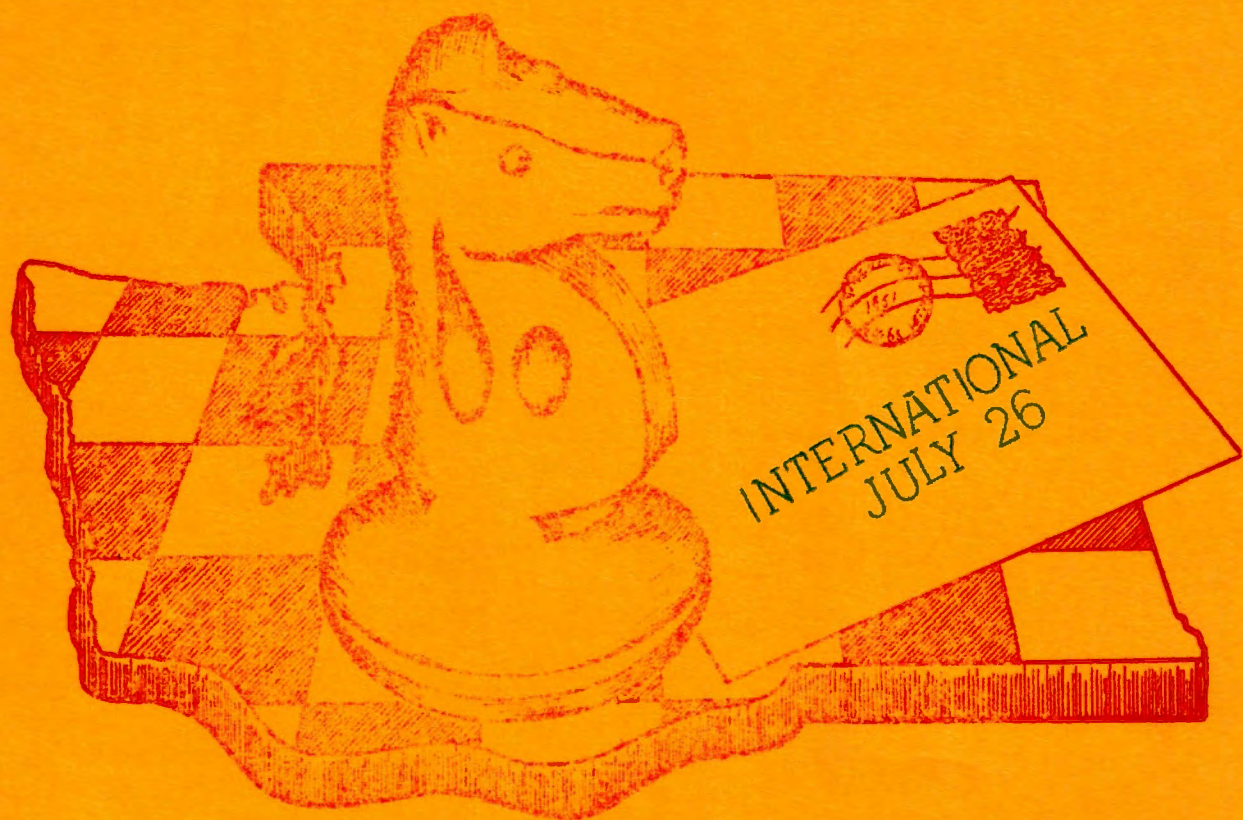


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Mr. V. W. Bever, who is a member of our Bellevue Chess Club, thought you might be interested in the results of our winter tournament. It was intended to be a double round-robin among 7 more or less regulars in attendance. However, as the results indicate, some of the games were not played.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>
Bever	10	1	0
Carlson	8	4	0
Swett	6	4	1
Jenner	5	5	0
Roberts	5	6	1
Horsfield	1	8	0
Raleigh	1	8	0

Our club meets on alternate Monday evenings. We are interested in additional members from the Bellevue-Mercer Island area. There are no dues and our meetings and games are informal in character. Anyone interested may call me at Bellevue 4-8520 for further information.

Elmer A. Carlson

### Clarence Bushnell

Services were held at 2 P. M. on Wednesday, June 10, at Booth-Ashmore Mortuary. The Seattle Chess Club and Washington Chess Federation lost a good friend and willing worker. His many friends will miss him.

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# CHESS INTERNATIONAL JULY 26TH

The 10th International Chess Match between Washington and British Columbia will be held under the Peace Arch on the border near Blaine on Sunday, July 26th. The time set for starting games is one o'clock that afternoon. It would be a good idea to arrive about 12:30 so our team leader, Mr. O. W. Manney, can select the Washington line-up in the best possible order.

The top 30 players will compete for the Peace Arch Trophy, a clever replica of the real arch where the match will be played. We will need another 30 players to play on the B section team. Washington won the plaque that goes to the winner of this section last year and I'm sure we can keep it another year if enough players attend.

As for the A section event, B. C. won last year,  $18\frac{1}{2}$ - $11\frac{1}{2}$  and the year before,  $15\frac{1}{2}$ - $14\frac{1}{2}$ . If they win again it will be three in a row and the Peace Arch trophy will be theirs to keep. We will have our backs to the wall this time!

Every player who can possibly make the trip should positively do so. Bring along your family as there are picnic grounds nearby. If your wife is getting tired of being a "chess widow" bring her along!

If you would rather fish or golf, that is your affair. BUT! If you could just give up this one Sunday, we will have a chance. Last year, too many of our best failed to put in an appearance. The B. C. men probably believe we actually did throw our best punch and when we were swamped, made excuses. They think they have better players than we have. It is up to you.

All players are strongly urged to attend regardless of ability. We need quantity as well as quality. Last year, as a leader of our host team, I was mighty embarrassed when only 47 players showed up for the match. B. C. had brought along 55 and that was in our territory.

Each player will play only one game that counts. The time limit will be 20 moves per hour. That is slow but you can move as fast as you wish.

Players with cars making the trip please bring along a full load. If players with cars living in Seattle will stop by the Seattle Chess Club about 9:30 the morning of July 26th and pick up players there, it will be deeply appreciated. Players in Seattle who do not have a car, please note. 9:30 A.M. at the Seattle Chess Club is pick-up time.

The chartering of a bus to take Seattle players to the border has been explored. If a busload of 25 were gathered, it would cost \$4.60 for each passenger to make the trip. If only five players with cars make the trip from Seattle, they could bring at least 25 players at a cost of \$1 each and the driver would be ahead in money after the trip.

Bring along your men and board - don't depend on the other fellow to do it. It is better to have too much equipment than not enough.

## FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Seafair Open August 1-2. 6 rd. Swiss starting at 9 A.M. (See page 12)

Washington State Open Sept. 5-6-7. Starts at 12 noon Sept. 5th. This will be a 7 round Swiss. This could be the biggest tournament in Washington history! Details from the tournament director next issue.

