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Now is the time when all players should come to the support of the partie. Over the Labor Day week-end, Sept. 4, 5, & 6 at Charlestown, W. Va., the WVCA will hold its annual State Congress.

The events, as usual, will be:

- 1) For the championship of the State, a section open to all, with the title of State Champion the goal.
(This title, however, may not be conferred on other than a resident of W. Va.)
Fee \$5.00
- 2) Junior Championship, open to all who have not reached their twenty-first birthday.
Fee \$2.00
- 3) An open event to include all others.
Fee \$4.00

An annual business meeting will be held at a suitable time, preferably before play begins. Business on hand will include election of officers, and consideration of a constitution and by-laws proposed by John Hurt, Jr.

Place of meeting: The Coca-Cola Building, 3300 McCorkle Avenue, near the Ball Park.

Registration: Saturday at 12 noon.
Sessions: Saturday afternoon and evening.

Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening.

Monday morning.

Tournament Director Reid Holt, of 620 Churchill Drive, Charleston.

urges that those who have clocks bring them as well as boards and men.

1954 CITY OF CHARLESTON CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

	Score	W	-	L
1. Edward M. Foy	9	-	0
2. John F. Hurt, Jr.	7½	-	1½
3. Allen H. DuVall	6½	-	2½
4. George Hendricks	5½	-	3½
4. William F. Hartling	4½	-	4½
6. David F. Marples	3½	-	5½
7. H. Bruce Marples	3½	-	5½
8. Dan Lowder	2	-	7
9. Paul Allen	2	-	7
10. Walter Privette	1	-	8

Edward M. Foy won the 1954 City of Charleston (W. Va.) Chess Championship, with a 9-0 record. John F. Hurt, Jr., defending champion, finished in second place, scoring 7½-1½. Allen H. DuVall took third position with 6½-2½; an upset loss to George Hendricks hurting his score.

George Hendricks' play was the surprise of the tournament; he finished in fourth position, one point ahead of William F. Hartling.

The new city champion gains custody of the Winfield D. Scott Trophy for a year. This battered cup has been in competition for almost every year since the middle thirties it can never be won permanently.

U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was held at Long Beach, California, June 29 to July 9. Forty-four contestants entered and Huntington's Donald Burdick placed third after S. B. adjustments were made. He was in the prize-winning group.

BIRTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN

This tournament included 28 players from various states and was held at Clemson, S. C., July 16-18. W. Va. champion Werthammer tied for first place with George Krauss, at present service at Fort Bragg, N. C. The former won 4 games, drew 2, and lost none. Krauss, however, lost to Werthammer and won 5 games. Judication a Ja Solkoff gave first place to Krauss.

Your editor also attended this meeting. In his case no adjudication was necessary as he attained last place uncontested.

NOTES AND JOTTINGS

President Rudd T. Neel urges all members of our association join the S. Chess Federation in order that our tournaments may be one hundred percent rated.

Charles T. Morgan of Huntington graduated from Marshall College in May and is now Junior Accountant with a firm in Charleston.

Donald S. Burdick graduated from Marshall High School this spring and will enter Duke University on a scholarship in the fall.

Tom Bergquist completes his time under military control (he has served at Fairchild A. F. B., Washington), and returns to his home in Huntington in October, in time, he feels sure, to enter the Tri-State Tourney.

Harry Gregg reports a successful tournament at Huntington's Standard tramarine plant. The winner was Vedomir Novakovic.

The West Virginia Chess Association wishes to thank the South Caro-

lina Chess Association for the uniform courtesy and consideration extended to its visitors from Huntington to Clemson. In particular our two visiting editors wish to thank again Mr. Rae Hayes of Greenville, S. C. for his personal efforts in the matter of transportation from Clemson to Greenville.

IN MEMORIAM

The W. V. C. A. announces with regret the passing of two of its faithful members.

James T. Altmeyer of Wheeling died after a lingering illness at the age of 74 on October 9, 1953.

Mrs. Ludwig H. (Gretchen) Frank died suddenly at her home in Charleston early in April of this year.

