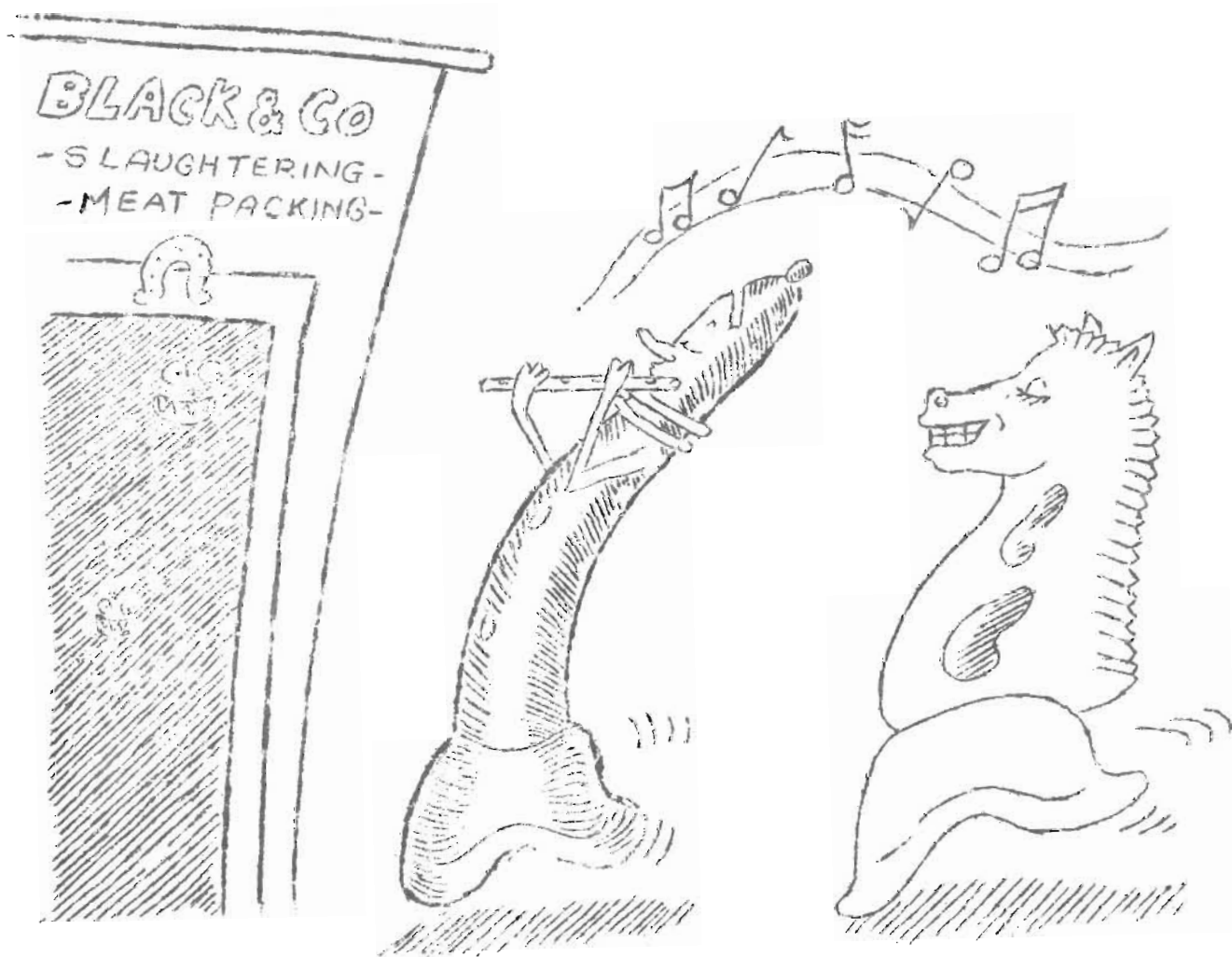


WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER



AUGUST 1949

: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR :

Re: Put 'Em Back Chess--

.....Unless you have heard of PEB Chess's being played before 1916, I shall assume that it originated then. A close acquaintance of mine conceived the idea and first put it into practice at Harvard University Chess Club that year. How it got from there to Minnesota is anybody's guess, but I'm sure it would be easy to theorize on the subject. Be that as it may, the purpose of PEB Chess is to discourage or remove the pure materialistic or "pawn grabbing" tendency in actual Chess. So it can easily be seen that promoting a Pawn upon its arrival at the eighth rank is incompatible with the high purpose of the game. The originator (I shall call him that to avoid embarrassment) of the game agrees with me that the best solution to the problem would be that the player whose Pawn reaches the eighth rank must replace it anywhere he chooses on the board except, of course, the first or eighth rank. Incidentally this would save raiding another Chess set for a piece to replace the promoted Pawn. I hope that, after giving thorough consideration to this suggestion, you will recommend it to your readers who have been rash enough to try Put 'Em Back Chess.

