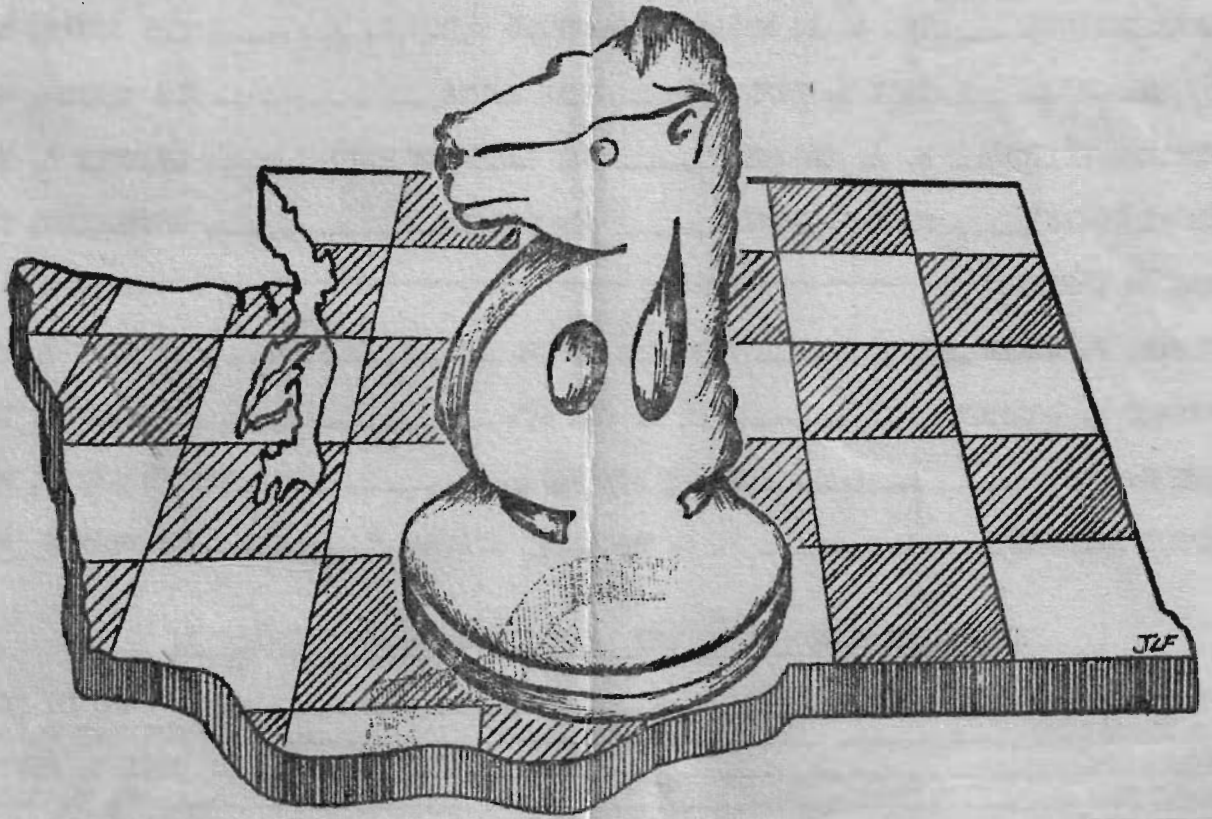


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# EDITORIAL

WIN LIKE A GENTLEMAN AND LOSE LIKE A MAN AND YOU WILL FIND NO DEFEATS.

The Annual tournament for the State Championship will for the first time be conducted on a "Round Robin" basis. This, at first glance, seems like a marvelous improvement but there are some difficulties to be ironed out. Narrowed down to the two most important factors we find ourselves trying to decide between holding the entries to a small number so as to complete the "Round Robin" in one Weekend or the other alternative of inviting all players whose ability distinguishes them as eligible plus high ranking players from the State Qualification Tournament.

Your Editor is of the opinion that the more players entering the greater the opportunity will be to place Washington's best player as State Champion. However, to have a larger tournament it will be necessary to hold it over an extended period, perhaps two successive Week Ends would be sufficient. I want to have an opinion from you players who will be interested in playing in the "State Championship" and the "Qualification Tournament" as to which you would prefer, a 'restricted entry' or an 'extended playing time'. This is very important as it can mean the difference between your participation or non-participation. PLEASE WRITE IN YOUR OPINION. IF you prefer you do not have to sign your name but we must know how many players will be willing to participate in a tournament extended over two or more Week Ends. REMEMBER THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR. MAKE IT A SUCCESS!!!

A new and unusual tournament is in the organizational stage and if enough players who can qualify for entry can be found a date and place will be set. Therefore, how many BLINDFOULD PLAYERS are there who would be interested in participating in a four round swiss system one day BLINDFOULD TOURNAMENT?? Your Ed. will start off the list with his name and here are a few others that have been suggested as possible entries. Charles Joachim, G. Patterson, Lawrence Allyn, Ken Mulford, Dr. A. A. Murray, Dick Allen and there are no doubt others who are amateur blindfould players who would be interested in trying their hand at this. One thing, you need not be afraid that you will be the only one who will be unable to follow all of the finer points of the game blindfoulded, for I will guarantee there will be at least one more. This Tournament will be open to all comers and who knows you might learn something. If you are interested drop me a card to that effect and if we get enough entries we will arrange the tourney.

The WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION is trying to raise enough funds to purchase a new Automatic Mimeograph Machine but difficulties persist even though we are making headway. The total cost of the machine is about \$550.00 and to date we are in a position to say that half this amount is within reach. This machine, if we can obtain it, will do away with the poor printing you've recieved in some of your copies and allow us to expand the magazine both in size and circulation. You may have noticed the improved cover this month. This cover was run off for us as a demonstration of the machine. This machine is not limited to one color and it will be possible to create a multicolor cover with it. The cover, however, is not the only improvement possible as the new machine will assure us of an excellent job of printing and perhaps some color work on the inside. Also improvement of quality is not the only consideration. The equipment we have now is obsolete, very difficult and tedious to handle and completely hand operated. Do we have any members who would be in a position to help us with the financial details? Two members have offered loans on the following basis. That the loans be non-interest bearing and be repaid at the W. C. F.'s convenience. These loans and the cash on hand total approximately \$300.00. How can we raise the balance? ? ? ?

# THE OPENING LABYRINTH

♠ CHARLES K. JOACHIM

## THE MOELLER VARIATION

This opening, representing a variation of the Giuoco Piano, enjoys a great popularity because of its quick action and its fascinating ramifications which enable the man who knows one more move than his opponent to win in a brilliant manner. But the aware opponent has to know how to refute the slightest deviation from the bookline and to exploit any weakness at the earliest possible time. An excellent appearing move might prove to be a mistake.

In the 1950 Seattle City Championship Mr. Donald Seiter tried a new line against me which made me think for about half an hour until I found the correct answer. If any reader should find an adequate counterplay against this move please let the editor know and do your good deed for chess research.

