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## HUNTINGTON 23rd ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

Twenty-nine players, the same number as last year, took part in the annual state tournament, held in Huntington over the Labor Day week-end.

In the senior championship, Dr. Alex J. Darbes of Huntington was the dark horse winner, with a perfect score of 6-0, duplicating the late Mike Wren's feat of two years ago. He won from Marks, Dr. Werthammer, Sayre, and Scherer among the leaders, and came up from a tie for 8th place last year. Defending champion H. Landis Marks, also of Huntington, took 2nd with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , drawing with Boggs and winning from McKinney. Paul Sayre, Dr. S. Werthammer, and Charles Boggs tied for 3rd to 5th places with 4-2. There were 19 entries representing 6 cities.

In the junior championship, Robert Hendricks of Parkersburg successfully defended his title, winning by a score of  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ . He drew with Bill Marteney, a fellow townsman, who was second with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ . There were 10 entries from 6 different cities, a more representative group than usual.

Dr. Darbes' duties as tournament director in the senior championship apparently had little effect on his chess, and he even contrived to figure rated pairings each round. There being 19 players and only 6 rounds, random pairings were discarded. According to the Blue Book, they are only good when the number of players is no greater than twice the number of rounds, so this reform was overdue.

## BUSINESS MEETING

New WVCA officers elected were George Hendricks of Charleston, President, and Harold Eads of Vienna, W. Va., Vice-President. Thomas Bergquist of Huntington was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Players' tournament was cancelled due to insufficient entries. In the future class awards in the championship event will be substituted for the Players award.

A proposal for a 3-in-1 "variety program" at Parkersburg next June (9-10?) was approved, and members from Wheeling, Charleston, Huntington, and Parkersburg appointed to carry it out. There will be a three-round team tournament on Saturday; on Sunday morning a state rapid transit (10-second) championship will be held, and on Sunday afternoon a master will give a simultaneous.

On the deficit in last year's Ohio Valley Open, it was suggested that the ones who guaranteed the prize money, but did not have to remit, might divide the \$27.16 expenses on the same basis as their guarantees. It seems this would have to be voluntary.

## PERSONAL COMMENTS, by PAS.

Editor more or less misdirected the junior tournament, getting mixed up on pairings. Some talent such as teaching and writing about the game I will admit to if accused, but not skill in directing or arranging a tournament.

The worst error was in not inspecting the premises ahead of time. The hotel, formerly a good one, had been let slide for some years, and had changed management on Aug. 1, not long after I had talked over arrangements with the previous manager. The new manager was barely getting started on the remodeling. He knew nothing about the arrangements with the previous manager, and I knew nothing about the change of managers. The resulting last-minute flurry strained relations and made me reluctant to ask for service. The players were certainly not comfortable and I am sorry. In the future we had best inspect both the playing rooms and the sleeping quarters. We may have to pay for tournament rooms later on, in which case entry fees or dues may have to be raised. The hotels are in a squeeze.

We learned once more that tobacco smoke and air-conditioning don't mix. The solution to this problem--the negative ion generator--is on the market, but not many hotels have them yet. They will probably be incorporated in later air-conditioners.

On the positive side, one good feature of the set-up was the separate rooms for the junior and senior events. Considerable stretches of blissful quiet prevailed in the senior rooms. This should be standard practice if possible.

...Some of us old-timers regret the passing of the Players tournament. I believe it is inaccurate to say that it served no useful purpose. It was a public service for the "fun" player, it brought in a few shekels to the treasury, and it encouraged some fun players to take up serious chess. We can no longer say to the timid beginner--if you don't want to get in with those strong players, get in the Players tournament. The manner of its going was not pretty. If those who spoke so grandly for the USCF (as if it were unethical or something to offer an unrated tournament) will get busy and do something for the USCF instead of talking about it, the situation would look a little better.

...As usual there was a jam of Huntington and Charleston players at the top of the standings. Some Parkersburg and Wheeling players should study and rise up and smite them. This is the first time Parkersburg-area players have travelled out of town to a state tournament. Their success should lead them to revive their club. It was doing well last year.

## OTHER HUNTINGTON NEWS.

In May the Huntington-YMCA chess club held its 2nd annual 30-30 tournament--30 moves in 30 minutes. Paul Sayre won with 4-0, reversing his last year's score, and wound up with a win from Dr. S. Werthammer, 2nd with 2½-1½. (Marks was too ill to enter.)

The rated Huntington Open followed in June, and was played at a standard 45 moves in 1:45. Charles Boggs won with 3-1, drawing with Landis Marks and Dr. A. J. Darbes, who tied for second with 2½-1½. Marks was upset by Sayre. This time it was Dr. Werthammer who was unable to enter.

## CHARLESTON.

Ed Foy, writing in the Gazette-Mail on the death of Mike Wren, who passed away last summer: (Mike, about 50, was from Abingdon, Va.)

Mike's truly incredible career had its share of triumphs and failures. He had a most fertile imagination; a flair for words, a flair for chess--his hobby of hobbies. He did newspaper work and free-lance writing,

wrote radio scripts, wrote for TV, worked for an advertising agency, did public relations work, wrote night club sketches for Josh White and a special FDR-death broadcast for Walter Hampden. CBS thought so highly of his "Battle of Gettysburg" script for the "You Were There" radio show that they issued a Columbia masterworks recording of it. Sure, he had other jobs, too, much more menial and less spectacular. And he played chess.

More than any one person, Wren was responsible for organized chess on the state level in West Virginia. He was the best player in Charleston in the early thirties and a match victory over Landis Marks gave him a strong claim to being the best player in the Mountaineer State.

