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## IN MEMORIAM: RONALD GRAY

By Will Foster

Ronald Reid Gray, age 49, of 922 W. Johnson St., Raleigh, was found deceased in his bed on Wednesday, December 28, 1983. He did not come to work as expected Monday or Tuesday, so a fellow employee investigated, was let into Ron's apartment by the landlord, and Ron's death was discovered.

An autopsy at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, showed Aortic Stenosis, a narrowing of the aortic valve of the heart which is associated with sudden death from coronary artery disease in 15 to 20 percent at an

average age of 60 years (unless repaired surgically).

Ron was employed by the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges for the past 16 years. Prior to that, he was a night clerk at the old Sir Walter Hotel (in downtown Raleigh) for a number of years where he learned to play chess.

Prior to that, he played professional baseball with a major league farm club in Florida and was a devoted fan of the Durham Bulls.

He grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina and was an only child. In high school he won letters in all three major sports. His father, now deceased, was a Charlotte policeman. His mother, Mrs. Alma Taylor Gray, is still in Charlotte. He was divorced, but he is also survived by a daughter, Ms. Mary Rhonda Gray of Raleigh.

Attending his memorial service from the Raleigh Chess Club were Dr. Will Foster, D. B. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cobb, Roger A. Steward, and Alan Patrick.

Ron Gray leaves behind dozens of his fellow North Carolina chess players who will miss him. He always had a warm greeting and a smile for each of us. He was famous both for his good nature and his opening innovations which were usually as much a surprise to him as to us!

He played best with the white pieces against stronger opponents and in open or unclear positions loaded with tactics. These positions arose frequently from his unbooked opening play. It was said that "Ron rediscovered the opening in every game he played."

Ron, dear friend, we mourn you. The LPO, Rams, and my Invitationals will never be the same for us, your loving friends.

Sample Game--Ron Gray/Will Foster (Ram III--March 1980)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed (The Scotch Game virtually forces Black to liquidate his center since 3. ...d6 4. d x e5 d x e5 5. Q x d8+ K x d8 (5. ...N x d8 6. N x e5) and 6. Bc4 or Nc3, perhaps followed by 0-0-0 and a big lead in development for White.) 4. Bc4 (He avoids 4. N x P (Scotch game) and 4. c3 (Goring Gambit) to play the Scotch Gambit.) Be7?! 5. N x P N x N (Transposing back to the Scotch Game, but now the usual 5. ...Be5 wastes a tempo.) 6. Q x N Bf6 7. Qd5 Qe7 8. 0-0 d6 9. f4 c6 10. Qd3 Be6 11. Nc3 0-0-0?! (Best was 11. ...B x B 12. Q x B B x N 13. Q x B Nf6.) 12. Be3 Kg8 13. Rfel Qd7?! (Possible here was 13. ...g5!?) And if 14. f5 then 14. ...B x B 15. Q x B Nh6, with a hole at e5. At the time, I was making room on e7 for the King Bishop to retreat so I could play ...Nf6.) 14. Bb3! (Ron develops a nice plan--to open the a-file.) 14. ...Be7? (Necessary was 14. ...Qc7 15. f5 Bc8.) 15. f5 B x B 16. a x B (Now the old tactician has a decisive attack.) 16. ...b6 (16. ...a6 was slightly better.) 17. Ra6 Rc8 18. Real c5 (18. ...Bd8 was better.) 19. Nb5! Rc7 20. N x R Q x N 21. Qb5! Nf6! 22. Qa4 b5 23. Q x P+ Qb7 24. Q x Q+ K x Q 25. R x P+ Kc6 26. c4! Bd8 (Also 26. R x B wins, but he can afford to be "fancy.") 27. Rala6+ Bb6 28. b4 and mate next move.

President's Tribute to Ron Gray

All of us associated with North Carolina chess lost a dear friend on December 27 when Ronald Reid Gray passed away at age 49.

Ron was the kind of person who cared about others always before he cared about himself. Frequently, when I was running ragged trying to keep a tournament running properly, Ron would come by, asking if he could help and saying something that would cheer me up. He always conveyed his altruistic nature to me as well as to other people in the state. In addition, his friendly, easy-going nature won him many friends, regardless of what occurred over the board.

Ron was a very active player prior to his passing--probably the most active in North Carolina. His rating fluctuated around the 1700 mark, even though his tactical play was noticeably stronger. Despite hovering around this rating for a prolonged period, nearly everybody knew him around the state, either from L.P.O.'s, Championships (where he often played up), or Rams. He was one of the most popular and most loved players this state has ever known.

He will be a tremendous loss to this organization as well as to the other groups he associated with. His fond memory will be cherished for many years to come.

#### Tribute from George Harwell—Danville, VA

Editor's Note: George Harwell is a long-time friend of the NCCA and was state champion back in the 1960's. He moved from North Carolina in 1982 and found out about Ron's death at a recent Ram.

In the death of Ron Gray, the NCCA has lost an irreplaceable person. Of all the players I have known, none found more pleasure in playing the game just for itself. Nor have any possessed a greater gift of sportsmanship: in victory he was gracious; in defeat, he made no excuses. I think that everyone who knew him will miss him; I know that I shall--greatly and for a long time.

#### Ronald Gray Memorial

On April 14, 1984, in place of Ram XXII, the first annual Ronald Gray Memorial will be held at the Carolina Union on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The tournament will have a regular Ram format in terms of game times but will be played according to rating category, a la Billy Watt Memorial. The prize fund is \$500 guaranteed and the tournament has achieved USCF Grand Prix status.

As the entry fee is low, donations for this year's tournament and future tournaments are being solicited. Donations will be matched by a corporate sponsor on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Donations can be sent to Dr. Will Foster, 3617 Lubbock Dr., Raleigh 27612.

I ask that everybody who can to attend the Ronald Gray Memorial. Ron was always a gracious friend and this tournament has been christened in his loving memory. I hope that you will lend the tournament your support.

For complete details of the tournament, see the Upcoming Tournaments section in this issue or in the April 1984 issue of Chess Life. Very briefly, the round times are 10-2-6, registration is 9:00-9:40, and the entry fee is \$8 for the Open section and \$6 for the other sections, one dollar cheaper in advance.

NEWS-IN-BRIEF

Preview of 1984 North Carolina Scholastics

By Robert Singletary

More than 200 students from around the state are expected to converge on North Garner Middle School April 6-8 for the 12th Annual North Carolina Scholastics. For the first time ever, the tournament will be divided into two sections--elementary and post-elementary.