DONALD SEITER

CHARLES JOACHIM

White

1. P-K4
2. N-KB3
3. B-B4
4. P-QB3
5. P-Q4
6. PxP
7. N-B3
8. O-O
9. P-Q5

Black

- P-K4
- N-QB3
- B-B4
- N-B3
- PxP
- B-N5ch.
- NxKP
- BxN
- N-K4

Up to this moment we notice only standard book moves. Now Mr. Seiter makes an attempt to get away from the bookline. Recommended is: (10) P-B NxB 11. Q-Q4 and White either regains his Knight or turns loose an irresistible attack by playing P-KN7. However Mr. Seiter Played:

- 10 NxB
- 11 R-K1

BxN

It seems that White is going to get the sacrificed piece back and a strong attack also. It was here where I spent much of my time which is only too va-

luable in tournament chess. The motif of the following combination was a so called desperado combination: One piece was won so it could be sacrificed and everything received in consideration for it was pure profit. The only thing that I had to watch out for was that I should not lose both pieces. This strategic goal could be reached by sacrificing the Bishop with check and then checking until the Queen can protect the Knight with a check. While White's King is moving out of check castling will prevent the Knight from being pinned and lost. Now the execution of this plan:

- 11 . . . . . BxP(R7)ch.
- 12 KxB Q-R5ch.
- 13 K-N1 QxP(B7)ch.
- 14 K-R2 Q-R5ch.
- 15 K-N1

Now the Knight is protected and I won the move to castle.

- 15 . . . . . O-O
- 16 B-Q3 N-B7

Threatening a swindle. NxB and when the Queen retakes the Black Queen captures the unprotected Rook.

- 17 B-R7ch.

A counter combination! If the desperado Knight should be taken, White checks with Q-B2 and regains the Knight on N7. Therefore:

- 17 . . . . . K-R1
- 18 Q-B2 N-N5
- 19 Q-K4 Q-N7ch.

A book example of the so called "overburdened Queen" The Queen has to protect two pieces at the same time and is under attack herself. One piece is bound to be lost.

- 20 K-R1 N-B3
- 21 Q-N4 NxB

The opening is over with so much decisive material advantage for Black that White, in spite of its excellent middle game and continuous attacks, could not equalize and finally had to resign.

# JOACHIM IS SEATTLE CITY CHAMPION AGAIN

Charles K. Joachim edged out G. S. Patterson by the narrow margin of one half point to win the Seattle City Championship for the third time. By holding Mr. Patterson to a draw and winning all of his other games in the six round swiss event Mr. Joachim displayed the very best of his careful, solid, and frequently brilliant play. This same mode of play has given Mr. Joachim several European victories, the Washington State Championship in 1948, and the Seattle City Championship three different times. Probably the most difficult game of the tournament for Mr. Joachim was his encounter with the young and very promising player Carl Enz. Carl at one time possibly had a win although the position was very difficult and the effect of time pressure was an enormous influence.

G. S. G. Patterson was unchallenged for second place with a score of four wins and two draws. His last round win from Gerald Schain was an excellent example of his strong and forceful play. Winning the advantage of a passed pawn early in the game he made short work of his opponent. The two draws he allowed, one with the Champion and one with Don Seiter were all that stood in his way to the top. This is the first time Mr. Patterson has entered a Washington Tournament and future tournaments will find him placing very high.

Third place was won by Glenn Muller with a total score of four wins and two losses. Glenn got off to a good start and at the end of the first day's play found himself leading the tournament with his nearest competitor one half point behind him. However in the last lap he lost to Joachim and Patterson and reduced his position to third place. Last year Glenn also found himself in the finals with Antone Wallock and lost the deciding game in a playoff match.

A three way tie among Jerry Schain, Charles Ballantine and Father Bussy was broken by the new and very satisfactory S - B system in the following manner Gerald Schain fourth, Charles Ballantine fifth and Father Bussy sixth.

Seventh place went to Russel Vellias, Eighth place to Steve Miller, Ninth to Donald Saiter, Tenth to Carl Enz,

Eleventh to Kenneth W. Mulford, Twelfth to Ted Davidson, Thirteenth to Clarence Bushnell and Fourteenth to Fred Burgess.

## RESULTS OF SEATTLE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

	Score	S-B
1. Charles K. Joachim	5½	
2. G. S. G. Patterson	5	
3. Glenn Muller	4	
4. Gerald Schain	3½	21
5. Charles Ballantine	3½	20
6. Father Bussy	3½	17
7. Russel Vellias	3	17
8. Steve Miller	3	15
9. Donald Saiter	2½	21½
10 Carl Enz	2½	20
11 Kenneth Mulford	2½	16
12 Ted Davidson	2	
13 Clarence Bushnell	1½	
14 Fred Burgess	0	

# PUGET SOUND LEAGUE RESULTS

<u>SEATTLE</u> <span style="float: right;">8½</span>	<u>SEATTLE Y.M.C.A.</u> <span style="float: right;">1½</span>	<u>OLYMPIA</u> <span style="float: right;">4</span>	<u>TACOMA</u> <span style="float: right;">6</span>
Geo. Patterson _____ 2	Charles Joachim _____ 0	Stork _____ ½	V. Holmes _____ 1½
Rob't Neale _____ ½	Max Bader _____ 1½	Dr. Murray _____ 1	C. Hewitt _____ 1
Glenn Müller _____ 2	Dan Wade _____ 0	J. Gerretelli _____ 1	R. Collins _____ 1
Carl Enz _____ 2	Ted Warner _____ 0	J. Butterfield _____ ½	L. Coubrough _____ 1½
Dr. Shepard _____ 2	Max Bader Jr. _____ 0	C. Harneson _____ 1	V. Hultman _____ 1

<u>UNIV. of WASH.</u> <span style="float: right;">8½</span>	<u>WEST SEATTLE</u> <span style="float: right;">1½</span>
G. Schain _____ 1½	Anders _____ ½
L. Allyn _____ 2	M. Mage _____ 0
C. Ballantine _____ 2	Sullivan _____ 0
K. Mulford _____ 1	K. Seekamp _____ 1
J. Amidon _____ 2	F. Schneider _____ 0

<u>UNIV. of WASH.</u> <span style="float: right;">8½</span>	<u>SOUTH TACOMA</u> <span style="float: right;">4</span>
G. Schain _____ 1½	C. Crain _____ ½
L. Allyn _____ 2	Creque _____ 0
C. Ballantine _____ 2	Ferris _____ 0
K. Mulford _____ 1	Trainer _____ 1
J. Amidon _____ 2	Mercy _____ 0

<u>TACOMA</u> <span style="float: right;">9½</span>	<u>West Seattle</u> <span style="float: right;">½</span>
C. Hewitt _____ 1½	M. Mage _____ ½
R. Collins _____ 2	J. Grutcher _____ 0
L. Coubrough _____ 2	H. Peterson _____ 0
V. Hultman _____ 2	Horman _____ 0
R. Avann _____ 2	F. Schneider _____ 0

All this Editor can say about the Olympia vs. Tacoma match is "WOW", Ouch and Damn that time limit!!!

It seems that when a team gets beaten they certainly do a good job of it. Look at those 8½ to 1½ scores.

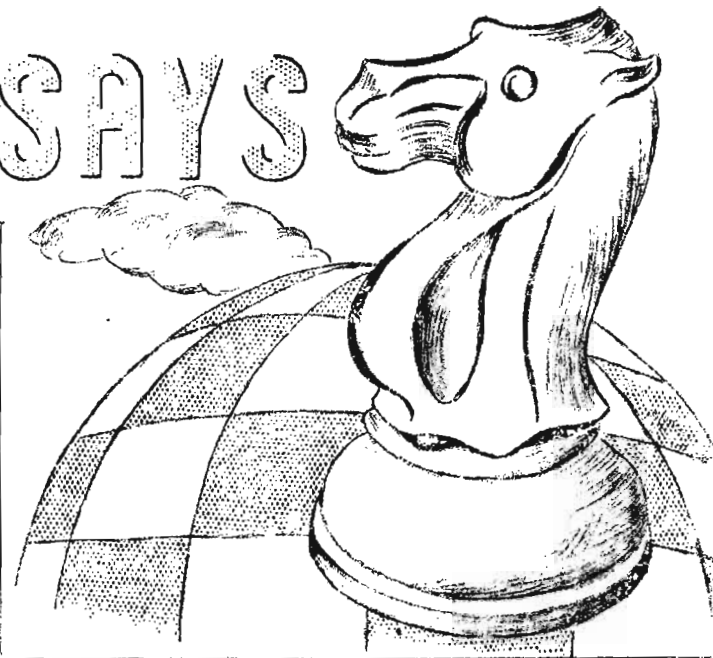
After bouncing back and fourth the Everett team has decided to come back in the League this year. Hope they can get caught up without any difficulties. The complete revised Tournament Schedule is on the bottom of the next page.

