

WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER



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KITSAP CLUB SETS OUT TO BRING HOME THE BACON BUT ENDS UP WITH CHILI

Well, the smoke of battle has cleared and the Seattle Chess Club has emerged the champions of the Puget Sound Chess League. And it was about time, too! Although a good percentage of the chess talent in Western Washington is centered in Seattle this is the first time in recent years a Seattle team has succeeded in winning the title, Tacoma having won three years in succession.

Picking winning chess teams in this league is beginning to look about as easy as picking a four horse parley at Longacres. Seattle U, ups and beats Tacoma $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, then Tacoma takes out its revenge on poor Everett by the score of $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$. By these standards you'd think the Everett team would be a snap for Seattle Univ. So who d'ya think won? Right! Everett $7\frac{1}{2}$, S. U. $2\frac{1}{2}$! Pass the aspirin, ma.....

After winning its first three matches, the 1949 championship team from Tacoma hit a snag and dropped the next three, a turn of events which caused no little amount of eyebrow-raising in the beer and skittles circles hereabouts.

By the way, if you wish to send in a few of your games for future publication, please send them to the Games Editor, Charles Dallantine. WCF club players are requested to write down important games and send in a copy of same. It would be helpful if the players checked the scores for possible recording errors before submitting copies to Charles.

The Kitsap team may have come out on the short end of the score at Olympia but they didn't go home empty-handed that night! Their genial host, Joe Corretelli, offered gifts consisting of several cans of his own brand of chili. The gift was appreciated by all of the recipients and somewhat eased the sting of a double defeat at the hands of Mr. C. by yers trooly. So ----- next time you go to your grocer, ask for Corretelli's chili con carne.

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PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE NEWS
 STANDINGS

Won Lost Tied P.F. P.A.

Seattle	8	0	0	57	21
Olympia	6	1	1	41	28
Tacoma	5	3	0	43½	25½
Kitsap	4	3	1	42½	37½
YMCA	2	2	3	31	39
U. of W.	3	4	1	31½	38½
Seattle U.	2	5	0	23	45
Everett	2	6	0	26½	41½
*-Bellingham	0	8	0	9	29

* - Four forfeit losses.

**SEATTLE TAKES FIRST PLACE BY WINNING
 OVER EVERETT AND U. OF WASHINGTON**

The Seattle Chess Club cinched first place in the 1950 Puget Sound Chess League standings by downing the U. of W. five by the score of 7½ to 2½. Next week they finished out their schedule, defeating Everett 5-3. The final win gave them an undefeated record for the season---8 wins and no losses.

SEATTLE (7½)	U. of WASHINGTON (2½)
Patterson 1½	Schain ½
Neale 2	Blatt 0
Muller 2	Dimoff 0
Torrey 0	Ballantine ... 2
Lindstrom 2	Stearns 0

SEATTLE (5)	EVERETT (3)
Martin 0	Power 2
Lindstrom 1	Taro 1
Eng 2	Husby 0
Shephard 2	Tweeddale 0

**TACOMA "TITANS" CUT DOWN BY SEATTLE
 UNIVERSITY IN UPSET OF THE YEAR!!**

OLYMPIA ALSO BUMPS TACOMA

Nobody expected this!

SEATTLE U. (5½)	TACOMA (4½)
Dussy ½	Hewitt 1½
Lynch 2	Collins 0
Vellias 0	Coubrough 2
Sams 1	Hultman 1
Corbett 2	Dolle 0

Or this!

OLYMPIA (5½)	TACOMA (3½)
Stork 1½	Holmes ½
Dr. Murray 0	Hewitt 1
Cerretelli 2	Collins 0
Harmeson 1	Coubrough 1
Yocom, H. E. .. 1	Hultman 1

OLYMPIA (6½)	KITSAP (3½)
Stork 1	Rehberg 1
A. Murray 2	Nourse 0
D. Murray 1½	Magerkurth ... ½
Cerretelli 2	Finnigan 0
Harmeson 0	Christey 2

U. of WASHINGTON (5)	YMCA (5)
Schain 1	Joachim 1
Mulford 1	Hebert 1
Dimoff 1	Allen 1
Blatt ½	Amidon 1½
Gnagy 1½	Warner ½

EVERETT (7½)	SEATTLE U. (2½)
Power 1	Ward 1
Naas ½	Corbett 1½
Taro 2	Lucid 0
Husby 2	Weiler 0
Hellums 2	Miss Fenton .. 0

KITSAP (6)	EVERETT (4)
Rehberg 0	Power 2
Nourse 1	Taro 1
Magerkurth ... 1	Naas 1
Finnigan 2	Husby 0
Christey 2	Dahlquist 0

TACOMA (9½)	EVERETT (½)
Crain 2	Taro 0
Collins 1½	Dahlquist ½
Coubrough 2	Husby 0
Hultman 2	Weiss 0
Plouf 2	Webster 0

Note: Bellingham has found it impossible to field a team for its last 4 matches, therefore they have been forfeited to the opponents.

