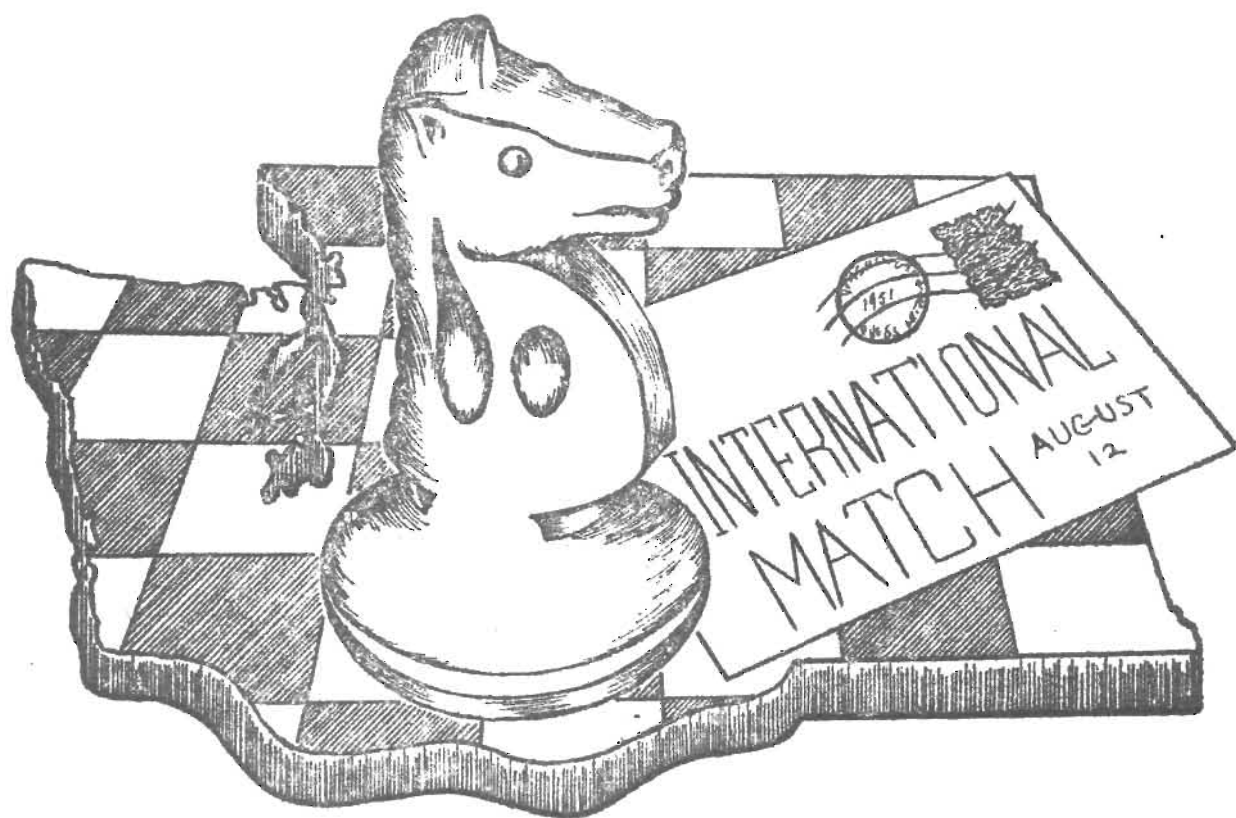


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# EDITORIAL

*By Robert C. Stark*

INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH

ALL CHESS PLAYERS INVITED

LOCATION:—'PEACE ARCH'—BLAINE, WASH.

DATE:— SUNDAY AFTERNOON—AUGUST 12, 1951

TIME: 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.— DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Once again it is time for Washington Chess Players to pit their combined skill against that of the Canadians from British Columbia. This is the eighth consecutive International Match that has been held between us; and this year, for the second time in its history, it will be held on the Canadian Border under the symbolic Peace Arch at Blaine, Washington.

The Canadians are again our hosts, and from the information received to date it is expected they will bring about seventy players. All chess players are invited, and we should make every attempt to be there in force so that we may meet them on equal grounds. Everyone may participate, regardless of ability, so come if you can. Players will be matched as near to strength as possible; as only one game is to be played no one will be so fatigued they will not enjoy themselves. This is a marvelous opportunity to take your family on a beautiful trip and still be able to play a very exciting game of chess. Don't Miss It!

The match will start promptly at 1:00 P.M. ( daylight saving time ) and continue until 5:00 P.M. ( daylight saving time ) at which time unfinished games will be adjudicated. Team Captain for the Canadians is Mr. J. A. McCharles; for the Washington Team Mr. Charles K. Joachim at Seattle E.A.0258.