# DAKE WINS OREGON OPEN W L 5-0

## DAN WADE 2ND DAHLBERG 3RD

Arthur Dake won the fifth annual Oregon Open with a 5 - 0 score. Dake, recently ranked 10th best in the U. S. A. by the U. S. Chess Federation, breezed through five worthy foes to finish a game ahead of his nearest rivals. The tourney was a 19 player, 5 round Swiss played at the Portland Chess Club on June 13-14. The new champion won the \$30 first prize money. Second prize was \$15 and was won by Dan Wade of Seattle, Washington. He finished with a 4-1 score. Ivars Dahlberg also finished with 4-1 but half of a Sonnenborn-Berger point behind Wade and thus had to be content with the \$8 third prize. Joe Cerretelli of Olympia and Duane Meador of Portland shared fourth prize. They both finished with 3½ - 1½ scores and the same S-B totals. As fourth prize was \$4, they each received half of that amount.

The players in this event were from several widely scattered communities. Portland was represented by Dake, Dahlberg, Turner, Meador, Bloomquist and Cook. Seattle players entered were Wade, Manney, Warner, DeWitt and Vellias. Others were Hoge of Yakima, Cerretelli of Olympia, Butterfield of Centralia, ReVeal of Ft. Lewis, Poulsen of Fresno, California, Skarsten of Forest Grove, Oregon and Vince and Joe Bricher of Cottage Grove, Oregon.

### Final Standings

	W	L	D	Pts.	S-B
1. Arthur Dake	5	0	0	5	16.50
2. Dan Wade	4	1	0	4	8.50
3. I. Dahlberg	4	1	0	4	8.00
4. Cerretelli	3	1	1	3½	8.25
4. D. Meador	3	1	1	3½	8.25
6. Ted Warner	3	2	0	3	8.50
7. Don Turner	3	2	0	3	7.50
8. S. Poulsen	3	2	0	3	6.00
9. O.W. Manney	3	2	0	3	4.00
10 William Hoge	3	2	0	3	2.50
11 Dave ReVeal	2	2	1	2½	3.75
12 R. Vellias	2	3	0	2	5.00
13 M. Skarsten	2	3	0	2	3.00
14 John DeWitt	2	3	0	2	2.00
15 Joe Bricher	2	3	0	2	1.00
16 Bloomquist	1	3	1	1½	3.25
19 V. Bricher	1	4	0	1	0.00
19 Butterfield	1	4	0	1	0.00
19 Robert Cook	1	4	0	1	0.00

The drawing gave Dake good opponents. He met and defeated Manney, Warner, Poulsen, Dahlberg and Cerretelli in that order. Dan Wade won second by losing to his

arch rival, Ted Warner, in the first round and then winning four in a row to sneak into second. His win over Duane Meador in the last round accomplished three things. First, it knocked Meador out of his chance for second (even a draw would have cinched second prize for him), it kept Portland players from winning the top three prizes and also it was sweet revenge as Wade had lost to Meador at Centralia in the Washington vs. Oregon match.

The most sportsman-like gesture this writer has ever seen in a chess tourney occurred in the fourth round. Turner had a pawn at rook 7 and his king while Cerretelli had a queen and king nearby. Turner and several others honestly believed it was a cut and dried draw and urged Cerretelli to agree. J. Cerretelli was not so sure but after several checking moves, finally let himself be talked into calling it a draw. However, Warner insisted that Cerretelli had a win and proved it with a demonstration. When convinced, Turner declared he was the loser of the game and should not have told Cerretelli the game was a draw as that was not ethical nor true.

The uneven number of players made it necessary to award a bye and free point to five players. As Hoge arrived late, he received the first bye. Three of those receiving byes failed to win a game and all three finished tied for 19th.

This tournament was hailed as one of the best. A great lot of fun.

PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	W	L	S-B	place
1. Arthur Dake.....	W-9	W-6	W-8	W-3	W-4	5	0	16.50	1.
2. Dan Wade.....	L-6	W-17	W-18	W-8	W-5	4	1	8.50	2.
3. Ivars Dahlberg.....	W-18	W-14	W-12	L-1	W-6	4	1	8.00	3.
4. Joe Cerretelli.....	D-5	W-16	W-13	W-7	L-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.25	4.
5. Duane Meador.....	D-4	W-11	W-14	W-12	L-2	3 $\frac{3}{8}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	8.25	4.
6. Ted Warner.....	W-2	L-1	W-10	W-16	L-3	3	2	8.50	6.
7. Don Turner.....	W-15	L-12	W-9	L-4	W-11	3	2	7.50	7.
8. Siverdt Poulsen.....	W-19	W-10	L-1	L-2	W-14	3	2	6.00	8.
9. O. W. Manney.....	L-1	W-19	L-7	W-18	W-12	3	2	4.00	9.
10 William Hoge.....	Bye	L-8	L-6	W-17	W-16	3	2	2.50	10
11 Dave ReVeal.....	D-16	L-5	W-17	W-13	L-7	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.75	11
12 Russell Vellias.....	W-13	W-7	L-3	L-5	L-9	2	3	5.00	12
13 M. O. Skarsten.....	L-12	W-15	L-4	L-11	W-18	2	3	3.00	13
14 John DeWitt.....	W-17	L-3	L-5	W-19	L-8	2	3	2.00	14
15 Joe Bricher.....	L-7	L-13	L-16	Bye	W-19	2	3	1.00	15
16 E. V. Bloomquist.....	D-11	L-4	W-15	L-6	L-10	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.25	16
17 Vince Bricher.....	L-14	L-2	L-11	L-10	Bye	1	4	0.00	19
18 J. J. Butterfield....	L-3	Bye	L-2	L-9	L-13	1	4	0.00	19
19 Robert W. Cook.....	L-8	L-9	Bye	L-14	L-15	1	4	0.00	19

Deane Moore did a good job of directing and after the tournament he directed an impromptu speed tourney. Jim Schmitt, Don Turner, Ted Warner, Dan Wade, Siverdt Poulsen, Russell Vellias and Duane Meador participated in this affair with Schmitt emerging on top. Wade won last place with only one victory - but it was over Warner (HAW!).

### O. W. MANNEY WINS IDAHO OPEN

O. W. Manney, our traveling Vice-President and Tournament Director, recently visited Boise, Idaho for business reasons. An old friend there informed Manney that the Idaho Open was scheduled for that particular Friday, Saturday and Sunday (The last weekend in May) and implored him to enter. It was impossible for Manney to play Friday because of his work. Therefore, the friend played the first two rounds, winning one and losing one. Manney took over from there and won five in a row and then drew the runner-up, Laverl Kimpton of Filer, Idaho. Both Manney and Kimpton finished with 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$  scores, but Manney won first as he had the higher S-B total. This was a 14 player, 8 round Swiss. At the conclusion of the tourney a banquet was held. The annual election of officers was held during the banquet, 3 officers being elected. The entire election took about five minutes.

