

MOORE-MAURY MATCH May 25-26, 1945

Reluctantly, we cancelled the 1945 tournament. Perhaps we should have held one, but it would have been largely a local affair. Manhattan had managed to put on a nice tournament in 1944, though the strength of the class A field was not up to par.

So the challenge by H. L. Maury, former champion, was a pleasant surprise. The challenge was promptly accepted, and the match was played off in a delightfully informal manner, without publicity and with only a few casual visitors from the chess faithful of Billings. I recall visits from Zimmerman, Pearce, and Olsen.

Maury was in good form--the kind of form that is usually good enough to win a championship. I was playing better chess than I have ever showed in a tournament. And I could do no wrong. I retained the title with four wins and one draw.

*Gerald Moore*

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Dear Mr. Stover:

We are cancelling the 1945 Montana Chess Tournament. So few are able to come that we do not feel that it would be representative and we are afraid that it would only be a disappointment to those that did come.

When the war is over, or when the transportation situation eases up we will try again to hold a tournament and we hope that you and every chess player in the state will be able to come then.

Please keep us informed of any changes in your address and help us by sending us the names of anyone who would like to be informed about the tournament.

When in Billings look us up for a friendly game.

Cordially yours,

*Gerald Moore*

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