves his queen hanging in a complex and tense position. He begins to cry. Your response is: A) Offer to stop the clock while he regains his composure.(0) B) Capture the

queen without remark.(1) C) Pick up the queen with a chuckle and remark "Won't be long now!"(4) D) Call the child's mother and tell her to take her baby home because he's not ready to be a chess player.(5)

8) After you leave your queen hanging against an eight year old you would: A) Resign gracefully and offer congratulations for a great win.(0) B) Smile knowingly to bluff him into not capturing her.(1) C) Announce mate in nine.(3) D) Tell him of an obscure rule about taking back moves that he's too young to know about.(4)

9) You will sacrifice your queen only: A) When you see a forced mate.(0) B) As a last attempt in a losing game.(1) C) For an overwhelming positional advantage.(3) D) Whenever she hasn't been active enough, (use it or lose it baby!)(5)

10) For an open file on your opponent's kingside you would sacrifice: A) A pawn.(0) B) A minor piece.(1) C) A major piece.(3) D) Your soul.(5)

11) You might consider Alekhine's defense when: A) Playing against e4.(0) B) Playing against someone you knew was unbooked.(2) C) Playing a non-tournament game.(3) D) You've had a mind crippling stroke.(4)

12) When you first spot a winning combination you: A) Look for ways your opponent can get out of it.(0) B) Look at your clock to see how much time you can spend checking it out.(1) C) Giggle uncontrollably.(3) D) Drool.(5)

SCORING

0 TO 10

Conscientious objector. You are a pacifist in the war game of chess. Negotiating a draw is your biggest thrill. Should you accidentally win, you feel obligated to buy them lunch or give some other form of foreign aid.

11 TO 30 Innocent Bystander. You'll pick up wins if they fall in your lap (and happen to stick). You look for traps in a mate in one.

31 TO 50 Reluctant aggressor. The George Bush of the Royal game, you'll do the aggression thing when backed into a corner, or when your wife tells you it's time to leave and can you finish up your stupid game.

51 TO 62 Psycho. A danger to yourself and others. You don't play defenses, just offenses minus a tempo. You like lines with names like "the can opener", "the beserker" or "the long whip variation". At home you kill small animals or unrated players for fun.

CHESS AND PSYCHOLOGY

GAMES

BILLY WATT

SM Randy Kolvick(2417)-Alan Patrick(2088) 1 d4 g6 2 c4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 e4 Nc6 5 d5 Nd4 6 Be3 c5 7 Nge2 Qb6 8 Qd2 Bd7 9 Rd1 Ne2 10 Be2 a6 11 0-0 Qa5 12 f4 b5 13 e5 b4 14 Ne4 Bf5 15 Ng3 Nh6 16 a3 Qa4 17 ab Qb4 18 Qb4 cb 19 Ral de 20 fe Ng4 21 Nf5 gf 22 Bg4 fg 23 Bd4 a5 24 Ra4 0-0 25 Rfal b3 26 Ra5 Rac8 27 Rla4 Rfd8 28 Rb5 e6 29 d6 f6 30 ef Rd6 31 c5 Rd4 32 Rd4 Bf6 33 Rg5 Kf8 34 Rf4 Kf7 35 Rh3 Re5 36 Rh7 Kg6 37 Re4 Rd8 38 c6 Rd1 39 Kf2 Bh2 40 c7 1-0

Dave Richards(1866)-Gary Branton(1955) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Be4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Nc6 5 d3 Bg4 6 0-0 Nd4 7 Be3 Nf3 8 gf Bh5 9 Bb5 Nd7 10 d4 a6 11 Be2 cd 12 Qd4 Ne5 13 Kg2 e6 14 Bf4 Ng6 15 Bg3 Rc8 16 f4 Nh4 17 Bh4 Qh4 18 Bh5 Qh5 19 Qd3 Be7 20 Rael 0-0 21 Kh1 Bf6 22 Rgl Qh4 23 Qf3 Bd4 24 Rg3 e5 25 Regl ef 26 Rg4 Qf2 27 Rg7 Kh8 28 Rh7 Kh7 29 Qh5 1-0