### SAGA OF TWO LITTLE GIRLS

Friday evening, June 12th, at the Seattle Chess Club was a big night for two little women. With a crowd of about 25 players watching, nine year old blonde Mary Carlson defeated seven year old Mary Jean Hebert in an evenly fought game of chess. As Miss Hebert is a brunette, this may settle the question i. e. which are the stronger women chess players, blondes or brunettes? However, it seems that Miss Carlson trained for the match as her retiring time is in the neighborhood of ten P. M. while little Miss Hebert usually hits the sack before seven. As the battle of the Misses was at the late hour of eight, we suggest a rematch for some rainy Sunday afternoon when little girls can't go out and play anyway.

Mr. V. W. Bever promoted this match and had this to say, "At one time Mary Carlson had three queens, an accomplishment most of us have not been able to equal in all our chess lives."

CHESS PLAYER RATINGS by E.G. Short

Mr. E.G. Short of the Portland Chess Club has for years compiled the ratings of the masters and also of many local chess players of the North west. These are about on the same comparable scale to the Portland board though the Washington ratings may be 70 points too high.

If any player questions the ratings given below, I can only suggest that he send his questions to Mr. E. G. Short, 7315 N. Alta, Portland 3 Oregon. Mr. Short has long been one of Portland's strongest players.

Sheets	912	Vellias	739	J. Nourse	640	Cerretelli	540	What
Manney	864	Wade	726	Sohain	634	LaFreniere	537	do
Ballantine	825	Muller	706	Weaver	615	Hebert	537	YOU
Dr. Murray	787	Amidon	649	Mulford	606	Davidson	530	think
Joachim	762	Warner	646	Shephard	550	Husby	416	???
		Ulvestad	1052			Zemgalis	1180	

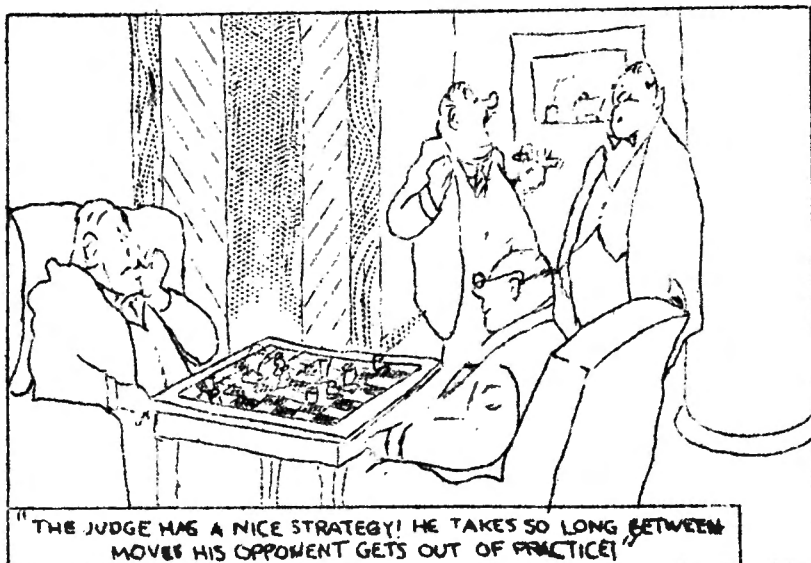
This might be an interesting record to save, comparing past and present masters:

1932

Present Master Ratings - June, 1953

Alekine	1515	Botvinnik	1533	Evans	1332
Lasker	1472	Geller	1504	Pilnik	1317
Capablanca	1450	Taimonov	1498	Rossolino	1316
Ninzowitch	1404	Bronstein	1497	Pirc	1282
Vidmar	1387	Boleslavsky	1484	Horowitz	1263
Flohr	1387	Kotov	1481	O'Kelly	1261
Kashdan	1383	Smyslov	1472	Tartakower	1195
Bogolubov	1377	Keres	1468		
Euwe	1372	Reshevsky	1439		
Dake	1362	Szabo	1420		
Rubenstein	1345	Stalberg	1413		
Spielman	1344	Najdorf	1411		
Kostics	1333	Flohr	1411		
Reti	1328	Bondarevsky	1397		
Tartakower	1326	Gligorich	1390		
Treybal	1309	Fine	1384		
Maroczy	1306	Trifunovich	1377		
Koltanowski	1305	Euwe	1360		
Gruenfeld	1287				
Kupchik	1281				
Canal	1281				
Marshall	1272				
Khan	1263				
Saenisch	1254				
Colle	1246				
Horowitz	1238				
Kevitz	1251				
L. Steiner	1231				
Yates	1219				
Becker	1217				
Reshevsky	1180				
Menchik	1151				
Whitaker	1132				
Winter	1123				
Factor	1088				
Tenner	1071				

In the next issue we hope to run an article by Mr. Short explaining how the above rating figures were reached. If two Washington players were to be selected at random and the record of each given to determine how each rating was arrived at, much light would be shed upon the matter.



## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Some one asked me to summarize the chess events of the past year, Who won this - Who won that - Who finished first - Who brought up the rear.

First was the Seafair, won by that championship collector, Manney He wins too often for it to be just luck, the man must be canny.

The Junior Seafair title went to Allan Clark, a student at the U. These young ones get good quick - Look out! He'll beat you too.

We lost badly in the International held at Seven Cedars Pavilion,  $18\frac{1}{2}$  -  $11\frac{1}{2}$  was the score - Who knows? Some day they may win by a MILLION!

By a 9 - 8 tally, Washington won the class B event. However, the British Columbian's prestige suffered hardly a scratch or a dent.

Our Woodpusher's tournament was won by Minnesota's Sheldon Rein, The Minneapolis red-head thought Washington's hospitality fine!

The Washington State Open was won by Portland's Donald Turner. Judging from his games, one could hardly class him as a learner.

Elnars Zengalis won the chess championship of our glorious state, Each of his nine opponents either resigned or suffered checkmate.

The Puget Sound League championship was won by the Tacoma Y. Their team won six matches and thus did they escape loss or tie.

Elnars Zengalis proved he was Washington State Speed Chess King, This would seem to prove that he could move best without thinking?

The Puget Sound Open Tourney was won by Portland's Jim Schnitt, These continuous Portland victories are giving our experts a fit!

A change in scenery proved to be in vain - At Centralia they won again.

$5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  was the score, if larger teams had played, it may have been more.

Ted Warner captured the Junior Chess Championship of Washington, His record was quite perfect - six games played, six games won.

Our Washington Chess Federation during the past year was so busy, Events were scheduled thick and fast - so many it makes me dizzy.

Ulvestad played Zengalis in the P.I. Building and lost the match, Ulvestad lost 3 to 1, no wins - only two draws could he snatch!

Washington State chess players even were on the Seattle T. V., Here Mary Jean Hebert beat Dad Davidsen where everyone could see.

The Washington Chess Letter each month reached every WCF member, We want all the Northwest chess news from January to December.

SEE YOU AT THE BLAINE PEACE ARCH, JULY 26. TENTH INTERNATIONAL.

