

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS BULLETIN

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CHARLESTON WINS IN MATCH AT WHEELING

Five members of the Charleston Chess Club, including two former state champions, were guests of Former WVCA President A. W. Paull on Oct. 11-12 at the Fort Henry Club in Wheeling.

In a free-wheeling, catch-as-catch sessions against nine Wheeling players, the Charleston players were victorious by a lopsided score, the size of which may never be known. The score mixup resulted from these circumstances: At the start, it was agreed that only the first two games between each pair of opponents were to be counted. All players did not know of this arrangement and some pairs played three or four, or even more games. When it came time to report scores, it proved impossible to determine which games had been played first. An effort was then made to collect and enter all scores, Edward Foy acting for Charleston, William Cuthbert for Wheeling. As the Charleston players left for home immediately after the final session, however, it was impossible to check and verify the totals. Eddie came up with a 48-17 win for Charleston, while Bill's figures showed the result to be $38\frac{1}{2}$ - $18\frac{1}{2}$ for the Charleston group. Foy's scores apparently include 8 more games than do Cuthbert's.

In any event, John Hurt of Charleston and Bill Cuthbert of Wheeling were the heroes of the meet. Hurt lost only one game, to Cuthbert (they broke even in their individual encounter, 1-1), and Cuthbert also yielded a draw to Reid Holt for a total point loss of $1\frac{1}{2}$.

We will give herewith Cuthbert's totals, since they are more detailed, and will afterward indicate differences shown by Foy's report:

Charleston: Hurt, 12-1; Allen DuVall, $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$; Holt, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$; Wm. F. Hartling of St. Albans, 5-5; Edward M. Foy, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Wheeling: Cuthbert, $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; B. E. Stover, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$; E. M. Bottome of Moundsville, 2-4; Maynard Wallace, 1-2; A. W. Paull, 3-10; Judge H. M. Russell, $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$; James P. Altmeyer, 0-1; the Rev. Wm. M. Erhard, 0-2; A. C. Dobbs, Sr., 0-4.

Box-score of individual results (Cuthbert's record):

	<u>Hurt</u>	<u>DuVall</u>	<u>Holt</u>	<u>Hartling</u>	<u>Foy</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cuthbert	1-1	1-0	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	2-0	2-0	$6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
Stover	...	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	2-1	2-2	...	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
Bottome	0-3	....	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	1-0	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	2-4
Wallace	0-2	1-0	...	...	...	1-2
Paull	0-3	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-1	3-10
Russell	0-1	0-2	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	0-1	...	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$
Altmeyer	0-1	...	.....	...	...	0-1
Erhard	0-1	...	0-1	...	...	0-2
Dobbs	...	0-2	...	...	0-2	0-4
Totals	12-1	$7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$	5-5	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	

Foy's report shows Hurt with a score of 17-1, DuVall $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, Holt 11-5, Foy $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, Hartling 5-5. He also gives totals for Cuthbert and Stover which are the same as shown by Cuthbert ($6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, respectively) but does not report scores of other Wheeling players. Eddie did not forward his box-score of the match.

Regardless of the somewhat dubious score, Charleston players left Wheeling, expressing great appreciation of the hospitality of Brother Paull and declaring the match against the Wheeling players one of the most enjoyable they had ever taken part in.

W-I CHESS CLUB ORGANIZES

The Washington Irving high school chess club held its organization meeting early in October at Clarksburg. James Criss, newly-elected president issued a challenge for a match against a team from any other high school in Harrison county. Criss said all 10 members had agreed to participate in the George Koltanowski simultaneous exhibition scheduled for Nov. 12 at the Stonewall Jackson hotel, under the auspices of the Clarksburg Chess Club.

TEAM PLAY OPENS AT CHARLESTON

The Kanawha Valley Chess League opened its annual team play Oct. 20, under the sponsorship of the Charleston and Carbide clubs, with eight teams entered. Two are composed of members of the Carbide club; the others are made up of Charleston club members. Personnel of the teams follows:

Vinylite--Ray Martin, W.A. Denison, Kingsley Hughes, Jim Ankony, David Marples.
Instructments--Hal Liggett, Andy Walter, Jim Schilling, Hugh Allison, Robert Swarbrick.

(Alternates from the Carbide club who may play on the above two teams are Bob Harris, Frank Park, Arthur Maloy and Greenlee.)

Bishops--Wm. F. Hartling, John C. Wiles, Tom Arnold, David Perry.

Knights--Edw. M. Foy, Frank Branner, Sam Lawrence, Sr., Delmar Robinson.

