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Tristate Tournament

Our first attendance upon the Tri-State Tournament, held this year at the Seneca Hotel, Columbus, Ohio over Armistice week-end, was as a non-playing observer.

In another part of this Bulletin the factual doings are carefully and explicitly set down, and our few remarks will, we hope, be in the nature of constructive criticism.

The large attendance of players as well as visitors was particularly noteworthy, as was the uniformly courteous attention of the hotel management, and our Columbus Hosts.

The hotel parlor was well adapted to play and the removal of stoves and refrigerators in itself was a source of no untoward inconvenience.

What seemed unreasonable delay in getting under way the matches between the state champions on Saturday morning failed to make a good impression upon either audience or contestants.

Lack of sufficient number of chess clocks, too, was felt to be an obstacle that occasioned adjudication of games that otherwise might have been concluded more naturally.

Team matches were played, in one might say a hap-hazard fashion, and the suggestion that in future this arrangement be discontinued, has been made. In places of team matches a Tri-State Open might be played with trophy and title awards.

It is hoped that Huntington will have the honor, in 1951 of holding this event, and this thought is now being published for the consideration and comment of the membership.

Acting upon one of the several important suggestions in our president's letter, the Bulletin Committee were able to institute a number of exchange contacts in Columbus.

With the exception of Mr. Hartling, West Virginia's team sat down to play as advertised in last month's Bulletin. Sayre substituted for Hartling.

The presence of the parents of Don Burdick was indeed gratifying, and we are still hoping that Dr. Burdick will sometime soon find time to tell Bulletin readers just how it feels to be father of a Champion. Incidentally, Don teaches a young group of beginners and players at the Huntington "Y" every Monday afternoon.

McNamee of Charleston graciously left the honors of runner-up in the W. Va. Junior tournament in the capable hands of Bruce Marples. The boys all behaved and played like veterans, which in fact they are.

TOURNAMENTS AND TEAM MATCHES TABLES

Tri-State Championship Tournament

G. Hartleb	Pa.	X	1	1	1	1	1	5-0
J. Schroeder	O.	O	X	1	0	1	1	3-2
A. Nasvytis	O.	O	O	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
W. Byland	Pa.	O	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	2-3
A. DuVall	W.Va.	O	O	O	1	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
S. Werthammer	W.Va	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1-4

Tri-State Junior Tournament

P. Dietz	Pa.	X	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
D. Burdick	W.Va.	O	X	1	1	1	0	3-2
M. Frederick	O.	O	O	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
Gault		O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2-3
Fleat		$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	2-3
B. Marples	W.Va.	O	1	0	0	0	X	1-4

Pennsylvania

West Virginia

1. Sorensen	0	J. F. Hurt	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. Waltz	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Morgan	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. Joffe	0	E. Faust	1
4. Coons	0	R. Martin	1
5. Sorensen	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Blagg	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. Waltz	1	F. Branner	0
7. Joffe	1	R. Neel	0
8. Coons	0	P. Sayre	$\frac{1}{5}$
	3		5

Ohio

West Virginia

1. Ferryman	1	J. F. Hurt	0
2. Somlo	1	C. Morgan	0
3. Stearns	1	E. Faust	0
4. W. Mann	1	R. Martin	0
5. McCready	1	J. Blagg	0
6. Stephan	1	F. Branner	0
7. Casey	1	R. Neel	0
8. Garner	1	P. Sayre	0
	8		0

Pennsylvania

Ohio

1. Sorensen	$\frac{1}{2}$	Ferryman	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. Waltz	0	Somlo	1
3. Joffe	0	Stearns	1
4. Coons	0	Mann	1

Pennsylvania

Ohio

5. Sorensen	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mc Cready	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. Waltz	0	Stephan	1
7. Joffe	0	Casey	1
8. Coons	0	Garner	$\frac{1}{7}$
	1		7

GAME SECTION

Among the many good games played in the Tristate Tourney in Columbus the best won by a West Virginian was the DuVall-Byland game. It contains delightful middle-and end game combinations. Hartleb's dashing victory over Schroeder illustrates very well the elegant attacking style of the tournament winner. Schroeder failed because of impatient treatment of the King Indian Defense. He in turn with the white pieces punished Werthammer who also stumbled in the King Indian Defense. This game, a charming miniature, features brilliant and sacrificial attacking play. Burdick in his game against Frederic exhibits after a weak opening good tactical skill and an inexorable end game technique. Marples won against Burdick with a "losing" variation of the Two Knights Defense after his opponent indulged in time wasting maneuvers. In the team matches Hurt defeated Sorensen in an aggressive, superbly played end game. Faust recovered a lost game from Joffe by a sharp-witted swindle.

