

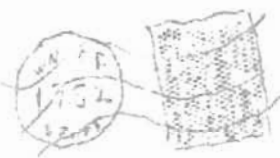
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# EDITORIAL

By Dan Wade

## WASHINGTON LOSES INTERNATIONAL

Sunday, August 10th, was a sad day for Washington chess. The British Columbia team routed our boys in the "A" division by the humiliating score of  $18\frac{1}{2}$  to  $11\frac{1}{2}$ . In spite of 300 circulars sent out by our Publicity Director, Washington chess players stayed away from the match in droves. So not only was the score unfavorable but again we were out-numbered and this time in our own baliwick! It appeared to those present that organized chess in our state is indeed on the wane.

There was a brighter side to the picture however. The "B" division team won their match by just one point, 9-8. So at least the plaque that goes to the winner of this match is again ours. Also in the "A" division match our top three players scored  $2\frac{1}{2}$  out of a possible 3 points, quite a contrast from last year when most of our top men were mowed down systematically.

My hat is off to those who attended and win, lose or draw the important thing was you played. So the Ninth International is now chess history. If the Canadians win again next year it will be three in a row and goodbye Peace Arch Trophy!

Washington boasts two masters and a host of players in the expert class. One wonders what these players are expert at as it is seldom indeed that many of them play in the tournaments. Perhaps in order to retain their great reputations it is necessary to refrain from playing tournament chess as there is nothing like a string of goose-eggs in a tournament summary to soil a player's great reputation. This is merely conjecture of course. It is quite possible that a player had something much more important than chess to do on the day of the match.

If so, then how do you explain the visiting British Columbia team? They, the visitors, outnumbered us and their top players showed up in force too, as many of us who were there can readily testify! Many of them either had to sit around and twiddle their thumbs or play each other. I think the Washington Chess Federation owes the Canadians an apology.

Much of the above are the feelings expressed by those whom I had spoken to at the match. I think they are the feelings of the large majority of the Washington players who attended. So you see this is not merely a one-man crusade.

How do you shake an organization of this kind out of such an apathetic state? Is organized chess in this state heading toward stagnation and eventual extinction? After it is gone it will be regretted by many but it takes enthusiasm and some effort to make an organization click. If you wish to rebutt, butt away.

It was a black day, indeed, for chess in the state of Washington.

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 \*FIRST SEFAIR OPEN IS A SUCCESS! \*  
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# MANNEY WINS FIRST SEFAIROPEN

O.W. MANNEY, Washington Chess Federation President, did it again and another trophy rests on the Manney mantle. Winning four in a row and then playing the runner up, DAN WADE, to a draw was enough to give Mr. Manney the first Seattle Seafair Open Chess Championship with a final score of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  in the five-round Swiss tourney.

Thirteen players turned out for this impromptu event held Saturday and Sunday, August 2nd and 3rd, at the Seattle Chess Club. Three of these are Washington State Experts and these three, MANNEY, WADE and CHARLES JOACHIM, finished first, second and third respectively. The revised Sonnenborn-Berger system failed to break a three-way tie for third, a two-way tie for sixth, and a two-way tie for eleventh! The tournament director had allowed four of the men who had received byes to play each other as they were ahead of the schedule. So instead of five byes in this odd-numbered player tournament, only one bye was given. The old S.B. system (giving credit only for wins and half credit for draws instead of credit for whom the player played regardless how the games turned out) was used and all ties were broken.

William Davison, formerly of Boston but now a Seattle resident, and Joe Biernat, a visitor from Detroit, were new-comers who added more strength to the tournament. Junior players entered were Alan Clark, Ted Warner, Jerry Stiles, Stan Huseland and Jim McCormick.

Ted Davidsen won his first three games to tie Manney for first spot at the end of Saturday's play but lost out in losing two on Sunday.

	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	MAKE UP Rd.5	W.L.D.	S.B.
1. O.W. Manney	W-9	W-8	W-4	W-5	X	D-2	4-0-1 11.75
2. Dan Wade	L-8	W-3	W-13	W-11	X	D-1	3-1-1 8.25
3. Charles Joachim	W-7	L-2	L-11	W-8	X	W-5	3-2-0 7.50
4. Joe Biernat	W-12	W-10	L-1	X	L-6	W-8	3-2-0 6.00
5. Ted Davidsen	W-11	W-13	W-7	L-1	X	L-3	3-2-0 5.50
6. Alan Clark	L-10	D-7	L-9	W-12	W-4	X	2-2-1 6.25
7. F.H. Weaver	L-3	D-6	L-5	W-13	X	W-9	2-2-1 4.25
8. Russ Vellias	W-2	L-1	W-12	L-3	X	L-4	2-3-0 5.50
9. Ted Warner	L-1	L-12	W-6	W-10	X	L-7	2-3-0 4.50
10 Jerry Stiles	W-6	L-4	X	L-9	W-11	L-13	2-3-0 4.50
11 William Davison	L-5	X	W-3	L-2	L-10	Bye	2-3-0 3.00
12 Stan Huseland	L-4	W-9	L-8	L-6	W-13	X	2-3-0 3.00
13 Jim McCormick	X	L-5	L-2	L-7	L-12	W-10	1-4-0 2.00

ALAN CLARK WINS SEAFAIR JR.

Alan Clark won the Seattle Seafair Junior chess tournament. Nine players turned out for this affair. It was played Saturday, August 9th at down town Seattle YMCA. It was a three-round Swiss.

TOURNAMENT SUMMARY:

Player	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Won	Lost	S-B
1. Alan Clark	Bye	W-5	W-2	3	0	4.0
2. Stan Huseland	W-9	W-3	L-1	2	1	5.0
3. Ted Warner	W-8	L-2	W-4	2	1	5.0
4. Eugene Kerr	W-6	W-8	L-3	2	1	5.0
5. Oliver LaFreniere	W-7	L-1	W-9	2	1	4.0
6. Kenneth Borski	L-4	Bye	W-7	2	1	3.0
7. Jerry Stiles	L-5	W-9	L-6	1	2	4.0
8. Jim McCormick	L-3	L-4	Bye	1	2	4.0
9. Lawrence Orchard	L-2	L-7	L-5	0	3	5.0

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From The Seafair Open

Black gets the cart before the horse in the following game attacking on the Queen-side without developing half his force. Although White gives up a knight he is able to attack at will. An exciting game.

