

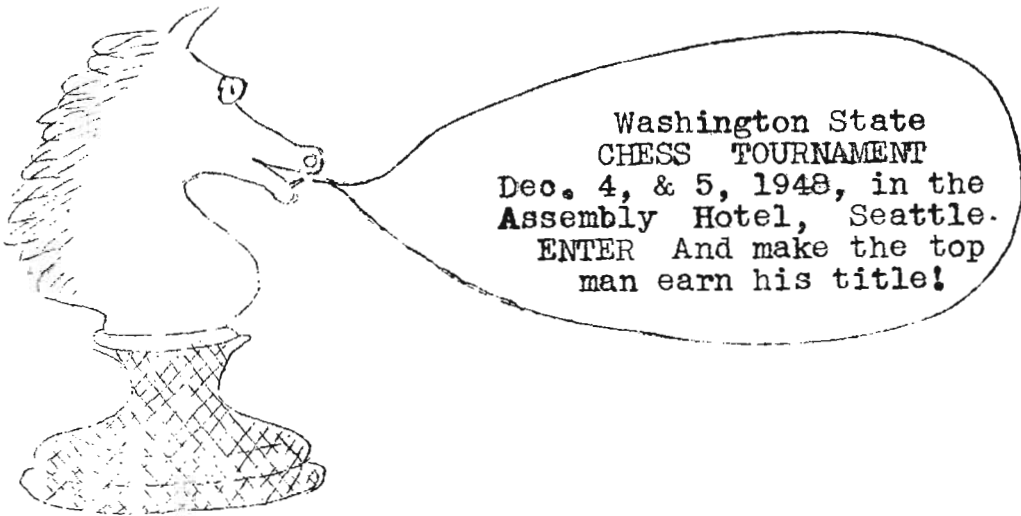
WASHINGTON

CHESS

LETTER

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The Knight says:



CORBETT'S CHATTER

by
T. Patrick Corbett

As Omar said eight hundred years ago:

"Tis all a chequer board of nights and days
Where Destiny with men for pieces plays
Hither and thither moves and mates and slays
And one by one, back in the closet lays!"
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Chessplayer: part of the old saying: "He who hesitates is a you guessed it."
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Jerry Schain of the University team is learning to play with a handicap. Every day has him in the College Inn where he is forced to play above the din of the pin-ball machines. He works hard, but loses every time (at chess that is).
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Did you ever notice how many chess players have "I" trouble?
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Recent scientific studies have shown that a heavy meal before a game will hamper your play. (I wonder if I could win the state title if I fed the other contestants?)
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This article is the product of the Both-ENDS Candle-Burning Company (a subsidiary of the Midnight Oil Corporation) and by contract all such products are dedicated to those souls who won't let me know what they want to hear about.
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Put this with your odd chess facts. The total possible number of moves in a game of chess is 10 to the power (10 to the 50th).

COMING EVENTS

WASHINGTON STATE

TIME -Dec 4th & 5th, 10 am
PLACE - New Seattle Chess Club, Assembly Hotel, 9th and Madison, Seattle, Wash.

EVENT -6 round Swiss
PRIZES-Permanent trophy for winner with name on perpetual cup. Other prizes if sufficient players participate.

ENTRY -\$.50.Limited to residents State of Washington.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
Richard P. Allen
413-15th Avenue N
Seattle, Wash.

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON

TIME -Jan 29th & 30th
PLACE-Everett
EVENT-6 round Swiss
ENTRY-\$.00. Limited to residents of San Juan, Whatcom, Skagit, Island, and Snohomish counties.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
Lawrence W. Taro
331 Alverson Blvd.
Everett, Wash.

SEATTLE CITY

TIME -Feb 26th & 27th
PLACE -Seattle Chess Club
EVENT -Swiss
ENTRY -\$.00.Limited to resident King County

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPERTS

TIME -Apr 2nd & 3rd.
PLACE-Tacoma Chess Club
EVENT-Round robin, Invitational, 2 players each from B. C. Ore., and Wash.
ENTRY-\$.50
PRIZE-Cash.

WASHINGTON SPEED

TIME -Mar 27th
PLACE-Seattle Chess Club
EVENT-Round Robin or Swiss.
ENTRY-\$.00

PUGET SOUND OPEN

TIME -May 29th & 30th
PLACE-Everett
EVENT-6 round Swiss
ENTRY-\$.50

 * WEAVER ADAMS *

U. S. Open Champion Weaver Adams gave two interesting exhibitions in Seattle, a lecture and two exhibition games at the Seattle Chess Club, and a simultaneous exhibition at the Seattle Y.M.C.A.