Richard Stancil(1820)-Jeffrey Shelton(1997) 1 d4 Nf6 2 e3 c5 3 c3 b6 4 f4 g6 5 Nf3 Bg7 6 Bd3 0-0 7 0-0 d6 8 Nbd2 Nc6 9 Ng5 e5 10 Qf3 Qc7 11 d5 Ne7 12 c4 h6 13 Nh3 Bg4 14 Qg3 Bf5 15 e4 Nh5 16 Qf3 Bh3 17 Qh3 Nf4 18 Qf3 Nd3 19 Qd3 f5 20 Nf3 Rf7 21 Bd2 Ral0 22 Rael Qd7 23 b3 Kh7 24 Bel Ng8 25 Nh4 f4 26 Nf3 g5 27 Kh1 Qg4 28 Ng1 Qh5 29 Qh3 Qg6 30 Qd3.h5 31 Qd1 Nf6 32 Qd3 g4 33 Qe2 h4 34 Qd3 Nh5 35 Qd1 Kg8 36 Qd3 a6 37 Qd1 h3 38 Nh3 gh 39 gh f3 40 Rf2 1-0(time loss)

Jeff Walsh(2006)-NM Leland Fuerstman(2128) 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Nge2 d6 4 g3 Bg4 5 Bg2 g6 6 0-0 Qd1 / t3 Bh3 8 d4 Bg2 9 Kg2 cd 10 Nd4 Bg7 11 Be3 h5 12 h4 Nf6 13 Nce2 Ne5 14 b3 d5 15 Bt4 Nh1 16 ed Qd5 17 c4 Qa5 18 Qc2 Rc8 19 a4 0-0 20 Bd2 Qc5 21 Be3 Nf6 22 Nf4 Neg4 23 Rael Nh6 24 Nb5 Nf5 25 Qf2 Qf2 26 Kf2 a6 27 Nd4 e5 28 Nf5 gf 29 Be5 Rfe8 30 Bf6 Bf6 31 Nh5 Bd4 32 Kg2 b5 33 ab ab 34 Re8 Re8 35 Nf4 bc 36 bc Re8 37 Nd5 Rc4 38 Ne7 Kh7 39 Nf5 Rc2 40 Kh3 Be3 41 Rd1 Kg6 42 Kg4 Bf6 43 Rd6 Rh2 44 h5 Kh7 45 Rf6 Rh1 46 Rf7 Kg8 47 Ra7 Kh8 48 Nh4 Rh2 49 h6 Kg8 50 h7 1-0 Leland does lose sometimes!-Ed.

Louis Cobb(1591)-Richard Kinkel(1468) 1 e4 e6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 Nf6 4 Bg5 Be7 5 e3 0-0 6 Nf3 h6 7 Bh4 Nbd7 8 Rcl a3 9 Qc2 de 10 Be4 b5 11 Bd3 Bb7 12 Qe2 Re8 13 0-0 Re8 14 e4 c5 15 a3 c4 16 Bbl Nh7 17 Be7 Qc7 18 Rfel Ng5 19 Red1 Nf3 20 Qf3 Qg5 21 Qg3 Qg3 22 hg Nf6 23 e5 Nd5 24 Ne4 Red8 25 Nd6 Rc7 26 Nb7 Rb7 27 Be4 Rbd7 28 Bd5 Rd5 29 Rc4 a5 30 f4 g6 31 Kf2 a4 32 Ke3 h5 33 Rd2 Kg7 34 Kf3 Rh8 35 g4 hg 36 Kg4 Rhd8 37 Kf3

Rh0 38 Ree2 Rdd8 39 Ke4 Rd5 40 g4 Rh4 41 Rg2 Rh8 42 Rh2 Rh2 43 Rh2 Rd8 44 Rd2 Rd5 45 Rf2 Rd8 46 f5 Rd7 47 fe fe 48 Rd2 Rd5 49 g5 Kf7 50 Rf7 Kg7 51 Kf6 b4 52 Reb Rb5 53 Rc6 c3 54 bc b3 55 Rc7 Kg8 56 Rc8 Kg7 57 Kc7 Kg8 58 Kd3 b2 59 Rc8 Kf7 60 Rc7 Ke8 61 Rc5 b1(Q) 0-1

Jackie Ryan(1760)-Wilder Wadford(1781) 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 c4 Nb6 5 f4 de 6 fe Bf5 7 Nc3 e6 8 Nf3 Be7 9 Be3 Nc6 10 d5 ed 11 cd Nb4 12 Nd4 Bd7 13 Nf3 0-0 14 a3 Na6 15 Be2 Nb8 16 0-0 Bg4 17 Qd4 Bf3 18 Rf3 N8d 19 b4 a5 20 Rb1 ab 21 ab Na4 22 Rh3 Nc3 23 Qc3 Re8 24 Bd3 g6 25 Bd4 Bf8 26 e6 fe?(Black is in extreme time trouble)27 Bg6! Re7 28 de Re6 29 Bh7 Kf7 30 Rf1 Nf6? 31 Qc4 Ra6 32 Bf6 1-0