What happened to Crain in South Tacoma's match with the University of Washington? That is the first time I have ever seen him lose over half his points.

Hope the new teams don't get discouraged with their losses, it doesn't discourage Olympia. We keep right on coming back for more. Getting it too.

TEAMS	SEATTLE	TACOMA	U. of W.	KITSAP	Y.M.C.A.	OLYMPIA	EVERETT	W. SEATTLE	S. TACOMA
SEATTLE				1/2	1				
TACOMA						1		1	
UNIV. of WN.								1	1
KITSAP	1/2								
Y.M.C.A.	0					1			
OLYMPIA		0			0				
EVERETT									
W. SEATTLE		0	0						
S. TACOMA			0						

# REHBERG SAYS



Gentlemen;

Our WCF president has appointed me as Publicity Director for the WCF. I sincerely hope to be able to do a good job for you in this capacity.

It is to the advantage of all of us to gain favorable recognition by the public. More people must be taught to play chess and to like it before it can become a truly popular pastime.

Now chess has some severe handicaps. First of all it is essentially a game of silence. This causes many to refrain from playing. Secondly it requires considerable thought and this in turn eliminates quite a few. Third it takes time and this is perhaps the most severe handicap of all.

I don't need to dwell on the other side of the ledger as we know that chess fills a vacancy no other game can fill.

I would like to ask for one man from each Club in the WCF to volunteer as his Club's Publicity Director. In this capacity I would suggest that he send in a short article to his local paper each week concerning his Club's activities for that week.

The road to success is too often paved with gold and in our case this is not an exception. I think that bigger prizes for our Tournaments (State & Local) are at least part of the answer to the problem of attracting more chess players to the fold.

Naturally the more players of chess the more public interest in the game. Everybody understands a home run but did you ever try to tell your neighbor how you captured a pawn 'en passant? Neither have I friends.

Please let me know how you feel about the problem of arousing public interest in chess. It might well be that most of you would rather not bother the innocent public about our game. After all chess is an end to itself and when you come right down to it we have fun at it and form many lasting friendships. But as one Master said (I believe it was Lasker) 'I feel sorry for anyone who does not play chess'.

Your Friend, George Rehberg.

We wish you good luck as Publicity Director, George. I feel confident that you will do a good job. Editor.

## REVISED PUGET SOUND LEAGUE SCHEDULE ATTENTION PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL DATES FOR EVERETT MATCHES

### ROUND 3, NOVEMBER 26, 1950

Seattle at Tacoma; Olympia at Univ. of Wash; W.Seattle at Kitsap; YMCA at S. Tacoma; Nov. 5, 1950: Everett vs. Olympia at Seattle; Nov. 19, 1950: YMCA at Everett;

### ROUND 4, DECEMBER 10, 1950

Univ. of Wash. at Seattle; Kitsap at Olympia; YMCA at W.Seattle; S.Tacoma at Tacoma; Dec. 3, 1950: Everett vs. Tacoma at Seattle; Dec. 17, 1950: Everett at Seattle;

### ROUND 5, JANUARY 7, 1951

Olympia at Seattle; Tacoma at Univ. of Wash; Kitsap at YMCA; W. Seattle at S.Tacoma; Jan. 14, 1951: W.Seattle at Everett; Jan. 21, 1951: Everett vs. S.Tacoma at Seattle

### ROUND 6, FEBRUARY 25, 1951

W.Seattle at Seattle; Kitsap at Tacoma; YMCA at Univ. of Wash; S. Tacoma at Olympia; Mar. 11, 1951: Everett at Univ. of Wash; Mar. 25, 1951: Kitsap at Everett;

### ROUND 7, MARCH 18, 1951

W.Seattle at Olympia; YMCA at Tacoma; Univ. of Wash. at Kitsap; Seattle at S.Tacoma;

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# CLUBHOUSE NEWS

## PORTLAND

Bad news for the Portland Chess Club! Jim Schmitt has received a call to report for induction and it looks like he'll have to go. This will certainly be a severe loss to Oregon Chess. Hope he gets back soon. To make matters worse for the Portland players they also may lose their club president Jack Strong, who is planning to leave for California sometime this Fall. For this reason the Redding-Strong match has been called off.

Eikrem came back to win a point and a half after losing the first two in his match with Alex Suchobek.

The Annual Club Championship will be held in November this year. In order to speed it up it will be restricted to those players who have a rating of 650 or above. This will insure that the winner will only have tough competition to meet.

## NOTES ON OREGON PLAYERS

### 04 DONALD TURNER

#### ALEX SUCHOBEK

Probably the most consistently brilliant player in Oregon is relatively new comer Alex Suchobek. This Ukrainian displaced person arrived in Portland about a year and a half ago and promptly tied with Jim for the first prize in the Oregon Open. When he followed this up with a  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  win in a match for the club championship he definitely put himself into the foreground of our Oregon chess picture. It is no small feat hereabouts to beat Jim Schmitt in a match which he wants to win!

As we might have suspected Alex had a good record in Europe before he came here. He won his class A standing in Russia by winning the championship of Theodosia in 1941. He won the championship of the Mannheim "1910" Chess Club during 1947 and 1948. In this last year he was second behind the German master Heinrich in the Mannheim City Championship. This tournament of 42 players

included six masters and twenty class A players!

In style Alex is the exact opposite of Jim Schmitt. Although he is not incapable of good positional chess, as he proved against Jim, he prefers a wide open attacking game--at any cost! This sort of style has of course the drawback of frequently developing into an insufficient regard for material. Nor is Alex always at home in a close positional game. He is likely to dynamite loose an attack for the sake of obtaining the type of game that he likes even if the sacrifice is not entirely sound. However like Jim's Capablanca-ish tendency this is not to be depended upon.

Alex seems slightly to prefer K-side opening with special emphasis upon the Giuoco Piano. Against Jim However he frequently switched into Q-side probably for it's surprise value.

It was Alex who introduced five minute chess to Portland (first player using five minutes on his clock forfeits

My next article, the third in this series, will be devoted to George Reddington.

#### MANNHEIM "1910" CHESS CLUB Sept. 10, 1947

SOTTA.

SUCHOBEK

#### KING'S GAMBIT DECLINED

White

Black

1. P-K4

P-K4

2. P-KB4

B-B4

Alex must have loved playing against this opening. His taste does not exactly lie with the defence.

3. N-KB3

P-Q3

4. B-B4

N-QB3

5. P-B3

B-KN3

6. ~~P~~-KR3

BxN

7. QxB

KN-K2

8. P-QR3

P-QR4

9. P-Q3

O-O

10 P-B5

So far the game has progressed upon fairly normal lines whose chief objective is to fluster White by removing attacking chances. But this is not Alex's style so he uses a little blasting power. Watch out!