His lecture at the Seattle Club was based upon a novel idea of his own---he played two exhibition games against two of Seattle's leading players, Charles Joachim, Chess Expert, and Burge Backford. During these games, he explained his strategy in making each move, incidently in the hearing of both opponents, and still won both of his games.

His simultaneous exhibition at the 'Y' was extremely successful, that is, for Adams. He game up one draw to Sego of the YMCA club.

 * REHBERG RESIGNS *

Unable to continue both his work and his chess duties our long-time friend and colleague, George Rehberg resigned his positions as a Feature Editor on the WCL staff, and as secretary of the Kitsap club

His work for chess, notably his contribution as editor and publisher of the Puget Sound Chess News will long be remembered by chess fans in this area.

His position with the Kitsap club will be filled by Jack Nourse, Rt 1, Box 737 Port Blakely, Wash.

 * BELLINGHAM OPEN PLANNED *

Plans are under way to hold an open tournament in Bellingham, with the possibility that it may become one of our most important tournaments; its proximity to Vancouver could give it International flavor.

 * WHIDBY WINS OVER SEATTLE Y *

Whidby Island won a tight match with the Seattle YMCA BY A SCORE OF 6½-3½.

<u>WHIDBY</u>	6½,	<u>YMCA</u>	3½
Nourse	1,	Allen	1
Miller	1½,	Sego	1½
Pickens	1,	Bolotin	1
Peterson	1,	Housley	1
Winders	2,	Katsinis	0

 * CRAIN TO LECTURE *

The Tacoma Chess Club is planning a series of formal Chess lectures by their Chess Expert, Carroll Crain.

There is a possibility the series will be sponsored by the YMCA of Tacoma.

 * EVERETT TOURNEY NEARS END *

Larry Taro is leading the annual Everett Chess Club tourney with a score of 11½-½ closely followed by Neil Power with 8½-1½ and J. A. Naas with 6½-1½. Taro has one game to play with Naas, needing a draw to win. A loss could find the tourney ending in a three-way tie!

 * ALLEN TO WRITE COLUMN *

Dick Allen, well known chess organizer, writer, and secretary of the WCF, will contribute a regular column probably beginning with the next issue.

STANDINGS

1. Tacoma	3 -0
2. Bellingham	3 -0
3. Everett	2 -1
4. Kitsap	2 -1
5. Seattle	1 -1
6. University	1 -2
7. Queen Anne	1 -2
8. Skagit	1/2 -1 1/2
9. Ymca	1 -2 1/2
10. Olympia	0 -3

LEADING PLAYERS

(4 games or more)

Power	Everett	6 -0
Magerkurth	Kitsap	5 1/2 - 1/2
Danskin	Kitsap	5 -1
Naas	Everett	4 -2
Amsden	Bellingham	3 1/2 - 1/2
Crain	Tacoma	3 1/2 - 1/2
Knagey	Bellingham	3 1/2 - 1/2
Bever	Queen Anne	3 1/2 - 2 1/2
Carson	Queen Anne	3 -1
Amidon	University	2 1/2 - 1 1/2
Bader	Bellingham	2 1/2 - 1 1/2
Hultman	Tacoma	2 1/2 - 1 1/2

FINNEGAN WINS TRIP
 TO THE ROSE BOWL

JACK FINNEGAN, one of Seattle's strong chess players, won first prize in the Morning-After Football Contest, which gives him an all-expenses-paid trip to Pasadena on New Year's Day, and a seat on the 50-yard line at the CaliforniaNorthwestern game.

He will be the P.I.'s special representative and will write a daily column on what he thinks will eventuate when the Wild-cats and Bears tangle on the Pasadena gridiron.

3rd Round Results

Tacoma 8 1/2, Ymca 1 1/2.
 Bellingham 6, Everett 4.
 Kitsap 7 1/2, Olympia 2 1/2
 University 7, Queen Anne 3.
 Seattle ?, Skagit ?

4th Round Schedule

Dec 12th

Tacoma-University at Tacoma
 Bellingham-Olympia at Seattle
 Everett-Seattle at Everett
 Kitsap-Skagit at Seattle
 Queen Anne-Ymca at Seattle

TACOMA 8 1/2, YMCA 1 1/2.

