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GOOD NEWS FROM WHEELING!

Mr. A. C. Dobbs, Sr. advises Mr. Hartling for publication that Wheeling now has an active chess club that meets Monday evenings at the local YMCA.

In his letter Mr. Dobbs gives a list of the present membership, that includes the Rev. Mr. W. M. Erhard, President, Mr. Charles L. Ritter of 111 Elm St., the Secy-Treasurer.

Through the efforts, he further states, of Mr. A. W. Paull, Sr., Hon. Thomas B. Sweeney (currently president of West Virginia Chess Association) as well as Mr. Dobbs himself, the club has been reborn and is now playing a tournament.

Mr. Dobbs asks what the dues are. For his information and that of others, who are considering keeping their subscriptions current, the answer is, two dollars per year, payable anytime to our Treasurer, Mr. W. F. Hartling, 131 Park St., St. Albans, W. Va.

We are all naturally interested in this news from Wheeling and would like to feel that holding the Tri-State meeting there, last fall, may have motivated this renaissance.

WHAT NEWS FROM BECKLEY?

Mr. Harlow Warren of Beckley has been unofficially approached on the subject of our Annual Labor Day State Championship Congress

to be held Sept. 3, 4, and 5, 1955. To date no word has been received from Beckley.

HOW ABOUT HUNTINGTON?

On May 13, 14, and 15 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), the third Hobby Show will be "put on" at Huntington's Field House. As previously, West Virginia Chess will provide an exhibit. This year, however, the local High Schools will join in sponsoring and staging the display of sets, boards, books, clocks, trophies, and even teachers and players.

To quote from the local press "the two High School groups from East High and Huntington are active in chess circles and have just finished their annual interschool match" — report of which may be found in the Bulletin.

This subject may not be passed over without a profound bow being accorded Mr. Paul Sayre for his untiring efforts in coaching these young players — arranging and refereeing their matches and maintaining interest as well as fanning enthusiasm in all adherents to the Royal Game.

Mr. H. H. Gregg of the local Mental Health Association is dependable for practical help and moral support.

The young captains of the High School teams, Howard Cartee of

it (junior champion of W. Va.)
1 Teld Baker of Huntington High
active and creditable players.

KEEPING UP WITH DONALD BURDICK

Donald Burdick won first board
prize at the Southern Intercollegiate
tournament. Playing as a member
of the Duke University team, though
freshman, he outpointed the well-
known "Kit" Crittendon. The latter
lost to one of Donald's victims. (See
next section)

Donald lost in a brilliancy prize
game in last year's National Junior
tournament. (This game is published
throughout notes in the January-February
American Chess Bulletin.) This
game recalls a similar experience of Hur-
stington's Charles Morgan in the 1953
National Intercollegiate.

HIGH SCHOOL MATCH

During April, Huntington High
school's chess team sought revenge
on East High School, for the de-
feat it sustained last fall. Circumstances
of the event in reporting the complete
reversals of this match, but Huntington
is already assured of a far
better showing than in November.
Again Mr. Sayre is capably in
charge of all arrangements and pro-
vides a full report at an early
date.

"ANNOTATIONS"

Edward Foy has moved to 1563
Lewis St., Charleston.
Dr. Werthammer has moved to
4 Holswade Drive, Huntington.

Huntington intends to hold a city
championship beginning mid-July.
Miss system.

GAMES SECTION

The first two games are annotated
by Dr. S. Werthammer, the third by
Donald Burdick, and the last comes
to us through the courtesy of the
Ohio Chess Bulletin.

"First, Fix The Target"

These two games illustrate unusual
lines in the French with interesting
restraint of Black's center by White's
fianchettoed KB. They also cu-
minate in pleasing attacks.

NORTH CENTRAL CHAMPIONSHIP

— 1954 —

FRENCH DEFENSE

Dr. S. Werthammer vs.
Orville Franceiseo
of Milwaukee, Wis.

1 P-K4, P-K3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3
N-QB3, B-N5; 4 N-K2, N-K2

Better P-xP first.

5 P-QR3, BxNeh; 6 NxB, 0-0; 7
P-KN4

A very unusual conception which
in addition to throwing in a confus-
ing and seemingly self-compromising
move serves (a) to develop the
White KB to N2 from where it will
restrain expansion of Black's center
Ps (b) to prevent Black's . . . N-B4,
and (c) if Black plays N-KN3, White
continues with P-KR4 — a promis-
ing P storm.

7 . . . QN-B3
QN-Q2 with P-QB4 to follow is of
course better.

8 P-K5, P-B3; 9 P-xP, R-xP

Black's maneuver only benefits
White by opening lines for him —
without P-QB4 White's center posi-
tion stays strong. White will be first
on the K-wing.

10 B-KN5, R-B2; 11 B-N2, Q-B; 12
O-O, N-N3; 13 N-K2, P-KR3; 14 Q-
K3, N/N3-K4; 15 P-xN, PxB; 16 Q-
K3, Q-K2; 17 P-KB4, P-xP; 18 N-xP,
P-QN3?