DAN WADE

White

1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. B-N5
4. N-B3
5. Q-B2
6. BxN
7. N-B3
8. N-Q2
9. P-K3
10. P-QR3
11. PxB
12. P-QR4
13. QxP
14. N-K4
15. Q-R4ch
16. QxP
17. Q-Q6ch
18. PxB
19. KxB
20. Q-B7
21. K-N1
22. P-R4
23. P-KR5
24. Q-Q6

CHAS. JOACHIM

Black

1. P-K3
2. N-KB3
3. B-N5ch
4. P-B3
5. Q-R4
6. PxB
7. P-N3
8. B-R3
9. P-KB4
10. BxN
11. R-N1
12. P-B5
13. R-N3
14. K-K2
15. K-B1
16. P-Q4
17. K-K1
18. BxB
19. BPxB
20. Q-R3ch
21. PxB
22. N-Q2
23. R-B1

24. ....
25. R-KR3
26. R-N3
27. R-N8
28. Q-R2
29. P-R5
30. P-R6
31. Q-K5
32. Q-N7
33. RxB
34. PxB
35. R-QN8
36. P-N5
37. Q-N8
38. P-N6
39. P-R7
40. P-R8 (Q)

1. R-R3
2. Q-N2
3. N-B1
4. Q-K2
5. K-Q2
6. P-N4
7. R-B2
8. P-N5
9. RxB
10. R-KB4
11. R-B7
12. R-B2
13. Q-N5
14. Q-K2
15. PxB
16. R-QR4
17. Resigns

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CLUB NEWS WANTED

The Washington Chess Letter wants a complete coverage of all chess news in the northwest. Send in the complete dope you fans in Everett, Tacoma, Bremerton, Olympia, and other state towns and cities. Portland & Vancouver B.C. too!

The Queen sacrifice fails.

EYE WITNESS REPORT OF CARNAGE AT MT. VERNON

The slaughter of Mt. Vernon, reminiscent of Custer's Last Stand, was terrific or terrible according to the point of view. The Invader, moving down from the north, found several soft spots in the Washington line and drove through. Here and there small groups of defenders gave the enemy back his own medicine. But these strong points, alas, were too few to stem the powerful invader. Finally, as evening drew near, the Washington team broke and fled. Small groups in their motor vehicles sped mostly southward, many toward the metropolis of Seattle.

Communique from the victory-flushed Northern Horde follows:

B.C. LOSES ONE OF CHESS TROPHIES

British Columbia chess players retained the top trophy in a tournament between B.C. and the State of Washington Sunday.

More than 50 players from B.C. journeyed to Mount Vernon, Wash. to take part in the match.

Trophy "A", a replica of the

Peace Arch, was easily retained by the B.C. players by a score of 18½ to 11½. Thirty top players took part in this match.

Trophy "B", a shield, was lost 8-9. Both trophies were formerly held by the B.C. men.

The summary of the match:

Section A

Washington 11½

18½ British Columbia

1. Elmars Zemgalis	1	0	M. Eberhard
2. O.W. Manney	½	½	N. Jursevskis
3. Charles Joachim	1	0	C.F. Millar
4. Dan Wade	0	1	D. Creemer
5. Max Bader	0	1	J. Taylor
6. John Nourse	1	0	N. Pratt
7. Victor Hultman	½	½	J.G. Prentice
8. V.W. Bever	0	1	Moore
9. Robert Collins	0	1	F. Atnikov
10. Dennis Chipman	0	1	Pilkington
11. Leslie Coubrough	0	1	Engelman
12. Don Allyn	0	1	H. Burrell
13. Dr. Shephard	1	0	Dumphries
14. Ted Warner	1	0	H. Butler
15. Ted Davidsen	1	0	Fillery
16. B. Bickford	0	1	Stevenson
17. Bert Brandstrom	1	0	Fraser
18. Grimhagen	0	1	Sarakanas
19. Max Bader Jr.	0	1	Money
20. John Ring	0	1	Gowan
21. Belden	½	½	Wilson
22. Oliver LaFreniere	1	0	Lacy
23. Sid Nourse	1	0	Russell
24. Leo Thompson	0	1	Arden
25. H.E. Yocom	1	0	Carlsen
26. Thomas Dolle	0	1	Dr. Lawson
27. Jorgen Bader	0	1	Mushey
28. H.H. Roberts	0	1	Harrison
29. Rieker	0	1	Noske
30. Case	0	1	Bryant

## Section B

Washington 9

8 British Columbia

1. Abbott.....	1	0	Powis
2. F. Burgess.....	0	1	McCharles
3. I.E. Walker.....	0	1	McLeod
4. Butler.....	0	1	Crompton
5. Ellis Ayer.....	1	0	Hennesey
6. Grant Laizure.....	0	1	Bryner
7. Steve Miller.....	0	1	Chapman
8. Lopachi.....	1	0	Stevens
9. Stender.....	0	1	Kent
10 Traini.....	0	1	Streeter
11 Faithful.....	1	0	Esau
12 Peter Husby.....	1	0	Bock
13 Leach.....	1	0	Motterhead
14 Ihli.....	1	0	Wildman
15 Ryan.....	0	1	Garrett
16 C. Bushnell.....	1	0	Hooker
17 Foster.....	1	0	Ashworth

Notes from the battle....Foster arrived late and his win turned the trick in section B....Cedars Pavilion is a huge barn with a rather large dance floor....The A section played on one side and the section B section on the other....However Zengalis and Eberhard played their game on the dance floor....Charles Joachim won. He just can't lose in the International....Seems like a lot of the B's were finished and wandering around while some of the A's were still in the opening....Manney, John Nourse and Warner were some who must've had a better time this year--they didn't lose....Those little flag pins the B.C. players wore I think a good idea for us next time.....Instead of worrying about being placed too low a lot of the boys were worrying about being placed too high.

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## 1952 - 1953 TOURNAMENTS

Tournament	Date	System	Entry	Location
Washington State Woodpushers	Sunday, Sept. 7, 1952 - 10 A.M.	4 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Seattle C. Club
Washington State Open Championship	Sat., Sun. Sept. 27-28 '52-10 A.M.	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Seattle C. Club
Washington State Championship	Oct. 25-26, Nov. 1-2 '52 - 10 A.M.	Round-Robin Invitational	\$2.00*	Seattle C. Club
Washington State Speed Championship	Sunday, Jan. 4 1953 - 1 P.M.	Round-Robin	\$1.00*	Seattle C. Club
Puget Sound Open	Feb. 14-15 1953 Starts at 10 A.M.	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	Seattle C. Club
Washington State Junior Championship	March 28-29 '53 10 A.M.	6 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Seattle C. Club

