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## Wheeling To Host 1994 WV Championship

The 1994 West Virginia State Championship will be held September 3-5, 1994 at the Days Inn-Wheeling East. The tournament has been organized and sponsored by Randy Bierce.

As you have doubtless noted, an advertisement did not appear in Chess Life. Randy Bierce contacted me right after the new issue of Chess Life appeared and gave me the following explanation:

Randy faxed the ad to the USCF on or a day past the deadline for two months coverage. He waived confirmation hoping this would enable him to get two months coverage. No confirmation was sent, but none was expected.

When Chess Life appeared in early July with no ad, Randy assumed he had missed the deadline for two months coverage. However, he believed he would receive one month of coverage. Unfortunately, when the new issue arrived in August, there was still no ad! Randy was of course very upset, as I found out late one night after he discovered the difficulty. (The only silver lining is that I learned a bunch of really terrific new curse words!)

There is nothing to be done now, but to try to spread the word! The tournament can still be a success if we all make an effort to publicize to event. Please contact anyone you think might be interested and give them the details.

Speaking of the details, here they are:  
West Virginia '94 Championship

September 3-5, 1994

6 SS TL: 40/2; 30/1; 15/30  
Entry: \$20; \$15-Jr. by 8/27  
\$25; \$18-Jr. at site

WVCA membership required-\$7  
Other States accepted

Prizes: \$250-150-100  
A, B, C, D/E/U \$70-45  
X \$40 (Must be 5 in class)

Reg: 9-11:45 am

WVCA Business Meeting-11:45 am

Rounds: 12:45/6:30; 9:30/3:30;  
9/3

5 minute and 10 minute  
tournament late Sunday pm

Site: Days Inn-Wheeling East  
Exit #11 (I-70)  
Dallas Pike, Wheeling,  
WV

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chess (Call early!)

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# EDITOR'S PAGE

Dear Reader:

This is the issue I thought I was never going to get to the printer! I had originally planned it to appear in early to mid-July. Unfortunately, I had a particularly difficult time getting material for this issue. There were "tons" of chess activity, but none of it was finding its way to yours truly. A few weeks ago I put out a desperate plea for help and Don Griffith, Joe Ancrile, and a few others came through with the material you have before you!

There are still a lot of tournaments from which I have received neither games, crosstable, nor result. In fact, Herr Bierce is still holding the 1993 state championship games hostage. Having failed to obtain them in the normal fashion, I am now considering approaching Konnie and some of Bierce's other friends to see if they can give me some "dirt" on Randy. If they agree, perhaps I can blackmail him into handing over the scoresheets.

If I receive the scoop on the "lost" events of 1993-1994 by September 20th, I'll try to find a place in the next two bulletins for them. Speaking of next issue, my current plans call for a Bulletin to hit the stands about November 15th. It should include a report from the 1994 KVO and the 1994 W.Va. Championship. We will also have coverage of the 1994 Butcher-Baker in which Mike's half-baked schemes were slaughtered by Markle.

I would like to put forth a

new idea for future state championships. Why not speed up the time limit to 40/90 and Game/60 and incorporate (a) a W. Va. "Quick Chess" Championship at a regularly scheduled time on Saturday night and (b) a 3-round W. Va. "Action" (Game/30) Championship at a regularly scheduled time on Sunday night? The action tournament could be advertised separately in Chess Life. Perhaps we would attract some people who can't spend three days at a tournament. I confess that I was one of the fellows who first pushed for a 40/2 time limit and I still prefer the slower time limits. Nevertheless, chess seems to be moving in the direction of "quicker" chess and maybe the W.V.C.A. should look for a move in that direction as well. In any event, it is something to consider.

Sincerely,



John Everett Roush,  
Editor

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# ROUSH TRIUMPHS AT CHARLESTON OPEN

John Everett Roush of Charleston scored 3.5-0.5 to win the 1994 Charleston Open. This tournament was played on May 14, 1994 at the Lake Chaweva Clubhouse in Cross Lanes, West Virginia. Donald Griffith, Joe Ancrile, and Joe Craddock tied for second with scores of 3.0-1.0.

Sixteen players competed in this Game/90 event. Donald Griffith directed the event.

We present the crosstable and a few of the games.

Craddock- Jordan  
Rd. 1 K.I.D.

1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7  
4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e4 Nbd7 6.Be2 0-0  
7.h3 e5 8.d5 c6 9.dxc6 bxc6  
10.Qxd6!? Bb7  
10...Qb6!? 11.Be3!? Qxb2  
12.Rc1 Bb7 13.0-0 Rfd8 is unclear.  
11.Bg5 Re8 12.Rd1 Qb6 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.Be3 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4  
16.Bxb6 Nxd2 17.Rxd2 axb6  
18.a3 c5 19.0-0 e4 20.Nh2 h5  
21.R1-d1 e3 22.fxe3 Rxe3  
23.Bf3 Bd4? 24.Rxd4! Bxf3  
25.Rd8+ Rxd8 26.Rxd8+ Kg7  
27.Nxf3 and 1-0 on move 34.