Then he left Charleston for a quarter-century, returning a few years back. Mike won the state chess championship in 1959 brilliantly, with an amazing 6-0 score. He won the Charleston title in 1960.

Mike was one of the finest chess players ever to come out of this city or out of West Virginia. He knew how to win and lose with dignity and he would play anybody. Chess will not be the same without him. Wren cannot be written off as a "character". He was, especially in his latter years, a tragic human being.

...In the annual informal summer tournament, the restricted-opening idea was used again. Openings were drawn from a pack of index cards and each card was used twice by the players with colors reversed. Losses were not counted. Ed Foy won with 13 points and Andy Sanford was next with 12. Ron Kennedy, 10, and George Hendricks,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ , were the other leading scorers.

...John Hurt, formerly of Charleston, writes from Memphis that he is doing right well with his chess. Won the Memphis championship and did well in 2 other events. (Games in a later issue.)

...From a letter by Foy: "I had made arrangements--and even hotel reservations--to take part in the forthcoming State Chess Congress but now I find that I just won't be able to attend, after all.

I am truly sorry to miss the 1961 tourney. This will be my first absence since we had the first such event here in Charleston in 1939--except that I did not attend during the four war years when I was away... Believe me, you have no idea how disappointed I will be over the Labor Day week-end."

PAS: Ed, your record represents many years of devotion to chess and to the Association. Our disappointment was just as keen as yours.

#### WHEELING

News from Otto Zwicker, retiring WVCA President:

Charles Ritter recently was in the Southwest and while there renewed chess acquaintance with Charles Morgan (formerly of Huntington) now of Phoenix Chess Club. Ritter reports that Morgan is doing quite well for himself in Arizona chess circles. (Ed: And later in national circles, making  $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  in the U. S. Open, and winning the first annual Rocky Mountain Open.)

Kimball Howes, Martins Ferry (Ohio) High School principal, has won the 1961 Wheeling Chess Championship for the second year in a row. It seems however that the Wheeling club is going to lose another good player, as Kimball has resigned and is returning to Ohio State at Columbus to work on his doctor's degree. We shall miss him.

Charles Ritter is now acting president of our club. Don McKee is now secretary.

From letters by Don McKee, Wheeling club secretary:

Through the initiation of Don McKee of Wheeling and one Bill Byland of Pittsburgh, the respective chess clubs of Wheeling and Pittsburgh

met in a chess match on Sunday, June 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Morrell (of Breezy Heights, south of Avella) graciously served as host and hostess for the event. Charles Bishop of the Wheeling team nearly ruined the whole scheme by defeating the host. However, Bill Stevens, of the Wheeling side, managed to even up matters tactfully by losing to the hostess.

The Pittsburgh players were somewhat confident that they were winning as the chess action progressed, until the end of the match, at which time the Pittsburgh players became completely confident that they were winning, because they had, by the impressive score of eight to two. Refreshments were furnished by the kind host and hostess."

"Wheeling contested a match against the chess team of the Radio Corporation of America plant of Washington, Pa. This team is personified largely by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Morrell, who invited us to their lair again on Sunday, July 23. Eight of us took eight of them on. Six of them beat six of us, and two of us defeated two of them. Notice that they beat us; we defeated them. It was a highly enjoyable event, and we were once again consoled by means of copious refreshments."

"D. McKee, with honorable passenger, Charles Bishop, drove to Cincinnati Open on July 29 and 30, There had been some question between us as to just how much better Charley is than I am at chess. Well, we concluded that Charley is twice as proficient as I am because Charley won two games there; I won one. I might have won two had I not met one Dr. Darbes at the affair."

TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT. Revived, as it were.

Letter from Bill Byland, of Pittsburgh club, to Otto Zwicker, retiring WVCA President, Aug. 8:

"I have received assurances that Ohio will not conduct any conflicting tournaments in November, and will lend their full cooperation to the Tri-State Tourney this year. Under these conditions, Pittsburgh will host the event, and I will appreciate your posting a notice at your state tournament over Labor Day, as follows:

Site: Golden Triangle YMCA 304 Wood St., Pittsburgh (Downtown Y)

Date: November 11-12, 1961

Registration: 8:30-9:30 A. M., 11/11.

1st round: 10:00 A. M.

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to all current state champions (W. Va., Ohio, and Pa.) and runners-up in 1961 tournaments (no entry fee), all former champions, and all former Tri-State champions since 1945 (\$4 to these). Event will be round-robin or 5-round Swiss, depending on number of entries. Prizes, trophies, cash, merchandise.

OHIO VALLEY OPEN

5-round Swiss, open to all residents (or bonafide members of clubs) in W. Va., Ohio, and Pa.

Entry fee; \$4.00, or \$2.00 for juniors under 18.

All players to be members of USCF and at least one of the three state associations.

Prizes: trophies and merchandise.

It has been suggested that each of the 3 state associations donate \$10 to \$25 toward the prize, and I will appreciate your comments on this."

In his covering letter Otto asks: "About the \$10 to \$25 donation, what has been the policy in the past?" Ans: The prizes came from the entry fees. Any slight deficit was made up from the host state's treasury or its members donations.

Also "Who must authorize such expenses if we are to donate?"

Strictly speaking, the members in annual meeting. But the officers could do it in case of real need. They would have to decide whether there is a need for the money. Perhaps the entry fee could be raised to \$5; so the expenses would be borne by the participants. This point was overlooked at our last meeting.

It was the former practice to admit the two highest-ranked available players from each state to the Tri-State championship. Under the new plan, only the top two players are eligible, which upgrades the prestige of the tournament, and former champions will be admitted, which broadens the field, two healthy improvements. I propose that if there is an odd number in the Tri-State, that the highest-rated player in the Open be admitted, to avoid byes.