BRILLIANCY Clark Brosi(1794)-Peter Groves(1730) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd7 Nc6 9 Be4 Nd7 10 Nc6 bc8 11 Bh6 Ne5 12 Bb3 e6 13 Bg7 Kg7 14 h4 d5 15 h5 Kg8 16 hg fg 17 0-0-0 Bb7 18 Rh7 Kh7 19 Rh1 Kg7 20 Qh6 Kf7 21 ed ed 22 Qh7 Ke6 23 Qb7 Qg5 24 Kbl Rad8 25 Rel Rd6 26 Ne4 Qh4 27 Qh4 Qe7 28 Nd6 Qd6 29 Qg4 Kf6 30 Qf4 Ke6 31 Qg5 Rf5 32 Qg6 Rf6 33 Qe8 Kf5 34 Qh5 Ke6 35 g3 Qb8 36 f4 Rf5 37 Qg4 Kf6 38 Re5 Re5 39 Qh4 Ke6 40 Qh6 Kf7 41 fe Qe5 42 Qf4 Qf4 43 gf Kf6 44 Ba4 c5 45 Bd7 d4 46 Kcl a5 47 Kd2 Ke7 48 Be8 1-0

GAMES AROUND N.C.

Darrell Strutton(1808) - Alan Patrick(2106), PKB(3/17/90) 1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 c3 d6 4 f4 Nd7 5 Nf3 c5 6 d5 Qb6 7 Nbd2 Ngf6 8 Nc4 Qc7 9 e5 Ng4 10 Ng5 h6 11 Nf7 Kf7 12 e6 Kf8 13 Qg4 Nf6 14 Qg6 Kg8 15 Qf7 Kh7 16 Bd3 Ne4 17 Be4 1-0

Derek Slater(2115) - David Erb(2097), PKB(3/17/90) 1 e4 d6 2 d4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 Be2 Nf6 5 h4 c5 6 de Qa5 7 Kf1 Qc5 8 h5 gh 9 Bh5 Nc6 10 Be3 Qa5 11 f4 Be6 12 Bf3 0-0-0 13 Nd5 Nd7 14 c3 b6 15 a4 Qa6 16 Ne2 Rdf8 17 Rbl Bd5 18 ed Na5 19 Kgl Kb8 20 Nd4 Bd4 21 Bd4 f6 22 b4 Nc4 23 Be2 b5 24 Ral Ndb6 25 a6 Qb5 26 Ra5 Qd7 27 Bc4 Nc4 28 Ra7 Qf5 29 Bf2 Qf4 30 Qal Rc8 31 Rb7 1-0

Paul Lucas(1790) - NM Mark Brodie(2199), G/30, Metrolina CC. 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 ed ed 5 Bb5 Nc6 6 Ngf3 Bd6 7 dc Bc5 8 Nb3 Bd6 9 0-0 Ne7 10 Bg5 0-0 11 Bc6 bc 12 Nbd4 Qc7 13 Qd3 Bg4 14 h3 Bh5 15 Qc3 Rac8 16 Rfe Rfe 17 Re3 f6 18 Bh4 Bf4 19 Ne6 Qd6 20 Nf4 Qf4 21 Ral Rf3 22 gf (Bg3!) Qh4 23 Re7 Re7 24 Re7 Qh3 25 Qe3! Qh5?? 26 Qe6 1-0. If 25...Rf8 26 Qa7 +/-:Notes by NM L. Fuerstman

IM Victor Frias - IM Kamran Shirazi, Land of Sky-1990 - 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 Ne7 5 d3 0-0 6 e3 d6 7 Nge2 c6 8 0-0 Be6 9 h3 d5 10 cd cd 11 d4 e4 12 Nf4 Nbc6 13 b3 Rc8 14 Na4 b5 15 Nc5 Nd4 16 Ba3 Rc5 17 Bc5 Ndc6 18 Rcl Qd7 19 Qe2 Rd8 20 Rfd1 f5 21 Ne6 Qe6 22 h4 h5 23 Be7 Ne7 24 Rc7 Nc6 25 Qc2 Rd6 26 Qd7 Re5 27 Rc6 Rc6 28 Qd5 Qd5 29 Rd5 Bc3 30 Bf1 a6 31 a4 ba 32 ha Rh4 33 Rd4 a5 34 Rc4 Rd6 35 Rc2 Kg7 36 Bb5 Kh6 37 Be2 Rd8 38 Kf1 Rd6 39 Kg2 Rb6 40 Bb5 Rb8 41 Rc6 Rd8 42 Rc2 Rd1 43 Be8 Rd8 44 Rh5 Rd6 45 Be2 Re6 1/2 - 1/2

