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LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

March, 1949

The Knight says:



Ha! The editor
has landed on his ear in
the dust. Anybody else
wanna ride?
See Editorial, page 2.

* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *

Dear Mr. Taro,

The February issue of the WCL is the best yet. Please accept my congratulations and best wishes, for confined growth in size and content, and in usefulness to an increasing number of readers. As I am not a member of any club I enclose \$1.00 for your tournament fund.

A. C. NORMAN,
Winslow, Wash.

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***** EDITORIAL *****
* Lawrence W. Taro *

I regret to inform my chess friends, and supporters during the last two years, that I find it impossible, impractical, and inconducive to the betterment of my personal life for me to continue longer in my duties as editor of the Wcl, so I must resign.

My hope is that the paper and WCF will continue as before, and that my absence will go unnoticed. Mr. Husby will continue publication with the next staff and editor; Mr. Power will continue as Postal Editor, and I am certain that Dick Allen, Pat Corbett and Jim Schmitt will continue serving as Feature Editors.

Now is the time for some eager beaver to step forward and offer his services replacing the editor.

* THE PUBLISHER'S CORNER *

The publisher wishes to take advantage of this opportunity to say that he regrets the passing of Larry Taro as editor. He has done remarkably well in the short time he has been in the saddle.

While the present publisher is willing to continue getting out the Washington Chess Letter for whosoever is selected as successor, he wishes to state that if the new editor thinks it will be more convenient for him to have the publishing done in his home town, that will not be objected to.

Sub scription (1.50 yearly)

 ULVESTAD EXHIBITION IN SEATTLE

Olaf Ulvestad, Seattle's internationally known master, will play a mammoth simultaneous exhibition in the Assembly Hotel, 7:30 pm, Friday, March 4th.

Preparations are being made for 40 boards, so all outside players are welcome for the exhibition. Bring your own chess set and board.

The fee will be \$1.00 a board or 60¢ for spectators. (Tax included)

 * TARO-POWER TIE IN EVERETT *

Larry Taro and Neil Power finished in a tie for first place in the Everett Chess Club tournament. The tie will be played off in a ten game match!

Third place went to J.A. Naas, who was kept out of the playoff only by a last round loss to Dan Birks. Fourth went to John Beal a promising junior, and fifth to Peter Husby.

All ties, with the exception of first place were broken under the Sonnenborn-Berger system.

A perpetual trophy and a fine hand carved chess set made by Peter Husby will go to the winner.

Standings

Taro	9½-1½
Power	9½-1½
Naas	8½-2½
Beal	7-4
Husby	6-5
Tweeddale	5½-5½
Dahlquist	5½-5½
Hellums	5½-5½
Birks	4-7
Cockburn	3½-7½
Anderson, M	1-10
Anderson, G	½-10½

 * SEATTLE CITY POSTPONED *

The annual Seattle City tournament will be postponed indefinitely because of the conflict with the Seattle Chess Club championship.

 SEATTLE-EVERETT ELECT OFFICERS

Recent elections of officers in the Seattle and Everett Chess Clubs are as follows:

SEATTLE

T. Davidsen	President
C. E. Shurman	Vice-president
Benn L. Carson	Sec-treasurer
Jack Finnegan	Tournament Director
C. C. Bushnell	Director

EVERETT

J. A. Naas	President
E. J. Tweeddale	Vice-president
Peter Husby	Sec-Treasurer
J. A. Naas	WCF Director

 * MISCELLANEOUS *

Arthur Dake will definitely compete in the PNW Master-Expert tourney, as will Olaf Ulvestad, Jim Schmitt, and Charles Joachim ---B.C. invitations not yet confirmed---Another 'B' tourney is being sponsored jointly by the Kitsap CC and the Navy Yard Recreation Association--A new chess club is being organized in South Tacoma with the first meeting March 2nd.

 * PUGET SOUND LEAGUE NEWS *

STANDINGS

1. Tacoma	4½ - ½
2. Bellingham	4 - 1
3. Seattle	3 - 1
4. Everett	3 - 2
5. University	2 - 3
6. Kitsap	2 - 3
7. Queen Anne	2 - 3
8. Olympia	1½ - 4½
9. Ymca	0 - 4

LEADING PLZERS
 (6 games or more)

Crain	Tacoma	9½ - ½
Power	Everett	8 - 2
Neale	Seattle	7½ - 2½
Magerkurth	Kitsap	7½ - 2½
Carson	Queen Anne	6 - 2
Hewitt	Tacoma	6 - 2
Amsden	Bellingham	5½ - 2½
Bader	Bellingham	5½ - 2½
Naas	Everett	5½ - 4½
Schain	Univ.	5½ - 4½
Danskin	Kitsap	5 - 1
Bickford	Seattle	4½ - 1½
Coubrough	Tacoma	4½ - 1½
Knagey	Bellingham	4½ - 3½
Martin	University	4½ - 3½
Holmes	Tacoma	4 - 2
Wallock	University	4 - 2
Rehberg	Kitsap	3½ - 2½