Crain	2,	Allen	0
Hultman	1,	Sego	1
Collins	1 1/2,	Bolotin	1/2
Coubrough	2,	Housley	0
Avann	2,	Rich	0

BELLINGHAM 6, EVERETT 4

Bader	1,	Taro	1
MacPhail	0,	Power	2
Kraght	2,	Naas	0
Knagey	1 1/2,	Husby	1/2
Amsden	1 1/2,	Dahlquist	1/2

KITSAP 7 1/2, OLYMPIA 2 1/2

Nourse	2,	Ayer	0
Hanskin	2,	Harmeson	0
Magerkurth	1 1/2,	Stork	1/2
Blakefield	1,	Cerretelli	1
Christey	1,	Yocom	1

UNIVERSITY 7, QUEEN ANNE 3

Bollman	0,	Neale	2
Wallock	2,	Bever	0
Schain	1,	Roberts	1
Martin	2,	Brewster	0
Amidon	2,	Raleigh	0

SEATTLE)?) SKAGIT (?)

(UNREPORTED.)

WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION BULLETIN

CONSTITUTION

At the recent meeting of the Washington Chess Federation, a new constitution was approved.

The papers were presented by a committee headed by Dick Allen then revised and adopted by the Directors of the W. C. F.

Articles in the constitution provided for new types of memberships in the W.C.F., League, Club, and Individual; W.C.F. approved major tournament, including the Washington State, Pacific Northwest Experts, Puget Sound Open, Northwest Washington and Seattle City; Oscar Award to chess organizers for each year beginning in 1945; rules in awarding the title of Chess Expert.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Individual memberships were created to give each chess player in the state the opportunity to become a part of the organization, regardless of affiliation with any chess club.

The membership fee will be \$1.50 annually, and will entitle the member to a membership card, a free subscription to the Washington Chess Letter, right to participate in any WCF competition, and guest privileges in any member chess club outside his own city.

CHESS EXPERTS

The title of Chess Expert is given to players winning, or placing second twice in the PNW

Experts, State, PS Open, or by twice winning the Seattle City or Northwest Washington.

Jim Schmitt of Portland, J.L. Sheets of Seattle, Carroll Crain of Tacoma, and Charles Joachim of Seattle are now officially recognized as Chess Experts.

OSCAR AWARDS

The Oscar Award will be given annually by vote of the Board of Directors to the man deserving the honor for his outstanding and meritorious service in the promotion and organization of chess.

As the organization is new, and of recent origin, it was considered fitting and proper that the awards be pre-dated to the beginning of the recent organization, so awards were voted for 1945, 1946, and 1947.

The Oscar Award for 1945 was given to R. C. (TOM) CANNON, of Mt. Vernon, for his magnificent accomplishment in organizing the grandiose Chess International. This event is still considered by far the most important of its kind by the national chess publications.

The Oscar Award for 1946 was given to JACK NOURSE for the splendid part he played in the foundation and organization of the P. S. League, for which he served faithfully in its pioneer stage, inspiring his colleagues.

The Oscar Award for 1947 was given to GEORGE REHBERG for his outstanding work as editor and publisher of the Puget Sound Chess News. The importance of his work played a leading part in bringing chess to where it is at present.

KINGS AND PAWNS IN SOVIET RUSSIA
by
Olaf Ulvestad

Part III

Our hotel rooms, beds, and conveniences did not begin to match in quality those of first-class American hotels; still, who were we, as guests, to be over-critical; we received the best they had. The night passed in pleasant rest, and the next morning we were toured about the historic city. We visited an unusual museum which is called the museum of the Nazi Siege. It had many interesting exhibits showing graphically the siege and its lifting. The citizens started the museum, we were told, three months before the German armies departed.

About noon another meal was served on the same scale as the one on the preceding evening. I counted twenty-one courses in all--fourteen courses of hors d'oeuvres and seven main courses! Unfortunately, we were unable to finish that "Olympian" repast; a plane was being readied to take us to Moscow, and there wasn't sufficient time to do justice to such a dinner. We broke off dining when about two-thirds through; our passports were returned to us; we boarded the plane, and headed for Moscow.

While en route I had a remarkable view of the Pripet marshes from thousands of feet up. The land is very backward between Leningrad and Moscow, but there are signs of cultivation here and there.

