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CHARLESTON'S 1951 TOURNAMENT

Foy reports in his Gazette chess columns that with five rounds completed, John Hurt and Edward Foy are tied with 4-1, each. Frank Branner is third with 3-2; Edwin Faust $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Evidently Hurt is the player to beat, if his string of victories is to be interrupted. Somehow we feel that Foy might be observed in this connection, though his natural modesty may prevent his emphasizing the fact that he is now tied for the lead.

CARBIDE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The Carbide title tourney commenced Monday, February 19 at the South Charleston Recreation Center. As usual, defending champion Al DuVall will be favored to retain his Carbide title.

This event will not be a Swiss System affair, but a round-robin tournament. Whenever possible, a round-robin tourney should be held in preference to a Swiss.

Entrants are as follows: Blagg, Branner, DuVall, Hartling, Johnson, Liggett, McNamee, B. Marples, Martin, Pontius, Schmittberger, Williams.

After two rounds, Liggett, Martin and Schmittberger lead with two points.

MATCHES IN HUNTINGTON

After nine games of varying length, interest, and excitement, Charles Morgan won a four hour game from Don Burdick on March 17 and was declared winner of the match.

Score: Morgan 5 wins, 3 losses; Burdick 3 wins, 5 losses. One game was drawn.

II.

Dr. Werthammer has challenged the winner of above match (or perhaps it is vice-versa) to five games to be played for fun and experience.

Two games have been played in the Werthammer-Morgan Match. Although both games ended in draws, there was a deep desire to win shown by both competitors. When the draws were agreed upon, rooks and bishops of opposite color were still on the board in both games. Even more striking was the fact that both times White had a black-square bishop and Black had a white-square bishop.

Mr. Rudd Neel, flushed no doubt with enthusiasm after winning from Horowitz, will play a similar match with Don Burdick.

NATIONAL CHESS RATINGS

We are happy to submit the following changes in the ratings, as of December 31, 1950, published in Chess Life, the official publication of the United States Chess Federation. It should be noted that West Virginia now has four experts

<u>EXPERTS</u>		<u>CLASS C</u>	
DuVall	2186	Warren	1689
Hurt	2109	Hayward	1622
		Bergquist	1610
		Gilliland	1606
		Marples, B.	1602
		Allison, J.	1582
		Sayre	1569
<u>CLASS A</u>		<u>CLASS D</u>	
Goldsmith	2087	Baker	1498
Morgan	2060	Weston	1480
Burdick, D.	1962	Hughes	1476
		Sweeney, H.	1452
		Burdick, H.	1331
		Allison, H.	1223
		Rohrer, Alvin	1164
		Keyser	1000
		Rohrer, A. L.	1000

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF OFFICE OF SEC. TREAS. OF THE W. VA. C. A.

President Hurt is carrying on for Secy-Treas. Warren, during latter's enforced leave of absence, so please send names of new members, your dues (in case they have not been paid) to Mr. Hurt. (address on p.8)

III.

GAME SECTION

The selections from the current 1951 Charleston Championship Tourney features Ed Foy as defender of the notorious Danish Gambit. Against John Hurt he was caught napping and lost practically in the opening. Two weeks later Ed Faust tried to duplicate John's feat but came to grief. Foy turned in a perfect example of how to treat this dangerous opening.

Dr. Blagg against Ligett played a vigorous, aggressive game with interesting and pretty combinations. The game has been recently played in the 1951 Carbide Championship Tourney and has been annotated by DuVall.

DuVall submits a sharp and beautiful correspondence game from the 1950 CCLA Special Tournament. The analytical notes are by DuVall.

The selections from Hyntington are match games. Morgan aptly destroys Burdick's K-wing by a series of sacrifices utilizing Burdick's failure to develop the Q-wing in a QGA.

The Morgan-Werthammer game is interesting in all its phases and is very well contested. The notes are by Charles Morgan.

White: John Hurt, Jr.

Black: Edward M. Foy
Danish Gambit

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|---------|-------|
| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2 N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3 P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4 P-QB3 | PxP |
| 5 NxP | B-N5 |

P-Q3 at once followed by B-K3 is preferable.

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|---------|------|
| 6 B-QB4 | P-Q3 |
| 7 O-O | BxN |
| 8 PxB | B-K3 |

8... N-B3 is better.

