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ELKINS TO BE HOST TO ANNUAL CONGRESS

Dr. Dominique Martel of Elkins, West Virginia, on behalf of the local club, invites us to hold our State Congress at the YMCA in Elkins over the coming Labor Day week-end.

This will be the usual 6-round Swiss in 3 events:

1. Championship of state (only residents may hold this title).
2. Junior state championship, open to all residents under 21 years of age.
3. "The Open" — for all comers.

Two rounds will be played Saturday p.m., August 31, 3 rounds on Sunday, September 1, and the final round on Monday, Labor Day forenoon.

Elkins is on Daylight Saving Time and registration will be at 12 noon Saturday at the YMCA. A short business meeting will precede the first round. Suitable fees for each event will be due upon entry.

Please bring chess clocks, pieces, and boards.

Dr. Martel has added the following local information, and we are sure would facilitate reservations etc. upon request.

1. Kays Motel, 505 Randolph Ave.
2. Elkins Motor Lodge, Inc.
3. Hotel Tygart, Davis Ave.

Listed in order of comfort and convenience. Early reservation is advised, a month in advance not being too early.

The Elkins YMCA is at Davis Ave.,

corner of Fourth Street, opposite the Post Office.

It is urged that as many juniors as possible be encouraged to play in the Big Show. At least half of the Huntington Championship players were under 21 and one young lady graced the event.

CHARLESTON

Former state champion John Hurt, Jr., competed creditably in the recent United States Amateur held at Asbury Park, New Jersey. His score was 4-2, with only one loss.

The same John Hurt, Jr., tied with Edward Foy for first place in the annual Charleston city tournament just completed. Their scores were 8-2. Other competitors in the order of their showing were G. Hendricks, Walt Crede, T. Walker, and R. West.

WHEELING

President Charles Ritter won the Wheeling City Championship against a large field of contestants.

He also reports that Huntington's Charles Morgan conducted a recent successful simultaneous exhibition there. He neither lost nor drew a game. There were 11 players.

CAPITOL CITY OPEN

This tournament was held at Columbus, Ohio, as a 5-round Swiss on March 30-31. There were 42 entries. It was won by Charles Mor-

gan of Huntington, who allowed only one draw. The latter was with Tim Anderson of Columbus, the runner-up. Besides Ohio, players came from five other states.

PHILIPPI, WEST VIRGINIA

Morgan is employed at present in Philippi and has used his spare time in making new chess acquaintances. It is through his efforts that the association received its invitation to hold our state congress in Elkins, a choice we are told highly approved of by Charleston, Wheeling, and Morgantown.

On a holiday visit to his home town, Morgan directed and played in the Huntington city championship. A four-round Swiss was held at our new well-equipped YMCA and 15 players participated. Results, Burdick first, 4-0. A four-way tie for second place, Dr. Werthammer, Morgan, Sayre, and McComas. More even were tied for sixth place—six in fact.

DONALD BURDICK

During a scholastically satisfactory junior year at Duke, Donald led the Duke team to victory in the Southern Intercollegiate tournament. As Chess Life mentions in its June 5 issue he also won the North Carolina Invitational Tournament, the best of six players with a score of 4½-½. Included among his opponents were Bartil Westin and Dr. A. M. Jenkin; of Raleigh as well as Dr. Hornstein of Hope Mills, N. C.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Picture Guide to Beginner's Chess" by Al Horowitz (Harvey House, Publishers, N. Y. 1956).

Contents: After the usual rules and moves — the Knight's move, castling, and en passant are clearly explained — emphasis is placed on the recording of games. Drawing methods and comparative values of

men are carefully dealt with, and there are sidelights on use of the clock, traps, and the need of caution and planning. Then after the elements of technique, there are 31 recent master games (sans notes) from the revised Golden Treasury of Chess.

Comment: The word "master" in the old days meant "teacher". Now all too often it means merely someone who has "mastered" a subject but can't be bothered with teaching. Al Horowitz not only teaches chess, but does so continually.

His new primer draws on nearly a half-century of Horowitz' experience as both player and teacher. Its main advance over previous beginner's books is its simple language, which is as graphic as its pictures. Long words and long sentences are rare. Another point is that it really seems to look at things through a beginner's eyes. It tells, without going into too much or too little detail, just what he needs to know.

This book will serve equally well for youthful and adult beginners. But for a long time there has been a need for something between Weart's "Royal Game" for the very young and "Invitation to Chess", which is really an adult book. The "Picture Guide" should fill this need.

