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HUNTINGTON CHOSEN FOR STATE MEET

The Huntington Chess Club this year will play host to the State Tournament of the West Virginia Chess Association.

The event will be held the Labor Day week-end; that is, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Other details of the plan will be announced in the August issue of the Bulletin.

H. Landis Marks is back in Huntington again, and there is every hope he will take part in the tournament. Those who remember the swift, sure manner in which he maneuvered his pieces to move undefeated through the 1942 Charleston tourney, will realize he is a worthy contender.

Tom Sweeney of Wheeling wrote June 9 asking about the state meet and saying he hopes to be on hand for it. Tom is the 1944 and 1945 Problem Solving champion of the WVCA and also plays a mean fist of over-the-board chess.

There is a possibility that tournaments for the women's and junior championships of the state will be held at the same time as the main championship event. Clubs which have candidates for these events should write Secy.-Treas. H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va., immediately, as it is unlikely the women's and junior events will be held unless at least four persons wish to play in each.

Under the new USCF regulations, players are considered juniors until they are a full 21 years old. It is likely this ruling will be adopted for any WVCA junior meet.

This will be the first state chess tournament ever held in Huntington, although residents of that city have won the state title four times--Dr. Siegfried Werthammer three times and H. Landis Marks once. In the list of Huntington winners might also be included John F. Hurt, Jr., who though regularly a Charleston denizen, was living in Huntington at the time he won his state title.

Of state tournaments in the past, three each have been held in Charleston and Clarksburg, and one each in Wheeling and Morgantown.

DuVALL, HURT TIE FOR KANAWHA TITLE

Allen Du Vall won his final game from John Hurt, Jr., to tie him for 1st place in the double-round Kanawha Valley Championship, each with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. The co-champs lost only to each other. Hurt yielded a draw to Reid Holt, and DuVall drew with Ray Martin. Holt ended with $2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$, Martin with $\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$.

The K.V. championship was a four-man affair, the top two finishers from the Charleston City Championship (Hurt and Holt) meeting the top two from the Caribb (South Charleston) club. The summary:

	<u>Du Vall</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	<u>Holt</u>	<u>Martin</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Allen Du Vall	----	1 - 1	2 - 0	$1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
John Hurt, Jr.	1 - 1	----	$1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	2 - 0	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
H. Reid Holt	0 - 2	$\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	----	2 - 0	$2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$
Ray Martin	$\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	0 - 2	0 - 2	----	$\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$

CHARLESTON TAKES RETURN MATCH FROM CARBIDE

The Charleston Chess Club, which on May 14 won from the Carbide Chess Club of South Charleston, 14-3, reinforced its victory by taking a return match June 9 by a score of $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Feature of the affair was an upset win by Ray Martin of Carbide over John Hurt, Jr., Charleston city champion, at the first board. The Summary, with Carbide having white men at the odd-numbered boards, follows:

<u>Board No.</u>	<u>Charleston ($11\frac{1}{2}$)</u>	<u>Carbide ($2\frac{1}{2}$)</u>
1	John Hurt, Jr. 0	Ray Martin 1
2	H. Reid Holt 1	Walt Dennison 0
3	Edward M. Foy 1	Richard Grimm 0
4	Allen Du Vall 1	Hal Liggett 0
5	William F. Hartling 1	Arthur Maloy 0
6	Walt Crede 1	Alex Brown 0
7	John Wiles 1	Jim Schilling 0
8	Allan Gilliland $\frac{1}{2}$	James Ankeney $\frac{1}{2}$
9	Frank Branner 1	Walter 0
10	A. Schoenfeld 0	David Marples 1
11	Arthur Brenneman 1	Bruce Marples 0
12	W. S. Wardell, Jr. 1	Kingsley Hughes 0
13	Fred White 1	Smith 0
14	William Truslow 1	Hugh Allison 0

ZIGGY MEETS 19 IN SOUTH CHARLESTON SHOW

Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington, state chess champion, scored $13\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ in a simultaneous exhibition June 2 at the South Charleston Recreation Center. Ziggy won 13, lost 5, drew 1.

Winners were Kingsley Hughes, Arthur Brenneman, Jim Schilling, Al Du Vall and Edward Foy. Hal Liggett got a draw. Ziggy won from David Strong, Hugh Allison, Bob Swarbrick, George Ross, David Marples, Ben Argento, Frances Hughes, Alex Brown, W. S. Wardell, Jr., Bruce Marples, Larry Kinnaman, Walt Dennison and A. Schoenfeld.

The Clarksburg club also has invited Dr. Werthammer to give a simultaneous exhibition. He has accepted for some undetermined date within the next two months.

CHESS LECTURES AT CHARLESTON

The Charleston Chess Club is conducting a series of chess lectures through the summer months, to cover a variety of subjects--chess fundamentals, openings, middle game, end game, historic chess games, tournaments, and so forth. The first two talks were given by Reid Holt on "Chess Fundamentals." Others scheduled to talk are John Hurt, Jr., and Allen Du Vall. A large wall board is being used to illustrate points in the lectures. After the talks, the auditors are invited to take part in a consultation game.

