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Lyan goaded me into trying this new format for the Antics. It's used with success by several excellent newsletters in the area, and should save time and money. Please let us know if you do or don't approve.



Eddie Jones 75

ROANE REELS RIVAL

DR. CAREY COPS CONQUEST

We met Roane Carey at the Alabama Open in Birmingham, September 1973. Since that time I've been intrigued by his name. Sounds like something from a Zane Grey novel doesn't it.

Roane, from Birmingham, also has an intriguing annotating style. He sent this game from the October Class Tourney.

French Defense (King's Indian)

Roane Carey Dana Therrell

I knew that Dana would play the French, so I decided to play something which would put him in a defensive position early in the game on the Kingside.

1. e4 e6 3. Nd2 Nf6
2. d3 d5 4. Qe2 ...

This move doesn't block the KB because it's going to be fianchettoed anyway. I didn't want him to trade Queens after 4. g3, de 5. Ne4, Ne4 6. de, Qel, and I didn't want to take with the d-pawn yet.

4. ... c5 8. O-O Qc7
5. Ngf3 Nc6 9. Re1 b5
6. g3 Be7 10. e5 Nd7
7. Bg2 O-O

In the game Labelle-Amos, CLAR, June '74, p403, Labelle recommends 10. ...Ne8 in a similar position, then the N could go to c7, b5, and then c3 or d4.

11. Nf1 b4 13. Bf4 a4
12. h4 a5 14. Nlh2 ...

Both sides shift to attack on opposite wings. Which attack comes first?

14. ... a3

Suggested by Labelle instead of 14. ...Ba6, as in their game.

15. b3 Ba6 17. Qh5 h6
16. Ng5 Na5

Weakens the King position, but 17. ...Bg5 18.hg and 19.Ng4 keeps up a strong attack and opens the h file for the Rooks.

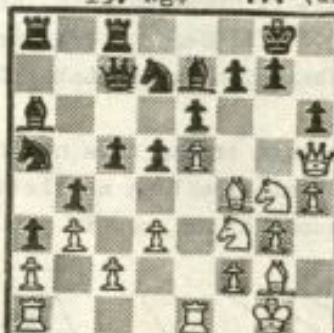
18. Ngf3 ...

Right after I played this I was mad at myself for not playing Ng4, but I saw after the game that nothing definite comes out of this sac.

18. ... Rfc8

To open the f8 square for either the B or N, whichever is needed.

19. Ng4 ... (diagram)



19. ... Bf8

Supposedly defending against a sac at h6.

20. Nh6+! gh

21. Bh6 Bh6

Maybe something like 21...Nb6 is better, but after 22.Ng5, I don't see how Black can get out: 22...

Bh6 23.Qh6, Rg7 24.Be4!, or 23...Bb7 24.Nh7! or 22...Bb7 23.Qg4, Bh6 24.Ne6+, Kh8 25.Nc7, Rc7 26.e6! with a practically won game. Or in this line 23...Kh8, 24.Bf8, Rf8 25.Qh5+ and mate follows.

22. Qh6 Nf8?

22...Qd8 was better, but after 23.Ng5 Nf8 24.Be4! then if 24...de 25.Re4 and White plays 26.Rg4 (if Ng6 then Nh7) or 24...Ra7 25.Nh7!, Nh7 26.Bh7+, Kh8 27. Bf5+, Kg8 28.Qh7+, Kf8 29.Be6 (29...fe 30.Qa7) and White should win.

23. Ng5 Qe7?

Black can transpose into the preceding note.

24. Be4! ...

This was played in a game Fischer-Ivkov (I'm not sure when) in a similar position. The idea is to free the e4 square for either the B or R, and then White can mate.

24. ... de

If 24...Ng6 25.Nh7! or 24...Bb7 25.Nh7! (or even 25.Bh7+ possibly)

25. Re4 f6?

Again, if Ng6 then 26.Nh7. White was going to play Rg4 anyway.

26. ef Qe8? 27. Qg7 mate.

4th Annual QUEEN OF HEARTS 3

USCF rated five-round SS, Open and Amateur Sections February 14 & 15

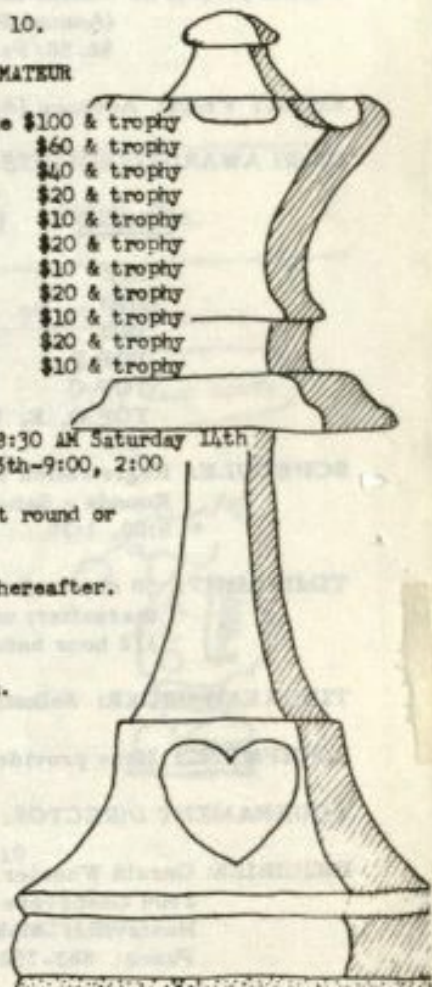
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CASH AWARDS AND TROPHIES:

	OPEN	AMATEUR
Total prizes guarantee based on minimum total 80 entrants.	1st place \$200 & trophy	1st place \$100 & trophy
Last 3 Open tournaments in Montgomery had over 100 entrants each.	2nd \$100 & trophy	2nd \$60 & trophy
	3rd \$60 & trophy	3rd \$40 & trophy
	1st A \$40 & trophy	1st C \$20 & trophy
	2nd A \$20 & trophy	2nd C \$10 & trophy
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	2nd B \$20 & trophy	2nd D \$10 & trophy
	1st below 1600 \$20 & trophy	1st E \$20 & trophy
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		1st UNR \$20 & trophy
		2nd UNR \$10 & trophy



SCHEDULE: Registration 7:30-9:00 PM Friday 13th and 7:00-8:30 AM Saturday 14th
Rounds Saturday 14th-9:00, 2:00, 7:00; Sunday 15th-9:00, 2:00

ALL UNFINISHED GAMES will be adjudicated 1/2 hr. before next round or at TD's discretion.

TIME LIMIT 50 moves first 2 hours; 15 moves each 1/2 hour thereafter.

TIEBREAK ORDER Solkoff, Median, S-B, Kashdan

NO SETS OR CLOCKS WILL BE PROVIDED: please bring your own.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Bill Bryan

SEND INQUIRIES AND ENTRY FEES to:

Lynn S. Bryan

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First Annual

SPACE CITY OPEN

The Huntsville Chess Club announces the launching of the First Annual Space City Open, a USCF-rated, five-round Swiss System tournament at the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) on March 6 & 7, 1976.

