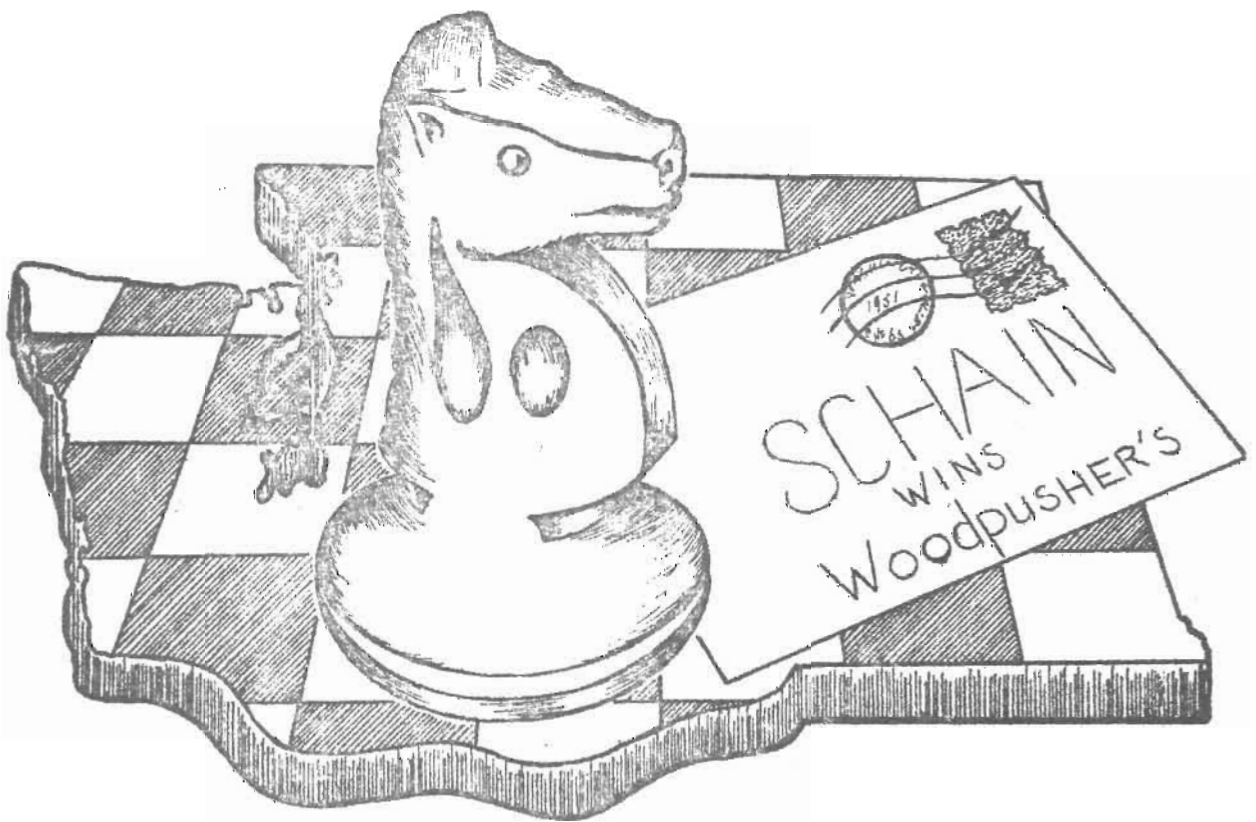


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EDITORIAL

By Robert C. Stark

It has become apparent that the system used in rating individual Puget Sound League participants has not been entirely fair to all concerned. Obviously the chess player who plays the highest board is entitled to more points for a win than the player who plays fifth board, but the question has always been "How much more credit does he deserve?" If the players are rated in an inverse order (first board receiving five points, second board receiving four points, etc.) the players who have had to play the lower boards have no opportunity to head the list. It seems that players such as Dr. Shephard, Jim Amidon and others who rated low in spite of the fact that they had a high percentage of wins should have the opportunity to place higher on the list. For this reason I have asked Kenneth W. Mulford, who has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, to formulate a system whereby Puget Sound League players may be rated more fairly.

Unlike the former method, Mulford's System will give the lower board players an opportunity to rate high on the ladder if they can win the majority of their games. However it will be necessary for a player to compete in a minimum of three matches before he will be rated. This will eliminate the possibility of a player heading the list by playing and winning his first two matches, and then withdrawing from further competition. Here is the Mulford System Formula for players who wish to compute their own rating during the season.

(WINS) X (BOARD POINTS) X (PERCENTAGE OF WINS)

WINS: One point for games won, One half point for games drawn.

BOARD POINTS: (progressive scale) First board 25 points; Second board 24 points; Third board 22 points; Fourth board 19 points; Fifth board 15 points.

PERCENTAGE OF WINS: This is calculated by dividing the won points (1 point for games won, $\frac{1}{2}$ point for games drawn), by the total games played.

Simplified this works out to be the total number of WINS multiplied by the BOARD POINTS and this multiplied by the PERCENTAGE OF WINS. As an example let us take Dr. Shephard's last year Puget Sound League record (which may be found on page six this issue), and see how he would compare with someone further up the ladder under the Mulford System. Dr. Shephard had 7 wins and two draws out of 10 games. For calculating purposes the draws equal 1 point so we assume he had 8 WINS. For simplicity we will assume that he played 3rd board consistently. This gives him 22 BOARD POINTS. (If he had played on various boards during the season it would be necessary to compute the score for each board separately). PERCENTAGE OF WINS, as explained above, is calculated by dividing the points won (8 in this case) by the total games played (10 in this case). Therefore his PERCENTAGE OF WINS IS .8. By exchanging the figures we have just calculated for the symbols of the Mulford Formula we arrive at this result; $8 \times 22 \times .8$ which equals a total score of 140.8 for Dr. Shephard. If we compare this result with the score Charles Magekurth would have had under the new system we find a much closer comparative score. Magekurth would have had (and you may work it out for yourself) a score of 150.15. As these two scores indicate, both players are of fairly equal strength and yet they have played a different number of games. There is no doubt but that this system is much more satisfactory and will place all players much closer to the position which they make for themselves.

WASH. CHESS HISTORY

By J. NOURSE

It was also in the '30ties that Leonard Sheets, deposing 1928-29 Champion A.C. Klug, battled his way to an imposing record.