CAPT. DEVERICKS VISITS CLARKSBURG CLUB

Capt. B. W. (Bill) Devericks, called home for a few days from his Army duties in Japan, following the death of his father, Col. Filmore C. Devericks, of Clarksburg, paid the Clarksburg club a visit. Kingsley Smith, publicist for the club, apparently was much impressed with Bill's play. Kingsley writes: "Capt. Devericks devastated most of the local club with an atomic attack apparently born of the ageless and refined wisdom of the Orient and sharpened for several years on an Army whetstone."

TRI-STATE MEET AT CLEVELAND?

WVCA Secretary H. Reid Holt reports that West Virginia and Ohio have voted to have the next Tri-State tournament on the Armistice Day holiday in Cleveland. The first such event, it will be recalled, was held in 1945 in Pittsburgh, at which time it was planned to hold the second event in 1946, but other things got in the way. Pennsylvania remains to be heard from before final announcement can be made of the time and place for 1947.

The Tri-State calls for the champion and runner-up from each state to meet in a round-robin, with the winner becoming the Tri-State champion.

In connection with the Tri-State, it is hoped to have a strong team from each state to engage in match play. Charleston expects to send a half dozen; other towns are still to report. Players who wish to take part in the play should get in touch with Holt at 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va. There will be no entry fee either for Tri-State or team-match players, so far as announcements indicate.

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION — BUSINESS MEETING

President: Wm. F. Hartling, 1979 Benedict Circle, Belvil Park, St. Albans, W. Va.
Secy. - Treas.: H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va.

(Address all letters on Association business to Secy. Holt. Membership in the Association is \$1 a year, including subscription to--

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE WVCA AND RENEWALS

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- 93 Kingsley Smith, 337 Washington Avenue, Clarksburg, W. Va.
- 94 H. D. Burke, Rt. 1, Box 109, Huntington, W. Va. (Renewal)
- 95 Dr. V. S. Hayward, 1128 Ninth Avenue, Huntington, W. Va.
- 96 Dr. M. M. Klein, Veterans Hospital, Huntington, W. Va.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: H. Landis Marks, 933 Twelfth Avenue, Huntington, W. Va.

WHERE THE WEST VIRGINIA CLUBS MEET

Carbide C. C., every Monday, Recreation Center, South Charleston
Charleston C. C., 8 p.m. each Wednesday, K. of G. rooms, 1117 Quarrier St.
Clarksburg C. C., 7:30 p. m. each Wednesday, Stonewall Jackson hotel
Huntington C. C., 7:30 p. m. each Thursday, Huntington Y.M.C.A.
Wheeling C. C., 8 p. m. each Monday, Wheeling Y.M.C.A.

WVCA FINANCIAL STATEMENT, QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1947:

Funds on hand April 1, 1947, \$51.11; 1947-47 dues received, \$8; 1947-48 dues received (H. Landis Marks, \$1; total funds available, \$60.11.

Disbursements: Mimeographing bulletin (April-June), \$12.36; typewriter rental \$9; mimeographing supplies, \$1.45; postage distributing bulletin, \$5.96; postage on Association and Bulletin business, \$3.48; total disbursements, \$33.25; balance on hand June 30, 1947, \$26.86.

Note: Postage for March and April issues of the Bulletin not included as part of costs. This amount, \$3.94, was donated by the Secretary-Treasurer.

With this issue of the Bulletin is being mailed out to all members a communication from the Secretary, explaining a proposed plan for Sustaining Memberships for the WVCA. Please read it carefully and write to Secy. Holt, telling him your reaction to the plan.

BOB HUMPHRIES LEADS HARRISON MEET

Dr. R. T. (Bob) Humphries, president of the Clarksburg Chess Club, the Harrison County Tournament as of June 27, with a score of $13\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. He has finished all his games.

Two players have a chance of overhaul him if they win all or most of their remaining games. They are Frank Wisinski, the Clarksburg club secretary, who has a score of 8-4, and Ray Griffin, with $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Other scores: William Challinor, 7-7; Sam Allison, 6-8; M. F. (Hap) Allison, 5-5; Kingsley Smith, 5-7; Francis Cunningham, 4-10; Joe Michael, 1-4; the Rev. Emerson Foster, 1-5.

The Clarksburg club has announced plans for a junior tournament to be held in connection with the regular weekly club meetings. It will be open to all Harrison county students, up to and including high school.

CHARLESTON EDGES HUNTINGTON BY ONE POINT

Due, in large measure, to the skill and determination of players on the lower boards, the Charleston Chess Club defeated the Huntington Chess Club on June 26 at the Huntington YMCA by score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$.

With H. Landis Marks and State Champion Dr. S. Werthammer heading their team, the Huntington club scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ points on the top six boards, but on the other boards, Charleston won 5 in 6 games.

Huntington has been invited to Charleston for a return match. Summary:

Board No.	Charleston ($6\frac{1}{2}$)	Huntington ($5\frac{1}{2}$)
1	John F. Hurt, Jr. 0	H. Landis Marks 1
2	H. Reid Holt 0	Dr. Siegfried Werthammer 1
3	Edward M. Foy 0	Tyson E. Cobb 1
4	Allen Du Vall 1	Dunn 0
5	William F. Hartling 0	Rudd T. Neel 1
6	Walt Crede $\frac{1}{2}$	E. E. Allie $\frac{1}{2}$
7	Harold (Hal) Liggett 1	H. D. Burke 0
8	John Wiles 1	H. Allison 0
9	Allan Gilliland 0	Dr. V. S. Hayward 1
10	Ray Martin 1	J. R. Allison 0
11	Frank Branner 1	G. E. Shinkle 0
12	Kenneth Andrews 1	Seward 0

THE WEST VIRGINIA PROBLEM SOLVING CONTEST

For the rest of 1947, the WVCA Problem Solving event will be conducted by mail, permitting those who have enrolled for the year to complete their competition for the 1947 honors. Sometime this fall, directors of members of the Association will be asked to decide on the future of the contest. The Problem Page in the Bulletin was discontinued last month for lack of interest.

