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### STOP PRESS

#### Seirawan triumph leads

#### U.S. to Brink in Dubai

Larry Goldberg

A stunning victory by Seirawan over World champion Kasparov gave the US team a victory over the Russians in the US-USSR face off in the seventh round. After leading the Olympiad for the next five rounds, our team stumbled in the last round, and the news just off the wire appears to be that the US are placed third behind England at second and the USSR at First.

### LAST SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM KEN BAXTER

Next issue you will be hearing from your new Secretary Treasurer, John Welch. John has been serving our Chess community behind the scenes for some time now. I greatly appreciate the NCCA electorate for recognizing John's contributions by electing him Secretary/Treasurer for the coming term.

### REPORT OF BUSINESS MEETING

The NCCA has elected new officers for the new term:

- PRESIDENT--Kenneth J. Baxter, 7111 Terrace Dr., Charlotte 28211 (704)364-4417, (704)364-1026, (704)782-3153
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The officers' terms run from November 1, 1986 to October 31, 1988. You probably recognize most of these names from your last set of officers. The fact is only

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one new person joined the leader board, John Welch as S/T, and I moved up to the presidency. I expect the new leadership to continue the good work that has gone on before.

### BUSINESS DECISIONS MADE

- Robert Singletary gave his USCF delegate position to Larry Goldberg. Larry is very active at the National level and will be able to better serve the NCCA in that capacity. Robert will regain a delegate vote when he becomes the regional VP next year. We will support him in his bid to attain that post.
- Wilder Wadford has been appointed our Western region representative and he has volunteered his legal expertise to help the NCCA whenever necessary.
- Donald Miller continues as our Postal Chess Manager. I expect he will be reporting on the results of the postal championship soon.

I want to thank all of the chess players who have supported the organization with their time and money. During my tenure as S/T many NCCA members have been especially supportive: John Thomas continues to run several tournaments in which new NCCA memberships are sold. Robert Singletary is the most prolific TD in the state, based on number of participants. Several players have developed chess clubs for their communities. All of these activities help to strengthen the NCCA.

I hope that you will continue to support chess through participation in these events and maintaining your NCCA membership. Memberships did not go up this year and I do not plan to ask for an increase. We will continue to work within modest budget and rely on volunteers to assist wherever possible.

I will prepare a cash flow statement for publication in a future issue. Until then, let me assure you that we are still solvent and the life membership dues are still earning interest in the Wachovia Money Market Account. We need everyone to renew their memberships so that we can continue to issue this GAMBIT and perform our other duties. Please send your renewals to John Welch.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your S/T for the past two years.

## NEW PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kenneth J. Baxter

Thank you for supporting my bid for the presidency. I hope that I can serve you as well as your past presidents have.

The success of the 1986 CHARLOTTE OBSERVER NC OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP prompted me to start planning the 1987 event so that it will be even better. The CHARLOTTE OBSERVER has agreed to sponsor the 1987 Championship. I developed a budget that calls for a \$5,000 prize fund and the entry fee will be \$35 early, \$40 at the door. Juniors (children under 16 years old) will be admitted for \$20 early and \$25 at the door. Watch for additional details in your GAMBIT.

Your state organization is becoming more active in the national chess scene. We are currently developing a plan to bring the 1989 US OPEN to this state. We are planning to bring some big chess names to the area via corporate sponsorship. Many of these ideas need volunteers to assist in their development. If anyone is interested in working on the planning committee, please let me know. In addition to working at the national level, we are very keen on promoting the scholastic programs that have started. Programs such as the CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG SCHOLASTIC CHESS ASSOCIATION need our support to grow and develop.

The NCCA is your association and accordingly anything you do to help will be appreciated. I look forward to serving as your president. Please send your suggestions and letters to John Welch or me and we will work to resolve any issues you may have.

## LATE BREAKING NEWS

The final results are not yet in, but your editor predicts that Yasser Seirawan will win and Lev Alburt and Joel Benjamin will qualify for the Interzonal, while Larry Christiansen and Lubomir Kavalek will play a match for the last US zonal representative. These are unofficial standings at deadline for this issue of the GAMBIT.

Late, late news is a confirmation of these standings.

## North Carolina Scholastic Chess Report

by Larry Goldberg

### NEW CMSCA BOARD

This issue we welcome Jim Dutton not only as our new games editor, but as the new President of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Scholastics Chess Association. Jim has energetically stepped in to NC scholastics and picked up on many critical tasks in CMSCA. We wish him well at the commencement of his term, and with him, his new executive staff - Paul Sharer, 1st Vice-President, Steve Kaufmann 2nd Vice-President, Susan Stepp Treasurer, Ken Baxter Financial VP and Pat Kovac Secretary. We are certain that this board will continue in the fine tradition started by the previous committee.

## NEWS ABOUT SCHOLASTICS PROGRAMS

The CMSCA was recently mentioned on Shelby Lyman's TV show about the K-K match by Allan Kaufmann, Executive Director of the American Chess Foundation, who singled out the program as one of the most significant scholastics chess programs in the country. What Allan didn't know was that programs are springing up all over North Carolina.

In Winston-Salem, Jim Fowler has started a program for inner-city kids. Called "The Chairmen of the Boards", his program already embraces about 35 kids and is growing apace; this year he will host the NC Elementary and Primary State Championships on February 7-8. Anybody interested in scholastics chess in Winston-Salem should contact:

The Chairmen of the Boards  
James Fowler  
P.O. Box 3159  
Winston-Salem NC 27102

And the latest news is that a whole new program has sprung up in Yadkin, NC under the auspices of the Yadkin County Board of Education as part of their new after school program (together with special math). Claude Pinnix, a NCCA member has been working with this group; he tells me that he has about 32 students, and each meeting averages 16 attendees. The Yadkin Valley Chess Club is working with the Board of Education in this exciting venture.

For more information about this program contact  
Claude Pinnix  
President, Yadkin Valley Chess Club  
RT.2, Box 465  
Yadkinville NC 27055  
or  
Cleve Hollar (Superintendent of Schools)  
Yadkin County Board of Education  
PO Box 98  
Yadkinville NC 27055

Allan Kaufmann made the point that time and again he has seen that one person makes the difference, and brings the game to schools, and sometimes whole Cities. Are you interested? The NCCA will support you with materials, suggestions, and advice. Call Larry Goldberg at (704) 366-9265 to learn how you can bring scholastics chess to your area.

### SCHOLASTICS TOURNAMENT NEWS

Firstly, the NCCA board have decided to add a junior closed invitational to the roster of State Championships. The tournament will be analogous to the US Junior Championship, and will comprise of the six highest rated 18 and under juniors in the state. The tournament is to be held on January 10/11, simultaneously with the AS YOU LIKE IT 11, in Charlotte. It will be a 5 round

round-robin, and the winner will be awarded a plaque; more importantly, as in the US Junior Championship, the winner will be automatically seeded in the NC state invitational to be held in 1987. Invitations will be mailed based on the 1987 annual rating list, due out in December.

Secondly, we have added a NC Scholastics Olympiad, the brainchild of the very active NC School of Science and Math Chess Club. The format will be team play along the lines of the FIDE Olympiad - each school will be represented by four man teams (no limit to the number of teams per school), and the teams will be paired on a five round swiss basis. Each team will have to nominate its board order based on rating, and prizes will be awarded to the highest scoring teams as well as to the top scoring individual in each board. The school is making available free accommodation to twenty teams, so you will have to register immediately to take advantage of this great opportunity. The tournament will be held Saturday/Sunday March 21/22, and accommodation will be available Friday night and Saturday Night. Details are set out in Upcoming Tournaments below. We'll see you there.

