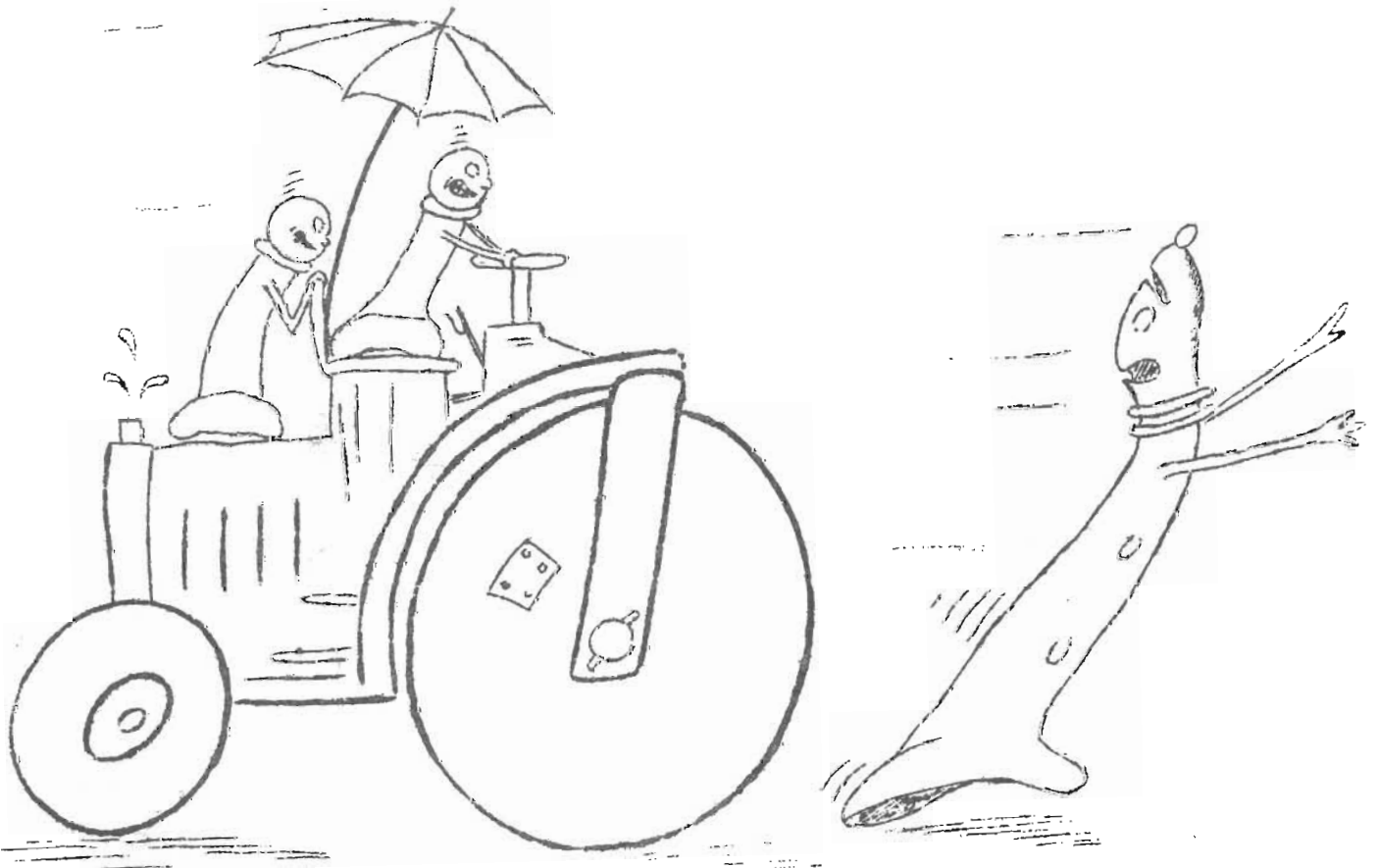


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• EDITORIAL •

by Jack Finnigan

In one of his recent "Morning After" columns, Seattle P. I. Sports Editor Royal Brougham put forth an interesting proposal, the gist of which was a suggestion that the sportsmen of this area sponsor a group of European athletic champions who are among the displaced persons of Europe; the idea being to help them get jobs here and places to live and in general give them a new start in life. Well, the proposal was not met with deaf ears and closed hearts. The sports followers of Seattle and vicinity were all for it and so the small group, the majority are Latvians, will head for America and the Pacific Northwest sometime next month.