Bradley Fowler(1729) - Edward Ross(1959), Land of Sky, 1990 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 e3 b6 4 Bd3 Bb7 5 Nbd2 c5 6 c3 d5 7 Qe2 Be7 8 0-0 0-0 9 e4 de 10 Ne4 cd 11 Nd4 Qd5 12 Nf6 Bf6 13 Nf3 Rd8 14 Rd1 Ba6 15 Nel Nc6 16 Be3 Bd3 17 Rd3 Qf5 18 Rad1 h6 19 Qf3 Rd3 20 Rd3 Qf3 21 Nf3 Rd8 22 Rd8 Bd8 23 Nd4 Nd4 24 Bd4 Bg5 25 c4 1/2-1/2

THE KING HUNTS!

Ramada IV, (12-23-89), Jim Tobin (2089)-NM Leland Fuerstman (2127), Sicilian Defense - 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 Bb5 Nc6 4 0-0 e5 5 c3 Bg4 6 d3 Nge1 / Be3 a6 8 Bc4 Qd7 9 Qb3 Bf3? 10 Bf7 Kd8 11 Be6 Qc7 12 gf Ng6 13 Kh Be / 14 Rg Rf8 15 Nd2 b5 16 Rg4 Bf6 17 Rag Qe7 18 Bf5 Nh4 19 Qd5 Kc7 20 Bh7 Rh 21 Bg6 Qd7 (Threatening mate after...Ng6! 22 Rg6 Rh2!) 22 Bf5 Nf5 23 ef Qf5 24 Rlg2 Ne7 25 Qe4 Qe6! (Threatening to win the Queen with 26...d5!) 26 f4 d5 27 Qf3 d4 28 fe de 29 ef ed (if 29...e2 30 Qg3 K any 31 Nf3 el(Q) 32 Nel Qel 33 Rgl wins the piece back on e7) 30 fe Qel 31 Rgl Qe5? (A terrible move allowing the exchange of Queens) 32 Qg3 Rh5 33 Qe5 Re5 34 Re4! + - Kd6 35 Re5 Ke5 36 Rd Kf4 37 Rd2 Kf3 38 d4 Re8 (Black should resign) 39 de Re7 40 h3 Re5 41 b4 Rh5 42 Kgl a5! 43 Rd3? Ke2 44 Re3? Kd2 (The comatose patient is beginning to twitch!) 45 a3 a4! 46 Kg2 Kc2 47 Kg3 Kb2! 48 Kg4 Rh8 49 Re7 Ka3? (Black should have played 49...Ra8! first) 50 Rg7? (Too greedy:White should play 50 Ra7) 50...Ra8 51 Rh7 Kh3 52 Rb4 a3 - + 53 Ra5 Ra5 54 ba a2 55 f4 al (Q) 56 f5 Qgl (The rest is technique) 57 Kf4 Kc4! 38 a6 Kc5 59 Ke5 Qe3 60 Kf6 Qc3 61 Kg6 Qh8! 62 a7 Kd6 63 h4 Ke5 64 h5 Qg8 65 Kh6 Kf6 0-1 (Moral: Never give up the ship; until the fat lady sings!) Notes by Leland Fuerstman

Fuerstman Fest

NM Fuerstman - Jackie Ryan(1800) Color Ident 11, (3/14/90) (Double Exchange Sac) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 g6 5 Nc6 bc 6 Qd4 Nf6 7 e5 Nd5 8 e6 f6 9 c4 Ne7 10 ed Qd7 11 Qe3 Bg7 12 Be2 0-0 13 0-0 e5 14 Rd Qe6 15 Nc3 f5 16 b3 Kh 17 Ba3 Rg8 18 Rd6 Qe8 19 Rad Ne6

20 Na4 Nd4 21 Bb2 f4 22 Qd2 Bf8
23 c5 Bd6 24 cd Bd7 25 Ne5 Rg7 26
Bc4 f3 27 Qe3 fg 28 Rd4 ed 29 Qd4
Qe1 30 Kg2 Rag 31 Nd7 Qa5 32 Bg8
Qg5 33 Kf1 Qh6 34 Qg7 Qg7 35 Bg7
Kg7 36 Ne5 1-0