Respectfully yours,

Charles Ballantine

.....curses on Finnigan for ever introducing Put 'Em Back Chess to our Club. We play Put 'Em Back rapid transit now, and you never heard so much noise and enthusiasm--not here, anyway.

--- Jim Schmitt

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A game from the Portland Open
July 3, 1949

E. V. Bloomquist	M. O. Skarston
White	Black
1 P-QB4	P-K4
2 N-QB3	N-KB3
3 P-Q3	N-B3
4 N-B3	B-K2
5 P-K4	P-Q3
6 B-K3	P-QR3
7 B-K2	O-O
8 P-KR3	B-Q2
9 O-O	N-R2
10 P-Q4	PxP
11 NxP	N-B3
12 P-B4	R-B
13 N-B3	N-QR4
14 P-QN4	N-B3
15 P-R3	R-K
16 Q-B2	B-B
17 QR-Q	P-KN3
18 B-B2!	B-N2
19 B-R4	R-N
20 P-K5!	PxP
21 PxP	NxKP
22 NxN	RxN
23 N-Q5	R-B4
24 RxR	PxR
25 NxNch	BxN
26 BxB	Q-K
27 Q-Q3	P-B5
28 B-R5	B-R5
29 R-KB	Q-K6ch
30 QxQ	PxQ
31 R-K	R-K
32 B-N5	R-K4
33 P-R4	P-KB3
34 RxP	K-N2
35 RxR	PxR
36 K-B2	P-R3
37 B-K7	P-B3
38 K-K3	B-N6
39 K-K4	BxP
40 KxP	B-Q4
41 P-N3	B-N6
42 K-Q6	B-B2
43 B-N4	B-Q4
44 B-QB8	P-N4
45 B-Q7	K-B2
46 B-Q8	P-KR4
47 BxP	BxB
48 KxB	Resigns.

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... EDITORIAL ...

by Jack Finnigan

After a two year absence, the International Chess Trophy is back safe in the hands of the Washingtonians. (Safe for a year, that is). Washington won the Western honors of the 3000 mile chess match by downing the British Columbia team $17\frac{1}{2}$ to $12\frac{1}{2}$ in the Class A section and $18\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ in Class B, making the total team score 36 to 18 in favor of the Americans.

Reports of other sections of the match are slow coming in but we have one here: Minnesota - $15\frac{1}{2}$, Winnipeg - $9\frac{1}{2}$, played at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

The top board game between the two champions, Miervaidis Jursevs-kis of British Columbia and Charles Joachim of Washington is said to have been a humdinger. We hope to have the game, along with Olaf Ulvestad's annotations ready for the next issue.

The B. C. Chess Champ Jursevs-kis is a native of Latvia, came to Canada only 15 months ago, gains his livelihood by being a display artist (not a chess player).

Dick Allen has introduced a brand new excuse for not winning the game. Seems that Dick's trouble was the smoke laden air. What with the smudge depositing on Rook and Pawn as to make the colors indistinguishable, combined with the screening effect and the watering eyes---what chance has a tenderfoot got? (He didn't say whether his eyes were watering because of the smoke or his sad position).

Big Ben Dept:

Our good friend and colleague T. Patrick Corbett almost made it last month, but not quite. Only missed the deadline by two or three days so we're running his last month's colyum this month, this month's will be in next month, etc., etc., ad infinitum. Woe is to the poor editor. Sumbuddy oughta invent a calendar that'll work like an alarm clock.

Set it for half-past August, Pat!!

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..CORBETT'S.. ..CHAPTER..

RENBURG SEZ:

Jim Amidon is our new Open Champion. I happen to know the young fellow, so I am debating whether to head this article "A New Star on the Horizon" or "The Deficiency of the Swiss System." I guess in deference to his game I will have to use the first. He really is quite a good player, despite or because of his youth.

