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EDITORIAL

By Robert D. Stark

A LETTER TO YOU ABOUT ^{W.}_{C.F.}

With all the news these days about the National Elections we are apt to forget that the Annual Elections for the Washington Chess Federation are due very soon. On the last Sunday of April to be exact. It has been a long time since we have actually gone to the trouble of considering the quality of our officers. Last year the matter was evidently given very little consideration. A blanket vote was made at the annual meeting to retain all the present officers in their present positions. It should be mentioned that this procedure is in direct violation of the W. C. F. Constitution, and we should be more careful to follow the rules which the well meaning founders of the Washington Chess Federation created for us. This year I will do everything in my power to see that things proceed according to Hoyle, but it is difficult to do everything. The Washington Chess Federation really needs the voice of all its Member Clubs, so send your representatives to speak for you. Each Member Club is allowed two votes, and if only one representative from your club is present at this meeting he will be allowed both votes.

The problem of selecting a new President for the Washington Chess Federation seems to me to be of major importance. It is not wise to keep the same person in command indefinitely, as things then have a tendency to become stagnant. The Washington Chess Federation has come a long way under the supervision of John Nourse but now I believe we need a change. The question, of course, is who can handle the job. I have given this matter a great deal of consideration, and over and over I get the same answer. My opinion, is that Richard P. Allen is the only man we have who is really qualified to handle the job. Every chess club in which he has been a member has found him as the motivating force behind its activities. During the time he spent in the Seattle YMCA Chess Club, it built up into a power which was second only to the Seattle Chess Club in the Puget Sound League. Since he has left the Seattle YMCA (and perhaps it is not too diplomatic to mention this, but it proves my point) has gone into a slump, even going so far as to discontinue meeting in the YMCA building. It is also in Allen's favor that since he has become affiliated with the Kitsap Chess Club it has started to build into one of the soundest Chess Clubs in our organization. The Kitsap members have elected him as their president, and have become the first club with a 100% Washington Chess Federation membership. It should also be mentioned that he is a member of the Board of Directors of the UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION, and is an active writer for the Washington Chess Letter. It was he who put hours of labor into writing the excellent Constitution which the Washington Chess Federation accepted. I've not been able to tell all the good he has done for Chess because there isn't space to do so, but this should give you some idea of the basis on which I formed my opinion. There are a great many advancements possible for the Washington Chess Federation, and under Richard P. Allen's leadership I believe we can make much improvement.

I sincerely believe that Allen is our man, I hope you will share my opinion in this matter, but above all send your representatives to vote in these elections.

LET YOUR OPINION BE KNOWN.

W.C.F.'S BIG PROBLEM



LA FRENIERE

It has recently come to the attention of many of us the fact that our Board of Directors is considering uniting WCF with the USCF as an official state chapter. No doubt this is an excellent idea. However as everything else, it has its weak points.

Let me outline for you several points under such an affiliation.

TO OUR ADVANTAGE :

1. Each member would receive, as well as his WCF card and the Washington Chess Letter, a USCF card and bi-monthly copies of Chess Life, which would: (a) Release for other more lucrative columns space now taken in the Chess Letter for 'Chess Life Reports'; (b) Provide each player with news of all national events which cannot be mentioned in the Chess Letter.

2. Such an affiliation would be a definite step forward in the N.C.C.P. (National Chess Coordination Program) which is badly needed to strengthen chess in this country. N.C.C.P. means in effect: One solid organization consisting of local, state, and national organs working entirely for the promotion of chess.

3. Many WCF members that are not USCF members would become so, and vice-versa.

4. Each tournament player would then be rated under the new national rating system. (See 'Chess Life Reports' of this month.)

TO OUR DISADVANTAGE :

1. The composite total of the two Federations' dues would equal \$5.00, which is likely to cut down seriously the now growing membership of WCF.

I will strain myself trying to find more disadvantages, but I don't believe there are any more.

That is how it stands--about four points to one in favor of union. However, that last point is extremely important. How many of us are in favor of paying \$3.00 more in dues each year to receive the above stated advantages? That is the purpose of this article. I would like to get you opinions on this vital factor as soon as possible. Now is the time to do your protesting, agreeing, or "no comment" instead of after the Board of Directors act. Your opinions are a powerful influence. Send them to me, Oliver LaFreniere, 2807 West Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Wash.

REMEMBER OPINIONS NOW NOT WHEN IT'S TOO LATE ! ! ! ! !

NEWS AROUND YAKIMA

Yakima County Chess Club's only title tournament is scheduled to begin April 7 and will end April 28. Leading prospects for the County Championship are O. LaFreniere and William H. Hoge. This year the double round robin formerly used will be replaced by a single round robin to fit into the four Monday nights of playing time. An excellent turn-out is expected.