In the high school division, the team race looks to be most intriguing. The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, which has won the tournament the last two years on tiebreaks over Raleigh Enloe, looks to be a slight favorite. Enloe, which has lost its powerful nucleus of Matthew Noble and Rajesh Maingi, I pick to finish a somewhat distant second. Charlotte Independence, led by John Kirby, is also capable of winning the title, but I pick Independence to finish third barely over Forest Hills, though Forest Hills could conceivably finish as high as second. Raleigh Sanderson and Raleigh Broughton, which won the title four years in a row from 1978-1981, could also provide strong competition, but these past champions are still in the process of rebuilding.

In the individual division, Mark Seawell of Garner and John Kirby of Independence, co-champions in 1983, are the prohibitive favorites. Also expected to provide strong challenges are Kevin Kirby and John Lee of Independence, Jun Versola and Stuart Berkowitz of Enloe, and Jill Wright of Science and Math.

In the middle school division, East Union and Hudson are the class of the state. While Hudson was successful last year, I pick East Union to win the elusive title. The battle for third should prove most interesting, but Martin should make a strong showing. Ligon and Carroll will probably finish fourth and fifth, respectively. Among middle school individuals, Stephane Simpson of Martin, David Schmidt of Ligon, and Venkat Murty are the ones to watch.

In the elementary division, Conn is the heavy favorite while Hunter should finish second, and Aversboro third.

As usual, I will probably be wrong, but it is always fun trying to guess the winners. As for the past winners, a list will be provided next issue.

Joel Benjamin Spring Exhibition Tour

Joel Benjamin, a junior at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut and present Pan-Am champion, will give a series of simultaneous exhibitions in the Carolinas May 18, 19, and 20. Joel, who is presently the highest rated player in the nation with a rating of over 2600, will give a lecture and answer questions before the simul.

Five sites across the Carolinas will hold simultaneous exhibitions. The list of these sites and the contacts are listed below:

Friday, May 18	Raleigh, NC---Robert Singletary (919-782-3809)
Sat., May 19	Winston-Salem, NC---Allen Cooley (919-722-6962)
Sat., May 19	Charlotte, NC---Leland Fuerstman (704-523-2181)
Sunday, May 20	Greenville, SC---Bill Corbett (803-895-2691)
Sunday, May 20	Columbia, SC---Cliff Hyatt (803-787-9636)

Despite the fact that 25 places are available for the simul, places are going extremely fast. If you want to reserve a place, you should call the contact in your area immediately. The entry fee is \$25 with the proceeds benefiting chess club activities in these cities. The simultaneous tour was organized by Leland Fuerstman and the Charlotte Chess Club.

### Bids for Championship Requested

Bids for the 33rd annual North Carolina Championship/David Stern Memorial are being accepted through April 30, 1984. If you are interested in making a bid, please contact Robert Singletary as soon as possible--(919) 933-6033 (weekdays) or 782-3809 (weekends).

Bidders do not have to have concrete details ready when you call, but a general idea of the tournament format would help. The Championship is scheduled as usual for Labor Day Weekend.

### Carolinas Open Approaching

The 1984 Carolinas Open will be held at the University of South Carolina at Lancaster March 10 and 11. The tournament is being organized by Marion Mahaffey, an excellent South Carolina director and organizer.

Details of the Carolinas Open are in the Upcoming Tournaments section and in the March 1984 issue of Chess Life. I encourage everybody who can to attend this event--this tournament is rapidly increasing in popularity, and I assure you the tournament arrangements are excellent.

### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Directors/organizers: Branson Sheets is stepping down as clearinghouse director because he will be attending seminary this fall, and Robert Singletary will take over later this spring. If you need to clear a tournament, talk to either Branson or Robert before scheduling your tournament.

March 10-11

Lancaster, SC

1984 Carolinas Open--University of SC at Lancaster, Starr Hall, Hubbard Dr., Lancaster, SC 29720. In six sections: Open--4-SS, TL 40/2. EF: \$20 if by 3/7, \$25 at site. Rds: 10-3, 9-3. Cat I--4-SS, TL 40/2, open to below 2000. EF: \$20 if by 3/7, \$25 at site. Rds: 10-3, 9-3. Cat II--4-SS, TL 40/2, open to below 1800. EF: \$17 if by 3/7, \$20 at site. Rds: 10-3, 9-3. Cat III--5-SS, TL 40/90, open to below 1600. EF: \$15 if by 3/7, \$18 at site. Rds: 10-2-6, 9-2. Cat IV--5-SS, TL 40/80, open to below 1400 and UNR. EF: \$12 if by 3/7, \$15 at site. Rds: 10-2-6, 9-2. Cat V--5-SS, TL 40/80, open to below 1200, no UNR. EF: \$12 if by 3/7, \$15 at site. Rds: 10-2-6, 9-2. All--state membership required. \$\$G 80%: 40%-20%-10%-10%. Reg: 8:30-9:30. Ent: Marion E. Mahaffey, 1207 Memorial Park Rd., Lancaster, SC 29720. NS. NC.

March 17

Raleigh

2nd Annual Wake County Scholastics (Closed)--5-SS, TL 40/60, G/30, Martin Middle School, 1701 Ridge Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607. Open to Wake County students only. EF: \$2.25. Trophies to top team, individual, girl in each section: high school, middle school, elementary, primary. Reg: 8:30-9:15; Rds: 9:45-12:00-2:15-4:30-6:45. Ent: Robert N. Singletary, 3712 Dade St., Raleigh, NC 27612. NS.

March 17-18

Wilmington

1st Annual Lee O'Bryant Memorial--4-SS, TL 40/110, El Berta Motor Inn, 4505 Market St., Wilmington. \$\$500 b/42 in three sections: Open--\$125-80, Cat. I/below 75. Amateur--limited to below 1800. Cat. II 70, Cat. III/below 65. Novice--limited to below 1400/UNR. Cat. IV/below 55, UNR 30. All--EF: \$13 if received by 3/14, \$15 at site. State membership required. Reg: 11-2; Rds: 2:30-7:30, 10:00-3:30. Ent: David O'Bryant, 739 Eastwood Rd., Wilmington, NC 28403. LS. NC.

March 24

Chapel Hill

Ram XXI/Scholastic Warm-up--3-SS, TL 40/90, 30/1, SD/30, UNC-CH Student Union (Hwy. 54 Business), Chapel Hill 27514. EF: \$7 if received by 3/20, \$8 at site; under 18 \$7. \$\$(\$54 b/12): 36-12-6. Reg: 9:00-9:45; Rds: 10-2-6. Ent: Robert N. Singletary, 20 Old East, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. NS. NC.