Herewith are solutions to problems published in April and May:

April--No. 160, Bc6. No. 161, Qh8. No. 162, 1 Rh5 (threat either Se4ch), (a) 1...Q to K-side, 2 Sa4ch; (b) 1...BxSch (or SxS), 2 Q(or B)xB(orS)ch; (c) 1...PxS, 2 Be3ch; (d) 1...Pe5, 2 KSc4ch. May--No. 163, Bd4. No. 164, Sh4. No. 165, Bb4.

Contestants' standings, including April solutions: Gene Collett and Otto Oppenheimer, 25 each; J. B. Mulligan, 22.

MY BEST GAME OF CHESS BY DR. SIEGFRIED WERTHAMMER

Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington is the 1943, 1944 and 1946 chess champion of West Virginia. He calls this "the best game of chess I ever played." In this game, a correspondence match against R.R. Coveyou of Oak Ridge, Tenn., begun August, 1944, and finished August, 1945, will be found many subtleties and many beauties. Mr. Coveyou is a former Michigan player who consistently finished high in Michigan state championships. The notes are by Dr. Werthammer.

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE

WHITE: R. R. COVEYOU

BLACK: DR. S. WERTHAMMER

CORRESPONDENCE--1944-45

1 P-K4 N-KB3
2 P-K5 N-Q4
3 P-QB4 N-N3
4 P-B5 E-Q4
5 B-B4

White's 4th and 5th moves in this defense are a recommendation of Emanuel Lasker.

5 ... N-B5!??

The natural 5th move for Black would be P-K3. However, 6 N-QB3 or 6 Q-N4 would give White a strong attack. The text move is tricky but Black should get a congested and compressed game.

6 P-Q4 N-K3
7 P-QN4

With this move, Mr. Coveyou sent this note-- "With all due respect to the hyper-modern openings, I cannot believe an opening is good which consists of moving a N for 6 moves and placing it on a square where it blocks the development of important pieces..." Mr. Coveyou was definitely right with his opinion of the opening but a great deal may occur after the opening.

7 ... P-Q4
8 B-N3?

Much better would have been 8 KPxP e.p. BPxP, 9 P-Q5 N-B2, with a free and superior game for White. The idea of the text move is to prevent Black from developing his Bishops but Black's next move threatens to win a P and forces the trade of White's "good" KB for a N.

8 ... N-B3
9 E-QR4

The only way to prevent loss of a P.

9 ... B-Q2
10 BxN BxB

Black is still very restricted and his pieces have little scope, but he has a great strategic advantage. White's white squares are very weak due to absence of the KB, and the P phalanx on black squares. The motive of Black's play in the following will be to utilize these weaknesses and break through behind White's imposing P chain, while White will try to keep his Ps moving to keep Black constricted.

11 N-QB3 Q-Q2
12 P-QR4 P-QR3
13 R-QN P-QN4!
14 P-R5

White cannot afford to open lines for Black by 14 PxB or 14 QBPxP e.p.;

therefore, he seals the Q-side, hoping Black's QB will be blocked in forever.

14 ... P-N3
15 P-KB4

White supports his KP, as he fears the breaking up of his center--later on--by Black's P-KB3.

15 ... P-R4!
16 N-B3 B-R3
17 P-N3

All of White's Ps are now on black squares.

17 ... O-O-O
18 O-O

A possible plan for White would be N-KR4, followed by P-B5, with a fair game. Black proceeds however to break up the White center and K-wing by sacrifices.

18 ... P-R5!
19 NxBP P-N4!
20 N-N2

Best.

20 ... PxB
21 PxB NxQP!!

A positional sacrifice of rare beauty. 21...N-N2 would have been good enough to maintain an advantage despite the P minus. But White could defend in this case with Q-B3, followed by N-K2 and B-K3.

22 QxN Q-R6
23 R-B2 QR-N

White's Q is tied to FQ4.

24 K-R

Forced.

24 ... B-N4
25 N-K B-R5
26 QR-N2 B-N6

Every zig-zag move of Black's KB constitutes a lethal threat.

27 B-K3 BxR!

The right moment to take the R.

28 RxB R-N6!
29 B-Q2 Q-R5!!

Much stronger than Q-N5 after which N-K2 would have defended. Black threatens R-R6--there is no good defense against this move. One notices White's helpless Q.

30 R-N2 RxR
31 KxR QxRP!
32 K-B R-N
33 N-K2 B-Q2

He finally feels fresh air.

34 N-N RxNch!
35 QxR QxB
36 Q-N8! K-N2
37 P-B6ch

A last trap.

37 ... BxP

Of course, not 37... KxP??, 38 Q-QR8 mate.