- 10 . . . . . P-Q4  
 Can this be sound? Can it be good?  
 Who knows -- but over the board this  
 typically Suchobekian sacrifice is dyn-  
 amite  
 11 PxP P-K5  
 12 QPxP

If you think this sort of stuff is  
 easy to combat over the board play  
 around with QxP for awhile. For some-  
 thing nice and simple try 12.QxP R-K1  
 13.B-KN5!  
 12 . . . . . N-K4  
 13 Q-K2 NxBP  
 14 B-B4

In attempting to avoid 14.PxN Q-R5  
 15. K-Q1 ( which allows Black to recap-  
 ture the piece and at the expense of a  
 pawn has obtained three tempi and a  
 deadly attack ) White tries development  
 and loses a piece.

14. . . . . Q-R5ch  
 15 P-N3 NxP  
 16 BxN/3 QxBch  
 17 K-Q1 NxB  
 18 QxN Now Clancy lowers the boom!  
 18 . . . . . Q-B6ch  
 19 K-B2 QxR  
 20 QxB QxP  
 21 K-N3 P-R5ch  
 22 K-R2 Q-B7  
 23 Q-N4 R-R3  
 24 P-B4 R-N3  
 25 Q-B3 Q-N6ch  
 26 Resigns . . . . Boom!

A nice typical example of Alex  
 Suchobek's dashing style.

## TACOMA

The Tacoma Chess Club held it's  
 annual business meeting and voted that  
 all future match teams will be chosen  
 according to their rank on the Perpetual  
 Tournament Chart. This idea promotes  
 a competitive spirit and has quite a  
 strong tendency to increase overall club  
 strength.

Elections were held with the follow-  
 ing results:

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| President         | Vernon Holmes    |
| Secretary         | Leslie Coubrough |
| Treasurer         | R. Avam          |
| Publicity Mgr.    | Schuyler Ferris  |
| W. C. F. Director | V. E. Hultman    |

## UNIV. OF WASH.

The Fall tournament for the Univ.  
 of Washington Chess Championship has  
 been started and it promises to afford  
 quite a bit of competition to all the  
 players as this is probably the strong-  
 est field yet produced. Such players as  
 Mulford, Schain, Ballantine, Tweeddale,  
 Lawrence and Donald Allyn, Amidon, Gnagy  
 and Dimoff all are participating and  
 will make the winner earn his title.. At  
 last report Ken Mulford was leading the  
 field both in number of games played and  
 number of games won!

In the last business meeting Jerry  
 Schain was elected President and Team  
 Captain, Patrick Corbett, formerly of  
 The Seattle University, was elected Vice  
 President. Norm Newblom was elected Sec-  
 Treasurer and the Organizational Assem-  
 bly Delegate elected was Rod Dimoff.

## KITSAP

The Kitsap County Chess Champi-  
 onship has been started and it looks like  
 Finnigan has all the intentions of  
 taking first place away from George  
 Rehberg. He clipped Rehberg down by  
 taking 1½ points out of their two  
 tournament games. Watch out Rehberg!

## OLYMPIA

The 10 game match between Dr. A. A.  
 Murray and R. Stork is still neck and  
 neck with each player having an equal  
 score of two points apiece. In the Club  
 Championship Tourney Dr. Murray was up-  
 set by Joe Cerretelli in the first of  
 their two games. Other results are a  
 split between Dick Murray and C. R.  
 Harneson, One game apiece between J.  
 Butterfield and Ellis Ayer, Cerretelli  
 lost two games to Dick Murray and won  
 one from Mr. J. Butterfield.

## EVERETT

Everett has reconsidered their de-  
 cision to withdraw from the Puget Sound  
 League this year. They have a great  
 deal of talent in that area and it would  
 truly be a shame for them not to compete  
 this year.

# 'CHESS LIFE' REPORTS

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## WORLD CHESS TEAM RESULTS

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Yugoslavia won the International Team Tournament at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia with a total game score of 45½ to 14½. Second place went to Argentina with a score of 43 to 16 and West Germany placed third with 40½-19½.

Although unbeaten in 15 matches, the U. S. Team placed fourth on games won, the method of scoring for the international team matches. On a match point system the leaders would have been reversed.

### INTERNATIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

DUBROVNIK, 1950

Teams	Games	matches			
		W	L	D	
Yugoslavia	45½-14½	11	1	3	
Argentina	43-16	12	2	1	
West Germany	40½-19½	11	2	2	
United States	40-20	11	0	4	
Netherlands	37-23	8	3	4	
Belgium	32-28	7	6	2	
Austria	31½-28½	5	6	4	
Chile	30½-29½	5	5	5	
France	28½-31½	4	4	7	
Finland	28-32	5	8	2	
Sweden	27½-32½	4	7	4	
Italy	25-35	6	8	1	
Denmark	22-38	3	9	5	
Peru	21½-38½	1	9	5	
Norway	15-45	2	11	2	
Greece	12-48	0	13	2	

The following are the individual records of the U.S. Team Players:

Player	W	L	D
Reshevsky	6	0	5
Horowitz	2	1	5
Steiner	3	3	1
Shainswit	5	1	6
Kramer	5	2	5
Evans	8	0	2

## CALIF. TITLE

Ray Martin, Los Angeles County Champion, added the California State Title to his list with 6-1 score in the finals held at San Francisco. V. Pafnutieff of San Francisco and George Croy of Los Angeles finished in a tie for 2nd place with 4-3 each, while P. D. Smith, of Bakersfield, was fourth with 3½-3½. Charles Bagby and Sven Almgren tied for 5th with 3-4, and were followed by William Stechel at 2½-4½ and L. Boyette 2-5.

## CALIF. OPEN

Arthur R. Spiller of Santa Monica won the California Open Championship in a 25 player 6 round Swiss at Santa Barbara with a score of 5-1 in an exciting finish by besting C. M. Capps, who held a half-point lead, in the final round while his other two rivals, Steven and Velliotos eliminated each other by drawing. As result of his victory Spiller will be seeded in the 1951 California State Championship at Los Angeles.

## NORTH CALIF.

The Northern California Championship ended in a tie between C. Bagby and L. Boyette with five points each. W. Pafnutieff tied for third with 4 points each. W. Hendricks was fifth with a score of 3. B. Popoff sixth with 2½, and Dr. H. J. Ralston seventh with 1½. The three players from this tournament who were qualified for the State Championship were Bagby, Boyette and Pafnutieff.

## SIMUL. TOUR

Newell W. Banks, the chess and checker expert is planning another tour of simultaneous exhibition that will bring him to Washington. Leaving Detroit in November, he will travel through Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona to California and then north to Washington, Clubs, particularly in California, Oklahoma and Washington, and along the line of his tour are invited to contact him at Detroit if interested in arranging for exhibitions. Address Newell W. Banks, 1228 Newport Ave. Detroit 15, Mich.

# NEW YORK

Arthur Bisguier, U. S. Open Champ, won the New York lightning event with a  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  score. Mathew Green was second with a 5-2 score. Krauss, Hearst and Mengerini tied for third with 4-3. Max Pavey was sixth with 3-4, followed by Collins  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  and Partos 0-7. The Preliminaries drew 26 players from the New York State Championship.

## N.Y. CHAMP!!

The New York State Championship went to Eliot Hearst of the Marshall Chess Club of New York with  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  in the 32 player 9round Swiss Tourney at Binghamton. Hearst drew with U. S. Open Champion Bisguier in the third round and lost to Rauben Klugman in the seventh. He bested defending Champion Max Pavey in the sixth round.

