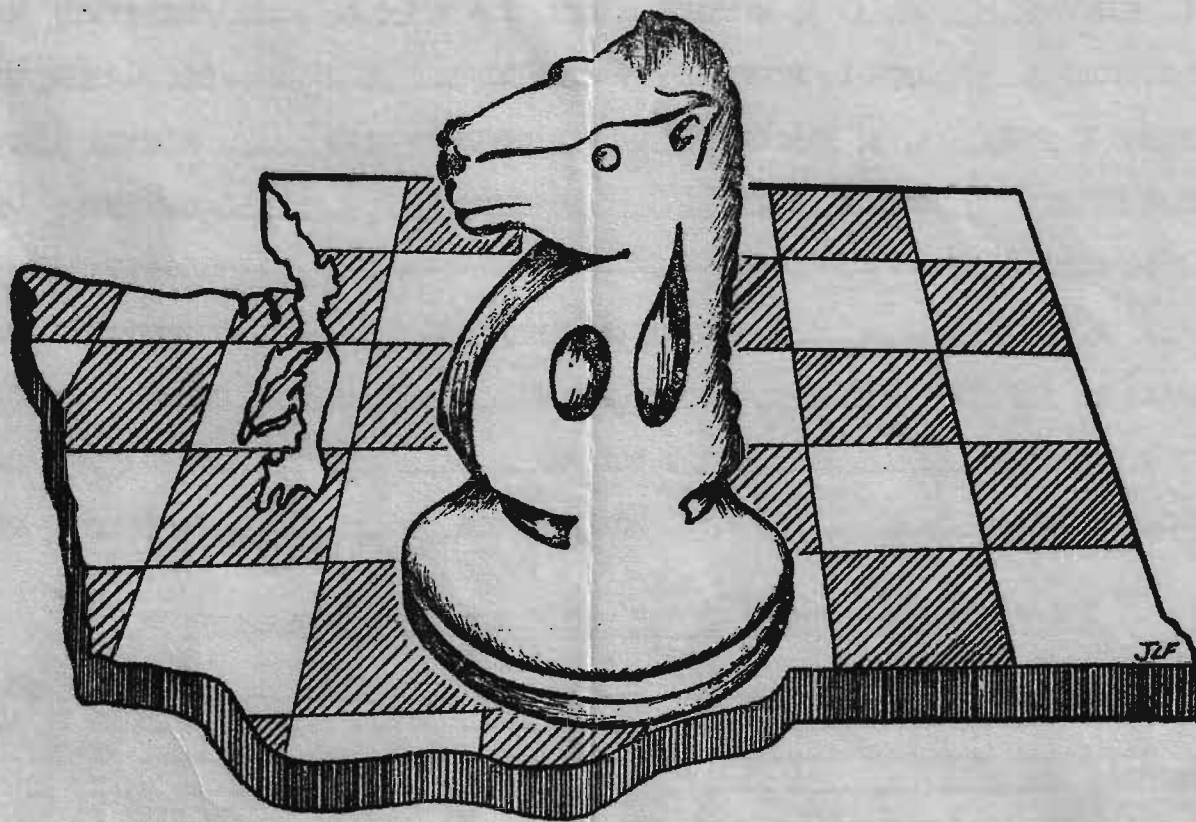


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# EDITORIAL

MOST IMPORTANT IS TO WIN, IF YOU WIN BY THE RULES.

Jack L. Finnigan's cover idea used on the October issue of the WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER has brought in a flood of complements. This cover is undoubtedly the nicest we have yet had and we may develop it into a permanent arrangement as a distinguishing characteristic of the WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER. Jack is certainly doing a wonderful job in the Art Department and everyone really appreciates it.

A special meeting of the WCF Board of Directors was held November 12, 1950 at which time Jack Finnigan's resignation as Washington Chess Federation Secretary was regretfully accepted. Peter Husby was then elected WCF Secretary to fill this vacancy. George Rehberg was elected as Publicity Director and Robert C. Stork as Washington Chess Letter Director. Two committees were appointed, one with the authorization to purchase a new Mimeograph Machine which the Chess Letter needs very much. This committee was allotted \$100.00 to apply on this machine and this nearly drains the WCF treasury so any subscriptions that can be obtained will be appreciated. The other committee was appointed to redefine the boundaries of the District Tournaments. Here are the results:

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ To be held in Everett in 1951.  
(to include Whatcomb, Skagit, Snohomish, Island and San Juan Counties)

SEATTLE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ To be held at Seattle Chess Club in 1951.  
(to include all of King County)

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ To be held in Tacoma in 1951.  
(to include the entire Olympic Peninsula and all Counties South of King and West of the Cascade Divide)

CENTRAL WASHINGTON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ To be held at Yakima in 1951.  
(to include Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Grant, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton and Franklin Counties)

EASTERN WASHINGTON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ No location specified.  
(to include all Counties East of the Central Washington District)

The WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT will be conducted as a 10 player Round Robin to be held at the Seattle Chess Club and over two successive week-ends. Mr. Charles Joachim, WCF Tournament Director, has just submitted the following information regarding the State Tournament.

DATE AND TIME: Two successive week-ends. February 10 & 11th and 17 & 18th. 9:00AM:

PLACE: SEATTLE CHESS CLUB, Assembly Hotel, corner of 9th and Madison.

PRIZE: Title of WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPION 1951, Experts rating and Trophy.

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 (50¢ less for Washington Chess Federation Members).

QUALIFICATION: Washington Experts plus five or more top finalists of Washington State Qualification Tournament. State residence required.

TIME LIMIT: 45 moves in two hours. Games to be adjourned with a sealed move after four hours (total time) playing time. Adjourned games to be played at the rate of 23 moves per hour on the fourth day of the tournament.

ROUNDS SCHEDULE: Feb. 10th, 11th, and 17th.

Round One; 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH

Round Two; 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

DINNER

Round Three; 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Feb 18 (fourth day of tournament) Adjourned games to be completed and Trophy to be presented to 1951 Washington State Champion.

WITH ABOVE EXCEPTIONS THE F.I.D.E. RULES WILL GOVERN THE TOURNAMENT.