Getting back to the finances, if anyone thinks the Tri-State ought to have financial support, one good way to give it is to enter the tournament. After the way the Pennsylvania folks supported ours last year, we should do this, if at all possible. It's worth the effort.

BOOKS, by PAS. Paperbacks.

THE BOOK OF THE NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT, 1924, Notes by Alexander Alekhine, edited by Hermann Helms. (Dover, 271 p., \$1.85)

Most serious chess players start their reading matter with textbooks, opening books, books on endings, and collections of games. Generally the last piece of advice you get - and it comes from nearly all the experts - is, "Read tournament books".

This particular tournament book is considered one of the finest. The tournament, one of the strongest ever held, is considered one of the first in which certain opening variations were methodically explored, and the makeup of the book makes it easy for readers to study and compare similar games. The author, one of the greatest players of all time, annotates all the games and adds a final important section discussing new points in opening theory, and old lines found lacking.

Highly recommended both for study and pleasure, despite several errors in the notes. (Tournament books are written hurriedly.) Here is an important error, copied from Chess Life for May: (p. 131) After these moves in the Dragon Variation of the Sicilian--1 P-K4, P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 NXP N-KB3 5 N-QB3 P-KN3 6 B-K2 B-N2 7 O-O N-B3 8 B-K3 Alekhine writes in note (e) on page 126 "More cautious is 8 P-KR3, for now Black can play N-KN5 and simplify." (PAS: I have played this cautious move myself many times, after having N-KN5 pulled on me, and losing B for N. Furthermore, Marks says he was unaware that N-KN5 actually loses a piece.)

After 8... N-KN5 9 BxN wins.

(a) 9 BxN, BxN 10 KBxB BxN (or BxB) 11 BxNP and wins. (b) 9 BxN, NxN 10 BxB wins. (c) 9 BxN ExB 10 NxN, BxQ 11 NxQ, BxP 12 KR-B B-Q6 13 NxNP P-QR4 14 R-Q B-B5 15 B-N6 QR-N 16 NXR P and White remains a piece ahead, or, more aggressive, 14 N-Q5 BxNP 15 R-B7 BxR 16 RXPch K-B 17 NxQP and mate in two. (From letter by Leonard Klugman of New York.) (Ed: But as prelude to Q move, P-KR3 is good, and this may be what A. meant.)

CHESS SELF-TEACHER, by Al Horowitz, \$1.50, 194 pp., Barnes & Noble.

Eight lessons with quizzes and review questions--The Game of Chess, Basic Checkmates, Pawn Endings, Minor Tactics, Mating Combinations (2), and Strategical Objectives (2). (Not a reprint, a paper original.)

Highly recommended as a primer, but with one reservation--it assumes more knowledge than a beginner has. Still, it has all the necessary information to really get started, and the structure and style should make it excellent for class use, where the teacher can fill in the blanks.

One particularly good section is that on the Q vs. R end-game, the best explanation I have seen anywhere, -but it is on an advanced level.

But I wonder what good it does to say the squares are to be referred to as light and dark, when the rules of the game and all other books, including one of the author's own (Picture Guide) say they are to be called white and black? Why start beginners off wrong?

See p. 107

r . b . . k . r	One of the few errors occurs in the position at
p p p . . p p p	left: "After 1 QxPch KxQ 2 B-R6ch K-N1, the king
. b n p . . R . .	is bottled up; a check will kill him. How is an
. . . N p . . .	effective check to be delivered? Not by 3 N-K7
. . B q P . Q .	since the Black knight guards that square." It is
. . . P . . . N	fairly obvious that after 3 N-K7ch, NxN 4 BxP mates.
P P P . . . P P	(He advised R-N6ch which is prettier but not quicker.
R . B K . . . .	

THE PRINCIPLES OF CHESS; by James Mason, reprint of 1946 revision by Reinfeld, \$1.85 366 pp.; Dover.

Sections on Elements, General Principles, Combination, and 50 master games with Reinfeld's notes in the style of Mason.

The first half is mostly turn-of-the-century Mason, long a favorite with amateurs who play for the love of the game. The terminology is dated, but the ideas are not. The second part, the games, is all Reinfeld, as the old games were no longer suitable.

Mason could be described as long on wisdom, though short on knowledge, or at any rate there are weak spots here and there. He is the only writer I know of who thinks a queen is worth more than two rooks. If chess history is thought of as a series of discoveries, obviously a 60-year-old book will be missing a lot of them. But certain parts, such as that on general principles, contain much good advice beautifully put. Incidentally, only about 150 pages of the book is by Mason, the rest being Reinfeld's selection of master games. Mason's "The Art of Chess" contains more and better examples of his writing, and is available in the Dover edition. I would prefer it, if forced to choose.

CHESS STRATEGY FOR OFFENSE AND DEFENSE, by Reinfeld, 192 pp., \$1.50, Barnes & Noble. Reprint of author's 5th and 6th books of chess.

How much to dilute a chess book for beginners must pose a problem. I would hate to condemn hastily, but this book comes close to the limit. Also, you can write few books and do them well, or write many, and make boners. Reinfeld makes a dandy here, dressing it up in fancy rhetoric to make it even funnier. (P. 42)

. . . . .	"White is ready to exploit the fact that Black has
. . k . . . p .	achieved his best defensive position. The Bishop
. p . . R . . p	protects two weak Pawns, and White forces Black to
p K . . . P . P	choose between these weak Pawns.
P . . b . . . .	12 R-QB6ch!!
. . . . .	Magnificent endgame play!
. . . . .	Black's laborious defense topples as a result of this
. . . . .	master-stroke, for if 12...K-N2 13 R-B4 B-N7 14 R-K4
	B-B3 15 R-K6 B-Q5 16 R-Q6! and White wins a Pawn,

depending on where the menaced Bishop moves."

