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## 1953 ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS

Huntington, with pride, accepts the privilege of being host for the forthcoming Annual West Virginia State Chess Congress, Labor Day week-end, September 5, 6 and 7, 1953.

Our local Y.M.C.A., located at 6th Avenue and 11th Street has kindly put at the disposal of the Association a commodious ground floor playing room, completely equipped for cool and quiet comfort.

Registration for the three events should be made at noon Saturday, September 5 and the first round is scheduled to begin at 2:00 P. M. the same afternoon.

Events will be (1) The State Championship—open to all. Title, however, may only be held by a resident West Virginian. Entry fee \$5.00.

(2) West Virginia Open, designed for the less ambitious, clock-watching contestants, open to all—Entry fee \$3.00.

(3) A Junior event for championship. Those under 21 years of age. No Entry fee this year.

All tournament contestants will receive official U. S. Chess Federation rating.

Tournament direction will be in capable hands, and details as to awards, time limit, adjudication and form (Swiss or Round Robin) will be announced by the Tournament Director before play begins.

Contestants will please bring clocks (if possible) and sets and be prepared for:

- 2 Sessions on Saturday, September 5.
- 3 Sessions on Sunday, September 6.
- 1 Session on the forenoon of Labor Day, September 7.

A short business meeting for election of officers, etc. will be necessary. Available Hotel space (including parking arrangements) may be reserved at:

- 1—The Hotel Governor Cabell
- 2—The Frederick Hotel
- 3—Hotel Prichard

Each of these first-class Hotels is but a short walk from the Y.M.C.A. playing room.

## UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION RATINGS

To inform those who are not U. S. C. F. affiliates, the following players from our State were rated in the May 20, 1953 issue of "Chess Life".

### EXPERTS

- 1. J. F. Hurt, Jr. —  
Charleston, W. Va. 2126
- 2. Dr. S. Werthammer —  
Huntington, W. Va. 2113

### CLASS A

- 1. A. H. Duvall —  
St. Albans 2094
- 2. C. T. Morgan —  
Huntington 1989

The Bulletin announces with regret the recent death of Rex L. Hoke, Ph.D., who spent many of his last days with our fighting forces in Korea.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Our faithful Secretary-Treasurer, William F. Hartling of St. Albans, submits the following "good news":

W. VA CHESS ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
May 31, 1953

Balance, Nov 31, 1952 -----\$117.26

**Receipts —**

Membership fees,  
1952 - 1953 -----\$11.00

Advertisement in  
Bulletin ----- 11.90 22.90

Disbursements — \$140.16

Bulletin printing  
and postage ----- \$ 49.78

Balance, May 31, 1953 ----- \$ 90.38  
----- \$ 90.38

**INFORMAL POSTAL TOURNAMENTS**

As is well known, many of our members enjoy Postal, or as it was formerly called, Correspondence Chess. Your Editor, H. Landis Marks, C. T. Morgan, Donald Burdick, Rudd Neel and Paul Sayre are a few in Huntington that play. The best known magazines, "Chess Review", "American Chess Bulletin" and "Chess Correspondent" arrange formal Tournaments as is no doubt well known. However, informal matches or even tournaments may be arranged and the office of the Bulletin is prepared to assist any who wish to make arrangements for play in this field. Those who practice this form of play recommend it most highly to old and young, students and athlete, girls and boys, men and women, and in particular, to the disabled in our hospitals. Dr. Werthammer, our Games Editor, will

- 1. Don Burdick — 1985
- Huntington
- 2. E. M. Foy — 1951
- Charleston
- 3. Edwin M. Faust — 1920
- Plainfield, N. J.

**NO CLASS B**

- 1. Rudd Neel — 1654
- Huntington
- 2. Dr. V. S. Hayward — 1596
- Huntington
- 3. C. A. McDaniel — 1565
- Beckley

**TOURNAMENTS**

The U. S. Open for Juniors, August 3-8, 1953, Kansas City, Missouri. Full information from Tournament Director:

Charles W. Graham  
Y.M.C.A. Chess Club  
404 E. Tenth Street  
Kansas City 6, Mo.

Entries close August 2 at 2:00 P. M. No fee for registration.  
The U. S. Open for 1953, sponsored by the U.S.C.F. will be held in Milwaukee, August 10-21 inclusive.

Since inquiries and requests for players contracts are now coming in at an exceptionally heavy rate, players are urged to signalize their intention to compete at the earliest possible. Hotel reservation, a block of which have been secured at most reasonable rates, will be allocated on a "first come first serve" basis. Requests for player contracts and hotel reservations should be addressed to Earnest Olfke, Tournament Manager, 3841 West St. Paul Avenue, Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin.

**BECKLEY NEWS**

Communications are gratefully acknowledged from our President Harlow Warren of Beckley, whose popularity is only exceeded by his practical interest in our annual congress. He hopes to be accompanied by a formidable delegation of players from Beckley.

gladly annotate and publish worthwhile games. Supply your own comments if you so wish.

**GAMES SECTION**

Don Burdick submits an exciting postal game against Martin with hair-raising complications which were difficult to calculate.

Two off-hand games follow. One a "Danish - Pastry" by Hurt against Hartling.