# PUGET SOUND LEAGUE RESULTS

## UNIV. OF WN. & Y.M.C.A. FIRST!

<u>SEATTLE</u> 6	<u>TACOMA</u> 4	<u>UNIV. of WASH.</u> 5½	<u>OLYMPIA</u> 4½
G. Patterson 2	Vernon Holmes 0	Gerry Schain 1	Robert Stork 1
Glenn Muller 1	C. Hewitt 1	Ken Mulford 1	Dr. Murray 1
Carl Enz ½	R. Collins 1½	C. Ballantine 1½	J. Cerretelli ½
Dr. Shephard 1	L. Coubrough 1	J. Amidon 2	C. Harneson 0
T. Davidsen 1½	V. Hiltman ½	Rod Dimoff 0	H. E. Yocom 2
<u>KITSAP</u> 8	<u>WEST SEATTLE</u> 2	<u>SOUTH TACOMA</u> 7½	<u>KITSAP</u> 2½
G. Rehberg 2	Anders 0	C. Crain 2	G. Rehberg 0
J. Nourse 2	M. Mage 0	Ferris 1	J. Nourse 1
Magerkurth 2	Horman 0	Pennert 1	R. Allen 1
J. Finningan 2	H. Peterson 0	Traynor 1½	Magerkurth ½
Patterson 0	Vukonich 2	Belden 2	J. Finnigan 0
<u>Y.M.C.A.</u> 7	<u>EVERETT-WHIDBEY</u> 3	<u>Y.M.C.A.</u> 8	<u>SOUTH TACOMA</u> 2
C. Joachim 2	L. Taro 0	C. Joachim 2	C. Crain 0
Dan Wade 2	Sid Nourse 0	Max Bader 1	Ferris 1
Ted Warner ½	D. Twaddale 1½	Dan Wade 2	Dollo 0
F. Hobert 2	P. Husby 0	F. Hobert 2	Traynor 0
M. Bader Jr. ½	Steve Miller 1½	M. Bader Jr. 1	Lee 1
<u>UNIV. of WASH.</u> 8½	<u>WEST SEATTLE</u> 1½	<u>OLYMPIA</u> 10	<u>EVERETT</u> 0
Gerry Schain 1½	Anders ½	Robert Stork 2	Sid Nourse 0
L. Allyn 2	M. Mage 0	Dr. Murray 2	Dean Twaddale 0
C. Ballantine 2	Sullivan 0	J. Cerretelli 2	Steve Miller 0
Ken Mulford 1	K. Seekamp 1	H. E. Yocom 2	Peter Husby 0
J. Amidon 2	F. Scheider 0	C. Harneson 2	Ed Tweeddale 0

### CLUB STANDINGS IN THE PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

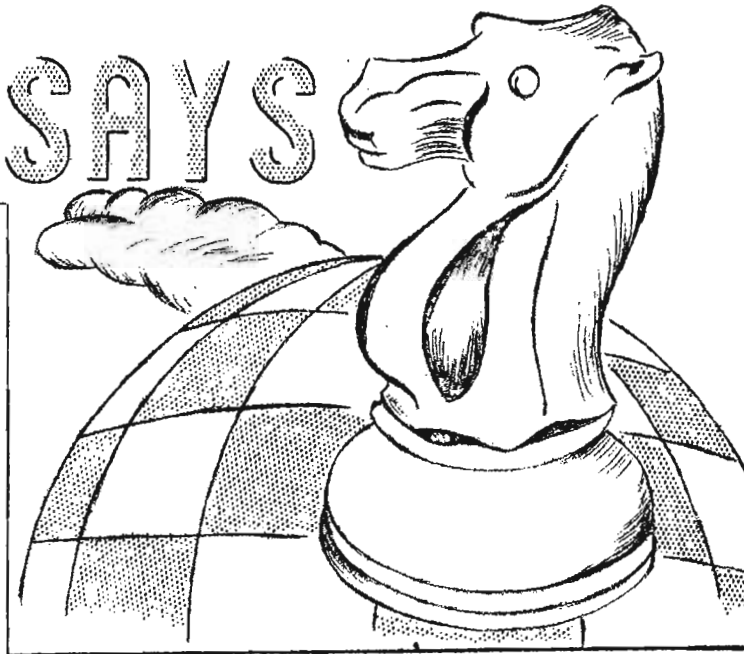
<u>UNIV. of WASH. CHESS CLUB</u>	3
<u>Y.M.C.A. CHESS CLUB</u>	3
<u>SEATTLE CHESS CLUB</u>	2½
<u>TACOMA CHESS CLUB</u>	2
<u>KITSAP CHESS CLUB</u>	1½
<u>OLYMPIA CHESS CLUB</u>	1
<u>SOUTH TACOMA CHESS CLUB</u>	1
<u>EVERETT CHESS CLUB</u>	0
<u>WEST SEATTLE CHESS CLUB</u>	0

Players point standing this year will be rated on their team position in the following manner. Board One five points, Board Two four points, Board Three three points, Board Four two points and Board Five one point.

A complete list of players Puget Sound League ratings will be published in next month's Chess Letter.

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# REHBERG SAYS



The local Chess Title is going to see another change of hands this year. Unless my opponents get brain fever.

Anyway I had one good game with a distinguished opponent who shall be nameless. We'll call him White because he had the first move.

White started his clock and moved 1.P-K4, Black (thats me) replied with 1...P-K4 because that's the only reply that I know. The opening continued with 2.N-QB3, N-KB3; 3.B-B4, NxP; and my opponent smirked and remarked that the move wasn't sound. I apologised for my lack of opening knowledge, but I had just looked in 'THE HANDBOOK FOR CHESS DUMBKOFFS' by Dr. S. Tarrashberg prior to moving 3...NxP and he claimed it was OK so if it suited him it tickled me to death.

White continued with 4.Q-R5 and now of course the brilliant defensive manouver 4...N-Q3 was employed. There followed 5.B-N3, N-QB3 now you readers, I know a great many of you are familiar with this variation of the Vienna Game but this is the only sure way I know of getting this game published (Ex Games Editor please note)

6. N-N5, P-KN3; 7.Q-B3, P-KB4; 8.Q-Q5, Q-B3; 9.NxP, ch., K-Q1; 10.NxR, P-N3; 11. NxP, PxN and my opponent is getting just a little uneasy I think. 12.Q-B3, B-QN2; 13.Q-Q1, N-K5; 14.N-B3, B-B4; 15.O-O, N-Q5; 16.NxN, BxN; 17.P-QB3, B-B4; 18.B-B2, N-N4; 19.P-QN4 and now my thick head sees a move that should sew it up So Black moves 19...!???? and White resigns.

Thats all for this week kiddies your old friend Crippled Knight Rehberg will be back in his Castle in the next issue with the exciting answer.

## RESULTS OF SEATTLE CITY CHESS LEAGUE

### FIRST ROUND

MADISON _____ 3	CAISSA _____ 1	LADIES _____ 3	MADRONA _____ 2
Jorgen Bader _____ 2	Wesley Decker _____ 0	Alice Peirsol _____ 0	Bill Hayes _____ 2
Henry Schain _____ 1	N. Bushnell _____ 0	Betty Toskey _____ 1	Carl Robertson _____ 0
Ben Beasley _____ 0	David Gasler _____ 1	Dr. Graudenz _____ 2	Dr. J. Groves _____ 0

### SECOND ROUND

LADIES _____ 1	CAISSA _____ 2	MADISON _____ 2½	MADRONA _____ ½
Alice Peirsol _____ 0	Wesley Decker _____ 1	Henry Schain _____ 1	Dr. Groves _____ 0
Betty Toskey _____ 0	N. Bushnell _____ 1	Ben Beasley _____ 1	C. Robertson _____ 0
Dr. Graudenz _____ 1	David Gasler _____ 0	Ben MacAdoo _____ ½	Bill Hayes _____ ½

### THIRD ROUND

LADIES _____ 1½	MADISON _____ 1½	CAISSA _____ 2	MADRONA _____ 1
Alice Peirsol _____ ½	Ben Beasley _____ ½	Dr. Amid Saud _____ 1	C. Robertson _____ 0
Betty Toskey _____ 0	Ben MacAdoo _____ 1	N, Bushnell _____ 0	Bill Hayes _____ 1
Dr. Graudenz _____ 1	David Gasler _____ 0	David Gasler _____ 1	Dr. J. Groves _____ 0

FINAL STANDINGS: MADISON 2½: CAISSA 2: LADIES 1½: MADRONA 0:

# GAMES DEPARTMENT

DR. A. MURRAY

GAMES EDITOR

TEAM MATCH, TACOMA vs OLYMPIA  
November, 1950

## EVANS GAMBIT

V. Holmes White R. Stork Black

- |          |       |
|----------|-------|
| 1. p-k4  | p-k4  |
| 2. n-kb3 | n-qb3 |
| 3. b-b4  | b-b4  |
| 4. p-qn4 | bxp   |
| 5. p-qb3 | b-r4  |
| 6. p-q4  | p-q3  |
| 7. q-a3  | q-c2  |
- all look to here.
- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 8. b-qn5? | pxp  |
| 9. nxp    | kn-k3  |
| 10 q-r4   | o-n3   |
| 11 O-O    | p-qr3  |
| 12 b-l3   | r-n  |
| 13 nxn    | nxn  |
| 14 b-k2.  | unpleasant, but what else? The Bishop must leave and Black doubles White's King pawns - a worthwhile procedure despite the opening of the KB file. |
| 14 . . .  | bxp  |
| 15 pxb    | p-qn4  |
| 16 q-b2   | n-k4   |
| 17 n-q2   | p-qb4 ?  |
| 18 n-kb3  | O-O  |
| 19. qr-q  | nxn ch   |

Anti-positional--Black trades his best-posted piece. He should play ...q-k2, and try to encourage White to trade the Knights, so his QP can recapture - eliminating a weakness.

20 pxn...clever, and not too dangerous; to bolster the NF and permit attack on the N file. White stated he felt he had a very bad game and had to play somewhat haz- ardously to have any chances for survival.

20 . . . p-b5

21 r-q4 q-k2  
22 k-r.to avoid loss of a pawn by ...q-n4 ch, 23 k-b2, ...q-r5 ch, 24 k-n1 or n2, q-n4 ch, resulting in loss of a pawn or a perpetual. Of course, it also makes the file available for use by the rook.

22 . . . q-k2  
23 r-ka p-kb4  
24 q-n  
Threatening r(4)xbp.  
24 . . . b-k3  
q-n2 looks better-it permits p-qr4 in answer to 25. q-n4, and also brings some pressure to bear on the long diagonal.

25 q-n4 pxb  
26 rxkp q-kb2  
27 r-q4 q-b2  
28 r(n)-q r-q

Black must counter-attack; the blind defense of the pawn is the only reason for losing the game.

- |            |         |
|------------|---------|
| 29 p-k4    | r-b3    |
| 30 p-k5    | p-q4    |
| 31 p-b4    | q-b2    |
| 32 b-b3    | q-n3    |
| 33 q-k7    | r-q2    |
| 34 r-r3    | q-b2    |
| 35 q-n2    | r-n3    |
| 36 q-n2    | r-n     |
| 37 bxp     | bxp     |
| 38 rxb     | rxr     |
| 39 qxr     | qxc     |
| 40 rxq     | r-n3    |
| 41 p-b5    | k-b2    |
| 42 r-q7 ch | k-b     |
| 43 p-qr3   | p-kn3   |
| 44 p-b6    | p-kr4   |
| 45 r-q6    | resigns |

1:29 1:29;30

Black was in severe time difficulty for the greater part of the game--he had only 30 seconds left at move 45--time to resign.

TACOMA CHESS CLUB

Skittles Game

<u>F. F. Plouf</u>	<u>L. Coubrough</u>
White	Black
1. p-k4	p-k4
2. b-b4	n-kb3
3. q-b3	n-b3
4. n-k2	b-b4
5. p-qr3	p-q4
6. pxp	p-k5
7. q-kn3	n-kn5
8. 0-0	b-q3
9. q-qn3	bxp ch
10 k-r	q-r5
11 p-n3	bxp dis ch
12 resigns	

Following is a forceful example of a refutation, by very simple means, of a premature attack. (Notes by Lt Mercy)

<u>Lt Mercy</u>	<u>Mr Traynor</u>
White	Black
1. p-k4	p-k4
2. n-kb3	n-qb3
3. n-b3	b-b4

Mr Traynor had just received a shellacking in a previous game after 3 . . . b-n5.

4. npx

With juicy visions of 4...nxb, 5. p-q4, bxp; 6. qxb, q-b3! (in turn licking his chops over the prospects of 7. n-q5??, n-b6 ch, winning the queen); 7. n-n5, k-q; 8. q-b5, resigns.

4. . . . bxp ch  
5. kxb nxn  
6. p-q4 q-r5 ch ??

There were probably worse moves on the board than the text move, but much more difficult to find.

7. p-kn3

I take no special bows for this move; any Master of my calibre (name just one!) could have figured it out--in time.

7. . . . n-n5 ch !!

I put the exclamation points in just for the heck of it; he is going to get little enough out of this game anyway.

8. k-n2 q-r4  
Or else!  
9. B-k2

Prevents 9...qn-b3, freeing his game considerably. Of course 9. n-q5 looks very interesting but there is an old saying: "If a win is in sight, sit on your hands!"

9. . . . p-q3

10 p-kr3

"Merciless Mercy", I was known as in them days.

10 . . . kn-b3

11 pxn q-n3

12 p-n5

Setting another booby trap, and sure enough!?

12 . . . nxp

13 b-q3 b-b4

14 n-q5

Prevents castling in the immediate future; p-kn4 can wait. Anyway, the text move is nastier, because, as it does prevent castling, naturally.

14 . . . 0-0-0 ????

15 TOP SECRET ~~0-0-0~~ (a)

(a) Resigns--undoubtedly and indubitably best.

"Botvinnik, move over" - - -  
- - Et Mercy

Editor's Note: This man Mercy(?) plays (and annotates) with the spirit of an orang-outang--or an executioner.

SLAV DEFENSE

<u>I. M. Greene (Portland)</u>	<u>L. Coubrough</u>
White	Black
1. p-q4	p-q4
2. p-qb4	p-qb3
3. n-kb3	n-b3
4. n-b3	pxp
5. p-qr4	b-b4
6. n-k5	p-k3
7. p-b3	b-qn5
8. nxp/b4	0-0
9. b-n5	p-b4
10 pxp	qxq ch
11 kxq	r-q ch
12 k-b	bxp
13 p-k4	b-kn3
14 p-k5	n-b3
15 pxn	n-q5
16 n-q2	pxp
17 bxp	n-n6 ch
18 resigns	

# THE OPENING LABYRINTH

By CHARLES K. JOACHIM

## THE RETI OPENING

According to good old classical principles the opening should be directed toward the control of the center as these most important squares give the player who holds them control of the chessboard.

Reti claimed that the most direct way is not always the best and it might prove more profitable to White players to protect their own game very well and undermine the strong center built up by Black.

- |          |      |
|----------|------|
| 1. N-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | PxP  |

White has several ways to regain the Pawn; Either by 3. N-QR3, P-K3 or Q-R4ch. The Knight move has the advantage of preventing P-QN4, the Queen has the disadvantage in that it prematurely exposes a major piece to attack without adequate compensation.

Black has several possibilities to defend his Pawn but it is advisable to return the pawn and try to develop by playing P-QB4.

An interesting game can be initiated if Black instead of taking the Pawn on B5 plays;

- |         |       |
|---------|-------|
| 2. ...  | P-Q5  |
| 3. P-K3 | P-QB4 |

now if Black captures the Pawn, Reti's idea of destroying the center of the opponent proves completely successful by 4. P-KB4xP.

4. P-QN4 planning destruction of the guard Pawn on B5.

4. ... PxNP and White has control of the center.