Jim is only nineteen years of age, but he has been playing good chess since he was twelve. While in high-school he proved himself to be champion of all he surveyed by playing first board for the victorious Lincoln of Seattle team. His conquests did not stop there, however, for he has vied for top honors in the strong University Club for the past two years. Members of the Seattle club are acquainted with him now, but when he first began to play with them they were all too often caught off guard by his age. Amused smiles soon turned to amazed respect when he took the Seattle Club down a notch or two.

I won't easily forget the time when Jim Amidon was playing at the Seattle Club as a young man about the same age walked in for a game. Jim finished his game and accepted the other young man's challenge. It was a rather surprised Jim Schmitt that lost his game to our Jim, and Jim A. was even more surprised to learn that he had just beaten a class A Chess Review postal player.

Since that time Jim Amidon has done well for himself as a postal player. A class A man in courier chess, he is teaching some of the old timers that this is a chess generation he belongs to. You will hear more from him in the future for he eats and sleeps chess. Through study and practice he is becoming a threat to the palsied hand that holds the scepter of chess!

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Thanks for the "Oscar" folks. It's a very nice one. And congrats to the Washington chess players for finally defeating British Columbia.

Chess attendance, usually low over here during the summertime, has been holding it's own pretty well. The Kitsap County Club is filled every Wednesday night. Of course it's a small room, but compared to previous years we are 'way ahead and still moving forward. A good share of the credit for this goes to G. L. Christey who has done a good job as Secretary the past year.

Our Champion, John Nourse, has gone into a tailspin. ("Nosedive" may be a better way of putting it). Last week he was #2 on the board being bumped out of the top position by the "Fighting Barber from Manette", Chas. "The Great" Magerkurth. This week he's in a shaky 3rd position and appears to be heading for 4th. Anyway, Jack can take it as well as dish it out. The horrid thought keeps seeping in that his recent losses have been incurred to merely boost the morale of the rest of the Club.

Chess still needs more publicity. The public is still sadly misinformed about many features of the game and they'll stay misinformed until we enlighten them. Until that time, Chess will never get the public interest that it should have.

I believe that we should have a publicity conference, at which ways and means of obtaining more favorable publicity could be discussed and acted upon.

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**WASHINGTON WINS INTERNATIONAL
MATCH FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Taking the lead from the start and steadily forging ahead, the Washington State team brought the Peace Arch trophy "south of the border" for the first time by outplaying their Canadian opponents 17½ to 12½ in the Class A section of the match. The first presentation of the trophy was made in 1947. The British Columbia team won it and held on to it last year by virtue of a tie. In the Class B section Washington won by a top-heavy score, 18½ to 5½.

After completion of play, "Oscar" awards were presented by Olaf Ulvestad, tournament director. The awards were given by the WCF to those who have been active in chess promotion in the State. Recipients were: Jack Nourse, Larry Taro, George Rehberg, and R. C. Cannon.

Game scores of the match:

Board No.	Class "A" B.C.	Wash.
1	Jursevskis..0	Joachim.....1
2	Taylor.....0	Patterson....1
3	Miller.....0	Neale.....1
4	Creemer.....1	Nourse.....0
5	Ostrom.....0	Noland.....1
6	Moore.....1	Taro.....0
7	Butler.....1	Allen.....0
8	Blake.....½	Schain.....½
9	Smith.....1	Martin.....0
10	Lacey.....½	Naas.....½
11	Engleman...½	Bickford...½
12	Heffen.....½	Hewitt.....½
13	Burrell...½	Cerretelli...½
14	Parry.....0	Bollman.....1
15	Coplestan...1	Davidson.....0
16	Garrett.....0	Murray.....1
17	Eminson...½	Brandstrom...½
18	Stevenson...1	Metcalf.....0
19	Latta.....0	Forsay.....1
20	Money.....0	Finnigan....1
21	Russell.....0	Traynor.....1
22	Jowett.....0	Walloch.....1
23	Douglas...½	Collins.....½
24	Arden.....0	Bever.....1
25	Bock.....1	Muller.....0
26	Drew.....0	Hultman.....1

