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THE 1983 N.C. SCHOLASTICS: THE TRADITION CONTINUES

By Robert Singletary

142 Participate in 1983 N.C. Scholastics

A record 142 players representing 29 schools participated in the 1983 North Carolina Scholastics held at Carroll Middle School in Raleigh April 8-10. When the dust finally cleared, Enloe and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics tied for top team and Mark Seawell and John Kirby tied for top individual.

There were no major upsets in the first round as only one of the top thirty seeds lost. Enloe A, Enloe B, Forest Hills, and NCSSM A all had four points in the high school division; Hudson and Carroll had four points

in the middle school division while East Union A, Ligon, and Martin had three; and in the elementary division Hunter led with two.

Again, there were no major upsets in the second round as nine of the top ten seeds had two points. Enloe A and NCSSM A had eight points while Forest Hills was third in the high school division with seven; in the middle school division Carroll and Hudson were tied for first with 7.5 while East Union A was a distant third with 5; and in the elementary division Conn A picked up three points to go to 3.5 while Hunter was still at 2.

The biggest upset of the tournament came in the third round as fifth-seeded Rajesh Maingi (1819) of Enloe A was upset by 28th-seeded Edward Biddix (1341) of East Union A. The upset left Enloe A and NCSSM A tied with 11.5 while Forest Hills was third with 9.5 in the high school division; East Union A picked up four points to move to 9 while Hudson and Carroll were tied with 8.5 in the junior high division; and in the elementary division Conn A moved to 4.5, Hunter moved to 4, and Aversboro picked up 3.5 (all in the third round).

There were several key upsets in the fourth round: Edward Biddix (1341) of East Union A knocked off 6th-seeded David McKay (1638) of Enloe A; 21st-seeded Kevin Kirby (1391) of Albemarle Rd. knocked off 7th-seeded Jun Versola (1615) of Enloe A; and Warren Stephens (UNR) of NCSSM A defeated Robert Stewart (1561) of Forest Hills. Due to these upsets, in the high school division NCSSM A led Enloe A 14.5 to 13 while Forest Hills was third with 11; in the middle school division Carroll and East Union A were tied with 11.5 while Hudson was third with 10.5; and in the elementary division Aversboro scored two to move to 5.5, Hunter had 5, and Conn A had 4.5.

In the fifth round top-seeded Robin Cunningham (2045) of NCSSM A drew John Kirby (1854) of Independence to give each 4.5; second-seeded Mark Seawell (1899) of Garner defeated Edward Biddix to give him the only score of 5; fourth-seeded Matthew Noble (1849) defeated Warren Stephens (UNR) of NCSSM A to move to 4.5; and 36th-seeded David Long (1282) of NCSSM A defeated 16th-seeded Jerry White (1469) of Broughton to go to 4.5. In the high school division NCSSM A had 17, Enloe A 16.5, and Forest Hills 12.5; in the middle school division Hudson retook the lead with 14, East Union A had 13.5, and Carroll had 13; and in the elementary division Aversboro and Hunter were first with 6 while Conn A and B both had 4.5.

In the final round Mark Seawell drew Robin Cunningham and John Kirby defeated Matthew Noble to give Kirby and Seawell 5.5 and first place while Robin Cunningham took third (on tiebreaks) with 5. In the team competition Enloe A and NCSSM A tied for the second year in a row with 19 (the same score as 1982) while Forest Hills had 16.5 and Broughton had 16 in the high school division; Hudson won the middle school division with a record 17.5 points followed by East Union A with 15.5, Martin with 14.5, and Carroll with 14; and in the elementary division Conn A scored four points in the final round to tie Hunter with 8.5 while Aversboro finished third with 7.5.

