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LETTERS

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The Knight says:



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the Letters is morally
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 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Larry,

It's ages since I have heard from you and hope all's well.

Here's wishing you a Happy New Year!

Your magazine is just swell. Am enclosing the printed version of the magazine I am publishing. Hope you like it, and I am still hoping to get an article from your hand for publication in same.

Your expert tournament is a swell idea, but why not extend it to include California too, and make it a West Coast Conference? Wrote some time ago about this to Mr. Schmidt, but have not heard from him on this subject. Would like to talk this over with you.

GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI,
 Santa Rosa, Cal.

Dear Mr. Husby,

Enclosed is one buck in currency which I kept out of my paycheck when I gave it to my wife. Will you please keep the Chess Letter coming? I like the magazine very much.

I wonder if it might not be a bad idea---I should say "good" idea---to have some authority give some hints on how to expand Club membership; how to get high school students interested, etc. --that is, to get people, particularly young people, chess conscious.

I am interested because in Olympia we had about six members in the Club, and our efforts to expand were unavailing.

LARRY HAGEN,
 Olympia, Wash.

Dear Mr. Taro,

I would be delighted to accept your invitation to play in Tacoma April 2nd and 3rd.

We must commend you for your initiative in having tournament chess in the Pacific Northwest. It is a sign of the times, our section of the country is growing and being recognized.

ARTHUR W. DAKE,
 Portland, Ore.

FAMOUS GAMES

Here is the most brilliant game in chess history. It is called, "The Immortal Partie", in which Anderssen mated the famous Kieseritsky after sacrificing his Queen and both Rooks and a Bishop.

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| 1. | P - K4 | P - K4 |
| 2. | P - KB4 | P x P |
| 3. | B - B4 | Q - R5ch. |
| 4. | K - B | P - QN4 |
| 5. | B x P | N - KB3 |
| 6. | N - KB3 | Q - R3 |
| 7. | P - Q3 | N - R4 |
| 8. | N - R4 | P - QB3 |
| 9. | N - B5 | Q - N4 |
| 10. | P - KN4 | N - B3 |
| 11. | R - KN | P x B |
| 12. | P - KR4 | Q - N3 |
| 13. | P - R5 | Q - N4 |
| 14. | Q - B3 | N - N |
| 15. | B x P | Q - B3 |
| 16. | N - B3 | B - B4 |
| 17. | N - Q5 | Q x P |
| 18. | B - Q6, A fine coup.* | Q x Rch. |
| | | B x R |
| 19. | K - K2 | |
| 20. | P - K5, Obstrueting
the line from QR8 to KN2.
A glorious finish.* | N - QR3 |
| | | |
| 21. | N x P ch. | K - Q |
| 22. | Q - B6 ch | N x Q |
| 23. | B - K7 checkmate. | |

* Notes are by Em. Lasker.

 STEINER-CROSS TIE

Herman Steiner, U.S. Champion and Jim Cross, recent winner of the Claifornia Open and an outstanding junior player, tied for first place in the Hollywood Open tournament, both finishing far ahead of the other contestants.

The final standings were;

Cross	11 - 1
Steiner	11 - 1
Gordon	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Croy	7 - 5
Levin	7 - 5
Weiss	7 - 5
Gordon	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Spiller	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Schrader	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Casdan	4 - 8
Martin	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Finkelstein	2 - 10
Reinhardt	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

 NORTHWEST WASHINGTON TOURNEY

The third annual Northwest Washington tournament will be held in Evorett at the local WCA, Saturday and Sunday, January 29th and 30th.

The tournament was first begun in 1947, and was won by Charles Abbott. The following year Neil Power copped the title.

Players are asked to report at 9:30 am Saturday morning for registration, and to bring a set of chessmen, and a self-starting electric clock, if possible.

The event will be a six-round Swiss, and will be played at the rate of 45 moves in 1 hour and 15 minutes, and thereafter at the rate of 10 moves in 15 minutes, or adjudication.

First prize will be a home-made chess clock. Entry fee is one dollar, with the added requirement that the contestants

be members of the WCF, or subscribers to the WCL. Players must also be residents of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island, or SanJuan counties.

Lawrence Taro will act as tournament director for the event.

 HISCOX TO DIRECT PNW TOURNEY

Ray Hiscox, of Tacoma, has been named Tournament Director of the coming Pacific Northwest Master-Experts tournament.

