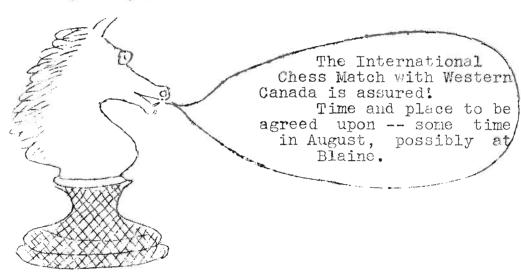


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July, 1948

The Knight says:



TO THE

THE WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER:

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Through the columns of the Washington Chess Letter, iî space permits, I wish to thank every one of the visiting players in the Puget Sound Open Tournament for their kindly cooperation and patience with my inexperienced handling of the meet. Not only was the Swiss System nearly a new thing to me, but acting as Tournament Directwas also as new a thing to me. But by reason of the friendly attitude and the good hearted tolerance of all players, the tournament was completed without bloodshed at any rate. And I believe all concerned learned a few of the "kinks" which can be smoothed out of future tournaments of like nature. So I say, "Thank you, and Best Wishes."

RAY HISCOX, Tacoma, Wash.

(Editors: Comment;)

By virtue of repeated correspondence with Mr. Hiscon, and my conversations with him during the first day of the meet, I can assure you that he went to great lengths in study and preparation to assure the success of the complicated Swiss System tourney.

By virtue of my observations during this first day, and word from players who competed in the tournament, I can assure you that it was a complete success, and that we all owe our uneging gratitude to Ray Miscox for the splendid contribution he gave to Pacific Northwest Chess in conducting the 1st Puget Sound Open.

This months column has little to do with chess except that some of the terminology may strike a familiar note. Also no offense is intended to the hero of the saga. In fact he did Puget Sound a dis-

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tinct service.

In the far off Kingdom of Kitsap lived the gallant Knight Sir Merlyn Danskin. Sir Merlyn and his lady lived in a beautiful and mighty castle by the sea.

One morning a sea-scrpent descended 'neath the castle walls and challenged Sir Merlyn to combat. Sir Merlyn nothing loath, armed himself and bidding his squire stay behind betook him to the sea-side. The serpent was fearsome to behold with two baleful eyes and eight arms. The din of battle was loud and neighboring knights with their hirelings and retainers did gather to witness the battle.

Sir Merlyn was hard put to best the dragon who sought with cunning to seize Sir Herlyn in its loathsome grasp. The Knight's lenghth was broken and lance at anmoan of despair arose from the assembled multitude. Many were there who would vain have come to Merlyn's aid but Sir Herlyn waved them off and with a shout gathered a cudgel and smote the dragon a mighty blow on its head crushing out its life.

Sir Merly then caused the monster to be hitched ahind his char iot and the Knight then dragged the dragon in triumph right down the King's Highway to the capital of Charlestowne. SERIOUS NOTE: Danskin Kills ten foot octopus. In Year's to come, local chess players may well look back upon this Memorial Day and recall that the first BIG TIME chess tournament was held in the Pacific Northwest. True, no masters competed, but a number of players did who are definetely in the EXPERT class. Chess players can only be judged by their game scores, and from the games I have seen, these are certainly the games of chess experts, if not near-masters. Go over some of the games in this, and the next issue. I defy you to disagree.

The winner, Jim Schmitt, is certainly a potential master---he has all the natural ability required, and the self-confidence to reach the top. He is a strong Postal player, and has already earned a high Class A rating in Chess Review. Unfortunately for us, he is a Portland player, but we shall certainly see more of him. Only 19 years old, he has a great deal of time ahead to reach far greater heights, and with Arthur Dake as an incentive, will probably do it.

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Carroll Crain has long ago proved himself to be one of the best players in the state, and in this tournament substantiated it. I daresay he will give the present State Champion a terrific battle for top honors if he competes in the next tournament.