Complete individual and team results and a prize list follows. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation during the tournament; you could never imagine how hard it was for me, but most everyone was supportive and understanding. I especially want to thank Esco Yancey for helping me organize the tournament and for providing support when needed; Joe Stegall, chief assistant tournament director for his constant, infallible help; Kenneth Johnson, Louis Cobb, and Stephane Simpson for their valuable support (despite their lack of time); and especially the advisors who coaxed me on when I had gotten only ten hours of sleep in a 96-hour period. Thanks again!!!

Individual Winners

1st--Mark Seawell/Garner (1899)	5.5
1st--John Kirby/Independence (1854)	5.5
3rd--Robin Cunningham/NCSSM A (2045)	5.0
1st 9th/below--Joe Helton/Hudson (1454)	5.0
1st 9th/below--Ben Kearns/Pinecrest (1438)	5.0
1st 9th/below--Kevin Kirby/Albemarle Rd. (1393)	5.0
1st 6th--Cedric Akion/Martin (UNR)	3.0
1st 5th/below--Jeff Vanderkam/Hunter (UNR)	3.0
2nd 5th/below--Jason Ingram/Conn (UNR)	2.5
1st Cat. II--David McKay/Enloe A (1638)*	4.0
1st Cat. II--Jun Versola/Enloe A (unoff. 1615)*	4.5
1st Cat. III--Brad Hurst/Sanderson (1502)	5.0
1st Cat. IV--Mark Harkins/NCSSM A (1272)	5.0
1st Cat. V--Robert Cameron/Forest Hills (1185)	4.0
1st Cat. VI--Paul Anderson/Broughton (713)	4.0
1st UNR--Warren Stephens/NCSSM-A (UNR)	4.0

Team Winners

1st HS--Enloe A/NCSSM A	19.0
3rd HS--Forest Hills	16.5
4th HS--Broughton	16.0
5th HS--Enloe B	14.5
1st JHS--Hudson	17.5
2nd JHS--East Union A	15.5
3rd JHS--Martin	14.5
4th JHS--Carroll	14.0
5th JHS--Ligon	13.5
1st Elem.--Conn A/Hunter	8.5
3rd Elem.--Aversboro	7.5

Individual Players Results

1. Robin Cunningham	2045	5.0	17. Allen Edwards	1457	3.0
2. Mark Seawell	1899	5.5	18. Joe Helton	1454	5.0
3. John Kirby	1854	5.5	19. Ben Kearns	1438	5.0
4. Matthew Noble	1849	4.5	20. Brad Turpin	1414	4.5
5. Rajesh Maingi	1819	5.0	21. Kevin Kirby	1393	5.0
6. David McKay	1638	4.0	22. Stuart Berkowitz	1391	4.0
7. Jun Versola	1615	4.5	23. Ho Cho	1386	4.5
8. Tony Cato	1568	4.5	24. Andy Reese	1374	3.0
9. Robert Stewart	1561	4.0	25. James Thompson	1374	4.0
10. Kin Martin	1537	4.5	26. Jim Eller	1361	4.5
11. Lucas Huang	1529	4.5	27. Wayne Stuart	1342	2.0
12. Brian Childers	1521	3.0	28. Edward Biddix	1343	4.0
13. Brad Hurst	1502	5.0	29. John Lassiter	1336	3.0
14. Jill Wright	1491	5.0	30. Brent Helms	1326	4.0
15. Stephane Simpson	1475	4.0	31. Volker Rieger	1319	3.0
16. Jerry White	1469	4.5	32. Willard Haigler	1311	4.0

*Tied due to mutual agreement (Jun Versola played with an unofficial rating which was discovered after the tournament).

