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Charleston, acting as host for the 1954 W. Va. Congress, provided for the membership a most enjoyable Labor Day week-end. Details are best expressed in the words of Charlestons champion Edward Foy:

Seventeen-year-old Donald Burdick, a freshman at Duke and a resident of Huntington, won the 1954 West Virginia Chess Championship. The meeting was held in the new Coca Cola Building, Charleston, over the Labor Day week-end, September 4-5-6.

Burdick won three games and drew three for a $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ record. He was the only player in the championship division who was undefeated. He ended the six-year reign of defending title-holder, Dr. Werthammer of Huntington, who — for the first time since 1947 — failed to finish in first place. However, the Doctor, along with Joseph Foucher and Charles Morgan tied for second place with 4-2 scores. Former president William Cuthbert of Kayford finished fifth.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Howard Cartee of Huntington (aged 17) won the junior state title for the second time in succession, scoring four games won, none lost. John Randolph of Clarksburg was second with 3-1, followed in order by Peter Hutchinson of Charleston, Philip Crosby of Huntington and Foster Thalheimer of Charleston.

THE "OPEN"

The veteran Rudd T. Neel of Huntington again won the "Open" with a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score. David Marples of South Charleston and Harry Sweeney of Charleston tied for second place with 4-2 each. George Hendricks of Charleston, Harold McClung of Huntington, and Walter Privette of Dunbar tied for fourth position, scoring $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Richard C. Grimm, of South Charleston, was the very capable tournament director.

Detailed tabulations shown on page two.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 1954 AT
2:00 P. M. IN THE COCA-COLA
BUILDING AT CHARLESTON
WEST VIRGINIA

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the West Virginia Chess Association was called to order by the President, Rudd Neel.

After the minutes of last meeting were read and approved the Association proceeded to the election of officers. Mr. Dave Marples announced the following nominations by the nominating committee:

President—Mr. T. B. Sweeney, Jr.
V-President—Mr. G. G. Hendricks
Secretary-Treas.—W. F. Hartling

Since no nominations from the floor were forthcoming, it was moved

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Donald Burdick, Huntington	W6	W9	D4	D7	W5	D3	4½-1½
Joseph Foucher, Charleston	D9	W3	D7	L5	W6	W8	4 -2
Charles Morgan, Charleston	W10	L2	D9	W4	W7	D1	4 -2
Stiegfried Werthammer, N.D. Huntington	W8	D7	D1	L3	W10	W5	4 -2
William R. Cuthbert, Kayford	L7	W6	W8	W2	L1	L4	3 -3
Edward M. Foy, Charleston	W1	L5	D10	W8	L2	W9	2½-3½
John F. Hurt, Charleston	L5	D4	D2	D1	L3	L10	2½-3½
William Hartling, St. Albans	L4	W10	L5	L6	W9	L2	2 -4
Paul Sayre, Huntington	D2	L1	D3	W10	L8	L6	2 -4
I. Bruce Marples, South Charleston	L3	L8	D6	L9	L4	W7	1½-4½

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Howard Cartee, Huntington	X	1	1	1	1	1	4 -0
John Randolph, Clarksburg	0	X	1	1	1	1	3 -1
Peter Hutchinson, Charleston	0	0	X	1	1	1	2 -2
Philip Crosby, Huntington	0	0	0	X	1	1	1 -3
Roster Thalheimer, Charleston	0	0	0	0	X	1	0 -4

OPEN TOURNAMENT

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
Rudd T. Neel, Huntington	W5	W8	W3	W2	W7	D4	5½-0½
David Marples, South Charleston	L7	W6	W4	L1	W3	W10	4 -2
Harry Sweeney, Charleston	W10	W9	L1	W4	L2	W8	4 -2
George Hendricks, Charleston	W6	W7	L2	L3	W5	D1	3½-2½
Harold McClung, Huntington	L1	W10	W8	D7	L4	W9	3½-2½
Walter Privette, Dunbar	L4	L2	W10	W9	W8	D7	3½-2½
D. C. Feuchtenberger, Ashland, Ky.	W2	L4	W9	D5	L1	D6	3 -3
L. G. Cochran, Charleston	D9	L1	L5	W10	L6	L3	1½-4½
V. S. Hayward, M.D., Huntington	D8	L3	L7	L6	W10	L3	1½-4½
James Spence, South Charleston	L3	L5	L6	L8	L9	L2	0 -6

At unanimous ballots for the outgoing candidates by acclamation. motion was seconded and passed dissenting vote.