The magnificent "Peace Arch" trophy, which has been held by the Washington Team for the last two years, is at stake. We need everyone to help hold it. This trophy is a replica of the "Peace Arch" which you will see at Blaine, and is truly a work of art. Mounted on a mahogany base is the miniature Peace Arch with a bronze-figurine holding a wreath of peace on each end; the flags of both Canada and the U. S. fly from its peak.

The International Match is the largest chess occasion of the year; giving all chess players the opportunity to make and renew acquaintances. I hope I will see you there.

## RESHEVSKY WINS WERTHEIM

Adequate revenge for his second place behind Najdorf came to Samuel Reshevsky in the Wertheim Memorial Tournament at the 11th round at the Manhattan Chess Club when he drew with his formidable opponent from Argentina to win an undisputed first place. Never out of the lead, Reshevsky, despite a loss to Dr. Max Euwe, showed definite return to the form that made him five times U. S. Champion. He conceded draws to Najdorf, Fine, Horowitz and O'Kelly, but retained the lead throughout the event.

Mendel Najdorf was undefeated, but conceded too many draws to win top spot, drawing with Reshevsky, Evans, Byrne, Horowitz, Guimard, O'Kelly and Kramer. Thus he shared second place with Dr. Max Euwe who also scored  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , Dr. Euwe, showing to better advantage than in the last few years, scored a victory over Reshevsky, but lost games to Najdorf and Evans. He drew with O'Kelly and Bisquier.

Dr. Reuben Fine in gaining fourth place with 7 to 4 needed a dashing horse opera finish to achieve this success, winning  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points out of his last four games. Lack of practice was evident in his games, and his play did not have the finish and surety displayed when he won the 1948 Manhattan International in 1948 ahead of Najdorf, Euwe and Pilnik. But his recovery in the final rounds gave the first four places to the four International Grandmasters in the event. Fine lost games to Najdorf and Euwe, and drew with Reshevsky, Evans, Byrne and Kramer.

In placing fifth Larry Evans continued to fulfill the great promise he has shown, scoring a victory over Euwe and drawing with Najdorf and Fine; while Robert Byrne in a tie for sixth with I. A. Horowitz justified his inclusion in his first appearance in an international tournament. U. S. Open Champion Arthur Bisquier took a very disappointing 10th place after his triumphant tie for first at Southsea last year.

## CALIFORNIA

In the Annual Northern Vs, Southern California team match at San Luis Obispo on 58 board, the Northern team

scored a triumphant victory despite the presence of the California State and Open Champions on the Southern team by a lopsided  $38\frac{1}{2}$  to  $19\frac{1}{2}$  score. On the ten top boards H. Gross, W. Falconer, G. McClain, H. J. Ralston, E. Pruner, W. Adam, and J. B. Gee provided six points for the North while I. Kashdan, G. E. Croy, R. Travers, S. Almgren and H. Gordon, could only gather four points for the South. Down the line the proportion remained the same throughout, with such outstanding players as Ray Martin, A. Spiller, W. Steckol and H. Borochoff for the South and A. J. Fink, and J. Schmitt for the North gaining only goose-eggs in the encounter.

## LASKER

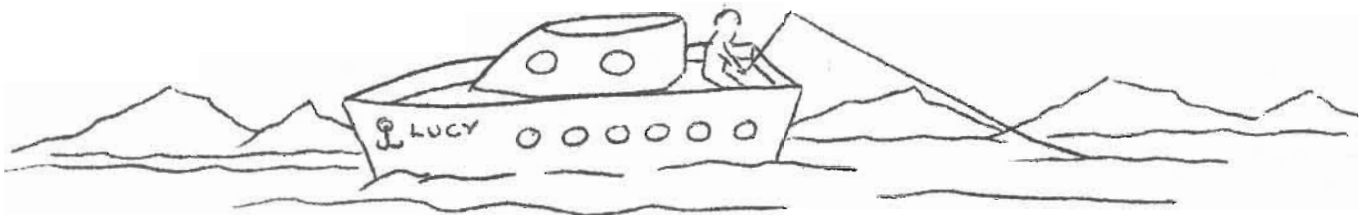
Dr. Edward Lasker, President of the Marshall Chess Club, is on the high seas headed for the Schlechter Memorial Tournament in Vienna where he will join U. S. Champion Herman Steiner in representing the U. S. A. in this international event.

## MATCH ?

Alexander Bisno, president of Manhattan Chess Club, announced at the close of the Wertheim Memorial Tournament that arrangements had been concluded for a twenty game match between Reshevsky and Najdorf, beginning in Buenos Aires on November first, with the last ten games to be played in New York. In the meantime, it is announced that Sam Reshevsky will take a well earned rest until the time approaches for the U. S. Championship Tournament in New York.