Second place went to Pavey with 7-2 Drawing with M. Fleischer and Bisguier in addition to his loss to Hearst. Bisguier, Klugman and George Krauss tied for third with  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  each. Bisguier lost to Krauss and drew with Hearst, Pavey and Dr. Mengerini. Klugman lost to Pavey and Bisguier and drew with C. R. Heising. Krauss lost to Fleischer and R. C. Hayes, and drew with John T. Westbrock

## FIGHT IN PHILLY

Chess hit the front page unexpectedly in the Philadelphia Enquirer and Philadelphia Evening Bulletin when a dispute over pairings in the 6th round threatened to disrupt the Pennsylvania State Championship at the Adelpia Hotel in Philadelphia. Matters were finally settled amicably after several votes by the membership, but during the contention the newspapers had fun and devoted more space to chess than they have done in many a day, suggesting that perhaps a few more violent arguments in tournaments might give chess more publicity, if less dignity than in the past.

When the atmosphere cleared the tournament continued smoothly and resulted in a victory for Thomas C. Gutkunst of Allentown with a 6-1 score and a S-B of 32.25 points. Second place went to Attilio DiGamillo of Philadelphia with a 6-1 score and S-B of 31.75. Paul L.

Dietz of Pittsburgh finished third with  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  and an S-B of 28.50, retaining his Pennsylvania Junior Championship Title.

## NEW CHAMP

In a surprise upset James Bolton of New Haven, Conn. ousted the perennial New England Champion Weaver W. Adams by winning the New England Open Championship at Providence, R. I. by  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  in a 27 player 6 round Swiss. Conceding a draw to Kazys Skema. Skema, one of our recent Lithuanian arrivals in Boston, placed second with 5-1. Drawing with Bolton and Martin. Rhode Island Champion Albert Martin placed third with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , losing to Bolton and drawing with Skema.

Placing fourth to ninth on S-B points with equal scores of 4-2 were Harlow Daly of Mass., who bested Adams in the first round; W. W. Adams, Walter Suesman, Sven Brask, Anthony Suraci, and Underwood. Tenth to twelfth on S-B points with equal  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  scores were Orlando Lester, Kazys Merkis.

## S'WESTERN!

Charles D. Mott of Mobile, Ala. won first place in the 63 player 7 round Swiss system Southwestern Open Championship by virtue of a S-B score of 26.75 and a game score of 6-1. Second place and the Texas Championship went to C. F. Tears of Dallas, Tex. with a score S-B of 19.00. Ranking 3rd to 5th on S-B points with equal game scores of  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  were Mevis T. Smith, W. H. Jones, and Kenneth Smith. On S-B Points Bob Brieger of Huston was sixth, J. C. Thompson of Grand Prairie seventh and James Cook of St. Louis, Mo. eighth with equal scores of 5-2.

Players from Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, New Mexico, Oregon, Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama, Kansas and New York competed in this unusually large and successful Southwestern Event, which was so hotly fought that players like Bob Steiner and Dr. Bela Roza were crowded out of the winning circle.

Two well known players, formerly of Washington State, that participated in this event are Dean Bollman and Norman Nippell. Both players are former students of the University of Washington.

The 1951 Southwestern Open Championship will be at Denison, Texas.

# GAMES DEPARTMENT

DR. A. MURRAY GAMES EDITOR

## WASHINGTON WOODPUSHERS TOURNAMENT

Cambridge Springs Defence  
(notes by Carl Enz)

ENZ	BALIANNTINE
White	Black
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	P-Q4
4. B-N5	Q-N-Q2
5. P-K3	P-B3
6. N-KB3	Q-R4
7. N-Q2	PXP

This capture here is not right, but I believe Ballantine was hoping for ...NXP?, 8. QXB... Best was 7....B-N5; 8. Q-B2, PXP. (ED: Enz seems too critical of Black's last, it yields equality.)

8. BxN	NxB
9. NXP	Q-B2
(ED: all book to here.)	
10. P-QR3	B-K2
11. B-Q3	P-QR3?

Now Black starts a dangerous weakening of the queen side which destroys the positional equality and leads to ultimate loss. (ED.)

12. R-B	P-B4? ....
the long diagonal is now dangerously weak. (ED.)	
13. N-K5	P-QN4 ?

This move by Black is premature giving White a strong queen side attack. Best was 13...O-O; 14. O-O, then...P-QN4.

14. Q-B3	Q-R-N
Little better defence was offered by ...B-N2; then 15. B-K4 ...R-QN; (not ..BxB, because of 16. NxB, forcing the win of the B pawn, because of the threat NxBch and QXR.) 16. BxB ch !	
15. Q-B6...this forces the win of the Queen Bishop pawn.	

Forced; if 15...K-Q??, then	
16. NXP ch is mate.	
16. NxC	R-N2
17. NxB	KxN
18. PXP	R-Q2
19. K-K2	B-N2
20. N-R2	

This odd-looking move is the spearhead of the attack. I preserved the square QN4 to make this maneuver possible, instead of P-QN4, leaving the Knight without good squares.

BXP?	
This capture enables White to attack the Bishop, gaining time for the Knight to get to N4.	
21. KR-N	B-B6 ch ?

This move still does not prevent White from gaining time to bring the Knight to N4. And Black needs this Bishop for vital defence of the white squares. Now, Black's defence against the passed pawn is hopeless. Watch the Kt!

22. KxB	RxB
23. N-N4	R-Q7
24. P-B6	P-QR4
25. P-B7	R-QB
26. N-B6 ch	K-Q3

If K-Q2, then 27. RXP, and Black is still lost.  
27. N-R7 Resigns.  
If 27...Rxp; 28. NXP ch wins the Rook.

## SICILIAN DEFENCE

BALIANNTINE	SCHAIN
White	Black
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PXP
4. NXP	P-K3

This is not a book move, the reason: it permits white to play P-QB4, always a valuable move for

him in the Sicilian if he can execute it favorably.

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| 5. N-QB3  | N-B3  |
| 6. B-K3   | B-K2  |
| 7. B-F2   | P-QN3 |
| 8. B-B3 ..permitting Black to win the minor exchange. |       |

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| 9. B-B4   | N-K4 |
| 10. QxN   | NxB  |
| 11. FN-N5   | B-N2 |
| 12. R-Q   | P-Q3 |
| 13. O-O ?..it would appear that white can win the Queen pawn with safety. | O-O  |

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| 14. P-K5              | P-Q4  |
| 15. Q-N3..threatening | N-Q2  |
|                       | B-R6. |

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| 16. Q-R3 | K-R   |
| 17. N-Q4 | P-QR3 |
| 18. BxB  | B-N4  |
| 19. P-B4 | QxB   |
| 20. R-B3 | Q-K2  |
| 21. R-N3 | QR-K  |
|          | P-B3  |

White should have established an "overprotected" strongpoint at K-5. Now he cannot prevent demolition of his center.

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| 22. PxF      | RxP     |
| 23. P-B5     | PxP     |
| 24. NXBP     | Q-B4 ch |
| 25. N-Q4 ??? | QxN ch  |
| 26. Resigns  |         |

### SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

January, 1949

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| A. W. Dake | J. Schmitt |
| White      | Black      |
| 1. P-Q4    | N-KB3      |
| 2. P-QB4   | P-K3       |
| 3. N-QB3   | B-N5       |
| 4. P-K3    | P-B4       |
| 5. P-QR3   | BxN ch     |
| 6. PxB     | N-B3       |
| 7. B-Q3    | P-QN3      |
| 8. N-B3    | P-Q3       |
| 9. P-K4    | P-K4       |

Black has achieved his basic objectives. On one hand white's pawn center is immobilized; on the other his two Bishops are blocked, all in a position where Black's Knights have maximum utility.