News of the existence of a Pasco Chess Club has excited some of the more belligerent members of Yakima's Club. They feel a challenge should be stated at once, and probably in the near future the two clubs will battle.

HEARST WINS MARSHALL

Holding the lead all the way, former New York State Champion Eliot Hearst scored $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ to win the annual Marshall Chess Club Championship in New York. Undefeated, Hearst conceded draws to Collins, Hill, Howard, Santasiere, Dunst, Mednis and Sibbett.

State Champion James Sherwin, who also holds the Intercollegiate title, finished a strong second with 11-5. He lost a game to his Columbian team-mate Hearst, as well as games to Donovan and Santasiere, while he drew with Collins, Howard, Dunst, and Fajans.

In third place Jack Collins and Jerry Donovan tied for the honors with $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ each. Collins lost games to Hill, Fajans, Westbrook, and Sibbett, while drawing with Hearst, Sherwin, Burger, Donovan lost games to Hearst, Collins Brandts and Dunst, and drew with Santasiere, Burger, and Mednis.

Bernard Hill placed fifth with 10-6 while Franklin S. Howard and A. E. Santasier tied for sixth at $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ each.

N. C. RATING

The National Ratings of tournament players as of December 31, 1951 were recently published. This list has been based on 100 U.S. tournaments, eight of which were in Wash. They are:

<u>CLASS B</u>	
Seattle City Championship (1951)	1739
<u>CLASS C</u>	
Seattle City Championship (1950)	1675
Wash. State Junior (1951)	1650
Wash. Woodpushers (1951)	1612
Southwest Wash. District(1951)	1581
<u>CLASS D</u>	
Central Wash. District '51.	1448
Pierce County Championship..	1535
Yakima County Championship..	1400

Washington's one and only master, Olaf Ulvestad, was dropped from the rating list because of lack in participation. However, our close neighbor, Arthur Dake of Portland, Oregon, held steady in the Senior Master Class.

Individual ratings in Wash. are as follows:

<u>CLASS A</u>	
C. K. Joachim, Seattle,.....	1958
O. W. Manney, Seattle.....	1974
J. L. Sheets, Seattle.....	1959
<u>CLASS B</u>	
R. P. Allen, Bremerton.....	1789
James Amidon, Seattle.....	1834
Dan Wade, Seattle.....	1760
F. H. Weaver, Seattle.....	1808
<u>CLASS C</u>	
V. E. Hultman, Seattle.....	1609
O. W. LaFreniere, Yakima.....	1528
<u>CLASS D</u>	
R. M. Collins, Seattle.....	1498
Sgt. R. Dickey, Seattle.....	1435

Washington's rating list is certainly growing nicely.

C. C. L. OF A.

In 1951 The Correspondence Chess League of America, an affiliate of the USCF, established a new record in membership with 1208 active members--its largest membership in the 50-odd years of its existence. Early indications in 1952 give promise of an even larger membership for the current year.

ANOTHER MEMBER!

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Chess Association on February 22, adoption of the National Chess Coordination Program was voted in by a decisive majority of its members.

WADE WINS PUGET SOUND O.

Dan Wade with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ won the 1952 Puget Sound Open chess championship. Only nine players showed up for the tournament at the Seattle Chess Club on Saturday morning, March 22nd. Not one of these contestants had attained the expert rating by previously winning a major tournament. However several players who have come very close to entering the winner's circle in past tournaments were entered. And the small number of players entered made it nearly impossible for the eventual winner to avoid playing all of the strongest contenders unlike six round Swiss tournaments with larger numbers playing. Glenn Muller and Ken Mulford, two of the favorites, were upset by Ted Warner and Wade respectively on the first day of play. Wade and Warner then drew in their crucial third round meeting Saturday evening to finish even with $2\frac{1}{2}$ for the first day. Sunday morning Warner used some book learning to quickly down Mulford while Wade had a harder time before turning back Muller and his Colle System attack to remain in a tie for first place.

Then the fatal fifth round! Wade won a fairly quick decision over Harneson and had ample time to rest up for his last game while Warner drew a tartar in Joe Cerretelli and had to be content with a draw. The final round had its share of drama because of the Sonnenborn-Berger point angle. Wade and Warner had played the same opponents in every case but one. Wade had opened the tournament against Skarsten while Warner drew Gorton in the last round. The situation was quite complicated for if Wade playing the strong Cerretelli drew and Warner won they would finish each with 5-1 scores. Skarsten by beating Weaver in the last round would end with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points to add to Wade's S.B. while Warner would have only the two points Gorton had made to add to his S.B. total so Wade would win by one half of a S.B. point.