# BIG AND LITTLE YNCH

By F. H. WEAVER



There is a thoughtful fellow in Long Beach, California, who has developed a theory he calls the "Double-Barrelled-Crank Theory" which explores the idea that if a man has one hobby or avocation, chances are he has two. For instance an Antivivisectionist is quite likely to be a student of Esperanto, and a chess player is apt to be a fisherman.

On this basis chess players will no doubt be interested in an astounding discovery of Puget Sound Fish of a new specie, Big Ynch, and Little Ynch, the life cycle of which may have a very serious impact upon civilization as we know it.

Big Ynch are around one and seven eighths inches long, but are the most voracious fish known. They will attack and swallow anything. A large salmon or halibut makes an excellent trolled bait for the Big Ynch, as it gives them sufficient leverage to exert mazimum power against a trolling rod. The trouble is, however, inexperienced fishermen sometimes fail to realize they have landed one, because after swallowing such a large bait the Ynch is stretched so thin he becomes transparent.

The Little Ynch, only seven eighths inches, have a curious method of attacking a victim. They swim inside a large bait, where they have the amazing ability of turning themselves inside-out so their digestive juices work outwards. As we shall see, this leads to an earth-shaking phenomenon that explains a few things that have dismayed our scientist for decades.

When a Big Ynch swallows a large bait in which there is a little Ynch, (inside out) a dynamic force is created, for at a certain point the victim disappears, and the digestive juices of the two Ynch meet. The Big Ynch has an acid stomach and the Little Ynch is anti-acid. Now this creates a very delicate and explosive situation. The Little Ynch leaves the Big Ynch with so much muzzle velocity it is carried into the stratosphere and across the skies, leaving a wake of terror as excited people phone their Sheriffs to report flying-saucers, though as a matter of fact the government has announced time after time that flying-saucers are "fishy", and they are!

The recoil drives the Big Ynch backward into the rocky bottom, stunning its tail, actually knocking it so cold that there is danger it might seed another Ice Age. Puget Sound has had a lot of trouble from glaciers yet people show great apathy towards the threat to civilization uncovered by the study of these Big and Little Ynch.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Ynch were first discovered by F. H. Weaver and party in the Motor-cruiser Lucy, trolling in Peavine Pass in the San Juan Islands, which had just got into a school of the little monsters when they suddenly discovered supplies were running low. This of course required a hasty trip back to Friday Harbor. These places may be authenticated by reference to any good oceanographic chart by scoffers or those who might question the veracity of the facts here presented.

# CLUBHOUSE NEWS



## YAKIMA

The Annual Business meeting of the Yakima Chess Club was held on June 18th. William H. Hoge presided at the meeting during which he was re-elected president and Eli Treisman was re-elected treasurer. Oliver W. LaFreniere was appointed corresponding secretary.

The County Tournament situation was thoroughly discussed and it was finally decided that next years tournament be a single round robin replacing the double round robin formerly used.

## ART DAKE

Arthur Dake, local Chessmaster from Portland, held a very successful simultaneous exhibition at the Assembly Hotel in Seattle on Friday the thirteenth. It seemed that Friday the thirteenth held no terror for Dake as he proved his prowess by defeating thirty-one of the thirty-six opponents which turned out to meet him across the chessboard. Only Charles K. Joachim, Washington State Open Champion and former title holder of State and other tournaments, could find a way to conquer the master; however, Gerald Schain, Dan Wade, Ted Davidsen and Thomas McGunnigle obtained draws for their efforts. With this excellent record Dake has again proved that he is well entitled to the rating of Master.

Well done Mr. Dake. Come back again sometime.

## SEATTLE

The Seattle Chess Club has made a clean sweep of the annual Match Tournaments by winning the Seattle City League with a score of four wins.

Second place was given to the Seattle Y.M.C.A. with a score of three

wins and a draw. Third place to West Seattle also with three wins and a draw Fourth place went to the Duwamish Chess Club with the same score. Fifth place was taken by the Madrona Club and the Ladies Chess Club finished in the cellar.

## NEW TEAM?

A group of players consisting of the old Queen Ann Chess Club and Mercer Island Chess Club have been holding informal meetings at various players homes on Mercer Island and Bellevue.

We would be very happy to have this group participate in the Puget Sound League this coming year. What do you say, Queen Ann and Mercer Island?

## KITSAP

The Kitsap and Everett-Whidby Chess Clubs have been considering the possibilities of holding a Chess Match on the beach of Whidby Island. Kitsap players would rent boats at Point No Point for the day, fish all the way over and back, take lunches and the family and generally make a big day for the whole family.

