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FROM THE EYES OF A FISH
by Robert Singletary

In the time I have been an NCCA officer I have tried to maintain a positive attitude; however, sometimes that is rather difficult. In the last issue of the Gambit, which I produced during final exam week under some time pressure, a game mistakenly attributed to two North Carolina players was published. Apparently someone incapable of producing interesting games on his own thought it would be funny to see if he could slip one by us. This is not the first time a game with false attribution has been submitted, and unfortunately this one did get by. The consequences have been less than funny, however, and accordingly I feel compelled to limit my NCCA activities to the presidency. Charles Alden (note his new address) will continue as Gambit Editor; please send all comments and materials for submission to him (except for tournament results, as I am maintaining the Grand Prix records).

We learn from reliable sources that Jim Mottonen and Jimmy Hardy will be leaving North Carolina to enter graduate school: Jim at M.I.T. and Jimmy at the University of Florida at Gainesville. Both have been exceptional players and personalities in North Carolina and we wish them the best. (We also expect them to start importing points back from their new homes.)

In a curious twist, former NCCA and UNC-CH CC president Tom Galloway, who has gone from UNC to Yale to M.I.T. and now to Pennsylvania, will be holding the Ram North XXI at the University of Pennsylvania sometime this fall. So, when the name of the Ram changes to Ram South, you will know why. In his announcement Tom plans to hold his tournament at UNC-P (the University of North Carolina at Pennsylvania), which should totally confuse everyone. Tom and former UNC-CH CC president Danny McKeithen will direct the Ram Norths. Clearly directing tournaments in Chapel Hill can be dangerous to your mental health.

As you will note elsewhere, the plans for the North Carolina Championship tournament on Labor Day weekend are all set, and it promises to be a fantastic event. In addition, the annual business meeting will be held, and if you have any items of interest to bring up, please write Patsy Spurrier for inclusion on the agenda. At the moment we have very few items of business to bring up and are open for suggestions. As the business meeting looks to be short, it will probably be held right before one of the rounds. In addition, the tournament will have an unrated tournament and probably a simul and speed tournaments as well. So even if you don't plan to play in the main event, come anyway.

Best wishes until after the Championship (hope to see you there!)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Championship Details Finalized

Details for the 1983 North Carolina Championship and David Stern Memorial have been finalized, with this year's tournament offering a record \$5000 in prizes! The tournament will be held at Carowinds, eight miles south of Charlotte, on the state border. The tournament is being sponsored by the Charlotte Chess Club and was organized by Leland Fuerstman. For full details see the tournament announcement on p. 9. The annual NCCA business meeting will be held between rounds, and other featured activities will be a speed tournament and possibly a simul. This should be a most remarkable tournament: Be there or be square!

NCCA Obtains Non-profit Status

After a 20-month struggle with the Internal Revenue Service, the NCCA has been granted non-profit status. The main benefit of this status is that all organizational mail can be sent from the president's address at amazing savings, i.e. about 5¢ per issue for the Gambit rather than 20¢.

Cunningham, Kirby Make Top 50 Lists

Robin Cunningham of Raleigh, who is entering the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall, and John Kirby, a junior at Charlotte Independence High School, have broken into the top 50 lists in the July 1983 USCF Rating Supplement. Robin, 17, was ranked 45th in the nation in the 17-18 age category with a rating of 2027, and John, 16, was ranked 25th in the age 15-16 category. In addition, Kevin Kirby, John's brother, narrowly missed the age 13-14 list with a 1640 rating.

Mainqi Wins ICLA Scholarship

Rajesh Mainqi, valedictorian of Raleigh Enloe High School, has won an Intercollegiate Chess League of America Scholarship, one of only 25 awarded in the nation. This is the third consecutive year a North Carolina student has won an ICLA scholarship, which is based on scholarship and leadership as well as chess skill. Rajesh placed fourth in the recent NC Scholastics.

Postal Challenge Issued

Joe Bononia of Allegan, Michigan, is interested in corresponding with North Carolina postal players. His rating is 1500-1600. For more information, write Joe at 329 S. Cedar, Allegan, MI 49010.

Two New Clubs Form

We are happy to announce the formation of two new clubs in North Carolina: the Jacksonville Chess Club and the Greensboro Chess Club. The Greensboro Chess Club meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at "Our Daily Bread" on the corner of Spring Garden and Chapman. For more information contact Bob Spurrier. The Jacksonville Club meets on Sundays at noon; for details contact Jeffrey Walsh, 5624 Oregon St., Camp Lejeune NC.

CLUB NEWS

Charlotte Club Shines

The Charlotte Chess Club, under the energetic leadership of Leland Fuerstman, has become the most active club in the state recently, featuring regular rated tournaments with rounds nearly every week. The CCC also has been instrumental in sponsoring the North Carolina Championship two of the last three years. Below are the results of the four most recent Charlotte tournaments, all directed by Leland Fuerstman.

