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TEAM MATCHES

MOUNDSVILLE--Reported by Lee.

The West Virginia University Chess Club played its first match of the year on December 14, defeating the W. Va. Penitentiary players by a score of 3-2 at Moundsville. The two clubs plan a return match in the spring but in the meantime will keep competition alive with postal play.

The match was made possible by the kind cooperation of Mr. A. V. Dodrill, Deputy Warden.

W. VA. PENITENTIARY	2	W. VA. UNIVERSITY	3
Earl Johnson	0	Richard Lee	1
Sanford Lewis	1	Carl Wade (faculty)	0
Earl Coffee	0	David Brown	1
Clarence Cook	0	Robert O'Dell	1
Harry Booth	1	William Maxey	0

AN APPEAL

Lee writes: "The Moundsville players could make use of any equipment (sets) or books that the Association members can spare. Send them to Mr. A. V. Dodrill, Deputy Warden, Moundsville, W. Va. Also the inmates would appreciate letters to Mr. Dodrill urging him to give them permission to meet regularly as a club for practice. At present they cannot get together except for outside matches.

"Inmate Earl Johnson is the unofficial leader of the Moundsville players. He is their best player but they have several 'comers' and should develop into a real solid team."

Note: Many prisons encourage such clubs. All prisons have rules, but if the club could have even four hours a week, it would be a good start. Chess is a quiet game, entertaining and instructive, and, some say, balm to the troubled soul.

WHEELING

Wheeling also played a match with the prison team. We do not have the complete report, but Charles Ritter says that Earl Johnson is a former city champion of Baltimore.

ST. ALBANS

In a November team match, South Charleston defeated St. Albans by a score of 5-2.

RAPID TRANSIT

Mike Wren won the annual Charleston rapid transit (10-second) championship. Ten contestants played a 4-round Swiss. Wren had a perfect score, winning from Ferenz, McKinney, Hendricks, and Sanford. Hyde and Hendricks tied for second with 3-1.

In a Huntington tournament last October, a round robin, Paul Sayre and Tom Bergquist tied for first with 3-1. Sayre won from Bergquist but lost to Rudd Neel. In a second tournament in December, Donald Burdick (home for the holidays) won by a score of 6-0. Darbes was second with 5-1.

ELKINS

Replying to a letter expressing regret that he missed the state tournament, Dr. Dominique Martel (Harpertown Road, Elkins) wrote:

"Thank you very much for all the news sent me on the WVCA. The details of the contest were very interesting. I am sorry not to have answered sooner. Lack of interest in organized sport, my professional and family interests are a few of the reasons I may allege for my delay.

"We still meet and play chess weekly here but only a few of us. We certainly do not take it as seriously as some people but we get a great deal of satisfaction in the game. You may see us at a tournament yet!"

What about that "lack of interest in organized chess"? The Elkins players have tried to start a club. Let's hope they are only temporarily discouraged, not disinterested. Would you attend a good club if there was one nearby? If so, why not start one?

It is doubtful if chess players take their game more seriously than some baseball or golf players take their hobbies, to name only two. Anything worth doing at all is worth doing well. All chess players wish they could improve. And club players are the best ones.
ON STARTING CLUBS.--P. S.

Two Parkersburg players have written about starting a chess club. They are D. H. Scroggins, 1610 Liberty St., Parkersburg, and Dewey D. Hart, c/o P. O., Waverly (near Parkersburg). Here are some suggestions sent to them, which may be of general interest.

1. Find a good meeting place. Huntington, Charleston, and Wheeling clubs meet at their YMCA's; DuPont at the YWCA; Bridgeport at a community center; the University club on the campus.

2. The most practical way of getting members, it now seems, is "year-'round" advertising. Two or three lines in the paper, with the time and place of meeting, names of new members, something that happened at the last meeting, like an election or tournament. Chess players will see it, especially if it has a headline with the word "chess" in it. Do it every week the first month, the day of the meeting, then every other week. New players will take the place of old until finally several attend regularly.