White: Al DuVall	B-K5 to get rid of	27 RXP	RxR
Black: Bill Byland	White's dangerous KB	28 NXR	

Caro-Kann Defense

15 N-N3 P-R3

After the R exchange White has by far the better chances. The N is stronger than the black B which is restricted by Ps on white squares. White has in addition the majority of Ps on the Q-side and his Ps are more compact

1 P-K4 P-QB3
 2 P-Q4 P-Q4
 3 PXP PXP
 4 P-QB4 N-KB3
 5 N-QB3 P-K3
 6 N-B3 B-K2
 7 B-N5 O-O
 8 R-B PXP
 9 BXP P-QR3
 10 O-O

If QXP?? 16 N-K5 wins
 16 BxN NxB
 17 N-K5 Q-Q4
 18 P-B3 KR-Q
 19 KR-Q QR-B
 20 N-R5 QxPch

The position resembles one arising from the Queen Gambit Accepted. White has a free game with good attacking possibilities. The isolated QP is here no weakness. Instead of 8... PXP Black could have done better by developing with N-B3

White's attack is getting through. Black's combination is pretty and it seems that the table is turned and White is lost after the liquidation in the center, but...

28 K-N3 Better is P-QR4
 29 N-Q3, P-K4 and if
 30 P-QN4, PXP 31 NxNP, P-B4. As Black plays his B stays ineffective

10 P-QN4
 11 B-N3 B-N2
 12 Q-Q3 QN-Q2

21 QxQ RxQ
 22 RxR B-B4
 23 NxBch PXP
 24 B-R7ch!!

29 K-B2 K-B4
 30 N-Q3 B-B3
 31 K-K3 P-K4
 32 N-B5 B-N4?

More aggressive is B-B3 to threaten N-QN5 and if then 13 P-QR3, N-Q4 14. BxB, QNx B

This brilliant move keeps a small advantage for White

Loses. Instead P-QR4 with a long struggle ahead

13 B-B2 P-N5
 14 N-K2 Q-R4?

24 KxB
 25 RxB RxR
 26 N-Q3 R-QN4

33 P-QR4! B-B8
 34 P-N4ch K-N4
 35 P-N3!! Resigns

Black cannot prevent White from regaining the P, but better is R-B7 27 RXP, B-Q4 28 P-QR3 with a minimal plus for White

Somewhat early but after 35... P-KR4 best 36 K-B2, B-R6 37 NXP, PXP 38 N-B5 White wins with the Q-side Ps.

NATIONAL STANDING OF W. VA. PLAYERS

We are pleased to submit a summary, as it concerns W. Va. players, of ratings published currently in Chess Life. One of the projects of the Federation has been accomplished and praise and credit goes to Byland, a vice-president of that important national organization.

Here is the list of West Virginians attaining a rating under Bill Byland's (USCF) system. For further details consult Chess Life, the organ of the Federation.

EXPERTS

Werthammer 2217
Marks 2117

CLASS A

Foy 2074
DuVall 2070
Hurt 2060
Cobb 2026
Holt, R. 2025
Morgan 2010
Seletz 1945
Dunn 1901

Marples, D. 1610
Hayward 1597
Wiles 1587
Young 1584
Shinkle 1568
Truslow 1564
Hoffman 1550
Whitman 1548
Cavendish 1546
Capellari 1544
Holt, E. 1544
Gregg 1521
Schilling 1518

CLASS B

Faust 1879
Hartling 1876
Maloy 1856
Burdick 1844
Burke 1825
Neel 1818
Liggett 1804
Church 1800
Mott 1772
Lemke 1772
Seward 1770
Blagg 1769
Sweeney, T. 1756
Hoke, R. 1746
Cream 1745
Wolff 1745
Hoke, A. 1718
McDaniels 1701

