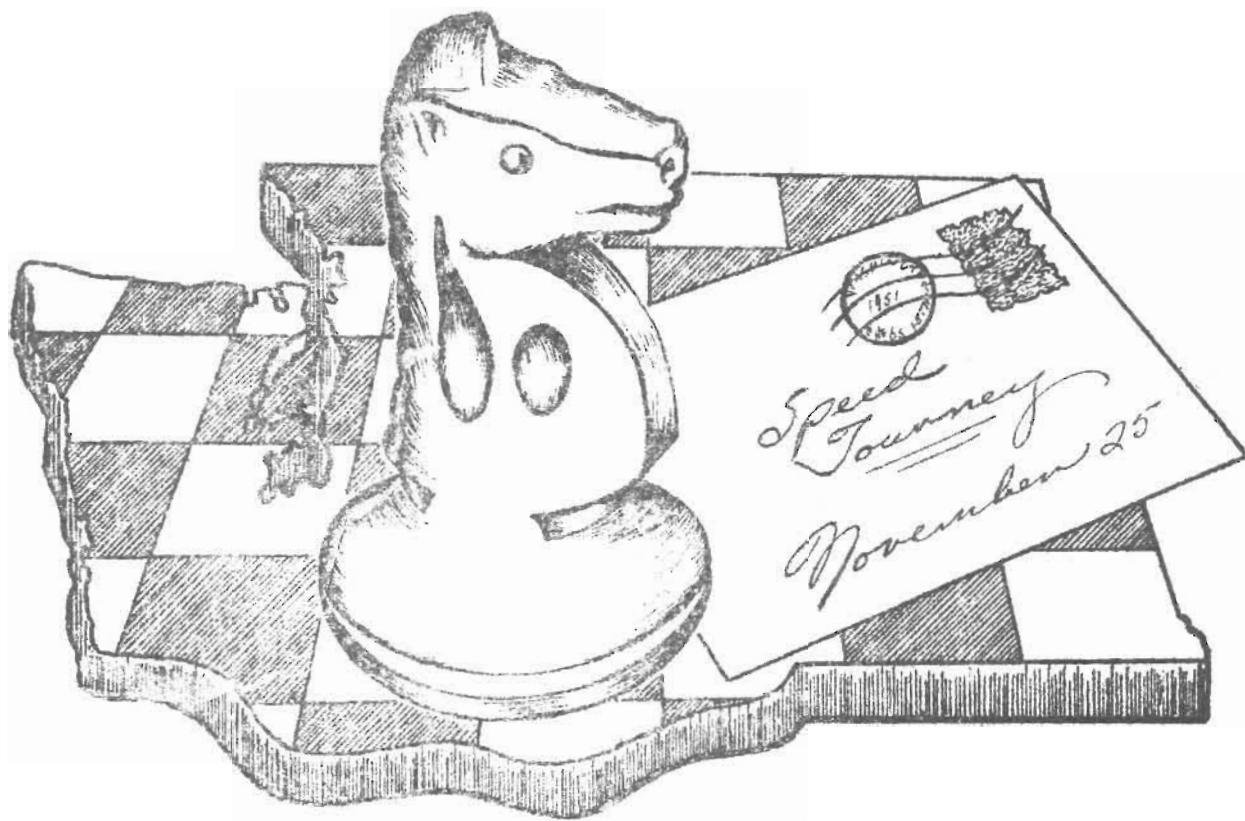


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PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE NEWS

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Tied	PF	PA
Univ. of Washington	2	0	0	2	0
Tacoma YLCA	1	0	0	1	0
Amidon's Chess Club	1	0	0	1	0
Seattle	1	1	0	1	1
West Seattle	1	1	0	1	1
Everett	0	1	1	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kitsap	0	1	1	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Seattle <i>YLCA</i>	0	1	0	0	1
Olympia	0	1	0	0	1

UNIVERSITY TEAM DOWNS SEATTLE
TAKES TOP SPOT IN LEAGUE PLAY!!