The reason this item merits attention here, however, is that among the track and field stars, champion swimmers, soccer players, etc., is one man we'll all be glad to see make his home here. He is Elmars Zemgalis, the chess champion of Latvia.

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He has recently won several matches with European masters and is recognized as one of the best players on the continent. Elmars studied law in university but was forced to quit for financial reasons; he is unmarried, speaks some English.

Let's give him a warm welcome when he arrives!

An interesting fact about the tournament now in progress in Bremerton is the way the "little guys" have been treating the so-called "big-shots". Three of "Champ" Jack Nourse's four setbacks were suffered (and I do mean suffered) at the hands of Gustafson (2) and Buher (1). "Gus" also took Rehberg into camp once and Buher picked up draws against Magerkurth and "ye olde editor".

Also, we wish to apologize for the gross error appearing on last month's masthead, re: Editors address. We imagine there are still several thousand letters bearing chess code, match results, etc., flowing into the dead letter office in Seattle. However, the stockholders may rest assured that it will never happen again. We've discharged our proof reader! (And hired a much more efficient and prettier one).

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PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE 1949-1950 TOURNAMENT NOW UNDER WAY

Standings:

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Seattle	2	0	0	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tacoma	2	0	0	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
U. of W.	1	1	0	11	9
Olympia	1	1	0	10	10
Kitsap	0	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
YMCA	0	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Everett	0	1	0	4	6
Seattle U. ..	0	1	0	3	7

OLYMPIA, TACOMA, SEATTLE AND U. OF W. IN FIRST ROUND WINS

October 16th:

Tacoma's champion chess players gave the rest of the league fair warning that they meant to keep up their winning ways by handing Kitsap a 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ shellacking at Bremerton, October 16th. Holmes and Crain led the way for the winners by sweeping all four top board games.

YMCA's rejuvenated club also had a rugged afternoon even with the help of State Champion Chas. Joachim. The Seattle Chess Club, also boasting a new array of top class talent, dumped the YMCAers 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Getting revenge for last years 7-3 loss, the Olympia Chess Club turned the tables on the Everett team and emerged with a 6 to 4 victory.

Led by Gerald Schain, the U. of Washington Chess Club won over Seattle U. 7-3. Seattle U. is a late entry, will play teams with byes in the schedule published last month. First round scores:

TACOMA	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	KITSAP	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Holmes	2	Nourse	0
Crain	2	Rehberg	0
Collins	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Magerkurth .	$\frac{1}{2}$
Coubrough ..	1	Finnigan ...	1
Hultman	1	Blakefield .	1

OLYMPIA	6	EVERETT	4
Stork	2	Power	0
A. Murray ..	1	Naas	1
E. Yocom ...	0	Taro	2
Harmeson ...	1	Tweedale ...	1
Cerretelli .	2	Husby	0

SEATTLE	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	YMCA	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Patterson .	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Joachim	$\frac{1}{2}$
Neale	2	Amidon	0
Forray	1	Allen	1
Bickford ...	2	Hebert	0
Davidson ...	2	Rich	0
U. of W.	7	SEATTLE U. ..	3
Schain	2	LaCugna	0
Mulford	1	Bussy	1
Blatt	2	Vellias	0
Horman	1	Corbett	1
Shanz	1	McHugh	1

Second Round, October 30th:

SEATTLE AND TACOMA WIN TO STAY IN FIRST PLACE TIE; YMCA AND KITSAP TIE 5-5

Brilliances and blunders were about evenly divided in the Kitsap - YMCA chess match played in Seattle Sunday, Oct. 30th. The teams struggled to a 5-5 deadlock. The last game to be finished was between Amidon and Magerkurth. With the score tied at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$, a win by either player was needed for a decision. However, after a lengthy, fruitless struggle, a draw was agreed upon and the match ended in a tie.