His fine work in directing the first Puget Sound Open last year led to his appointment.

The title of the tournament has been changed to include the word 'master', as it is more in keeping with the actual strength of the tournament itself.

Olaf Ulvestad, Jim Schmitt, and Charles Joachim have now accepted their invitation to compete. It is hoped that the Portland master, Arthur Dake, will soon follow suit. The B.C. players have not yet been selected, but should be soon.

First prize is now guaranteed at \$50.00. This is an unprecedented move in this area. If more funds can be raised, there will also be a second prize, and possible a third, or larger first prize.

The hospitality of the Tacoma club is proved by their promise to provide sleeping quarters for all contestants in the tournament.

After careful investigation, the feeling among the players seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of masters competing in our tournaments, so the invitations to Dake and Ulvestad still stand. If Dake competes, the Pacific Northwest will have its first tournament of 'national' importance!

 * ULVESTAD'S EXHIBITION SERIES *

Olaf Ulvestad, well known Seattle master, recently completed a series of exhibitions which began in Everett, proceeded to Tacoma and Bremerton, and ended in Bellingham.

The exhibitions included simultaneous, blindfold play, and lectures.

In Everett, Olaf played 14 opponents in simultaneous, and won all games. He followed this with a lecture on new opening analysis, using two of his own games as illustrations. One of the games he used is the one with Steiner, which is published in this issue with notes by Jim Schmitt. Ulvestad's move P-QR4 constitutes the new variation.

Tacoma received two exhibitions. The first was a simultaneous. Ulvestad lost to Crain drew with Holmes, and won the other 9 games. The next was a three game simultaneous played against Coubrough, Collins, and Biow. The games were used as the basis for a lecture, during which Ulvestad proceeded to explain the reasons for each move, both his opponents and his own, as they were played.

The exhibition in Bremerton received the largest support of all, with 22 players in the simultaneous. Magerkurth scored a win, and Nourse, Rehberg, Jackson, and Christey drew. This was followed by a blindfold game with Anderson, who drew. After the event was completed, Ulvestad acted as master of ceremonies, and presented trophies to the recent winners of the Kitsap County tournaments; Jack Nourse received the 'A' trophy, and Elmer Grankill the 'B'.

Information on Ulvestad's last exhibition in Bellingham has not yet been received.

A possible coming exhibition

at the Seattle club is planned, the total money received will be added to the prize money for the coming PNW Master-Experts tourney. This gesture on the part of Ulvestad is typical of his consistent generosity in aiding chess in our area.

 * KARCH 1st LINCOLN HS TOURNEY * X

Robert Karch, Tacoma junior, won the Lincoln High School (Tacoma) tournament by winning all five games.

Here is the score;

Karch	5 -0
Nutley	3½-1½
McCulloch	3 -2
McDonough	1½-3½
Combo	1 -4
Rader	1 -4

 * KOLTANOWSKI IN EXHIBITION *

George Koltanowski, world famous blindfold chess master, is scheduled to give an exhibition in Mt. Vernon, Sunday, February 13th. There is a present plan, however, to change the location to Bellingham, so interested players should contact Mr. R. C. Cannon, Mt. Vernon, for latest developments.

 * BOY HONORED BY UNIVERSITY *

by
 Norm Nippell

Robion Kirby, age 10, was made an honorary member of the University of Washington Chess Club by unanimous vote of the members at a meeting held Friday January 14th.

Young Kirby, son of Mr. Bernard Kirby, who has a teaching Fellowship in the Sociology De-

partment, has been playing chess since he was 8 years of age. His grandfather taught him the grand old game. Kirby made such a good showing in "friendly games" with chess club members last quarter that they were prompted to take this most recent action.

 * FINNEGAN DIRECTS SEATTLE CITY *

Jack Finnegan, the new Tournament Director for the Seattle Chess Club, has been selected to direct the Seattle City tournament, to be held Feb 26-27th.

He is also directing the present club championship.

 * DR. EUWE DRAWS CROWD IN B.C. *

Dr. Max Euwe, former world chess champion, drew a crowd of 50 players in a recent simultaneous exhibition in Vancouver.

He lost only three games to Millar, Fillery, and Ostrom.