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# GAMES SECTION

E. ZEMGALIS  
EDITOR

## THE ULVESTAD-ZEMGALIS MATCH GAMES (Annotated by Zemgalis)

### FIRST GAME

#### Irregular Opening

White - Zemgalis

Black - Ulvestad

1. Kt-KB3                      P-Q4  
 2. P-QKt3                    P-KKt3  
 3. B-Kt2                      Kt-KB3  
 4. P-QB4                      PXP  
 Surrenders the center in order to obtain a free development. 4.... P-QB3 would hardly be better, as no good squares would then be available to Black's QB and Kt. The further developments prove however the fianchetto of Black's Bishop on the second move the one to be blamed in largest sense for further difficulties.
5. PXP                          B-Kt2  
 6. P-Kt3                      P-QB4!  
 7. B-Kt2                      O-O  
 8. O-O                        Kt-B3  
 9. Kt-K5!                    Kt-QR4  
 Exchange here would only strengthen White's pressure against the Q-wing.
10. Q-B2                      B-K3  
 11. P-Q3                      Q-B2  
 12. Kt-Q2                    R-Q1  
 13. B-QB3                    .....  
 Threatening Q-R4! However, even stronger was 13. QR-Kt.
13. ....                      Kt-Kt5  
 Slightly preferable was Kt-Q2.
14. KtxKt                    BxKt  
 15. BxB                      KxB  
 16. Kt-K4!                    .....  
 It is clear now that White has the initiative. His pieces exert considerable pressure on both the Q-wing and center while Black's pieces cannot find satisfactory squares.
16. ....                      K-Kt1  
 17. QR-Kt1                   QR-Kt1  
 18. R-Kt2                    Kt-B3  
 19. Q-R4!                    P-Kt3  
 19.....Kt-Q5; 20. P-B3 leads to wild complications, the main variation being 20.....B-B4; 21. Kt-B3, P-Kt3; 22. P-K3, B-Q2; (any Knight move loses) 23. Q-Q, Kt-B3; and White is

- ready to start a K-side attack with P-B4. The text move permits a favorable simplification for White and is therefore inferior.
20. Kt-B6 ch.                      PxKt  
 A nice trap - If 21. QxKt?, Q-K4; 22. R-Q2, BxP!; 23. R-K1, B-B6!! and Black has the better of it.
21. BxKt                      R-Q3  
 22. B-Q5                      B-Q2  
 23. Q-B2                      P-QKt4!  
 24. P-K4                      P-Kt5  
 25. P-B4                      R-R3  
 26. Q-KB2                    R-R6  
 27. P-Q4                      P-QR4  
 28. PXP                      R-Q6  
 This accelerates the end, but what to do? If 28.....R-QB1; 29. R-Kt3, with a finish similar to that actually played.
29. R-QKt3                      RxR  
 30. PXR                      R-QB1  
 31. R-QR1!                    QxP  
 32. QxQ                      RxQ  
 33. K-B2                      .....  
 The winning idea. What follows now is a desperate attempt to fight the destiny on one side and a quiet accumulation of advantages on the other.
33. ....                      P-QR5  
 This pawn was lost regardless.
34. PXP                      R-R4  
 35. K-K3                      P-KB4  
 36. P-K5                      K-B1  
 37. K-Q4                      K-K2  
 In endings like this the advantage of one pawn always decides the game.
38. P-QB5                    P-KB3  
 39. P-K6!                    RxRP  
 40. RxR                      BxR  
 41. K-B4                      P-Kt6  
 42. K-B3                      P-Kt4  
 43. BXP  
 In this clearly lost position Black exceeded the time limit.



SECOND MATCH GAME

FRENCH DEFENSE

White - Ulvestad      Black - Zemgalis

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|---------|-------|
| 1. P-K4 | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4  |
| 3. P-K5 | ----- |

It is interesting to note that this move introduced by Nimzowitsch and once severely criticized has been played in several recent tournaments with success.

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| 3. ----- | P-QB4  |
| 4. PxP   | Kt-QB3 |

An immediate BxP could be effectively countered with Q-KM4!

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| 5. N-KB3  | BxP   |
| 6. B-Q3   | KN-K2 |
| 7. B-KB4! | Q-N3  |
| 8. O-O    | B-Q2  |

So far as in the game Nimzowitsch-Spielmann, San Sebastian, 1912. Spielmann took the QN pawn and lost after a few inaccuracies. Although that game can hardly be regarded as a refutation of the acceptance of the pawn sacrifice, the loss of time and the strategical unimportance of the QN pawn make the capture appear dubious. I followed here another - and I believe new - idea, to break the blockade by attacking White's strongest point - Q4. It is this idea and White's counters which make this game appear noteworthy.

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| 9. QN-Q2 | R-QB1 |
| 10. N-N3 | N-N3  |

A very important move in connection with the following one, to divert the White bishop from the square Q4.

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| 11. B-N3 | N-N5  |
| 12. B-K2 | ----- |

Sharper was 12. P-KR4!, NxB;  
13. PxN, P-KR4.

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| 12. ----- | B-N4  |
| 13. P-B3  | BxB   |
| 14. QxB   | N-B3  |
| 15. QR-Q1 | O-O   |
| 16. R-Q3  | ----- |

A strategically correct decision - point Q4 is to be "overprotected". However, as the course of the game demonstrates, more exact was 16. R-Q2. Also the sequence 16. P-KR4, N-K2; 17. P-R5, P-R3 was playable.

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| 16. ----- | QN-K2 |
| 17. KN-Q4 | ----- |

Now P-KR4 would be a mistake because of N-KB4!

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| 17. ----- | BxN   |
| 18. NxB   | Q-R3! |

An excellent move with manyfold purposes: 1) To weaken White's queen wing; 2) To cause discomfort in White's defense by pinning the rook, 3) To conquer the square Q4. The objective of Black is to either play P-Q5 himself, or to force White's QB pawn to occupy that square, thus opening the QB file for his rooks and depriving White's pieces of a most important central point.

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| 19. P-QR3 | N-QB3 |
| 20. N-B3  | ----- |

A necessary retreat in view of the threats NxB and NxB.

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| 20. ----- | QN-K2 |
| 21. P-KR3 | R-B5  |
| 22. Q-Q2  | R-K5! |
| 23. R-Q1  | P-KR3 |

Eliminates the threat N-N5 and eventual mating threats on the last rank.

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| 24. B-R2 | ----- |
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A better waiting move was K-R2.

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| 24. -----   | N-B3  |
| 25. R-K3    | Q-N3  |
| 26. R(1)-K1 | R-Q1! |
| 27. R(3)-K2 | ----- |

White's pieces cannot start any activity and must mark time.

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| 27. ----- | RxR   |
| 28. QxR   | P-Q5! |

Herewith Black has achieved his strategical aims.

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| 29. PxP  | NxP  |
| 30. NxB  | QxN  |
| 31. B-N3 | N-K2 |

Here P-KR4 (intending P-R5 with a gradual strangulation) was the most promising line to increase the advantage. Now Ulvestad sets up a very ingenious defense.