Most of the Soviet chess masters, along with representatives of "VOKS" (Society for Cultural Advancement) and of the press, were waiting to greet us at the huge Moscow air-field, which is thirty miles from the city. We were given quite a reception with many bouquets of flowers for the wives of American team members and press photographs taken right and left. Chess events of any importance always "make" the front page in the USSR. Chess has become, through government promotion, the favorite Russian pastime.

The outskirts of Moscow were a crazy-quilt patchwork of various types of dwellings: shacks, frame-houses, peasant huts of mud with thatched roofs, and even a cave(!) gave a motley aspect to the landscape through which we passed. Signs of Nazi shelling were still evident a few miles away, but as we entered the street networks, these signs disappeared. The Nazis never came closer than within thirteen miles of Moscow, but they wreaked utter havoc on the outlying towns. War-driven people from outside the metropolis came in droves to be sheltered by its untouched buildings from the chilling Russian winter. Their numbers swelled the four-million pre-war population to nearly eight million. Muscovites are living as many as eight to a room because of the increase; such congestion prevents any semblance of private life in most cases; yet, the congestion does not end there. As many as three families to a single kitchen is a common condition.

 OPENINGS RECOMMENDED FOR ADVANCED STUDY
 by
 Olaf Ulvestad

Part II

GIUOCO PIANO GROUP

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-B4	B-B4 (a)

MOLLER ATTACK

4. P-B3 (b)	N-B3
5. P-Q4	PxP
6. PxP	B-N5ch
7. K-B!	NxP
8. P-Q5	N-K2
9. Q-Q4 (c)	

EVAN'S GAMBIT

4. P-QN4 (d)	BxP
5. P-B3	B-R4
6. P-Q4	P-Q3 (e)
7. Q-N3	Q-Q2
8. PxP	B-N3 (f)

PIANISSIMO

4. P-Q3 (g)

MAX LANGE ATTACK

4. O-O	N-B3
5. P-Q4 (h)	BxP (i)
6. BxB	NxN
7. B-KN5 (j)	P-KR3
8. B-R4	Q-K2 (k)
5.	PxP?
6. P-K5	P-Q4
7. PxN	PxB
8. R-Kch	B-K3
9. N-N5	Q-Q4
10. N-QB3	Q-B4
11. N-K4 (l)	

- a. Pivot move of the four alternatives in the "Giuoco Piano" group: "Moller Attack", "Evan's Gambit", "Pianissimo", and "Max Lange Attack"
- b. Key move of Moller Attack.
- c. Black is in difficulties, for White can develop with threats, taking command of important files and diagonals; Black is congested in the center, while White controls the center and is ahead in space.
- d. Key to Evan's Gambit
- e. Lasker Defense, probably best.
- f. Not 8...., PxP; 9.O-O and White gains speedy control of the Queen file with advantage. Black's text move threatens (... N-QR4 forcing exchange of the powerful White B.
- g. Key to dull and lifeless line of play offering little or no initiative to White. If the student is interested in this sort of thing he can find it elsewhere.
- h. Key thrust of Max Lange Attack which is unsound, though it abounds in pitfalls for the unwary.
- i. Black captures the gambit pawn in this way without attacking compensation to White because the center lines remain closed
- j. An ingenious line known as the Tartakover Attack.
- k. Black avoids the diabolical trap 8...., P-KN4?; 9.P-KB4!, PxB; 10.BxP regains piece with winning advantage. (9...., BxP; 10.BxP!, PxR; 11.QxN winning easily.) The text move, 8...., Q-K2 threatens 9...., P-N4 and prevents 9. P-B4 by the counter threat 9...., Q-B4
- l. White's position is sound, superior and threatening.