6th Round Results
 Tacoma 5, Olympia 5. (!!!)
 University 6½, Kitsap 3½
 Seattle ?, Ymca ?
 Bellingham ?, Queen Anne ?
 Everett - bye

7th Round Schedule
 March 13th

Everett vs Tacoma at Seattle
 Seattle vs Queen Anne at Seattle
 Kitsap vs Ymca at Bremerton
 University vs Bellingham at Bellingham
 Olympia - bye

TACOMA	5,	Olympia	5
Crain	2,	Stork	0
Hewitt	1,	Cerretella	1
Collins	0,	Ayer	2
Coubrough	1,	Yocom, H.	1
Avann	1,	Murray	1
UNIVERSITY	6½,	KITSAP	3½
Wallock	1	Nourse	1
Schain	1	Magerkurth	1
Amidon	½	Blakefield	1½
Nippell	2	Christey	0
Martin	2	Jackson	0

(Adjudication)

6th Round; Bader ½, Holmes ½

 * AN ALEKINE QUEEN SACRIFICE *
 ***** 1923 *****

 * COMING EVENTS *

SEATTLE CITY

TIME * POSTPONED !!

PACIFIC NW MASTER-EXPERTS

TIME Apr 2nd & 3rd
 PLACE Tacoma Chess Club
 EVENT Round Robin, Invitational
 ENTRY \$5.00
 PRIZES Cash-\$50. 1st prize.

WASHINGTON SPEED

TIME Mar 27th, Seattle CC
 ENTRY \$1.50

PUGET SOUND OPEN

TIME May 29th-30th-Everett Y
 ENTRY \$1.50, 6 round Swiss

ALEKINE	SAMISCH
1. P-- K4	P - QB4
2. N - KB3	N - QB3
3. B - K2	P - K3
4. O - O	P, - Q3
5. P - Q4	P x P
6. N x P	N - B3
7. B - B3	N - K4
8. P - B4!	N x Bch
9. Q x N	B - K2
10. N - B3	O - O
11. P - QN3	N - Q2
12. B - N2	B - B3
13. QR - Q1	P - QR3
14. Q - N3	Q - B2
15. K - R1!	R - Q1
16. P - B4	P, - QN3
17. P - B5!	B - K4
18. P x KP!	B x Q
19. P x Pch	K - R1
20. N - Q5	Resigns

 * OPENINGS RECOMMENDED FOR ADVANCED STUDY *
 * by *
 * Olaf Ulvestad *

Part V

The End.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT

- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4(a) | P-K3(b) |
| 3. N-QB3 | N-KB3 |
| 4. B-N5 | QN-Q2(c) |
| 5. P-K3(d) | B-K2 |
| 6. Q-B2 | P-B3 |
| 7. PXP(e) | KXP |
| 8. B-Q3 | O-O(f) |

NIMZOINDIAN

- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3(g) |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N5(h) |
| 4. P-K3(i) | P-B4 |
| 5. P-QR3 | BxNch |
| 6. PxB | P-Q3 |
| 7. B-Q3 | P-K4(j) |
| 8. P-B3 | N-R4(k) |
| 9. Q-B2 | Q-R5ch |
| 10. Q-B2 | Q-K2 |
| 11. N-K2(l) | |

- a. Key move to Queen's Gambit
- b. Black Declines
- c. 4...B-K2 achieves same eventual objectives, but Black wishes to give White a chance to go wrong.
- d. Avoids a cunning little trap; 5. PXP, BXP; 6. NXP? NxN!; 7. BxQ, B-N5ch! 8. Q-Q2, BxQch; ♠. KxB, KxB and Black has won a piece.
- e. White adopts a sharp clear-cut line which makes the center rigid and avoids loss of time.
- f. White has now a choice of two plans. One is to play (.KN-K2, keeping his King-side pawns fluid for storming purposes in conjunction with Q-side castling. The other is to plan eventual Q-side pressure with 9. N-B3 followed by K-side castling and bringing the KN to the Q-side via Q2. The choice depends largely on style and temperament.
- g. Pivot move for Nimzowitsch, King's Indian, Queen's Indian, and Gruenfeld Defenses.
- h. Key to Nimzowitsch Defense.
- i. White desires solid central control on black squares strengthened by the forced exchange of Black's KB on N5.
- j. Achieves a partially blocked center on the dark squares to neutralize White's bishops.
- k. Ingenious countering idea of Arthur Dake's--the only way to achieve equality.
- l. Opportunities are about even; both players must proceed warily to avoid sudden disadvantage.

