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## BISHOPS WIN KANAWHA VALLEY TEAM PLAY

The Bishops team, captained by William F. Hartling, won first place in the Kanawha Valley Chess League's play which ended last month. The Bishops lost their final match in the series of seven but until that time had yielded only one draw, giving them a final score of  $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . The standings:

Team	Mat.	ches	Game	<u>s</u>
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Members of the Bishops team, in addition to Hartling at first board, were John Wiles, second board; Tom Arnold, third board, and David Perry, fourth board. Hartling and Arnold lost only one game each and Wiles only two. Perry played in only two games, winning one and losing one, and surrending his other five games on forfeits.

At the close of league play, Ed Foy picked all star teams for the Charleston Gazette, as follows:

All Star Team: First board, William F. Hartling Bishops, season's score, 6-1; second, Lynn Caven-

dish (captain), Monarch, 6-0; third, Tom Arnold, Bishops, 6-1; fourth, Dan Lowder, Rooks, 5-1.

Second Team: First board, Reid Holt, Shah Mat, 4-2; second, Frank Branner (captain), Knights, 6-1; third, Jim Ankeney, Vinylite, 4-2; fourth, Dave Marples, Vinylite, 4-2.

Of his choices, Eddie said: "It was not surprising that Hartling should be named at first board. He has been one of West Virginia's strongest players for yoars. Lynn Cavendish's fine play which gained him the second board spot and the captaincy of this mythical outfit was rather surprising, especially when his competitors included such players as John Wiles and Allan Gilliland. Tom Arnold, at third board, did not lose a game until his team had clinched the championship. Dan Lowder, in his first season of league play, is fourth board choice—he actually played either third or fourth board for the Rooks... In the matter of actual chess strength, the second team of Holt, Branner, Ankeney and Marples is, at least, on a par with the All Star section. However, the first team players turned in better 1947 league records."

A week after the season closed a special "all-star" team, consisting of Foy, Cavendish, Ankeney and Lowder, played the championship Bishops team and won 4-0. The upset score was surprising, but there was close play at all boards.

Individual records of players during the league season follow:

#### Player and Team

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Lynn Cavendish (M)	6-0	John F.Hurt, Jr. (M)	4-3	W.S.Wardell, Jr. (R)	2-3
Frank Branner (K)	6-1	Edwin Faust (D)	$3\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$	Harold Liggett (I)	2-4
Wm.F.Hartling (B)	6-1	Allan Gilliland (D)	32-32	Al DuVall (R)	2-5
Tom Arnold (B)	6-1	Bob Swarbrick (I)	3-2	A.Schoenfeld(M)	1 ਹੁੰ- 3 ਹੁੰ
Edward M. Foy (K)	5월-1월	Hugh Allison (I)	3-3	Wm.Truslow (S)	追-35
Dan Lowder (R)	5-1	Mrs.Myrle Snyder(R)	3-3	Bob Harris (V)	1.40
John C. Wiles (B)	5-2	Kingeley Hughes (V)	2-1	Karl Frossmark (K)	1-1
Jim Ankeney (V)	4늘-1글	Bob Riggs (D)	2-1	-Gloria Hammack (S)	1-1
Arthur Klein (S)	4-1	Jack Riggs (D)	2-1	David Perry (B)	1-1
Reid Holt (S)	4-23	'Arthur Brenneman(S)-	2-2	W.A.Denison (V)	1-5
Dave Marples (V)	″4 <b>-</b> 2	Samuel Lawrence (K)	2-2	Ray Martin (V)	1-5:
		Jam Schrifting (I)	2-5	Harold Cook (I)	0-1
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# GAMES DEPARTMENT

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On this month's Choice for "My Best Game," Bill Cuthbert of Wheeling wrote:

"H. Dolde was Western Pennsylvania Champion and the game was played during the Western Pennsylvania tourney in December, 1930. On my P-K4, Dolde countered with the Alekhine's Defense. I didn't even know there was an Alekhine, much less a defense named after the gentleman, so I did just what came naturally. I think a better player than I, with White, should have won. I lost, but I had no real complaint about my play early in the game."

Bill exhibits rare good sportsmanship in letting a game he lost be published as his best game. It proves that the outcome of a games does not always determine its appeal for the one who played it. In the series, "My Best Game," what a player thinks of the game is what counts, be it good or bad, won or lost. It is quite a personal offering and should be received as such-despite occasional meddling by the Games Editor.

