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YE EDITORIAL

— By Dan Wade —

An acute need for more time clocks became evident during the recent Washington State Chess Tournament. There were three clocks in working order and a pair of others of no use whatsoever. You chess players that take your game seriously should try to get someone to give you a chess clock or watch this Christmas. If the Federation was able the standard first prize in a chess tournament could be a clock instead of a trophy. The difference in price between chess clocks and chess trophies is not too great and an engraved plaque on the clock would show as much as on a trophy. Also the other players never see your trophies unless they visit your home while on the other hand a chess clock would be on display everytime you played in a tournament. It is possible that after a few years a player might have a surplus of chess clocks. A surplus of trophies might also be possible. So far, different players have been winning our tournaments. No real monopoly has developed in recent years although O. W. Manney won both the 1952 Wash. Open and the 1952 First Seattle Seafair Open.

Mr. Charles Joachim is holding chess classes on Friday evenings at the Seattle Y.M.C.A. He would like to see players of the Y.M.C.A. club on that evening and have a 1953 Y.M.C.A. Chess Tourney started with a round of games each week. Last year this was tried but when on several Friday nights only one or two players came, the meetings were finally abandoned. Many of the players then joined the Seattle Chess Club just a few blocks away where on Friday evenings they could be sure of finding someone to play with. Mr. Joachim is troubled by a sinus condition and this is aggravated by the smoke from cigarette smoking players at the Seattle Chess Club. In fact, after the State Tournament, he missed several days of work because of illness caused by this smoke. If eight or ten players would pledge to attend weekly meetings at the Y.M.C.A. for about ten Friday evenings in succession, perhaps the club could be revived. At our last meeting a year ago it was decided that the team was to be retained but, as most of the players also belonged to the Seattle club, dual membership would be just too much chess.

Mr. Oliver LaFreniere's report on the chess activity in Eastern Washington with a challenge by their top team for a match with the Puget Sound League kingpins is quite interesting. I hope that the club that does win the league championship accepts this challenge.

Another match I would like to see is a Washington team with the ten players that played in the State Tourney in the order of their finish in that tournament take on a ten man Oregon chess team. Our team would be spearheaded by Elmars Zemgalis with Sheets playing second board and so forth down to Warner on tenth board. That would be quite a team! I do not really believe that Warner was the tenth best in that tournament but he was off his game and that is the way it ended. The Oregon team could be led by Dake with Oregon Open champ Dahlberg second, Turner third or however their players are rated. Centralia which is about halfway between Seattle and Portland would be the ideal location. If president Manney and some other prominent players could work on this I believe the match could be arranged.

For their many years of service without any compensation in behalf of the Washington Chess Federation, Charles Joachim and Dick Allen were voted Oscars at the last Board of Director's meeting. Because of a mix-up on whose responsibility it was to take care of this matter nothing was done. This condition will be remedied immediately.

ZEMGALIS STATE CHESS CHAMP FOR 1953

Nine opponents bit the dust and Elmars Zengalis, this state's chess giant from Latvia, breezed to the 1953 Washington State Chess Championship. Vellias, Wade, Sheets, Warner, Nourse, Joachim, Mulford, Manney and finally Ballantine each in turn tried to score against Zengalis but to no avail. Ten selected players turned out for the tournament, a round-robin affair, played on two weekends - Oct. 25-26 and Nov. 1-2 at the Seattle Chess Club. Veteran expert J. L. Sheets, himself several times holder of the State Championship, placed second with a $6\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ score.

The battle for first place was nearly settled after the first weekend of play with Zengalis pulling out ahead of the pack. The battle for second prize on the other hand was not settled until the last round of the hard fought tournament. O. W. Manney lost only to the new champion but in his other eight games allowed four draws which was just enough to pull his score down to $6 - 3$, a half point behind Sheets. In 4th place was Charles Ballantine, 1951 State Champion, with a $5 - 4$ score. He also figured in four draw games winning three and losing only to Zengalis and Sheets.

Two Y.M.C.A. Chess Team players shared fifth and sixth. Russ Vellias and Dan Wade each won three, lost three and drew three to finish with $4\frac{1}{2} - 4\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Ken Mulford scored three points during the first week end of play but could add only $\frac{1}{2}$ point more to his score in his last four games so finished tied with Charles Joachim, another former champion of Washington, for 7th and 8th with $3\frac{1}{2} - 5\frac{1}{2}$.

Jack Nourse nailed down 9th place with a $2\frac{1}{2} - 6\frac{1}{2}$ score while Ted Warner surprised everyone by losing all nine of his games to wind up last.

