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David Saville is the 2000 Charleston Club Champion

by Gary Cummings

Donald Griffith looked to be cruising to a repeat performance at the 2000 Charleston Club Championship. However, a family problem then caused him to withdraw from the event while being the only player with a perfect 6-0 score. He had played over half his games, so his remaining games were awarded as forfeits. He gave away three points to Gary Morris, Sefus Ellis and David Saville by forfeit. This left the door open for Dave Saville to claim the title. David has now taken three of the last four club championship titles.

David delayed the first round game scheduled against Donald and then later got the point by forfeit. Griffith played Fuller that night, which was his last round game on the schedule. Had the schedule been followed and Griffith won the first round and still withdrew at the same point in time, Fuller would have gained the forfeit and scored 8.0 with Saville at 7.5!

Jim Fuller proved what we at the club have known for sometime. At this time control he has a knack for hanging in until the clock becomes his friend. He survived lost positions against both Cummings and Ellis to finally make use of his blitz ability. His one big downfall was a won position against Saville, and with much more time, that he allowed to dwindle to a draw.

Sefus Ellis played steady logical chess. He was just a little over cautious and let a few points slip away. His game against Fuller came back to haunt him as Fuller pulled away by scoring a couple of unexpected upsets.

Gary Cummings was all over the place. He put a lot into the bold and bloody slugfest against Griffith and when he failed to survive that contest he proceeded to play the remainder of his games with off and on indifference.

Chuck Waugh continued with his fine play this year. His rating has jumped very close to 200 points in 2000

and he now is never taken lightly by any of the other competitors. He arrived at the last round with a chance to finish with a plus score and a solid 5th place against a small but formidable field but just fell short. Still, even money at this event is no small feat.

Gary Morris perhaps put a little too much pressure on himself by trying to play multiple games in single day settings. Fatigue began to show in the later part of his games where he did indeed have good games against Saville, Fuller and Waugh but let them slip away. Gaining the forfeit win from Griffith elevated him just above Olson in the final standings.

Jim Olson finally got that monkey off his back. His friendly antagonist, Cummings, had survived his won games in both of the previous club championships and Jim had to be wondering what it would take to finally win one of these. This year he pulled it off! After a Cummings mistake that cost an exchange, Jim played perhaps his best ever rook and minor piece ending. He could smell the blood and this time he scored the point. It has to be a highlight of his event to finally get a win after all of those close but no cigar results.

Joe Weaver is a newcomer to the club. Having played in the state championship Joe joined the club championship eagerly. His play was logical and solid and he was only just barely outmanned. His results are likely to improve with future events.

Bill Salmon played all one game via the ICC. Bill does not like to venture out after dark as driving is difficult for him in the dusky hours. He was a continued good sport for participating again this year. His misfortune was not to gain the benefit of a forfeit. Though he suffered from his continued over aggressive attacks he did not allow anyone to get the win without effort.

Upcoming Events in West Virginia

March 3, 2001: Harrison Co. March Open

Sections: Open and Scholastic (K-2, K-5, K-8, K-12)

Open: 4/SS; G/75 (G/70 w/5-sec delay)

EF: \$15 SS: b/entries; WV Grand Prix

Check-in: 8:30-9am Rounds: 9:15-11:45-2:15-4:45

Scholastic: 4/SS (5-SS for K-8 & K-5);

G/30 (G/15 for K-2) EF: \$8; SS trophies

Check-in: 9:-9:30am Round 1: 10am

Both: *No entries at site! Payment may be made at site.* All registration by 2/28 via mail or through the HCC website:

<http://sites.netscape.net/hcchess/homepage>

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School, Rt. 20, Nutter Fort

Entries to: Robert Jordan, 523 Penn. Ave.,

Bridgeport, WV 26330-1232 Phone: (304)842-4771

e-mail: RobAJordan@aol.com

Checks to: Norwood Elementary School Chess Club

March 24, 2001: 2001 West Virginia Action Championship

7-SS. G/30, WV Grand Prix, NS, NC

WVCA required, \$7/year, OSA

Site: Holy Rosary Church, Hogan Hall,

Franklin Street, Buckhannon, WV

EF: \$15 Prizes: b/entries

Registration: 9:00-9:45am Rounds: 10-11-12:45-1:45-3-4-5:15

Entries to: Tom LaBue, Rt. 3, Box 372, Buckhannon, WV 26201

Phone: (304) 472-1682 e-mail: tlabue@msys.net

Apr. 21-22, 2001: 1st Annual Eastern Electric Open.

5-SS, G/90, WV Grand Prix, USCF Grand Prix, NC, NS, W.

WVCA required, \$7/year, OSA

Site: Blennerhassett Hotel, Fourth & Market St., Parkersburg, WV

Reg: 9:00-9:45am Rds: 10-2-6, 10-2.

SS: (Guaranteed) 200 & trophy-100 & trophy, other prizes b/entries,

EF: \$25 rec'd by 4/13, \$30 after, WVCA req'd \$7, OSA,

Ent: Patrick Kelly, 104 Iroquois Drive, Marietta, OH 45750.

Info: pkelly03@sprynet.com (740) 374-0538

April 20-22, 2001: WV Scholastic Chess Championship

OPEN to all West Virginia scholastic chess players.

Unexpired USCF Membership Required.

SECTIONS: HS (K-12), 3 rounds Saturday, 2 rounds Sunday TL:

G/75 (G/70 w/d5);

MS (K-9), 5 rounds Saturday only, TL: G/45 (G/40 w/d5)

EL (K-6), 6 rounds Saturday only, TL: G/30 (G/25 w/d5)

PR (K-3), 5 rounds Saturday only, TL: G/30 (G/25 w/d5)

DIRECTIONS TO SITE:

Take I79 Exit 115, then 3.7 miles North on Route 20

SITE INFO: Robert Jordan, 523 Penn Ave, Bridgeport, WV 26330

or at www.sites.netscape.net/hcchess/homepage.html

TOURNAMENT INFO: John Homer (304)776-4591;

e-mail: John.Homer@worldnet.att.net

TROPHIES: Each Section: Top teams, Top individuals

+ All-State team.

WHAT TO BRING TO TOURNAMENT:

USCF ID Card, chess set & board, clock, pen.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FRI NIGHT:

Speed, Bughouse - grades K-9; SAT NIGHT: Simultaneous

CHECK-IN: 6-9pm Fri or 7:45-8:30am Sat to be paired in first round.

REGISTRATION/ENTRY FEES:

Advance entry only: \$15 - must be paid by 4/14 and must include USCF dues if new or expired

May 5, 2001: Harrison Co. May Open

Sections: Open and Scholastic (K-2, K-5, K-8, K-12)

Open: 4/SS; G/75 (G/70 w/5-sec delay)

EF: \$15 SS: b/entries; WV Grand Prix

Check-in: 8:30-9am Rounds: 9:15-11:45-2:15-4:45

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Other Upcoming Events

May 26-27, 2001: 2001 U.S. Amateur South, Charleston, WV

September 1-3, 2001: WV State Tourney, Buckhannon, WV

Regional Events

March 2-4 2001: 2nd Millennium Chess Festival (VA)

5-SS, G/2. NS, NC, W, FIDE.

Site: Ramada Plaza Resort (on beautiful Virginia Beach), 5700 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

SSG: Four Sections: \$\$15,000 Guaranteed.

OPEN: \$2500-1200-800-400-200 U2400/Unr. \$400-200

U2200-\$400 Sweep Prize: \$500 (winning all 5 games).

Upset Prize: \$200. U2000/UNR: \$2000-750-400-200

U1600: \$2000-750-400-200 U1300: \$1000-500-300-200

SSPLUS: Raffle Prizes (random drawings open to all, including free hotel room) SSPLUS: Merchandise prizes in the class sections.

EF: \$50 if by 1/18, \$65 if by 2/18, \$75 at site. Juniors: Half off entry

for Chess Camp participants. Checks and Credit Cards accepted at site. GMs and IMs: free EF if complete all rds, (plus other comps.)

Reg: Friday, 3/2, 4:30-6:30pm. Rds: Fri. 3/2: 7pm,

Sat. 3/3: 9:30 - 2:30, Sun. 3/4 9:30 - 2:30.

Byes: avail. (Must commit Rds 4-5 before Rd 2).