This month we asked Jim Dutton to contribute an article in our Gambit Scholastics section about how he sees his upcoming term as CMSCA president. We wish him every success in this venture.

### CMSCA - Thoughts for the future

by Jim Dutton

As an individual who is relatively new not only to my new office as President of the CMSCA, but to the organization itself, I can easily see the next few weeks as a very mysterious period of time. I'll need to get a handle on the direction that the organization has been taking up to this point, and try to integrate those goals smoothly with some of the new ideas I'd like to work into CMSCA's future. Since the two primary goals of an organization such as the CMSCA should be to teach chess to students and to help making playing opportunities available to students, I will be targeting these two basic goals very specifically.

One of my initial ideas involves special training programs for the very strongest students in each age category, with two ideas in mind. First, this will obviously do the most possible to increase even further the strength of our most promising students. Second, the increased playing strength of these students will give us a greater base of talented players to eventually help in the instruction of beginning and intermediate level players.

Another of my goals is for the CMSCA to do its utmost to be able to pay expenses of its students who travel to scholastic tournaments. This would help more students get the tournament experience that is needed to improve, take the burden of tournament expenses off

of parents, and allow children who would love to play chess but come from economically disadvantaged homes to be as active in the program as they would like.

A third priority in the near future is to establish a permanent site dedicated to CMSCA offices and instructional facilities. We will be working to meet the new financial ambitions of the organization thru a vigorous program of soliciting corporate sponsorships and grants.

I'm sure that the CMSCA will need plenty of help as we embark on this new program and the areas of growth it entails. Any interested parents or other individuals are welcome to get in touch with me to offer help, suggestions, or simply to ask questions about the CMSCA's future. My address is 6923 Pleasant Drive, Charlotte NC 28211. My phone number is (704) 365-0329.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tim Loesch

### CPCC Charlotte Open, October 4th 1986

27 players entered this four round, one day event. Equal 1st were Derek Slator of Chapel Hill and Rafael Goldberg of Charlotte, both with perfect 4-0 scores and winning \$87.50 each. This was Derek's third consecutive 1st place finish in tournament competition and should solidify his recently attained Expert rating. Derek's fine performance notwithstanding, Rafi's showing at the tournament was even more impressive. In defeating an Expert, an A player, a B player and a C player, Rafi served notice that he is no longer "just" a threat to win scholastic tournaments, but any tourney he enters! Rafi is currently one of the strongest eleven year olds in the country, and both his rating and mature play show the strength of the CMSCA program as well as his own personal dedication to the game.

Equal 3rd in the tournament were Kevin Kirby, Glenn Etter, Richard Stancil and Larry Goldberg with 3-1, winning \$12.50 each.

Also at 3-1 was David Richards who took home the Under 1800 prize of \$50.

After losing to Slater in a wild final round game. Lastly, Dale Mills won the Under 1500 money, getting \$50 for his strong 2.5-1.5 score. Timothy Loesch directed.

### Pro I, 6/21/86 :

1. Dan Liu	= 1st	\$40
2. Alan Patrick	= 1st	\$40
3. Bruce McCartney-Filgate top under 1800		\$30

### Pro II, 7/12/86

1. Allen Cooley	= 1st	\$10
2. Rex Demers	= 1st	10

The above three tournaments were accidentally omitted from the last issue of the Gambit, but are N.C. Grand Prix tournaments.

### The Charlotte Observer N.C. Chess Championships, 8/30/86 - 9/1/86:

#### Open Section

Vincent McCambridge	1st	\$500
Randy Ferguson	2nd	\$250
Randy Kolvick	3rd	\$100

#### Amateur Section

Tom Powell	1st	\$350
Timothy Loesch, Wilder Wadford, Miles Hunt, Opie Lindsay, Jeff Rhinesmith	= 2nd	each \$50
Top 2000		
Kenneth Baxter, John Kirby, Rex Demers, Ronald Simpson, Glenn Evans	= 1st	each \$50
Top 1900:		
Harry Abrams	1st	\$150
Kevin Kirby, John McCarthy, Tony Magee, John Clifford, Jeff Shelton, Glenn Fleming	= 2nd	each \$12.50

#### U1900

Jeff Tilghman	1st	\$150
Bob Moore, Chris Worley	= 2nd	each \$37.50

#### Top 1600:

Steve Willis	1st	\$100
Gary Branton	1st	\$100

#### David Petranick

2nd	\$50
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#### Top 1400:

Jerry Itin	1st	\$100
John Welch, Carlos Reina	= 2nd	each \$25

#### U1400:

Dwight Goodman	1st	\$100
Craig Kaufmann, Tim Morley and Joe Shirlen	= 2nd	each \$16

**Ram XL, 8/23/86, 45 players:**

*Section I - Greg Samsa  
 Section II - Derek Slater  
 Section III - Mark Rishavy  
 Section IV - Bradley Fowler, Stephen Styers  
 Section V - Jon Fulbright, Jerry McLeod,  
 Daniel Levi, Sid Evans*

**Ram XLI, 9/20/86, 65 players:**

*Section I - Michael Feinstien  
 Section II - Steve Simpson  
 Section III - Brian Aldershof, Tim Martin  
 Section IV - David Baldwin  
 Section V - Quinn Swanger  
 Section VI - Michael Briggs*

**Phi Kappa Blanca XIV, 9/27/86, 53 players:**

*Section I - Dana Nance  
 Section II - Derek Slater, Glenn Etter,  
 Matthew Noble  
 Section III - Joan Schmidt  
 Section IV - John Austin, Sid Evans  
 Section V - Chao Tse, Bruce Johnson*

Robert Singletary directed the last four tournaments listed above.

**Hudson Hornet XXII, 9/8/86 - 9/12/86**

*Section I  
 1st Randy D. Church  
 2nd Roger Clark  
 Section II  
 1st Michael Clark  
 2nd Charles Wallace,  
 Jason Yott*

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 TO PROVIDE TOURNAMENT RESULTS  
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**Hudson Hornet XXIII, 9/15/86 - 9/19/86**

<i>Section I</i>	
1st:	Randy Lovelace
2nd	John Thomas
	Keith Hendrick
<i>Section II</i>	
1st:	Brian Kirby
2nd	Jason Yott
	Charles Wallace

**Hudson Hornet XXIV, 9/22/86 - 9/26/86**

<i>Section I</i>	
1st	Emmett Smith
	Randy Church
	Randy Lovelace
<i>Section II</i>	
1st	Greg Hargus
	Brian Kirby
	John Mark Hedgpeth

**Hudson Hornet XXV, completed 10/3/86**

<i>Section I</i>	
1st	Randy Lovelace
	John Thomas
3rd:	Joe Helton

## Powell Comes From Nowhere to Win Grand Prix

by Robert Singletary

In the August-September issue of The Carolina Gambit, it was stated that the winner of this year's Grand Prix would be decided at the North Carolina Championship. However, what was not expected was a 59 point performance by Amateur Section winner Thomas Powell of Charlotte, which catapulted him to the Grand Prix Championship for 1985-86! Hard luck losers of the Grand Prix at the last moment, Leland Fuerstman and Matthew Noble; they deserve much credit for their superb play throughout the year.

