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## NINETEENTH ANNUAL STATE CONGRESS ELKINS — 1957

West Virginia, continuing its predilection for co-champions, conferred the honors on Donald Burdick and Dr. Werthammer. Both of these gentlemen have shared this eminent position several times in recent years, as 6 of the past 10 championship events have resulted in ties for first place.

Charles T. Morgan, now of Philippi, was next in line.

The Open was played as a round robin, as only 6 members contested. It was won by Charles Ritter of Wheeling, with a perfect score. James Ballard and Ted Baker, both of Huntington, placed second and third (see tables).

The small but representative tournament was strengthened by the return of Micijah "Mike" Wren, unofficial champion of West Virginia in the early thirties.

The Elkins Chess Club and the YMCA provided spacious and comfortable playing quarters, and a friendly atmosphere that was much appreciated.

### EDITORIAL

While our group was small, the business meeting was held per schedule and officers were elected.

President: Vincent Sumner Hayward, M. D., Huntington.

Vice President: Dominique Martel, M. D., Elkins.

Secretary-Treasurer: Charles T. Morgan, Philippi.

Assuming the chair, Dr. Hayward arranged playing details of the forthcoming congress. A 5-round Swiss was approved for the Championship and similar round robin for the Open. Not enough players were present to hold a junior event.

The President assumed the position of tournament director and was ably assisted by all of the members present.

After adjournment Dr. Hayward asked Paul Sayre of Huntington to assume the Editor's position on the Bulletin. Mr. Sayre accepted and this is his first issue.

As discussed in the meeting the importance of payment of annual dues cannot be put lightly aside. Our list of members is large enough to cover necessary expenses and it is hoped that all in arrears (only 16 playing members in Elkins tournament are excepted) will respond promptly to this urgent call, and send \$2.00 to our treasurer as soon as possible.

— VSH

### KOLTANOWSKI TO DIRECT TRI-STATE

On Saturday and Sunday, November 9-10, Huntington will again be host to the Tri-State Chess Congress. The top two players of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia will compete in a "closed" 6-player round robin. A similar closed

junior event may be held. The Ohio Valley Open, a 5-round Swiss, will provide an opportunity for all interested players irrespective of their strength or ratings. Three dollars is the entry fee for the Open. The whether two events are without expense to the contestants.  
 Registration time: 12 Noon, Saturday, November 9.  
 Place: Hotel Governor Cabell, 4th Avenue and 9th Street.  
 Two rounds to be played Saturday, November 9, 3 on Sunday, November 10.

Tournament Director: George Kolonowski.  
 It is planned as a special feature to have Mr. Koltanowski give an exhibition at the Hotel Governor Cabell Friday evening, November 10th.  
 Hotel recommended is the "Governor Cabell".

**STATE CHAMPIONS**

1939 — 1957  
 Lost they be forgotten, it is quite fitting to record here the names of the state chess champions and the activities where they won their titles.  
 West Virginia is one of the few states recognizing co-champions, sometimes more than two (see 1955). This custom is dear to our chess players, and annoying to everyone else. To keep history accurate, a printed record is necessary.

- 939—Charleston  
John F. Hurt, Jr.
- 940—Wheeling  
William F. Hartling
- 941—Clarksburg  
Walt Crede, Jr.
- 942—Charleston  
H. Landis Marks
- 943—Clarksburg  
Dr. Siegfried Werthammer
- 944—Charleston  
Dr. Siegfried Werthammer
- 945—Morgantown  
Harold W. Liggett
- 946—Clarksburg  
Dr. Siegfried Werthammer
- 947—Huntington  
H. Landis Marks

