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Gene Collett Is Dead

No one in West Virginia interested in chess can read the above caption unmoved. Gene Collett some fifteen years ago, while living in West Virginia, was the moving spirit in forming our present State Association, arranging and editing our Bulletin for ninety of its issues. He initiated and directed the annual West Virginia State Tournaments, and he brought into being the annual Tri-State Meetings.

We remember, that even after his livelihood as a newspaper-man required residence in Pittsburgh, he still continued to issue the West Virginia Chess Bulletin, and as a period to his work for our State, he published his justly famous West Virginia Chess Association Year Book of 1945-1947.

It is at the present, impossible for us to give the date of his death and the circumstances of his passing. He was but fifty-two years of age.

Many of our members will feel impelled to communicate with his widow at 125 Meritt Ave., Pittsburgh, 27, Pa. The West Virginia Chess Association sends to Mrs. Collett and Family a message of condolence and sympathy.

WALTER MANN WINS TRI-STATE

In Youngstown, Ohio in the comfortable and commodious rooms of the YMCA, the 1953 Tri-State Tour-

ney was played by 48 contestants in 3 divisions to an exciting finish.

Noteworthy was the fact that all three of the competing states were able to enter capable men.

The Senior Championship evoked the most interest of course. Ohio was represented by Walter Mann and H. Heising; Pennsylvania by Paul Roth and E. A. Coons; and West Virginia by the veteran Werthammer of Huntington and Allen Du Vall of Charleston.

Walter Mann was the ultimate winner, closely pressed by Werthammer and DuVall who tied for second place. (The analytical tables for all events are printed on page 2.)

The Junior Championship event was also a close and interesting contest. Mahlon Cleaver of Allentown, Pa., won from Donald Burdick of Huntington in the final round.

Other contestants in the Junior Championship were Rothman and Anderson of Ohio, Stiening of Pennsylvania, and Bruce Marples of West Virginia.

Cleaver won all of his games. Burdick was second, losing only to Cleaver.

TRI-STATE OPEN

Thirty-six players were divided into two sections, containing capable and well-known representatives of all three states. Ross and Willa

wings, Jim Schroeder, and Larry Lipting as well as Richard Ling, from Ohio; D. H. McClellan, Alex Spitzer, and Glenn Waltz come from Pennsylvania; while Rudd T. Neel, Morgan and V. S. Hayward represent West Virginia.

Section One was won by Larry Lipting of Cleveland, who lost no games. Richard Ling of Fairborn, Ohio, was second, score 4-1. Glenn Waltz of Pittsburgh, score 2½-½, and Elliott Stearns placed second, score 4-1.

There were but few games forfeited, and those unavoidably. Two were long cherished by their winners.

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, Youngstown, Ohio, November 7-8, 1953

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP				TRI-STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP							
	W	L	D	Score	Rank		Score	Rank			
1. Mann, Walter, Columbus, Ohio	3	0	2	4	1	1. Cleaver, Mahlon, Allentown, Pa.	5	0	0	5	1
2. Duvall, A., Charleston, W. Va.	2	1	2	3	2-3	2. Burdick, Don, Huntington, W. Va.	4	1	0	4	2
3. Werthammer, Dr. S., Huntington, W. Va.	2	1	2	3	2-3	3. Rothman, P., Columbus, Ohio	3	2	0	3	3
4. Roth, Paul, Pittsburgh, Pa.	2	2	1	2½	4	4. Anderson, Tim, Columbus, Ohio	1	4	0	1	4-6
5. Heising, H., Ohio	0	2	3	1½	5	5. Marples, Bruce, West Virginia	1	4	0	1	4-6
6. Coons, E. A., Pittsburgh, Pa.	0	3	2	1	6	6. Stiening, Rae, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1	4	0	1	4-6