33.	David Williams	1295	4.0	88.	Barry Hales	UNR	2.0
34.	Christopher Davis	1294	3.0	89.	Derwin Hamilton	UNR	3.0
35.	I-Win Huang	1289	4.0	90.	Steven Hancock	UNR	2.5
36.	David Long	1282	4.5	91.	Peter Hansen	UNR	2.0
37.	Mitchell Austin	1280	3.0	92.	Kevin Helms	UNR	2.0
38.	Mark Harkins	1272	5.0	93.	Daniel Hilbert	UNR	3.0
39.	Jeff Walker	1269	3.5	94.	Karl Hokanson	UNR	2.0
40.	Hung Crow	1263	4.0	95.	Tony Hughes	UNR	1.5
41.	Chris Edwards	1238	4.0	96.	Jason Ingram	UNR	2.5
42.	Todd Lack	1224	3.0	97.	Jamie Jenkins	UNR	1.5
43.	W. Russell Dean	1192	4.0	98.	Steven Johnson	UNR	3.5
44.	Heath Davis	1163	3.5	99.	Chuck Jones	UNR	1.5
45.	William Carr	1162	4.0	100.	Danny Jones	UNR	2.0
46.	Heath Tremblay	1136	3.0	101.	R. T. Jones	UNR	1.0
47.	Robert Cameron	1135	4.0	102.	Jeff Langdon	UNR	4.0
48.	Michael Shirley	1096	3.5	103.	Gray Lewis	UNR	2.0
49.	Preston Graham	1088	3.5	104.	David Little	UNR	2.0
50.	Andy Mead	1079	3.0	105.	Sandeep Mathur	UNR	3.0
51.	James Allen	1072	3.0	106.	Bruce Filgate	UNR	3.5
52.	David Wallace	1045	2.5	107.	Bryan Morgan	UNR	1.5
53.	Scott Mangum	963	3.5	108.	Todd Morgan	UNR	3.0
54.	Bill Stanford	957	2.0	109.	Venkata Murty	UNR	3.0
55.	Mark Simpson	951	3.0	110.	Armond Occhetti	UNR	3.0
56.	Mika Stegall	897	2.0	111.	Rick O'Quinn	UNR	3.0
57.	Paul Anderson	713	4.0	112.	Marty Parker	UNR	3.5
58.	Cedric Akion	UNR	3.0	113.	Kevin Perry	UNR	1.0
59.	Russ Barbario	UNR	2.5	114.	Dan Purvine	UNR	3.0
60.	Nick Barbario	UNR	1.5	115.	Allen Ralph	UNR	4.0
61.	Mark Bass	UNR	1.0	116.	Bryan Reese	UNR	2.5
62.	Robert Baucom	UNR	2.5	117.	Billy Rivers	UNR	3.5
63.	Kermit Bierut	UNR	3.0	118.	Ahmed Said	UNR	3.0
64.	Warren Bennett	UNR	1.0	119.	David Schmidt	UNR	4.0
65.	John Brantley	UNR	2.0	120.	Julie Schmidt	UNR	1.5
66.	Tim Brenneman	UNR	4.0	121.	Katja Seltmann	UNR	1.5
67.	Burt Brooks	UNR	3.0	122.	Nancy Sherwood	UNR	3.0
68.	Vu Cao	UNR	4.0	123.	Fred Slocum	UNR	4.0
69.	Steve Carter	UNR	3.0	124.	Rick Smiley	UNR	3.0
70.	Christopher Chang	UNR	2.0	125.	Connie Smith	UNR	2.0
71.	Chris Chao	UNR	1.0	126.	Steve Steinberg	UNR	3.0
72.	Steve Chao	UNR	2.0	127.	Warren Stephens	UNR	4.0
73.	John Crabtree	UNR	2.0	128.	Alfred Sternberg	UNR	3.0
74.	James Creech	UNR	2.0	129.	Stephen Taylor	UNR	3.5
75.	Jonathan Cunningham	UNR	2.5	130.	Bryant Thompson	UNR	1.0
76.	Chris Curtis	UNR	1.0	131.	Bert Tirrito	UNR	3.0
77.	Chris Davis	UNR	2.0	132.	Jeff Vanderkam	UNR	3.0
78.	Russell Dunn	UNR	2.0	133.	Johnny Vanore	UNR	1.0
79.	Morris Davis	UNR	2.0	134.	Chris Wachtstetler	UNR	3.0
80.	Hank Deslaurier	UNR	2.0	135.	David Walker	UNR	2.0
81.	Eddie Dixon	UNR	3.0	136.	Ellen Ware	UNR	1.0
82.	James Eastridge	UNR	3.0	137.	David Wilcox	UNR	4.0
83.	Toby Falk	UNR	2.5	138.	Al Winner	UNR	2.0
84.	Gary Felder	UNR	3.0	139.	Michael Woodard	UNR	.5
85.	Marten Finlator	UNR	1.0	140.	Jeff Young	UNR	2.0
86.	Hunter Fleshood	UNR	1.5	141.	Carl Jenkins	UNR	1.5
87.	Glenn Gerding	UNR	2.0	142.	Charles Creech	UNR	.5