Du Royal--Edwin Faust, Allen B. Gilliland, Jack Riggs, Bobby Riggs.

Rooks--Allen DuVall, Mrs. Myrle Snyder, Wardell, Mrs. Thelma B. Boomer, T.A. Snyder.

Monarch--John Hurt, Jr., Lynn Cavendish, A. Schoenfeld, Esther Snyder.

Shah Mat--H. Reid Holt, Wm. Truslow, Arthur Brenneman, Gloria Hammack, Arthur Klein.

MARKS WINS 16 IN 20 IN SIMULTANEOUS

State Champion H. Landis Marks of Huntington won 16 in 20 games in a simultaneous exhibition Oct. 15 in the Charleston club. He dropped games to Hugh Allison, Reid Holt, Edward Foy and Mrs. Thelma B. Boomer; and won from Arthur Klein, Frank Branner, Gloria Hammack, Esther Snyder, Mrs. Myrle Snyder, Lynn Cavendish, Kingsley Hughes, Ray Martin, A. Schoenfeld, Harold Liggett, David Marples, Edwin Faust, William Hartling, Allen DuVall, John Wiles and Allan Gilliland.

CHARLESTON RAPID TRANSIT ENDS IN 4-WAY TIE

The Charleston Chess Club's annual rapid transit event Oct. 1 ended in a four-way tie, with each of the following players achieving a 4-1 score in the five-round Swiss meet: William R. Cuthbert of Wheeling; Edwin Faust, an instructor at West Virginia Institute of Technology, Montgomery; and John Hurt, Jr., and Edward M. Foy, both of Charleston.

Allen DuVall was fifth among the 18 entrants, with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$; while three players tied for sixth with 3-1: William Hartling, Bobby Riggs and Arthur Klein. Other scores were: Reid Holt, $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; Frank Branner, Arthur Brenneman, Kingsley Hughes, Ray Martin and Wardell, 2-3; Hugh Allison, Lynn Cavendish, Hal Liggett-T.A. Snyder and Jack Riggs, 1-4.

SOUTH CHARLESTON RAPID TRANSIT

John Hurt, Jr., Charleston city champion, won a rapid transit tournament at the Carbide Chess Club Sept. 29 by a score of 6-0. Harold Liggett and Ray Martin tied for second with 5-1 each.

The same evening, John Hurt and Hal Liggett, both former state champions, met seven opponents in a tandem simultaneous, winning six games and losing only to Ray Martin. (In a tandem simultaneous, the two players who are teamed make alternate moves at each board.)

KOLTANOWSKI AT WHEELING

World Blindfold Chessmaster George Koltanowski was scheduled to give a simultaneous exhibition, including blindfold play, ~~Thursday~~ Nov. 13, at the Wheeling YMCA, under the auspices of the Wheeling Chess Club.

HURT WINS 8, LOSES 4 IN SIMULTANEOUS

John Hurt, Jr., won eight of 12 games Sept. 24 in a simultaneous exhibition in the Charleston Chess Club. He was defeated by Frank Branner, Lynn Cavendish, Esther Snyder and Karl Forssmark, and won from Mrs. Thelma B. Boomer, Dr. Richard Cuonzo, Robert Carson, Hugh Allison, Mrs. Myrle Snyder, Gloria Hammack, Edwin Faust and Mrs. Virginia Faust.

IN RE THE TRI-STATE MEET

Play in the Tri-State meet at Cleveland likely will be over before this copy of the Bulletin reaches you. Play was set to start at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 8. West Virginia was sending its champion, H. Landis Marks, and its runnerup, Dr. Siegfried Werthamer, both of Huntington; while Ohio was to send its champ and runnerup, Tommy Ellison of Cleveland and Lawrence Jackson, Jr., of Toledo. At last reports, however, it was doubtful if Pennsylvania would have its top men at the meet, and it seems likely that players would be T. C. Gutelkunst of Allentown, the fourth-prize winner, plus either Dale Schrader of Philadelphia or William M. Byland of Pittsburgh.

It was probable also that there would be an Ohio-Pennsylvania team match but it seemed unlikely that West Virginia would have a representation for this feature, unless there happened to be a number of eleventh-hour volunteers.

We hope to bring you the best games from the Tri-State meet in the December issue of the Bulletin.

WHO IS GUILTY OF THIS?

Secy. Holt reports he received an anonymous card, postmarked Charleston, bearing a newspaper clipping (also anon.) which says:

"Sent on an errand five years ago, a Pennsylvania man just returned to his wife. Probably stopped to play chess on the way."