J.Ancrile - D.Griffith  
Rd. 2 Sicilian Def.

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3  
Smith-Morra Gambit  
3...dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6  
6.Bc4 Nf6 7.0-0 e6 8.Qe2 Be7  
9.Rd1 e5 10.Bg5 h6!?  
10...a6  
11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Rac1  
12.Nb5 is no better in view of 12...Be7!  
12...Bg4!?  
12...0-0  
13.Nb5 Be7 14.Qd3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 0-0 16.Qd3 Rc8 17.Rc3 a6  
18.Nxd6 Bxd6 19.Qxd6 Qh4

Perhaps 19...Qxd6 20.Rxd6 Nd4 21.Kf1 Rc7 with rough equality is better. It is hard to blame Donald for playing for more as it is not obvious that the B will prove better than the N in the ensuing play.

20.Re1 Rcd8?!

20...Rfd8 looks better.

21.Qa3!?

21.Qc7!? is unclear.

21...Nd4 22.Bf1 Rc8 23.g3 Qf6

24.Recl Rxc3 25.Qxc3 Rd8

26.Qe3 Qe6 27.Bc4 Qg4 28.Kg2 b5 29.Bd5 h5 30.Rc7 h4

Donald considered this a mistake, but holding the f-pawn with ...Rf8 is horribly passive. It is at about this point that the merits of trading Q's on move 19 become clearer.

31.h3

31.Rxf7 now or on the next move runs into ...Rxd5!

31...Qd1?!

31...Qg6!? 32.Bxf7+ Qxf7  
33.Rxf7 Kxf7 is less clear than the text although it should favor White after 34.g4 Δ Qg5xh4 or Qa3. Black has too many weaknesses.

32.Bxf7+ Kh8 33.Bb3???

33.Rc1! Qe2 34.Qxe2 Nxe2  
35.Rc2 Nd4 36.Rc5! Rd7 37.Bg6!  
Rd8 38.Rxe5 hxg6 39.fxc6 &  
40.Re8+ should win eventually. Perhaps the clock was the problem!

33...Nxb3! 34.axb3 Rd3 35.Rcl Rxe3 36.Rxd1 Rxe4 37.Rd6

37.Rd2 is passive, but more likely to result in a draw, i.e. 37...hxg3 38.fxc6 Rb4 39.Rd3

37...hxg3 38.Kxg3 Rb4 39.Rxa6 Rxb3+ 40.Kg2 Rxb2 41.Re6 Kg8 42.Rxe5 Kf7 43.Rc5 Kf6 44.h4 b4 45.Rb5 b3 0-1, time.

Waugh- Haid

Rd. 2 Gruenfield Def.

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7  
4.d4 d5 5.Nf3 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.e3  
Nc6 8.Bb2 dxc4 9.bxc4 Qb6  
10.Qb3 cxd4 11.exd4 Qxb3  
12.axb3 Nb4 13.0-0 Nd3 14.Bc3  
Ne4 15.Bb4? 0-1

Better is 15.Ba5 b6?!  
16.Bxb6. The text loses a  
piece, hence the early  
resignation.

Griffith- Roush

Rd. 3 French Defense

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Be3 Nf6  
3...dxe4 is more usual.  
4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nf3 c5 6.c3 Nc6  
7.Bd3 h6

The game resembles an  
Advance Variation of the  
French. I am not quite  
certain which side benefits  
from the unique features of  
this game (WB at e3 and BN at  
d7), but my instinct says that  
White has the better of it.

8.0-0 Qb6 9.Qe2 Be7  
9...c4? 10.Bxc4 dxc4 11.d5  
+-  
10.Na3 a6 11.Rac1 c4?!  
12.Bb1?!

12.Bxc4! dxc4 13.d5 +- . A  
mutual oversight.  
12...Qa5 13.Nc2 b5 14.Nfd2  
.5-.5

There's a lot of life left  
in this position. White can  
run his f-pawn down the board  
while Black continues the Q-  
side demonstration. Who  
really stands better? Beats  
me! I feel White has an edge,  
but that may be natural  
pessimism or a desire to  
justify my decision to accept  
a draw and reduce the  
cognitive dissonance. You be  
the judge!

Skeen- Hacker

Rd.4 Vienna Game

1.Nc3 e5 2.e4 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6

3...Nxe4 4.Bxf7+ leads to  
enormous complications.

4.d3 Bc5

Perhaps 4...h6 is more  
prudent.

5.Bg5 0-0?

A prime example of "castling  
into it". 5...h6 is better.

(a) 6.Bh4 d6 7.Nd5 g5 8.Nxf6+  
Qxf6 9.Bg3 Bd7 Δ ...0-0-0,  
...h5 and (b) 6.Bxf6 Qxf6  
7.Nd5 Qd8 8.f4 d6 9.Nf3 Bg4  
are o.k. for Black.  
6.Nd5 h6?