April 6-8

Garner

12th Annual North Carolina Scholastics--N. Garner Middle School, Powell Dr., Garner, NC 27529. In two sections: High School/Middle School--6-SS, TL 45/90, G/30, open to NC students grades 6-12. Trophies to top five schools, top four middle schools, top five individuals, top five middle school individuals, top III, IV, V, VI, UNR. Rds: 8, 10-2:30-7, 9-1:30. Elementary section--7-SS, TL 40/1, G/30, open to NC students grades K-5. Team trophies to top five schools, top five individuals, top three K-2. Rds: 8, 10-12:45-3:30-6:15, 9-1:30. Both--EF: \$7 if received by 4/1, \$9 at site. State membership required. Reg: 6-7:15 p.m. Half-point bye available for Sunday morning round if for church service and if requested by 4/1. Top four individual scores form team score, no more than ten players can be on a team. Ent: Robert N. Singletary, Box 6, Carolina Union, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. (919) 933-6033 weekdays, 782-3809 weekends. NS. NC.

April 7-8

Morehead City

6th Annual Morehead City Open--4-SS, TL 45/2, Morehead City Recreation Center, 1600 Fisher St., Morehead City, NC 28557. EF: \$12 if re-

ceived by 4/4, \$15 at site. State membership required. \$\$ (300 b/20): 120-90-60, trophy to first. Reg: 8:45-9:45, Rds: 10-3, 10-3. Ent: Morehead City CC, P.O. Box 3601, Morehead City, NC 28557. NC. LS.

April 7-8

Winston-Salem

Arts City Open--5-SS, TL 40/90, Winston-Salem Hilton Inn, 420 High St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101. In three sections: Open--EF: \$30 if received by 3/26. \$\$ (520 b/20): 250-100-50, under 2000 120. Amateur (open to below 1800)--EF: \$25 if received by 3/26. \$\$ (420 b/20): 200-100, under 1600 120. Reserve (open to under 1400)--EF: \$25 if received by 3/26. \$\$ (420 b/20): 200-100, under 1200/UNR 120. All--EF: \$5 more at site (state membership required). Reg: 8:30-9:45, Rds: 10-2-7, 9-2. HR: 35. Ent: Allen Cooley, 116 S. Marshall St., Apt. No. 1, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. (919) 722-6962. LS.

April 14

Grand Prix Tmmt.

Chapel Hill

Ronald Gray Memorial/Ram XXII--3-SS, TL 40/90, 30/1, Carolina Union (Hwy. 54 Business), UNC-CH, Chapel Hill 27514. In four sections: Open--\$\$G 150-100. Cat. II--\$\$G 70-30. Cat. III--\$\$G 50-25. Cat. IV/below--\$\$G 50-25. All--EF: \$6 (\$8 for open), \$1 less if received by 4/10 (state membership required). Reg: 9:00-9:45, Rds: 10-2-6. Ent: Robert N. Singletary, Box 6, Carolina Union 065A, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. NS. NC.

Grand Prix Pts. Available: 5

April 28

Grand Prix Tmmt.

Statesville

1984 Billy Watt Memorial--3-SS, TL 40/90, 40/1, Bristol Rd. Community Center, Statesville 28677. In five sections--Open, Cat. I, Cat. II, Cat. III, Cat. IV/below/UNR. All--EF: \$5 if received by 4/21, \$6 at site. State membership required. \$\$G 1000: Open 150-100, Cat. I 100-60-40, Cat. II 100-60-40, Cat. III 100-60-40, Cat. IV 75-50-25. Reg: 9:00-9:45, Rds: 10:10-2-6. Ent: Robert N. Singletary, 20 Old East, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. NS. NC.

Grand Prix Pts. Available: 5

May 5

Morehead City

Down Eastener XI--3-SS, TL 40/90, Webb Library, 107 S. 9th St., Morehead City, NC 28557. EF: \$5 if received by 5/1, \$6 at site. State membership required. \$\$ (25 b/8): 25 and trophy to first each section. Reg: 9:15-9:45, Rds: 10-2-6. Ent: Morehead City Chess Club, c/o Donald V. Miller II, 206 N. 6th St., Morehead City, NC 28557. (919) 726-1918. LS. NC.

June 2

Morehead City

Down Eastener XII--See Down Eastener XI.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Winter Open  
Morehead City, NC

January 7, 1984  
Director: Donald Miller

1. Robert Singletary	1716	W 9	D 2	W 7	D 5	3.0	\$35.00
2. Jeffry Walsh	1565	W 8	D 1	W10	D 4	3.0	\$35.00
3. Anthony Bell	1371	L10	Bye	W12	W 6	3.0	\$35.00
4. David Parker	1834	W13	W 6	L 5	D 2	2.5	
5. Paul Hargett	2023	D 7	D 8	W 4	D 1	2.5	
6. John Smith	1634	W12	L 4	W11	L 3	2.0	
7. Stuart Berkowitz	1632	D 5	W13	L 1	D 8	2.0	
8. Cliff Merrill	1780	L 2	D 5	W13	D 7	2.0	
9. E. Patterson	1393	L 1	L12	Bye	W11	2.0	
10. James Blanning	1714	W 3	D11	L 2	Unp	1.5	
11. Richard Hasz	1258	Bye	D10	L 6	L 9	1.5	
12. Fred Quick	UNR	L 6	W 9	L 3	L13	1.0	
13. Pat Nelson	1606	L 4	L 7	L 8	W12	1.0	

Nova #5  
Winston-Salem, NC

January 7, 1984  
Director: Allen Cooley

1. Leland Fuerstman	2153	W10	L 8	Unp	1.0		
2. Allen Cooley	2084	W 4	W 9	D 3	2.5	\$15.00	
3. Tony Magee	1936	W 5	W10	D 2	2.5	\$15.00	
4. Marion Mahaffey	1802	L 2	L 6	L 7	0.0		
5. Greg Hall	1771	L 3	W 7	Unp	1.0		
6. Billy Gentry	1621	L 8	W 4	W10	2.0	\$50.00	
7. Bradley Fowler	1566	L 9	L 5	W 4	1.0		
8. Carl Morris	1555	W 6	W 1	W 9	3.0	\$120.00	
9. Amon Funderburk	1554	W 7	L 2	L 8	1.0		
10. Phillip Cousins	1253	L 1	L 3	L 6	0.0		

