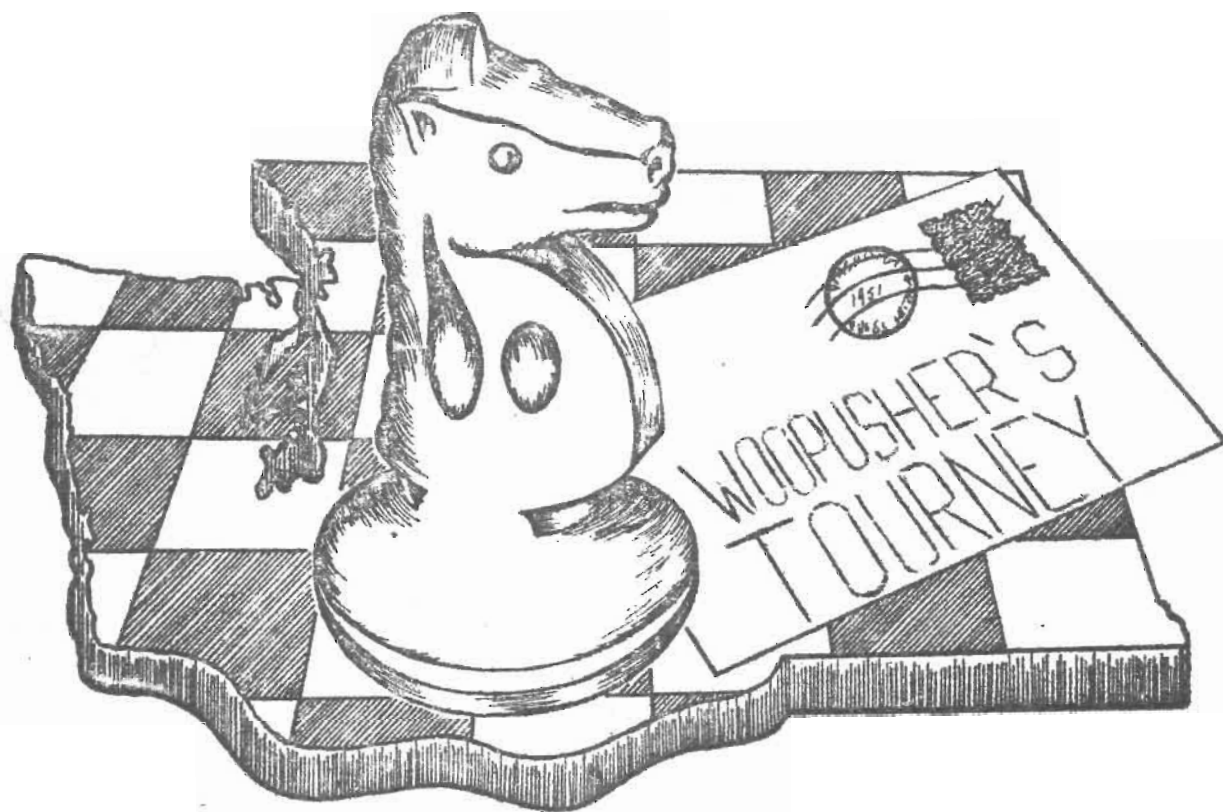


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EDITORIAL

By Robert S. Stark

WOODPUSHER'S TOURNAMENT

LOCATION: ASSEMBLY HOTEL — SEATTLE, WASH.

TIME: 9:00 A.M. (DST) SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 1951

EXPERTS EXCLUDED!

"The difference in actual skill, ability and intelligence between those who succeed and those who fail is usually neither wide nor striking. But if men are nearly equally matched, the man who is enthusiastic will find the scales tipped in his favor. F. E. Williamson