Skarsten lost to Weaver however and Warner won as expected over Gorton. Wade was in a nearly locked pawn position with Cerretelli. If he couldn't break through he was doomed to miss tying for first by one half of a S.B. point! Wade had won a passed pawn on the queen side but couldn't break through there. Leaving that pawn as a threat he switched his attack to the previously quiet king side and broke open the position to win the title.

Glenn Muller, losing only to the two top men, placed third with a 4-2 score and Ken Mulford a half point behind Glenn took fourth. Following Mulford were Cerretelli, Weaver, Harneson, Gorton and Skarsten in that order. Skarsten from Oregon was the only out of the state player entered.

Because of the odd number of players entered the use of byes was quite excessive but neither of the leaders drew one nor did Joe Cerretelli who had a chance to tie for first prize until the fifth round. First prize was a trophy while the runner up gains a years subscription to the Washington Chess Letter. Ken Mulford took the job of tournament director and everything ran smoothly.

NAME	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Rd. 5	Rd. 6	SCORE	S.B.	W.	L.	D.
1. DAN WADE	W-9	W-4	D-2	W-3	W-7	W-5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	19.5	5	0	1
2. TED WARNER	W-7	W-3	D-1	W-4	D-5	W-8	5 - 1	20.5	4	0	2
3. GLENN MULLER	W-5	L-2	W-6	L-1	W-8	bye	4 - 2	18.5	4	2	0
4. KEN MULFORD	bye	L-1	W-8	L-2	D-9	W-7	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	16.5	3	2	1
5. JOE CERRETELLI	L-3	W-9	D-7	W-6	D-2	L-1	3 - 3	21.5	2	2	2
6. FRED WEAVER	W-8	L-7	L-3	L-5	bye	W-2	3 - 3	15.0	3	3	0
7. C.R. HARNESON	L-2	W-6	D-5	bye	L-1	L-4	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	20.0	2	3	1
8. GORTON	L-6	bye	L-4	W-9	L-3	L-2	2 - 4	17.0	-2	4	0
9. H.O. SKARSTEN	L-1	L-5	bye	L-8	D-4	L-6	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	17.0	1	4	1

A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE GAMES PLAYED IN THE 1952 WN. ST. TOURNEY WILL BE IN APRIL WCL

O. ULVESTAD WINS 1952

WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. A. A. Murray led the 1952 Washington State Championship Tournament until the finals, only to lose in the playoff to Washington State's only Chessmaster, Olaf Ulvestad. Leading the tournament the entire way, and winning games from the former State Champion Charles Ballantine, and his initial game from Olaf Ulvestad, Dr. A. A. Murray finished the tournament as the only player undefeated. Unfortunate as it is, this remarkable record is blemished by three draws. One with Washington State Open Champ O. W. Manney, one with former State Champion Leonard Sheets, and one with former Puget Sound Open Champion James Amidon. These three draws allowed room for Olaf Ulvestad, Internationally known chessmaster, to come from behind and finish with an equal score which entitled him to a playoff. Ulvestad did quiet magnificently after dropping a point in the early rounds. He finished the rest of the tournament undefeated, and with his extensive background and superior skill defeated Dr. A. A. Murray in the playoff. Our new 1952 WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPION is OLAF ULVESTAD!!

Both ULVESTAD and MURRAY deserve a great deal of credit for their marvelous efforts. Ulvestad for his excellent comeback, and Murray for his magnificent moral victory.

It should also be mentioned that as Murray places second in this tournament, it gives him the equivalent of two seconds in major tournaments and thus makes him a WASHINGTON CHESS EXPERT. His other victory is the 1950 Southwest Washington Championship.

Former State Champion Charles Ballantine should be commended for his participation. Although in ill health during most of the tournament, he continued in the attempt to defend his title, and finished with the magnificent score of 5 to 3 which gave him third place. It is with regret that I report that all the participants of this tournament did not display sportsmanship as good as this. In the fourth round G. S. G. Patterson became angry with the methods used in directing the tournament, and withdrew. As no penalty, other than reporting the remainder of their games as forfeit losses, can be inflicted upon players who show such poor sportsmanship as this, we report his games as such. Due to Patterson's withdrawal in the early part of the tournament, EACH PLAYER HAS ONE LESS GAME AND NONE OF PATTERSON'S GAMES COUNT FOR OR AGAINST ANY OTHER PLAYER. A withdrawal from a tournament which is still in progress without a legitimate reason is probably the poorest sportsmanship a player can show, and players in future tournaments would do well to consider this fact before withdrawing.

