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This issue is the first of what we hope will be the beginnings of a chess publication for North Carolina. In the past, wherever chess publications have sprung up, there has generally been an increase in both chess interest and activity through out the section covered. It is with this purpose in mind that the North Carolina Chess Association is sponsoring this journal.

We are beginning at first on a very modest scale in hopes that eventually these meager foundations will grow into a magazine of importance in N.C., Southern, and American chess. So at first we shall confine ourselves to news concerning local and regional events and players.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE DURHAM CHESS CLUB, DURHAM 1950 - 1951

A.	1	x100111111	7-8	As may be seen from the scoretable,
Crittenden	2	0x10101111	6-8	A. C. Ashbrook, Assistant Professor of
Chapman	3	10x1010111	6-8	Economics, handily won the championship
Peters	4	110x001111	5-8	of the club. Ashbrook played sound,
Gunter	5	0011x10011	5-8	aggressive chess to win the title.
Harwell	6	01010x0111	4-8	Games were played on Friday nights,
Rogers	7	001011x100	3-8	with adjournments were played off
Weininger	8	0000101x1	3-8	whenever possible. Both Weininger and
Agnello	9	0000011x1	3-8	Crittenden counted.
M. Upchurch	10	00000100x	1-8	

Here is a post-tournament game by the new champion:

#1: W.J. Peters - A.C. Ashbrook (Linnor's notes)

1 P-K4	P-K4	9 R-K	N-N3	17 QxP	BxN	25 R/2-B2(c)	P-R(f)
2 N-K3	N-K3	10 N-B?	N-R5	18 BxB?(c)	Qxch	26 K-B2(g)	R/3-R3
3 B-K2	P-K3	11 B-N5	QxN	19 Px	R-R5	27 N-KN	N-K3
4 B-B4	12 PxN	QxB(a)	20 B-Q	K-K2	28 N-B	N-B3	
5 P-Q3	13 PxB	P-IR4(b)	21 B-B3	R-R(d)	29 N-K2	N-N4	
6 B-N5	14 B-K3?	P-N4	22 R-K2	R-R6	30 P/1-K3	R-P6	
7 P-Q3	R-B3	15 B-N3	C-B5	23 R-KB	R/1-P3	31 P-Q4	N-B
8 QN-Q2	KN-K2	16 N-K3	PxP	24 R-N2	R-B3	32 RKN	R/3x2

A- QxP would have gained a pawn, but would have left White with the initiative after 13 QxN. Black won (h)

B- ...P-KR4 should have been preceded by P-N4, but White fails to take advantage by 14 P-Q4

C- Leaves an isolated pawn in exchange for the very dubious privilege of attacking along the KB file

D- Leaves White with a festering sore, namely the open Rook file

E- Forced, the bishop being placed because of the backward white pawn on K3, a heritage of White's questionable 18th move

F- The hero on the Black horse comes up for the coup de grace

G- What else to do?

H- Black has held the initiative since move 10; White has thrashed with but is now doomed, since Black now has his coveted pawn. The game is finished in bloody butcher tradition - is no theoretical interest after Black's 33rd move.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE ASHEVILLE CHESS CLUB, ASHEVILLE, 1951

As we go to press, W. C. Jickes Jr. former S. J. Open Champion, seems likely to win the title in this field of ten. Adickes has won 7 while losing none. Others have at least one loss. There is a trophy and other prizes, including one for low score, which have been donated. Games are played at the YMCA at 8 o'clock Thursdays. We shall publish the scoretable when we receive it.