Round 1		Round 5		Round 9	
White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
Ballantine $\frac{1}{2}$	Manney $\frac{1}{2}$	Wade 0	Manney 1	Warner 0	Manney 1
Vellias 0	Zengalis 1	Sheets 0	Vellias 1	Nourse 0	Sheets 1
Wade 1	Mulford 0	Warner 0	Ballantine 1	Joachim $\frac{1}{2}$	Wade $\frac{1}{2}$
Sheets 1	Joachim 0	Nourse 0	Zengalis 1	Mulford 0	Vellias 1
Warner 0	Nourse 1	Joachim 0	Mulford 1	Zengalis 1	Ballantine 0
Round 2		Round 6 (2nd weekend)		FINAL TOURNEY STANDINGS:	
Manney $\frac{1}{2}$	Nourse $\frac{1}{2}$	Manney 1	Mulford 0	Player	W L D Pts.
Joachim 1	Warner 0	Zengalis 1	Joachim 0	1. Zengalis	9-0-0 9.
Mulford 0	Sheets 1	Ballantine 1	Nourse 0	2. Sheets	6-2-1 $6\frac{1}{2}$
Zengalis 1	Wade 0	Vellias 1	Warner 0	3. Manney	4-1-4 6.
Ballantine 1	Vellias 0	Wade 0	Sheets 1	4. Ballantine	3-2-4 5.
Round 3		Round 7		5-6 Vellias	3-3-3 $4\frac{1}{2}$
Vellias $\frac{1}{2}$	Manney $\frac{1}{2}$	Sheets $\frac{1}{2}$	Manney $\frac{1}{2}$	5-6 Wade	3-3-3 $4\frac{1}{2}$
Wade $\frac{1}{2}$	Ballantine $\frac{1}{2}$	Warner 0	Wade 1	7-8 Mulford	3-5-1 $3\frac{1}{2}$
Sheets 0	Zengalis 1	Nourse 1	Vellias 0	7-8 Joachim	2-4-3 $3\frac{1}{2}$
Warner 0	Mulford 1	Joachim $\frac{1}{2}$	Ballantine $\frac{1}{2}$	9. Nourse	2-6-1 2.
Nourse 0	Joachim 1	Mulford 0	Zengalis 1	10 Warner	0-9-0 0
Round 4		Round 8		Statistics:	
Manney 1	Joachim 0	Manney 0	Zengalis 1	White won 16, Black won	
Mulford 1	Nourse 0	Ballantine $\frac{1}{2}$	Mulford $\frac{1}{2}$	19 and 10 drawn. 45 games	
Zengalis 1	Warner 0	Vellias $\frac{1}{2}$	Joachim $\frac{1}{2}$	played - no forfeits.	
Ballantine 0	Sheets 1	Wade 1	Nourse 0		
Vellias $\frac{1}{2}$	Wade $\frac{1}{2}$	Sheets 1	Warner 0		

APOLOGIES TO MR. POE

It was on a midnight dreary, as I pondered weak and weary,
Over many a Master's chess game to find some hidden lore.
That would help me win a tourney, win just one lousy tourney,
Ere I take that last long journey and chess knows me no more.
When there came a gentle tapping as of someone softly rapping,
Rapping at my old dutchdoor.

"'Tis my drunken wife returning, by Jove she tries me sore,
With her rapping and her tapping at the old dutchdoor.

This it is and nothing more."

Presently my wrath grew stronger, hesitating then no longer,
said I "Madam, your conduct truly I deplore,

As I sit I'm near to napping and then comes your drunken
tapping, tapping at my old dutchdoor."

Open here I flung the shutter and with many a flirt and flutter
In there stepped a stately Raven of the saintly days of yore.
Not a minute stopped or stayed he but with mien of lord or lady,
Perched upon the bust of Alekhine just above my old dutchdoor.

Perched and sat and nothing more.

"Prophet!" said I, "thing of evil!" who come tapping at my door.
To this home by horror haunted - tell me truly I implore,
Will I - Will I ever win a tourney? Tell me - tell me I implore!"

Quoth the Raven "Nevermore."

"By that word our sign of parting, bird or fiend" I shrieked,
upstarting,

And I fell me down a fainting and a pointing at the door.

"Get thee back into the tempest to the Night's Plutonian shore.
But ere you're going tell me, ere you're going will you tell me?
Will my wife ere drink her fill at the tavern down the hill?"

Quoth the Raven "Nevermore."

NOURSE 'AD NAUSEAM.

CHES ORIGINS — — — — — — — — — — EGYPT AND GREECE.

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Solid evidence of antiquity is the chess board and men found in Tutankhamen's tomb. Dated about 3200 B.C.

Uniform inscriptions on cylinders, tablets and sculptures of ancient Babylon and Niniveh show no traces of chess. However in Egypt there lately has been brought to light much evidence of the game. King Ramesses, (1300 B.C.) is himself portrayed on the walls of his temple at Thebes playing the game with one of the ladies of his household. The lower classes are shown playing on the floor, while the nobles are pictured on seats similar to a modern camp-stool.

An ancient papyrus shows a man playing alone. Perhaps this could have been the first correspondence game!!

The boards and men of both these kings were very similar in size, the boards being about three squares by twelve, and the pieces six in number similar in shape to our pawns, having a small knob on top.

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Of the many games it is believed chess sprung from, one - named "Petteia" was played by the Greeks, using pebbles for pieces. According to Homer chess was known to the Greeks in 1180 B.C. being invented by Palamedes during the Trojan war as a pastime for Prince Menelaus and the Grecian chiefs during their tedious encampment before the walls of Troy. In the first book of his "Odyssey", Homer pictures Penelope's suitors amusing themselves with the game before the gates of Ulysses palace. Athenus also speaks of the game while Herodotus, the Greek "Father of History" attributed its founding to them.

Petteia was probably the ancestor of the modern game of checkers and it rather resembled the Roman "ludus latruncularum" or "bandits game". This game was more complicated than checkers, though played on a board with fewer squares. The men were of glass, called "vitrei latrones" and often mentioned in Roman literature.

Seneca, the great statesman and philosopher, describes the board as "latruncularia tabula". Varro and Pliny also mention the game of "Bandits Battle".

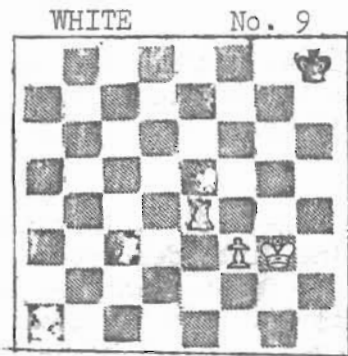
In confirmation of the theory that this game resembled chess is the statement of Aristotle in his "Politics", wherein he compares one "whose hand is against every man, and every mans hand against him" to an "azyx in possis", which sounds familiarly like our passed, or isolated pawn.