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|----------|--------|
| 9 BxB | PxB |
| 10 Q-N3 | Q-B |
| 11 N-N5 | N-Q |
| 12 P-KB4 | P-KR3 |
| 13 N-R3 | N-KB3? |

This and similar positions of the Danish Gambit are very difficult for Black and have to be defended exactly. The main threat to Black is his exposed King

and the White KP and KBP which might denude the Black position by advancing. The forced retreat of the White N does not decrease the danger for Black. The correct move is 13 ... N-K2 followed by O-O.

14 P-K5 N-K5??

A blunder but Black already has a bad game:
14 ... N-R4 15 P-N4 or
14 ... N-O4 15 P-B4 and
on other moves 15 B-R3.

15 Q-R4 ch

White won after 20 more moves.

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White: Edwin Faust

Black: Edward M. Foy

Danish Gambit

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|--------|------|
| 1 P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2 P-Q4 | PxP |

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|---------|-------|
| 3 P-QB3 | PxP |
| 4 B-B4 | PxP |
| 5 BxP | P-QB3 |

This is the most modern continuation. One of its good points is the protection of Black's Q4.

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|---------|------|
| 6 N-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 7 O-O | N-Q2 |
| 8 N-B3 | N-B4 |
| 9 N-Q4 | N-B3 |
| 10 R-K? | |

This rook is needed on the KB file. 10 Q-B2 is better.

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|----------|------|
| 10 | B-K2 |
| 11 P-B4 | B-N5 |
| 12 Q-Q2? | |

12 Q-B2 should be played, as will be *seen*

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|----------|-----|
| 12 | O-O |
| 13 P-K7? | |

This helps Black in fulfilling his plan.

IV.

13 B-K3!
14 NxB?

14 B-KB was the last chance followed by P-B5

14 NxN
15 P-N4?

The decisive mistake;
15 K-R was necessary.

15 Q-N3ch
16 K-R2?

16 K-R is safer
16 Q-Q5!

A strong move which wins a P.

17 Q-K2

Where can the White Q go? Black's 16 ... Q-Q5 would not have been possible if the White Q was on QB2!

17 NxBP
18 BxPch

Instead of resigning White sacrificed (?) the B for a P and lost after 11 more moves. But White cannot prevent the loss of a piece: 18 Q-B Q-Q7ch. Black's reply to the text was of course 18 ... RxB.

White: H. Liggett

Black: Dr. J. Blagg
Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 N-KB3 N-QB3
3 P-Q4 PXP
4 NXP N-B3
5 N-QB3 P-Q3
6 B-KN5

The Richter Attack whose purpose is twofold: to prevent development by Black with ... P-KN3 and to prepare for Q-side castling. The reply 6...P-K3 is considered to be essential.

6 P-K3
7 NxN Pxn
8 P-K5!?

This is the old Richter Variation (called Rauzer Variation in Russia) which Botvinnik avoided as Black by 2... P-Q3.

8 Q-R4
Good although the alternative 8...PXP is also sufficient.

9 B-N5?

This is very dangerous for White. The more prudent course is 9 BxN followed by 10 PxQP with the advantage of a shattered Black pawn position.

9 PxB
10 Pxn P-N5!
11 PXP

If 11 N-K4 then Q-K4
12 Q-Q3 B-N2 13 PXP BXP
14 Q-N5ch QxQ 15 NXPch
K-Q2 16 NxQ K-B3! wins a piece.

11 Q-K4ch
12 B-K3

If 12 N-K2 BXP or QXP with the advantage.

12 BXP
13 Q-B3 P-Q4
14 N-N5

Since the N cannot remain at this advanced post, 14 N-K2 is better: this would allow O-O by blocking the KB-QR6 diagonal, free the bishop, and the N can still reach Q4 if desired.

14 B-QR3
15 N-Q4 R-QB
16 Q-Q

Instead of this retreat which constricts his forces, White must attempt to remove the Queen by 16 Q-N3 or 16 R-Q followed by 17 Q-B4.

16 O-O

Black might well consider 16 K-K2 or Q2.

17 Q-Q2 R-B5
18 P-QB3

This answers the threat of ...RxB, but 18 O-O-O is better since it allows White counter chances.

18 PXP
19 PXP KR-B
20 N-K2 R-KR5!

An ingenious defense to the threat of 21 B-Q4.

