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The intrinsic value of full news coverage to any organization is trying to get ahead need not be dwelled upon. All the readers of this publication should have the intelligence to realize the full significance and importance of it. In order to obtain it, however, there must be completed cooperation of all, and up to the present time said cooperation has not been forthcoming.

Any item of general interest, such as local tournaments, master exhibitions, local simultaneous, and outside team matches will be most welcome, and are certainly most newsworthy. Horowitz, Koltanowski, and Bank have recently appeared in simultaneous exhibitions in this area, but no reports have been turned in. In each case the minimum news should include the number of players participating, and the names of the who win or draw.

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Several local club tournaments have been held in the last few months, very few of which have been publicized. Each of these most certainly should have been, and should have included the names of all the contestants with their scores. Items such as former champions, past records of leading players are always interesting.

Another important item is names. Thus far Arnold Guthrie and public Coubrough are the only players who have voluntarily submitted over-the-board games, Cliff Moore, Guthrie, and the late Frank Autrieth the only postal games. With the wealth of games available from league play we should be able to provide an excellent games section.

Certainly, the above conditions do not provide us with the healthy growth of chess we might otherwise have, if the various clubs and individuals would actively cooperate with a little additional effort.

SHEETS WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AGAIN

Once again J. Leonard Sheets came through to win the Washington State Championship, a title he has held many times before. This time was a close call, however, as he finished in a tie for first with Charles Joachim, the Seattle City champion, at the end of the regular tournament, requiring a playoff.

Sheets won the match, but it was close! The score was two to one.

SEATTLE ELECTION

In the recent election of officers for the coming year, several well known chess notables are again making their appearance.

Heading the list is Edward L. Arnold, newly elected president. He is at present serving as president of the Washington State Chess Federation, and has just finished a term as tournament director for the Seattle club, a position he held many times before.

Burge B. Bickford, retiring as president, has been elected vice-president. A live wire always, he will always be of value in any capacity.

For the fourth consecutive time Ray LeFever has been re-elected to the post of secretary-treasurer, in which he has served faithfully in the. In addition, Ray has held the post of Director for the United States Chess Federation.

The two directors will be Frank Wanders, and Clarence Bushnell. In addition, Bushnell has been elected by the new officers to the important position of Tournament Director for the coming year. Always a hard worker, he should be well satisfied.

Several times in the earlier tournament Joachim almost had the title within his grasp, but the chances eluded him. Sheets deserves full credit for his fine, uphill victory in the final showdown.

In tournaments to come these games will undoubtedly be the ones eagerly awaited by the chess fans.

We hope to have some of their games for publication in an early issue, perhaps with notes.

EVERETT CHESS CLUB

J. A. Naas, recent winner of the club's Speed tournament, is leading the annual Everett Chess Club tournament, with 20 wins and no losses! Neil F. Power, defending champion, is second with 17 wins and 2 losses.

The tournament is being conducted as a double round robin, with 22 entries! Wooddale and Taro are not competing. Play 42 games! Oh no!

BANKS IN SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

Roger Ilsley won the only chess game against the checker and chess wizard in his two exhibitions at the Seattle Y.C.A. and Everett clubs.

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE NEWS

LEAGUE STANDINGS	Won	Lost	LEADING PLAYERS - TEAM (Undefeated and untied)	Score
Seattle	3	- 0	Tracy	Seattle 4 - 0
Tacoma	2	- 0	Bever	Queen Anne 3 - 0
Kitsap	2	- 1	Crain	* Tacoma 3 - 0
University	1	- 1	AnYong	University 2 - 0
Queen Anne	1	- 1	Butler	Skagit 2 - 0
Everett	1	- 2	Gollins	Tacoma 2 - 0
Olympia	1	- 2	Davidson, T	Seattle 2 - 0
Skagit	1	- 2	Howitt	Tacoma 2 - 0
YMCA	0	- 3	Knudson	Seattle 2 - 0

3rd Round Results

Seattle	9	Olympia	1
Kitsap	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Skagit	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
University	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Everett	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Queen Anne	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ymca	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tacoma vs bye			

4th Round Schedule

Jan 18th

Seattle	vs Kitsap	at Bromerton
Tacoma	vs Everett	at Seattle
University	vs Skagit	at Seattle
Queen Anne	vs Olympia	at Seattle
Ymca vs bye		

The name of the Queen Anne Chess Club is once again official, after being known for one month as the Wallingford Chess Club.

Complete match scores have not been turned in by both clubs competing. That is necessary to insure correct results. For instance the YMCA did not report the match with Seattle, who were unable to name one of their opponents.

