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The first tournament for the championship of the two Carolinas was held September 1-3 at Columbia, South Carolina. The detailed results:

1. Ben Rudich	Charleston, S.C.	D9 W12 D5 W7 W3	5 - 1	10.75
2. Prof. Ian. Foster	Columbia, S.C.	W11 W6 W8 L3 W5	4 - 1	10.00
3. Dr. A. Ashbrook, Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.	W12 D5 W6 W2 L1	3½ - 1½	10.00
4. Har. A. Mouzon	Charleston, S.C.	L5 W11 D10 W13 W12	3½ - 1½	6.00
5. B. L. Ilsley	Rock Hill, S.C.	W4 D3 D1 W8 L2	- - 2	9.75
6. Karl Stamm	Spartanburg, S.C.	W7 L2 L3 W1 D3	- - 2½	5.75
7. Mrs. W.B. Compton	Columbia, S.C.	L6 W9 W13 L1 D10	2½ - 2½	4.50
8. A. H. Gaede	Charlotte, N.C.	W10 W13 L2 L5 D6	2½ - 2½	4.25
9. Prof. Virgil Smith	Hartsville, S.C.	D1 L7 L11 bye W13	2½ - 2½	3.00
10. Joseph Trihey	Columbia, S.C.		2 - 3	3.00
11. Dr. N.W. Baxter	Newbern, N.C.		2 - 3	2.50
12. Col. G. Fitch	Charleston, S.C.		2 - 3	2.00
13. T. J. Baxter	Newbern, N.C.		1 - 4	1.00
14. H. O. Motz	Rock Hill, S.C.		0 - 5	0.00

Motz withdrew after three rounds because of illness. We do not have the complete score-table because our source, "Chess Life," did not give the complete round by round results.

First prize in this tournament, the first Carolinas Championship, was taken by Ben Rudich, of Charleston, South Carolina. He was the only competitor to go through the five rounds undefeated. He drew two games, one with Prof. Smith, in the opening round, and one with Ilsley in the third. The latter was a very exciting affair, and we give it with Rudich's own notes in this issue. Because of his two early draws, Rudich had to work hard to get back into the running. We quote the new champion himself on the last round: "The last round was a hectic one. Dr. Ashbrook was leading and only needed a draw to win. He lost to me. Mr. Ilsley would then have won by Sonnenborne-Berger system over me if he'd beat Foster. However, he lost also."

We hope to have the last round game Rudich won against Ashbrook. We are told that the North Carolina representative was outplayed in a Bishop ending.

This inaugural tournament was rather poorly attended, especially by North Carolinians. There was only a total of fourteen, and of these four were from North Carolina. Surely a state that can raise thirty-two for its state championship can send more than four players to a Carolinas tournament.

Social note: Arthur Bisguier, International Master, was seen wandering around the tournament room during the event. Bisguier has just completed his basic training in South Carolina.

A new chess club has been formed at the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill. At the first meeting, Kit Crittenden, State Champion, gave a simultaneous exhibition on ten boards. He won all of his games. The club hopes to play matches with other clubs in the state, especially college chessclubs. If anyone is interested, please contact the Editor.

A tournament for the RALEIGH CHAMPIONSHIP began several weeks ago. It was organized along novel lines: there are three sections, Championship, B, and Junior. Each player has two games with each opponent. Six players are in the Championship section, six in the B group, and no less than eight are contesting for the Junior title. But the most notable feature of the tournament is that it is sponsored, not by the Raleigh Chess Club, But by Lewis' Sporting Goods, a Raleigh firm. Lewis' is donating prizes in each section, and had a chess display in their store window for a long while. We hope that other concerns will emulate Lewis' enterprise.

Somewhat belatedly, we give the results of the "Southern" Championship. (Quotes used because there was another "Southern" Championship held at the same time in Florida.) by WILLIAM C. ADICKES, Jr.

Martin C. Stark won the 30th annual Southern Chess Association Tournament held at Asheville, N.C., July 1 - 4. Stark scored $6\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ to finish a full point ahead of the field. Other high scorers were R. C. Simpson, $5\frac{1}{2}$, Edmund Nash, 5, J. G. Sullivan, Jr., $4\frac{1}{2}$, Robert Coveyou, $4\frac{1}{2}$, and E. Lipinsky $4\frac{1}{2}$. A large trophy was given the winner by the Bon Marche Department Store, and a Gallant Knight set was donated for second place by Wm Adickes. Local cash prizes were also awarded. Miss Barbara Macon, "Miss Asheville of 1951," made the official presentation of awards.

States represented were N.C., Tenn., Md., Vt., Mass., Ohio, Ga., and the District of Columbia. Wm. Adickes was elected President of the Southern Chess Association, and G. S. Thomas, Sec. - Treas.

One of Rudich's games from the Carolinas Tournament. (We hope to publish the deciding game played with Ashbrook soon.)

B. L. ISEY - B. RUDICH, #15
Notes by RUDICH, except those marked (E), by the Editor.)

1 P-Q4 P-Q4

2 ... KN3 ...

King's fianchetto which could lead into the Catalan System.