1952 WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP * ROUND ROBIN *

	Play off	Final score
1. OLAF ULVESTAD _____ L2 ___ W3 ___ W4 ___ W5 ___ W6 ___ D7 ___ W8 ___ W9	W2	7½-1½
2. DR. A. A. MURRAY _____ W1 ___ W3 ___ W4 ___ D5 ___ D6 ___ D7 ___ W8 ___ W9	L1	6½-2½
3. CHARLES BALLANTINE _____ L1 ___ L2 ___ W4 ___ W5 ___ D6 ___ D7 ___ W8 ___ W9		5 - 3
4. DAN WADE _____ L1 ___ L2 ___ L3 ___ W5 ___ W6 ___ W7 ___ W8 ___ W9		5 - 3
5. O. W. MANNEY _____ L1 ___ D2 ___ L3 ___ L4 ___ W6 ___ W7 ___ W8 ___ W9		4½-3½
6. JAMES AMIDON _____ L1 ___ D2 ___ D3 ___ L4 ___ L5 ___ D7 ___ W8 ___ W9		3½-4½
7. LEONARD SHEETS _____ D1 ___ D2 ___ D3 ___ L4 ___ L5 ___ D6 ___ D8 ___ L9		2½-5½
X. G. S. G. PATTERSON _____ fL* ___ D2 ___ fL* ___ fL* ___ W5 ___ W7 ___ fL* ___ fL*		2½-5½
8. DR. SHEPHARD _____ L1 ___ L2 ___ L3 ___ L4 ___ L5 ___ L6 ___ D7 ___ W9		1½-6½
9. FLOYD HEBERT _____ L1 ___ L2 ___ L3 ___ L4 ___ L5 ___ L6 ___ W7 ___ L8		1 - 7

* forfeit losses.

GAMES DEPARTMENT

G MULLER & D WADE-ED'S

We were going to have all of the State Championship Tournament games in this issue. But the boys have been slow getting their games in. Please get a three cent stamped envelope and mail all games to J.L. Sheets, 3619 Phinny Ave. Seattle. He has volunteered to do all of the work on this worthwhile project so the least we can do is give him our games. The absence of these games gives me a chance to palm off on my unsuspecting readers a couple of my games from the recent Puget Sound Open!

Giouco Pieno

KEN MULFORD

white

DAN WADE

black

(notes by Wade)

In this second round game with Ken Mulford several unusual positions occur making this game fairly intriguing.

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|-----------|--------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-B4 | B-B4 |
| 4. P-B3 | N-B3 |
| 5. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 6. PxP | B-N5ch |
| 7. N-B3 | NxKP |
| 8. O-O | BxN |
| 9. PxB | P-Q4 |
| 10. B-Q3 | O-O |
| 11. Q-B2 | R-K1 |
| 12. B-KB4 | N-K2! |

Now if 13 BxN, PxB; 14 QxP?, N-N3; 15 BxP, Q-Q2; 16 B-K5, P-B3; 17 KR-K1, PxB; 18 PxP and white has lost a bishop for two pawns.

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| 13 KR-K1 | N-N3 |
| 14 B-N3? | |

White could regain his pawn here by playing 14 BxN, PxB; 15 RxP, NxB; 16 RxN

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| 15 BPxN | NxB |
| 16 QR-N1 | B-K3 |
| 17 P-KR4 | O-B1 |
| | P-OB4 |

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|------------|---------|
| 18 PxP | QxPch |
| 19 K-R2 | P-N3 |
| 20 P-R5 | N-B1 |
| 21 N-N5 | P-Q5 |
| 22 R-N5 | QxP |
| 23 BxPch | K-R1 |
| 24 R(5)-K5 | QxQ |
| 25 BxQ | R(K)-Q1 |
| 26 B-N3 | BxB |
| 27 PxP | P-B3 |
| 28 N-B7ch | K-N1 |
| 29 R-K7 | R-Q2 |
| 30 P-R6 | P-Q6? |

Black now loses his Queen pawn.

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|-----------|------|
| 31 PxP | RxR |
| 32 RxR | KxP |
| 33 N-K5ch | K-N1 |
| 34 NxP | R-Q1 |

Black by losing his QP at least develops his rook.

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|-----------|-------|
| 35 N-B4 | R-Q2 |
| 36 N-N6!? | P-R4! |
| 37 R-K8 | K-B2! |
| 38 RdxNch | KxN |
| 39 R-QN8 | R-Q3 |
| 40 K-N1 | K-B4 |
| 41 K-B2 | K-K3 |
| 42 K-K3 | K-Q2 |
| 43 P-KN4 | K-B3 |
| 44 R-B8ch | K-N4 |
| 45 R-B4 | R-B3 |
| 46 RxR? | |

White now is lost but strangely he is lost anyway! The only other move he has seems to be 46 R-KB4 and black plays R-B6ch. Now white must play 47 K-B2 as otherwise the black rook captures one of his king Knight pawns after taking the 1 queenside knight pawn. 47 K-B2, RxP; 48 RxP, P-R5; 49 R-B8, R-N5; 50 P-N5, P-R6; 51 P-N6, R-KN5 and other variations seem just as bad for white.