The joke is that White's 16th move could be made on the 13th, three moves earlier, without all the circumambulation.

These objections apply mostly to the first part of the book. (It is about various standard endings and how to simplify into them, exceptions and pitfalls. The second part contains a good bit of helpful advice on the neglected subject of defensive play. This is really what beginners need, as they are most often on the defensive, or should be.

USCF RATINGS. April and August lists.

The following list includes results of the Ohio Valley Open At Morgantown, 1960, the Huntington Open, 1961, and other events.

	Apr.	Aug.			
T. O. Bergquist	1720	1678	H. L. Marks	2003	1984
C. T. Boggs		1821	C. T. Morgan	2114	2120
Allan Braff	1704*		W. W. Moyer, Jr.	1808*	
Dr. A. J. Darbes		1854	J. Randolph	1713	1749
Harold Eads	1722*	1754	C. L. Ritter		1767
J. F. Hurt	1978	1985	P. A. Sayre	1792	1800
R. Lee		1815	Carl Trivett	1677*	
H. O. McKinney	1921		Robert Tyre	1671*	

\*First tournament--provisional rating.

From the archives, some old ratings: Bill McComas, 1575 (1956) and Harry Sweeney 1748 (1955).

OVER THE BACK FENCE.

Jim Schroeder has resumed editorship of the Ohio Chess Bulletin. He resigned a few years back because of the local clubs' apathy in sending in news. A number of chess editors have had this problem. I react by not putting out a bulletin until I do get the news. Jim has a new solution: Print what you please. Result is reasonably good.

After some difficulties in breaking ties in recent tournaments, Jim has concluded that ties in the Swiss should be left unbroken, and mentions favorably our W. Va. custom of not breaking them. Which, unknown to Jim, we had just abandoned. After reading Jim's article, tournament director Darbes agrees. So those who like tie-breaks may regard our ties as broken, and those who don't, may disregard the median points. We intend to please everybody, whether they like it or not.

GAMES.

After the first three rounds, Dr. Darbes, Scherer, and Sayre seemed to have an edge in the "form chart". Then Dr. Darbes eliminated Sayre in the fourth round and Scherer in the fifth. In the last round he caught Dr. Werthammer napping. The latter, after a slow beginning, was actually in position for a tie for first. Marks and Dr. Werthammer were both dubious about their chances at first, but Dr. Darbes, as always, was confident, thus giving us a good psychology lesson

The games were selected by Dr. Darbes, first-drafted by Marks, and had lame comments added by editor. Some of them are good, some average, some are "chess as she is played". Some of the draws could have been won but for lack of clock time or confidence. Rate of play was 50 moves in 2 hours.

ROUND 1--W. VA. CHAMPIONSHIP, 1961

White: Paul Sayre; Black: Bill McComas.

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4, P-K3 3 N-QB3 B-N5 4 Q-B2 P-Q4 5 P-QR3 BxNch 6 QxB O-O 7 N-B3 N-K5 8 Q-B2 P-QB3 9 P-K3 N-Q2 10 B-Q3 QN-B3 11 O-O Q-B2 12 P-QN4 P-QN3 13 Pxp KPxp 14 B-N2 B-N2 15 QR-B QR-B 16 N-K5 N-N4 17 B-N5 Q-Q3 18 BxP P-N4 19 Q-KB5 (or QB5) BxB 20 QxN/5 N-K5 21 Q-N4 N-Q7 22 KR-Q N-B5 23 NxN NPxN; 24 P-K4 (if Pxp, 25 P-Q5 winning B) P-QR4 25 B-B3 R-N 26 R-K R-N2 27 R-K3 P-B4 28 PxBP B-Q2 29 R-K5 P-N3 30 Q-B3 RxBP 31 Q-K3 R-KB2 32 R-KPxP 33 BxP RxB 34 Pxr Qxp 35 RXP P-B6 36 RxB wins. Bill had to play himself back into shape.

White: Charles Ritter; Black: Dr. Werthammer.

1 P-K4 N-KB3 2 N-QB3 P-Q4 3 Pxp NxP 4 NxN QxN 5 N-B3 N-B3 6 B-K2 P-K4

7 P-Q3 B-KN5 8 O-O O-O-O 9 P-QR3 P-KR4 10 P-B4 Q-Q2 11 P-N4 P-B3 12 B-K3 N-Q5 13 NxN PxB 14 B-Q2 P-KN4 15 P-B4 R-K 16 BxB PxB 17 PxB B-Q3 18 B-B4 P-KB4 19 BxB QxB 20 P-N3 Q-KN3 21 P-N5 QxP 22 R-B4 Q-R4 23 Q-Q2 R-K6 24 QR-KB RxB 25 Q-KN2 RxBP 26 RxQP Q-R3 27 R/Q4-B4 R-B 28 Q-KB2 R-KB6 29 RxR PxB 30 QxBP Q-N4 31 Q-B4 Drawn. Advantage to White, it seems, due to P-N4.