A versatile player with a fertile imagination, he won tournament after tournament until his retirement in 1947. A list of his honors includes a four year reign as Seattle City Champion from 1930-33 inclusive and wins again in 1935 - 37 and '39.

He was Puget Sound Champion in 1936, and Washington State Champion in 1932-33-36 -'40 -'42 and 1947. Apparently Sheets was at his peak from 1930 to 1933. In 1930 his City Tournament score was $29\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$. In 1932 his score was 20 - 2, and in 1933 he achieved a complete shut-out of 24 - 0, being opposed by such players as the young Ulvestad, Schmidt, Holmes, Bever and Crain.

Perhaps Sheets could have bettered even this record, had he been able to play the "safe" type of game. Washington's chess Master, Olaf Ulvestad, who learned a lot from Sheets, states that Sheets would deliberately play into an inferior position if it provided timing elements which might develop into surprises. Wild impetuous attacks were his favorites, and sacrifices his joy. I remember playing Black against him in the 1936 Washington State Tourney. I raised an eyebrow when he opened with the Muzio, commenting on its reputation as being slightly dangerous. Sheets looked up with a grin, and replied; "Well, I understand you like an open game." This one however was open and shut -- he won it.

In 1932 Leonard Sheets was selected with Carroll Crain to represent Washington in the United States Minor Championship Tournament held in conjunction with the U.S. Major Tournament at Pasadena, Calif. Sheets went to the final round where he lost to the Rev. Ohman, Champion of Nebraska. Crain also made a very creditable showing.

Arthur Dake was selected to represent Oregon in the U.S. Major Tournament where he succeeded in defeating World Champion Alekhine in a spectacular game. Around the Seattle Chess Club Dake was considerably under-rated, his defeat of Alekhine being as one of my correspondents says; "something of a 'joke' in those days."

Dake's later achievements proved that his feat was no fluke, however.

It is interesting to note Champion Sheets was like former Champion Otto Case instrumental in uncovering junior talent. Mr. Case helped to start Olaf Ulvestad on his rise to fame, and a newspaper article from the Centralia Daily Chronicle dated Feb. 11th, 1939, indicates that Sheets' efforts first focussed the spotlight on the talent of our popular and hard-working editor, Robert Stork, the following being the reprint of the "Chronicle" article.

CHESS PLAYERS COMPLIMENTED.

"Before an audience of watchers that sometimes jammed the sidewalk, Chess Club members of the Centralia High School competed against Leonard Sheets, former Washington State and Seattle City Champion, Saturday afternoon in the show windows of the Gealer McKiven Furniture Company.

Eighteen high school students played against the champion in simultaneous play for more than three hours, Sheets moving from table to table, and watching the moves of the students. Three local club members standing the longest against the chess expert were Robert Stork, Kenneth Mulford and Maurice Butler.

However, because of the strong play by a number of the students, Sheets declined to name any one as the best competitor, and winner of a reading lamp donated by the furniture company. Ivan Scates, high school instructor and chess club advisor said a tournament is being planned among the students, the winner to receive the prize of the reading lamp, and the runner-up to receive a chess set donated by Mr. Sheets.

The Seattle chess champion complimented the Centralia students on their strong play and fine execution of movements."

Just a few months after this event, Centralia entertained the Chess and Checker Master - Newell W. Banks. It remained for Bob Stork, a junior in the Centralia high school to have the unique thrill of defeating the master.

SCHAIN WINS WOODPUSHER'S

The annual Washington Woodpusher's Tournament, originated for the purpose of brushing off the rough spots at the beginning of the chess season, had a marvelous success this year.

Gerald Schain led the field the entire way and won the tournament with the enviable record of 4 wins and no losses. Jerry won his last game in a very brilliant and decisive manner; the victory being all the more valuable as it was the decisive game of the tournament. If he had lost to his opponent, Dan Wade, the situation would have been reversed and Wade would be champ. As it was Dan Wade placed second on Sonnen-Berger points and with a very hard earned three points.

With the exception of the winner, Russell Vellias and Kenneth Mulford were the only other two players to play through the entire tournament undefeated. Vellias drawing with Chipman and Warner, and Mulford drawing with Weaver and Davidson. Vellias and Mulford each finished with three points and S-B points placed them third and fourth respectively.

A surprise at the tournament was the remarkable showing of eleven year old Jorgen Bader. In his first game, with Floyd Hebert, the youngster rapidly maneuvered his opponent into a position which appeared to be unquestionably overwhelming; Hebert, with his obviously superior experience, managed to hold on however, and compromise the position into a 60-odd nove draw. With this moral victory and a win from H. Ernest Yocom, Jorgen Bader has entered into tournament chess with a subtle warning to experienced players. It will not be long before this lad makes a great many players sit up and take notice. Well done Jorgen.

WASHINGTON WOODPUSHER'S TOURNAMENT 1951

| NAME | Rd. 1 | Rd. 2 | Rd. 3 | Rd. 4 | Score | S-B |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1. Gerald Schain | W13 | W17 | W9 | W2 | 4 | 7½ |
| 2. Dan Wade | W14 | W12 | W6 | L1 | 3 | 9 |
| 3. Russell Vellias | D7 | W15 | W8 | D6 | 3 | 9 |
| 4. Kenneth Mulford | D12 | D14 | W18 | W9 | 3 | 6 |
| 5. R. K. Collins | L9 | W20 | W10 | W11 | 3 | 6 |
| 6. Ted Warner | W18 | W10 | L2 | D3 | 2½ | 9 |
| 7. Dennis Chipman | D3 | L8 | W16 | W13 | 2½ | 8½ |
| 8. Floyd Hebert | D15 | W7 | L3 | W12 | 2½ | 8 |
| 9. Charles Magerkurth | W5 | W11 | L1 | L4 | 2 | 12 |
| 10 George Stearns | W19 | L6 | L5 | W17 | 2 | 7½ |
| 11 Max Bader Jr. | W20 | L9 | W17 | L5 | 2 | 6 |
| 12 F. H. Weaver | D4 | L2 | W14 | L8 | 1½ | 10 |
| 13 Victor Hultman | L1 | D16 | W15 | L7 | 1½ | 9½ |
| 14 Ted Davidson | L2 | D4 | L12 | W18 | 1½ | 8½ |
| 15 Jorgen Bader | D8 | L3 | L13 | W19 | 1½ | 8 |
| 16 Raymond Dickey | L17 | D13 | L7 | W20 | 1½ | 5 |
| 17 C. R. Harneson | W16 | L1 | L11 | L10 | 1 | 9½ |
| 18 H. H. Roberts | L6 | W19 | L4 | L14 | 1 | 8 |
| 19 H. E. Yocom | L10 | L18 | W20 | L15 | 1 | 4½ |
| 20 C. L. Yocom | L11 | L5 | L19 | L16 | 0 | 7½ |

The marvelous turnout to this tournament proves that the chess players desire a tournament from which the titled players are excluded. Many players can not participate in tournaments which require more than one day; this provides them with the perfect opportunity to play some chess. Next year I hope the turnout will be even greater. Look forward to it and come if you can.