The 1986-87 Grand Prix will undergo a number of changes, but the basic format will remain the same. One point will again be awarded for every tournament win. However, the bonus points will be decided by the follow-

ing formula : three points for every twelve players in a section per every three rounds. In other words, sections from two to 23 players with three to five rounds will receive three bonus points; a 24 man section with three to five rounds will receive six bonus points; and tournaments with less than three rounds receive no bonus. In addition, a 25 point tournament maximum is hereby established.

The final change, though, is the most important one, especially for directors. Each organizer of a Grand Prix tournament MUST send a clearinghouse agreement to Robert Singletary one month before the start of the tournament. No clearinghouse agreement, no Grand Prix points ... and there will be no exceptions to this rule starting November 1, 1986. Finally, all rating reports must be submitted to Robert Singletary within two months of the conclusion of the tournament or else that director will be banned from holding any other Grand Prix tournaments. These rules are established to prevent questions over point totals and eligible tournaments.

Below are the point totals from the 1985-86 cycle. In the 1986-87 cycle, Leland Fuerstman presently leads with eight points

#### The 1985-1986 NC Grand Prix.

1. Thomas Powell .....	(\$70)	67.00
2. Matthew Noble.....	(\$30)	59.50
3. Leland Fuerstman.....		54.00
4. Tim Loesch .....		48.67
5. Tim Martin .....		45.50
6. Melvin Alsberry .....		43.50
7. Michael Buaiz .....		42.00
8. Miles Hunt .....		39.00
9. Jon Fulbright.....		35.50
10. John Grant .....		31.00
11. B. Macartney-Filgate.....		28.50
12. David Schmidt.....		28.00
13. Bernard Schmidt.....		26.75
14. Neal Harris .....		26.50
15. Larry Wright.....		26.00
16. Ronnie Sands.....		25.00
17. Robin Cunningham.....		24.08
18. Derek Slater .....		23.33
19. Gary Herendeen .....		22.50
20. Charles Coble .....		21.50
20. Tim Brenneman .....		21.50
22. Henry Minchaca .....		21.00
23. Daniel Liu .....		20.75
24. Jim Tobin.....		20.00
24. Mark Rishavy .....		20.00

#### Past Winners of Grand Prix

1982-83.....	Wayne Stuart
1983-84.....	Leland Fuerstman
1984-85.....	Robin Cunningham
1985-86.....	Thomas Powell

## The North Carolina Invitational Championship

This is to be held in Charlotte during the weekend of Nov. 14-16. Participating will be IM Vincent McCambridge and NMs. Steve Tarin, Mike Feinstien, Randy Kolvic, Rich Jackson, and Expert Dan Lui. National TD Robert Singletary will direct. First Prize in the event is \$250, followed by Second and Third Prizes of \$100 and \$50. Good luck to all the participants in this extremely strong NC event!

This prize fund is the largest ever in the history of this event thanks to the kindest of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, and who sets a fine example for the future of this important event.

#### Late breaking news.....

No surprise to anybody, IM Vince McCambridge has walked away with the NC invitational with 4.5/5, conceding a draw to NM Tarin only. NM's Feinstien, Tarin and Kolvick drew for 2nd to 4th place with 2.5 points, while NM Rich Jackson and late invitee Kevin Kirby tied 5th and 6th with 1.5 points. More in depth in January.....

#### NC Chess Association Clearinghouse Calendar

Date	Event	Organizer/Director
Dec 6-7, 1986	Crossville Scholastics, Tn	Sabine
Jan 2-4, 1987	Fairfield Glade/Crossville	Sabine
Jan 10, 11	As You Like It II/Charlotte	Thomas
Jan 10, 11	NC Junior Invit./Charlotte	Goldberg
Jan 17	Ram XLIV/Chapel Hill	Singletary
Jan 24	PKB XVII/Raleigh	Singletary
Jan 31	Ram XLV/Chapel Hill	Singletary
Feb 7-8	NC Elem/Winston-Salem	Fowler
Feb 14	PKB XVIII/Raleigh	Singletary
Feb 21	Billy Watt /Statesville	Singletary
Feb 28/Mar 1	ACC/Charlotte	Thomas, Sharer
Mar 7-8	NC Sch./Marshville	Cato

Mar 21-22	NC Schol. Olympiad	Singletary
Apr 24-26	National HS/Pulaski VA	Shaw
Jul 10-17	US Jr. Closed	Goldberg
Jul 17-19	US Jr. Open	Goldberg
Sept 4-6	NC Champ	Baxter

## GAMES

Jim Dutton

Starting this month, your GAMBIT has a Games Editor again! I'm Jim Dutton, a 5 year member of the NCCA. As Games Editor, I hope to be able to bring you a selection of entertaining, instructive, and pivotal games from North Carolina's tournament players. We welcome games from players of all levels, so please send copies of the scoresheets of interesting games that you play to : Jim Dutton, Games Editor, 6923 Pleasant Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211.

This month we have three very creative games from a NC Candidate Master, Dana Nance, as well as a host of games from the recent Charlotte Observer NC Open Championship. Next issue look for another submission from Dana ...

### 'It's Always Too Early to Play P-KB4'.

Dana Nance (2141)-Martin Garcia (2165)  
Harvard Open, Cambridge MA - 3/2/86  
Caro-Kann Defense

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 g4!?

[To beginners : don't play moves like this! To advanced players : White's plan, initiated with this move, is either to defeat Black's attempt to free his QB, or (if Black plays 4 ... Be4 or 4 .. Bg6) to force a weakening of Black's Kingside before his King can take refuge on the Queenside.]

4 ... Be4! 5 f3 Bg6 6 h4 h5 7 Nh3? ...

[The books only give 7 e6? which is refuted by 7 ... Qd6. However, the text move keeps the position interesting. I have played it a lot in speed chess, but this was my first chance to try it out in a tournament game.]

7 ... hg?!

[A tougher test is 7 ... e6! 8 Nf4 Ne7 9 N:g6 N:g6 10 Bg5?! Be7 11 f4?! f6?! 12 gh! with great complications.]

8 Nf4 Bf5 9 fg Be4 10 Rh3 e6 11 h5!

[White must retain a grip on the light squares. 11 g5? allows ... Ng8-e7- f5.]

11 ... Be7 12 Be3 Qb6

[on 12 ... Bh4+ I would have played 13 Kd2!]

13 Nd2 Nd7 14 N:e4?!

[Since this was the debut of a new opening variation I felt I should go all-out for an advantage. 14 Bd3 or 14 Bf2 would be safer ways of playing it.]

14 ... de 15 Bg2 Rd8?!

[Evidently Black thought his King would be safer in the center than on the Queenside. The threat of 16 ... N:e5 is now awkward for White to meet. If 16 Qc1 Nh6. Hence White's next move is forced.]

16 Qe2 Q:b2? 17 Rd1 Q:a2 18 B:e4 Qa5+?

[Surprisingly, this is the losing move. It loses a vital tempo and removes a defender from the square e6. Better was 18 ... Nb6, planning 19 ... Nd5.]

19 Bd2 Qb6 20 N:e6!! fe 21 Bg6+ Kf8 22 Rf3+! Ngf6 23 ef Bb4

[Desperation. Black has no defense against the threat of Q:e6]

24 Q:e6 B:d2+ 25 R:d2 Ne5 26 fg+ K:g7 27 Q:e5+ Kg8 28 Qe6+ Kg7 29 Rf7+ Kh6 30 g5+?

[I know, 30 Qe3 is mate, but I was in time trouble.]