## CHESS EXPERT

Within the last year Washington Chess has acquired two new Washington State Chess Experts.

By winning the Washington State Championship, Charles Ballantine has become a qualified expert both in Washington State and under the National Rating System of the U. S. Chess Federation.

By taking second place in the 1951 Puget Sound Open and tied for Second in the Washington State Championship qualified Carl Enz for the title of Chess Expert. Both Charles Ballantine and Carl Enz will go a long way in chess if they keep at it. Don't let up fellows.

# NATIONAL CHESS RATINGS AS OF MARCH 18, 1951

The WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER has obtained the National Chess Ratings for the players who have participated in the 1951 State and open tournaments. No tournament held at a date later than March 18, 1951 has been rated.

For the edification of those who do not completely understand the aims of the National Rating System we quote a section of the CHESS LIFE editorial by Mr. Montgomery Major; " --- the National Rating System does not determine the permanent status of any chess player nor indicate how he will be ranked ultimately in the history of the game. The National Rating System does no more than indicate the current effective playing rank of a player at one particular period in his career, without regard to his achievements in past decades beyond the scope of the system and without prophesy as to his possible future attainments.

For a number of reasons which we will not catalogue at this time, there is a definite need for this current evaluation of how a player is actually performing at a given period. But the value of this current and transitory rating is sadly distorted when some misinformed chess players insist upon considering this current performance rating as conferring or withholding honorary titles. This the National Rating System does not do; and it was never intended to do. --- " This should clarify the function of the National Rating System, but if it does not, send your queries to the Washington Chess Letter Editor, Robert C. Stork, and he will attempt to give you an answer.

## PLAYERS' RATING FOR 1951

### EXPERTS:

Charles Ballantine	2226
Carl Enz	2125
Kenneth Mulford	2123

### CLASS A

Charles K. Joachim	2031
F. H. Weaver	2013
G. S. G. Patterson	2012
James Amidon	1990
Robert C. Stork	1950
Floyd Hebert	1939

### CLASS B

Richard P. Allen	1846
Owen Traynor	1846
Glenn Muller	1840
Gerald Schain	1824
Dean Bollman	1820
H. E. Yocon	1809
Dr. A. A. Murray	1807
Ted Warner	1762
J. P. Cerrotelli	1740
R. J. Murray	1740
Dan Wade	1721
George Staerns	1720
Dr. J. Shephard	1706

### CLASS C

Robert Edberg	1679
Ted Davidson	1652
George Rehberg	1637
Schuyler Ferris	1540
Ed Tweeddale	1540
Peter Husby	1528

### CLASS D

Roy Towne	1485
C. R. Harmenson	1470
Oliver LaFreniere	1456
William H. Hoge	1427
J. J. Butterfield	1401
R. C. Housley	1332
Russell Vellias	1304
Steve Miller	1276
James Honda	1249
Kenneth Borsko	1221

These ratings do not in all cases reflect the true strength of players concerned. These are only indications or placings according to results of recent tournaments.

Players will not be rated on the National Rating System unless they have participated in a rated tournament.

# GAMES DEPARTMENT

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## WASHINGTON STATE OPEN

CHARLES JOACHIM

KEN MULFORD

white

black

This last round battle was decisive as a win by either player gained the cup. Black speculates on material advantage and white on development. When black can no longer castle, the outcome is clear, and Joachim demonstrates it in a few forceful moves.

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| 1. P-K4  | P-K4    |
| 2. KN-B3 | ON-B3   |
| 3. B-B4  | B-B4    |
| 4. P-QB3 | N-B3    |
| 5. P-Q4  | PxP     |
| 6. PxP   | B-N5 ch |
| 7. N-B3  | NxKP    |

8. O-O (Note by Joachim) this seems to be an invitation to the Moeller variation (my favorite). But I know that Mulford knows that I like this variation and in order to escape any prepared line I tried to transpose into the Evans gambit.

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|         | BxN    |
| 9. PxB  | P-Q4   |
| 10 B-Q3 | N-KB3? |

Black has already neglected development for a pawn and cannot afford this consolidating move. Castling or B-B4 looks better.

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| 11 B-R3 | B-K3? |
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N-K2 preserves the option of castling, reinforces the king side upon which white's attack is directed, and prepares the reinforcement of the center with P-B3. After 12 R-K, B-K3 holds the line until the king can escape.

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| 12 R-K | Q-Q2? |
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This move leaves black helpless.

Again N-K2 is the best and, this time the only move.