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| 10. P-Q5   |  |
| This move relieves the tension in the center, and immensely saddens white's King Bishop. |  |

N-K2

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| 11. N-R4  | P-KR3  |
| 12. O-O   | P-KN4  |
| 13. N-B5  | K-Q2!  |
| Black selects the comfort and safety of the Queen side, and clears the decks for action on the King side. |        |
| 14. P-QR4   | P-QR4  |
| 15. R-N   | K-B2   |
| 16. Q-B3  | BxN    |
| 17. PxB   | Q-Q2   |
| 18. R-N5  | P-N5   |
| ...winning the KBP.   |        |
| 19. O-K2  | NxBP   |
| 20. P-B3  | P-N6   |
| 21. P-B4  | PxP ch |
| 22. KxP   | P-K5!  |
| 23. B-B2  | KR-KN  |
| 24. R-K   | Q-K2   |

...the Black KP remains untouchable.

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| 25. K-N     | QR-K    |
| 26. B-Q     | N-R5    |
| 27. R-N2    | RxP ch  |
| 28. QxR     | NxQ     |
| 29. RxN     | R-KN    |
| 30. B-B3    | Q-K!    |
| 31. B-Q     | RxR ch  |
| 32. KxR     | Q-N ch  |
| 33. K-R3    | P-R4    |
| 34. P-B5    | N-N5    |
| 35. K-R4    | N-B3    |
| 36. B-N5    | N-R2    |
| 37. B-B4    | Q-Q ch  |
| 38. K-N3    | Q-B3    |
| 39. RxP     | N-N4    |
| 40. R-K8    | QxKBP   |
| 41. R-K7 ch | K-Q     |
| 42. R-K3    | P-R5 ch |
| 43. Resigns |         |

Does Schmitt do this to Dake very often??

The quality of this column can be improved in two ways. The first of these is by your support. Send clear, correct, copies of your well-played games to the games editor for possible publication. The second is by continued effort on the part of the editor to annotate and publish those of most interest from a sporting and instructional standpoint.

Match games, league games, tournament games, all are welcome. Space limitations will preclude publication of all, however.

Editor

# MY STRUGGLE FOR THE WORLD TITLE

— BY MIKHAIL BOTVINNIK

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The third installment of Botvinnik's own version of the World Tournament

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To my surprise, Euwe picked for Black a variation of the Slav Defence which I believe he had never employed before. A complicated middle game followed and Euwe almost succeeded in equalizing. I sacrificed a Pawn and Euwe took it (he likes to do that), although it might have been better to decline it. Gradually I calmed down; evidently my estimate of Euwe's play during training was correct.

Euwe was deeply lost in thought: Black's situation had become difficult. White had chances for an attack; Black could offer the exchange of Queens, but then White would regain his Pawn, if Black goes straight-away for the end game stage, his situation is bad indeed, I thought. "However," I said to myself, "if he develops his Bishop on King 3 first, you can't tell who has the superiority. . . "

Euwe finally made his move: He offered the exchange of Queens! All my worries were gone--I had sized up his play correctly. Euwe usually fears attacks on his King, and this time, too, his nerves faltered. He could not wait with the exchange of Queens for even one move. The further course of the battle was utterly uninteresting. Euwe did not resist long in the poor ending, for he was now all muddled.

I returned to the hotel with my second, Grandmaster Vyacheslav Ragozin, happy and jubilant. "An important game," Ragozin remarked, I knew he was right.

My victory, however, was over-shadowed that same evening when Keres won his second game in a row and strengthened his lead. The impression created by his two wins was so great that even my second was somewhat worried. The next day we carefully studied Keres' games and finally arrived at the conclusion: "Keres played well but not better than usual."

Big things that laid their stamp on the entire course of the tournament happened right in the first stretch, "Experts" wrote at the time that my showing in the first lap determined nothing, but their summary of this lap was somewhat one-sided. Arithmetically speaking, of course,  $\frac{3}{2}$  points out of 4 did not decide anything at that stage, for each of the contestants had another sixteen games to play. But if you evaluate my games with Reshevsky and Keres from the point of view of the character of the struggle and its moral consequences, the first lap of the Hague was of great significance indeed.

True, I found myself in a difficult situation in my game with Reshevsky. But when the struggle became complicated during time trouble and the course of the battle took an unexpected turn for Reshevsky, his self-assurance vanished in thin air. In eight minutes Reshevsky succeeded in making only two weak moves, lost four pieces, and overstepped his time limit on the 32nd move. In this game Reshevsky he was a clever and resourceful chess player; but it became clear to all (including the participants) that his bad habit of getting into time trouble would prevent him from capturing a high place in the world event. In United States Championships he can get away with his time trouble tactics, and perhaps even gain by it; our encounter, however, showed you cannot get far that way. Reshevsky himself was dispirited by this game.

My game with Keres developed in an exceptionally original manner: A difficult position arose and for a time the forces were equally matched. When, however Black succeeded in opening up a file, his position became preferable. Keres did not hit upon a good plan of action, and moved his pieces without much system, even carelessly. As a result, the game was adjourned on the 40th move, in a losing position for White. This encounter too gave much valuable material for conclusions. The main deduction was that Keres' play, as was revealed already in the Tchigorin Memorial Tournament, bears the stamp of uncertainty.

If many of the experts were unable or reluctant to draw the conclusions suggested by the results of the first lap, Ragozin and myself did so for ourselves. Our confidence in the outcome of the tournament strengthened: The opponents were, of course, very dangerous, but we believed they could be coped with.

I just could not put everything I had into my first encounter with Smyslov; the victory over Euwe had left me in a peaceable mood. The second game with Smyslov, however, despite certain imperfections, might well have been my best creative achievement at The Hague. It was Smyslov's "fault" that it was not.

As a result of the first two laps it began to clear up which of the participants had chosen the correct tactics for the tournament struggle. Prior to the event some match-tournaments (New York, 1927, for example), prophesied that all the participants would play very cautiously and that most of the games would end in draws. This was only partly true: Two or three games (the Keres-Reshevesky encounter in the second lap for example) ended in a draw without any particular struggle was stiff. I can now say "confidentially" that I foresaw this before the tournament and hence decided to play boldly, without trying to avoid complications. This involved some risk, but if everything went well I could in this way get a head start on my rivals. And it worked out like that. When The Hague stretch came to an end, the other participants lagged  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 points behind me.

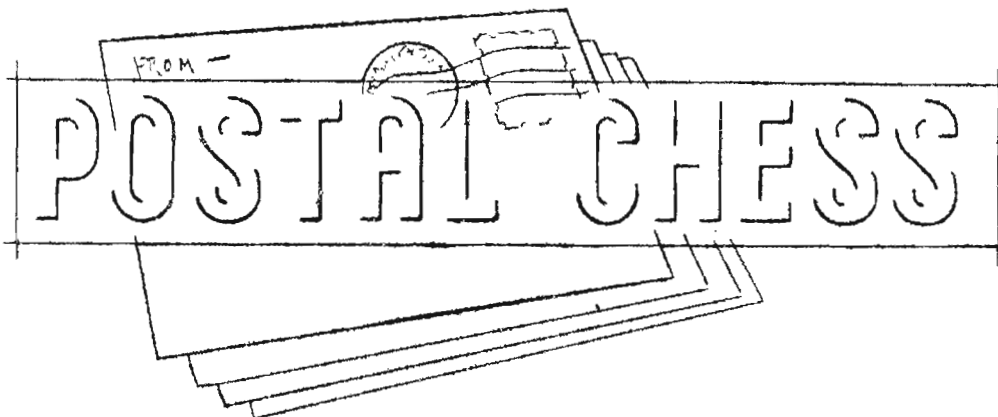
What were the tactics to be in Moscow? What prize-winning place should one strive for? What can one hope for? These were the questions each participant asked himself and his second. There was plenty of time for thinking it over. As a noisy and dusty train carried us homeward from Holland, all our thoughts, plans and hopes were bound up with Moscow and the oncoming battles.