The annual Washington Woodpusher's Tournament scheduled for Sept. 9, 1951 gives those enthusiastic players who have not yet won a major tournament the opportunity to influence the scales of victory. The Washington Woodpusher's Tournament is designed for players of below expert rating and will exclude all whose rating is expert or better. Players who participate in this event will find themselves more nearly equally matched than in any other tournament during the year. This is the tournament characterized by its friendly play, rather than play for blood; and will provide enjoyment for the pastime player, and experience for the student. All players of below expert rating are cordially invited and state residence is not required. Our Washington State Open Champion and Washington Chess Federation Tournament Director, Charles K. Joachim will be directing this event which will be concluded in one day's playing. Sunday September 9th, 1951 and beginning at 9:00 A.M. promptly. As this is a one day affair, and on a Sunday, it will be a great deal more convenient to the average player than any other tournament during the year. Remember! Only one day, so pack up your chess set and come along; particularly you chess players who have not formerly participated in a chess tournament. You'll have a great time, and some one will take home the Woodpusher's Championship Trophy.

ONE DAY ONLY!

CANADIANS WIN INTERNATIONAL

The Eighth International Chess Match between Washington and British Columbia proved to be quite a success even though the Canadians carried home the trophies for both events. More than fifty American players traveled over one hundred miles, and some several times that distance, to participate in this event. Tables were lined over a large area of the park near the "Peace Arch" and while the men played chess their families arranged dinner 'A La Potluck' in the nearby kitchens. Perhaps the smell of the delicious food may account for the majority of losses by the Washington Players, but the high standard of play by the Canadians is the probable reason.

Well done, Canada. Now we are looking forward to next year, so come prepared!

RESULTS OF THE 1951 INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH

WASHINGTON VS. BRITISH COLUMBIA

SECTION A

WASHINGTON		BRITISH COLUMBIA		WASHINGTON		BRITISH COLUMBIA	
1. Charles K. Joachim	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Pratt	$\frac{1}{2}$	16 F. H. Weaver	1	Byron Arden	0
2. Robert C. Stork	0	H. Jursevskis	1	17 R. H. Collins	0	V. L. Noski	1
3. O. W. Manney	0	J. H. Taylor	1	18 Leslie Coubrough	$\frac{1}{2}$	K. A. Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. Max Bader Sr.	0	C. F. Miller	1	19 Thomas Dolle	1	Goloubuf	0
5. Gerald Schain	$\frac{1}{2}$	K. Eberhart	$\frac{1}{2}$	20 M. Hoge	1	C. F. Taylor	0
6. John Nourse	0	D. Crooner	1	21 Chas. Nagorlaurth	1	J. A. R. Dalton	0
7. Glenn Muller	1	J. G. Prentis	0	22 Oliver LaFromier	1	C. Garrett	0
8. Dan Wade	1	H. H. Durrell	0	23 G. L. Christey	1	Coplestone	0
9. T. McGunnigle	0	F. Atnikov	1	24 T. Davidson	1	Wildman	0
10. Ken Mulford	1	A. Stevenson	0	25 Krebbel	0	C. F. Blake	1
11. James Amidon	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Butler	$\frac{1}{2}$	26 Chas. Bushnell	0	Lawson	1
12. Dr. A. Murray	1	O. Buck	0	27 Dr. H. Shephard	0	Bryant	1
13. V. W. Bever	0	G. V. Smith	1	28 Capt. Zollars	0	Nelson	1
14. Dick Allen	$\frac{1}{2}$	Pilkinton	$\frac{1}{2}$	29 Lon Allyn	0	Poivis	1
15. Ted Warner	0	Maier	1	30 H. E. Yocom	1	Freller	0

SECTION B

1. Peter Husby	0	Littlewood	1	14 Dickey	$\frac{1}{2}$	Eckhoff	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. Fred Burgess	0	Aug. Driessener	1	15 H. H. Roberts	0	McCloud	1
3. F. A. Butler	1	Wedolin	0	16 W. A. Foster	1	J. A. Nichols	0
4. Graham	0	M. G. Chapman	1	17 R. C. Cannon	0	Lacey	1
5. C. L. Yocom	0	W. C. Stevens	1	18 W. H. Raleigh	0	W. C. Stevens	1
6. H. Case	1	G. B. Stringer	0	19 H. Case	$\frac{1}{2}$	Idy	$\frac{1}{2}$
7. Geo. Langdon	0	E. Streeter	1	20 M. Boder Jr.	1	Ferguson	0
8. Marvin Anderson	0	O. Freer	1	21 Sid Nourse	1	McPherson	0
9. Max Bader Jr.	0	Freer	1	22 Anderson	0	Latta	1
10. Markuson	1	Purchase	0	23 Langdon	0	Harrison	1
11. Chipman	0	A. Arrow	1	24 Butler	0	Seaberg	1
12. Jorgen Bader	1	Bigelow	0	25 Dickey	0	Schich-Ferbee	1
13. Ed. J. Tweeddale	1	Ensor	0	26 Markusson	0	Kent	1