Reti's opening can be easily transposed into a Queen's Pawn Opening with good effect for Black. The most practical way to do this is;

- |          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| 1. N-KB3 | P-Q4          |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-QB3 or P-K3 |

and it will eventually transpose into the Slav or Classical Defense. However too much passive play on Black's part can lead to a crushing bind. An excellent example of this is the Reti-Bugoljuboff game played in New York in 1924.

- |           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 1. N-KB3  | P-Q4                 |
| 2. P-QB4  | P-QB3                |
| 3. P-QN3  | N-B3                 |
| 4. D-N2   | P-K3                 |
| 5. P-N3   | QN-Q2                |
| 6. B-N2   | B-Q3                 |
| 7. O-O    | O-O                  |
| 8. P-Q4   | R-K1?                |
| 9. QN-Q2  | N-K5                 |
| 10. N-N1! | P-N                  |
| 11. N-K5  | P-KB4                |
| 12. P-B3  | PxP                  |
| 13. BxP   | Q-B2                 |
| 14. NxN   | BxN                  |
| 15. P-K4! | now White with over- |

whelming center and the control of the diagonals with the Bishops has much the better game and should easily smash Black.

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# CLUBHOUSE NEWS

## FORKS, WN.

A new Chess Club has been formed at Forks, Washington within the last year according to information from R. M. Young from Forks. They now have a list of twenty players and they have been holding their meetings at the Olympic Dining Room each week. Following are some of the players participating; Mr. R. M. Young, Leonard Hegnes, Jas. Coyle, Harding Glascock, Chas. Weaver and Mr. Ryan. Why doesn't the Forks Chess Club arrange a match with the Aberdeen Chess Club? If either team wants addresses just write to the Chess Letter Editor.

## KITSAP

In the Kitsap County Chess Championship Tourney Jack Nourse is tied for first with Jack Finnigan with each of them having only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  losses each. Rehberg says he is almost certain to lose the title as he is sitting in a back seat with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  losses.

## TACOMA

Tacoma is first again! On November 10 the preliminary rounds of a Blindfold tournament was held. Robert Collins beat Vernon Holmes and Schuyler Ferris, who incidentally was formerly the Wyoming State Champion, Won a victory over Victor Hultman. On November 17 part of the final round was played with Ferris winning from Collins. Present Chess Ladder standings are as follows; Vernon Holmes 836, Charles Hewitt 719, Robert Collins 680, Leslie Coubrough 653, Victor Hultman 638, Clarence Martin 615, Schuyler Ferris 612, Mill 601, Thomas Dolle 599, Lee 597, Carl Engstrom 586, Owen Traynor 585, Mercy 565, Lin Fenton 548, Charles Beldon 548, and Felix Phouh 474. In the last issue of the Chess Letter we made a mistake in reporting the Tacoma Chess Club elections. Those elected are as follows;

President \_\_\_\_\_ Vernon Holmes  
 Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ R. Avann  
 Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Leslie Coubrough  
 Publicity Director \_\_\_\_\_ Schuyler Ferris  
 W.C.F. Director \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Collins  
 Club Tournament Director \_\_\_\_\_ Victor Hultman

## OLYMPIA

In the Olympia Chess Club Dick Murray and G.R. Harmeson have been foraging right through the toughest competition. Dick Murray took a point and a half from R. Stork and Harmeson took two points from Cerretelli! The 10 game match between Stork and Murray is still even with each player having a score of 3 points.

## UNIV. OF WASH.

Ken Mulford is way ahead in the Fall University of Washington Championship Tournament! So far he has taken all of the top board players to the cleaners good and proper. His wins include victories from Schain, Ballantine, L. Allyn, D. Allyn, George Stearns, Al Friedle, Forbes, W. Gnagy, N. Newblom, E. Fillerup F. Blatt and a draw with Rod Dimoff. A complete score to date is as follows;

	S-B	W	L	D
Mulford _____	$24\frac{1}{2}$	11	0	1
Ballantine _____	9	3	2	0
Schain _____	$8\frac{1}{2}$	5	2	0
Dimoff _____	$7\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	2
L. Allyn _____	5	1	2	1
G. Stearns _____	$2\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0
Blatt _____	2	2	1	0
Newblom _____	1	1	1	0

## PORTLAND

The army seems to be eating into the Portland Chess Club at a very consistent rate. Now George Redington has been called and is taking his basic at Fort Lewis. The Portland Chess Club started the Annual Club Championship and Don Turner is ahead with a score of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  which is a very good start. J.C. Burnham trails with 2 to 0, followed by

Glenn Bills with 1½ to ½, E. G. Short 2 to 1, George Faust 1 to 1, Evans Dahlberg 0 to 1, Fred Aiken 0 to 2, and Gordon Anderson, a new member of the club and who incidentally took fifth in this year's North Dakota State Championship, with a score 0 to 3 in the Portland Club Championship.

Already some upsets have occurred with Burnham beating Short, one of the pre-tourney favorites, and Turner drew with Bills the other favorite for a high place.

The Portland Chess Club is planning a six board radio match with the Santa Monica, California Chess Club. This club has twice won the Los Angeles County team championship and last year defeated the winner of the Bay Area Team League. They also defeated the Ollavarria Chess Club of Argentina two years ago with a score of 3 to 1. Their first board player is the California Champ and their second player was four times Champ of Pennsylvania. Looks like quite a match! !

## NOTES BY DONALD TURNER

### GEORGE REDDINGTON

George Reddington, this month's victim, is a very hard subject to analyze. His style is contradictory and confusing but one main quality stands out. He does not stress positional--chess as did Schmitt. Nor does he specialize in combinational chess as does Suchobeck. The main reason that he has a strong place in Oregon Chess is because of his calculating ability. When he tries he can simply see more than most players.

George is the perpetual disappointment of Oregon chess enthusiasts. Always just behind the leaders, George has never quite managed to jump up and run with the fox instead of the hounds. He has not played in many tournaments, his most successful being above Schmitt in the 1949 Experts Tournament and third behind Schmitt and Dake in the 1948 Oregon Open. At present he is the second player on our perpetual tournament trailing Jim at some twenty points.

George's ability shows perhaps to a little better advantage in the middle game and ending. His openings while adequate are far from Jim's encyclopedic

exactness. What he lacks in precision he makes up in variety; he may use anything from the Lopez to the "Spike"! In the middle game and ending he shows the tenacity which wins his games.

Unfortunately this must serve not only as a sketch of George but as a farewell too. He's in the Army now. As you read this he will probably be at Fort Lewis.

Like several of our younger players George is addicted to puns, jokes, and insults while playing skittles. (When George, Jim, Jack Strong, and I get together I'm afraid the club sounds more like a course in contemporary humor than a chess club!) If the pun is the lowest form of humor then his attempts are the lowest forms of puns. Occasionally he does find a good joke by accident. I remember one time when someone outside on the street dropped something. The crash sounded like a large plate glass window shattering. George, with perfect timing, looked up calmly and said, "That was the sound of Johnny stepping out of thousands of store windows all over America." Oh well who wanted to play chess that day anyway?

## SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

Problem No. 1. — 1. N-K6ch. K-N3, 2. Q-N4ch. K-B2, 3. N-Q8ch. K-K1, 4. Q-Q7ch. KxQ, 5. N-B6 mate.