 * COMING EVENTS *

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON

TIME Jan 29th & 30th, 9:30 am
 PLACE YMCA,
 California & Rockefeller,
 Everett, Wash.
 EVENT 6 Round Swiss.
 PRIZES chess clock (home made)
 ENTRY \$1.00, Limited to residents of San Juan, Whatcom, Skagit Island, and Snohomish Co., and requires membership in the Washington Chess Federation. If you now hold a subs. to the WCL, you are considered a member. Others may become members at time of entry.

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

SEATTLE CITY

TIME Feb 26th & 27th
 PLACE Seattle Chess Club
 EVENT Swiss
 ENTRY \$1.00. Limited to residents of King County.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
 Jack Finnegan,
 7013 Seaview Terrace,
 Seattle 6, Wash.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MASTER EXPERTS

TIME Apr 2nd & 3rd
 PLACE Tacoma Chess Club
 EVENT Round robin, invitational;
 2 players each from B. C., Oregon, and Wash.
 ENTRY \$5.00
 PRIZES Cash, \$50.00 1st prize guaranteed.

WASHINGTON SPEED

TIME Mar 27th, Seattle CC.
 Entry \$1.50

PUGET SOUND OPEN

TIME May 29th & 30th
 PLACE Everett
 EVENT 6 round Swiss, Open.
 ENTRY \$1.50.

 PUGET SOUND LEAGUE NEWS

STANDINGS

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

LEADING PLAYERS

(4 games or more)

Power	Everett	8	-2
Crain	Tacoma	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Neale	Queen Anne	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Magerkurth	Kitsap	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	-1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Carson	Queen Anne	6	-2
Amsden	Bellingham	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	-2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Naas	Everett	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	-4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Danskin	Kitsap	5	-1
Hewitt	Tacoma	5	-1
Bader	Bellingham	5	-2 *
Bickford	Seattle	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Knagey	Bellingham	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	-3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Schain	University	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	-3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Coubrough	Tacoma	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Holmes	Tacoma	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ *
Cerretelli	Olympia	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	-2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rehberg	Kitsap	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	-2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Muller	Seattle	3	-1
Wallock	University	3	-1
Amidon	University	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Davidson	Seattle	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	-1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Joschim	Seattle	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	-1 $\frac{1}{2}$

5th Round Results
 Tacoma 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, Bellingham 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. **
 Seattle 6; Kitsap 4.
 Everett 6, Queen Anne 4.
 Olympia 6, Ymca 4.
 University-bye.
 Feb 13th

6th Round Schedule
 Olympia-Tacoma at Tacoma
 Kitsap-University at Seattle
 Bellingham-Queen Anne at Bellingham
~~Seattle-University at Seattle~~
~~Everett-Queen Anne at Everett~~
 Ymca-Seattle at Seattle
 Everett-bye

TACOMA	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	BELLINGHAM	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	*
Holmes	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bader	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	*
Crain	2	Knagey	0	
Biow	2	MacPhail	0	
Hewitt	2	Amsden	0	
Collins	1	Case	1	
SEATTLE	6	KITSAP	4	
Bickford	1	Nourse	1	
Furray	1	Rehberg	1	
Davidson	1	Magerkurth	1	
Muller	2	Blakefield	0	
Shephard	1	Christy	1	
EVERETT	6	QUEEN ANNE	4	
Taro	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Neale	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Power	1	Bever	1	
Naas	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Roberts	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Husby	1	Carson	1	
Dahlquist	2	Raleigh	0	
YMCA	4	OLYMPIA	6	
Hobert	2	Stork	0	
Allen	0	Cerretelli	2	
Sego	1	Ayers	0	
Bolotin	0	Yocom	2	
Rich	1	Harmeson	1	

* Holmes-Bader game to be adjudicated.

 * EN PASSANT *
 * by *
 * Dick Allen *

 * CORBETT'S CHATTER *
 * by *
 * T. Patrick Corbett *

The Puget Sound League is over the "hump" and is going strong with plenty of enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.

Somebody must mention it so I might as well: Some of the clubs in the League have not paid the \$5.00 registration fee altho the matches have been scheduled and necessary expenses covered by federation treasury funds. Also there are a few clubs in the state enjoying the status of Washington Chess Federation club membership, but whose \$5.00 dues for the fiscal year are as yet still due. This is not in the nature of a complaint or a rap, it is simply a statement of fact.