HR: \$59 (pool view), or \$69 (oceanfront) mention tourney for these rates. 800-365-3032 website: www.ramadaplazabeach.com

SPECIAL EVENTS: Virginia Scholastic Chess Camp, GM Simul,

WBCA Blitz Tournament (see website for more info).

Ent: (Mail:) E. Rodney Flores, 4 Witch Hazel Ct.,

Portsmouth VA 23703 e-mail: rodflores2000@yahoo.com

Phone Info: 757-686-0822.

Send all tourney announcements, results, and comments:

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Charleston Club Championship games and comments by Gary Cummings

White under-estimated the black attack and missed what could have held the draw with 26. Kh1. After that the ensuing rook ending allowed black to pick his method.

Gary Morris (B) - Gary Cummings (B)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 Bb4+ 4. Nc3 c5 5. Qc2 Nc6 6. e3 d5 7. a3 cxd4 8. axb4 dxc3 9. bxc3 Qc7 10. Ba3 Ne5 11. Nxe5 Qxe5 12. Be2 Bd7 13. O-O dxc4 14. Bb2 O-O 15. Ra5 b5 16. R1a1 Bc6 17. Bc1 Be4 18. Qd2 Rad8 19. Qe1 Qg5 20. f3 Bd3 21. e4 Qe5 22. Bb2 Nh5 23. g3 Bxe2 24. Qxe2 Nxc3 25. hxg3 Qxc3+ 26. Kf1 Rd3 27. Qg2 Qxc3+ 28. Kxc3 Rd2+ 29. Kg3 Rxb2 30. Rxa7 Rc2 31. R1a3 Rb2 32. Rb7 Rb3 33. R3a7 Rxc3 34. Rxb5 Rb3 35. Rc7 c3 36. Kf4 g6 37. Kg5 Kg7 38. e5 c2 39. f4 Rg3+ 40. Kh4 Rg2 41. R5b7 h5 42. Kh3 Rd2 43. b5 Kh6 44. b6 g5 45. Ra7 Rd3+ 46. Kg2 Rb3 47. fxg5+ Kxc3 48. b7 Rb8 49. Rxc2 R8xb7 50. Rxb7 Rxb7 51. Rf2 Kg6 52. Rf6+ Kg7 and Black soon won on time.

White deftly forces black to allow connected passed pawns in the center. He then wins with a minimum of effort.

Chuck Waugh (C) - Jim Olson (D)

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. d4 Bg4 4. Be2 Bxe2 5. Qxe2 Qxd5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. c4 Qe4 8. Nc3 Qxe2+ 9. Kxe2 e6 10. Rd1 Rd8 11. Bg5 h6 12. Bxf6 gxf6 13. d5 Ne5 14. Nxe5 fxe5 15. dxe6 f6 16. Nd5 Bg7 17. Nxc7+ Ke7 18. Rd5 Rd6 19. R1d1 R8d8 20. Nb5 Rxd5 21. cxd5 a6 22. Nc3 b5 23. Ne4 f5 24. Nc5 Bf6 25. Nxa6 Kd6 26. Nb4 Kc5 27. a3 Be7 28. Rc1+ Kb6 29. Nc6 Re8 30. Nxe7 Rxe7 31. Rc6+ Kb7 32. b4 Rc7 33. Rc5 Kb6 34. d6 Rc6 35. d7 Kc7 36. Rxc6+ Black resigned.

Black was up a whole queen with fifteen minutes on his clock and an easy escape from any perpetual attempts by white. Then he just went to sleep for fourteen minutes and lost this one on time. Every element of the game is important and making moves is one of those elements.

Black missed his best chance at a major upset.

David Saville (X) - Chuck Waugh (C)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Be7 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bh4 O-O 7. e3 b6 8. Rc1 Bb7 9. cxd5 Nxd5 10. Bxe7 Qxe7 11. Be2 Nd7 12. O-O Rac8 13. Qa4 a6 14. Nxd5 exd5 15. b4 b5 16. Qb3 Nb6 17. Ne5 Nc4 18. Qc3 Rfe8 19. h3 Rcd8 20. Bf3 c6 21. Nxc4 dxc4 22. Rcd1 Qd6 23. Rfe1 Bc8 24. d5 cxd5 25. Bxd5 Be6 26. Bxe6 Qxe6 27. Rd4 Qe7 28. R1d1 Rxd4 29. Rxd4 Rd8 30. a3

Rxd4 31. Qxd4 Qc7 32. Qc3 Qd6 33. f3 Qd1+ 34. Kf2 Qb3 35. Qe5 c3 36. Qe8+ Kh7 37. Qe4+ g6 38. h4 c2 39. h5 c1=Q 40. hxg6+ fxg6 41. Qe7+ Kg8 42. Qe8+ Kg7 43. Qe5+ Kf7 44. Qf4+ Ke7 45. Qe5+ Black lost on time.

When black creates a hole on f6, the complications roll but in the end the hole on f6 was the hole in black's game.

David Saville (X) - Sefus Ellis (B)

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. d4 e5 4. dxe5 Nxe5 5. f4 Nc6 6. e5 Ng8 7. Nf3 Bb4 8. Bd2 N8e7 9. Bc4 O-O 10. Qe2 Nf5 11. O-O-O a6 12. Ne4 Qe7 13. g4 N5d4 14. Nxd4 Nxd4 15. Qe3 Nc6 16. Ng5 Bc5 17. Qd3 g6 18. Ne4 d6 19. Nf6+ Kg7 20. Nd5 Qd8 21. Bc3 dxe5 22. fxe5 Be6 23. h4 b5 24. Bb3 b4 25. Qc4 bxc3 26. Qxc5 cxb2+ 27. Kxb2 Nxe5 28. g5 Bg4 29. Qc3 Black resigns

The opening is no place to play around. Even such an innocent looking move as 7...Qf6 can lead to immediate disaster. This can be considered a monumental opening trap.

Donald Griffith (X) - Chuck Waugh (C)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 g6 4. c3 a6 5. Bxc6 bxc6 6. d4 exd4 7. Qxd4 Qf6 8. e5 Qe6 9. Ng5 Qd5 10. e6 Qxd4 11. exf7+ Kd8 12. cxd4 Bb4+ 13. Bd2 Bxd2+ 14. Kxd2 Ne7 15. Nxc7 Black resigned

Renewing the debate over a pet line, black finds a new way to create some tremendous complications. White is again up to the task and the sheer beauty of some of the hanging peices is worth the price of admission. "I got to see very humid beads on Donald's forehead. A rare site." With 28...Qxc4 black may well have held a draw but still tried just a little too hard after a very exciting opening and middle game.

Donald Griffith (X) - Gary Cummings (B)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bg5 Bd7 7. Qd2 Rc8 8. O-O-O h6 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. f4 h5 11. Be2 Ne5 12. Nf5 Nc4 13. Bxc4 Rxc4 14. Rhe1 Bxf5 15. exf5 Rxf4 16. Rxe7+ Qxe7 17. Nd5 Qe5 18. Nxf4 Bh6 19. g3 Kd7 20. Kb1 Bxf4 21. gxf4 Qc5 22. b4 Qb6 23. a3 Rc8 24. Qd5 Ke7 25. c4 Qc6 26. Qd4 Kf8 27. Qxf6 Qe4+ 28. Ka1 Rxc4 29. Qd8+ Qe8 30. Qxd6+ Kg7 31. Rg1+ Kh7 32. Qd1 Kh6 33. Rg5 f6 34. Rg6+ Qxc6 35. fxg6 f5 36. Qd5 Rc6 37. Qxf5 Rxc6 38. Kb2 Rg2+ 39. Kc3 Rxh2 40. Qg5+ Kh7 41.

f5 h4 42. f6 Rh3+ 43. Kd4 Black resigned

When white simply drops a piece on 10. Re1 he is forced to go in for some very unbalanced play. Alas the material deficit was too much and black was able to avoid the tactical shots that white tried to present. He consolidated and held the point.

Gary Cummings (B) - David Saville (X)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bc4 Bg7 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Qc7 6. Bb3 Qe5 7. Be3 Qxe4 8. O-O Nc6 9. Nc3 Qe5 10. Re1 Nxd4 11. Bh6 Qxe1+ 12. Qxe1 Nxh6 13. Nd5 Ne6 14. Qb4 Nf5 15. g4 Nd6 16. Nxe7 Kxe7 17. Rd1 Be5 18. Bxe6 fxe6 19. f4 a5 20. Qd2 Nc4 21. Qd3 Bxf4 22. Qxc4 Rf8 23. Qc5+ d6 24. Qc7+ Bd7 25. Rd3 Rac8 26. Qxb7 Rxc2 27. Rh3 Rf7 28. White resigns

White punished black for not fighting for the center and had a win in hand with 27. Qf6+ and even 28. Qf6+. The clock began to play in black's favor and when the effect started to tell he held on to win the blitz game at the end. White resigned with only a couple of seconds left on his clock.