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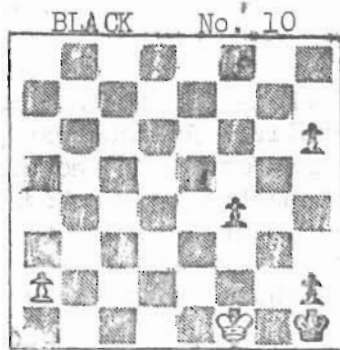
POETRY DEPT.

Said an ensign, fresh in from the ocean,
I've decided to take a promotion,
When they asked him, "What rate",
He said, "Pawn to queen eight".
What he meant? - They had 'nt a notion.

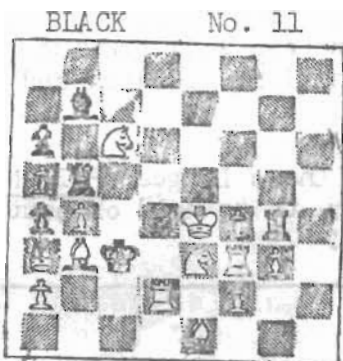
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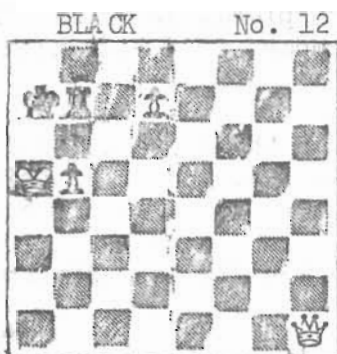
WHITE WINS



WHITE MATES IN 6



GUESS !!



WHITE MATES IN 3

SOLUTIONS
NEXT MONTH

PROBLEM COLUMN

By — O. W. LaFreniere

Problem No. Nine
Elmars Zengalis

This type of problem makes handling the Problem Column fun. Never have I seen such a clear yet difficult little gem. For the amount of men on the board it looks easy, but try it! White must watch for all kinds of checks and pins.

WHITE has his King at K6, and Pawn at K6.

BLACK has his King at K8, and Rook at K4.

CAREFUL--The board on this problem is inverted.

Problem No. Ten
from Chess Review

This is the 'tempo' type problem. Somebody is either too late or too early. Who is which?

WHITE has his King at K1 and Pawn at Q2.

BLACK has his King at K8, Pawns at K7, K3, and K5.

Problem No. Eleven
from Chess Review

This is only a novelty, but novelties are to be enjoyable. This is. There is not much black can do, and white couldn't possibly lose! See if you can lose white's game.

WHITE has his King at K4, Queen at Q3, Rooks at K3 and Q2, Bishops at K1 and QN3, Knights at K3 and QB6, and Pawns at Q2, 4, & 5, KB2 & 4, KN3 and QN4.

BLACK has his King at QB6, Rooks at KN5 and QN4, a Bishop at QN2, and a Pawn at Q3.

Problem No. Twelve
from Chess Review

This problem demonstrates a certain principle which, if I told you what it was, you would know how to solve it. So find it yourself!

WHITE has his King at Q5, Queen at K1, and a Pawn at Q7.

BLACK has his King at Q2, Rook at QN2, Knight at Q1, and Pawn at QN4.

EASTERN WASHINGTON LEAGUE STARTED!!

As a result of two matches the Yakima Chess Club has played within the last two months, the wishes of many chess promoters in Eastern Washington are beginning to be realized. The long waited for Eastern State Chess League is under way. But first the matches.

On October 26 a five man team of Eli Treisman, William Hoge, O. W. LaFreniere, John Fauvergue, and Dick Dexter, the five best of the Yakima Club, descended upon the Pasco Chess Team consisting of George Asanovich, Mr. C. Groot, Henry Jackson, Dr. Harold Cartmell, and Carol Northrup and trounced them $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. Both Treisman and Hoge won both of their games, Dexter and Fauvergue split even, and LaFreniere (I hate to mention it) could only get one draw. After the match, which was held in the beautiful Franklin County PUD Auditorium, Pasco treated Yakima to a banquet at the Manor, Pasco's ritzy eating spot. The amazing success of the match brought great promise of many more such events in the future.

On November 9 Yakima took its same traveling team to Spokane for another match with their top five boards. The Yakima team will not rationalize; Spokane was just better. Ed Lindstrom, Robert Higgenson, Ray Kromer, Thomas Berquist, and Wilbur Voget represented Spokane. Treisman managed to split with Lindstrom, and Hoge won his two games from Higgenson, but the rest of the Yakima team scored zeros, to lose 7-3. Again Yakima was treated to a banquet in the luxurious dining room of the Spokane Hotel. As at Pasco, more future matches were planned; enthusiasm was good.

Next Spokane is to play Pasco to determine the best team in Eastern Washington now in existence. Other teams to begin league play if they can be gotten together are Wenatchee, Walla Walla, Sunnyside-Prosser-Grandview combined team, and Sandpoint and vicinity combined team. That makes seven teams, more than previously have been heard of in Eastern Washington. It is felt that the host team will provide the traveling team with a dinner after each match because of the long distance and expense involved in making each trip.

SPECIAL-----The winning team of the Eastern Washington Chess League CHALLENGES the winning team of the Puget Sound Chess League to a match to be held on neutral ground on the completion of the schedules of the two leagues!

THE PROBLEM ANSWERS for October series

No. 5. Here is one where one sacrifices his most likely pieces and does the dirty work with a measly little Pawn. These little Pawns are important! 1. N-N7ch., K-N3; 2. P-R5ch., RxP; 3. B-B5ch., RxB; 4. P-N4!! And black is helpless.