Problem No. 2. — 1. N-K2, \*xN, 2. B-K5 ch. K-N8, 3. R-N6ch. K-B8, 4. B-B4ch. K-Q8, 5. R-Q6ch. K-K8, 6. B-N3ch. K-B8, 7. B-B6ch. K-N8, 8. B-B2ch. K-B8, 9. B-B5ch K-K8, 10. B-N4ch. K-Q8, 11. R-Q6ch. K-B8 12. B-R3ch. K-N8, 13. R-N6ch. K-R8, 14. B-R7 etc. . . . if 1. . . . P-B8(Q) 2. B-B5ch. Q-N2, 3. R-B1 mate.

Problem No. 3. — 1. P-R8(Q). P-K8(Q), 2 N-B4ch. K-R3, 3. Q-R8ch. K-N4, 4. Q-N7ch K-R5, 5. Q-R6ch. K-N6, 6. Q-R3ch. K-B7, 7. Q-N2ch. K-K1, 8. Q-B1ch. K-Q7, 9. Q-Q3 and mate. . . . or if 1. . . . R-B5ch 2. K-B5, R-B4ch, 3. K-B6ch. P-K8(Q) 4. Q-R8ch. K-N5, 5. N-B2 and wins.

Problem No. 4. — 1. B-R1. K-N5, 2. N-B5 KxR, 3. and B mates. . . . or 1. . . . K-R7 2. N-K2. KxB, 3. N-B4. mate

MINUTES OF THE WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD AT SEATTLE Y.M.C.A. NOVEMBER 12, 1950

Meeting called to order by President. J. Nourse at 1:15 P. M.

Peter Husby appointed Secretary Pro Tem. Present were: John Nourse, R. M. Collins, Robert C. Stork, W.H. Raleigh, L.W. Taro, R.P. Allen, Charles Joachim, Ken Mulford, Peter Husby, and Carl Enz.

Moved and seconded that the resignation of Jack Finnigan as Secretary be accepted. Motion Carried.

Carl Enz nominated for Secretary.

Peter Husby nominated for Secretary.

Peter Husby elected Secretary.

Moved and seconded to leave the Puget Sound League schedule to the discretion of the Tournament Director. Carried.

Moved and seconded to offer the British Columbia Chess Federation the privilege of choosing the location of the 1951 International Match. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the President appoint a committee to draw up a resolution to amend the By-Laws to regulate Regional Leagues. Carried.

The President appointed; Joachim, Taro Collins, Raleigh, and R. Allen.

Moved and seconded that By-Laws for Puget Sound Tournament Rules be drawn up. Carried. The President appointed a committee of three to work on same; Joachim, R. Allen, and Raleigh.

Moved and seconded that the following be adopted and the By-Laws be amended to incorporate same. Carried.

"Hereafter the Publication Director will submit an expense account which will cover costs of material for publishing the Washington Chess Letter and what other publishing the WCF shall authorize the WCF Treasurer will pay this amount from the WCF Treasury upon request of the publication Director."

"Hereafter all Washington Chess Federation funds will be forwarded to the WCF Treasurer who will keep all the financial records in regard to the Washington Chess Letter."

Moved and seconded that the following be adopted and the By-Laws be amended to incorporate same. Carried.

"The duties of the Publicity Director shall be changed as follows; The Publicity Director shall no longer act as Editor-in-Chief of the WCL."

"Hereafter the duties of the Publicity Director shall consist of: Obtaining favorable publicity whenever possible; sending reminder notices to all WCF members previous to all WCF sponsored tournaments, to take whatever other action he sees fit as long as it creates favorable publicity for the WCF."

Moved and seconded that the resignation of Robert C. Stork as Publicity Director be accepted. Carried.

George Rehberg was nominated for Publicity Director.

George Rehberg was unanimously elected as Publicity Director.

Moved and seconded that the following be adopted into the By-Laws as Sec. V and amending Par. 2 of Sec. IV. Carried.

"The Washington Chess Letter Director shall be Editor-in-Chief of all WCF publications with power to appoint assistant editors, feature writers, and reporters. He may submit an expense account to be paid upon his request to cover costs of materials purchased for the editing of WCF publications."

Moved and seconded that Robert C. Stork be elected to continue in this capacity. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the following be adopted into the By-Laws. Carried.

"The Northwest U. S. Cities Team Tournament be sponsored annually by the Washington Chess Federation. The Date, Entry Fee, System, and location to be specified by the WCF Tournament Director."

Moved and seconded that the WCF allocate \$100.00 from the WCF Treasury to purchase a new mimeograph machine, if the committee appointed can raise the balance. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to arrange for the purchase of the mimeograph machine. Carried.

The President appointed the following on the committee; Stork, Husby and Raleigh.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Washington Chess Federation Secretary, Peter Husby.

# 'CHESS LIFE' REPORTS

## BROADBENT BRITISH CHAMP

In an unusually strong field, R. J. Broadbent won the British Championship in a 36 player 11 round Swiss system tournament at Buxton with a score of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . While Broadbent did not meet the runner-up, he played the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th ranking players, indicating that the pairings this year were much more closely watched than in last year's event. Broadbent lost in the first round to young J. Penrose and in the 5th round to Dr. J. Katz in an upset; he drew with A. Phillips.

Second place went to E. Klein with an 8-3 score. Drawing with Penrose, Veitch, Golombek and Fazekas, while losing to Barden.

J. Penrose and P. S. Milner-Barry shared third with  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , while C. H. O'D. Alexander and P. N. Wallis shared fifth with 7 to 4. Defending Champion H. Golombek, noticeably out of form, could do no better than a tie for tenth with a 6 to 5 score. Miss E. Saunders and Miss E. Tramer, the outstanding English women players, tied with a score of 3 to 8.

## FLORIDA

Clarence Kalenian, former Chicagoan won the 1950 Florida State Championship at Orlando in a 22 player 7 round Swiss event, winning six games and drawing one for a 22 point S-B score. Second place went to J. Dowling of St. Petersburg on S-B points with 6 to 1. Third and fourth on S-B points with equal 5 to 1 scores, were Fawcett and Knox. Mary Bain, who tied for first with N. May Karff and Dr. Weissenstein in the 1939 U. S. Women's Championship, placed sixth in the Florida event with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and a S-B score of 14 points.

The 1951 Florida State Championship will be played at Miami over the Labor Day week-end at the Hotel Plaza with the Greater Miami Chess Club acting as hosts for the event.

## NEBRASKA

Alfred C. Ludwig of Omaha finally broke the long string of victories of Lee T. Magee in Nebraska Chess by winning the 3rd Annual Swenson Memorial Tournament with 4 to 1 and a S-B of 10.00 while Magee had to be content with second, scoring 4 to 1 but gaining only 8.7 in S-B points. Magee, however, had the satisfaction of defeating Ludwig in

their first round encounter in the 7 player 5 round Swiss event. Magee lost no games but drew with Jack L. Spence and young David Ackerman. Ackerman was third with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , losing to Ludwig and drawing with Magee.

This year's tournament was not as large as in the past, but included four of the leading Omaha players. The awkward situation developed in the final round that Magee had no one to play in the final round that could give him sufficient S-B points to overcome Ludwig's lead, so he was awarded a bye -- demonstrating the fact that the Swiss system is not well adapted to use by small groups of players.

## ALBERTA

Once again Walter Holowach of Edmonton has repeated as Champion of Alberta for the fourth time. Without a loss in a 20 player 8 round Swiss event sponsored by the Edmonton Chess Club. J. Romcan placed second and C. Erickson third.