30 ... K:g5 31 Qe3+ Kg4 32 Rg2+ Kh4 33 Qg3+ + 1-0

Dana Nance (2141) - Steve Barry (2284)

Harvard Open, Cambridge MA - 3/2/86  
English Opening

1 c4 c5 2 Nf3 b6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e4 d6 5 d4 cd 6 N:d4 Bb7 7 Bd3

[An amazing possibility here, for you ECO maniacs, is 7 Nd5?! as in Gruenfeld-Kudrin, Beer-Shiva 1984, but this did not even occur to me.]

7 ... Nbd7 8 O-O g6 9 Be3 Bg7 10 Rc1 O-O 11 Qe2 Nc5 12 f3 N:d3 13 Q:d3 Rc8 14 Rfd1 Re8 15 Qe2 Nd7 16 Bg5!

[This causes Black unexpected problems. Obviously 16 ... f6?? 17 Ne6 is out of the question, but Black must do something about the threat of 17 Nb5. 16 ... Qc7 immediately allows 17 Nd5 B:d5 18 cd Qb7 19 Nc6, so Black first kicks the Bishop.]

16 ... h6 17 Bh4 Qc7 18 b3 Qc5 19 Bf2 Qh5?!

[Striving for activity, but now the Queen gets stranded on the Kingside.]

20 g4? Qh3 21 Nd5!

[The threat of 22 Nf4 forces Black to make a positional concession.]

21 ... B:d5 22 cd Ne5 23 Be3 h5 24 g5 Qd7?

[After the game my opponent thought this might have been the losing move. Indeed, 24 ... R:c1 25 R:c1 Rc8 26 R:c8+ Q:c8 27 f4! Qg4+! (not 27 ... Ng4 28 Nc6! Qc7 29 Bd2 and White will win the trapped Knight, and not 27 ... Nd7 28 Nc6 winning a pawn) puts up a better fight than the game.]

25 Kg2 R:c1 26 R:c1 Rc8 27 Qd2

[Also good is 27 R:c8+ Q:c8 28 f4 Qg4+ 29 Q:g4! N:g4 30 Bg1. Note the improvement over the previous note. But the text makes more sense positionally, and with my opponent in time trouble I preferred to keep the position complicated.]

27 ... R:c1 28 Q:c1 e6 29 de fe 30 h3 Nf7 31 Qc6!

[A decisive penetration. Black cannot hold all his weak pawns. White's control of c6 is the dominant posi-

tional motif in this game, and it is appropriate that the winning blow is struck on that square.]

31 ... Qe7 32 Qc8+ Nd8? 33 Nc6! 1-0

[Trying to hang onto his pawns, Black loses more.]

Dana Nance (2141) - Bernie Schmidt (2095)

Match Game #2, Raleigh NC - 5/27/86

Slav Defense

1 Nf3 d5 2 d4 Nf6 3 c4 c6 4 Nc3 dc 5 a4 Na6 6 e4

Bg4 7 B:c4 e6 8 h3

[The book line is to play Be3 and O-O first. However, this game seems to show that White does better to avoid Be3, so he can protect the e-pawn with his Rook.]

8 ... Bh5?

[In the fourth game of the match Bernie attempted to improve on this with 8 ... B:f3. That game continued 9 gf Nb4 10 Be3 Be7 11 Qb3 O-O 12 O-O-O?! (12 Ke2 might be better) a6 13 Na2? after which Black had a better game. But if White continues with the natural 13 Rhg1 b5 14 Be2 he has a dangerous attack, threatening 15 Bh6 Ne8 16 R:g7+!]

9 O-O Be7 10 Re1 O-O 11 g4!

[An idea which is also common the the Queen's Gambit Accepted.]

11 ... Bg6 12 Ne5 c5! 13 d5 ed 14 N:d5!

[Sacrificing a pawn to keep the diagonal open. 14 ... N:e4? meets with 15 N:g6 and 14 ... B:e4? is refuted by 15 N:f6+ gf 16 Nd7! Bc2 17 Q:c2! Q:d7 18 Bh6 R any 19 B:f7+!!]

14 ... N:d5 15 B:d5 Qc7 16 Bf4 Qc8 17 Qb3 Nb4 18

Bg3

[Reinstating the threat of f4-f5. It is difficult to see how Black can meet this. His reasonable looking attempt meets with a simple tactical refutation.]

18 ... Bf6 19 N:g6! hg 20 Bd6

[White's Bishops are awesome!]

20 ... Rd8 21 B:f7+ Kh7 22 e5 Bg5(?) [22 ... Bh4] 23

Qg3 Qd7 24 Bb3 c4

[There is no salvation in 24 ... Rac8 25 f4 Be7 26 g5 c4 27 Qh4+ Kg8 28 f5!]

25 B:c4 Nc2 26 f4 Qc6 27 b3 Bh6 28 g5 N:a1 29 R:a1

a6 30 gh b5 31 Bd3 R:d6 32 ed Q:d6 33 Kh2 ba 34 Rg1

ab 35 B:g6+ Kh8 36 hg+ Kg8 37 Q:b3+ K:g7 38

Qf7+

1-0 [Apparently Black was lost from Move 11 on. Does anyone want to argue this?] ]

In this year's NC Open Championship, IM Vincent McCambridge was the odds on favorite, and indeed finished clear first with 5 1/2 points in the 6 rounds. He was denied a win in only this game, obviously submitted by National Master Tom Friedel of Georgia.

Tom Friedel - Vincent McCambridge

Round 5 - 9/1/86

Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 N:d4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3  
Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 O-O 9 O-O-O d5 10 de N:d5 11  
N:c6 bc 12 Bd4 e5 13 Bc5 Be6 14 Ne4 Re8 15 c4 Qc7  
16 Bd6 Qb6 17 Bc5 Qc7 18 Bd6 Qb6 19 Bc5

[Drawn by repetition] 1/2 - 1/2

Noble (2019) - Hargrove (1794)

Round 3 - 8/31/86

QGD (Notes by Noble and Feinstien)

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 cd ed 4 Nc3 c6 5 Nf3 Bf5 6 Bf4  
Bd6 7 Bg3 B:g3 8 hg Nf6 9 e3 Nbd7 10 Nh4 Bg4 11 Qc2  
Qc7 12 Bd3 [12 Nb5 Qa5+] O-O-O? 13 b4 Kb8 14 Rb1  
[14 b5? c5 and Black's Queenside is secure] h6 15 Na4  
b6 16 O-O Rhe8 17 Rfc1 Kb7 18 b5 Nb8 19 bc Nc6 [19  
... Qc6 20 Ba6+ Ka6 (20 ... Kc7 21 Qb3) 21 Nc5+ bc  
22 Qd3+ Ka5 23 Qa3+ Qa4 24 Rc5+] 20 Ba6+! K:a6  
21 Nc5+! bc 22 Qa4+