3. To organize, ask a few informally to serve as officers, trying to pick likely men for each office. Strict parliamentary rules may be cumbersome in a small group, so business sessions can be run like a committee meeting at first. If the group becomes large, formal rules can be used.

4. In a constitution, the place to begin is with the article on the purposes of the club. After they are decided on, you can "constitute" yourselves to carry them out.

5. Events--Hold a tournament, then start a challenge ladder. The players' rank in the tournament can determine their initial position on the ladder. Divide into teams and have team matches. Many other possibilities are described in the USCF Blue Book.

6. Join the USCF and the WVCA. Membership in either or both will increase your pleasure and your ability, just as club membership does, but on a higher level.

CLARKSBURG

W. H. (Bill) Bever of 523 Preston St., Clarksburg, mentioned in the last issue, answered our request for local news:

"I am interested in chess but I am a very ordinary player. There are probably 20 or 25 players here in Clarksburg who can beat me with monotonous regularity. The tournament I organized was a very small affair for the Clarksburg Chapter, Order of DeMolay, of which I am chapter "Dad"...(DeMolay boys are sons of Masons).

"There is a good deal of chess activity around Clarksburg. Washington Irving High School has a chess club. A Clarksburg club meets once a week and a Bridgeport club also meets once a week. Being only five miles apart, many players attend both." Charles Morgan and Joe Viggiano are among them. How about more news from the Clarksburg area?

FIRST CINCINNATI OPEN--August, 1958

John Hurt (formerly of Charleston, now of Pittsburgh), took part in the Cincinnati Open. John scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, tying for 11th in a field of 31, many of them experts. Arthur Spiller, 5-0, won, and Batchelder, McCready, Schroeder, and Foote tied at $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. John had the pleasure of defeating one Jerry Hanken, winner of the 1957 Ohio Valley Open. John would have won that one, but for a "blind spot" move allowing Hanken to deliver a simple 2-move mate.

INDIANA OPEN--DuVall at Muncie, September 1958

From Foy's Gazette column: International master Robert Byrne topped a 32 player Swiss System event with an almost perfect $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score. George Meyer and Lajos Szedlaczek tied for a second at 4-1. However the big item of interest for local chess followers was that Al DuVall of St. Albans tied for fourth place (at $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$) with Angelo and Albert Sandrin and Kimball Nedved. Albert Sandrin is a former U. S. Open champion.

CHARLESTON

From Walt Crede's fine article (full of human interest material which has to be deleted here) in the Gazette:

The Charleston Chess Club formally opened its fall season with a simultaneous exhibition by Dr. S. Werthammer of Huntington, W. Va.'s chess champion. Matching his skill against 16 of Charleston's pawn-pushers, he turned in the impressive score of 10 wins, 4 draws, and 2 losses.

John Scherer and Harry McKinney, a state junior co-champion, won in hard-fought games. Draws were reported by George Hendricks, Robert Murtha, Jerry Clark, and a 12-year-old newcomer, Jack Frink.

Dr. V. S. Hayward of Huntington, former president of the WVCA, took part, and also spoke to the players, explaining the association's need for support.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL TRI-STATE--November 1958

(Note: The Pennsylvania sponsors omitted the usual practice of sending out announcements, and there were no reports afterward.)

Charles Morgan searching memory: "Robert Bornholtz of Pittsburgh won the Tri-State Championship with 5-0. Ross Sprague, Ohio champion from Cleveland, finished second at $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ (I think). I was third with $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Dr. Werthammer and Glenn Waltz had 2-3. I won from Dr. Werthammer

"In the Ohio Valley Open, Bill Byland of Pittsburgh was first at 4-1 when I left, but Kause could tie or beat him out depending on an uncompleted game. Harry McKinney, W. Va. Open champion Don McKee, Joe Viggiano, and Rudd Neel were the other W. Va. players."

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A. DuVall, white,
vs. Staver

DuVall's generous notes
are edited. But better
too much than too little.
SICILIAN DEFENSE

1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-KB3,
N-QB3; 3 P-Q4, Pxp; 4 NxP,
P-Q3

Since this move allows
the strong "Maroczy Bind"
5 P-QB4, it is usually
preceded by .., N-KB3. But
White prefers more usual,
though inferior, lines.