6...Be7 7.Nxe7+ Qxe7 8.a3  
Be6 9.Bxe6 Qxe6 is only  
slightly favorable to White.  
7.Nxf6+ gxf6 8.Bxh6 Re8 9.Qg4+  
1-0

Dailey- Hundley

Rd. 4 Max Lange Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6  
4.d4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.e5 d5  
7.exf6 dxc4 8.Re1+ Be6 9.Ng5  
Qxf6 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Qh5+ g6  
12.Qxc5 0-0-0 13.Bg5 Qf7  
14.Bxd8 Kxd8 15.Qxc4 and 1-0  
on move 39.

Walker- Griffith

Rd. 4 Slav Defense

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6  
4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bf4  
Bf5 7.e3 e6 8.Bb5 Nd7 9.Qa4  
Rc8 10.0-0 a6 11.Bxc6 Rxc6  
12.Rfc1 Be7 13.Qd1 0-0 14.Na4  
Qa5 15.Rxc6 bxc6 16.a3 f6  
16...c5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nxc5  
Qxc5 (18...Bxc5 19.b4) 19.Rc1  
Qb6 20.Qd2 Bf6 is lightly +=.  
17.Nc3 Qb6 18.Qd2 c5 19.dxc5  
Nxc5 20.Nd4 Nb3 21.Nxb3 Qxb3  
22.Rc1 Rd8 23.Bc7 Rd7 24.Ne2  
e5 25.Rc3 Qb7 26.Ba5 d4  
27.exd4 exd4 28.Rc4 d3 29.Ng3  
Bg6 30.Qc1 Qd5 31.Bd2 h6  
32.Rc8+ Kh7 33.Qc4 Qxc4  
34.Rxc4 Kg8 35.Kf1 Kf7 36.Ke1  
Ke6 37.Be3 Rb7 38.b4 Kd7 39.f4  
Rb5 40.f5 Bxf5

At about this point,

Walker's game score fades out which means he has less than five minutes left on his clock.

41.Nxf5 Rxf5 42.Rd4+ Kc6  
43.Rxd3 Bd6 44.h3 a5 45.g4 Re5  
46.bxa5 Rxa5 47.Bc1 h5 48.Ke2  
hxc5 49.hxc5 Be5 50.Kf3 Ra4  
51.Bd2 Kb5 52.Bb4 Ra8 53.Ke4  
Rc8 54.Rd5+ Kb6 55.Rxe5?!

It is not clear whether Walker is still trying to find a win or whether he is trying to simplify to a draw because of the clock.

55...fxe5 56.Kxe5 Rc6 57.Kf5  
Kc7 58.Kg5 Kd7 59.Bf8 g6  
60.a4!? Ke8 61.Bg7 Kf7 62.Bh8  
Ra6 63.Kh4 Rxa4 64.Be5 Ke6  
65.Bc3 Kf7 66.Kg5 Rc4 67.Ba1  
Rc5+ 68.Kf4 g5+ 69.Ke3 Ke6  
70.Bd4 Rc4 .5-.5

At this point Griffith's scoresheet fades out too, so we don't know if the position was agreed a draw here or at some point later on. Whether or not the position is theoretically drawn is more than I can say. At first glance, it looks like Black can make progress by simply maneuvering the R to f7. This forces the White to commit to protecting the pawn but being confined to the h and g files or to be cut off from the pawn and face the continuing threat of ...Rf4 winning the pawn. Either way the Black K tries to infiltrate via the Q-side. Unfortunately, as soon as the R hits f7, White simply plays his B to e3 hitting the g-pawn. Black's R or his K must then protect it and further progress is stalled. Unless Bukovac will weigh in with his opinion I'm afraid we will never know. From a practical point, the clock situation makes a draw a reasonable outcome.

Roush- Micheal  
Rd. 4 French Defense

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bd7  
Recommended by Silman in a repertoire book a few years ago. The idea is to play ...at and ...Bb5 exchanging the Qb without creating the host of white square weaknesses which accompany the manouver ...b6 and ...Ba6.

4.Bd3 a6 5.Qe2  
Pure spitefulness!

5...c5 6.c3 Nc6  
Black should consider ...cxd4 here or on the next

move. By the same reasoning, White ought to consider dxc5 on moves 6 or 7. Timing is everything, but it is unclear as to what the most accurate move order is.

7.Nf3 Qb6 8.dxc5! Bxc5 9.b4  
Be7 10.0-0 d4

A bit too aggressive, but it is understandable why Black lashed out as alternatives such as ...Rc8 and ...f6 don't inspire confidence.

11.a3! dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nd4?!  
13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Bb2

The result of Black's aggressive play is that White has fine diagonals for his B's, good files for his R's, and Black's KR and KN are kicking their heels at home.  
14...Qh4 15.Rad1 Bc6 16.b5!  
axb5 17.Nxb5 Bxb5?