LEADING PLAYERS

(Six games or over)

Glenn Muller	Seattle	12	-	0
George Christey	Kitsap	6	-	0
Ed Lindstrom	Seattle	12	-	2
Joe Cerretelli	Olympia	11½	-	2½
Leslie Coubrough	Tacoma	11½	-	2½
Caryl Crain	Tacoma	8½	-	1½
Bob Neale	Seattle	10	-	4
Bob Stork	Olympia	9½	-	1½
Jack Finnigan	Kitsap	9½	-	5½
Larry Taro	Everett	9	-	5
Pat Corbett	Seattle U.	9	-	5
A. Murray	Olympia	7½	-	3½
Noel Power	Everett	7	-	5
Jim Amidon	YMCA	7	-	5
Dick Allen	YMCA	6	-	4
G.S.G. Patterson	Seattle	5½	-	2½
T. Davidson	Seattle	5½	-	2½
Vernon Holmes	Tacoma	5½	-	2½

EN PASSANT

by Dick Allen

On March 8th, Mr. Weaver W. Adams, well known Chessmaster and analyst, played 29 opponents, simultaneously, winning 27 and drawing two. The match was held at the Seattle Central YMCA.

On March 9th, the Washington Chess Federation held its annual dinner meeting for the presentation of the Puget Sound Chess League trophies, Washington State Championship, and the State Youth Championship trophies. Weaver W. Adams was the guest of honor. The following clubs were represented: Seattle Chess Club, which received the 1950 League trophy; The Tacoma Chess Club, which received the League trophy as its permanent possession for holding the title three times, 1947, 1948, and 1949; Seattle YMCA Chess Club, Olympia Chess Club, Bellingham Chess Club, Everett Chess Club, Kitsap County Chess Club, University of Washington Chess Club, West Seattle Chess Club, and Seattle Women's Chess Club which was recently organized. The dinner meeting was held at the Seattle Central YMCA and Jack Nourse, amiable President of the Washington Chess Federation, was master of ceremonies.

Robert Stork of Chehalis, received the Washington State Men's Championship 1949 Chess trophy. Charles Ballantine of Seattle, received the 1950 State Youth Championship Chess trophy. Geo. Rehberg of Bremerton, received the "Oscar" award for outstanding service to the Washington Chess Federation, in 1948, that was. The WCF had intended to present the latter at the International Match of last year, but George was conspicuous by his absence.

Following the banquet, Mr. Adams entertained the guests with his unique System-Demonstration--an exhibition which has never been attempted by any other Chessmaster. He played two of Washington's strongest experts, Robert C. Stork and Carroll Crain of Tacoma, simultaneously, discussing the strategy and tactics of the game in advance. Two years ago, Crain says that Adams smashed him in 20 moves and, knowing this time how dangerous Adams is in the open, kept the lines closed. As a result, Adams was forced to open things up to his disadvantage in order to make it interesting to the spectators and later conceded the game to Crain. Crain modestly admitted that it helps a lot to hear what your opponent is planning to do to you--an advantage he did not have in his former encounter with Adams, being in a separate room. Stork also played a very fine game with similar strategy and accepted a draw. The ending appeared to be a "book" draw.

This is the second time that Adams has been beaten in his nation-wide tour comprising 35 matches of this type--an indication of the strength of Crain and Stork in particular, and Washington players in general.

The pictures of the banquet assembly, trophy presentation, and the System-Demonstration exceed expectations. Place your orders with your club director or write directly to the WCF Treas. W. H. Raleigh, 4318 Densmore St., Seattle, Wash. (\$1.00 each)

An amusing incident occurred at the recent Kitsap vs. Seattle University match. As the S. U. team was leaving the ferry they were met by their gracious host, Jack Finnigan. Counting four men and one lovely young lady, Jack asked if the S. U. team was one man short. A near defeat on the number 5 board convinced Jack and the others on the Kitsap team that Miss Fenton was as good as most men in the game.