I think that in all cases it will be found that such neglect is due to un-wareness of obligation. Remember that any money turned over to the WCF treasury will be guarded carefully and will be disbursed according to the WCF Constitution and By-Laws. (A copy of same will be sent on request---enclose 10¢ to cover mailing and mimeo cost to Dick Allen, 419-15th N, Seattle2.

First dividend is the engraved certificate of club membership.

Second dividend is the right to play matches in league competition under WCF auspices.

Third Dividend is the opportunity open to the member club to buy books, chessmen, chessboards, chessclocks, chessclock converters and other equipment at wholesale prices.

Fourth dividend is insurance that the Washington Chess Letter and all the untold somewhat hidden benefits achieved thus far will stand and grow.

So if your club treasurer hasn't sent in your dues or the League fee give him a nudge--Address, W.H. Raleigh, 4318 Densmore, Seattle3.

The title of chess expert is a good one, and of the people who have it our new state champ is second to none. Chess honors are nothing new to Charles K. Joachim for he has had a bright tournament career both in the United States and Europe.

He played first board both in high-school and at the University of Vienna where he obtained his two doctors degrees. Later he won or placed high in several tournaments including the 1927 Golden Rocks. He then won the amateur title of Vienna and thus put himself among the coming masters of Europe.

He continued his chess when he came to the United States by becoming prominent in the Florida Chess Club. In the past few years he has placed sixth at Corpus Christi, won the past two Seattle City Opens, placed second in last year's state, and won many other chessic degrees in the Pacific Northwest.

Nor are his interests confined to tournament play, for, as those brilliant combinations you see in his games suggest, he is an expert problem solver. Imaginative play which reminds one of the Romantic Period of chess is the trademark of his games. The color and sparkle of his moves is rare in tourney chess today, and for that reason we "wood Pushers" enjoy the beauty of his games.

Our state champion is a man of many talents and abilities, truly a chess expert if not a master. The next time you find one of his games, look it over and see if you won't agree with me.

KINGS AND PAWNS IN SOVIET RUSSIA
by
Olaf Ulvestad

Part IV

We walked quite a distance down the parade avenue, past a beautiful old Russian church now a Soviet museum, along with other churches and the Leningrad stock-exchange, to the river which bounds the Kremlin on two sides. The night was clear and moonlit, accentuating the atmosphere of mystery enshrouding the impregnable-looking fortress-city.

It wasn't until after the match that we were shown the palaces of the Czars within the Kremlin. I will never forget that experience. Regal splendor was everywhere, in the royal reception hall, the chapel, the living-quarters of the royal family, and in the halls where matters of state under the czarist regime were dealt with. The present Soviet congress convenes in a long hall which was converted from two huge rooms of the palace.

Across a wide square from the hotel Metropol is the Bolshoi theatre, which has the largest theatre stage in the world, I believe. The stage can hold several times the number of persons the average opera-house stage.

Still another such example is the Building of Trade Unions, in which is a large auditorium called the Hall of Columns. Soviet "absolute" chess championship tournaments were held in this hall, which was also the scene of our 1946 USA-USSR chess team match. Co
Rectangular in shape, the hall takes its name from two rows of columns, which run its length, one row on each side. Enormous cut-glass chandeliers hang from the ceiling.

At all rounds of the USA-USSR match, the Hall of Columns was filled to capacity with 1500 seated spectators and 500 standees. Just outside the doors of the auditorium and of the building were large stands advertising the chess-match. At the rear of the auditorium stage were ten giant chess wall-boards, each measuring about six feet square; five of these rested on high stands, with the other five on scaffolding directly above. Large movable figurines were in the starting positions on the mammoth boards. At the forepart of the stage were ten tables with regular chess-boards and men set up for the contestants. Signs on each table told the names of the contestants and their respective countries. Tellers were ready to transfer the moves from the players' boards to the wall-boards for the audience to follow.

Meanwhile, an informal meeting of the Russians and Americans took place behind the stage. Top board for the USSR was Michael Botvinnik, who, besides being one of the world's foremost chess masters, is an electrical engineer. He played the American champion, Samuel Reshevsky, who was a boy-prodigy of chess and is now an accountant. Board number two on the Russian and American teams were Paul Keres, Lithuanian master and Reuben Fine, mathematics instructor at USC, respectively.