Thurmond	Skagit	2 - 0
Wallock	Seattle	2 - 0
Weissenborn	Seattle	2 - 0

Bickford	Seattle	5 - 1
Brandstrom	Skagit	5 - 1
Danskins	Kitsap	4 - 2
Rohberg	Kitsap	4 - 2
Guthrie	Tacoma	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -
Allen	Ymca	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2
Magerkarth	Kitsap	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2
Power	Everett	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2
Arnold	Seattle	3 - 1
Ballantine	University	3 - 1
Graham	Kitsap	3 - 1
Heale	Queen Anne	3 - 1
Seely	Olympia	3 - 1
Hodnes	Tacoma	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -
Maltman	Tacoma	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -
McCarthy	Everett	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -

* Crain - Bollman game has not been adjudicated.

Three rounds of play are now behind us, which finds the Seattle team in first place, but only

of Tacoma's having a bye. It seems quite likely that the title may be decided by the results of the sixth round when the two teams meet.

 Seattle jumped into first place with the massacre of the helpless Olympia club, losing only one game in the entire match. It is doubtful if any team in the league could stand up against them at any time they are at, or near, full strength. Here it is:

SEATTLE	9	OLYMPIA	1
Wallock	2	Ayer	0
Weissenborn	2	Corretelli	0
Bickford	2	Harneson	0
Arnold	1	Seely	0
Davidson, T.	2	Yocum	0

The strong Kitsap club took a firm grip on third place by winning from one of their dangerous rivals, the Skagit team. For the first time this year the Mt Vernon men were near full strength, and they really made a battle of it.

KITSAP	5½	SKAGIT	4½
Nourse	1	Gnagoy	1
Danskins	½	Brandstrom	½
Rehberg	2	Gordon	0
Magorlarth	1	Abbott	1
Graham	1	Hazen	1

University bounced back from its trimming from Tacoma, and thorough-

division spots. It was its second loss in succession, but with high scores.

UNIVERSITY	7½	TACOMA	2½
Bollman	1½	Tate	½
Oles	0	Bower	2½
Ballantine	2	Husby	0
MacCinnis	2	Smith	0
AuYong	2	Hollings	0

Queen Anne won its second match of the season by scoring with the last player left on the board. This year to Regan led the board.

QUEEN ANNE	5½	YACON	4½
Neale	1	Reid	1
Bever	2	Scott	0
Roberts	½	Allen	1½
Rahleigh	0	Fry	2
Browster	2	Torrence	0

 Note: The 2nd round's results match scores were not published until the 3rd round is reported.

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Landonberger 1, Mulder 0.
McMartin 1, Plumo 0.

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 POSTAL CHESS RATINGS

Big A's		Class B		Class C	
Taro, L.	1390	Allon, W.	999	Anderson, H.	800
Guthrie, A.	1362	Almond, Lt. J.	1100	Gordon, J.	900
Finnegan, J.	1300	Arntzen, H.	1100	Fiscox, R.	747
Norman, A.	1261	Harmeson, C.	1100	Jones, Dr G.	850
		Hollums, J.	1035	Landonberger, C.	915
		Howard, F.	1056	McCownell, C.	850
Class A		Kaffenberger	1100	McMartin, Dr	896
Bever, V.	1200	McCarthy, G.	1100	Mulder, Dr.	934
Corrotelli, J.	1250	Rahleigh	1100	Moss, Mrs.	805
DiPaula, Dr F	1205	Taylor, C.	1082	Neilson, R.	891
Finnegan, J.	1300	Yocum, C.	1100	Plumo, E.	762
Guthrie, A.	1362			Rink, A	850
Hazon, R.	1201			Taro, R.	850
Husby, P.	1250			Volz, C.	850
Knight, A.	1219				
Kogerkurth, C.	1250				
Merk, R.	1250				
Moore, C.	1226				
Neas, J.	1209				
Norman, A.	1261				
Power, H.	1250				
Reade, H.	1205				
Running, J.	1250				
Schley, H.	1250				
Taro, L.	1390				

P O S T A L G A M E S

CLASS C FROLIC!

Ruy Lopez	
Plumo	HickMartin
White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-N5	P-QR3
4. B-B4	N-KB3
5. O-O	NxP
6. P-Q4	P-QN4
7. B-N3	P-Q4
8. PxP	B-K3
9. P-B3	B-K2
10. QN-Q2	B-KB4
11. N-Q4	QNxN
12. PxN	P-QB3
13. B-B2	O-O
14. R-K	B-QN5
15. P-QR3	B-QR4
16. R-K3	B-QN3
17. N-KB3	P-QR3
18. P-QR4	P-QN5
19. N-K	P-QB4
20. P-KB3	FxP
21. R-Q3	N-KN4
22. RxB	BxRch
23. QxB	BxB
24. NxB	N-K3
25. Q-KN4	Q-N3ch
26. B-K3	Q-B2
R...igns	