NM Fuerstman - Clyburn(1750)

1 d4 d5 2 c4 Nf6 3 cd Nd5 4 e4
Nb6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Nf3 Be7 7 Bd3 Nc6
8 U-U U-U 9 e5 Kh 10 Be3 Nd5 11
Rc f5 12 ef Bf6 13 Nd5 ed 14 Ne5
Nb4 15 Bb1 c6 16 Qh5 h6 17 Qg6 1-0

NM Fuerstman - Paul Lucas(1790)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Bc4
Nc6 5 Nd4 Nf6 6 Nc3 g6 7 Nc6 bc 8
e5 Nh5 9 Qf3 d5 10 Nd5 Be6 11 Nc3
Qc7 12 Bb5 Qe5 13 Be3 Rd8 14 Bc6
Bd7 15 0-0-0 Qc7 16 Nb5 Qc8 17
Rd7 Rd7 18 Bd7 Kd7 19 Rd1 Ke8 20
Nc7 1-0

GAMES FROM BELOW

Dear Mr. Wadford,

It is nice to see more games in the Gambit from B and C players. Please consider these games that I've enclosed for an upcoming Gambit issue. Thank you very much. - Jim Havey

P.S. I'm friends with some players in my group and we don't see each other except during major tournaments. It's really nice to see their progress sometimes in the Gambit.

Paul Lucas(1870) vs. Havey(1664)
3/4/90 1 e4 c5 2 b4 cb 3 a3 Nc6
4 Nf3 d6 5 ab Nf6 6 b5 Nb8 7 Nc3
g6 8 Bb2 Bg7 9 Nd5 e6 10 Nb4 0-0
11 Bc4 Na4 12 Bg7 Kg7 13 0-0 d5
14 Bd3 Nc5 15 Ra3 Nd3 16 Nd3 Nd7
17 Qa1 Kg8 18 Ra7 Ra7 19 Qa7 Nb6
20 Nb2 Qc7 21 Rcl Bd7 22 Na4 Na4
23 Qa4 Qb6 24 Rb1 Re8 25 d3 Qe7
26 Rb2 Qc3 27 Qd4 Qa5 28 Qb4 Qb4
29 Rb4 Rc2 30 h3 Re5 31 b6 Rcl 32
Kh2 f6 33 d4 Rc4 34 Rb3 Rc2 35
Kg3 h5 36 Ncl Re2 37 Nd3 g5 38
Nc5 Bc6 39 Kf3 Rel 40 Ra3 Rbl 41
Ne6 Rb6 42 Ra8 Kf7 43 Nc5 Rb4 44
Ra7 Rd4 45 Nb7 Bb7 46 Rb7 Ke6 47
Rh7 h4 48 Rh8 Ra4 49 Re8 Kf5 50
g4 hg 51 fg Ra3 52 Kf2 d4 53 Rf8
d3 54 Rd8 Ke4 55 Re8 Kd4 56 Rd8
Kc3 57 h4 gh 58 gh Ra5 59 Rc8 Kd2
60 Kf3 Rf5 61 Kg4 Re5 62 h5 Kel
63 Rd8 d2 64 h6 dl(Q) 65 Rd1 Kd1
66 h7 Rg5! 0-1. (66 Kh4 loses to
66...Rg1! 67 h8(Q) Rh1).

Jackie Ryan(1760) vs. Havey(1664)
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 c3 d6 4 Bc4
Nf6 5 Qa4 Bd7 6 Qb3 e6 7 Qc2 Be7
8 0-0 Rc8 9 Rel 0-0 10 Qd1 Re8 11
d4 cd 12 cd Nb4 13 Bb3 Bb5 14 Nc3
Ba6 15 e5 Nd7 16 Re3 de 17 Ne5
Ne5 18 Re5 Nd3 19 Re4 Bb4 20 Bc2
Nb2 21 Bb2 Bc3 22 Bc3 Rc3 23 Rg4
Qf6 24 Qd2 Rec8 25 Be4 g6 26 Rel
R3c4 27 d5? ed 28 Qd5 Rcl 29 Qd2
Qc3 30 Qc3 R8c3 31 f3 Rel 0-1

Land of Sky III Brilliances:

IM Karl Burger, NM L. Fuerstman,
Paul King and Fred Vees. Each
Free EF to Wilmington Open 4, if
not going sell them.