 * G A M E S *

OREGON OPEN

	Ruy Lopez	
REDDINGTON	DAKE	
	White	Black
1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	N-KB3	N-QB3
3.	B-N5	P-QR3
4.	B-R4	N-B3
5.	O-O	B-K2
6.	R-K	P-QN4
7.	B-N3	P-Q3
8.	P-B3	O-O
9.	P-KR3	N-Q2
10.	P-Q4	B-B3
11.	P-Q5	N-K2
12.	QN-Q2	N-KN3
13.	N-B	N-B5
14.	BxN	PxB
15.	P-QR4	P-N5
16.	N-Q4	PxP
17.	PxP	H-K4
18.	N-R2	B-Q2
19.	Q-Q2	R-N
20.	KR-N	P-Kn4
21.	P-Kb3	P-Kr4
22.	B-Q	Q-B
23.	B-K2	R-N2
24.	R-N2	Q-R
25.	Qr-N	KR-N
26.	R-N4	RxR
27.	PxR	Q-R2
28.	K-R	N-B5
29.	BxN	BxN
30.	N-B	B-K4
31.	P-N5	P-P
32.	BxP	BxB
33.	RxB	R-R
34.	PxR	Q-B4
35.	Q-K2	Q-B8
36.	K-R2	P-R5
37.	Q-Q3	Q-K8
38.	K-N	B-B6
39.	Q-B4	B-R4
40.	Q-Q3	B-N3ch
41.	K-R	Q-D7
42.	N-K3	PxN
	Resigns.	

PS LEAGUE

TARO	BADER	
	White	Black
1.	P-Q4	P-Q4
2.	P-QB4	P-QB3
3.	N-QB3	N-KB3
4.	N-KB3	B-N5
5.	P-K3	P-K3
6.	B-K2	B-N5
7.	Q-B2	PxP
8.	BxP	N-Q4
9.	B-Q2	NxN
10.	PxN	B-Q3
11.	B-K2	N-Q2
12.	O-O	N-B3
13.	P-K4	P-K4
14.	KR-K	Q-B2
15.	P-KR3	P-KR4 ?
16.	PxB ?!	RpxP
17.	N-R2	PxP
18.	P-N3	BxP
19.	HxP	NxN
20.	BxN	R-R7
21.	P-K5	R-P
22.	Q-Q3	RxB
23.	QxR	BxR
24.	RxB	PxP
25.	QxP	Q-N3ch
26.	K-N2	R-Q
27.	P-K6 !	P-B3
28.	P-K7	R-Q4
29.	Q-B2	R-K4
30.	Q-N6ch	KxP
31.	BxNPch	K-K
32.	B-R5ch	K-Q
33.	QxPch	Resign

 Bishop's opening

COUBROUGH	HOUSLEY	
	White	Black
1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	B-B4	N-KB3
3.	N-KB3	N-QB3
4.	P-Q4	NxKP
5.	PxP	P-Q3
6.	BxPch	KxB
7.	Q-Q5ch	B-K3
8.	QxKN	P-Q4
9.	Q-KB4ch	K-K
10.	O-O	P-KN3
11.	N-QB3	B-KN2
12.	Q-KN3	K-Q2

13.	B-KN5	P-K4
14.	QR-Q	QR-K
15.	NxQP	BxKP
16.	NxBch	NxN
17.	QxN	K-B.
18.	QxPmate	

SIMULTANEOUS

	Vienna	
ADAMS	BICKFORD	
	White	Black
1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	N-QB3	N-QB3
3.	B-B4	B-B4
4.	Q-N4	K-B
5.	Q-N3	N-B3
6.	N-K2	P-Q3
7.	P-Q3	P-KR3
8.	P-B4	B-K3
9.	BxB	PxB
10.	B-Q2	Q-K2
11.	KR-B	K-K
12.	O-O-O	K-Q
13.	P-B5	QR-KN
14.	N-R4	B-N3
15.	P-B4	K-B
16.	P-N4	FxP
17.	RxP	N-Q5
18.	NxBch	BPxN
19.	NxN	PxN
20.	Q-B2	K-N
21.	QxP	R-B
22.	B-B4	KR-Q
23.	BxP	PxB
24.	QxN	QxQ
25.	RxQ	P-QN4
26.	RxRP	PxP
27.	P-Q4	Resigns

 Vienna

ADAMS	JOACHIM	
	White	Black
1.	P-K4	P-K3
2.	P-Q4	P-Q4
3.	N-QB3	B-QN5
4.	P-K5	P-QB4
5.	P-QR3	B-R4
6.	P-QN4	PxQP
7.	N-N5	B-B2
8.	P-KB4	BxP

(Over)

- 9. PxB Q-R5ch
- 10. K-K2 B-Q2
- 11. N-Q6ch K-B
- 12. N-B3 Q-R4
- 13. P-N4 Q-N3
- 14. P-KR4 P-KR4
- 15. P-KN5 N-K2
- 16. K-B2 N-B4
- 17. B-Q3 N-B3
- 18. P-N5 QN-K2
- 19. NxQP P-B3
- 20. R-KN PxBp
- 21. BxP Q-R2
- 22. Q-B3 P-KN3
- 23. B-B6 R-KN
- 24. R-N5 P-R3
- 24. QR-KN Resigns.