Mr. Hendricks, the chair in absence of the elected president Mr. Sweeney, directed the Treasurer to read financial report for the year -54. The report was read and approved.

Mr. Hurt that members authorize the Secretary to send a check of five dollars (\$5.00) to the Janitor of Coca-Cola Building in appreciation of his services, together with letter of thanks to the Coca-Cola company. The motion was carried without dissenting vote.

Dr. Hayward of Huntington, expressed the appreciation of the Association to Mr. Grimm as Tournament Director, for his excellent work. A standing ovation was given by all members.

A brief discussion of the constitution which was prepared by Messrs. Hurt, Warren and Sayre followed. Dr. Werthammer moved that the constitution as prepared, be turned over to Mr. Hill of Charleston for revision and that Mr. Hill re-submit the revised constitution at the next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

The forthcoming Tri-State Tournament which is to be held in Wheeling November 13-14 was discussed. Dr. Hayward pointed out that Mr.

Paul was to be appointed Honorary Chairman of a committee on arrangements and urged all members to attend the tournament.

After presentation of the trophies to the winners of the Championship, "Open" and Junior Tournament by Mr. Grimm, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

W. F. Hartling
Secretary-Treasurer

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

Annual Financial Statement
For

Year Ending August 31, 1953

Balance: August 31, 1952--\$ 39.76

Receipts:

Tournament Dues; Champ. 12 at 3.00--\$ 36.00

Open 10 at 1.00-- 10.00

Membership Dues; 69.00

Advertising;

C'wood Sales ---- 3.40

Bushke ----- 8.50

Total Receipts -----\$ 126.90

Total Available Funds ----\$ 166.66

Disbursements:

Bulletin:

Printing -----\$ 78.00

Postage ----- 13.58

\$ 91.58

Balance: August 31, 1953 --\$ 75.08

THE COMING TRI-STATE MEETING

The annual Tri-State Meeting (Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia) will be held at the YMCA in Wheeling, W. Va. on Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14. The WVCA will act as host.

Events will, as usual, be:
1) The Tri-State Championship, a five-session Round Robin which includes two ranking representatives from each state.

2) The Tri-State Junior Championship, a five-session Round Robin that includes two ranking junior players from each state.

3) The "Ohio Valley Open", a Swiss event open to all and sundry from the three component states.

Fees: As in the past, no fee will be charged in the first two events, but a nominal entry fee of \$3.00 will be accepted in the "Ohio Valley Open."

Tournament Director: Direction of this meeting will be in the able hands of Mr. William Byland of Pittsburgh, Pa., who will be kindly remembered by all who played in this tournament last year.

Time and place of registration: 12 noon, November 13, 1954, YMCA, Wheeling, W. Va.

Clocks, boards, and men should be brought by players.

WEST VIRGINIA PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE

It is with regret that we mention that West Virginia in the past has rarely attended the Tri-State Tournament in proper force. We look for a large attendance this year by players of the host State.

Veteran player and enthusiast Mr. A. W. Paul of Wheeling has accepted the honorary chairmanship of a committee on arrangements that includes Mr. S. R. Owens of Ohio, Mr. W. M. Byland of Pennsylvania and Drs. Werthammer and Hayward of West Virginia.

JOTTINGS

The tireless and enthusiastic John Hurt gave a simultaneous exhibition in Logan on September 29 against 12 contestants. His only loss was to F. C. Menk of Huntington.