The Soviet masters enjoy a cultural and professional rating because of their chess ability; this effects their earning power considerably. Money credits, clothes, and housing credits are provided them by government subsidy according to their standings in local, national, and international tournaments and matches. American
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 OPENINGS RECOMMENDED FOR ADVANCED STUDY
 by
 Olaf Ulvestad

Part IV

FRENCH DEFENCE

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K3 (a)
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. P-K5 (b)	P-QB4
4. PxP(c)	N-QB3
5. N-KB3	BxP
6. B-Q3	Q-N3
7. O-O	N-K2
8. P-B3	P-QR4(e)

SICILIAN DEFENCE

1. P-K4	P-QB4(f)
2. N-KB3	P-Q3(g)
3. P-Q4	P:P
4. NxP	N-KB3
5. N-QB3	P-KN3
6. B-K2	B-N2
7. O-O	O-O
8. B-K3	N-B3
9. P-KR3(h)	

- a. Key to "French Defense".
- b. Sharpest continuation for White
- c. Key to "Nimzowitsch Line", very strong.
- d. If 4...BxP; 5.Q-N4 is positionally embarrassing.
- e. Kingside castling looks risky for Black. White stands better.
- f. Key move of "Sicilian Defense".
- g. Key move to recommended "dragon" formation which continues. These objectives can not be achieved by 2...N-QB3 because, 3.P-Q4, PxP; 4.Nxp,N-B3; 5.N-AB3,P-KN3?; 6.NxN!,NPxN; 7.P-K5 with advantage.
- h. Black threatened Reti's "equalizer", 9...N-N5!; 10.BxN. BxB; 11.QxB, NxN and White has nothing. Or 10.NxN, NxB; 11. NxQ, NxQ with advantage to Black.

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masters, however, receive no such subsidies; their playing strength depends entirely upon individual success in developing their chess skill as best they can while earning their livings.

The reception over, players and officials filed on the stage to the applause of the spectators. The din was terrific; the Soviet audience was very enthusiastic and demonstrative. Movie-cameras clicked and speeches were made for the duration of the brief opening ceremonies. The applause to the last speech died down, and the masters took up their seats before a quiet, expectant crowd.

Time-control for all twenty games of the match (two games to each set of opponents) was set at forty moves in two and one-half hours. One each table were special timing-clocks--one for each player. These were arranged with switches and levers in such a way that a player, upon completing his move, could stop his clock and start his opponent's; with this system of time control, a player who fails to make the stipulated number of moves in the allotted time is forfeited. Since each contestant had two and one-half hours the entire session lasted a maximum of five hours. Uncompleted games were adjourned and finished in later sessions.

(To be continued)

 CHESS IN REVIEW
 by
 Jim Schmitt

The purpose of this column will be to try to acquaint WCL readers and myself with some of the ideas that are used in the winning of a master chess game.

I will be pleased to receive any criticism or suggestions on the method of presentation, as well as any corrections in the analysis.

The following game was played in the US Open at Pittsburgh in 1946. The victor, Olaf Ulvestad, is well-known to chess players in the Pacific Northwest, as is his opponent, Herman Steiner, who emerged as winner of the '46 Open and now holds the US Championship.

ULVESTAD	Ruy Lopez	STEINER
White		Black
(Notes by Jim Schmitt)		
1. P-K4		P-K4
2. N-KB3		N-QB3
3. B-N5		P-QR3
4. B-R4	

Ulvestad well knows the pros and cons of BxN her, when white cedes two bishops for better P position, heads for end-game.

4.....	N-B3
5. O-O	B-K2

Another sound move is Nxp, when white's best is P-Q4.

6. R-K	P-QN4
7. B-N3	O-O

Possibly to answer P-B3 with Marshall's sacrifice P-Q4. White prefers to keep the initiative.

8. P-QR4	R-N
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More inspired would be 8...B-N2 P-QB5.
 9. N-B3, N-Q5; 10. B-R2, P-N5;
 11. NxN, KPxN; 12. N-Q5, NxN =.

9. Pxp	Pxp
10. N-B3	P-Q3
11. P-R3

Stops B-N5...	B-K3
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12. N-Q5!	BxN
13. PxB	N-QN5
14. P-Q4

The point to his 12th move.