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| 32. Q-QB2  | N-KB4 |
| 33. K-R2   | Q-Q7  |
| 34. R-K2   | Q-KN4 |
| 35. Q-B3   | R-Q8  |
| 36. Q-B8ch | ----- |

Avoiding a delightful trap: 36. P-KB4!, QxBch; 37. QXQ, R-R8ch!!; 37. KxR, NxBch and Black wins!

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| 36. ----- | K-R2  |
| 37. Q-B2! | Q-QB8 |
| 38. QxQ   | RxQ   |
| 39. R-Q2  | R-B2  |

DRAW

THIRD MATCH GAME

Bogoljubow - Indian Defense

White - Zengalis Black - Ulvestad

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|----------|----------|
| 1. P-Q4  | N-KB3    |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3     |
| 3. N-KB3 | B-N5 ch. |
| 4. B-Q2  | Q-K2     |

Inferior to 4..... BxB ch.; 5. QNxB, P-Q3; etc.

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| 5. P-KN3 | O-O   |
| 6. B-N2  | N-K5? |

This attempt to gain two bishops costs too much time. Moreover, White succeeds in creating a position where knights are stronger than bishops.

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| 7. O-O | NxB   |
| 8. NxN | P-QB3 |

Continuing artificial play. However, also after the more natural 8..... BxN, White has positional advantage.

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| 9. N-N3                        | ----- |
| Threatening P-QB5, with P-QR3. |       |

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| 9. ----- | B-Q3 |
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A sad retreat.

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| 10. P-K4 | B-QB2 |
| 11. R-K1 | P-Q3  |
| 12. P-K5 | N-Q2  |
| 13. Q-B2 | R-Q1  |
| 14. P-B5 | ----- |

White rightly decides on active play in view of his superior position. The text move gains valuable space.

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| 14. ----- | P-Q4  |
| 15. KN-Q2 | P-KB3 |
| 16. P-KB4 | PxP   |
| 17. BfxP  | N-B1  |
| 18. B-B1  | B-Q2  |
| 19. B-Q3  | B-K1  |
| 20. R-KB1 | B-KN3 |
| 21. N-B3  | BxB   |
| 22. QxB   | N-N3  |
| 23. P-KR4 | ----- |

More than a mere demonstration.

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| 23. ----- | R-KB1 |
| 24. R-B2  | R-B4  |

More accurate was R-B2.

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| 25. R(1)-KB1 | R(1)-KB1 |
| 26. N-R1     | -----    |

No doubt this move would have pleased the late Nimzowitsch.

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| 26. ----- | B-Q1  |
| 27. N-B2  | P-QN3 |

Black cannot reinforce his position, so tries to get some counterplay - only to White's advantage.

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| 28. P-QN4 | PxP     |
| 29. PxP   | Q-N2    |
| 30. N-K3  | R(4)-B2 |
| 31. P-R5  | N-R1    |
- And not 31....N-K2 because of N-N5!
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| 32. N-N2   | P-N4  |
| 33. N-K3   | P-KR3 |
| 34. N-N4   | K-N2  |
| 35. N-B6!! | ----- |

Hannibal ante portas! Now everything is forced.

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| 35. -----    | BxN |
| 36. PxB ch.  | RxP |
| 37. Nxp!     | PxN |
| 38. P-R6 ch. | RxP |
- If KxP, R-R2 ch. and mate next move.
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|-----------------|-------|
| 39. RxR         | Q-K2  |
| 40. Q-K3        | N-N3  |
| 41. R(8)-B7 ch. | ----- |

Unfortunately the nice Queen sacrifice - 41. QxP would be refuted by R-R8 ch.!

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| 41. -----   | QxR   |
| 42. RxQ ch. | KxR   |
| 43. Q-R3!   | ----- |

Much stronger than QxP.

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| 43. ----- | N-K2     |
| 44. QxP   | R-R1     |
| 45. P-R4  | R-QB1    |
| 46. P-R5  | K-K1     |
| 47. P-QR6 | Resigns. |

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FOURTH MATCH GAME

French Defense

White - Ulvestad Black - Zengalis

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| 1. P-K4  | P-K3  |
| 2. P-Q4  | P-Q4  |
| 3. P-K5  | P-QB4 |
| 4. PxP   | N-QB3 |
| 5. N-KB3 | BxP   |
| 6. B-Q3  | P-KB3 |

This is even more convincing than 6.... KN-K2 played in the second match game.

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| 7. PxP  | NxP  |
| 8. Q-K2 | O-O  |
| 9. O-O  | Q-K1 |

Besides this move I considered also 9... P-K4; 10. Nxp, NxN; 11. QxN, N-N5; 12. Q-R5, P-KN3; BxP, PxP; 14. QxNP ch., K-R1, with advantage to Black. The text move was

(Fourth match game continued.)  
 chosen only in view of the fact that this was the second game on the same day and I was not inclined to exhaust myself in complicated situations.

10. B-KB4? Q-KR4?  
 Material win was possible by 10.....P-K4;  
 11. NxP, N-KR4!, winning a sound piece in all variations. Or 11. BxP, NxB; 12. QxB, QxQ; 13. NxQ, B-Q5; 14. N-KB3, BxP and White is lost. Curiously enough I had these possibilities in mind already when I moved my Queen to K1 and had completely forgotten about them on my next move! The only correct move for White was 10. P-B4.

11. B-KN3 B-Q2  
 Here again 11.....P-K4 was possible, i.e., 12. NxP, QxQ; 13. BxQ, NxB; 14. BxN, R-K1!; 15. BxN, RxB; 16. B-KR4, RxQB; 17. N-QB3!, and White has to fight for a draw.

12. N-QB3! -----  
 And not 12. QN-Q2?, because then the combination mentioned above starting with P-K4 would, because of the unprotected QN, decide the game.

12. ----- N-Q5  
 After the foregoing inaccuracies Black adopts the most promising plan, aiming to achieve an endgame with a better pawn configuration. White also plays very fine from now on and initiates counter-play based on his two bishops. What weighs more - the two bishops in combination with control of the center square K5, or the weakened pawn position - sounds the strategical problem here.

13. NxN BxN  
 14. QR-K1 BxN  
 15. PxN QxQ  
 16. RxQ KR-B1  
 17. B-K5 R-B4!

Otherwise White could shut out this possibility by playing B-Q4.

