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THE 1955 TRI-STATE

On Saturday and Sunday, November 11th and 12th, at Pittsburgh's Downtown "Y", the annual Tri-State Congress was held.

In the championship round Pennsylvania's players Charles Kalme of Philadelphia and H. V. Hesse of Bethlehem won first and second places respectively. Charles Morgan of Huntinton tied for third place with Richard Ling of Fairborn, Ohio (see tables).

No Junior event was played because of insufficient number in that class. It was ruled that the highest ranking Junior in the Open should receive the award.

Forty-one contestants registered for the two events. Sixteen from Pennsylvania, fourteen from Ohio and eleven from West Virginia. Regrettably missing from the latter group were players from Charleston and Beckley. Encouraging, however, was a representation from New Martinsville and vicinity.

William Byland, assisted by "Ev" Coons directed in capable fashion, and playing accommodations were notably comfortable.

Three of West Virginia's five co-champions competed, and Donald Burdick, coming from Duke University, was the only player to defeat all of his opponnets! He won the Open Tournament, and its award, and was declared junior champion according

to arrangements: an honor, we are told, that Donald has long coveted.

Three other West Virginia players in this round, Messrs. Neel, Sayre, and Hudson made plus scores, and even your editor failed to achieve uncontested last place.

NOTES AND JOTTINGS

Mr. Paul Sayre of Huntington arranged a very pleasing chess exhibit in the Huntington Public Library. This included unusual chess sets, popular chess books and a graphic explanation of correspondence chess. Several problems were tastefully displayed.

During the YMCA's extensive rebuilding program the Huntington-YMCA Chess Club meets at Dr. Hayward's home on Saturday afternoons.

The return match, Charleston vs. Huntington, is yet to be played.

Charleston's club meets regularly, we learn, at the YMCA.

Wheeling has requested the privilege of holding the 1956 Annual State Congress in their friendly city.

Your Association, its officers and editors wish all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

GAMES SECTION
TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
1955

Black masters the opening and middle game combinations. He gets in by the "back door" and White is lost before he realizes it.

DR. S. WERTHAMMER vs. C. T. MORGAN

Dutch Attack (irregular)

- 1 P-KB4, P-Q4; 2 N-KB3, P-QB4; 3 P-KN3, N-QB8; 4 B-N2, N-B3; 5 0-0, P-KN3; 6 P-B4?

Better P-Q3 and R-K and White plays a K-Indian. After the text Black paralyzes White's Q-wing.

- 6 . . . P-Q5; 7 P-K3, B-N2; 8 P-F1, NxP; 9 P-Q3?

Weak.

- 9 . . . B-N5! 10 N-B3, 0-0; 11 R-K, NxNch; 12 BxN, BxB; 13 QxB, Q-Q2; 14 B-K3?

Black's game is far superior and White should defend by N-K2 and KR-Q, QR-N etc. The ensuing combinations are in Black's favor.

- 14 . . . QxP; 15 QxP, QR-N; 16 QxKP, RxP; 17 N-R4

Much better is N-Q.

- 17 . . . R-B7, 18 NxP, QxP; 19 QR-B

Strangely, in this position White is lost.

- 19 . . . RxR; 20 RxR, Q-K7!!

White must lose material.

- 21 N-N3, N-Q4; 22 QxP, QxBch; 23 QxQ, NxQ; 24 K-B2, N-B4; 25 P-QR4, R-R; 26 P-R5, N-Q5; 27 N-B5, RxP; 28 N-Q7, R-R; 29 K-K3, R-Kch; 30 K-Q3, R-Q; 31 R-B7, N-K3; 32 Resigns.

W VA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
1955

In an unusual Sicilian, Black fights back valiantly and White is lucky to escape with a draw.