### ROUND 2.

White: Dr. Werthammer; Black: Hendricks.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 PxB 4 QxP P-K4 5 Q-Q N-KB3 6 N-QB3 P-Q3 7 B-K2 B-K2 8 O-O P-QN4 9 R-K B-N2 10 B-B N/1-Q2 11 P-QN4 Q-B2 12 B-N2 R-QB 13 P-QR3 N-N3 14 N-Q2 O-O 15 R-B KR-K 16 P-QR4 P-Q4 17 RPxB BxB 18 NxP QxBN 19 PxB PxB 20 BxNP R-K2 21 P-QB4 B-B4 22 N-K4 NxN 23 RxN P-B4 24 R-KR4 P-K5 25 Q-R5 P-N3 26 Q-N5 Q-Q3 27 Q-B6 QxQ 28 BxQ R-R2 29 R-R3 R-R7 30 R-KB R-K7 31 R-N3 P-K6 32 PxB RxKP 33 RxR BxRch 34 K-R NxBP 35 B-Q7 R-N 36 B-K6ch K-B 37 P-KR4 P-R4 38 R-Q B-B5 39 R-KB B-Q3 40 K-N B-N6 41 R-QB N-Q3 42 K-B N-K5 43 B-R8 BxB 44 K-K2 B-N6 45 R-B6 B-Q3 46 B-Q4 K-K2 47 R-R6 K-B 48 R-R7 B-K2 49 B-K5 R-K 50 B-Q7 R-Q 51 B-K6 and the game is drawn.

White: Marks; Black: Boggs.

1-N-KB3 N-KB3 2 P-QN3 P-KN3 3 B-N2 B-N2 4 P-K4 P-Q3 5 B-B4 O-O 6 Q-K2 P-K4 7 P-Q4 PxB 8 QN-Q2 P-Q4 9 P-K5 PxB 10 PxB R-K 11 N-K4 B-B4 12 N/3-N5 B-R3 13 B-R3 BxN 14 B-K7 RxB 15 PxB BxB 16 O-O PxB 17RPxB P-B4 18 N-N3 B-Q2 19 P-KB4 P-KB4 20-KR-K N-B3 21 Q-B4ch K-N2 22 N-B P-QR3 23 N-Q2 P-QN4 24 Q-Q5 and a draw was agreed upon.

White: Hendricks; Black: Sayre. White starts well, then plays passively.

1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 P-K5 P-QB4 4 P-QB3 N-QB3 5 N-KB3 PxB 6 PxB B-N5ch 7 N-B3 KN-K2 8 P-QR3 Q-R4 9 B-Q2 BxN 10 BxB Q-N3 11 P-KN4 O-O 12 B-Q3 P-B3 13 PxB RxB 14 P-R3 B-Q2 15 O-O QR-KB 16 B-K2 N-N3 17 B-Q2 N-B5 18 BxN RxB 19 R-B NxP 20 N-K5 NxBch 21 QxN B-N4 22 Q-K Q-Q3 (If BxR 23 N-Q7; also threatens ...R-K5) 23 P-B3 (to prevent R-K5) BxR 24 KxB R-K5 (anyhow!) and wins. (25 Q-B3 QxN 26 QxQ RxQ 27 R-B3 P-Q5 28 R-Q3 R-Q4 29 K-K2 P-K4)

### ROUND 3.

White: Boggs; Black: Scherer.

1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 P-K5 P-QB4 4 P-QB3 N-QB3 5 N-KB3 Q-N3 6 B-K2 PxB 7 PxB KN-K2 8 N-R3 N-KB4 9 N-B2 P-KR4 10 P-QN3 B-Q2 11 B-N2 R-B 12 R-QB P-R5 13 O-O B-K2 14 Q-Q2 K-Q 15 KR-Q K-B2 16 P-KN4 PxB 17 RPxB K-N 18 K-N2 QR-N 19 KR-R P-B3 20 B-Q3 PxB 21 BxN PxB 22 NxP NxN 23 PxB B-K3 24 N-Q4 P-N4 25 RxR RxR 26 NxB QxN 27 R-KR Drawn.

White: Dr. Darbes; Black: Marks.

1 N-KB3 P-Q4 2 P-Q4 P-QB4 3 P-K3 B-B4 4 B-Q3 N-KR3 5 O-O P-K3 6 R-K N-B3 7 P-B3 R-B 8 P-K4 PxB 9 BxB BxB 10 RxB N-KN 11 P-Q5 N-B3 12 R-K QxP 13 Q-K2 R-Q 14 Q-N5 Q-Q2 15 B-N5 P-QR3 16 Q-B4 P-N4 17 Q-KR4 B-K2 18 QN-Q2 O-O 19 Q-N3 N-K 20 N-K4 P-B3 21 B-K3 Q-Q4 22 N/4-Q2 B-Q3 23 Q-R3 P-B4 24 N-B P-K4 25 R/K-Q Q-K3 26 QxPch KxQ 27 N-N5ch K-N3 28 NxQ P-B5 29 NxRch BxR 30 RxR NxR 31 B-Q2 N-KB3 32 R-Q N-K3 33 P-B3 P-B5 34 B-K N-B4 35 N-Q2 N-Q6 36 R-N B-B4ch 37 K-B N-Q4 38 K-K2 N-K6 39 P-KN3 N-QB7 40 N-K4 B-N8 41 B-B2 BxB 42 P-KN4 N-K6 43 BxN PxB 44 KxB B-B5#45 K-K2 B-B8 46 P-N3 B-N7 47 PxB PxB 48 K-Q2 P-R4 49 N-Q6 and Black resigned.

White: McKinney; Black: Sayre. Sayre's plan is to run McKinney overtime.