38 QxBP P-Q5!

AND WHITE RESIGNS

White cannot prevent P-Q6. For example, 39 Q-B5 B-Q4, 40 N-Q3 B-B5!

Q.G. DECLINED

WHITE: DR. R. T.

HUMPHRIES

BLACK: FRANK

WISNUSKI

Harrison County
Tournament, May
of 1947, at
Clarksburg C.C.

(Notes are by
Dr. Humphries)

1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 N-KB3 N-KB3
3 P-B4 P-K3
4 B-N5 B-K2
5 N-B3 P-B3
6 P-K3 P-KR3
7 B-R4 QN-Q2
8 R-QB P-QN3
9 PxP BPxP
10 B-QN5?

10 B-Q3 probably better.

10 ... P-QR3
11 Q-R4 O-O
12 O-O B-N2
13 BxN NxB
14 B-N3 P-QN4
15 Q-Q

End of a sad adventure.

15 ... P-N5

16 N-K2 P-QR4
17 N-K5 N-B3
18 P-KB3 N-R4
19 R-KB2 P-KB3
20 N-N6 R-B2
21 N(2)-KB4 NxB
22 PxN B-QB
23 R(2)-B2 B-Q3
24 Q-Q3 BxN
25 NxB P-KB4
26 R-QB6 R-KB3
27 Q-N5?? B-Q2
28 Q-B5 BxR
29 QxB Q-K
30 QxQch RQ
31 R-B6 P-K4
32 RxR PxR

AND BLACK WINS

SICILIAN DEFENSE

WHITE: JOHN HURT

BLACK: AL DUVALL

Kanawha Valley
Championship, May
26, 1947, at
Carbide C. C.

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 N-KB3 N-QB3
3 P-Q4 PxP
4 NxP P-Q4
5 B-QN5 PxP
6 NxN QxQch
7 KxQ P-QR3
8 N-Q4ch PxB

9 NxB B-N5ch
10 K-K R-Q
11 QN-B3 P-K4
12 P-KR3 B-R4
13 N-B7ch K-Q2
14 N(7)-Q5 K-B3
15 N-K3 B-QN5
16 B-Q2 BxN
17 BxB P-B3
18 P-KN4 B-B2
19 K-K2 N-K2
20 QR-Q N-Q4
21 NxB BxN
22 K-K3 R-Q2
23 R-Q2 P-R4
24 P-N5 R-K
25 PxB PxB
26 R-KN R-KN
27 RxB BxR
28 RxB KxR
29 P-KR4 K-K3
30 P-QR4 K-B4
31 B-K B-Q4
32 P-R5 K-N5
33 P-N3 P-B4
34 P-QB4 P-B5ch
35 K-K2 B-B3
36 B-B3 KxP
37 BxB K-N5
38 P-N4 P-R5
39 P-N5 B-?
40 K-B K-B6
41 K-N P-R6
42 P-N6 B-B3
43 K-R2 KxP
44 BxB P-K6
45 KxP P-K7

46 K-N4 P-K8(=Q)
47 B-N3ch K-K7
48 BxQ KxB
49 K-B4 K-K7
50 K-K5 K-Q6
51 K-Q6 Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE

WHITE: JOHN HURT

BLACK: REID HOLT

Kanawha Valley
Championship, June
2, 1947, at
Charleston C.C.

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 N-KB3 N-QB3
3 P-Q4 PxB
4 NxB N-B3
5 N-QB3 P-KN3

5...P-Q3 is required in order to avoid P-K5. (This and other notes to this game are done by John Hurt.)

6 NxB NxB
7 P-K5 N-R4
8 P-KN4 N-N2
9 B-N2 B-R3
10 B-K3 N-K3
11 P-B4 B-N2
12 N-K4 P-Q4

12...P-N4.Break

of White's center looks more promising.

- 13 PxpPe.p. BxNP
- 14 R-QN R-QN?
- 15 RxB RxB
- 16 B-Q4 NxB
- 17 QxN R-N8ch
- 18 K-Q2 Q-R4ch
- 19 N-B3 Q-N3

If RxB, 20 BxPch K-Q, 21 QxR mate.

- 20 QxRch K-Q2
- 21 BxPch QxB
- 22 RxB Q-B4
- 23 Q-K5 Q-B7ch
- 24 K-B PxB
- 25 QxPch Resigns

Q. P. GAME

WHITE: RAY MARTIN
BLACK: JOHN HURT
Kanawha Valley
Championship, May
28, 1947, at
Charleston C. C.

- 1 P-Q4 P-K3
- 2 N-KB3 N-KB3
- 3 B-N5 P-KR3
- 4 B-R4 P-Q4
- 5 P-K3 QN-Q2
- 6 P-B4 P-B3
- 7 N-B3 PxB
- 8 BxB P-QN4
- 9 B-Q3 P-N5
- 10 N-K4 P-B4
- 11 PxB BxB
- 12 NxB NxB
- 13 B-N5ch B-Q2
- 14 B-B4 Q-R4
- 15 O-O R-Q
- 16 Q-Q4 B-B3
- 17 Q-B4 QN-Q2
- 18 Q-Q6? BxN!
- 19 BxN NxB
- 20 Q-N3 B-B3
- 21 KR-Q O-O
- 22 KR-QB B-Q4
- 23 P-KR3 N-K5
- 24 Q-R4 BxB
- 25 RxB N-Q3
- 26 RxB N-B4
- 27 Q-N4 R-Q7

- 28 P-R3 KR-Q
- 29 R-QB Q-K4
- 30 P-KN3 RxBP
- 31 Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE

WHITE: AL DU VALL
BLACK: EDWARD FOY
Charleston City
Tournament, April
16, 1947, at
Charleston C.C.