Chess in the past has been predominately male, but as in every other field women are putting in their bid for recognition. I am not acquainted with any of the other feminine players in the state, but I know that Hilarie Fenton, with a little encouragement and practice, can soon take on any of the League's better players. What she needs and what most other women players require is encouragement from the experienced (in chess) males.

Self-confidence is a wonderful thing particularly in chess. The coming women's event should show many of the opposite sex that they can compete in tourney play with success. Who knows maybe someday soon a woman will win the state or Puget Sound Open championship. I won't make any predictions, but I will say this. When S.U. meets Kitsap next year in league play, Kitsap can expect strong opposition from the "weaker sex".

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I think perhaps all the League teams can draw a moral from the recent S. U. vs. Tacoma match where S. U. won by 1 point. You may be in the dust but you can trip the opponent by his shoestring if you try. Although it was not Tacoma's strongest team, most of the games were hard fought in an interesting match. Give S. U. another year, we will have Hilarie in playing shape by then--Watch out Seattle!

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PORTLAND CHESS CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

New president of the Portland Chess Club is Jack C. Strong. Other officers elected for 1950 are as follows: Svante Eikrem, co-president; E. G. Short, secretary-treasurer; and Jim Schmitt, tournament director.

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PORTLAND BLANKS KITSAP IN
RADIO CHESS MATCH

An expert-packed Portland Chess team appeared to have little trouble in handing the Kitsap Chess Club a 6 to 0 whitewashing in their recent radio match.

Although the lop-sided score was expected the match was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants and should show the way to future events of this kind. As far as we know this was the first radio chess match ever to be held in the Pacific Northwest.

Portland champ, Jim Schmitt defeated Kitsap County champion George Rehberg on board one. Other scores:

Portland	Kitsap
#2 E. G. Short 1,	John Nourse 0.
#3 Alex Suchobeck 1,	Chas Magerkurth 0.
#4 Jack Strong 1,	Jack Finnigan 0.
#5 Glenn Bills 1,	George Christey 0.
#6 Fred Aiken 1,	Henry Kaffenberger 0.

Arthur Cunningham and Bill Peyton of Bremerton manipulated the radio controls for Kitsap while Art White and Byron Paul were the Portland "ham operators."

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PORTLAND WINS KING-SIZE MATCH

On Sunday, Feb. 19th the Portland Chess Club team journeyed southward to Salem to take on a composite team made up of players from Salem Chess Club, Oregon State College, and Univ. of Oregon.

The result was a decisive 29½ to 2½ win for the Portlanders in 32 games on 16 boards. Board scores:

PORTLAND (29½)	ALLIES (2½)
Schmitt..... 2,	Van Peski 0
Reddington 1½,	Swift, Jr. ... ½
Short 2,	Braulmann 0
Suchobeck 2,	Neilson 0
Strong 2,	Proebstel 0
Burnham 2,	Gysbers 0
Aiken 1½,	Luehr ½
Eikrem 1½,	Hunter ½
Faust 2,	Post 0
Turner 2,	Hagen 0
Stevens 2,	Reay 0
Wong 2,	Young 0
Skarsten 2,	Ricker 0
Cannon 2,	Buschman 0
Moore 2,	Van Houten ... 0
Bloomquist 1,	Pinson 1

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KIBITZERS KORNER:

--The game Greene vs. Power in the Feb. Chess Letter was not printed the way it was actually played. The version given in the Chess Letter makes it worse than it really was if such a thing is possible. Here is the way it was played:

- 1 P-Q4, P-Q4; 2 P-QB4, P-K4; 3 QP:P,
- P-Q5; 4 N-KB3, N-QB3; 5 QN-Q2, Q-K2;
- 6 P-KN3, N:KP; 7 N:K? , N-Q6 mate.

Also, the annotator was wrong about P-K3 as this would be refuted by the B-check, B-Q2; P:P.

----- L. M. Greene

Peter Husby has confessed to the deed.

--Lest some poor player be drawn into a trap in some important game as the result of the article "How Not to Play Chess" published in the February issue I wish to make the following correction of the notation on Move Four:

Perhaps 25 years ago it was called to my attention that it is not always the best move to elect the promotion of a P to a Q on the eighth rank. The example illustrating this point arises in the very same opening illustrated in that article. Contrary to the annotated Whites fourth move P-K3 immediately gives Black a superior game in every published variation. Black should immediately play 4 B-N5ch.