SECTION A

WASHINGTON * $14\frac{1}{2}$ BRITISH COLUMBIA * $15\frac{1}{2}$

SECTION B

WASHINGTON * 9 BRITISH COLUMBIA * 16

W. H. Raleigh, W.C.F. Treasurer, has suggested that the 1952 International Match be held at Seattle during the Annual Seafair celebration which is generally held during the first two weeks of August. Any Chess Player who has additional ideas on this subject please send them in for consideration. On the whole this seems to be a good plan. What do you think?

1951-'52 PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

SEASON SCORE SHEET

TEAMS	SEA.	SEA. Y	U of W	TAC. Y	OLYMPIA	KITSAP	EVERETT	W. SEA.	SEA. U.
SEATTLE									
SEATTLE 'Y'									
UNIV. of WN.									
TACOMA 'Y'									
OLYMPIA									
KITSAP									
EVERETT									
W. SEATTLE									
SEATTLE 'U'									

This schedule is tentative and will be subject to change.

Participants to date: Seattle, Seattle Y.M.C.A., University of Washington, Tacoma Y.M.C.A., Olympia, Kitsap, Everett, West Seattle and Seattle University.

Regulations: Time limit; 40 moves in the first hour, and 20 moves in each half hour thereafter. Play begins at 1 P.M. of date specified. These rules may be changed by mutual agreement between teams before the first game has been started.

Round One:

Kitsap at Seattle, September 16, 1951.
Tacoma Y.M.C.A. at Olympia, Sept 16, 1951.
West Seattle at Seattle Y, Friday Sept 14, 1951 at 7:00 P.M.

Seattle University at University of Wn October 14, 1951.

Everett Chess Club has a bye the first round unless another club enters.

All Washington Chess Clubs that can find it practical are invited to participate in the Puget Sound League.

Problem No. 1. -- 1. r-b6 ch., k-k1; 2. n-q6 ch., k-q1; 3. r-b8 ch., k-b2; 4. r-k8 and wins. Or 1. r-b6 ch., k-n2; 2. r-b7 ch., kxr; 3. n-n5 ch., k-k2; 4. n-b3, k-q3; 5. k-q3, k-b4; 6. kxp, k-b5; 7. n-q2 ch., k-q5; 8. k-b3, k-q6; 9. k-b4, wins. Or 1. r-b6 ch., k-k1; 2. n-q6 ch., k-k2; 3. r-b4 ch., p-k8(2); 4. r-k4 ch. and wins. Or 1. r-b6 ch., k-k2; 2. r-b7 ch., k-q1; 3. rpx ch., kxr; 4. n-b5 ch., k-q3; 5. n-q3, k-k3; 6. n-k1 wins.

Problem No. 2. -- 1. q-n4, q-r8; 2. q-qr3 ch., k-n3; 3. q-n2 ch., k-b4; 4. k-r7, q-r2; 5. q-n6 ch., k-b5; 6. k-r6, q-q2; 7. p-n8(2), q-r5 ch.; 8. k-n7, q-q2 ch.; 9. q-b7 ch. and wins. Or q-n4, q-r8; 2. q-r3 ch., k-n4; 3. q-n2 ch., k-b5; 4. k-r7, q-n8 ch.; 5. k-r6, q-n3 ch.; 6. k-r5, q-b4 ch.; 7. k-r4, q-q2 ch.; 8. k-r3, q-q3 ch.; 9. k-r2, q-k3 ch.; 10. k-n1, q-n3 ch.; 11. q-b3 ch. and wins.