The Big Boy IV, a five-round tournament ending January 26, attracted 33 players. First in the top section was Robby Cunningham, a recent defector from Atlanta, who missed round 1 but nonetheless won the tournament and a master's title by defeating Randy Kolvick in the last round to score 4-0. Second were Leland Fuerstman and Jeff Rayfield with 3.5. The lower section was won by John Welch with 4-1, and David T. Richards was second with 3.5.

The Big Boy V, a five-round event ending March 2, drew 29 players. Robby Cunningham again demonstrated his mastery by scoring 4.5, drawing only with Marion Mahaffey in round 2. Second was Leland Fuerstman with 4-1. The lower section was won by David T. Richards with 4-1 and Simon Frohman with 4-0 (he defeated Richards but missed a round).

The Slim Jim I attracted 25 players and ended April 7. Again first place went to Robby Cunningham, this time with a perfect 5-0. Second was John Kirby with 3.5. The lower section was won by David T. Richards with a perfect 5-0, and Kevin Kirby was second with 3.5.

The Slim Jim II ended early in May and drew about 40 players. The winner of this hotly contested event was James F. Tobin (1790), who with a bit of luck and a bit more resourcefulness scored a perfect 5-0. (Cunningham did not compete). Leland Fuerstman was second with 4-1. The lower section was won by Kevin Kirby with 5-0.

The Charlotte Chess Club meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00 at Shoney's at the intersection of Woodlawn and South Avenues.

Cape Fear Chess Club

A series of five-round club ladder tournaments began in October 1982 at the Cape Fear Chess Club in Wilmington. The USCF postal rating system has been used to calculate club ratings based on the ladder tournaments. John Clifford won the first event with 4.5 points, David O'Bryant won the second with a perfect 5-0, and the two shared first with 4-1 each in the third ladder, ending in April. David O'Bryant gave a simultaneous exhibition against nine players on November 17, winning six (the other three were unfinished at closing time). The club sponsored its first USCF rated tournament, the Azalea Open, on April 16-17.

FROM THE EDITOR

Gambit readers will be saddened to learn that the news of your Editor's disappearance from the planet, as reported last issue, was slightly exaggerated. After my first two issues the police and my neighbors objected to the crowds of irate chessplayers burning rooks on my lawn, so I have moved (two blocks) and obtained an unlisted Social Security number. However, my mail has been forwarded, so those of you who have sent in games for publication without enclosing a bribe are not off the hook: your games, and the possibilities you overlooked, will still appear for all to enjoy.

Unfortunately, game submissions have been the smallest portion of the mail. The annual midsummer madness, in the form of USCF elections, has brought forth the customary torrent of campaign hoopla: this year's burning issue is the selection of an at-large member to the USCF Policy Board. The three candidates, Denis Barry, Ramona Gordon, and Jerry Hanken, and all of their friends, have kept their typewriters and the postal service busy in producing testimonials of their qualifications. This year's campaign is a bit more civilized than most USCF political events, and much of the hysteria and recriminations that have characterized other elections have been missing. Also, I have been spared some of the telephonic blitzkrieg that other voting members may have encountered, as the candidates have run out of money before they could contact all the provinces. Stay tuned - the fate of Western civilization hangs in the balance.

Sharp-eyed readers will have noticed something amiss with one game published last issue, listed "Fuerstman-Gilruth". First, there was no Fayetteville Open; second, these two players have never met over the board; and third, the game was actually Byrne-Fischer 1958. Our apologies to Leland and Peter: we knew all along you could play better than that.

One odd piece of mail that came in was a free sample "Galachess" set, as bait for a review or plug. Sorry folks, I can't do it. You've seen the ads in Chess Life, a new chess game with a board composed of hexagons instead of squares, and an "orbiting" knight. The set itself is an almost normal set (seven pawns and two queens), hollow and of cheap plastic, and the board is similarly cheap cardboard, thin white hexagons on a black background with white splotches (stars?) as distractions. The game looks like it was conceived in one evening, all the moves direct copies of chess but adapted to a hexagonal grid. This includes castling and en passant, which really look out of place. A moment's thought reveals that the knight doesn't have a definite jump, but can move one or two spaces in any direction, more like The Blob than a leaper. The illustrations in the rules book are confusing at first until one realizes the composers have confused the king and queen symbols from normal use. Others may find some amusement from the concept of this game, but don't expect this product to be more than shoddy. In short, give me the real thing or nothing.

We often hear the argument that the decline in chess popularity in the years after the "Fischer Boom" was due mainly to the retirement of the champion. The argument goes that a champion, and the attendant publicity, are the necessary stimuli for the general popularization of the game. I disagree: my recollection of those heady days of the early 70's is that while the newscasts from Reykjavik did indeed entice many people to take up the game, most of the newcomers were driven away from organized play by a host of profiteers who wanted only to cash in on the boom. Overnight the entry fees in most events approximately tripled, but grassroots organization and education were largely neglected.