Gary Cummings (B) - Jim Fuller (B)

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Be2 Bg7 5. f4 h5 6. h3 c6 7. Nf3 Na6 8. Be3 Qa5 9. O-O Bd7 10. e5 Nd5 11. Nxd5 Qxd5 12. Qd2 f6 13. Bd3 Bf5 14. c4 Qe6 15. Nh4 Bxd3 16. Qxd3 f5 17. d5 Qf7 18. Nf3 Nc5 19. Bxc5 dxc5 20. Ng5 Qg8 21. dxc6 bxc6 22. Rad1 Bh6 23. Qd7+ Kf8 24. Ne6+ Kf7 25. Qxc6 Qc8 26. Nc7 Rb8 27. Rd7 Bf8 28. R1d1 Rxb2 29. Rd8 Qb7 30. Qxb7 Rxb7 31. R1d7 Rb1+ 32. Kf2 Rb2+ 33. Rd2 Rxd2+ 34. Rxd2 Bh6 35. g3 h4 36. Na6 g5 37. Kf3 hxg3 38. fxc5 Bxc5 39. Rd5 Rxh3 40. Kg2 Rh4 41. Rxc5 f4 42. Nb4 Rh2+ 43. Kg1 f3 44. Nd5 f2+ 45. Kf1 Rh1+ 46. White resigned

Black must not have read Koltanowski's book. It is a brave man who answers the Cummings 1. e4 with e5.

Gary Cummings (B) - Joe Weaver (D)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4 exd4 5. O-O h6 6. e5 dxe5 7. Nxe5 Be6 8. Re1 Qd6 9. Nxf7 Kxf7 10. Bxe6+ Qxe6 11. Rxe6 Kxe6 12. Qxd4 Nc6 13. Qc4+ Kd7 14. Bf4 Re8 15. Nc3 Kc8 16. Rd1 Re7 17. f3 g5 18. Bg3 Bg7 19. b4 Nh5 20. Qg4+ Kb8 21. Nd5 Nf6 22. Nxf6 Bxf6 23. Rd7 Rxd7 24. Qxd7 Bd4+ 25. Kf1 Bb6 26. b5 Nb4 27. c4 Nxa2 28. Qd2 g4 29. Qxa2 gxf3 30. gxf3 Bc5 31. Qd2 b6 32. Qd7 Rc8 33. Bf4 h5 34. Ke2 Kb7 35. Be3 Bd6 36. h4 Rg8 37. Qc6+ Kb8 38. Bg5 Bc5 39. Qe6 Rc8 40. f4 Kb7 41. f5 Bd6 42. f6 a6

43. bxa6+ Kb8 44. a7+ Kb7 45. Qxc8+ Kxc8 46. a8=Q+ Kd7 47. f7 Black resigned.

Black finds an incredible 'cook' in a well known Tal line with 9...Qf6! He confuses white but then misses his own point when he fails to play 10...Bxg3!! From here the game is hard played and only when black stumbles into a very subtle, yet very pretty trap just at the end does the space advantage finally pay off.

Gary Cummings (B) - Sefus Ellis (B)

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. Be4 e6 8. N1e2 Bd6 9. Nf4 Qf6 10. Nxc6 Qxc6 11. h5 Qf6 12. Ne4 Qe7 13. Qf3 Nd7 14. c3 N8f6 15. Nxd6+ Qxd6 16. Be3 Nb6 17. Bb3 Nbd5 18. O-O-O O-O-O 19. c4 Nxe3 20. fxe3 Rhe8 21. e4 e5 22. d5 c5 23. Qf5+ Kc7 24. Rdf1 Re7 25. g4 Ng8 26. Kb1 f6 27. Rh3 Qd7 28. Qxd7+ Kxd7 29. Ba4+ Kd6 30. Ra3 a6 31. R1f3 Kc7 32. Bd1 Kb6 33. Ra4 Rd6 34. Rb3+ Ka7 35. R3a3 Rb6 36. Rd3 Rd6 37. b4 b6 38. R3a3 Black resigned.

A very good contest. Although he at last drops a pawn that becomes the decision it was the clock that finally hurt white the most. The battle is well pitched and very nearly of epic proportions.

Gary Morris (B) - David Saville (X)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. g3 d5 6. Bg2 c5 7. O-O cxd4 8. Nxd4 e5 9. N4b5 a6 10. Na3 d4 11. Nd5 Nxd5 12. cxd5 b5 13. Nc2 Bb7 14. Nb4 Qd6 15. Qb3 Nd7 16. Nd3 Nb6 17. e4 Rac8 18. Bd2 Rfe8 19. Rfc1 Na4 20. Bh3 f5 21. Bb4 Qd7 22. Qd1 Bf8 23. Rxc8 Bxc8 24. Qc2 Bxb4 25. Nxb4 Qd6 26. Nd3 fxe4 27. Nf4 Bxh3 28. Nxh3 Qxd5 29. Ng5 Nc5 30. b4 Ne6 31. Nxe4 Kg7 32. Rc1 Rd8 33. Qe6 d3 34. Nd2 Nd4 35. Qxd5 Rxd5 36. Rc7+ Kf6 37. Rc5 Rxc5 38. bxc5 Ke7 39. Kf1 Kf7 40. Ne4 Nf3 41. c6 Ke7 42. Nc5 d2 43. Ke2 Kd6 44. c7 Kxc7 45. Nxa6+ Kb6 46. Nb4 e4 47. Nc2 Kc5 48. Ne3 Kd4 49. h4 h5 50. a3 Kc3 51. Nd1+ Kb3 52. Ke3 Kxa3 53. Kxe4 Ne1 54. f4 b4 White lost on time in few more moves

Olson complained to me last year of seeming to always castle to opposite wings and then falling into horrific attacks. Perhaps there is a reason this continues to occur. The tactics were sharp in this double wing attack.

Jim Fuller (B) - Jim Olson (D)

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 d5 3. c4 dxc4 4. Qa4+ c6 5. Qxc4 Bg4 6. Nc3 Bxf3 7. gxf3 e6 8. Bg5 Be7 9. e4 h6 10. Be3 O-O 11. Rg1 Kh8 12. O-O-O b5 13. Qd3 a5 14. Qd2

Ng8 15. Bd3 b4 16. Na4 Nd7 17. e5 f5 18. exf6 e.p.
Bxf6 19. Bc2 g5 20. h4 Rf7 21. hxg5 Bg7 22. gxh6 Bf8
23. Rg6 N8f6 24. Bg5 Be7 25. Rg1 Nf8 26. Bxf6+
Black resigned.

*Black should have been able to win after 58...Rxc2 but
with his clock running low he offered to split the point.*
Jim Fuller (B) - Sefus Ellis (B)

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. e4 d6 5. d4 Bg4 6. d5
Bxf3 7. Qxf3 Nd4 8. Qd1 Qa5 9. Bd2 a6 10. Nb5 Qb6
11. Nxd4 cxd4 12. Qc2 g6 13. Bd3 Bg7 14. Qa4+ Nd7
15. Ba5 Qa7 16. Bd2 b6 17. b4 O-O 18. f4 a5 19. O-O
e5 20. f5 axb4 21. Qxa7 Rxa7 22. Bxb4 Nc5 23. Bxc5
bxc5 24. fxg6 hxg6 25. g4 Bh6 26. Rfb1 Ra3 27. Bf1
R8a8 28. Rb6 Bf8 29. Rb2 R8a6 30. h4 Re3 31. Bg2
R3a3 32. Kf2 R6a4 33. Bf1 Re3 34. Re1 R3a3 35. Ra1
Rc3 36. Rd1 R4a3 37. Be2 d3 38. Bf1 Rc2+ 39. Rd2
Rxc4 40. Rxd3 R3a4 41. Bg2 Kg7 42. R3b3 Rc1 43.
Re3 Be7 44. g5 Rb4 45. Rxb4 cxb4 46. Re2 f6 47.
gxf6+ Bxf6 48. Kg3 Bd8 49. Rb2 Rc4 50. Bf3 Bb6 51.
Kg4 Bd4 52. Rg2 Rc1 53. Rd2 Rg1+ 54. Kh3 Kf6 55.
h5 gxh5 56. Bxh5 Kg5 57. Bf3 Kf4 58. Bg2 Drawn

*A classic example of exploiting fixed weaknesses. The
open lines are fixed in black's favor and the closing
moves are like following a road map.*

Jim Olson (D) - Donald Griffith (X)
1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 g6 4. Bd3 Bg7 5. N1d2 c5 6.
c3 Qb6 7. O-O Nc6 8. Qe2 O-O 9. dxc5 Qxc5 10. h3
Re8 11. e4 e5 12. Re1 dxe4 13. Nxe4 Nxe4 14. Bxe4 f5
15. Bxc6 Qxc6 16. Be3 Be6 17. Rec1 Bd5 18. c4 Bxf3
19. gxf3 Rad8 20. Rab1 b6 21. b4 f4 22. Bd2 Qd7 23.
Be1 Qxh3 24. c5 e4 25. Qc4+ Kh8 26. fxe4 f3 27. Qf1
Qg4+ 28. Kh1 Re5 29. Qg1 Qh3+ 30. Qh2 Qf1+ 31.
White resigned.