The University of Washington chess team gave fair warning that they are the team to beat for the P. S. L. team championship when they won a 6 to 4 victory over a strong Seattle club team Sunday, Oct. 28th.

Led by State Champion Charles Ballantine, the collegians made it look easy on the top boards, the "Champ" and Gerald Schain, number two man, sweeping all their games.

This was the University's second win in as many starts as they had previously walloped Everett to the tune of 9-1.

Match scores:

U. of WASHINGTON 6	SEATTLE 4
Ballantine 2,	Patterson 0
Schain 2,	Joachim 0
Stork $\frac{1}{2}$,	Sheets $1\frac{1}{2}$
Noland $\frac{1}{2}$,	Muller $1\frac{1}{2}$
Black 1,	Seiter 1

U. of WASHINGTON 9	EVERETT 1
Ballantine 2,	S. Nourse 0
Schain 2,	Husby 0
Stork 2,	Miller 0
Noland 2,	Tweeddale 0
Malford 1,	Ring 1

AMIDON'S TEAM IN FORFEIT WIN

Jimmy Amidon's newly organized chess team chalked up a 10 to 0 win without even pushing a pawn Oct. 14 when their West Seattle opponents failed to show.

Those ready to do battle, each accorded two forfeit wins, were: J. T. Amidon, Ted Warner, Burnett Sams, T. P. Corbett, and L. J. Alexander.

KITSAP AND EVERETT STALEMATE
NOURSE BROTHERS AT IT AGAIN!!

Meeting at the Seattle club-room in the Assembly Hotel, the Kitsap and Everett pawnpushers fought to a 5-5 draw Sunday, October 14th.

Facing each other for the 99,999th time across the checkered board were the chess playing Nourse brothers, Sid and Jack. This time they didn't come to blows, however, as each was able to swindle the other and the score was even at a game apiece.

Box Score:

KITSAP 5	EVERETT 5
J. Nourse 1,	S. Nourse 1
Gross 1,	Husby 1
Allen 1,	Miller 1
Magerkurth ... 2,	Tweeddale 0
Christey 0,	Ring 2

The Kitsap Chess Club held a business meeting on October 17, 1951 and it made a major change in the top brass. Richard P. Allen, well known enthusiast and organizer of chess in Washington, was elected to succeed John N. Nourse, who has been president as long as anyone can remember. Other officers were C. L. Miller for Vice-President, W. J. Jackson for Secretary-Treasurer and G. L. Christey as Tournament Director.

An election of officers at University of Washington's Chess Club took place at the beginning of the Fall Quarter and Kenneth W. Mulford was elected to fill the office of President which was vacated by Gerald Schain who has to leave for the Navy. Other officers are R. C. Stork for Vice-President, Jon Berg for Secretary-Treasurer, and Rod Dimmoff as Organization Assembly Delegate.

The West Seattle Chess Club, which this year obtained the talent of Mr. C. W. Manney, meets every second and 4th Friday of each month at the Hi-Point--- Recreation Center. The enthusiasm of this club is very high and they welcome visitors at any time. Drop in if you can.

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WASH. CHESS HISTORY

BY J. NOURSE

The inauguration of the Seattle High School League about 1930 brought into the picture the name of Olaf Ulvestad, who was destined to become Washington's brightest chess luminary. The League itself suffered an early demise, probably as Ole recalls because the West Seattle team's three top boards - Ulvestad, Ishida and Dunkle were all members of the Seattle Chess Club, rendering this team practically unbeatable.

However, while it lasted, the League was instrumental in developing many players who are still staunch chess fans.

The early Ulvestad was a sensitive thoughtful youth with a grand sense of humor. He was also endowed with a rare attribute among chess masters - the endearing trait of modesty. These qualifications, coupled with an ample endowment of tolerance place Olaf, in my estimation, in the top bracket of chess masters.

I have met several chess masters in my time, and usually am reminded of the English lady at a diplomatic function, who was sitting by herself, obviously bored and a little disgusted. A friend, trying to help, invited her to join her group, saying, "My dear, I'd love to have you meet some of our politicians. Won't you join us." The lady replied, with a hint of weariness in her tone; - "No thanks, I've just met one."