Incorporating chess into the curriculum of elementary or secondary education is routinely put forth on the "wish list" of chess promoters, although rather less attention is paid to this truly developmental activity than to the size of tournament prize funds. For those interested in the long-term growth of chess in this country, introducing children to the beauties of chess should rank as the single most important developmental activity: those who truly believe in the power of the game to fascinate and give pleasure do not need to look for increased cash prizes or promotional gimmicks; rather, the game itself is sufficient to draw and sustain interest. From a base of knowledgeable players and spectators will rise the support for the professional players. We may draw a comparison with soccer: while professional soccer in this country began as a small sport dominated by foreign stars, it is rapidly becoming big-time because of the increased interest in that game at the school level.

Raleigh experts Bernie Schmidt and Esco Yancey have done far more than just theorize; they have gone ahead and developed programs, won their admission into curricula, and taught and coached young players. Particularly notable is Dr. Schmidt's use of chess as a teaching device for "problem learners", students whose attention was not captured by conventional techniques but who found, through chess, a means both for self expression and for learning methods of abstraction. This influence carried over measurably into the students' overall scholastic development. This is potentially very important work both for remedial education and for the development and promotion of chess.

One hopes that organizations such as the USCF or the American Chess Foundation will take notice of programs such as this and consider material support as well as lip service in the promotion of chess in the schools. One more trip by an established grandmaster to a foreign tournament will not appreciably increase the status of chess in this country, especially if the net result of the trip is an article in Chess Life where our representative does little more than complain about the hotels, food, and chauffeurs on his trip. However, a few more scholastic programs like that of Philadelphia Vaux would do a great deal to change the stature of chess in the U.S.

The hardest part of setting up a scholastic chess program may be persuading the system to including it in the curriculum. Thus the example of Dr. Schmidt's experience, and his prepared course outlines, may serve as strong selling points in swaying a school board to approving chess programs in your school.

BOOK REVIEW

"How to Teach Chess in the Public Schools: A Course Outline"
by Bernard Schmidt, Ph.D.
with supplements by Esco Yancey, M.A.
43 pp.; \$6

Currently the quality and curricula of American public schools are the subjects of vigorous public debate, with a groundswell of public support being voiced for a strengthening of the content and rigor of our educational system. The value of chess as an exercise in logic, planning, and patience is well known to chessplayers, but not so well to the lay public, who may still harbor the stereotype of chessplayers as musty eccentrics. For a world entering the Computer Age, with abstract problem-solving and spatial recognition skills becoming ever more important, the value of chess as an educational tool as well as a game should be readily apparent.

This is where this monograph enters. This is a very specialized booklet, designed as an outline or syllabus for three levels of chess courses at the secondary school level. This is not a textbook, nor does it pretend to be: no diagrams, sample games, or problems are presented. What is given is an intelligent, well-written guideline to teachers, who may or may not be proficient at chess, on how to approach and conduct a full chess course as a classroom subject. It is evident from reading this monograph that lazy teachers need not apply; the heart of Dr. Schmidt's technique is an enthusiastic involvement of the class in spirited combat. The value of this book is that it derives from the actual experience of teaching chess in a classroom, and the emphasis is on the dynamics of the learning experience rather than a dry exposition of positional principles.

The old master Jacques Mieses argued that the "ideal" way to teach chess was to start the pupils on endgames, to let them learn the interactions of a few pieces at a time, then build up to more complex situations. They would forego actually playing games from the starting position for a long time. While this idea has its merits, it may be more appropriate for a grandmaster tutoring a prodigy in hopes of creating a champion than for a classroom situation. In Schmidt's method, the students plunge right in to rapid-fire games as soon as they have learned the moves, and learn the tactical and psychological nuances as they go. One might wonder how Mieses' hothouse flowers would stand up to Schmidt's products of the rough-and-tumble school.

It has sometimes been said, only partly in jest, that the only thing studying chess teaches is how to play chess better. Not so: from Dr. Schmidt we learn that study of chess teaches much more than the game itself. This monograph will be of interest mainly to educators who wish to establish a chess program in their schools, and for them it offers two valuable features: cogent, intelligent arguments for why chess courses are beneficial to other aspects of students' development, and course outlines that would require many hours to devise. Copies are available from Bernard Schmidt at 1503 Tivoli Ct., Raleigh NC, 27604.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

10th Annual Lipkin-Pfefferkorn Open --5 rd SS, TL 50/2, Hilton Inn, 420 High St., Winston-Salem NC. \$\$G 10,000 in three sections:
Open: \$\$G 5,000: 1,000-500-300; 2200-2299, 2100-2199, 2000-2099, 1999 & below each 400-250-150.