21 B-Q4?

White must answer the threat of ... RXP. The text loses.

21 RXP!
22 R-KN

White now sees that he is mated after 22 BxQ RxRch

23 N-N RxN mate. The only chance is 22 O-O-O with counter threats.

22 QxNch!

V. Transposing into an easily won endgame.

23 QxQ BxQ
 24 KxB BxB
 25 PxB R-R5
 26 P-N4 R-B7c h
 27 K-Q3?

Loses another pawn, but there is no defense:
 (a) 22 K-K3 R-R6ch, (b)
 27 K-B3 R-R6^{or} (c)
 27 K-K R-R7.

27 RxBP
 28 R-N3 R/5-R7
 29 K-K3 RxP
 30 RxR RxR

Time pressure is the only element causing Black any trouble.

31 K-B4 K-N2
 32 K-K5 R-R3
 33 P-N5 R-N3
 34 R-QR3 P-QR3
 35 R-R2 K-N3
 36 R-R R-N7
 37 RxP R-KN7
 38 R-R7 RxPch
 39 K-B4 R-B4ch
 40 K-N4 P-R4ch
 41 K-N3 K-B3
 42 R-R4 R-N4ch
 43 K-B3 K-B4
 44 R-R7 P-B3
 45 R-Q7 R-N5
 46 R-KR7 R-B5ch
 47 K-N3 P-R5ch
 48 K-R3 K-K5
 49 R-K7 P-K4
 50 PxB PxB
 51 R-QR7 P-Q5
 52 R-R3 R-B6ch
 53 Resigns

White: Dr. C. D. King, Fremont, Ohio
 Black: A. DuVall St. Albans, W. Va.

Dutch Defense

1 N-KB3 P-K3
 2 P-B4 P-KB4
 3 P-K3

Much stronger for White is 3 P-KN3 followed by 4 B-N2.

3 N-KB3
 4 P-Q4 P-QN3

If White persists in his apparent plan to develop his KB to Q3, the Black QB will have an excellent diagonal.

5 P-QR3?

This prevents ... B-N5ch. However, the exchange of bishops by B-Q2 would benefit White, since his QB is already blocked by the pawn at K3.

5 B-K2
 6 P-QN4

White is at least logical: he plans to play B-N2 and eventually force P-Q5.

6 O-O
 7 B-N2 B-N2
 8 QN-Q2 Q-K

Black might have considered 8 ... P-QR4.

9 B-Q3

Even now, the fianchetto of this B was the best course.

9 Q-R4
 10 Q-B2 P-KN4!
 11 O-O-O

Now the die is cast.

11 P-B4

In attempt to open lines to the White King.

12 NPxB PxB
 13 Q-N3 BxN
 14 BxP N-B3
 15 Q-N

With the strong threat of P-KR4

15 QR-N
 16 Q-B3 PxB
 17 PxB Q-R5

Thus preventing P-KR4

18 P-Q5 PxB
 19 PxB RxB

Black has been planning this sacrifice of the exchange for several moves. White's QB has become very strong. On the other hand, his KR is completely out of play. White's weak pawn structure is another factor, although pawns appear unimportant in this game.

20 QxR R-N
 21 PxB!

This wins a piece and thus nets White a whole rook, and yet probably loses the game.

21 RxQ
 22 P-B7! BxP!
 23 P-B8(Q)ch K-N2

And the Black King has found a haven, but not so for his White adversary.

24 K-Q

This appears to be White's only chance. If 24 Q-R6 (Black's threat is ...R-Nch winning the Queen), Q-B5 is crushing!

(a) 25 QxB QxN mate.
 (b) 25 R-Q RxN ch

26 QxB (26 K-N Q-N5ch
 27 K-R Q-N7 mate) R-Bch
 28 K-N2 RxQ 29 KxR N-Q4!
 and wins.

VI.

(c) 25 Q-R5 RxNch
26 QxB (26 K-N RxB)
RxBch 27 K-N2 RxQ 28
KxR N-Q4 and wins.

24 B-N5

Preventing the re-
turn of the Q to B3

25 B-B2?

This loses at once.
However the game is
difficult for White:

(a) 25 N-B4 Q-B5
then either (1)
26 N-K3(26NxB?? Q-Q7
mate) R-Q7 ch
27 K-B RxB or
(2) 26 B-B2 QxPch 27
K-B Q-B6.

