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Pursuing a plan designed some years ago for teaching chess to young players in this city, Paul Sayre and Donald Burdick report the results of the first tournament for juniors held at the YMCA on February 28, 1953.

Fourteen contestants entered from high schools, junior high schools and elementary grades in this area. The local Herald-Dispatch was generous of space in publicizing this event, while Sayre and Burdick were as usual untiring in their efforts to groom the players and direct the tourney.

Few of these boys had had previous experience in tournament or match play, and deserve much praise for their earnest efforts and creditable showing in playing for prizes.

The report goes on to state that a round robin was played among the 2 senior and 4 junior high school players, while simultaneously a 5-round Swiss was accomplished by the younger boys.

Kenny Dunham, aged 16, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Dunham, of this city, won first place in the round robin with a score of 5-0. He attends Huntington High School. Young Dunham enjoys postal chess, being the son of a player, and could easily have been recognized in a larger and more experienced group.

Ty Cobb led the junior high school boys with a score of 3-2. His father, well known for many years, is one

of the stronger players of the Huntington YMCA Chess Club.

In the group of grade school boys 9 year old Jackie Abraham swept into first place with a score of 5-0. He is a member of the YMCA Junior Chess Club, and already has 2 pupils. He plays frequently and boasts of playing 37 games in one week—mostly with his father.

The Bulletin is proud to print this report in detail and to mention in passing, that the Junior National for 1953 will be held in the YMCA Chess Club, Kansas City, Missouri, August 3-8 inclusive.

For further details we refer this young group of Huntington, and their chess playing fathers to Chairman Charles W. Graham of the Tournament Committee, Y. M. C. A. Chess Club, 404 East 10 St., Kansas City 6, Missouri; or to Donald Burdick and his chess-playing father, Dr. H. E. Burdick of 7 Chestnut Drive, Huntington, W. Va.

CHESS AT THE HUNTINGTON HOBBY SHOW

West Virginia chess has engaged space for the forthcoming Huntington Hobby Show, to be given at our Field House over the week-end of May 15, 16, and 17, 1953.

As last year, it will be our object to show sets, boards books photographs and trophies or any interesting article pertaining to chess. We invite all and sundry, whether or not they live in Huntington, to add to our display devoted to West Vir-

ginia chess, and to visit our booth.

Further information may be obtained by writing or telephoning the Editor of this Bulletin.

AN INTERESTING GAME

J. F. Hurt, Jr. vs

C. T. Morgan

French Defense

1P-K4, P-K3; 2P-Q4, P-Q4; 3N-QB3, PxP; 4NxP, B-K2.

A very good defense system.

5N-KB3, N-KB3; 6NyNch, BxN; 7B-Q3, N-Q2; 8 O-O, P-B4; 9B-K3, PxP; 10QBxP, O-O; 11R-K, BxB; 12NxB, N-B3; 13Q-Q2, P-QN3; 14R-K3, K-R

Finally threatening QxN as BxRPch is not possible.

15P-QB3, Q-Q4; 16R-N3, B-N2

Black came out of the opening very well and the chances are even. He threatens P-K4.

17R-N5

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Permits immediate equalization due to exchanges. Best may be P-KB4 to maintain the tension.

17 . . . Q-Q3

Black's first weak move. Good is N-K5, 18BxN, QxN; 19P-B3, Q-R5 with an even game. However, 17 . . . P-K4 is not good, because of the same answer as in the text.

18R-P!

Pretty, but only winning a P in the end. The R cannot be taken because after KxR; 19Q-N5ch, K-R; 20QxNch, K-N; 21N-B5! and Black is mated or loses his Q .

18 . . . R-KN; 19RxRch, RxR; 20P-B3, P-K4

Black starts a very spirited attack which nearly saves the game.

21N-B5, Q-B4ch; 22K-R, P-K5; 23PxP, BxP

Much better is NxP; 24BxN, BxB; 25N-N3, B-B3, and it is very doubtful that White has the advantage as the black B compensates for the P minus.

24BxB, NxB; 25Q-Q4ch!

Excellent, as it forces the exchange of Qs.

25 . . . QxQ; 26NxQ, N-B7ch

Leads to nothing. Better is R-K, and it may take great end game artistry to win for White.

27K-N, N-R6ch; 28K-B, N-B5; 29P-KN3, N-Q6; 30P-N3, R-QB; 31P-B4, P-QR4; 32R-Q, N-B4; 33N-B5, P-R5; 34P-QN4, N-K3; 35N-Q6, R-B2; 36K-K2, K-N2?

Probably time pressure. After K-N there is still plenty of fight left.

37N-K8ch, Resigns.