14.....	P-K5
15. N-N5	N/5xQP
16. NxKP	R-R

If P-QB4 white retains edge with 17. NxNch, NxN; 18. R-R7!

17. RxR	QxR
18. Q-B3	N-N3

White had threatened NxNch winning. If 18...Q-Q; 19. NxNch, NxN; 20. Q-K2 wins a pawn.

19. B-N5	Q-R4
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Black gains time to defend along his fourth rank. White's pieces are all actively posted.

20. K-B	QN-Q2
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Steiner is too experienced to go for 20...NxN?, to answer 21. BxB with N-Q&ch. Ulvestad would meet NxN? with 21. RxN! and black is in trouble, cannot touch the B!

21. N-N3	B-Q
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The bishop was attacked.

22. N-B5	P-N5
23. P-R4	P-N3
24. N-K7ch	K-N2

Notice the powerful influence of the white bishop on N3.

25. Q-B4	N-KN
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Steiner might have tried R-K. One interesting line is then 26. B-R6ch, K-R; 27. NxPch, RPxN; 28. RxRch, NxR; 29. QxBP, N/2-B3. Readers might do well to examine this position for the winning line. Very confusing!

26. NxN	BxB forced
27. QxB

Simpler than PxB which also wins.

27.....	Q-R3ch
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Or QxQ; 28. PxB, KxN; 29. R-K7 and white wins.

28. K-N	KxN
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Now white neatly finishes him off.

29. R-K7	Q-B
30. P-R5	P-B4

He wants to answer PxNP with P-QB5.

31. P-R6!
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Threat RxN and Q-B6 with mate

31.....	Q-Q
32. B-R4	N-N3
33. Q-B6	resigns

A neat game, relentlessly played by Ulvestad!

 * GA MES *

WASHINGTON STATE

Vienna

JOACHIM NOURSE

White Black

(Notes by G. Joachim)

- 1. P-K4 P-K4
- 2. N-QB3 N-QB3
- 3. B-B4 N-B3
- 4. P-Q3 P-Q3
- 5. P-KB4 B-N5
- 6. N-B3?

KN-K2 would have had the advantage, that the pinned Knight would have been protected by the other Knight.

- 6. N-Q5

White can not castle on account of BxN. The King is exposed to a dangerous attack. The following pawn move however is still worse, as it opens the diagonal K-KR4 to attacks by Queen and Bishop.

- 7. P-KR3 BxNch
- 8. PxB N-R4

The threat is Q-R5ch

- 9. P-KR4 B-K2
- 10. B-K3 BxPch
- 11. K-Q2 NxBP
- 12. BxKN

White preferred to take the Kings Knight, in order to have the important diagonal QB-R6 blocked by the retaking black pawn, behind which the white king is in relative safety

- 12. PxB
- 13. N-K2

Black is forced now to accept the Pawn B6 in take and give up the center or to exchange knights. White already two pawns ahead should have exchanged knights, to avoid the following complications.

- 13. Nxpch
- 14. K-B B-KN4
- 15. K-N N-K4
- 16. B-N3 Q-B3
- 17. R-KB B-R3

To give way to P-KN4

- 18. P-Q4 N-Q2
- If 18...P-B6, 19. PxN, Pxn; 20. QxP and White has a strong counter attack.

- 19. N-B3 O-O-O
- 20. N-Q5 Q-R5
- 21. R-R Q-N6

Now the Queen had to relinquish the protection of the square K7.

- 22. N-K7ch K-N
- 23. Q-KB

To secure control of the squares KB3, Qn5 and over-protect KR3.

- 23. Q-K6
 - 24. Q-QN5 N-N3
- If QxQP 25. N-B6 wins the Queen, if the QxKP, 25. B-Q5 threatens mate or to win the Queen.

- 25. B-B5 NxB?
- P-QB3 seems to be the best move here.

- 26. N-B6ch K-R
- 27. NxB RxN
- 28. QxN P-QB3
- 29. Q-KB5 P-B6
- 30. P-R3 Q-K7

Threatens Q-N7 and P-B7.