[22 ... Qa5 23 Q:c6+ Qb6 24 Rc3! Q:c6 25 Ra3+ Qa4 26 R:a4++ ] 1-0

Spurrier - Worley / Round 3

1 g3 g6 2 Bg2 Bg7 3 e4 d6 4 d4 Nf6 5 Ne2 O-O 6 O-  
O e5 7 c3 c6 8 h3 Nbd2 9 f4 ed 10 Nd4 Re8 11 Re1 Nc5  
12 Nd2 Nd3 13 Re3 N:c1 14 R:c1 Qb6 15 Qc2 Nd5 16  
ed R:e3 17 Nc4 B:d4 18 Kh2 Qc7 19 cd Bf5 20 Qf2 Re7  
21 Nd2 Rae8 22 Bf3 Qa5 23 Nc4 Qa6 24 Ne5??! de 25  
d6 ef??! 26 de fg+ 27 Q:g3 Re7 28 d5 cd 29 B:d5 Qa5  
30 Rd1 Qc7 31 Bg2 Q:g3 32 Kg3 b6 33 Rd2 Re3+ 34  
Kf4 Rd3 35 R:d3 B:d3 36 Ke5 f5 37 Kd6 Kg7 38 Kc7  
Kf6 39 Kb8 a5 40 Ka7 b5 41 Kb6 a4 42 Bc6 f4 43 Kc5  
Ke5 44 Bf3 Bc4 45 a3 g5

0-1

Blevins submitted all six of his games, even though he scored only 2 1/2 points! On review, I discovered that all six games are very entertaining! Follow along a Class A player's journey through the pitfalls of an Open Section with 9 masters and 17 experts!

Cunningham (2113) - Blevins (1822)

Round 1 - 8/30/86 - French Defense

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 Bd3 c5 5 e5 Nfd7 6 c3  
b6 7 Ne2 Ba6 8 B:a6 N:a6 9 Nf3 Be7 10 h4 Nb8 11 Ng3  
Nc6 12 Qe2 h6 13 h5 Qc7 14 Bd2 O-O-O 15 Rc1 Kb8  
16 Nf1 Rc8 17 g4 Qd8 18 Ng3 cd 19 cd Rc7 20 Kf1 Qc8  
21 Kg2 Qb7 22 a3 Na5 23 R:c7 Q:c7 24 Rc1 Qb7 25  
B:a5 ba 26 Nf1 Nb6 27 Ne3 Rc8 28 R:c8 Q:c8 29 Qd2  
a4 30 Qd3 Nc4 31 Nd2 N:e3 32 fe Qc6 33 Nf3 Kc7 34  
Qd2 Qb5 35 Ng1 Kb7 36 Ne2 Bg5 37 Nc3 Qc4 38 Kf3  
a5 39 Qe2 Q:e2 40 K:e2 Kb6 41 Kd3 Bh4 42 N:a4+  
Kb5 43 Nc3+ Kb6 44 e4 de+ 45 K:e4 Be7 46 a4 Kc6  
47 Ne2 Bf8 48 Kd3 Kb6 49 Kc4 Be7 50 Nf4 Kc6 51 Nd3  
Bd8 52 b4 Bb6 53 b5 Kd7 54 Nc5+ Kc7 55 Ne4 Kd7 56  
Kd3 Bd8 57 Nc5+ Kc7 58 Ke4 Kb6 59 Nd3 Be7 60 d5

1-0 [Time Forfeit]

Blevins (1822) - Tony Magee (1993)  
Round 2 - 8/30/86

1 e3 e5 2 d4 e4 3 b3 d5 4 Ba3 B:a3 5 N:a3 c6 6 Qd2 Qd6 7 Nb1 Ne7 8 Nc3 O-O 9 Ne2 Nd7 10 Nf4 f5 11 h4 b5 12 Be2 a5 13 a4 b4 14 Na2 Bb7 15 O-O-O Rac8 16 Kb1 c5 17 dc R:c5 18 Bf1 Rfc8 19 Ne2 R:c2 20 Q:c2 R:c2 21 K:c2 Ne5 22 Nd4 Ba6 23 Nc1 B:f1 24 Rh:f1 Qc5+ 25 Kb1 Kf7 26 Rd2 g6 27 Rfd1 Kf6 28 Nde2 Ng4 29 Nf4 Ke5 30 Rc2 Qd6 31 Rcd2 Nf6 32 Nce2 h6 33 Nd4 g5 34 hg hg 35 Nfe6 g4 36 g3 Nc6 37 Rc2 N:d4 38 N:d4 Nd7 39 Rc6 Qe7 40 Re6+ Q:e6 41 N:e6 K:e6 42 Kc2 Nc5 43 Rd2 Nd3 44 Re2 Ke5 45 Kd2 d4 46 Kc2 Nc5 47 Rd2 d3 48 Kb2 Nd7 49 Rd1 Nf6 50 Kc1 Nd5 51 Kd2 Nc3

1/2 - 1/2

Maurice Dana (2281) - Blevins (1822)  
Round 3 - French Defense - 8/31/86

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Be7 5 e5 Nfd7 6 h4 c5 7 B:e7 K:e7?? 8 Nf3 b6 9 Qd2 h6 10 O-O-O Ba6 11 B:a6 N:a6 12 g4 Nb4 13 g5 Nc6 14 Rhg1 Nf8 15 Qe3 h5? 16 dc g6 17 Nd4 Qc8 18 Ndb5 Nd7 19 Nd6 Qa6 20 Rge1 bc 21 R:d5! Nb4 22 R:c5 N:a2+ 23 N:a2 Q:a2 24 Rc7 Qa1+ 25 Kd2 Q:b2 26 Qc5 Rhc8

1-0

Ralph Lombard (1819) - Blevins (1822)  
Round 4 - 8/31/86

1 e4 g5 2 d4 h6 3 Bc4 e6 4 e5 Nc6 5 Ne2 d5 6 Bb5 Bd7 7 c3 N:e5 8 a4 a6 9 B:d7+ N:d7 10 O-O Bd6 11 f4 Qe7 12 b4 f5 13 Ng3 O-O-O 14 Re1 Qf6 15 Qe2 Re8 16 Na3 Qg6 17 a5 Nf6 18 b5 Nb8 19 Rb1 gf 20 ba N:a6 21 Qb5 fg 22 Q:b7+ Kd8 23 Q:a6 gh+ 24 Kh1 Ne4 25 Rb2 Ng3+ 26 K:h2 Ne4 27 Kg1 Qh5 28 Rb8+ Ke7 29 R:e8 R:e8 30 Qd3 Qh2+ 31 Kf1 Qh1+ 32 Ke2 Qg2+ 33 Ke3 f4+ +

0-1

Blevins (1822) - Jim Tobin (2031)  
Round 5 - 9/1/86

1 b4 d5 2 Bb2 Qd6 3 a3 e5 4 Nf3 Nd7 5 e3 Ne7 6 c4 c6 7 d4 e4 8 Nfd2 g6 9 Nc3 f5 10 Be2 Bg7 11 Qb3 Nf6 12 O-O-O Be6 13 Kb1 O-O 14 Rc1 f4 15 cd B:d5 16 Bc4 fe 17 fe Qe6 18 B:d5 Ne:d5 19 Na4 b6 20 h3 Bh6 21 Rhei Rae8 22 Nf1 Nd7 23 Re2 Rf6 24 Nc3 Rf8 25 Ng3 N:c3+ 26 Q:c3 Qd5 27 Qc4 Rf2 28 R:f2 R:f2 29 N:e4 R:g2 30 Q:c6 Q:c6 31 R:c6 B:e3 32 Rc7 R:b2+ 33 K:b2 B:d4+ 34 Kc2 Nf8 35 Kd3 Ne6 36 Re7 Ng7 37 R:a7 Nf5 38 a4 h5 39 Ra8+ Kg7 40 a5 ba 41 ba Bg1 42 a6 Ne7 43 a7 Nc6

1-0

Blevins (1822) - Dana Nance (2141)  
Round 6 - 9/1/86

1 b4 d5 2 Bb2 Nf6 3 e3 Bf5 4 Nf3 e6 5 a3 a5 6 b5 Bd6 7 c4 Nd7 8 Be2 O-O 9 d4 c5 10 Nd2 Ne4 11 O-O Ndf6 12 h3 Rc8 13 Rcl Qe7 14 a4 Rfd8 15 Nb3 b6 16 Nh4 Bb8 17 N:f5 ef 18 f4 Ng3 19 Rf3 B:f4 20 R:f4 Q:e3+ 21 Rf2 Nfe4

0-1

One of my own best efforts in the tournament came in the very first round, and is my first victory against an expert.