Vernon Holmes could easily be classed as an Expert from his showing in this tournament, from his games, and past record in Tacoma tournaments.

Charles Joachim has now won the Seattle City title twice, once with Sheets competing, and placed second in the State. Not only that, but his win of the European Amateur title in 1937 very nearly gave him a master's title!

V. '. Bever's record in the last season of Puget Sound play is really remarkable, and coupled with his win of the Seattle Chess Club championship, should certainly give him consideration for the title of Expert!

Let's create a title of Chess EXPERT, and give it to Sheets, Schmitt, Crain, and Joachim now. Let's also add the names of Bever, Holmes and Tweeddale upon their next good showings in any statewide or sectional tournament.

Will you write me your opinions on this?

JIM SCHMITT WINS PUGET SOUND OPEN

Jim Schmitt, 19 year old Portland Junior, walked away with top honors in the first Puget Sound Open tournament, and also with the \$15.00 cash prize. Winning all of his games, there remains little doubt that the best man won, and he will certainly be a credit to the Portland Chess Club, and to Pacific Northwest Chess.

Carroll Crain of Tacoma finished a strong second, losing only to the winner in an all important first round match. This gives added proof of his reputation as one of the best players in the state. His score includes wins over Holmes, Joachim, and Bever, so this is quite conclusive evidence.

The Tacoma champion, Vernon Holmes, placed third, losing only to Schmitt and Crain. Tacoma's prestige is raised considerably by the fine scores of their two star players. His first round win over

Joachim was one of the highlights of the tournament.

Seattle City champion, Charles Joachim, finished fourth. One of the pre-tourney favorites, he was practically eliminated from first place consideration in the first two rounds by his loss to Holmes on an unsound sacrifice, and his well-played draw with Beyer, and his later loss to Crain completed it. But his game scores still show his strength.

Fifth place resulted in a three way tie between V. W. Bever, Seattle Chess Club Champion, Bert Brandstrom, Skagit County Champion, and Henry Amsden, Bellingham expert who learned his chess in Vienna. The ties were broken by the Sonnenborn-Berger System, resulting in the above mentioned order. Brandstrom placed ahead of Amsden by winning their individual game.

Collins was the early round sensation of the tourney, ranking second at the end of three rounds, but had to face Schmitt, Joachim

and Crain in the final sessions. He finished eighth.

The tournament, as a whole, was even more successful by playing it as a six-round Swiss instead of the required four. This gave the completed results almost as accurately as a round robin tournament would have, although this makes it quite difficult for the Tournament Director to keep opponents from meeting each other twice. Ray Hiscox did a remarkable job in directing a most difficult, and most successful tournament.

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SUMMARY WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting held at the Carlton

Hotel, Tacoma, May 30th.

Representatives present were Leslie Coubrough, Tacoma; V. W. Bever, Queen Anne; Bert Brandstrom, Skagit; Charles Joachim, Seattle, R. P. Allen, YMCA; and L. W. Taro, Everett with vote as Directors. Jim Schmitt, Portland; Henry Amsden, Bellingham, and Peter Husby, Everett were present and given voice but not vote.

Edward L. Arnold gave R. P. Allen proxy, and sent word by him of his resignation as President, and his unavailability for further office. Allen turned the proxy vote over to Charles Joachim.

Chess International Committee meeting voted to be held in Everett, Sunday, June 27th.

Chess International voted to be held in Everett at a later date with the approval of the 3. C. Chess Federation.

Chess International committee selected by vote were R. C. Cannon, L. W. Taro, Ray LaFever, Peter Husby, R. P. Allen, T. H. Raleigh.

New Washington Chess Federation President voted authority to appoint additional members

of this committee.

John Nourse, Normand Nippell, Harold Seely, and Henry Amsden appointed as additional members of the Chess International Committee, and given power to replace themselves if unable to attend.

Committee voted full power to represent the Washington Chess Federation in arranging the match.

Peter Husby selected as the Corresponding Secretary for the committee.