It works. Method is to choose "square" moves, so he will study and study. 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-KN3 3 N-QB3 B-N2 4 P-K4 P-Q3 5 P-B3 O-O 6 B-Q3



P-K3 7 B-N5 P-KR3 8 B-R4 QN-Q2 9 Q-Q2 P-R3 10 KN-K2 P-B4 11 P-Q5 N-K4  
 12 Q-B2 P-QN4 13 P-QN3 P-N5 14 N-Q NxBch 15 QxN PXP 16 QR-B PXP 17 PXP  
 B-N2 18 N-B2 R-K 19 BxN BxB 20 O-O Q-K2 21 N-N3 B-Q5 22 QR-K Q-R5 23 R-  
 K2 R-K3 24 K-R QR-K 25 Q-KB3 R-B3 26 Q-N4 QxQ 27 NxQ RxBch 28 NxR P-KR4  
 29 N-B2 BxN 30 RxB RXP 31 R-Q2 R-K3 32 K-N K-B 33 N-N3 K-K2 34 N-K2 B-K5  
 35 P-KR4 B-B4 36 N-B4 R-K5 37 N-Q5ch K-Q 38 N-B6 R-Q5 39 R-K2 B-K3  
 40 P-N3 but his flag had fallen and Black won on time.

To overcome persistent clock trouble is fairly simple. All you have to do is, make up your mind to make up your mind. Bearing down is a related weakness; the cure is not "relaxation" which is the other extreme, but an attitude of balanced ease, and a willingness to take the plunge, even if the water is a bit cool. It is not so much a matter of who has read the most books, but who is more alert. Don't sweat so hard; there will always be another tournament, and the game you lose now may help you win the next one. (For "one", read either game or tournament.)

#### ROUND 4

White: Sayre; Black: Dr. Darbes. Two (at least) errors are instructive.  
 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 N-K2 3 P-KB4 P-Q4 4 N-QB3 PXP 5 NxP QN-B3 6 N-KB3  
 N-B4 7 P-B3 B-K2 8 B-Q3 B-R5ch 9 P-KN3 B-K2 10 O-O P-KR4 11 QN-N5 P-KN3  
 12 Q-B2 P-N3?? (This move is bad when it allows a pinning attack.) 13  
 B-N5 B-Q2 14 BxN BxB 15 NXBP KxN 16 N-K5ch K-B3 17 NxB Q-Q3 18 NxB??  
 (A strategic error, trading a good N for a bad B. Best is N-K5, keeping  
 watch.) This is possibly the turning point of the tournament.) KxN 19  
 R-K K-Q2 20 P-N3 QR-K 21 Q-K4 P-B3 22 B-N2 KR-N 23 QR-Q P-KN4 24 B-B  
 P-N5 25 P-B4 K-B2 26 R-Q2 P-R5 27 Q-Q3 PXP 28 PXP R-KR 29 P-Q5 R-R6  
 30 R-KN2 N-R5 (Q-R7ch and QxN may draw.) 31 B-N2 N-B6ch and White resigns.  
 (Was planning QxN and B-K5, but saw this would lose a R.) Nice recovery.

#### ROUND 5

White: Sayre; Black: Dr. Werthammer. More like the real Werthammer.  
 1 P-K4 N-KB3 2 N-QB3 P-Q4 3 PXP NxP 4 P-Q4 P-KN3 5 B-QB4 B-K3 6 N-K4  
 N-B6 7 NxN BxB 8 B-B4 B-N2 9 N-B3 N-Q2 10 Q-Q2 P-QB3 11 O-O-O Q-R4 12  
 K-N O-O 13 P-KN4 QR-Q 14 B-R6 N-B3 15 P-N3 BxB 16 P-N5 B-Q4 17 N-K4  
 Q-B2 add wins. (15 P-N3 is not good, but I was afraid of N-K5 with a  
 mate threat.)

White: Scherer; Black: Dr. Darbes. Scherer keeps trying for a win,  
 when a draw might be best. 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 N-K2 3 N-QB3 P-Q4 4 B-K3  
 PXP 5 NxP N-B4 6 N-KB3 NxB 7 PxN B-K2 8 N-N3 P-QB3 9 B-Q3 N-Q2 10 O-O  
 N-B3 11 P-K4 P-KR3 12 P-K5 N-Q4 13 Q-K B-N4 14 P-B4 N-B5 15 B-B2 B-Q2  
 16 N-Q4 B-K2 17 K-R Q-N3 18 Q-B2 P-N4 19 N-Q6ch BxN 20 PxB O-O-O 21  
 N-K5 R/Q-B 22 P-B5 Q-N4 23 P-KN3 N-Q4 24 N-N6 B-K 25 NxKR RxN 26 B-K4  
 P-B4 27 BxN BPxB 28 QR-K B-B2 29 Q-K2 QxQ 30 RxQ K-Q2 31 P-QN4 K-B3  
 32 P-QR4 P-R3 33 R-QN2 K-Q2 34 P-R5 K-B3 35 R/1-QN K-N4 36 R-B B-K 37  
 P-B6 BXP 38 R-B5ch K-R5 39 P-N5 BXP 40 R-B7 B-B3 41 R-K7 R-Q 42 RXP  
 P-R4 43 R-K KXP 44 R-Rch B-R5 45 RXP RXP 46 R-QB7 K-N3 47 R-KR7 B-N4  
 48 RXP R-N3 49 R-R7 P-B5 50 PXP PXP 51 R-KN R-KB3 52 K-N2 B-Q6 53 R-KN7  
 B-K5ch 54 K-B2 R-B3 55 P-R4 R-B7ch 56 K-K P-B6 57 R-KB7 P-B7ch 58 RXP  
 R-B8ch and White resigns.