LOCATION: UAH Research Institute, Sparkman Drive, Room M-50

MEMBERSHIPS: United States Chess Federation Membership is required.
(Annual Rates - \$15/Advanced, \$8/Full Junior, \$2.50/Participating Junior)

ENTRY FEES: Advance (Age 18 & up)/\$15, Junior (Under 18)/\$10

CASH AWARDS/TROPHIES: Cash Prizes Based on 30 Entries.

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>\$/TROPHY</u>
1ST	\$125, Trophy
2ND	\$ 75, Trophy
3RD	\$ 50
TOP B	\$ 25, Trophy
TOP C	\$ 25, Trophy
TOP D, E, Unrated	\$ 25, Trophy

SCHEDULE: Registration 9:00-10:00 a. m. Saturday, March 6.
Rounds - Saturday 6th 10:30, 3:00, 7:30; Sunday 7th - 9:00, 1:30

TIME LIMIT: 50 moves first 2 hours; 15 moves each 1/2 hour thereafter; unfinished games will be adjudicated 1/2 hour before next round or at TDs discretion.

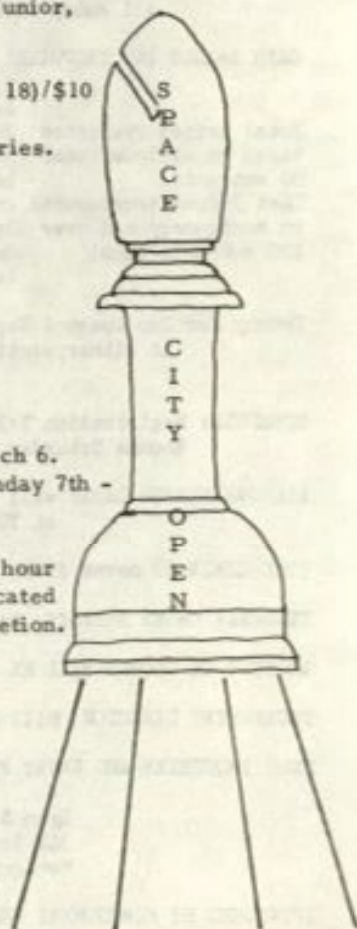
TIEBREAK ORDER: Solkoff, Median, S-B, Kashdan

EQUIPMENT: None provided, please bring your own

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: John Schweinsberg

INQUIRIES: Gerald Wheeler

Huntsville, Alabama



HOTEL/RATES: King's Inn, 1220 Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, Ala., \$11 single, \$14 double. Phone 205-539-8441

The Mobile Chess Club Presents:

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The 7th Annual

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Trophy top four

D/E- \$75, \$50, \$25, \$15
Unr.- \$50, \$25, \$15, \$5

Scholastic (HS and Grade School- EP \$5.00)
Trophy top three, \$40, \$20, \$10



Registration 8-9 AM 3/27 ACP Membership required

Early entries or info- W.T. Henry

ACF. (\$3) Required



TURKEY SHOOT

The Gulf Coast Turkey Shoot was held this year, but we didn't get any results. Mobile CC de-emphasized this one (it's an old traditional Thanksgiving tourney), but we think it will be back in a big way.

REGION IV VP DODGEN

We received this welcome letter from Bill Dodgen.

Dear Bill...

As a regional vice-president of USCF I am always interested in the thoughts and ideas of members from throughout our region, and likewise, the events and their results, of major and minor tournaments....therefore I will ask two favors of you. First, if possible, could you place my name on your mailing list on a comp basis so I can stay informed of the chess scene in Alabama? Second, would you print my name and address in your next issue with the comment that I welcome suggestions, ideas, and even criticisms. I want to serve our region, not just have a title

At the December meeting of the USCF Policy Board in Newburgh I was appointed chairman of USCF National Chess Day - 1976, and will be assisted by Mrs. Rhoda Wood of La. The date of National Chess Day will be Saturday, Oct. 9, 1976. All local Chess Clubs are urged to plan some type of activity for that date, and to include events for non-USCF members as well. With effort and the proper publicity, these chess day events can result in new members for the local, state, and national chess groups. Please give this project your full attention and participation. **ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED.....**

William H. Dodgen

Thanks and best wishes for 1976.

CHESS MAJOR ?

Further correspondence which may be of interest to readers who are considering organizing chess classes:

Doug King of Anniston writes that he has been in touch by letter with Mr. Marvin Schwartz, as a result of Mr. Schwartz' letter in CL&R (12/75 p. 813). Mr. Schwartz, a chess coach and teacher, is directing his efforts toward organizing chess classes as part of the academic curricula (for major or minor credit) on college campuses. He writes, "As a part of my crusade to stir up interest in (colleges') sponsoring a chess program, I am in the process of arranging a nationwide tour of seminars and lectures at clubs and college campuses." He suggests further that if your college administration shies away from including chess in its curriculum, an alternative might be asking that they sponsor a seminar or lecture. Apparently Mr. Schwartz has already had some success at inaugurating college chess programs at some schools in the Eastern U.S.; he specifically mentions Barber-Scotia College, Concord, N.C. as having evinced real interest in his program. Another possibility for your consideration: he writes, "I would be grateful to you for your opinion

as to the response I might have were I to offer a summer chess program of one or more weeks. The training will include the teaching of chess (that is, how to teach chess.) If this program is offered for the summer of 1976, it will occur in the Adirondacks; this is a resort area where swimming, golfing, hiking, tennis, horse-back riding and amusement parks are accessible. The precise cost cannot be stipulated until I know how many are interested, but I can certainly say that it will be under \$130. per week. This can be compared with tennis camps which start at \$225. per week."

Anyone interested in the possibility of setting up chess classes for credit on Alabama college campuses should deal of course directly with their academic administrators; and we suggest you write- also directly- to Mr. Marvin Schwartz, [redacted]

[redacted]. (Ed. note: we have no information to give you concerning Mr. Schwartz' credentials - couldn't find his rating - whether his program is USCF sanctioned, etc. so - caveat emptor!)

HIGH SCHOOL CHESS

Also, Doug (who is Anniston Chess Club president) says they've begun work on promoting local high school chess activity. Doug says "There seems to be some real interest - at least among the students of 3 area schools. Gene Grace and myself plan to meet soon with a man who we hope will help us sell the idea to the administration in these schools. Maybe we'll have something positive soon."

Probably the most successful high school chess program in the state is the high school league in the Mobile area. They have eight, ten, or more schools represented each year. Rather than have one big team tourney they have a schedule composed and rotate, each team playing each of the others on a special afternoon of the school week, having some "home" and some "away" matches. This takes some time, but by the end of the chess season they know who's number one.

We understand the schools agree to let the team members out of class to play matches, and some award athletic letters to the team members.