No. 6. The art of solving a problem with many pieces on the board is quite different from that used in solving one with few pieces. Whereas one looks for trick moves of all types in the little problem, one just has to sit down and test all possible moves in these large problems. It is hard to find the answer only because of the great number of possibilities. Of course the answer is usually the most obscure. 1. Q-R2 and all black's moves are thwarted.

No. 7. Now we have a medium problem---not too many pieces, not too few. So we travel a middle road, looking for trick moves, considering all possibilities. Key: 1. R-N5, and you can see the rest. Quite brilliant!

No. 8. Key: 1. N-R4! White must give up a piece to accomplish his goal. How illogical the answer is! That is part of the problem's beauty.

THE PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

The Tacoma Y. M. C. A. Chess Club defeated the Seattle University Chess Club at Tacoma on November 9th by a wide margin. The final score reading Tacoma 8 and Seattle U. 2. West Seattle visited the Seattle Chess Club for a match with Seattle. No Seattle team showed so unless Seattle can get a team together for a Friday night visit to West Seattle, the final score of this match will read West Seattle 10 and Seattle 0.

On November 23rd the Seattle Chess Club and the University of Washington played off their postponed match. The University team won easily $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ and established themselves as a leading contender for the league title.

TACOMA Y.M.C.A.		8.	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY		2.	LEAGUE STANDINGS NOV. 23.	
1. L. Coubrough	2	Alexander	0	Team	Won	Lost	
2. V. Hultman	2	K. Borski	0	Seattle Y.M.C.A.	2	0	
3. DEFAULTED	0	Bob Buck	2	Tacoma Y.M.C.A.	1	0	
4. T. Dolle	2	D. Doyle	0	U. of Washington	1	0	
5. G. Faithfull	2	Hattrup	0	Everett Chess Club	1	1	
				West Seattle	1	1	
				Seattle University	0	2	
				Seattle Chess Club	0	2	
UNIVERSITY WASH.		$9\frac{1}{2}$.	SEATTLE CHESS CLUB		$\frac{1}{2}$.		
1. Ballantine	2	V. W. Bever	0	CLUBS MUST PAY A LEAGUE EN-			
2. K. Mulford	2	H. H. Roberts	0	TRY FEE OF \$5.00. Please			
3. Ted Warner	2	Lewis	0	send the money to Mr. Rai-			
4. Alan Clark	2	W. H. Raleigh	0	leigh, 4312 Woodland Park			
5. D. Gorton	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Enright	$\frac{1}{2}$	Ave. Apt. 3, Seattle, Wash.			

Round Three - Sunday, November 30th 1952 .

Round Four - Sunday, December 14th - Tacoma Y. vs. Everett at Seattle, Seattle U. vs. Seattle at Seattle, West Seattle at the U. of Washington.

Mr. C. R. Harmeson, secretary-treasurer of the Olympia Chess Club, sends the following letter:

After talking the chess situation in Olympia over with the other members of the club, it is a painful task that I am performing at this time. There are only six of us now in the Olympia Club and not a young man in the bunch. Perhaps at one time or another we might muster up as many as five to play a match with some other club in the league. We do have three who could and would play almost every and any time that a match would be scheduled. It is also a certainty that in attempting to go through the round-robin schedule those three would be all we would have at times, at another time we would have four and on one or two rare occasions we would have a full team of five.

So at our last meeting it was decided that the only reasonable way was for us to drop out of league competition for the time being. Perhaps next year we can again join the league to the satisfaction of all.

As you may well know, there are some of us down here who have always tried to be on hand at all times individually whenever there was a tournament, even though we never expected to walk away with any top prizes. But we like the game and the associations and friendships and have always wanted to help in promoting additional interest in the game in this area. We regret that we cannot meet the boys of the other teams during this season, and you may be sure that we are more disappointed than anyone else.

CHESS LIFE REPORTS By WEAVER

Herman Steiner of Los Angeles who is rated 15th in strength among active United States chess players finished in a tie for 11th, as the only entrant from the US in the Interzonal Tournament at Saltsjobaden, Sweden. Soviet chess players swept the five places to qualify for the World Championship Candidates Tournament of 1953, which will therefor be another cozy Soviet monopoly held in Moscow unless Switzerland is successful in a last minute effort to get the contest on neutral ground.

FIDE Congress has adopted a new International Chess Code, and the new Laws of Chess will be available for use in the USA after the arduous task of translation from the original text in French has been completed. Included in the list of International Grandmasters, recognized by FIDE Congress were Robert Byrne and Larry Evans (USA). An offer by Argentina Chess Federation to pay all traveling costs of competitors was accepted. The International Team Tournament is now scheduled for Buenos Aires in March, 1954.

Richard Bauer, 20, a polio victim since 1949, in his first tournament, after studying chess a year, won the B-class event in the City of Buffalo Championship by an 8-1 score, playing from an iron lung and following the game by viewing the board in a mirror.

Canada is the latest country to produce a child chess prodigy. He is 9 year old Loic Therien, a son of the Quebec title holder. He is rated 14th among 50 players in the Quebec Chess League, beat L. Prins in an exhibition by the Dutch master.