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 13 B-N5                                     | N-K5                               |
| There are no good moves now.                |                                    |
| 14 N-K5                                     | Q-B1                               |
| 15 O-R4                                     | OR-N1                              |
| Black might last a little longer with N-Q2. |                                    |
| 16 OR-N1                                    | K-O                                |
| 17 BxN                                      | P-KB3                              |
| 18 Q-N4                                     | N-Q3                               |
| 19 B-Q7!                                    | If BxB, 20 N-B7ch, NxN, O-K7 mate. |

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|-----------|-------|
|           | P-QR4 |
| 20 O-B5   | P-QN3 |
| 21 BxO    | PxO   |
| 22 RxR    | NxB   |
| 23 N-B6ch |       |

Black, having nothing to lose, continued a few moves. Don't we all?

Problem No. 1. -- 1. p-n7, p-n6; 2. p-r8 takes a rook, p-n7 ch.; 3. rxp, kxp; 4. r-n2 mate. or 1. . . , ppx; 2. p-q7; k-b4; 3. p-q8 (n), k-n4; 4. npx mate.

Problem No. 2. -- 1. p-r7, r-n7 ch.; 2. k-k1, r-n8 ch.; 3. k-q2, r-n7 ch.; 4. k-b1, r-n8 ch.; 5. k-n2, r-n7 ch.; 6. k-r1, r-n8 ch.; 7. b-b1, rxb ch.; 8. k-n2, r-n8 ch.; 9. k-r3, r-r8 ch.; 10. k-n4, n-n8 ch.; 11. k-r5, r-n4 ch.; 12. k-r6 etc.

Problem No. 3. -- 1. k-k6, n-k8; 2. k-q7 n-q6; 3. b-q4, n-b8; 4. k-b8, n-k7; 5. n-b4, nxb; 6. n-n6 ch, ppx; 7. npx mate

Problem No. 4. -- 1. q-b8 ch., n-n1; 2. q-n7 ch., lxxq; 3. n-q6 ch., k-r3; 4. b-k2 ch., k-r4; 5. n-n7 mate.



1951 EXPERT'S TOURNEY  
Albin Counter Gambit

Dr. A. MURRAY DAN WADE  
white (Annotation by Dan Wade) black

1. P-Q4 P-Q4  
2. P-QB4 P-K4

I play the Albin to get away from the usual black side of the queen's pawn opening with its uphill battle getting the queen's bishop into action which has caused me much trouble in past games.

3. P-KP P-Q5  
4. N-KB3 N-QB3  
5. P-QR3 B-KN5

Black's plan now was to attack the pawn indirectly at white's king five and also clear the path for castling on the queen side.

6. B-B4 BxN  
7. N-PxB Q-K2

Now if white plays 8. B-R3 black's knight can capture the king pawn and not fear 9. QxP? because of 9... N-KBP check. However 8. B-R3 was best in the long run as the black knight can be taken by the bishop and after QxB white has the nicer game with the black king side totally undeveloped and the king unable to escape to the open queen side.

8. Q-N3 O-O-O  
9. N-Q2 N-KP  
10 O-O-O N-KB5

Black was congratulating himself as now he is out of the opening wilderness. More than ever 8. B-R3 looks like it was white's best move.

- 11 B-R3 ch. K-N1  
12 B-B5

White continues a complicated maneuver with his king bishop which at the finish pays off.

- 13 K-N1 Q-B4  
B-Q3

If black had played instead... N-KBP; (Queen bishop) 14 BxP ch, KxB; 15 QxN and no pawn is lost. If 13... N-KBP then 14 BxPch; Q or KxB 15 QxN or N-KN depending upon black's move.

- 14 BxN BxB  
15 N-K4 N-KN  
16 BxN

White has now established his bishop. Black should have worked to drive a piece this dangerous away but was blind to the graveness of the position.

- 16 Q-N3?  
Better was P-QB3  
17 R-Q3 P-QB4?

This opens black's position once and for all to white's final onslaught.

- 18 Q-R4 Q-Q3  
19 P-N4 R-QB1  
20 R-N3 PxP  
21 R-KP R-B2  
22 K-R2 R-Q1

Black can find no good moves in this position.

- 23 KR-QN1 P-QN3??  
24 RxP ch. Resigns

Black recorded 23...R(Q)-Q2, & saw that that lost, erased the move and made the final blunder to finish the game. If black had played 23...R(Q)-Q2, 24. BxN! RxB (forced); 25 R-Rch., R-R; 26 Q-K8ch., K-B2; 27 QxPch., K-Q1; 28 R-R and wins.