Seattle met unexpected opposition from a strong Olympia team but managed to eke out a 6-4 win thanks to Davidsen and Lindstrom who scored double wins on boards 4 and 5.

The University of Washington chess team gave Tacoma plenty of trouble before going down to a 6 to 4 defeat. Match scores:

TACOMA	6	WASHINGTON ..	4
Crain	2	Schain	0
Collins	1	Mulford	1
Coubrough ..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Blatt	$\frac{1}{2}$
Hultman	0	Dimoff	2
Dolle	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Horman	$\frac{1}{2}$

YMCA	5	KITSAP	5
Joachim	1	Nourse	1
Bollman	0	Rehberg ...	2
Amidon	1	Magerkurth .	1
Sego	1	Finnigan ..	1
Hebert	2	Blakefield .	0

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(Chess matches continued)

SEATTLE 6, OLYMPIA 4
 Neale 1, Stork 1
 Bickford ... 0, A. Murray .. 2
 Forray 1, Cerretelli . 1
 Davidsen ... 2, Ayer 0
 Lindstrom... 2, E. Yocom ... 0

No report on the Seattle Univ.
 vs. Everett match.

WENATCHEE TOPS YAKIMA IN
 RETURN MATCH

by Lawrence Allyn

The Yakima Chess Club invaded Wenatchee Sunday, October 2nd, hoping to avenge their 9-5 setback in the last match.

They returned home without their revenge, however, as Wenatchee proved the first victory no fluke by winning again -- 9 games to 5. Match score:

WENATCHEE ... 9, YAKIMA 5
 Allyn, D. .. 1, Hoge 1
 Allyn, L. .. 2, Treisman ... 0
 Miller 0, Joy 2
 Murray 1, Fauvergue .. 1
 Lodge 1, Wischstadt . 1
 Zieten 2, Sulky 0
 Lathrop 2, Garcia 0

A knowledge of a few of the more common opening traps will often present you with an easy win or save you from embarrassment, as the case may be. Here Black hastily snaps up a Pawn on the 6th move, joyfully captures his opponents Queen on the 7th only to find he is a piece down two moves later.

Treisman
 White

L. Allyn
 Black

1 P-Q4	P-Q4
2 P-QB4	P-K3
3 N-QB3	N-KB3
4 PXP	PXP
5 B-N5	QN-Q2
6 NXP?	NxN!
7 BxQ	B-N5ch
8 Q-Q2	BxQch
9 KxB	KxB

And Black wins.

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CHARLES BALLANTINE GAINS TOP
 RUNG ON POSTAL CHESS LADDER

Running his point total up to 1505 this month, Charles Ballantine of Seattle is now King of the postalites. Ousted from first place and now trailing Mr. Ballantine by a mere 3 points is J. A. Naas of Everett. Mr. Naas had been top man since November 1948.

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PUGET SOUND CHESS NEWS

by Charles Joachim

Charles Joachim, WCF Tournament Director, states that the Bellingham Chess Club has expressed its desire to participate in the '49-'50 League Tournament. Although the schedule has already been drawn up and matches have been played, Mr. Joachim is devising a special schedule for the Bellingham team which will be published as soon as possible.

Seattle University Chess Club is also a late entry in the league and will take on the teams with the byes throughout the schedule.

State Championship, Dec. 3-4: 5 round Swiss; 45 moves in 1 hr. and 35 minutes, thereafter 10 moves per 10 minutes; playoff in case of first place tie, all other players placed according to S. B. system. Prize: A trophy. Tournament directors proposed: Husby, Bushnell, Hiscox. Ulvestad should be invited to take part in this tournament. Each player wishing to participate should send me (Chas. Joachim, 2712 E. Fir, Seattle) a postcard at the earliest convenience declaring his intentions to enter.

Seattle City Chess Clubs were to have started match play last Friday, Nov. 4th but as yet no results have come in. The teams participating are: YMCA, Seattle, Seattle U., U. of W., Madrona, Ladies Team, and West Seattle.

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CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

Below is a list of Chess Clubs along with their meeting times and places as compiled by Clarence C. Bushnell of the Seattle Chess Club:

Bellingham Chess Club:
Meets at the Bellingham YMCA, Holly and State St., Tuesdays at 7:30PM.