Ram XIX  
Chapel Hill, NC

January 14, 1984  
Director: Robert Singletary

1. Greg Samsa	2330	D 5	W 8	D 2	2.0	\$ 4.00	
2. Bill Mason	2173	W 6	W 4	D 1	2.5	\$20.00	
3. Dan Liu	2132	W 7	L 5	D 6	1.5		
4. Rex Demers	2107	W 8	L 2	D 5	1.5		
5. Bernard Schmidt	2101	D 1	W 3	D 4	2.0	\$ 4.00	
6. Allen Cooley	2097	L 2	W 7	D 3	1.5		
7. Dana Nance	2075	L 3	L 6	W 8	1.0		
8. Mark Becker	2050	L 4	L 1	L 7	0.0		
9. William B. Henson	2044	W13	L11	L14	1.0		
10. Robin Cunningham	2042	W14	L16	W12	2.0	\$ 6.00	
11. Alexander Keyes	1964	W15	W 9	L16	2.0	\$ 6.00	
12. Matthew Noble	1961	L16	D14	L10	0.5		
13. Rajesh Maingi	1945	L 9	L15	W24	1.0		
14. Frank Necci	1942	L10	D12	W 9	1.5		
15. Ken Baxter	1934	L11	W13	Unp	1.0		
16. Glenn Evans	1916	W12	W10	W11	3.0	\$20.00	



17.	John Risk	1905	L21	W22	L20	1.0	
18.	Mark Seawell	1902	W22	W21	D23	2.5	\$16.00
19.	John W. Thompson	1861	L23	W24	L21	1.0	
20.	James G. Troy	1857	W24	D23	W17	2.5	\$16.00
21.	Ray Freeman	1845	W17	L18	W19	2.0	
22.	W. W. Foster	1844	L18	L17	Unp	0.0	
23.	James C. Thompson	1844	W19	D20	D18	2.0	
24.	Alan Patrick	1841	L20	L19	L13	0.0	
25.	Cliff Merrill	1805	D29	L27	W32	1.5	
26.	Seth Rothman	1787	L30	W32	W29	2.0	\$ 6.00
27.	Allen Chandler	1763	D31	W25	W28	2.5	\$20.00
28.	Bennett Karp	1721	W32	W30	L27	2.0	\$ 6.00
29.	Larry Williams	1666	D25	W31	L26	1.5	
30.	Stephen Styers	1648	W26	L28	L31	1.0	
31.	Stuart Berkowitz	1632	D27	L29	W30	1.5	
32.	Patrick Nelson	1606	L28	L26	L25	0.0	
33.	Stuart Long	1589	W37	D34	W40	2.5	\$20.00
34.	Albert Carlson	1585	W38	D33	L35	1.5	
35.	Hugh Reinhart	1563	D39	L40	W34	1.5	
36.	James C. Thompson	1547	L40	W39	L38	1.0	
37.	Joseph Helton	1507	L33	Unp	Unp	0.0	
38.	Alfred Sternberg	1502	L34	Bye	W36	2.0	\$ 6.00
39.	John E. Thomas	1479	D35	L36	Unp	0.5	
40.	Wayne Stuart	1478	W36	W35	L33	2.0	\$ 6.00
41.	Jeff Walker	1382	D45	W44	L43	1.5	
42.	I-Win Huang	1358	W48	L43	W46	2.0	\$ 6.00
43.	Bruce Holland	1332	W46	W42	W41	3.0	\$18.00
44.	Daniel Hilbert	1310	W47	L41	W48	2.0	\$ 6.00
45.	Richard Hasz	1310	D41	L48	W47	1.5	
46.	Russell Dean	1309	L43	W47	L42	1.0	
47.	Randy Church	1208	L44	L46	L45	0.0	
48.	Margaret Wagner	1183	L42	W45	L44	1.0	
49.	Richard Ward	1155	W55	L57	W58	2.0	
50.	Dennis Harden	1123	W56	W38	L54	2.0	
51.	William Wagner	1123	L57	W55	W59	2.0	
52.	I-Zu Huang	1033	L58	L56	L60	0.0	
53.	Willie Adderholdt	889	L59	L60	W55	1.0	
54.	Jesse Jackson	UNR	W60	W59	W50	3.0	\$24.00
55.	Denise Johnson	UNR	L49	L51	L53	0.0	
56.	Fred Quick	UNR	L50	W52	L57	1.0	
57.	Steve Stutts	UNR	W51	W49	W56	3.0	\$24.00
58.	Mark Sumner	UNR	W52	L50	L49	1.0	
59.	Tommy Hales	UNR	W53	L54	L51	1.0	
60.	Ricky Barnes	UNR	L54	W53	W52	2.0	

NORTH CAROLINA RATING LIST

This list was compiled by Stuart Berkowitz from the 1983 Annual Rating List. All players who are listed from North Carolina are included. The junior list consists of those players eligible for the 1984 North Carolina Scholastics. A full list will be provided next issue.

REGULAR:

1. G Samsa	2335	54. J F Pietras	1872	111. R Dennis	1716
2. R Kolvick	2326	56. L Goldberg	1869	111. R Singletary	1716
3. J Mottonen	2269	56. C Morgan	1869	113. J Blanning	1714
4. N Harris	2196	58. J Troy	1859	114. D Rubenis	1713
5. D Steele	2185	59. B Goodyear	1855	115. P Spurrier	1707
6. L Fuerstman	2153	60. J W Thompson	1853	116. J B Lee	1705
7. D Liu	2132	61. J McCarthy	1852	117. D Overcash	1696
8. C Alden	2128	62. W Foster	1844	118. D Morse	1693
9. L Taylor	2127	62. J C Thompson	1844	119. T Powell	1692
10. M Smith-Soto	2106	64. A Patrick	1841	120. R Starnes	1687
11. J Watson	2103	65. R Freeman	1835	121. R Bell	1686
12. R Demers	2101	66. D Parker	1834	121. J R Lee	1686
12. B Schmidt	2101	67. K Williams	1833	123. G Van Nynat.	1684
14. A Cooley	2084	68. A Ahmadiéh	1832	124. A Fix	1681
15. T Tellefson	2081	68. R Dolinger	1832	125. I Engel	1678
16. D Nance	2075	70. M Wilson	1830	126. F Slocum	1675
17. S Cabaniss	2072	71. M Scott	1828	127. L Williams	1674
17. J Dupree	2072	72. R Stancil	1824	128. J Versola	1669
19. T Newman	2057	73. N Hornstein	1804	129. R Moore	1667
20. P Hargett	2055	73. G Klintworth	1804	130. C Graham	1661
21. J Hardy	2051	75. J Ryan	1802	131. N Thabit	1653
22. M Becker	2043	76. J Johnson	1801	132. R Davis	1643
23. E Yancey	2039	77. J W Wright	1799	133. J White	1641
24. R Simpson	2025	78. U Hellsten	1795	134. L Cecil	1638
25. P Steeg	2024	79. W Daugherty	1794	134. F Stone	1638
26. R Cunningham	1983	80. C Watson	1791	136. S Styers	1637
27. K J Baxter	1981	81. A Lipkin	1790	137. T Brenneman	1635
28. F Oliveira	1967	81. G Melton	1790	137. B Hancoth	1635
29. A Cruz	1965	83. A Davidson	1787	139. D McKay	1629
30. A Keyes	1964	84. G Bunich	1785	140. S Berkowitz	1627
31. M Noble	1961	85. J Dutton	1781	141. L Richardson	1625
32. J Kirby	1957	86. W Hargrove	1780	142. E Singer	1624
33. R Spurrier	1954	86. C Merrill	1780	143. W Thompson	1622
34. S Herman	1953	88. W Strutton	1776		
35. J Rayfield	1952	89. M Cranford	1775	<u>JUNIOR:</u>	
36. M Colucci	1949	90. W Covington	1771	1. J Kirby	1957
36. J L Osborne	1949	90. G Hall	1771	2. M Seawell	1902
38. M Smith	1944	92. S White	1768	3. K Kirby	1751
39. F Necci	1942	93. K Baxter	1766	4. J R Lee	1686
39. D O'Bryant	1942	94. D Griffin	1764	5. F Slocum	1675
41. T Magee	1936	95. R Gray	1763	6. J Versola	1669
42. R Peele	1927	96. S Perkins	1762	7. D McKay	1629
43. R Maingi	1924	97. D Fox	1761	8. S Berkowitz	1627
44. W Henson	1921	98. B Burke	1754	9. B Kearns	1616
44. T Wilson	1921	98. K E Johnson	1754	10. J Wright	1582
46. R Smith	1915	100. K Kirby	1751	11. B Hurst	1576
47. J Brooks	1909	101. D Antczak	1746	12. T Cato	1575
48. J Risk	1905	102. A Chandler	1742	13. J Lassiter	1563
49. M Seawell	1902	103. D Richards	1739	14. J Thompson	1547
50. M Hart	1901	104. A Patel	1734	15. B Turpin	1539
51. C Fisher	1890	105. J Clifford	1731	16. T Falk	1535
52. J Tobin	1884	106. R Peterson	1727	17. E Biddix	1512
53. G Brown	1876	107. P Smith	1724	18. J Helton	1507
54. N Neel	1872	108. B Karp	1721	19. S Simpson	1506
		108. T Ragins	1721	20. D Schmidt	1499
		110. R Steward	1719		

## GAMES

Selecting the following games to print was a real treat, as the quality of the recent crop of game submissions was much higher than in the past. Indeed, it was too hard to select a single game as "Game of the Month," with Rajesh Maingi, Tony Magee, and Frank Necci turning in brilliancies. The game K. Kirby- J.Dutton is also worthy of study; can anyone out there find a win for White?

Now aware that so much talent roams about the state, and to encourage further game submissions, I propose a new contest, for "1984 Game of the Year." The contest is open only to NCCA members, and the game must be played in a USCF-rated event (not necessarily in North Carolina, but a tournament or team match, not an individual match, in 1984). Players must attest that their entries are legitimate, and any instances of falsification or creative collusion will be held up for public censure. Judging will be done fairly, objectively, and extremely competently by a select panel of one, myself (with a little help from my friends). The prize? A whopping 25 dollars, to be contributed by the same fair and almost incorruptable judge. So next time you feel like dropping out of a tournament because you're out of contention for the class prize, stay with it; transcend grubbing for rating points and try being artistic -- you still can be a hero.

RUY LOPEZ (MARSHALL ATTACK) Charles Alden

1983 North Carolina Championship

Richard Smith Frank Necci

- |             |          |   |
|-------------|----------|---|
| 1. e4       | e5       | (a) avoiding any possibility of             |
| 2. Nf3      | Nc6      | 5... Be7 6.Bxc6 entering the Delayed        |
| 3. Bb5      | a6       | Exchange Ruy Lopez Deferred, shown by       |
| 4. Ba4      | Nf6      | Pickett to be advantageous to white.        |
| 5. 0-0      | b5 (a)   |   |
| 6. Bb3      | Be7      | (b) entering the Herman Steiner             |
| 7. Re1      | 0-0      | Variation of the Marshall Attack.           |
| 8. c3       | d5       |   |
| 9. ed       | e4!?     | (c) if 15.Qe3 then f4 with excellent        |
| 10. Ng5     | Bg4      | attacking chances                           |
| 11. Qc2     | Ne5      |   |
| 12. Nxe4    | Nxe4     | (d) MCO gives 17.Re5 Bxf3 18.Nd2            |
| 13. Qxe4    | Bd6      | Qg4+ 19.Kf1 Qg2+ 20.Ke1 & white escaped     |
| 14. d4      | f5       | Korchnoi - Zhuvavlev, USSR semi-final 1951. |
| 15. Qc2 (c) | Nf3 +    |   |
| 16. gf      | Qh4      | (e) 20...gf 21.Bxf2 Rxf2+ 22.Qxf2           |
| 17. f4 (d)  | Qxh2 +   | Rf8 23.Qxf8+ Kxf8 24.Re2 Qh1+ & black's     |
| 18. Kf1     | fg !     | queen should rule.                          |
| 19. Be3     | g3       |   |
| 20. Na3     | Rae8 (e) | (f) if 21.Ke2 gf 22.Rf1 Rxe3+ 23.Kxe3       |
| 21. f4 (f)  | Qh1 +    | Bf4+ 24.Kd3 (if 24.Kd2 Re8+ 25.Kd1 Qh5+     |
| 22. Ke2     | Rxe3 +   | 26.Qe2 Qxe2 mate) Qg3+ 26.Ke2 Re8+ 27.Kd1   |
| 23. Kd2 (g) | Qg2 +    | Qf3+ etc.                                   |
| 24. Kd1     | Qf3 +    |   |
| 25. Qe2     | Rxe2     | (g) if 23.Kxe3 Re8+ 24.Kd3 (if 24.Kd2       |
| 26. Rxe2    | Re8      | Bxf4+ etc.) Qf3+ etc.                       |
| 27. Resigns |          |   |