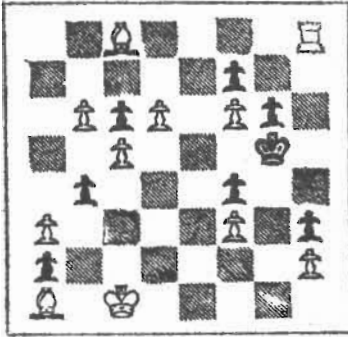
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English Opening

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white

F. HOWARD  
black

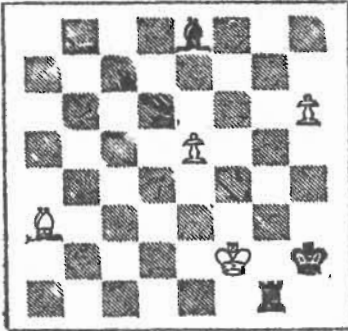
1. P-QB4 P-QB4  
2. N-KB3 N-KB5  
3. N-B3 N-B3  
4. P-Q3 P-K4  
5. P-KN3 P-Q3  
6. B-N2 B-K3  
7. O-O P-KR3  
8. P-QR4 P-QR4  
9. P-K3 Q-Q2  
10 P-N5 B-R6  
11 N-Q5 N-KN  
12 P-KN N-K2  
13 P-K4 BxB  
14 KxB N-N3  
15 P-R3 B-K2  
16 N-N1 O-O  
17 N-K2 P-KB4  
18 P-B4 B-PxP  
19 P-P(K4) K-PxBP  
20 BxP QR-B1  
21 QR-B1 QR-K1  
22 Q-Q3 B-B3  
23 R-QB2 Q-K2  
24 R-B4 B-K4  
25 Q-K3 R-B3  
26 R-KB5 R(K1)-KBL  
27 R-QB1 BxB  
28 NxB N-K4  
29 R(B3)-B2 P-KN4  
30 N-Q3 N-KN  
31 R-R QxR  
32 QxN Q-B7ch.  
33 K-R1 R-B6  
34 R-B2 Q-K8ch.  
Resigns

BLACK NO.1



WHITE MATES IN FOUR

BLACK NO.2



WHITE TO PLAY & WIN

BLACK NO.3



WHITE MATES IN SEVEN

BLACK NO.4



WHITE MATES IN FIVE

# PROBLEM COLUMN

By E. A. ERICKSON

Problem Number One  
by W. H. Barry

WHITE has seven pawns on KR2, KB3, KB6, Q6, Q5, Q6 and QR3; one rook on KR8; two bishops on QB8 and QR1; a king on Q1.

BLACK has seven pawns on KR6, KN3, KB2, KB5, Q3, Q5 and QR7; one king on K4.

Problem Number Two  
from a British Chess Magazine

WHITE has two pawns on KR6, and K5; one bishop on QR3; one king on KB2.

BLACK has one rook on KN8; one bishop on K1; one king on KR7.

Problem Number Three  
by E. A. Erickson

WHITE has three pawns on KB4, K3, and Q6; two knights on Q5 and QR5; one bishop on QB5; one king on K5.

BLACK has two pawns on Q2 and QR3; one rook on QR2 one bishop on QN1; one King on QR1.

Problem Number Four  
by Prof. Andersen

WHITE has one pawn on Q4; one knight on K4; one bishop on KB3; one queen on QR6; one king on QR3.

BLACK has two pawns on Q2 and QR2; one rook on KB2 one knight on Q2; one bishop on QN3; one Queen on KB5; one king on QR1.

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# WASH CHESS HISTORY

BY JOHN NOURSE

Before we draw the veil on the enchanting subject of free enterprise in chess practices, both intentional and unintentional, a few words should be said of two of the Seattle club's members for whom orthodoxy in friendly play was a thing unknown.

The first of these, Mr. J. J. Tracy, was a prominent member for over 25 years, during which time he accumulated quite an air of mystery, chiefly because at no time did he volunteer any information about himself or his background. His standing as a player was very strong, but he was notable chiefly for an unusual brand of dry humor and also for the pleasant monologues in which he used to indulge when playing with the youthful or unwary. It was usually his opponents obituary when the members would hear Mr. Tracy, with tired resignation, complain, "The young man's too good for me, I can't do anything with him." Shortly after, "The young man" would be wondering how it happened, just when everything seemed so auspicious.

Mr. Tracy also had a flair for impromptu poetry, which caused many a fullfledged laugh in the clubroom. Due to his likable personality, and the drollery of his remarks, his disregard for the conventions was never resented. His passing was a distinct loss to all who knew him.

However, the all-time "Oscar" for unbridled disregard for the rules of play unquestionably belongs to a dynamic individual who joined the club in the late twenties - Capt. K. C. Lord. He was a writer, an inventor of sorts and an all-round mechanical genius. His chess ability was certainly not of the highest, but his energy and eccentricities combined could confuse the steadiest player and confound the nervous.

