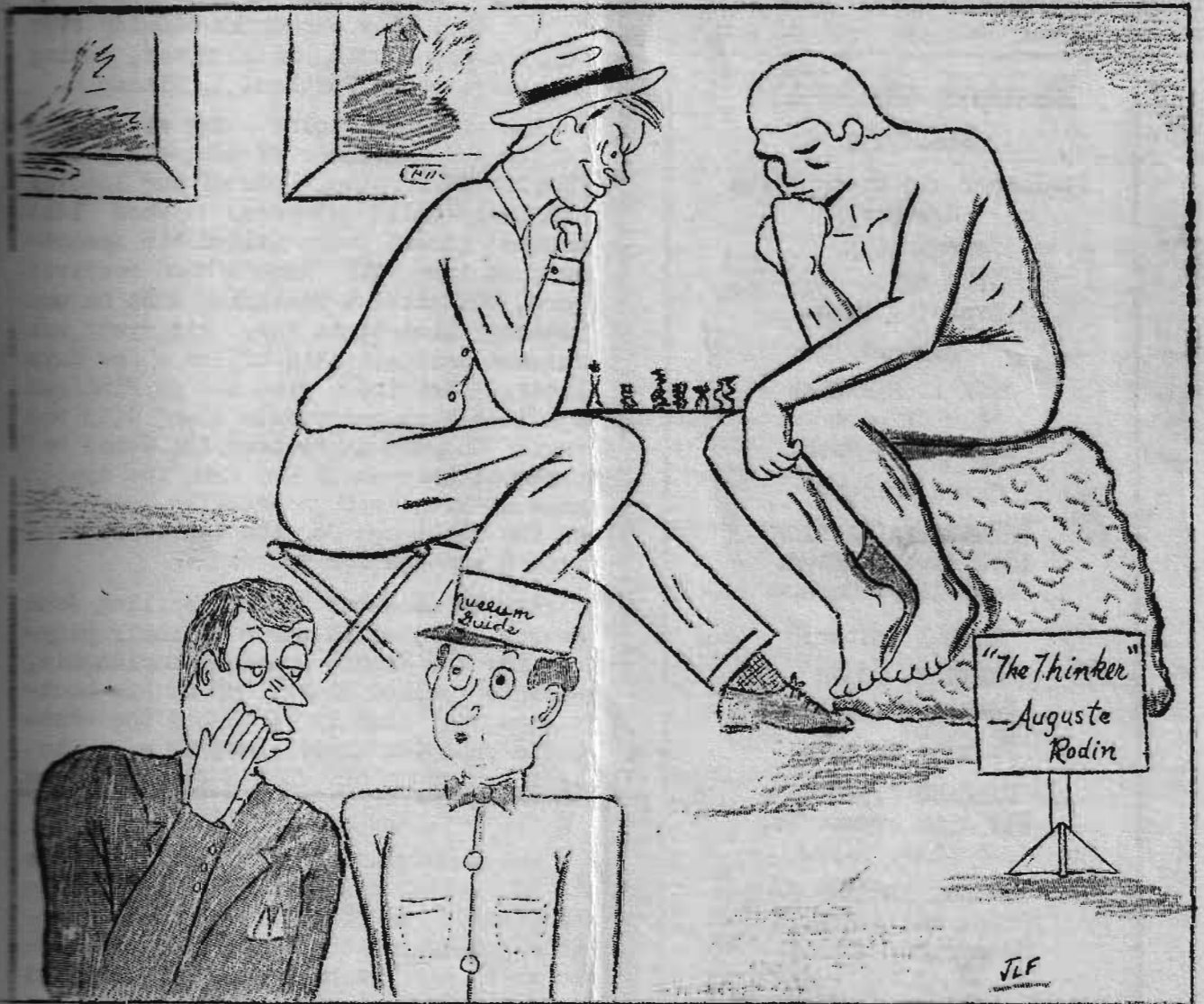


WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER



"I don't think it's improving Pemberton's game any but it's sure doing wonders for his morale!"