TRI-STATE OPEN — SECTION 1				TRI-STATE OPEN — SECTION 2			
1. Lipting, Larry, Cleveland, Ohio	5	0	0	5	0	0	5
2. Ling, Richard, Fairborn, Ohio	4	1	1	4	1	1	4
3. McClellan, D. H., Pittsburgh, Pa.	3½	1½	1	3½	1½	1	3½
4. McKinney, M., Youngstown, Ohio	3	2	1	3	2	1	3
5. Kause, Richard, Cleveland, Ohio	3	2	1	3	2	1	3
6. Ohralik, Albert, Cleveland, Ohio	3	2	1	3	2	1	3
7. Owens, Ross, Avon Lake, Ohio	2½	2½	1	2½	2½	1	2½
8. Owens, Willa W., Avon Lake, Ohio	2½	2½	1	2½	2½	1	2½
9. Pusecker, John, Columbus, Ohio	2	3	1	2	3	1	2
10. Morgan, Charles, Huntington, W. Va.	2	3	1	2	3	1	2
11. Zaas, Lois, Cleveland, Ohio	2	3	1	2	3	1	2
12. Hayward, Dr. V. S., Huntington, W. Va.	2	3	1	2	3	1	2

TRI-STATE OPEN — SECTION 2				
1. Waltz, J. Glenn, Pittsburgh, Pa.	4½	1½	1	4½
2. Stearns, Elliott, Cleveland, Ohio	4	1	1	4
3. Spitzer, Alex., Pittsburgh, Pa.	3½	1½	1	3½
4. Schroeder, James, Columbus, Ohio	3½	1½	1	3½
5. Harikins, James, Shaker Heights, Ohio	3	2	1	3
6. Keeney, S. S., Lakewood, Ohio	3	2	1	3
7. Rosen, Ronald, Cleveland, Ohio	3	2	1	3
8. Kraja, Joseph, Youngstown, Ohio	3	2	1	3
9. Krumins, Hugo, Cleveland, Ohio	2½	2½	1	2½
10. Neel, Rudd T., Huntington, W. Va.	2	3	1	2

CHARLESTON vs. HUNTINGTON MATCH

On Sunday, September 27, Charleston sent DuVall, Hurt, Hartling, and Bruce Marples to meet Werthammer, Burdick, Morgan, and Neel at the home of your editor.

They played boards one to four in the order above named. This round was closely contested, as the score (2½-1½) favoring Huntington, shows. DuVall won from Werthammer, Hurt drew with Burdick, Morgan won from Hartling, and Neel won from Marples.

The match was concluded on the afternoon of Saturday, October 17, at the home of Mr. Hartling in St. Albans, when the same teams again faced each other. Werthammer beat DuVall, Hurt lost to Burdick in a loosely played game, Morgan drew with Hartling, and Neel again won from Marples. Final score Huntington 6, Charleston 2. A return match is contemplated in the near future when it is hoped that more boards may be played.

NOTES AND JOYTINGS

After the holidays it is planned to hold a Huntington City Championship, a single round robin. Details will be furnished by the Editor, whose telephone number is 34512.

Our perennial State Champion and Games Editor, Dr. Werthammer, has recently accepted the invitation of Chess Life (the USCF organ) to join their staff of annotators.

An effort to interest our membership, by post cards, as suggested in the last Bulletin met with a modicum of success, even if it did increase our bill for postage.

GAMES SECTION

By: Dr. S. Werthammer

SICILIAN DEFENSE

(MCO page 280, column 79 by transposition)

Tri-State Tournament, 1953

Youngstown, Ohio

Dr. S. Werthammer (Huntington) Paul Roth (Pittsburgh)

- 1. P-K4 P-QB4
- 2. P-QB4

Premature; with P-KB4 Black takes the initiative (3. P-xP, N-KB3 or 3. P-K5, P-Q3), or if Black desires with 2....., P-K4 he can take all the life out of the position.

- 2. ----- P-Q3

After this White gets the "Maroccy bind".

- 3. N-KB3 N-KB3
- 4. N-B3 N-B3
- 5. P-Q4 P-xP
- 6. N-xP P-KN3
- 7. B-K2 B-N2
- 8. P-KR3?

A plain oversight which loses a Pawn.

- 8. ----- N-xP
- 9. N/3xN N-xN

BxN seems to be more restraining on White.

- 10. 0-0 N-xBch

Exchanging appears logical with a Pawn up, but is a mistake here as it helps White to mobilize quickly and occupy the center files, his only counterchance. Better is 0-0 or B-Q2.