Wake County Scholastics

Eighty-one students representing nineteen teams participated in the first annual Wake County Scholastics March 12 at Carroll Middle School. Esco Yancey organized the tournament while Robert Singletary directed.

In the middle school division Martin A placed first with 16.5 points, Ligon A placed second with 15.5, and Carroll A placed third with 14.5. In the elementary division, Conn A placed first with 11, Wake Forest A placed second with 10, and Aversboro A placed third with 9.5.

Individually Venkat Murty of Martin A placed first with 5.0 while William Lewter of Wake Forest was top elementary with 3.5.

Southern National Scholastics

After successful performances in the North Carolina Scholastics, Enloe and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for the 1983 Southern Nationals. After a slow start, Enloe A came back and won the championship section, NCSSM B finished first in the novice section, and Enloe B finished second in the novice section. Over 170 players from the southeast participated.

Enloe A was led by Matthew Noble and Rajesh Maingi who tied for fourth with four points. Brad Turpin contributed three points, Kin Martin and David McKay added 2.5, and Jun Versola, who survived 108 moves against an expert, added 2.0.

NCSSM B was led by Tim Brenneman and Mark Harkins with 4.5 points who tied for first. Toby Falk and Warren Stephens added 4 and finished fifth and sixth respectively. William Carr won top Category V with a 3.5 point performance.

Enloe B was led by John Goodman and Stuart Berkowitz who finished third and fourth respectively with 4 points. Kenny Felder added 3.5, Preston Graham added 2.5, and Michael Shirley added 2.

Thad Rogers directed the tournament while Robert Singletary assisted.

Hudson Places 13th in National Junior High

Hudson Middle School, under the direction of advisor John Thomas, placed a strong thirteenth in the 1983 National Junior High School Chess Championships held at South Viro High School in Terre Haute, Indiana April 23 and 24. 556 players representing 61 teams participated, making this the largest national junior high tournament ever.

Hudson was led by the strong performance of Jim Eller. Jim scored five points in the eight-round Swiss, winning an electronic clock in the process. Joe Helton and Jeff Walker added 4.5 points, I-Win Huang added 4.0, James Allen scored 3.0, Russell Dean scored 2.5, and David Wallace scored 2.0.

Hudson's performance was especially strong considering the fact that if they had had half a point more, they would have finished in the top ten.

NORTH CAROLINA GRAND PRIX

The North Carolina Grand Prix is a year-long tournament sponsored by the North Carolina Chess Association. 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 1983 North Carolina Championship. The present leaders are listed below (through Billy Watt Memorial not including Carolinas Open).