White: Boggs; Black: McKinney. Excellent; by two terrible infants.  
 1 P-K4 P-Q4 2 PXP N-KB3 3 P-QB4 P-B3 4 N-QB3 PXP 5 P-Q4 N-B3 6 B-N5  
 PXP 7 P-Q5 N-QR4 8 P-QN4 PXP 9 PXP P-QN3 10 P-QN4 N-N2 11 N-N5 P-K3  
 12 Q-Q4 P-QR3 13 Q-B3 B-Q3 14 Q-B6ch K-B 15 NxB QxN 16 QxQ NxQ 17 PXP  
 PXP 18 N-B3 N/Q3-K5 19 B-K3 N-Q4 20 B-Q3 N/5-B3 21 K-Q2 NxB 22 PxN N-  
 Q4 23 R-R4 B-N2 24 KR-R K-K2 25 BxQRP BxB 26 RxB RxB 27 RxB NxNP 28  
 RXP R-Qch 29 K-K2 N-Q4 30 RN7ch R-Q2 31 RxB/KxR 32 P-N3 K-K2 33 K-Q3

P-R3 34 K-Q4 K-B3 35 P-R3 N-K2 36 K-K4 N-B4 37 P-N4 N-Q3ch 38 K-Q4 N-B2  
39 K-K4 N-Q3ch 40 K-Q4 N-B2 Drawn.

## ROUND 6

White: Sayre; Black: Scherer. What was thought to be a good combination turns out to be a good swindle. 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-B4 N-KB3 4 N-B3 P-KN3 5 B-K2 B-N2 6 P-Q4 PxP 7 NxP N-B3 8 B-K3 O-O 9 O-O P-QR3 10 Q-Q2 Q-B2 11 P-KR3 P-K4 12 N-B2 N-QR4 13 P-QN3 B-K3 14 QR-Q (Played to induce R-Q, so KN can be pinned) KR-Q 15 N-N4 (deceptive in two ways -- appears to be pile-up on Q5, and puts extra man between Q and target) QR-B 16 B-N5 R-Q2 (Black awakens partly and finds correct move after long study) 17 BxN BxB 18 N/4-Q5 BxN (This "automatic" move loses. Had he noticed the loose N, he could play .., Q-Q 19 NxBch QxN 20 N-Q5 Q-Q. Deception was all that made it work.) 19 NxB Q-Q 20 NxBch QxN 21 QxN etc.

White: McKinney; Black: Marks.

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-K4 3 PxP N-N5 4 N-KB3 B-B4 5 P-K3 N-QB3 6 N-QB3 O-O 7 B-K2 R-K 8 O-O N/5xP/4 9 NxN NxN 10 P-QN3 P-QR4 11 B-N2 P-Q3 12 Q-B2 Q-N4 13 K-# Q-R5 14 N-Q5 R-K3 15 P-KN3 Q-Q 16 BxN PxB 17 QR-Q R-Q3 18 B-B3 B-R6 19 B-N2 Q-Q2 20 Q-K4 R-Q 21 Q-B3 B-KN5 22 N-K7ch K-B 23 RxR BxR 24 Q-K4 BxN 25 QxRP B-B3 26 BxP B-B4 27 Q-R5 P-B3 28 B-R6 Q-Q6 29 R-K P-KN3 30 Q-R6 B-N2 31 Q-N5 Q-K5 32 K-N R-R 33 R-Q P-B3 and White resigns.

White: Dr. Werthammer; Black: Dr. Darbes. (Marks suggested that I not publish this game because Dr. W. gave it away. But I know Dr. W. will not mind; he himself said once "A champion should watch." We all have these things happen to us.) 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 P-B3 P-Q3 5 PxP B-N5 6 B-QN5 P-QR3 7 BxN+PxB 8 B-K3 N-B3 9 QN-Q2 P-Q4 10 Q-B2 PxP 11 N-K5 Q-Q4 12 O-O B-KB4 13 NxQB P-B3 14 P-QR3 O-O 15 QR-B KR-K 16 P-R3 Q-K3 17 KR-K QBxP 18 PxB QxP 19 N-B N-N5 20 N-K5 BxN 21 PxB NxKP 22 N-R2 N-B6ch and White resigns.

Room for one of John's games.

## MEMPHIS CHAMPIONSHIP, 1961

Round 2, May 12, 45/2 hr.

Hunter Weaks vs. John Hurt. (Notes by Hurt)

1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 (knowing that Weaks had prepared heavily for this game and expected a standard defense such as Lasker's, I surprised him with...) 2.. P-QB4 (only two or three examples of this in Grandmaster play, but a certain refutation is not known.) 3 P-K3 (Weaks plays it conservative, not wanting to play a game that Black may be better prepared for) 3.. N-KB3 4 N-KB3 B-N5 5 B-K2 (If Q-N3 I had planned .. N-B3 6 QxP N-R4 draws by continual attack on Q) PxBP 6 N-R3 PxP 7 PxP P-K3 8 NxP N-B3 9 O-O B-K2 10 B-K3 Q-Q4 11 N/4-K5 B-Q3 12 NxP (again the possibility of draw with 12 B-B4-Q3) BxPch (Not KxN 13 N-N5ch regaining piece with advantage) 13 NxB (I feel KxB, Q-R4ch is slightly better for White) BxB 14 QxB KxN 15 N-B3 KR-KB 16 KR-B P-KR3 17 R-B5 Q-K5 18 N-K5 NxN 19 PxN N-Q4 (now this knight becomes a tower of strength) 20 Q-B3ch (leaves White with inferior end game but how is he to avoid doubled isolated KPs? If Q-N5, NxB) QxQ (both are short of time) 21 PxQ P-QN3 22 R-B4 (Better is R-B6) QR-B 23 QR-QB RxR 24 RxR P-KN4 25 R-QR4 P-QR4 26 R-QB4 (K-N2 is better) K-N3 27 R-B6 K-B4 28 BxQNP KxP 29 BxP RxP 30 P-N4 (White should try B-B3# with almost certain draw if Black trades. But K-B5 should win) R-QR6 31 R-B2 K-B5 32 R-N2 P-R4 33 B-Q8 R-R 34 B-R5 P-R5 35 R-B2 K-B6 36 K-R2 P-N5 37 R-N2 R-QB 38 P-N5 and White resigns (Black soon mates)