17...Rc8 is better. White is still on top but Black has some counterplay, i.e. 18.f4 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Ne7 20.Rc1 +-.  
18.Bxb5+ Kf8 19.Rd4 Qh6 20.Bc1 Bg5 21.f4 Be7 22.f5 Bg5  
23.fxe6 f6

23...Bxc1? 24.Rxf7 mate.  
24.Bxc5 Qxc5 25.Rd7 Nge7  
26.Rfd1 g6 27.exf6 0-1

27...Qf6 28.Rf1 or 27...Nc6  
28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.Rd8+ Rxd8  
30.Rxd8 mate.

(Crosstable on page 12)

# PARKERSBURG REVIVES!

Chess appears to be experiencing a rebirth in West Virginia in the last few years. More tournaments, more chess clubs, and more players have graced the chess scene in the mountain state. A welcome part of this revival is the reappearance of a vibrant chess community in Parkersburg, West Virginia. As proof we present the crosstable from last May's STARTING OPEN and a game from the NO FIRE OPEN annotated by Joe Ancrile with the assistance of David Gundlach (Expert) and Chuck Schulien (Senior Master).

## 1994 Parkersburg Starting Open

### Cross Table

Name/Rating/ID/Team/St/Age	rd1	rd2	rd3	rd4	tot
1 Jacobson, Eliot.....	B 16	W 10	B 7	W 6	
2114 12424345 Ohio	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.5
2 Kelly, Pat.....	W 18	B 12	W 19	B 9	
2032	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
3 Dolgovskij, Konstantin.....	W 17	B 14	W 20	B 23	
2003 12439206 WV	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
4 Bierce, Randy.....	B 19	B 13	W 21	W 5	
1953 12428462 WV	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5
5 Rutherford, Dave.....	W 20	B 19	W 9	B 4	
1933 12441918 Oh	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.0
6 McAlister, James M.....	B 21	W 23	W 12	B 1	
1930 10202736 WV	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.5
7 Whitacre, Fred.....	W 22	B 29	W 1	B 17	
1900 10258570 OH	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
8 Richardson, Mike.....	---	---	---	B 24	
1771 10201446	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
9 Butcher, Markle W.....	B 25	W 30	B 5	W 2	
1751 11209114 WV	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
10 Roberts, Lloyd.....	W 24	B 1	W 23	W 18	
1747 12579353 WV	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
11 Spring, Ray.....	B 23	W 27	---	---	
1712 Ohio	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12 Bagnall, Walter.....	W 26	W 2	B 6	B 20	
1701 12529713 Oh	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
13 Ancrile, Joe.....	B 27	W 4	B 22	B 25	
1648 12439587	0.5	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.0
14 Vavrek, Alvin.....	W 28	W 3	B 27	---	
1644 11490727 OH	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
15 Parker, Jean.....	B 29	W 21	B 26	W 30	
unr. 12547494 WV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
16 Paluskievicz, James E.....	W 1	B 22	B 30	W 27	
1593 12169110 WV	0.0	0.5	1.5	2.5	2.5
17 Taylor, Michael A.....	B 3	W 24	B 28	W 7	
1582 12345590 OH	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
18 Hammell, Doug.....	B 2	W 25	W 29	B 10	
1547 12577461 WV	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
19 Sheppard, Richard.....	W 4	W 5	B 2	B 26	
1463 20055718 WV	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

20	Dailey, John P.....	B 5	W 26	B 3	W 12		
	1459	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	
21	Richardson, Aaron.....	W 6	B 15	B 4	W 28		
	1416 12580774	WV 0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	
22	McLear, Bob.....	B 7	W 16	W 13	B 29		
	1412 12409245	WV 0.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.0	
23	LaBue, Tom.....	W 11	B 6	B 10	W 3		
	1339 12561974	WV 1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
24	Hacker, Chris.....	B 10	B 17	W 25	W 8		
	1295 12585124	WV 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
25	Blackwell, Robert.....	W 9	B 18	B 24	W 13		
	1278 12602452	OH 0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
26	Mercer, Jonette.....	B 12	B 20	W 15	W 19		
	1225 1243658	WV 0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	
27	Jordan, James.....	W 13	B 11	W 14	B 16		
	1223 12604784	WV 0.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	
28	Haynes, Glenn.....	B 14	bye	W 17	B 21		
	1141 12562857	WV 0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
29	Cox, Greg.....	W 15	W 7	B 18	W 22		
	1035 12594654	WV 1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
30	Price, Mike.....	bye	B 9	W 16	B 15		
	894 20085980	WV 1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	

Joe Ancrile-Michael Taylor

No Fire Open, 1994

1.e4 This game is annotated by Joe Ancrile, with suggestions by chess expert David Gundlach and Senior Master Chuck Schulien. Initials are used to identify who is making the comment: JA, DG, or CS. 1...e6

2.d4 d5 3.exd5 Not the most aggressive move. To be considered is 3 Nc3.

