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**HURT, WERTHAMMER TIE FOR TITLE;  
SWARBRICK WINS JUNIOR CROWN**

John F. Hurt, Jr., of Charleston, and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington were crowned co-champions of West Virginia chess when the 10th annual state chess congress last Labor Day week-end in the Recreation Hall at South Charleston ended in a 5-1 tie between the two players. Dr. Werthammer suffered his only defeat at the hands of Hurt, while the latter dropped his only game to Allen DuVall of Charleston. A total of 14 players vied for the title.

It was Hurt's second conquest of the title. He won the championship the first year the tournament was held--1939--and was runner-up in 1941. Dr. Werthammer won the title in 1943, 1944 and 1946 and was runner-up in 1945 and 1947. He now has two legs on the Morgantown Junior Chamber of Commerce challenge cup, which must be won three times for permanent possession. This year's win was Hurt's first since the cup was put in play in 1945. Others with single wins toward the cup are Hal Liggett of South Charleston, the 1945 champion, and Landis Marks of Huntington, who won the title in 1947.

**BOB SWARBRICK WINS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Robert Swarbrick of South Charleston scored 5 1/2 points in a possible 6 to win the first Junior Championship event ever held in West Virginia. Seven players, all under 21, took part in a round-robin for the title. Swarbrick's only draw went to Charles Morgan of Huntington, who finished with a score of 5-1. In third place was Jack Allison of Huntington, who lost to Swarbrick and drew with Morgan.

**DICK GRIMM CAPTURES PLAYERS' TOURNNEY HONORS**

In addition to play in the senior and junior championships, eight players who did not care to contest for the titles took part in a Players' Tournament, which brought the total participating at the congress to 29 persons. Largest highest enrollment in any previous state meet was 18, reached on two occasions.

The players' event was won by Richard Grimm of South Charleston with a fine score of 6-1. His only loss was to M. C. Scott of Huntington who finished in second place with 5 1/2-1 1/2. James Schilling of South Charleston was third with 5-2.

The play in all three tournaments was close and exciting from beginning to end. Many of the players reported: "This is the best tournament we've ever held." The South Charleston Recreation Hall, used without charge through the kind offices of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, was clean, cool and quiet--and so large that three times as many players could have been accommodated. All in all, a fine place for the tournament and all members owe the South Charleston club a vote of thanks for its work in arranging for the use of these quarters. There were clocks available for the games in the senior championship and also for some of the other games. The tournament committee did a fine job in having all needed supplies on hand for the surprisingly large crowd. Everything moved like clockwork under the guiding hand of Tournament Director Hal Liggett and his three assistants.

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## 1948 TOURNAMENT SCORESHEET

## SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

HOW THEY FINISHED

1	John Hurt, Charleston.....	5
	Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, Huntington....	5
3	Gene Collett, Pittsburgh.....	4
4	Allen DuVall, Charleston.....	3 1/2
	Edward Foy, Charleston.....	3 1/2
	William Hartling, St. Albans.....	3 1/2
	Reid Holt, Charleston.....	3 1/2
8	Frank Branner, Charleston.....	2 1/2
	William R. Guthbert, Wheeling.....	2 1/2
	Harold Liggett, South Charleston.....	2 1/2
11	Allan Gilliland, Charleston.....	2
12	Lynn Cavendish, Charleston.....	1 1/2
	Edwin Faust, Montgomery.....	1 1/2
	Ray Martin, South Charleston.....	1 1/2

ROUND BY ROUND RESULTS

(Scores are cumulative at the end of each round--  
the player given first had white men.)

<u>FIRST ROUND</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>	<u>FOURTH</u>	<u>FIFTH</u>	<u>SIXTH</u>
Martin 0 Hurt 1	Hurt 2 Werth 1	DuVal 3 Hurt 2	Holt 3 1/2 DuVal 3	Holt 3 1/2 Hurt 4	Werth 5 Holt 3 1/2
Collett 0 Werthammer 1	DuVal 2 Guthb 1	Guthb 1 Foy 2 1/2	Hartl 2 Foy 3 1/2	Werth 4 Foy 3 1/2	Foy 3 1/2 Hurt 5
Branner 0 DuVall 1	Foy 1 1/2 Holt 1 1/2	Holt 2 1/2 Faust 1	Hurt 3 Brann 2	DuVal 3 Colle 3	Colle 4 Ligge 2 1/2
Foy 1 Liggett 0	Caven 0 Colle 1	Werth 2 Gilli 0	Guthb 1 Werth 3	Brann 2 Hartl 3	Hartl 3 1/2 DuVal 3 1/2
Hartling 1 Gilliland 0	Faust 1 Hartl 1	Ligge 1 Hartl 2	Colle 2 Marti 1	Ligge 2 1/2 Caven 1 1/2	Brann 2 1/2 Guthb 2 1/2
Cavendish 0 Holt 1	Marti 0 Brann 1	Brann 2 Colle 1	Ligge 1 1/2 Faust 1 1/2	Guthb 2 Marti 1	Gilli 2 Marti 1 1/2
Faust 0 Guthbert 1	Gilli 0 Ligge 1	Marti 1 Caven 0	Gilli 1/2 Caven 1/2	Faust 1 1/2 Gilli 1 1/2	Caven 1 1/2 Faust 1 1/2

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	SWARBRICK	MORGAN	ALLISON	MARPLES	ADKINS	CAPPALLERI	RODGER	TOTALS
1. ROBT. SWARBRICK, SO. CHARLESTON	X	½	1	1	1	1	1	5½
2. CHAS. MORGAN, HUNTINGTON	½	X	½	1	1	1	1	5
3. JACK ALLISON, HUNTINGTON	0	½	X	1	1	1	1	4½
4. DAVID MARPLES, SO. CHARLESTON	0	0	0	X	½	1	1	2½
5. WM. ADKINS, HUNTINGTON	0	0	0	½	X	½	1	2
6. JAS. CAPPALLERI, HUNTINGTON	0	0	0	0	½	X	1	1½
7. DAVID RODGER, HUNTINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0

PLAYERS' TOURNAMENT	GRIMM	SCOTT	SCHILLING	HAYWARD	ANKENEY	DUDLEY	HUGHES	ALLISON	TOTALS
1. DICK GRIMM, SO. CHARLESTON	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2. M. C. SCOTT, HUNTINGTON	1	X	0	1	½	1	1	1	5½
3. JAS. SCHILLING, SO. CHARLESTON	0	1	X	0	1	1	1	1	5
4. DR. V. S. HAYWARD, HUNTINGTON	0	0	1	X	1	½	1	0	3½
5. JAS. ANKENY, SO. CHARLESTON	0	½	0	0	X	½	1	1	3
6. ROBT. DUDLEY, HUNTINGTON	0	0	0	½	½	X	0	1	2
KINGSLEY HUGHES, SO. CHARLESTON	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	2
8. HUGH ALLISON, CHARLESTON	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	X	1

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

Dues for the 1948-49 WVCA year became payable as of Sept. 1, 1948. Because notices were not sent out last month, this issue of the Bulletin is going to all members whether they have renewed or not. To insure receiving future issues of the Bulletin, as well as the 1945-47 Yearbook, soon to be published, send \$1 at once to H. Reid Holt, Secretary, 620 Churchill Drive, Charleston 2, W. Va.

STORY OF THE 1948 TOURNAMENT (continued from page one)

In the 41 games played in the Senior Championship, the black men won 19, lost 17 and drew 5, a striking reversal from the 1947 meet when the white men won 28, lost 19 and drew 7. This year, in Rounds 1 and 5, Black won 5 games against 2.

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KP openings were favored by the players, 20 being used/against 16 QP openings. Three games were opened with KN and two with QBP. Of the KP openings, the French Defense, popularized by John Hurt, was used in 10 games, of which White won 3, lost 5 and drew 2. The Ruy Lopez was used four times, of which White won 1, lost 2 and drew 1. The Sicilian Defense won two games for Black. In openings used only once, White won a Danish Gambit, a King's Indian Defense and a Petroff's Defense, and lost a Two Knights' Defense. In all, the popular KP openings gave White only 7 wins and 3 draws as compared with 10 losses.

Of the 16 QP openings, six were Queen's Gambits Declined, in which Black and White broke even, 3-3; White won a Queen's Gambit Accepted and a Nimzo-Indian Defense; and in eight other Queen's Pawn Games, White won 3, lost 3 and drew 2. In all the QP openings, White won 8, lost 6 and drew 2.

Other openings were three Retis, one going to White, two to Black; and two English Openings, which Black and White split evenly.

Similar statistics on the Junior and Players' Tournaments are not yet available.

After most of the tourney favorites won their first-round games, a series of upset games began. Hurt won the white end of a Danish Gambit from Dr. Werthammer in the second round only to lose the black side of a French Defense to Duvall in the next round. This put DuVall into first place, 3-0, but he immediately lost the black side of a Dutch Defense to Holt, giving Holt a first-place tie with Foy  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . In the next round, Holt, playing white in a QGD, lost to Hurt; and Foy, on the black end of a Nimzo Indian Defense, lost to Werthammer. This put Hurt and Werthammer in the lead 4-1 which they increased to 5-1 by winning their sixth-round games.

IN JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Bob Swarbrick, after an early-round draw with Morgan, mowed down his remaining opponents in order, giving him the first W.Va. junior championship when Morgan drew also with Allison.

In the players' event, Dick Grimm lost his first game to M.C. Scott of Huntington, then recovered to take six in a row and the championship. Scott lost a single game to Schilling and had a draw with Ankeney.

Ray Griffin of Clarksburg was among out-of-town members who visited the tournament. He dropped in two days to say hello to members and to watch the play. Quite a number of charming ladies called at tournament hall, including Mrs. Swarbrick, mother of the junior champion; Hal Liggett's wife, Macel, and their daughter, Carolyn Kay; Reid Holt's wife, Garnett, and their daughter, Lilas; and three wives of players--Barbara Cavendish, Kitty Schilling and Toni Grimm.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP UNPLAYED

Toni Grimm, in fact, registered to play in the announced women's championship but the event was cancelled when no other players appeared. Mrs. Myrle Snyder, president of the Charleston Chess Club and referred to by Eddie Foy as "the unofficial women's champion of West Virginia," was absent on a trip and unable to take part in the meet. Maybe we'll get the event started next year.

Although a series of problems had been prepared by Eric Hassberg of Brooklyn, N.Y., the announced problem solving championship was not held. It had been planned for Monday afternoon but when the time arrived, most of the probable contestants pleaded exhaustion from hard-fought last-round games. The absence of Tom Sweeney, of Wheeling, guiding spirit of the state problemists, undoubtedly had much to do with the decision to postpone the event until next year. Tom has two legs on the state solving placque and needs to win it once more for permanent possession.

Prizes were in cash in all events except the junior championship where three suitably inscribed chess books were awarded by Dr. Werthammer. They were: First, Richard Reti's "Masters of the Chess Board"; second, Rudolph Spielmann's "The Art of Sacrifice," and third, P. Wenman's "100 Chess Games."

A total of \$48.25 was available for prize money in the Senior Championship. The players voted to donate \$13.25 of this to the general WVCA. Under the plus-score system (one share for each win in excess of losses) this made the prizes: Two players tied for first, \$10 each; third, \$5; four players tied for 4th, \$2.50.

## DUVALL WINS 2ND KANAWHA MEET

Allen DuVall, champion of the South Charleston Chess Club, won the Kanawha Valley Tournament held during August with a score of 5½-1½. He was a half point ahead of John Hurt, Charleston city champion, and Edward M. Foy, who tied for second with 5-2. Eight players took part in a round robin: DuVall, Harold Liggett and David Marples (a junior) from the South Charleston club; and Hurt, Foy, Reid Holt, William Hartling and Frank Branner from the Charleston club. The box:

	DuV	Foy	Hur	Hol	Lig	Har	Mar	Bra	Ttls.	
Allen DuVall	-	1	1	0	1	½	1	1	5½-1½	Last year, in a similar contest, DuVall and Hurt tied for first place. A feature of this year's tournament was young Dave Marples' win over Hartling and his draw with Hurt. Looks like the juniors are picking up strength.
Edward Foy	0	-	½	1	½	1	1	1	5 - 2	
John Hurt	0	½	-	1	1	1	½	1	5 - 2	
Reid Holt	1	0	0	-	1	½	1	1	4½-2½	
Hal Liggett	0	½	0	0	-	1	1	1	3½-3½	
Wm. Hartling	½	0	0	½	0	-	0	1	2 - 5	
Dave Marples	0	0	½	0	0	1	-	0	1½-5½	
Frank Branner	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1 - 6	

### CHARLESTON CLUB WINS TWO FROM CARBIDE

The Charleston club won two team matches from the Carbide club (South Charleston) last month, conquering 6-3 on Aug. 18 and 9½-1½ on Aug. 30. Scores of the Branner-DuVall, Foy-Liggett, Hartling-Marples, Hurt-Marples, Holt-DuVall and Branner-Liggett games also counted in the Kanawha Valley Tournament. The scores:

(Aug. 18, at Charleston Club)			(Aug. 30, at Carbide Club)		
Bd.	Charleston (6)	Carbide (3)	Bd.	Charleston (9½)	Carbide (1½)
1	Frank Branner...0	Allen DuVall....1	1	John Hurt.....½	Dave Marples...½
2	Reid Holt.....1	Dick Grimm.....0	2	Reid Holt.....1	Allen DuVall...0
3	Edward Foy.....½	Hal Liggett....½	3	Frank Branner...0	Hal Liggett....1
4	Wm. Hartling....0	Dave Marples....1	4	Edward Foy.....1	Dick Grimm.....0
5	Lynn Cavendish..1	Bob Swarbrick...0	5	Edwin Faust.....1	Ray Martin.....0
6	Allen Gilliland.½	Jim Ankeney....½	6	Lynn Cavendish..1	Jim Ankeney....0
7	Wm. Truslow.....1	Jim Schilling...0	7	Walt Crede.....1	Jim Schilling..0
8	Jesse Church....1	Hugh Allison...0	8	Allan Gilliland.1	Kingsley Hughes0
9	A. Schoenfeld...1	P.J. Lillevig...0	9	Edward Holt.....1	Hugh Allison...0
			10	A. Schoenfeld...1	Mrs. Toni Grimm.0
			11	Larry Kinnahan..1	Jack Simeral...0

# GAMES DEPARTMENT

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In order to allow space for as many games as possible from the 1948 State Championship at South Charleston, the "My Best Game" section is omitted this month.

DANISH GAMBIT  
1948 WEST VIRGINIA  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
WHITE: JOHN HURT  
BLACK: DR. SIEG-  
FRIED WERTHAMMER

This was the decisive game of the tournament. White very beautifully succeeded in getting Black to stumble despite the fact that it was known to one and all what opening White intended to play.

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 P-Q4 PXP
- 3 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 4 P-B3 P-Q4
- 5 KPxP QxP
- 6 PXP B-KN5
- 7 N-B3

B-K2, instead of this, is the usual move, because instead of his next move--

- 7 ... Q-QR4

--Black should have played BxN!, 8 NxQ BxQ, 9 NxPch K-Q2, 10 NxR B-R4, and Black will succeed in winning the White N on his QR, thereby establishing a slight material superiority and the better game, as the White QP appears weak.

- 8 B-K2 O-O-O

It would be somewhat safer to play N-B3 first.

- 9 Q-N3 N-B3
- 10 B-K3 B-N5
- 11 O-O

QxP would expose White to a strong attack after 11... BxN followed by NxP.

- 11 ... KR-K
- 12 KR-Q N-Q4
- 13 NxN RxB??

This loses at least the exchange. By far superior would be QxN. If then 14 QxQ RxB, Black has the better end-game. If 14 B-QB4 Q-KB4 and each side has chances.

- 14 P-QR3 B-Q3
- 15 B-Q2! Q-N3
- 16 QxR RxB
- 17 B-B3 B-K3
- 18 Q-KR5 P-N3

Better would have been P-QR3 as 19 P-Q5 is answered by QxKBP with mate to follow.

- 19 QxRP K-Q
- 20 QR-K Q-N4
- 21 RxB QxR
- 22 R-K Q-Q6
- 23 Q-R4ch K-Q2
- 24 Q-N5 P-R3
- 25 Q-Q2 Q-B4
- 26 N-K5ch K-B
- 27 P-KN4 NxN

A last try which

doesn't succeed.

- 28 FxQ N-B6ch
- 29 K-N2 B-Q4
- 30 R-K8ch K-Q2
- 31 Q-K3 NxBch
- 32 K-R3 NxP
- 33 Q-K P-KN4
- 34 K-N4 N-R5
- 35 B-B6 B-B6ch
- 36 KxP Resigns

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FRENCH DEFENSE  
1948 WEST VIRGINIA  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
WHITE: AL DU VALL  
BLACK: JOHN HURT

This game features a beautiful end-game in which White utilizes Black's weak P position to move inexorably toward a win.

- 1 P-K4 P-K3
- 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3 N-QB3 B-N5
- 4 P-K5 P-QB4
- 5 B-Q2 N-K2
- 6 N-N5 BxBch
- 7 QxB PXP
- 8 N-Q6ch K-B
- 9 QxP QN-B3
- 10 Q-KB4 N-B4
- 11 NxN PxB
- 12 N-B3 Q-K2
- 13 B-Q3 Q-N5ch

White has a slight advantage because of Black's P weaknesses in the center and the questionable position of the Black K. Exchanging Q

leads to an end game in which the weaknesses of the Black Ps are more evident. Therefore, development by B-K3, P-KN3, K-N2 would have been better.

- 14 QxQch NxQ
- 15 O-O NxB

In this position, the White N is superior to the Black B, Black's weak Ps being on white squares. Besides Black opens the QB file to White which he can utilize because he is somewhat better developed.

- 16 PxB K-K2
- 17 QR-B R-Q
- 18 R-B7ch R-Q2
- 19 R/1-B K-Q
- 20 RxBch BxR
- 21 N-N5 P-B3
- 22 PXP PXP
- 23 N-B3

Of course, not NxP because after K-K2, the N is lost. But now all of Black's K-wing Ps are weakened.

- 23 ... R-B

Exchanges help White--but Black had no choice.

- 24 RxBch KxR
- 25 K-B K-B2
- 26 K-K2 K-Q3

Instead of this and the preceding move, Black should have played P-B5, making White's task more difficult and opening up a line for his B which is hemmed in by its own Ps.

- 27. K-K3 P-N4
- 28 P-QN4 K-K2
- 29 K-B4 K-Q3
- 30 P-Q4 P-QR4
- 31 P-QR3 PxF
- 32 PxF K-K2
- 33 N-R4 K-B2
- 34 NxF P-R4
- 35 P-B3 K-B
- 36 N-K3 B-K3
- 37 N-Q B-Q2
- 38 N-B3 B-B3
- 39 P-R3

White has a winning position, being a P ahead. The Black B being tied to the Ps, White comfortably proceeds to free a P.

- 39 ... K-N2
- 40 P-N4 PxF
- 41 RPxF K-N3
- 42 K-N3 P-B4
- 43 K-B4 PxF
- 44 PxF K-B3
- 45 P-N5ch K-K3
- 46 P-N6 K-B3
- 47 P-N7 KxF
- 48 K-K5

White sacrifices his plus P to deflect the Black K and now wins all of Black's remaining Ps.

- 48 ... K-B2
- 49 K-Q6 B-N2
- 50 NxQP K-K
- 51 N-B7ch K-Q
- 52 NxF K-B
- 53 K-B5 K-Q2
- 54 P-Q5

The win is now

easy in this pretty end game.

- 54 ... B-R
- 55 N-Q4 B-N2
- 56 P-N5 B-R
- 57 N-B6 B-N2
- 58 K-N6 K-B
- 59 P-Q6 B-R
- 60 K-R7 Resigns

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ENGLISH OPENING  
1948 WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP  
 WHITE: EDWIN FAUST  
 BLACK: WM. HARTLING

A stodgy game suddenly comes to life with a pretty combination.

- 1 P-QB4 N-KB3
- 2 N-QD3 P-QN3
- 3 P-K4 P-K4
- 4 N-B3 N-B3
- 5 P-Q4

Better 5 P-Q3 to leave the central position closed. The text gives Black's fianchettoed QB scope.

- 5 ... PxF
- 6 NxP B-N2
- 7 NxN BxN
- 8 P-K5 N-K5
- 9 NxN BxN
- 10 B-Q2 B-K2
- 11 Q-N4 B-N3
- 12 P-B4

The game was even and White, before proceeding to attack the Black K-wing, should develop.

- 12 ... P-KB4?

12...P-KR4 would have been much better and would not have put the

Black QB out of play. On 13 Q-R3 B-K5; on 13 Q-B3 or K2 or Q, B-KB4. Of course, 13 Q-N3 would lose the Q after B-R5.

- 13 Q-B3 O-O
- 14 B-Q3 P-QR4
- 15 O-O Q-K
- 16 B-K2 B-B2
- 17 B-B3 B-K3
- 18 P-KR3 Q-B2
- 19 P-QN3 B-B4ch
- 20 K-R2 P-Q4
- 21 PxFp. PxF?

Black has equalized the game with great skill after White's lost moves (B-Q3-K2). Retaking with the P gives White an unnecessary target. BxF is the move.

- 22 KR-Q QR-Q
- 23 P-R3 P-Q4
- 24 P-QN4 B-K2

24...PxNP prevents loss of a P.

- 25 PxFP?

PxRP would have won a P.

- 25 ... BxQP
- 26 Q-B P-R5?

Overlooking the pretty following combination which nets White decisive material advantage.

- 27 RxB RxB
- 28 B-B4 KR-Q
- 29 Q-B3 P-QN4
- 30 B-R2 K-B
- 31 R-Q RxB
- 32 BxQ KxB
- 33 Q-R5ch K-N
- 34 QxBP B-B
- 35 QxNP R/1-Q6
- 36 QxF P-R4
- 37 P-R/ K-R2

38 Q-R8

There is no need to exchange Bs. Piece exchange only prolongs the end-game.

- 38 ... RxB
- 39 QxB R-Q4?

RxRP could be played safely and though white would win by best play, it would be a harder task.

- 40 P-R4 R-B5
- 41 P-R5 Resigns

Somewhat early--but probably time pressure.

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QUEEN'S G. D.  
1948 WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP  
 WHITE: WM. HARTLING  
 BLACK: EDWARD FOY

In the final phase of this game, Black exhibits expert handling of an attack with two heavy pieces--Q and R.

- 1 P-Q4 P-Q4
- 2 N-KB3 N-KB3
- 3 P-K3 B-B4
- 4 P-B4 P-K3
- 5 N-B3 P-B3
- 6 PxF

Unnecessary fixation of the center as long as the White QB is not developed.

- 6 ... KxF
- 7 B-Q3

A fuller game results from Q-N3.

Opposing Bs lead to exchanges after which White keeps his "bad" B and White his "good" B.

- 7 ... BxB
- 8 QxB B-Q3
- 9 O-O QN-Q2
- 10 P-K4

The only way to get some play but it isolates the QP.

- 10 ... FxP
- 11 NxP B-K2
- 12 R-K

Better is B-B4.

- 12 ... O-O
- 13 B-Q2 NxN
- 14 QxN

More active is RxN. White has to play sharply for an attack; otherwise, an end-game could be to his disadvantage.

- 14 ... R-K
- 15 Q-B2 N-B3
- 16 P-KR4

Better N-K5.

- 16 ... Q-Q4
- 17 R-K5 Q-Q2
- 18 QR-K B-Q3
- 19 RxRch RxR
- 20 N-K5 BxN?

This equalizes the game as Black delivers his opponent from his only weakness--the isolated QP. The game is now quite even and should end in a draw.

- 21 FxB N-Q4
- 22 Q-K4 N-B3
- 23 Q-KB4 N-Q4
- 24 Q-Q4 P-QR3
- 25 R-K3 Q-B4

26 P-KN4?

This loses a P, but it does not come to an end-game as White permits the entrance of the Black R into his position with detrimental results.

- 26 ... Q-N8ch
- 27 R-K QxRP
- 28 P-B4 Q-N6
- 29 K-N2 Q-B7
- 30 R-QB Q-N6
- 31 P-N5 Q-N4
- 32 K-B3 Q-N6ch
- 33 B-B3 NxB
- 34 QxN Q-Q4ch
- 35 K-N4 Q-K3ch
- 36 K-N3 R-Q
- 37 R-KB Q-B4
- 38 R-B3 Q-N8
- 39 P-B5 Q-N8ch
- 40 K-R3 R-Q5
- 41 R-Q3 Q-B8ch
- 42 K-R2 RxR
- 43 Resigns

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**RETI OPENING**  
**1948 WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**WHITE: WM. CUTHBERT**  
**BLACK: DR. SIEG-FRIED WERTHAMMER**

One of the most exciting games of the tournament and great fighting chess throughout. The loser played brilliantly thru-out and deserves at least as much credit as the winner.

- 1 N-KB3 P-Q4
- 2 P-B4 P-QB3
- 3 FxP FxP
- 4 P-Q4 P-K3
- 5 N-B3 N-K2

To get away from the drawish position of the Slav

Defense Exchange Variation. The move intends after N-N3 to keep the P on square K4 under observation and leave the KBP free to advance.

- 6 B-B4 N-N3
- 7 B-N3 B--K2
- 8 P-K3 P-QR3
- 9 B-Q3 N--B3
- 10 R-QB O-O

Better would have been P-B4 at once.

11 P-KR4

The first move of a dangerous attack which Black could have stopped with P-KR4 after he had moved 10 P-B4. P-KR4 after castling would decisively devalue the K-wing Ps.

- 11 ... P-B4
- 12 P-R6 N-R
- 13 N-K5 B-Q2
- 14 P-B4 N-B2
- 15 NxN/7 RxN
- 16 B-KB2 B-K
- 17 P-KN4

White's game gains momentum. Black is very much compressed and has to defend with great care. There is only one thing disturbing about White's setup--his central K-position. If Black weathers the storm, he may take advantage of this weakness.

- 17 ... P-KN3
- 18 Q-B3 R-N2
- 19 P-R6

This dislocates the K-wing but takes a lot of

pressure off Black. Better would have been, maintaining the tension, K-K2 and QR-KN.

- 19 ... R-B2
- 20 FxP NPxP
- 21 R-Nch K-R
- 22 Q-N2 B-Q2
- 23 Q-R3 Q-N3

White's attack has come to a standstill and Black is able to take advantage of White's weak K-position.

24 K-K2

White decides to sacrifice a P as defense of the QNP would abandon the initiative.

- 24 ... QxNPch
- 25 K-B3 N--N5
- 26 B-N QR-KN

Black's first rank is weak and before proceeding further he decides to exchange a pair of Rs and bring his K to safety in the middle.

- 27 RxRch KxR
- 28 Q-N3ch K-B
- 29 R-N B-KB3
- 30 Q-N8ch K-K2
- 31 N-K2

Sharper and leading to positions with many more possibilities would have been R-N7!

If 31...BxR, 32 FxB followed by B-R4ch would win for White. If 31...RxR, 32 FxR QxN, 33 QxRP

BxB, 34 QxBch K-Q3 leads to a complicated position in which Black is a P



ahead and has at least as many attacking chances as White. Best on R-N7! seems to be 31...B-K and Black has adequate defense.

31 ... B-QN4  
32 N-N3 N-Q6

Also good would be B-Q6.

33 BxN BxB  
34 Q-QB8 Q-N3  
35 N-R5 B-K5ch  
36 K-N3 R-B

Black finally succeeds in taking off White's annoying Q and feels that White has to exchange Qs now by Q-B5ch, after which Black has an easily won end-game. However, it happens otherwise.

37 QxR!!

A magnificent conception which nearly saves the game.

37 ... KxQ  
38 NxB Q-N7

The only move if Black wants to win. 38...Q-B2, 39 K-R4 Q-KB2, 40 R-KR8ch QxR, etc., would lead only to a draw.

39 NxRPch K-K2

K-N would lose after 40 N-B6ch, followed by K-R3.

40 N-N5 Q-K7  
41 P-R7 Q-N5ch  
42 K-R2 Q-R4ch  
43 K-N3 P-N4!

Black's Q and White's pieces are all tied to each other. The right procedure for Black, therefore, is to free a P on Q-side.

44 B-K Q-N5ch?

This should have given away the win. The winning move would have been P-R4. If then 45 BxP Q-N5, 46 K-B2 Q-R5ch, 47 KB-QR7 and wins after B-Q6.

45 K-R2

This loses. Correct would have been K-B2 Q-R5ch, 46 K-B Q-R7, 47 B-B2! and Black can't undertake anything.

45 ... Q-K7ch  
46 K-R3 QxKPch  
47 B-N3 QxR  
48 NxB Q-KB8ch?

This move prolongs the game after White keeps his dangerous KRP. Better would have been QxP but best is Q-KR8ch, 49 B-R2 Q-B3ch, 50 N-N3 Q-N5ch, 51 K-N2 Q-R5 and the White RP falls.

49 K-R2 Q-K7ch  
50 K-N Q-R4

51 N-N5 P-R4  
52 K-B2 P-N5  
53 K-K3 P-R5  
54 B-K P-N6  
55 PxP PxB  
56 B-N4ch K-Q2  
57 B-R3 K-B3  
58 K-Q2 K-N4  
59 K-K3 K-B5  
60 B-N2 Q-R7  
61 B-R Q-R8  
62 K-K2 P-K4!

Black finally finds the winning maneuver.

63 DPxP P-B5  
64 P-K6 Q-N7ch  
65 K-Q K-Q6  
66 Resigns

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1948 WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP

WHITE: REID HOLT  
BLACK: EDWIN FAUST

A clean-cut, pleasing, attacking game.

1 P-Q4 N-KB3  
2 P-QB4 P-K3  
3 N-KB3 P-Q4  
4 N-B3 B-QN5  
5 Q-R4ch N-B3  
6 N-K5 BxNch  
7 PxB B-Q2

More spirited is 7...O-O, 8 NxN PxB, 9 QxBP B-Q2, 10 Q-R6 and Black gets an adequate attack for the sacrificed P after N-K5. After the text, White pre-

vents Black from castling.

8 NxB QxN  
9 B-R3 N-K5

Better N-K4, forcing Q exchange. White may have the better end-game with his two Bs but Black might be able to put up a good resistance since he can castle QR, White having less attacking possibilities without the Q.

10 Q-B2 P-B4  
11 P-K3 P-QR3  
12 PxB PxB  
13 B-Q3 P-KN3  
14 O-O N-K2  
15 P-B3

White now has a winning advantage due to his two Bs with open lines, and the insecure position of the Black K. The winning procedure is simple center-push.

15 ... N-KB3  
16 P-K4 QPxB  
17 PxB NxB  
18 BxN PxB  
19 QxB R-KB

Every move loses here.

20 RxBch KxB  
21 R-Boh Resigns

Black resigns as he loses a piece on K-K, 22 R-K.

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(Memo: A list of our 1948-49 members, including those who became members at the 1948 Tournament, will be published in the next issue.)

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!! Unless your membership has been renewed for the 1948-49 Association year, this is the last issue of the Bulletin you will receive. To avoid missing any issues, send \$1 at once to Secy. Holt (see new address above). Your fee also will include the 1945-47 WVCA Yearbook, nearly 100 pages, scheduled for publication in October. **IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED, DO IT NOW!!!**

TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT AT WHEELING The third Tri-State (Penna, WVa and Ohio) tournament will be held the Armistice Day week-end (Nov. 12-14) at Wheeling, under the sponsorship of the Wheeling Chess Club. Our co-champions, Dr. Werthammer and John Hurt, will represent W.Va. in play for the Tri-State championship. The next six players in the 1948 W.Va. tournament will be eligible for play in the Tri-State team matches. Let's make this a W.Va. year at the Tri-State!

STEINER IS NEW U.S. CHAMP Playing steady chess, Herman Steiner of Los Angeles forged from behind to capture the 1948 Bimial U.S. Championship by the clear margin of one-half point over his nearest rival. In the early rounds, it seemed a race between Kashdan, Ulvestad, Kramer and Adams. Then Adams dropped out, Kashdan drew ahead, closely followed by Ulvestad and Kramer. But round ten found Steiner, Kashdan, Ulvestad and Kramer all tied at 8-2 each... Round eleven, and Ulvestad soared into the lead, while Kashdan and Steiner mused over an adjourned position, and Kramer drew with Shainswit. Thereafter, the race remained close and exciting through the final rounds of play, with the final decision resting upon the results of two adjourned games for Kashdan and Steiner each. In these Kashdan won off Poschel and drew with Kramer; and Steiner drew with Shipman and won from Howard to clinch the title by a half-point margin. Final standings: Steiner 15-4, Isaac Kashdan 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , George Kramer and Olaf Ulvestad 13-6, Herman Hesse, Sol Rubinow and George Shainswit 12-7, Weaver Adams, Larry Evans and Walter Shipman 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Anthony Santasiere and Albert Sandrin 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Paul Poschel 8-11, Joseph Platz 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Irving Heitner 7-12, Norman Whittaker 6-13, Franklin Howard 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sven Almgren 4-15, Anthony Suraci 3-16, William Jones 2-17. Neither Samuel Reshevsky nor Reuben Fine played in the meet. (The tournament was held last month in South Fallsburg, N.Y.)--Reprinted from CHESS LIFE.

BISQUIER WINS JUNIOR MEET Arthur Bisquier of Bronx, N. Y., won the U.S. Junior championship, a 10-round Swiss event with 30 entrants held at Oak Ridge, Tenn., by a score of 8-2. His score was the same as that of Frank Anderson of Toronto, Ont., Canada, but Bisquier was declared the winner on the Sonneborn-Berger tie-breaking count. Third was Jim B. Cross of Glendale, Cal., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , while four players had 7-3 to tie for fourth: Paul Poschel, Chicago; Hans Berliner, Washington, D.C.; George Krauss, Jamaica, L.I., and George Miller, Cleveland. Larry Friedman, Cleveland, last year's winner, was in a four-way tie for 11th place with a score of 6-4.--Condensed from CHESS LIFE.

EDDIE FOY, writing in the Charleston newspapers, gives special mention to Hal Liggett, Jim Schilling, Dave Marples, Kingsley Hughes, Al DuVall and Reid Holt as deserving of credit for the success of the 1948 Tournament at South Charleston. May we be permitted to echo this sentiment?