Champion Donald Burdick has begun his studies at Duke University. He hopes, however, to play in the coming "Tri-State" at Wheeling. One of our junior players, Ted Baker, has reactivated the Hunting-

5 . . . B-N3; 6 B-N2, P-B3; 7 P-K4. PxP; 8 PxP, P-K4!

Black submits to doubled Ps in return for a square for his N, the two Bs, and threats against White's K-side Ps. More than an even exchange.

9 KN-K2, Q-R4; 10 PxP, NxP/4; 11 BxN, PxB; 12 P-KR3, R-Q

The immediate P-KR4 is stronger. 13 Q-B, P-KR4; 14 Q-B4, R-Q3; 15 R-P, RxP; 16 0-0, B-R3; 17 Q-N3, Q-B4ch; 18 K-R, B-N4; 19 QR-Q, RxR; 20 RxR, B-K6; 21 P-N4

White cleverly forces the exchange of Black's powerful KB and gains the initiative for a P.

21 . . . Q-N3; 22 N-R4, QxP; 23 QxB, QxN; 24 Q-Q2, K-B; 25 N-B4, R-N4

Best. Black intends to sacrifice the Exchange for another P and threats against White's K.

26 P-KR4, RxB; 27 NxR, QxKP; 28 P-R5

Aggressive but not sound. White soon loses this P. If 28 . . . BxP; 29 Q-R6ch wins.

28 . . . Q-KN5!

A nice counterstroke: if 29 PxB? Q-R6ch 30 K-N, N-B6ch wins handsomely for Black. While White defends against this threat he gives Black a material advantage of B and 3 Ps for a R. White seems lost.

29 Q-Q8ch, K-N2; 30 P-R6ch! White's only chance and a slim one at that.

30 . . . KxP; 31 Q-R8ch, K-N4; 32 R-Q6, Q-R4ch

Black naturally heads for the end game.

33 QxQch, BxQ; 34 K-N, B-N3; 35 N-K, B-B4; 36 K-B2, B-K3; 37 N-B5ch!

White fights back strongly: if 37 . . . NxN; 38 KxN, BxP; 39 R-Q7 and White wins at least one Q-side P and strengthens his drawing chances. Note he allows Black to exchange

8 . . . B-N2; 9 P-QN3? 9 P-QR4 is necessary: if P-N5, simply 10 N-N and later N-Q2-B4 with a well-placed N and pressure on Black's Q-side. The text only weakens White's Ps.

9 . . . B-K2; 10 Q-B2, N-B3; 11 PxP, N-N5; 12 Q-Q2

The embarrassed White Q is happy to be exchanged.

12 . . . BxP; 13 P-QR3, N-B3; 14 P-QN4, QxQ; 15 BxQ

NxQ is better.

15 . . . B-Q3; 16 B-B, K-K2; 17 B-N2, KR-Q; 18 KR-Q, QR-B; 19 QR-B; N-K4!

This fine move shows how White's slightly inferior moves have given Black serious winning chances. If the N is not exchanged, Black plays

20 . . . N-B5 followed by doubling of rooks on the QB file.

20 NxN, BxN; 21 RxR, KxR; 22 N-Q

Forced because of the threat of . . . N-Q4; 23 NxN (forced), BxB! 24 RxRch, KxR; and White's Q-side Ps are lost.

22 . . . RxR; 23 BxR, N-Q4; 24 B-N2, BxB; 25 NxB, K-B2; 26 K-B, K-N3; 27 B-Q3, P-R3; 28 P-N3

28 K-K2 followed by 29 P-B3 would be good since it would restrain Black's pieces, not create "holes" for their entry, and not necessitate more K-side P moves.

28 . . . P-QR4; 29 PxPch, KxP; 30 K-K, B-B3; 31 K-Q2, N-B3; 32 P-KR4, P-K4; 33 B-K2, N-K5ch

Black starts an artistic maneuver that obtains a passed P.