*When black realizes that his 17...e5 is a mistake that will
cost him a couple of pawns, he decides to give up an
exchange and hope to hold the game by virtue of using
his bishop pair to blockade the position. He had not
counted on the fact that black would squeeze the position
for every little gain he could make.*

Jim Olson (D) - Gary Cummings (B)
1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 b6 3. Bxf6 gxf6 4. e3 Bb7 5. Nf3 Rg8
6. Nc3 Nc6 7. g3 e6 8. a3 Qe7 9. Bg2 O-O-O 10. Qd3
f5 11. Ne5 f6 12. Nxc6 dxc6 13. Qc4 Qd6 14. O-O-O
Bh6 15. Kb1 b5 16. Qc5 Qxc5 17. dxc5 e5 18. Bh3
Rg5 19. e4 Bf8 20. Bxf5+ Rxf5 21. Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.
Rd1+ Ke8 23. exf5 Bxc5 24. Ne4 Be7 25. b4 Bc8 26.

g4 Kf7 27. Nc5 a5 28. Rd3 Bd6 29. Rh3 Kg8 30. c3 a4
31. Re3 Kf7 32. Rh3 Kg8 33. Kc2 Kh8 34. Rd3 Kg8
35. Re3 Kf7 36. Kd2 Bf8 37. Rh3 Kg8 38. Ne6 Bd6 39.
Rh6 Bxe6 40. fxe6 Kg7 41. Rh3 c5 42. Rd3 cxb4 43.
cxb4 Kf8 44. Rh3 Kg7 45. Rf3 Be7 46. Kd3 h6 47.
Ke4 Bd6 48. Kd5 Kg6 49. Kc6 h5 50. Rg3 e4 51. Kd7
Black resigned

*Black decides to ignore a fast running passed pawn on
the queen side and put all his eggs in one basket. He
throws all he has at the king side but the attack runs out
of gas.*

Joe Weaver (D) - Bill Salmon (E)
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 d6 4. Bxc6+ bxc6 5. O-O
Nf6 6. Re1 Bg4 7. d3 Be7 8. N1d2 O-O 9. h3 Bh5 10.
c3 c5 11. c4 Bg6 12. a3 Nh5 13. b4 Rb8 14. b5 Nf4 15.
Qb3 a6 16. a4 a5 17. Bb2 c6 18. Qc3 Bf6 19. Nb3 Ra8
20. Qd2 Bh5 21. Re3 Bg5 22. Nxc5 Qxc5 23. Rg3 Qh6
24. Kh2 f5 25. f3 fxe4 26. dxe4 Rf6 27. Bc3 R8f8 28.
Bxa5 cxb5 29. axb5 Bf7 30. b6 Qh5 31. b7 Be6 32.
Rb1 Nxc3 33. Rh1 Ng5+ 34. Kg1 Qg6 35. Rxc5 Qe8
36. Rg3 Rg6 37. Rxc6 Qxc6 38. Kf2 Qxe4 39. Re1
Qh4+ 40. Ke2 Qh2 41. Kd1 Kh8 42. Qxd6 Bxc4 43.
Qxf8+ Black resigned just in time

*In an overly demanding position, white makes a fatal
endgame blunder and the long hard fight comes to a
sudden end.*

Jim Olson (D) - Gary Morris (B)
1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 e6 3. e4 h6 4. Bxf6 gxf6 5. g3 d5 6.
Bg2 dxe4 7. Bxe4 f5 8. Bg2 Bg7 9. Ne2 c5 10. c3 Qc7
11. d5 e5 12. Qa4+ Bd7 13. Qc4 Qd6 14. Na3 a6 15.
O-O-O O-O 16. Qh4 b5 17. Bh3 Ra7 18. Rhg1 Qf6 19.
Qxf6 Bxf6 20. g4 Bg5+ 21. Kb1 f4 22. Rge1 Rc7 23.
Ng1 Bf6 24. Nf3 Re8 25. d6 Rc6 26. Rd5 Be6 27. Rd2
Nd7 28. Ka1 Bg7 29. Nh4 Bf8 30. Nf5 Bxf5 31. gxf5
Rxd6 32. Rg1+ Kh7 33. R1d1 Rxd2 34. Rxd2 Nf6 35.
Bg2 e4 36. Nc2 Be7 37. h3 Rd8 38. Rxd8 Bxd8 39. b4
Bb6 40. bxc5 Bxc5 41. Nd4 Nd5 42. Kb2 e3 43. fxe3
fxe3 44. Ne2 Nb6 45. Kc2 Kg7 46. Kd3 Nc4 47. a4 Kf6
48. axb5 axb5 49. Ke4 Kg5 50. Nd4 Bxd4 51. Kd3
Bb6 52. White resigned

Final Standings:

David Saville 8.5, Jim Fuller 7.0,
Donald Griffith, Sefus Ellis 6.0, Gary Cummings 5.0,
Chuck Waugh 4.5; Gary Morris 4.0; Jim Olson 3.0;
Joe Weaver 1.0; Bill Salmon 0.0

Harrison County Opens continue to draw increasing attendance

The Harrison County Checkmates Club has made an effort to increase player turnout and to draw stronger players to their Open tournaments this autumn. It seems that they are slowly succeeding on both counts. One incentive is the prize money they are distributing: \$225 in October, \$310 in October and \$280 in December. They are still looking for more top-rated players to show, but organizer Bob Jordan is hopeful that they are on their way to meeting both goals.

The results of the Harrison County Fall tournaments were as exciting and as unpredictable as past events. In October,

Byron Funkhouser shook off the top-rated jinx at the HCC in winning the tournament. He defeated Shih-Houng Young in round three and secured first with a final round draw with Mike Baker. Mike, Shih-Houng, his son Jason and Kevin Sivaneri all finished with 3 points to tie for second place. In the scholastic sections the winners were: Middle School: Eric Guffey; Elementary: Mark Heimann and Primary: Alexander Heimann.

The November tournament saw the surprising play of PA's Jack Cheung. Cheung, a D-class player upset WV expert David Saville and drew October winner Byron

HCC October Chess Challenge, Nutter Fort, WV, October 7, 2000

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1750	1749	W--13	W---9	W---3	D---2	3.5
2	Mike Baker	WV	1500	1508	W---8	D---6	W--10	D---1	3.0
3	Shih-Houng Young	WV	1497	1513	W--11	W--14	L---1	W--10	3.0
4	Jason Young	WV	1489	1483	L--14	W--12	W--13	W---9	3.0
5	Kevin Sivaneri	WV	1208	1227	W--17	L--10	W---8	W---7	3.0
6	Jamie Karakker	WV	1186	1195	W--16	D---2	L---7	W--12	2.5
7	Joseph Montgomery	WV	1331/14	1284/18	L--10	W--17	W---6	L---5	2.0
8	James Wassell	WV	1244/09	1230/13	L---2	W--16	L---5	W--13	2.0
9	Jeremy Green	WV	1166	1175	W--15	L---1	W--11	L---4	2.0
10	Terry Wassell	WV	1152	1183	W---7	W---5	L---2	L---3	2.0
11	Glenn Haynes	WV	1072	1066	L---3	B----	L---9	W--16	2.0
12	Jacob Lubman	WV	880	881	B----	L---4	W--17	L---6	2.0
13	Mike Price	WV	1161	1146	L---1	W--15	L---4	L---8	1.0
14	Simon McClure	WV	Unrated	1493/02	W---4	L---3	U----	U----	1.0
15	Eric Hurne	WV	Unrated	790/04	L---9	L--13	L--16	W--17	1.0
16	Richard Cowley	WV	Unrated	1441/04	L---6	L---8	W--15	L--11	1.0
17	Mathew Louzy	WV	Unrated	664/04	L---5	L---7	L--12	L--15	0.0