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE '51 '52

PARTICIPANTS: Seattle Chess Club, Seattle Y.M.C.A. Chess Club, University of Wash. Chess Club, Tacoma Y.M.C.A. Chess Club, Olympia Chess Club, Kitsap Chess Club, West Seattle Chess Club and Everett Chess Club. (Amidon's Chess Club)

REGULATIONS: 40 moves in the first hour, and 20 moves in each half hour thereafter. Play begins at 1 P.M. of date specified if a Sunday. Mutual arrangements should be made if a week day. (these rules may be changed by mutual agreement between team captains before the first game of the match has been started.)

Round 2, October 28, 1951

Seattle at Univ. of Wash; Kitsap vs. Everett at Assembly Hotel; West Seattle at Tacoma Y.M.C.A.; Seattle Y.M.C.A. at Olympia.

Round 3, November 11, 1951

West Seattle at Seattle Chess Club; Univ. of Wash. at Tacoma; Seattle Y.M.C.A. at Kitsap; Everett at Olympia.

Round 4, December 16, 1951

Seattle at Tacoma; Kitsap at Univ. of Wash.; Olympia vs West Seattle at Assembly Hotel; Everett at Seattle Y.M.C.A..

Round 5, January 13, 1952

Seattle at Olympia; Tacoma Y.M.C.A. at Kitsap; West Seattle at Everett; Seattle Y.M.C.A. at the Univ. of Wash..

Round 6, February 3, 1952

Seattle at Seattle Y.M.C.A.; Univ. of Wash. at Olympia; West Seattle at Kitsap; Tacoma Y.M.C.A. vs Everett at Assembly Hotel.

Round 7, March 2, 1952

Seattle at Everett; West Seattle at Univ. of Wash.; Tacoma Y.M.C.A. at Seattle Y.M.C.A.; Olympia vs Kitsap at Assembly Hotel.

Memo to all chess clubs: All dues for the 1951-1952 Puget Sound League Season are due at this time. Puget Sound League fees are \$3.00 and W.C.F. dues are \$5.00. Send all fees to W. H. Raleigh, W.C.F. Treasurer, 4318 Densmore Ave, Seattle 5, Washington

| TEAMS | SEA | SEA-Y | UNIV. WN | TAC-Y | OLYMPIA | KITSAP | EVERETT | W-SEA | AMIDON'S TEAM | FINAL SCORE |
|--------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------------|-------------|
| SEATTLE | | | 4 1/2 | 7 1/2 | | 8 1/2 | | 5 1/2 | | |
| SEATTLE Y | | | | | | 8 1/2 | 10 | 3 1/2 | | |
| UNIV. OF WN. | 6 1/2 | | | 2 | | 9 | 9 | | | |
| TACOMA Y | 2 1/2 | | 6 | | 6 1/2 | | | 6 1/2 | | |
| OLYMPIA | | | | 3 1/2 | | | 4 1/2 | | | |
| KITSAP | 2 1/2 | 1 1/2 | 1 | | | | 5 | | | |
| EVERETT | | 0 | 1 | | 5 1/2 | 5 | | | 4 | |
| W. SEATTLE | 3 1/2 | 5 1/2 | | 3 1/2 | | | | | 0 | |
| AMIDON'S | | | | | | | 6 | 10 | | |

Due to the fact Amidon's Team entered late, a special schedule will be arranged and published on page 15.

Dan Wade has drawn up the individual scores for the last Puget Sound League season. G. S. G. Patterson of the Seattle Chess Club placed first with an overall score of $72\frac{1}{2}$ points. Charles Ballantine, Washington State Champion placed second, and Dr. A. A. Murray, former Southwest Washington Champion, placed third. The complete results for the season are:

| | W | L | D | Pts | | W | L | D | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|---|-----------------|--------------------|---|----|---|-----------------|
| 1. G.S.G. Patterson | 14 | 1 | 1 | $72\frac{1}{2}$ | 26 Owen Traynor | 5 | 5 | 2 | $15\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2. Chas. Ballantine | 11 | 1 | 4 | 50 | 27 Max Mage | 3 | 8 | 3 | 18 |
| 3. Dr. A. A. Murray | 9 | 5 | 2 | $42\frac{1}{2}$ | 28 Peter Husby | 5 | 11 | 0 | 15 |
| 4. John N. Nourse | 9 | 6 | 1 | $42\frac{1}{2}$ | 29 Victor Hultman | 7 | 8 | 1 | $14\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5. Max Bader | 7 | 1 | 6 | $41\frac{1}{2}$ | 30 Clyde Schmoyer | 2 | 1 | 1 | $12\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6. Robert C. Stork | 8 | 5 | 1 | $40\frac{1}{2}$ | 31 J. A. Naas | 3 | 2 | 1 | $12\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7. Dan Wade | 11 | 3 | 2 | 38 | 32 Dr. Shephard | 7 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| 8. Gerald Schain | 6 | 6 | 4 | $37\frac{1}{2}$ | 33 Richard Allen | 6 | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| 9. Charles Howitt | 7 | 5 | 2 | $36\frac{1}{2}$ | 34 Ted Davidsen | 6 | 1 | 1 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 Charles Joachim | 7 | 7 | 0 | 35 | 35 H. E. Yocom | 7 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| 11 Carl Enz | 9 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 36 Jim Amidon | 7 | 3 | 0 | 10 |
| 12 Chas. Magerkurth | 10 | 5 | 1 | 30 | 37 Jack Finnigan | 4 | 5 | 1 | 10 |
| 13 Robert M. Collins | 9 | 4 | 3 | $26\frac{1}{2}$ | 38 Ted Warner | 4 | 4 | 2 | $9\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 14 Sid Nourse | 6 | 10 | 0 | 25 | 39 Weischer | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| 15 Kenneth Mulford | 8 | 7 | 1 | $24\frac{1}{2}$ | 40 Thomas Dolle | 2 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| 16 Glenn Muller | 8 | 5 | 1 | 24 | 41 Clarence Martin | 5 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 17 Leslie Coubrough | 7 | 7 | 2 | 24 | 42 Dick Murray | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 18 J. P. Cerretelli | 6 | 7 | 3 | 24 | 43 C. R. Harneson | 5 | 9 | 0 | 7 |
| 19 Schuyler Ferris | 4 | 8 | 2 | $21\frac{1}{2}$ | 44 George Stearns | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| 20 Floyd Hebert | 9 | 2 | 1 | $20\frac{1}{2}$ | 45 Killian Seckamp | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| 21 Carroll C. Grain | 3 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 46 Max Bader Jr. | 3 | 4 | 1 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 22 Vernon M. Holmes | 3 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 47 Dean Tweeddale | 1 | 2 | 1 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 23 Neil Power | 4 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 48 Vukonich | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| 24 George Rehberg | 4 | 9 | 1 | $19\frac{1}{2}$ | 49 Ed Tweeddale | 2 | 10 | 0 | 4 |
| 25 Lawrence Allyn | 5 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 50 C. Yocom | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