2.... P-K3

3 N-KB3 P-QB4

4 P-K3 N-KB3

5 B-N2 N-B3

6 O-O B-K2

7 N-K5 ...

Attempting to seize the center and start an attack. However, it's a little premature.

7 ... NxN

8 PxN N-Q2

9 P-KB4 O-O

10 P-N3 P-B3

Opening the Bishop file.

11 PxP BxP

12 P-B3 P-QR3

13 B-N2 B-N2

14 N-Q2 Q-B2

To protect the Queen Bishop and reserve the K square for an advance of the King Pawn. However, ...P-K4 right away is the best move.

15 P-K4 ...

Beating Black to the punch and seizing the initiative.

15 ... P-QN4

Black's only hope now is to open up some files on the Queen side and to counter attack there.

16 Q-N4 QR-K1

To protect the King Pawn after White's next move.

17 P-K5 B-Q1

18 N-B3 N-N1

To enable the Queen to protect the second rank

19 N-N5 BxN

To trade an inactive piece for a threatening one is always good.

20 QxB Q-K2

21 P-KR4 QxQ

22 RPxQ P-N3

Black's position has improved considerably since White's 15th move. Though White has two Bishops and Black a backward King Pawn, White's King side majority has been restrained.

23 P-B4 ...

Planning to disrupt Black's Queen side Pawns, but overlooking Black's 24th move.

23 ... N-PxP

24 PxP B-R3

Winning that Pawn or the exchange.

25 PxP ...

Best. White gives up the exchange but receives a protected passed Pawn.

25 ... BxR

26 RxB K-B2

PxP is bad because of the position of Whites 2 Bishops.

27 R-B1 N-Q2

28 P-N4 ...

So far White has played correctly after the sacrifice, but now 28 B-KR3! is best. 28...R-K2; the best reply, is met by 29 PxPch, RxP; 30 R-Q1!, K-K2!; 31 BxR, KxB; 32 R-Q6ch (Rudich) and White has all the chances. (E)

28 ... QR-N1

29 B-QB3 PxP

Perhaps this may have been too hasty. Probably, Black should have doubled the Rooks on the open Knight file; try to trade off Rooks; then attack White's Pawns from the rear. However, with 2 Bishops and an extra Pawn against a Rook and Knight, White should draw. (White also threatened P-B5, leaving no time for the doubling of the Rooks (E))

30 BxPch K-K2

31 P-K6 N-N3

Rook takes Pawn would give Black 3 Pawns for the Knight, but the game should still be drawn. (The chances would all be on White's side. (E))

32 B-B6ch K-Q3

Here ... RxB, since it is later necessary, is correct. Then 33 P-B4ch, KxP; 34 RxB, NxB; 35 RxB, KxP; draws simply. (E)

33 P-K7 RxB

34 PxB NxB

35 R-Q1 K-K3

36 Rxd1 ...

Adickes suggests 36 P-N5, threatening Rxd1. The only defense is ... NxdP, for if N-B2; then 37 R-Q8 gives White a winning position, though the variations are lengthy. If ... NxBP(5); R-Q8 wins. Or if NxBP(3); R-K1ch, K-B2; PxdN followed by the seeping of of the White King will win since both the Black R and K are permanently occupied. After 36... NxBP; R-K1ch, K-Q3; 38 RxdN, the position is unclear, for both players can push their passed pawns. (E)

36 ... KxP

King takes Rook would let White Queen one of the two passed Pawns.

37 RxB R-K1

38 P-N5ch K-B2

39 R-K5 RxB

40 RxBch KxB

Drawn

A very tenacious defense by Rudich.

Match game, 1951

W. Adickes - Bob Cruise, #16

1 P-Q4 N-KB3

2 P-QB4 P-KN3

3 P-KN3 ...

A move which takes on an independent character only when Black plays as here.

3 ... P-Q4

4 PxB NxB

5 B-N2 B-N2

6 P-K4 N-N3

7 N-K2 P-K4

There are several methods of meeting White's system. One is ... P-QB3, N-QR3 and N-B2. Another is ... P-QB4. Some play to tempt P-Q5 by ... N-B3 here. All are good, and the text, if followed correctly, is one of the best.

8 P-Q5 P-QB3

9 Q-O O-O

10 QN-B3 R-K1?

The Rook belongs on B1 to aid the advance of the KBP, which should advance. PxB, and the development of the QN to Q2 or R3, is correct.

11 Q-N3 QN-Q2

PxB should be played first.

12 B-K3 ...

Again, PxB should be played first.

Black's isolated QN would then afford the first player a considerable plus.

12 ... N-B3

13 P-KR3 PxB

Your annotator is now happy.

14 P-B4? ...

The wrong strategy. There is no reason to open up the King file for Black's Rook. White should strive for play in the center or on the Queen's side, or both, developing his Rooks first.

15 KR-Q1, 16 QR-B1, and P*QR4 are in accordance with the nature of the position. Black's QB4 is a weak square for him, so White might work toward putting a Knight there. At any rate, opening the position up before developing fully is folly.