FEBRUARY 1950

NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR RADIO MATCH: CHESSMEN, BOARDS, SHORT WAVE
RADIOS, PILLOWS (TWO PER PLAYER).

After one postponement, the Portland-Kitsap radio match got underway Sunday afternoon (Feb. 12) about 1:30 P.M., and as predicted from this perch, there were a few "bugs". Whether or not they can be "ironed out" remains to be seen. The match was forced to adjourn until the first Sunday in March because of increasing interference over the air waves about 6:15 P.M. After over $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours of play there had been an average of 26 moves per game played which figures between 5 and 6 moves per hour per game. Players at both ends were wondering why their opponents were so slow, which of course is the natural thing for a chess player to wonder about his opponent when his mind isn't occupied with the grievous infirmity of his own position. However, this observer believes that a lack of speed is a necessity in this type of match due to the time consumed in relaying the moves, checking, etc. In quite a few instances, after moves had been made on the board, it was several minutes before the move could be relayed because of incoming messages, interference, and so on, so the only solution we can suggest is that the next match (if there is another) should commence about 10:00 A.M. At the time of adjournment of the match only one game out of six had been completed, Alex Suchobeck winning over

Charles Magerkurth in 20 moves, making the score read: Portland 1, Kitsap 0.

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Now it can be told! Our new Games Editor and annotator is none other than Charles Ballantine, one of our leading "chess-by-mail" players. When last month's issues were mailed his acceptance of the job hadn't been received here, but without realizing what he was letting himself in for, his "yes" was welcome news at this office a few days later. Yessir! From now on Finnigan can lean back and paddle along with one foot! Charles takes over the Games Department this month and from the appearance of his first undertaking, we picked the right man for the task. Turn to page 6 and see for yourself!

Viva la Rehberg! After trailing John Nourse one game to three in their play-off for the Kitsap County Championship, Georgie pulled himself up by his bootstraps and soundly thrashed the erstwhile champion three games in a row to lift the crown off John's furrowed brow.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Not much chance you'll want to write to the editor of this rag, but if it's necessary and you can do a fairly legible job of it then send your scratch marks to him at his new headquarters:
642 Wilbert, Bremerton, Wash.

(He's thrown the revenooers off the trail again). --jlf

**SEATTLE CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY
IN FULL SWING - MULLER IN LEAD**

Glenn Muller was at the top of the heap at the halfway mark of the 1950 Seattle Club Championship tournament. Close at his heels are Eric Weissenborn and Bob Neale.

The tournament is a single round robin. The standings:

	Won	Lost	Drawn
Muller	9	0	1
Weissenborn ..	7	1	0
Neale	5	1	0
Enz	7	2	2
Shephard	5	2	1
Buckley	3	1	0
Lindstrom	9	6	1
Vellias	8	7	1
Davidson	8	7	0
Lynch	4	3	0
Sturgess	4	4	0
Laizure	4	4	0
Rosen	3	6	0
Bushnell	4	11	0
Gillette	2	6	0
Weaver	1	6	0
Carson	0	7	0
Hoban	0	8	0

GEORGE REHBERG NEW KITSAP CHAMP

Things were going along as expected in the playoff of the tie in the Kitsap County chess tourney; Nourse was going to stay champion for another year anyway. That was obvious, with John leading by 3-1 and only needing another win to cinch the title. Obvious to everyone but Rehberg, that is! He had other ideas about the situation and bore them out by winning the next three straight, capping the coveted crown.

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB TO REDUCE DUES

The following notice was received from Benn Carson, Seattle Club Secretary: "GOOD NEWS!! The club has been able to get our rent reduced to \$50.00 per month. The directors are going to try to finance the club with dues at \$10.00 per year. This rate will not meet the bills, so it will be up to each member to rustle at least one new member to bring up our income."

PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE NEWS

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Tied	P.F.	P.A.
Seattle	6	0	0	44½	15½
Tacoma	3	1	0	26	14
Olympia	3	1	1	29	21
Kitsap	3	2	1	33	27
YMCA	2	2	2	26	34
U. of W. ...	2	3	0	24	26
Seattle U. .	1	4	0	15	33
Everett	0	3	0	11½	18½
Bellingham .	0	4	0	9	29

FOUL WEATHER SLOWS LEAGUE CHESS PLAY

Many league matches have been postponed because of icy road conditions in the last few weeks.

In the only match played the league leading Seattle Chess Club downed the Seattle University team 8½ to 1½. The score follows:

SEATTLE (8½)	SEATTLE UNIV. (1½)
Neale	Bussy
Lindstrom	Corbett
Muller	McGough
Davidson	Vellias
Enz	Miss Fenton ..

Box score of U. of W.-Olympia match: (not previously printed)

WASHINGTON (4)	OLYMPIA (6)
Schain	Stork
Blatt	A. Murray
Mulford	Cerretelli ...
Dimoff	Harmeson
Edberg	Ho E.Yyocom ..

LEADING PLAYERS

(Plus scores, six games or over)

Glenn Muller	Seattle	8 - 0
Ed Lindstrom	Seattle	9 - 1
Caryl Crain	Tacoma	6½-1½
Leslie Coubrough .	Tacoma	6½-1½
Larry Taro	Everett	5 - 1
Vernon Holmes	Tacoma	5 - 1
Joe Cerretelli ...	Olympia	7½-2½
A. Murray	Olympia	7½-2½
Bob Neale	Seattle	8 - 4
Jack Finnigan	Kitsap	7½-3½
Bob Stork	Olympia	7 - 3
T. Davidson	Seattle	5½-2½
R. Dimoff	U. of W.	5½-2½
George Rehberg ...	Kitsap	7 - 5

E N P A S S A N T

by Dick Allen

Now, at last, after much painstaking research on the part of some of the best chess players in the state, we have compiled a list of the most efficient psychic safety valves available at this time. Of course advances are being made in this field by several well known inventors who are hereby invited to submit their best excuses for examination. Exclusive use will be granted for a period of one year by the WCF to those who do not infringe on the repeatrights of others.

1. My opponent moved with great deliberation, pondering on the most obvious moves, forcing me to move hastily to avoid adjudication.
2. I wasn't used to playing by clock and got into time pressure.
3. He made so many blunders in the opening that I lost from overconfidence.
4. His tie was so garish that my attention was distracted from the game.
5. My wife said that she would leave me unless I gave up chess, and during the game I was worrying about what I'd do without her.
6. I was too aggressive against his hedge-hog defense.
7. I felt it coming, but I didn't see it until too late.
8. He smoked continually, blowing clouds of smoke over the pieces and in my eyes so that I couldn't see what he was doing.
9. The other games being played around me were so interesting that I could not concentrate on my own.
10. My opponent kept clicking and grinding his false teeth in a most nerve-racking manner.
11. I hadn't played for over a year and was out of practice.
12. Who could hope to defeat anyone who does nothing but play chess?
13. I had a "won" game, but he wouldn't resign and I finally made a blunder.
14. He insisted on using his own pieces which were so small that I could barely see them without a magnifying glass.
15. My adversary diverted me from my game with his constant chatter.
16. Due to the long distance traveled to the match, I missed my lunch, and I was so weak from hunger that I could hardly move the pieces.
17. He sat there and munched on hard candy all through the game so that I moved hastily to put an end to it.
18. His wife stood right behind him and stared at me so intently that I transposed my 43^r move to the 42nd and lost the exchange.
19. His rapid play caused me to move fast also. I didn't know that he was a champion at speed chess.
20. My opponent had "white" and played according to the Weaver W. Adams system.
21. His many years of experience overshadowed my growing ability.
22. Age can not hope to vanquish youth.
23. I was up against a prepared variation.
24. I was unfamiliar with the opening he used.
25. I was too timid because of his reputation.

REHBERG SAYS:

According to information which I have Chess descends from a game played in India in the 7th century. Apparently the earlier game was not chess at all. It follows then that chess is not the game of great antiquity that some of us may have thought.