Problem No. 3. -- 1. r-n4, pxr; 2. q-n5 ch., rxq. Or 1. r-n4, r-n3; 2. q-r6 ch., rxq. Or 1. r-n4, p-b5; 2. n-n7 ch., kxr 3. q mates.

Problem No. 4. -- 1. q-r1 and wins.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

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VIENNA GAME

Annotation by J.E. Howarth

PHIL BELL

white

RAY HISCOX

black

1. P-K4
2. N-QB3
3. B-B4

- P-K4
- N-KB3
- B-B4

This is quite popular and sound. The question remains whether the text is as efficient as 3...NXP or N-B3? Of the possible continuations here the best, in my opinion, is N-B3. For example: N-B3; 4. P-Q3 (if P-B4, NXP; 5 N-B3, N-Q3; 6 B-N3, P-K5; 7 N-KN5, P-KR3; 8 KNxKP, NxD; 9 Q-K2, N-Q5; 10 QxNch, Q-K2 and black stands best), N-QR4; 5 Q-B3, NxB; 6. PxD, B-N5; 7 N-K2, P-Q3; 8P-KR3, B-K3 9 P-QN3, P-KR3; 10 B-N2, Q-K2; 11 P-N4, P-KR4 and if 12 O-O-O then 12...O-O-O as in the game Adams-Pinlus, New York, 1944 Also instead of 4...N-QR4 black can secure a fine game with B-N5.

4. P-B4

At this point I refer you to the game Adams-Pinlus, Detroit, 1950 Re the Aug. 1950 Chess Review page 238. Of the move F. Reinhold remarks: "This seemingly aggressive move can be dismissed as almost an opening blunder. For now black instead of white is left with the initiative."

I do not think that P-B4 is a blunder for after 4...BxN, 5 RxB, NXP! and instead of 6 NxD as Adams played in the Detroit game, his new move 6 Q-R5 or the one that I sent to both Adams and the Chess Review, 6 BxPch! leaves the issue far from settled.

4...PxP

As mentioned above, BxN is best.

5. P-Q4

It would be better to play 5 N-B3 first. If then 5...O-O; 6 P-Q4 and if 6...B-N5; 7 P-K5, N-K5; 8 O-O, BxD; 9 B-Q5. Positions on the chess board just don't happen by accident, that is, they aren't invented offhand. One usually has, or should have, a motive for building up to a position in such and such a way.

5...B-N5

6. Q-Q3

O-O

There is no hurry about this. Another factor that should have been taken into account is that white has an open king bishop file. Thus instead of the text, 6...P-Q3 was in order. It clears the path for the queen bishop in case black decides to attack with N-N5 or N-R4 followed by Q-R5ch depending upon eventualities of course.

7. N-K2?

Since black did not play 6... P-Q5 white can ask: "How about this" with P-K5. If 7...R-K1; 8 BxP followed by O-O-O leaves white with the better game.

R-K1

8. O-O

P-QB4

Here black should seek mobility with P-Q4 or even better P-Q5.

9. BxP

If 9 PxP, BxPch and white has a backward king pawn. It will not be able to advance after black plays P-Q5, QN-Q2 and so forth.

PxP

10 N-Q5

NxD

11 BxN

B-B4?

Black's lack of mobility accounts for this position. White's superiority is the logical conclusion to an aggressive advance that is allowed to win space and to establish strong points. Instead of the text black should have played either 11...R-B1 or K-R1. If then CxP black plays Q-N3 and exchanges queens.

12 BxPch

KxB

13 B-N5 dis ch

resigns

POSTAL GAME

Ruy Lopez

ARVID NAAS
white

C. BALLANTINE
black

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | N-B3 |
| 5. O-O | B-K2 |
| 6. R-K | P-QN4 |
| 7. B-N3 | O-O |
| 8. P-B3 | P-Q3? |

Here black leaves the MCO, or chess players bible. The Marshall variation, P-Q4, is there indicated. Since this line leaves white standing a bit the better after the opening, perhaps black was trying to find an improvement, however with this move his game is now unnecessarily cramped.

9. P-KR3

In the same position against Yates, G. Maroczy played the more energetic P-Q3 and N-Q2 following, and soon has black in trouble.