Gerald Wheeler, Huntsville Chess Club president, says Wally Helgeson is making plans for the next NAI (North Alabama Invitational) for high school teams in that area. I suggested that instead they get the University of Alabama at Huntsville to bid on the State High School Team Championships for the Spring. The University of South Alabama, Troy State University, and the University of Alabama have also expressed an interest in hosting the event. Somebody had better get on the stick.

MONTGOMERY HS CHAMPIONSHIP

Carver's champion team will all return next year. L-R: Kevin Sullivan, Ken Goodman, Paul Morrow, Cedric Bruce. Team score: 4-0.



2nd place Lee HS team finished 1st last year. James Kraus, Fred Large, Rick Pratt, Mike Grier. Team score: 3-1.



Individual Champion Cedric Bruce of Carver scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ at Board One.

MONTGOMERY HS TOURNEY

<u>Carver</u>	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	
	1		2	3	4	
1C Cedric Bruce	W1D		W1S	D1M	W1L	
2C Ken Goodman	W3D		W2S	D3M	D2L	
3C Paul Morrow	W4D		W3S	W4M	L3L	12½
4C Kevin Sullivan	L5D	BYE	W4S	W5M	W4L	

<u>R.E. Lee</u>		1	2	3	3	
1L Fred Large		D1M	D1D	W1S	L1C	
2L Mike Grier		W2M	L2D	W2S	D2C	
3L Rick Pratt		W4M	W3D	W3S	W3C	10½
4L James Kraus	BYE	L5M	W5D	W4S	L4C	

<u>Jeff Davis</u>	0	1	1		1½	
1D Sandy Thornton	L1C	W1S	D1L		D1M	
2D John Lewis		W2S	W2L		W3M	
3D Clay Webster	L2C	W3S	L3L		D4M	8½
4D Mark Dye	L3C	W4S		BYE		
5D David Burns			L4L			
6D Tim Hhalock	W4C				L5M	

<u>Mtg. Academy</u>	1	1		1	1½	
1M Emory Kimbrough	W1S	D1L		D1C	D1D	
2M David Berry	W2S	L2L				
3M Kevin Jackson				D2C	L2D	7½
4M Chris Faulkner	L3S	L3L	BYE	L3C	D3D	
5M Bill Payne	W4S	W4L		L4C	W6D	

<u>St. James</u>	0	0	0	0		
1S Alan McLemore	L1M	L1D	L1C	L1L		
2S George Akers	L2M	L2D	L2C	L2L		1
3S Joe Uptain	W4M	L3D	L3C	L5L	BYE	
4S Rich Prater	L5M	L4D	L4C	L4L		

The Montgomery High School Championship was held December 6 & 7 with 5 teams participating. Montgomery CC Youth Vice-President Emory Kimbrough directed with help from Club TD Fred Large. After the tournament, the participants voted to start a league something like Mobile's. Montgomery CC Vice-President Ray Downs will work with the high school clubs to get it started.

Another club officer, President Chris Bond, obtained the playing site, sponsored the trophies, and annotated the following game

Round 5, Board 3
 R. Pratt P. Morrow
 Lee HS Carver HS

1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. P-Q4 NxF

Black's last move allows white to bring his Queen out. (After PxF 4. NxF both sides have one piece developed and it is Black's move. Black

would not then play NxN as White would gain in development upon recapturing QxN.

4. NxN PxF 5. QxF P-Q3
- Black has problems developing his Kingside. N-B3 is met by P-K5.

(continued)

6. P-KB4 P-K3 7. N-QB3 N-K2
8. B-K3 P-Q4

Black has moved his Queen Pawn twice. In addition to the loss of time involved P-Q4 is a dubious move as it allows an opening of the position. Note that White has three pieces out and Black only one. The resulting open position will favor White as he is better developed.

9. Q-O-O

Now the QP is pinned and threatened. It is hard to find an adequate defense.

9. ... N-QB3

Black's moving his only developed piece a second time not only loses the pawn but a tempo too.

10. B-N5 B-Q2 11. BxN B-Q2

12. PxP

And now White wins the QP with a resulting opening of the position.

12. PxP 13. NxP Q-R4?

QxP was forced. White can now win with Q-K5+ followed by N-N6 dis+.

14. N-B3? B-K2

There is no good way to develop the Kingside and castle to safety.

15. QxP KR-B1 16. K-N1 ...

Unnecessary. But the position of Black's King is beyond remedy. The wasted tempo doesn't help Black.

16. Q-KB4

Black covers the Pawns and hopes for a miracle.

17. R-Q2

KR-K1 was better. Give Black enough time and he could get out

17. B-QB4?

Black doesn't see the danger. The Bishop is required at K2 to close the King file. This move not only removes the Bishop, but allows White to clear the file with a capture.

18. BxB QxB 19. KR-K1+ Resigns
If 19...Q-K2 20.RxQ+, KxR 21. Q-K5 checkmate.

Round 5 Board 2
J. Lewis K. Jackson
Davis HS Montg. Acad.

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|------------|-------|------------|---------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB3 | 2. P-Q4 | P-QB3 |
| 3. PxP | PxP | 4. N-QB3 | N-KB3 |
| 5. K-B3 | N-B3 | 6. B-KB4 | B-N5 |
| 7. B-K2 | P-K3 | 8. O-O | B-N5 |
| 9. N-QN5 | O-O | 10. P-QR3 | B-QR4 |
| 11. P-N4 | B-N3 | 12. B-Q6 | R-K1 |
| 13. B-B5 | N-K5 | 14. BxB | QxB |
| 15. Q-Q3 | P-QR3 | 16. N-B3 | NxN |
| 17. QxN | RxN | 18. QxB | NxP |
| 19. Q-K3 | P-K4 | 20. K-R1 | Q-N3 |
| 21. B-Q3 | Q-QB3 | 22. KR-QH1 | QR-QB1 |
| 23. P-QB4 | Q-R3 | 24. QxQ | PxQ |
| 25. PxP | QR-Q1 | 26. B-B4 | P-N4 |
| 27. B-R2 | R-QH1 | 28. R-B5 | RxR |
| 29. PxR | N-B7 | 30. R-QH1 | NxP |
| 31. P-B6 | R-QH1 | 32. P-Q6 | K-B1 |
| 33. P-Q7 | R-Q1 | 34. P-B7 | RxP |
| 35. P-BBQ+ | K-K2 | 36. Q-B5+ | Resigns |

Carver's team scored 4-0 match points and 12½-3½ game points. None of the members are ACP or Montgomery Chess Club members. Plus they'll all be back for Carver next year.

MOBILE CO. CHAMPION

The Jurjevich brothers of Bay Minette have obviously become a fixture in Mobile tournaments. The Mobile County Championship was held in December. Mobile CC president Larry Britt reports that it was won by Robert Jurjevich, youngest of the five regular players, who scored 5-0. He was followed by Larry himself (3-1) who took second place, and Tim Payne (3-1) who took Junior Champion title.