- 31. K-R2 QxBP
 - 32. QxP/B7
- White can not take P/B3 on account of 32...Q-B5ch

32. QxKP

33. QR-K

White's Strategy consists in gaining control of the squares K7 and K8, the 7th rank and to prepare a mating attack. Black should now exchange Queens by Q-Q4ch and Black must win with Bishop and 4 pawns against the rook

- 33. Q-Q6?
- 34. R-K7 R-QN

- 35. K-R QxQP
- 36. QxBP P-R3
- 37. R-Q Q-B4
- 38. Q-B7 P-Q4
- 39. R-Q3 Q-B8ch?

White planned to post the rook on N3 the last move of Black now even forces him to do it and Black lost an important move, to give White sufficient time for preparing a mating net.

- 40. K-R2 Q-B5ch
- 41. R-N3 P-QR4

The Tide has changed, now Black is helpless.

- 42. RxP QxR/N3ch

If the white king should take the Q, 43. RxRch would recapture the white queen and, White would be bound to lose.

- 43. RxQ RxR
- 44. KxR and wins.

PS LEAGUE

Dutch Defence
 (Staunton Gambit)
 BOLLMAN CRAIN

White Black
 (Notes by Crain)

- 1. P-Q4 P-KB4
 - 2. P-K4 Pxp
 - 3. N-QB3 N-KB3
 - 4. B-KN5 P-KN3
- Probably better is 4. P-QN3. Not 4. P-Q4? 5. BxN, KPxB, 6. Q-R5ch P-KN3; 7. QxQP.
- 5. P-KB3 Pxp
 - 6. Nxp B-N2
 - 7. B-Q3 P-K3?
- This self pin should have been fatal.
- 8. O-O N-B3
 - 9. N-K4 O-O
 - 10. P-B3

Missing a winning line beginning with 10.N-K5! NxP; 11.N-N4; N-B4, 12.NxNch, Bxn, 13.NxBch, RxN; 14.P-KN4! Q-B; 15.BxR, QxB; 16.PxN, KPxP, and Black's 3 pawns are not enough for the rook.

- 10. Q-K
- 11. Kn-Q2 NxN
- 12. NxN P-Q3
- 13. Q-Q2 RxRch
- 14. RxR N-K2
- 15. N-B6ch BxN
- 16. BxB B-Q2
- 17. Q-N5 N-Q4
- 18. Q-R6

Here 18.P-KR4! and the Black defense is difficult.

- 18. Q-B
- 19. B-N5 QxQ
- 20. BxQ R-K
- 21. B-K4 B-B3
- 22. B-B2 N-K2
- 23. P-KN4 P-K4
- 24. PxP PxP
- 25. R-K N-Q4
- 26. B-N3 K-B2
- 27. R-Bch K-K3
- 28. B-N5 K-Q3
- 29. R-B7 P-KR4
- 30. P-KR3

If 30.PxF, PxP; 31.R-R7 N-B5; 32.BxN, PxB; 33.RxHP, R-K7! and Black's passed pawn has queening threats.

- 30. PxP
- 31. PxP P-QR4
- 32. R-N7 R-K3
- 33. P-B4 P-R5!
- 34. PxN?

Here White can draw by 34.B-B2 (better than BxP), N-B5; 35.Bxn, PxB; 36.RxNP, RxR; 37.BxR

- 34. PxP
- 35. PxP PxP/R7
- 36. R-Q7ch KxP
- 37. R-Q K-N4
- 38. R-QR R-R3
- 39. B-K7? //...

More resistance is offered by B-Q2, but still loses: e.g. 39.B-Q2

K-B5, 40.B-B3, K-N6; 41. K-B2, (BxP, R-K3; 42.B-B3, R-K7; 43.K-B, RxP wins), R-K3, 42.K-K3, P-QN4, 43.K-K4, P-B3; 44.P-N5, R-K2; 45.K-K3, P-B4; 46.K-K4, P-N5; 47. BxKP, RxB; 48.KxR, KxP wins.

- 39. P-B4
 - 40. K-B2 K-B5
 - 41. B-N5 K-N6
 - 42. B-B P-QN4
 - 43. K-K3 R-R5
 - 44. K-B3 R-B5
 - 45. P-N5 RxB!
 - 46. RxR KxP
 - 47. R-Q P-R8/Q
 - 48. RxQ KxR
 - 49. K-K4 P-N5
- Resigns.