His games were of the robust type, where pieces were moved with speed, and also with emphasis. Had he an opponent on the run, bishops would sometimes hop from white to black squares, or knights similarly from white to white, the piece being placed with a stentorian check, which had the games been played in the open, would have made the welkin ring. The unexpectedness of these attacks would generally so confuse his opponent that he usually failed to note where the move originated. If it was later discovered that the redoubtable Captain had two black bishops, he would genially admit the oddity of the situation, and galdly volunteer to replace the offender. In addition to these confusing idiosyncrasies, the Captain's attire often consisted of among other things, a Navy pea-jacket, the voluminous sleeve of which constituted another sure threat to his hapless opponents sanity. No piece of either color was safe on the rooks files when the energetic Captains sleeve was returning from a foray into enemy territory. In justice to the late Captain Lord it must be stated that his small foibles were entirely involuntary, but the effect on the chess tyre was nothing short of catastrophic. With his passing, some years ago the Seattle members lost a colorful companion.

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## QUENTIN REYNOLDS ON CAPABLANCA.

One day in Havana two old men were playing chess in the sun, and an inquisitive five year old boy was watching them. At the end of the game the boy said: "You won, Father, but you made a wrong move with your knight."

"Who taught you to play?" the father demanded.

"Nobody," said little Jose Capablanca calmly. "I have watched you many times and now I can play."

"Sit down, my little cabbage," the father said, a little puzzled, "and we shall see."

And the little boy sat down and defeated his father very easily and that father was the proudest man in all Havana. He took the youngster around to the Havana Chess Club to meet the real players. They laughed at him, but soon their laughter changed. Only the best players could beat him. And so genius was discovered.

Later, Capablanca became one of the greatest of the chess masters.

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# TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

CHARLES JOACHIM

TOURNAMENT DIR.

"Tempora Mutantur Et Nos Mutamur In Illis". This is an old Roman Saying, expressing that times change, and we do the same. The fact that we changed cannot be denied, but how much have we gained ?

Let the record of the 1950-1951 chess year answer this question. Never before in the history of Washington State Chess Have such a great number of tournaments been played. And throughout this period new stars have emerged; namely the University Triumvirate: Charles Ballantine, Carl Enz, and Ted Warner. Ballantine playing for the University of Washington, Carl Enz for Seattle, and Ted Warner for the Seattle Y.M.C.A. Also two well known players have come back into the limelight. You all know them. Dan Wade and Leonard Sheets. Both of them have proved the teeth of the old lion remain sharp. Other improvements have been the 'naturalizing' of outside players such as the former State Champion of Wyoming, Schuyler Ferris; the former State Champion of Nevada, O. W. Manney; and of course Seattle Chess Club's top player formerly from Los Angeles, Mr. G. S. G. Patterson.

The main event -- The Puget Sound League. The Seattle Chess Club has proven its superiority for the second consecutive year by winning undisputed first place. The Seattle Y.M.C.A. has climbed a long way this season to place second. Tacoma suffered hard from splitting its club in two, and as a result neither half had the powerful strength of the old three times winner of the Puget Sound League. Everett lost much of its power with the loss of Neil Power and Larry Taro. R. C. Stork moved to the University Team which lessened the strength of Olympia; however the Olympia Chess team will bear watching for they still have an excellent team composed of Dr. A. Murray and J. Cerretelli for their top boards.

The secondary event in Seattle -- The Seattle City League. Played only among Seattle Clubs, was won by the unbeatable Seattle Chess Club. As in the Puget Sound League, the Seattle Y.M.C.A. was also second.

In individual competitions young Carl Enz has proven that studious investigation of the openings and middle game, paired with playing over master games, does not only acquire theoretical knowledge but improves over-the-board playing. Enz has probably made more improvement in his chess ability than any other player in the State of Washington over the same length of time.

In the annual Washington Tournaments, the writer of these lines scored first place in the Washington State Open Championship. Charles Ballantine rose to the top to win the Washington State Championship, and the Washington Experts Tournament. And of course we must give credit to the Portland player A. Suchobek for winning the Puget Sound Open in a very brilliant style.

The annual Washington State Tournaments have also created three new Washington State Experts: Charles Ballantine, for winning the Washington State Championship; A. Suchobek, for winning the Puget Sound Open; and Carl Enz for placing second in the Washington State Championship, and the Puget Sound Open.

Glenn Muller has established his reputation by regaining his position as Washington State Speed Champion; while Gerald Schain has won the Washington State Junior Champion, and Mrs. Vannonberg the Washington Women's Championship.