For the new Puget Sound League some results have started to come in. The (now and improved) West Seattle Chess Club edged out the Seattle Y.M.C.A. Chess Club with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ at High Point Recreation Center on Friday evening, September the 14th. O. W. Manney, former Nevada Open Champ led the winners with two points over Max Bader on board one, a feat never before accomplished against Bader in Puget Sound League play. On board two Dan Wade surprised Schmoyer $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$; though their second game draw was the final game of the evening and game the winners the necessary half point to win the match. Russell Vellias downed Max Mage 2 to 0 on board three, and adds considerable strength to the new Y team. Floyd Hebert

broke even with Seckamp, and Howard collected two points for West Seattle from Dennis Chipman on fifth board.

RESULTS:

| WEST SEATTLE | Pts | SEATTLE YMCA | Pts |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| O. W. Manney | 2 | Max Bader | 0 |
| C. L. Schmoyer | $\frac{1}{2}$ | Dan Wade | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Max Mage | 0 | Russ Vellias | 2 |
| K. Seckamp | 1 | Floyd Hebert | 1 |
| F. M. Howard | 2 | Dennis Chipman | 0 |

| TACOMA YMCA | Pts | OLYMPIA | Pts |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Leslie Coubrough | 1 | Dr. A. Murray | 1 |
| R. M. Collins | 1 | J. Cerretelli | 1 |
| V. E. Hultman | 1 | C.R. Harneson | 1 |
| C. Martin | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | H. E. Yocom | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Belden | 2 | C. L. Yocom | 0 |

Problem No. 1. -- 1. n-r5 ch., pxr; 2. q-m3 ch, k-r3; 3. q-b4 ch, k-n2; 4. p-r4 p-q6; 5. q-n3 ch., k-r3; 6. r-n8, q-r8 ch.; 7. k-r2, q-b3; 8. q-n5 ch., qxq; pxq mate. or 3....., q-n4; 4. qxr ch., p-b3; 5. q-b8 ch., q-n2; 6. qxq ch., kxq 7. r-b etc.
 Problem No. 2. -- 1. q-r5, q-b7; 2. q-r8

or 1....., q-k6; 2. P-n7: or 1....., qxnp; 2. kxp ch. or 1....., q-qr8; 2. p-b4 ch., pxp ep.; 3. k-q4 etc. or 1... q-kr8!; 2. kxp ch, qxq; 3. p-b4 ch. etc.
 Problem No. 3. -- 1. n-b5, n-n5; 2. rxp n-n6; 3. n-q4, kxr; 4. n-b3 ch., k-r4; 5. k-n7, n-b4ch; 6. k-r7, n-k6; 7. n-b6 mate.
 Problem No. 4. -- 1. R-kb8, any move.

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Puget Sound League
French Defense

O.W. MANNEY (YMCA) A. VALLOCK (UofV)
white black
(Notes by O.W. Manney)

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. N-QB3 | N-KB3 |
| 4. B-KN5 | B-N5 |
| 5. P-K5 | P-KR3 |
| 6. B-Q2 | KN-Q2 |

Fine considers best 6...BxI; 7 PxB,
N-K5; 8 Q-N4, P-KN3!

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| 7. Q-N4 | K-B |
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Usually played here is B-B1.

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| 8. B-Q3? |
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Immediate "overprotection" by P-KB4
was indicated.

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| 9. PxP | P-QB4! |
| 10 N-B3? | N-QB3 |

Again P-B4 was better.

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|----------|-------|
| 11 Q-N3 | BxP |
| 12 O-O | P-QR3 |
| 13 P-QR3 | P-QN4 |
| 14 QR-K | B-N2 |
| 15 K-R | Q-B2 |
| 16 P-N4 | QR-B |

To drive the bishop from one of its
commanding diagonals.

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| 17 N-Q1 | B-R2 |
| 18 B-B3 | B-1I |

To be followed, if time permits, by
the doubling of the rooks on the king's
file; also hoping for black's reply.

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| 19 HxP | P-Q5? |
| 20 P-B4 | N(3)xP |

At last! N-N3 ↗

If black plays NxB, white plays NxB
check. After black captures the knight,
white mates in three.

21 BxI PxB
22 NxBch resigns
This won the match for the YMCA 5-4.

International Chess Match
Sicilian Defense

EBERHARDT G. SCHAIN
white black

(Notes by James Amidon.)

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3. N-B3 | N-B3 |
| 4. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 5. NxB | P-C3 |
| 6. B-K2 | P-KN3 |
| 7. O-O | B-N2 |
| 8. N-N3 | E-K3 |
| 9. P-B4 | Q-B1 |

Castling or N-R4 keeps the game in
more conventional lines.

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| 10 P-KR3 | P-KR4 |
| 11 B-K3 | P-R3 |
| 12 P-CR4 | N-QN5 |
| 13 B-B3 | BxP!? |

To win three pawns for the bishop..

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| 14 PxB | CxP |
| 15 B-N6 | |

Necessary to save the piece.

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| 16 Q-K2 | N-N5 |
| 17 Q-N2 | Q-N6ch |
| | CxQ |

CxP would give white a dangerous
initiative and an open file for his rook

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| 18 KxQ? |
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This move loses the exchange. After
BxQ black is left with a difficult game.