Only once do I recall that Olaf's mantle of tolerance slipped a little. This was when Ole and I were defending democracy in the Bremerton Navy Yard, and while away the ferry time by playing chess. By some mischance, Ole was distraught and suffered a fourth defeat, whereupon I, making some commonplace remark, as - "Well, That's four straight. YIPPEE," - inspired Ole to a rare breach of manners. He said, - "Yes, what in the world is the matter with me."

During his first few years of competitive chess, Ulvestad was remarkable for his brilliant conceptions, and failed to be a consistent winner only because of lack of experience. He could - and did - make mistakes. His first four years of the game however, gave indubitable proof that he possessed all the attributes of a true champion. The chess-board set-up was from the first, crystal clear to him, and logical plans presented themselves readily. Chess was his natural forte. Gifted with a potent imagination, a quick intelligence, which made him one of our fastest players, and a retentive mind, as illustrated by his ability to play successfully as many as ten blindfold games simultaneously, combined to later earn him the respected title of Chess Master.

He was just commencing to "feel his cats", - 3rd. place and brilliancy prize in the 1932 Wash. State Open; Puget Sound Champion - 1933. Wash. State Champion - 1934. when the exigencies of fate isolated him from the game for three years in Alaska.

In 1938 Ulvestad made the decision to try for national recognition, and began intensive training in the talent-loaded New York area. He became partner in a chess and checker concession in a busy professional section of the city, and for two years played all comers at a settled rate per game. This was not a particularly lucrative effort financially, but it added immeasurably to Ole's experience. Later, realizing that in the slow ponderous field of tournament play, endurance and vitality could be more important than ability, he underwent a rigorous training schedule in the mountains, where he combined study with hiking, climbing, etc. topped off with vitamin-rich fresh farm food. The encouraging result was an even score, and three special prizes at the 1939 Ventnor City Tournament.

The supreme thrill of his life came when he was selected by the top seven U.S. chess masters to play the 10th. board against Russia in 1946. The fascinating story of Mr. Ulvestad's trip, seen through his keen observant eyes was printed in the Chess Letter in the issues from Oct. 1948 to Mar. 1949 inclusive. Students of Russian phenomena should make a point of rereading this revealing picture of the Russian scene.

Ulvestad's opponent was David Bronstein, with whom he broke even, winning the second game in 40 moves and losing the first one after 118 moves and 14½ hours.

In 1950 he was again selected to represent the U.S. against Yugo-slavia. This time he played on the fifth board.

Since 1948 Mr. Ulvestad has been studying music, devoting one year in Italy and Scandinavia to development of his fine baritone voice - opera being his final goal.

His numerous chess friends and acquaintances will join in hoping that his career in music will surpass even his brilliant achievements in chess.

Good luck to you, Ole.

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PASSANT

by Dick Allen

Like the lemmings in their march to Atlantis, the migratory bird-life flying south, or the salmon returning to the spawning beds, the chess players are returning in increasing numbers to their winter quarters, and the chess season is now in full swing.

On October 17, 1951, the Kitsap Chess Club held its first election, that is, AN(After Nourse). At least none of the long standing members, such as Christey, Magerkurth, Boothe, Miller, Markuson, Leatherman or Jackson, could remember having held an election. Now this was passing strange since it was commonly known that one, John Nourse, was president year after year, perhaps enen started the club.

In inquiring into this mystery, an investigation committee was appointed to probe existing records, examine witnesses and unearth the facts. However, to this date, no evidence or relevant information has come to light, and witnesses have indicated that they do not "remember" or refuse outright to answer under their constitutional rights. Since the club as yet does not have a Constitution, I fail to see the ground they stand on, unless it might be the Constitution of the United States.