HCC Autumn Chess Challenge, Nutter Fort, WV, November 4, 2000

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Eric Berthoud	PA	1500	1513	W--14	D---9	W--16	W---5	3.5
2	Jack Cheung	PA	1392	1457	W--20	W---3	D---4	W---7	3.5
3	David Saville	WV	2045	2015	W---6	L---2	W--13	W--14	3.0
4	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1749	1730	W--13	D---7	D---2	W--12	3.0
5	Mike Baker	WV	1508	1508	W--17	W--12	W--15	L---1	3.0
6	Trevor McGraw	WV	1156	1211	L---3	W--20	W--10	W--15	3.0
7	Jason Young	WV	1494	1488	W--21	D---4	W---9	L---2	2.5
8	Jamie Karraker	WV	1195	1195	L--12	W--23	D--17	W--16	2.5
9	Elias Stewart	WV	1158	1175	W--24	D---1	L---7	W--17	2.5
10	Shih-Houng Young	WV	1493	1444	W--19	L--15	L---6	W--21	2.0
11	Kevin Sivaneri	WV	1227	1196	W--22	L--16	L--14	W--19	2.0
12	Charles Orbison	PA	1147/04	1277/08	W---8	L---5	W--18	L---4	2.0
13	Kesh Mezheryski	PA	1129	1139	L---4	W--19	L---3	W--22	2.0
14	Nathan Hoxie	WV	1023	1047	L---1	W--24	W--11	L---3	2.0
15	Thomas Paugh	WV	Unrated	1333/04	W--18	W--10	L---5	L---6	2.0
16	Joseph Montgomery	WV	1284	1256	D--23	W--11	L---1	L---8	1.5
17	Eric Guffey	WV	983	988	L---5	W--22	D---8	L---9	1.5
18	Jeremy Green	WV	1175	1158	L--15	W--21	L--12	U----	1.0
19	Manive Rengasamy	WV	934	928	L--10	L--13	W--23	L--11	1.0
20	Richard Cowley	WV	893/04	832/08	L---2	L---6	L--22	W--24	1.0
21	Craig Lederman	PA	819	819	L---7	L--18	W--24	L--10	1.0
22	Mathew Louzy	WV	664/04	752/08	L--11	L--17	W--20	L--13	1.0
23	Sean Butler	WV	745	748	D--16	L---8	L--19	U----	0.5
24	Timmy Bates	WV	Unrated	555/04	L---9	L--14	L--21	L--20	0.0

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Funkhouser. Cheung and Pittsburgh area combatant Eric Berthoud tied with a 3½ score to share first place. Saville, Funkhouser, Mike Baker and Trevor McGraw were each 3-1 on the day to tie for third. In the Scholastic sections brothers Mark and Alexander Heimann each moved up a section and continued their winning ways/ Mark (5-0)in the Middle School section and Alexander (4½ -½) in the Elementary School section. Victor Sivaneri also finished in a first place tie in the Elementary section. Keegan Guffey was the Primary School section winner.

The December Open saw Eric Berthoud victorious again, defeating Byron Funkhouser and drawing Mike Baker over the final two rounds to finish at 3½. Mike, Byron, Michael Booth (young rising star from the Pittsburgh club), Tom LaBue and Joseph Montgomery all completed the day 3-1, tied for second. Upset of the day was Trevor McGraw surprising Booth. Booth was up a piece and missing a mate threat. Booth rebounded by soundly defeating his next three opponents. The middle school section was won by Kevin Berthoud, Eric son with a 5-0 mark. The Elementary section was won by second grader Alexander Heimann for the second straight month. Caleb Wysocki went undefeated in the Primary section.

Bob Jordan has two tourneys planned for the Spring, one

in March and the other in May. Check the events page or the Harrison County Checkmates website: <http://sites.netscape.net/hcchess/homepage> for more details.

Harrison County will also host the 2001 West Virginia Scholastic Championships on April 20-22 at the Nutter Fort Elementary School. There is more information on the Events Page and an entry form on the back cover.

USCF declares year of the OTB player

If you haven't picked up your latest Chess Life, USCF has decided to put out an incentive to get players to participate in OTB events this year. For all tourneys over 3 rounds, each player rated under 2000 will pick up a bonus of two rated points per rated game. This offer will stand for only this year, so if you haven't played in a while this is the time to get started again.

US Amateur South

The 2001 U. S. Amateur South will be held again in Charleston, WV. Rev. John Kay will once again be the organizer as he has been in past years. It will be held over Memorial Day weekend. Two section: Open and Reserve (U1800). More details will be posted on the WVCA website as they become available. This may be your last chance to play in a National Event in your own backyard!

HC Checkmates December Challenge, Nutter Fort, WV, December 2, 2000

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Eric Berthoud	PA	1513	1543	W--13	W--10	W---3	D---4	3.5
2	Michael Booth	PA	1761	1737	L---9	W--22	W--16	W---7	3.0
3	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1730	1711	W--11	W---6	L---1	W---9	3.0
4	Mike Baker	WV	1508	1503	W--12	D--16	W---8	D---1	3.0
5	Tom LaBue	WV	1486	1481	W--17	W---9	L---7	W--11	3.0
6	Joseph Montgomery	WV	1256	1269	W--20	L---3	W--12	W--14	3.0
7	Jason Young	WV	1499	1499	W--14	D---8	W---5	L---2	2.5
8	Kevin Sivaneri	WV	1196	1220	W--18	D---7	L---4	W--16	2.5
9	Trevor McGraw	WV	1211	1240	W---2	L---5	W--19	L---3	2.0
10	Elias Stewart	WV	1175	1157	W--19	L---1	L--14	W--20	2.0
11	Dallas Connolly	WV	1108/11	1168/15	L---3	W--15	W--13	L---5	2.0
12	Nathan Hoxie	WV	1047	1051	L---4	W--18	L---6	W--21	2.0
13	Manive Rengasamy	WV	928	933	L---1	W--20	L--11	X----	2.0
14	Richard Cowley	WV	832/08	950/12	L---7	W--21	W--10	L---6	2.0
15	Thomas Paugh	WV	1333/04	1203/07	D--22	L--11	W--17	U----	1.5
16	Jeremy Green	WV	1158	1158	W--21	D---4	L---2	L---8	1.5
17	Chad Reedy	WV	809/12	808/15	L---5	L--19	L--15	B----	1.0
18	Susan Simmons	WV	Unrated	827/04	L---8	L--12	L--20	W--22	1.0
19	Tia Rankin	PA	Unrated	935/03	L--10	W--17	L---9	F----	1.0
20	Jan Fidler	WV	Unrated	855/04	L---6	L--13	W--18	L--10	1.0
21	Jaqueline Bryant	WV	Unrated	832/04	L--16	L--14	W--22	L--12	1.0
22	Charles Cook	WV	Unrated	856/04	D--15	L---2	L--21	L--18	0.5

More games from this year's State Tourney

Mark Hathaway (X) - John Roush (X), Round 5

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Be3 Be7 7. f3 Nc6 8. Qd2 O-O 9. g4 a6 10. O-O-O Nxd4 11. Qxd4 Qc7 12. h4 b5 13. g5 Nh5 14. Bh3 Ng3 15. Rh2 Rb8 16. Rg1 b4 17. Rxc3 bxc3 18. Qxc3 Qxc3 19. bxc3 d5 20. exd5 Ba3+ 21. Draw

Both Gary and Dave still have aspirations to climb back into the title hunt. This hard fought game didn't significantly help them, though.