NOTE FROM BILL SCHAEFFER

William Schaeffer writes from Washington, D. C. (Oct. 26): "Playing chess weekly at the Federal Chess Club and am competing in Class A of the annual tournament. I got a draw in my first games Tuesday but likely will falter later." We hope to be able to report later how Bill made out and to print some of his games.

SAMPLE COPY OF "CHESS LIFE" WITH THIS ISSUE

Unless best-laid plans gang a-gley, as they sometimes do, readers this month will receive with their Bulletin a copy of the Nov. 5 issue of CHESS LIFE, official newspaper of the United States Chess Federation, thru the courtesy of its excellent editor, Montgomery Major, containing, among other good things, a story on the ingenuity shown by West Virginia chess players in building their own chess clocks. If after seeing this sample copy of CHESS LIFE, you want to subscribe for a year--and we think you will--you can do so by sending \$2 to USCF Secretary Edward I. Treend, 12869 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

BALLOTS WITH THIS ISSUE

Ballots to all regular active members of the WVCA go out with this issue of the WVCA. If you are eligible to vote, write your candidates for office on the postcard ballot and drop it into the nearest mailbox immediately. Ballots must be received by Tellers Ray Griffin and William Challinor by Nov. 25 in order to be counted.

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Edward M. Foy of Charleston has been added to the list of Sustaining Members --those who pay a \$5 annual membership fee, instead of the usual \$1. Anyone who wishes to qualify for this distinction may do so by sending the fee to H. Reid Holt, 164 Sunset Drive, Charleston 1, W. Va.

NEW ADDRESS: Allen DuVall, 630 Central Avenue, Charleston 2, W. Va.

WVCA FINANCIAL STATEMENT, QUARTER ENDED SEPT. 30, 1947:

Funds on hand, June 30, 1947, \$26.86; dues, annual, \$30.85; dues, sustaining members (at \$5 each), \$30; donations, A. W. Paull, \$9; sales of books at tournament, \$8; total receipts, \$77.85; total funds available, \$104.71.

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Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1947, \$60.80.

WHERE THE WEST VIRGINIA CHESS CLUBS MEET

Carbide C.C.--Every Monday, Recreation Center, South Charleston.
 Charleston C.C.--8 p.m. each Wednesday, K. of C. rooms, 1117 Quarrier Street
 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.

GAMES DEPARTMENT — EDITED BY DR. SIEGFRIED WERTHAMMER

"Returns" from the members are not yet in, so we have no way of knowing whether they liked our Games Department of last month. We are using a similar arrangement this month and hope, before the December issue, to have some indication of whether it meets membership approval. Send suggestions, along with games you think may be worth using to Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, 2008 North Englewood Road, Huntington, WVa.

The members' opinions will be our guide; if they don't like the way the Games Department is handled, we'll change it. There has been a discussion in CHESS REVIEW on fewer games with many annotations versus many games without notes. I have the feeling our membership rather prefers annotated games.

I have insisted that the editor publish the game Hayward-Collett and that no changes be made in the notes (I fear his modesty). So far I have only Hurt's games from the Wheeling-Charleston match and am using one of these; I hope soon to receive others. Our game from national events this time is Ulvestad-Bain, a game from ^{which} students of chess can learn a great deal; it illustrates how to utilize advantage in space, play against constricted position, and combined play on both wings. The international game has been selected for pure enjoyment; we are trying to include only such games as have not been published previously. For the December Bulletin, we hope to have quite a bit of material from the Tri-State meet.

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MY BEST GAME OF CHESS — IV

Landis Marks submitted for choice about 20 correspondence games. We selected the following one because it illustrates well Marks' style. He never plays a dull game, his chess imagination knows no bounds and he knows how to give the most hackneyed variations a new twist.

Q. G. DECLINED
CORRESPONDENCE, FEBRUARY
TO JULY, 1946

WHITE: H. L. MARKS
BLACK: WILLIAM K. KIRSCHER,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 P-QB4 P-K3
3 N-QB3 N-KB3
4 B-N5 QN-Q2
5 P-K3 B-K2
6 N-B3 O-O
7 Q-B2 P-B4
8 R-Q P-KR3
9 P-KR4!