Amateur: open to below 1900. \$\$G 2,800: 500-300-200; 1700-1799, 1600-1699, 1500-1599 each 300-200-100.

Novice: open to below 1500/unrated. \$\$G 2200: 300-200-100; 1300-1399, 200-150-100; 1200-1299, 1100-1199, 1000-1099 each 150; below 1000, UNR 300-200-100. Unrated may win unrated prize only.

All: EF \$32 if received by 7/25, \$38 at door (state membership req., other states OK). Optional trophies available. Accelerated pairings may be used. Special dinner Friday night 7/29. Unrated may play in Open section and be eligible for top three prizes.

Reg: 7:00-9:00 p.m. 7/29, 7:00-9:00 a.m. 7/30, Rds. 10-3-8, 10-4.

TD: Harry Sabine. HR: 32-37-42-45. July rating supplement used.

Players whose USCF class letters show a former rating 101 or more points over group or prize maximum may not win more than 20% of any prize, or may elect to play up. Adjourned games permitted at discretion of TD.

Ent: Harry D. Sabine, P.O. Box 381, Crossville, TN, 38555 (615-484-9593)
Information: Dr. Al Lipkin, 5873 Poplar Ln., Pfafftown NC, 27040 (919-924-2688). LS.

Grand Prix Points Available: 30

August 13

Morehead City

Down Easterner #5 --2 rd SS, TL 40/100, Webb Library & Civic Center, 107 South 9th St., Morehead City, NC. EF: \$3 (state membership req.), trophy to first each four-man section. Reg.: 9:15-9:45 a.m., Rds. 10-3. Ent.: Donald V. Miller II, 206 N 6th St., Morehead City, NC 28557 NS.

August 20

Chapel Hill

Ram XV -- 3 rd SS, TL 40/90, 30/G, Carolina Union, UNC-Chapel Hill (Highway 54 business). EF: \$5 if received by 8/17, \$6 at site (state membership req.). \$\$ (25 b/8): first each section. Reg.: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Rds.: 10-2-6. Ent.: Robert N. Singletary, Box 6, Carolina Union 065A, Chapel Hill NC 27514. NS.

August 20

Elkin

Yadkin Valley CC Tempo III -- 3 rd SS, TL 40/90, Mama's Restaurant and Game Room, 105 Main Street, Elkin NC. EF: \$7 if received by 8/16, \$8 at site. \$\$ (37 b/8): 25-12. Reg. 9:00-9:45 a.m., Rds. 10-2-6. Ent.: Yadkin Valley CC (919-835-1802), c/o Mama's Restaurant & Game Room 105 Main St., Elkin NC 28621. LS.

September 3-5

Charlotte

32nd NC Open Championship/David Stern Memorial -- 6 rd SS, TL 40/2
 Holiday Inn, Carowinds (704-376-8356), 10 mi. south of Charlotte on
 I-77, exit 75. \$\$G 5,000 in six sections:
Championship: (open to all) \$\$ 1000-500-300; top 2100 300-200; top 2000
 300-200; top under 2000 or unrated 200; trophy to top NC player.
Cat. I: \$\$ 200-100; top below 1900 100.
Cat. II: \$\$ 200-100, top below 1700 100.
Cat. III: \$\$ 200-100, top below 1500 100.
Cat. IV: \$\$ 200-100, top below 1300 100.
Cat. V: \$\$ 200-100, top below 1100 100.

AI: Plaque to top NC player in each section. Sept. rating supplement
 used. EF: Championship \$40, Cats. \$30, if received by 8/27; \$50 and \$40
 at site (state membership req.). Senior masters and GM's EF returned if
 play all rounds (deducted from prizes). Juniors and over 50 deduct \$5
 from early EF. Reg.: 8:30-9:45 a.m., Rds. 10-3 each day. HR: \$40
 double plus special Carowinds rates for family members. Accelerated
 pairings and adjournments at discretion of directors. 1/2-pt. bye
 available one of first three rounds if requested in advance. Business
 meeting and other events announced at site. TD: Leland Fuerstman, STD;
 Asst. TD: Robert Singletary, STD. Ent: Checks to NCCA, 320 Seneca Pl.,
 Charlotte NC 28210. Information: Leland Fuerstman, 704-523-2181. LS.
 Grand Prix Points Available: 30

October 1

Chapel Hill

Ram XVI -- See Ram XV for details; pre-entry deadline 9/27.

October 22-23

Jacksonville

USO/Jacksonville Grand Prix Open -- 5 rd SS, TL 40/100, USO, 9
 Tallman St., Jacksonville NC. EF: \$18.50 by 10/17, \$24 at site (state
 membership req.). \$\$ G 500: 150-100; below 1800, 100; below 1600, 75;
 below 1400, 50; unrated, 25 (unrated may win unrated or top prizes only)
 Reg.: 8-9:15 a.m., Rds. 10-2:30-7, 10-3:30. Ent. USO CC, 5624 Oregon
 St., Camp Lejeune NC, 28542, LS.