PAN-AM

by ROGER ROWLETT

The Pan-American Intercollegiate Championship was held on the spacious Ohio State U campus December 26-30. The University of Alabama was proud to send two teams to compete among the record turnout of 123 (!) teams. Despite having one of the stronger teams from the South, our "A" team was ranked only 61st.

Unfortunately the University of South Alabama sent no teams and the state trophy (graciously donated by Mr. Chris Bond) went to the "A" team for scoring 4 match points (although the "B" team was in hot pursuit, finally ending up with 3 match points). The highlights of the tournament were Wiggin's draw with IM Bruce Amos in round 1, and John Jurjevich's outstanding performance, scoring 5½-2½ against higher rated players. I cannot speak for the others, but my performance could be described as dismal.

One positive note however is that neither team was shut out in any round, even against the strongest competition.

U. of Ala. "A" Team	Yale	Nor. Carol. "B"	Thomas More Ky.	Prince- ton NJ	Indiana of Pa.	Va.	Pitt Pa.	Missouri "C"
	2129	1525	1300	1900	1500	1700	1600	1500
B Wiggin 1791	½	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
D Hobson 1670	0	1	0	½	1	0	½	½
J Mangham 1630	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
J Brown 1585	0	1	1	WF	1	½	½	1
round	½	4	2	1½	3	½	2	3½
match	0	1	½	0	1	0	½	1

U. of Ala. "B" Team	MIT "B"	Stoney Brook NY	Nor. Carol. "A"	UNPHU Santo Domingo (Fore.)	Lawrence Tech. Mich.	Drexel Pa.	MIT "C"	Illinois Valley
	1828	1660	1693		1261	1640	1634	1306
F Roemer 1575	0	½	0	0	1	0	½	0
R Rowlett 1501	0	0	½	0	1	0	½	½
J Jur'vich 1479	1	1	0	½	1	1	0	1
D Owens 1401	0	1	0	0	WF	0	0	1
round	1	2½	½	½	4	1	1	2½
match	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1

ALA. TEAMS

News from Francis Roemer is that the University CC has scheduled with the ACP an event to be entitled the ALABAMA CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS. The May 3-4 event will be open to any number of 4-man teams from any ACP affiliate club. Entry fee is \$30 per team and prizes, based on 15 teams entered, are: 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$50, 1st Ala. - trophy & title, 2nd Ala. - trophy, 1st Out-Of-State - trophy, Best Top Board score - trophy.

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Although there have been notable individual team encounters in Alabama, there has never been a state team championship. Send your club affiliation and enter as many teams as you can. This may be the boost your club needs to build camaraderie.

To date the ACF has 6 affiliated clubs: Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, and University of Alabama. None of these has complied with the constitution and submitted a list of officers and their addresses. Also none has appointed a Delegate to the Board of Directors.

Affiliation only costs \$10 and permits tournament and other publicity in the Antics (affiliates must require ACF membership in publicized tourneys). We have an agreement with the Mississippi Chess Association that entitles our affiliates to get free publicity in their newsletter and vice-versa. Try to send your announcement 2 months ahead, in CL&R format to: Warren Porter, Editor Mississippi Chessletter, [REDACTED]

CHATTANOOGA

by BILL THERRELL

Alan Todd of Birmingham tied with 2 others for 1st in the Amateur section at Chattanooga New Year's Open. Marty Appleberry of Huntsville & Klaus Pohl tied for 1st in the Open section. The tournament drew lots of out-of-staters (including 5 from Oklahoma) & had a big write-up in the Chattanooga paper.

B'HAM SPEED

also by BILL THERRELL

The Birmingham Chess Club held it's Club Speed Championship January 7th with 16 entrants. Winners were: 1st-Alan Todd (5½-½) trophy & \$9; 2nd-4th - Steve Hudson, Charles Cleveland, Dana Therrell (5-2) \$5.33 each.

B'HAM QUAD #1

by BILL THERRELL too

The BQ#1 (B'ham Quad #1) was held January 11th with 20 entrants and Harry Jones directing. Information is incomplete, but quad section winners were 1. James Halsey, 2. Robert Brodie, 3. ? 4. Dana Therrell, 5. Bill Crutcher.

WALTER BROWNE SIME GM SIME OPEN

The GM Sime Open, held in Montgomery December 13 & 14 was designed to attract more out-of-town participants to assure having the minimum number of players for Walter Browne's exhibition. As it turned out, there were more sime players than tourney players. Winners were Chris Bond-1st & \$77.50, Scott Pfeiffer-2nd & \$77.50, Tom Nard-Top "A" & \$7, Robert Andrews-Top "B" & \$7, Alan Todd-Top "C" & \$20, Dana Therrell-Top "D" & \$20, Frank Sanford-Top "E" & \$20, Bill Lang-Top "UNR" & \$20, Garland Wise-Top Upset, Ben Sides-\$7, Ray Downs-\$7, Mark-Powers-\$7, & Mike Russell-\$7.

NAME	USCF	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	score	tiebreak	home
1. Chris Bond	1851	W18	W8	W3	D2	3½	11½	Montgomery
2. Scott Pfeiffer	1799	W21	W19	W6	D1	3½	10½	Warrington, Fla.
3. Robert Andrews	1739	W25	W13	L1	W10	3	10	Birmingham
4. Tom Nard	1938	W20	D10	D7	W19	3	9½	Montgomery
5. Alan rodd	1585	W29	D11	W28	D7	3	8½	Birmingham
6. Mike Russell	1702	W31	W16	L2	W17	3	8½	Pensacola
7. Ray Downs	1689	W27	W30	D4	D5	3	8	Montgomery
8. Ben Sides	1637	W33	L1	W21	W18	3	8	Millbrook Valparaiso, Fla.
9. Mark Powers	1705	L16	W27	W24	W20	3	6½	Pensacola
10. Roger Peeples	1620	W32	D4	W12	L3	2½	9½	Pensacola
11. Fred Dreher	1709	W26	D5	D17	D14	2½	9	Montgomery
12. Bruce Foster	1773	W14	D17	L10	W25	2½	8½	Pensacola
13. Robert Pruitt	1585	W36	L3	D16	W24	2½	7	Montgomery
14. Bill Lang	UNR	L12	W35	W34	D11	2½	5½	Ft. Rucker
15. Gil Jennings	1606	L30	W33	D25	W28	2½	4½	Montgomery
16. Dana Therrell	1386	W9	L6	D13	D26	2	10	Fairfield
17. Doug King	1603	W22	D12	D11	L6	2	10	Weaver
18. George Whatley	1488	L1	W22	W30	L8	2	9½	Birmingham
19. James Halsey	1605	W34	L2	W26	L4	2	8½	Birmingham
20. Tom Burkett	1531	L4	W32	W31	L9	2	8	Dothan
21. Eddie Kemp	1482	L2	W34	L8	W30	2	8	Oxford
22. David McMullin	UNR	L17	L18	W35	W31	2	5	Birmingham
23. Bill Payne	UNR	L24	L31	W32	W36	2	4	Montgomery
24. Donnis Willis	1334	W23	D28	L9	L13	1½	9	Montgomery
25. Vernon Ordiway	1413	L3	W36	D15	L12	1½	8½	Montgomery
26. John Sawyer	1405	L11	W29	L19	D16	1½	8	Montgomery
27. Terry Cooper	1288	L7	L9	W7	D29	1½	7½	Montgomery
28. Charles Puckett	1696	W35	D24	L5	L15	1½	7	Birmingham
29. Tom Westfall	UNR	L5	L26	W33	D27	1½	6½	Montgomery
30. Garland Wise	1209	W15	L7	L18	L21	1	9½	Tuskegee
31. Donald Gunther	1347	L6	W23	L19	L33	1	9	Selma
32. Roger Green	1250	L10	L20	L23	W35	1	6½	Montgomery
33. Emory Kimbrough	1261	L8	L15	L29	D34	½	7½	Montgomery
34. Frank Sanford	1188	L19	L21	L14	D33	½	7	Birmingham
35. Paul Lewis	1299	L28	L14	L22	L32	0	7	Troy
36. Gary Williams	UNR	L13	L25	LP	L23	0	6	Prattville