Kitsap County Chess Club:
Bremerton YMCA, Wednesdays, 7:30PM.

Olympia Chess Club:
Meets Mondays at Olympia YMCA, Time: 8:00PM.

Seattle Chess Club, Inc.:
Assembly Hotel, 9th and Madison, Seattle 4, Wash. Open every day, noon to midnight. Phone: MA 0900.

Seattle University Chess Club:
Meets at Seattle Univ. Thursday nites, 7:30.

Tacoma Chess Club:
Meets at the Carlton Hotel, corner of 17th and Market, every Friday nite at 7:30. Club President: Vernon Holmes, Phone: PR 6082

Univ. of Washington Chess Club:
Meets on Fridays from 2:00PM to 6:00PM in the U.W. Student Union Building.

Wenatchee Chess Club:
Meets Saturday nites at 7:45 in Museum basement on Chelan and Palouse Streets. Looking for new location and may change to Mon. or Wed. nite. Secretary: Lawrence Allyn, 602 5th St., Wenatchee, Wash.

West Seattle Chess Club:
Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at High Point Recreation Center, 8:00PM. Director: Max W. Mago; Phone: WE 1267.

Yakima Chess Club:
Yakima YMCA, Room 29, Mondays at 7:30PM. President: Wm. H. Hoge; Phone: 5682.

ULVESTAD PERFORMS IN SAN DIEGO

Seattle's chess master, Olaf Ulvestad, played a group of 33 San Diego chess players, winning 29 contests and losing 4. The simultaneous exhibition took place recently at the San Diego Chess Club.

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KITSAP TOURNAMENT STILL FREE-FOR-ALL

Jack Nourse is still leading the championship tournament over in Bremerton but his perch is a precarious one as George Rehberg has a pretty fair chance to overtake the "champ". Jack has finished all but one game and has 4 losses against him. George still has nine games to play but he has finished most of his tough ones so should do all right in the remainder of his schedule. His record shows three losses to date.

The Standings

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Nourse	11	4	0	.767
Magerkurth ...	7	4	1	.636
Christey	6	4	1	.600
Rehberg	4	3	0	.571
Finnigan	5	4	1	.555
Gustafson	4	7	1	.363
Paterson	4	7	0	.363
Sanwick	4	9	0	.308
Buher	3	7	2	.300

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COMING EVENTS

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

TIME - Dec. 3rd and 4th
PLACE - Seattle Chess Club
EVENT - 5 round Swiss
ENTRY - \$2.00.
FIRST ROUND - 9:30AM

"GOOD BYE '49" TOURNAMENT

TIME - Dec. 31st
PLACE - Seattle Chess Club

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Games

Seattle City Tournament

CARO-KANN

Chas. Joachim Glenn Muller
White Black
(Notes by Muller)

1 P-K4	P-QB3
2 P-Q4	P-Q4
3 PXP	PXP
4 P-QB4

The Panov-Botvinnik attack which for a time was thought to be a refutation of the Caro-Kann. 4.... PXP gives White a decisive lead in development. Black must allow the shutting in of his Queen's Bishop or White's attack on the weakened Queen-side will be irresistible. His other material must be developed as rapidly as possible.

.....	N-KB3
5 N-QB3	P-K3
6 N-B3	N-B3
7 P-B5

White can no longer delay a decision in the center. If he moves the King Bishop, PXP costs him a tempo and leaves him with an isolated Queen Pawn, though with some compensation in development. Here White plays to further constrict the Black pieces and to create a Queen-side majority which may later be dangerous. Black has the extra Pawn in the center and a position which has shown surprising vitality upon the slightest inexactitude in White's play.

.....	B-K2
8 B-KB4	P-QR3
9 P-KR3	B-Q2
10 B-Q3

Not the best, for White has plenty of time to Castle. P-QR3 should be played here.

..... N-QN5
The aggressive NxQP, NxN, BxP threatening Q-N3, is refuted

by 12 N-N3.

11 O-O
Again, P-QR3 was the move.	

.....	P-QN3
12 B-K3
Unable to meet Black's move with the natural P-QN4, due to his omission on moves 10 and 11, White loses a tempo and Black frees his game.	