The piece offer is cor-

rect and cannot be accepted. In a similar position in a correspondence (!!) game Marks-Werthammer, Black wanted to be shown and came to grief: 1 P-Q4 P-Q4, 2 P-QB4 P-K3, 3 N-QB3 N-KB3, 4 B-N5 B-K2, 5 P-K3 O-O, 6 Q-B2 P-KR3, 7 P-KR4 PxB?, 8 PxNP N-K5, 9 PxP NxNP (better P-KB4) 10 P-B4 P-KB4, 11 PxB BxP, 12 B-B4 R-K, 13 O-O-O! BxPch, 14 K-N B-R3, 15 N-B3 P-R3, 16 PxB Q-Q3, 17 QxP Resigns.

9 ... BPxP

Better Q-R4; the Q on the file opposite the White R is badly placed.

10 RxB P-K4?

Leads to loss of a P.

11 R-Q2 P-K5
12 BxN BxB
13 N-Q4 R-K
14 PxB Q-K2
15 P-Q6! Q-K4

If QxP, 16 simply B-B4 with an irresistible attack.

16 N(4)-N5 B-Q
17 N-Q5 R-B
18 N(Q5)-B7 BxN
19 PxB N-N3
20 Q-B3!

The strongest continuation. After the Q exchange one would expect a long-drawn-out endgame, but the fireworks are just starting.

20... QxQ
21 NxQ P-B4

A trifle better would be B-B4.

22 P-KN4! P-B5
23 P-N5! BPxP
24 BPxP R-B6
25 R-QBch K-B2
26 B-K2! R-B4

RxP?? 27 K moves to B2 or Q2 and wins the R.

27 NxP K-K2
28 PxB PxB
29 R-N B-K3
30 R-N7ch

The winning combination.

30 ... R-B2
31 RxBch KxB
32 RxB NxB
33 P-B3(Q)!! Resigns, for if BxQ, 34 N-Q6ch

CHARLESTON-WHEELING CITY MATCH
 October 12, 1947
 at Wheeling, W. Va.
FRENCH DEFENSE

In an old story, a chess player, in his will, prohibits his son from taking QNP with his Q, the penalty being disinheritance. Here Black had a very good game till he went P-snatching. Then White gained control of the 7th rank and led his attack nicely to a win.

WHITES: WILLIAM R. CUTHBERT, WHEELING
BLACK: JOHN HURT, JR., CHARLESTON

- 1 P-K4 P-K3
- 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3 N-QB3 N-KB3
- 4 P-K5 KN-Q2
- 5 B-K3

Unusual and not good; the common moves here are P-KB4 at once or QN-K2.

- 5 ... P-QB4
- 6 P-B4 PXP
- 7 BXP N-QB3
- 8 N-B3 NxB
- 9 NxN Q-N3

The drawback of White's B-K3 is that he will have to concede the two B's to Black.

- 10 B-N5

Forced if White wishes to castle.

- 10 ... B-B4
- 11 QN-K2 P-QR3
- 12 BxNch BxB
- 13 O-O R-QB

Much stronger is

13...B-N4!, 14 P-B3 (any other move loses a N or the exchange) KBxNch, 15 PxB BxN, 16 QxB QxQP and Black has a protected free plus P. Or if Black doesn't want to exchange the B's: 14 ...P-QR4!, 15 K-R B-R3! with a probable winning advantage.

- 14 K-R QxQNP?

Black should castle.

- 15 R-QN QxRP
- 16 RxB Q-B5

B-N4 with return of the plus P would enable Black to castle; after the text, White gets a strong attack.

- 17 P-B5! BxN
- 18 NxB P-KR4?

Better PxB because after 19 NxP BxN, 20 RxB QxP. After PxB White could continue the attack with P-KN4.

- 19 PxB BxP
- 20 NxB PxN
- 21 Q-B3 R-B2
- 22 R-N8ch R-QB
- 23 Q-B7ch K-Q
- 24 R-N7 R-B2
- 25 R-N8ch R-B
- 26 R-N6!

After repetition of moves, White finds the winning maneuver.

- 26 ... R-B2
- 27 R-Q6ch K-B
- 28 QxKPch K-N2
- 29 R-QNch K-R2
- 30 R-Q7?

White handled the attack with the heavy pieces quite

well but this move is a grave mistake. 30 R-R would have won easily.

- 30 ... R-KB?

Does not take advantage of White's error. 30...R-QN! would have drawn as White is forced to exchange R's because of Black's mating threats.