Gary Cummings (B) - Dave Olson (B), Round 5

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be7 8. Be3 b5 9. a3 Bb7 10. f3 O-O 11. Qd2 d5 12. exd5 Nxd5 13. Nxd5 Qxd5 14. Qxd5 Bxd5 15. Rd1 Be6 16. Be5 Bxc5 17. Nxc5 Bf5 18. Bd3 Bxd3 19. Rxd3 Rc8 20. c3 Nc6 21. b4 a5 22. Ke2 axb4 23. axb4 Ra2+ 24. Rd2 Rxd2+ 25. Kxd2 Ra8 26. Rc1 f5 27. Rc2 Kf7 28. Kc1 Kf6 29. Rd2 Rd8 30. Rxd8 Nxd8 31. Kd2 Ke7 32. Kd3 Nc6 33. Na6 Kd6 34. Nc5 Ke7 35. Nb7 Ke6 36. Na5 Na7 37. c4 Kd6 38. c5+ Kd5 39. Kc3 g5 40. Nb7 Nc6 41. Nd6 Nd4 42. Kd3 Nc6 43. Kc3 Nd4 44. Kd3 Drawn

Here is an example of Chuck's solid play throughout the Championship weekend. This game earned him a draw with Virginia's Joel Harrison.

Joel Harrison (B) - Chuck Waugh (C), Round 5

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Be7 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bh4 O-O 7. e3 b6 8. cxd5 Nxd5 9. Bxe7 Nxe7 10. Bd3 Bb7 11. O-O Nd7 12. Ne4 Nd5 13. Rc1 Rc8 14. Re1 Qe7 15. a3 c5 16. Qe2 cxd4 17. Nxd4 Nc5 18. Nxc5 Rxc5 19. Rxc5 Qxc5 20. Nb3 Qe7 21. Rc1 Rc8 22. Rxc8+ Bxc8 23. Qc2 Qc7 24. Qxc7 Nxc7 25. Drawn

Jim Kirkpatrick (B) - Ben Good (B), Round 5

Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. h5 Bh7 8. Nf3 Nf6 9. Bd3 Bxd3 10. Qxd3 e6 11. Bf4 Bd6 12. Be5 O-O 13. Bxf6 Qxf6 14. Ne4 Qe7 15. Ne5 Bxe5 16. dxe5 Qb4+ 17. Nc3 Na6 18. O-O-O Qf4+ 19. Qe3 Qxe3+ 20. fxe3 Rad8 21. Rd6 Rxd6 22. exd6 Rd8 23. Rd1 e5 24. a3 f6 25. b4 Kf7 26. Ne4 Ke6 27. Nc5+ Nxc5 28. bxc5 b6 29. cxb6 axb6 30. d7 Rxd7 31. Rxd7 Kxd7 32. e4 Kd6 33. Kd2 Ke6 34.

g4 Kf7 35. c4 g6 36. a4 gxh5 37. gxh5? 37. c5 b5 38. a5 37...c5 38. Kc3 f5 39. Kd3 f4 40. Ke2 and Black won

Joe Weaver (D) - Tim Deal (B), Round 5

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. d5 Bg7 5. Bb5+ Nbd7 6. Bxd7+ Bxd7 7. h3 O-O 8. Nf3 c6 9. dxc6 Bxc6 10. Nd5 Nxe4 11. O-O Rc8 12. Nb4 Bd7 13. c3 e6 14. Re1 Nc5 15. Be3 d5 16. Bd4 Bxd4 17. Qxd4 b6 18. Qf4 a5 19. Qh6 f6 20. Nc2 Rf7 21. Rad1 Rc6 22. Ncd4 Rd6 23. Nh2 e5 24. Nb3 Ne6 25. Re3 Ng7 26. Red3 Bb5 27. Rxd5 Rxd5 28. Re1 Rd1 29. Qe3 Rxe1+ 30. Qxe1 Rd7 31. Qe3 Rd1+ 32. Nf1 Bxf1 33. Kh2 Nf5 34. Qe4 a4 35. Qc6 axb3 36. Qe6+ Kg7 37. Qxb3 Qd5 38. Qxd5 Rxd5 39. White resigns

After dropping a pawn early, I am able to draw this error-riddled game with West Virginia's latest wunderkind, Jason Young.

Jason Young (C) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 5

Sicilian Defense, Kalashnikov Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Bd3 d5?! 7. exd5 Nxd5 8. O-O Bd6 9. Ng5 h6 10. Be4 Be6 11. Nxe6 fxe6 12. Bxd5 exd5 13. Qxd5 Qf6 14. Be3 O-O-O 15. Qc4 Kb8 16. Nc3 a6 17. a3 Rc8 18. Qa4 Qf5 19. Rfd1 Be7 20. b4 Nd4 21. b5 Qxc2 22. Bxd4 Qxa4 23. Nxa4 exd4 24. bxa6 bxa6 25. Rab1+ Ka8 26. Nb6+ Bxb6 27. Rxb6 Ka7 28. Rb4 Rhd8 29. g3 d3 30. Rb3 d2 31. Rbb1 Rc2 32. Kf1 Rdc8 33. Ke2 Rc1 34. Kxd2 Rxd1+ 35. Kxd1 Rc3 36. Ra1 Rb3 37. Ra2 g5 38. Ke2 g4 39. Kf1 a5 40. Kg2 Kb6 41. h3 h5 42. hxg4 hxg4 43. Kf1 Kb5 44. Ke1 Ka4 45. Kd1 Rf3 46. Ke1 Kb3 47. Ke2 Rf3 48. Ke1 Kb3 49. Kb1 Rd3 50. Rb2+ Kxa3 51. Ra2+ Kb3 52. Rb2+ Kc4 53. Ra2 Kb3 54. Drawn

Dave Hundley (D) - Joe Lococo (D), Round 5

French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. Nc3 d5 3. d4 Nd7 4. exd5 exd5 5. Qe2+ Ne7 6. Nxd5 c6 7. Nf4 g6 8. Nf3 Bg7 9. c3 Nf6 10. h3 Bf5 11. g4 Be4 12. Bg2 O-O 13. Be3 Nfd5 14. Nh4 Bxg2 15. Nfxg2 f5 16. O-O-O f4 17. Bd2 a5 18. Nf3 Qc7 19. Rdg1 b5 20. Ng5 Qd6 21. f3 b4 22. Ne6 Rf6 23. Re1 bxc3 24. Bxc3 Nxc3 25. bxc3 Qa3+ 26. Qb2 Qxb2+ 27. Kxb2 Rb8+ 28. Kc2 Nd5 29. Nc5 Rb6 30. Nd7 Rb7 31. Nxf6+ Bxf6 32. Rb1 Ra7 33. Rhe1 Kg7 34. Rb8 Be7 35. Reb1 Ne3+ 36. Nxe3 fxe3 37. Kd3

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Bg5 38. R1b7+ Rxb7 39. Rxb7+ Kh6 40. Rc7 e2 41. Kxe2 c5 42. Rxc5 and White won

Galen Miller (D) - Katrina Karraker (E), Round 5
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Nc3 e6 4. Bc4 Nc6 5. O-O Nf6 6. d4 Be7 7. Re1 O-O 8. dxc5 dxc5 9. Qe2 Bd7 10. Bg5 h6 11. Be3 Qc7 12. Red1 a6 13. a4 Rfd8 14. Na2 Be8 15. Bd2 Rd7 16. b4 Rad8 17. b5 Nb8 18. bxa6 bxa6 19. Bxa6 Nxa6 20. Qxa6 Qc8 21. Qxc8 Rxc8 22. Ne5 Rb7 23. Nc3 Rcb8 24. f3 Bd6 25. Bf4 Bxe5 26. Bxe5 Nd7 27. Bxb8 Rxb8 28. Nb5 Nf6 29. Rab1 Bxb5 30. axb5 Nd5 31. exd5 exd5 32. Rxd5 and White wins

Dave got into trouble early and never recovered. Nice finish here by Joel.