FROM THE RECORD by Wade (Part II)

The first postwar international tournament in the Pacific Northwest found a team of Western Washington players downing a British Columbia team  $43\frac{1}{2} - 27\frac{1}{2}$ . The event was held in the President Hotel in Mt. Vernon on Sunday, March 24th, 1946. There were 39 players on each side, some players playing two and others only one game. Ulvestad, Sheets, Joachim A. Shou and Wade were the top five Washington men. Others well known by the present crop of chess players were Bever, Brandstrom, Weissonborn, Power, Coubrough, Ted Davidsen, Husby, Taro, Naas, Arnold, and also Tracy and Fredrickson who are no longer with us. The newspaper write-up, I have, mentioned this International meeting as the largest tourney for chess ever held in the Pacific Northwest. At the close of the match a banquet was held.

Olaf Ulvestad walked away with a 1946 Seattle Chess Club Spring Tournament with a 13-0 score. Lindstrom ( $13\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2}$ ), Wade (12-5), Tracy (11-6) and Arnold ( $6\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2}$ ) were the next highest scorers. It was a 12 player double round-robin and was never completed. Others in this tournament were Joachim (2-2), Weissonborn, Fredrickson, T. Davidsen Steiner (not THE Steiner!), Sullivan and Lohrer.

The writer is indebted to Mr. Peter Husby for the following. He loaned me bound issues of the "Puget Sound Chess News" and "Everett Chess Letter" which give accounts of the beginnings of the Puget Sound League, Washington Chess Federation and Washington Chess Letter.

George Rehberg's Bremerton "Puget Sound Chess News" was a one-page bulletin that appeared monthly from Sept. 1946 until Feb. 1947. If the life of this chess paper was longer, I would like to know about it. Mr. John Nourse was the assistant editor and the founder of the Puget Sound League, news of this league being the main chess news of the paper.

Editor Rehberg wrote in the Sept. 1946 Puget Sound Chess News as follows: "Due to the efforts of John Nourse of Bainbridge Island, the new chess league is now functioning. It is the opinion of the writer that we owe Mr. Nourse a vote of thanks for his tireless efforts to promote our game. Most of us are familiar with Mr. Nourse's chess playing ability, but for the benefit of those who are not, we would like to quote his tournament record in Kitsap County for the past two years."

Kitsap County Tourney, March 1945 Won 9, lost 0 and 1 drawn. 1st prize.  
Kitsap County Tourney, July 1945 Won 20, lost 1 and 1 drawn. 1st prize.  
Bainbridge Island Tourney, Feb '46 Won 6, lost 0 and 0 drawn. 1st prize.  
Kitsap County Play-off, March '46 Won 11, lost 3 and 0 drawn. 1st prize.

Rehberg wrote, "We just hope his promotional talents pay off as well."

October 4th, 1946 saw the first round of the first season of Puget Sound League play get under way. Club secretaries at that time are here listed: W. H. Raleigh (Queen Anne), R. King (University of Washington), L. Coubrough (Tacoma), Ray LaFever (Seattle), R. C. Cannon (Skagit), J. Nourse (Bainbridge), P. Husby (Everett) and G. Rehberg (Bremerton).

The "Puget Sound Chess News" went out of existence before the final round of league action after faithfully recording the league's progress, round after round, up until the last. The writer needs last round (U.W. vs. Seattle) (Q.A vs. Bainbridge and Bremerton) (Bremerton vs. Skagit) results of the first season of PSL play. We hope to give the entire record of the Puget Sound League in the near future.



# FROM 'CHESS LIFE' BY WEAVER

The Dake-Zengalis game at the team match, Centralia, (April WCL, page 10) received two full columns of comment and analysis of possible variations, by Arthur Dake in Chess Life recently. It was Dake's belief that instead of 23. ....P-R3, black could have obtained an advantage with 23. ....N-K4.

The United States Chess Federation national chess ratings, just released, rates Elmars Zengalis of Seattle with a provisional 2626, fourth highest, but with the comment it may be wide of the mark, being based on his performance in a tournament in Germany, 1949. Zengalis was included because he won the Washington State Championship with a perfect score, but this was not recorded as he was playing below his class. The only other Northwest player with Master rating is Arthur Dake of Portland, with 2475. Jim Schnitt of Portland is rated Expert at 2148. Washington players in Class A are Joachim, 1964; Manney, 1988 Sheets, 1959; and in Class B are Allen, DeWitt, Martin, Vellias, and Weaver. Class C: Collins, LaFreniere and Dickey. The ratings are computed twice yearly, to USCF members or non-members who pay a publication fee of \$1, does not include those who have not competed since January 1, 1951.

There is a rumor extant that the prize fund for the U.S. Open at Milwaukee may be a real surprise. A first prize of \$2,500 has been mentioned, but is not yet confirmed.

The Soviet chess team has agreed to a four-round match starting July 15, at New York. The USSR is requesting entry permits for ten team members.

Salt Lake City has appointed Sam Teitelbaum as "chess coordinator" for the City Recreation Department, making the third city to adopt a full-time program for chess instruction, with regular tournaments and events. Milwaukee and Cleveland also have full time workers. Los Angeles and New York City have part-time and volunteer workers for chess promotion, and Chicago includes the royal game under a staff that is also in charge of soft-ball and tennis.

The New York City Metropolitan league completed its season with a match between the Marshall and Manhattan Chess Clubs playing all masters on eight boards. The quality of the contenders is indicated by the fact that U.S. Champ Larry Evans played third board.

<u>Manhattan</u>		<u>Marshall</u>	
J. Moskowitz	½	C. Pilnick	½
I. Horowitz	1	E. Hearst	0
A. Denker	½	L. Evans	½
M. Pavey	1	A. Simonson	0
W. Shipman	½	M. Hanauer	½
A. Turner	½	J. Collins	½
G. Shainswit	½	E. Lasker	½
S. Bernstein	<u>0</u>	A. Mengarini	<u>1</u>
	4½		3½

Puerto Rica expects to send Miguel

Colon and two other of its top players to the U. S. Open as a result of a 17-player round robin which was won by Colon 15½-½, followed by Reissmann and Rivera.

J. Van Teylingen of Great Falls is again Montana champion with 4½-½ in a 30 player Swiss, second was Adam Smith.

W.W. Adams, former U.S. Open Champ states that he believes the following game is as significant as any he has ever played from the standpoint of his book "White To Play and Win". It is a game concluded in 1953 in a Luebbert Masters' Correspondence Tournament.

<u>Adams</u>	<u>Kujoth</u>
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-QB3	N-KB3
Adams' opening system was originally based on 2.B-B4, the Bishop Opening.	
3. B-B4	NxP
Alekhine said that it was solely on account of this move that he gave up the Vienna Game.	
4. Q-R5	N-Q3
5. B-N3	N-B3!?
(..B-K2 failed in Adams-Pinkus)	
6. N-N5	P-KN3
7. Q-B3	P-B4
8. Q-Q5	Q-K2
: (..Q-B3 failed to hold in a recently concluded postal game, Adams-Sturn)	
9. NxPch	K-Q1
10. NxR	P-N3
11. Q-B3!	