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 * Postal Chess Editor *

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TARO WINS 47-A-2

Larry Taro won his Class A section undefeated, with a score of 6-0.

Neil Power placed second with 4½-1½, and Jack Finnegan third with 4-2.

47-A-2

- 1. Taro (Everett) 6 -0
- 2. Power (Everett) 4½-1½
- 3. Finnegan (Seattle) 4 -2
- 4. Bover (Seattle) 3 -3
- 5. DiPaula (Montana) 2½-3½
- 6. Scoly (Olympia) 1 -5
- 7. Reade (Seattle) 0 -6

Queen's Gambit Declined

HUSBY White	BREWSTER Black
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. P-K3	N-QB3
4. N-KB3	B-N5ch
5. B-Q2	BxB ch
6. NxB	KN-K2
7. B-Q3	O-O
8. O-O	P-KB4
9. P-B5	N-KN3
10. P-QR3	P-K4
11. PxP	QNxF
12. NxN	NxN
13. B-B2	Q-KB3
14. P-QN4	N-KN5
15. N-KB3	B-K3
16. P-KR3	N-R3
17. Q-Q3	P-KN3
18. QR-Q1	QR-Q1
19. B-N3	P-B3
20. R-Q2	N-B2
21. KR-Q1	N-K4
22. NxN	QxN
23. Q-B2	Q-N2
24. R-Q4	Q-B3
25. R1-Q2	Q-N4
26. Q-Q1	P-B5
27. PxF	RxF
28. RxR	QxR
29. R-Q3	B-B4
30. R-KB3	Q-K4
31. Q-Q2	K-N2
32. Q-KN5	R-KB1
33. P-KN4	Q-K8ch
34. K-N2	B-K5
35. Q-K7ch	K-R3
36. QxR ch	K-N4
37. Q-B4ch	K-R5
38. Q-R6 Mate	

POSTAL CHESS RATINGS

1.	Naas, J.	1429
2.	Taro, L.	1410
3.	Hazen, R.	1409
4.	Power, N.	1362
5.	Hellums, J.	1331
6.	Norman, A.	1306
7.	Finnegan, J.	1290
8.	Magerkurth, C.	1288
9.	Cerretelli, J.	1268
10.	Moore, C.	1267

Class A

Almond, Lt.	1238
Ballantine, C.	1245
Bever, V.	1202
Blakefield, F.	1250
Cerretelli, J.	1268
Coubrough, L.	1250
Davis, C.	1250
DiPaula, Dr F	1246
Finnegan, J.	1343
Grey, Miss A	1250
Hazen, R.	1409
Hellums, J.	1331
Magerkurth, C.	1288
Moore, C.	1269
Naas, J.	1429
Norman, A.	1306
Power, N.	1309
Taro, L.	1410
Tweddale, E.	1250

Class B.

Allen, W.	951
Amsden, H.	1100
Erntson, H.	1023
Booth, W.	990
Bushnell, C.	1100
Cairncross, R.	1100
Christey, G.	1100
Corbett, T.	964
Dahlquist, N.	989
Emerson, L.	1100
Gordon, J.	1060
Harmeson, L.	1150
Howard, F.	1042
Husby, P.	1006
Kaffenberger	1168
Landenberger	963
McCarthy, G.	1148
McMartin, Dr.H	997
Merk, R.	1061

Mulder, Dr.	1021
Orme, S.	1152
Raleigh, W.	982
Roberts, H.	1100
Rink, A.	950
Running, J.	993
Taylor, C.	1132
Yocom, C.	1056
Yocom, H.	1050

Class C

Anderson, M	899
Beal, J.	850
Birks, D.	850
Hiskox, R.	668
Jones, Dr G	756
McCownell, C	850
Moss, Mrs	764
Neilson, R.	805
Plume, L.	732
Ronaneski, R.	850

GAME RESULTS

47-A-2

Power 1, Finnegan 0.

47-B-2

Hazen 1, Harmeson 0.
Hazen 1, Merk 0.

47-C-1

Mulder 1, McMartin 0.