- 4 P-K3 B-N5ch
- 5 B-Q2 P:P
- If 6 B:B P:Pch
- 7 K-K2 P:N (Nch) plus
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- If 6 Q-R4ch N-QB3
- 7 B:B P:Pch
- 8 K:P Q-R5ch plus

I believe that if you will refer to MCO you will find other variations all of which give Black the decided edge.

---- G. S. G. Patterson

---Hate to keep finding fault with your annotators but in Greene-Power (Feb. 1950) he seems enamored of P-K3 in the early stages of the Albin Counter Gambit. Black doesn't answer P:P but E-N5 check and White is lost whatever he does. If B-Q2, then P:P! The same goes for N-Q2; if K-K2 Black gets an overwhelming lead in development.

---Cordially, L. A. Walker

SECOND ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST MASTERS AND EXPERTS TOURNAMENT SET FOR SEATTLE

Charles Joachim, WCF Tournament Director, has announced that the Seattle Chess Club will be the scene of the 2nd annual PNME tourney on May 20 and 21.

Following is a list of players that Mr. Joachim suggests seeding into the tournament: Arthur Dake, Olaf Ulvestad, Elmars Zengalis, Jim Schmitt, Leonard Sheets, Charles Joachim, Bob Stork, Caryl Crain, Vernon Holmes, Anthony Walloch, G. S. G. Patterson. Also seeded will be the winner of the 1950 Puget Sound Open, 2 British Columbia players, one Idaho player and 4 District Tournament winners. The maximum number of players to be entered will be twenty. Players named above are requested to contact Mr. Joachim, 2712 E. Fir, Seattle, Wash. and let him know whether or not they wish to participate in the tournament.

If one or more of the above players should not participate, the vacant entries will be filled with Washington and Oregon players according to their respective showings in the coming 1950 Puget Sound Open Tournament at Tacoma, April 15th-16th.

Entry fee for the PNME tourney probably will be set at \$5.00 with a 1st prize of \$50 with lesser prizes stepped down. Jack Finnigan will direct the tourney.

All chess players and clubs are urged to submit any contributions to the tournament fund in care of Mr. W. H. Rallich 4318 Densmore, Seattle, Wash. Mr. Rallich is treasurer of the WCF.

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OLYMPIA CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS, MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS

In a recent election the following officers were elected by the Olympia Chess Club: President: Dick Murray; Vice President: Ellis Ayer; Sec. Treas: C. R. Harneson; Tournament Director: Joe Corrotelli.

The Olympia Chess Club has moved to their new clubhouse located at the Corrotelli Canning Co. and the meetings have been changed to Friday evenings. The phone number is 2-4321 Olympia.

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Games

Simultaneous Demonstration
Seattle YCA, March 9

CARO-KANN DEFENSE

W. Adams White	G. Crain Black
1 P-K4	P-QB3
2 P-Q4	P-B4
3 P-K5	B-B4
4 B-Q3	BxB
5 QxB	P-K3
6 N-K2	P-B4
7 P-QB3	N-B3
8 O-O	Q-N3
9 N-R3	P-KR4
10 N-B2	KN-K2
11 P-N4	P-B5
12 Q-R3	P-N3
13 P-R4	B-N2
14 N-K3	P-R4
15 P-N5	N-R2
16 B-R3	QN-B1
17 P-B4	Q-Q1
18 Q-B3	N-N3
19 BxN	QxB
20 P-N3	O-O-O
21 P-R3	R-R2
22 K-N2	QR-R1
23 R-R1	Q-Q1
24 K-B2	Z-N1
25 P-N4?!	PxP
26 PxP	R-R7ch
27 RxR	RxRch
28 N-N2	Q-R5ch
29 Q-N3	Q-R1
30 Q-B3	B-B1
31 N-N3	B-K2
32 P-B5	NPxP
33 PxP	B-R5
34 PxP	PxP
35 Q-N4	Q-B1ch
36 K-N1	BxN
37 QxB	R-R2
38 R-KB1	Q-R3
39 R-B6	Q-B8ch
40 R-B1	R-R8ch
41 KxR	QxRch
42 K-R2	NxP