This is Adams' improvement which he published in 1946 but is still not in MCO or PCO. P-Q3 or NxP favors black.

Either ....N-Q5 followed by 12. Q-R3....B-QN2 or B-KN2 may be better but favors white. Black could have tried for a trap with 10. ...P-K5 11. N-K2, B-N2; 12. O-O, P-N3; 13. P-B3, B-N2 threatening ..N-R4, or ..N-N5, or ...N-Q5.

12. Q-R3	BxN
13. B-Q5	N-N4
14. P-QB3	N-B2
15. BxN	BxB
16. N-K2	N-K3
17. P-Q4!	B-KN2
18. PxP	BxKP
19. B-Q2	P-B5
20. O-O-O	B-K5
21. KR-K1	R-B1
22. P-QN4! (to prevent..N-B4)	
22.	P-Q4?
23. N-N3!	N-N4
24. Q-R4	BxNP
25. RxB!	QxR
26. N-K2	K-K1
27. N-Q4	P-KR4

There are no adequate answers to 28. R-K1 or R-N1

28. R-K1	N-K5
29. P-B3	Q-K2
30. QxQch	KxQ
31. R-N1!	

This is a case in which it is easier to win with a P down than with a piece up!

31	NxB
32. KxN	B-R6
33. RxP	B-Q2
34. P-KR4	B-K1
35. R-N5	K-Q3
36. P-N5! (Zugzwang!)	R-B3
37. R-N8	K-K2
38. P-R4	B-Q2
39. R-QR8	R-N3
40. RxP	R-N7ch
41. K-B1	K-Q3
42. R-N7	Resigns

A sharp tactical game with theoretical connotations, says Collins, which casts doubt on current book opinion that the sacrifice of the exchange at 5. ...N-B3 "ensures Black a strong and probably irresistible attack"

# NOURSE AD NAUSEAM<sup>9</sup>

## GAMBLING and CHESS.

Gambling on the results of a chess game is now practically non-existent though in the early stages of the game it was very prevalent. It had been the custom universally to back up prowess with a wager, the stakes varying from a few pennies to a Kingdom. Now that chess has achieved maturity opinion seems to be solidified behind the theory that the battle itself is ample stimulation. In other words - if one is interested in clobbering an opponent, why play at all.

The earliest instance of "chess for blood" is advanced by Vida, Bishop of Alba, (1485) in an allegorical poem entitled "Ludus Scacchia". This poem relates that Caducius gave Mercury the power to raise the dead to life as penalty for losing a chess game. Later Mercury taught Scacches, a nymph of the river Serius, the game of chess to expiate his crime of ravishment against her.

The ancient seers and poets of that day evidently were prone to soothe a normal everyday frustration by resorting to allegory. They "could dream" too, and they filled their allegorical worlds with a tantalizing complement of nymphs, dryads and naiads and other young and beautiful creatures, who cavorted through woods, streams and mountains entirely footloose and unchaperoned. Crimes against these provocative nymphs the frustrated poets mellowed with the witching title of "ravishment". Then (still dreaming) they judged that teaching the winsome victim to play chess constituted a stern enough penalty.

Thus, through the centuries the Latin name for chess has endured as "Scacchia", in honor of the little river nymph.

Stories are told of Arabian tribes who wagered fingers on a game, playing with pots of boiling tar beside them to cauterize the stub. This wager, if it occurred at all, must be accepted as an isolated instance of a bitter grudge battle. Carrying the matter to its inevitable conclusion it becomes evident that with each succeeding loss and amputation, up to say twenty or more, another mutilation or two and the anguished victim would have little to live for, For my part, I say; "T'aint so!

In later years, Charlemagne played Guerin for his kingdom and lost. Following the time worn pattern of dictators, past and present, Charlemagne welched on his bet compensating by giving Guerin permission to govern Lyon, then in the possession of the Saracens, IF he could conquer them. Of all the record of stakes, large and small it would seem that this one is the most miniscule of all.

Still another instance of playing for stakes, and the bad effects thereof, can be found in the history of the two sons of William the Conqueror, Robert and Henry, whom he appointed joint Governors of Normandy. Quoting the item;- "Henry played with the Dauphin (Louis the Gross) at chess, and won a considerable sum of money from him which so irritated Louis that he threw the chess-men at Henry's head, using at the same time offensive language to him. Henry retaliated with blows and the quarrel reached such a height that it might have terminated fatally, but for the interference of Prince Robert".

The most desperate gamble ever recorded, hinging on the outcome of a chess game, was that of two equal players, married to sisters. Their macabre wager forced the loser to house, feed and clothe their common mother-in-law for the ensuing year.

The announcement for this ghastly condition for playing a game of chess had immediate effect on the custom of gambling. After this no bet seemed interesting and the practice gradually waned until today betting on chess is practically unknown.

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CHess COMPOSITIONS by W. J. Couture

End Game Composition

Black 3 pieces

Forsyth Notation

1k1K4, 1p5P, 1P6, 8,  
8, 8, p7, 8.

White 3 pieces

White to play & win!

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|-----------------|----------|
| 1. P-R8(Q)      | P-R8(Q)  |
| 2. Q-K8         | Q-R5     |
| 3. Q-K5ch.      | K-R1     |
| 4. Q-R8         | any move |
| 5. White mates! |          |

Middle Game of Chess  
Review Postal - 1948

Black 13 pieces

Forsyth Notation

rb3rkl, 1p3ppp, pln5,  
2Pp1P1P, 1P1Nn3, 2P2  
NqP, P5B1, R1BQR1K1.

White 15 pieces

Black announced mate  
in nine moves!

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|---------|----------|
| 1. .... | Q-B7ch.  |
| 2. K-R1 | N-N6ch.  |
| 3. K-R2 | N-K7ch.  |
| 4. K-R1 | Q-N8ch.  |
| 5. RxQ  | N-N6ch.  |
| 6. K-R2 | N-K5ch.  |
| 7. N-K5 | BxNch.   |
| 8. B-B4 | BxBch.   |
| 9. K-R1 | N-B7mate |

Middle Game. White  
announced mate in 6.

Black 12 pieces

Forsyth Notation

k3r3, pplrn1pp, P1p3  
q1, 2P2b2, Q1B1pB2,  
8, 1P4PP, R4RK1.