Oliver LaFroniere, of Yakima Washington, won the Central Washington Tournament, and is showing a great deal of promise. He should give some of the chess players a lot of trouble before long. Schuyler Ferris, won the Southwest Washington Tournament held at Tacoma.

In closing I would like to thank all these who assisted in organizing or directing any of these chess events. All chess players who would like to participate in the International Match against British Columbia on August, 12, 1951 are welcome. If possible please let me know before the match so that placings may be made.

Any persons who would like to play, but who do not know for certain whether or not they can go until the last moment, please, just show up at the International Match and I will find a place for you.

Remember! Blaine Washington, August 12, 1951

# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Tournament	Date	System	Entry Fee	Location
INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: WN. VS. B.C.	August 12 1:00 PM. DST.	Open to All Residents of Wash. & B.C.	\$1.00	Blaine, Wash.
WASHINGTON WOODPUSHERS' TOURNAMENT.	Sept. 9 9 AM 1951	4 Round Swiss	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
PUGET SOUND LEAGUE STARTS.	September 16	Open to Fed- eration Clubs	Club Dues	Where designated
INVITATIONAL TOURNEY OF STATE CHAMPS	Oct. 15-19	Round Robin	\$2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 WASHINGTON STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	Jan. 5 - 6 9 AM. 1952	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 WASHINGTON STATE WOMENS' CHAMPIONSHIP	Jan. 6 9 AM. 1952	Swiss Tourney	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	Feb. 23-24 9 AM. 1952	Round Robin Invitational	\$2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 PUGET SOUND OPEN	Mar. 22-23 9 AM. 1952	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	Mar. 29-30 9 A. M. 1952	Swiss Tourney	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 WASHINGTON EXPERTS TOURNAMENT. (please note)	May 30 Jun 1 9 AM. 1952	6 Round Swiss	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle
Washington State Speed Championship	Nov. 25, 1951 1.00 PM.	Round Robin	\$1.00	Assembly Hotel Seattle

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Section 49-A-9 is drawing to a close as there are only a few games left to go to finish. Ballantine is now in the lead but there are a couple of players who still have a chance to beat him out if they come through with a couple of wins. How about it Naas and Kaffenberger?

Two new sections were started this past month and we now have some entries waiting for another section to be filled up. It is hoped that some of the players who have not been playing for awhile will get back into the game.

## REPORT OF GAMES FINISHED SINCE THE LAST ISSUE.

49-A-9				50-B-10			
Naas	1	Hardinge	0	R.R.Merk	1	Engstrom	0
H.E. Yocom	1	Hardinge	0	Sams	1	Baker	0
Hardinge	1	Harmeson	0	Sams	1	Emerson	0
Kaffenberger	1	Harmeson	0	Malmgren resigns to Baker, Howard, Engstrom and Emerson.			
Kaffenberger	1	H.E. Yocom	0				
Kaffenberger	1	Hellums	0				
50-B-11							
H. E. Yocom	1	Holland	0				
Allen	1	Howard	0				

## STANDING OF PLAYERS

Class A Players		Class B Players		Class C Players	
Ballantine	1595	Amsden	1132	Connell	772
Bever	1339	Allen	1053	Hiscox	879
Cerretelli	1276	Baker	1016	Karch	746
Christey	1175	Cairncross	1152	Landenberger	993
Coubrough	1287	Emerson	1068	Marshall	720
Dolle	1328	Engstrom	1206	McCownell	850
Foster	1250	Holland	1072	Mrs. Moss	734
Greene	1439	Howard	1109	Neilson	805
Harmeson	1138	LaFreniere	1100	Orme	998
Hardinge	1190	Malmgren	860	Plume	732
Hazen	1288	McCarthy	1148		
Hellums	1190	Merk, R.R.	1019		
Husby	1072	Merk, Fred	1024		
Kaffenberger	1360	Moore	1137		
Magerkurth	1294	Martin	997		
Naas	1618	Norman	1167		
Sams	1181	Parry	1012		
Seering	1250	Raleigh	867		
Tweedale	1246	Roberts, H.H.	961		
Yocom, E.E.	1300	Roberts, Don O.	1100		
Yocom, C.L.	1231	Vail	1230		

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20	48	52	2
40	46	54	4
60	44	56	6
80	42	58	8
100	40	60	10
120	38	62	12
140	36	64	14
160	34	66	16
180	32	68	18
200	30	70	20
220	28	72	22
240	26	74	24
260	24	76	26
280	22	78	28
300	20	80	30
320	18	82	32
340	16	84	34
360	14	86	36
380	12	88	38
400	10	90	40
420	8	92	42
440	6	94	44
460	4	96	46
480	2	98	48
500	0	100	50

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