In fact Chess as we know it today was not played until about the time that Columbus discovered America.

Prior to this, Castling was not known and the King was permitted to jump two squares on its first move. In addition to this the Queen could only move to an adjacent diagonal square and the Bishop jumped over the adjacent diagonal square to the square beyond in the diagonal.

Damiano wrote the first "best seller" on chess. It was printed in Rome in the year 1512. He was a Portuguese druggist and a mediocre chessplayer. This last if you judge from his book.

But in those days players were reticent about disclosing too much information regarding their tactics. This was because of the high stakes involved. It may well be that Damiano was really a genius.

Ruy Lopez did not invent the famous opening named for him. He probably was an enthusiastic follower of it. Lopez was a Spanish priest who was patronized by Philip II of Spain. In 1559 he went on tour to Italy where he defeated all the leading Roman players. This was all the more remarkable as Italy was the home of most of the better players of that day.

Italy had its revenge on Ruy though when in 1575, one Leonardo da Cutri of Rome defeated Lopez before King Philip. Must have been embarrassing!

Lopez published a book containing the advice of "placing your opponent with the sun in his eyes". It also had a code of laws and various openings.

If you have enjoyed the above account of early chess history, tell the Editor. May be that more can be dug up out of dusty old manuscripts on parchment.

NEWS ITEM: EDITOR GIVES REHBERG RAISE

(From what newspaper did you clip that item? It should've read: "REHBERG GETS RAISE OUT OF EDITOR".) --Ed.

PUGET SOUND TOURNAMENT NEWS

by Charles Joachim
2712 E. Fir, Seattle

The adverse weather conditions forced the postponement of the Bellingham vs. U. of W. and the Bellingham vs. Everett matches which were to have been played at Everett January 22nd. The date has been set ahead to Feb. 14th with the same hours arrangement (Bell. vs. U. of W. at 10:30 AM and Bell. vs. Everett at 2:00 PM).

Players wishing to participate in the Washington State Junior Championship on March 4th should notify me by post card as soon as possible. The age limit is 21 for the event.

Ladies wishing to participate in the first Washington Womens Championship to be held March 11th should also contact me before that date if possible.

Both tournaments will be held at the Seattle Chess Club.

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COMING EVENTS

WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

TIME - March 4th
PLACE - Seattle Chess Club
AGE LIMIT - Changed to 21
ENTRY - 50¢

WASHINGTON WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

TIME - March 11th
PLACE - Seattle Chess Club
Assembly Hotel
ENTRY - \$1.00

WASHINGTON STATE SPEED TOURNAMENT

TIME - March 19th
PLACE - Everett, Wash.
YMCA

PUGET SOUND OPEN

TIME - April 15th-16th
EVENT - 5 round Swiss
PLACE - Tacoma Chess Club
Carlton Hotel

FOUR DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

TIME - April 29th-30th
PLACES - Everett, Bremerton
Olympia, and Wenatchee.

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Games

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State Championship, 1949

VIIINA GAME

D. Allyn

J. Finnigan

White

Black

1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-QB3	N-KB3
3 B-B4	B-B4
4 P-Q3	P-KR3(?)
5 N-B3	N-B3
6 P-QR3	P-R3
7 P-QN4	B-R2
8 B-N2	P-Q3
9 P-R3	O-O
10 O-O	Q-K2
11 N-Q5	NxN
12 PxN	N-Q1
13 R-K1	P-KB3
14 P-Q4	N-B2
15 N-R4	Q-Q2
16 N-N6	R-K1
17 P-QR4	PxP
18 RxRch	QxR
19 BxQP	BxB
20 QxB	B-B4
21 B-Q3	BxB
22 QxB	N-K4
23 NxN	QxN
24 R-N1	R-K1
25 Q-B4	R-K2
26 P-N3	Q-K5
27 QxQ	RxQ
28 P-QB3	R-QB5
29 R-N3	P-N3
30 K-B1	P-QR4
31 K-K2	PxP
32 PxP	R-Q5
33 P-R5	PxP
34 PxP	RxP
35 R-R3	R-K4ch
36 K-Q3	R-K1
37 K-B4	R-R1
38 P-R6	R-R2
39 K-N5	K-B2