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| 10 B-Q5 | H-Q2 |
| 11 P-Q4 | B-N2 |
| | B-B3? |

K-R looks better for black, preparing the way for a break with P-KB4. If white replies PxP, black plays Pxp with a more mobile game than the text.

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| 12 B-N3 | R-K |
| 13 P-Q5 | H-K2 |
| 14 P-QR4 | H-KN3 |
| 15 B-B2 | N(2)-B1 |
| 16 B-Q3 | PxP |
| 17 R-P | H-B5 |
| 18 B-B1 | Q-Q2 |
| 19 R-R3 | P-N4 |
| 20 H-R2 | B-H2 |
| 21 P-QB4 | H(1)-N3 |
| 22 H-QB3 | B-QB1 |
| 23 H-K2 | HxNch |
| 24 BxH | Q-K2 |
| 25 B-N4 | B-H2 |
| 26 P-N4 | P-R3 |
| 27 H-B1 | KR-Q1 |
| 28 H-N3 | K-R2 |
| 29 H-B5 | Q-B1 |

Black can only make defensive moves as he is hedged in by his own and enemy pawns. Because of this he was unable to prevent this penetration.

30 HxB?

Trading off this strongly posted piece without decisive advantage hardly

can be good. Probably exploiting black's weakness by P-KR4 is best. If 30...PxP, 31 R-KR3 with a fierce attack. Little better for black is HxP, for after HxH, PxH white plays B-B5ch followed by Q-R5. Should black play B-KB5; 31 HxRP! If QxH (KxH is met in the same manner as the following) 32 Pxp, B-P; 33 R-KR3, H-R5; and 34 P-N5 regains the piece without an attack being compromised.

KxH

31 B-K5

This move adds range to the bishop, supports the further advance of the queen side pawns, and stops black from getting more freedom with P-QB3 (white would play B-H6, etc threatening to win the exchange, and black's pushed pawn would eventually fall).

H-K2

32 Q-B2

Black threatens to break out with P-KB4.

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| 33 P-B5 | K-N3! |
| 34 BxPch | P-B4 |
| 35 PxHch | HxB |
| 36 QxQch | QxP |
| 37 P-B6 | KxQ |
| 38 P-N4ch | B-B1 |
| 39 P-N5 | K-N3 |

This move is the point of white's earlier exchanges.

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| 40 P-B5 | P-KR4! |
| 41 K-N2 | P-K5! |
| | B-B? |

Black stands fairly well after Pxp ch; KxP.

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| 42 PxPch | KxP |
| 43 PxKP | R-QN |

This is the point of black's sacrifice, but white has adequate resources.

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| 44 P-P | R-N7ch |
| 45 K-N3 | BxKRP |

White now can't take the bishop because of R-B6 mate. But black has overlooked white's reply.

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| 46 B-Q4! | R-C7 |
| 47 KxB | R-B5 |
| 48 B-M | R-N5 |

Black makes another attempt to mate. He could win the bishop by R-R5ch, K-N5; R-N5ch, K-B3 (to escape perpetual check) R(7)-KN8 whereupon white must play B-B2 to avoid mate, but his passed pawn wins with ease.

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| 49 P-R7 | R(5)-N7 |
| 50 R-KN3! | resigns |

CLUBHOUSE

NEWS

KEN MULFORD

OREGON
STATE
OPEN



DAKE SWEEPS OREGON OPEN

Dake wins the Oregon State Open held at the Portland Chess Club August 18th and 19th. Washington players were well represented in this tournament.

Nice going fellows from Washington. Incidentally the U. W.* was also well represented (plug!!).

The line-up was as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	Score	S.B.
1. A.W. Dake	Bye	W12	W2	W4	W5	5	11
2. Don Turner	D12	W3	L1	W8	W7	3½	15
3. Bob Hibbard	D7	L2	W9	W12	W4	3½	13
4. Ivars Lalberg	W9	W5	W6	L1	L3	3	17
*5. Ted Warner	W13	L4	W10	W6	L1	3	14
*6. Gerry Schain	W8	W10	L4	L5	W11	3	12½
*7. Jim Amidon	L3	D9	D8	W10	L2	2½	14
8. Wa. Hoge	L6	W11	D7	L2	W13	2½	12
9. Svante Eikrem	L4	D7	L3	Bye	W12	2½	10½
10. Einar Bloomquist	W11	L6	L5	L7	Bye	2	10½
11. Oliver LaFreniere	L10	L8	Bye	W13	L6	2	8½
*12. George Stearns	L2	L1	W13	L3	L9	1½	15½
13. Gordon Anderson	L5	Bye	L12	L11	L8	1	9

PORTLAND CHESS CLUB CHAMP!

