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THE TRI-STATE CONGRESS

The 1951 edition of this event ended successfully Sunday night, November 11 at the Governor Cabell Hotel, Huntington, W. Va. As Monday, November 12, was not generally observed as a holiday, original plans were altered, and five rounds in three events were of necessity played in a few hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Foy and Werthammer offered to play in the "OPEN", while the other co-champions, DuVall and Hurt, played in the Senior event.

Saul Wachs, a modest amiable youth, who won the 1951 U. S. Junior Championship at Philadelphia (his home town), continued his winning ways with a well nigh perfect score, $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Harald Miller, of the Cleveland chess-playing twins, an affable and kindly disposed young man, placed second with 3-2. The other four representatives finished as follows: DuVall, W. Va., $2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$; Byland, Pa., and Hurt, W. Va., tied, 2-3; while Mann, O., trailed.

Our efficient and competent Tournament Director, Reid Holt, devised a Round-Robin-Swiss event for the four Junior competitors. Herbert Hickman of Haversford College, Haversford, Pa., won. Score: $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. Charles Morgan, W. Va., was second but might have tied for first place except for time trouble. Score: $2\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$. Burdick and Fleat, after long and faithful application to their work, tied for the third position.

Dr. Werthammer's brain-child, THE OHIO VALLEY OPEN, offered as a substitute for the team matches of other years, started with eighteen entries and carried through to a glorious finish. To be sure, an Ohio contestant, being unavoidably delayed, forfeited his only lost game. Similarly, two novices were unable to play all of their games.

Foy, Marks, and Werthammer, leading West Virginia players, Sorensen and Hamilton of Pennsylvania, as well as Kaplan of Ohio - to name but a few--were part of the strong field which included two Kentuckians.

Fred Sorensen made a fine showing and won against capable competitors with the flattering score of $4\frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{2}$.

A five way tie for second place included Werthammer, who played spiritedly through despite a severe respiratory infection, Foy, our other W. Va. co-champion, Kaplan, an outstanding player who teaches at Ohio State University, and Hamilton, a fellow editor (EM PASSANT) from Pittsburgh. Youngest, but not least in ability, was Bruce Marples of South Charleston, a quiet and dependable younger player, who was generally considered the sensation of this congress, was the fifth of the group tied for second.

"Brother Dave" (Marples), who has been recently accepted by the U. S. Marine Corps, and Frank Branner of Charleston shared the next place. The veteran Landis Marks and the dependable Paul Sayre divided the following honors.

The "also rans" were bunched in four and three way ties. To be sure, another round might have clarified the relative positions of these runners-up, and the S-B enthusiasts may accomplish such clarification.

Notable among the absentees were the strong players and constant

supporters mentioned: Harold Liggett, William Hartling, Robert Swarbrick, all of W. Va.; and Glen Hartleb of Erie, Pa. Former faithful West Virginians, Edwin Faust and Ray Martin, were missed.

James Schroeder, an Ohio ex-champion, and Tom Bergquist of Huntington, as well as Edward Holt are all with the colors. Schroeder is with the Army in Yokohama; Bergquist with the Air Force at Fairchild Field; and young Holt is with the Navy.

Our sponsor, the Huntington Junior Chamber of Commerce, cooperated wholeheartedly with the committee from our association. From mid-August until the grand finale members of the Jaycees were constantly in helpful evidence. At our final business meeting, their committee expressed as much enthusiasm concerning the congress as did all of the chess players that have discussed it. Noteworthy was the press and radio coverage supplied by these young men. Furthermore, they indicated a sincere willingness to be of future help in supporting the cause of competitive chess in this community.

Mr. S. S. Keeney, known by many as an unselfish and enthusiastic promoter of chess expressed himself as follows in letters to your T. D. and Editor:

"Dear Mr. Holt: I wish to congratulate you on your excellent work as Tournament Director of the Tri-State matches and the Ohio Valley Open for 1951. You did an excellent job. Everything went off smoothly and there was nothing to mar the even tenor of the entire show.

Your tournament committee did some good work, also, and the Huntington Jaycees are to be congratulated for their fine promotional effort.

All in all, this was one of the pleasantest tournaments. You have a grand bunch of chess players in West Virginia, and I regret the distance from Cleveland and northern Ohio prevents us from fraternizing more often."

Again "Dear Doctor Hayward: Permit me to complement your tournament committee, Doctor, on their excellent arrangements; and the Huntington Jaycees for their help in promoting the event. Altogether, this was one of the nicest tournaments, I ever attended. Reid Holt did an excellent job as Tournament Director."