October 29

Chapel Hill

Ram XVII -- See Ram XV for details; pre-entry deadline 10/25.

November 12

Chapel Hill

Ram XVIII -- See Ram XV for details; pre-entry deadline 11/8.

November 19

Raleigh

Raleigh CC Open I -- 3 rd SS, TL 40/90, 30/G, NCSU Student Union,
 Cates Ave. Raleigh. EF: \$6 (state membership req.). \$\$ (38 b/8) 25-13
 Reg.: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Rds. 10-2-6. Ent.: Robert Singletary, 20 Old East,
 UNC-CH, Chapel Hill NC 27514. NS.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

AZALEA OPEN
Wilmington, NC

April 16-17, 1983
Director: Ulf Hellsten

1. David L. O'Bryant	1913	W11	W7	W2	W5	4.0
2. Norman Hornstein	1847	W3	W8	L1	W7	3.0
3. John B. Flores	1471	L2	W13	W10	W8	3.0
4. James S. Blanning	1673	Unp	W11	D5	W10	2.5
5. Eric D. Singer	1611	W14	W10	D4	L1	2.5
6. Mark A. Woodin	1738/6	L10	L14	W13	W11	2.0
7. Steven G. Elkins	1561/5	W12	L1	W9	L2	2.0
8. Brian Childers	1302/14	W13	L2	W14	L3	2.0
9. Charles T. Wilson	1153/7	Bye	L12	L7	W14	2.0
10. Thomas H. Craven	1542	W6	L5	L3	L4	1.0
11. Jeffrey G. Walsh	1492	L1	L4	W12	L6	1.0
12. J.D. Skipper III	1223	L7	W9	L11	L13	1.0
13. David D. Styron	1039	L8	L3	L6	W12	1.0
14. David B. Putnam Jr.	UNR	L5	W6	L8	L9	1.0

DOWNEASTER #3
Morehead City

May, 1983
TD: Donald Miller

DOWNEASTER #4
Morehead City

June 11, 1983
TD: Donald Miller

1. D Parker	1752	W4	W3	2.0	1. L. Fuerstman	2164	W3	D2	1.5
2. K Baxter	1680	D3	D4	1.0	2. P. Hargett	1894	W4	D1	1.5
3. M. Gee	1956	D2	L1	0.5	3. U. Hellsten	1784	L1	W4	1.0
4. C. Graham	1655	L1	D2	0.5	4. R. Wells	1515	L2	L3	0.0
5. J. Smith	1416	W7	W6	2.0	5. J. Walsh	1474	W10	W7	2.0
6. D. Ruska	1405	W8	L5	1.0	6. G. Adams	UNR	D9	W10	1.5
7. J. Walsh	1476	L5	D8	0.5	7. A. Bell	1489	W8	L5	1.0
8. M. Woodin	1442	L6	D7	0.5	8. D. Ruska	1426	L7	W9	1.0
9. R. Davis	1369	W10	W11	2.0	9. R. Davis	1442	D6	L8	0.5
10. A. Wilson	1078	L9	W12	1.0	10.G. Brickhouse	1052	L5	L6	0.0
11. E. Potter	1289	D12	L9	0.5					
12. D. Miller	1196	D11	L10	0.5					
13. J. Flores	UNR	W15	W14	2.0					
14. A. Bell	UNR	W16	L13	1.0					
15. J. Deitch	1042	L13	W16	1.0					
16. G. Brickhouse	1048	L14	L15	0.0					