White 11 pieces

<u>Couture</u>	<u>Boni Kozma</u>
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|------------|-------|
| 1. PxPch.  | RxP   |
| 2. QxPch.  | RxQ   |
| 3. RxRch.  | KxR   |
| 4. R-R1ch. | K-N2  |
| 5. B-R6ch. | K-R2  |
| 6. B-B8ch. | mate! |

From "Abstraction" by W. J. Couture

There are ways of weakening one's powers of perspective other than through distraction and foxy trickery. The following game was recently played through postal chess: 1 P-Q4, P-Q4; 2 P-QB4, N-KB3; 3 PxP, NxP; 4 N-KB3, B-N5; 5 P-K4, N-N3; 6 QN-Q2, P-K3; 7 Q-N3, B-K2; 8 P-KR3 and here I offered an "if" move with, of course, just a casual glance at the position. 8 ...., BxN; 9 NxB. But being human, we're born suspicious! Or perhaps my "if" weakened his line of thought? Evidently unaware of the check his king would catch, Black played 8 ...B-R4? leaving his queen bishop for free!! Still, man has faith in progress and I offered him the retraction. He refused! However, since it was impossible to realize equality, why continue the game? There is little sense in staying on a "bad road" once you have discovered you have taken the "wrong turn".

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There is a tale about the Italian cigar smoker who smoked the strongest and cheapest cigars he could find while playing chess. His opponent, on several occasions, offered him a good twenty-five cent cigar for which he would be thanked and the cigar would be put into his pocket. However, he would continue to smoke the cheap stinkeroo. When finally asked why he didn't smoke the expensive cigar instead, he was said to have replied, "What? Waste a good cigar on a game of chess? Never! I'll smoke that at home and enjoy it."

**SEATTLE SEAFAIR OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT**  
Saturday and Sunday, August 1-2, 1953

This chess tournament, sponsored by the Washington Chess Federation, is open to all players of the royal game. If the number of entries warrants it, there will be two divisions, the class A and the class B. Thus a player with practically no chance to win against more experienced or crafty opponents, may still win a prize.

Prizes will be either cash or trophies, depending on the wish of the winner. Prize limits will be dependant on the number of entries as the money from entry fees will make up the prize fund.

**FEE**  
The entry fee will be \$3 for entry into either division.

**PRIZES**  
There will be three prizes. A prize will go to the winner of the A division tourney who will be Seafair Open Chess Champion for 1953. A prize will go to the winner of the B division who will be Seafair Open "B" Chess Champion. The top Seattle player in the A tourney will be City of Seattle Chess Champion for 1953.

**E. ZEMGALIS**  
Elmars Zengalis, rated about 4th in the United States by the United States Chess Federation, will play in this tournament so if any of you wood-pushers would like to know how it feels to play over the board against a master, just play in this tournament. You may get your chance!

**WHAT**  
This will be a six-round Swiss system tourney. In a Swiss, a 1st round drawing is made and after that like-score players are pitted against each other.

**WHEN**  
Nine o'clock, Saturday morning, August 1st, is the starting time. Play will be at the rate of 50 moves in an hour and one-half.

The second round is scheduled to start at 2 P.M. Saturday afternoon.

The third and final round of Saturday play will commence at 7 o'clock, Saturday evening.

The 4th round will start at 9 A. M. Sunday, August 2nd.

The 5th round of play will begin at 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

The 6th and last round of the Seafair Open Chess Tourney will start at 6 o'clock Sunday evening.

**PLAYERS**  
Other strong players intending to participate (other than Mr. Zengalis) are Tournament Director O. W. Manney, who won this event last year, and Charles Joachim, many times Seattle champion, who will help Mr. Manney by directing this tournament.

**WHERE**  
The tourney will take place in the Seattle Chess Club room at 616 Madison Street. This room is in the basement of the Knickerbocker Hotel.

**FUND**  
Mr. Elmars Zengalis intends to compete in the United States Open Chess Tournament at Milwaukee scheduled for August 10th to 21st. Washington Chess Federation members are requested to donate to a fund to aid Zengalis to make the trip. The time away from his work and traveling expenses plus living expenses while living two weeks in Milwaukee will run into a considerable sum. So far, the fund has reached the 100 dollar mark. Over twice this amount is needed. Time grows short. If this state would like to have the United States Chess Champion, then NOW is the time to act - not after it is too late.

One of the reasons for Zengalis's participation in this Seafair will be to add to this fund, provided, of course, he can win.

Send your contribution to the Zengalis Fund to Tournament Director, O. W. Manney, 5930 38th Ave. S. W. Seattle 6, Wash.

**SPOKANE SPEAKS**  
By Dr. Griffith H. Parker

I was glad to receive your card and learn that you westerners are interested in what is happening to us orientals. We do feel rather isolated over here as far as chess is concerned. However, we have a good sized club operating with lots of enthusiasm and expect to do even better when we resume operations in the fall.

Since you have asked for some contributions to the Letter I am going to give you a short history of our struggles here in case they may be of help to other clubs or perhaps just of interest to your readers.

I started playing chess about four years ago and found a couple of patients who played but this did not satisfy my craving for competition. I learned that a few fellows played at the Y.M. on Saturday afternoons so I packed up my little men and dropped in there.

In spite of the fact that my ears were beaten down regularly, I was still able to hear them talk and learn that there was no club and hadn't been one for years. They all thought it would be a fine thing but nobody did anything. In fact, they all thought it would be a good thing if I started one. My patients were also all for a club, if some body else started it.

After considerable thought and consideration - remember, I was just learning the game - I made my first pawn push. I wrote a story for the local papers calling for a meeting of all chess players on a Sunday afternoon in November, 1950.

Imagine my disappointment when not a one of my friends or the Y players showed up. However, eighteen strangers appeared ready to join a club and play chess. That was the beginning of our Spokane Chess Club. Of course, the friends and "Y" ers hastened to join after the club was started.

We were fortunate in being able to rent a room in the University Club for \$2.50 a night and we met once a week. We set our dues at one dollar for three months and had everybody ante a dime each night to help pay for the room.

We achieved a total membership of 33 and had from 12 to 20 playing every Wednesday evening and we added a Saturday afternoon session.

Along in the spring we instituted a point system based on 'Chess Review' and shortly after that our attendance dropped. Whether it was due to the strain of playing for points or the warm weather we were never able to decide. At any rate we quit for the summer.

Optomistically we started again in the fall of '51 but, alas, our crowd was small. Night after night we played with only five or six on hand. No one was able to find the reason for the slim attendance. We dropped the point system immediately at our first fall meeting but that didn't solve the problem.

In the spring, the University Club moved into other quarters and we were left without a meeting place and, of course, the club closed for the summer. Since it was really "my baby", I felt doubly bad over

its apparent demise. Incidentally, I had been president for the two years and blaned myself for failing in some way.

Since we had no meeting place in prospect, I was ready to give up the ghost. Even doctors give up sometimes, though they shouldn't.

Then, in September, the miracle happened. One of the very irregular attenders called me to say he could arrange a room at the Spokane Hotel for the club and would like to see us get started. That boost was all we needed. We got the gang together again and have played all winter and have just now closed for the summer.

Shortly after we started play last fall, the local paper called me to ask if they could do a feature story on our club. That was the life giving injection we needed. While the story was poorly written, it carried a picture of two of the officers playing and the others kibitzing and brought in several new members. Throughout the winter we have had from fifteen to twenty-five at every meeting. We again have a membership of over thirty and \$20 in the treasury for a backlog next fall.