27	Tolberg.....0	Coubrough....1
28	Gowan.....1	S. Nourse....0
29	Marshall...1	Sego.....0
30	Gleed.....0	Blakefield...1
Class "B"		
31	Louther...½	Ring.....½
32	Murphy.....0	Shephard....1
33	Jalakow...0	Mrs. Lindsey.1
34	Brooke.....0	Davidson....1
35	Lawson.....0	Arnold.....1
36	Schwartz...½	Kaudson.....½
37	Goleboff...0	Seokamp.....1
38	Shafer.....1	Roberts.....0
39	Birmingham.1	Harmeson....0
40	Alwell.....0	Chipman.....1
41	Scherd.....0	Butler.....1
42	Littlewood.0	Case.....1
43	Stowarg....0	Edberg.....1
44	Lott.....1	Hull.....0
45	Dalton.....1	Plouf.....0
46	Ackoff.....0	Tweedale....1
47	Hanson.....0	Christey....1
48	Shacter....0	Weaver.....1
49	Floming....0	Lindstrom...1
50	Rudkin.....0	Dolle.....1
51	Addy.....½	Kaffenberger.½
52	Wilson.....0	Paterson....1
53	Porter.....0	Drummond...1
54	Baker.....0	Enz.....1

News from Oregon:

EUGENE BOWNE CORVALLIS

In a three board match the Eugene Chess Club won over the Corvallis Chess Club 4½ to 1½

SEATTLE OPEN UNDER WAY

The annual Seattle City Chess Championship tournament got under way at the Seattle Chess Club room in the Assembly Hotel July 24th. The tournament is a round robin with each entrant playing one or more opponents weekly. Glenn Muller is tournament director. Entries: C. Enz, B. Carson, J. Ring, E. A. Weissenborn, Dr. Shephard, T. P. Corbett, G. Schain, R. Neale, C. Joachim, A. Walloch, T. Davidson, G. Bussey, E. Metzger, F. H. Weaver, and R. P. Allen. (Not a complete list).

More news next month.

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**SUCHOBECK AND SCHMITT
PORTLAND CO-CHAMPS**

Top prize money of the 1949 Portland Open Tournament was divided between Alex Suchobeck and Jim Schmitt. Suchobeck, a newcomer to the Northwest, is from Ukraina and Mannheim, Germany.

A scant half-point behind the leaders came Jack Strong and Don Turner to tie for third spot.

Tournament Table:

1	A. Suchobeck.	W4	L2	W3	W5	..	3-1
2	Jim Schmitt.	D3	W1	W5	D4	..	3-1
3	Jack Strong.	D2	W3	L1	W7	.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4	Don Turner.	L1	W7	W6	D2	.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5	S. Eikrem.	W8	W6	L2	L1	..	2-2
6	E. Bloomquist.	W7	L5	L4	D8	.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7	M. Skarsten.	L6	L4	W8	L6	..	1-3
8	Gene Astley.	L5	L3	W7	D6	..	$\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$

A. W. Dake was Tournament Director.

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**JIM SCHMITT BREEZES TO PORTLAND
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Jim Schmitt had everything his own way while annexing the 1949 Portland Chess Club crown. He dropped only half a point to Svante Eikrem. J. C. Burnham was the runner-up with 11-5. The tournament was a double round robin affair.

Final Standings:

Jim Schmitt	.....	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. C. Burnham	....	11	-	5
Svante Eikrem	....	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Don Turner	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
J. MacKenzie	8	-	8
F. Aiken	6	-	10
M. O. Skarsten	...	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
S. Lyman	5	-	11
E. Cannon	2	-	14

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**SGT. WILLIAMSON WINS SOUTH
TACOMA ROUND ROBIN**

Sgt. C. A. Williamson of Fort Lewis swept the field in the South Tacoma Chess Club's first round robin tournament. M. C. Magnuson was runner-up. Sgt. Williamson has established quite a record at the Club. Since March 2nd, the inauguration date of the new club, the "Sarge" has yet to taste defeat and has yielded a draw to only one member, Paul Moore.

The Tournament Results:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts.
1 Williamson..	1	1	1	1	1	1	.. 5
2 M. Magnuson.	0	1	1	1	1	1	.. 4
3 Louis Rall..	0	0	1	1	1	1	.. 3
4 C.L. Belden.	0	0	0	1	1	1	.. 2
5 L. A. Lee...	0	0	0	0	1	1	.. 1
6 R. N. Moore.	0	0	0	0	0	0	.. 0

(Belden forfeited to Magnuson and Williamson).

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A QUICKIE!!

Jim Amidon White	Dean Bollman Black
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-QB3	N-KB3
3 P-B4	P-Q4
4 P-Q3	B-QN5
5 BPxP	NxP
6 PxN	Q-R5ch
7 K-K2	B-N5ch
8 N-B3	KBxN
9 PxB	PxP
10 Q-Q4	B-R4
11 K-K3	BxN
12 PxB	Q-K8ch
13 K-B4	Q-R5ch

Drawn by perpetual check.