34 K-K, N-B6; 35 B-Q3, N-R5; 36 N-Q, B-B6; 37 B-E2, BxN; 38 KxB, N-N7ch; 39 K-B, N-B5; 40 B-N3, NxP; 41 BxP, K-N5; 42 K-N2, N-B5ch; 43 BxN?

pieces but won't do it himself since it would undouble the KBPs and strengthen Black's winning chances. 37 . . . K-B5?

White gains two tempos; the immediate 37 . . . K-N3 is much better. White now starts a nice maneuver which isolates all Black's Ps.

38 R-Q4ch, K-B4; 39 R-QR4, P-R3; 40 N-Q4ch, K-N3; 41 N-N3, N-Q2; 42 P-R3, P-KB4; 43 N-R5, P-N4; 44 R-Q4, B-Q4; 45 P-B4!

A fine move which makes the draw almost certain since Black's two extra Ps are doubled.

45 . . . PxP; 46 NxP, K-B3; 47 N-K3, K-K4; 48 R-QR4, N-B4; 49 R-R5, N-Q6ch; 50 K-B, P-B4; 51 RxRP, B-K5; 52 R-R7, K-Q5; 53 N-Q, P-QB5

A last try by Black which is fruitless. White now forces the draw.

54 P-R4, P-QB6; 55 R-Q7ch, K-B5; 56 R-B7ch, N-B4; 57 NxP

DRAW AGREED

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W. VA. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

— 1954 —
Introducing Mr. Foucher.

Foucher (next to Burdick the most tenacious player in the tournament) was a new star.

E. Foy vs.
J. Foucher

QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED

1 P-Q4, P-Q4; 2 P-QB4, PxP, 3 N-NB3, N-KB3; 4 P-K3, P K3; 5 BxP, P-B4; 6 N-B3, P-QR3; 7 0-0

In the Morgan-Foucher game in the same tournament, White got a good game with 7 P-QR4, but faltered in the middle game and lost quickly.

7 . . . P-QN4; 8 B-K2

8 B-N3 or Q3 is much better; the K2 square is needed for the Q.

A blunder which quickly ends the game. White could draw by 43 K-B2 followed by the eventual advance and exchange of the K-side Ps and sacrafice of the B for the Black QNP. 43 . . . KxB; 44 P-B4, PxB; 45 KPxB, K-K-Q5; 46 P-N4, K-K5; 47 P-B5, K-B5; 48 P-N5, KxBP and wins.

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W. VA. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

— 1954 —

Consolation

After losing for 5 straight rounds, Bruce finally strikes.

J. J. Hurt vs.

H. B. Marples

SCOTCH GAMBIT

4 . . . P-Q3 is necessary. If 5 P-B3, PxB; 6 Q-N3, Q-Q2 holds everything and Black has a P for his troubles. The text allows White to regain the gambit P with the better position.

5 P-B3, PxB; 6 Q-N3, P-Q4

If 6 . . . N-R4; 7 BxPch, K-B; 8 QxBP, KxB; 9 QxN and White's attack is over.

7 BxP, P-B7!

This P can now be captured and two pieces stop it from queening, but it leads a charmed life and decides the game.

8 BxPch, K-B; 9 N-B3, B-KN5!

Black gets the initiative and wins at least a P due to two threats: (a) 10 . . . BxN; 11 PxB, N-Q5; 12 Q-Q5, N-NxPch; (b) 10 . . . BxN; 11 PxB, N-K4 threatening both B and P and if 12 B-R5 simply P-KN3; 13 B-N4, P-P-KR4; 14 B-R3, NxBPch.

10 BxN

Exchanges a good attacking piece for an undeveloped piece. Best was 10 B-K3.

10 . . . RxB; 11 0-0?

Plain suicide!

11 . . . BxN; 12 PxB, N-Q5; 13 Q-Q5, NxBPch; 14 K-R, B-Q3; 15 Q-B5ch, Q-B3; 16 N-K2, QxQ; 17 PxB, NxB

Black is two Ps up with a good position, but the real fun is yet to come.