Perhaps the key witness will be Jack Nourse, the President of the WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION, who is thought to be one and the same as John Nourse mentioned in the committee hearings as a very active member of the Kitsap Club and the holder of the club championship for several consecutive years. At any rate, the latter has not been available for questioning so far, and it is feared by some, that he may have met with foul play. On the other hand, his disappearance coincided with the change in ownership of the Puget Sound Ferries, a statistical fact which may or may not be relevant. In any case, for the record, Nourse and other officers of the club, under his immediate command when last observed, are now considered definitely AWOL. His last official act was to order the Kitsap regulars into battle against the forces of General Dake who conducted an invasion in the Bremerton sector on July 14.

I was a field correspondent at the time, attached to the Kitsap command. Commander Nourse informed me at the zero hour that the outlook was dark, and that General Dake was on no vacation trip--that win or lose, our losses would be terrible. He said that General Dake would demand reparations payment of \$25.00 and cautioned me that this information was top-drawer secret. I assumed that the Commander had discussed these matters with his immediate field commanders, and when the subject came up at the Officer's Club, I referred to the coming tests of strength as a day of great honor and glory for Kitsap. Unfortunately, this news so unnerved the officers that it was communicated to the men with a consequent loss in morale. On the fateful day, the Commander in Chief could not be located, and all had deserted save General Christey and Field Commander Allen, whose contingents still were intact. Our forces withdrew in confusion, and General Dake was able to occupy the entire area without challenge. Due to the scorched-earth policy of the retreat, General Dake was later forced to withdraw his forces to the neighboring State of Oregon in the vicinity of Portland, in order to build up supplies, with the intention, no doubt, of launching future attacks in this strategic area. It is hoped that there will be a more proper reception prepared in this event.

The Kitsap forces were more successful in meeting the recent invasion of the renegade chess and checker bandit, Kenneth Grover, who is wanted in several states for stealing horses and pawning them off, also for transporting queens across state lines for you know what. We were able to muster 26 field commanders, 14 of which commanded full contingents of chessmen and 12 used checkermen exclusively. By attacking simultaneously, from all directions, the allies scored three victories on the chessfront.

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PORTLAND CHESS CLUB 1950 CHAMPIONSHIP RUY LOPEZ

DONALD TURNER
white

E.G. SHORT
black

(Annotation by Donald Turner)

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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 | P-Q3 |
| 8. P-B3 | N-QR4 |
| 9. B-B2 | P-B4 |
| 10 P-Q4 | Q-B2 |
| 11 QN-Q2 | |

This game was quite important to me as winning it would preserve my chances of tying for first. I chose this move because I hoped to transpose into a line I had played against Short before with success.

12 PxP

KPxP
P-B5!?

The line beginning 11...KPXP and followed by 12...PxP is a familiar variation, but this idea of Mr. Short's is new. He is willing to risk an attack in the hope of reaching the endgame with a majority of pawns on the queen's wing. I believe that in an end game, should we go so far, Mr. Short reaches the peak of his ability and is one of the most dangerous men in Portland. However he has wasted time with his last move and that is dangerous in an opening. Therefore... Charge!

13 P-K5

PxP

14 PxP

N-Q4

Better is N-Q2, but still 15 N-K4, NxP? 16 NxN, QxN; 17 B-B5! wins. (Editors

note-The annotator apparently overlooked the simpler and also decisive 17 N-Q6ch in the above position) For instance if 17...Q-B2, 18 N-Q6ch is better than BxB as it allows the possibility of variations such as 18...K-B; 19 BxBch, K-N; 20 Q-B3. Or 18...K-Q; 19 BxBch, QxB; 20 N-N7dblch.

15 N-K4

B-K3

If B-N2, N-Q6ch!

16 B-N5

B-QN5

17 B-Q2

O-O?

Very risky. On 17...B-Q2 white has gained a tempo. Certainly 17...BxB was bad though tempting to an endgame player. Upon it, white's queen can maneuver to KN5. Once white's queen is there he has an irresistible attack whether black castles or not.

18 Q-B

The queen is headed for KN5. I'm proud of this odd looking move. I think that despite its eccentric appearance it won the game for me.

Routine.

19 BxB

Q-B?

NxB

20 N-B6ch!

This explodes black's game. After 20...PxN; 21 Q-R6 leaves black no defense against the mate.