"Everything, including the three adjudications, went off without a hitch, and you all made those present feel that they were glad to be there. You surely have a fine group of chess players in West Virginia, and it was a pleasure to me personally to renew acquaintance with some and to meet others for the first time. I regret very much we did not get more of our players to come to Huntington from Ohio."

Mr. Harold Miller, also of Cleveland, sent your Editor copies of snapshots of "men at work" along with these graciously written sentiments:

"I want to say how much I enjoyed coming to Huntington and playing in what I considered an excellently organized tournament. I hope I shall again have occasion to visit your city or perhaps that you might come to Cleveland when the Tri-State tourney or a similar event is held here. Till that time, my best regards to you and your chess colleagues."

AN IDEA

We of the Bulletin staff favor play-off matches between our state co-champions. Informal meetings surely would be relished by our membership and conceivably could be arranged in several sessions at several places in the very near future. Tell us what you think.

JOTTINGS

Postal players of our association will remember that not only will their worthy games be annotated and published by "the Bulletin", but that after January 1, 1952, post-cards will cost two cents apiece.

Harold C. Clung of Huntington, a new member, recently had one of his postal games published by the American Chess Bulletin. Mr. Helms is indeed a friend of West Virginia chess over many years.

Miss Mary Shirey of 1423 Lee Street, Charleston, W. Va., who teaches school in that city takes pleasure in instructing the elements of chess to her pupils, as an extra-curricular activity.

Mr. Campbell Neel of the Huntington City Council has submitted a number of pencil studies from the recent Congress. Same will decorate our local chess club.

GAMES SECTION

Hurt's win from Byland is apparently the best game of any West Virginian in the recent "Tri-State." The beautiful way he wrested the attack from his famous opponent is most admirable. Byland, in a curious game against Du Vall demonstrates again, how dangerous he can be. Wachs in a short game against Mann, illustrates his alert, breezy style. Paul Sayre's draw against the redoubtable Foy is really a great achievement for the Huntingtonians, showing evidence of his remarkable improvement.

White: W. H. Byland	12 P-KN4 is much better.	23 BxP	K-R
Black: J. F. Hurt, Jr.	12 N-KR4!	24 BxR	RxB
French Defense	13 N-K5 HxN	25 BxB	QxBch
	14 QxN	26 Q-K4	Q-KB2
		27 R-R	

1 P-K4	P-K3	This exchange benefits Black.	This protects the QRP and removes the pin on the N, but Black, as will be seen, is not interested in the White Q-wing Pawns.
2 Q-K2	P-QN3		
3 P-KN4	B-N2		
4 N-KB3	P-QB4	14 N-Q2	
5 P-KN3	N-QB3	15 N-B2	P-N3
6 N-B3	B-K2	16 Q-K2	P-B3
7 B-N2	P-Q4	17 B-Q2	B-Q3
8 P-Q3	P-Q5	18 QR-K	P-K4!
9 N-Q	N-B5		
10 O-O	O-O		
11 P-KR3?		Black now has the better game. Instead of the usual slow counterplay on the Q-wing in this type of position, he is able to break-up the White K-side by utilizing the diagonal KR2-QN8.	Decisive and the point of the sacrifice.

So far, both sides have developed well. Undoubtedly White's plan is a K-side attack, though Black stands very well. White's method is too slow; best is 11 N-N5 and 12 P-KN4 since Black must not weaken his K-wing by ..., P-KR3. As White plays Black wrests the attack from him.

11 Q-B2
12 K-R2?

28 Q-N2	Better, but not sufficient, is 28 K-N2.
28 R-KN	R-KN
29 R-KN	N-B6
30 QxB	
19 P-B5	PxP
20 PxP	P-K5
21 B-R6	BxPch
22 K-R	N-K4!!
	White has nothing better. If he does not return some material, 30...., R-N4 wins.

A beautiful sacrifice of the exchange which is not at all obvious.

30 NXR1
Of course not 30
..., Rxx???

10 BxB RxB
11 Q-Q4 R-Q2?
The R should re-
turn to R1...

the game! Much better
is 25..., R-N with an
even game.

31 RxxN
If the Q moves,
31 ..., NXP wins
at once

12 B-N2
because White could
have now paralyzed
Black by 12 Q-Q6!

26 P-Q4
The nice winning plan
initiated by KR-N
falls into place

31 RxQ
32 RxB QxP
33 N-K4 Q-B8ch
34 K-R2 P-B4!

12 P-Q4
13 N-R4 O-O
13 ..., PXP is not
good because of
14 Q-N4.

26 B-K5
It is hard to believe
that Black will resign five
moves later. If he had
suspected the danger, he
would have moved 26 ...,
B-N2.