Readers of Washington Chess Letter may safely visit distant cities where anyone might ask "who's chess champion around here?" because here are latest tournament results:

MIDWEST OPEN, OMAHA

Lee Magee	5 -1
John Penquite	4½-1½
Victor Pupols	4½-1½
A. Liepnicks	4½-1½

FLORIDA

Nector Hernandez	5½- ½
Arthur Montano	5 -1
C. Rasis	5 -1
E. Lobzeltern	4½-1½

GEORGIA

E. R. Wicher	6 -0
R. E. Johnstone	5 -1
Walter Collins	4½-1½
Grady Coker	4½-1½
Crawford Davis	4½-1½

LOUISIANA

John Hudson	5½- ½
Newton Grant	5 -1
A. B. Wills	4½-1½
W. G. Addison	4½-1½
A. L. McAuley	4½-1½

NEW MEXICO

Jim Phillips	7 -0
Eugene Shapiro	5½-1½
John Ragan	5½-1½
F. T. Coleman	5½-1½

WEST VIRGINIA

Norman Whitaker	5½- ½
Siegfried Werthanner	4½-1½
L. C. Young	4 -2
Donald Burdick	3½-2½

NORTH DAKOTA

Gordon Anderson	4½- ½
Leonard Graetz	4 -1
George Hawkes	4 -1
W. H. Pico	4 -1

ALBERTA

R. Doe	7 -1
W. Holowach	5½-2½
I. Moser	5½-2½
H. Bergmann	5 -3

This year, the performance of about 3500 entries in more than 200 tournaments are being measured for publication in "Chess Life" ratings.

TACOMA Y.

Election of Officers, Tacoma Y.M.C.A. Chess Club - November 14th 1952.

R. B. Leach, President and W.C.F. Director Tom Dolan, Treasurer
L. Coubrough, Secretary R. M. Collins, Tournament Director

WEST SEATTLE CLUB

Fred M. Howard writes - "Greetings from the West Seattle Chess Club. We have just finished our Club Tournament for 1952. Manney and Schmoyer didn't meet. The surprise of the tournament was the showing made by Gene Vukonich who finished 3rd in a strong field. The W. Seattle club meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday evening of each month in the High Pt. Field House. All chess players are cordially invited to attend meetings regardless of strength. We are having a nice turn out each Friday meeting where anyone can find plenty of competition."

Player	Won	Lost	Draw	Pts.	Player	Won	Lost	Draw	Pts.
1. Manney	12	0	1	12½	6. F. Howard	10	9	1	10½
2. Schmoyer	10	0	0	10.	7. Woodward	7	4	0	7.
3. Vukonich	13	6	0	13.	8. Kemp	4	5	1	4½
4. Mage	12	7	1	12½	9. Vert	5	8	1	5½
5. Crutcher	11	8	0	11.	10 Thomas	4	14	1	4½

Editor's question...The above standings total 88 wins but only 61 defeats! Who lost the other 27 games? Was it Seekamp? Confess now!

Tournament	Date	System	Entry	Location
Washington State Speed Championship	Sunday, Jan. 4th. Starts at 1 P. M.	Round-Robin	\$1.00*	Seattle Chess Club
Puget Sound Open Championship	February 14 - 15 Starts at 10 A.M.	6 Round Swiss	\$5.00?	Seattle Chess Club
Washington State Junior Championship	March 28-29 Starts at 10 A.M.	6 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	Seattle Chess Club

* Fifty cents reduction to Federation members. The Seattle Chess Club is located at 616 Madison Street in the Knickerbocker Hotel basement.

WASHINGTON STATE OPEN

I. DAHLBERG	C. BALLANTINE				
White	Black				
1. P-K4	P-K4	12 B-KN3	B-B3	25 N-K4	BxB
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	13 B-B2	PxP	26 QxB	R-R5
3. B-N5	P-QR3	14 PxP	N-N4	27 P-K6	PxP
4. B-R4	P-Q3	15 NxN	PxN	28 PxP	B-B3
5. P-B3	N-KB3	16 P-Q5	N-N5	29 P-B5	BxN
6. O-O	B-Q2	17 N-B3	NxB	30 QxPch	K-R1
7. R-K1	B-K2	18 QxN	P-N5	31 RxR	RxR
8. P-Q4	O-O	19 PxP	BxB	32 P-B6	Q-KB1
9. P-KR3	R-K1	20 P-B3	B-Q2	33 Q-R5ch	K-N1
10 B-KN5	P-KR3	21 QR-Q1	P-KN3	34 P-B7ch	K-N2
11 B-R4	N-KR2	22 Q-B2	K-N2	35 Q-N5ch	K-R1
		23 P-B4	R-R1	36 R-Q3	Resigns
		24 P-K5	B-R5		

STATE TOURNEY

C. JOACHIM-C. BALLANTINE

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. B-B4	N-KB3
3. N-QB3	NxP
4. Q-R5	N-Q3
5. QxPch	Q-K2
6. QxQch	BxQ
7. B-N3	O-O
8. N-B3	N-B4
9. P-Q3	P-QB3
10. B-KB4	P-Q4
11. O-O	B-B3
12. R(B)-K1	N-Q2
13. P-N4	N-Q5
14. NxN	BxN

15 B-Q6...Drawn by the repetition of 15...R-Q1; 16 B-B7 etc. Unusual!

K. MULFORD - E. ZEMGALIS

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. N-QB3	N-KB3
4. P-K5	KN-Q2
5. N-B3	P-QB4
6. B-K3	N-QB3
7. B-K2	Q-N3
8. P-QN3?	PxP
9. NxP	B-N5
10. Q-Q2	Q-B4
11. N(Q4)-N5	P-Q5
12. O-O-O	BxN
13. NxB	QxN
14. BxP	NxB
15. QxN	QxQ
16. RxQ	NxP
17. B-N5ch	B-Q2
18. BxBch	NxB
19. QR-Q1	N-N3
20. Resigns.	