CLASS D

Marples, B. 1483
Nelson 1474
Sayre 1451
Sweeney, H. 1445
Brenneman, R. 1445
Rodger 1444
Adkins 1444
Hoke, D. 1405
Hill 1403
Bergquist 1401
Mosier 1400
Holiday 1359
Slygh 1337
Swarbrick 1322
Cunningham 1300
Houtz 1292
Snyder, P. 1288
Ankeney 1271
Jamison 1266
Bowen 1266
Snyder, Mrs. 1254
White 1254
Brenneman, A. 1245
Broadus 1201
Coghill 1221
Allison 1114
Simeral 1097
Dudley 1090
Pearson 1066

CLASS C

Cuthbert 1693
Bragaw 1685
Warren 1684
Martin 1684
Crode 1675
Scott 1666
Gilliland 1663
Griffin 1651
Branner 1629

White: Glen Hartleb
Black: Jim Schroeder

19 Q-K4
20 Pxpch K-N2
21 P-B4 Q-QB4

the P without counterchan-
ces

King Indian Defense

15 NxNch NxN

If RXP?? 22.P-KR8
(Q)ch followed by
mate

Black thinks he has a
tenable game despite the
P-minus. He threatens
B-B4 with some counter-
pressure on the Q-side

1 P-Q4 N-KB3
2 P-QB4 P-KN3
3 N-QB3 B-N2
4 P-K4 P-Q3
5 N-B3 O-O
6 P-KR3 QN-Q2
7 B-Q3

22 NXR B-B4
23 Q-KN3 K-R
24 QR-K N-B3
25 R-K7 P-Q4
26 N-B7ch KxP
27 N-Q6ch R-B2
28 RxBch K-R3
29 Q-N5 Mate!

16 Q-B5 Q-R3
17 N-K5!!

B-K2 is more usual
but as Black plays lat-
ter on the white KB is
very well posted on Q3

Setting a beautiful trap

17

B-B?

White: Jim Schroeder
Black: Dr. S. Werthammer

7 P-QR4
8 O-O P-K4
9 B-K3 N-K

King Indian Defense Black bites, B-K3 is
necessary

PXP followed by N-
B4 is the correct pro-
cedure

1 P-QB4 N-KB3
2 N-QB3 P-KN3
3 PKN3 B-N2
4 B-N2 O-O
5 P-Q4 P-Q3
6 N-B3 QN-Q2
7 O-O R-K
8 P-N3 P-K4
9 P-K3 P-B3?

The pleasure of being a
piece ahead will be short-
lived

10 Q-Q2 P-KB4?

Premature as Black
is not enough develop-
ed to open the game.
White gets an easy at-
tack against Black's
open K-wing

18 Q-B7 BxB
19 QxBPch K-R
20 R-B7 B-B
21 N-B6!!

much better is
PXP

11 B-N5 B-B3
12 KPXP BxB
13 NxB KPXP
14 N-Q5 N-K4
15 PXP NxB

10 Q-B2 Q-B2
11 B-QR3 P-Q4?
principally the
same mistake as in
the Hartleb-Schro-
eder game. Black
opens the game too
early as his Q-wing
is still undevelop-
ed. Better is P-QR4
followed by PXP

A brilliant and decisive
move. Black has to give
his Q to stave off mate

Black has to try
NxNP. After the text
he is lost

16 N-B7! Q-Q2
17 QxN P-B3

loses a R, but there
no good moves for Black
anymore

12 PxpP BPXP
13 QR-B P-K5?
On Q-R4 follows
B-Q6 with great ad-
vantage for White.
Black realizes that
he will lose a P
but he does not rec-
kon with the ensue-

21 QxN
22 RxQ PXR
23 QxNch B-N2
24 QXP resigns

White has too much mater-
ial

18 N-N6 Q-K3
19 N-N5!

The black R cannot
run away, White strength-
ens his attack and con-
duct it forcefully to
the end

ing complications
14 NxKP! Q-R4

White: Don Burdick
Black: Myron Frederic

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 N-KB3 P-Q3
3 P-Q4 PXP
4 NxP N-KB3
5 N-Q2