The Hall of Columns in Moscow's House of Unions is a far cry indeed from the hall in which The Hague half of the contest was held. Soviet masters have always played with particular uplift in this hall which occupies a place of honor in the annals of chess. The younger set of Soviet chess masters held here its first trial of strength in international play in 1933 when Salo Flohr, the world-renowned grandmaster, met the author of this article in a match. The same hall witnessed the Third International Moscow Tournament several years later; in 1941, the contest for the title of Absolute Chess Champion of the USSR; in 1946, the defeat of the United States team at the hands of the Soviet players. And finally, in 1948, the fate of the world title was decided in the Hall of Columns.

Looking at it formally, the third lap changed but little the tournament standing of the players; only Smyslov fell behind in the struggle for first place: he gathered in this stretch only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points despite his noteworthy victory over Reshevsky. However one event in this lap essentially changed the course of the struggle: I lost to Reshevsky!!!

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Postal Chess Ratings - Big A's

Charles Ballantine.....	1629
J. A. Naas.....	1532
Neil F. Power.....	1479
L. M. Greene.....	1433
E. Tweeddale.....	1375
Miss Alice Grey.....	1369
Leslie Coubrough.....	1361

Class A.

Ballantine.....	1629
Bever.....	1229
Bushnell.....	1210
Corretelli.....	1320
Christey.....	1261
Coubrough.....	1361
Dolle.....	1324
Gordon.....	1237
Greene.....	1433
Miss Grey.....	1369
Harneson.....	1192
Hazen.....	1288
Hellums.....	1230
Kaffenberger.....	1236
Magerkurth.....	1294
Naas.....	1532
Plenty.....	1214
Power.....	1479
Sams.....	1252
Tweeddale.....	1246
Yocom, H. E.....	1294

Class B

Allen.....	1007
Amson.....	1132
Arntzen.....	1052
Blakefield.....	1044
Cairncross.....	1152
Cutshall.....	1000
Emerson.....	1046
Hardinge.....	1192
Howard.....	961
Husby.....	1108
Landenberger.....	993
McCarthy.....	1148
McMartin.....	997
Merk, R. R.....	1149
Moore.....	1157
Merk, Fred.....	976
Norman.....	1167
Orne.....	998
Parry.....	1012
Raleigh.....	867
Rich.....	1009

Class B

Roberts.....	875
Running.....	994
Seektamp.....	1088
Taylor.....	1079
Vail.....	1158
Yocom, C.....	1157

Class C

Baker.....	916
Connell.....	772
Hiscox.....	879
Karch.....	746
Marshall.....	720
McCownell.....	850
Mrs. Moss.....	734
Neilson.....	805
Plume.....	732
Sanford.....	920

RESULTS.

49-A-8 -- Corretelli..... 1	Hellums..... 0	49-B-8 -- Dolle..... 1	Merk..... 0
49-A-9 -- Hellums..... 1	Harneson..... 0	Yocom..... 1	Rich..... 0
Ballantine..... 1	Yocom..... 0	Yocom..... 1	Raleigh..... 0
Hellums withdraws.		Yocom..... 1	Cutshall..... 0
50-A-10 -- Greene..... 1	Plenty..... 0	Dolle..... 1	Yocom..... 0
Plenty withdraws.		Cutshall withdraws.	
48-B-7 -- Roberts..... 1	Howard..... 0	49-B-9 -- Vail..... 1	Roberts..... 0
Allen..... 1/2	Baker..... 1/2	Vail..... 1	Baker..... 0
48-C-3 -- Hiscox..... 1	Connell..... 0	Baker..... 1	Roberts..... 0



# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Charles K. Joachim \_\_\_\_\_ Tournament Director

Tournament	Date	System	Entry Fee	Location.
Washington State Championship Qualification Tournament	Jan. 27-28 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Championship tourney	Feb. 10-11 9AM 1951	Round Robin of Qualif. players	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Women's Championship	Feb. 24 1PM 1951	3 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Speed Championship	Feb 25 1PM 1951	Round Robin	\$1.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Junior Championship	Mar. 31 9AM 1951	4 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Student Union Bldg. U. of W.
Puget Sound Open	Apr. 28-29 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Four District's Tournaments	May 12 9AM 1951	Decided by Districts	\$1.50*	Everett, Brem., Olym.-Wenatchee
Master-Expert Tournament	May 26-27 9AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$3.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Northwestern U.S. Cities Championship Tournament	June 18 9AM 1951	6 man team Elimination System		Assembly Hotel Seattle

\*Section IX Paragraph 3 of WCF By-Laws allows a 50¢ reduction to all W.C.F. members.

## SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

Problem No. 1. -- 1. RxN. BxR, 2. Q-B4ch. K-N2, 3. QxBch. KxQ, 4. N-K5ch. K-B4, 5. N-Q3ch. K-Q5, K-Q 2 etc.

Problem No. 2. -- 1. Q-N7. K-Q4, 2. R-R5ch K-K3, 3. R-Q5 or Q-K7 mate. (or) 1. Q-N7. K-N2, 2. N-B5 ch. K moves, 3. QxP mate. (or) 1. Q-N7. BxN, 2. BxBch. K-B4, 3. Q-N1 mate. (or) 1. Q-N7. N-B6 or B4, 2. QxPch. K-Q4, 3. Q-B5 mate.

Problem No. 3. -- 1. R-Q5. P-B8(Q), 2. QxP ch. R or KxQ, 3. Rook mates. (or) 1. R-Q5 RxR, 2. QxR. P-B8(Q). 3. Q-Q8 mate. (or) 1. R-Q5. P-B3 or 4, 2. RxR etc.

Problem No. 4. -- 1. Q-R6. Q xR, 2. NxNP mate. (or) 1. Q-R6. P-B7ch. 2. N-K3 mate.

## OUT OF STATE TOURNEYS

First CCLA U.S. Junior Correspondence Championship. October 15, 1950

Open to all players whose age does not exceed 21 years on the date the tournament starts; Round one qualifies top winners for round two which qualifies it's section winners into finals; One entry fee of \$1.00 per section ( 7 to 9 player sections ); Prizes to winners in each round. For details of entry write to:

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# PROBLEM COLUMN

PROBLEM NUMBER ONE  
by Kasparnik



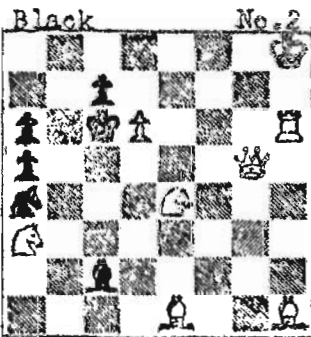
White to move & win

If this mating combination was played out in an over the board game you will have to admit it ~~must~~ have taken more time than our Washington Chess Rules allow. This is truly an example of master chess.

White has five Pawns on QB2, QN3, QR4, KN3, and KR2, a Rook on QB3, a Knight on KB3, a Queen on KR4 and a King on Q1, and a Bishop on KN2.

Black has six Pawns on QR4, QN3, QB2, Q3, KN3, and KR2, a Rook on KR1, a Bishop on Q4, a Knight on QB3 a Queen on Q1 and a King on QR3.

PROBLEM NUMBER TWO  
by Scheel



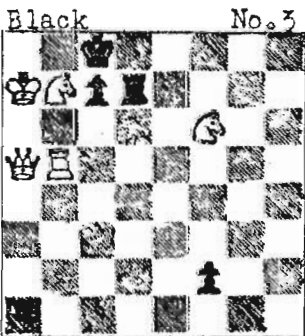
White mates in 3

Although Black is buried under an avalanche of enemy pieces it takes quite a bit of ingenuity for White to mate in three.