THAT'S THE SOLUTION!! COMPETITION SHORTENED

It seems that this column is getting off to a slow start. Mathias Moersch and James Havey are the only two participants and there are 3 prizes. So I am going to limit this competition to this issue and the July issue. Prizes will be awarded in October of this year. There is still time to catch the frontrunners:

Mathias Moersch 15

James Havey 7

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.

This issue and the July issue of the Gambit will have four middle game positions for you to solve in continuous ladder competition.

The prizes are: 1st-Free EF in 1990 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.

In response to Moersch's inquiry of why he was not given credit for a solution given last month which worked but was not the answer: I emphasize that the published positions are not puzzles but live encounters. In some games the course of the happenings often merges with a maze of 2-3 ways but it is extremely important to look for and find the shortest and safest way to win. An obvious looking win of material instead of a throat cutting mate attack can backfire with time trouble, lapse of concentration or various other loopholes. Tartakower said; "a winning position has to be won yet!" We are going for a refining effect of these positions toward the practical skill of our players and we are curious how far our players are on the same track of thinking as the masters who are featured in the position.

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

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

March-April solutions:

1. ...Re3! 2 Nc3(if 2 Na8 Rb3 3 ab Ng4 4 h3 Nf2 5 Kh2 Nd3 0-1)2...Ng4 and wins.
2. ...Nh5! 2 ed Nf4! 3 d5 e5!! 4 Qf1 e4 5 Na4 Qg5! wins.
3. Sorry, bishop missing from diagram. Editor.
4. ...Qd4 2 e4(if Qd4 or d6, Bf3)2...h3! 3 Kh2 Qd3 4 Bh1 Be4 5 Qg5 Bh1 6 Rh1 Qf3 7 Rhg1 Qf2 and wins.

Here are the next 4 positions.



Pos.1, White to Move



Pos.2, Black to Move



Pos.3, White to Move



Pos.4, White to Move

INSIDE A PATZER'S WORKSHOP
(or: The Dubious Benefits of Home Analysis)
by Derek Slater

Secret weapons are like noses: almost everybody has one. You know, some obscure opening line you've been studying ever since you had a three-digit rating. You understand every tactical motif and positional goal. For your unsuspecting opponents, the whole opening is a minefield strewn with your devious novelties and daring innovations. And you are tortured day and night by the awful dilemma: should you save your TN for the money round of the under-1800 section at the New York Open, or send it to GM Larry Evans and win a hundred back-issues of Chess Informant?

My secret weapon as White is the Boden-Kieseritsky Opening (or, more affectionately, the "Bogus Gambit"). I have reams of my own personal analysis, chock full of TNs, starting from the key position after 1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc4 4 Nc3 Nc3 5 dc(Diagram 1). If I had spent nearly as much time on my schoolwork, I'd be a rocket scientist. Or at least a much more greater linguist.

Hmmm. As confident as I am that I know all my analysis inside out, I still have a tiny nagging fear: that somebody will actually play into it.

Sure, I've won some games with the Bogus Gambit. In the Kentucky Championship several years back I had this game against an 1800: 5...f6 6 0-0 c6 7 Ne5 d5 8 Qh5 Ke7 9 Rel Kd6 10 Nf7(Diagram 2)Resigns. Maybe that was a provisional rating.... Later I faced a stronger test in the postal game: 5...f6 6 0-0 d6 7 Nh4 g6 8 f4 Qe7 9 f5 Qg7. All book thus far. 10 Bd3!? g5 11 Qh5 Kd8 12 Nf3 h6. Here my opponent evidently moved to Guam and left no forwarding address. So it seems that with best play the gambit is worth at least an occasional win by forfeit.

[My super-TN is 6...Nc6 7 b4!!(Diagram 3) Don't forget, you saw it first in the Gambit.]

But still there is that fear. Just how reliable is the homework of the weekend woodpusher? If my analysis is bad now, how good could it have been when I inked most of my Bogus lines? I wasn't even a rank-and-file player yet - just rank. And an adolescent to boot. (Objectivity is not the long suit for most middle-school students.) There are some pretty dubious-looking variations in my notebooks.

So I am abandoning the Bogus Gambit for a while. But secret weapons are like noses.... My new project is to rehabilitate the Blumenfeld Gambit Declined as Black: 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 c5 4 d5 b5 5 Bg5 h6 6 Bf6 Qf6 7 Nc3 b4 8 Nb5 Kd8!!(Diagram 4) Please don't attempt this in your homes.