Our activities this year included a city championship which we scheduled instead of a club tourney since we felt we had all of the better players in the club. Several strangers appeared for this and we played a 16 player, 6 round Swiss. The results were sent to LaFreniere and appeared in your bulletin.

Having no idea how we stacked up in playing strength, we were very happy to arrange team matches with Yakima and Pasco. These results were also printed. Against Yakima we were able to field our real strength and won. I promised to take ten men to Pasco and had difficulty in raising a team. Had to really scrape the bottom of the barrel as far as ability was concerned. Four of those going didn't rate in our top fifteen, but even so we lost by only two points.

One of our members is a teacher at North Central High and conducts a chess club out there. Three Lewis and Clark High students came to our club to play and formed a club at their school in April. They asked me to be advisor and I have attended all of their meetings. I was astounded to find that they have twenty members and they are all wildly enthusiastic. There has never been less than fifteen at a session. They are quitting for the summer but I am offering to take one evening a week to give instruction to those who wish it. Many are just beginners and need fundamental training.

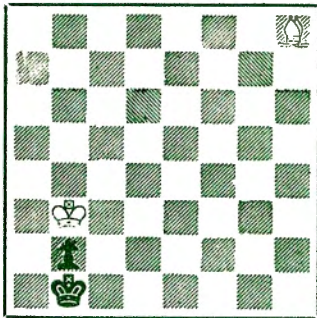
There are no rated players in Spokane that we know of. Dick Greenwood, who is now attending W. S. C., once played on a Washington team against British Columbia. He easily won our club championship our first year but has not played with us since going to college.

In spite of my feeling that I had fallen down on the job as president and my effort to get out from under, I was re-elected for the third time this year and I am doing my best to keep chess going here.

If I can be of any help with contributions, I shall be glad to be of service. I have done quite a bit of writing (two one-act plays published) but need a kick in the pants in the form of some definite order or assignment. I am not qualified to write on the game itself but might be able to do something on the humorous side, little verses or short squibs. (I like your wife's stuff)

## No. 1. ENDGAME

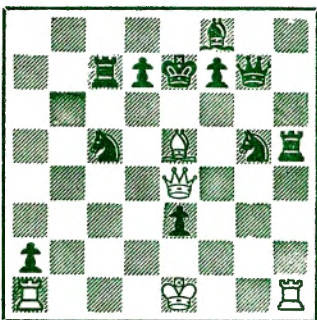
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BLACK - 2 Pieces



WHITE - 2 Pieces  
Black plays and helps White  
mate in two.

## No. 2. PROBLEM

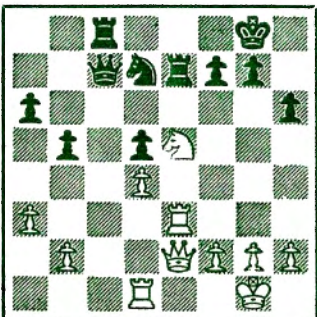
A. C. White  
BLACK - 11 Pieces



WHITE - 5 Pieces  
White plays and forces Black  
to mate in two.

## No. 3. POSITION

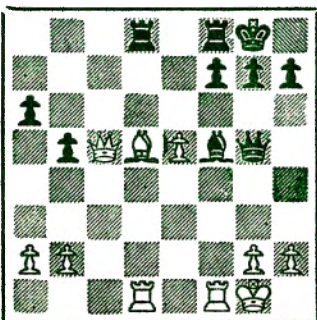
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WHITE  
White to play and win at  
least the exchange.

## No. 4. POSITION

BLACK



WHITE  
White to play and win.

## DIAGRAMS

The first two are a little different. All are from the Australasian Chess Review (1937).

No. 1. Black moves first and White mates in two, requiring and receiving Black's assistance.

No. 2. White moves and Black willy-nilly mates in two. This is real "George".

No. 3. From a game L. Steiner vs. C. J. W. Purdy. Black's last move 21.....Q-B7 in a drawn position was a blunder illustrating a chess axiom: "Whenever you have a loose piece, look out!"

No. 4. From a correspondence game between Dr. O. Demuth and Mermagen (1936-7).

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### MAY SOLUTIONS

No. 1. S. R. Barrett. Black's moves need not be given, but we must note which square he goes to on his 9th and 12th moves. 1. N-B2 ch., 2. N-R3, 3. N-N, 4. N-B5, 5. N-K4, 6. B-Q, 7. B-K2, 8. B-N4, 9. B-K6, 10. B-B7 (assuming Black played 9. K-N5; if 9. K-R4 or 5, omit White's 10th), 11. N-B5, 12. N-Q3, 13. B-N4 or R5, as the case may be, assuming Black K is at R5 (a), 14. N-R3, 15. N-QB2, 16. B-K2 17. N-KB2, 18. N-K4, 19. B-Q, 20. N-K3, 21. B-N3, 22. N-Q, 23. N-N2, 24. N-R4, 25. N-KN5, 26. N-KB3, 27. N-Q4, 28. N mates, (a) If Black K is at R4 13. N-R3, 14. N-QB2, 15. B-N4 or R5, as the case may be, 16. N-KB2 and the rest as before, making the 18th move now the 17th. I hope someone had the patience to work on that one!

No. 2. D. Julien. 1. K-Q6, 2. K-B5, 3. K-B6, 4. N-B8 ch., 5. P-R7 mate.

No. 3. F. S. Ensor. 1. Q-K, 2. Q-KR, 3. Q(KR sq.)-KN, 4. Q(KN)-KB, 5. Q(QB)-K, 6. Q(QN)-QR, 7. Q(K)-QN Mate.

No. 4. W. Shinkman. There is not space for all variations, but if at any point you substitute a different move for Black you reduce the number of White's moves, frequently giving him even a mate in two. 1. Q-Q5 ch, K-B3; 2. Q(R)-N2, K-K2; 3. Q(N)-B3 K-K; 4. Q-N7, K-Q; 5. Q(N7)-B6, K-K2; 6. Q-R8, K-Q3 7. Q(B3)-K4, K-Q2; 8. Q(R8)-Q5 ch, K-B2; 9. Q-N2, K-N3; 10. Q-R, K-B2; 11. Q-R8, K-Q3; 12. Q(R8)-N7, K-K4; 13. Q(N7)-B6, K-B5; 14. Q(B6)-Q5, K-N5; 15. Q(R)-K4 ch, K-R6; 16. Q-R8, KxP; 17. Q-N2 Mate.

O.W. MANNEY



Due to circumstances beyond my control, this June issue is late. I am very sorry. The printer who takes care of our diagrams on the Diagram Page was swamped with work and unable to get our page on time.

Looking over the 15 page issue, I was not satisfied. Not enough games. In fact, only one game. Figuring a chess magazine without any games was like bacon without eggs, I decided something must be done.

As I make up this page, the counted upon page or pages from Yakima have not materialized. Two recent tournaments were played in the Yakima area recently. I learned in Portland that Mr. William Hoge of Yakima won both of them. One was the Yakima District and the other a county affair. I hope to get the details into the next issue. Let us not be so modest Mr. Hoge!