* KINGS AND PAWNS IN SOVIET RUSSIA *
* by *
* Olaf Ulvestad *

Part V

My opponent was David Bronstein, champion of Moscow, third in the All-Russian championships of 1945, and a master of international repute. Twenty one years of age, prematurely bald, quiet, polite, and reserved--he gave an impression of quiet self-confidence for one so young in chess. His impressive successes undoubtedly had a maturing influence upon him. My surprise was only the greater when he took fifteen minutes in answer to my first move! I decided that if he were using psychology, it couldn't be good. As it developed, his slowness got him into serious time-difficulties later on, and he missed an opportunity for a crushing advantage against me under time-pressure. This first game was adjourned twice, was the last of all twenty games finished, lasted 118 moves, and took fourteen and one-half hours playing time. Unfortunately, I made a losing slip on the ninety-eighth move, and had to concede an absolutely hopeless position twenty moves later. (Games in important tournaments are rarely played out to checkmate) ("cornering" of a King). Bronstein resigned (conceded) our second game after forty moves. The Soviet team won the match with a final score of twelve and one-half to seven and one-half.

After the match we had a few days of relaxation and entertainment. Two formal receptions were given us--one by the American Embassy and one by the Soviet Society for Cultural Advancement (Voks). On September nineteenth a Russian plane flew us to Stockholm.

The Swedish Chess Federation did much to make our sojourns in Stockholm convenient, interesting, and pleasurable. It arranged two "Speed" tournaments for Swedish masters and American team members. Time-control in these games were set at seven minutes for each player. This means that the player whose clock registers seven minutes lost loses unless he has either checkmated his opponent or claimed one of a number of "draws" legally possible in chess. First places in both these tournaments was taken by Samuel Reshevsky.

After two enjoyable sea voyages from Sweden to London, and from Southampton to New York, I arrived in America feeling that I had profited both by my absence and by my return.

THE END

 * P O S T A L C H E S S *
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 * Neil F. Power *
 * Postal Chess Editor *

Postal Chess Ratings

Big A's

Naas	1434
Hazen	1409
Coubrough	1401
Power	1362
Hellums	1359
Magerkurth	1322
Finnegan	1290
Cerretelli	1268
Moore	1267
Ballantine	1265

Send your entry Today to;

Neil F. Power
 Snohomish, Wash

Include your name, address,
 starting class, and the entry
 fee of 50¢ per section of 7
 players. Each section is an
 individual round robin tour-
 nament.

Class A

Almond, Lt.	1238
Ballantine;C	1265
Blakefield; F.	1250
Cerretelli, J	1268
Coubrough, L.	1401
Davis, C	1205
Finnegan, J	1290
Grey, Miss A	1202
Hazen, R.	1409
Hellums, J:	1359
Magerkurth, C	1322
Moore, C.	1267
Naas, J	1434
Norman, A.	1220
Power, N	1362
Tweeddale, E	1250
Merk, R.	1209

Class B

Amsden, H	1144
Arntson, H	1069
Bever, V	1197
Booth	990
Bushnell, C	1100
Cairncross, R.	1142
Christey, G.	1150
Dahlquist, N	989
Emerson, L.	1002
Gordon, J	1060
Harmeson, L	1196
Howard, F	1125
Husby, P.	1006
Kaffenberger	1168
Landenberger	993
McCarthy, G	1148
McMartin, Dr H	997
Mulder, Dr F	1021
Orme, S.	1152
Roberts, H	960
Rink, A	950
Running J	993
Taylor, C	1098
Yocom, C	1056
Yocom, H	1044

Class C

Allen, W:	907
Anderson, M	899
Beal, J	850
Birks, D	850
Corbett, T	911
Hiscox, R	668
Jones Dr G	756
Karch	850
Marshall	850
McCownell, C	850
Moss, Mrs	734
Neilson, R	805
Plume, E.	732
Ronaneski, R	850
Raleigh, W.	936
Sams	850
Sanford	850

GAME RESULTS

47-A-3
 Taro withdraws.
 47-A-5
 Coubrough 1, Hellums 0.
 Hellums 1, Norman 0
 Coubrough 1, Davis 0 (adj)

47-B-2
 AmTzen 1, Raleigh 0
 48-B-3
 Howard 1, Allen 0
 Yocom 1, Allen 0
 Allen 1, Corbett 0
 48-B-5
 Cairncross 1, Roberts 0