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| 19 QR-B | HxP |
| | N(7)-K6ch |

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| 20 K-N3 | NxRch |
| 21 RxdI | R-CBL |
| 22 N-BL | P-K3 |
| If BxdI, 23 PxB; RXP; 24 B-Q5! | |
| 23 R-Q1 | K-K2 |
| 24 N-Q3 | R-B3 |
| 25 P-R5 | KR-CBL |
| 26 P-K5 | P-Q4? |

Better probably is PXP, 27 BxR, PXP with check to be followed by RxB leaving black with four connected passed pawns for the piece.

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| 27 N-R4 | P-N4 |
| 28 B-B5ch | K-K1 |
| 29 P-N4 | PxPch |
| 30 KxP | B-B1 |
| 31 R-KR1 | BxB |
| 32 N(3)xB | P-B3 |
| 33 RXP | NxP |
| 34 N-N6 | N-N3ch |
| 35 K-K3 | RxdI(5) |
| 36 PXR | RXP |
| 37 R-R6 | N-K4 |

If K-B2, B-R5ch

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| 38 B-R5ch | K-K2 |
| 39 R-R7ch | K-Q3 |
| 40 RXP | P-C5ch. |

If KxP black checks at bishop three winning the white bishop.

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| 41 K-C2 | RXP |
| 42 N-B8ch | K-B3 |
| 43 R-K7 | N-B5ch |
| 44 K-Q3 | N-N7ch |
| 45 KxP! | |

Well done. If white trades bishop for knight black's passed pawns will win so black accepts a draw as he cannot now save his pawns after RxB.

WOODPUSHERS TOURNAMENT
French Defense

FLOYD HEBERT
white

JORGAN BADER
black

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|-----------|---------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. PXP | PXP |
| 4. N-KB3 | B-KN5 |
| 5. N-B3 | B-N5 |
| 6. B-Q3 | N-QB3 |
| 7. O-O | NxP |
| 8. C-K1ch | N(5)-K3 |
| 9. N-K5 | B-KR4 |
| 10 B-Q2 | N-B5 |
| 11 N-N5 | BxB |
| 12 CxB | N-K5 |
| 13 BxdI. | PxB |
| 14 C-N4 | Q-Q4 |

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|-------------|---------|
| 15 P-KB4 | P-QR3 |
| 16 N-QB3 | Q-Q5ch |
| 17 QxQ | NxQ |
| 18 QR-KL | P-KB3 |
| 19 N-B4 | O-O |
| 20 RXP | QR-Q1 |
| 21 N-K3 | KR-KL |
| 22 RxRch | RxR |
| 23 N(K3)-Q5 | P-B5 |
| 24 N-N4 | P-R4 |
| 25 N-Q3 | NxP |
| 26 N-B5 | P-QN3 |
| 27 N-Q7 | P-QN4 |
| 28 R-B1 | N-Q5 |
| 29 K-B2 | P-N5 |
| 30 N-R4 | B-N5 |
| 31 N(7)-B5 | N-K3 |
| 32 R-K1 | K-B1 |
| 33 N-Q7ch | K-B2 |
| 34 P-KR3 | NxBP! |
| 35 RxR | KxR |
| 36 NXPch | PxdI |
| 37 PxB | N-Q6ch |
| 38 K-K3 | N-K4 |
| 39 K-B4 | K-B2 |
| 40 P-N5 | N-Q6ch |
| 41 K-B5 | PXP |
| 42 KXP | K-N2 |
| 43 P-N4 | P-R3ch. |
| 44 K-B5 | K-B2 |
| 45 P-N5 | PXP |
| 46 KXP | K-K3 |
| 47 K-N4 | K-Q4 |
| 48 K-B3 | K-B5 |
| 49 K-K3 | P-N6 |
| 50 P-R3 | N-B4 |
| 51 N-B3 | N-Q6 |
| 52 N-Q1 | P-R5 |
| 53 K-Q2 | N-B4 |
| 54 N-K3ch | K-Q5 |
| 55 N-B5ch | K-B5 |
| 56 N-K3ch | K-N4 |
| 57 K-B3 | N-K5ch |
| 58 K-Q4 | N-B7 |
| 59 N-B5 | P-B4ch |
| 60 K-Q5 | N-Q6 |
| 61 N-Q6ch | K-N3 |
| 62 N-B4ch | K-N4 |
| 63 N-Q6ch | K-R3 |
| 64 N-B4 | K-N4 |
| 65 N-Q6ch | K-R3 |
| Drawn | |

(Jorgan Bader is the 12 year old son of Max Bader.)

CHECK NOTATION CAREFULLY, THEN SEND IN THOSE GAMES.. THEY ARE BADLY NEEDED.

'CHESS LIFE' REPORTS

LARRY EVANS U.S. CHAMP

By F. H. WEAVER

Playing brilliant chess and conceding only three draws, 19 year old CCNY student and U. S. Open Champion Larry Evans won the U. S. Championship with a score of $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$. Larry Evans is also Champion of the Marshall Chess Club, U. S. Lightning Champion, U. S. Open Champion, Former U. S. Junior Champion (he did not participate this year) and needs only to win the U. S. Intercollegiate title to complete the list. He still has the opportunity to win the Intercollegiate title as it has not yet been held. Larry Evans is the first Chess player to hold the three US titles in the same year. If Larry will keep going at his present pace he will be a strong contender for the World Championship very soon, and the United States may once again have the World Title to add to its chess laurels.

Highlighted by Dr. Ariel Mengarini's surprise victory over the five times winner of the U. S. Championship, Grand Master Sam Reshevsky, the U. S. Championship at the Hotel Empire in New York City was a tournament filled with exciting moments and unexpected denouements.

Sacrificing a rook against Santasiere, Evans took his first round game in brilliant style, while former Champion Samuel Reshevsky, faced with a vigorous and imaginative defence by Chess Review Editor I. A. Horowitz, exchanged his queen for three minor pieces and consolidated his forces for a win in 43 moves. Max Pavey and Albert Pinkus adjourned a game that was not finished until the third round when Pinkus scored a victory in 101 moves. Herbert Seidman, playing soundly and vigorously, won in 43 moves against Manhattan Club Champion Milton Hannaur. Simonson lost a Reti Opening to Shainswit, while Dr. Bernstein defeated Dr. Mengarini.