Round One, Board Nine
King's Indian

Dr. W.P. Lewis Charles Puckett

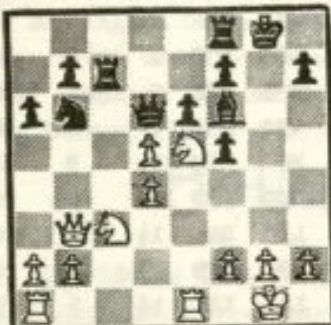
- 1. P-Q4 N-KB3 2. P-QB4 P-KN3
- 3. N-KB3 P-Q4 4. PxP NxP
- 5. P-K3 B-N2 6. B-K2 O-O
- 7. N-B3 NxN 8. PxN P-QB4
- 9. B-N2 Q-B2 10. O-O B-B4
- 11. B-Q3 B-N5 12. P-KR3 BxN
- 13. QxB N-B3 14. Q-K2 QR-Q1
- 15. P-KB4 P-K3 16. P-KN4 R-Q2
- 17. B-N5 P-QR3 18. BxN QxB
- 19. QR-H1 Q-K5 20. Q-B3 QxQ
- 21. RxB P-B5! 22. P-K4 P-QN4
- 23. P-K5 R-N1 24. P-R3 B-H1
- 25. P-B5 KPxB 26. PxP P-N4

- 27. P-B6 P-QR4 28. R-N3 K-R1
- 29. R-B2 P-QN5 30. BPxP PxP
- 31. RxBP PxP 32. BxP BxB
- 33. RxB R-N8+ 34. K-N2 P-R3
- 35. K-N3 K-R2 36. P-K6 PxP
- 37. R-K3 R-N3 38. R-KB3 K-N3
- 39. P-R4 PxP+ 40. KxP R-KB2
- 41. R(4)-B3 RxB 42. RxB+ KxR
- 43. R-B3+ K-K2 44. K-R5 R-Q3
- 45. R-B4 K-Q2 46. R-N4 K-B3
- 47. R-N6 K-Q4 48. R-N4 R-B3
- 49. KxP P-K4+ 50. K-R4 PxP
- 51. R-N5+ K-K5 52. R-N4+ K-K6
- 53. R-N3+ K-B7 54. R-Q3 R-Q3
- 55. K-N4 K-K7 56. Resigns

Round Two, Board Five
Caro-Kann, Panov-Botvinnik Att.
Robt. Andrews Robert Pruitt

- 1. P-K4 P-QB3 2. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3. PxP PxP 4. P-QB4 N-KB3
- 5. N-QB3 P-KN3 6. N-B3 B-N2
- 7. Q-N3 O-O 8. PxP QN-Q2
- 9. B-KN5 N-N3 10. BxN BxB
- 11. B-N5 P-QR3 12. B-Q3 B-Q2
- 13. O-O R-QH1 14. Q-N4 B-B4
- 15. BxB PxP 16. Q-N3 Q-Q3
- 17. N-K5 R-B2 18. KR-K1 P-K3

- 23. R-K6 R(2)-Q2 24. R-Q1 B-B4
- 25. N-R4 B-R2 26. N-N6 BxN
- 27. RxB R-QH1 28. K-B1 R-B7
- 29. P-Q6 K-B2 30. R-K1 K-B3
- 31. R-K7 RxB(3) 32. RxBRP RxB(N3)
- 33. R-R6+ K-K4 34. RxB K-K5
- 35. P-KN3 R-B2 36. K-N2 K-Q6
- 37. R-N3+ K-B7 38. R-B3+ RxB
- 39. PxR KxP 40. P-R4 K-Q5
- 41. P-R5 K-K4 42. K-B3 K-B3
- 43. K-B4 P-QN4 44. P-B3 P-R4
- 45. P-R6 P-N5 46. K-K3 K-N3
- 47. P-R7 KxP 48. K-Q3 P-R5
- 49. K-B4 P-N6 50. PxP PxP
- 51. KxP K-N3 52. K-B3 K-B2
- 53. K-B4 K-K3 54. K-Q4 K-Q3
- 55. P-B4 K-K3 56. K-B5 K-K2
- 57. K-Q5 K-B3 58. K-Q7 K-B2
- 59. K-K5 K-N3 60. K-K6 Resigns



- 19. NxHP R(2)xN 20. RxB Q-B2
- 21. QxN QxQ 22. RxB BxB

A patzer is not one to judge,
but it looks to me as though
Andrews & Pruitt know pawn endgames

WALTER BROWNE SIME

by Lynn Bryan

IGM Walter S. Browne proved to be human, but not too human as he whipped through his exhibition in Montgomery to chalk up a score of 43-1-3. Touring the U.S. doing simuls at an exhausting pace, Browne fared less well in Montgomery than he had in his 6 previous exhibitions in which he had drawn one, lost none. Still he managed to dazzle his audience of Alabama and Northwest Florida players. Having arrived late and having spent about an hour lecturing, the National Champ started the simul shortly after 10:00 p.m., zipped through the first 7 moves in an incredible 8 minutes, and finished off his last challenger (would you believe Dana Therrell?) at 3:25 A.M. For the greater part of the 5 hours Browne seemed to move on roller skates with hydraulic brakes. The progress of 43 of Browne's opponents is capsulised in these comments from George Akers:

"He didn't do what I thought he'd do." (pause)

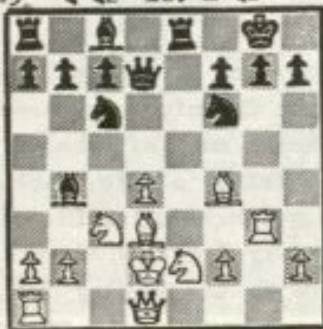
"I had it all figured out." (pause)

"He was gonna lose."