Don Turner takes the club championship from Calvin Burnham in a five-game match with a 4-1 score! The next club championship tourney will be held sometime in November.

The officers of the Portland Club from a recent election are as follows:

President	Svante Eikrem
Vice-Pres.	Fred Aiken
Secretary	E. G. Short
Tourn. Dir.	Deane Moore
Advisor	A. W. Lake

YAKIMA

Oliver LaFreniere as corresponding secretary of the Yakima Chess Club is trying to organize a Tri-City Chess Club

(Richland, Kennewick, and Pasco). Good luck Oliver, the WCF is behind you!!

UNIV. WASH

The University Chess Club will be back in the saddle again to sponsor another good team in the PSL. Highly dissatisfied with last years third place but more determined than ever, with an undestructible force, to win the trophy this season, we hereby challenge all ye inimitable chess teams to the toughest season you have ever experienced. With none other than the state champ himself, Charles Ballantine, to lead the team and ex-state champ Bob Stork as second board (if Charles is good enough), a small indication of our strength is evident. Rumors are that Jim Amidon, Ted Warner, Hugh Noland and Ken Mulford, among others, will also be available.

By F. H. Weaver

LARRY EVANS WINS U. S. TITLES!

The 1951 U. S. Open Championship went to 19 year old CCNY student Larry Evans, already three times champion of the Marshall Chess Club and victor in the 1951 U. S. Lightning Tourney. Evans clinched the title in the 12th round by drawing with Lee Magee of Omaha to make his score 10 to 2, no losses and four draws.

Second place went to 1940 U. S. Open Champion Albert Sandrin who scored $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$, defeating 1950 U. S. Junior Champion James Cross in the final round. Tied for third were New York State Champ Elliot Hearst, Chess Life columnist, and 1946 U. S. Open Champion Isaac Kashdan with 9 to 3 each. Hearst downed N. T. Whitaker in the final round while Kashdan bested James Sherwin.

Tied for fifth with equal $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ scores were James Cross, Jeremiah F. Donovan, Jose R. Florido of Cuba and Lee Magee, Next with 8 to 4 each Harry Fajans Adolph J. Fink, Dr. Juan Gonzales of Cuba, Alfred Ludwig and N. T. Whitaker.

Indicating the hazards of such an arduous event as the U. S. Open, Edgar T McCormick who led the procession for six rounds undefeated ended with a $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ score, while California Champion Ray J. Martin who had a promising tie for second at the end of six rounds finished also with a $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ score. On the other hand players like Donovan, Fajans and Fink overcame the handicap of 4 to 2 scores at the sixth round to place high among the prize winners.

Several among the leading prize winners are expected to be invited to fill vacancies in the U. S. Championship Tournament schedule, which have been made by the inability of several invited players to attend. While among the players 1951 U. S. Open Champion Larry Evans 1949 U. S. Open Champion Albert N. Sandrin and 1946 U. S. Open Champion Isaac Kashdan were on the original list of invited players expected to attend the 1951 Championship event.

LATE FLASH.....

A report just received states that Larry Evans has just won the U.S. Championship to become the youngest

National Champion in the annals of our United States Chess History. More information will be published in the next issue of the Washington Chess Letter.

U. S. JUNIOR !

In an exciting finish to the U. S. Junior Championship Saul Wachs of Philadelphia drew with runner-up Irving Bizar of New York City to take the U. S. Junior title by 8 to 2. Wachs drew with McComas, Burger, Mayer and Bizar. Bizar placed second with $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ on S.B. points, losing a game to Karl Burger, and drawing with Siemms Mayer and Wachs.