There are lots of intriguing openings out there. The Albin Counterattack, for example, or the Evans Gambit, or the Ponziani. The Belgrade Gambit in the Four Knights. Or, best of all, Damiano's Defense. If you don't have a secret weapon, or if yours is as rickety as mine, pick one of these. Adopt it and love it as your own. It will stretch your creativity, sharpen your tactics, and feed your analytical abilities.

Just hope that you'll never have to play it in a real game.



Diagram 1
Bogus Gambit
Position after 5 dc



Diagram 2
Bogus Gambit
Final Position after 10 Nf7



Diagram 3
Bogus Gambit
Position after 7 b4!



Diagram 4
Blumenfeld Gambit Declined
Position after 8..Kd8!!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

PKB XXVII-1/27/90-65 players		
Sect.1	Daniel Liu	3.0
Sect.2	Clarke Brosi	3.0
Sect.3	David Wei	3.0
	Stanley Richards	3.0
	Raul Raya	3.0
Rambo LXI-2/11/90-38 players		
Sect.1	Greg Samsa	2.5
	Jack Berry	2.5
Sect.2	Ken Cockrell	3.0
Sect.3	Peter Groves	3.0
Sect.4	Sean Carlson	3.0
PKB XXVIII-2/24/90-52 players		
Sect.1	Greg Samsa	3.0
Sect.2	James Hunnings	3.0
Sect.3	Raul Raya	3.0
	Richard Watts	3.0
PKB XXIX-3/17/90-36 players		
Sect.1	Robin Cunningham	2.5
	Jack Berry	2.5
	John Lane	2.5
Sect.2	Raul Raya	2.5
Sect.3	Wayne Davis	3.0
Rambo LXII-4/1/90-39 players		
Sect.1	John Lane	2.5
	Derek Slater	2.5
Sect.2	William Stewart	2.5
	Mathias Moersch	2.5
	John Rhodes	2.5
Sect.3	Elizabeth Vicary	2.5
	Dana Daves	2.5
Sect.4	Harry Hairfield	2.5

SUPER DATABASE

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1) Recall any game (diagram and text) and any subvariant at any move with all options belonging to the move.

2) Follow the selected new line with the same options as above, returning any time to the previous or main line with one stroke. (and the diagram is always updated!)

3) Read a statistic of how many games were won by white, black or finished as a draw with the actual variant any time and by any move.

4) Regroup the games after openings, types of endgames (pawn, rook, queen, etc. endgames) starting the game from the beginning or from any chosen move (diagram too!)

5) View a game continuously or jumping to every second or fifth move if you wish!

6) Enter or cancel analysis, text, moves, new games, limitless and many, many more!...

It is obvious that the armchair comfort of this type of opportunity to analyze, edit, write articles, compare, learn and search creates such a revolutionary way of chess study which is entirely new and opens incalculable perspectives, also in computer chess eventually.

The program's translation for IBM and McIntosh languages is on the way. Contact for details Lajos Pogany, 18 Fairfax Ave., Asheville N. C. 28806, with SASE.

Team Championship

AUGUST 18-19, NC CLOSED TEAM

CHAMPIONSHIP, 5-SS or RR if necessary, 40/90, SD/1, 4 man teams with optional alternate. EF: \$50 per team (in advance please if at all possible); 2 Sections; OPEN: average rating not more than 2100 and AMATEUR: average rating not more than 1700. \$\$ Open: \$250-100, Amateur: \$200-100; Board Prizes 1-4 each section \$20 per board. Plaques with engraved teammates' names to first team in each section. Rounds 9-2-7 and 9-2. NCCA membership and residency required (military & students are residents). No 1/2 point byes. No Withdrawal without TD approval, a fight to finish. Unrated players deemed to be 50 points less than next Board teammate rating (e.g. Unrated placed on Board 4. Board 3 is 1850, Unrated classified as 1800 for the tournament.) Board order in rating order but with one exception: if 2 teammates differ by less than 50 points, they may switch boards. If more than 50 points, must play up. Alternates must play on proper board according to rating (50 pt. rule here too); e.g. Board 1 (2200) wants a rest, alternate (1800), teammates must shift up until alternate sits at correct Board. No consultation or analysis of position on board allowed, consultation limited to standings only (e.g. Board 1 asks Captain if he should take draw offer. Captain decides on 1/2 point in standings, not on playability of game.) Elect Captain who is responsible for EF, decisions at tournament and logistics.

LOCATION: Government House, 201 S. McDowell St., Charlotte, 1-800-762-1995 and 704-372-7550, HR: \$36 up to 4 in room. Call in advance - rooms limited.