For Roger Peeples (Pensacola) however there was a win and double his entry returned. The draws were scored by Dr. James Halsey (B'ham), Mark Powers (Valparaiso), and Robert Pruitt (Montgomery) who were returned their entry fees.

Roger Peeples Walter Browne

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|----------|-------|-----------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1. P-QB4 | P-K4 | 2. N-QB3 | N-KB3 | 13. B-KR6 | P-KN3 | 14. Q-KM1 | NxP |
| 3. P-K3 | B-QN5 | 4. P-Q4 | PxP | 15. N-B4 | N-B4 | 16. NxP | RPxN |
| 5. PxP | O-O | 6. B-Q3 | P-Q4 | 17. RxP+ | PxR | 18. QxP+ | N-N2 |
| 7. PxP | QxP | 8. N-K2 | QxNP | 19. QxN(3) | R-Q1 | 20. R-KM1 | B-B1 |
| 9. R-KM1 | Q-R6 | 10. B-KB4 | R-K1 | 21. K-B1 | R-K1 | 22. B-B4+ | K-R2 |
| 11. R-N3 | Q-Q2 | 12. K-Q2 | N-B3 | 23. Q-B6+ | K-R1 | 24. B-Q3 | QxB |
| | | | | 25. BxN+ | K-N1 | 26. QxQ | BxB |
| | | | | 27. N-Q5 | R-B1 | 28. NxP | R-N1 |
| | | | | 29. N-Q5 | R-B2 | 30. Q-KN3 | R-R1 |
| | | | | 31. N-B6+ | K-B1 | 32. Q-Q6+ | Resigns |



Bill Paxson, Troy Champion, had a good opening, winning the exchange, and doubling rooks on an open kingside file. Browne played excellent defense, refusing a later draw offer, and went on to win.

Walter Browne vs. Dana Therrell, Montgomery, Alabama, 1975. Photo by Scott Pfeiffer.

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Walter Browne

Charles Puckett



Donnis Willis vs. Robert Pruitt in foreground.
Co-champion Scott Pfeiffer standing.

DENNY CHIMES

by ROGER ROWLETT

The Denny Chimes Open was won again by (guess who?) Marty Appleberry - perhaps we should rename it the Appleberry Open. Appleberry looked very strong in this tournament and expressed his desire to play at Lone Pine (providing his rating goes over 2300 - but Marty didn't seem worried) later this year. Other good performances were shown by Bruce Foster (clear 2nd) and Joe Jurjevich (3rd tb). In fact the whole Florida contingency did well, all finishing in the top 10. The tournament went fairly well and I can suggest only one major possible improvement: when you come next year, bring a friend!

name	rtg	rd. 1	rd. 2	rd. 3	rd. 4	rd. 5	total	tb	home
1. M Appleberry	2275	W12	W14	W2	W5	W3	5		Huntsville
2. B Foster	1767	W24	W8	L1	W17	W4	4		Pensacola, Fla.
3. Joe Jurjevich	1754	W19	W9	D5	W6	L1	3½	10	Bay Minette
4. R Peoples	1631	D6	W10	W23	W8	L2	3½	9½	Pensacola, Fla.
5. R Andrews	1868	W27	W11	D3	L1	W13	3½	8½	Birmingham
6. B Wiggin	1805	D4	W25	W13	L3	W11	3½	8½	Tuscaloosa
7. R Jurjevich	1732	L23	D28	W27	W12	W16	3½	5½	Bay Minette
8. M Chappell	1663	W26	L2	W9	L5	W18	3	8½	Cantonment, Fla.
9. R Rowlett	1509	W10	L3	L8	W20	W17	3	8	Tuscaloosa
10. S Pfeiffer	1795	L9	L4	W19	W24	W15	3	8	Warrington, Fla.
11. A Todd	1650	W21	L5	W24	D16	L6	2½	9	Birmingham
12. S. Tidwell	1647	L1	W19	D14	L7	W24	2½	8	Mobile
13. J Pharo	1726	W15	D17	L6	W23	L5	2½	8	Birmingham
14. C Meidinger	1713	W28	L1	D12	L15	W23	2½	6½	Birmingham
15. D Therrell	1427	L13	D27	W25	W14	L10	2½	6½	Fairfield
16. P Roemer	1575	LP	W21	W18	D11	L7	2½	6	Tuscaloosa
17. W Crutcher	1354	W18	D13	D22	L2	L9	2	8½	Birmingham
18. W Schaetzle	1686	L17	W20	L16	W21	L8	2	7	Tuscaloosa
19. J G Jurjevich	1498	L3	L12	L10	W25	W26	2	7	Tuscaloosa
20. L Jurjevich	1435	L22	L18	W28	L9	W25	2	6½	Bay Minette
21. M Horn	1297	L11	L16	W26	L18	BYE	2	5	Tuscaloosa
22. H Brown	1745	W20	D23	D17	withdrew		2	3½	Montgomery
23. D Owens	1434	W7	D22	L4	L13	L14	1½		Tuscaloosa
24. E Kemp	1503	L2	W26	L11	L10	L12	1	8	Birmingham
25. R Heyde	1119	BYE	L6	L15	L19	L20	1	6½	Tuscaloosa
26. D McNullin	1353	L8	L24	L21	BYE	L19	1	4½	Birmingham
27. B Sides	1638	L5	D15	L7	withdrew		½	6	Montgomery
28. J Gustafson	1357	L14	D7	L20	withdrew		½	4½	Huntsville

Roger has done an excellent job of reporting on events and annotating games from Tuscaloosa. Now he does a game of his own.

Round 1, Board 3

Scott Pfeiffer Roger Rowlett
 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5
 3. d5

Poses Black the most problems-
 But I have invariably had to
 meet 3.Nf3, transposing to the
 English (3...cd4 4.Nd4 4.e6)
 or the Queens Indian (4...b6).
 The move 4...a6!? has also
 been recently tried.

3. b5 4. cb5 a6
 5. Nc3 ab5 6. Nb5 ...

A trappy line is 6.e4!? b4 7.
 Nb5 (Jan '76 CLR).

6. Ba6 7. Nc3 ...

So White has been forced back
 into the main line, both sides
 having wasted a tempo.

7. d6 8. Nf3 e6
 9. Nd2

Planning 10.e4 and being able
 to recapture with the Knight.

9. Qa5(!)

Crossing White's plan.

10. e4 Bf1 11. Kf1 ...
 Not 11.Nf1, Ne4+.

11. Bg7 12. g3? ...
 Inaccurate. Best is 12.Nc4
 Qa6 13.Qe2

12. Qa6! 13. Kg2 ...

Consistent, but better seems 13.
 Qe2 when 13...Qe2 makes 12.g3
 a wasted tempo. However, Black
 can also try 13...Nbd7 14.Nc4,
 O-O 15.Kg2, Rfb8 16.Bd2, Ne8.