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|---------|------|
| | KxR |
| 47 K-K4 | P-N4 |
| 48 K-Q4 | K-Q3 |
| 49 K-K4 | P-R5 |

50 Pxp	PxP
51 K-Q3	K-K4
52 P-N3	P-R6
53 resigns	

If I'd won this game my score would have been unblemished. However Ted had other ideas and bounced from the brink of defeat to earn a hard fought draw.

DAN WADE

white

1. P-Q4
2. N-KB3
3. P-KN3
4. P-K3
5. B-N2
6. O-O
7. PxKP
8. P-B3
9. Q-R4ch
10. Q-B2
11. BxN
12. P-B4
13. BxP
14. B-N2
15. N-B3
16. R-QL
17. B-K4
18. B-Q5ch
19. P-B4
20. B-B3
21. BxN

TED WARNER

black

- P-Q4
- N-KB3
- P-B4
- N-B3
- B-N5
- P-K4
- NxP
- B-K2
- B-Q2
- NxNch
- O-O
- PxP
- R-N1
- Q-R4
- N-N5
- N-K4
- P-B4
- K-R1
- N-N5
- B-K3
- PxB

White now appears to have a "won" game. All he has to do now is win it!

- 22 P-K4
- 23 P-K5
- 24 Q-R4
- 25 N-Q5
- 26 NxB

It occurred to white now that black has one weapon that white would have a hard time combating. Black with his QB and Q can control the long diagonal QRL-KR8. Fortunately black didn't notice.

- 27 Q-B2
- 28 B-K3
- 29 R-Q2
- 30 Q-B3
- 31 R-KB1
- 32 R(1)-B2
- 33 R-Q6
- 34 Q-R3
- 35 Q-R6
- 36 RxR

37 QxNP	B-B4
38 R-Q2	B-Q6
39 Q-N5	C-QB2
40 P-N3?	R-N1
41 QxP	QxQ
42 BxQ	PxP!
43 PxP	RxP
44 P-K6	K-N2
45 R-R2	R-N8ch
46 K-B2	B-B5
47 R-R7ch	K-B3
48 P-K7	B-N4
49 R-R8	R-B8ch
50 K-N2?	

This makes black's task easier.

	R-K8
51 R-B8ch	K-N2
52 B-Q4ch	K-R3
53 P-K8(Q)	RxQ
54 RxR	BxR
Drawn	

Sicilian Defense

DAN WADE

white

1. P-K4
2. N-KB3
3. P-Q4
4. NxP
5. QN-B3
6. B-N5ch
7. BxBch
8. O-O
9. R-K1
10. N-B5
11. B-N5
12. BxN
13. N-Q5
14. P-QN4
15. NxBch
16. Q-N4
17. NxPch
18. Q-R4
19. N-Q5ch
20. Q-K7ch
21. QxBP
22. Q-B7ch mate

C.R. HARMESON

black

- P-QB4
- P-Q3
- PxP
- N-KB3
- Q-R4
- B-Q2
- NxB
- N-B4
- P-K4
- R-QL
- N-K3
- PxB
- B-N2
- Q-R5
- NxN
- N-K3
- K-K2
- P-KR3
- K-Q2
- K-B1
- N-N4??

In oversight by black just when it appeared he had escaped white's attack.

Mating the sable monarch,
That was white's aim.
But given a mate in one!
Heck, that ends the game.

A Refutation To Ulvestad's Variation?

By R. C. Stork

- 1. P-K4 _____ P-K4
- 2. N-KB3 _____ N-QB3
- 3. B-B4 _____ N-B3
- 4. N-N5 _____ P-Q4
- 5. PxP _____ P-QN4!?

The beginning of the Ulvestad line, I wonder if it is really sound?

- 6. B-B1....the only really safe answer.

NxP

- 7. BxP....threatening to win the knight if Black takes the knight on N5.

B-N2

- 8. P-Q4 _____ P-B3

- 9. O-O !!!.....Apparently giving up a piece, but actually gaining an all important tempi by castling at the proper moment.

PxN

At this point Black must now play with a pawn down, and a rather difficult position, for White can regain his piece by playing P-QB4 !

