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JACK ALLISON WINS MARSHALL TITLE

Jack Allison of Huntington won the 1949 chess tournament at Marshall college. Sixteen players--15 men and one woman--took part.

The tournament was played on a single-round elimination basis, except that in the finals, the two remaining players met in two best of three.

The last round saw Allison win over John Lucielleo, 2-0. The prize was a handsome medal, symbolic of the college chess championship.

NEW TOURNEY AT HUNTINGTON CLUB

Dr. V. S. Hayward, Huntington, writes (May 23):

"An ambitious get-acquainted tournament is now under way in the Huntington Chess club, with 16 contestants meeting in a single round robin.

"At present report, Marks, Werthammer, Neel, Cobb, Shinkle, Morgan and young Burdick are playing regularly. A newcomer, Harrison Gregg (featured by Dr. Werthammer in the May Bulletin), has almost finished his stint, with better than indifferent results."

REV. ERHARD HEADS WHEELING CLUB

The Rev. William M. Erhard was elected president of the Wheeling Chess Club on May 9. Other officers chosen are Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, vice president, and A. C. Dobbs, Sr., secretary-treasurer.

Our state president, William R. Cuthbert, adds these notes about the Wheeling club (May 31):

"The Wheeling club expects to meet a team from Charleston, six or eight per side, in the near future, probably at Parkersburg or Wheeling.

"On May 17, Newell Banks of Detroit put on a simultaneous exhibition of both chess and checkers at the Wheeling YMCA. Only seven chess players participated and all were defeated by Banks. The eight checker players fared somewhat better, being able to eke out two draws."

CHARLESTON HIGH GETS REVENGE

The Charleston high school chess team turned the tables on the Huntington high school team with a 3-2 victory Saturday, May 21, in Huntington.

This result was somewhat of an upset. Earlier in the year, the Huntington boys traveled to Charleston and won by the whitewash score of 5-0.

Our state secretary, Reid Holt, disappointed by this showing, agreed to take over the job of coaching the Charleston boys for the

return bout. He apparently did a good job. The "box score":

	<u>Charleston High School (3)</u>	<u>Huntington High School (2)</u>
Bd. 1	Harry Sweeney.....0	Charles Morgan.....1
Bd. 2	Troy Hutchinson.....1	Bill Adkins.....0
Bd. 3	Philip Rubin.....1	Feldstein.....0
Bd. 4	Dave Bowen.....1	Dave Rodgers.....0
Bd. 5	Ray McNamee.....0	Don Burdick.....1

Huntington played the white pieces on the odd-numbered boards. The match was deadlocked 2-2 when Bowen came through with the winning point for Charleston.

CHARLESTON WINS FROM CARBIDE

The Charleston Chess club defeated the Carbide club of South Charleston, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, in the first team match between the two groups this year. The event was held May 4 in the K. of C. clubs rooms. A return match is planned for later in the year in South Charleston.

This was Charleston's sixth consecutive victory in the series of matches which started with a tie in 1946.

The 1949 version started out a close contest. After four games, the score stood 2-2, Lynn Cavendish and Harry Sweeney tallying for Charleston and Bruce Marples and Hugh Allison for Carbide. Then Charleston marked up the next five points in a row, insuring a win. Summary of the match:

	<u>Charleston ($8\frac{1}{2}$)</u>	<u>Carbide ($3\frac{1}{2}$)</u>
Bd. 1	Edwin Faust (c)..... $\frac{1}{2}$	Al DuVall..... $\frac{1}{2}$
Bd. 2	Edward Foy.....1	Dave Marples.....0
Bd. 3	John Hurt, Jr.....1	Ray Martin.....0
Bd. 4	Bill Truslow.....0	Harold Liggett (c).....1
Bd. 5	Frank Branner.....1	Dr. John Blagg.....0
Bd. 6	Lynn Cavendish.....1	Bob Swarbrick.....0
Bd. 7	Allan Gilliland.....1	Jim Schilling.....0
Bd. 8	Dr. A. A. Seletz.....1	Kingsley Hughes.....0
Bd. 9	Harry Sweeney.....1	Jim Ankeney.....0
Bd. 10	Wally Michels.....0	Bruce Marples.....1
Bd. 11	Bob Meador.....0	Hugh Allison.....1
Bd. 12	David Bowen.....1	Jack Stevens.....0

Charleston played the white pieces on the odd-numbered boards.

OTHER CHARLESTON NEWS

The Charleston Chess club plan^{ned} to start play in an informal summer tournament June 1, continuing sessions until Aug. 31.

Rules, as announced in Eddie Foy's Charleston newspaper columns, include: Players may enter during any of the early weeks of the tournament. There will be no formal schedule and no clocks. Players meet each opponent in two games. Openings are decided by drawing from a group of cards, each card having a different opening. The tournament winner will be the player with the largest number of plus points, regardless of losses, on Sept. 1. Two draws will count as one plus. All games must be played at the K. of C. rooms, except that adjourned games may be completed elsewhere.

The Charleston chess club also plans instruction for players,

GAMES DEPARTMENT

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Two games feature the new Charleston co-champion, Ed Faust. Lately he used the Colle System quite a bit with the white as well as with the black pieces. He should have lost the game against Truslow but the one against Hartling is well played.

Reid Holt played a typical "Holt game at its best" against Maloy. Enjoyable, with a touch of brilliancy.

Dunn-Morgan is a hard-fought, lively and interesting slugging match.

The DuVall games are annotated by himself. The one against Foy was one of those crucial last-round games. Against Faust he played very well but one weak move permitted Faust to equalize. (The Liggett DuVall game in the May issue of the Bulletin also was annotated by DuVall.)

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING
CHARLESTON CHESS CLUB
APRIL 13, 1949
WHITE: ED FAUST
BLACK: WM. TRUSLOW

1 P-Q4	P-K3
2 N-KB3	N-KB3
3 P-K3	P-Q4
4 B-Q3	P-B4
5 P-B3	N-B3
6 QN-Q2	B-Q2
7 O-O	Q-B2
8 Q-K2	

Black chose a very simple defense against the feared Colle attack. Black's position leaves him the option of O-O-O and against this White's pieces are not so well posted. Instead of the text which commits the Q too early 8 P-K4 at once is sharper.

8 ... Pxp!

O-O-O is also good. The text, which makes the center rigid, prevents the easy development of White's Q-side pieces after White is permitted to play P-K4.

9 KPxP	B-Q3
10 R-K	O-O
11 N-K5	QR-K

12 N(2)-B3

Too slow. P-KB4 and P-KN4 with more attacking chances.

12 ... B-B!

The beginning of a fine conception: to advance in the center (that's where White is usually the strongest in the Colle).

13 B-KN5?

A loss of time. Better B-Q2 followed by QR-B to counter Black's center push by P-QB4.

13 ...	N-Q2
14 B-Q2	P-B3
15 NxN(6)	PxN
16 QR-Q	

Better is P-B4 P-K4, 17 P-B5 BxP, 18 PxB P-K5, 19 B-K3 and though Black is preferable, White ought to be able to hold the game. After the text, Black should get an overwhelming position.

16 ...	P-K4
17 Pxp	NxP?

PxP! with a win-

ning position. Black then simply pushes the KP to K5 and with the KB-file open and his pieces pointing at White's K-wing he has an easy attack.

18 NxN RxN?

Again Pxn!

19 B-K3 P-KR4?

After this, White is reborn. P-QB4 still would maintain a good game for Black.

20 Q-B2 P-N4

Still P-QB4 and on 21 P-QB4 P-Q5. The reckless attack by Black will be easily stopped by White.

21 P-QB4! P-R5

There is hardly a good move for Black. Relatively best is Pxp.

22 P-B5

Also good is Pxp Pxp (not RxP?, 23 B-QB4), 23 QxQ BxQ, 24 BxRP with a won endgame.

22 ... RxB

The sacrifice is incorrect but none of

though not necessarily at every session.

An exhibition of simultaneous chess play by Dr. Siegfried ^{Werthammer} or some other outstanding player was advertised for the Charleston Chess club. However, we have received no report on the match, or whether it was held on the appointed date, May 18. Can anyone advise us?

50TH UNITED STATES OPEN TOURNAMENT

The dates for the 50th Jubilee U.S. Open Chess Championship Tournament are July 11-23. The place: the Grand ballroom of the Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Neb.

The U.S. Junior championship will be played July 25-30 at Fort Worth, Tex.

RAINER SACHS WINS CLEVELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Young Rainer Sachs, who did so well in the Tri-State Tournament in Wheeling last November, has won the chess championship of Cleveland. It will be recalled that at Wheeling, Sachs defeated the champions of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, only to lose in a playoff game to Herman Hesse of Pennsylvania.

LOG CABIN TEAM MAY VISIT CHARLESTON

Charleston hopes to have the traveling Log Cabin chess team of West Orange, N. J., as its guest this summer. The Log Cabin team plans another transcontinental tour, similar to the one it went on last summer.

TWO BIG-TIME MATCHES IN PROSPECT

Arthur W. Dake has challenged U.S. Champion Herman Stainer to a match. In 1935, a match between them resulted in a $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ victory for Dake.

Also there is prospect of a match between Samuel Reshevsky and Dr. Reuben Fine. THAT would be a match and we certainly hope it can be arranged! Both men are eligible for play in the Argentine tournament this year to pick a challenger to meet Mikhael Botvinnik for the world title.

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less forced. On B-K2,
23 P-B4 decides the
game at once.

23 RxR BxPch
24 K-R B-B5
25 R(3)-K P-N5

Better though not
sufficient is P-B4.

26 B-B5 P-N6
27 BxB QxB
28 Q-N6ch K-R
29 R-K7 Resigns

SLAV DEFENSE

CHARLESTON CHESS CLUB

APRIL 20, 1949

WHITE: WM. HARTLING

BLACK: ED FAUST

1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 N-KB3 P-K3
3 P-B4 P-QB3
4 P-K3 N-B3
5 N-B3 B-Q3
6 B-Q2

Stronger and more
aggressive is B-Q3,
O-O, P-K4. As White
plays, Black gets a
Colle formation with
colors reversed.

6 ... QN-Q2
7 B-K2 P-K4
8 PxB NxB
9 NxN?

PxP is by far bet-
ter. In similar posi-
tions, it usually can-
not be played as the
KB is on Q3. Although
the ensuing isolated
QP is by no means a
fatal weakness, White
will have more chances
than after the text.

9 ... BxN
10 B-B3??

In the last analy-
sis, the losing move.
White loses a P with-
out enough compensa-
tion.

10 ... PxB
11 Q-R4 B-K3
12 O-O-O O-O

13 P-KR3 P-QR3
14 Q-B2 Q-B2
15 P-KN4 P-QN4
16 P-N5

Very lively game
with attacks on dif-
ferent wings. But
Black gets through
first. White rushes
matters. This attack
should be slowly
prepared by N-K2,
P-K4 (very important
to neutralize Black's
point Q4 which is an
important "communi-
cation" center),
B-N2, P-B4, etc. In
addition, the text
frees Black's square
KB4 for the black QR.

16 ... N-Q4
17 N-K2 P-QR4
18 B-K4 P-N3
19 P-B4 B-N2
20 BxN

White has to get
rid of the dangerous
N (it threatened
N-N5).

20 ... PxB
21 B-B3

The only chance
White has is to open
the KR file after
pushing the KRP. It
is interesting how
he is prevented from
making a real danger
of it because he has
to meet first Black's
many threats. 21...
B-B4 threatened to
win the Q.

21 ... B-B4
22 Q-Q2 B-K5
23 R-R2 B-Q6
24 P-KR4 P-N5
25 B-Q4 KR-K
26 BxB KxB
27 N-N3 Q-B3

The Black Q pene-
trates now decisively.

28 P-R5 Q-R5
29 P-R3 Q-N6

Prettier than PxB,
30 PxB QxPch, 31 Q-
QN2 which would also
have won.

30 KRPxP BXP
31 QR-R R-R
32 N-K2 PxB
33 N-Q4 Q-R7
34 Q-B3 Q-N8ch
35 K-Q2 QxNPch
36 N-B2ch QxQch

Black is three Ps
ahead and the endgame
is an easy win.

37 KxQ QR-QN
38 N-Q4 B-N8
39 RxB

Forced.

39 ... RxR
40 R-R2 R-Q8
41 N-K6ch K-B2
42 N-B5 R-K
43 K-B2 R-K8
44 RxB R(1)xP
45 RxB P-Q5!

Threatens mate by
R(6)-K7, which White
can prevent only by
material loss. The fol-
lowing checks are fu-
tile.

46 R-R7ch K-K
47 R-R8ch K-K2
48 R-R7ch K-Q3
49 N-N7ch K-B2
50 N-R5ch K-N3
51 NxPch KxR
52 NxR RxN
53 Resigns

QUEEN'S PAWN GAME

1949 CHARLESTON

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY

WHITE: REID HOLT

BLACK: ARTHUR MALOY

1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 N-KB3 N-KB3
3 P-B4 PxB
4 Q-R4ch N-Q2
5 N-B3 P-K3

Better is P-B3, 6
QxP N-N3 in order to
leave an outlet for
the QB.

6 P-K4 B-K2
7 QxP O-O
8 B-B4 P-B3
9 B-K2 N-R4?

This excursion will
be terribly punished
later on. The usual
idea is to exchange
the white QB after
B-N3 but it would op-
en here only the KR
file for White as he
hasn't castled yet.
So--the move is point-
less.

10 B-N3 P-QB4
11 Pxp Nxp
12 R-Q Q-N3
13 P-N4 N-R3

N-Q2, 14 P-QR3 and
Black's Q may get in
trouble eventually;
besides, the Black Q-
wing pieces are
locked in.

14 P-QR3 R-Q
15 RxRch QxR
16 B-K5 B-Q2

Better P-QN3.

17 O-O R-B
18 Q-N3 N-N

This plausible move
loses a piece in an
astonishing manner.
N-B3 had to be played
though the Black Q-
wing would be messed
up after KBxN.

19 R-Q Q-K
20 BxN!! RxB
21 N-K5 N-B3
22 NxB NxB
23 B-N5 B-B3

R-Q, 24 Q-R4.

24 BxN Q-K2
25 N-K2 P-QR3

Black slyly prepares
to regain the piece
by a pin or fork.

26 N-B4 R-Q
27 Q-Q3 P-KN3
28 Q-Q6!!

This looks like a
mistake.

28 ... QxQ
29 RxQ B-K4
30 NxKP!!

Beautiful.

(To Schiggi's
notes, Holt adds:
"Maloy played 30...
BxR and resigned a
few moves later. I
am glad he didn't
resign after my 24
BxN because of the
swellelegant oppor-
tunity I later got of
having all my men en
prise at one time!")

HUNTINGTON CHESS CLUB
APRIL 14, 1949

QUEEN'S G. D.

WHITE: PAUL DUNN
BLACK: CHARLES MORGAN

1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 P-QB4 P-QB3
3 N-QB3 N-B3
4 N-B3 B-B4
5 P-K3 P-K3
6 P-QR3 QN-Q2
7 N-KR4 B-KN5
8 P-B3 B-R4
9 B-Q3 P-KN4
10 P-KN4 PxB
11 PxB PxB
12 BxB NxB
13 P-K4 P-R6
14 B-K3 B-K2
15 P-B4

After an interest-
ing mixing-up on the
K-wing, Black came
out with a P-plus but
White has the better
center position! The
game is wide open and
full of possibilities.
It seems to us that
White has slightly
better chances. In-
stead of the text, he
could do much better

with R-KN and if B-
R5ch, 16 K-K2 follow-
ed by P-K5, R-N4 or
Q-KB with an excel-
lent game.

15 ... B-R5ch
16 K-Q2 N(4)-B3
17 P-K5 N-N3
18 B-R2

Preferable is B-Q3
followed by Q-KB.

18 ... KN-Q4
19 Q-R5?

Q-KB regains the P.
After the text, Black
should get the upper
hand.

19 ... NxB!
20 Q-N4

Of course not BxN
QxPch.

20 ... N-N3
21 N-K4 NxB!

A pretty but risky
conception. B-K2, 22
QxRP would leave
Black with a healthy
P ahead and nothing
to fear.

22 Q-N7!

The only good move.

22 ... N-B6ch?

Although Black gets
three Ps for a piece,
White gets a strong
attack. Good was N-
B5ch, 23 BxN NxBch,
24 K-Q3 NxBch, 25 K-
B2 R-KB and Black has
enough for the piece.

23 K-K2 NxBch
24 BxN K-K2
25 B-B6ch BxB
26 QxBch K-Q2
27 QxBPch K-B
28 BxBch K-N
29 QR-Q Q-KB
30 Q-R5 Q-B5
31 N-B5 P-QR3
32 P-R4 NxB
33 NxB QxN
34 Q-K5ch K-R2

35 Q-B5ch K-N
 36 R-Q4 Q-N4ch
 37 QxQ RPxB
 38 BxP R-R7
 39 R-Q2 K-B2
 40 R-KB P-B4??

Black has made the best of an inferior game. Although White is ahead, the endgame should be very difficult and long-drawn-out with plenty of drawing chances for Black. The text is a blunder which loses in short order.

41 R-B7ch K-B3
 42 B-N2ch K-N3
 43 RxPch K-R3
 44 R-Q6ch K-R4
 45 R-R7ch Resigns

FRENCH DEFENSE
CHARLESTON CITY
CHAMPIONSHIP 1949
(FINAL ROUND)
 WHITE: AL DU VALL
 BLACK: EDW. M. FOY

(Notes by DuVall)

1 P-K4 P-K3
 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
 3 N-Q2 P-QB4
 4 KPXP QXP

"The logical response to take advantage of 3 N-Q2."

5 KN-B3 N-KB3
 6 B-B4 Q-Q
 7 O-O PXP
 8 N-N3 B-K2

Here N-B3 looks better so as to play NxN after 9 N(N3)xP.

9 N(N3)xP O-O
 10 B-B4 P-QR3
 11 Q-K2

And White has a big lead in development.

11 ... P-QN4
 12 B-QN3

White spent a long time here and finally

rejected both QR-Q and BxKP! The latter looks strong, e.g.: 12 BxKP! PxB, 13 NxP BxN, 14 QxBch K-R, 15 N-K5 or perhaps even better 15 BxN RxB, then N-K5!

12 ... N-Q4?

However, on other moves, the threat of 13 N or BxKP are difficult to meet.

13 BxN(8) RxB
 14 N-B6 Q-B2

14...N-B5 is answered by 15 NxBch QxB, 16 Q-K5.

15 BxN B-B3
 16 B-K4 R-N3
 17 N(6)-Q4 R-Q3
 18 P-B3 KR-Q
 19 QR-Q P-N3
 20 N-N3 P-K4
 21 RxR RxR
 22 R-Q B-K3
 23 RxR QxR
 24 Q-Q2 Q-B2
 25 P-KR4 Q-B5
 26 Q-Q3 Q-R5
 27 N-B5 QXP
 28 NxB QxN
 29 Q-Q5 Q-K2
 30 Q-R8ch K-N2
 31 QXP Q-Q2
 32 K-R2 Q-N5
 33 Q-B6 Q-B5ch
 34 P-N3 Q-N5
 35 Q-Q5 Q-R4
 36 QxNP P-N4
 37 NxNP! Q-N5
 38 Q-Q5 BxN
 39 PxB QXP
 40 K-N2 P-R4

White had a minute to spare.

41 P-KB4 Q-N5
 42 QxKPch P-B3
 43 Q-K7ch K-N
 44 Q-K8ch K-N2
 45 Q-N6ch QxQ
 46 BxQ KxB
 47 K-B3

And Black resigned.

COLLE SYSTEM
CHARLESTON-CARBIDE
CLUB MATCH, MAY, 1949
 WHITE: ED FAUST
 BLACK: AL DU VALL

(Notes by DuVall)

1 P-Q4 N-KB3
 2 N-KB3 P-KN3
 3 P-K3 B-N2
 4 B-Q3 O-O
 5 QN-Q2 P-Q4
 6 P-B3 QN-Q2
 7 O-O P-B4

And we arrived at the Colle System.

8 Q-K2

M.C.O. gives 8 P-K4 on 8 P-QN4! but not the text which, however, is quite logical.

8 ... Q-B2
 9 P-K4 QPXP
 10 NxP NxN
 11 BxN

11 QxN seems better.

11 ... PXP
 12 PXP

If 12 NxP, Black had considered BxN, 13 PxB N-B3, 14 B-B3 (14 B-R6? N-N5) B-K3 and White's QP is weak.

12 ... N-B3
 13 B-Q3 B-N5
 14 P-KR3 BxN
 15 QxB Q-Q2

Removing the Q from the open file.

16 R-Q QR-B

If 16...QXP, then 17 BxP!

17 B-KB4 Q-Q4

Black's advantage would be greater in the end-game.

18 Q-K3 KR-K
 19 B-K5 Q-K3
 20 Q-B3

20 BxN yields Bs of opposite colors and

probably insures a
draw.

20 ... Q-N3
21 QR-N

Apparently 21 P-QN3
was rejected, so as
not to weaken QB3.

21 ... N-Q2
22 BxB

If 22 R-K BxB, 23
PxB Q-K3!?, 24 QxNP
N-B4, 25 Q-B3 NxB, 26
QxN KR-Qch. However,
24 B-N5 looks strong-
er.

22 ... KxB
23 B-K4 R-B2
24 B-Q5 N-B3

25 B-N3 R(1)-QB
26 P-N4 P-KR3
27 P-KR4 Q-B3
28 P-Q5

White decides to
close the B's diago-
nal since 28 QxQ and
28 Q-B4 both favor
Black.

28 ... Q-Q3
29 R-K P-QR4
30 QR-Q?

White did not fore-
see Black's reply.

30 ... P-R5!
31 P-N5

If 31 BxP R-B5, 32
B-N3 RxBch.

31 ... PxB

Now Black goes
astray. 31...Pxp is
the move. If 32 PXP
N-R2, 33 BXP is
forced.

32 PxNch QxBP
33 QxQch KxQ
34 P-Q6 PXP(3)
35 RxBch K-N2
36 PXP

White offers a
draw.

36 ... R-B7
37 R-Q7 RxNP
38 R(1)-K7

DRAWN

CHESS REVIEW TO OPEN 1949 POSTAL CHESS TOURNEY

"Chess Review" this month is announcing its 1949 Golden Knights postal chess championship, entries for which will be accepted until June 30, 1949.

The entry fee is \$3 for an opening round section and players who qualify for later rounds pay no additional fees. Sections are composed of seven players. Prizes awards total \$1,000 and range from \$5 to \$250.

If you are interested in chess by mail, you may send your entry to Chess Review, 250 West 57th St., New York 19, N. Y.

"Chess Review" also has just announced Marvin Palmer of Detroit, Mich., as winner of its 1944 postal championship. Palmer won 18 straight victories in the three regular rounds of play, then made a four-game sweep in a playoff for first place. Two California players--Chester N. Fuglie of Riverside and Wade A. Hendricks of Alameda--also made perfect scores in the three regular rounds of play. A total of 637 players were entered.

SHOULD WE HAVE HIGHER DUES?

As members know, the cost of everything went up during the war. It has not come down since the war ended.

The cost of operating the West Virginia Chess Association is no exception. It once cost 1½ cents to mail members their Bulletins, now it costs 2 cents. Other supplies which go the making of the Bulletin are more expensive.

Members know also that the \$1 membership fee never has covered the full cost of operating the WVCA. Only the generosity of a few members who made donations or took sustaining memberships has enabled the association to keep going.

Should dues be increased? Let us have some letters on the subject.