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Eighteenth Annual Congress

Donald Burdick and Charles Morgan became the 1956 West Virginia Co-Champions, tying for first place with 5-1. First prize was awarded to Morgan after breaking the deadlock (Solkoff). Identical scores of $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ were obtained by Tom Bergquist of Huntington, Allen DuVall of St. Albans, and Edward Foy of Charleston. Bergquist was, perhaps, more surprised than were his many friends. Five were tied at 3-3. See tables.

The "Open" was won by Walt Crede of Charleston with 4-1. The older members will remember that Crede was once champion of the association. Tied for second were the three famous Wheeling players: Mr. A. W. Paull, Sr., Mrs. Cedric Smith, and Senator Tom Sweeney. Mrs. Smith was declared Woman Champion of West Virginia.

The Juniors played a hard fought double round robin. Ted Baker of Huntington and West Virginia University was victorious, score: 4-2. Jack Abraham, the youngest entrant in the Congress and of Huntington, was runner-up. Score $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. (See tables).

The congress was adequately directed by Walt Crede and his assistants, A. C. Dobbs, Sr. and Tom Sweeney.

At a highly successful business meeting held before the play began, Charles L. Ritter of Wheeling was elected president. Mr. Ritter's efforts

in making this one of our more successful tournaments are to be remembered with grateful appreciation. Walt Crede was elected vice-president. Charles Morgan was elected Secretary-treasurer.

As a slight recognition of the great obligation felt by West Virginia chess to A. W. Paull, Sr., he was elected to Honorary Life Membership.

EDITORIAL

It is our hope that this Association stands firmly socially and financially as well as in its devotion to chess.

Our annual business meeting resulted in the adoption of a (1) working Constitution, which will be published in later issues, (2) the election of experienced and devoted officers, and (3) a program to assist worthy and capable junior players.

You will no doubt hear through the Bulletin from our President and our Treasurer. The latter will advise you of our financial status and suggest that you do your share in the payment of dues to maintain that status as a satisfactory one.

TRI-STATE

Ohio, being host for the Tri-State, will hold that tournament at Youngstown, Ohio on November 10 and 11, 1956. A strong, interesting Open tournament has always been provided at

these meetings. A West Virginian, Donald Burdick, won the 1955 tournament held at Pittsburgh. For details, write M. F. McKinney, 11 West Commerce St., Youngstown, Ohio. Youngstown has suitable accommodations and the meeting will be held at the local YMCA.

CHARLESTON vs WHEELING
Radio Match

With the able assistance of "hams", the second class match by radio was played between Charleston and Wheeling in August of this year (the first one being played between Marshall College and West Virginia Institute of Technology in the Spring of 1951). The result was a 2-1 win for Charleston. John Hurt won from Charles L. Ritter while Ed Foy and Walt Crede drew with G. A. Hudson and Tom Sweeney.

CHARLESTON vs COLUMBUS

Played at Portsmouth, Ohio on August 19. Charleston was represented by Crede, Cuthbert, East, Hartling, Hendrick, Hobday, Hurt, and Lee, while Columbus played Schroeder, Loening, Fildow, Mutschall, Snyder, Zuchetichens, Platau, and Joffe. Columbus won by 5½-2½.

JOTTINGS

In the USCF's "Chess Life" of August 20, 1956, Collegiate Editor Frederick H. Kerr devotes his column to a most interesting biographical sketch of Donald Burdick. Howard Cartee of Georgia Tech and Huntington, a former W. Va. Junior Champion, will be in Huntington until January, 1957.

After completing creditable military service and attaining the rank of Sergeant, James R. Ballard, former Champion of Marshall College, is again, with his wife and infant child, a resident of Huntington. He intends to continue his studies at Marshall.

Champions Baker and Burdick have returned to their studies in West

Virginia University and Duke University, respectively.