Third place went to Ross Siemms on S. B. points, also with $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$. Siemms led the tournament for five rounds, drawing with Bizar on the 6th. He drew with Joyner and Mayer as well and then lost the all important game to Wachs in the 8th round. However, he won for the second straight year the Hermann Dittmann Trophy for ranking player of 16 years or younger.

Lionel Joyner, formerly of Montreal and now of Santa Monica, who was Canadian representative to the Junior World Championship, finished in fourth with 7 to 3 on S. B. points drawing with Siemms McComas, Sobel and Mayer, while losing a game to Wachs.

ALSO EVANS

Larry Evans successfully defended his U. S. Lightning Chess Championship title in finishing first in a field of 35 players. The preliminaries consisted of four groups of players from which eight were qualified for the final round robin championship event. In the finals Evans lost only to George Eastman.

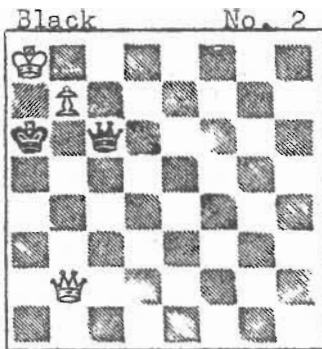
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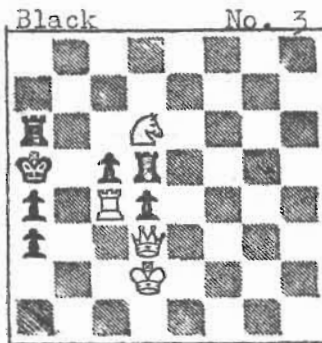
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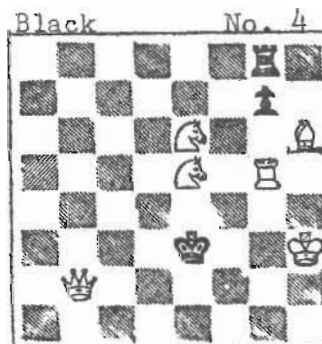
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White to play & win



White mates in three



White mates in two

Problem Number One
by Richter

WHITE has a pawn on QN2; a rook on QN6; a nite on K4; and a king on QB4.

BLACK has three pawns on KN3, K7, and Q2; and the king on KB1.

Problem Number Two
by E. A. Erickson

WHITE has a pawn on QN7; the queen on QN2; and the king on QR8.

BLACK has his queen on QB3; and the king on QR3.

Problem Number Three
by Otto Wurtzburg

WHITE has a rook on QB4; a nite on Q6; the queen on Q3; and the king on Q2.

BLACK has four pawns on Q5, QB4, QR5 and QR6; two rooks on Q4 and QR3; and the king on QR4.

Problem Number Four
author unknown

WHITE has a rook on KN5; two nites on K5 and K6; a bishop on KR6; the queen on QN2; and the king on KR3.

BLACK has a pawn on his KN2; a rook on KN1; and the king on K6.

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WASH. CHESS HISTORY

BY JOHN NOURSE

The decade from 1930 was a memorable period in the history of Washington chess from all standpoints. Organization took its first steady steps and competitions were inaugurated which in turn developed much talent. In the early depression years of the '30ties a second Seattle Chess League was founded by Clyde Schroyer, Max Pollock, myself and others. The League ran for two years with the Seattle Chess Club emerging victor each year. Entries were the Seattle Chess Club, the Y.M.C.A., the ELK's club, Washington Athletic Club, Mr. Raleigh's Queen Anne Club, and Hugh Enochen's North End Club. The participants have all forgotten why the League folded, but the demise is commonly accredited to the advent of better business conditions. At this time the Seattle Chess Club was prospering under the very able administration of our old and dependable friend, Mr. V. J. Bever, who has been in the forefront of chess promotion for many years.

It was during this period also that the Seattle High School League was founded by Otto Case. Due to the lamentable fact that three of the West Seattle players were also members of the Seattle Chess Club, this team proved virtually unbeatable, which may possibly have proved the reason for the League's early demise. The West Seattle High School team must have been a honey, including as it did Claf Ulvestad, Ishida, and Dunkle, all of whom being prominent in the down town club.