DR. S. WERTHAMMER vs. GEORGE HENDRICKS

Sicilian Defense

- 1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 P-QB4, P-K3; 3 N-QB3, N-QB3; 4 P-KN3, N-B3; 5 B-N2, P-Q3; 6 KN-K2, N-Q5; 7 0-0, E-K2; 8 P-Q3, 0-0; 9 P-KK3, P-K4; 10 P-B4, PxP; 11 NxP, P-QR3; 12 E-K3, N-K3; 13 P-KR4, NxN; 14 RxN, P-KR4! 15 Q-B3, B-N5; 16 Q-B2, R-N; 17 R-KB, Q-Q2; 18 N-Q5, NxN; 19 KPxN, P-B3; 20 K-R2

B-K4 and, after B-R6, B-B5 gives more chances.

- 20 . . . P-B4; 21 P-Q4, P-QN3; 22 Q-Q2, P-N3; 23 P-N3

White bites on granite on the K-wing so he tries the Q-wing—better P-QN4. An involved combination ensues.

- 23 . . . R-B2; 24 PxP, NPxP; 25 Q-R5, R-K; 26 QxRP, BxP; 27 BxP, BxPch; 28 KxB, PxB; 29 P-Q6

Black foresaw the move QxPch loses after R-N2.

- 29 . . . P-R5ch; 30 K-R2, R-K7; 31 R/4-B2, RxR; 32 RxR, Q-K; 33 Q-R8, K-B; 34 Q-Q5, Q-K6; 35 P-Q7

This move which looks like an oversight is actually the only one to draw.

- 35 . . . RxP; 36 QxR, QxR; 37 Q-Q8ch, K-N2; 38 Q-K7ch, K-R3; 39 Q-B8ch, K-N4; 40 Q-Q8ch, K-B5; 41 Q-Q6ch, K-N4; Draw.

Tournaments

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS — PITTSBURGH, PA.

NOVEMBER 12-13, 1955

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Charles Kalme, Philadelphia	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	4 1/2 - 1/2
2. H. V. Hesse, Bethlehem, Pa.	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	4 - 1
3. Richard Ling Fairborn, O.	0	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	2 1/2 - 2 1/2
4. Charles Morgan, Huntington	0	0	1/2	1	1	1	2 1/2 - 2 1/2
5. Dr. S. Werthammer, Huntington	0	0	1/2	0	0	1	1 1/2 - 3 1/2
6. Charles Feising, Hamilton, O.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 - 5