- 1 P-K4 P-QB4
- 2 N-KB3 P-Q3
- 3 P-QN4 PxB
- 4 P-Q4 N-KB3
- 5 B-Q3 N-B3
- 6 O-O P-K3
- 7 B-KN5 B-K2
- 8 P-B3 PxB
- 9 NxB P-KR3
- 10 B-R4 O-O
- 11 R-B P-R3
- 12 B-N B-Q2
- 13 Q-Q3 P-K4
- 14 KR-Q P-KN3
- 15 PxB N-K
- 16 BxB QxB
- 17 N-Q5 Q-K3
- 18 PxB R-Q
- 19 Q-K3 K-R2
- 20 P-K5 K-N2
- 21 P-KR3 B-B
- 22 N-B4 Q-Q2
- 23 N-R2 P-KR4
- 24 NxBch K-N
- 25 N-N4 P-B4
- 26 N(4)B6ch NxB
- 27 NxBch RxB
- 28 PxB Q-KB2
- 29 RxB PxB
- 30 Q-K7 R-Q2
- 31 B-B2 RxB
- 32 BxB R-Q
- 33 R-K B-Q2
- 34 P-B4 Q-N
- 35 B-N3ch K-N2
- 36 B-K6 BxB
- 37 RxB K-B2
- 38 P-Q7 Q-R2ch
- 39 K-B QxB
- 40 P-K8(-Q)ch QxQ
- 41 RxB KxB
- 42 K-K2 K-Q2
- 43 K-Q3 P-B4
- 44 K-B4 K-Q3

- 45 P-QR4 P-R4
- 46 P-N3 K-B3
- 47 P-N4 PxB
- 48 PxB K-Q3
- 49 P-N5 K-B3
- 50 P-B5 K-Q3
- 51 PxB K-K2
- 52 KxB

AND WHITE WINS

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

WHITE: WM. HARTLING
BLACK: AL DU VALL
Charleston City
Tournament,
March 5, 1947

- 1 P-Q4 P-K3
- 2 P-QB4 B-N5ch
- 3 N-B3 P-KB4
- 4 P-QR3 BxNch
- 5 PxB N-KB3
- 6 N-B3 P-Q3
- 7 P-KN3 O-O
- 8 B-KN2 QN-Q2
- 9 B-N5 Q-K
- 10 O-O P-K4
- 11 BxN NxB
- 12 N-Q2 P-K5
- 13 P-K3 B-Q2
- 14 P-QR4 P-QR4
- 15 P-KR3 Q-N3
- 16 K-R2 QR-K
- 17 Q-N3 P-QN3
- 18 Q-Q Q-R3
- 19 R-R N-N5ch
- 20 K-N NxBP
- 21 PxB QxBP
- 22 K-R2 QxBP
- 23 P-Q5 R-B3
- 24 Q-QB Q-K4
- 25 Q-K R-N3
- 26 Q-K3 P-R4
- 27 P-R4 R-N5
- 28 B-R3 P-B5
- 29 PxB RxBP
- 30 K-N2 BxBch
- 31 KxB Q-B4ch
- 32 K-N2 R-N5ch
- 33 K-R3 RxBch
- 34 K-N2 Q-N3ch
- 35 K-B2 R-Bch
- 36 N-B3 RxBch
- 37 QxR PxB
- 38 RxB Q-N7ch
- 39 K-K3 Q-K7ch
- 40 K-B4 QxBch

- 41 K-N3 QxQP
- 42 R-B4 Q-K4
- 43 R-KB P-KN4
- 44 Resigns

FRENCH DEFENSE

WHITE: RAY MARTIN
BLACK: EDWARD FOY
Charleston City
Tournament,
March 5, 1947

- 1 P-K4 P-K3
- 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3 N-QB3 N-KB3
- 4 B-KN5 PxB
- 5 NxB B-K2
- 6 N-N3 P-QN3
- 7 N-B3 B-N2
- 8 B-N5ch P-B3
- 9 B-K2 QN-Q2
- 10 P-B3 Q-B2
- 11 Q-Q2 P-KR3
- 12 B-KB4 B-Q3
- 13 BxB QxB
- 14 Q-K3 N-Q4
- 15 N-K4 Q-B2
- 16 Q-Q2 N-B5
- 17 B-B P-QB4
- 18 N-K5 NxB
- 19 QxN N-Q6ch
- 20 BxN QxQ
- 21 P-B3 Q-K6ch
- 22 B-K2 B-R3
- 23 N-N3 PxB
- 24 PxB QR-B
- 25 K-B R-B7
- 26 R-K O-O
- 27 P-KR4 KR-QB
- 28 Resigns

RUY LOPEZ

WHITE: REID HOLT
BLACK: FRED WHITE
Charleston City
Tournament,
March 12, 1947

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 B-N5 N-B3
- 4 O-O B-K2
- 5 Q-K2 O-O
- 6 BxN NxB
- 7 NxB P-QR4
- 8 N-B3 B-R3

CHESS CLUB BULLETINS - A BIBLIOGRAPHY - PART IV

(Listings in March, April and May issues of the WVCB included names of 21 club and association bulletins. Here are two more.)