18. R-QN1 P-QN3  
 19. P-B3 R-QR4  
 20. R-N2 -----

The tactical possibility to undouble the pawns with P-QB4! was more promising here; i. e., 20. P-QB4!, RxF?; 21. BxN, PxB; 22. PxP, PxP (or 22.....K-KB2?; 23. PxP ch., BxP; 24. RxB, KxB; 25. B-B4 ch. and White wins.), 23. R-K7 with a powerful position for White. Therefore Black would do best by playing 20...R-QB1!,

with about even chances.  
 20. ----- R-QB1  
 21. B-Q4 N-K1  
 22. R-K5! -----

The following attack is practically forced because of the strong positional threats on his Queen's wing.

22. ----- N-Q3  
 23. R-KN5 P-N3  
 24. P-KR4 N-B2  
 25. R-N3 P-K4!

Regaining this important center square.  
 26. B-KB2 K-B1!

Preparing the following fully sufficient defense.

27. P-KR5 B-B4  
 28. PxP PxP  
 29. BxB PxB  
 30. R-KN6! -----

The attack is over now and the only compensation White has for the loss of two bishops and the center squares K5 and Q4 is this active rook position.

30. ----- R-QB5  
 A blockade like this is usually deadly.  
 31. B-K1 R(4)-B4  
 32. K-B1 R-B3

Improper execution of the right plan. First K-K2 and only then the text move was the right course.

33. RxR RxR  
 34. R-QN5! R-B5

Black would have a clearly superior position if 34.....K-K3 were possible now. 34.....R-B4; 35. RxR, PxB; 36. B-KB2, P-Q5; 37. P-KB4 was rather in White's favor.

35. RxQP R-QR4  
 36. P-QB4 RxP  
 37. B-N4 ch. K-N2  
 38. R-Q2 R-R5  
 39. B-K7 RxP  
 40. R-Q7 RxP  
 41. RxP R-N7  
 42. R-N7 P-B5

A clear draw would follow any waiting moves with the rook

43. B-B5 P-N4  
 44. R-QN6! DRAWN -----

This move secures the draw in spite of Black being a pawn ahead. The active rook position combined with the powerful bishop do not permit any active utilization of the material advantage. The game was continued up to the 87th (!) move as White tried to obtain a winning attack by sacrificing his N-pawn and bringing his King to KB5.

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

Dan Wade

A new method of rating performances in the Puget Sound League which I think is fairer than the system used in the past is being introduced by me this year. It is really quite a small change. Previously a 5-4-3-2-1 system of rating was used but that meant five wins on fifth board was equal to only a single win on first board, hardly a fair ratio. With inflation in nearly every other walk of life, how natural it is for me to inflate our old rating system a little and come up with a new deal where the ratio instead of 5-1 is 7-3 between a win on first and a win on fifth board.

You still will not find any lower board players on top of the rating list, but those with good records will end ahead of unsuccessful first board men. To encourage playing in league matches the percentage angle has been ruled out almost completely. A player in order to end very high in the final individual standings must play.

With the new 7-6-5-4-3 rating system, last season's laurel wreath goes to a well-known figure in Washington chess - O.W. Manney. Playing first board on the West Seattle chess team he would have taken first with any system.

Player	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Player	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
1. O.W. Manney	11	- 2	- 1	80.5	34 Davidsen	5	- 3	- 2	20.0
2. Chas. Ballantine	10	- 5	- 1	73.5	35 D. Sciter	4	- 4	- 2	19.0
3. Len Sheets	8	- 1	- 1	54.5	36 H.E.Yocom	3	- 7	- 2	19.0
4. Chas. Joachim	8	- 4	- 0	54.0	37 J. Ring	6	- 6	- 0	18.0
5. Hugh Noland	8	- 1	- 5	52.5	38 Bussy	2	- 6	- 2	16.5
6. Les Coubrough	8	- 4	- 4	49.0	39 D. Allen	4	- 4	- 0	16.0
7. Max Black	10	- 1	- 1	46.5	40 F.M. How-	4	- 8	- 0	16.0
8. Robert Collins	7	- 4	- 5	45.5	ard 41 S. Miller, 15;				
9. Ted Warner	6	- 4	- 2	45.0	L. Thompson, 14.5;				
10 Glenn Muller	8	- 3	- 1	44.0	G. Gross, 14; T.Dolle				
11 Dan Wade	5	- 5	- 4	44.0	13.5; E. Ayer, 10.5; Stearns, 10;				
12 Ken Mulford	11	- 1	- 2	43.0	Vukonich, 9.5; C. Martin, 9; Neil				
13 Max Bader	5	- 7	- 2	39.5	Power, 7; Seekamp, 6.5, C.Crain,				
14 Robert Stork	6	- 2	- 2	38.0	6; F. Weaver, 6; Corbett, 6; F.C.				
15 Floyd Hebert	8	- 4	- 2	36.5	Howard, 6; G. Rehberg, 6; J. Bur-				
16 Jerry Schain	6	- 0	- 0	36.0	nett, 5; E. Tweeddale, 5; Jorgen				
17 Vernon Holmes #18	5	- 5	- 0	35.0	Bader, 4.5; B. Sams, 4; Schmoyer				
18 Victor Hultman #17	6	- 6	- 2	35.5	3; Lundh, 3; and failing to make				
19 Max Mage	6	- 8	- 0	35.0	points were C.L. Yocom, G.S.Pat-				
20 Dennis Chipman	9	- 4	- 1	32.0	terson, S. Ferris, Christey, Dr.				
21 Russ Vellias	6	- 4	- 0	30.0	M. Gold, Pickens, C. Cummings, W.				
22 Jim Amidon	4	- 5	- 3	29.5	E. Jackson, Miller (Kitsap), and				
23 Joe Cerretelli	4	- 7	- 1	28.5	Buher. Anyone left out?				
24 Dr. A. Murray	3	- 5	- 2	28.0					
25 Chas. Howitt	4	- 3	- 1	26.5					
26 Chas. Magerkurth	6	- 6	- 0	26.0					
27 Peter Husby	4	- 12	- 0	24.0					
28 Alexander	6	- 4	- 2	22.5					
29 A. Wallock	4	- 0	- 0	22.0					
30 Dr. Shephard	6	- 2	- 0	22.0					
31 C. Harmeson	5	- 7	- 0	22.0					
32 Jack Nourse	3	- 9	- 0	21.0					
33 Sid Nourse	2	- 10	- 2	21.0					

The 1952-1953 season opens Sunday, October 5th 1952.

Round One...Sun. Oct. 5 - 1 P.M.  
 Everett vs. Olympia at Seattle,  
 West Seattle at Seattle Y, Kitsap  
 at Tacoma and U. of Washington  
 at Seattle.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS EACH MONTH.

# NOTES BY O.W.L.

Mr. Manney started the disease of writing 'notes' and I am continuing it. I hope you will find this column interesting. Your comments are welcomed; I would enjoy hearing from you.