21 BxRP

K-R

N-Q4

22 Q-N5!

PxN

Better is 22...Q-C; however white wins here too 23 B-N6! NxN. (either PxN or PxN is met by Q-R4ch); 24 Q-R4 ch., K-N; 25 PxN, NxB; 26 N-N5! etc.

23 PxP

NxP

If R-KN, BxR.

24 QxNch

KxB

25 R-K4

Resigns

1951 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
Sicilian Defense

"HAM" MARTIN

white

"JERRY" SBHAIN

black

When two of the northwest's most aggressive young players meet we can expect anything to happen, and here in the following game everything does.

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|----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-KB3! |

This, the Nimzovich variation, has received much less attention recently than other lines. It is similar to Alekine's Defense in that it attempts to take advantage of an overextension of white's forces, and is quite playable for black.

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| 3. P-K5 | N-Q4 |
| 4. P-QB4 | N-N3? |

PCO recommends N-B2. The above move will cost black a piece in this game.

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| 5. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 6. NxP | P-K3 |
| 7. N-N5 | |

This penetration points up black's error on his fourth move.

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| 8. QN-B3 | B-N5ch |
| 9. Q-N3 | O-O |

The immediate Q-KN4 threatening B-N5 and thence to B6, or B-R6, can give the defender some anxious moments.

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| 10 B-B4 | N-B3 |
| 11 O-O-O | P-B3! |
| 12 N-Q6 | P-QR3 |
| 13 B-K3 | PxP |

Better than BxP, NxB; 14 QxB, RxBP, leaving black with a rook on the seventh rank. The text threatens P-B5 with some counterplay, nor is there harm in hoping for black's reply.

BxN??(Q6)

Since there is no escape square for the knight on knight three, this is a major blunder.

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| 14 RxB | NxBP |
| 15 QxN | P-QN4 |
| 16 Q-B5? | |

Q-KN4 will keep black's hands tied meeting the immediate threats. This gives black time for counterchances.

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| 17 B-K2 | R-N |
| 18 KR-Q | B-N2 |
| 19 BxN | N-Q5 |
| | PxB |

20 QxP?

This allows black to develop with tempo. R(1)xB looks much better. White should concentrate as rapidly as possible on black's very weak king side.

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| | C-N4ch |
| 21 K-N | R-B5 |
| 22 Q-K3 | P-N5 |
| 23 P-KN3 | PxN!! |
| 24 QxR? | |

PxR to open attacking lines, while by now a little late, is better than the text.

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| | C-QB4 |
| 25 B-B4 | B-C4 |

Renewing indirectly the threat of P-B7ch.

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| 26 R(6)xB | RxPch |
| 27 K-R | C-R6! |
| 28 RxP? | |

The losing move though analysis shows a surprising number of other moves that also lose. White could still win, however, with 28 C-B, if followed by careful play. For instance 28 C-B, PxR; 29 BxPch, K-R; 30 B-B4, R-Q7!(threaten-RxR; if QxQ, RxR with mate to follow) 31 R-N! Sometimes one must win by losing a move, as this aptly illustrates. Now the attack is gone, but white must still be careful. Supposing 31...C-N5; that white plays the plausible looking move 32 B-N3?, C-Q5! The threat is P-B7ch, Q-N2, P-B8Qch; RxQ, QxQ mate. White must therefore play B-B2 leaving black with a fair game after RxP threatening RxB. But after 31...C-N5 white can play R-C and should win with careful play.

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| 29 BxR | RxPch |
| | C-N7 mate |

Skittles!
Colle System

MULLER

white

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3. P-K3 | B-N5? |

SEGO

black

This early development of the QB, while countenanced by PCO tends to leave the queen side too weak, and many games are therefore won with this system by an immediate attack on the queen side.

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| 4. P-B4 | PxP |
| 5. BxP | C-C3? |
| 6. C-N3 | P-K3? |
| 7. QxP | C-B3 |
| 8. B-N5 | BxN |
| 9. PxB | Resigns |

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		H.E. Yocom 1	Baker 0

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