Teams should ideally be regionally organized and an even number of teams so there will be no byes (Pew! This is a battle game.) The following people are regional organizers and are responsible for entering teams:

Asheville (2) - 1 up & 1 down
Wilder Wadford 704-645-4216
Charlotte (6) - 3 up & 3 down
Leland Fuerstman 704-523-2181
RDCH (4) - 2 up & 2 down
Robert Singletary 919-881-8482
Jack/Wilm. (2) - 1 up & 1 down
Jeff Walsh 919-346-8349

ANYONE MAY FORM A TEAM - PLEASE ENTER IN ADVANCE - NOTE EARLY START ON SATURDAY - IDEALLY WE NEED AN EVEN NUMBER OF TEAMS - IF YOU WANT TO PLAY BUT CAN'T FIND A TEAM CALL THE TEAM CLEARING HOUSE AND WE'LL PAIR YOU UP WITH A TEAM. CONTACT WILDER WADFORD at (704)645-4215 or 4216 AND LEAVE MESSAGE WITH SECRETARY OR MACHINE (name, rating, telephone

#, section preference if any, first come first paired).

Cash Prizes increased - new prizes created if more than 16 teams enter. Greater emphasis on new prizes so lower classes in section can win too.

AUGUST 17 - BLITZ & BEER. 8 p.m. until. EF: \$5, 4 man RR, each play Black & White, play as many RR's as you want. \$15 to winner, \$5 for Beer, soft drinks, room rental.

IMPORTANT: ORGANIZE EARLY! TEAM PLAY REQUIRES COORDINATION OF PIECES. THAT'S THE BEST PART. IT'S TRULY A SOCIAL EVENT, FUN AND UNIQUE. "The comraderie of a team format made this a memorable tourney. One of the best tournaments ever held in North Carolina." - Tim Loesch

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CHESS 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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"This is amateur chess, this is chess designed for people like you and me - a game, a community, an experience worth sharing."

WADFORD RESIGNS AS ACC PRESIDENT

Due to increased workload as President of the NCCA and as Interim Editor I rendered my resignation as President of the Asheville Chess Club. I will still organize the Land of the Sky for the ACC. The new officers are: David Perkins, President; Alan Comer, VP and John Walker, Sec. Treas. Good men and good luck! - Wilder Wadford

TOURNAMENTS

May 5 Ramada. 3-SS,40/90,30/1, no 3/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.

May 12 Haywood County Open. Unr. event. 11am to 5pm at Robertson Memorial YMCA, Canton, NC, 100 Park St. Separate sections for beginners to Experts. Reg. 10-11am. EF \$10, \$5 for under 17. 95% of EF to winners, trophies and complemetnary prizes optional from Bogart's Restaurant and Maggie Valley Resort & Country Club. TC:20/SD. Call Bruce Goodwin (704)648-5739 after 3:30.

June 8-10 Wilmington Open #4, see page 10 for details.

June 16 Deacon Zombie 3-SS,40/90,SD/30,Wingate Hall, WF Univ., Winston-Salem, Take 1-40 Siler's Creek Pkwy. N., look for signs at Wake Chapel. 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

June 23 Airborne I. 3-SS,40/90,G/30, Senior Citizen Service Ctr.,739 Blue St.(off Bragg Blvd./NC 24 one mile NW of town),Fayetteville. EF \$9 if by 6/19,\$10 at site. Jr.(under 18) EF \$5, 3 Sections Open,1400-1799, under 1400. \$550-15 each section. Prize fund increased if over 30 players in tournament, redistributed is less than six in a section. Reg.9-9:45am, Rds. 10-2-6. NCCA me. req. Ent. Robert Singletary, 5901-C Shadetree Lane, Raleigh NC 27613-3025, (919)881-8482.

July 21 Deacon Zombie II.

July 27-29 LPO 16

August 18-19 Team Championship. See inside for details.

CHESS CLUBS

Monday:No Smoking Club,7 to 11pm Godfather's Pizza, Park Rd. Shopping Ctr., off Park Rd. & Woodlawn,Charlotte.Call Clarke Brosi (704)358-9291.

Monday & Wednesday: Greensboro Club, Folk Recreation Ctr., 3910 Clifton Rd., 7 to 10pm, call R.H. Ward (919)852-2854.

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

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 Kagny'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.

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Thursday: Salisbury Club, Rowan Public Library, 7 to 9pm, contact Fred Quick (704)636-9265.

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.

Mind Warriors Club: no set place or time, call Mike Kesselring (704)488-9626 or Avram Friedman (704)586-8729.

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