15 ... N/B3-Q2

16 QR-Q1 PxB

17 BxB N-B4

18 Q-N5 QR-B1

19 P-KN4? ...

White should play to regroup his forces instead of provoking his opponent.

19 ... B-Q6!

20 RxB P-QR3!

21 QxBch! ...

the best chance: Rook and Knight are almost an equivalent for the Queen, and the two Bishops exert a considerable influence.

21 ... QxQ

22 R-K3 Q-Q1

23 P-Q6! ...

Now Q5 can be occupied by a piece.

23 ... N? N/3-Q2?

... N-B5 can lead to great complications after 24 R/3-B3, NxBP?; 25 R-Q1. But ... N-B5;; 24 R/3-B3, N-K4! is a very good defense for Black. If then 25 BxdN, BxB; 26 RxBP, QxQP; leads to nothing for the first player: 27 B-Q5, K-R1; or 27 BxB, NxB; 28 RxdN, B-R7ch; 29 K-R1, Q-B3ch; 30 KxB, QxR; and Black will win. Also 25 R-K3, N/B-Q6; (26 R-Q1, NxB; 27 NxdN, Q-N3;) is in the second player's favor.

The move played allows an invasion of Q5 without a fight.

25 N-Q5 N-K3

Black decides to give up the exchange. If ... R-N1; 25 N-B7, N-K3; 26 NxdN or 26 B-Q5 and White has very strong pressure (Adickes).

25 N-K7ch K-R1

26 NxR QxN

27RR-B1: ...

In the maze of possibilities, White goes astray. The Rook should stay at KB1 in order to retain the pressure on the enemy BP. Too, the Queen's position is worse at QBl than at Q1. Since Black's immediate threats depend on the motif of the pin along the K-N1-QR7 diagonal, the simple and winning move is K-R1!. After 27 K-R1, Black can eliminate the two Bishops by NxR; 28 NxN, B-K4; but R/L-K1 wins something eventually (P-B3; P-N5!). The basic threat of doubling the Rooks on the potential power of the QP would lead to a White win. If Black does not play ...Nx3, the Bishop retires with irresistible pressure along the KB file and the two Bishops. White must win.

27 ... Q-Q1

28 BxNP? Q-N3!

29 R-B8ch N/2-B1!

30 P-Q7 NxR!!

Perhaps White overlooked this brilliant move, a fine one indeed. If 31 P-Q8(Q), QxRch; (A) 32 K-B1, Qxch; 33 K-N1, NxPch; 34 K-R1, Q-B6ch; 35 K-R2, B-K4, mate.

(B) 32 K-R2, Q-B7ch; 34 K-R1, NxR! and one of the mates (N-N6 or Q-N8) will be good.

(C) 32 K-R1, NxN; and to stop mate 33 K-N2 is necessary, when ...N-B5ch; 34 K-B1, Q-K7ch; 35 K-N1, Q-K8ch, 36 K-R2, Q-B7ch; 37 K-R1, N-K7 and the position in variation (B) has been reached.

31 R/8-K8 QxB

32 NxR QxQP

33 R-R8 B-Q5

34 RxNch K-N2

35 R/8-K8 QxR

Resigns

We thank both contestants for this memorable game.

IT-COULD-HAPPEN-TO-YOU- Department.

W. C. Adickes, Jr. - P.C. Knox, #17

1. P-K4 P-QN3

2. P-Q4 B-N2

3. B-Q3 P-KB4

4. PxP BxP

5. Q-R5ch P-N3

6. PxP N-KB3

7. PxPch NxQ

8. B-N6, mate

A rapid transit game.

A game from the Wertheim Memorial tournament, New York, to honor both the tournament and the 19 year old winner of this game, since become champion of the U.S.

L. Evans - G. Shainswit, #18

1 P-Q4	P-Q4	18 NxP	P-QR4
2 P-QB4	P-QB3	19 N-K5	BxN
3 N-KB3	N-KB3	20 QxB	R-Q4
4 N-B3	P-K3	21 Q-B3	P-R5
5 B-N5	P-KR3	22 B-K4	R-N4
6 BxN	QxB	23 R-K2	R-N6
7 Q-N3	N-Q2	24 Q-B1	R-R3
8 P-K4	PxKP	25 R-B2	R/R3-N3
9 NxP	Q-B5	26 N-Q3	N-Q2
10 B-Q3	B-K2	27 N-B5	NxN
11 O-O	O-O	28 PxN	R-R3
12 KR-K1	P-QN3	29 B-Q3	R-R4
13 QR-Q1	Q-B2	30 B-B4	B-R3
14 B-N1	B-N2	31 BxR	PxB
15 Q-B2	KR-Q1	32 R/2-Q2	P-N3
16 P-QR3	N-B1	33 R-Q7	Resigns
17 P-B5	PxP		

Late news:

It has been discovered that the DURHAM CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP has begun. The tournament, while weakened by the absence of Ashbrook, winner in 1950, and Crittenden, who took second prize, is still a fairly strong one.

Here are the first round results:

Harwell 1	Weeks 0
Agnello 1	Charles 0
Rogers 1	Crowder 0
Peters and Chapman, bye	