

FEATURED GAME COLLECTION
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Selected Games of John F. Hurt (1963)

SICILIAN WING GAMBIT White: J. Hurt (1963) Black: J. Timmel () SOUTHERN OPEN, 1975
1 e4 c5; 2 b4 cb4; 3 a3 d5; 4 ed5 Nf6; 5 ab4 N:d5; 6 b5 e5; 7 Bb2 f6; 8 Bc4 Nf4; 9 Qf3 Qc7;
10 Bb3 Be6; 11 g3 B:b3; 12 Q:b3 Ng6; 13 Nc3 Ne7; 14 Ba3 b6; 15 Ne4 Nf4; 16 Qe6+ Kd8; 17 Q:f5
B:a3; 18 R:a3 Q:c2; 19 Ke2 Qb1; 20 Rd3+ Ke7; 21 Nc3 Qa1; 22 Nd5+ Kd6; 23 N:b6+ Ke7; 24 Nd5+
Kf7; 25 Nf3 Q:h1; 26 N:d5+ (1:0)

FRENCH DEFENCE White: M. Sulcer (1567) Black: J. Hurt (1859) KING COTTON OPEN, 1975
1 e4 e6; 2 d4 d5; 3 Nc3 Bb4; 4 e5 Ne7; 5 Bd2 c5; 6 a3 B:c3; 7 bc c4; 8 Qg4 Nf5; 9 f4 h5; 10 Qg5
Qb6; 11 Nf3 Qb2; 12 Rcl Q:a3; 13 Be2 Qe7; 14 h4 Bd7; 15 Kf2 f6; 16 ef gf; 17 Qg6+ Kf8; 18 g4
Be8 (0:1)

FRENCH DEFENCE White: M. Momic (2290) Black: J. Hurt SOUTHERN OPEN, 1963
1 e4 e6; 2 d3 d5; 3 Nd2 Nf6; 4 g3 de; 5 de e5; 6 c3 c6; 7 Bg2 Qd3; 8 Qe2 Q:e2+; 9 N:e2 Be6;
10 Nb3 Nbd7; 11 f4 B:b3; 12 ab Nc5; 13 Be3 Nd3+; 14 Kd2 0-0-0; 15 Kc2 Ng4; 16 Bh3 h5; 17 B:a7
Kc7; 18 B:g4 hg; 19 Be3 Bc5; 20 Rad1 Nb4+; 21 cb B:e3; 22 Rd3 ef; 23 N:f4 B:f4; 24 R:d8 K:d8;
25 gf Ke7; 26 Rgl R:h2+; 27 Kc3 Re2; 28 Kd3 R:b2; 29 R:g4 R:b3+; 30 Kc4 Re3; 31 Kd4 Rb3; 32 Kc4
Rf3; 33 Kc5 g6; 34 Rh4 Kd7; 35 Kb6 Rb3; 36 Kc5 b6+; 37 Kc4 Rf3; 38 Kd4 Ke6; 39 Kc4 b5+; 40 Kd4
Rb3; 41 Kc5 Rc3+; 42 Kb6 Rc4; 43 f5+ gf; 44 ef+ K:f5 (0:1)

GORING GAMBIT White: J. Hurt Black: J. Acers GREENVILLE INVITATIONAL, 1961
1 e4 e5; 2 d4 ed; 3 Nf3 Nc6; 4 c3 dc; 5 N:c3 Bc5; 6 Bc4 d6; 7 Qb3 Qe7; 8 0-0 Nf6; 9 Bg5 h6;
10 Nd5 Qd8; 11 N:f6+ gf; 12 B:f7+ Kf8; 13 Bh5 Qe7; 14 Nh4 Qg7; 15 Ng6+ Ke8; 16 N:h8+ Kd8;
17 B:f6+ Qf6; 18 Qg8+ (1:0)

FRENCH DEFENCE White: J. Hurt Black: Gardner (1707) TENNESSEE OPEN, 1973
1 e4 e6; 2 d4 d5; 3 Nc3 de; 4 N:e4 Be7; 5 Nf3 b6; 6 Bb5+ c6; 7 Bd3 Nd7; 8 0-0 Ngf6; 9 Ng3 Bb7;
10 Qe2 0-0; 11 Ne5 c5; 12 c3 Re8; 13 f4 cd; 14 cd Nf8; 15 Be3 Qd6; 16 f5 Rec8; 17 fe N:e6;
18 Nf5 Qb8; 19 Qf2 g6; 20 N:e7+ (1:0)

GORING GAMBIT White: J. Hurt Black: M. Appleberry BIRMINGHAM OPEN, 1967
1 e4 e5; 2 d4 ed; 3 Nf3 Nc6; 4 c3 dc; 5 Bc4 cb; 6 B:b2 d5; 7 B:d5 Bb4+; 8 Nc3 Nge7; 9 Qb3 N:d5;
10 ed Qe7+; 11 Kf1 Na5; 12 Qc2 0-0; 13 a3 Bdb; 14 Re1 Qd8; 15 Ne4 (1:0)

SICILIAN WING GAMBIT White: J. Hurt (1963) Black: J. Rackley (1571) SUMMER RATING TOURNEY, 1975
1 e4 c5; 2 b4 cb4; 3 a3 d5; 4 ed5 Q:d5; 5 Nf3 Nc6?!; 6 ab4 Nf6; 7 Nc3 Qd8; 8 b5 Nb4; 9 Bc4 e6;
10 0-0 Be7; 11 Ba3 0-0; 12 Rel Re8; 13 d4 Qc7; 14 Ne5 Bd6; 15 b6 Q:b6; 16 Nb5 B:e5; 17 de5 Rd8;
18 Qe2 Nf6-d5; 19 Rab1 a6; 20 Nd6 Qa5; 21 Qf3 N:c2?; 22 Q:f7+ Kh8; 23 Ne8 (1:0)

Chess is considered a young man's game, but around the Mid-South area, John Hurt has disproved this theory. Mr. Hurt, who is 61, says that his age may have taken some of his desire to win out of his play, but it has added experience. His opponents don't find the former to be true. For the tenth time in his career, he has won or tied for the Memphis City Championship. He has also been Tennessee State Champion (1973) and four times champion of West Virginia. Mr. Hurt is an extremely aggressive player with a flair for gambits and his love of the French Defence as black. He lectures on chess and has overseen the Memphis High School League every autumn for the last eight years. We in the Memphis area are proud of our "Mr. Hurt".--J. Little