40 K-R5	K-K2
41 R-N3	K-Q2
42 R-N7	R-R1
43 P-R7	K-B1
44 K-R6	P-N3
45 R-N3	P-QB4
46 R-K3	K-B2
47 R-K7ch	K-B3
48 R-QN7	K-Q4
49 R-N8	RxPch
50 KxR	P-B5
51 R-N1?

As White soon finds out, the rook is of no use in front of Black's passed pawns. White should leave his rook behind the pawns and advance his king instead.

51	P-B6
52 K-N5	K-B5
53 K-B6	P-Q4
54 R-QR1	P-Q5
55 R-R4ch	K-N6
56 RxP	P-B7
57 R-Q3ch	K-B5?

This should lose. The simplest way for Black to draw here is K-N5; 58 R-Q4ch, K-N6.

58 R-Q5	K-B6
59 K-Q6	P-B4
60 K-K6??

Here R-B5ch, K-Q7; 61 K-K6 wins for White.

60	P-R4??
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And here K-N5! wins for Black.

61 K-Q6?
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Giving Black the tempi he needs to draw. R-B5ch still wins.

61	P-B8(Q)
62 R-B5ch	K-Q7
63 RxQ	KxR
64 P-B4	K-Q7
65 K-K6	K-K6
66 K-B6	P-R5
67 PxP	KxP
68 KxP	K-N6
69 P-R5	P-B5
70 P-R6	P-B6
71 P-R7	P-B7
72 P-R8(Q)	P-B8(Q)
73 Q-K5ch	KxP

Drawn

MCA vs. Everett

HUNGARIAN DEFENSE

Chas. Joachim

Neil Power
Black

White

- 1 P-K4
- 2 N-KB3
- 3 B-B4
- 4 N-B3
- 5 P-Q4
- 6 NxP
- 7 O-O
- 8 B-N3
- 9 B-N5
- 10 P-B4
- 11 N-B5
- 12 BxN
- 13 Q-R5
- 14 PxB
- 15 N-K4
- 16 QR-Q1
- 17 P-N4
- 18 N-N5ch
- 19 NxPch
- 20 P-N5?

- P-K4
- N-QB3
- B-K2
- N-B3
- PxP
- P-Q3
- N-K4
- O-O
- P-QR3
- N-N3
- P-R3
- BxB
- QBxN
- N-K2
- BxP
- Q-Q2
- K-R2
- K-R1
- K-R2
-
- QxP
- Q-N3
- KxQ
- N-B4
- QR-K1
- B-R6
-
- R-K7
- K-R4
- N-K6
- B-B4
- RxBP
- N-N5ch
- NxN

Giving Black his chance.
White should first play 20 B-K6,
after which he can play 8-N5
with decisive effect.

- 20 QxP
- 21 NxRP Q-N3

Of course, if 21 ...PxN8?
22 QxP is mate.

- 22 QxQch KxQ
- 23 N-N4 N-B4
- 24 R-Q3 QR-K1
- 25 P-B3 B-R6
- 26 B-B2?

White should prevent R-K7.

- 26 R-K7
- 27 B-N1 K-R4
- 28 N-B2 N-K6
- 29 P-B4 B-B4
- 30 R-B1 RxBP
- 31 N-R3 N-N5ch
- 32 N-B2 NxN
- 33 Resigns