.....	PxP
13 PXP	Q-B2
If R-B; 12 P-QR3, NxB; QxN, and Black is almost forced to take the Bishop Pawn allowing QxRP, and White has two connected passed Pawns.	

14 R-QB
Making the pawn immune.	

.....	NxB
15 QxN	QR-N
16 QxQRP?
P-QN3 looks better, saving the Queen-side majority as an end-game threat.	

.....	RxNP
17 R-QN	RxR
18 RxR	O-O
19 R-N7?	Q-B
20 Q-N6	B-Q
21 Q-R7	B-B3
22 R-N8	Q-B2
23 Q-N6?

This loses the exchange. White sees that the ending is unfavorable here if he exchanges Queens and overlooks the jeopardy to the Rook in his attempt to gain connected passed Pawns.

.....	QxQ
24 PxQ	N-Q2
25 R-B3	B-N2
26 RxB	RxR
27 P-QR4	R-R?

The heady smell of blood proves too much for Black, who swallows sinker as well as bait. P-K4 followed by P-Q5 wins with ease.

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Joachim vs. Muller (continued)

28 N-QN5 RXP
 29 N-Q6 B-B3?

Some people just can't stand prosperity. Why not B-R3?

30 N-Q4 RxN
 31 BxR P-K4
 32 B-B3 P-Q5
 33 B-R5 N-B4
 34 B-N4 N-N2
 35 N-B5 B-N4
 36 P-B4!

Here White sets a neat trap!

..... P-B3
 37 K-B2 K-B2?

Stepping into the trap. P-Q6 leaves Black fair chances.

38 PXP PXP
 39 N-Q6ch NxN
 40 BxN B-B3 (forced).
 41 BxP P-Q6
 42 P-N3 B-N2
 43 K-K3 B-R3
 44 B-B3 P-N4!

Black, seeing no possibility of a win for White, decides to compromise his position somewhat in the hope that White, undefeated and not drawn against in the tournament, might risk a loss in trying to save his record.

45 K-Q4 K-B3
 46 K-Q5ch K-B4
 47 B-Q2 P-R4
 48 K-Q4

White loses after K-B6, as Black will be able to attack the remaining Pawns first.

..... P-N5
 49 P-R4 (If PXP, KXP) K-N3
 50 K-K5 B-N2
 51 B-K3 B-R3
 52 B-B

Trying to lure Black away from the defense of his Rook's Pawn.

..... B-N2
 53 B-N5 B-R3
 54 K-K4 K-B2
 55 K-B5 B-Bch

56 K-K5 K-N3

Moving the Bishop here to N2 would cost Black the game, as White will have gained the needed two tempi.

57 B-B4 B-N2

Drawn.

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Seattle City Championship

ENGLISH OPENING

Gerald Schain White Antone Walloch Black

1	P-QB4	P-K4
2	N-QB3	N-KB3
3	P-K3	P-Q4
4	PXP	NXP
5	N-B3	N-B3
6	B-N5	NxN
7	NPxN	B-Q2
8	P-Q4	P-K5
9	N-Q2	Q-N4
10	NXP	QxB
11	P-QR4	Q-Q4
12	P-KB3	B-K2
13	Q-K2	N-R4
14	O-O	O-O
15	N-Q2	P-KB4
16	P-QB4	Q-B3
17	B-N2	QR-K
18	P-Q5	Q-QR3
19	KR-B	P-KB5
20	B-Q4	PXP
21	QXP	KB-B4
22	Q-QB3	Q-N3
23	BxB	QxBch
24	K-R	R-K6
25	N-K4	RxQ
26	KxQ	RxR
27	RxR	B-B
28	R-B3	P-N3
29	N-K4	B-Q2
30	P-B5	P-B3
31	P-Q6	N-N2
32	PXP	PXP
33	R-N3	P-N4
34	PXP	PXP
35	R-N4	B-B3
36	K-F	R-Q
37	K-B2	NXP
38	N-B3	K-B2

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Schain-Walloch (continued)

39	K-K3	N-B4ch
40	K-B2	R-Q7ch
41	K-K	RxP
42	NxP	BxN
43	RxB	N-Q5
44	R-N7ch	K-K3
45	K-B	RxP
46	RxP	NxP
47	R-K7ch	K-B4
48	R-B7ch	K-N5
49	R-B4ch	K-N6
50	R-N4ch	K-R6
51	R-N3ch	K-R5
52	RxN	K-N5
53	R-Q5	R-R6

Drawn.