No. 22--THE E-TOWN CASTLE--founded May 1, 1947, official organ of the Elizabethtown (Pa.) Chess Club, monthly, page size $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, mimeographed, average number of pages per issue 4. Number of issues published to June, 1947, two; total number of pages of reading matter issued to date, 8; total number of copies distributed to date, 110; number printed last issue, 60. Exchanges with other editors. Editor: Cecil M. Frye, Elizabethtown, Pa.

No. 23--THE WOODPUSHER--founded March, 1947, the Cumberland Valley Chess and Checker Club, Chambersburg, Pa., monthly, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$, mimeographed, avg.no.pp. per issue, 6. Number of issues published to May, 1947, three; total no. pp. of reading matter issued, 18; total no. copies distributed, 200; no. printed last issue, 95. Exchanges. Editor: R. D. Gilbert, 592 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, Pa.

Chess Paper Notes: Frank S. Howell, treasurer of the Federal Chess Club, Washington, D. C., says (May 6) that the Federal Chess Club Newsletter has been discontinued...The Pennsylvania Chess Bulletin is now being edited by Paul Schwarz, 1209 Euclid Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., once more making that city headquarters for 3 "little chess papers," largest such representation of any city in the U.S.....It is noted that Pennsylvania also leads the state, with 9 of the 23 papers published in the country.

TRI-STATE CHESS NOTES

Tommy Ellison is the new Cleveland champion, winning the final 10-man round by a 7-2 score. Elliott E. Sterns, ex-title holder, was second with $6\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$Julius Goodman is Cleveland's new lighting chess champ, winning a 19-player meet, 15-3. John O. Hoy, Ohio over-the-board champ, was second with $13\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$...The second Junior Championship of the U.S. is now in play at Cleveland (June 30-July 13) under the auspices of the USCF, with players 12-21 participating. Cleveland's Larry Friedman the event in 1946...Cleveland defeated Akron, $57\frac{1}{2}-23\frac{1}{2}$, in a match in which 90 players took part....The 1947 Pennsylvania state tournament will be held Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at the Americus hotel, Allentown, with the Lehigh Valley Club as host.

ARE YOU READING--?

American Chess Bulletin, bimonthly, \$2 a yr., 150 Nassau St., New York 7, N.Y.
 Chess Life, semimonthly, \$2 a yr., United States Chess Federation, Edward I. Treend, Secy., 12869 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.
 Chess News From Russia, biweekly, \$2 a yr., 80 E. 11th St., New York 3, N.Y.
 Chess Review, monthly, \$3.75 a yr., 250 W. 57th St., New York 19, N.Y.

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		22 RxB	RxP	37 N-B5	P-N6	52 NxRP	R-R7ch
		23 P-N3	R-K6	38 R-K8ch	K-R2	53 K-N4	R-R5
9 P-Q3	Q-K	24 QN-Q2	P-Q4	39 PxP	R-R2	54 N(5)-B4	R-QB7
10 P-B4	B-B4ch	25 P-KR4	P-KB3	40 R-QB8	RxQNP	55 R-B7	R(7)-QR7
11 B-K3	BxBch	26 K-R2	P-QB4	41 RxP	R-N4	56 RxPch	K-R3
12 QxB	P-Q3	27 K-R3	P-KR4	42 N-Q3	P-B5	57 R-N6ch	K-R2
13 N-B3	Q-N	28 K-N2	K-B2	43 N-Q4	R(4)-N2	58 N-B8ch	K-R
14 P-QN3	R-K	29 R-B2	R-QR	44 N-K	R-R8	59 RxP	P-B6
15 Q-Q2	Q-N3ch	30 N-B	R-B6	45 N(1)-B2	R(8)-R2	60 R-B6	P-B7
16 K-R	R-K2	31 R-K2	RxRP	46 R-B5	R-Q2	61 K-N5	R-Q5
17 QR-K	QR-K	32 N-K3	P-QB3	47 N-K6	R-K2	62 R-B8	R-Q8
18 P-KR3	Q-N5	33 N-K	RxNP	48 P-B5	R-R7	63 P-B6	P-B8(-Q)
19 N-QN	NxP	34 N-B5	K-B	49 N-QN4	R-KB7	64 N(B8)-N6ch	
20 QxQ	PxQ	35 N-Q6	K-N	50 NxQP	R-R2		K-R2
21 PxN	BxR	36 K-R3	R-QB6	51 N(5)-B4	R(2)-R7	65 R-R8mate	

This page and the next four pages were mailed out by George Koltanowski, Honorary Member of the WVCA, to the 135 clubs he visited on his 1946-47 tour. Just thought you enjoy looking them over.--G.C.

T H A N K Y O U !

After seven months my seventh transcontinental tour is over...!

To enumerate the 135 clubs in which I gave simultaneous, over the board, or simultaneous exhibitions, plus lectures, would fill more space than is available, in this letter. But I would like to express my gratitude to all who engaged me for an evening and to all who played and watched these exhibitions.