A very nice way to
shorten the game.

35 N-B6 Q-K7ch
36 K-R Q-K3
37 R-N8ch QxR
38 NxB KxN

14 O-O N-Q2
15 PXP BPXP
16 Q-Q2
16 QR-B seems pref-
erable as now Black
gets strong pressure
on the Q-wing.

27 P-N5 PXP
28 PXP BXP

The endgame is
easily won since
White gets into
Zugzwang.

39 K-N2 K-B2
40 K-B3 K-B3
41 K-B4 P-N4
42 P-R3 P-B5
43 P-N3 P-B6
44 P-N4 P-KR3
45 P-KR4 P-KR4
46 Resigns

16 N-K4
17 P-N3 B-Q2
18 N-N2 Q-B3
19 P-KB4 N-B6ch
20 BxN QxN
21 KR-B KR-B

28 ..., B-N2 is still
better.
29 BxB RxB
30 P-N6 R-N
31 P-N7 Resigns

White: W. M. Byland
Black: A. H. DuVall

A very plausible
move, but 21..., KR-N
would have been far
better. It was diffi-
cult to foresee that the
White QNP needs restrain-
ing. Although Black has
pressure on White's QBP,
White is structurally
better because of the
compact P positions, the
stronger B, and the Q-side
P majority.

White: Edward M. Foy
Black: Paul Sayre
Queen's Gambit Dec.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 N-KB3 N-QB3
3 P-Q4 PXP
4 NXP N-KB3
5 N-QB3 P-K3
6 P-QR3 P-QR3
7 P-KN3 B-B4

22 B-Q P-Q5
23 P-QR4 Q-B6
24 QxQ RxQ
25 R/B-N B-B3

1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 P-QB4 P-K3
3 N-QB3 N-KB3
4 B-N5 QN-Q2
5 N-B3 B-K2
6 P-K3 O-O
7 PXP

The exchange variation
of the QGD.

7 PXP
8 B-Q3 R-K
9 O-O P-B3
10 Q-B2 P-KR3
11 B-R4

This leads event-
ually to the exchange
of Black's KB and
consequent weaken-
ing of his dark
squares.

The beginning of a
maneuver to win the
White QBP and lose

11 B-B4 is more promis-
ing, i.e. 11 ..., N-R4;
12 B-K5, NxB(not 12...,
P-B3?; 13 B-N6!) 13 NxB
and the N stays at K5
since Black can not play

8 B-K3 B-R2
9 NxB NXPxN

P-B3 without seriously compromising his P-position. The text gives Black control of White's K4.

11 N-K5
 12 BxB QxB
 13 QR-N QN-B3
 14 P-KR3

Unnecessary. 14 P-QN4 or 14 N-K5 are better.

14 B-B4
 15 P-QN4 Q-K3

15 ..., Q-Q2 is stronger.

16 NxN PxN
 17 B-B4 N-Q4
 18 N-R2

18 N-Q2 followed by N-N3-B5 is more in the style of White's seventh move.

18 Q-N3
 19 K-R P-KR4
 20 Q-N3 B-K3
 21 R-KN N-N3
 22 BxB QxB
 23 QxQ RxQ
 24 KR-QB N-Q4
 25 N-B P-R5
 26 N-Q2 P-KB4
 27 N-B4 P-B5
 28 P-QR4 P-QN4

A strong, but unorthodox, move which stops White's Q-side attack.

29 PxB PxP
 30 N-R3 PxP
 31 PxB NxKP
 32 NxP N-Q4
 33 R-B5 P-R3

A nice P-sacrifice which forces the draw.

34 RxN PxN
 35 RxP P-K6
 36 R-K R-Q
 37 R-K5

37 P-Q5 keeps the P, but Black still has the draw.

37 R-QN3
 38 R/lxP R/lxP
 39 P-N5 R-QN5
 40 R/3-K4 R/3xP
 41 R/5xR RxR/5

41...RxR/4 is weak because of 42 RxP, but even there Black should draw.

42 R-KN5 K-B2
 43 K-N K-B3
 44 R-N5 R-KB5
 45 R-QR5 P-N4
 46 R-N5 P-N5

Draw

White: Saul Wachs

Black: Walter Mann

Irregular Opening

1 N-KB3 P-K3
 2 P-K4 P-Q4
 3 N-QB3 P-QB4

3 ..., P-Q5 could be played quite safely.