43 Q-N8ch	K-R2
44 QxP	NxP
45 Q-KB6	Q-K7
46 P-K6	Q-R4ch
47 Q-R4?	QxQch
48 NxQ	NxP
49 Resigns	

VIENNA GAME

W. Adams White	R. Stork Black
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-QB3	N-KB3
3 B-B4	B-B4
4 P-B4	P-Q3
5 N-B3	N-B3
6 P-Q3	B-KN5
7 N-QR4	B-N3
8 P-KR3	BxN
9 QxB	N-Q5
10 Q-B2	B-R4ch
11 P-B3	P-QN4
12 O-O	PxB
13 PxN	BPxP
14 BPxP	PxP
15 PxP	P-Q7
16 BxP	QxB
17 PxN	QxQch
18 RxQ	PxP
19 RxP	B-N3ch
20 NxB	RPxN
21 R-QB1	R-R2
22 RxNP	PxR
23 R-B8ch	K-K2
24 RxR	RxP
25 RxP	RxP
26 R-R8	K-B3
27 R-QN8	R-N5
28 K-R2	RxP
29 RxPch	K-N4
30 R-N5ch	K-B3
31 P-N4	R-K6
32 K-N2	R-R6
33 R-KB5	R-QN6
34 P-R4	R-N7ch
35 R-B2	R-N6
36 R-B3	R-N7ch
37 K-N3	R-N8
38 P-N5	R-N8ch
39 K-R2	R-N5
40 K-R3	R-N8(?)
41 R-B6ch	K-N2

Drawn

Radio Match, 1950

(Board No. 3)

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

C. Hagerkurth (Kitsap) A. Suchobeck (Portland)

White	Black
1 P-Q4	P-K3
2 P-QB4	P-Q4
3 N-QB3	P-QB4
4 N-B3	N-QB3
5 PXP	KXP
6 P-K3	N-B3
7 B-Q3	B-N5
8 B-K2	B-K2
9 PXP	BXP
10 O-O	O-O
11 P-QR4	P-QR4
12 Q-Q3	Q-Q2
13 R-Q1	QR-Q1
14 Q-B2	Q-K2
15 P-QH3	P-Q5
16 PXP	NXP
17 NxB	BxB
18 BxB	NxB
19 B-N2	BXPch
20 K-R1	Q-R5

Here Black announced mate in three more moves, and White resigned.

University Championship
Fall Quarter, 1949

The deciding game.

ENGLISH OPENING

G. Schain	W. Mulford
White	Black
1 P-QB4	P-K4
2 N-QB3	N-QB3
3 P-K3	N-B3
4 N-B3	P-Q4
5 PXP	NXP
6 B-N5	NxB
7 BxNch	PxB
8 NPxN	B-Q3
9 P-Q4

White would probably do better to play 9 O-O.

9	PxP
10 BPxP	B-R3!
11 P-QR4	O-O
12 B-Q2	R-N1
13 N-N1	R-N7
14 B-B3

Better would be 14 N-K2, in order to castle.

14	R-K1!
15 R-N1??

White cannot play 15 BxR? because of 15 ...B-N5ch, but his actual move is even worse. He should play 15 Q-B1 (or even 15 B-Q2), intending to follow up with N-K2 and O-O when possible.

15	R-R7?
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But here Black misses his chance to put White out of his misery with 15 ...RxPch!! (This move would win White's queen since, if 16 PxR, Black mates in three with 16 ...Q-R5ch, etc.) Both players also overlook this possibility next move.

16 B-N4(??)	Q-B3(?)
17 N-B3?

So Black wins the queen after all, though now the price is higher. After 17 B-Q2 White could still put up resistance.

17	R-K7ch
18 QxR	BxQ
19 KxB	BxB
20 RxB	P-B4!
21 PXP	Q-R3ch!
22 K-Q???

This loses a rook. White could probably hold out longer with 22 K-Q1, but his position is hopeless in any case.

22	Q-R4
23 R-QN1	R-N1
24 K-B3	PxPch
25 R-B4	Q-R6ch
26 K-Q4

If 26 K-B2, RxR 27 KxR, Q-N6ch.