## My BESTGAME OF CHESS-II

ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
TOURNAMENT, 1930
WHITE: CUTHEERT

l P-K4 N-KB3

BLACK: DOLDE

P-K5 N-Q4
 P-QB4 N-N3
 P-Q4 P-Q3

5 B-B4

The text move is not listed in MCO. It is inferior to N-KB3 or P-B4.

5 ... PxP 6 BxP N-B3 7 N-KB3 B-B4

B-N5 is strong and leads to disorganization or capture of White's center Ps.

8 N-QB3 P-K3 9 P-B5 N-Q4 10 B-N5 NxN 11 BxNch

Unnacessary exchange. White's KB is worth more than the resulting weakness of Black's Q-wing Ra

11 ... PxB 12 PxN P-B3 13 B-B4 B-K2

P-N4 followed by P-KR4 and B-R3 is more energetic. As Black plays he gets a weak P on his K3 without compensations.

14 N-R4 B-N3

0-0 is much stronger. After 15 NxB PxN Black is rid of the weak KP and still has the possibility of advancing Ps on the K-wing.

15 0-0 0-0?

B-B2 is the move. White gets now an irresistable attack.

16 NxB PxN 17 Q-N3:

By far superior to 17 Q-N4 Q-Q4!, 18 QxNP or BxP, P-K4! with counter-chances.

17 ... Q-Q2 18 KR-K K-B2 19 R-K2 KR-QV

KR-K is somewhat better.

20 Q-B4 B-B 21 BxP! R-N2

Of course not QxB because of QxPcheckmate.

22 B-N3

QR-K at once is possi-

ble; the B is inviolate.

22 ... P-N4 23 QR-K R-K 24 P-KR4 PxP 25 BxP P-N3

To get the B in play.

26 R-K3 B-R3 27 R-B3 P-B4 28 P-N4

The winning move.

28 ••• Q-Q<u>4</u> 29 Q-Q3

QxQ would have led to a won end-game for White: 29 ... KPxQ, 30 RxR KxR, 31 PxP PxP, 32 RxP wins, or 29 ... BPxP White wins with his QPs, altho it might take longer.

29 ... B-N2 30 PxP NPxP 31 Q-K2?

Missing another winning line: 31 P-B4: Q-Q2, 32 P-Q5: wins. After White's blunder, Black succeeds in relieving his position by exchanges.

31 ... R-KR
32 B-N3 B-B3
33 P-B4 Q-Q2
34 B-K5 R-KNch
35 R-N3 RxRch
36 PxR BxB
37 QxB

White is still a P ahead but it is doubtful whether the would still be a game can be won. 37 ... 0-K238 Q-K2 Q-B339 Q-Q3?

Lots Black's R go on his 7th file and endangers White's game.

39 ... R-N7 40 P-R3 Q-KR

Threatens mate.

41 R-K2 RxR $42 \, QxR$ QxPch 43 K-N2 Q-N5!

QxP(4) would permit White to give perpotual check; Black tries now for a win.

#### 44 Q-K5

Qs exchange would leave White with a lost ending.

44 ... 0xBP45 Q-B7ch K-B3 46 9xRP?

The losing move. QxBP would draw; e.g., 46...Q-Q4ch, 47 Qx() PxQ and the P ending is a draw. On other moves of Black, White has perpetual check possibilities.

Q-Q4ch 46 ... 47 K-B2 Q-Q7ch 48 K-B Q-Q6ch 49 K-N2 P-K4 Q-Q4ch 50 Q-R4 51 K-B ϘxP 52 Q-R4ch K-N3 63 Q-QN4?

The offer to exchange Qs amounts to resigning. Q and Ps ondings are very difficult to conduct. After 53 P-R4 Black has a win with best play, but has to proceed . carefully. There fight with ample opportunity for Black to stumble. 53 ...  $Q \times Q$ 

The P ending is easily won. There followed 54 PxQ K-N4. 55 K-N2 K-N5, 56 K-B2 P-B5, 57 PxP KxP, 58 K-K2 K-K5, 59 K-Q2 K-Q5, 60 Resigns ... Not a perfect game but, despite its length, vory interesting in all its phases.