18 R-KN, N-B6; 19 R-N4, R-K; 20 B-K3, R-K4; 21 N-N3, R-N4

A nice maneuver which makes the advanced P look dangerous.

22 P-N3, R-Q4; 23 K-N2, R-Q8; 24 R-B, N-K8ch; 25 K-R3, B-R6; 26 R-K4, BxR

Black has won a R but it takes all his resources to prevent White's three pieces from winning the game.

27 B-B5ch

White's only hope. He comes too close for comfort.

27 . . . K-B2; 28 R-K7ch, K-B3; 29 K-N4

Threat: 20 N-K4 or R5 mate.

29 . . . R-Q5ch!

The only move. If 30 BxR, KxR and the game is over.

30 N-K4ch, RxB; 31 RxB

White has serious threats of perpetual check by R-K6ch-K7ch-K4 dis ch.

31 . . . P-R4ch!

If KxB, KxP 33RxB, B-Q7 and the passed P decides. The text allows Black to finish the game brilliantly.

32 K-N3, B-B5ch; 33 RxB, P-B8 (Q); 34 B-Q4ch, K-B2; 35 B-K3, P-R5ch, Resigns.

W. VA. OPEN

— 1954 —

Rudd T. Neel vs.

D. Marples

FRENCH DEFENSE

1 P-K4, P-K3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 P-K5, P-QB4; 4 P-QB3, N-QB3; 5 P-KB4

White tries to cut the corners. With N-B3 he develops and prepares to castle.

5 . . . PxB; 6 PxB, B-N5ch; 7 N-B3, KN-K2; 8 P-QR3?

Encourages the following exchange, which weakens White's Ps.

8 . . . BxNch; 9 PxB, Q-B2; 10 B-Q3?

White now blunders away the weakened Ps.

10 . . . NxBP, 11 QPxB, QxBPch; 12 B-Q2, QxB; 13 N-K2

At this late date, White prepares to castle.

13 . . . B-Q2

P-QN3 followed by B-R3 looks good.

14 0-0, 0-0; 15 R-B3, Q-R3; 16 B-N4, R-K; 17 N-Q4, N-B3; 18 NxB, BxN; 19 R-R3, Q-N3ch; 20 K-R, P-N3

Perhaps P-Q5, followed at the right time by B-K5 and placing of the Rs at Q1 and QB1, would be better.

21 Q-N4, Q-Q; 22 R-R6, P-B4; 23 Q-R3, Q-Q2; 24 B-K, R-K2; 25 B-R4, R-B2, 26 B-B6, P-QN4?

27 RxBPch! K-B; 28 Q-R6ch, Resigns.

W. VA. OPEN

— 1954 —

Case of the Missing Rook

Black does, fine until he tries to exchange Qs. Then a R get lost in the scuffle.

D. Marples vs.

H. Sweeney

FRENCH DEFENSE

1 P-K4, P-K3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 N-Q2, N-QB3; 4 PxB, PxB

This exchange variation later looks like a Petroff, somewhat drawish.

5 KN-B3, N-B3; 6B-Q8, N-QN5; 7 N-N3, B-N5; 8 0-0, B-K2; 9 B-KB4, N-R4; 10 B-N3, P-QN3

Black can now get the 2 Bs and castle with good prospects. But he wants complications.

11 P-B3, QNxB; 12 QxN, 0-0; 13 N-K5, B-K3; 14 N-B6, Q-Q2; 15 NxBch, QxN; 16 QR-K, N-B3; 17 P-KB4, N-K5; 18 P-B5, B-Q2; 19 N-Q2, B-B3; 20 P-B6, Q-Q2; 21 PxB

Black can use this enemy P for "natural protection". But the KRP is weak.

21 . . . KR-K; 22 B-K5, B-N4

Black gets a P, but loses time. The N may be needed in the K's defense.