5 N-QB3, P-KN3; 6 P-B4,
B-N2; 7 B-N5

The Dragon Variation is
reached with 7 B-K3 fol-
lowed by 8 B-K2; the
text with the idea of ex-
changing the KB is proba-
bly faulty.

7.., B-Q2; 8 B-K3, P-QR3;
9 BxN, PxB; 10 O-O, R-N;
11 R-N

Removing the R from the
opposing B's diagonal.
The speculative 11 P-B5
seemed premature.

11.., P-QB4

Good! The scope of both
bishops is increased.

12 N-B3, N-B3;

Black could also simpli-
fy with .., B-N5 or .., BxN
allowing White to control
the open QN file at the
expense of doubled P's.

13 P-KR3, B-B3; 14 P-K5,
N-K5

Relatively best; .., Pxp
is met by 15 NxP and
14.., BxN by 15 QxB, each
with advantage to White.

White's position has ta-
ken such a turn for the
better, it appears Black
should have castled or
continued as in note 12.
The text counters P-K6.

17 P-KN4, B-QB

Unsatisfactory are
1) 17.., B-K3 allowing
18 NxB or 18 P-B5!?
2) 17.., B-Q2 allowing
18 Pxp.

18 Q-Q5, O-O; 19 P-K6, Pxp

Better than trading
KBP for White's QNP or
allowing White to estab-
lish a N at KB7.

20 NxKP, BxN; 21 QxBch, K-R,
22 P-B3, R-B3; 23 Q-B4,
Q-N3?

Leads to difficulties
because of the self-im-
posed pin; 23.., Q-QB
seems best.

24 P-N4, Q-B3; 25 Pxp, RxR

Since this abandons
the open file, 25.., R/3
-B is preferable.

26 RxR, Pxp; 27 R-N8ch,
R-B

If 27.., B-B?? 28 B-Q4!
K-N2; 29 either B-K5 or
P-N5 wins. Or if here
28.., PxB; 29 RxBch! and
a) 29.., RxR; 30 QxQ or
b) 29.., K-N2; 30 Q-N8ch,
K-R3; 31 P-N5ch, K-R4;
32 QxRP mate.

28 RxRch, BxR; 29 B-Q4ch,
B-N2; 30 QxBP

After the game a spec-
tator commented "You
could have won with
30 Q-B7", but I pointed
out the answer, PxB!

Black retains drawing
chances if he preserves
the Q.

31 BxQ, BxP; 32 BxP, K-N2;
33 K-B2, K-B2; 34 B-B5,
K-K3; 35 K-K3, K-Q4;
36 K-Q3, B-K8; 37 B-Q4,
B-N6; 38 P-B5, Pxp;
39 Pxp, B-Q3

Time pressure--about
5 minutes each for 11
moves.

40 P-QR4, B-N5....

(Several bishop moves,
to gain clock time.)

50.., B/Q3-B; 51 B/B3-N2

The sealed move, to
gain time for study
during adjournment.

51.., B-N5; 52 K-K3!

Giving up the QRP so
the K can aid the BP's
advance.

52.., B-Q3

If 52.., K-B5; 53 K-K4,
K-N6; 54 B-N7, Kxp;
55 P-B6 wins.

53 K-B3, B-B?

Correct is 53.., P-KR4!
preventing K-N4. Now
the penetration of the
K is decisive,

54 K-N4, B-R3; 55 B-B6,
B-B8; 56 B-N5, B-R6;
57 B-Q2, B-K2; 58 B-B3,
B-R6; 59 K-N5, B-B;
60 K-B6, B-R3; 61 K-K7,
B-N4ch; 62 P-B6, K-B5;
63 B-K, K-N6; 64 P-R5,
K-B5; 65 P-R4, B-R3;
66 P-B7, B-B8; 67 K-K8,
Resigns.