Ulvestad has suggested;

- 9. PxN
- 10 P-QB4 _____ N-B5

11 BxN.....Which is quite logical as Black has moved his piece three times to White's one.

NPxB

and allows White an attack from which Black can never recover.

- 12 Q-R5ch.! if..... K-K2

- 13 P-Q5!.....And the knight cannot move for fear of mate !!!

or if 12..... K-Q2

- 13 Q-B5ch. ! _____ K-K2

- 14 P-Q5!.....And Black again cannot move his knight on threat of mate!

Another interesting possibility is;

- 9..... PxN

- 10 P-QB4 _____ N-B5

- 11 BxN _____ KPxB

- 12 Q-KB3! !.....keeps up the pressure on Black and foils the Ulvestad attack.

This appears to me to be a clear cut refutation of this main line of the Ulvestad Variation. If anyone finds something better, please send it in and we will publish it.

THE MASTER - EXPERT LIST IS REALLY GROWING!!

- OLAF ULVESTAD: (Master) Wn. St. Champ 1934, 1952., Nationally recognized as such
- LEONARD SHEETS: (Expert) Wash. State Champ 1930, 31, 32, 33, 36, 40, 42, and 1947
- JAMES SCHMITT: (Expert) Puget Sound Open Champion 1948, Master Expert Winner 1950
- CHARLES JOACHIM: (Expert) Wash. State Champ 1948, Wash. State Open Champion 1951
- JAMES AMIDON: (Expert) Puget Sound Open Champ 1949, Wash. State Speed Champ 1950
- RICHARD ALLEN: (Expert) Co-Winner of the Puget Sound Open Championship 1949
- ROBERT C. STORK: (Expert) Wash. State Champion 1949, Puget Sound Open Champion 1950
- C. BALLANTINE: (Expert) Washington State Champion 1959, Master Expert Winner 1951
- CARL ENZ: (Expert) 2nd in Wn. St. Championship 1951, 2nd Puget Sound Open '51
- ALEX SUCHOBECK: (Expert) European title winner, Puget Sound Open Champion 1951
- O. W. MANNEY: (Expert) Nevada State Champion 1950, Wn. State Open Champion 1952
- DR. A. MURRAY: (Expert) 2nd Wash. State Championship 1952, S. W. Wash. Champ 1950
- DAN WADE: (Expert) Puget Sound Open Champion 1952.

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Have you failed to support Wash. Chess Activities by active participation. ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

If you have been neglecting to help promote chess, now is the time to make up for it ! ! ! ! !

ATTEND THE ANNUAL WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 27, 1952. (ask!) your club officers for further details. ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

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In part XI of last month's issue the "Laws of Chess" as applied to tournaments was begun. From now on to the end they deal with the technicalities of tournament play.

XIV. Adjustment of the Men.

3. If the men be disarranged accidentally, the timing clocks, if in use, must be stopped immediately and the position reinstated, and if a Tournament game, under the direction of the controlling official in charge thereof. If, moreover, it be proved whether in the course of the game, or immediately after it is finished, that the position has been incorrectly set-up, the game shall be resumed from the correct position.

XV. Touching Men.

If the player touch:

(a) One of his own men he must move it.

(b) One of his own men and one of the opponent's men, he must take the latter with the former, if not, the Opponent may require either that the Player shall move his man touched, or take with any one of his men at the Player's option with which the capture can be effected legally, the Opponent's man touched.

If none of the moves indicated in a, b, and c can be made legally no penalty can be exacted.

(d) Several of his own men, the Opponent has the right to name which of these men the Player shall move. If none of these men can be moved legally no penalty can be exacted.

(e) Several of the Opponent's men the Opponent has the right to name which man shall be taken. If none of these men can be taken no penalty can be exacted.

XVI. Drawn Games.

The Game is drawn:

(a) When the Player cannot make a legal move and the King is not in check. This King is then said to be stalemated.

(b) If the Player prove he can subject the Opponent's King to

endless series of checks.

(c) By recurrence of position when the same position occurs three times in the game, and the same person is Player on each occasion, and if such Player claim the draw before the position is altered by further play, otherwise no claim can be sustained. (For the purpose of this Clause there shall be no distinction between the King and Queen's Rooks and Knights, or between the original pieces and pieces of the same denomination and color obtained through the promotion of Pawns.)

(d) By mutual agreement, but only after 30 moves have been made with the Black men.

(e) The game shall be declared drawn if the Player prove that 50 moves have been made on each side without checkmate having been given and without any man having been captured or Pawn moved.