4 PxB PxP
 5 B-N5ch N-B3

If 5 ..., B-Q2, 6 Q-K2ch wins a P.

6 Q-K2ch B-K2
 7 N-K5 Q-Q3
 8 O-O B-Q2

Intending O-O-O and Black is out of trouble.

9 NxN QxN
 10 P-Q3 N-B3?

Black should play

10 ..., O-O-O.

11 B-N5?

White misses 11 R-K preventing Black's castling.

11 O-O
 12 QR-K KR-K
 13 Q-B3 P-QR3
 14 RxB

Pretty but not conclusive.

14 QxR
 15 NxP Q-K7
 16 BxQN NxN??

16 ..., QxQ leaves Black with a playable game. i.e., 16 ..., QxQ; 17 PxQ, NxN!; 18 BxN?, R-K4! or 18 BxP (instead of 18 BxN)

R-R2; 19 BxN, R-K4! White's best chance is (after 16..., QxQ; 17 PxQ, NxN;) 18 BxR, RxB and a draw is likely since Black already threatens 19..., N-N5 or R-K7 winning back the P.

17 BxN Resigns

Somewhat early but Black will lose another P.

White: C. T. Morgan
 Black: Joe Cotter

CORR. Game

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4 P-QB4
 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
 3 P-Q4 PxP
 4 NxP P-K4
 5 N-N5 N-B3
 6 B-N5 P-KR3
 7 BxN PxB
 8 N-B3 B-N5
 9 P-QR3 B-R4
 10 B-B4 B-B2
 11 NxPch QxN
 12 N-N5 Resigns

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

		1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1	Saul Wachs	Philadelphia, Pa.	X	1	1	1	1	4-1
2	Harald Miller	Cleveland Heights, O.	0	X	1	1	1	3-2
3	Allen H. DuVall	St. Albans, W. Va.	1	1	X	0	1	2-2
4	John F. Hurt	Charleston, W. Va.	0	0	1	X	1	2-3
5	W. M. Byland	Pittsburgh, Pa.	0	1	1	0	X	2-3
6	Walter Mann	Columbus, O.	0	0	0	1	X	1-4

TRI-STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

TOURNAMENT

		W4	W3	D2	W3	L2	Score
1	Herbert Hickman	Haverford, Pa.	D3	D4	D1	L4	3-1
2	Charles Morgan	Huntington, W. Va.	D2	L1	W4	L1	2-3
3	Howard Fleat	Dayton, O.	L1	D2	L3	W2	2-3
4	Donald Burdick	Huntington, W. Va.					

OHIO VALLEY OPEN TOURNAMENT

		W16	W7	D10	W5	W4	Score
1	F. A. Sorensen	Pittsburgh, Pa.	D9	D4	W12	W7	4-1
2	Edward M. Foy	Charleston, W. Va.	L4	D6	W13	W9	3-1
3	W. R. Hamilton	Pittsburgh, Pa.	W3	D2	W17	W10	3-1
4	Bruce Marples	S. Charleston, W. Va.	W11	W12	W9	L1	3-1
5	Dr. S. Werthammer	Huntington, W. Va.	L12	D3	W16	W8	3-1
6	Bernard Kaplan	Columbus, O.	W15	L1	W14	L2	3-2
7	David Marples	S. Charleston, W. Va.	W14	L9	W11	L6	3-2
8	Frank Branner	S. Charleston, W. Va.	D2	W8	L5	L3	2-2
9	Paul Sayre	Huntington, W. Va.	W18	W13	D1	L4	2-2
10	H. Landis Marks	Huntington, W. Va.	L5	W18	L8	W13	2-3
11	Rudd T. Neel	Huntington, W. Va.	W6	L5	L2	W15	2-3
12	Dr. V. S. Hayward	Huntington, W. Va.	W17	L10	L3	L11	2-3
13	George Hondricks	Charleston, W. Va.	L8	W16	L7	W17	2-3
14	O. C. Feuchtenberger	Ashland, Ky.	L7	L17	W18	L12	1-4
15	Paul Slater	Huntington, W. Va.	L1	L14	L6	W18	1-4
16	Bill Michael	Huntington, W. Va.	L13	W15	L4	L14	1-4
17	Bluphard Conley	Ashland, Ky.	L10	L11	L15	L16	0-5
18	Harold Mc Clung	Huntington, W. Va.					

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