[CS] 3...exd5 4.Bd3 Bd6 5.c3?! Passive! [CS]

[5.Ne2 More accurate than the text. [JA] Ne7 6.Bf4 0-0 7.h3 I'm not sure that h3 is necessary, Joe. [CS]]

5...Ne7 6.Qc2 h6 I don't like this move, Joe. Take a look at 6...Nbc6, with ...Bg4. [CS]

[6...Nbc6 7.Ne2 Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.Bf4 Bg6= [JA]]

7.Ne2 Nd7

[7...Nbc6 This is more natural. [CS]]

8.0-0 Nf6 9.Bf4 0-0 10.Nd2 Bg4 11.f3 Drives off Black's bishop but, in doing so, deprives the White knight of its natural development square at f3--at least temporarily. To be considered now and on subsequent moves for White is the more thematic 11 Be5. [DG]

[11.Be5 Looks interesting! [DG and CS]]

11...Bh5

[11...Be6 Not necessarily better than the game. [CS] 12.Rae1 Qd7

13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.f4 Rfe8 15.Nf3 ]

12.Rae1 It is still possible for White to play his bishop to e5, followed by a pawn advance to f4. [DG] 12...Bg6 13.Bg3?! Even now, 13 Be5 makes more sense. All along this move just "jumped off the page" to BOTH David and Chuck. I guess that's why my rating is so much lower than theirs. [JA]

[13.Be5 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nc6 15.f4 Be7!? The bishop is almost trapped on e5, so after the Nf6 moves, f4-f5 is forced. Forced, but good. I like White. [CS] 16.Ng3 Ne8 17.f5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 ]

13...Bxg3?! Black might have considered 13...Re8. [CS] 14.Nxg3 Qd7  
 [14...Qd6 15.Bxg6 Nxg6 16.Nf5 Qd7 White has an edge, but  
 ...Rae8 may neutralize the game: [CS]]

15.f4 Such pawn moves deserve comment, Joe! [CS]  
 [15.Re2 White has the slightest of edges. [cs]]

15...Bxd3 16.Qxd3 b6 Black prepares ...c5, which is quite logical. [CS]  
 17.Nf3 Rfe8 18.Ne5 Now White owns a small advantage, but Black correctly  
 counters in the center. [CS] 18...Qa4 19.a3 c5 I like White's  
 course, in that his kingside attack lacks enough momentum to burn  
 one's bridges. [CS] 20.dxc5? After the game, David helped me to see  
 that this pawn exchange gives Black a mobile pawn center, which dims  
 the prospects of aggressive kingside action by the White pieces. [JA]  
 OK, but suggest a better move! [CS]  
 [20.Nf5 How about this move? [DG] It was here that David offered  
 intensive analysis which I didn't write down. The reader is  
 invited to examine for himself what might happen after 20...Nxf5  
 and 21 Qxf5. [JA]]

20...bxc5 Even though White has managed to create three pawn islands in  
 Black's camp, it turns out later in the game that Black's d-pawn  
 becomes a troublemaker. [JA] 21.Qf3?! A little soft perhaps. I was  
 planning to accompany this move with an eventual Nh5 to effect a  
 greater kingside penetration. [JA] Instead, White might play 21 Re2 to  
 shore up the b-pawn and the entire second rank. [DG]  
 [21.Re2! [DG]]

21...Rab8 22.Re2 d4 Uh-oh. Better keep an eye on this guy. [JA]  
 [22...Ng6!? [CS]]

23.Nh5! Good timing, joe! [CS] 23...Nxh5 24.Qxh5 Ng6?! A critical  
 point has been reached. How should White proceed? I looked at the  
 various options here--but couldn't tell which move combination was best.  
 Wish this were a postal game instead. [JA]  
 [24...Rf8 Not at all pretty, but worth considering. [CS]]

25.Qf5? Other possibilities include 25 Nxg6 and 25 Nxf7, which lead to  
 dramatic play. [JA] ...both of which are more promising for White. [CS]

[25.Nxg6 Rxe2 26.Qxe2 fxc6 27.Qe6+ Kh7 28.f5 White cannot be worse.  
 You might work this out further. [CS]]

25...Nxe5 Makes sense that Black would want to eliminate this well  
 posted knight. [JA] 26.fxe5 Qc4 With the two-fold purpose of defending  
 his pawn at f7 and attacking the opponent's rook at e2. I'm still  
 eyeing that pawn on d4 by the way. [JA] 27.Re2 Re7 28.Qf4 Qd5 The  
 remainder of the game was played hurriedly. [JA] 29.e6 Rbb7 30.exf7+  
 [30.cxd4 cxd4 31.exf7+ Rxf7 32.Qd2 I think that Black stands  
 better, but the isolated d-pawn is not so strong as a protected  
 passer. [CS]]