— P. S.

"The Golden Treasury of Chess". Editors of Chess Review, Harvey House Publishers, Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y., 1956.

This is a revised edition of Wellmuth's "Golden Treasury of Chess", one of the more popular chess books. For a reasonable price, one buys 571 games, including most of the famous ones as well as many unknown but beautiful masterpieces. Especially interesting is a new section, "the Period of Russian Hegemony", which features the many pretty games of the "Russian School".

Although there are no annotations, the editors are generous with clear, distinct diagrams. The paper and

binder are of good quality.

All in all, this is one of the best buys in chess literature.

C. T. M.

GAMES SECTION

U. S. AMATEUR—1957

A forceful breakthrough, some nice sacrifices, and a six-move mate — a fine performance.

J. Hurt, Jr. vs.
R. Coughlin

French Defense

1 P-K4, P-K3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 N-QB3; N-KB3; 4 B-N5, B-N5; 5 P-K5; P-KR3; 6 B-Q2, BxN; 7 PxN, N-K5; 8 B-Q3, NxB; 9 QxN, P-QB4; 10 P-KB4, P-B5; 11 B-K2, N-Q2; 12 B-B3, Q-R4; 13 N-K2, R-QN; 14 P-N4, P-QN4; 15 O-O, P-N3; 16 P-B5, N-B; 17 N-B4, P-N4; 18 PxP; FxN; 19 PxPch, K-K2; 20 RxB, N-N3; 21 QR-K, BxP; 22 RxB! P-R4; 23 RxB! PxR; 24 Q-N5ch, K-B; 25 QxN, QxBP and White announced mate in 6.

U. S. AMATEUR — 1957

Careful attrition gives White a draw against a strong player.

J. Hurt, Jr. vs.
J. A. Hudson

Danish Gambit

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 P-Q4, PxP; 3 P-QB3, PxP; 4 B-QB4, N-QB3; 5 N-KB3, P-Q3; 6 NxP, N-B3; 7 N-KN5, N-K4; 8 B-K2, P-KR3; 9 P-B4, PxN; 10 PxN, PxP; 11 QxQch, KxQ; 12 BxP, P-B3; 13 O-O-Och, K-K; 14 B-QB4, B-K2; 15 R-Q3. N-N5; 16 BxB, KxB; 17 R/1-B, N-B3; 18 P-KR3, P-QN4; 19 B-N3, P-N5; 20 N-K2, B-R3; 21 R-K3, QR-Q; 22 R-B5, R-R4; 23 P-N4, RxB; 24 KPxB, N-Q4; 25 RxBch, K-B3; 26 R-K4, B-Q6; 27 BxN, RxB; 28R-K3, K-N4; 29 P-N3, BxN; 30 RxB, R-Q6; 31 R-K7, RxBP; 32 RxBP, KxB; 33 RxBch, KxB; 34 RxB, Draw.

HUNTINGTON CITY
CHAMPIONSHIP — 1957

In this deciding game of the tournament, White demonstrates a win artistically.

D. Burdick vs.

Dr. S. Werthammer

Ruy Lopez

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 B-N5, P-QR3; 4 B-R4, N-B3; 5 N-B3, B-N5; 6 N-Q5, B-K2; 7 O-O, O-O; 8 R-K, P-QN4; 9 B-N3, P-Q3; 10 P-B3, N-QR4; 11 B-B2, NxB; 12 PxN, P-KB4; 13 P-Q3, B-Q2; 14 P-QR4, P-R3; 15 P-KR3, Q-K; 16 N-R2, Q-B2; 17 PxP, PxP; 18 P-KB4, Q-B3; 19 N-B3, PxP; 20 Q-K2, KR-K; 21 BxP, P-B4; 22 PxP, e.p.; B-KB; 23 PxB! RxB; 24 RxB, B-K2; 25 P-QN4, R-Q; 26 RxB, RxB; 27 N-Q4, P-N4; 28 R-K6, Q-B; 29 B-QN3, K-N2; 30 RxBQ!! Resigns.

CAPITOL CITY OPEN — 1957

Black ekes out a win in a Rook and Pawn ending — a difficult task, as usual.