- 1948—South Charleston  
John F. Hurt, Jr.
- 1949—Huntington  
Edward M. Foy  
Dr. Siegfried Werthammer
- 1950—Beckley  
Dr. Siegfried Werthammer
- 1951—Charleston  
Allen H. DuVall  
Edward M. Foy  
John F. Hurt, Jr.
- 1952—Beckley  
Dr. Siegfried Werthammer
- 1953—Huntington  
Dr. Siegfried Werthammer
- 1954—Charleston  
Donald S. Burdick
- 1955—Charleston  
Donald S. Burdick  
Allen H. DuVall  
John F. Hurt, Jr.  
Charles T. Morgan  
Dr. Siegfried Werthammer
- 1956—Wheeling  
Donald S. Burdick  
Charles T. Morgan  
Donald S. Burdick
- 1957—Elkins  
Donald S. Burdick  
Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

**WEST VIRGINIA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP — 1957**  
 YMCA, Elkins, W. Va.

- 1. Donald Burdick, Huntington  
W5, D2, W8, D3, W6 -----4-1
- 2. S. Werthammer, M. D., Htg.  
W9, D1, D5, W6, W3 -----4-1
- 3. Charles Morgan, Philippi  
W7, W4, W6, D1, L2 -----3½-1½
- 4. Edward M. Foy, Charleston  
L6, L3, D7, W9, D10 -----2-3
- 5. George Hendricks, Charleston  
L1, W10, D2, D8, L9 -----2-3
- 6. John F. Hurt, Jr., Charleston  
W4, W8, L3, L2, L1 -----2-3
- 7. Rudd T. Neel, Huntington  
L3, L9, D4, W10, D8 -----2-3
- 8. Paul A. Sayre, Huntington  
W10, L6, L1, D5, D7 -----2-3
- 9. Micajah Wren, Beckley  
L2, W7, L10, L4, W5 -----2-3
- 10. Richard Lee, Morgantown  
L8, L5, W9, L7, D4 -----1½-3½

**WEST VIRGINIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP — 1957**

- 1. Charles Ritter, Wheeling  
X, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 -----5-0
- 2. Jim Ballard, Huntington  
0, X, ½, 1, 1, 1 -----3½-1½
- 3. Ted Baker, Huntington  
0, ½, X, 1, ½, 1 -----3-2
- 4. V. S. Hayward, M. D., Htg.  
0, 0, 0, X, 1, 1 -----2-3
- 5. Dominique Martel, M. D., Elkins  
0, 0, ½, 0, X, 1 -----1½-3½
- 6. Ralph Rush, Washington, Pa.  
0, 0, 0, 0, 0f, X -----0-5

**WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
 Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 1957

Cash, Sept. 1, 1956	\$ 80.77
Receipts:	
Entry Fees:	
Championship	—
13 at \$5.00	\$65.00
1 at \$3.00	3.00
Open	—
6 at \$3.00	18.00
Junior	—
4 at \$2.00	8.00
Total Entry Fees	94.00
Due:* 20 at \$2.00	40.00
Gift: Htg. YMCA Chess Club	13.50
	\$228.27

Disbursements:

Prizes 1956 Congress	\$53.25
USCF Affiliation and Rating Fees	16.90
Bulletins (1956)	46.92
Postage (1956)	8.00
Bulletins (1957)	76.59
Postage (1957)	9.00
Telephone (to David Marples)	2.03
Total Disbursements	\$212.69

Cash on Hand, Aug. 31, 1957 \$ 15.58  
 \*Includes \$2.00 payment for 1957-58 Fiscal Year.

**GAMES SECTION**  
 Notes by Dr. S. Werthammer  
 W. VA. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
 1957

The Decisive Game  
 C. T. Morgan vs.  
 Dr. S. Werthammer  
 "Slav-Relf"  
 1 N-KB3, P-Q4; 2 P-KN3, N-KB3;  
 3 B-N2, B-B4; 4 0-0, P-K3; 5 P-Q3,  
 B-K2; 6 P-B4, P-B3; 7 Q-N3, Q-N3;  
 8 QxQ

The open file seems to be worth more than the doubled Black P's.  
 8 . . . PxQ; 9 PxP  
 Black threatened (after PxP) BxN followed by RxP, but 9 N-B3 was quite good. The doubled Black QNP can come to life.

