

For the past few months Memphis Chess Club, Inc. has been involved in negotiations with USCF for the 1975 U.S. Championship and Zonal Tournament. MCC has received the much awaited for preliminary announcement, but was very disappointed to find that Oberlin, Ohio received the nod from the Federation. Needless to say, all of the efforts of the Memphis club have only been in vain, in their attempt to bring a national event to the Mid-South area.

The praise that they have received from the USCF for the efforts of the Memphis club's grass-roots organization and the enthusiasm in the Mid-South chess community is appreciated. However, the Memphis club feels that by going to Oberlin, USCF is postponing or possibly eliminating the tremendous growth potential of chess in the area. Memphis Chess Club was planning for this to be the stepping stone for bigger things. The Championship is an event that chess enthusiasts as well as the Memphis business community would support financially. With such reserves, they could sponsor other national or possibly international events that are publicity making, interest generating, but non-revenue making events.

The type of facility that Oberlin has offered would be almost impossible to compete with. However, from the promotional stand point, there is more than that to consider. We hear from the 'older' players that USCF doesn't really care about chess in the South as they should. With Memphis being in a geographically unique position, it could draw from a much greater area than Ohio.

In short, we feel that this has been a tremendous blow to chess growth in the Mid-South area. With an event of this caliber the potential is unlimited; without it, it will take a much longer time to accomplish.

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### Algebraic Notation

The horizontals (ranks) are numbered from 1 to 8, starting from the rank nearest White. The verticals (files) are lettered from a to h, starting at White's left (the QR file in algebraic is the a-file). The intersections of the horizontals and verticals give the individual squares their names. Study the diagram.

Captures are indicated either by "x" or "x" and check is indicated by "+" instead of "ch." Pawn captures are given by naming only the two files involved. Study the sample game and use algebraic often. It's easier than you think.

Descriptive		Algebraic	
White	Black	White	Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	1 e4	e5
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	2 Nf3	Nc6
3 B-N5	P-QR3	3 Bb5	a6
4 BxN	QPx3	4 Bc6	dc
5 0-0	P-B3	5 0-0	f6
6 P-Q4	B-KN5	6 d4	Bg4
7 PxP	QxQ	7 de	Q:d1
8 RxP	PxP	8 R:d1	fe
	etc.		etc.