GAMES SECTION

The following games are all from the 1956 state tournament. A rising newcomer conducts the attack capably in the first game; a former champion demonstrates concisely why one should not play passive chess in the second game. These games are annotated by the Games Editor. One of the 1956 Co-Champions demonstrates he can play both positional and attacking chess in the final two games. The latter are annotated by the winner.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP
1956

A. DuVall
vs. R. Lee
RUE LOPEZ

A strangulation game par excellence. Black plays bravely and in an original manner.

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB8; 3 B-N5, P-QR3; 4 BxN, NPxB; 5 N-B3, P-Q3; 6 P-Q4, N-K2

An unexpected P sacrifice which gives Black good chances.
7 PXP, N-N3; 8 PXP, BXP; 9 P-KR3, B-K3; 10 B-K3, 0-0; 11 N-Q4, B-Q2; 12 P-R3

Up to this point White has played carefully—instead of moving the Q-side men he should castle.

12 . . . R-N; 13 P-QN3
This weakening move is not necessary — R-QN is better.

13 . . . Q-K; 14 Q-Q2, P-QB4; 15 N-4-K2?
This gives White a losing position. N-4-B3 was good.
15 . . . N-R5!

Prevents White from castling and initiates a series of moves which put terrific pressure on White. The following moves are easily understood — the slow inexorable build-up of Black's forces against the White King results in a well-earned win.
16 K-B, P-B4; 17 B-N5, N-N3; 18 PXP, BXP; 19 R-K, Q-B2; 20 N-KN, P-R3; 21 B-K3, QR-Q; 22 Q-K3, N-R5; 23 R-B, Q-B3; 24 N-Q, B-K3;

1.	Donald Burdick	X	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10½- ½
2.	Charles Morgan	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9 - 2
3.	Dr. S. Werthammer	½	0	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3½- 2½
4.	Paul Sayre	0	1	1	X	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7 - 4
5.	Rudd T. Neel	0	0	0	0	X	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6½- 4½
6.	Tom Bergquist	0	0	0	1	0	X	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5½- 5½
7.	Jack Abraham	0	0	0	0	½	1	X	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5½- 5½
8.	Ted Baker	0	0	0	1	0	½	0	X	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5 - 6
9.	B. Conley	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3 - 8
10.	Wm. McComas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	2½- 8½
11.	Dr. V. Hayward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	X	½	1	1	1	1	1½- 9½
12.	O. Feuchtenberger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	X	½	1	1	½-10½

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	Donald Burdick	W3	D10	W12	W11	D2	W8	5	6
2.	Charles Morgan	W3	W6	D11	W5	D1	W4	5	1
3.	Thomas Bergquist	L1	W9	L6	D7	W12	W11	3½-2½	
4.	Allen DuVall	W9	L11	W8	W6	D10	L2	3½-2½	
5.	Edward M. Foy	D13	W14	D10	L2	W11	D7	3½-2½	✓
6.	William F. Hartling	W7	L2	W3	L4	L8	W13	3	3
7.	George Hendricks	L6	L8	W13	D3	W14	D5	3	3
8.	John F. Hurt	L2	W7	L4	W10	W6	L1	3	3
9.	Paul Sayre	L4	L3	W14	D12	W13	D10	3	3
10.	Dr. S. Werthammer	W12	D1	D5	L8	D4	D9	3	3
11.	Richard Lee	W14	W4	D2	L1	L5	L3	2½-3½	
12.	Rudd T. Neel	L10	W13	L1	D9	L3	W14	2½-3½	
13.	G. A. Hudson	D5	L12	L7	W14	L9	L6	1½-4½	
14.	C. L. Ritter	L11	L5	L9	L13	L7	L12	0	-6

OPEN

1.	Walt Crede, Charleston	1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	A. W. Paul, Sr., Wheeling	X	0	1	1	1	1
3.	Mrs. Cedric Smith, Wheeling	1	X	0	1	1	0
4.	Tom Sweeney, Wheeling	0	1	X	0	1	1
5.	A. C. Dobbs, Sr., Wheeling	0	0	1	X	1	1
6.	Dr. V. S. Hayward, Huntington	0	0	0	0	0	X