13. O-O 14. Rel Nbd7
 15. Qe2 Nb6

Controlling the break e5 by pres-
 sure on d5 and preventing 16.Nc4.

16. Qa6 Ra6

Black has no fear of exchanges as
 his Rooks can become very active.

17. Rb1 Nfd7 (preventing 18.b3)
 18. a3?!

White is worried about the "threat"
 18...Bc3 19.bc3, Ra2. I intended
 simply 18...Ne5 - c4 continuing to
 build up threats, disdaining the
 pawn until it can be won without
 giving up the strong KB. It should
 be noted that 18.f4 weakens the KP
 and a well timed ...f5 will
 fatally weaken the QP.

18. Ne5 19. f4 Nec4
 20. Nc4



20. Nc4

Despite the pawn minus, Black has
 the better game. Already Black
 threatens to advantageously regain
 the pawn (21...Na3).

21. e5 de5 22. b3? ...

The final error. Better is 22.fe5,
 Be5, 23.Ne4, Bd4 retaining the
 possibility of connected passed Ps.

22. Na3 23. Ba3 ...

If 23.Ral, Nc7!+

23. Ra3 24. fe5 c4!

25. Re4 Rb3 26. Rb3 cb3

27. Rb4 Be5 28. Rb3 Rd8

Not 28...Bc3?? 29.Rc3, Rd8 30.Rd3
 and White can probably draw.

29. Kf3 Bc3 30. Rc3 Rd5

31. Rc7 Re5 32. Kf4 f6

33. h4 Kf7 34. Rcl g5

35. hg5 Rg5 36. Rh8 e5

37. Kf3 Rg7 38. Rb8 h5

39. Rb7 Kg6 40. Rb6 Rh7

41. Rb4 Kg5 42. Rb8 Kf5

(cont.)

43. Rb4	Rg7	44. Rh4	Rg5	White's fell after a similar period after Black's 50th.			
45. Rb4	Rg4	46. Rb5	Kg6				
47. Rb8	Kf5	48. Rh8	Rg5	51. Rb8	e4	52. Kf2	Kg4
49. Re8	Rg4	50. Rh8	Rg5	53. Ee3	f5	54. Rb1	Rg8
The last ten moves or so appear very haphazard as both sides were desperately trying to reach the time control. My flag fell about 5 seconds after White's 51st and							
				Not 54...Kg3??			
		55. Rf1	Rd8	56. Rf4			Kg5
		57. Rh4	Rd3	58. Kf2			Rf3
		59. Kg2	f4	0-1			

MONTGOMERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Montgomery Area Championship was held January 23-25 and featured an optional round to be played Friday night or Saturday morning (player's choice). Due to low funds and to put the Queen of Hearts on a less shaky footing, the prize fund was donated by several participants above the entry fee of \$5. Tom Ward won his 3rd City Title in succession.

name	rtg.	rd.					score	(Solk.) tiebreak
		1	2	3	4	5		
1. Tom Ward	1938	W8	W16	W2	W4	W3	5	
2. Fred Dreher	1703	W3	W18	L1	W5	W8	4	
3. John Lewis	1264	L2	W11	W10	W6	L1	3	15½
4. Roger Rowlett	1509	W14	D5	W16	L1	D7	3	14½
5. Ray Downs	1640	W9	D4	D6	L2	W10	3	14
6. Ben Sides	1638	W17	D15	D5	L3	W12	3	11
7. Fred Large	1216	L16	D12	W14	W13	D4	3	9½
8. Phil Sosalla	1521	L1	W10	D13	W9	L2	2½	14½
9. Terry Cooper	1261	L5	D14	W12	L8	W13	2½	10
10. Bill Payne	UNR	W12	L8	L3	W7	L5	2	10
11. Mark Sager	981	L18	L3	W17	L12	W14	2	9
12. Bill Bryan	1408	L10	D7	L9	W11	L6	1½	12
13. John Sawyer	1403	L15	W17	D8	L7	L9	1½	11½
14. Ken Goodman	UNR	L4	D9	L7	W17	L11	1½	11
15. Chris Bond	1840	W13	D6	withdrew			1½	4½
16. Glenn Murphy	1607	W7	L1	L4	withdrew		1	11
17. Tom Moore	1178	L6	L13	L11	L14	BYE	1	8
18. Gil Jennings	1606	W11	L2	withdrew			1	6

This year's championship was held at Trenholm Technical College, and was directed by Club TD Fred Large. Chris Bond was a doubtful starter, because of illness. It began to tell in the 2nd round, so he withdrew.

(cont.)

The first round saw an exciting game between the second and third place finishers, marred in that only one of the players submitted his score sheet and it had an illegible 31st move. Here's what we could get out of it.

Round One, Board Three
King's Gambit

Fred Dreher John Lewis

1. P-K4 P-K4 2. P-KB4 PxP
3. N-KB3 P-KN4 4. B-B4 P-KR4
5. O-O P-Q3 6. P-Q4 P-N5
7. N-N5 QxN 8. QxP Q-N3
9. N-QB3 P-QB3 10. Q-K2 P-QN4
11. NxP PxN 12. B-Q5 P-N5
13. BxR B-R3 14. B-B6+ NxB
15. QxB KN-K2 16. P-B3 QxP
17. QR-K1 Q-Q4 18. Q-BB+ N-Q1
19. B-N3 Q-N2 20. Q-KB5 Q-Q2
21. Q-Q5 Q-B3

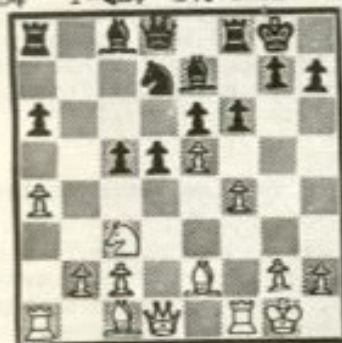


22. Q-N3 P-R5 23. B-B4 P-R6
24. R-B2 N-K5 25. B-N3 N-N4
26. P-Q5 Q-N3 27. Q-B4 K-Q2
28. QxP+ N-K3 29. PxN+ PxP
30. QxP+ K-B2 31. PxP illegible
32. QxN resigns

Round One, Board One
Sicilian Defense

Tom Nard Phil Sosalla

1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. N-KB3 P-Q3
3. P-Q4 PxP 4. NxP N-KB3
5. N-QB3 P-QR3 6. QB-N5 P-K3
7. B-K2 B-K2 8. O-O O-O
9. P-QR4 N-B3 10. B-K3 P-Q4
11. NxN PxN 12. P-K5 N-Q2
13. P-B4 P-QB4 14. B-B1 P-B3