1. Leland Fuerstman	18.0	8. Allen Chandler	10.0
2. Earl Raby	15.0	8. Steve Herman	10.0
3. Louie Grubbs	12.5	8. Dean Hart	10.0
3. Michael Parks	12.5	8. Alan Patrick	10.0
3. Greg Samsa	12.5	8. Dan Liu	10.0
6. Maurice Dana	12.0	8. John Risk	10.0
6. Ken Baxter	12.0	8. Jackie Ryan	10.0
8. Glenn Aaron	10.0	8. Bernie Schmidt	10.0

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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			

FROM THE EYES OF A FISH

By Robert Singletary

President's Report

Hello again. One of the reasons why I have been an NCCA officer for three years is the social aspect of chess. Many interesting happenings accompany a chess tournament and I will try to focus on these happenings in the new segment of my column entitled "From Manteo to Murphy." Most of what I write will be from personal experience, but if you know anything interesting, please send it in.

I regret to inform the membership that I have lost my editor--literally. I attempted to drop off the materials for this issue to him, but he has moved and left no forwarding address. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please tell me. I really do not have time to be editor again. If I am unable to find him, I will be looking for a new editor. Any interested parties can write me, and I will give you the fabulous scoop on how you (yes, you!!) can be the Gambit editor.

I would like to thank tournament directors Allen Cooley, Branson Sheets, Mark Becker, Jeff Melton, and Donald Miller for requiring NCCA memberships at their recent tournaments. The NCCA picked up nearly 200 members in the last month alone! Thanks again.

Congratulations go out to Donald Miller as he has become an accredited director (he definitely deserves it) and to Stephane Simpson as he has met the requirements. Way to go!

From Manteo to Murphy

I am such an egotist that I like reading articles about my tournaments in the newspapers. One interesting article about the Scholastics noted that Jill Wright, winner of the top girl trophy, was the national women's chess champion. We were "unaware" of this honor, but we congratulate her for it!

On I-85 near Anderson, South Carolina, there is a new exit numbered 68A. This is the famed exit where one member of the Enloe chess team had to stop for a sudden, shall we say, bladder release en route to Atlanta. We will withhold the name of the relieved party.

In the Wake County Scholastics, most everyone had not played competitive chess before, much less kept notation. Some of the more interesting moves included: 17. r-1, 1. N-KN4, 24. p-9, and "cattled." Also, on several notation sheets players notated only their own moves in order to save energy. (The tournament director needed energy after pairing five rounds with 81 players in one day!)

In the Southern Nationals in Atlanta, Robin Cunningham in round three was paired against Marjorie Pruitt of Berkmar. That was not so bad except for the fact that they had been boy and girl friends in Atlanta at the 1980 U.S. Open. Anyway, Robin found some tactful way to defeat Marjorie.

At the Billy Watt Memorial John Kirby was playing Alan Patrick and both had ten moves to make in less than a minute. Alan, with 23 seconds remaining on his clock, placed John (who had 27 seconds left) in check, but neither player noticed it. Four moves later, they noticed it with both players having less than five seconds left. Fortunately, I was standing there and saw when the check was made. Anyway, both had two seconds left at time control. However, I wondered what would have happened had it not been a Kaisha clock.

Also at the Billy Watt Memorial, Leland Fuerstman pleaded with me not to have to play Robby Cunningham in round three. I looked at the pairings, realized it was unavoidable, and hid in the tournament director's room after posting the pairings. Anyway, Leland won and claimed the top prize of \$80. Now what I wonder is why he didn't thank me for the pairing.

John Thomas, advisor of Hudson Middle School, has been beaming after leading the Hornets to a record performance in the 1983 Scholastics. He called me to inform me that the superintendent of the Caldwell County School System personally invited the team to the School Board meeting, something unheard of in Caldwell County. It is now been heard that the cinderella Hornets have been compared to N.C. State's basketball team--unfortunately, they were also unable to visit President Reagan in Washington, D.C.

Advice for the time being . . .beware of dirty pawndry. Take care and very best wishes.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

All North Carolina tournaments requiring NCCA membership and tournaments in reciprocating states receive free announcement in the Gambit. To avoid conflicts, all organizers are asked to clear prospective tournament dates with the clearinghouse manager, Branson Sheets, at P.O. Box 147, Willow Springs, NC 27592.