Unusual, but playable
with White's next move

QxQ 15 NxNch loses

5		P-KN3	to exchange pieces	And here B-K2 is
6	P-QB4	B-N2	whenever he can,-	preferable
7	B-K2	KN-Q2	the correct procedure	
8	N(2)-N3	P-N3		11 R-K Q-B3
9	O-O	B-N2	28	12 B-Q3?
10	B-B3		29 NXR	

Better is P-B3 follow-
ed by B-K3 and Q-Q2

10	N-QB3	BxN should be tri-
11	N-B2	ed. It is harder
12	N-Q2	then for White to
	O-O	penetrate with his R

Black is better deve-
loped and his pieces
have more scope

13	R-N	N(3)-K4
14	P-QN3	NxBch
15	QxN	N-K4?

excellent is P-KB4 at
once with a very strong
attack for Black

is now ineffective
with the white Q on K2.
Better is the simple
N-B3. White's pieces
come to life by attack
on the black R and N.

17	PxP	KRxBP
18	N-Q4	R-KB3
19	P-B4	N-Q2
20	N-K6	Q-K
21	B-N2	N-B4
22	NxN	QPxN
23	BxR	PxB

Black could not pre-
vent the loss of the
exchange

24	QxQ	RxQ
25	QR-K	R-Q
26	R-B2	P-B4
27	N-B3	B-KB3
28	R-Q2	

The endgame is not
an easy win for White
while Black has the
two Bs. White proceeds

BxN should be tri-
ed. It is harder
then for White to
penetrate with his R

33	N-N5ch	BxN
34	PxB	K-K3
35	K-B4	K-Q3
36	P-KN4	K-K3
37	P-KR4	

PxP, PxP 38 RxB,
PxR 39 KxP would also
easily win

37		K-B2
38	P-R5	K-N2
39	P-NP	RPxP
40	PxP	PxP
41	RxB	PxR
42	KxP	K-N3
43	K-Q5	resigns

White: Don Burdick
Black: Bruce Marplos

Two Knights Defense

1	P-K4	P-K4
2	N-KB3	N-QB3
3	B-B4	N-B3
4	N-N5	P-Q4
5	PxP	NxP
6	P-Q4	B-K3

Better is Pinkus'
move B-QN5ch. After
the text White should
get a strong attack

7	PxP	NxP
8	NxB	PxN
9	Q-R5ch	N-N3

A trifle better is
N-B2
10 O-O P-B3

12. BxN!, BPxP 13. QxQP
with a very strong attack
and a plus P. The text is
the first of a series of
aimless moves neglecting
sound development

12		K-Q2
13	R-Q?	B-Q3
14	B-K4?	QR-KB

Black has the attack
now and wins in short
order

15	Q-B3	Q-K4
16	Q-N4	N-B3
17	P-KB4	Q-B4ch
18	Resigns	

White: Sorensen
Black: John Hurt

Queen Gambit Declined

1	P-QB4	P-K3
2	P-Q4	P-Q4
3	N-QB3	N-KB3
4	B-N5	B-K2
5	N-B3	O-O
6	PxP	PxP
7	P-K3	P-KR3
8	B-R4	P-B3
9	B-Q3	N-K5
10	BxB	QxB
11	Q-B2	R-K
12	N-K5	N-Q2
13	BxN	PxB
14	QxP	NxN
15	QxN	QxQ
16	PxQ	RxP

Black came out of the
opening--and there was no
middle game--with a small
end game advantage: better
development, a good B and
the majority of Ps on the
Q-side. White treated the
opening too peaceful.
Especially

6. PXP before Black plays QN-Q2 releases a great deal of tension; also 10. B-N3 instead of BxB makes for a fuller game

- 17 O-O-O B-K3
- 18 R-Q2 P-QN4
- 19 P-QN3 P-QR4
- 20 R(1)-Q P-R5
- 21 R-Q8ch RxR
- 22 RxRch K-R2
- 23 K-N2 PXP
- 24 PXP P-N4!
- 25 P-QN4?

To keep the black R off Black's QB4. But Black has intentions on the K-wing after shaking the Q-wing. Obviously it is difficult to foresee that Black intends to win a P, otherwise White would move P-R3

- 25 P-N5!!