Dr. S. Werthammer is in a hurry to publish a quick clock game (30 moves per 30 minutes) won from Don Burdick. It is the only one The Games Editor remembers having won from the "Junior Capablanca" lately. It contains, though, a pretty Queen sacrifice.

Richard Martin vs.  
Donald Burdick

Stoilian Defense

1P-K4, P-QB4; 2N-KB3, N-QB3; 3P-Q4, PxP; 4NxP, N-B3; 5N-QB3, P-Q3; 6B-KN5

The Richter Attack.

6... P-K3, 7Q-Q2, B-K2; 8O-O-O, P-QR3

Or 8... O-O.

9ExN, PxB

If 9... BxB; 10NxN, PxB; 11QxP.

16P-B4, B-Q2; 11B-K2, Q-R4?!

Better was 11... NxN, although the text has its points.

12N-N3; Q-N3; 13KR-B

A waste of time. White has nothing to fear from 13B-R5, R-QB; 14P-B5, PxB, 15PxB, BxP; 16KxR-B, B-K3; 17QR-K.

13... R-QB; 14B-R5, N-R4; 15NxN

If 15N-Q4, N-B5!

15... QxN; 16P-B5, P-N4

Both sides are pressing their attacks.

17PxB?!

Somewhat dubious, as it opens lines for Black's bishops, but it involves a brilliant point.

17... BxP; 18RxP!

The point! Now if 18... BxR; 19QxP, winning back at least a piece with a strong attack.

18... BxP! 19Q-Q4!

If 19NxB, QxQch and BxR; while if 19RxQP, P-N5, threatening both PxN and B-N4.

19... R-KN

The masked threat on the R is too strong. For instance, if 19... Q-B2; 20RxBP! B-N4ch; 21R-B4ch, K-Q2; 22Q-N7ch, B-K2; 23B-N4ch! B-K3; 24BxBch, KxB; 25Q-N4ch and 26Q-B5mate. The text also carries a hidden threat as we shall see.

20NxB, BxR; 21QxB, QxN; 22RxP

Apparently winning by virtue of the threat of R-K6ch, i.e., 22... Q-R8ch; 23K-Q2, KRxBch; 24K-Q3, and there are no more checks.

22... RxPch! 23KxR, RxPch; 24K-Q3, Q-B5ch; 25K-K3, Q-B4ch; 26K-B4

Forced. If 26R-Q4, Q-B8ch; 27K-B3 (K-Q3, Q-Q7mate), Q-B8ch winning the Q; or if 26Q-Q4, Q-B8ch; 27K-B3, Q-B8ch; 28K-K3, Q-B7ch and 29... Q-Q7mate.

26... Q-B8ch, 27K-K5?

Losses. Better was 27K-B3, Q-B8ch; 28K-K3, Q-B8ch; 29K-B3 with a draw by perpetual check.

27... R-N4ch; 28K-Q4, Q-Q7mate.

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**J. Hurt vs. W. Hartling**

Scotch Gambit

1P-K4, P-K4; 2P-Q4, PxB; 3N-KB3, R-N5ch; 4P-B3, PxB; 5NxP, N-KB3; 6P-K5, N-K5; 7Q-B2, P-Q4; 8B-Q3, P-KB4; 9PxP, e.p., NxP/3; 10O-O, 0-0; 11B-KN5, P-KR3

This should have been preceded by BxN.

12NxP! QxN

Loses the Q at once, but after PxB; 13NxB, White has a strong attack.

13B-QB4, Resigns.

**D. Burdick vs Dr. S. Werthammer  
Vienna Game**

**1P-K4, P-K4; 2N-QB3, P-QB3; 3P-KN3**

White could transpose into a good variation of the Philidor by 3N-B3. Apparently White had made up his mind to play the fiachetto when he moved 2N-QB3.

**3 . . . B-B4; 4B-N2, N-B3; 5N-B3, P-Q3; 6 0-0, 0-0;**

The Game is even. White's KB has little scope.

**7P-Q4, PxP; 8NxP, B-KN5; 9Q-Q3**

After P-B3, B-K3 with the threat B-B5.

**9 . . . N-R3**

Developing with threats,—N-N5. White's next is practically forced.

**10P-QR3, N-Q2**

To harass White's Q by N-K4. The Q is hemmed in by her own and opposing pieces.

**11P-B4, Q-B3; 12B-K3, B-N3; 13N-B3,**

This retreat allows Black to attack White's center with success. Much better is P-R3, N/2-B4; 14Q-Q2, B-Q2 with a tricky and uncomfortable position for both.

**13 . . . N/3B4; 14Q-Q2, KR-K; 15P-K5**

Loses quickly. But White had to lose some material. No better is 15P-R3, because of B-B4! If then 16PxB, RxB! (QxR?, N-R5 and the White Q is lost).

**15 . . . PxP; 16NxP, NxN; 17PxN, QxP; 18QR-K, N-N6! 19Q-Q3**

PxN, BxBch, etc., would have lost the exchange only, but after the text a whole piece is lost.

**19 . . . QxBch!!**

The Q sacrifice is correct.

**20RxQ, RxR; 21QxR**

White has to return the Q because of the discovered check.

**21 . . . BxQch; 22K-R, N-Q5; 23B-K4, P-KB4 24 Resigns**

If 24 B-Q3, B-B6ch wins the exchange. On 24B-N2, simply P-KN3.

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