Washington State tournament voted to be held in Seattle next

fall, R. P. Allen voted as the Tournament Director. Round robin tournament voted with not more than eleven invited.

Bellingham Chess Club voted an invitation to join the Feder-

ation.

Voted to elect a full parcel of officers to the Federation consisting of President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, and to have a Board of Directors appointed, one from each club, each with a vote.

Clubs invited to send a second representative to Federation meetings with voice but without

vote.

Federation officers recommended to represent their clubs as Directors.

New Officers elected:

President - Lawrence Taro Vice-president - John Nourse Secretary - Richard Allen Treasurer - W. H. Raleigh

Retiring Officers

President - Edward Arnold Sec.-Treas. - Lawrence Taro

RADIO MATCH

The Portland Chess Club -Kitsap Chess Club radio match has been set for June 11th.

BELLINGHAM CHESS CLUB

The Bellingham Chess Club has been meeting each Thurday night at the local YMCA during the past winter. Attendance has been between 20 and 25. Matches have been held with the Linden and Skagit clubs.

The club has been invited to join the Washington Chess Federation, and to compete in the

Puget Sound League.

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FINAL ROUND RESULTS

Tacoma 5½, Olympia 4½
University 6½, Kitsap 3½
Everett 5, YMCA 5
Skagit 10, Queen AnneO
(Forfeit.

LEADING PLAYERS (6 games or more)

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*Although not playing o games, Dahlquist won another 6 points by forfeit! The Editor feels his name should be included on these grounds.

Tacoma wins again! Proving beyond reasonable doubt fo their ability to play the best team chess in the area, Tacoma again became Puget Sound League champions.

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Not only as a team do they rate high, but individually, not one of the players who competed for them during the last season finished with a minus score!

HAIL THE CHIMPIONS.

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EVERETT	5	YMCA	5
Robb Power Taro Husby Dahlquist	0 0 1 2 2	Hobort Allen Rich Bolotin forfeit	2 2 1 0

With only 4 players competing the tie was a moral victory for the 'Y'.

SKAGIT 10, QUEEN ANNE 0
Another forfeit.

FUNDAMENTAL CHESS STRATEGY and TACTICS

by Richard P. Allen

Part I

SYNOPSIS OF CHESS FUNDAMENTALS

Chess theory is based on five elementary principles;

- 1. FORCE
- 2. TIME
- 3. DISTANCE
- 4. SAFETY
- 5. EFFICIENCY (Power Factor)

The chessmen symbolize several types of forces. A chessman is powerful in relation to the number of squares (distance) it can command in a given move (time). The chess master constructs a chess pattern move by move with the same regard for efficiency and safety that the engineer uses in designing a bridge.

Since the antagonists in a chess match start out with the same potential force, time distance, and safety factors, the player who coordinates these factors with greatest efficiency will be victorious. Any short-sighted disregard of the interaction of these tactical elements predisposes further loss of control, leading to eventual defeat.

An exact evaluation of the pieces can not be stated because power varies with the efficiency of employment, but a close approximation fo their relative value may be made at any given time by noting the amount of work each one can do at the present or future probable position.

Work can be measured in terms of (1) distance through which the force acts (number of squares the piece commands), (2) stability or security of the piece as projected into the probable future positions (time lost in retreat or reenforcing may seriously reduce all other factors), and (3) the degree to which the piece mutually supports its teammates.

For example, a knight rates higher in the center than in the corner, higher when attacking a non-knight than a knight, and higher when mutually supporting another knight. In the same way, a rook rates higher in the end game with its free files and ranks than in the opening when it commands only two squares in pure defense, higher when attacking a non-rook than a rook, and higher when "connected" to its teammate, i.e., on the same rank or file with no intervening obstruction.