Bob Spurrier (2095) - Jim Dutton (1813)  
Round 1 - 8/30/86

1 d3 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 f4 Bg4 7 Nfe2 e5 8 h3 Be6 9 O-O Qd7

[Here's the position I was looking for. White has seriously weakened his Kingside and then castled there. I was waiting for this so I could castle opposite wing.]

10 g4 ef 11 N:f4 O-O-O 12 d4 Bc4 13 Re1 g5!

[This move keeps White from locking up the Kingside. The pawn sac to come simply represents one more welcome open line.]

14 Nfe2 h5 15 gh N:h5 16 B:g5 Rdg8 17 Qd2 B:e2 18 N:e2 Bf6 19 B:f6 N:f6 20 Nf4 Nh5 21 N:h5 R:h5

[So far the attack has proceeded mostly on general themes (1) weaken the Kingside (2) open lines (3) man the open lines (4) trade off important defenders. Now tactics rear up.]

22 Kh2 Qg4!

[The only move to carry a strong attack to the White King. From the way Bob nodded after I played this, I don't think he'd seen it.]

23 c3

[Protecting the QP from threats by the Knight. The Queen cannot protect both this pawn and g2.]

23 ... R:h3+ ?? 24 Kg1??

[At this point the move ... Qg3+ was such a strong element in both of our minds that neither of us saw any other part of the board! Of course 24 B:h3 pins Black's Queen! Simply 23 ... Qg3+ leads to mate.]

24 ... Rgh8 25 Kf1 Rh1+ 26 Kf2 R1h2 27 Rg1 R8h3 28 Qe2 Qf4+

0-1[White's Queen must now fall for a rook.]

The Amateur Section was a wide open race between Tom Powell and Tim Loesch. Tom got off to a good start with this game :

John Welch (1487) - Tom Powell (1790)  
Round 1 - 8/30/86

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 e3 Nbd7 5 Nf3 Be7 6 cd ed 7 Bd3 O-O 8 O-O c6 9 Qc2 Re8 10 b3 Bd6 11 Bb2 Nf8 12 h3 Ng6 13 Rfe1 Bd7 14 Rad1 Qc8 15 e4 de 16 B:e4 Nf4 17 Bc1 N:g2! 18 K:g2 B:h3+ 19 Kh1 Qg4 20 Nh2 B:h2 21 f3 Qh5 22 Q:h2 N:e4 23 fe Qf3+ 24 Kg1 Re6 25 Ne7 Rg6+ 26 Ng3 R:g3+ 0-1

Tim Loesch raised his score to 4-0 with this game :

Tim Loesch (1787) - Gary Branton (1509)  
Round 4 - 8/31/86 - Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 N:d4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5  
e6 7 Bd3 Qb6 8 Qd2 Q:b2 9 Nb3 Qa3 10 B:f6 gf 11 O-O  
Nc6 12 Qf4 Be7 13 Qg3 Bd7 14 Ne2 O-O-O 15 Rfb1 e5  
16 Nd2 b5 17 Rb3 Qa5 18 Rab1 Kc7 19 c4 b4 20 a3 Rb8  
21 ab R:b4 22 Nc3 Be6 23 Nd5+ B:d5 24 cd R:b3 25  
N:b3 Qc3 26 Qe3 Rb8 27 Rc1 Q:b3 28 Qa7+ Qb7 29  
R:c6+ Kd7 30 Q:b7+ R:b7 31 B:a6 Rb1+ 32 Bf1 Bf8  
33 g4 Bh6 34 Kg2 Bf4 35 Ba6 Rb8 36 Rc2 h6 37 Be2  
Rb4 38 f3 Be3 39 Ra2 Rb8 40 Ra5 Ke7 41 Ra3 Bc5 42  
Ra2 Kf8 43 h4 h5 44 gh Be3 45 Kh3 Kg7 46 Ra6 Bc5 47  
Rc6 Kh6 48 Kg4 Rg8+ 49 Kf5 K:h5 50 K:f6 Rg2 51  
Bd1 Rf2 52 K:f7 Rf1 53 Be2 Rf2 54 Ba6 R:f3+ 55 Ke6  
Re3 56 R:c5 dc 57 K:e5 Kg4 58 d6 Kf3 59 Bb7 Rd3 60  
Bd5 c4 61 d7 c3 62 d8Q c2 63 Qc8 Rd2 64 Qc3+ Ke2  
65 Bb3 Kd1 66 Q:c2+ R:c2 67 B:c2+ 1-0

Tom Powell was pressed in Round 5, a game he sorely needed to get to 4 1/2 points and a shot at the championship. Note how quickly a crushing LOOKING position can go bad!

Samar Bou-Ghazale (Unr) - Tom Powell (1790)  
Round 5 - 9/1/86 - Sicilian Defense

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 N:d4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5  
e6 7 Be2 Be7 8 O-O O-O 9 f4 Qc7 10 Kh1 Nc6 11 Nb3  
b5 12 a3 Bb7 13 Bf3 Rac8 14 Qe1 Rfe8 15 Qg3 b4 16 ab  
N:b4 17 Rac1 Qc4 18 Nd2 Qc7 19 Bh6 Bf8 20 e5 Nfd5  
21 Nce4 Kh8 22 Bg5 Ne3 23 Rfe1 Nf5 24 Qh3 de 25 g4  
Nd4 26 f5 N:f3 27 Q:f3 f6 28 Bh4 Qd7 29 Nf1 N:c2 30  
Red1 Nd4 31 Qe3 ef 32 gf Q:f5 Nd2 Qg4 34 Qg3 B:e4+  
35 N:e4 Q:e4+ 36 Qg2 Q:h4 37 h3 Qf4 38 R:c8 R:c8 39  
Rf1 Rc1 40 R:c1 Q:c1+ 41 Kh2 Qc2 42 Q:c2 N:c2  
and 0-1 in 50.

The last round saw Tim at 5-0 and Tom at 4 1/2-1/2. Tom played desperately for a win, declining the draw offers that would have given Tim clear first. The endgame went back and forth, with both players blowing wins and draws practically each move under the pressure of this game's importance!