30...Rxf7 31.Qd2 d3 There it goes! [JA] 32.Rxf7 Rxf7 33.Rxf7 Kxf7  
 34.b4 c4 35.Kf2 Qf5+ 36.Ke1 Without regard to shame, I offered a draw.  
 Declined. [JA] 36...Qe5+ 37.Kf1 Ke6?  
 [37...Qxh2 38.Qf2+ Black has excellent winning chances. [CS] 38...  
 Kg8]

38.g3 Kd5 39.Qg2+ Qe4 40.Qxe4+ Kxe4 41.Ke1 Kd5 42.a4 Michael offered a  
 draw which I accepted with haste. Can you find a win for Black? [JA]  
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# 1994 Huntington/ Charleston Match

The 1994 chess match between the Huntington Chess Club and the Charleston Chess Club resulted in a 6-3 victory for the Charleston contingent. The match took place at the home of the Huntington club, the YMCA, in Huntington, West Virginia on May 7, 1994.

The match was contested on nine boards. The results:

Chas.C.C. 6 - Hunt.C.C. 3

1. Griffith	1	-	Hardin	0
2. Walker	½	-	McAlister	½
3. Skeen	1	-	O'Hanlon	0
4. A.Mullins	½	-	Dingess	½
5. Micheal	0	-	Brewster	1
6. Waugh	½	-	Morrison	½
7. G.Mullins	½	-	Patterson	½
8. C.Mullins	1	-	Patterson,	0
			III	

We present the key game from board one with light notes by the editor.

Hardin - Griffith  
 Sicilian Defense  
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4  
 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3

No one seems afraid of or eager to play 5.c4 anymore!  
 5...Nf6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0  
 8.0-0 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5  
 Qxd5?!

Both 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Qxd5  
 12.Bxg7 Qxd1 13.Raxd1 Kxg7  
 14.Bf3 Bf5 and earlier 9...Nb4  
 10.d6 Qxd6 11.Ncb5 Qd7  
 equalize according to D. Levy  
 in Sicilian Accelerated  
 Dragons (Chess Digest 1975)  
 11.Bf3 Qd7 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.c3  
 Qb7 14.Qa4 Bd7 15.Rad1 Rad8

16.Bc5 Rfe8 17.Rd2 Be6 18.Bxc6  
 Qc7 19.Re2 Bd7 20.Bxd7 Rxd7  
 21.Qa3 e6 22.Be3 Red8 23.Qc5?!  
 23.Qb3 Δ Qc2 and the  
 exchange of R's on the d-file  
 is preferable. If 23.Qb3 Rd3  
 24.Qc2 Qd7 25.g3 [25.Bd4?  
 Bxd4! 26.Qxd3 Bxf2+] and White  
 will distract Black from the  
 d-file by advancing his Q-side  
 pawns.

23...Qb7 24.Rfe1 Qa6! 25.c4  
 The threat was ...Qxe2

26.Rxe2 Rd1+.

25...Rc8 26.Qb5 Qxb5 27.cxb5  
 Rb7 28.a4 Rc4 29.Rc1 Rxa4 (=+)

30.Rec2 h5 31.g3 Rb4 32.Ra1  
 Rb4xb5 33.Rc8+ Kh7 34.Bxa7

34.Rxa7 appears better. A  
 trade of one pair of R's would  
 appear to ease White's task of  
 nursing his game to a draw.  
 34...Rxb2 35.Ra4 Bf6 36.Be3 h4  
 37.gxh4

Preventing ...h3 via 37.Kg2  
 is preferable to the text.  
 The pawn weaknesses created by  
 the text increases White's  
 losing chances considerably.

37...Rb2-b4 38.Rc4 Rxa4  
 39.Rxa4 Rb5 40.Kg2 Rh5 41.Rf4  
 Kg7 42.Kg3 Be5 43.Bd4 Bxd4  
 44.Rxd4 Kf6 45.Rb4 Rd5 46.Rf4+  
 Kg7 47.Ra4 Kh6 48.Ra6 Rd3+  
 49.f3 e5 50.Ra4 f5 51.Ra8

Black has an easy time of it  
 now. However, even after the  
 stronger 51.Rb4 Black wins  
 with 51...Rd4 52.Rxd4 exd4  
 53.Kf4 Kh5 54.h3 d3 55.Ke3  
 Kxh4 56.Kxd3 Kxh3 57.Ke3 Kg3  
 58.Ke2 f4 -+.  
 51...e4 52.Rh8+ Kg7 53.Rb8  
 Rxf3+ 54.Kg2 Rc3 55.Rb5 f4  
 56.Re5 f3+ 57.Kf2 Rc2+ 58.Kf1  
 Re2 59.Re8 Kf6 60.Rf8+ Ke5  
 61.h5 gxh5 62.h4 Kd4 63.Rd8+  
 Ke3 64.Rd1 Rh2 65.Kg1 Rxh4 0-1

The other game scores were  
 published in THE OPEN FILE,  
 the Huntington Chess Club's  
 newsletter.