Portland Club Tournament, 1949

FRENCH DEFENSE

Schmitt
White

Birren
Black

- | | | |
|----|----------|---------|
| 1 | P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2 | P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3 | N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 4 | P-K5 | P-QB4 |
| 5 | P-QR3 | BxNch |
| 6 | PxB | Q-R4 |
| 7 | B-Q2 | P-B5 |
| 8 | N-R3 | N-K2 |
| 9 | N-B4 | P-KN3 |
| 10 | P-KA4 | QN-B3 |
| 11 | P-R5 | P-KN4 |
| 12 | N-R3 | P-KR3 |
| 13 | P-N4 | R-B1 |
| 14 | P-B4 | PxP |
| 15 | Q-B3 | P-B3 |
| 16 | QxBP | PxP |
| 17 | QxRP | PxP |
| 18 | PxP | P-B6 |
| 19 | B-K3 | B-Q2 |
| 20 | N-N5 | Q-N3 |
| 21 | NxP | BxN |
| 22 | QxB | NxP |
| 23 | QxQ | N-B6ch |
| 24 | K-K2 | PxQ |
| 25 | B-N2 | N-K4 |
| 26 | P-N5 | R-R5 |
| 27 | P-N6 | R-KN5 |
| 28 | B-R3 | R-K5 |
| 29 | B-N2 | R-KN5 |
| 30 | QR-KN1 | N-B4 |
| 31 | B-B2 | N-Q5ch |
| 32 | BxN | RxB |
| 33 | P-N7 | R-Q7ch |
| 34 | K-K1 | R-N1 |
| 35 | P-R6 | RxBP |
| 36 | B-B1 | N-B6ch |
| 37 | K-Q1 | R-Q7ch |
| 38 | K-B1 | N-Q5 |
| 39 | B-N5ch | K-Q1 |
| 40 | B-R4 | R-QR7 |
| 41 | K-N1 | R-N7ch |
| 42 | K-R1 | P-N4 |
| 43 | B-Q1 | P-N5 |
| 44 | P-R7 | P-N6 |
| 45 | PxR(Q)ch | K-B2 |
| 46 | Q-B7ch | K-N3 |
| 47 | Q-B6ch | K-B4 |
| 48 | QxNch | KxQ |
| 49 | P-N8(Q) | R-R7ch |
| 50 | K-N1 | R-N7ch |
| 51 | K-B1 | R-QR7 |
| 52 | QxPch | Resigns |

White made two queens and sacrificed them both!

POSTAL CHESS

NEIL F. POWER
Postal Chess Editor

One of the surest ways to improve your game is to play postal chess. It gives you the opportunity to study in detail all the phases of chess, the opening, middle game combinative play, and the fine points of the end-game, while your games are still in progress.

Why delay? Send your entry TODAY to:

Neil F. Power
429 Cedar
Snohomish, Wash.

Be sure to include your name, address, desired starting class and the entry fee of 50¢ per section of 7 players. Each section is an individual round robin tournament.

POSTAL CHESS RATINGS

BIG A's

J. A. Naas	1508
Charles Ballantine	1463
Neil Power	1401
E. Tweeddale	1375
Miss Alice Grey	1369
Charles Magerkurth	1368
Leslie Coubrough	1343
Greene	1331
Joe Cerretelli	1329

Class A

Ballantine	1463
Bushnell	1210
Cerretelli	1329
Christey	1242
Coubrough	1343
Gordon	1237
Greene	1331
Miss Grey	1369
Harmeson	1232
Hazen	1288
Hellums	1215
Kaffenberger	1236
Magerkurth	1368
Moore	1137
Naas	1508
Power	1401
Tweeddale	1375
Yocom, H. E.	1267

Class B

Allen	997
Amsden	1132
Arntzen	1052
Bever	1159
Blakefield	1111
Cairncross	1152
Dolle	1130
Emerson	1046
Howard	1096
Husby	1062
Landenberger	993
McCarthy	1148
Hicklartin	997
Merk	1026
Mulder	1051
Orme	988
Rich	1149
Ralliegh	913

Roberts	984
Running	993
Sams	1062
Seekamp	1032
Taylor	1079
Yocom, C.	1007

Class C

Anderson	899
Hiscox	829
Jones	756
Karch	746
Marshall	762
McCownell	850
Mrs. Moss	734
Neilson	805
Plume	732

GAME RESULTS

- 47-A-4: Magerkurth masters Moore.
 48-A-6: Naas nips Mulder.
 49-A-7: Moore drops one to Ballantine and another to Hellums.
 49-A-8: Greene wallops Hellums.
 47-B-2: Merk tops Arntzen.
 49-B-6: Emerson wins from Dolle and Taylor, Dolle stops Howard.
 48-B-7: Christey ties Howard, Allen downs Seekamp.