Tim Loesch (1787) - Tom Powell (1790)  
Round 6 - 9/1/86

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 O-O O-O 5 c4 c5 6 d3  
Nc6 7 Bg5 h6 8 Bd2 d6 9 Nc3 Bd7 10 Qc1 Kh7 11 Ne1  
Qc8 12 Ne4 N:e4 13 B:e4 Rb8 14 Bc3 e5 15 Nc2 Bh3 16  
Bg2 B:g2 17 K:g2 b5 18 Ne3 b4 19 Bd2 Nd4 20 Re1 f5  
21 Nd5 f4 22 Rb1? N:e2 23 R:e2 f3+ 24 Kh1 Qh3 25  
Qg1 fe 26 b3 Qf5 27 Be3 Q:d3 28 Re1 Rf7 29 h4 Rbf8  
30 Kh2 h5 31 f4 Bh6 32 Qf2 g5 33 hg B:g5 34 Q:e2 O:e2  
35 R:e2 ef 36 gf Bh6 37 Kg3 Re8 38 Kf3 Rf5 39 Rg2  
Rf7 40 Rh2 Rf5 41 Rg2 Re6 42 Nc7 Rg6 43 Rd2 h4

44 Rh2 Rh5 45 Bf2 h3 46 Nd5 Kg7 47 Be3 Kf7 48  
Bf2 Bf8 49 Bg3 Rgh6 50 Bf2 Ke6 51 Bg3 Kd7 52 Be1  
Bg7 53 Bf2 Kc6 54 Ne7+ Kd7 55 Nd5 a5 56 Nb6+ Kc6  
57 Nd5 R:d5 58 cd+ K:d5 59 Bg1 Bc3 60 Be3 Bd4 61  
B:d4 K:d4 62 Kg4 Kd5? 63 Kg5 Rh8 64 f5 Ke4 65 f6 Kf3  
66 f7 Kg3 67 Rd2 h2 68 Rd1 Kf3 69 Kg6 Kg2 70 Rd2+  
Kg3 71 Rd1 d5 72 Kg7 Rc8 73 f8Q R:f8 74 K:f8 Kg2 75  
Rd2+ Kg3 76 Rd3+ Kg4 77 Rd1 c4 78 bc dc 79 Rh1??

[The White King needs to race to the Queenside starting with Ke7]

Kg3 80 Re1 Kf2 81 Rb1 c3 82 Rc1 a4 83 Rc2+ Kg3  
84 Rc1 c2 85 Ke7 b3 86 ab ab 87 Kd6 Kg2 0-1

## Inside A Master's Workshop

By IM Vince McCambridge

The Modern Benoni Defense is an opening that appeals to a large number of players due to the fact that it offers Black many tactical chances without limiting his choice of options too severely, as does, for instance, the Dutch Defense. Nevertheless, White's advantages are clear : A central majority, a space advantage, and play against the weakness of the d6 pawn. The problem in converting White's advantages is in avoiding the myriad tactical obstacles that Black will throw in White's way. The following game is a pleasant example of a White success.

1983 World Youth Team Championship  
Modern Benoni Defense  
Round 4  
V. McCambridge - R. Lau (2395;FRG)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6  
6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.Bf4

Varying from my usual 8.Nd2 to try out a novelty of Lev Alburt's from the 1983 U.S. Championship - see move 15.

8....a6!? 9.a4

Heading for the desired position, as otherwise I might have played 9.Qa4+ Bd7 10.Qb3, when 10....b5 11. Bxd6 b4 12.e5! bxc3 13.exf6 cxb2 14.Qxb2 Bf6 15.Be5 Qe7 16.0-0-0, with some advantage to White.

9....Bg4

This maneuver has become popular in the Modern Benoni - Black straightaway eliminates the "Benoni Knight," thus discouraging White's most dangerous positional threat, that of establishing a Knight on c4.

10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Bxf3!

The most precise, since on 11....Re8 12.Nd2! Bxe2 13.Qxe2 White maintains some positional advantage.

12.Bxf3 Qe7 13.e5!?

White strives to enhance the power of his Bishop-pair. If, instead of 13.e5, White continues normally, with a move such as 13.Re1, then after 13....Nbd7 it is hard to prove an advantage, as Black's Knights are very

effective in this position.

13....dxe5 14.d6 Qe6 15.Bg5!?

This is the new move from Albur - Kudrin, 1985 U.S. Championship. Previously 15.Re1 was played here, with theory holding the verdict that Black has little to fear after 15....Nbd7.

15....Rd8?!

Kudrin's reaction was also inadequate: 15....Nc6! 16.Bxf6! Bxf6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Ne4, with a clear advantage for White, although the game later ended in a draw. Later in the World Youth Team Championship, Psachis played the better 15....Nbd7! against Fedorowicz. After 16.Bxb7 Rb8 17.Bd5 Nxd5 18.Nd5 Rxb2 Black stood well, but perhaps better is 17.Bx a6 with unclear chances.

16.Ne4 Nbd7 17.Qe2!!

I like this move very much, not only because it avoids the overhasty 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Bg4 Qc4 19.Qf3 Bg7 with complications, but also because of its intrinsic strength. By defending b2 and attacking a6, the move sets up the threat of 18.Nxf6+ Nxf6 19.Bxa6 followed by 20.Bxa6, with advantage to White. After clearing the d1 square, White is now prepared to increase the potential energy of his d-pawn by playing Rd1.

17....Nxe4 18.Bxe4

Bad is 18.Bd8? N:d6 19.Bc7 Nf5! since 20.Bxb7? fails to 20....Ra7. If now 18....f6, then 19.Rfd1 is strong 18....Rdb8 19.Rfd1 Bf8?!

This is weak, but Black's position is already in serious trouble. If, for instance, 19....Nf6 20.Bxf6! Bxf6 21.Rac1, and Black is unable to prevent a rook incursion to the seventh rank, since 21....Ra7 22.Rxc5 b6 23.Rc7! is tremendous for White.

20.Ra3!

With communication between Black's pieces virtually nonexistent, White decides to seize the moment for a lightning attack on the Black King. Clearly 20....Bxd6? 21.Rad3 is out of the question for Black.

20....Kg7.

The only reasonable defense to the threat of 21.Bd5 followed by 22.Rf3.

21.Rh3 Ra7?!

Black's survival chances are slim, but still better, after 21....Nf6 22.Bxf6+ Qxf6 23.Rf3 Qg5 24.Qc4! f5 25.Bxf5! Instead of 21...Ra7, 21...h5 loses beautifully, viz. 22.Bd5 Qe8 (22....Qf5 23.Qe3!) 23.Rxh5! gxh5 24.Qxh5, and Black is defenseless against the threats of 25.Be4 or 25.Bh6+ or 25.Rd3 followed by 26.Rg3 22.Bd5! Qe8

If 22....Qxd6 (22....Qf5 23.Qe3! +-) one win is 23.Bxf7 Qc7 24.Rxd7 Qxd7 25.Qxe5+ Kf7 26.Rxh7+ 23.Qf3 b5

Again, 23....h5 is demolished by 24.Rxh5! Also, if 23...f5 or 23....f6, 24.Rxh7+! mates. Finally, 23....e4 24.Qf4 h5 25.Re1! f5 26.Rxh5 gxh5 27.Qxf5 wins since 27....b5 28.Bxe4! mates

24.Bxf7 e4

This desperation affords White the chance for a nice finish. 25.Rxh7+ Kxh7 26.Qh3+ Kg7 27.Bd5! 1-0

## \*UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS\*

Note: All tournaments listed in the Gambit must be cleared through the NCCA clearinghouse and must require NCCA membership. Tournaments listed automatically qualify for NCCA Grand Prix points. Ineligible players may cause tournament to lose its status as a Grand Prix event--please renew your NCCA membership before event starts.