Dave Olson (B) - Joel Harrison (B), Round 6
English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. e4 d5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. e5 d4 6. exf6 dxc3 7. fxc3 cxd2+ 8. Bxd2 Bxg7 9. Qc2 Qe7+ 10. Be2 Nc6 11. Bc3 Bxc3+ 12. Qxc3 Qb4 13. Qxb4 Nxb4 14. Kd2 Be6 15. a3 O-O-O+ 16. Kc3 Nd5+ 17. Kc2 Bf5+ 18. Kb3 Rhe8 19. Bc4 Nb6 20. Nf3 Nxc4 21. Kxc4 Re4+ 22. Kc3 Rd6 23. Rhe1 Rc6+ 24. Kd2 Rd6+ 25. Kc3 Rd3+ 26. Kc2 Rc4+ 27. Kb1 Rxa3+ 28. White resigns

Tom LaBue (C) - Jim Kirkpatrick (B)
King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 Nbd7 6. Be3 O-O 7. Qd2 c5 8. Nge2 cxd4 9. Nxd4 a5 10. a4 Ne5 11. Ra3 Nfd7 12. Be2 Ne5 13. Nb3 b6 14. O-O f5 15. Nxc5 bxc5 16. Rb3? 16. Qd5+! wins a piece. 16...Be6 17. Nd5 fxe4 18. fxe4 Rxf1+ 19. Bxf1 Ng4 20. Bg5 Bd4+ 21. Kh1 Drawn

Tim Deal (B) - Jason Young (C), Round 6
Scandinavian Defense

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nxd5 4. g3 Bg4 5. Bg2 Nc6 6. O-O e6 7. c3 Nb6 8. d4 Be7 9. Nbd2 O-O 10. Nb3 h6 11. Be3 Nc4 12. Qe2 Nxe3 13. fxe3 a6 14. Rf2 e5 15. e4 exd4 16. cxd4 Bxf3 17. Rxf3 Nxd4 18. Nxd4 Qxd4+ 19. Qf2 Qxf2+ 20. Kxf2 Bc5+ 21. Ke2 Rfe8 22. Rc3 Bb6 23. Rd1 Rad8 24. Rcd3 Rxd3 25. Rxd3 Bc5 26. Rd7 Bd6 27. Kd3 b6 28. b3 Kf8 29. Kd4 f6 30. Bf1 a5 31. Bc4 Re7 32. Rd8+ Re8 33. Rd7 Drawn

Shih-Houng Young (C) - David Hundley (D), Round 6
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. d3 a6 6. a3 Ba5 7. h3 d6 8. O-O b5 9. Ba2 Bb7 10. Ne2 Qd7 11. Ng5 O-O 12. Ng3 h6 13. Nf3 Kh7 14. Nf5 Ne7 15. N3h4 Ng6 16. Bxh6 gxh6 17. Qc1 Ng8 18. Nf3 Rae8 19. h4 c6 20. Nh2 Bd8 21. g3 d5 22. Ng4 Re6 23. Ngxh6 Nf4 24. gxf4 Rxh6 25. fxe5 Bxh4 26. Qf4 Rg6+ 27. Kh1 Bg5 28. Qh2+ Rh6 29. Nxb6 Nxb6 30. Rg1 Be8 31. Rxc5 f6 32. Rh5 Qg7 33. Rg1 Bg4 34. Rxc4 Qxc4 35. Rxh6+ Kg7 36. Rh7+ Kg8 37. e6 Qf3+ 38. Kg1 Qd1+ 39. Kg2 Qg4+ 40. Qg3 Qxc3+ 41. Kxc3 Kxh7 42. exd5 exd5 43. Bxd5 Re8 44. Kg4 Kg7 45. Kf5 Re7 46. c3 Rc7 47. d4 Ra7 48. f4 a5 49. b4 axb4 50. axb4 Rc7 51. Ba2 Rxc3 52. e7 Re3 53. Be6 Rh3 54. e8=Q Rh5+ 55. Qxh5 Kf8 56. Qf7 mate

Jim Olson (D) - Joe Weaver (D), Round 6
Trompowski Attack

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Bg4 3. Ne5 Bf5 4. e3 e6 5. c4 dxc4 6. Qa4+ c6 7. Qxc4 b5 8. Qc3 Qb6 9. Nd2 a5 10. Bd3 Bxd3 11. Qxd3 Nf6 12. O-O Bd6 13. a4 O-O 14. Ndf3 Ra7 15. b3 Nbd7 16. Nxd7 Rxd7 17. Ba3 Bxa3 18. Rxa3 b4 19. Ra2 e5 20. Qc4 exd4 21. exd4 Nd5 22. Rc2 Rc7 23. Qd3 Rxc2 24. Qxc2 Nc3 25. Qd3 Qc7 26. Qa6 h6 27. Re1 Rc8 28. g3 Na2 29. Re5 Qc1+ 30. Kg2 Rc2 31. Re1 Qb2 32. Rf1 Qxb3 33. Qxa5 Nc3 34. Ne1 Ra2 35. Nd3 Nxa4 36. Nxb4 Rb2 37. Ra1 Qxb4 38. Rxa4 Qxa5 39. Rxa5 Rb4 40. Ra8+ Kh7 41. Rd8 Rb3 42. Rd7 Kg6 43. Kh3 Rf3 44. Kg2 Rf5 45. f4 Kf6 46. Kf3 Rd5 47. Rxd5 exd5 48. h4 h5 49. g4 g6 50. gxh5 gxh5 51. Ke3 Kf5 52. Kf3 f6 53. Kg3 Ke4 54. f5 Kxd4 55. Kf4 Kc3 56. Ke3 d4+ 57. Ke2 Kc2 58. White resigns

Joe Lococo (D) - Galen Miller (D), Round 6
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 e6 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. d3 d5 6. exd5 exd5 7. Bb5 Bd7 8. O-O Be7 9. Re1 O-O 10. b3 a6 11. Bxc6 Bxc6 12. Bb2 Bd6 13. a4 Qc7 14. Qd2 d4 15. Ne4 Nxe4 16. dxe4 Rfe8 17. Qd3 f6 18. Rad1 Re7 19. Re2 b5 20. axb5 Bxb5 21. c4 Bd7 22. Rde1 a5 23. g3 Bh3 24. Nh4 g6 25. Qf3 Rf7 26. e5 fxe5 27. Qxa8+ Kg7 28. Nf3 Bg4 29. Nxe5 Rf8 30. Qd5 Bxe2 31. Rxe2 Rf5 32. f4 g5 33. Qe6 gxf4 34. Qxf5 fxc3 35. hxg3 Bxe5 36. Qxe5+ Qxe5 37. Rxe5 Kf6 38. Rxc5 Ke7 39. Rxa5 d3 and White won

West Virginia Chess Association
Minutes from the Annual Meeting - September 2, 2000

The annual meeting of the West Virginia Chess Association was held on September 2, 2000 at South Charleston, WV.

In the absence of both the President and Vice President, Tom LaBue was selected by the membership present to preside at the meeting; Tom called the meeting to order.

Jim Meyer moved that the minutes of the 1999 be approved as published in the Bulletin as there are no additions or corrections. David Olson seconded the motion, which was than approved unanimously.

The financial statement for the fiscal year 1999-2000 was read and Galen Miller moved that they be approved as read. David Olson seconded and the motion passed 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Constitution

The following changed were made to the proposed Constitution put together by the Constitutional committee and printed in the August 2000 Bulletin by the membership present:

- Tom LaBue moved that the Webmaster position be appointed, not elected and that all USCF representatives be removed from the election process. Donald Griffith seconded the motion which passed 9-0.
- John Roush moved that the Amendments to the bylaws be approved by a two-thirds membership present instead of a majority. Ben Good seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-5.
- Donald Griffith moved that the Board of Directors be changed from 7 to 5 members to consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Bulletin Editor and an elected at-large member. Jim Meyer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Tom LaBue announced that the a clause would be added to Article IV, Section 2 that requires the President and all the WVCA officers be West Virginia residents. This was forgotten in the proposed document and was suggested by Pat Kelly.

Tom LaBue also explained in more detail Grand Prix tournament requirement (#7). The requirement states a tourney must require that all West Virginia players join the WVCA or pay a premium.

Scholastic players will be exempted from this requirement.

For example: EF: \$15 (WVCA, and U18), \$20 w/o WVCA.

Jim Olson moved that the proposed Constitution with the above changes be approved and adopted to go into effect at once. Ben Good seconded and motion passed 11-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

2000 TOURNAMENT SITE:

Tom LaBue offered the Buckhannon, Weston, Elkins area for the Championship Tournament on behalf of the Central West Virginia Chess Club. David Olson moved and John Roush seconded that the site offer be accepted. No other sites being offered, the motion was accepted by acclamation.

Tom LaBue offered the Buckhannon, Weston, Elkins area for the Action Tournament with the possibility of holding it at West Virginia University. David Olson moved that the offer be accepted and Galen Miller seconded the motion. No other sites being offered, the motion was accepted by acclamation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2000-01:

Position	Candidate	Nominated by	Seconded by
At-large member	Jim Meyer	David Olson	Donald Griffith
Bulletin Editor	Tom LaBue	Ben Good	Mike Taylor
Secretary-Treasurer	Tom Bergquist	Ben Good	David Olson
Vice President	Donald Griffith	John Roush	Ben Good
President	John Roush	Donald Griffith	Mike Taylor

Acting chairman Tom LaBue called for any further nominations. There being none, David Olson moved the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Dave Hundley and passed 14-0.