After this excellent move Black's plan is suddenly clear. All the white K-wing Ps are in danger and one is lost

- 26 R-Q2

On R-Q6 Black cashes in the three white K-wing Ps for his two Q-wing Ps and the advanced KNP guarantees an easy victory

- 26 R-R4
- 27 P-B4 RxP
- 28 K-B P-R4
- 29 P-N3 R-R6
- 30 R-KN2 P-KB4
- 31 P-K4 P-R5
- 32 KPXP R-R8ch
- 33 K-Q2 P-R6!

This has to be exactly calculated

- 34 PxB

The only chances as White after queening may perpetually

ly check the black K. On other moves Black's win is obvious

- 34 PXR
- 35 P-K7 P-N8(Q)
- 36 P-K8(Q) Q-Q5ch
- 37 K-B2 R-R7ch
- 38 N-K2 Q-B5ch
- 39 K-Q2 QxPch
- 40 K-B2 Q-B5ch

The following checks are to gain time on the clock

- 41 K-Q2 Q-R7ch
- 42 K-Q3 Q-N6ch
- 43 K-Q2 Q-N7ch
- 44 K-Q3 Q-N6ch
- 45 K-Q2 Q-N7ch
- 46 K-Q3 Q-N2

Finally the winning procedure protecting the K against checks

- 47 K-Q2 R-R3
- 48 Q-K4ch R-N3
- 49 Q-R ch K-N
- 50 Q-K4 Q-Q2ch
- 51 K-K R-K3
- 52 Q-B2 Q-Q4
- 53 P-B5 Q-R8ch
- 54 Resigns

White: Joffee
Black: Ed Faust

Sicilian Defense

- 1 P-K4 P-QB4
- 2 P-KB4 N-QB3
- 3 N-KB3 P-Q3
- 4 P-KR3 P-KN3
- 5 B-B4 B-N2
- 6 O-O N-B3
- 7 P-Q3 O-O
- 8 N-B3 P-QR3
- 9 P-R3 Q-B2
- 10 B-Q2 N-QR4
- 11 B-R2 P-B5
- 12 K-R P-QN4?

An unusual Sicilian Defense. White's unnecessary 4 P-KR3 was weak and 9 P-QR4 instead of P-CR3 was better. Black has a good game if he can

prevent a white center thrust in response to his Q-side attack. Instead of the text which loses a P-12 P-K3 is good

- 13 P-K5! PxKP
- 14 PxKP N-Q2
- 15 N-Q5 Q-Q
- 16 BxN QxB
- 17 NxPch K-R
- 18 PXP NXP
- 19 NxB BxN
- 20 N-B6 Q-B2
- 21 NxB QxN
- 22 PXP

Black loses a second P

- 22 B-N2
- 23 PXP BxRP
- 24 RxP

And a third P

- 24 RxR
- 25 BxR R-KB
- 26 Q-Q7

Safer is Q-Q5. If then QxP 27 R-K wins without much trouble

- 26 B-B

Black starts to fish in the mud and succeeds to "swindle"

- 27 Q-R7 QxP
- 28 R-K Q-B3
- 29 B-N3?

Here it is. Q-K7! still wins

- 29 BxP!

This draws

- 30 PxB Q-B6ch
- 31 K-R2 Q-B5ch
- 32 K-N2??

And this loses. On K-R Black has only perpetual check

- 32 Q-Q7ch!
- 33 Resigns

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our brief business meeting at Beckley decided that our dues be raised, in point of fact doubled, that the Bulletin might be continued.

Secretary-Treasurer Warren, a hard and willing worker, if ever there was one, regretfully advises your Editors that our paid up membership is not what it could or should be, not even, he adds, what it has been.

NEWS

Mr. Warren tells of the admirable arrangements, recently made, for playing chess in Beckley. He writes "have a fine meeting place prescribed and donated by Dr. Broaddus-- the former nurses' training hall, nurses' home across road from Raleigh General Hospital where we push pawns every Tuesday night in the shadow of skeletons, manikins, etc.--- pleasantly roomy and quiet.

Mr. Hurt writes that the Charleston Chess Club plans a game with living figures in the near future. Same to be played on a basket ball court between halves of one of the big games.

The Editorial Staff takes pleasure in extending to each and every chess player in W. Va. sincere and hearty holiday greetings.

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