

Black History Puzzle

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-Authentic Genius

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people locally. Then finally someone told me about a chess club, so I went to the club and everybody was beating me."

Charles described the psychological effects of his early losses. "I was determined and I started playing more, and also playing stronger players. Around that time I started travelling on the road as a musician.

"I played really strong players in New York, and I began to improve. Then I started playing in tournaments, that's when I saw big progress."

Winning the U.S. Team Championship was a history making event. Who were the other blacks on the team? Charles was proud to give this information.

"Our team, 'The Capital Punishers,' consists of four people - all experts, all very strong

"They are Vince Moore, and Charles Green from D.C., and Nathaniel Hoff from Columbia, Md." In an age where black athletes make a small fortune, it seemed only fair that chess players exhibiting their mental prowress should do the same.

Charles looked unconcerned as he said: "You can win as much as 40, 50, or 60 thousand dollars, depending on how big the tour-nament is, and whether or not it is international.

"I haven't won that much yet, because I've only played in a few international events. I played in the World Open Twice - I didn't do too bad, but I didn't win."

Knowing how the pieces move is one thing, but devising a strategy is quite involved. Covington explained. "One way is to read - I have a

library, hundreds of books, just on chess. Books on beginning, closing, and middle games strategy and tactics. Along with that, you have to play strong competition.

"You can't just study and not play, like a back - seat driver. Then again, you can play a lot, but there are a lot of subtle points you may miss if you don't study.

"You have to study and practice for hours and hours, and while playing you have to sit there, concentrate, and visualize all the possibilities in your mind, without touching the pieces.

"That may take you an hour or so just to move one piece, and then it may be a mistake. You may have overbooked a possibility. It's a lot of tension."

Charles Covington is an inspiration to anyone wishing to improve themselves. His story shows that it can be done, regardless of age. Interest is the only requirement.

In his words" I taught myself to read music - its just like reading a book. Now I teach music to other

Covington is making history with people at Peabody Conservatory his awesome chess game. He also of Music. "I'm the only teacher there astounded me with his magic tricks - I still plan to see him at a without a college degree. They

hired me on the basis of my 20 Covington levitates his years of experience. I used to walk daughter, assisted by none other by there and think I would never than his wife. Charles also sat play there. I did a concert there down and played a beautifully this summer — you never know moving piece on the piano.

The last thing he did was display some of his paintings, mostly of famous musicians. They were so life-like, they looked ready to jump off the canvas!

However, Charles said "I don't believe in genius. I think it's all about working hard - studying and practice. There's no such thing as genius."

-Con Artist

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what's going to happen.

"If you want to do something

bad enough, you'll do it! People

used to say you can't do this, or

you can't do that, and it would

For the first time in my life, I

make me want to do it more."

felt that I had met a real genius!

Some one who would excell at

whatever he set out to do. Charles

group is several hundred dollars, the savings are rarely sufficient to make it worthwhile.

A variation of the buying club is the "clothing club," in which the client buys in advance at "today's" prices and supposedly receives a quantity of new clothing each season. However, many of the companies go out of business before delivering the mer-

According to the Better Business Bureau, you shouldn't pay any money in advance for anything unless it's clear what you are getting and you can attest to the reliability of the company.

is one of the newer rackets that is gaining in popularity among con artists. In one case, a smoothtalking man introduced himself to a young woman in a Raleigh lounge. He told her that he had "contacts" who could fix any horse race in North Carolina.

To further impress the woman, he deposited a \$1,500 check in her bank account. Naturally, the check bounced, but she didn't discover that until it was too late.

After depositing the check, the man asked her for \$800 in cash to "pay off a jockey." She gave him the money and never saw the man

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