(f) Either the Player or the Opponent may at any period of the game ask that the other shall checkmate him in 50 moves (subject to the conditions attached in (e)). If checkmate is not given in 50 moves, the game shall be declared drawn. Nevertheless, the count of 50 moves shall begin again after each capture of any man and after each movement of a Pawn. Exception shall be made for certain positions where theoretically more than 50 moves are necessary to force a checkmate and in this case a number of moves double the number established by theory as being necessary for this object shall be allowed in lieu of the 50. The draw must be claimed by either the Player or the Opponent immediately at the stipulated number of moves in Conditions (e) and/or (f) if the particular case is completed without checkmate being given, and not at any later period.

XVII. Illegal Moves.

If a Player make an illegal move and the Opponent draw attention to the fact before touching any of his own men, the illegal move must be retracted, and the game shall be continued as follows:

(a) When a capture has not been made, the Player shall make a legal move with the man he moved illegally, but if no such legal move can be made no penalty can be exacted.

(b) If a capture has been made, the Player must either take the Opponent's man by a legal move, or make a legal move with his own man touched at the option of the Opponent, but if no such legal move can be made no penalty can be exacted.

(c) When the illegal move is a sealed move and the mistake cannot be rectified with absolute certainty by the official in charge of the game, it shall be scored as lost by the Player who sealed the illegal move.

(d) If in the course of a game it is proved that an illegal move has been made and not retracted, the position existing immediately before the illegal move was made shall be reinstated and the game shall be continued from that position. If the position cannot be reinstated the game shall be annulled.

XVIII. Penalties.

1. The Opponent can exact a penalty for an infraction of these laws only if he has not touched one of his own men after the infraction occurred.

2. Castling cannot be exacted as a penalty move.

3. If the Opponent names as penalty a move which is illegal, his right to exact a penalty for the illegality committed by the Player shall be abrogated.

+. Before enforcing any penalty the position which existed before the illegality occurred shall be reinstated.

XLX. Games Forfeited.

The game shall be declared forfeited by the Player or the Opponent:

1. Who wilfully upsets the board or disarranges the men.

2. Who refuses to resume an adjourned game within a reasonable time and in accordance with the usual regulations of Tournaments and Matches.

3. Who refuses to comply with a legal requirement under these laws.

4. Who in the course of the game refuses to obey the rules and conform to the arrangements made for the conduct of the game.

5. Who whether present or absent exceeds any time limit fixed for the consideration of his moves.

Note: Except when unavoidably prevented, the competitors in a Tournament shall conform to the directions of the official in charge.

XX. The Use of the Clock.

1. If the game be played with a time limit, the following rules shall apply:

(a) Each competitor shall make at least 30 moves in the first two hours of his own time, 45 moves by the end of the first three similar hours, and a proportionate number of moves by the end of each successive similar hour.

(b) This time limit may be modified in the regulations framed for any match or Tournament.

(c) When it is proved there has been a mistake not caused by negligence in the recording of the time occupied, the mistake shall be rectified.

(d) The Player is forbidden to stop his clock before completing his move except in the cases detailed in this Law.

(e) When there are grounds for a claim under this Law the clocks shall be stopped and as soon as the official in charge of the Tournament has given his decision in respect to the claim shall, if necessary, be set going again by him.

2. If the Player exceed the time allowed for the consideration of his moves, the official in charge shall declare without making any exception the game lost by the Player (even if he and the Opponent object.)

(To be continued next month with part 3 of provision XX.,

"The Use of the Clock.)

PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE NEWS

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.	Games	
					Won	Lost
UNIV. OF WASHINGTON	6	1	0	12	51½	18½
TACOMA YMCA	6	2	0	12	45	35
SEATTLE CHESS CLUB	3	1	0	6	25	13
SEATTLE YMCA	4	2	0	8	36	24
AMIDON'S CHESS CLUB	2	3	0	4	27	23
WEST SEATTLE	2	6	0	4	29	49
KITSAP CHESS CLUB	1	4	1	3	19	41
EVERETT CHESS CLUB	1	5	1	3	22	48
OLYMPIA CHESS CLUB	1	2	0	2	13½	16½

UNIVERSITY CHESS TEAM WINS TWO SHARE OF TITLE NEAR

The University of Washington chess team moved to within a single match win of cinching at least a tie for the 1952 Puget Sound Chess League Championship. They accomplished this by trouncing Amidon's Chess Team and West Seattle by the scores of 8 to 2 and 7 to 3, respectively.

The U. of W. has only Olympia to contend with in their last match of the season. Should they win this match the Seattle Chess Club will have to defeat Olympia, Everett, Seattle YMCA, and Amidon's in order to gain a first place tie with the collegians.