(annotation by Frank Necci)

RUY LOPEZ

RAM XV Aug. 20, 1983  
R. Maing1 J. Versola

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4  
Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Nxe4 7.d4 d5  
8.de Be6 9.Be3 Bc5?!(Dubious;  
preferable is 9...Nc5) 10.Rel!  
0-0 11.Nbd2 Bxe3 12.Rxc3 Nc5  
13.c3 Ne7 14.Bc2 Bf4 15.Nd4!  
Bxc2 16.Qxc2 Ne6 17.N2b3 Ng6  
18.Raf1 Ngf4 19.Kh1! c5!? 20.Nxe6  
Nxe6 21.f4 d4 22.Rh3 h6 23.Nd2!  
c5 24.Ne4 d3 25.Qd1 Qe7? 26.Qh5!  
Nc5 27.Nf6ch! Kh8 28.Qxh6ch!!  
Black Resigns (28...gh 29.Rxh6ch  
Kg7 30.Rh7ch Kg6 31.f5ch Kg5  
32.h4 checkmate)

(Notes by Rajesh Maing1)

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE

Nova #4 Dec. 10, 1983

L. Fuerstman T. Magee

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e5 d4 4.ef dc  
5.fg cdch 6.Bxd2 Bxg7 7.Qh5 Qd4  
8.c3 Qe4ch 9.Qe2 Bf5 10.Qxe4 Bxe4  
11.0-0-0 Nd7 12.f3 Bg6 13.Ne2 e5  
14.g4 0-0-0 15.Be3 Nc5!(This must  
have been a real surprise!)  
16.Bxc5 Bh6ch 17.f4 ef 18.Rxd8ch  
Rxd8 19.Nd4 f3ch 20.Kd1 Be4  
21.g5 Bxg5 22.Bh3ch f5 23.Rel  
Kb8 24.Ba3 a5 25.b4 ab 26.Bcl  
Bh4 27.Bf4 bc 28.Be5 c2ch 29.Kcl  
Bxel 30.Nxc2 Bxc2 31.Kxc2 Rd2ch  
32.Kb3 f2 33.Bf1 Kc8 34.Bf4 Rd4  
35.Be3 Re4 36.Bg5 Ba5 0-1

FRENCH DEFENSE

Jacksonville USO Oct. 22, 1983  
G. Risk J. Smith

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4.e5  
Qd7 5. Nf3 b6 6.a3 Bxc3 7.cb Ba6  
8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.a4 c5 10.0-0 Ne7  
11.Qe2 Nb8 12.Ba3 c4 13.Rfel h5  
14.Ng5 Nf5 15.Nh3 Nc6 16.Nf4 h4  
17.Nh5 0-0-0 18.Reb1 Rh7 19.Qd1  
Rdh8 20.Nf4 g5 21.Ne2 g4 22.Qc1  
g3 23.fg hg 24.h3 Qd8 25.Qb2 Qg8  
26.Qb5 Kb7 27.a5 Rxh3! 28.gh Rxh3  
29.ab Rh1ch! 30.Kxh1 Qh7ch 31.Kg2  
Qh2ch 32.Kf3 Qh5ch 33.Kg2 Qxe2ch  
34.Kh3 Qh5ch 35.Kg2 Qe2ch 36.Kh3  
Qh2ch 37.Kg4 Qh4ch 38.Kf3 Qe4mate

BENONI

Jacksonville USO Oct. 22, 1983  
U. Hellsten P. Hargett

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 c5 4. d5 d6  
5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 Na6 7.Bg5 Nc7 8.Qd2  
h6 9.Bf4 Bd7 10.e5 de 11.Nxe5 Bf5  
12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nh4? 14.Nxg6!  
Nxf4 15.Nxf4 Qd6 16.Nfe2 b6 17.0-0  
0-0-0 18.a4 e6 19.Nb5 Nxb5 20.ab  
Kb7 21.Ra2 ed 22.Qf3 Be5 23.Rfal  
Ra8 24.Qxf7ch Kb8 25.Rxa7 Rxa7  
26.Rxa7 1-0

DUTCH DEFENSE

Slim Jim V Aug. 17, 1983  
Goldburg K. Kirby

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3  
Be7 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bd3 d6 7.Qe2  
Qe8 8.e4 fe 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Qxe4  
g6 11.Bh6 Rf7 12.0-0-0 Bf8  
13.Bxf8 Qxf8 14.Kb1 Nc6 15.Ng5  
Rxf2 16.Nxh7 (Flashy, but with  
such a huge lead in development  
had many choices; R(either)f1  
might have been even stronger)  
Qg7 17.Qxg6 Qxg6 18.Bxg6 Rxg2  
19.Be4 Rf2 20.c3 e5 21.Rdfl  
Rxf1ch 22.Rxf1 ed (Black is  
really in a tough spot; his  
Bishop has no move!) 23.Nf6ch  
Kg7 24.Ne8ch Kg8 25.Nxc7 Rb8  
26.cd Nxd4 27.h4 Bd7 28.Bd5ch  
Kg7 29.Rf7ch 1-0

HUNGARIAN DEFENSE

Slim Jim V Aug. 10, 1983  
K. Kirby M. Mahaffey

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.d4  
ed 5.Nxd4 Ne5 6.Bb3 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0  
8.f4 Nc6 9.Nxc6 dc 10.e5 Bc5ch  
11.Kh1 Ne4 12.Qf3 Qd4 13.c3 Nf2ch  
14.Kg1 Nh3ch 15.Kh1  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

## SANSa - SCHMIDT 1983 NC Invitational Rd. 3

(1) d4 Bf6

(2) Nc3 d5

(3) Bg5 Nc6 Stressing rapid development against White's system. However, since the white squared bishop has no reasonable alternative other than to play to f5, it would be more accurate to play (3)...Bf5 immediately.

(4) Bf6 gf Cr (4)...ef (5) e3 Bf5 (6) Nge2 ±

(5) e3 Bf5

(6) g4! The idea is to isolate black's queen bishop on the king's side. A similar idea utilizing piece play is (6) Nge2 h5! . Also, (6) Qf3 Nb4! . (6) Bd3 is insipid.

(6) Bg6

(7) Bb5 If instead (7) h4 h5!