- 31 Q-N6ch K-R
- 32 RxB Resigns

W. VA. STATE 1947
HUNTINGTON, Aug. 31
Fourth Round
QUEEN'S P. G.

A pleasing game by the Bulletin editor. After an inferior defense, he equalizes thru energetic play. In an even position he plays so spiritedly and presses his opponent so hard he succeeds in mating despite an incorrect trap. We feel "ye ed" should be appreciated not only as a chess journalist and promoter but also as a chess player.

WHITE: DR. V. S. HAYWARD, HUNTINGTON
BLACK: GENE COLLETT, PITTSBURGH

- 1 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 P-QB4 PXP
- 4 N-B3

Better P-Q5.

- 4 ... P-K3
- 5 B-B4

Too early, permits Black either

to win the Gambit P or exchange the B.

- 5 ... B-N5
- 6 P-K3 N-B3

BxN, followed by P-QN4 and B-R3 would keep the Gambit P.

- 7 BxP(4) N-K5
- 8 Q-N3

Much better Q-B2; the Q will have to retreat later on with loss of time.

- 8 ... Q-K2
- 9 O-O NxN
- 10 PxN B-Q3
- 11 BxB QxB
- 12 QR-Q

P-K4 was needed.

- 12 ... O-O

Black threatens N-QR4.

- 13 Q-B2 N-K2
- 14 N-N5 N-N3
- 15 N-K4 Q-K2
- 16 B-Q3 P-N3
- 17 N-Q2 B-N2
- 18 B-K4 BxB

The game is even; Black complicates the game despite the reduced material and forms a dashing attack, not caring about his weak P on K3.

- 19 NxB P-KB4
- 20 N-Q2 P-B5
- 21 N-B3 N-R5
- 22 NxN QxN
- 23 Q-K4 QR-K
- 24 P-N3 Q-N5
- 25 P-B3 Q-R6
- 26 KXP R-B3
- 27 R-Q2 R(1)-KB
- 28 R(2)-KB2 R-N3
- 29 R-KN2 R(1)-B3
- 30 P-N4

White could draw

instead by Q-R8ch.

- 30 ... P-KR4
- 31 P-B5 RxBP
- 32 R-N3 RxBP

Up to here, Black made something from nothing and pressed on White's K position. Despite his P weakness on K3, the P minus and White's good tho somewhat passive defense, his attack is good for a draw but no more. The text sets a trap which is incorrect. 32...Q-R5, 33 PXR RxBch, 34 PXR QXPch would have drawn.

- 33 QXPch R-B2
- 34 PXR??

White falters; 34 RXR PXR, 35 QXP would have removed all danger and tho the outcome would have been likely a draw, Black would have had to fight for it.

- 34 ... QXR(B)ch and mate

1947 USCF OPEN
Corpus Christi, Tex.
2nd Round, Aug. 12
Q. G. DECLINED

The well-known Western player and chess author, Olaf Ulvestad, wins an interesting game from the strong woman player, Mrs. Mary Bain.

WHITE: ULVESTAD
BLACK: BAIN

- 1 P-Q4 N-KB3
- 2 P-QB4 P-K3
- 3 N-KB3 P-Q4

- 4 QN-Q2 QN-Q2
- 5 P-QR3 B-K2

P-QB4 would have been better. Black makes the conventional moves; they are too passive in this variation. The usual free maneuvers for Black, P-QB4 or P-K4 will be impossible later because of White's P-QN4 and B-QN2, respectively.

- 6 P-QN4 P-B3
- 7 B-N2 O-O
- 8 P-K3 R-K
- 9 Q-B2 P-QR4

Leading eventually to the opening of the QR file which is bound to benefit White, who has the much freer game. As a matter of fact, the open file will decide the game for White.

- 10 P-B5 N-B
- 11 P-KR4

White is so secure that he is able to start a K-wing attack.

- 11 ... N-N5
- 12 P-R5 P-B4
- 13 B-K2 PXP
- 14 PXP RXRch
- 15 BXR B-B3
- 16 N-K5 NxB
- 17 PxB B-N4

Black has not succeeded in playing P-K4 and the Q3 is locked in. White has now a great advantage in space.

- 18 P-B4 B-K2
- 19 B-Q4 B-Q2
- 20 O-O P-KN4

Black tries to get some outlet for his bottled K-wing pieces but the text opens the KR file for White.

- 21 PXPp. NXP
- 22 K-B2 R-B
- 23 R-KR R-B2
- 24 N-B3 B-K
- 25 R-R6 K-N2
- 26 R-R5 K-N
- 27 Q-N R-N2
- 28 R-R6 N-B
- 29 P-N3 R-N3
- 30 R-R R-N2
- 31 B-Q3 Q-B2

White's attack did not get thru, but it succeeded in massing Black's pieces at her K-wing in awkward positions with limited mobility. He transfers his attack to the Q-wing where he can easily penetrate.