It was a hard job, a real grind, - travelling, sleeping on the move, changes in diet - from Canada (three times) to Colombia, South America; from Montana to Corpus Christi, Texas; from Sequim, Washington, to Deep River, Connecticut; from the Elgin Academy (whose chess section is so ably run by "Coach" Osborn) to Universities like Toronto, British Columbia, Oklahoma, Colorado, Pennsylvania State College, Columbia, and California; the Recreation Department of Milwaukee, the Elks in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Winter General Hospital in Topeka, and many more clubs all over the United States.

Many have asked me, "Does it pay? Is all the trouble involved in travelling, the constant demand of being in good form despite toothaches, headaches or rain, worth while?" My answer is simple. In October, 1947, I shall start out on my eighth transcontinental tour!!

The reasons are obvious. The people one meets in chess clubs are among the finest one can hope to find. The friendships one forms are worth all the trouble involved in visiting them once a year if their clubs can have you.

But let's wander back over the past seven months....I started in Mankato, where the exhibition was arranged by Josiah Baker, a very strong player. I played 20 boards, won 19 and lost one. The loss sticks in my mind. I was three pieces up and paid little attention to the game, when I suddenly found myself mated by a simple pawn check. Was I astonished!--and more so when I discovered that my opponent had only learned the moves a week before! Such things can only happen to Koltanowski!

Friend Hardinge arranged a fine welcome at the Minneapolis club. They have a tough bunch of players out there. From there I went to Winnipeg, where I met some old friends. This was my first visit to Canada since 1938, and the reception there, as in all other Canadian cities, was something one does not forget easily. Here I am permitting H. Gregory, Chess Editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, to have his say as he wrote it in the issue of October 5, 1946.

KOLTANOWSKI WINS EVERYONE

True, that out of eight games played blindfolded against sixteen opponents he lost one, drew two and won five, but to the hundred spectators and his opponents he was a winner to all. If you can picture in your mind the Y. M. Assembly Hall with eight tables and two worried looking players at each table, and a mass of spectators weaving in and out, while in the far corner a placid

looking, heavy set dark gentleman sat in an arm chair puffing a cigarette, with a bottle of milk beside him, you have a picture of how this affair looks. The caller, who was Mr. P. Ghisvelli, steps to each board, calls out the number of the board and the move made, and within a few moments Koltanowski calls back his move, and often includes the move that obviously his opponent must make, then giving his additional move. The audience was much amused by the humorous interjections the Master threw in, and his congenial manner won the hearts of all, especially the ladies, who were there in full force. You would think it would be necessary for him to occasionally ask where some of the pieces were, but not George! Instead he will occasionally say - "Let us check board so and so," and he will then call out the position of all the pieces on the board.

How a man can remember the position of 32 pieces on eight boards, which makes 256 chessmen, is a "Utah State Secret," but if I am ever again asked to name the wonders of the world, in the future I will include George Koltanowski.....

From Winnipeg across beautiful country, and the Canadian Rockies are just that, I invaded Vancouver, where I met some old friends - Dave Greener, one of the strongest players in Canada; Al Helman and his charming wife; Money, Russell, Miller, Duval; the Rothstein brothers, grand supporters of the game, and many others. Then my tour started in the States with an exhibition at Mount Vernon, Washington. They have a wonderful bunch of players there, and about six months later I was toastmaster at a banquet of at least 150 chessplayers attending the THIRD INTERNATIONAL MATCH organized by the Skagit Chess Club at whose head is R. G. Cannon. Both Duke and Ulvestad, who played an exhibition match game there, agreed with me that it was one of the greatest events in American Chess History.

From then on it was one constant pleasure after another, meeting old friends and making new ones. Roy DeFosse, Davidson and others are still working hard for the Great Game in Seattle. In Sequim I met Dr. Eason, a true devotee of Chess. My visit to Manhattan, Montana, was outstanding. The town has about 200 inhabitants, yet I met over 30 players there! Credit S. J. Alexander for a swell job there! So, too, for that matter, for Mr. Van Teylingen, in Great Falls, Montana. He is champion of Montana, and a promising player.

Among the most memorable events in the tour were the exhibitions in Oak Ridge, Tenn. (where I was due to return in June to direct the tournament for the championship of the State), L. B. N. at Sedro-Woolley Athletic Club (double feature, thanks to last great leader, Harrison!); Los Angeles Chess Club, where Dr. James Cook such splendid work for the cause of chess. While there, Mr. Hoffman, a local chess player, told the following story of the dinner table:

The stranger approached and asked, "Are you Mr. Jones?" Mr. Jones nodded. "Do you live at 29 Maple Street?" Mr. Jones nodded. "Well, I am in love with your wife and want to marry her!" Mr. Jones just gazed. "You will have to divorce her so that I can marry her." Mr. Jones still stared. "Listen here, I hear that you are a good chess player. So what? Why don't we play chess, play a game of chess, and the winner will take all!"

Jones' eyes lit up at this, and he immediately answered: "Say that's a very good idea, but why not add a bet of ten dollars on the side, to really make it interesting!"

I spent a week in Corpus Christi, giving exhibitions and many talks before Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce and other clubs, which I feel certain will help the U. S. National Open Tournament--August 11-23, '47. (Get there if you can for one of the most enjoyable chess events yet! Knowing the chess crowd in Corpus Christi, I can guarantee that!)