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Seattle vs. YMCA

FRENCH DEFENCE

G. S. G. Patterson	C. Joachim	
White	Black	
1	P-Q4	P-K3
2	P-K4	P-Q4
3	N-QB3	B-N5
4	PxP	BxNch
5	PxB	PxP
6	B-Q3	Q-K2ch
7	N-K2	B-N5
8	P-B3	B-R4
9	O-O	N-B3
10	H-N3	O-O
11	R-K	Q-Q
12	B-R3	R-K
13	Q-Q2	RxR
14	RxR	N-B3
15	N-B5	Q-Q2
16	B-K7	NxB
17	RcN	Q-Q
18	Q-B4	R-QB
19	P-N4	B-N3
20	P-N5	N-R4
21	Q-K5	K-B
22	Q-K3	BxN
23	BxB	QxR
24	QxQ	KxQ
25	BxR	P-QN3
26	K-B2	N-B5
27	K-K3	N-K3
28	P-KB4	P-KR3

29	PxP	PxP
30	K-B3	P-QB4
31	K-N4	PxP
32	BxN	KxB
33	PxP	P-N4
34	P-B4	P-R4ch
35	K-N5	P-R3
36	P-B5ch	K-K2
37	KxP	K-B3
38	K-N4	K-N2
39	K-B4	P-B3
40	K-N4	K-R3
41	K-R4	K-N2

Drawn.

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Portland Club Tourney, 1949

ENGLISH OPENING

F. Aiken	Jim Schmitt	
White	Black	
1	P-QB4	N-KB3
2	N-KB3	P-B3
3	N-B3	P-Q4
4	PxP	PxP
5	P-Q4	N-B3
6	P-KN3	B-B4
7	B-N2	P-KR3
8	O-O	P-K3
9	B-Q2	B-K2
10	R-B	O-O
11	Q-N3	N-QR4
12	Q-N5	P-R3
13	Q-R4	N-B5
14	Q-N3	P-QN4
15	P-QR4	P-N5
16	N-N	Q-N3
17	P-K3	N-QR4
18	Q-Q	B-Q6
19	R-K	B-B5
20	N-K5	B-N6
21	Q-K2	BxP
22	N-Q3	B-N4
23	B-B	N-N6
24	R-B2	P-QR4
25	Q-Q	B-R5
26	Q-B3	NxP

White resigns.

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Late Flash:

U. of Wash.-5, Seattle-5.
(Seattle City League)

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Ballantine	1505
Naas	1502
Tweedale	1375
Hazen	1374
Grey, Miss	1369
Power	1362
Coubrough	1343
Cerretelli	1333
Magerkurth	1322

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>				
Ballantine	1505	Allen	929	Roberts	992
Bushnell	1210	Amsden	1172	Running	993
Cerretelli	1333	Arntzen	1118	Sams	1012
Christey	1216	Bever	1159	Taylor	1037
Coubrough	1343	Blakefield	1111	Yocum, C.	1007
Gordon	1237	Cairncross	1152	Yocum, H.	1197
Greene	1252	Dahlquist	1024		
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Hazen	1374	Howard	1167	Beal	782
Hellums	1199	Husby	1100	Birks	850
Kaffenberger	1236	Landenberger	993	Corbett	875
Magerkurth	1322	McCarthy	1148	Hiscox	829
Moore	1275	McMartin	997	Jones	756
Naas	1502	Merk	1007	Karch	746
Power	1362	Mulder	967	Marshall	762
Tweedale	1375	Orme	988	McCownell	850
		Rich	1149	Mrs. Moss	734
		Raleigh	913	Neilson	805
				Plume	732

GAME RESULTS

49-A-7: Hellums 1, Blakefield 0; Ballantine 1, Blakefield 0.

49-B-6: Dolle 1, Merk 0; Merk 1, Emerson 0.

48-C-3: Sams 1, Karch 0; Hiscox 1, Karch 0.

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