E. ZEMGALIS - D. WADE

White	Black
1. N-KB3	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-KN3
3. P-Q4	P-QB3
4. N-B3	P-Q4
5. PxP	PxP?
6. Q-N3	B-N2
7. B-N5	P-K3
8. P-K4	PxP
9. B-N5ch	QN-Q2
10. NxP	Q-R4ch

11. B-Q2	Q-N3
12. NxNch	BxN
13. O-O	O-O
14. Q-R4	Q-Q1
15. B-R5	N-N3
16. Q-N3	Q-Q4
17. Q-N4	B-Q2
18. B-K2	N-B1?
19. B-B7	B-K2
20. Q-Q2	N-Q3
21. N-K5	N-K5?
22. Q-K3	B-KN4??
23. P-B4	QR-B1?
24. B-B4	Resigns

D. WADE - C. BALLANTINE

White	Black
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	P-QB4
4. PxQP	BPxP
5. QxP	N-QB3
6. Q-Q1	PxP
7. QxP	B-K3
8. QxQch	RxQ
9. P-K3	N-N5
10. B-N5ch	K-K2
11. B-R4	N-KB3
12. KN-K2	N-Q6ch
13. K-B1	N-KN5
14. P-B3	NxB
15. RxN	NxKPch
16. K-B2	N-Q4
17. KR-Q1	NxN
18. NxN	RxR
19. RxR	K-B3
20. N-K4ch	K-N3
21. P-QR3	B-K2
22. P-QN4	R-Q1
23. RxR	BxR
24. B-B2	P-B4
25. N-Q6	B-N3ch
26. K-K2	B-QB2
27. NxNP	BxP
28. N-B5	B-B1
29. P-R4	K-N4
30. P-R5	B-N8
31. B-Q3	K-B5
32. B-R6	BxBch
33. NxN	K-N6
34. K-B1	B-Q5
35. P-N5	P-R4
36. N-N8	B-K4
37. N-B6	B-B2
38. NxP	BxP

39. N-B8	P-R5
40. P-N6	P-N4
41. P-N7	B-B2
42. N-K7	P-B5
43. K-N1	B-N3ch
44. K-R1	B-B2
45. N-B5ch	K-B7
46. N-Q4	B-N1
47. N-K6	P-R6
48. PxP	KxP
49. NxPch	K-N6
50. N-K6	P-B6
51. K-N1	KxP
52. N-Q4	B-R2
53. K-B1	B-N1
54. NxP	K-N5
55. K-K2	K-B5
56. N-Q4	K-K5
57. N-B6	B-R7

Drawn.

C. JOACHIM - K. MULFORD

White	Black
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. N-KB3	N-KB3
3. P-QB4	P-K3
4. N-B3	B-K2
5. B-N5	QN-Q2
6. R-B1	P-KR3
7. B-R4	O-O
8. P-K3	P-B3
9. PxP	KPxP
10. B-K2	N-K5
11. BxB	QxB
12. N-Q2	N(Q2)B3
13. B-B3	N-N4
14. P-KR3	R-K1
15. P-R3	B-B4
16. P-QN4	P-R3
17. B-K2	N(3)-K5
18. N(2)xN	NxN
19. NxN	BxN
20. B-B3	Q-N4
21. BxB	RxB
22. Q-B3	QR-K1
23. P-N4??	RxPch
24. PxR	RxPch
25. QxR	QxQch
26. K-Q1	QxQRP
27. K-B2, QxNP; 28. KR-O	
29. R-QR1, P-Q1	
30. R(R1)-N1, Q-B5ch;	
31. K-N2, P-R5; 32. R(N1)-B1;	
33. Q-N6ch; 33. K-R1, P-R6; &	
White soon resigns.	

CHESS RAMBLINGS

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND OLD MEMBERS RETURNING!!

William Wilson, Sunnyside, Wash.
E. F. Vukonich, Seattle, Wash.
A. C. Stankey, Keyport, Wash.
Charles Fillion, Seattle, Wash.
Richard Dideon, Seattle, Wash.
Herbert Tedro, Pasco, Wash.
William H. Hoge, Yakima, Wash.
Elmars Zemgalis, Seattle, Wash.

The month of October, which was the month these members were brought in, was the most progressive month we have had in a long time as far as new members go. Still, however, this list signifies that only a few in the entire membership body are putting forth any effort to bring in new members. The list should be three times this length. There are only about five people working on the problem of membership and most of the members thus engaged are Washington Chess Federation office holders.

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In the summary of the West Seattle Tournament on page 10 it was noted that there were 88 wins as compared to only 61 losses. The answer to this is that there were actually 20 players in the tournament and the standings are of just the top 10. If any other club holds a tournament the editor would appreciate a letter with the final standings. All of these tournaments are chess news and we want all chess news to end up in the pages of the Washington Chess Letter.

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The Puget Sound League, after a stumbling start, is starting to roll along fairly well. Such players as Holmes, Hewitt, Hultman, Collins and Coubrough make Tacoma look like the favorites. However, the University of Washington must also be rated very high with such sterling contenders as Ballantine, Mulford, Warner, Clark and Chipman. The other still unbeaten team, the Seattle Y.M.C.A., has a fair chance with Wade, Vellias, Max Bad-er Sr. and Hebert. If Charles Joachim decides to help this team they might achieve the goal so narrowly missed by the Y two years ago. Everett has lost a match, but still has an outside chance to tie for first place while West Seattle, the Seattle Chess Club and Seattle University will be playing to keep out of last place.

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Some last minute news! For some reason the mimeograph machine will not run so the last six pages of this issue are being run off by turning the crank! Ye Editor botched up the green screen and roller some months ago but as you can see in this issue everything is okay again. Ran off a batch of red covers last month. Have just about decided to make 1953 a red letter year! We need some help on the Games Page. Just send your best game or games with notes and we will try to get them in. Note to State Tourney contenders....please send the editor your best played games from that tourney. Any notes will be appreciated.