9 . . . KPxP; 10 N-B3, P-QN4; 11 B-Q2, P-N5; 12 N-Q  
 White's development is disturbed.  
 12 . . . QN-Q2; 13 N-Q4. B-K3; 14 N-K3, 0-0;

Better was P-KN3 to prevent the exchanges.  
 15 N/4-B5, BxN; 16 NxB, KR-K; 17 NxBeh, RxN; 18 P-K3, P-B4; 19 KR-B, P-QN3

Black's game is good—he has open files for his R's and White's B's are hemmed in.  
 20 B-B?

A mistake which loses material.  
 20 . . . N-K4; 21 K-N2, R/2-R2; 22 P-N3, RxP; 23 RxR, RxR; 24 BxP  
 White gets the P back but his position will be shattered by a K-side attack conducted with very little material.

24 . . . N/3-N5; 25 B-K, NxPeh; 26 K-R, NxB; 27 B-B3, NxB; 28 R-PxN  
 If BPxP, N-B6 with mate to follow.  
 28 . . . NxP; 29 R-B, NxPeh; 30 Resigns.

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Not faultless play—but enterprising and original chess.

E. M. Foy vs.

Mike Wren

Albin Counter-Gambit

1 P-Q4, P-Q4; 2 P-QB4, P-K4; 3 PxQP

Sound and not without poison.

3 . . . , QxP; 4 N-KB3, P-K5; 5 N-B3, B-QN5; 6 Q-R4ch, N-B3; 7 QxB, NxQ; 8 NxQ, N-B7ch

NxN was good and safe—instead, Black embarks on an adventure which costs him a piece.

9 K-Q2!

Excellent and the only move to catch the N.

9 . . . , NxR; 10 NxBPch, K-Q; 11 NxR, PxN; 12 KPxP, B-K3; 13 P-QN3, BxP; 14 B-N2, BxP; 15 BxN, B-Q4; 16 B-Q3, N-B3; 17 R-QB

This move eventually extricates the White N and seals Black's fate.

17 . . . , B-B3; 18 B-B5, N-Q4; 19 B-K4, P-QR3; 20 BxN, BxB; 21 N-N6, B-B3; 22 P-Q5, K-B2; 23 N-R4, P-QN4; 24 RxBeh, Resigns.

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## A Real "Hurt" Game

There is no need to annotate this game. Black could certainly have played the opening better and found a stronger defense. But Hurt is in his element producing an elegant and sustained attacking game.

J. F. Hurt, Jr. vs.

E. M. Foy

## Sicilian Defense

1P-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-KB3, P-Q3; 3 P-QN4, PxP; 4 P-Q4, P-Q4; 5 P-K5, P-K3; 6 B-Q3, N-QB3; 7 0-0, P-KR3; 8 P-QR3, KN-K2; 9 PxP, NxNP; 10 N-R3, NxB; 11 QxN, B-Q2; 12 N-Q2, N-N3; 13 P-KB4, B-K2; 14 P-B4, 0-0; 15 PxP, PxP; 16 P-B5, N-R; 17 N-B3, Q-N3; 18 P-B6, PxP; 19 BxP, KR-Q; 20 PxP, QxP; 21 B-N5, Q-KN3; 22 Q-Q2, BxB; 23 NxB, P-B3; 24 N-B3, N-B2; 25 QR-N, P-N3; 26 R-N3, QR-B; 27 N-R4, Q-R3; 28 R-N3ch, K-R2; 29 Q-Q3ch, K-R; 30 N-N6ch, K-N2; 31 N-K7ch, K-B; 32 NxR, RxN; 33 N-N5, P-R3; 34 Q-R3ch, K-K; White announces mate in 2.

## JOTTINGS

Staff changes: Dr. Hayward will continue to be active in editing the Bulletin. Sayre will take care of the printing, mailing, and some other details. Dr. Werthammer will annotate games, although he relinquishes the formal title of Games Editor.

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