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EN PASSANT

by Dick Allen

As promised in the June issue of the WCL we have company on this trip. I am very sorry that we do not have space to print all the interesting letters received on the subject--the following were chosen mainly because they express the comment of the majority:

Jack Finnigan
Editor of Washington Chess Letter

Dear Jack:

"Eureka!", the mystery of Dick Allen's winnings is solved, but the warning of Jack Nourse has come a little too late. Amidon and Allen tied the Puget Sound Open at Everett and the reason for the conferences and huddles in the closing quarters is very clear to me now. Amidon found out Allen's secret and so Allen had to let him win to keep him quiet.

I noticed during the tournament that Allen did not permit anyone to use his "special chess clock converter" and would not play without it. Now I recall that during his games a sound familiar to me in my younger days as a telegraph and radio operator seemed to come out of the box. I kept thinking: Q-B4, B-N2, P-R3, etc., etc. Sometimes I followed these moves and I got bad positions. I was hoping to play Allen in order to observe the operation of the clock control box and perhaps make out the mystery of the daw-dits at closer range.

After reading the latest edition of the chess letter, the light dawns--EUREKA! Now we know why Crain, Holmes, Neale, Power, Patterson, Naas, Bader and Nourse stayed at home and did not risk their reputations in the tournament. Now it is completely clear to me that many of the very strong players of the State were tipped off about Allen's electronic-clock and knew they didn't have a chance. No doubt now that the scientific research department of the University has been working with Allen to develop an electronic chess clock computer which is invincible.

But WE of the Olympia team will unite with the Kitsap club in the investigation of this clock problem and eventually develop one of our own, so next season we will meet this Dick Allen, the clock and University combined on equal terms.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph P. Cerritelli

Tashilhunpo University
Shigatze, Tibet.

Greeting Allen, R.P.:

I read your column in the Washington Chess Letter. It seems you are struggling with some basic concepts in regard to the game invented by an ancestor of mine about 2,000 years ago. For centuries we have been playing chess by telepathy. At this time, I, personally, have games in progress with the High Lamas of 12 different lamaseries. It works on the same principle as your postal or radio chess matches, only much faster.

Our neophytes sometimes amuse themselves by projecting their astral spirits into the vicinity of one of your games and playing out one or more positions by proxy, as it were. The teachers frown on this practice, however, as it borders on the forbidden meddling in foreign affairs.

Peace and health,
Tashi Lama

GAMES

PORTLAND OPEN

Jim Schmitt	Alex Suchobeck
White	Black
1 P-Q4	P-K3
2 N-KB3	P-Q4
3 F-KN3	P-QB4
4 P-B4	N-QB3
5 RfXP	KPxP
6 N-B3	N-B3
7 B-N2	B-K3
8 O-O	P-B5
9 N-K5	Q-N3
10 NxN	PxN
11 P-K4	B-QN5
12 PXP	PxP
13 B-N5	BxN
14 PxB	N-Q2
15 Q-R4	QR-N
16 Q-R3	P-B3
17 B-B4	R-N2
18 KR-K	K-B2
19 R-K2	R-K
20 QR-K	Q-B3
21 B-R3	BxB!?
22 RxR	N-B4
23 PzN	P-Q5
24 P-B3	QxP(6)
25 R(8)-K2	B-Q2
26 R-K7ch	K-N3
27 RxB	RxR
28 B-Q6	R-N2
29 Q-B	PxP
30 R-K3	Q-B4
31 QxP	R-N8ch
32 R-K	RxRch
33 QxR	Q-Q6
34 B-B4	Q-Q5ch
35 B-K3	Q-K5
36 Q-QB	K-R4
37 Q-Qch	K-N3
38 K-B2	Q-B4ch
39 Q-B3	Q-B7ch
40 Q-K2	Q-B4ch
41 K-N2	Q-K5ch
42 Q-B3	Q-K3

Adjudicated win for White.