White has a strong attack. Black
could here force an end-game which
would be inferior for him, but
where he could hold out longer, with
18 . . . Q-N4; 19 N-xQP, QxQch; 20
N-xQ, N-xP; 21 QR-Q! (RxRch; 22
BxR).

19 P-N4, Q-Q2

Q-N4 does not work now because
after the Q exchange Black loses
the QR or at least a P.

20 N-N6, R-xRch; 21 BxR!

RxR would not be clear after B-
R3.

The B is slated to replace the
cramping N on N6.

21 . . . N-K2; 22 B-Q3, Q-K; 23 Q-
N5, N-xN; 24 B-xN — — —

"From the frying pan into the
fire."

24 . . . Q-Q2; 25 Q-R5, Resigns.

Mate cannot be prevented.

This move actually attacks Black's
KP. It initiates a series of moves
which will lead to an uncomfortable
bind of Black's central P-mass.

11 . . . B-Q2; 12 B-QN2, K-R; 13
P-R5, N-B; 14 P-R6, P-xP; 15 R-xP,
N-N3; 16 P-xP, B-xP; 17 N-R4, BxB; 20
18 NxB, Q-B3; 19 N-Q3, B-B; 20
R-R, N-Q2; 21 P-B5, P-K4; 22 R-
R4, Q-Q; 23 R-R4, Q-N3?

By constantly harrying Black's
"hanging" Ps White got attacking
chances. The text is the first real
mistake of Black in this game and
this useless Q-excursion essentially
loses the game.

24 K-R, N-B3; 25 P-KN4, N-K5;
26 N-B3!

This would not have been possible
with the Black Q on her Q-square.

26 . . . N-xN; 27 P-xN, Q-Q; 28 R-R5,
B-Q2; 29 P-N5, B-K; 30 P-N6, P-
KR3; 31 Q-Q2

Initiates a pretty sacrificial end at-
tack—but the elegance is needless.
31 NxBP would have won much
more simply.

31 . . . Q-K2; 32 R-xPch, P-xR; 33
QxPch, K-N; 34 P-N7, Q-xNP; 35
R-KN, QxRch; 36 KxQ, R-B2; 37
P-B6, R-R2; 38 Q-N5ch, K-R; 39
B-B5, B-N3; 40 BxB, R-KN; 41 P-
B7, Resigns.

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE

— 1955 —

Art of Transposition

One of the virtues of the English
Opening is its ambiguity. It
might be a true English, or turn into
a Queen's Gambit, or even a—

SICILIAN REVERSED

Donald Burdick
(Duke University)

vs.

Daniel Fidlow
(University of Richmond)

1 P-QB4, P-K4; 2 N-QB3, N-KB3;
3 P-KN3

If White wishes to play the Sicilian Reversed, 3-P-Q3 is more precise here.

3 . . . , P-Q4; 4 PxP, NxP; 5 N-B3, P-KB3

This move is much better here than in the Sicilian Proper, for White cannot play P-K4 because of the weakening of his Q1-KR5 diagonal.

6 B-N2, B-K3

If . . . , P-QB4; 7 Q-N3

7 P-Q4

White must play this move while he has the chance.

7 . . . , Pxp

This move develops White. Better are 7 . . . , N-Q2, and 7 . . . , NxN followed by 8 . . . , P-K5. If 7 . . . , B-QN5; 8 Q-B2, Pxp; 9 NxP, NxN; 10 NxB! and White should win.

8 NxP, NxN; 9 PxN, B-Q4; 10 P-K4, B-B2; 11 O-O, P-B3; 12 Q-N4, Q-Q2; 13 Q-K2, N-R3

Black is having development troubles. Castling Q-side does not turn out well for him.

14 R-Q, O-O-O; 15 B-B4, N-B4

Walking into it, but Black is probably lost in any event.

16 N-N5, PxN; 17 RxQ, RxR; 18 QxP, B-K2; 19 B-K3, N-Q6; 20 B-R3, R/1-Q; 21 QxN, Resigns.

Fidlow is a much better player than this game indicates. With a little more experience he should be able to give the "best of 'em" a strong battle. It was he who defeated Crittenden of North Carolina U. and enabled me to win the first board prize.

Q. G. D. OPENING

Round Two

OHIO VALLEY OPEN

T. Berquist—White
(Huntington)

vs.

M. Allison — Black
(Columbus)

1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	B-K2
4. N-B3	N-KB3
5. B-N5	O-O
6. P-K3	P-QN3
7. Q-B2	B-N2
8. B-Q3	Pxp
9. Bxp	N-Q4
10. BxB	NxE
11. O-O-O	N-Q4
12. P-QR3	NxN
13. QxN	Q-B3
14. KR-N	BxN?
15. PxB	QxBP?
16. P-Q5!	P-KB3
17. Pxp	Resigns

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