In the second round Reshevsky, who faced Simonson, drew the gallery which remembered how Simonson had bested the champion a year ago; but to their possible disappointment the feat was not repeated and Reshevsky won in 37 moves. Thrills were provided by the Evans-Shainswit game in which the latter offered the sacrifice of a knight in a brilliant combination, but the Open Champion avoided the trap and scored his second win. Pavey, overlooking a winning combination at the end, drew with Hannaur, while Seidman triumphed in 44 moves over Horowitz. Bernstein and Santasiere drew a

Falkbeer Counter Gambit in 17 moves while Mengarini and Pinkus also drew.

In the third round the expected fireworks from the Evans Reshevsky game did not occur and the game was a draw after 16 moves. Seidman, in the meantime won from Simonson to take the lead with a three to nothing score. Pavey scored his first win over Mengarini while Horowitz bested Hannaur and Santasiere defeated Pinkus. Bernstein and Shainswit drew by perpetual check in an exciting game.

Seidman lost the lead in the fourth round by dropping a game to Evans who outplayed his opponent in a carefully calculated ending, while Reshevsky was dealing Bernstein his first loss. Evans and Reshevsky moved into a tie for first place with $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ each.

In the fifth round Evans scored a lively and aggressive over Horowitz and took over undisputed first place after Reshevsky dropped a draw to Pinkus.

In the sixth round both Evans and Reshevsky conceded draws to their opponents, Simonson and Pavey respectively.

Excitement reigned and the spectators grew tense as Dr. Ariel Mengarini in 27 moves dealt Reshevsky his first defeat in six contests for the U. S. Title. It was a costly game, for it was the margin by which Evans won the Championship. In the meanwhile Evans won from Hannaur in 43 moves.

Evans scored again in the eighth round, outplaying Bernstein in a Meran defense, while Reshevsky in a clever

position play defeated Santasiere.

The ninth round found Evans continuing to hold first place by defeating Pinkus in a 61 move struggle that ended at midnight. Reshevsky in a lively combination disposed of Shainswit earlier in the evening.

Reshevsky gained upon Evans in the tenth round by defeating Hanauer in 29 moves while Evans lost a half point by drawing with Pavay.

In the final round Reshevsky grimly broke through a blocked position in the center in a Budapest defense and defeated Seidman, but it was to no avail as Evans also scored in a 60 move battle with Mengarini. Refusing the draw that would automatically have clinched the title Evans outplayed his opponent in a difficult ending with bishops of opposite colors and scored the full point. Evans is the youngest United States Champion on record.

REGGIO-ITALY

Former U. S. Champion Herman Steiner placed second at the 12 player tournament at Reggio Emilia in Italy with an 8-3 score. One point behind Czerniak who recently won the Schlechter Memorial in Vienna. Steiner had the satisfaction of besting in a game which was awarded a prize as the best played game of the tournament. Third place went to Romani with a $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ score. Paoli placed fourth with 6 to 5.

U. S. WOMEN'S

In the furor of reporting tournaments, the results of the U. S. Women's Championship has almost been forgotten. Not quite, however, as we report that Miss Maxine Cutlip, who holds the Southwestern Women's Open Title, won the U.S. Open Tournament at Fort Worth with a 5 to 7 score. Runner Up for the women's honors was Mrs. Edwina Watson with a 4 to 8 score. Mrs. Catherine Jones held third with $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$. A separate tournament for the women was not held because there was only an entry of four women, and they preferred to play in the regular Open Tournament.

DICK ALLEN

Richard P. Allen, Washington Chess Federation Vice-president, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the United States Chess Federation for the 1951 and 1952 chess season. Richard P. Allen has long been an active organizer of Washington Chess. His most notable contribution has been his organization of the Washington Chess Federation constitution. Single handed he composed this document and still only a few players know this is his work. Dick Allen has been active in assisting in the organizing of many of the Washington State Tournaments and the Washington Woodpusher's Tournament was entirely his idea. Because of Dick's modesty, his role of organizer is not widely known and most chess players are content to sit and play and let the other follow do the organizing. Congratulations Dick, the United States Chess Federation could not have picked a better man for such a position.

S. A. SPEED

Not content with winning the Southern Assn. title at Tampa, N. T. Whitaker also took the Speed title in a 12 man round robin event held during the course of the Southern Tournament. Whitaker scored 10 to 1, while Harold Burdge, formerly of Washington, tied for second with 9 to 2 with Dr. Juan Gonzales of Havana who paused on his way to the U.S. Open at Fort Worth. Dr. Gonzales is a former U. S. Lightning Champion. Fourth place with $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ went to Florida State Champion Clarence Kalonian who dealt Whitaker his only defeat in the event.

CASTLE C. C.

In a match within a match, Castle Chess Club, champions of the Bay Area of California whitewashed the perennial Los Angeles County Champions, the Santa Monica Chess Club, in the North vs. South California team match. Scoring victories for Castle were H. Gross, H. Falconer, W. McClain, W. P. Barlow, W. Hendricks and R. Hultgren.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

CHARLES K. JOACHIM

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

| Tournament | Date | System | Entry Fee | Location |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| PUGET SOUND LEAGUE STARTS. | Sept. 16 | Open to Federation 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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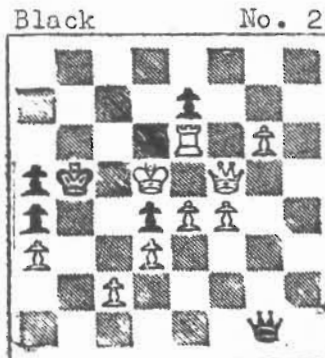
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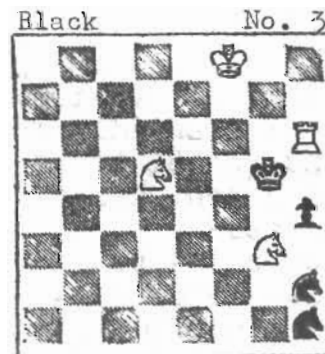
By E. A. ERICKSON



White to play & win



White mates in three



White to play & win



White mates in two.

Problem Number One
by Koltonowski

WHITE has six pawns on KR3, KN2, KB5, QB2, QN3, and QR2; a nite on KN3; a rook on QB8; the queen on K3; and the king on KN1.

BLACK has five pawns on KR2, KN3, KB2, Q5 and QR2; a rook on Q3; a bishop on QB3; the queen on KB3; and the king on kn2.

Problem Number Two
by G. Hume

WHITE has six pawns on KN6, KB4, K4, Q3, QB2, and QR3; a rook on K6; the queen on KB5; and the king on Q5.