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN

— 1954 —

The Decisive Game

Black had to win this game to tie for first prize. His policy of risking an inferior variation to provoke an incorrect attack paid off.

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE

George Krauss vs.

Dr. S. Werthammer

1 P-K4, N-KB3; 2 N-QB3, P-Q4; 3 PxP, NxP; 4 N-B3

The usual move is B-B4.

4 . . . P-QB4; 5 P-Q4, P-K3

Black submits to an isolated QP to get a free game.

6 NxN, PxN; 7 PxP, BxP; 8 B-Q3, O-O; 9 O-O, N-B3; 10 B-KB4, Q-N3

Black's counter-chance, preventing development of the White KR and creating pressure on White's Q-wing. Black saw what was coming and felt sure he could weather the storm.

11 BxPch,

Black deliberated one hour before sacrificing.

11 . . . KxB; 12 N-N5ch, K-N; 13 Q-Q3, P-N3; 14 Q-KN3

With the threat Q-R4 and seemingly there is no defense.

14 . . . QxP; 15 P-B3, Q-K7!;

The only move that refutes the attack.

16 N-B3, B-B4

Better is Q-K3; 17 P-KR3, Q-B3. After the text Black still has to defend against strong pressure.

17 QR-K, Q-Q6; 18 Q-R4, P-B3; 19 R-Q, Q-B5; 20 Q-N3, N-K2; 21 KR-K, P-KN4; 22 NxP

White has only a few seconds left for about 23 moves. Of course, this wild try is not sufficient.

22 . . . PxN; 23 QxPch, N-N3; 24 R-K6, QxB; 25 R-N5ch, BxR; 26 QxBch, K-R; 27 Q-R5ch, K-N2; 28 K-R, R-R; Resigns. 29

U. S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

— 1954 —

Dragon's Teeth Pulled

SICILIAN DEFENSE

D. Burdick vs.

John Bloomer

1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 P-Q4, Pxp; 4 NxP, N-B3; 5 N-QB3, P-Q3; 6 P-B3!;

Intending to castle long and start a pawn roller on the K-side.

6 . . . P-KN3?

6 . . . P-K3! transposing into the Scheveningen Variation would frustrate White's plan as the P then belongs at KB4 instead of KB3.

7 B-K3, B-N2; 8 Q-Q2, O-O; 9 N-N3, B-K3; 10 O-O-O, P-QR3; 11 P-N4, N-K4

If 11 . . . P-QN4; 12 P-KR4, P-N5; 13 N-R4 with a strong advantage for White.

12 B-K2, N-B5; 13 BxN, BxB; 14 P-KR4, P-KR4

Better was 14 . . . P-QN4; 15 P-R5, P-N5; but White still has an advantage.

15 Pxp, NxRP; 16 B-R6, BxN (N6); 17 RpxB, Q-R4; 18 BxB, NxB

KxB would keep White's Q out of R5.

19 QR-N, KR-B; 20 P-R5! NxP; 21 Q-R6, R-B4; 22 N-Q5, RxN. Forced.

23 PxR, Q-R8ch; 24 K-Q2, Q-R4ch; 25 K-K2, Q-N4oh; 26 K-K.

White is afraid of a perpetual but actually has nothing to fear from 26 P-B4, QxNP; 27 RxN, QxQBPch; 28 K-B2, Q Q5ch; 29 K-N2 as PxR is met by 30 K-R2 dis ch.

26 . . . Q-R4ch; 27 Q-Q2, QxQch; 28 KxQ, N-B3; 29 P-QB4, P-QN4; 30 R-R, R-N; 31 K-B3

If 31 Rxp?, Pxp; 32 Pxp, Rxpch giving Black counterchances.

31 . . . R-N3; 32 R-KR2

Preparing to double rooks on either the K or KR file.

32 . . . N-Q2; 33 R-K2, K-B; 34 R/1-K, N-K4; 35 P-B4, P-N5ch; 36 K-B2.

Otherwise N-B6ch wins back the exchange.

36 . . . N-B6; 37 R-Q.

To prevent N-Q5ch.