- 11. QxN 0-0
- 12. R-Q Q-B2
- 13. B-B4

After the plausible but relieving exchange on move 10 White has been helped to a dangerous center position.

- 13. ----- R-Q?

This permits White an irresistible attack. Better is P-KB4 14. N-B3, P-K4 15. N-Q5, Q-B2 16. B-Q2 followed by B-N4 though White has plenty of counterplay for the Pawn.

- 14. P-B5!

Of course.

14. ----- B-K4
 15. PxP PxP
 16. B-N5 R-B

There is no better move.

17. N-B6ch K-N2

If BxN 18. BxB and Black will be mated after White's Queen reaches KR6. If Black tries to prevent this by 18-----, Q-N3 (in order to follow up with P-Q4) 19. R-Q5

18. N-Q5 Q-R4
 19. Q-K3 K-R

Permits an elegant finish but after B-K3 as expected 20. B-R6ch wins.

- (A) 20. B-R6ch, K-R 21. BxR, BxN 22. BxP! (BxB 23. Q-Q4ch)
 (B) 20. B-R6ch, K-N 21. BxR, BxN 22. Q-Q2!
 (C) 20. B-R6ch, K-N 21. BxR, RxB or KxB 22. Q-Q2, QxQ
 23. RxQ, BxN 24. RxB, BxP 25. R-N with a won endgame
 20. QxBch!! Resigns

If PxQ 21. B-B6ch, K-N 22. N-K7 mate.

1953 TRI STATE

A. DuVall vs. Heising

RUY LOPEZ

- 1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3;
 3 B-N5, P-QR3; 4 BxN, QPxB

The alternative --, NPxB is best met with 5 P-Q4.

- 5-N-B3, B-QB4; 6 P-Q3, Q-K2

MCO-7 gives 6., P-B3 as the main line and questions 6., B-KN5.

- 7 B-K3, B-KN5; 8 P-KR3, B-R4;
 9 P-KN4, B-KN3; 10 Q-K2, 0-0-0;
 11 P-R3, P-KR4; 12 P-N5, P-R5

White has gained some space and has shut in two of Black's minor pieces. In the subsequent play he

attempts to exploit these advantages in an end game, but it would appear advantageous to keep pieces on the board. The plan might be N-R4 followed by a Q-side pawn advance.

- 13 BxB, QxB; 14 Q-K3, QxQch

If --, Q-Q3; 15 Q-R7 would follow.

- 15 PxQ, R-K; 16 P-N4, R-K3; 17 R-KN, N-K2; 18 P-R4

Preparing for either P-N5 or P-N5.

- 18 , P-KB4; 19 PxB, PxP; 20 P-R5

In order to answer --, P-KB4 with N-R4-B5 attacking Black's R.

- 20 , P-KB4; 21 N-R4, PxP; 22 N-B5, R-B3; NxP/5, B-B4; 24 NxKP

White's pieces would obtain rapid activity with 24 PxP, 25 R-N7, and 26 0-0-0.

- 24 , R-K3; 25 N-B7, R-K; 26 N/7-N5, R-N3; 27 K-Q2?

This leads to trouble and loses the advantage. Thus K-K2 or 0-0-0 is superior.

- 27 , R/1-N; 28 N-KB3, R-N7ch; 29 RxR, RxRch; 30 K-B, N-N3; 31 K-N2

The point is that 31 --, BxP is answered by R-R.

- 31 , BxN; 32 PxB, R-N6; 33 N-Q4, RxRP; 34 N-B5,

These N moves although defensive in nature initiate a mating trap.

- 34 , N-K4; 35 R-Q, N-B5ch; 36 K-B3, N-K4?

White announced mate in 5. The same occurs after 36 , NxP; 37 N-K7ch, K-N; 38 R-Q8ch, K-R2; 39 N-B8ch, K-R or N; 40 N-N6ch, K-R2; 41 R-R8 mate.

The ending after 36 --, N-Q3 would have been difficult for both sides; Black enjoys the passed KRP but White's K is more active.

Both NxNch and K-Q4 appear to give White the advantage.

Holiday Greetings to All

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