CHESS NOTES BY MANNEY

GEMS FROM MY CHESS TREASURY

Altho I consider myself as yet a young man, based on present-day trends in longevity, as the fortunate result of an early introduction to chess I can look back over more than thirty years of pleasurable experience devoted to reading, studying, playing and just enjoying the Royal Game. The modest library which has grown up around me started with Edward Lasker's "Chess Strategy" and now includes the ultra-modern "Chess Archives" by Dr. Max Euwe.

Of the many friends gained thru chess none holds a fonder spot in my memory than the late Ignacio A. Gutierrez, a fine old Mexican gentleman of El Paso. A neighborhood grocer in his declining years, in his youth he had been one of "Teddy" Roosevelt's "Rough Riders" in Cuba, and at all times a lover and master craftsman of chess. Amongst my proudest possessions are two small collections of brilliant games which he compiled during 1920 and 1921. They are handwritten in Spanish with his own notes. One is a collection of "Max Lange" games and the other a "Giucoco Piano" group. At one time I knew them all by heart! They are not for study of the "best" opening moves. Look to your modern chess openings for that. These are enjoyable examples of winning tactics against inferior play. The student will learn more from games of this quality than from the best opening treatise. The following is a translation with the original comments and annotations. Let me not hear your criticism thereof!

GAMBITO "MAX LANGE"

This gambit is actually a variation of the Giucoco Piano and, because of the effective development available to both sides, might well be called the "Giucoco Presto".

It is as all gambits, aggressive and has infinite resources, but if Black plays carefully he will undoubtedly attain the better position or material advantage.

Played at Habana in 1864. The young champion played this game without sight of the board.

White	Black
Paul Morphy	Placido Dominguez
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-B4	B-B4
4. O-O	N-B3
5. P-Q4	-----

The sacrifice of this pawn was an innovation of Dr. Max Lange and the resulting opening has been given the name of that eminent German player.

5. -----	PxP
6. P-K5	N-K5?
The proper reply is P-Q4.	
7. B-Q5	P-B4
8. PxP (e.p.)	NxP/3

9. R-N5	B-K2
10. BxKN	BxB
11. R-K1 ch.	N-K2
12. N-K5!	BxN
13. Q-R5 ch.	P-N3
14. QxB	R-B1
15. N-Q2	P-B3
16. N-B4	P-Q3

And White mated in four moves!!!

Played during 1906 in a match between the Universities of Chicago and Michigan.

White	Black
Jones	Sibbitt
First five moves as in preceding game.	
6. P-K5	KN-N1?
7. P-B3	PxP
8. BxP ch.	R-B1
9. NxP	Q-K2
10. B-N3	NxP
11. N-Q5	Q-Q3
12. B-KB4	NxN ch.
13. QxN	Q-KN3
14. B-Q6 dbl. ch.	K-K1
15. Q-B8 Mate.	

In this game and others that follow I omit the names of my opponents for the reason I have not asked their permission.

White	Black
X.....	I. A. Gutierrez

First five moves as in preceding game.

- 6. P-K5 N-N5(?)
 - 7. P-KR3(??) KNxKP
- Offering a Knight in exchange for the attack.
- 8. NxN NxN
 - 9. R-K1 P-Q3
 - 10. P-B4(?) P-Q6 ch.
 - 11. K-R1 PxB
 - 12. QxP Q-R5
 - 13. Q-K4 BxP (!)
 - 14. P-KN2 Q-R4
 - 15. Q-K2 B-N5 dis. ch.
 - 16. Q-R2 B-B6 Mate.

White Black
Lange Ehrich

First five moves as before.

- 6. P-K5 P-Q4 (!)
- 7. PxB PxB
- 8. R-K1 ch. KxB1

This move is not as bad as it looks, but is inferior to B-K3.

- 9. PxB ch. KxB
- 10. N-K5 B-K3
- 11. Q-R5 Q-K2
- 12. B-N5 P-B3
- 13. Q-R6 ch. K-N1
- 14. BxB Q-B1
- 15. Q-N5 ch. Q-N2
- 16. QxQ Mate.

Occurred at Moscow, Russia at an exhibition in which the American champion played twenty games blind-folded.

White Black

H. N. Pillsbury Casparovisch
First five moves as before.

- 6. P-K5 P-Q4
- 7. PxB PxB
- 8. R-K1 ch. K-B1
- 9. B-N5 PxB
- 10. B-R6 ch. K-N1
- 11. NxP BxB
- 12. P-QB3 BxB ch. (?)
- 13. KxB B-B4
- 14. Q-B3 B-N3
- 15. N-Q2 N-K4
- 16. Q-N3 Q-Q3
- 17. N-K4 (!!) Q-K3
- 18. K-N1 N-Q6
- 19. R-K3 P-KB4
- 20. N-B5 Q-N3
- 21. NxN PxB
- 22. Q-K5 P-KB3
- 23. Q-K7 B-B2

- 24. K-R1 P-B5
- 25. BxB R-KB1
- 26. R-N3 ch. B-N3
- 27. B-R6 (!!) Resigns.

White Black

James Mortimer Wolff

First five moves as before.

- 6. P-K5 P-Q4
 - 7. PxB PxB
 - 8. R-K1 ch. K-B1
 - 9. B-N5 PxB
 - 10. B-R6 ch. K-N1
 - 11. NxP BxB
 - 12. P-QB3 B-K3 (!)
 - 13. PxB QxP
 - 14. Q-B3 Q-R5
 - 15. Q-K3 R-Q1
 - 16. P-KN3 (?) Q-R4
 - 17. N-B3 N-K4 (!)
 - 18. KR-Q1 (?) R-K1
 - 19. P-B3 NxP ch.
 - 20. K-B2 N-K4
 - 21. N-K4 N-N5 ch.
 - 22. K-K1 B-B4
- Resigns.