A word about this first game: Mr. Zemgalis and I sat down and went over it two times. I offered no advice to his annotations because I couldn't see any farther than the end of my nose. I think I did collect, however, the most important ideas he expressed.

1952 International - First Board  
 Sicilian: Dragon Defense  
 Elmars Zemgalis Mr. Eberhardt  
 Seattle Vancouver

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|----|-------|-------|
| 1. | P-K4  | P-QB4 |
| 2. | N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. | P-Q4  | PxP   |
| 4. | NxP   | N-B3  |
| 5. | QN-B3 | P-Q3  |
| 6. | B-K2  | P-KN3 |
| 7. | O-O   | B-N2  |
| 8. | B-K3  | O-O   |
| 9. | Q-Q2  | N-KN5 |

Here P-Q4 is supposed to give equality, but it really doesn't. The text gives black the two bishops advantage.

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| 10. | BxN  | BxB     |
| 11. | P-B4 | - - - - |

This move is usual in white's handling of the Sicilian, but here it threatens especially to trap the bishop by P-B5, etc.

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| 11. | - - - - | NxN  |
| 12. | BxN     | P-K4 |

Black doesn't want to exchange his bishop at N2 as he will then be very weak on the black squares.

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| 13. | B-K3 | PxP     |
| 14. | RxP  | - - - - |

This is best as BxP allows Q-N3ch. followed by QxP with terrific complications. The text prepares for doubling the rooks and forces the bishop at N5 to retreat.

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| 14. | - - - - | B-K3    |
| 15. | R-B2    | - - - - |

White wishes to avoid threats of B-K4 and Q-R5.

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| 15. | - - - - | B-K4  |
| 16. | N-Q5    | Q-R5  |
| 17. | B-B4    | QR-B1 |

This move seems inopportunistically timed, but later in the game it shows a lot of value.

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| 18. | P-KN3   | Q-Q1 |
| 19. | BxB     | PxB  |
| 20. | N-B6ch. | K-N2 |

Not K-R1 because of Q-R6 followed by mate. Now white pursues an attack.

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| 21. | Q-N5    | Q-Q3    |
| 22. | N-R5ch. | K-N1    |
| 23. | N-B6ch. | K-N2    |
| 24. | N-R5ch. | K-N1    |
| 25. | P-KN4!  | - - - - |

Threatening an obscure mate by R-N2, then Q-R6, etc. Hence black's only move.

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| 25. | - - - - | P-KR3 |
| 26. | QxP     | PxN   |
| 27. | Q-N4ch. | K-R2  |
| 28. | QxPch.  | K-N2  |
| 29. | Q-N4ch. | K-R2  |

White has no time to lose; hence the checks. He has a clear draw in any case.

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| 30. | R-B6 | - - - - |
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Another idea here is R-B3, but then black can pin the rook by Q-Q5ch. and QxKP.

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| 30. | - - - - | Q-Q5ch. |
| 31. | K-B1!   | - - - - |

Certainly not K-N2, for RxPch. wins!

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| 31. | - - - - | B-B5ch. |
| 32. | K-N2    | QxPch.  |
| 33. | K-R3    | R-B3    |
| 34. | R-K1!   | - - - - |

All white is attempting by this is to get a draw by perpetual check which he cannot do if the queen covers KR2. So he moves the queen. Black misunderstands the sacrifice completely and attempts a win by not taking the rook.

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| 34. | - - - - | QxBP?   |
| 35. | RxKP?   | - - - - |

Now white fails to see black's neat combination; e.g., B-B6ch. Then 36. K-N3, Q-N7ch; 37. K-B4, R-B5ch. and mate next move. If 36. K-R4, QxP mate. If 36. RxB, R-R3ch., etc., and the unhappy king is chased all over the board.

White really has no good continuation at this point. He is a piece down and can't even get a perpetual check. Unfortunately black didn't see the move!

35. - - - - RxR??  
 36. QxR B-B8ch.  
 This is the only move that will  
 save black now.  
 37. QxB QxP?  
 For shame! Q-N3 goes into an

endgame with nearly equal chances.  
 38. Q-B5ch. K-N2  
 39. Q-N5ch. K-R2  
 40. Q-R4ch. K-N2  
 41. R-N5ch. Resigns  
 The black queen must fall.

NOTES FROM EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS

by LaFreniere

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

The Pasco Chess Club has accepted the challenge of the Yakima Club to play a match of the top boards at Pasco sometime in October. The challenge was stated by the Yakima Club and was accepted by Herbert Tedro, president of Pasco's newly formed club. Mr. Tedro called the club back into active practice in preparation for the event. In case any traveling players happen to be in pasco on a Tuesday night, the club meets at the Franklin County P. U. D. every Tuesday.

WOODPUSHERS NEXT!!

To open the Fall Tournament Season we have one of the most delightful tourneys ever thought of by a tourney director; one in which the masters and experts cannot compete. Many times one's enthusiasm is dampened by the fact that he has no chance whatsoever with a whole field of players better than himself. No ~~one~~ need hold fear of such an occurrence in the Woodpushers. Each player has just as good a chance to win as the next one.

Barred from play in the tournament are: Elmars Zemgalis, Olaf Ulvestad, Leonard Sheets, James Schmitt, Charles Joachim, James Amidon, Dr. A. Murray, Richard Allen, Robert Stork, C. Ballantine, Carl Enz, Alex Suchobeck, O. W. Manney, and Dan Wade.

A great many prizes are awaiting the winner and his runner-up. To first place will go a beautiful trophy and a Mexican chess set carved from bone, colors red and white. This was donated to the cause by J. Ceretelli of Olympia. To second place will go a large peg-in set donated by Leonard Sheets of Seattle.

The tourney will be a one day affair, starting at 10 A. M. September 7, 1952 at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison, Seattle. System will be a four round Swiss with a time limit of 30 moves an hour. Dan Wade will direct.

So for a good time and an excellent chance at some swell prizes, get out and play in the Washington State Woodpushers Tournament!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND OLD MEMBERS RETURNING!!

(see next page)

George H. Carter, Grandview  
 Dennis Chipman, Seattle  
 Richard B. Dexter, Yakima  
 Mr. C. Groot, Richland  
 W. H. Martin, Ellensburg  
 Neil F. Power, Snohomish  
 E. S. Treisman, Yakima  
 Kenneth Borski, Seattle  
 Don Allyn, Wenatchee  
 R. B. Leach, Tacoma  
 Bert Brandstrom, Mount Vernon  
 R. C. Cannon, Mount Vernon

# HELP PROMOTE W.C.F.

Bob Merk, our Circulation Director, gave me a very discouraging report when I last visited him. He told me that if WCF continued in its present trend the organization would fail in a very short time. Every time a number of subscriptions run out, about half that number are renewed. In fact, the present number of subscribers to the Chess Letter just barely warrants the Letter's publication. I could announce the terribly low number of subscribers, but I feel it would not benefit the members.