JUNIOR

1.	Ted Baker, Huntington	1	2	3	4
2.	Jack Abraham, Huntington	X	1½	1	1½
3.	William McComas, Huntington	½	X	1½	1½
4.	Charles L. Ritter, Huntington	1	½	X	1½

25 P-R4, B-Q4; 26 P-KB3, QR-K; 27 Q-B2, N-B4; 28 P-KB4, NxB; 29 NxN, B-N2; 30 N-K2, BxBP; 31 N-N4, Q-N4; 32 Resigns.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP

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Wm. Hartling
vs. J. Hurt

COLLE SYSTEM

A delightful little game — a perfect object lesson in punishing passive play.

1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2 N-KB3, P-Q4; 3 P-K3, P-B4; 4 P-B3, QN-Q2; 5 P-QN3

Pointless after P-B3. B-Q3 is the logical move.

5 . . . Q-B2, 6 B-N2, P-K4; 7 PxBP, NxB

Black has the freer and superior game already.

8 QN-Q2, B-Q3; 9 Q-B2, 0-0; 10 R-B, R-K; 11 P-B4?

Instead of the last four moves White should have developed the King and castled. The text makes it easy for Black to attack.

11 . . . NxNeh; 12 NxN, P-Q5 13 B-Q3, B-N5

Weaker is PxP because of 14 BxN, FxPch; 15 KxP, PxB; 16 BxPch and White can fight.

14 N-N5, BxP!
A very fine and daring move prevents White from castling and also rules out a line as in note to Black's 13th.

15 BxPch, K-B; 16 B-Q3, PxB; 17 P-B3

A sad necessity.

17 . . . Q-N6ch

The rest is easy and pretty
18 K-B, B-B4; 19 N-K4, BxN; 20 PxB, NxB; 21 BxN, RxB; 22 Q-K2, R-B5ch; 23 Resigns.

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C. T. Morgan
vs. E. Foy

RETI OPENING

Black doesn't seem to make any mistakes — just slightly inferior moves. But White turns several small advantages into a nice win.

1 N-KB3, P-Q4; 2 P-KN3, N-KB3; 3 B-N2, P-K3
3 . . . B-B4 followed by 4 . . . P-K3 is good.

4 0-0, B-K2; 5 P-B4, 0-0; 6 Q-B2

A waiting move.

6 . . . P-QN3

Black's QB will be locked in, but this is the natural result of his third move.

7 PxB, PxB; 8 P-Q4, B-N2; 9 N-K5, P-B4

Not QN-Q2? 10 N-B6 and White wins a P.

10 B-K3, QN-Q2; 11 NxN, NxN; 12 N-Q2, R-B; 13 PxB, BxB; 14 BxB, RxB

Somewhat better is 14 . . . PxB White would have strong pressure against the "hanging pawns". In the next fifteen moves White increases his pressure on Black's weak, isolated QP. Black goes on the defensive.

15 Q-Q, N-B3; 16 N-N3, R-B2; 17 R-B, RxB; 18 QxR, Q-K2; 19 P-K3, R-B; 20 Q-Q2, N-K5; 21 Q-Q3, N-B3; 22 N-Q4, Q-N5; 23 N-B5, R-B2; 24 P-N3, Q-R6; 25 Q-Q2, Q-B4; 26 R-Q, R-Q2; 27 R-QB, Q-KB; 28 Q-Q4, Q-Q; 29 P-KR3, R-B2; 30 R-Q, Q-Q25; N-R6ch

White has placed his pieces well. He now starts a combination that removes Black's QP but gives White a strong passed P. Black's replies are forced.

31 . . . K-B; 32 N-N4, NxN; 33 PxB, R-B4; 34 P-K4, QxB; 35 PxB, QxQ
White's winning chances would be much less after 35 . . . Q-Q2.