TRI-STATE MEET CLEVELAND, OHIO November 9, 1947

This is the only gamo Landis Marks of Huntington lost at the Tri-State. We wanted to use it last issue but our score was defective. Landis straightened it out for us. The game is very eventful with many vicissitudes. There is sharp play thruout, particularly in the final stages.

#### BLUMENFELD C.G. WHITE: JULIUS GOODMAN OF OHIO BLACK: LANDIS MARKS 14 B-N5ch N(3)-Q2

L P-Q4 N-ICB3 2 P-0P4 P-B4 3 P-Q5 P-QN4

Altho the correct 19 0-0 ness of the Blumenfeld is doubtful, it gives Black good practical chances.

4 N-QB3?

Much better N-KBS

P-N54 ... Of course.

5 N-N P-K3 6 PxP HPxP B-K2 7 N-KB3 8 QN-Q2 B-N29 Q-B2 P-04 10 P-K3 QN-Q211 N-N5

A prema ture attacking move which will be successful here.But White had to do somothing drastic because after quiet development Black will castle and follow up by a P roller which will compress complotely the already cramped White position.

N-B? 11 ...

Q-N3: would refute White's N-N5 with a superior game for Black. White now gets some pressure on Black's K which is temporarily kept in the middle.

12 PxP QxP

Better than BxP as this move prepares for castling. PxP would be a blunder because of 13 B-N5ch followed by N-K6 and Black's KMP is lost.

13 P-KR4 P-KR3 15 P-K4 Q - Q316 N-B4 Q-B217 N-B3 P-R3 0-0-0 18 B-R4

White has succeeded in freeing his game. Black is better developed but has P wealmesses. The chances are about even.

19 ... N-KN3

A better move is N-B3 attacking the White KP and opening the Q-file. On Black's N-KB3 White would play R-K.

20 P-R5 N-K4

Again a weaker move. N-R5 is strong-

21 BxNch! NxB Forced.

22 R-Q?

The game becomes very complicated and both players miss opportunities in the difficult position. Instead of the text. R-K is indicated. taking the sting out of 22...N-B3 which aattacks the KP and KRP (22 R-K N-B3, 23 MN-K5! KR-B, 24 N-KN6 followed by B-B4 or 23...KR to N or K, 24 B-B4 NxP, 25 B-R2!).

22 ... KR-B?

N-B3 would give Black a winning attack.

23 Q-K2 N-B3

Still very strong, but not decisive any more.

24 RxR BxR?

RxR with much the better game. Black apparently wanted to keep one R on the KB-file for attacking purposes but the text abandons his important square Q3 to White.

25 P-K5: N-K5 Not NxP because of N-Q6ch.

26 B-K3 Q-B35 27 P-QR4?

R-QB at once and the chances are even 27 ... B-B2 28 R-QB N-N4

The attack is not decisive but there are numerous sacrificial possibilities "in the airl" 29 N-K

N-Q6ch! would give White at least a draw. If 29...K moves NxB, or 29...
BxN, 30 PxB NxNch, 31 PxN QxBP (otherwise the Black Q is lost), 32 RxPch K-Q2, 33 QxQ BxQ, 34 R-B7ch KxP, 35 RxP R-B4!, 36 R-N3 with a drawn ending.

29 ... N-R6ch 30 K-R2 N-E5 31 Q-N4 N-Q4 32 BxQHP?

A combination which wins the Q but gives too much material for it. 32 N-Q6ch! BxN, 33 QxKTch! with advantage for White.

32 ... QxB 33 N-Q6ch BxN 34 RxQch BxR 35 QxPch K-N 36 P-E3

Hack is slightly ahead in material and has mating attack possibilities due to White's weak K position. The strong White passed P is not enough compensation.

#### 36 ... N-B5?

This plausible looking move makes trouble for Black. The right winning procedure would be R-QB! followed by

B-K6. In the final stage of the game White plays master-fully.

57 Q-B4! B-B7?

This move loses. B-K2 was necessary.

38 QxNP R-B4
39 P-KN4! BxN
40 Q-Q6ch! K-R
41 PxR NxP
42 K-N2 N-B5ch
43 K-B B-N6
44 P-B6! PxP
45 PxP BxP

Black cannot construct a mating net with the 3 pieces.

46 QxPch K-N 47 P-B7!! Resigns

An extremely difficult game, full of fight. Definitely no attempt by either player to produce an easy last-round tournament draw.