Black has another
try in 25... Q-BP.

(b) 25 N-N Q-Q5 26
K-B (26 Q-B4 RxNch)
RxNch 27 KxR(BxR??
Q-Q7 mate)
QxBch 28 Q-B2 QxQch 29
KxQ with an interesting
ending.

(c) 25 N-B Q-Q5 26
K-B (26 Q-B4? R-N8ch
mates in one) B-R6! with
strong threats.

(d) 25 Q-B RxNch 26
QxR BxQ 27 KxB QxBPch
and Black should win
the ending easily.

In several varia-
tions if RxNPch K-R3:

25 Q-Q5
26 K-B

Black announces mate
in four with 26...
BxNch 27 K-Q B-K6ch
K-K or K2(B-Q3 QxBch
29 K-K Q-K7 mate)
Q-Q7ch 29K-B QxP mate.

White: Charles Moran

Black: Don Burdick

1 N-KB3 P-Q4
2 P-Q4 N-KB3
3 P-B4 PxP
4 P-K3 P-K3

5 BxP
6 O-O
7 Q-K2
8 R-Q
9 N-B3
10 PxP
11 N-K5
12 B-KN5
13 NxN
14 BxB
15 R-Q3

The first real mis-
take though Black chose
a rather passive varia-
tion of the QGA(7...
PxP). Black should
develop the Q-wing by
P-QN4 followed by B-N2.
If after 15...

16 R-KR3 not PxB be-
cause of 17 Q-K4 and
the exchange is lost
because of the threat
of mate, but simply
16... QxP.

After the text White
gets a very strong at-
tack.

16 R-KN3 N-KB3
17 R-Q Q-K2
R-Q

It was still time to
develop by ...P-QN4.
The text weakens the
KBP.

19 Q-K3 P-KN3
20 Q-B3

A risky P-sacrifice.
20 P-KR4 instead is
strong and safe.

20 RxB
21 R-QB N-K

Again the defense is
feeble, 21... R-KR5 is
better and if White sac-
rifices as in the fol-
lowing play (NxNP, BxNP
followed by RxPch) Black
simply plays ...K-R2
and wins.

22 Q-K3 R-Q

P-B4
N-B3
PxP
P-QR3
B-K2
N-QN5
O-O
QN-Q4
NxN
NxR
N-Q4?

2... R-KR5 is still
better.

23 Q-R6 Q-B3?

The decisive mistake.
23... Q-KB would have made
the attack more difficult.
White gets through now by
sacrifices.

24 NxNP BPxN
25 BxNP QxB
26 RxQch PxR
27 QxPch N-N2
28 P-KR4 B-Q2
29 R-B7

Material is about even.
Black got enough for the
Q, but White's attack and
strong K-side Pawns as-
sure him victory.

29 QR-B
30 RxP R-B8ch
31 K-R2 R-B4
32 Q-B6 R-KB?

This loses a piece and
the game. Longer resis-
tance could be put up by
R/4-QB.

33 Q-K7 R/4-B4
34 RxB R/4-B2
35 Q-Q6 RxR
36 QxR RxP
37 Q-B8ch K-R2
38 Q-N7 P-K4
39 K-N3 R-K7
40 P-N3 RxP
41 Q-K4ch K-N
42 Q-N6 R-R6
43 Q-Q3 P-K5
44 QxP RxPch
45 K-B4 N-R4ch
46 K-N5 R-N4ch
47 K-R6 N-D3
48 Q-N6ch K-B
49 QxNch K-K
50 K-N6 R-QR4
51 P-R5 R-R7

52 Q-E7ch Resigns

VII.

White: Charles Morgan

A forced move because otherwise Black triples his heavy pieces on the only open file.

27 Q-Q B-N5
28 Q-Q4

Black: Dr. S. Werthammer

A strong move which takes the initiative.

Ruy Lopez

- 1 P-K4 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3 B-N5 P-QR3
- 4 B-R4 N-B3
- 5 O-O B-K2
- 6 Q-K2

19 PxR
20 N-K5
The only move: 20 N-Q2? P-K6! would give Black a powerful attack. 20 N-K? would allow a winning attack by 20...Q-R5.

- 28 B-D6
- 29 P-K6ch P-B3
- 30 Q-Q7ch K-R3

The Worrall Attack, which is highly recommended by Reshevsky.