RAM XIV
Chapel Hill

April 30, 1983
Director: Robert Singletary

1. James Troy	1847	W24	W30	W18	3.0
2. James Thompson	1534	W25	W27	W12	3.0
3. Neal Harris	2140	W33	D8	W17	2.5
4. Larry Williams	1655	W26	W10	D5	2.5
5. Albert Carlson	1526	W32	W31	D4	2.5
6. Alfred Sternberg	1366	W13	D21	W27	2.5
7. Greg Samsa	2338	W16	L9	W29	2.0
8. Jim Mottonen	2257	D17	D3	W9	2.0
9. Maurice Dana	2256	W29	W7	L8	2.0
10. Bennett Karp	1766	W19	L4	W26	2.0
11. Cliff Merrill	1678	D18	W34	D22	2.0
12. Vu Cao	1387	W36	W14	L2	2.0
13. Barry Garner	UNR	L6	W37	W25	2.0
14. Gerald Starling	UNR	W15	L12	W21	2.0
15. Steven Knupp	UNR	L14	W36	W37	2.0
16. Bernie Schmidt	2146	L7	D29	W33	1.5
17. Ronald Simpson	1978	D8	W33	L3	1.5
18. Rajesh Maingi	1881	D11	W22	L1	1.5
19. John Lassiter	1497	L10	D20	W31	1.5
20. Stephane Simpson	1453	D31	D19	D32	1.5
21. Daniel Hilbert	1197	W37	D6	L14	1.5
22. Alan Patrick	1846	D30	L18	D11	1.0
23. Will Foster	1827	W34	Unp	Unp	1.0
24. Ronald Gray	1700	L1	W35	Unp	1.0
25. Stephen Gunter	1616	L2	W28	L13	1.0
26. Jerry White	1569	L4	W32	L10	1.0
27. Allen Brooks	1128	W28	L2	L6	1.0
28. Julie Schmidt	1032	L27	L25	W36	1.0
29. Stephen Herman	2012	L9	D16	L7	0.5
30. Fernando Oliveira	1874	D22	L1	Unp	0.5
31. Mickey Bowman	1634	D20	L5	L19	0.5
32. Jeff Ellinger	1328	L5	L26	D20	0.5
33. Peter Gilruth	2307	L3	L17	L16	0.0
34. Greg Hall	1709	L23	L11	Unp	0.0
35. Wayne Stuart	1339	Unp	L24	Unp	0.0
36. Dan Spurling	1212	L12	L15	L28	0.0
37. Venkat Murty	1150	L21	L13	L15	0.0

SOUTHERN SECTIONALS
Charlotte, NC

May 7-8, 1983
Director: Leland Fuerstman

1. Neal Harris	2111	W4	D2	W3		2.5
2. Jimmy Hill	1987	W3	D1	L4		1.5
3. Alfredo Cruz	1983	L2	W4	L1		1.0
4. Ken Baxter	1854	L1	L3	W2		1.0
5. Jon Pietras	1968	W10	L9	WF6	L8	2.0
6. Jeff Rayfield	1930	D11	L14	LF5	Unp	0.5
7. John Kirby	1891	W12	W13	D9	L14	2.5
8. James Hyatt	1886	L13	W11	L14	W5	2.0
9. Fernando Oliveira	1874	W14	W5	D7	L12	2.5
10. Marion Mahaffey	1868	L5	L12	D24	W13	1.5
11. John McCarthy	1828	D6	L8	Unp	W22	1.5
12. Harry Abrams	1814	L7	W10	W13	W9	3.0
13. Dean Hart	1810	W8	L7	L12	L10	1.0
14. Ralph Cade	1802	L9	W6	W8	W7	3.0
15. James Tobin	1790	D19	L18	W20	Unp	1.5
16. Ashok Patel	UNR	L20	W19	W21	W17	3.0
17. Thomas Powell	1633	W21	D20	W18	L16	2.5
18. Norman Thabit	1628	W22	W15	L17	D20	2.5
19. David Stewart	1620	D15	L16	D22	D21	1.5
20. Lawton Wiggins	1618	W16	D17	L15	D18	2.0
21. Butch Hancock	1612	L17	W22	L16	D19	1.5
22. Larry Raines	1609	L18	L21	D19	L11	0.5
23. Leo Richardson	1597	D27	W24	L25	Bye	2.5
24. Tony Cato	1565	L25	L23	D10	L28	0.5
25. John B. Lee	1544	W24	W28	W23	W27	4.0
26. Elliott Schwartz	1467	L28	Bye	L27	W29	2.0
27. John Welch	1485	D23	W29	W26	L25	2.5
28. Kevin Kirby	1463	W26	L25	W29	W24	3.0
29. Simon Frohman	1432	Bye	L27	L28	L26	1.0
30. George Boutwell	1389	W35	L36	D33	D31	2.0
31. Charles Herndon	1385	L36	W37	L38	D30	1.5
32. William Newton	1373	W37	W39	W36	L38	3.0
33. Michael Aaron	1368	D38	W34	D30	W36	3.0
34. Tim Dwight	1368	L30	L33	LF35	Unp	0.0
35. Allen Edwards	1361	L30	L38	WF34	W39	2.0
36. Edward L. Biddix	1340	W31	W30	L32	L33	2.0
37. Herbert Horton	1318	L32	L31	W39	Unp	1.0
38. Jonny Pietras	1288	D33	W35	W31	W32	3.5
39. Virginia Klemmer	1280	W34	L32	L37	L35	1.0
40. Rob Young	1194	L42	L41	LF43		0.0
41. Donald Stehley	1182	L43	W40	W42		1.0
42. Dennis Avant	1142	W40	L43	W41		2.0
43. Robert Cameron	1135	W41	W42	WF40		3.0