(7) Qd6

(8) Nge2 000

(9) Nf4 Nb4?! (9)...e6 defends the weak d5 square and stabilizes Black's position. There might follow

(10) h4 h5 (11) Nh5! and the first player, in my opinion, stands somewhat better in this dynamic position. The idea of this and similar variations is that White must use piece play in order to create a bind that prevents the second player from opening the game for his two bishops. For example,

(11)...e5 (12) Bc6 Qc6 (13) Qf3! ± or (11)...Bh5 (12) gh e5 (13) de fe (14) Gg4 ±

(10) Ba4 Bh6? (10)...e5 seems a necessary followup, attempting at all costs to open the position.

After (11) Ng6 hg (12) a3 Nc6 (13) Nb5 Qe6 (14) c3

or (12)...Na6 (13) b4 White stands better but the struggle lies ahead.

(11) a3 Bf4

(12) ab Bh6

(13) Bb3 Forking the d and a pawns, both of which are important defenders of Black's king. Both of Black's bishops are underemployed.

(13) Kb8

(14) Ra7 (14) h4 wins also (i.e. (14)...Be4 (15) Rh3 Bg2

(16) Rg3 Rh1 buries the bishop) but I wanted to attack.

Of course, if now (14)...Ka7 (15) Nb5 +-

(14) Qb4

(15) Ra4 Qd6

(16) Bd5 c6

(17) Bg2 f5

(18) 00! Simpler than (18) gf Bf5 which allows Black's queen bishop to return to play.

(18) fg This pawn only serves to provide cover for White's king.

(19) e4 It is clear that White can flush out the Black king at will. Therefore, he organizes his attack so that the d file will be opened when Black's king attempts to flee.

(19) e5

(20) d5 Qc5

(21) Qa1 f5

(22) b4 Qb6

(23) ef Bf5

(24) dc bc

(25) Ra6

(1:0) Annotations by Greg Sansa.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

N.C. Championships Sept. 5, 1983

K. Kirby J. Dutton  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.d3 Nf6  
 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Nf3 d6 7.Be3 O-O 8.Qd2  
 Nge4 9.Bf4 Nge5 10.h4 Bg4 11.Nxe5  
 Nxe5 12.Bh6 Bf3 13.Kf1 Qd7 14.Bxf3  
 Nxf3 15.Qf4 Ne5 16.h5 Qg4 17.Qxg4  
 Nng4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Ke2 e6 20.Rh4  
 f5 21.hg hg 22.Rah1 Nf6 23.Nb5  
 Rad8 24.Nxd6 Rxd6 25.e5 Rb6 26.efch  
 Kxf6 27.b3 Rf7 28.g4 Rc6 29.f4  
 Ke7 30.gf ef 31.Rh1 Rb6?32.Rxf7ch  
 Kxf7 33.Rh7ch Kf6 34.Rc7 g5 35.fgch  
 Kxg5 36.Rxc5 Kf4 37.Kf2 Ra6 38.a4  
 Rh6 39.Rc4ch Kg5 40.Kg3 Rh7 41.Rc8  
 Rg7 42.Kf3 (White should instead  
 begin pushing his d pawn) Kf6 43.c4  
 Rd7 44.Ke3 Re7ch 45.Kf4 Rd7  
 46.Rf8ch Ke6 47.Re8ch Kf7 48.Re3  
 Kf6 49.Rh3 Rd4ch 50.Ke3 Rd7 51.d4  
 Re7ch 52.Kd3 f4 53.d5 Kf5 54.d6 Re1  
 55.Kd2 Re8 56.Rh7 b6 57.Rxa7 Rd8

58.d7 Ke4 59.Ke2 f3ch 60.Kf2 Kf4  
 61.a5 Rh8 62.d8(Q) Rxd8 63.Rf7ch  
 Ke4 64.ab Rd2ch 65.Ke1 Rb2 66.c5  
 Rxb3 67.Rf6 Rb2 68.c6 Rxb6 69.c7  
 Rxf6 70.c8(Q) f2ch 71.Kf1 Rf4  
 72.Qe6ch Kf3 73.Qe5 Kg4 74.Qe2ch  
 Kf5  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Big Boy V Feb.23, 1983

Rayfield L. Fuerstman  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 Nf6  
 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Bd2 d6 8.Bd3  
 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Qe2 Nc6  
 12.g5 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Nd7 14.h4 Bh5  
 (The four moves White spent pushing  
 his Kingside pawns have only  
 loosened his own position.)  
 15.Qe3 Nc5 16.Bc4 b5 17.Bd5 Rc8  
 18.g6 hg 19.Ng5 O-O 20.f4 b4  
 21.Bxc6 bc 22.Bd5 cb 23.Rbl ef  
 24.Qxf4 Ne6! (The Black forces  
 will now pour into White's  
 shattered position) 25.Nxe6 fe  
 26.Bxe6ch Kh7 27.Qd2 Rb8 28.Rh3  
 Qf6 29.Bc4 Rb4! 30.Bd3 Rxe4ch!  
 0-1

SCOTCH GAME

Big Boy V Feb. 16, 1983

L. Fuerstman McCarthy  
 1.e4 e5 2.d4 ed 3.Nf3 Bc5 4.Bc4  
 Ne7 5.Ng5 d5 6.ed Qd6 7.O-O O-O  
 8.Ne4 Qb6 9.b3 Re8 10.Rel (Some  
 would prefer to apply the pressure  
 with 10.Nxc5, 11.Ba3 and 12.Rel;  
 while the text looks slower, it  
 results in exchanging Black's KB  
 for White's less active (N) Bb4  
 11.Nbd2 Nbd2 12.a3 Bxd2 (Now Black  
 might consider 12...Bd6) 13.Bxd2  
 Nf6 14.Ng5 Qd6 15.Bb4 Qf4 16.Bxe7  
 Qxg5 17.Bxf6 Rxelch 18.Qxel gf  
 19.Qe8ch Kg7 20.d6 cd 21.Qxf7ch Kh6  
 22.Qf8ch Qg7 23.Qxd6 Bh3 24.Qf4ch  
 Kh5 25.Be2ch Bg4 26.Qf5ch Qg5  
 27.Qxh7ch 1-0

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Slim Jim IV July 20, 1983

J. Tobin L. Fuerstman  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.O-O  
 Bg7 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Rel Qc7 7.h3 d6  
 8.d4 cd 9.Nxd4 O-O 10.Be3 Nxd4  
 11.Bxd4 e5 12.Be3 Be6 13.Qd2 Rfd8  
 14.Bg5 (White has drifted into an  
 uncomfortable position, having lost  
 a couple of tempo early on and  
 about to lose another with his KB.  
 Meanwhile Black simply develops  
 normally and prepares the favor-  
 able breakthrough ...d5) a6  
 15.Bf1 Rac8 16.Rac8 Rd7 17.f3 d5  
 18.ed Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Rxd5 20.Qf2  
 e4! 21.Be3 ef 22.c4 Re5 23.Bf4 fg  
 24.Bxe5 gf(Q)ch 25.Qxf1 Bxe5 0-1