WASHINGTON STATE

Albin's Counter Gambit CASE GRAIN

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| White | Black |
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K4 |
| 3. P-K3 | PxQP |
| 4. B PxP | B-N5ch |
| 5. B-Q2 | PxP |
| 6. BxB | PxPch |
| 7. KxP | Q-R5ch |
| 8. P-KN3 | QxB |
| Q-Kch | QxQ |
| 10. KxQ | B-B4 |
| 11. B-N2 | Q-Q2 |
| 12. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 13. N-QB3 | P-QR3 |
| 14. K-B2 | O-O-O |
| 15. KR-Q | N-N3 |
| 16. N-KN5 | B-N3 |
| 17. P-QN4 | P-KR3 |
| 18. N-R3 | N-N5ch |
| 19. K-N | N-K6 |
| 20. N-B4? | NxP |
| 21. R-N | P-B4 |
| 22. P-QR4 | P-KN4 |
| 23. N-R5? | B-N5 |
- Resigns.

PS LEAGUE

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|------------|-------|
| White | Black |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-QB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3. B-B4 | NxP |
| 4. BxPch | KxB |
| 5. NxN | P-Q3 |
| 6. P-Q4 | B-K2 |
| 7. PxP | R-K |
| 8. P-KB4 | PxP |
| 9. Q-R5ch | K-N |
| 10. N-N5 | BxN |
| 11. PxP | B-B4 |
| 12. Q-K2 | N-QB3 |
| 13. P-QB3 | Q-Q2 |
| 14. P-KR3 | QR-Q |
| 15. B-Q2 | P-K5 |
| 16. P-KN4 | P-K6 |
| 17. B-B | B-Q6 |
| 18. Q-Q | Q-Q3 |
| 19. N-K2 | Q-Q4 |
| 20. KR-N | Q-B6 |
| 21. R-B | QxRP |
| 22. KR-N | N-K4 |
| 23. Q-N3ch | B-B5 |

Resigns
Mate will follow or the Queen will be lost.

Budapest TARO NEALE

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|----------|-----------|
| White | Black |
| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K4 |
| 3. PxP | N-N5 |
| 4. P-K4 | NxKP |
| 5. N-K2? | B-N5ch |
| 6. B-Q2? | N-Q6mate. |

Shortest game on record in league play!

POSTAL CHESS RATINGS

Big A's

Naas	1434
Taro	1410
Hazen	1409
Hellums	1379
Power	1362
Magerkurth	1322
Coubrough	1298
Finnegan	1290
Cerretelli	1268
Moore	1267

Class A

Almond, Lt:	1238
Ballantine, C.	1265
Blakefield, F.	1250
Cerretelli, J.	1268
Coubrough, L.	1298
Davis, C.	1250
DiPaula, Dr F	1246
Finnegan, J.	1343
Grey, Miss A	1202
Hazen, R.	1409
Hellums, J.	1379
Magerkurth, C	1322
Moore, C.	1267
Naas, J.	1434
Norman, A.	1258
Power, N.	1309
Taro, L	1410
Tweddale, E.	1250
Merk, R.	1209

Class B

Amsden, H.	1144
Anrtson, H.	1023
Bever, V.	1197
Booth	990
Bushnell, C.	1100
Cairncross, R.	1100
Christey, G.	1150
Corbett, T.	964
Dahlquist, M	989
Emerson, L	1002
Gordon, J	1060
Harmeson, L	1196
Howard, F	1091
Husby, P.	1006
Kaffenberger	1168
Landenberger	993
McCarthy, G.	1148
McMartin, Dr H	997
Mulder, Dr F	1021

Orme, S.	1152
Raleigh, W.	982
Roberts, H	1002
Rink, A	950
Running, J	993
Taylor, C	1098
Yocom, C.	1056
Yocom, H.	1001

Class C

Allen, W	931
Anderson, M	899
Beal, J	850
Birks, D	850
Hiscox, R	668
Jones, Dr G	756
McCownell, C	850
Moss, Mrs	734
Neilson, R	805
Plume, E.	732
Ronaneski, R	850

GAME RESULTS

47-A-3
Hellums 1, Norman 0.
47-A-4
Naas 1/2, Bever 1/2
Magerkurth 1, Taylor 0.
48-A-5
Coubrough 1, Grey 0

47-B-2
Harmeson 1, Merk 0
48-B-3
Howard 1, Yocom 0
48-B-4
Christey 1, Emerson 0
Merk 1, Emerson 0
48-B-5
Amsden 1, Roberts 0