There being only one candidate for each office, the Acting Chairman declared all were elected by acclamation.

John Roush moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ben Good seconded and motion passed 14 to 0. Acting Chairman Vice President Tom LaBue declared the meeting adjourned.

WVCA Officers

The West Virginia Chess Bulletin is the official publication of the WVCA.

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Various News and Notes

How often does the game in a tournament featuring the largest gap in ratings end in an upset? Plus, how often does the underdog get to sac his queen for a forced mate? Regardless, here is one to add to that list.

Shih-Houng Young (C) - Jim Walker(X), Round 1
2000 West Virginia State Championship

French Defense

Notes by Gary Cummings

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 Qd7 *This is not suggested in any opening manual I have ever seen. The question for me is was this whole system prepared or was the move and what followed just a whim of the moment?* 5. Nf3 b6 6. a3 Bf8 *I could not approve of this due to the loss in time and development but perhaps the method that black is using to develop his queenside leads him to believe he can keep his dark squared bishop.* 7. Bd3 Ba6 8. b4 Bxd3 9. Qxd3 Ne7 10. Ng5 h6 *After all the trouble black went to in order to keep his dark squared bishop this suggests that he simply overlooked the reply.* 11. Nh7 N8c6 12. Bxh6?! *This is interesting and bold but in fact somewhat doubtful. Just seeing the possibility of a royal fork probably was more than white could resist. Still this offered black the chance to gain two minor pieces for the cost of rook and pawn. After 12...Rxf7 13. Qxf7 gxf6, the game is roughly even and white has lost the advantage gained in opening development.* 12...Nf5 13. Nxf8 Kxf8 14. Bg5 a6 *Black wants to win back his pawn but this is required first. If 14...Nfxd4 15. b5 or if 14...Ncxd4 15. g4.* 15. h4 *It is possible that this was a bold pawn sac but in all respects it looks like it was actually an oversight. Keeping the bind seemed more important and Ne2 was clearly the move now. There is no question, however, that white had a clear idea of what he wanted to do with his h-pawn.* 15...N5xd4 16. f4 Nb5 17. Ne2 Nb8 *Indicates frustration by black and yet not the willingness to accept the fact that his position has been deficient since his sixth move.* 17...Ne7 *with an eager willingness to simplify would show more awareness.* 18. h5 c5 19. h6 gxf6 20. Bf6! *The move that indicates that white has figured out the situation and that the black king is unable to escape from the back rank. As a follow up to h5 and h6 this, to me, is a brilliant stroke. From this point on White has a forced win with a variety of sacrificial shots regardless of how black tries to defend. The finish that does occur is still*

very pretty indeed. 20...c4 21. Qg3 Rg8 22. Qxg8+ Kxg8 23. Rxh6 *Black resigns*

Charleston Club Loses Taylor Book Site

In a disappointing development, the Charleston Chess Club has lost Taylor Books at the site for their club activities. Ann Saville told the club that the bookstore required more space in order to extend their art class schedule. The Taylor Books site was a good site for the club as it was centrally located and had sufficient space for the club meetings and the tourneys.

The club members are currently looking into finding a new location. There are a few options, but nothing was standing out at this time according to Gary Cummings. As soon as a decision is made for a new location, I will post on the website and get it in the bulletin poste haste.

1st Annual Eastern Electric Open

Pat Kelly has informed me that he will in fact hold a two day tournament in Parkersburg this spring. Eastern Electric has provided Pat with funding to have a big prize fund. Eastern Electric has been a big supporter of chess in Parkersburg having pledged the addition prize money for past Parkersburg Homecoming events. They are hoping for a big and strong turnout so that they can make this an annual event.

Pat wanted to solidify the tourney details earlier, but had problems finding a suitable location for the event that was affordable. Pat has decided on the Blennerhassett Hotel as the site for the 1st Annual Eastern Electric Open. The Blennerhassett is located in downtown Parkersburg, not far from the Municipal Building where the Homecoming Tourney has been held for the past few years. The first couple Homecoming events were hosted at the Blennerhassett. See the events page on page 2 for more information or check out the WVCA website at www.wvchess.org

2001 West Virginia Action Championship

The West Virginia Action Championship will be contested in Buckhannon this year on March 24 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church's Hogan Hall. The tourney will be seven rounds and G/30. The highest scoring WV player will be declared the Action Champion of West Virginia. More info on the events page and the website.

2000-01 West Virginia Grand Prix Standings/ WV Quick Chess Championships

Byron Funkhouser has taken the lead in this year's Grand Prix competition based on his win in the HCC October Challenge and his second place finishes (with first place bonus points) in the HCC November and December tourneys. Mike Baker and Jason are second and third respectively, both gaining points in the HCC events. The WV co-champs Don Griffith and Mark Hathaway are currently in fourth. KY's Ben Good, who tied for second place at the tourney with the champs also resides tied for fourth. There are plenty of events in the next few months to earn Grand Prix points.

The following upcoming events have been included in the current 2000-01 WV Grand Prix standings:

- 1- 2000 West Virginia State Championship
- 2- HCC October Challenge
- 3- HCC November Challenge
- 4- HCC December Challenge

The following upcoming events have concluded and are awaiting official USCF crosstables:

- 1- Taylor Books Kanawha Valley Open

These upcoming events meet WV Grand Prix requirements:

- 1- Harrison County March Open
- 2- WV Action Championship
- 3- 1st Annual Eastern Electric Open
- 4- Harrison County May Open
- 5- 2001 US Amateur South

Current WV Grand Prix Top 25

1. Byron Funkhouser	23.50
2. Mike Baker	19.33
3. Jason Young	15.83
4. Ben Good	12.50
Don Griffith	12.50
Mark Hathaway	12.50
7. Shih-Houng Young	10.83
8. Tom LaBue	10.50
9. Jamie Karraker	9.50
10. David Saville	7.00
11. Joe Weaver	5.00
12. Gary Cummings	4.50
David Olson	4.50
Mike Turner	4.50
15. Chuck Waugh	3.50
16. Terry Wassell	3.00
17. Jim Kirkpatrick	2.50
Joe Lococo	2.50
19. Tim Deal	2.00
David Hundley	2.00
Gary Morris	2.00
Jim Olson	2.00
Joe Meadows	2.00
Glenn Haynes	2.00
25. Katrina Karraker	1.00
Galen Miller	1.00

Recap of the Quick Chess Championship

Jim Walker was the winner of the 2000 Quick Chess Championship. Through three rounds, Robert Canary and Gary Cummings were the co-leaders. They drew their second round matchup, so they were paired up separately in round four - Canary against Walker and Cummings-McCartney. Walker and McCartney won their respective matches and tied for first. Jamie Karraker had a chance to join the tie for first, but was dispatched by Joe Meadows. It was still a good result for Jamie as he earlier drew Jim Walker and Tom LaBue and beat Dave Olson.

2000 West Virginia Quick Chess Championship, So. Charleston, WV, September 3, 2000

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2118	2107	D---5	D---9	W---7	W---3	3.0
2	Patrick McCartney	NC	1851	1851	W---8	W--10	L---3	W---4	3.0
3	Robert Canary	WV	1854	1858	W---7	D---4	W---2	L---1	2.5
4	Gary Cummings	WV	1751	1751	W--11	D---3	W---5	L---2	2.5
5	Joe Meadows	WV	1404	1425	D---1	W---6	L---4	W---9	2.5
6	David Olson	WV	1587	1565	L---9	L---5	W---8	W--10	2.0
7	Joe Lococo	OH	1360	1367	L---3	W--11	L---1	W--12	2.0
8	Ben Good	KY	1332	1337	L---2	W--12	L---6	W--11	2.0
9	Jamie Karraker	WV	872	908	W---6	D---1	D--10	L---5	2.0
10	Tom LaBue	WV	1500	1482	W--12	L---2	D---9	L---6	1.5
11	Jason Young	WV	1404/10	1335/14	L---4	L---7	W--12	L---8	1.0
12	Katrina Karraker	WV	695	693	L--10	L---8	L--11	L---7	0.0

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