15. NxP PxP 16. B-B3 R-R2
17. HxB+ QxN 18. B-K4 P-B5
19. B-K3 R-QB2 20. PxP KxP
21. BxP+ KxB 22. Q-R5+ K-N1
23. RxR+ QxR 24. QxN R-KB2
25. P-R3 Q-N5 26. R-Q1 R-B4
27. Q-B7 B-N2 28. R-Q7 QxNP
29. B-Q4 Q-BB+ 30. K-R2 Q-B5+
31. QxQ RxQ 32. RxP+ K-B1
33. RxB RxB 34. R-QB7 P-K4
35. K-N3 K-K1 36. K-B3 K-Q1
37. R-B5 K-Q2 38. RxKP R-Q7
39. R-K2 R-Q4 40. R-K4 R-QB4
41. K-K3 K-Q3 42. K-Q4 R-B4
43. KxP RxP+ 44. K-Q3 R-B4
45. K-B3 R-QB4+ 46. K-N3 K-Q4
47. R-KN4 R-B3 48. P-B3 R-QN3+
49. K-R3 R-QB3 50. K-N4 resigns

KING'S TOUR

Due to the overwhelming response (if twelve more had written we would have had a dozen!) to this article in the last issue, we're going to do it again. This is excerpts from newsletters around the South and the nation which you may not otherwise see.

Mississippi Chessletter Dec. 75

"Price-Appleberry Gulf Coast Classic" --- "fourth round game split the championship."

Tennessee Chess News Jan. 76

"Again Larty Appleberry had the best score in the Open Division of the Volunteer Classic."

Jacksonville (Fla) Chess Club Newsletter

"Last year no one north of Orlando was even nominated to any of the nine elected or many appointed state positions. This year there was much more balance in the state organization."

Mid-South Chess Advocate Dec. 75

"Larty Appleberry, a 24 year old Lester from Huntsville, Alabama, won the 16th Annual Mid-South title with a score of 5½."

Carolina Gasbit Jan-Feb 76

"President Howard reported that one of his primary aims when he assumed office was to try to unify the various groups and promotional organizations in North Carolina for the benefit of the game throughout the state." -- "Two other groups, AXB63 and the Gastonia Chess Club are still promoting chess independently."

Lafayette Chess Club (La) Jan 76

"-lost in an upset to Len Anderson. Latter has been away from local chess for some time, but has played out on the rigs with Herbert quite a bit. We hear there is a lot of chess played at the wells, with some of it quite fair chess."

Texas Knights Dec-Jan 75-76

"To win with modesty, to lose with graciousness, and to draw with regret; these are the hallmarks of the true chesslayer."

Connecticut Chess Newsletter Nov-Dec 75

"The Rating Committee, and other interested parties, eagerly await the use of our new computer facilities. With the USCF rating records on computer, current and extensive studies may be made of actual versus theoretical results, and necessary improvements in the rating formula can be made."

"The age-old argument that certain states or geographic areas are 'under' or 'over' rated relative to the rest of the U.S. may be proven or disproven by sampling the appropriate statistical data. If significant differences are found, an appropriate correction factor may be applied to that area."

Arkansas Chess Newsletter Feb 76

"The response to my shameless begging for newsletter material has been gratifying."

"There have been several nice comments on the diagrams first used in the last issue. They do seem to clear up the newsletter and will continue to be used. Look for other changes this issue." (Bill Wilvers newsletter is much improved.-Ed.)

COLLEGE CLASSES

Sorry! You're too late to enroll in this class.

Bill Therrell says there's a new chess class at the University of Alabama at Birmingham for beginners. It started Jan 7, and the instructor is ACF vice-president Dr. Sam Pezillo.

There's another college chess class going on in Alabama, but Gerald Wheeler says not to report it until they see how it goes. (Hint - it's being taught by a former ACF president.)

FUTURE TOURNEYS

Don't forget to contact Sam Pezillo to schedule your tournaments - he's the ACF clearinhouse. Also, send your bids for ACF tournaments to president Walter Schaetzle. We need bids for the High School Championship and the State Open.

Dr. Walter Schaetzle

 University, Ala. _____

Dr. Samuel J. Pezillo
 B'ham Southern College

BICENTENNIAL MINUTES

Hi. I'm Pete Patser. Two hundred years ago today, our founding fathers were challenging the European aristocracy in the political arena. Just as interesting to chessophiles may be the fact that among those founding luminaries was one, Benjamin Franklin, who held his own among the exclusive European chess aristocracy. Franklin, known to most of us for his antics with kites, stoves, almanacs, and diplomacy, was an avid player of the Royal Game who was wont to spend entire nights at the board. According to Byrne J. Horton's Dictionary of Modern Chess, Franklin was "the first American to express a code of Chess ethics....in his Morals of Chess, published in 1779." For your further bicentennial enlightenment, we give you these excerpts from Franklin's essay:

"Therefore, first, if it is agreeable to play according to the strict rules, then those rules are to be strictly observed by both parties, and should not be insisted on for one side, while deviated from by the other - for this is not equitable.

"Secondly, if it is agreed not to observe the rules exactly, but one party demands indulgencies, he should then be as willing to allow them to the other.

"Thirdly, no false move should ever be made to extricate yourself out of difficulty, or to gain an advantage. There can be no pleasure in playing with a person once detected in such unfair practice.

"Fourthly, if your adversary is long in playing, you ought not to hurry him, or express any uneasiness at his delay. You should not sing, nor whistle, nor look at your watch, nor take up a book to read, nor make a tapping with your feet on the

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floor, or with your fingers on the table, nor do any thing that may disturb his attention. For all these things displease; and they do not show your skill in playing, but your craftiness or your rudeness.

"Fifthly, you ought not to endeavor to amuse and deceive your adversary, by pretending to have made bad moves, and saying that you have now lost the game, in order to make him secure and careless, and inattentive to your schemes: for this is fraud and deceit, not skill in the game.

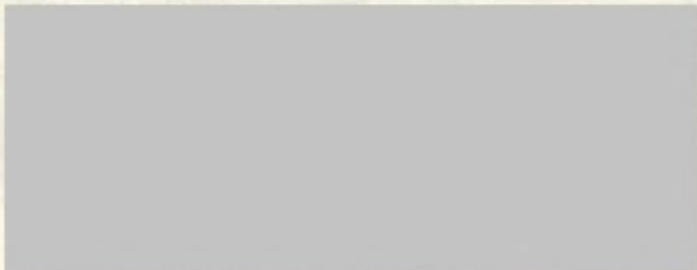
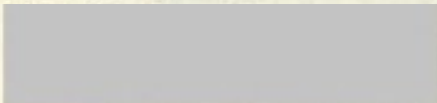
"Sixthly, you must not, when you have gained a victory, use any triumphant or insulting expression, nor show too much pleasure; but endeavor to console your adversary, and make him less dissatisfied with himself.

"Seventhly, if you are a spectator while others play, observe the most perfect silence....."

Well. A bit restrained - understated, perhaps? - for today's fiercely competitive chess play. Nevertheless, for all you singers, whistlers, and toe-tappers, that's the way it was, you-know-when.



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