36 RxB, R-B

If 36 . . . R-B7? 37 P-Q6! BxB; 37 P-Q7 wins. If 36 . . . R-B2? 37 P-Q6, R-Q2; 38 BxB, RxB; 39 P-Q7 wins. White now centralizes his K and protects the QP in order to free his R.

37 K-B, R-Q

Better is K-K-Q2-Q3 (not 37 . . . K-K2? 38 P-Q6ch). The Black R is an expensive blockader.

38 K-K2, R-Q3; 39 K-Q3, P-KN3; 40 R-KR4

White's R temporarily makes way for the King. Not good is 40 . . . BxB? for the King.

41 R-Q4, winning the Exchange.

40 . . . , P-KR4; 41 K-Q4, P-B4

If 41 . . . , K-K2; 42 K-K5, P-B3ch; 43 K-Q4, K-Q2 (what else?); 44 P-KN4, PxP; 45 RxP, P-KN4; 46 R-N3 followed by R-R3 should win. The text gives White a good target. 42 K-K5, K-K2; 43 R-Q4, K-Q2; 44 P-B3, K-K2; 45 P-KN4, P-B5

If 45 . . . , BPxP; 46 PxP, PxP (if 46 . . . , P-R5; 47 P-N5!); 47 RxP, B-B; 48 R-KR4! wins. White now picks off the K-side pawns.

46 PxP, PxP; 47 B-R3, P-R5; 48 B-K6, P-R6; 49 BxP, R-R3; 50 B-K6, R-R4ch; 51 KxP, R-R5ch 52 K-K5, R-R4ch

Due to the time limit, the game was adjudicated a win for White, e. g., 53 B-B5! B-B; 54 P-Q6ch, K-K; 55 P-Q7ch, BxP; 56 RxB! RxBch; 57 KxR, KxR gives White an easy win.

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For Want of a Nail

Black is lost early, but the manner of his going is long and devious. C. T. Morgan

vs. A. DuVall

IRREGULAR OPENING

1 N-KB3, P-KB4; 2 P-K4

White plays the From Gambit with a move in hand.

2 . . . , PxP; 3 N-N5, N-KB3; 4 P-Q3, PxP?

After only four moves, Black is lost! Best is 4 . . . , P-K6.

5 BxP, P-KN3

Best is 5 . . . , P-Q4, but White still has the advantage.

6 NxRP! RxN

Not 6 . . . , NxN?? 7 BxPmate.

7 BxPch, R-B2; 8 B-N5

White's win now is just a matter of time. He must first develop rapidly and then shove his K-side pawns. 8 . . . , P-K3; 9 N-B3, P-Q4; 10 Q-B3 Threatening QxN.

10 . . . , B-N2; 11 0-0-0, QN-Q2; 12 KR-K

Black has four pins working against him.

12 . . . , N-B; 13 NxP!!

A fine combination which makes development of Black's Q-side impossible.

13 . . . , NxB

The only move.

14 NxNch, QxN

If 14 . . . , BxN; 15 RxQch, BxR; 16 Q-R5, BxBch; 17 QxB, N-B; 18 P-KR4 wins easily.

15 BxQ, RxB

BxB is met by 16 Q-R5, N-B; 17 P-KB4! and the rapid advance of the K-side pawns.

16 Q-Q3, K-B2; 17 Q-Q8

A waste of time.

17 . . . , B-R3ch; 18 K-N, B-B5; 19 Q-Q4, P-R4

If . . . , BxP? 20 P-KN3 wins. With the text Black vainly tries to develop his Q-side pieces.

20 P-KN3

The passed pawns start their march. Black has no defense.

20 . . . , B-Q3; 21 P-KR4, R-R3; 22 P-R5, N-B; 23 R-R, B-K2; 24 P-KN4, R-Q3; 25 Q-K3, P-N3; 26 P-N5, RxRch; 27 RxR, R-B4; 28 P-N6ch, K-N2; 29 Q-B3ch, K-R3

If R or B-B3, 30 RxBP(ch) wins a piece.

30 Q-R8ch, K-N4; 31 P-N7, Resigns.

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