37 . . . N-R5; 38 K-Q3, K-N2

An oversight which does some good in that it lets Black's rook join the battle.

39. Rxp, N-B4; 40 R-R7, R-N; 41 Rxf, R-K; 42 R-KB

To protect the BP.

42 . . . R-K6ch; 43 K-B2, R-K7ch; 44 K-B, R-K6; 45 K-B2, R-K7ch; 46 K-N, R-K6

Black misses the chance to try for a nice trap: 46 . . . N-K6; 47 R-B3?? (R-B saves the win), R-K8ch; 48 K-R2, N-B7 and White is embarrassed to say the least.

47 K-R2, N-Q5; 48 Rxp, Rxp? 49 R-Q, N-B4; 50 KxR, NxR; 51 P-QB5, N-K5; 52 Kxp, Resigns.

CHARLESTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP — 1954

Gentle Art of Regrouping

A great deal of jockeying with the minor pieces—nothing should have come of it, though White had the somewhat better game — until he blundered.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

J. Hurt, Jr. vs. Edward Foy

1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 P-QB3, P-Q4; 3 PxpP, QxpP; 4 P-Q4, N-KB3; 5 N-KB3, N-B3; 6 B-K3, PxpP; 7 PxpP, P-KN3; 8 N-B3, Q-QR4; 9 P-Q5, N-QN

The position resembles somewhat the one resulting from a variation of the Danish Gambit. White has a good game.

10 N-K5

This leads eventually to exchanges. B-QB4 would maintain tension.

10 . . . , B-N2; 11 B-N5ch, B-Q2; 12 N-B4, Q-Q; 13 P-Q6, 0-0; 14 0-0, BxB; 15 NxN, N-B3; 16 Q-B3, PxpP; 17 N/5xQP, Q-B2; 18 N-N5, Q-K2; 19 N/5-Q6, KR-Q

White threatens the Q-wing pawns. But there is no sting in this attack. The center Ps are missing.

20 B-B5, Q-B2; 21 N-N5, Q-Q2; 22 QR-Q, Q-K3

Here Black could comfortably play Q-N5; 23 QxQ (forced), NxQ; 24 RxR, RxR; 25 NxP, NxN; 26 BxN, R-R and Black wins back the P with a superior game.

23 N/5-Q6, QR-N; 24 P-KR3, N-K4; 25 NxN, QxN/4; 26 NxNP, RxR; 27 RxR, QxpP; 28 R-Q8ch??

A blunder! After P-R3 the game is even. If Black takes the N by RxN (not QxN??); 29 R-Q8ch and wins at

once); 29 R-Q8ch, B-B; 30 RxBeh with the better game. 28 . . . , RxR; 29 NxR, Q-B8ch; 30 K-R2, QxB; 31 N-B6 and White Resigns.

CHARLESTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP — 1954

It Could Happen to Anybody

The great DuVall is caught napping. Still, Hendricks' breezy and unconcerned style deserves recognition.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

G. Hendricks vs. A. DuVall

1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 P-Q4, PxpP; 4 NxP, N-B3; 5 N-B3, P-K3; 6 KN-N5, B-N5

P-Q4 is the natural response. The text gives White a comfortable initiative.

7 N-Q6ch, K-K2; 8 B-KB4, P-K4; 9 N-B5ch, K-B; 10 B-KN5, P-KR3; 11 BxN, QxB; 12 B-QB4, N-K2; 13 NxN, BxNch; 14 PxB, KxN; 15 Q-Q5, P-Q3

White has the pull and only Black's great skill in simplifying by exchanges staved off decisive disadvantage.

16 R-QN, Q-K3; 17 QxNPch!

Easy but pretty.

17 . . . , BxQ; 18 RxBeh, K-B3

After Q-Q2; 19 RxQch, KxR White has the advantage also, with B and 2 Ps against one R.

19 BxQ, QR-N??

A blunder; Black obviously did not see that White can play B-N3 after the R exchange and hoped for the R check at QN8.

20 RxR, RxR; 21 B-N3 and won after 29 more moves.

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