White has a Pawn on Q6, one Bishop on K1 and one on KR1, one Knight on QR3, and one on K4, a Rook on KR6 a Queen on KN5 and King on KR8.

Black has three Pawns on QR3, QR4, and QB2, a Knight on QR5, a Bishop on QB7 and a King on QB3.

PROBLEM NUMBER THREE  
by Otto Wurtzburg



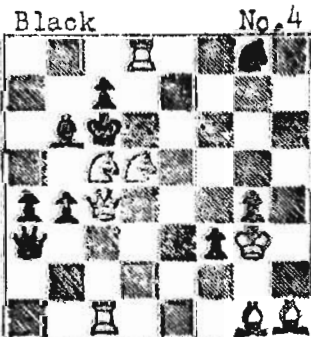
White mates in 3

Here is a case where immediate winning of material is not the fastest "Coup-de-Grace". An example of finesse at it's finest.

White has two Knights one on QN7 and one on KB6, a Rook on QN5, a Queen on QR5 and a King on KR7.

Black has two Pawns one on QB2 and the other on KB7, one Rook on Q2 and a King on Q1.

PROBLEM NUMBER FOUR  
by Mansfield



White mates in 2

A clever bit of combinative play.

White has two Knights one on QB3 and one on Q5, two Bishops on KN1 and KR1 respectively, two Rooks on Q8, and Q1, a Queen on QB4 and the King on KN3.

Black has five Pawns on KN5, KB6, QB2, QN5, QR5 a Bishop on QN3, a Knight on KN1, a Queen on QR6 and a King on QB5.

# EN PASSANT

by Dick Allen

Congratulations: Dr. Charles K. Joachim, for winning the Seattle City Championship Tournament in a very strong field. Your record is impressive.

Charles Joachim is so modest that few, except his closest friends, know that he holds two doctorate degrees. Besides his ability to play excellent chess-- Dr. Joachim is a capable and enthusiastic organizer for chess in Washington. As Tournament Director of the WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION, he has carried out its policy and directives beyond the expectations of the board of directors. A perfect gentleman at all times, he has constantly stood for the right and unselfishly devoted himself to the cause of chess and those who inhabit the world of chess.

A lot has been said here and there about the ways to rate chess players. It is very important that players be placed on teams in the order of their strength. At the very first meeting of the WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION, it was decided that there would be no juggling. The possibility of a team captain sacrificing his weakest player on board #1 in order to increase the chances of winning the remaining 4 boards was discussed and condemned as unethical.

There were some grumblings about the placing of players in the International Match this year. Also, there were some complaints about traveling all the way to Mt. Vernon and not getting to play at all for want of an opponent. Both of these circumstances can be virtually eliminated next time.

Last year, and the year before, Dr. Joachim was chairman of the seating committee, and he had a card on each player in the Puget Sound League showing performance in all events--whom he bested and where he placed in various tournaments. I was also on the committee, and I happened to have a list of all players in the league rated according to the number of games won and also according to the board played. I gave a first board win-5 points, 2nd board win-4 points, 3rd board-3, 4th-2, and for 5th board win-1 point. It worked in well with Joachim's cards, and there were no complaints about seating.

As for the second problem, the WCF would simply require those who desired to play to register in advance--paying the fee by a certain deadline or taking their chances on getting on the list at the door. Playing position would be established by the team captain after the deadline, and he could guarantee the opposing captain a definite number with an estimate of late comers. Late comers would have no grounds for complaint either as to position or failure to enter at all for that matter.

The WCF Constitution states that the objective of the organization is the "propagation of chess". Does this mean the development of players of outstanding ability, i.e., quality? Or does it mean increasing the number of people who play chess--- quantity? We might as well face it. The exponents of the former want a time rate of play of 20 moves per hour or even 40 moves in two hours; and the exponents of the latter thesis favor a time rate of 40 moves / hour.

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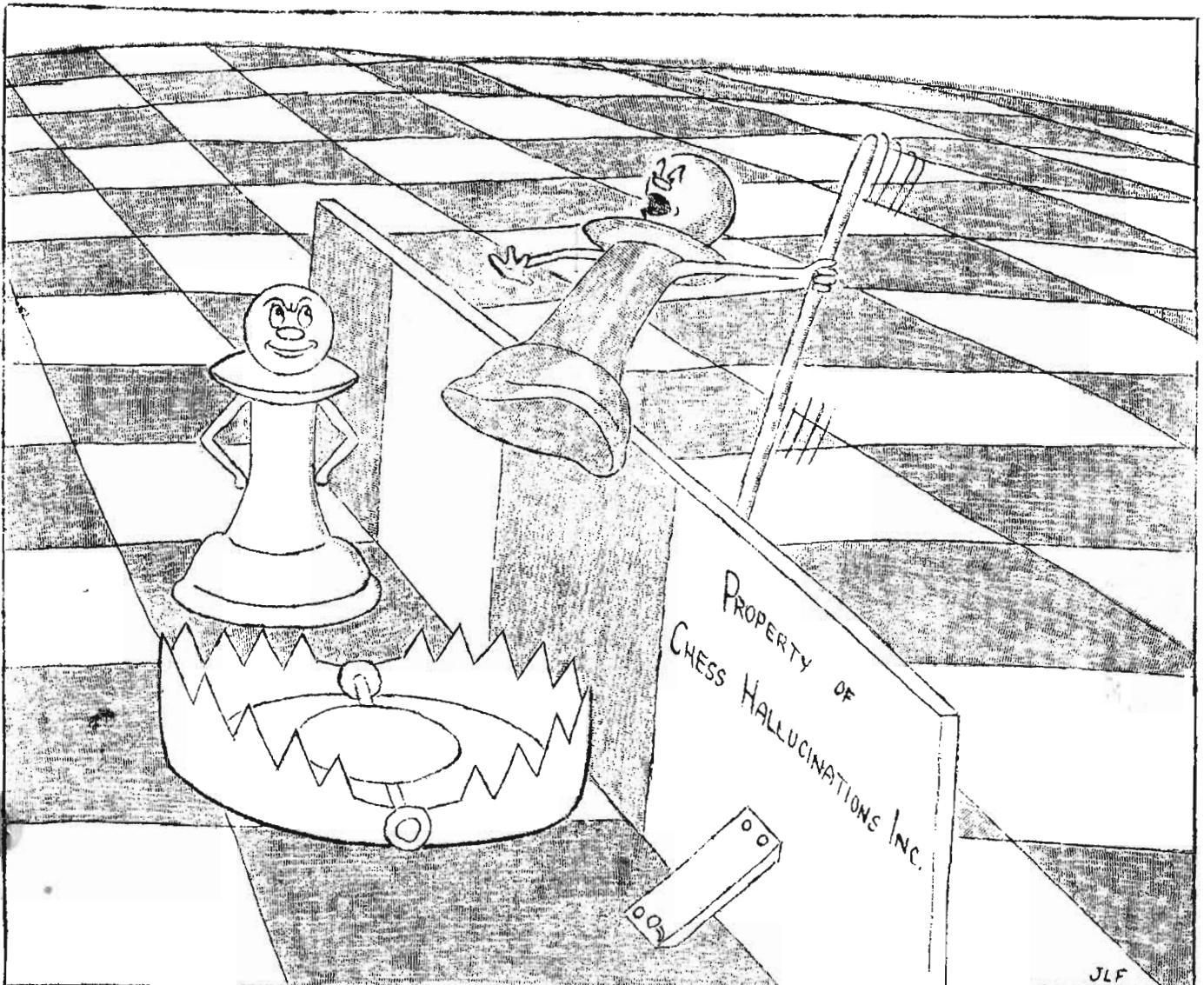
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