Here's my game against the president of the local club, one of eight in a blindfold exhibition on January 26, 1947:

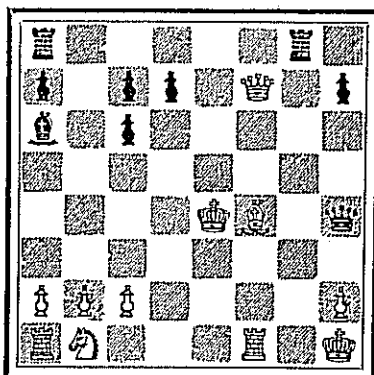
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1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	15. KR-B1	B-Q2
2. P-QB4	P-K3	16. QR-Kt1	P-QR3
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	17. BxKt	PxB
4. P-K3	P-Q4	18. Kt-Q2	K-B2
5. Q-R4ch	Kt-B3	19. QxP	QxRP
6. Kt-B3	B-Q2	20. R-R1	QxKt
7. Q-B2	Kt-K5	21. RxKt	KR-K1
8. B-Q3	BxKtch	22. Q-Q5ch	B-K3
9. PxB	P-KB4	23. RxPch	K-Kt3
10. B-R3	P-QKt3	24. Q-K4ch	K-R3
11. PxP	PxP	25. Q-B4ch	P-Kt4
12. P-B4	B-K3	26. Q-B6ch	K-R4
13. PxP	QxP	27. RxPch	K-Kt5
14. O-O	P-QKt4	28. P-R3 mate	

"At the Koltanowski exhibition: 'I have Koltanowski at a disadvantage..He's got more pieces to worry about than I have!'"
....from RED ROSE CLATTER, monthly publication of the very active Red Rose Chess Club, Lancaster, Pa., ably edited by G. K. Malcolm.

Chess on the West Coast is advancing by leaps and bounds. Men like Dr. Kuhns, C. T. McKinley (La Jolla), Madrid (Riverside), A. W. Flippin (Salinas), Dr. H. W. Tower (Petaluma), Dr. C. Wesley Bird (Fresno), Tom Shoemaker (Santa Rosa), Rev. Weston and Herb Betker (Modesto), Harry G. Shaw and Wm. T. Adams (San Jose), Charles Bagby and Ernest J. Clarke (San Francisco Mechanics Institute), Nicholas Russ (Vallejo), and Elmer S. Anderson (Y.M.C.A.C.C., San Francisco), just to mention a few, are doing more than their share to develop Chess. To them and others like them we say: "Keep up the good work! Congratulations!!"

To Rev. R. J. Renfroe, of Palo Alto Assemblies of God Church, and Chaplain Harry G. Warwick, of San Quentin Prison, I wish to extend a special note of thanks for arranging a visit to San Quentin Prison, where I gave an exhibition against 14 players.

I gave a whole string of exhibitions in Wisconsin, which were ably arranged by Fritz Rathmann, Waldo Waters, President of the Massachusetts State C. A., and editor of a top-notch Boston Chess column, rendered similar aid in New England. In my blindfold exhibition at the Mutual Insurance Co. in Milwaukee, I announced mate in the following position:



1. Kt-B3ch, K-Q5; 2. QR-Q1ch, K-B4; 3. B-K3ch, K-Kt5; 4. P-R3ch, K-R4;
5. P-Kt4ch, QxP; 6. PxQch, KxP; 7. Q-Kt3ch, K-R4; 8. R-R1 Mate.

CAN YOU FIND A MATE IN FEWER MOVES? It wouldn't surprise me if you could. If you send in your solution to me, P. O. Box 318, YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, before May 20, 1947, you may receive a prize! The first 20 such solutions will be rewarded. So don't hesitate--try your hand at what I think is a fascinating position.

I acted as judge in the first short-wave match between Chicago and Puerto Rico, arranged by Al Margolis; Chicago lost that match, but I hear that in the meantime they have won the return match. Congratulations, Al and Chicagoans! You are pioneers in a new type of international match!!

I met Dr. Julius Weingart again in Des Moines. He is doing a splendid job in teaching the game to youngsters at the Y. M. C. A. It would indeed be wonderful if many other cities would follow his example.

Charles Bagby likes to tell the one about Joe, the farmhand who worked for 12 long years to save up a little nest-egg. With his savings in his pocket, he visited the county fair. For the first time he was able to enjoy one of the country's great institutions. Before long, he found himself drawn into a shell game. Joe bet a quarter, and lost. He bet half a dollar, and lost. He continued to double his bets, and in 25 minutes had lost all the money he had saved in the last 12 years. As Joe walked away, another farmhand expressed his sympathy at the bad luck Joe had suffered. "Oh, well", answered Joe, "Easy come, easy go!".....

That's all for now. I know I've left out many of the good things that have happened to me during the last 7 months, as well as the contributions of many of the game's hard workers. Unfortunately, space is limited. I do know that I've omitted many good chess stories (such as that about the team tournament in Baranquilla, Colombia, S. A., which was won by Cuba). But who knows? I may be tempted to write you again and bring these stories to you. Whatever happens, I wish to repeat my thanks to you players everywhere for your continued support of the game; my thanks to you and your clubs for having afforded me the opportunity to meet you.

I'll be seeing you again, I hope, when I embark on my next tour in October.

GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

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