Mr. Merk believes it is not that the people who fail to resubscribe don't have the two dollars that subscription requires, but that they are just negligent and forgetful and don't remember to send it in. Members, let's try to put a stop to this! Think of all you get from the Federation: Tournaments, Matches, Leagues, Clubs, and Exhibitions. You get the Chess Letter which has all the ingredients of a modern and progressive chess magazine. When your note of subscription due arrives in your Chess Letter, don't forget to stick your two dollars in the mail at once!!

Another demonstration of the Federation's weakness was at the International. We were beaten. Why? Because not enough people were interested in attending, not many people knew about it, and furthermore there was no easy mode of transportation to the site of play. I noticed the Canadians had sense enough to use a bus to bring down a large segment of their outnumbering and stronger team! We should have gotten a bus, but we didn't because we didn't have enough money, and we didn't have enough money because the WCF is too small and weak!!

I have recently had correspondence with Montgomery Major, editor of Chess Life, the official publication of the U. S. Chess Federation. I had asked him what the qualifications were for bringing the U. S. Open to a city. He said that guaranteeing the prize money (somewhere about \$2,000) is all that is necessary. I had suggested Seattle for the 1954 Open, so let's all get busy and hope!

The only way we are going to bring such a huge tournament to this state is by having a strong, efficient, and large organization of chessplayers. Our present WCF could not possibly tackle the job and cost of bringing it here. What we need is more members, and we can get them and get them soon if YOU will help. Talk about WCF to your friends, get them to join. Tell them of the immense benefits you are receiving as a member. Tell them of the ever-improving Chess Letter.

On the opposite page is the list of members that have joined in a one week period after the opening of a new promotion campaign. If you want to have a friend's name put on that list, you can do two things: Talk to him yourself, bring him in on your own, or, send his name and address to me, first assistant editor (see inside front cover), and I will send him some well organized literature about WCF. If he joins, I will put your name down, and you will receive a point for each new member you are responsible for bringing in. Your name and number of points will be published also, and a special prize will go to the person having the most points at the end of 1952. Prizes will go to every person who has over 10 points.

You can receive prizes for soliciting members! So do your best. Send me a list of names as soon as you can. And keep in mind the big prize: If we have enough members by 1954, we can have the 1954 U. S. Open in Seattle!!

The contest stands this way so far:

Peter Husby----2, R. M. Collins----1. Bob Merk and the Publicity Director have a total of 9, but are not a part of the contest.

Make this paragraph grow, and watch chess grow in Washington!!

(Next month the Problem Column returns.)

WASHINGTON STATE OPEN - SEPT. 27 & 28.

The 1953 Washington State Open will be early this time. Many chess enthusiasts desire a major chess tournament sooner than January. As the "Chess Season" opens in September, many followers of State chess activities have had to mark time until January for the first major State tournament. Also this tournament date will make it easier for many students at the University to attend as it takes place prior to the University term.

WHEN...Saturday and Sunday, September 27th and 28th 1952, beginning at 10 A. M.

WHERE...At the Seattle Chess Club whose doorway is right on the street at 616 Madison. This is the basement room of the Knickerbocker Hotel.

WHY...In an attempt to decide the strongest player in the state, the Washington Chess Federation Directors decided that two tournaments would be necessary. First would come this tournament, the WASHINGTON STATE OPEN, allowing every chess player, inside or outside this State, to play. A certain number of contestants, all residents of Washington, would qualify in this tournament to play in the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP closed tournament. These qualifiers would be joined by players who have in past tournaments proved themselves worthy of playing for the top chess title - State Chess Champion.

Those players who have already qualified for the State Championship closed tournament are known as Washington State Experts. All of this effort was spent under the assumption that players wanting to compete would be so numerous that this system would be necessary.

The Washington State Open will be a six-round Swiss tournament. The entry fee will be \$2.00. If you have a membership card in the Washington Chess Federation, you can get in for \$1.50.

THE TOP SEVEN WASHINGTON PLAYERS automatically qualify for the State Championship tournament. Any experts that did not play in the Open or did not finish in the top seven, also are invited into the Championship tournament. As the Championship tournament is a round-robin affair, the number of contestants must be limited.

PRIZES...It is my hope that there will be at least thirty players in this tournament. Not long ago Wisconsin had 70, Michigan 80. If we can all get into the act there will be enough entry-fee money on hand to get prizes for each and every player that qualifies. From Chess Review I can buy several suitable prizes. Examples: Pocket set enclosed in metal jewel case, loose-leaf scorebook, chess lapel buttons, postal chess album, diagram stamping outfit, spiral - bound scorebook, Chess Review Annual and chess books.

To the winner goes the title "Washington State Open Chess Champ for 1953". He will become a Washington Chess Expert if he is not one already. The trophy store promised to get some real "Chessy" trophies.

TIME LIMIT...Forty-five moves in the first one and one-half hours... ten moves each twenty minutes thereafter.



# 'CHESS LIFE' REPORTS

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LA FRENIERE ..... ASS. EDITORS ..... F. WEAVER

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(We thank Mr. Weaver for this page)

U.S. Champion Larry Evans retained the U.S. Open Championship title with a score of 10-2 in the 76 player event at Tampa, Florida. Evans lost no games but drew four, with Donald Byrne, Arturito Pomar, Edgar T. McCormick, and with James T. Sherwin. Evans was in the lead from round four, but was consistently challenged by Byrne, Santasiere, Donovan, Pilnick, and Pomar.

Arturito Pomar of Spain was also undefeated in gaining second place with 9½-2½. Donald Byrne and Phillip LeCornu placed 3rd and 4th with 9-3. Scoring 8-4 each were Curt Brasket, Eliot Hearst, Dr. Ariel Mengarini, Ed McCormick and Carl Pilnick, and then in order with 7½-4½ were Robert S. Brieger, Karl Burger, Juan Florido of Cuba, Edmar Mednis, Ivan Romanenko and Anthony E. Santasiere.

Players at the Open represented 19 States, two Canadian Provinces and Cuba, Columbia, Spain, Puerto Rico.

The appointment of Larry Evans completes the six-man team to represent the USA at the International team match at Helsinki, Finland, Aug. 10 through August 31. Other members are former U.S. Champions Samuel Reshevsky and Herman Steiner, Hans Berliner, Arthur Bisguier, and Robert Byrne. It is planned but not yet officially confirmed that Larry Evans and Arthur Bisguier will represent the U S A in Interzonal Tournament, at Stockholm, an event which will qualify the ranking players for participation in the world championship candidates' tournament in 1953.