# GRIFFITH CAPTURES JUNE QUICK CHESS

Donald Griffith won the Charleston Chess Club's June Quick Chess (Game/ 10 minute) event with a score of 3.5-.5. James Walker, Dennis Funkhouser, and Richard Sheppard scored 3-1 to finish right on Sir Griff's heels. We present the crosstable from the event. Unfortunately, the players did not keep scoresheets from this event due to the time limit.

## JUNE QUICK CHESS

1. Donald Griffith	2188	W6	D4	W5	W2	3.5-0.5
2. James Walker	2160	W7	W5	W3	L1	3.0-1.0
3. Dennis Funkhouser	2112	W8	W11	L2	W4	3.0-1.0
4. Gary Cummings*	1972	W9	D1	W6	L3	2.5-1.5
5. Jerry Skeen	1846	W10	L2	L1	W9	2.0-2.0
6. David Iorio	1820	L1	W9	L4	L10	1.0-3.0
7. Joe Patterson	1770	L2	L8	D11	wd	0.5-2.5
8. Richard Sheppard	1533	L3	W7	W10	W11	3.0-1.0
9. Bill Salmon	1305	L4	L6	Bye	L5	1.0-3.0
10. Ben Good	1249	L5	Bye	L8	W6	2.0-2.0
11. Bill Haid	1230	Bye	L3	D7	L8	1.5-2.5

\* I'm very sorry I wasn't present at this tournament. Seeing Gary Cummings walk through the doors of the Charleston Chess Club again must have been like an Elvis visitation to Graceland! - Editor.

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## CHARLESTON C.C. EAST-WEST MATCH

MEM ID	PLR#	NAME	ST	PreRate	PstRate	1	TOTAL
20055718	1	SHEPPARD, RICHARD	WV	1510*c7	1513*c7	W---6	1.0
12603903	2	CANTRELL, PAUL	WV	0	1652/01	W---5	1.0
10201900	3	GRIFFITH, DONALD	WV	2212*X7	2202*X7	D---4	0.5
10201683	4	SKEEN, JERRY W	WV	1762*B0	1775*B0	D---3	0.5
12408157	5	HAID, CHARLES W	WV	1252*E7	1249*E7	L---2	0.0
12430896	6	SALMON, BILL W	WV	1145*E4	1141*E4	L---1	0.0

## THE OTHER FUNKHOUSER

Most of us are aware of the exploits of Dennis Funkhouser. At this time, we turn the spotlight on his brother, Byron. In response to my call for games, Byron was thoughtful enough to send me the following encounters. Read and enjoy!

Byron Funkhouser (1796) - Mike Baker (1614)

Mountaineer Open VII 2-12-94

This game features what I believe to be an interesting K & P endgame.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 Qe7 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Be2 d6 6.O-O  
Be6 7.Re1 Nd7 8.Bb5 Nf6 9.d4 c6 10.Bd3 d5 11.Ng5 g6  
12.f4 Bg7 13.f5 gxf5 14.Bxf5 Nf8 15.Qe2 Kd7 16.Nc3 Re8  
17.Bxe6+ Nxe6 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Qxe6+ Rxe6 20.Rxe6 Kxe6  
21.Bd2 Ne4 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.c3 f5 24.Re1 h5 25.g3 Bh6  
26.Bxh6 Rxh6 27.Kf2 h4 28.g4 Rg6 29.gxf5+ Kxf5 30.Ke3 Rg2  
31.Re2 h3 32.Rxg2 hxg2 33.Kf2 Kf4 34.c4 e3+ 35.Kxg2 Ke4  
36.d5 cxd5 37.cxd5 Kxd5 38.Kf3 Kd4 39.Ke2 resigns.

Byron Funkhouser (1796) - Markle Butcher (1738)

Mountaineer Open VII 2-12-94

In Markle & I's first discussion of this line, he was the winner.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5  
7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4  
Bb7 13.d5 Rc8 14.Nbd2 Qc7 15.Bd3 Rfe8 16.Nf1 Nc4 17.b3  
Nb6 18.Bd2 Nbd7 19.Rc1 Qd8 20.Qe2 Nc5 21.Bb1 Bf8 22.Ng3  
g6 23.Bg5 Bg7 24.Nh2 Qa5 25.Ng4 Nxg4 26.hxg4 Rc7 27.Bd2  
b4 28.Rc4 Qb5 29.Bxb4 Rec8 30.Recl Bh6 31.Bd2 Bf8 32.b4  
Nxe4 33.Rxc7 Nxg3 34.Qxb5 axb5 35.fxg3 Rxc7 36.Rxc7 Bxd5  
37.Rc8 Kg7 38.Bh6+ Kxh6 39.Rxf8 Kg5 40.Rd8 Kxg4 41.Rxd6  
Bc4 42.Kf2 f5 43.Bd3 Bxa2 44.Be2+ Kg5 45.Bxb5 h5 46.Be8  
f4 47.Rxg6+ Kf5 48.gxf4 exf4 49.Rh6 Kg4 50.Rxh5 Bf7  
51.Bxf7 resigns.