1 P-K3 2 P-K4 3 P-K3 4 P-K3 5 P-K3 6 P-K3 7 P-K3 8 P-K3 9 P-K3 10 P-K3 11 P-K3 12 P-K3 13 P-K3 14 P-K3 15 P-K3 16 P-K3 17 P-K3 18 P-K3 19 P-K3 20 P-K3 21 P-K3 22 P-K3 23 P-K3 24 P-K3 25 P-K3 26 P-K3 27 P-K3 28 P-K3 29 P-K3 30 P-K3 31 P-K3 32 P-K3 33 P-K3 34 P-K3 35 P-K3 36 P-K3 37 P-K3 38 P-K3 39 P-K3 40 P-K3 41 P-K3 42 P-K3 43 P-K3 44 P-K3 45 P-K3 46 P-K3 47 P-K3 48 P-K3 49 P-K3 50 P-K3 51 P-K3 52 P-K3 53 P-K3 54 P-K3 55 P-K3 56 P-K3 57 P-K3 58 P-K3 59 P-K3 60 P-K3 61 P-K3 62 P-K3 63 P-K3 64 P-K3 65 P-K3 66 P-K3 67 P-K3 68 P-K3 69 P-K3 70 P-K3 71 P-K3 72 P-K3 73 P-K3 74 P-K3 75 P-K3 76 P-K3 77 P-K3 78 P-K3 79 P-K3 80 P-K3 81 P-K3 82 P-K3 83 P-K3 84 P-K3 85 P-K3 86 P-K3 87 P-K3 88 P-K3 89 P-K3 90 P-K3 91 P-K3 92 P-K3 93 P-K3 94 P-K3 95 P-K3 96 P-K3 97 P-K3 98 P-K3 99 P-K3 100 P-K3

A- Better P-Q3 in order to keep an eye on KB5 with the unadvanced KP.
 B- To be able to play P-KN4 at an opportune moment.
 C- Here ... P-KR4 is the move to prevent the ousting of the N by P-KN4.
 D- The N becomes too strong and should be shoved now by the KP.
 E- An excellent move, the purpose of which is to place the KB at B4, where it commands an excellent diagonal into White's vitals.
 F- N-R4, followed by a move of the CR, suggests itself as presenting more hope. Now Black finishes up a well-played game.

Elmer Hearst, prominent New York master, graced the quarters of the Durham Chess Club on Feb. 2 by giving a simultaneous exhibition to the members. Of those players who opposed him, Hearst defeated eleven, was beaten by State Champion W. J. Peters, and drew with A. Ashbrook, F. Barols, and K. Crittendon. The club was glad to see Mr. Hearst again; the last time being during the North Carolina Open Championship tournament of 1949, when he captured first prize with 5 - 0.

Speaking of open tournaments, we wish to urge all readers to attend the 1951 N. C. Open Championship at Charlotte. It is to be a five round Swiss system affair, with comparatively excellent prizes. At the business meeting, many important questions are to be settled, including ones concerning this publication. We urge all members to be present for good times and good chess. If you don't get an announcement card, write the Editor or A. Henry Gaede, Box 1083, Charlotte, N.C.

A very interesting team match has been tentatively scheduled May 10-11-12 for Greensboro. It is hoped that at least five five-man teams from this state can compete. A team match of this nature would revivify some of the semi-defunct chess clubs in N.C. In this proposed match, each team would play all others. If five teams compete, that would mean four per person and team. This arrangement would permit two games on Saturday, the 19th, and two on Sunday, the 20th, leaving a good portion of each day for traveling. This proposal will probably be more fully discussed at the open tournament at Charlotte. *see continuation below*

A publication of this type cannot be successful unless supported by its readers. Therefore, all readers are invited to contribute games, news, endings, anecdotes, and any interesting material for publication consideration. We would also appreciate any criticism, favorable or unfavorable. This publication is in its infancy and we want it to grow right. Thank you!

NEXT ISSUE: THE N.C. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT CHARLOTTE, report and games. FINAL REPORT ON THE ASHEVILLE CHAMPIONSHIP and other NEWS and GAMES