FRENCH DEFENSE HOUSTON, TEXAS NOVEMBER, 1947

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WHITE: WEAVER W. ADAMS

#### BLACK: AMATEUR

Many of our West Virginia players fafor the French Defense. Therefore, this game may interest them, despite the fact that it was played in a simultaneous exhibition. The well known New England master puts Black's K under sustained siege. In a very instructive manner he increases the pressure and wins. Oddly, noither K castles.

1 P-K4 P-K3
2 P-Q4 P-Q4
3 N-QB3 B-N5
4 P-K5 P-QB4
5 P-QR3 BxNch
6 PxB N-K2
7 Q-N4 N-N3

N-B4 is much stronger.

8 N-B3 Q-R4

The usual procedures--White attacks on the K-wing and Black presses on the Q-wing.

9 B-Q2 P-B5 10 B-K2 N-B3 11 P-KR4 P-R4

The KRP will be lost. 11...K-B, 12 P-R5 KN-K2 with a difficult but playable game for Black is better.

12 Q-N5 QN-K2

Unnocessary. Black should carry out the following Q's maneuver at once. The N on K2 blocks the return of the Black Q to his K-wing. Black apparontly makes the N's move because he intends 0-0-0 but it never comes to this.

13 N-N!

This move wins the KRP. Black's weak 7th move is now shown up. If Black's KN would be on his KB4 he could move P-KN3.

13 ... N-B4? 14 P-N3 Q-N4

Black realizes he cannot save the RP so he proceeds to win the QHP. He'll succeed but his K position will be torn up.

15 BxP Q-N7 16 R-B N(4)-K2 17 BxN PxB 18 P-R4

N-R3 could be moved at once but White wants Black's QB away so he can't guard the KP.

18 ... B-Q2
19 N-R3 BxP
20 N-B4 K-B2
21 Q-N4 Q-N3
22 P-R5 PxP
23 RxP P-N3
24 R-R4 OR-KN

No good move here.

25 K-K2! RxR 26 QxR B-Q2 27 Q-E6ch K-K 28 R-KR K-Q

If 28...R-B, simply 29 Q-N4.

29 R-R7 R-K 30 RxN: RxR 31 NxNP Resigns

SICILIAN DEFENSE
1947 PRITISH
CHAMPIONSHIP INY.
WHITE: W.R.MOREY
BLACK: G.T.CROVIN

A brevity by G.T. Crown, brilliant 18year-old Englishman who died last month.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-B3 5 N-QB3 P-Q3 6 P-KN3

Very slow in this variation; B-K2 or B-KN5 is livelier.

6 ... P-KN3 7 B-N2 B-Q2 8 0-0 B-N2 9 P-KR3?

Preparing the decisive mistake.

9 ... Q-B 10 K-R2?? NxN 11 Resigns

Because if QxN N-N5ch wins the Q.

FRENCH DEFENSE
WHEELING-CHARLESTON
INTERCITY MATCH
WHEELING, W. VA.
OCTOBER 12, 1947
WHITE: B. E. STOVER
OF WHEELING
BLACK: AL DU VALL
OF CHARLESTON

The half-open game soon becomes wide opem. A battle develops with thrusts and counter-thrusts and some spicy combinations. White gets a strong attack but after one weak move, the tables are turned. Surprising is the quick finish.

1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 P-K5 P-QB4 4 P-QB3 N-QB3 5 N-KB3 N-K2

Better Q-N3 to prevent the next move of White.

6 B-KN5: P-KR3 7 B-R4 Q-B2

If now Q-N3, simply 8 Q-Q2. 8 B-N5

After this move, the KB will have to be exchanged. Another plan would be to develop the Q-wing pieces by N-R3, the N later to go to N5 or B2.

8... B-Q2 With the threat NxKP.

9 B-N3 N-B4

Initiating an interesting combination.

Taking up the challenge.

ll BPxN NxKP ls NxN:

The point-White regains the P with strong attacking possibilities.

12 ... BxB 13 RxP Q-N3 14 N-R3 0-0-0 15 Q-N4?? One move too early, After 15 NxB: QxN, 16 Q-N4, Black is in great difficulties (16...Q-N3, 17 QR-KB with the threat of N-N6). After the text, White's pieces are thrown back and his N on R3 stays in exile until the end of the game.

15 ... B-K

Not only a good move--but the only one.