West Virginia Chess Association  
 Financial Statement  
 Sept. 1, 1960 to August 31, 1961

Cash on Hand Sept. 1, 1960 \$ 16.08

Receipts

1960 Tournament				
Championship	18@	\$5.00	\$90.00	
Open	6@	\$3.00	18.00	
Junior	5@	2.00	<u>10.00</u>	\$118.00

Annual State Dues				
1960-1961	4@	2.00	8.00	
1961-1962	1@	2.00	<u>2.00</u>	10.00

Individuals' USCF Dues	5@	5.00	<u>25.00</u>	25.00
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Ohio Valley Open Fees	25@	4.00	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	253.00
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Total Cash Available \$269.08

Disbursements

Trophies				
1960 Tournament			\$ 29.99	
1961 Tournament			<u>15.00</u>	44.99

USCF Individual Memberships			25.00	
Less 20% Commission		5.00		
Less USCF Dredit		<u>1.00</u>	<u>6.00</u>	19.00

Printing				
Bulletins			26.40	
Membership Cards			5.75	
Score Sheets			3.75	
Announcements			<u>3.91</u>	39.81

Rating Fees to USCF			5.40	
Postage-Bulletins & Announcements			8.84	
Supplies			3.30	
Miscellaneous				.25

Ohio Valley Open				
Money Prizes			\$100.00	
Tri-State Jr. Trophy			10.00	
Telephone			4.46	
Postage			2.95	
Rating Fees			6.00	
Score Sheets			<u>3.75</u>	<u>127.16</u>
				248.75

Cash on Hand Sept. 1, 1961 \$ 20.33

(Signed) Thomas O. Bergquist  
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WEST VIRGINIA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP  
HUNTINGTON, 1961

									Score	Median Points	Orig. Standing
1	Dr. A. J. Darbes, Huntington	W10	W16	W2	W3	W6	W4		6-0	15	5
2	H. L. Marks "	W11	D5	L1	W15	W18	W7		4½-1½	13	1
3	P. A. Sayre "	W9	W15	W7	L1	L4	W6		4-2	14½	6
4	Dr. S. Werthammer "	D15	D14	W12	W11	W3	L1		4-2	12½*	2
5	C. T. Boggs "	W19	D2	D6	W17	D7	D8		4-2	12½*	8
6	J. C. Scherer, Charleston	W12	W18	D5	W8	L1	L3		3½-2½	14	4
7	H. O. McKinney, S. "	W8	W13	L3	W16	D5	L2		3½-2½	14	3
8	T. O. Bergquist, Huntington	L7	W9	W17	L6	W16	D5		3½-2½	12½	12
9	W. McComas "	L3	L8	D10	Bye	W12	W15		3½-2½	11½	15
10	Dr. G. Pierson, Clendenin	L1	L12	D9	W14	W17	W13		3½-2½	11	14
11	H. Eads, Vienna, W. Va.	L2	W19	W13	L4	D15	Bye		3½-2½	9½	10
12	D. McKee, Wheeling	L6	W10	L4	D13	L9	W19		2½-3½	13	13
13	H. Sweeney, Huntington	W14	L7	L11	D12	Bye	L10		2½-3½	10½	18
14	C. L. Ritter, Wheeling	L13	D4	L15	L10	W19	W18		2½-3½	10	9
15	G. G. Hendricks, Charleston	D4	L3	W14	L2	D11	L9		2-4	15	11
16	C. Williams, Charleston	Bye	L1	W18	L7	L8	L17		2-4	11*	19
17	D. Eads, Vienna, W. Va.	L18	Bye	L8	L5	L10	W16		2-4	11*	16
18	C. Bishop, Wheeling	W17	L6	L16	W19	L2	L14		2-4	10	7
19	W. Alexander, Huntington	L5	L11	Bye	L18	L14	L12		1-5	10½	17

\*Further ties broken by Solkoff points.  
Tournament director, Dr. Darbes.

WEST VIRGINIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Robert Hendricks, Parkersburg	W3	W8	D2	W4	W7	W6		5½-1½		
2	Bill Marteney, "	W5	W10	D1	W8	W4	L3		4½-1½		
3	Larry Bryan, Huntington	L1	L5	W10	W9f	W8	W2		4-2		
4	Jack Caldabaugh, Wheeling	W6	D9	W7	L1	L2	W10		3½-2½		
5	Janis Zvargulis, St. Albans	L2	W3	L6f	D7	W10	W8		3½-2½		
6	Paul Detch, Lewisburg	L4	L7	W5f	W10	W9f	L1		3-3		
7	Eddie Rice, Huntington	L9	W6	L4	D5	L1	Bye		2½-3½		
8	Derek Linton, "	W10	L1	W9f	L2	L3	L5		2-4		
9	Andy Sanford, Charleston	W7	D4	L8f	L3f	L6f	WD		1½-4½		
10	John Greer, Parkersburg	L8	L2	L3	L6	L5	L4		0-6		

f - forfeit

WD-withdrew

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