California has at last formed a California State Chess Federation which promises to become a permanent organization in developing and regulating chess in California where the game already has an unusually firm foothold despite lack of any previous State organization.

In the annual North vs. South California match victory went to the Northern players by 32-27, being a closer score than that of last year. This event has been won by the North 11 times, by the South 5 times and has been a tie 3 times. A total of 574 boards have been played in the 19 encounters, with the North scoring 310 to the South's total of 263.

Recent issues of Chess Life, the official publication of the United States Chess Federation, have given national recognition to games from the 1952 Washington State Championship and the 1952 Puget Sound Open. Notable were Ulvestad-Murray, with annotation by Wade and Sheets, the Hebert-Ulvestad Two Knights Defense annotated by Erich W. Marchand, and the Suchobeck-Cheever's game.

A promotional plan that should provide a consistent drive for membership, advertising and promotion on a national scale has been designed by Kenneth Harkness, noted chess author who is the inventor of the mathematical rating system to rank American chessplayers. The Board of Directors of USCF which met in Tampa appointed Mr. Harkness as Business Manager and Membership Secretary for a term of five years. One feature of the promotional structure is closer union of effort between the Federation and State Chapters. A fund of \$850 was pledged by individual members to finance the opening stages of the promotional plan.

# CHESS LETTERS COURSE 'AD' NAUSEAM<sup>o</sup>

The 9th. Chess International Tournament has now passed into history leaving us with some pertinent lessons to learn from the defeat administered us in the 1st. Sect.

Judging from the attendance roster there is a marked difference in view point as to the values of chess. Absent were entirely too many of the more prominent players! accounting for the stinging defeat administered to our first division.

Heart-warming indeed was the attendance of the faithful majority, and especially those who played in the 2nd. Division and who saved Washington from total defeat.

Apparently many of our players do not think this International Tournament is worth the effort. On the other hand others regard it as a great honor. I have just received a letter from one of the participants who looks at it in this light, and am quoting parts of his letter as it so competently points up this viewpoint:-

"There is something stirring about an international match of any kind. The feeling persists that one is representing his country in a conflict; one must not lose; the responsibility is great. There is an air of tension from the moment the contestants begin straggling into the arena until the battle is over and the issue decided.

At Mt. Vernon, last Sunday, while the harassed arrangers on both sides were attempting to line up their players in some semblance of order in point of skill, there was plenty of time to greet many faithful devotees of the ancient game. There was Tom Cannon, master showman who initiated the spectacular International Tournaments; Peter Husby, humble and self-sacrificing man-behind-the-scenes; Elmars Zemgalis, quiet and studious master from Latvia; O.W. Manney, inspiring new president of the Washington Federation; the faithful, dependable backbone of the Tacoma club - Coubrough, Collins and Hultman; the travellers from far distances - Yocum, Allyn and LaFreniere; some old familiar faces which have been missed of late - Case, Butler and Brandstrom; the Bader family en masse; Dennis Chipman and Ted Warner, who incidentally was badly misplaced on the rating list, There were others too who could have been upped a few boards but in the last minute rush this could not be helped. We heard no complaints.


At long last the loudspeaker announces the names of the players and the table numbers to which they have been assigned and one finds oneself seated in front of a total stranger, entirely ignorant of his temperament, technique or skill. Does he stray from the well-documented pathways in his opening moves? Is he then feigning ignorance in order to lure us onward to grab at a glittering bait which just a little later one realizes bitterly to have been unsound as the lowering boom clunks hollowly on our aching skull?

Luckily, the strain of tension is on both sides, and we noted that on one of the higher boards the Canadian player after obtaining a winning game, loses his queen on a simple knight check - a trick to shame a rank beginner!

The International match is the CROWNING EVENT IN THE CHESS WORLD AND MERITS OUR FULL SUPPORT. We should like to throw in the idea that probably a female division could be arranged, each side to provide ten female exponents of the art, and their games to count equally with the men."

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The title for this series of articles was selected partly in a belief that the readers of the Chess Letter must become, if not actually nauseated, at least a little tired of the old familiar writers. So it was a welcome relief to me to discover that the popular Dan Wade has a very talented wife. She it is, who is to be given credit for those brilliant articles, "The other Woman", and "Long live the Queen." I have shown them to all and sundry, chess-players and non-chess-players, and without exception all agree that they are worthy of national publication. Mrs. Wade has a piquant wit and a bright entertaining style and I wish to assure her that she now has an appreciative audience waiting breathlessly for another diversion from her pen. Mrs. Wade has at last taken the "dryness" out of chess.



# POSTAL CHESS

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In Section 52A-1B Greene took his game from H. E. Yocom and in Section 51-B-12 Engstrom and LaFreniere decided neither one was good enough to win and called it a draw.

W. H. Raleigh is enjoying a two month vacation trip to California and will return about Sept. 10 when he will resume his games in Postal Chess.

Chuck Hardinge has now resumed his games after having to postpone them during a severe spell of illness of his wife.

In calculating the rating of Hardinge, Mulford and Sams for the July issue "Ye Editor" erred and has now corrected them.

We have an "A" section with three entries waiting to be completed. Those now entered are F.M. Howard, Leslie Coubrough and V. W. Bever, all worthy opponents. Who will come in and take them on?

With the summer coming to a close and those long evenings ahead of us, what better recreation can you find for them than a section of Postal Chess. Postal Chess gives you plenty of time to figure out the best move and complete that master strategy which will enable you to improve your game. If you are in a locality where you do not have an opportunity to play chess as frequently as you would like, Postal Chess gives you that chance.

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Ballantine	1595
Greene	1591
Bever	1523
Dolle	1450
Mulford	1450
Coubrough	1439
Kaffenberger	1424
Cerretelli	1400
Magerkurth	1392
Hardinge	1330
Hazen	1288
Tweedale	1246
Sams	1241
Yocom, C. L.	1233
Nees	1226
Yocom, H.E.	1224
Hellums	1190
Harmeson	1136
Husby	1116
Christey	963
Seering	824

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### Class B Players

Howard, F. M.	1388
Cairncross	1294
Dickey	1220
Merk, R. R.	1199
Skarsten	1198
McCarthy	1148
Merk, Fred	1142
Moore	1137
Allen, W. P.	1132
Amsden	1132
Emerson	1132
LaFreniere	1094
Holland	1086
Engstrom	1086
Cox	1050
Cutshall	1050
Luters	1050
Winter	1050
Roberts, Don	1044
Parry	1012
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Roberts, H.H.	961
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