## MARITIME

D. I. Rozman, a D. P. from Yugoslavia where the International Team Matches were held, won the Maritime Chess Championship at the Brunswick Hotel, Moncton, New Brunswick with 5 points and a S-B of 15.00, while James Davidson of Dieppe, also with 5 points, placed second on 12. S-B points. Third to sixth on S-B point division with equal scores were O. M. McConnell of Halifax, M. Elman of St. John, George Cross of Halifax and W. Ditmars of St. George in the 17 man Swiss event, directed by C. F. G. Vice-President D. A. MacAdam, editor of Cana-

dian Chess Chat. The Brilliancy Prize went to V. Ditmard for his victory over McConnell.

Much thunder was stolen from the Major Tournament by the performance of Jimmy Davidson, age 10, and Barbara Ann Davidson, age 9, who tied for first in the Junior event and proved a stellar attraction by the excellence of their play.

## QUEBEC

Philippe Brunet, frequent contender took the Quebec Provincial Championship at Montreal with  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Second place went to Dr. J. Rauch with 5 to 1, while Lionel Joyner, recent contestant in the U. S. Junior Championship, placed third with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Fourth to eighth with equal 4 to 2 scores on S-B points were J. N. Williams, J. Therian, H. Martin, Montreal City Champion I. Zalyz, and C. Podlone.

The 28 player Swiss event was unusually strong and well attended, and among the other entrants included such well known players as M. Guze, J. Gersho A. L. Poirier and A. Garclick.

## INTERNATIONAL

Kotow 'USSR' won the International Tournament at Venice, Italy with a score of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , while Smyslov 'USSR' was second with 12 to 3. Third place went to Rösslimo 'France' with 10 to 5 score and fourth to Pachman 'Czechoslovakia' with  $9\frac{1}{2}$  to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ . Tied for fifth with  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  each were Hermam Steiner 'USA', Letelier 'Chili' and Wade 'New Zealand'. Other scores were: Donner 'Holland' 8-7, Castillo 'Chili'  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ , Czerniak 'Israel' 7 to 8, Galombek 'England' 6 to 9, Nestler 'Italy'  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $9\frac{1}{2}$ , Paoli 'Italy' 5 to 10, Muller 'Austria'  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $10\frac{1}{2}$ , Primavera and Sabadash 'Italy'  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $11\frac{1}{2}$

## HISTORY OF WASHINGTON CHESS.

by JOHN N. NOURSE

As stated earlier in this history the purpose of this research was to record the achievements of those devotees who have helped build up our organization.

Following the incomparable Clarence Bagley and heading a parade of stalwart leaders are, of course, the Champions-the 3 to 5 Star Generals of the chess wars of the times- A.W. Pipon, Griffith Davies and Earle Jenner.

However, as the growth of a movement is in direct ratio to the number and enthusiasm of its proponents, many other types come into the picture, who while perhaps not of top-flight chess playing caliber, nevertheless contributed vastly toward building the organization.

Such a man was Joseph Ney Babson, who could have earned the title of Champion had he cared for competitive chess, but whose main enjoyment was in a branch of the game which very regrettably is under emphasized, i.e. the invention and solution of end-game studies. In all my memory of the game I know only one other person whose interest lies in this branch of chess;- Mr. E.A. Erickson, now the Problem Editor of the Chess Letter, who has made problem study his main hobby for the past twenty years, and is at this time probably the leading problemist and analyst of the Northwest.

In the library of the Seattle Chess Club may be found Mr. Babson's masterpiece intitled; "The Labyrinth" A Maze of problematical Chess. Built by Joseph Ney Babson. 1913. White self mates in 416 moves.

This problem is written in ink and is in meticulous penmanship, with all variations covered, most variations extending from 200 to 400 moves. Babson had the help of Mr. Curtis in building this monumental creation, and the thought hours consumed must have been staggering. This should be sufficient evidence to the ord

inary wood-pusher that there is an overwhelming fascination in the construction and perfection of end game problems.

Mr. Babson achieved national fame as a problemist, many of his inventions being printed throughout the country. He was also a brilliant player, his style being characterized by a tendency to speculate and produce novel situations.

Mr. Norman Jenner says; "My father witnessed three games he played in 1879 in the Pioneer Building, with a visiting member of the New Orleans Chess Club.

The humble surroundings of the local club, and Babson's unorthodox openings no doubted the visitor to under-estimate his opponent. He became a roady victim to a trap set early in each game losing his Queen and the game three times in succession".

The New York "Clipper" published a humorous account of the three games set to doggerell verse by Babson, but in strictly accurate chess notation.

Mr. Jenner has a clipping from the P-I of a reprint of the "Clipper" article which may be printed here upon request.

# MY STRUGGLE FOR THE WORLD TITLE

— BY MIKHAIL BOTVINNIK

One event in this lap essentially changed the course of the struggle: I lost to Reshevsky. Strange as it may seem, this is just what deprived my rivals Reshevsky and Keres of their discretion. At first Teshevsky had the best chance to overtake the leader, for he had a Pawn plus in an adjourned game with Keres. True, analysis showed that Keres had even chances in this game. Reshevsky, however, appraised the position incorrectly and overconfidently went in for a win, which only complicated the struggle. Keres took advantage of this and brought the game to a victorious conclusion. This defeat and two draws, with Euwe and Smyslov, threw the American back quite a distance from the top.

After his victory over Reshevsky, Keres changed places with the United States Champion. He improved his tournament standing considerably and, moreover, won from Euwe in good style. Had Keres supplemented his will to victory with the necessary caution, he could have given me many unpleasant moments. Yet as soon as Keres saw that he had a chance to capture the championship his nerves failed him. Playing for a win, he lost three games in a row and let Smyslov and Reshevsky get ahead of him.

To all intents and purposes the struggle for first place finished here. The participants were still keyed to a high pitch, but that was a matter of inertia rather than anything else.

A characteristic incident, and perhaps the only one in the entire tournament, happened in my game with Reshevsky in the fourth lap. After a fierce struggle I had the edge on him. I had promised myself not to get into time trouble and I "almost" kept my word. During time difficulty I only wrote down my own moves, in order to save time. Reshevsky, however, finding himself in a difficult situation, attempted as usual to take advantage of his opponent's time difficulty: he made lightning moves, depending not so much on the strength of his own play as on the mistakes of his adversary.

Finally, I made my 40th move, but Reshevsky immediately made his 41st. His scheme was simple; he hoped that I was not sure of the exact number of moves and that I would continue the lightning moves further. There remained two minutes on my clock; having checked up again on the number of moves, I made a "heroic" decision-- to wait for my flag to fall. When the flag fell, I naturally wanted to ascertain whether I had overstepped my time limit and thus forfeited the game. I turned to Grandmaster Vidmar, chief referee at the tournament, and asked: "Did I make the 40 moves?" "Yes", was the reply, "40 moves have been made."

Reshevsky's face, which until then had retained an expression of hope (deep in his heart he naively figured that even after the dropping of the flag I would continue splashing along in time trouble) grow indignant. Losing his head, he protested to me and Vidmar. In vain did I try to explain that I had put the question to Vidmar after the fall of the flag, in which case a player has the right to find out whether he has forfeited the game. The American was so furious that he left the stage; the chief referee let his protests go at that.

I went through the last lap without any particular uplift. The nervous tension dropped and it was very difficult to play. I was in a peaceable mood in almost every encounter. But there was one game that I did want to win -- from Reshevsky. I was certain that Reshevsky himself would try to score a victory and that he depended on the circumstance that it would be "inconvenient" for me to win from him since I had already secured first place.