16 R-B2 P-KR4 17 Q-R4 PxP 18 PxP B-Q3 19 R-QBch K-N 20 K-R

An attempt to deliver his KR from the potential pin. Still, White's pieces are uncomfortably "hanging." Black's QR also "hangs" but White cannot take advantage of it, as the B on K is a good defender.

20 ... BxN(4) 21 PxB B-N3 22 Q-KB4

Better to move the R away from B2, tho Black keeps the superior game.

22 .. B-K5:

Black made good use of his QB(which Black did not exchange on move 15). The centralized attacking position of this B will help decide the game.

Overlooking the simple but effective final attack—
but White had no good moves at his disposal any more.

23 9-92?

23 ... P-R5: 24 R-KB7 PxP 25 P-R3 RxP mate BLACK WINS

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### CHESS NEWS FROM ALL OVER

THE 1947 W. VA. PROBLEM SOLVING CONTEST winner is Otto Oppenheimer of New York who scored 67 points during the 10-month solving period. Otto had a perfect score; Gene Callett, last year's winner, missed one problem for a score of 63. This is Otto's first conquest of the WVCA Solving Trophy, which has been won twice by Tom Sweeney of Wheeling. Indications are that the next solving championship will be a one-day event at the 1948 WVCA Chess Tournament.

AT THE TENNESSEE VALLEY OPEN TOURNEY, held Dec. 27-28 at Knoxville, the W.Va. champion, Landis Marks of Huntington, finished in a 5th place tie in a strong field of 19 players. Ahead of him were 16-year-old Jerry Sullivan, Knoxville, a Tennessee Universityfreshman and Tennessee Junior champion, with 5-0; J. Albert Sweets, Chattanooga, and Ed B. Manderson, Marietta, Ga., 4-1; and Tom Carothers, Chattanooga, 52-12. Landis writes: "After the tournament, I had quite a few skittles games with Sweets and Sullivan. They're a couple of balls of fire and they trimmed me like a rose bush."...Martin Southern of Knoxville, Area 4 Director for the USCF National Championships qualifier, has named Landis on his committee. The qualifying event likely will be held in February in Knoxville. Area 4, which will send one player to the 20-man Championships, include the District of Columbia, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Missispi, Alabama, Georgia and Floride.

THE WVCB GAMES DEPARTMENT Editor, Dr. Siegfried Wertharmer, whites: "I feel better now about the Games Department as I have received quite a few approving letters, some of them from out of the state, one from as far west as California-from J.B.Gee, chess columnist of the Sacramento Union."

CHESS LIFE, official publication of the USCF, has recently been publishing a few feature articles. which likely would have appeared in the WVCB, except for the present reduced size of our paper. Members will recall one of these—the story about the W.Va. players who made their own chess clocks—as a copy of this issue was mailed to all WVCB members. We are happy to report that these articles have earned from Editor Montgomery Major the accolade of "contributing editor to CHESS LIFE," with a request for more such articles in the future. This is just to serve notice on you boys and gals that if you want to keep up with our scribblings, you had better send \$2 immediately to Edward I. Treend, 12869 Strathmoor Ave., Detroit 27, Mich., for a year's sub to CHESS LIFE.

TWO MORE CHESS COLUMNS, in addition to those montioned in the supplement to our last issue, are now appearing in U.S. publications. WVCA Honorary Member George Koltanowski has been doing a column in the Santa Rosa (Cal.) Press Domocrat since last September. And Mont Major sends us a tearsheet of a column conducted by Mrs. Mary Bain, former U.S. women's champion in The Week, a magazine.

TWO NEW CLUB PAPERS also have put in an appearance. One is the Morphy Chess Bulletin, mentioned last month, which turns out to be the publication of the Paul Morphy club at Detroit. This fine paper is edited by whigh school student—Leo McCauley, 4080 Vicksburg, Detroit 4, Mich. The other paper is the Syracuse Chess Talk, edited by Walter Frochlich, 100 Tyler court, Syracuse, N. Y., also a most interesting publication...And speaking of amateur chess papers, the Nebraska Chess Bulletin continues to put out its eight pages of press-printed matter—games, problems, stories and nows—every month. If you've a dollar you want to invest in a year's pleasure and profit, send it to the NCB editor—Jack Spence, 208 So. 25th Ave., Omaha, Neb.

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