December 8,15,22,29, January 5 - Independence 11 at the new chess club in Charlotte. Every Monday night at Shoneys on Independence. Rounds start at 7pm, reg. by 6:45. Entry fee \$2.00 per round. Prize fund: free entry into next tournament. Time control Open section 40/90 g/30, amateur section (under 1800) 30/60, g/30. No smoking. TD: Ken J. Baxter (704) 364-4417 Asst: Jim Dutton (704) 365-0329

December 8, December 15

Hudson

Hudson Hornet XXXI. November 24, December 1 3-SS, 30/30, G/30, Hudson Middle School Media Center, 291 Pine Mountain Road, Hudson, NC 28638. EF \$1, \$\$G \$5/8 man section, Reg. 3-4pm, rds to be announced. Entries: John E. Thomas, 115 Joyceton-Church Rd. SW, Lenoir NC 28645, (704)728-6945 evening, (704)728-4281, NS, W

January 10

Charlotte

As You Like It 11. Lansdowne Primary School, Prett Ct. (off Providence Rd.), Charlotte, NC. In 5 sections:

Open, 5-SS, 45/90, G/30. EF: \$15 if rec'd by 11/10, \$20 at site. \$\$G 200- 100-50, top 2000-2199 50, 1999/below 50. Reg 8:30-9:30 a.m., Rds. 10-2-6, 10-2.

Amateur, 5-SS, 45/90, G/30, open to under 1800 & unrated. EF: \$5 if rec'd by 11/10, \$7 at site. Trophies to top 3,top C,D,E, Unrated. Reg. 8:30- 9:30 a.m., Rds. 10-2-6, 10-2.

Scholastics, 5-ss, 45/90, g/30, open to school students rated under 1400. EF: \$5 if rec'd by 11/10, \$7 at site. Trophies to top 3,top D,E, Unrated. Reg. 8:30-9:30 a.m., Rds. 10-2-6, 10-2.

Novice 1 (11/15 only), 4-SS, G/30, open to under 1000. EF: \$5.00 at site Trophies to top 3, Unrated. Reg. 8:30-9:30 a.m., Rds. 10-11:30-1- 2:30.

Novice 2 (11/16 only), 4-SS, G/30, open to under 1000. Trophies to top 3, Unrated. Reg. 8:30-9:30 a.m. 11/15 or 11/16, Rds. 10-11:30-1-2:30.

HR: Comfort Inn,2721 E. Independence, Charlotte, NC; \$28-32, includes breakfast, (704) 375-8444, ask for chess rates. 1/2 pt. bye avail. for Sun. morning rds. Info: (704) 728-6945 (TD night), 366-9265 (Sponsor day). Ent: Charlotte/Mecklenburg Scholastic Chess Assn.,

6400 Fairview Rd., Suite 302, Charlotte, NC 28211. NS.  
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January 17 Chapel Hill  
Ram XLIV. Same as Ram XLIII.

January 24 Charlotte  
CPCC Winter Open. 4-SS accel., 30/1, G/30, CPCC Taylor Hall gym, 1201 Elizabeth Ave (off Independence Blvd.), Charlotte, NC. EF: \$8 if rec'd by 1/21/87, \$10 at site. \$\$ (275 b/40, 6 per class, 1st Guaranteed) 100-50-25, A,B,C,D/E/Urn 25 each, medal to top junior. Reg. 8-9 a.m. Rds. 9:30-12:30- 3:30-6:30. 1/2 pt. bye in advance or at registration. TD: Timothy Loesch 7401 Timber Ridge Dr., Charlotte NC 28212. Info: CPCC Student Activities (704) 342-6751.

January 31 Chapel Hill  
Ram XLV. Same as Ram XLIII.

March 21/22 Durham  
NC Scholastics Olympiad Teams of 4 per school (multiple teams per school allowed) 5-SS, TC: SAT - 30/60 G/60 SUN - 40/90 G/60 EF: \$60 per team if received by 3/14, \$70 at site. Free lodging to first 20 teams registered, 2 dorm rooms per team. Rds: Sat 9am,1pm,5pm Sun 9am,2pm. Plaque to first 5 teams plus trophies each team member, trophy to top 3 each board. TD. and Ent. Robert Singletary 3712 Dade St., Raleigh, NC 27612 (919) 782-3809

## NEW CLUBS

### CHARLOTTE

A new chess club started by Ken Baxter and Jim Dutton meets on Monday nights at the Shoneys on Independence Blvd. near Eastway Drive. The tournament games start at 7:00 and everyone is welcome. Tournament games cost \$2 per round and club participation costs \$1 per night. The money is used to pay the waitress \$1 per person, rating fees, affiliates fees and TD fees.

### HICKORY

A new club is being organized in Hickory. Call Keith Hedrick for details, his home number is (704) 322-2694, work (704) 327-5629. Meeting place is The Old North State Academy Building off of 127 North.

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## CHESS CLUBS

### TUESDAY

WINSTON SALEM CHESS CLUB, 7:00 pm til. South Fork's "Our House", Country Club Rd., Winston Salem. Info: Allen Cooley, 1200 Red Oak Rd., Winston Salem, 27106. Bring equipment.

### WEDNESDAY

ASHEVILLE CHESS CLUB, 7:30 pm til. North Asheville Recreation Center, (off Merrimon Ave. at N. Larchmont), Asheville. Info: Bill Adickes 704-253-4491 or Bob Eoff 704-255-8739.

BOONE CHESS CLUB, 7:00 pm til. Plaza Motel, Boone. Bring equipment. Info: Ashok Patel, 704-264-2457.

CAPE FEAR CHESS CLUB, 7-10:00 pm, UNC-Wilmington, Student Union Bldg., Wilmington. Bring equipment. Info: Ulf Helsten.

CHARLOTTE CHESS CLUB, 7-11:15 pm, Shoney's, Woodlawn Rd. & South Blvd. (off I-77). WEEKLY TOURNAMENT COMPETITION. EF: \$2. Bring equipment. Info: Leland Fuerstman.

GREENSBORO CHESS CLUB, 7-10:00 pm, Folk Recreation Center, 3918 Clifton Rd., Greensboro. Info: Richard Ward, 919-852-2854. Bring equipment.

KNIGHT RIDERS CHESS CLUB, 6:30 pm til, Arts Council of Rowan County, 314 N. Ellis St., Salisbury 28144. Info: Fred Quick, 704-636-9265 or 633-3881. Bring equipment.

MOREHEAD CITY/BEAUFORT CHESS CLUB, 7:00 pm til. The Royale Game Shoppe, Ole Towne Center, 120 Turner St., Beaufort. Shoppe open daily for chess. Donald Miller, 919-728-3342.

### FRIDAY

CHARLOTTE "YMCA" CHESS CLUB, 7:30-11 pm. YMCA, 400 E. Morehead St. Charlotte. WEEKLY TOURNAMENT COMPETITION. Bring equipment. Info: Sam Swain, 704-455-5274.

RALEIGH CHESS CLUB, 7:30-11:30 pm. Kiwanis Recreation Center, 2525 Noble Rd., Raleigh. \$.25 per meeting. Ed Bremon 919-834-0865.

### SATURDAY

YADKIN VALLEY CHESS CLUB, 9:00-5:00 pm. Oak Grove Community Center, Oak Grove Rd., Elkin, Info: Steve Greenlee 919-835-6389.

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