BLACK has four pawns on K2, Q5, QR4, and QR5; the queen on KN8; and the King on QN4.

Problem Number Three
by Garriei

WHITE has a rook on KR6; two nites on KN3 and Q5; and the king on KB8.

BLACK has a pawn on KR5; two nites on KR7 and KR8; and the king on KN4.

Problem Number Four
by C. W. Wood

WHITE has a pawn on QN3; two rooks on KR4 and K8; a nite on K7; two bishops on KB1 and QN2; the queen on Q2 and the king on QB6.

BLACK has two pawns on KB7 and Q5; two nites on KB5 and K7; a bishop on Q8 and the king on K5.

SOLUTIONS PAGE 6

EN PASSANT

by Dick Allen

Last June, I received a very interesting mimeographed letter from Weaver W. Adams, the well known Chessmaster and teacher of chess. To make a long story short, Mr. Adams has decided to start a Chicken Ranch. This plan is the well-thought solution to the problem faced by American chessmasters, i.e., how to make a living and do the chess research needed to keep pace in the world of subsidized CHESS. He needs \$10,000 to finance this project, to start it on a sound, paying basis. Bankers are a cold, hardheaded lot and refuse chess assets as collateral. They want conditional title on something worth \$10,000, market, before they will lend you \$10,000. Therefore, turning in the direction of those who have known him best, he now appeals for loans from the thousands of chess enthusiasts who have read his books, heard his lectures and played him across the board in simultaneous.

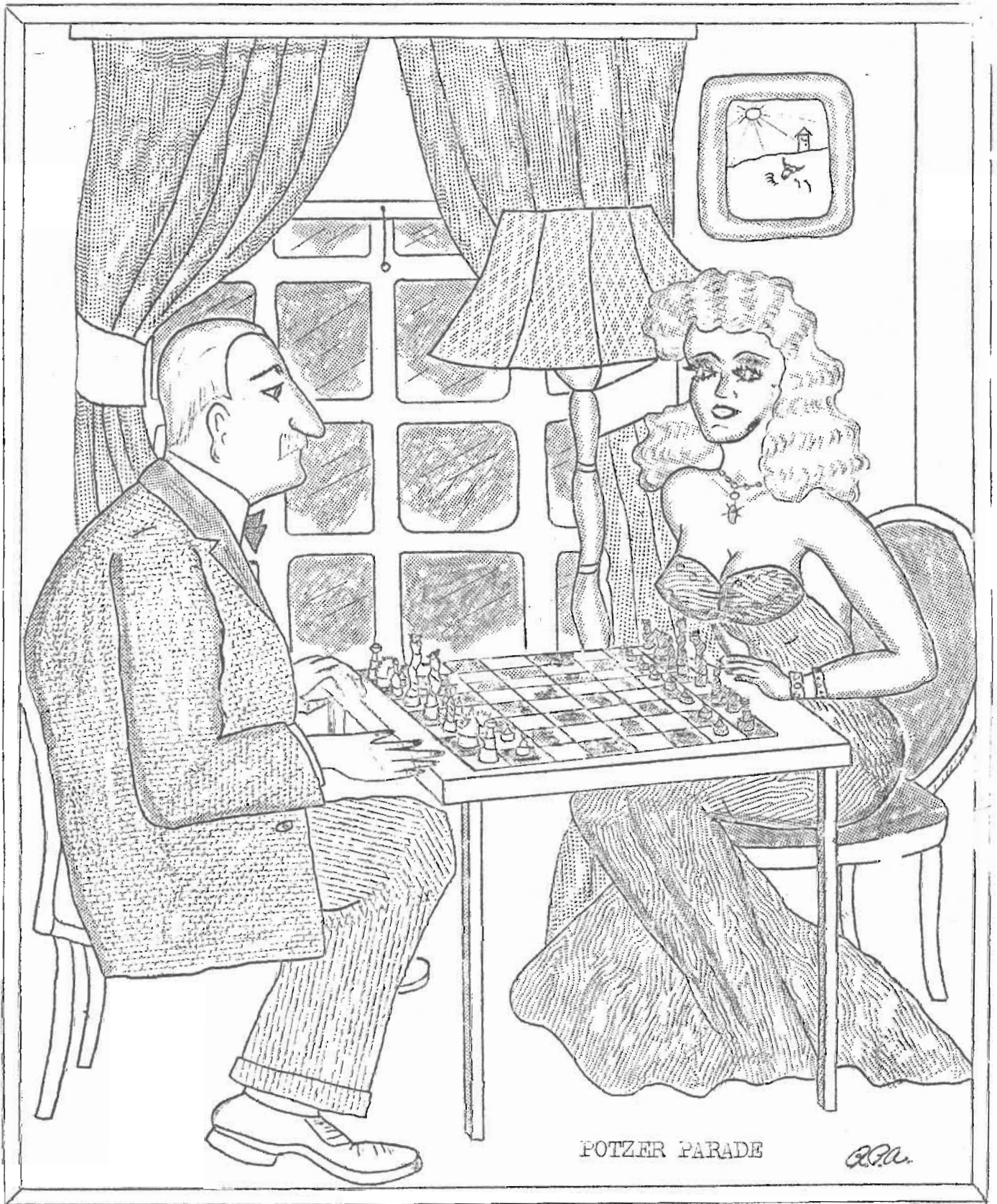
I don't suppose there are any millionaires reading this who could give him the \$10,000 without batting an eyelash, but if you have \$1.00, \$10.00, \$100.00, \$1,000 or even the full \$10,000, you could do a lot worse than send it to him in the form of a check. He has given his word that no check will be cashed until the full \$10,000 is received. Furthermore, he promises to pay the loan back in three years from the time the checks are cashed, with interest compounded at 5% annually.

He is obviously sincere and has studied the various aspects of Chicken Ranching thoroughly, as he would a game of chess. His strength of character and absolute honesty are well known to all who have dealt with him. He has more than enough intelligence and energy to carry this plan forward into reality and success, but the important thing to us is that he will have considerable time between chores to do the chess research that he is best fitted for and desires to do the most. Altho he didn't mention it, I'll bet that those who lend him some of their idle cash, will get the latest chess dope. Why keep that cash idle in a bank at $1\frac{1}{2}\%$, when you can put it to such a good work and get 5% to boot?