In order to find out my opponent's intentions I picked the Four Knights Game. In this opening Black can choose on the fifth move the Rubinstein Variation, in which case White can force, if he so desires, a draw. Had Reshevsky picked the Rubinstein Variation thus emphasizing his peaceful intentions, there would have been nothing left for me to do but go in for continuations leading to a draw. On

the contrary, if Reshevsky declined this variation he would reveal his frank, or secret, intention to play for a win, and I would have acquired the moral right to defeat him.

Need it be added that Reshevsky unhesitatingly declined the Rubinstein Variation?

No less discussion was evoked by my last game with Keres. One commits some oversight in almost every tournament. It happened in the Tchigorin Memorial Tournament when I overlooked a piece in my game with Pachman. But my oversight in the game with Keres in the last lap beats all records.

The entire hall saw that Black could declare check with the Queen on King 8, after which the wisest course for Keres, playing White, would have been to agree to a draw by repetition of moves. I cogitated for 20 minutes without noticing this obvious check, got into difficult straits, and soon lost.

The score of ex-champion of the world H. Euwe is, of course, very surprising. His score was too low: 4 out of 20. Objectively speaking, Euwe is a strong chess player, and therefore we will attempt to look into his performance.

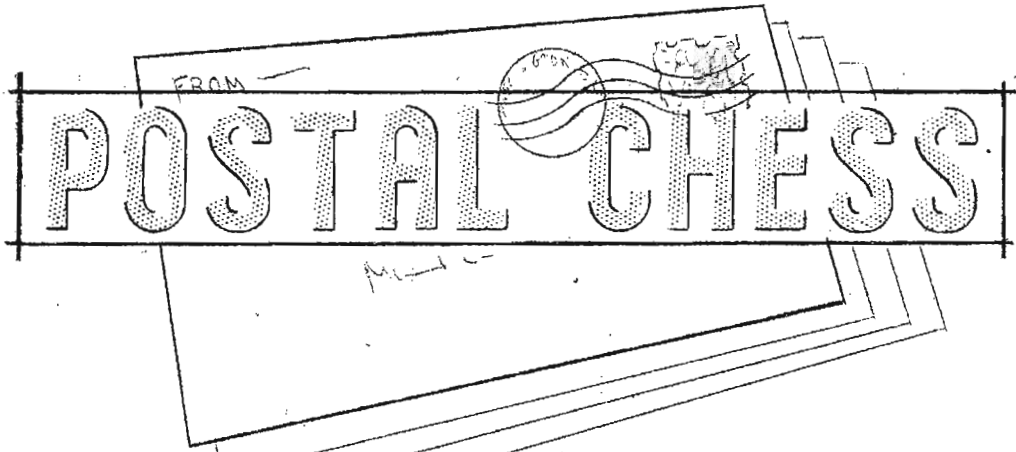
Firstly -- poor form; secondly -- poor preparation. Euwe experimented in the opening trying to refresh and improve his opening repertoire in the course of the tournament. Perhaps the departure of Master Knoch, his permanent assistant, to the United States, affected his preparation. It must also be taken into consideration that for a long time Euwe did not take part in difficult tournaments. Thirdly -- Euwe evidently is losing his taste for chess. Formerly he taught mathematics in a secondary school, but for two years now he has been a professional chess player. It is possible that this too affected his form.

In any case, Euwe is far from being too old for chess, and it is to be hoped that he will soon get back into form.

It is a pleasure to note the excellent showing made by the young Grandmaster Smyslov. Although it was quite unexpected for some, those who know Smyslov consider his results quite in the order of things. Smyslov plays below his best when he figures that he has to play for a win. The same happened here: up to the fourth lap, i.e., so long as he retained theoretical chances for first place, Smyslov had average success. When, however, he stopped playing for first place and started simply to play chess, he gathered at the end  $5\frac{1}{2}$  points out of eight and landed on second rung. I wish to point out another, no less important circumstance explaining Smyslov's confident playing. His favorite and clever variation in the Gruenfeld Defense, bound up with the move B-KN5, gained in this tournament full citizenship rights.

What are the distinguishing features of the Soviet Chess School? It is not simple to answer this question. Nevertheless, I will attempt to do so, at least in part. It seems to me that most Soviet masters try to play in accordance with the requirements of the position. The positions which arise in the course of a chess struggle are most varied in content. Some positions may be won by a smashing attack and others by steady pressure; sometimes a game has to be saved by a counter-offensive, in other cases, by passive defence, in other cases, by passive defence, etc. It is a very difficult task to decide which plan is most suitable for the given position, to polish it up and carry it out, but Soviet masters try to follow this road although it is a thorny one. Tchigorin too was not afraid of difficult games.

It should not be imagined that a game of chess starts only the moment the first move is made. Modern chess demands long and fine training. Formerly there were also great masters in the art of training, for instance, Em. Lasker, Rubinstein, Alekhin. It seems to me that the Soviet system of training is very good as the first generation of Soviet youth which seriously undertook to study chess has gained great successes.



NEIL F. POWER - POSTAL CHESS EDITOR

Postal Chess Ratings - Big A's

Charles Ballantino	1629
J. A. Naas	1532
Neil F. Power	1479
L. M. Greene	1375
E. Tweeddale	1375
Miss Alice Grey	1369
Leslie Coubrough	1495

Class A

Ballantino	1629
Bever	1193
Bushnell	1210
Cerrotelli	1320
Christoy	1261
Coubrough	1495
Dolle	1324
Gordon	1237
Greene	1375
Miss Grey	1369
Harmson	1192
Hazon	1288
Hollums	1230
Kaffonberger	1236
Magerkurth	1294
Naas	1532
Plenty	1214
Power	1479
Sams	1212
Tweeddale	1246
Yocom, H. E.	1294

Class B

Allen	1007
Amsdon	1132
Arntzon	1052
Blakofield	1044
Gairncross	1152
Outshall	1000
Emerson	1046
Hardinge	1192
Howard	1029
Husby	1144
Landenberger	993
McCarthy	1148
McMartin	997
Merk, R. R.	1041
Moore	1137
Merk, Fred	940
Norman	1167
Orme	998
Parry	1012
Raleigh	867
Rich	1009

Class B

Roberts	875
Running	994
Sockamp	1088
Taylor	1079
Vail	1158
Yocom, C.	1197

Class C

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

RESULTS:

50-A-10	Coubrough	1	Sams	0	49-B-8	Howard	1	R. R. Merk	0
	Coubrough	1	Greene	0		C. Yocom	1	R. R. Merk	0
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# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

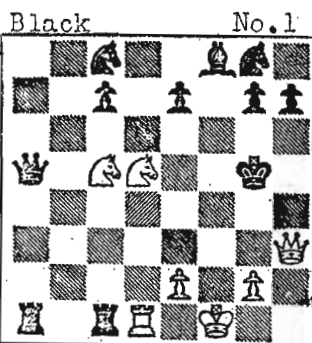
Charles K. Joachim \_\_\_\_\_ Tournament Director