26	RxR
27 N-K5	R-N5
28 RxR	QxRch
29 K-Q5	QxP
30 Resigns	-----

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:

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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

Charles Ballantine	1559
J. A. Naas	1509
Neil Power	1429
E. Tweeddale	1375
Miss Alice Grey	1369
L. H. Greene	1369
Leslie Coubrough	1343

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>
Ballantine	Allen	Parry
Bever	Ansdén	Raleigh
Bushnell	Arntzen	Rich
Cerretelli	Blakefield	Roberts
Christey	Cairncross	Running
Coubrough	Cutshall	Sams
Gordon	Dolle	Seekamp
Greene	Emerson	Taylor
Miss Grey	Hellums	Yocom, C.
Harmeson	Howard	
Hazen	Husby	
Kaffenberger	Landenberger	
Magerkurth	McCarthy	
Naas	McMartin	
Power	Merk	
Tweeddale	Moore	
Yocom, H. E.	Mulder	
Hardinge	Orne	

GALE RESULTS

- 47-A-4: Bever beats Magerkurth.
- 49-A-8: Ballantine trips up Power, Hellums, and Parry to take over #1 spot; Power whips Parry and Cerretelli; Greene downs Hellums.
- 48-B-5: Harmeson stops Merk. Correction of error in Dec. issue: Yocom 1, Harmeson 0.
- 48-B-6: Merk beats Howard.
- 48-B-7: Christey wallops Allen.
- 49-B-3: Rich tops Cutshall.

CHARLES BALLANTINE WINS JUNIOR TITLE

The Chess Letter's Games Editor and top ranking postalite, Charles Ballantine, carved another nick in his chess-board by taking the first prize in the Washington State Junior Championship Tournament March 4th. Ted Warner was runner-up. The individual scores:

	Won	Lost	Drew	Pts.	S.B.
Ballantine ...	4	0	0	4	8
Warner	3	0	1	3½	4¼
Edberg	2	1	1	2½	4¾
Enz	2	1	1	2½	2¾
D. Allyn	2	1	1	2½	2¾
Martin	2	2	0	2	1½
Chipman	1	3	0	1	1
Alspach	1	3	0	1	¾
Lynch	0	3	1	½	¾
Sams	0	3	1	½	¾

WENATCHEE HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY

Lawrence Allyn took top honors in Wenatchee's first championship chess tournament, winning 17 and drawing one (with brother Don) in a double round-robin. Final Standings:

	Won	Lost	Drawn	Score
L. Allyn	17	0	1	17½-½
D. Allyn	15	2	1	15½-2½
Lodge	10	8	0	10-8
Hiller	9	7	2	10-8
Zeiten	6	5	7	9½-8½
Murray	7	9	2	8-10
Smith	4	8	6	7-11
Lathrop	6	11	1	6½-11½
Duncan	0	12	6	3-15
Kenoyer	0	12	6	3-15

WEAVER ADAMS HAS TOUGH TIME IN SEATTLE

The barnstorming chess master, Weaver W. Adams ran into unexpected resistance in a demonstration of his "White to Play and Win" system against two of this state's strongest players. The two refuters of Adams' system were Bob Stork, who gained a draw, and Caryl Crain, who defeated the master. The games are recorded on page 7 in this issue.

The Women's Tournament has been postponed until a later date.

YUGOSLAVIA WINS FROM UNITED STATES BY SHORT WAVE RADIO

In a radio chess match last month the Yugoslavian chess team downed the U. S. team by the score of 11½ to 8½. Game scores:

UNITED STATES (8½)	YUGOSLAVIA (11½)
Reshevsky ... ½-½	Gligorich .. ½-½
Fine	Pirc
Horowitz ½-½	Trifunovich, ½-½
Denker	Rabar
Ulvestad 0-0	Vidmar, Jr. . 1-1
Dake	Puc
Kevitz	Illich
Byrne	Kostich ½-½
Pinkus	Matanovich . 1-1
Bisguier 1-½	Ivkov

ROHBERG VS. FINNIGAN IN GRUDGE MATCH

George Rohberg and Jack Finnigan are at present engaged in a non-title serious chess match at the Kitsap Chess Club. George "Champ" Rohberg started out like he meant to do Finnigan in at the earliest possible date by taking the first two games in one evening but Jack rallied and won the next two. The score is now 2-2; winner will be the first one to take 7 games.

SEATTLE CLUB TOURNEY IN FINAL GAMES

Glenn Muller still holds a slight edge in the race for the 1950 Seattle Club Championship. Close behind are E. A. Weissenborn and Bob Neale. The leaders scores:

	W	L	D
Muller	10	0	1
Weissenborn ..	10	1	0
Neale	8	1	0

COMING EVENTS

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 (or Tacoma), and
 Wenatchee.