Match Scores:

U. OF WASHINGTON (8)	ALIDON'S (2)
Ballantine 2,	Alexander 0
Noland 1,	Amidon 1
Black 1½,	Warner ½
Mulford 1½,	Bussy ½
Stearns 2,	Sams 0

U. OF WASHINGTON (7)	WEST SEATTLE (3)
Ballantine 1,	Hanney 1
Black 2,	Mage 0
Mulford 2,	F. M. Howard .. 0
Stearns 1,	Vukonich 1
Lundh 1,	F. C. Howard .. 1

TACOMA LOSES TO SEATTLE YMCA!! TITLE CHANCES DIM

After downing Everett 6½ to 3½ last month, and apparently heading for a share of the league championship, the Tacoma YMCA chess team blew its last match of the season to the Seattle YMCA 6 to 4.

The upset left the way clear for the U. of W. and Seattle Chess Club teams to race down the stretch neck and neck. Each team has been beaten only once and have already played each other, but an upset or two could easily spoil their dreams, with Seattle YMCA or Amidon's Chess Club applying the leverage.

The scores:

TACOMA YMCA (6½)	EVERETT (3½)
Coubrough ½,	S. Nourse 1½
Hultman 2,	Husby 0
Collins 1½,	Thompson ½
Dolle 1½,	Gold ½
Martin 1,	Ring 1

TACOMA YMCA (4)	SEATTLE YMCA (6)
Holmes 1,	M. Bader 1
Collins 1,	Wade 1
Coubrough 1,	Hebert 1
Hultman ½,	Chipman 1½
Dolle ½,	J. Bader 1½

LATE FLASH!!

Seattle Chess Club reports three more wins! The three victims were: Olympia (7½-2½), Everett (8½-1½), and Seattle YMCA (7-3). Individual scores will be printed next month. Standings above do not include these three matches.

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Results of games reported completed since the last issue.

50-A-10	50-B-10	51-B-12
Sams 1 Husby 0	Merk, R.R. 1 Baker 0	Cairncross 1 Raleigh 0
	Sams	Engstrom 0

We welcome five players to our Postal Chess Tournaments who have not before participated in the pleasures of Postal Chess with the WCF. They are experienced players and will give a good account of themselves in their games. They are: Ken Mulford, R.A. Dickey, M. O. Skarsten, Dallas Cutshall, and Donald A. Lutens. It is rumored that Ken Mulford is out to capture top honors in the A section and we warn the three top players, Ballantine, Greene and Bever to watch their step.

L.D. Emerson is up to his old tricks of trying to disconcert his opponents by enticing them into additional games based on variations of the tournament games he is playing with them. This trick so bamboozles the opponent that he is apt to make the necessary mistake that costs him the tournament game. These extra games however do not count in the tournament score.

Two new sections were started this past month and we have more players than ever before playing in the various sections. Two of our players are playing in 4 sections, several are playing in 3 sections and quite a number are playing in two sections.

If you have a friend who plays chess and who you think might be interested in Postal Chess, send their name to the Postal Chess Director and an invitation will be sent to them to enter in our Postal Tournaments.

WCF Postal Chess tournaments are on the increase. If you are not now playing postal chess you are missing one of the best opportunities to improve your game. Take your time to study out the moves, move the pieces around to your heart's content to find the best possible combination of play and then send the master move to your much astounded opponent.

Entry fee is only 50¢ for a section of 5 players. Each to play the four opponents two games, one as white and one as black.

Send entries to Postal Chess Editor, R.R. Merk, 1026 E 71, Seattle 5, Washington.

POSTAL CHESS RATINGS

Class A Players

Ballantine	1595
Greene	1491
Bever	1487
Dolle	1464
Sams	1463
Kaffenberger	1424
Cerretelli	1400
Coubrough	1399
Yocom, C.L.	1373
Hardinge	1330
Magerkurth	1294
Hazen	1288
Mulford	1250
Tweedale	1246
Yocom, H.E.	1238
Naas	1226
Hellums	1190
Harmeson	1136
Husby	1088
Christey	963
Seering	824

Class B Players

Cairncross	1308
Howard, F. M.	1258
Allen, W.P.	1200
Norman	1167
McCarthy	1148
Moore	1137
Merk, Fred	1136
Amsden	1132
Engstrom	1114
Merk, R.R.	1113
Roberts, Don	1100
LaFreniere	1066
Cutshall	1050
Skartsen	1050
Dickey	1050
Luters	1050
Holland	1030
Parry	1012
Martin	997
Emerson	992
Roberts, H.H.	961
Baker	922
Raleigh	849
Malmgren	860

Class C Players

Orme	998
Landenberger	993
Hiscox	879
McConnell	850
Neilson	805
Connell	772
Karch	746
Mrs. Moss	734
Plume	732
Marshall	720

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