R. Ling of Dayton, O. vs.

C. Morgan

French Defense

1 P-K4, P-K3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 N-QB3, B-N5; 4 B-Q3, P-QB4; 5 N-B3, QPxP; 6 BxP, N-KB3; 7 B-N5, PxP; 8 BxN, QxB; 9 QxP, N-R3; 10 R-Q, QxQ; 11 RxB, BxNch; 12 PxN, B-B4; 13 B-Q3, P-B3; 14 K-K2, B-Q2; 15 R-QN, R-QB; 16 N-Q2, P-QN3; 17 N-B4, K-K2; 18 N-Q6, R-B2; 19 N-N5, BxN; 20 RxB, P-K4; 21 R-KN4, N-K3; 22 R-QN3, P-KN4; 23 P-KN3, P-KR3; 24 B-B5, R-Q; 25 BxN, KxB; 26 R-K4, R/2-Q2; 27 R-N2, P-B4; 28 R-QR4, P-B5; 29 PxP, NxB; 30 K-B3, K-B4; 31 R-N5, R-QB?! 32 RxBch, K-K3; 33 R-K4, RxBch; 34 R-K3, R-B2ch; 35 K-N2, RxB; 36 PxR, R-B2; 37 R-N2,

K-B4; 38 K-B3, P-K5ch; 39 K-N3, R-B6; 40 K-B2, K-N5; 41 P-QR4, P-QR4; 42 K-N, K-B6; 43 RxP, Rx BP; 44 RxP, (an oversight, but White is lost anyway), R-B8 mate.

HUNTINGTON - CHARLESTON
TEAM MATCH, 1956

Any Old Port In A Storm

Here is a "King hunt" in reverse, with the winner's King "hunting" a hiding place. He finds one rather far from home.

E. M. Foy Charleston vs.
R. T. Neel, Huntington

QP Game

1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2 P-QB4, P-K3;
3 N-QB3, P-Q4; 4 B-N5, B-K2; 5 P-K3, QN-Q2; 6 N-B3, O-O; 7 PxP, PxP; 8 B-Q3, P-B3; 9 O-O, N-K;
10 BxB, QxB; 11 Q-B2, P-KN3; 12 QR-N, N-Q3; 13 KR-K, P-KB4, 14 N-K2, N-B3; 15 N-N5, N-B2; 16 NxN, RxN; 17 P-QN4, N-K5; 18 P-N5, B-Q2; 19 PxP, BxP; 20 P-B3, N-Q3; 21 N-B4, R-K; 22 Q-N3, Q-N4; 23 K-B2, Q-R5ch; 24 K-N, Q-N4; 25 R-K2, RxP

A sound sacrifice which rids Black of the annoying N.

26 RxR, QxN; 27 QR-K, QxQP; 28 K-R, P-QR3; 29 R-K6, N-B5; 30 Q-N, B-N4; 31 BxN, PxB; 32 R-Q, Q-B4; 33 R-Q8ch, R-B; 34 Q-Q, Q-B2; 35 KR-Q6, RxR; 36 RxRch,

The storm begins.

36 . . . , K-B2; 37 Q-Q5ch, K-K2; 38 R-KR8, K-B3; 39 R-B8ch, K-N2; 40 Q-N8ch, K-R3; 41 R-B7; Q-Q3; 42 QxRPch, K-N4;

Over the waves.

43 P-R4ch, K-B5; 44 Q-R6ch, K-N6; 45 Q-N5ch, K-B7

Safe harbor.

46 R-K7, P-B5; 47 R-K5, Q-Q8ch; 48 K-R2, Q-N8ch; 49 K-R3, B-Q2ch; 50 Resigns.

CHARLESTON CITY
CHAMPIONSHIP — 1957

The Worm Turns

Hendricks studies an old game, Botvinnik-Ragozin, 1927, to prepare for Hurt's expected fifth move. After loose play on both sides, the latter is caught napping.

G. Hendricks vs.

J. Hurt, Jr.

French Defense

1 P-K4, P-K3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 N-QB3, B-N5; 4 P-K5, P-QB4; 5 P-QR3, B-R4; 6 P-QN4, PxNP; 7 N-N5, PxPch; 8 P-QB3, N-QB3; 9 BxP, K-Q2; 10 Q-B3, P-B4; 11 N-Q6, N-R3; 12 B-N5, Q-R5; 13 P-N3, QxQP; 14 N-K2, QxP; 15 O-O, Q-B3; 16 P-B4, P-Q5; 17 N/2xP, QxN; 18 KR-Q, QxQR; 19 RxQ, K-B2; 20 BxN, PxB; 21 Q-B4, P-B4; 22 N-B7ch, K-N2; 23 Q-B3ch, K-N; 24 R-Nch, B-N3; 25 NxR, B-Q2; 26 BxP, Resigns.

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