Played by correspondence in the 228 Tournament of the Chess by Mail. Correspondence Bureau of Burnside, Pa.

White Black

R. G. Smallie E. S. Harvy

First five moves as before.

- 6. P-K5 P-Q4
- 7. PxB PxB
- 8. R-K1 ch. B-K3
- 9. N-N5 P-KN3

Inferior to Q-Q4

- 10. Q-N4 O-O
- 11. NxB -----

Mr. Smallie believes this move superior to Q-R4 and states he is surprised it is not found in the books.

- 11. ----- PxB
- 12. QxKP ch. K-R1
- 13. B-N5 P-Q6
- 14. PxB BxB ch.
- 15. KxB Q-Q5 ch.
- 16. K-B1 QxNP
- 17. P-B7 (!) P-KR4
- 18. QxNP Resigns.

Played at the last International tournament at Stockholm.

White Black

Olson Rudolph Spielman
First five moves as before.

6.	P-K5	P-Q4
7.	PxN	PxB
8.	R-K1 ch.	B-K3
9.	N-N5	P-KN3
10.	N-Q2	Q-Q4
11.	Q-N-K4	O-O-O
12.	NxQB	PxN
13.	NxB	QxN
14.	B-R6	-----

Preparing the advance of the pawn.

14.	-----	Q-B4
15.	Q-B3	P-K4

The Master Spielman decides to sacrifice the exchange, believing that he can dominate the center with a powerful pawn-chain.

16.	P-B7	QxO
17.	PxO	K-Q2
18.	P-B4 (!)	-----

Destroying the center which Black has built with such sacrifice!

18.	-----	PxP
19.	R-K4	P-KN4
20.	R-Q1	QR-KB1
21.	B-N7 (!!)	-----

Beautiful and ingenious play which completely inutilizes the two rooks.

21.	-----	P-N4
22.	QR-K1	P-Q6
23.	PxP	PxP
24.	R-Q1	N-Q1
25.	RxP ch.	K-B3
26.	BxR(Q)	RxB
27.	RxN	RxR
28.	R-K8	Resigns.

Played by correspondence during 1910. Mr. E. C. Bauder of Palmyra, N. Jer., conducted the attack and the members of the Washington Chess Club the defense.

	White	Black
	E. C. Bauder	W. Club
	First five moves as before.	
6.	P-K5	P-Q4
7.	PxN	PxB
8.	R-K1 ch.	B-K3
9.	N-N5	Q-Q4 (!)
10.	QN-B3	Q-B4
11.	QN-K4	O-O-O
12.	P-KN4	Q-K4
13.	N-KB3	Q-Q4
14.	PxP	AxP (!!)
15.	PxR	RxP
16.	B-B4	-----

With the object of sacrificing the Queen for two pieces.

16.	-----	R-N1
17.	B-N3	N-K4
18.	NxN (!)	BxO
19.	N-KB6	RxB ch.
20.	RPxR	Q-Q1
21.	N(6)-Q7	BxP
22.	NxB	Q-Q4
23.	QR-B1	QxN(B4)
24.	RxB	P-N4
25.	QR-K2	P-KB3
26.	N-B7	K-Q2
27.	R-K8	P-B3
28.	N-Q8	Q-N5
29.	P-R3	QxR ch.
30.	RxO	KxN
31.	R-K6	Resigns.

	White	Black
	Frank J. Marshall	P. S. Leonhardt
	First eleven moves as in preceding game.	

12.	NxQB	PxN
13.	P-KN4	Q-K4
14.	PxP	-----

Also good appears B-N5.

14.	-----	KR-N1
15.	B-R6	P-Q6
16.	P-QB3	P-Q7
17.	R-K2	B-N3
18.	Q-KB1	R-Q6
19.	R-Q1	N-Q1
20.	P-N5	N-B2
21.	Q-N2	-----

And the game was drawn, but after exhaustive analysis Marshall - present champion of the United States - claimed that the best move here was N-N3.

The following, played blindfolded in New York during November of 1920, represents one of the first triumphs achieved in the United States by the infant prodigy of Poland, Samuel Rzeschewski - nine years of age.

	White	Black
	C. Jaffe	Rzeschewski
	First ten moves as in preceding game.	
11.	NxB	TxN
12.	N-K4	B-B1
13.	N-N5	P-K4
14.	P-B4	NPxP
15.	N-B3	O-O-O
16.	K-R1	B-B4
17.	P-QN4	P-K5
18.	P-N5	PxN
19.	PxN	PxP ch.
20.	Resigns.	

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Baker	1	Yocom, C.L.	0				
	51A-14B				52B-1A		
Cairncross	1	Yocom, C.L.	0	Baker	1	Cutshall	0
				Luters	1	Cutshall	0
	51-A-12			Luters	1	Baker	0
Dolle	$\frac{1}{2}$	Cerretelli	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dickey	1	Baker	0
				Roberts, Don	1	Baker	0
	52A-2A				52B-1B		
Cairncross	1	Skarsten	0	Luters	1	Cutshall	0
				Luters	1	Baker	0
	52A-2B			Dickey	1	Baker	0
Cairncross	1	Skarsten	0	Roberts, Don	1	Baker	0
				Baker	1	Cutshall	0

There is still one game to be reported on in section 50-A-11 the result of which will not affect the determining of the one who wins the section. There is a tie between V. W. Bever and R. R. Merk which is now in process of being played off.

Two new A sections were started this month and we are now looking for some more entries to complete a B section.

WCF Postal chess tournaments give you an opportunity to test your skill against other players whom you might not otherwise have an opportunity of meeting. Many fine friendships are made in this way.

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