23 P-B4, NxB; 24 QxN, BxB; 25 R-B3, R-K3

Naturally if BxB, 26 P-QN3 wins the B.

26 P-QN3, B-N4; 27 R-R3, QR-K; 28 Q-QB2

Piling up on the RP.

28 . . . R-N3; 29 R/1-K3, Q-N5; 30 R/K-N3, QxBch?

Too bad. A faulty combination spoils a nice game. If RxB bothers him, Black should try Q-K5 (mate threat).

31 BxQ, R-K8ch; 32 K-B2, R-K7ch;
33 QxR, BxQ; 34 RxP, KxR; 35 R-
R3ch, Resigns.

White gets a mate or a new Q.

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**W. V. JUNIOR
CHAMPIONSHIP — 1954**

Things haven't been the same in the Junior since Burdick, Morgan, and Bruce Marples "graduated". The juniors are as imaginative as ever, but their technique is sketchy.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

H. Cartee vs.

P. Hutchison

1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3;
3 B-N5, P-QR3; 4 BxN, QPxB; 5
P-Q3, P-B5; 6 P-Q4, P-QN4; 7 P-
B3, B-N5; 8 B-B4, P-B3; 9 0-0, P-
N4; 10 B-N3, B-N2; 11 QN-Q2, P-
K4; 12 Q-K, Q-K2; 13 Q-K3, P-R3;
14 P-N4, Q-K3; 15 PxP, PxP; 16 Q-
B5, BxN; 17 NxN, N-K2; 18 BxP,
BxB; 19 QxB, QxQ; 20 NxQ, 0-0; 21
P-B3, QR-K; 22 N-Q7, R-B2; 23 N-
B5, R-R; 24 P-QR4, KR-B; 25 PxP,
RPxP; 26 N-K6, RxR; 27 RxR, R-K;
28 R-Q, K-R2; 29 R-Q8, R-N; 30
RxR, NxR; 31 K-B2, N-K2; 32 K-K3,
N-B; 33 K-Q4, N-N3; 34 N-Q8, K-
N2; 35 NxP, N-Q2; 36 N-R7, Resigns.

Black, denied his book Sicilian, reverts to an old "rail-fence" P-formation, then fails to keep the fence mended. (13 N-R3-B2 would hold it a while.) He does not use his K in the end game. He tries to

use the N to keep White's K out instead of to protect the base of his P chain until his K arrives.

White does a fair job of exploiting Black's mistakes. While he overlooks the win of the Exchange by 29 R-Q7, K-N3; 30 N-B7, exchanging Rs is perhaps simpler and safer.

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TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE

J. Randolph vs.

P. Hutchison

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3
B-B4, N-B3; 4 N-N5, Q-K2; 5 BxPch,
K-Q; 6 B-N3, K-K; 7 N-QB3, N-Q5;
8 B-B7ch, K-Q; 9 B-B4, N-K3; 10
NxN, PxN; 11 P-Q3, Q-B4; 12 B-K3,
Q-N5; 13 R-QN, NxP; 14 PxNch, B-
Q3; 15 B-N3, P-QN3; 16 Q-B3, R-B;
17 Q-N4, P-N3; 18 B-N5ch, B-K2; 19
R-Qch, B-Q2; 20 QxP, K-B; 21 QxB
ch, K-N; 22 BxB, Q-R4; 23 B-Q6,
R-B; 24 B-Q5, P-QN4; 25 Q-B6
Resigns.

Hutchison should not have chosen the complicated Two Knights' Defense. He needs to learn the importance of P-Q4 in the KP defenses. In his Sicilian, 3 . . . , P-Q4, and in his Two Knights', 4 . . . , P-Q4 would have given him more room to develop. His 13th would regain a P if his K were not exposed. As old Dr. Tarrasch keeps shouting, "But you must see it!"

White shows skill in going for the K instead of the R with 23 B-Q6. At the end, mate at N7 or R8 is unavoidable.

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