- 6 P-QN4
- 7 B-N3 O-O
- 8 P-B3 P-Q4

20 Q-R5!
Refusing the draw which would occur after 20...BxN 21 PxB QxP.

Not 30... K-N3? 31 Q-B7ch K-R3 32 QxBPch Q-N3 33 BxPch followed by PxP and White wins.
31 Q-KB7 QxQ

A variation of the Marshall Attack.

- 9 PxP Nxp
- 10 Nxp Nxn

The text causes considerable difficulties for White.

31... Q-R6?? allows mate by 32 QxBPch K-R4 33 QxP...
32 PxQ K-N2

10...N-B5 is a good alternative, i.e., 11 Q-K4 Nxn 12 QxR? B-Q3 13 Q-K4 (otherwise the Queen becomes useless by 13...P-QB3) Q-R5 and White has no good moves:

- 14 R-K N/4-Q6! wins or 14 P-Q4? N-K7ch! 15 QxN N-B6ch with mate on the move or 14 P-B3 N-N5!!
- 15 PxN (forced) N-K7ch with mate quickly.

Again forced because of the threat of 21... P-B3.

21 Q-R6
22 B-B4 K-N2
23 Q-K4! Q-R4
A very important move as will be seen later.

Necessary to prevent the loss of the exchange by 33 B-B5 and 34 P-B8 (Q)ch...
33 PxP

The profit from White's twenty-fourth move.

- 11 QxN P-QB3
- 12 BxN PxB
- 13 P-Q4 B-Q3
- 14 Q-R5

24 P-N4? Safer and better is 24...PxP.

- 33 P-QR4
- 34 R-R4 KxP
- 35 R-B4?

35 P-QN4! would allow White serious winning chances after 35...R-Q 36 B-Q4 PxP 37 RxP.

This is the difference between the regular Marshall (when White plays 6 R-K). White can temporarily keep Black from moving ...Q-R5.

- 14 KR-K
- 15 QN-Q2 P-N3
- 16 Q-Q B-B4
- 17 N-B3 R-K5
- 18 R-K Q-K2
- 19 RxR

25 B-K3 BxN
26 PxB B-R6

35 P-R5!
This forces the draw.

A daring move which shows Black's great desire to win although it nearly loses the game. 26...R-Q is answered simply by 27 B-Q4.

- 36 R-B7ch K-K3
- 37 P-N6 P-R6
- 38 PxP RxP
- 39 R-R7 RxP
- 40 R-R R-N6
- 41 K-B K-Q4
- 42 K-K R-N7
- 43 R-R5ch K-K3
- 44 R-R R-K7ch
- 45 K-B Draw

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Negotiations are being made for a match between Marshall College of Huntington and West Virginia Institute of Technology of Montgomery. The teams will be composed of both faculty and students. Edwin Faust, instructor at W. Va. Tech. and Charles Morgan, Marshall student, are handling the arrangements.

The YMCA Junior Chess Club of Huntington meets on Friday at 4:00 P.M. in the chess club room.

Donald Burdick leads the group and helps newcomers by "showing them the good moves". Seven members started a round-robin tournament last fall, but attendance fell off and no games have been played recently. Donald plays in the tournament but does not compete for the prize. He considers half the players as promising.

The atmosphere at the meetings suggests sandlot softball game without adult supervision. Donald feels that we should not expect too much from "these young kids" and tolerates the noise.

Gene Collett, our former editor, promises to forward a few helpful hints on publication of these monthly reports. Your staff will welcome any such assistance.

Life member George Koltanowski has changed his address to 200 Alhambra St. Apt. #9; San Francisco 23, California.

Ohio champion James Schroeder is now in service at Fort Knox, Ky. and wishes to join the WVCA.

Tom Bergquist of the Air Force (Pfc) is optimistically forming a chess club at Keesler Field, Miss. He has four members.

Interest is being generally shown in a possible radio match between Marshall College at Huntington and New York University of New York City.

Needless to say, Morgan is discussing necessary preliminary steps, and has interested Mr. Luther Poling, Director of Athletics, as well as a famous amateur in radio communications, George Beckett.

Mr. A. W. Paull of Wheeling, veteran of many tournaments as player and director, has recently made another generous contribution to our none too robust treasury.

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