Tournament	Date	System	Entry Fee	Location
WASHINGTON STATE OPEN (Qualification Tourney)	Jan. 27-28 9 AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	Feb. 10, 11, 17 & 18th	Round Robin	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
WASHINGTON STATE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	Feb. 24 1 PM 1951	3 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
WASHINGTON STATE SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP	Feb. 25 1 PM 1951	Round Robin	\$1.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	March 31 9 AM 1951	4 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
PUGET SOUND OPEN	Apr. 28, 29 9 AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
<u>DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS</u>				
<u>SEATTLE DISTRICT</u>	May 12 9 AM 1951	Decided by Districts	\$1.50*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
<u>SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON</u>	May 12 9 AM 1951	"	\$1.50*	Tacoma, Wash.
<u>NORTHWEST WASHINGTON</u>	May 12 9 AM 1951	"	\$1.50*	Everett, Wash.
<u>CENTRAL WASHINGTON</u>	May 12 9 AM 1951	"	\$1.50*	Yakima, Wash.
EXPERT TOURNAMENT	May 26, 27 9 AM 1951	6 Round Swiss	\$3.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
N.W.U.S. CITIES TOURNAMENT	June 18 9 AM 1951	4 man team Elimination	\$ ?	Assembly Hotel Seattle

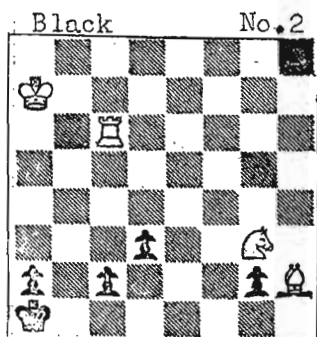
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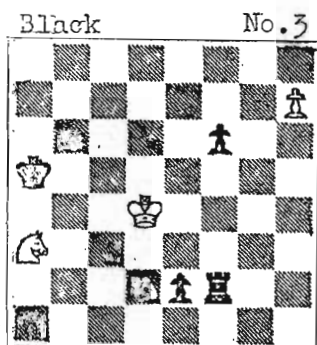
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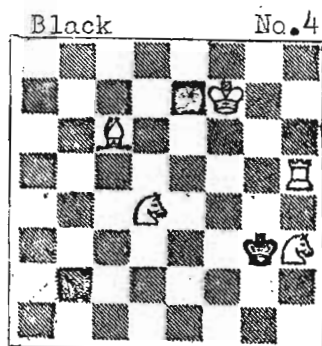
White to mate in 5



White to play & win



White to play & win



White to mate in 3

# PROBLEM COLUMN

By E.A. ERICKSON

Problem No. One  
by A. Anders

An example of how dangerous it is to expose the King even when you have a tremendous superiority WHITE has two pawns on KN2 and K2, two Knights on Q5 and QB5, a Queen on KR3 and a King on KB1 & R. on Q1. BLACK has four pawns on KR2, KN2, K2, and QB2, two Knights on KN1 and QB1, one Bishop on KB1, two Rooks on QR8 and QB8, one Queen on QR4 and a King on KN4

Problem Number Two  
by Henry Rink

A very ingenious problem in which the solution requires a clever bit of tactical macuevering to prevent Black from Queening any of his Pawns to an advantage.

WHITE has one Bishop on KR2, one Knight on KN3, one Rook on QB6 and a King on QR7. BLACK has four Pawns on KN7, Q6, QB7, and QR7 and a King on QR8

Problem Number Three  
by Henry Rink

He who Queens first Queens best in the majority of cases.

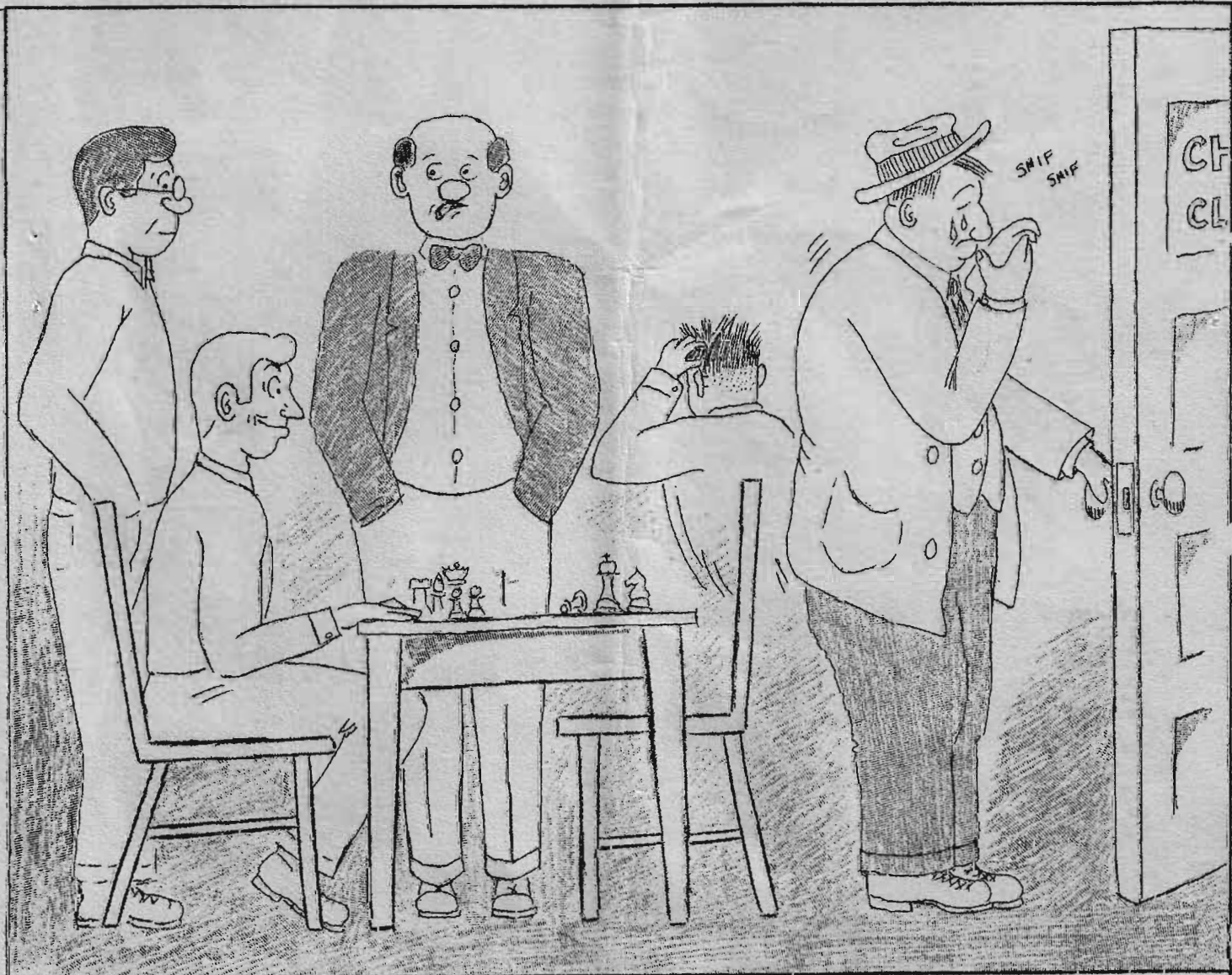
WHITE has one Pawn on KR7, one Knight on QR3 and his King on QR4. BLACK has two Pawns on K7 and KB3, one Rook on KB7 and his King on QR4.

Problem Number Four  
by Fred Ornes

This problem is dedicated to my old friend who is also the author. Though White has an overwhelming superiority he has to mate in three moves. WHITE has two Knights on KR3 and Q4, on Rook on KR 5, one Bishop on QB6 and a King on KB7. BLACK has one lone King on KN6.

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... "Kinda hate to see Quimby lose.....poor chap takes his chess so seriously!"