OAK TREE I
Raleigh

June 11, 1983
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1. Greg Samsa	2332	W5	W3	D2	2.5
2. Maurice Dana	2256	D6	W8	D1	2.0
3. Dan Liu	2177	W7	L1	W6	2.0
4. Bernie Schmidt	2115	D8	L6	L5	0.5
5. Lee Taylor	2110	L1	W7	W4	2.0
6. Jim Watson	2092	D2	W4	L3	1.5
7. Allen Cooley	2072	L3	L5	D8	0.5
8. Robin Cunningham	2020	D4	L2	D7	1.0
9. Mark Seawell	1950	L13	L14	W16	1.0
10. Fernando Oliveira	1874	W14	D13	L11	1.5
11. Matthew Noble	1867	D15	W12	W10	2.5
12. W.W. Foster	1860	D16	L11	L14	0.5
13. Norman Neel	1859	W9	D10	W15	2.5
14. Alan Patrick	1850	L10	W9	W12	2.0
15. William Hargrove	1840	D11	W16	L13	1.5
16. John W. Brooks	1825	D12	L15	L9	0.5
17. Roger Steward	1767	L21	W20	W19	2.0
18. Cliff Merrill	1713	L22	L19	Bye	1.0
19. Donald Morse	1706	L23	W18	L17	1.0
20. Ronald Gray	1704	L24	L17	WD	0.0
21. Larry Williams	1669	W17	D23	L22	1.5
22. Bryan Burke	1623	W18	W24	W21	3.0
23. William Covington	1585	W19	D21	D24	2.0
24. Louis Cobb	1584	W20	L22	D23	1.5
25. George Diferdinando	1577	L29	L30	W32	1.0
26. Lee Zinzow	1492	W30	L29	L31	1.0
27. William Burke	1488	L31	D32	W30	1.5
28. D.B. Morris	1475	W32	W31	L29	2.0
29. Jerry White	1469	W25	W26	W28	3.0
30. Casey Dobson	1466	L26	W25	L27	1.0
31. David Schmidt	1385	W27	L28	W26	2.0
32. Allen Ralph	1350	L28	D27	L25	0.5
33. Wayne Stuart	1347	W37	W36	W35	3.0
34. Bruce Holland	1330	L38	W39	W41	2.0
35. Bruce McCartney	1237	W39	W38	L33	2.0
36. Aric Oramer	1224	W40	L33	WD	1.0
37. Todd Lack	1197	L33	W40	W38	2.0
38. Daniel Hilbert	1150	W34	L35	L37	1.0
39. Venkat Murty	1040	L35	L34	W40	1.0
40. David Walker	998	L36	L37	L39	0.0
41. Karl Hokanson	988	L46	L48	L34	0.0
42. Julie Schmidt	713	L47	Bye	L48	1.0
43. Paul Anderson	UNR	Bye	L46	L47	1.0
44. Chris Chao	UNR	L48	L49	L45	0.0
45. Alfred Sternberg	UNR	W49	L47	W44	2.0
46. Vu Cao	UNR	W41	W43	W47	3.0
47. Steven Johnson	UNR	W42	W45	L46	2.0
48. Michael Hughes	UNR	W44	W41	W42	3.0
49. Stephen Gunter	UNR	L45	W44	W43	2.0

GRAND PRIX ENTERS HOME STRETCH

With only five tournaments left to go Leland Fuerstman holds a clear lead in the first annual North Carolina Grand Prix. However, with the two biggest tournaments of the year remaining, the L.P.O. and the North Carolina Championship, the contest is still wide open. Remember, points are awarded according to the table below for tournaments announced both in the Carolina Gambit and Chess Life and which require NCCA membership. The overall winner and the junior winner will each receive \$50 plus entries into the 1984 North Carolina Championship (if they attend). The leaders as of July 1 are listed below:

1. Leland Fuerstman	23.0	Tied with 10 points each are:	
2. Greg Samsa	17.5		
3. Earl Raby	15.0	Glen Aaron	Ashok Patel
3. Jeffrey Walsh	15.0	Allen Chandler	Alan Patrick
5. Neal Harris	13.0	Dean Hart	Jon Pietras
6. Michael Parks	12.5	Steve Herman	John Risk
7. Ken Baxter	12.0	John Lee	Jackie Ryan
7. Maurice Dana	12.0	Dan Liu	Bernie Schmidt
7. Joe Zachary	12.0		

Section Prizes:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Class Prizes:	1st	2nd
\$40 or less	5				\$50 or less	5	
\$41-\$75	8	2			\$51-\$125	8	2
\$76-\$150	10	5			\$126-\$250	10	5
\$151-\$300	12	8			\$251 or more	12	8
\$301-\$600	14	10	6				
\$601 or more	18	12	8	4			