It may sound like he is asking you to finance a chicken-farm, but it really means financing a truly great book on chess. I have over a dozen books on chess which cost from \$2.00 to \$4.00 each, but I have got more straight dope out of his little pamphlet, "SIMPLE CHESS", than all the rest combined. If he could write a thing like that between whistle stops and one-night-stands on the something less than sumptuous diet of the American chess-pro, what could he do in the peace and quiet of a rural retreat with tomorrow's dinner a reasonable certainty?

A short time ago, Mr. Adams received a card from a young man in Texas, who played in the U.S. Junior Championship tournament after only three months' experience with the game. He defeated George Kraus and Eliot Hearst, drawing with Arthur Bisguier and Larry Evans, the present U.S. Champion. This happened in 1947, and some one who has a file of old CHESS LIFE's could oblige me by telling me the name of this young genius. At any rate, he finished ninth from the top and attributed his good showing to the fact that he had memorized all the opening variations contained in "SIMPLE CHESS".

If you want to take part in the Weaver Adams Project or desire further information, direct your inquiries to Weaver W. Adams, 253 Highland Avenue, Massachusetts.



"Oh, I know how to play--it's mostly sitting and scowling, isn't it?"

CLUBHOUSE — NEWS

PORTLAND ~

The Portland Chess Club is now settled in their new quarters in the Governor Building. Their new address is Room 229, Governor Building, Southwest Second and Stark, Portland, Oregon.

Portland Chess Club has received a challenge from the Salem Chess Club, and it looks as if Salem may constitute a real threat. Valdemars Zemitis, Junior Champion of the Baltic States, and several of his countrymen have joined the Salem Team and considerably strengthened it. Some interesting struggles are anticipated.

News of former Portland Chess Club members is coming in, and most of it is quite impressive. Alex Suchobock, who recently won the 1951 Puget Sound Open, is visiting in New York and while there he entered the New York State Championship Tourney in which he won 4 games, drew 3, and lost only 2! He won from Evans (it is presumed this is Larry Evans, U. S. Champion) Herzberger, Duchamp, and drew with Sherwin who was tournament winner.

Another news item about former Portland Chess Club players is the information that Jim Schmitt, also a Puget Sound Open Champ, placed third in the Northern California Championship Tournament. Bagby and Capps tied for first with scores of $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$, and Jim Schmitt followed with a half point loss. Jim had beaten Bagby in their encounter and seemed on his way to another first prize only to drop his game to Capps. Jim's fine showing in this tournament earned him a chance to participate in the coming California State Championship.

NEW CLUB ~

Showing considerable individuality and initiative, Jim Amidon has formed an independent Chess Club to participate in the Puget Sound League. As they en-

tered late a schedule had not yet been drawn up for them. Due to the fact this new team constitutes the odd numbered team, an extra schedule in which the dates do not coincide with previously scheduled matches is printed below;

Round 1, October 14, 1951.

Amidon's Chess Club vs. West Seattle C. Club at the Seattle Chess Club.

Round 2, October 28, 1951

Amidon's Chess Club at Kitsap C. Club.

Round 3, November 18, 1951

Amidon's Chess Club at Everett C. Club.

Round 4, December 9, 1951

Amidon's C. C. vs. Olympia at Seattle Chess Club.

Round 5, January 20, 1952

Amidon's Chess Club vs Tacoma Y.I.C.A. at Seattle Chess Club

Round 6, February 10, 1952

Amidon's Chess Club at Univ. of Wash.

Round 7, March 9, 1952

Amidon's Chess Club at Seattle Y.I.C.A.

Round 8, March 16, 1952

Amidon's Chess Club at Seattle C. Club

SPECIAL NOTICE:

University of Washington Chess Club will play their first Puget Sound League match against Everett on October 14, at the Everett Chess Club.

Charles K. Joachin, Washington Chess Federation Director, is organizing a 1951 Cities Tournament which will be held at Seattle on December 2, 1951. This tournament will be held in conjunction with Seattle's Centennial Celebration although it is planned to be an annual affair hereafter. All cities will be invited to participate

POSTAL CHESS

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Section 49-A-9 was finished with Naas winning top honors by taking all of his games. Ballantine came in second with 5 wins and one loss and Kaffenberger third, 4 wins. This makes Naas the first to win a 6 month subscription to the WCL, also his new score tops the previous leader, Ballantine.

Following are results of games completed the past month.

| | | | |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 49-A-9 | | 50-A-10 | |
| Naas | 1 Harmeson 0 | Sams | 1 Dolle 0 |
| Naas | 1 Kaffenberger 0 | | |
| 50-A-11 | | 49-B-9 | |
| Foster | forfeits all games | F.E. Merk | 1 Vail 0 |
| Bever | 1 C.L. Yocom 0 | | |
| 50-B-10 | | 50-B-11 | |
| Howard | $\frac{1}{2}$ R.R.Merk $\frac{1}{2}$ | Howard | 1 Baker 0 |
| | | Allen | 1 R.R.Merk 0 |
| | | R.R.Merk | 1 Holland 0 |

STANDING OF PLAYERS

| Class A Players | | Class B Players | | Class C Players | |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-----|
| Ballantine | 1595 | Amsden | 1132 | Connell | 772 |
| Bever | 1435 | Allen, W.P. | 1110 | Hiscox | 879 |
| Cerretelli | 1276 | Baker | 1038 | Karch | 746 |
| Christey | 1175 | Cairncross | 1152 | Landenberger | 993 |
| Coubrough | 1287 | Emerson | 1068 | Marshall | 720 |
| Dolle | 1264 | Engstrom | 1136 | McCownell | 850 |
| Foster | 896 | Holland | 1014 | Mrs. Moss | 734 |
| Greene | 1439 | Howard, F.M. | 1142 | Neilson | 805 |
| Harmeson | 1136 | LaFreniere | 1100 | Orme | 998 |
| Hardinge | 1154 | Malmgren | 860 | Plume | 732 |
| Hazen | 1288 | McCarthy | 1148 | | |
| Hellums | 1190 | Merk, R.R. | 1113 | | |
| Husby | 1114 | Merk, Fred | 1094 | | |
| Kaffenberger | 1372 | Moore | 1137 | | |
| Magerkurth | 1294 | Martin | 997 | | |
| Naas | 1644 | Norman | 1167 | | |
| Sams | 1245 | Parry | 1012 | | |
| Saering | 1300 | Raleigh | 867 | | |
| Tweedale | 1246 | Roberts, H.H. | 961 | | |
| Yocom, H.E. | 1300 | Roberts, Don | 1100 | | |
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