As a basic for part of the relative values of the pieces, it is interesting to note the maximum distance of the chessmen at maximum efficiency: (below, left)

Since the bishops (being on opposite colors) can never actually give mutual support, they are capable of only 2/3 the work of the other pieces, bringing effective coverage down to 8.7 Revising this component of relative maximum power and reducing to unity as above (right); strangely enough, if given in whole numbers, the latter figures match those usually given as the average relative value of the pieces.

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PUGET SOUND OPEN	41. Q-B8ch K-K2 42. RxBch! NxR	13. P-KB4 P-Q4
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SCHMITT CRAIN White Black	44. R-B3ch Resigns.	16. 0-0 R-K 17. N-K4 R-K3
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2. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. N-QB3 PxP	Scotch Gambit	19. N-B6ch RxN
4. NxP B-B4	HOLMES SCHMITT	20. BxR QxB 21. QxP K-B 2
5. N-N3 B-N3 6. P-KR4 P-KR3	White Black	22. K-R R-QB
7. N-KB3 N-Q2	1. P-K4 P-K4 2. N-KB3 N-QB3	23. Q-R3 P-QR3 24. P-QB4 PxP
8. P-R5 B-R2	3. P-Q4 PxP	25. PxP NxP
9. B-Q3 BxB 10. QxB Q-B2	4. B-B4 B-B4 5. P-B3 N-B3	26. Q-N3 P-QN4 27. P-R4 QxP
11. B-K3 P-K3	6. 0-0 PxP	28. Q-KB3 Q-Q5
12. 0-0-0 KN-B3 13. K-N B-03	7. NxP 0-0 8. B-KN5 B-K2	29. P-N4 N-07
14. N-K4 NXN	9. P-K5 N-K	30. Q-KR3 B-K5ch 31. RxB QxRch
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20. R-R4 P-R6	14. QR-Q Q-B 15. B-Q3 P-R3	36. Q-R3 R-B2 37. Q-R8ch TIME
21. P-QN3	16. KR-K B-N5	Game adjudicated
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28, N-K5 N-Q4 29, QxBP Q-N3ch	23. P-KR3 QR-K 24. R-B N-K6	White Dlack l. P-K4 P-K4
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34. R-N4 P-B3 35. N-B7 R-R2	Sicilian JOACHIM HOLMES	6. B-N3 P-KR3 7. 0-0 P-Q4
36. Q-R4 Q-B3	White Black	8. N-OB3 PxP
37. QxP QxP 38. B-R5 R-R3	1. P-K4 P-0B4 2. N-KB3 N-KB3	9. QNxP NxN 10. PxN B-Q3
39. R-QB Q-K7	3. P-K5 H-Q4	11. 0-05 0-02
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draw. So the game is continued.	10. P-03 BxN 11. BxB Q-B2	18. R-Q3ch K-R2
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[Notes by Chas. Joachim]

P-X4

White

1. P-K4

BISHOP'S OPENING BOLOTIN COLLINS White Black 1. P-K4 P-K4 2. B-B4 B-K2 3. N-QB3 N-QB3 4. P-B4 PxP 5. N-B3 6. NxB B-R5ch QxBch 7. K-B N-B3 8. P-Q3 N-KN5 9. BxP(B4) Q-B7 mate.

The above game is believed now to be the shortest on record in league play.

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Bishop's Opening C. R. HARMESON Lt. H. ALMOND White Black

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8. N-N5	0-0
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10. REST	B-B4
11. Q-B3?	Balk
12. QxB	N-C2
13. P-B4	N-B4
14. Q-B3	B-B3
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16. B-K3	P-QR3
17. N-Q2	P-QN4
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19. R-B R-K2

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Anderson 1, Taro 0. (Adj.)

McCownell 1, Taro 0. (Adj.)

Rink 1, Taro 0. (Adj.)

* Volz withdraws.

* NOTE: When a player withdraws from a section, all remaining opponents score a point by forfeit in their section. However their rating does not change unless their game may be declared a win by adjudication. If you feel you have a win, send your game score to the Postal Editor for adjudication.

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