NORTH CAROLINA TOP 50

1. M Ardaman	2380	18. J Dupree	2079	35. B Wright	1990
2. G Samsa	2338	19. C Alden	2076	36. A Cruz	1983
3. R Kolvick	2322	20. T Newman	2075	37. R Simpson	1978
4. P Gilruth	2307	21. S Cabaniss	2074	38. M Smith	1970
5. J Mottonen	2257	22. R Smith	2064	39. T Moore	1962
6. M Dana	2256	23. K Hammon	2048	40. M Becker	1961
7. D Steele	2185	24. R Spurrier	2043	40. R Holyfield	1961
8. D Liu	2182	25. P Steeg	2040	42. J Pietras	1955
9. J Esing	2179	26. E Yancey	2035	43. M Seawell	1950
10. B Mason	2178	27. R Cunningham	2027	44. J Risk	1941
11. N Harris	2174	28. J Kirby	2015	45. D O'Bryant	1937
12. B Schmidt	2148	29. R Truelson	2014	46. J Rayfield	1935
13. L Fuerstman	2129	30. A Cooley	2012	47. A Menius	1922
14. L Taylor	2110	31. R Holyfield	2010	48. T Wilson	1921
15. R Demers	2105	32. J Osborne	1999	49. C Phillips	1920
16. J Watson	2092	33. L Pagony	1996	50. D Hull	1915
16. J Hardy	2092	34. S Herman	1991		

GAMES

Will Foster attended the New York Open this spring and relates the following: "The strongest sections (of six) were clearly the Open (1) with several 2600+ players and Section VI or unrated! There were a dozen or more master strength players in section VI; I watched one win game after game at 5-minute vs. a master rated 2400, and then he scored only 5 out of 8 (and out of the money) in his unrated class."

Below are two postal games from Ulf Hellsten. Next month Will Foster, John Kirby, and Danny Overcash will get to enjoy that ultimate thrill, publication in the Gambit. How about you? Dig out your best games, send them in, and prepare to bask in glory.

FRENCH DEFENCE

U. Hellsten

Crowder

1.P-K4 P-K3 2.P-Q4 P-Q4 3.N-QB3
N-KB3 4.B-KN5 B-K2 5.P-K5 KN-Q2
6.BxB QxB 7.P-KB4 O-O 8.N-KB3
P-QB4 9.B-Q3 PxP? 10.BxPch K-R1
11.N-KN5 P-KN3 12.QxP N-QB3
13.Q-Q2 K-N2 14.P-KR4 P-B3
15.P-KN4 PxN 16.RPxP R-R1 17.P-B5!

White is playing in the heroic tradition: throw everything in for the sake of attack. But this is not a slapdash speed game, but postal, where brave gestures are backed by careful calculation. Here the "natural" reply 17...NPxP is met by 18.P-N6 and the Black King is in a net.

17...KPxP 18.O-O-O! N/2xP

And here 18...RxB is met by
19.RxRch KxR 20.R-R1ch and 21.Q-R2

19.NxP Q-KB2 20.BxP NxB
21.RxR KxR

If 21...NxR, then 22.Q-B3ch
22.R-R1ch K-N2 23.N-B6 K-B1
24.R-R7 Q-B5 25.Q-Q6ch N/N3-K2
26.R-R8ch K-B2 27.P-N6ch

Mate is unavoidable: 27...KxP
28.N-Q7ch K-N4 29.R-R5ch KxP
30.N-B6ch K-B6 31.R-R3ch etc.

27...K-N2 28.N-K8ch KxR
29.Q-B6ch K-N1 30.Q-N7 mate

SICILIAN DEFENCE

U. Hellsten

Dewing

1.P-K4 P-QB4 2.N-KB3 P-Q3
3.P-Q4 PxP 4.NxP N-KB3 5.N-QB3
P-QR3 6.B-KN5 P-K3 7.P-B4 Q-N3
8.Q-Q2 QxP 9.N-N3 N-QB3 10.BxN
PxB 11.N-R4 Q-R6 12.N-N6 R-N1
13.N-QB4 Q-R5 14.K-B2 B-K2
15.NxQch BxN 16.QxB QxKP 17.B-Q3
Q-N5 18.QxQ NxQ 19.KR-K1 NxBch
20.PxN P-B4 21.QR-B1 B-Q2 22.N-R5
P-N3 23.N-B4 O-O?

It looked like Black was well on his way to consolidating his material advantage. The text removes the King from the center, where it should be helping hold out White's pieces and also where it would be safer. Much better was 23...K-K2.

24.N-K5 B-N4 25.R-B7 QR-Q1
26.R-K3 K-N2 27.R-N3ch K-B3
28.R-N8!!

Some moves come as a surprise even in postal games, and this must have been one. Black must try quickly to get out of this bind, but he does not appreciate the danger, thinking he can simply advance his Queenside pawns. Necessary was active play like 28...QR-K1 and 29...R-K2.

28...R-N1 29.K-K3 P-QR4
30.P-Q4 B-R5 31.P-KN4 Black resigns.

Mate in two follows.

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- CHARLOTTE: 310 Kratt Hall, Central Piedmont Community College, 1202 Elizabeth Ave., Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
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