It would seem that High School competitions are a very efficient way of developing chess talent. It will later be shown that a high school instructor named Ivan Scates of Centralia, realizing the value of chess in developing the adolescent mind taught chess in Centralia High School, and later passed on to the Washington Chess Federation several top-flight players including Kenneth Lulford, Maurice Butler, and our own Bob Stork, who would be very difficult to replace in his work for chess.

The year 1932 saw the fine efforts of Julius Schmidt culminate in the formation of the Washington State Chess Association, later to become the Washington State Chess Federation, and it was immediately accepted as the governing body for all Washington chess events. Mr. Schmidt was elected President, and the first official Washington State Chess Championship Tournament was held in that year. Special publicity was given this event in an effort to attract players from other parts of the State, with the gratifying result, that while only six players entered, two were from Tacoma, a one from Bangor.

1933 saw the birth of the Puget Sound Open Tournament, and the initial tourney was held in the beautiful setting of Point Defiance Park, Tacoma, the players being seated in a pavilion overlooking picturesque Puget Sound. I am indebted to Carroll Crain for the following recording of the competitions:- "Dighton was the prime mover in organizing the Puget Sound Tournaments with rather lukewarm cooperation from the rest of us since we had just completed the Washington State Tourney. The final standing in 1933 was Ulvestad first with straight wins, Sheets second with $1\frac{1}{2}$ losses (drew with me and overreached himself playing for a win against Ulvestad in the final round,) Holmes third by virtue of several draws and no losses, and myself fourth.

Ed. Hilton of Tacoma brought up the rear with straight losses and promptly retired from chess, (escape note for the frustrated), to become a bridge champion."

In 1938, due to the spade work of E. G. Bayliss, the Lowman and Hanford Co. donated for the Washington State Tournament an exceptionally handsome trophy, which evoked such special interest that it became necessary to hold the tournament in three sections because of the unprecedented number of entries. A significant feature being that the publicity attracted an enormous crowd of spectators, who taxed the quarters of the club to capacity.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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Tournament.	Date	System	Entry Fee	Location
WASHINGTON WOODPUSHER	Sept. 9 9 AM 1951	4 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
PUGET SOUND LEAGUE STARTS.	Sept. 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
WASHINGTON STATE SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP	Nov. 25, 1 PM 1951	Round Robin	\$1.00*	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. 16-17 23-24	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 AM. 1952	Swiss Tourney	\$1.00*	Assembly Hotel Seattle
1952 NORTHWEST EXPERTS	May 31 Jun 1 9 AM. 1952	6 Round Swiss Invitational	?	Assembly Hotel Seattle

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50-A-11
 Bever beats Husby

50-B-10
 Engstrom resigns to Baker

STANDING OF PLAYERS

Class A Players		Class B Players		Class C Players	
Ballantine	1595	Amsden	1132	Connell	772
Bever	1363	Allen, W.P.	1053	Hiscox	879
Cerretelli	1276	Baker	1186	Karch	746
Christey	1175	Cairncross	1152	Landenberger	993
Coubrough	1287	Emerson	1068	Marshall	720
Dolle	1328	Engstrom	1136	McCownell	850
Foster	1250	Holland	1072	Mrs. Moss	734
Greene	1439	Howard, F. M.	1109	Neilson	805
Harmeson	1138	LaFroniere	1100	Orme	998
Hardinge	1190	Malmgren	860	Plume	732
Hazen	1288	McCarthy	1148		
Hellums	1190	Merk, R R.	1019		
Husby	1048	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, H.E.	1300	Roberts, Don O.	1100		
Yocom, C.L.	1231	Vail	1230		

Fred M. Howard is enjoying a well earned vacation so that his opponents in sections 50-B-10 and 50-B-11 will have a rest from his steam roller. We hope he catches a lot of salmon.

W. K. Foster is temporarily in California and replies from him will be delayed.

Two new postal chess players, M.O. Skarsten and R.A. Dickey have joined up and Magerkurth, Norman, Fred M. Howard and H.E. Yocom are waiting for sections to be filled up. Who will take them on?

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