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Morehead City June 11, 1983

L. Fuerstman U. Hellsten  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd 4.Nxd4  
 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Bc4 Bxc3  
 8.bc Qa5 9.Qd3 a6 10.O-O b5 11.Bb3  
 Qc7 12.Ba3 Na5 13.Bd6 Qc6 14.Nxe5  
 Qxe4 15.Rael Nxb3???! 16.Rxe4 Nd2  
 17.Re2 Bb7 18.Nc6ch Nde5 19.Qxe4ch  
 Nxe4 20.Rxe4 mate

## SICILIAN DEFENSE

Jacksonville USO Oct. 23, 1983  
 Ben Henson Paul Hargett  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cd 4.Qxd4  
 Nf6 5.Bb5 a6 6.e5 ab 7.ef ef 8.0-0  
 d5 9.Relch Be6 10.Nc3 Be7 11.Bh6  
 Nc6 12.Qh4 f5 13.Ng5 Qd7 14.Bg7  
 Rg8 15.Bh6 b4 16.Nb5 0-0-0 17.Qg3  
 Bc5 18.a3 ba 19.Nxa3 Nd4 20.Qd3  
 f4 21.Nxe6 Nxe6 22.Nb5 Qc6 23.b4  
 Bb6 24.Bg5! Nxc5 25.Re7 Kb8 26.Qa3  
 Bxf2ch 27.Kxf2 Qa6 28.Qxa6 ba  
 29.Rxa6 Rge8 30. Rb6ch 1-0

## SICILIAN DEFENSE

Jacksonville USO Oct. 22, 1983  
 C. Watson Patterson  
 1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd 3.c3 d3 4.Bxd3 d6  
 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nge7  
 8.Rel Ng6 9.Na3 a6 10.Nc2 b5  
 11.Bb3 Be7 12.a4 Na5 13.Ncd4 Nxb3  
 14.Qxb3 Bd7 15.ab ab 16.Rxa8 Qxa8  
 17.Nxb5 0-0 18.N5d4 Rb8 19.Qc2 e5  
 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.ef Nh4 22.Nxh4 Bxh4  
 23.g3 Bf6 24.b4 d5 25.Bd2 Qc6  
 26.Rcl e4 27.c4 d4 28.b5 Qb7  
 29.Rel d3 30.Qb3 g6 31.fg hg  
 32.h4 Bd4 33.Bc3 Rd8? (...Bc5 and  
 Black would still have good chances  
 at maintaining a blockade) 34.Bxd4  
 Rxd4 35.Rdl d2 36.c5 Rd3 37.Qc4  
 Qe7 38.c6 Qe5 39.c7 Rxcg3ch 40.Kf1  
 1-0

## ENGLISH

RAM XV Aug. 20, 1983  
 Berkowitz Cramer

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3  
 Bb7 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.b3 0-0  
 8.Ne5 Qc8 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Bxc6 dc  
 11.Bb2 Rd8 12.Qc2 Rd7 13.Rad1 a6  
 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 c5 16.Qg4 g6  
 17.Qf4 Qd8 18.h4 Bd6 19.Qf3 Be7  
 20.h5 Qf8 21.hg hg 22.Kg2 f6  
 23.Rh1 Rad8 24.d3 e5 25.Qg4 Qg7  
 26.Qe6ch Kf8 27.Bcl g5 28.Rh5  
 Qf7? (...Rd6 followed by ...Ke8  
 seems the only attempt at  
 survival) 29.Rh8ch Kg7 30.Rh7ch  
 1-0

## QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Lancaster S.C. June 26, 1983  
 Hill L. Fuerstman

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Be7  
 5.d4 0-0 6.Bd3 a6 7.Ne5 dc 8.Bxc4  
 b5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.f4 c5  
 12.b3 cd 13.ed Nxe5 14.fe Qxd4ch  
 15.Kg1 Qxe5 16.Bb2 Bd6 17.Kg1 Qxh2ch  
 18.Kf2 Qxc2ch 19.Ke3 Bc5ch 20.Kf4  
 g5ch 21.Ke5 and White resigned  
 before Black could play Nd7 mate.

## ENGLISH OPENING

New Orleans 1983  
 W.W.Foster Jude Acers

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3  
 Bb4 5.Bg2 Bxc3 (In a series of  
 games Acers repeatedly played  
 this move; Will asks if this is  
 correct? We suspect it is; White  
 maintains an edge if allowed to  
 play Nd5, and the point of Bb4 is  
 to trade off the White QN and  
 contest d5.) 6.bc d6 7.d3 0-0  
 8.0-0 Re8 9.e4 a6 10.a4 Bd7 11.a5  
 b5 12.Qc2 bc 13.dc Be6 14.c5 (This  
 sacrifice to free the Bishops comes  
 too late to offer White relief.  
 The real problem was that White's  
 previous four moves on the Queen-  
 side were an empty demonstration.  
 Black now takes over the board.)  
 dc 15.Rdl Qe7 16.Bf1 Rab8 17.c4?  
 (White cannot allow the Knight  
 such easy access) Bg4 18.Be2 Bxf3  
 19.Bxf3 Nd4 20.Qc3 Rb3 0-1

## POLISH OPENING

Morehead City Aug. 13, 1983  
 L. Fuerstman Smith

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.b5 d6 4.c4 Be6  
 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Be2 h6 8.0-0  
 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.d4 e4? 11.Nfd2 d5  
 12.cd Bxd5 13.Nc3 c5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5  
 15.cd Nxc5 16.Nxe4 Nb4 17.Qc3 Ne6  
 18.Rfd1 Qb6 19.Rd7 Rac8 20.Rxe7  
 Rxc3 21.Rxe8ch Nf8 22.Nxc3 Nc2  
 23.Rcl Qg6 24.Nd5 1-0

NORTH CAROLINA GRAND PRIX

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\$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			

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1. Stuart Berkowitz	5.0	1. Bill Mason	5.0
1. Anthony Bell	5.0	1. Hugh Reinhart	5.0
1. Allen Chandler	5.0	1. Robert Singletary	5.0
1. Rex Demers	5.0	1. Mark Smith-Soto	5.0
1. Glenn Evans	5.0	1. Steve Stutts	5.0
1. Bruce Holland	5.0	1. James Thompson	5.0
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