Byron Funkhouser (1817) - Brian McCarthy (2254)

Crossville, TN 2-12-84

I thought you might be interested in one of my games from my ten years in Nashville, TN. This is my personal best. Also, notice that it was played exactly ten years to the day before the previous two games.

1.e3 Nf6 2.b3 g6 3.Bb2 Bg7 4.Nf3 O-O 5.Be2 d6 6.O-O e5  
7.d4 e4 8.Nfd2 d5 9.c4 c6 10.Nc3 a6 11.f3 exf3 12.Bxf3  
Re8 13.e4 dxe4 14.Ndxe4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 f5 16.Nf2 c5  
17.Bd5+ Kh8 18.Qd2 Qf6 19.Ng4 Qh4 20.Rae1 Bd7 21.dxc5  
Qxg4 22.Rxe8+ Bxe8 23.Qc3 Qxg2+ 24.Kxg2 resigns.

Here are two postal games. Ratings are from the pairing sheet. Though briefly I was a Candidate Master, my current rating is 1953 based on 110 games rated.

Rev. Timothy Sawyer (1997) - Byron Funkhouser (1700)  
 Rev. Sawyer is the author of a book on the Blackmar - Diemer.  
 1.d4 Nf6 2.f3 d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.fxe4 Nxe4 6.Qf3 Nd6 7.Bf4 e6 8.O-O-O c6 9.d5 cxd5 10.Nxd5 Be4 11.Qe3 exd5 12.Rxd5 Be7 13.Rd1 O-O 14.Bxd6 Bg5 15.Bf4 Qc7 16.Qxe4 Qxf4+ 17.Qxf4 Bxf4+ 18.Kb1 Nc6 19.drawn.

Geoffrey Coleman (1959) - Byron Funkhouser (1700)  
 I only had MCO-11 at the time and was out of book after four moves.  
 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 c6 5.Qd2 h6 6.O-O-O Bg7 7.e3 b5 8.Bd3 b4 9.Na4 Qa5 10.Nc5 Nfd7 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.e4 Nc5 13.dxc5 Bc3 14.bxc3 bxc3 15.Qxc3 Qxc3 16.Be5 Qa3+ 17.Bb2 Qb4 18.Bxh8 dxe4 19.Bxe4 Qxe4 20.Rd4 Qe6 21.Rhd1 f6 22.Re1 Qxa2 23.Bxf6 Bf5 24.Rxe7+ Kf8 25.Ne1 Rb8 26.Nd3 Rb1+ 27.Kd2 Qa5+ 28.resigns.

## CHARLESTON OPEN

PLR#	NAME	ST	PreRate	PstRate	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
1	ROUSH, JOHN EVERE	WV	2177*m4	2181*m4	W--13	W---3	D---2	W---6	3.5
2	GRIFFITH, DONALD	WV	2215*X7	2212*X7	W--15	W---4	D---1	D---5	3.0
3	CRADDOCK, JOSEPH	WV	1677*b0	1688*b0	W--10	L---1	W--11	W---9	3.0
4	ANCRILE, JOSEPH D	WV	1607*C2	1639*C7	W--11	L---2	W---8	W--10	3.0
5	WALKER, JAMES H	WV	2100*M5	2100*M5	L---9	W--16	W---7	D---2	2.5
6	MICHAEL, DAVID G	WV	1713*b0	1708*b0	W--14	D---7	W---9	L---1	2.5
7	DAILEY, JOHN P	WV	1452*C4	1509*C9	W---8	D---6	L---5	W--13	2.5
8	SKEEN, JERRY W	WV	1812*B0	1762*B0	L---7	W--14	L---4	W--16	2.0
9	MULLINS, GEORGE A	WV	1431*D5	1477*c7	W---5	W--12	L---6	L---3	2.0
10	JORDAN, JAMES B	WV	1223/08	1363/12	L---3	W--13	W--12	L---4	2.0
11	HAIID, CHARLES W	WV	1184*e2	1226*E5	L---4	W--15	L---3	W--14	2.0
12	MORRIS, GARY L	WV	1753*b0	1699*b0	W--16	L---9	L--10	U----	1.0
13	HUNDLEY, DAVID WA	WV	1536*c0	1499*c0	L---1	L--10	W--16	L---7	1.0
14	MULLINS, JASON RO	WV	1207/14	1245/18	L---6	L---8	W--15	L--11	1.0
15	WAUGH, CHARLES T	WV	1597*C2	1539*C2	L---2	L--11	L--14	U----	0.0
16	HACKER, CHRIS	WV	1295*E2	1284*E2	L--12	L---5	L--13	L---8	0.0