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PACIFIC NW MASTERS-EXPERTS

Olaf Ulvestad	Charles Joachim
White	Black
(Notes by Ulvestad)	
1 P-Q4	N-KB3
2 P-QB4	P-K3
3 N-KB3	P-Q4
4 P-KN3	.....
A Catalan idea.	
4	PxP
5 B-N2	B-N5ch
6 N-B3	.....
White wishes to avoid exchange of his QB.	
6	N-Q4
7 Q-B2	.....
Protects QB3 and makes room for a Rook at Q1.	
7	P-QB4
8 O-O	N-QB3
9 R-Q	PxP
10 NxP	B-B4
It would have been better to try Q-N3 here. White has considerable positional pressure in any case.	
11 NxN(3)	Q-N3?
A mistake which leaves White a piece ahead and an overwhelming position.	
12 N-K5	BxPch
13 K-R	N-N5
14 Q-R4ch	N-B3
If K-Q1 or K-B1, White wins quickly.	
15 NxN	B-Q2
16 RxB	Resigns.
For if:	
16	KxR
17 N-K5ch	K-B2
18 Q-Q7ch	K-N
19 N-B6ch	PxN
20 B-B4ch, etc.	

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PACIFIC NW MASTERS-EXPERTS

PORTLAND CLUB

Arthur W. Dake

Olaf Ulvestad

Aiken

Schmitt

White

Black

White

Black

- 1 P-QB4
- 2 N-QB3
- 3 P-K4
- 4 P-B4
- 5 B-K2
- 6 P-Q3
- 7 BxN
- 8 P-N3
- 9 QxQ
- 10 P-B5
- 11 P-KR3
- 12 P-KN4
- 13 N-B3
- 14 K-K2
- 15 B-K3
- 16 BxN
- 17 N-Q5
- 18 N-B4
- 19 P-N3
- 20 QR-QN
- 21 K-Q2
- 22 K-B2
- 23 KR-K
- 24 N-K2
- 25 NfxP
- 26 KxR
- 27 BPxP
- 28 NxQP
- 29 NxB
- 30 R-QB
- 31 K-R
- 32 R-QN
- 33 R-N7ch
- 34 RxRch
- 35 K-N2
- 36 N-B3
- 37 P-QR3
- 38 K-B3
- 39 P-KR4
- 40 P-N5
- 41 K-Q2
- 42 P-N6
- 43 K-B3
- 44 P-Q4
- 45 KxP
- 46 N-N
- 47 N-K2
- 48 N-B4
- 49 NxRP
- 50 MxNP

- P-K4
- N-KB3
- B-B4
- P-Q3
- N-B3
- N-KN5
- Q-R5ch
- QxB
- BxQ
- P-B3
- B-R4
- B-B2
- P-QR3
- K-Q2
- N-Q5ch
- PxB
- P-B3
- P-QN4
- KR-QN
- R-N2
- QR-QN
- R-K
- K-B
- PxP
- RxR
- P-Q6
- BxP
- BxN
- K-Q2
- R-QN
- B-B2
- R-QB
- R-B2
- KxR
- P-B4
- K-Q3
- B-K
- B-B3
- P-KR4
- B-R5
- B-N3
- B-R7
- E-N
- PxP
- B-N6
- B-B7
- K-B3
- K-N4
- K-R5
- Resigns.

- 1 P-QB4
- 2 N-KB3
- 3 N-B3
- 4 PxP
- 5 P-Q4
- 6 P-KN3
- 7 B-N2
- 8 O-O
- 9 B-Q2
- 10 R-B
- 11 Q-N3
- 12 Q-N5
- 13 Q-R4
- 14 Q-N3
- 15 P-QR4
- 16 N-N
- 17 P-K3 N
- 18 Q-Q
- 19 R-K
- 20 N-K5
- 21 Q-K2
- 22 N-Q3
- 23 B-B
- 24 R-B2
- 25 Q-Q
- 26 Q-B3

- N-KB3
- P-B3
- P-Q4
- PxP
- N-B3
- B-B4
- P-KR3
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- N-B5
- P-QN4
- P-N5
- Q-N3
- N-QR4
- B-Q6
- B-B5
- B-N6
- BxP
- B-N4
- N-N6
- P-QR4
- B-R5
- NxP

And White resigns.

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POSTAL CHESS RESULTS

- 48-A-6
Cerretelli 1, Bever O.
Naas 1, Hazen O.
- 48-A-7
Ballantine 1, Hellums O.
Coubrough 1, Moore O.
- 47-B-1
Kaffenberger 1, Hellums O.
- 48-B-5
Bushnell 1, Roberts O.
Bushnell 1, Cairncross O.
Harmeson 1, Cairncross O.
Harmeson 1, Bushnell O.
- 48-B-7
Howard 1, Husby O.

A complete rating list will be published in the next issue.

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