OHIO VALLEY OPEN

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1. Donald Burdick, Huntington	W34	W3	W9	W2	W7	5 - 0
2. Robert Bornholz, Pittsburgh	W16	W12	W22	L1	W10	4 - 1
3. E. E. Stearns, Cleveland	W11	L1	W27	W20	W9	4 - 1
4. Richard Kause, Cleveland	W35	W8	W11	W6	W6	4 - 1
5. William Granger, Cleveland	W27	W19	W10	L6	W13	4 - 1
6. Howard Fleet, Dayton	W21	D8	W12	W5	L4	3 1/2 - 1 1/2
7. James Schroeder, Columbus	D33	W32	W17	W8	L1	3 1/2 - 1 1/2
8. D. H. McClellan, Pittsburgh	W14	D6	W4	L7	D17	3 - 2
9. J. G. Waltz, Pittsburgh	W18	W15	L1	W14	L3	3 - 2
10. S. Ross Owens, Avon Lake, O.	W24	W23	L5	W16	L2	3 - 2
11. George Hudson, Sistersville	L3	W34	W15	L4	W19	3 - 2
12. Rudd T. Neel, Huntington	W30	L2	L6	W25	W23	3 - 2
13. D. Miscevic, Pittsburgh	W26	L22	W21	W23	L5	3 - 2
14. John Ogawa, Cleveland	L8	W30	W25	L9	W18	3 - 2
15. Willa Owens, Avon Lake, O.	W20	L9	L11	W24	W26	3 - 2
16. Paul Sayre, Huntington	L2	W28	W29	L10	W20	3 - 2
17. Bernard Berger, Pittsburgh	D32	W33	L7	W18	D8	3 - 2
18. J. W. Britain, New Martinsville	L9	W24	W19	L17	L14	2 - 3
19. M. F. McKinney, Youngstown	W25	L5	L18	W21	L11	2 - 3
20. Lester Shapiro, Pittsburgh	L15	W26	W33	L3	L16	2 - 3
21. Richard Lee, Morgantown	L6	W31	L13	L19	W32	2 - 3
22. Ernest Somlo, Cleveland	W31	L2	W13	L2	Withdrew	2 - 3
23. S. S. Keeney, Lakewood, O.	Bye	L10	W32	L13	L12	2 - 3
24. F. H. Beer, Pittsburgh	L10	L18	W35	L15	W27	2 - 3
25. Hans Schloss, New Martinsville	L19	Bye	L14	L12	W28	2 - 3
26. Albert Tockman, Glendale	L13	L20	W34	W27	L15	2 - 3
27. Dr. V. S. Hayward, Huntington	L5	W35	L3	L26	L24	1 - 4
28. S. Kudalis, Pittsburgh	L29	L16	L31	Eye	L25	1 - 4
29. E. M. Wyman, Cleveland	W28	L4	L16	Withdrew	1 - 4	
30. M. Lauver, Scottdale, Pa.	L12	L14	Bye	Withdrew	1 - 4	
31. Glen King, Scottdale, Pa.	L22	L21	W28	Withdrew	1 - 4	
32. Fred Muller, Philadelphia	D17	L7	L23	L33	L21	1/2 - 4 1/2
33. Charles Buerger, Pittsburgh	D7	L17	L20	L32	Withd	1/2 - 4 1/2
34. E. Hernley, Scottdale, Pa.	L1	L11	L26	Withdrew	0 - 5	
35. Walter Haddad, Scottdale, Pa.	L4	L27	L24	Withdrew	0 - 5	

**W. VA. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
1955**

One weak move in a standard attack against the French and Black never has a chance.

J. HURT, JR. vs.
C. T. MORGAN

French Defense

1 P-K4, P-K3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 N-QB3, N-KB3; 4 B-N5, B-K2; 5 P-K5, KN-Q2; 6 P-KR4, P-KB3; 7 B-Q3, K-B?

P-QB4 is the move. Acceptance of the sacrifice by 7 . . . , PxB is also dangerous, because of 8 Q-R5ch, K-B; 9 R-R3, and White usually gets through.

In the following White's attack develops logically and prettily.

8 PxP, NxP; 9 Q-B3, N-B3; 10 KN-K2, N-N5; 11 0-0-0, B-Q2; 12 N-B4, P-B4; 13 PxP, BxP; 14 KR-K, K-B2; 15 P-N4, NxB; 16 QxN, R-K; 17 BxN, QxB; 18 QNxP, PxN; 19 QxPeh, B-K3; 20 NxB, RxN; 21 RxR, QxR; 22 QxPeh, B-K2; 23 QxR, QxRP; 24 Q-Q5ch, QxQ; 25 RxQ, BxP; 26 R-KR5, BxP; 27 R-B5ch, Resigns.

**W. VA. OPEN
1955**

A trifle of a game with a cute ending; Ted Baker is a young lad "whose name bids fair to figure in big chess news at no distant date."

TED BAKER vs.
H. L. McCLUNG

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 B-B4, B-B4; 4 0-0, N-B3; 5 P-Q3, P-Q3; 6 N-B3, 0-0; 7 P-KR3, B-K3; 8 P-QN3, Q-Q2; 9 B-QN5, P-QR3; 10 BxN, QxB; 11 B-N2, QR-Q; 12 Q-K2, Q-Q2; 13 QR-Q, Q-K

He plans a "little" combination, so he moves the Q away from Q2.

14 R-Q2, N-R4; 15 NxP

He does not see it and "combines" also.

15 . . . , N-N6! Resigns.

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