RE: 5-MAN TEAM TOURNAMENT. DEFINITELY FOR GREENSBORO "YMCA", MAY 5 and 6.
 1ST GAME SAT. AT 2:00 PM; 2ND GAME SAT. NITE;
 3RD GAME SUN. AT 2:00 PM (NO SUNDAY MORNING GAME)
 3 RDS ONLY. COMBINATION ELIMINATION AND CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT SIMILAR TO SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS. 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH, 11TH, 12TH, 13TH, 14TH, 15TH, 16TH, 17TH, 18TH, 19TH, 20TH, 21ST, 22ND, 23RD, 24TH, 25TH, 26TH, 27TH, 28TH, 29TH, 30TH, 31ST, 32ND, 33RD, 34TH, 35TH, 36TH, 37TH, 38TH, 39TH, 40TH, 41ST, 42ND, 43RD, 44TH, 45TH, 46TH, 47TH, 48TH, 49TH, 50TH, 51ST, 52ND, 53RD, 54TH, 55TH, 56TH, 57TH, 58TH, 59TH, 60TH, 61ST, 62ND, 63RD, 64TH, 65TH, 66TH, 67TH, 68TH, 69TH, 70TH, 71ST, 72ND, 73RD, 74TH, 75TH, 76TH, 77TH, 78TH, 79TH, 80TH, 81ST, 82ND, 83RD, 84TH, 85TH, 86TH, 87TH, 88TH, 89TH, 90TH, 91ST, 92ND, 93RD, 94TH, 95TH, 96TH, 97TH, 98TH, 99TH, 100TH

SHOULD MORE THAN EIGHT TEAMS FILE - WE SHALL FIND A PROCEDURE TO SUIT ALL. (3-RND SWISS)

.....a player who starts off with a slight disadvantage is thereby stimulated to work harder and often achieves a good result. whereas a player with a slight advantage may overestimate it, become careless and get a really bad game"....."the task of the deserted King is a hard one"....."get the pieces out"....."avoid the moves of pawns in the opening as far as possible".....move that one of your pieces, which is in the worst plight, unless you can satisfy yourself that you can derive immediate advantage by an attack"....."get the knights into action before both bishops are developed"....."it is good policy to assign the defence to a threat to an inactive piece"....(cont'd).."if however no reserve force is available, one has to choose that piece which is least burdened"....."if a piece has too many tasks to perform all at once, its force will be found insufficient and the structure erected by the defence will crumble"....."sometimes a piece, without intending to, performs a task favourable to the opponent. For an instance, it obstructs a passed pawn that would otherwise queen"....."often a piece that has strayed too far into the hostile camp is cut off and falls helplessly"..."often many hostile pieces concentrate their attack upon a blocked pawn and win it by force of numbers"..."the piece of little or no mobility invites attack".....
taken from MANUAL OF CHESS by Dr. Emanuel Lasker

Message from [unclear] With this bulletin, we are making effort to bring a more useful organization to the chess players of our State. Kindly overlook any wording or format which might be objectionable. This issue has been rushed without proper editing and without careful consideration. The main thing was to bring something worthwhile to you. If you criticise anything said in this bulletin, Kit Crittenden wants to hear about it. This is your bulletin and please help it go over. Do you have favorite problems?...if so send it (or more) into Kit. Do you have a local game you wish annotated and inserted in these columns? please send it to Kit. Please tell us what you think of the stuff included in this number...and subsequent numbers. If you have any suggestions...turn them in. Our prime desire is to bring more chess to North Carolina, to get interesting chess in North Carolina and to improve your game...if we are in any position to do it. The best that you can do is to participate with us, work with us, participate in Tarheel tournaments and become one of us as a member of the North Carolina Chess Association. Our Secretary and Treasurer is Dr. V. A. Davidian, Johnston County Hospital, Smithfield, N. C.

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NORTH CAROLINA TEAM TOURNAMENT AT GREENSBORO
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TEAM TOURNAMENT AGAIN...ANY 5-man team may enter from any community. Any 5 chess players may join to make a team, even if from different communities. TROPHY TO WINNERS

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NORTH CAROLINA

By Comte de Villeneuve



"..MY FAVOURITE PROBLEM.."

He who laughs last, laughs best might well be the
 title of this one. The black (purple) bishop is
 licking his chops waiting upon white's (red) move.
 He is all set to make a brilliant sacrifice to win
 the game. BUT DOES HE? Maybe white is able to do
 something about it. The answer is yes...and he does.

solution in Dr. Emanuel Lasker's Manual of Chess
 on page 266.

WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN