

# FOY AND WERTHAMMER SHARE STATE TITLE

BIGGER and BETTER than ever Firgive the kack neved phrase, but that exactly describes the 1949 West Virginia Chess Congress.

Dr. Siegfried Werthammer of Huntington and Edward M. Foy of Charlestor tied for the championship, to lead a field of 13 in the 11th annual meet. John Hurt jr. of Charleston, who shared the title with Dr. Werthammer in 1948; finished third, only 1/2 point behind. He was closely followed by Allen Duvall of St. Albans, who had a record of 4-2; and Rudd Neel, Huntington, was fifth with  $3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ . Former State Champion H. Landis Marks of Huntington, who was off form in this tournament, tied with William F. Hartling, St. Albans, for sixth and seventh.

Charles Morgan, Huntington High School student, won the Junior champit ship in a field of ten, and succeeds Bob Swarbrick of South Charleston, who did not defend his title. Don Burdick, a 12-year-old Huntington boy, lost only to the champion and finished second with a 4-1 score. Beckley Champion Andy Hoke and Marshall College Champion Jack Allison of Lima. On tied for third and fourth with 3-2.

Herman Allison of Lima won the Open Tournament with 5-0. Ray Mark of South Charleston was second with  $3\frac{1}{3}-1\frac{1}{3}$  and Harlow Warren of Beckley was third with 3-2. There were eight players in the Open event. Feel Sayer of Huntington outscored three other players in the double rounder obin Players Tournament, winning all six games. Hugh Allison of Charleston was runner-up with  $3\frac{1}{3}-2\frac{1}{3}$ .

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Huntington deserves the thanks all chess devotees in West Virginia for the fine manner in which the sponsored this tournament. They showed what can be accomplished when wide awkae organization helps out our own Association. Reid Helt and Hell Liggett are due the highest praise for the excellent way in which the directed the Congress. With a record number of contestants, 35, it was by no means an easy job. Their play in the tournament undoubtedly source because of their additional duties as directors.

Everone was disappointed that Ye Olde Ed, Gene Collett, was unable to attend and direct the Congress, as advertised. But President Truncan had to pick that particular time to go to Pittsburgh, and Gene had to store and entertain him. At least his AP bosses thought he should!

The Swiss System was used for all events except the four-man Players Tournament.

Details of play in the 1949 West Virginia Chess Congress:

# CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

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(1. Edward Foy Tie (2. Dr. Werthammer	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{12}} \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}} \frac{4}{\sqrt{11}} \frac{5}{\sqrt{12}} \frac{6}{\sqrt{4}} \frac{\text{Score}}{5-1}$
3. John Hurt 4. Allen DuVall	<u> </u>
5. Rudd Neel	N2 L6 W5 W8 W11 L1 4-2 D11 L8 L4 W/B W 12 W 10 3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}
(6. Landis Marks Tie (7. Wm. F. Hartling	V10 W 4 L 1 L 2 W 7 L 3 3-3 L 1 L 10 W/B W 13 L 6 W 9 3-3
(8. H.D. Burke (9. Edwin Faust	D13 W 5 L 11 L 4 L 9 W/B 2章-3章 D 3 L 11 W 13 L 10 W 8 L 7 2章-3章
Tie (10. Reid Holt (11. Harold Liggett	L6 W7 D 12 W9 L3 L5: 25-35 D5 W9 W8 L1 L4 L2 25-35
(12. William Cuthbert Tie (13. Tom Sweeney	W/B L 1 D 10 L 3 L 5 D 13 2-4 D 8 L 3 L 9 L 7 W/B D 12 2-4

### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

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## PLAYERS TOURNAMENT

<ol> <li>Paul Sayre</li> <li>Hugh Allison</li> <li>Dr. J.S. Pearson</li> </ol>	Sayre x 0 0	Allison 2 x ½	Pearson . 2 . 1½ x	05den 2 . 2 . 2	Score 6-0 3글-2글 2글-3글
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## OHIO HAS NEW CHAMPION

Walter Mann of Columbus is the 1949 Chess Champion of Ohio. Mann, a student at Ohio State, won in convincing style, winning his first four games and drawing his last two. Elliot Stearns, the defending champion, finished second, suffering one defeat and a draw.

# TOURNAMENT NOTES

The problem of what to do with two champions and only one cup was neatly solved when Dr. Werthammer elected to take his third leg and permanent possession of the Morgantown Jaycee trophy, leaving Foy in sole possession of this year's Huntington Jaycee Cup.

The record-breaking entry list of 35 players (the previous record was 29) represented nine cities and three states. The oldest player was G.H. Ogden of Ashland, Ky., a young man of 80, who participated in the Players Tournament. The youngest was Jack Pearson, an old man of seven, who played in-you guessed it--the Juniors Tournament.

The hospitality extended by the City of Huntington included a letter of invitation to the Congress from Mayor W.W. Payne.

Players in the Championship Tournament encountered time trouble in several games, but in only one was adjudication necessary: This was the Hurt-Werthammer game. The position was very tough indeed, but the committee after careful study awarded the game to Black (Werthammer).

Tom Sweeney got into severe time trouble in his game with our prexy, Bill Cuthbert, anyalthough he had a win he couldn't find the right moves in his race to beat the clock. Tom got his 50 moves made as the last second ticked away, but he was a nervous wreck and his good game was gone. Bill offered a draw and Tom accepted.

The Huntington Jaycees put the Congress on in fine style and provided nine trophies. for the various events.

The ballroom of the Governor Cabell Hotel proved just the place for the record entry, since there was room for players and many spectators as well.

The ice water during the day and hot coffee at night also was well received by players--- and spectators:

The quality of play in the Junior Tourney is fair warning to all the oldsters who have dominated the championship event that their suns may be setting as their sons are rising!

For the second time in three years, Al DuVall (who drew the cartoon on this page) came within one game of the title.

The table on Page 2 shows how hard-fought the Championship Tournament was. No player escaped defeat and only three of the 13 got by with only one loss.



Hm...mm....N-B3; B-N2, B-B4!; QxB, QxP check! Wins!



Conducted by Dr. Siegfried Werthammer 2008 North Englewood Rd. Huntington, West Va.

The Marks-Burdick game from the recent Huntington Chess Club Tourney shows Landis at his best. But also young Don Burdick put up a good fight. The selection from the Kanawha Valley Summer Tourney is a brevity a la Holt, more creditable this time as he caught the reliable Ed Foy napping.

In this issue we have several games from the State Chess Congress. All good games will be published in subsequent issues. The Hoke-Allison game is a fresh and unorthodox affair. From the championship flight we include the last round games of the co-champions. Werthammer-Liggett is an oldfashioned slugging match. In the Foy-DuVall game the winner again demonstrates his sensible and sound style.

	NENT, 1949
SLAV	EXCHANGE
WHITE:	H.L. FARKS
BLACK:	DON BURDICK
1 N-KB3 2 R-B4 3 PxP 4 P-Q4 5 N-B3 6 B-B4 7 P-K3 8 B-Q3	P-Q4 P-QB3 PxP N-QB3 N-B3 B-B4 P-K3

HUNTINGTON CHESS CLUB

A deceptively simple position. It seems that the game is. perfectly even. But there are many possibilities for White and Black has to be. careful to maintain equality. Instead of the text Alekhin's manouvre 8. N-K5, R-B 9. P-KN4 is stronger.

8	ВхВ
9 QxB 10 0-0	B-Q3 BxB
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Preferable is 040 and on 11. N-K5, BxN 17 Q-Q4! 12.BxB, N-Q2 or 12. PxB, N-KR4. After the text White's P on B4 will be strong and can be the means with QRP and Prepares which White can loosen Black's center or

K-po	si	ti	on	

11	PxB	0-0
12	P–QR $3$	Q-B2

Stronger is N-K2 or R-K.

13 P-B5!

Marks has won many games in such positions by similar stratagems.

P-X4

A spirited counter move but too risky, 13. , PxP,14 QxP, N-K2 15. Q-K5!, QxQ 16. PxQ gives White the better endgame because of the Black isolated QP but still. is preferable to the text. Black succumbs now to a strong attack despite the reducçã material.

14 PxP  $\mathbb{K}xP$ 15,NxN  $\cdot g_{\mathbf{X}N}$ 16 KR-K

A versatile move. which blockades the QP, threatens the . P-KN4.

17	. ,	KR→F	Z.
18 P-1 19 P-1 20 Rx	KN4	P-KF	<del>1</del> 3
19 P-1	R4	RxR	-
<sup>1</sup> 20 Rx.	₹	R-Q	
21 P-1		•	

Of course not GxRP because of 21 ..., NxP and Black wins!

21	PxP
22 PxP	N-R2
23 Q-KII4	P-Q5
24 X-K4	Q-K2
25 P-B6	Q-B
26 K-N2	P-Q6
27 R-KR	P-KN3
28 Q-R4	Resigns
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#### KANAWHA VALLEY TOURNA-MINT 1949 QUEEN'S GALBIT DEC. HITE: REID HOLT BLACK: EDWARD FOY

1 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 3 N-KB3 4 B-KN5	N-K83 P-K3 P-Q4 QN-Q2
5 N-B3	P-B3
6 P-K3	Q-R4
7 PxP	NxP
8 J-N3	B-N5
9 R-ର୍B	P-QB4
10 B-ეB4	PxP
ll PxP	N/2-N3
12 BxN	ĭĭxƁ
13 B-Q2	0-0
14 0-0	B-02?

Up to this point the

### HOLT-FOY CONTINUED

opening was well played. White has some pull and is better developed but Black gave him an isolated QP. With correct play a rather dull draw should result, a.g. 14..., MxN 15. BxN, BxB 16.RxB, Q-Q4 The text move appears good at first glance but is indeed a decisive mistake as it permits White a pretty exchange combination.

15 NxN BxB 16 N-K7 ch K-R 17 NxB QxN 18 QxNp

As it turns out the win of the P is immaterial. It is White's occupation of the 7th rank which is Black's downfall.

18 ... KR-Q 19 KR-Q Q-N4 20 N-B6 BxN 21 RxB Q-KR4 22 R/Q-QB K-N??

Loses at once, but also the endgame after P-KR3 is lost for Black in the long run. 22...., P-KR3 23. P-QN3, K-N 24. R-Q6!, KR-N! 25. Q-R6 etc.

23 QxR Resigns

# JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, 1949 CARO-KANN WHITE: ANDY HOKE BLACK: JACK ALLISON

P-K4	P-9B3
N-KB3	P-24
P-K5	B-N5
P-94	N-22
P-KR3	B-R4
	P-K4 N-KB3 P-K5 P-Q4 P-KR3

6 B-K2 P-K3 7 N-N5 BxB

B-N3 is better.

8 QxB B-K2 9 NxBP!!?

A remarkable combination. Although it is incorrect against best defenso, still it is beautiful. The sacrifice is strictly positional, compressing Black's K-position. The quiet moves after the sacrifice to build up the attack are especially pleasing.

KxN. . . 10 B-K3 P-B4 11 P-QB3 R-QB1 12 P-KN3 B-31 13 P-KB4 N-K2 14 R-B1 P-KN3 15 P-KN4  $\Im - N3$ 16 P-B5 K-Kl 17 PxKP  $\Omega \mathbf{x} \mathbf{P}$ 18 Q-N5 P-N3

At this point Black could turn the tables by P-QR3 19. QxNP, Q-QB3. Likely the uphill fight had Black discouraged and tired.

19 R-B6 Q-N1 20 F-K6 K-Q1 21 QxN Mate \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT, 1949
KING'S GAMBIT
WHITE: S.WERTHARMER
BLACK: HAROLD LIGGETT

1 P-K4 2 P-KB4 PxP 3 Q-B3

Breyer's move which is as good a continuation as any in the K.G.

B-B4

Prepares to win a P the hard way. Black could get the P by Q-R5ch 4. P-N3, PxF 5. PxP, Q-B3 but White gets an overwhelming center position despite F-minus and Q-exchange.

4 F-B3 BxN 5 RxB F-Q3

Black changes plan and makes a developing move. After Q-R5ch 6. P-KN3, FxP RxF White gets too strong an attack (QxP 8. RxP).

6.QxP

For the moment ending all of Black's hopes on the K-wing.

6 ...: N-KB3 7 F-Q4 O-O 8 B-Q3 N-N5

Instead of patiently developing with a slightly inferior but tenable game Black tries again to mix it up on the K-wing.

9 N-Q2!

Bringing on the reception committee for the Black Q.

9 .... Q-R5ch 10 F-KN3 QxRP 11 N-B3 Q-R3

Again backing out. The intended Q-B7ch is very difficult to calculate and analysis reveals that it leaves Black with a lost game. 11 ..., Q-B7ch 12. K-Q, N-R7! (the only move, otherwise the Black Q does not come out alive). 12. B-K2!, NxN 13.R-B, Q-N7 14. RxN, Q-R6 15. R-B, F-KR4, 16.K-B2 and

White should win by a direct K-side attack. The text, despite Q-exchange, does not prevent White's on-slaught.

12 N-N5 Q-B3 13 I-K5 FXF 14 BXPch K-R 15 FXF QXTch 16 QXQ NXQ 17 B-K4

To parry 17 ..., F-KB3 with 18.R-Rch, K-N 19. B-75ch. The following attack of White's is easy but pretty. Most of the time Black's moves are either forced or he is in "zugzwang".

STATE CHAM'IONSHIT
TOURNAL ENT, 1949
NIMZO=INDIAN DEF.
WHITE: EDWARD FOY
BLACK: AL-DUVALL

1	P-Q4	N-KB3
2	F-QB4	F-K3
	N-QB3	B-N5
4	P-K3	F-Q4
5	B-Q3	0~0
б	N-K2	F-2R3

F-B4 instead. The fianchetto development of Black's QB does not fit in this system.

7 0-0	PxP
1xE 8	$\Gamma$ -QN4
9 B-Q3	T-B4
10 T-2R3	$\mathtt{BxN}$
11 TxB	B-N2
12 T-QR4	T-B5

Forced, otherwise his Q-wing Is will be broken up. This, of course, takes pressure off the White center so he can push his Is. The position resembles somewhat one which may occur in the QGA, but hore White's position is decidedly superior as he still has his KB, the black KB being absent and the white KN is on K2.

Black should not try to open up the game. N-N3 is better.

15	P-K4	PxI
	Nxī	ŢXŢ
	14 TV	T X T

Forced. Black's Q-wing position is ruined.

17	RxF	<b>Q</b> -B2
18	K-R	ĸs-k

Much better is N-N3. White now wins a T with a pretty man-ouvre.

Black does not see it. N-N3 is still better.

50	Q-Q6!!	ર્⊱B4
	B-K3	Q- <u>K</u> 4
22	B-24	Q-K3
23	QxQ .	RxQ
24	RxB7	F-N3??

White has a won game with the T-plus, the two Bs and a generally aggressive position. But Black could still fight a long time. The text move is suicidal.

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25 N-R6ch K-N2
26 N-N4 1-KR4
27 NxN NxN
28 R-B7
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And now Black loses the exchange. The following is only a matter of technique and the ending is faultlessly executed by White.

31 BxR 32 R-QN 33 I-QB4 34 R-N6 35 BxR 36 B-Q4 37 BxN 38 R-R7 38 RxR 40 R-B6ch 41 R-B5ch 42 I-B5 43 K-N 44 RxBI	OM 3d ROUND
W.: G.M.Koel	sche Ninn
B.: V. Young	. Tenna.

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 N-KB3 1-QB4 1-K4 Bx1 1-Q4 N-B3 Q-Q3 B-N5ch O-O Whit	T-B3 te thro	B-K3 QR-B1 F-B4	

(Black castlod right into it!)

All good chess players mind their Is and Qs!

### A LITTLE ENCOURAGENENT CAN HELP A LOT

In the first part of this Bulletin is a report on the fine record made by the Huntington youngsters in the State Juniors Tourney.

As your editor was glancing through the bound files of the Bulletin just now, Fate, or something, let the pages fall open upon an item headed: "Chess Juniors at Huntington". The item appears in the July 1948 Bulletin, and we think it is worth repeating now:

"'Dr. V.S. Hayward of Huntington writes:

"'Could you find room in the Bulletin for a little article on a junior chess group in our town? The 'Youth Center' at the Huntington YMCA is attempting its organization, and a half dozen or so high school lads are interested. I have been asked to be a leader of the group.

"The youngsters already have begun a double round-robin among themselves. I will send you reports of their progress from time to time.'"

We think this issue of the Bulletin carries a very good "progress report" on these youngsters, Dr. Hayward, and to you we say, "Heartiest Congratulations!" The personal satisfaction must be almost as great as winning a championship yourself.

### DUVALL, HOLF TIE FOR KANAWHA VALLEY TITLE

The oft-postponed game of Reid Holt and John Hurt in the Kanaw-ha Valley Tournament finally has been played, and resulted in a victory for Holt, which gave him a tie with Allen DuVall for the Kanawha Valley title. DuVall won the title outright in last year's event, but it looks like these ties are contagious.

# DEVELOPING NEW PLAYERS

The Carbide Chess Club of South Charleston is making plans for one of its biggest seasons. Both employes and non-employes have been invited to join, and this really is an attractive offer since there are no dues -- Carbide & Carbon Chemicals Corp. pays the freight. The club has what seems to be a really worthwhile idea, and might well be copied by other clubs if they are not now doing the same thing. The Carbide players plan special classes for beginners (which take a lot of patience on the part of experienced players) and also will have "clinics" on the openings for the benefit of those who know how the pieces move but little else. Later in the year the club will have Class A and Class B tournaments, with nice prizes to be given in each class.

# CHARLESTON CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Charleston Chess Club has organized for the winter season and elected the following officers: Edwin Faust, a professor at West Virginia Tech, Montgomery, president, and William Hartling of St. Albans, secretary-treasurer. The Charleston club is considering sponsoring a Christmas season tournament to include the strongest players of the Charleston region (including Huntington).

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION: President William R. Cuthbert. 1104 Washington Avenue, Wheeling, W.Va. Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Reid Holt, 620 Churchill Drive, Charleston 4, to whom should be addressed all mail on Association business. Membership in the WVCA is \$1 a year which includes subscription to...

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### GAMES FROM THE U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

At the end of the Games Section you will find a 17-mover which we "borrowed" to fill the hole. The game was taken from a pamphlet published by the Nebraska Chess Association containing 19 games from the recent tournament. This pamphlet is just a sample of what is to come as a supplement to the Nebraska Chass Bulletin. Instead of issuing a Tournament Book (on which everybody loses money) they are going to publish, in serial form, a supplement to their Bulletin which will contain (when concluded) 85 games from the tournament, some annotated by the players. Each game has been selected as being worthy from at least one aspect, the opening, middle game, or ending. The series will contain a complete history of the event, including scoretables, pictures of many players, and a round by round introduction to the games. The supplement will be available only with the Nebraska Chess Bulletin, since the Bulletin will carry the financial load of the printing of the supplement. A year's subscription to the Bulletin (including the supplement) is only \$2.00. Mail your check or M.O. to Jack Spence, 208 South 25th Avenue, Omaha 2, Nebraska. Let's show the Nebraska Association we appreciate their efforts in getting out this "Tournament Record of the Golden Jubilee United States Open Championship".

### THE BULLETIN IS JUST A MEE BIT LATE!

Believe it or not, this is NOT the Yearbook, although you might think so after this long wait. Your editor pleads guilty to being trifling slow with this issue, and have no excuse other than a minor bout with a virus. I'll try to do better for the October issue. fact, by the time you read this I hope to be well along on the October number. Who knows, you may get it before you get this one. I'll never win a reputation as a ball of fire, but on the other hand I've never had to pay a fine for speeding.

### PENNSYLVANIA (OR PITTSBURGH) LIES IN WAIT!

The editor of En Passant, publication of the Downtown "Y" Chess Club, Pittsburgh, is beginning to best the drum for a strong team in the annual Tri-State Chess Tournament, which is right around the corner in the month of November. The fact that Pennsylvania showed up without a team last year, leaving Ohio and West Virginia to play a threeway match two ways, was a source of much embarrassment to the En Passant edtior. Now he is pounding his typewriter and demanding action!