- 32 Q-R2 Q-N
- 33 R-QR B-R4
- 34 Q-R8 Q-B2
- 35 R-R7 B-Q
- 36 B-R6 RXP

A pretty attempt to save game. White cannot play KXR because of Q-N2ch and Black has at least drawing chances.

- 37 RXP RxBch
- 38 K-N2 B-R5

The Q sacrifice is incorrect.

- 39 RxB B-N5
- 40 B-B

The refutation.

- 40 ... R-B7ch
- 41 K-N R-QB7
- 42 Q-K8 B-B7ch
- 43 K-R B-B6ch
- 44 B-N2 Resigns

INTERNATIONAL MEET
BEVERWYK, HOLLAND
January 6, 1946
2 KNIGHTS DEFENSE

Tho by no means perfect, this is an enchanting game. White's play shows romantic verve but not a great deal of solidity. His sacrifices are so generous and entertaining that one is very happy that he finally did win. The comments are based on notes by H. Knoch in the Dutch tournament book.

WHITE: VAN STEENIS
BLACK: KOOMEN

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 B-B4 N-KB3
- 3 N-KB3 N-B3
- 4 N-N5 P-Q4
- 5 PXP N-QR4
- 6 B-N5ch P-B3
- 7 PXP PXP
- 8 Q-B3

A continuation directed against Black's move P-K5.

- 8 ... Q-B2

The offer of the exchange by PxB leads to a wild game with a strong attack for Black; its correctness, however, is doubtful.

- 9 B-Q3 B-K2!

Much better than B-QB4. Black threatens now O-O followed by P-KR3; if then White's N retreats to KP4, Black exchanges Ns and gets a strong

attack by P-KB4.

10 P-QN3 O-O
11 B-R3 BxB
12 NxB P-KR3
13 P-KR4?

If 13 N-K4 NxN,
14 QxN (BxN? loses
a piece) P-KB4, 15
B-B4ch K-R, 16 Q-K2
Q-Q3, Black has all
the play. White
prefers to sacri-
fice a piece, but
the sacrifice is
more than dubious.

13... R-K?

Black should have
accepted the sacri-
fice: 13...PxN!, 14
PxP P-K5, 15 Q-K3
(the only move)
Q-K4, threatening
QxRch and also N-
Q4. After the text
White gets the ad-
vantage.

14 N-K4 NxN
15 BxN B-K3
16 P-QN4! N-N2

17 P-QN5 N-R4
18 P-N4! QR-N
19 P-N5 KRPxP
20 KRPxP K-B
21 K-K2

Preparing a fan-
tastic combination.
PxP would have been
stronger.

21 ... PxP
22 Q-B6!!

A brilliant move
which should, how-
ever, lead only to
a draw. With this
move White announc-
ed mate in 8 moves
(mate in 80 was
more to the point).
Tho the rules of
chess do not pun-
ish such untrue
predictions, they
are, nevertheless,
quite embarrassing.
But it has happen-
ed to the best!

Famous precedent
was the game Bogol-
jubow-Azstalos

(Bled 1931) when
White announced
mate in 2 and the
game was given up
as a draw several
moves later. Worst
in this respect
happened to v.
Balla against Brey-
er in a Hungarian
tourney. V. Balla
called mate in 2.
Breyer deliberated
a long time and
made a move. Then
v. Balla thought a
long time, correct-
ed himself by an-
nouncing mate in
3--and moved. Brey-
er then moved, v.
Balla looked at
the position--and
resigned!

22 ... B-N5ch
23 P-KB3 PxQ
24 PxP K-N
25 QR-KN Q-Q2
26 B-R7ch K-B
27 RxB

B-B5? loses be-
cause of 27...BxP
ch! but White can
easily draw by B-K4
if he wants to.

27 ... QxR
28 PxQ R-QN3

The endgame is
difficult for Black
but likely is not
lost.

29 P-N5 P-R3
30 B-K4 K-N
31 R-R7 P-N5?

The losing move;
correct was 31...
R-B, 32 R-N7ch K-R,
33 B-Q5 R-KN, 34
RxB KRxNP, 35 R-B8ch
K-R2, 36 B-K4ch
R-KN3!

32 R-N7ch K-B

This permits a
mate in three but
32...K-R, 33 RxB
is hopeless.

33 B-R7 Resigns

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