EN PASSANT

by Dick Allen

We had intended to present the other twenty-five of the Fifty Famous Excuses this month, but the first installment reached the editor's desk one day late, and who are we to make our hard-working editor retype the masthead? Instead, here is an announcement:

WEAVER W. ADAMS, internationally recognized Chessmaster, will appear in Seattle on March 8th & 9th at the Central YMCA, 909 4th Ave. Mr. Adams, a member of the U.S. Chess Team in 1946, has taken first prize in twelve regional eastern tournaments, as well as the 1948 U.S. Open Tournament. Adams won in a strong field of 74 players including chess stars Ulvestad, Kashdan, Kramer, Pavey, Steinmeyer, Pinkus, Santasiere, and Steiner.

On March 8th, Wednesday, Mr. Adams will play all comers in a general simultaneous match starting at 8:00 PM in the YMCA Playroom. Regardless of your strength, whether you're an average player or an expert, bring your favorite chess set and test your own skill against the master. Win or lose, it will be an event you will never forget. Spectator sports have a great following and kibitzers play by proxy, but there is no substitute for the thrill of the personal encounter. I understand there will be a charge of fifty cents for spectators and \$1.00 per board. Incidentally there will be free coffee and doughnuts at the sideboard and a door prize.

On March 9th, Thursday, there will be a banquet for all chess enthusiasts to begin at 7:00 PM in the Coleman Room. Due to business commitments, Mr. Adams' present tour will be the last at least for several years. This will be a fine opportunity to do him honor and show our appreciation for his great contribution to the world of chess. There are tentative plans being made for the presentation of the Puget Sound League Trophy and perhaps an official Oscar award, after the dinner. The five course dinner will be \$1.29 per plate but equivalent to a \$2.00 dinner in any hotel in town--bring your wives, girl friends, husbands, boy friends, and what-have-you for a really fine get-together with all the chess mad-hatters. The room will hold 100, but just to be sure, why don't you send your reservation in advance to me at 413 15th N, Seattle 2, or to Clifford Rich, 3929 W. Kenyon, Seattle 6.

Following the dinner at 8:00 PM, Mr. Adams will take on two of the strongest players in the state in his unique System Demonstration. Playing both games simultaneously, Mr. Adams will discuss his system for determining the strongest move at every turn, revealing not only his general plans, strategy and positional insights of the game as a whole, but also threats, combinations and tactical procedures immediately at hand, to the spectators and to his opponents. Advantages due to secrecy, surprise, oversights, etc., are almost non-existent, but this handicap is necessary to prove beyond doubt the irresistible impact of the system. His system is based on the practical application of the basic principles of maximum force, maximum mobility, conservation of valuable options, and the avoidance of weaknesses--principles that can be learned and applied by any chessplayer. He has taught masters as well as beginners and he earnestly desires to teach the system to YOU. The demonstration is free to the two players who will defy the system, but spectators will be expected to fork over one buck. Railway tickets don't grow on trees either.

In case you can't make the dinner but want to see the demonstration, drop in at 7:45 for the presentation. (standing room only)

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HOW NOT TO PLAY CHESS

A recent Postal Chess game:

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White	Black
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K4
3. PxKP	P-Q5
4. N-Q2

P-K3 is the answer to this Black advance. If 4... PxP; 5. QxQch, KxQ; 6. BxP, and White is a pawn up and has a better position. Or, 4.... P-Q6, 5. BxP, and White has two pawns.

4. ...	Q-K2
5. N-KB3	N-QB3
6. NxQP	NxKP
7. P-KN3

Again, P-K3 would have saved the situation.

7.	N-Q6 Mate
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