When I collected second prize in Portland recently at the Oregon Open, I couldn't help but notice the eye-brows go up a trifle. After all, I did not have to play Dake. The other side of the question is a little weak - Dake did not have to play Wade!

If a sixth round had been on the schedule, the drawing would have thrown Wade to the wolves, I mean Dake. As the drawing was so arranged that Washington players would play against those of Oregon, Dahlberg would have been paired off against Cerretelli. Meador could have played any one of four players with 3-2 scores. He would not have played Turner, as both are from Portland. He would have played Manney, Warner or Hoge. A 5-round Swiss apparently is good enough to determine first place in a 19 player tourney, especially if one master is playing, but not long enough to decide second or third prize winners.

As I promised to print my game against Warner (even though I lost) here it is:

Ted Warner  
White

Dan Wade  
Black

- |          |        |
|----------|--------|
| 1. P-Q4  | P-Q4   |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-QB3  |
| 3. N-QB3 | N-B3   |
| 4. N-B3  | PxP    |
| 5. P-QR4 | B-B4   |
| 6. N-K5  | P-K3   |
| 7. P-B3  | P-KR3  |
| 8. P-K4  | B-R2   |
| 9. B-K2  | B-N5   |
| 10. 0-0  | 0-0    |
| 11. NxP  | P-B4   |
| 12. N-R2 | N-B3   |
| 13. NxB  | QxPch. |

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|-------------|-------|
| 14. B-K3    | QxQ   |
| 15. QRxQ    | PxN   |
| 16. N-Q6    | P-QN3 |
| 17. R-B1    | N-QR4 |
| 18. R-B7    | QR-Q1 |
| 19. N-N5    | P-R3  |
| 20. BxP     | R-Q7  |
| 21. R-K1    | N-N6  |
| 22. N-R7    | RxP   |
| 23. BxP     | B-N3? |
| 24. R-Q1    | B-R4  |
| 25. B-N7    | R-N1? |
| 26. N-B8    | R-R7  |
| 27. B-R7    | RxB   |
| 28. RxR     | RxRP  |
| 29. P-N4    | B-N3  |
| 30. P-R4    | P-R4  |
| 31. P-N5    | NxP   |
| 32. N-K7ch. | K-R2  |
| 33. NxB     | KxN   |
| 34. PxN     |       |

The rest is too painful to record here. Black resigned shortly.

Black managed to steal a pawn early but put his queen bishop into a closet and threw away the key so was actually playing a piece down.

In round 2 and again in round 3, the eventual 2nd place winner! met and defeated two tail-enders who failed to win a game. They both found the Wade offensive far from mystifying, and the "Great Man" had to win by the skin of his none too sharp teeth.

The 4th round presented sterner opposition in Poulsen of Fresno

California. Mr. Poulsen had just lost a very tough decision to Dake and was probably down for this game. Besides, Wade had the white pieces (White to play and win).

Dan Wade  
White

S. Poulsen  
Black

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|------------|---------|
| 1. P-K4    | P-QB4   |
| 2. N-KB3   | N-QB3   |
| 3. P-Q4    | PxP     |
| 4. NxP     | N-B3    |
| 5. N-QB3   | P-K4    |
| 6. N(4)-N5 | P-Q3    |
| 7. B-N5    | P-QR3   |
| 8. BxN     | PxB     |
| 9. N-R3    | P-B4    |
| 10 Q-R5    | P-N4    |
| 11 PxP     | P-N5    |
| 12 B-B4    | Q-Q2    |
| 13 N-Q5    | KB-N2   |
| 14 N-N6?   | Q-N2    |
| 15 B-Q5?   | PxN     |
| 16 NxR     | R-B1?   |
| 17 Q-B3    | B-Q2    |
| 18 QxP     | K-K2    |
| 19 O-O     | QxN     |
| 20 KR-K1   | BxP     |
| 21 Q-KN3   | B-N3??  |
| 22 P-KB4   | Q-R2ch. |
| 23 K-R1    | Q-B4    |
| 24 BxN     | QxB     |
| 25 P-B5    | QxBP    |
| 26 PxB     | RPxP    |
| 27 Q-KB3   | QxP?    |
| 28 QR-N1   | QxP     |
| 29 R-N7ch. | K-K3    |
| 30 Q-N4ch. | P-B4    |
| 31 QxNPch. | B-B3    |
| 32 Q-R7    | Q-R5    |
| 33 R-KB1   | Q-K5    |
| 34 Q-Q7ch. | K-Q4    |
| 35 R-Q1ch. | Resigns |

Quite a lively party! I believe the moves marked (?) could have been improved on in some instances.

Duane Meador  
White

Dan Wade  
Black

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-K4  |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-B4  | B-K2  |
| 4. O-O   | P-Q3  |
| 5. P-Q4  | PxP   |
| 6. NxP   | NxN   |
| 7. QxN   | N-B3  |
| 8. N-B3  | O-O   |
| 9. P-QN3 | N-N5  |

10 P-B4

B-B3

11 Q-Q2

P-B3

Here Black tries an enterprising plan.

12 P-KR3

Q-N3ch.

13 K-R1

BxN

14 QxB

N-B3

Black must retreat! The plan was a fiasco of the worst sort! If 14....N-B7ch?? 15 RxB! and if QxR?? then 16 B-N2 and Black cannot avoid checkmate.

15 B-N2

B-K3

16 B-Q3

P-Q4

17 P-K5

N-K5

18 BxN

PxB

19 P-B5

B-Q4

20 P-K6

(20 P-B6 VERY good!)

20 ....

P-B3

21 Q-Q2

KR-Q1

22 B-Q4?

P-B4

White has blundered and loses his advantage.

23 P-K7

R-Q2

24 B-K3

B-B3

25 Q-B2

RxP!

How can one man play so well?

26 BxP

P-K6

White could have played P-QN4.

27 BxQ

PxQ

28 BxBP

R-K7

29 P-B3

R-Q1

30 K-N1

R(1)-Q7

31 P-QR4

R-N7

32 P-QN4

P-QR3

Black should have played P-KR3 as soon as possible.

33 P-R5

B-N4

Black hoped to jockey his bishop around so White would have given up his rook at KB1 or lose his bishop if he moved the rook.

34 QR-B1

B-B5

35 QR-Q1

R(K7)-B7

(35....P-KR3 you fool!)

36 R-Q8ch.

K-B2

37 R(B)-Q1

B-N4

38 B-B5???

RxPch.

Resigns

White, in the last 10 moves, practically collapsed. White should have played 38 P-B4! If 38....RxB; 39 PxB and Black can draw with perpetual check or take his chances on 39...RxKBP. Black may have a plus.

And if after 38 P-B4, RxBP? 39 B-B5, P-N4; 40 R-K1! and here K-N2 loses because of 41 B-B8ch, K-N1; 42 B-R6 dis. ch., K-B2; 43 R-B8 mate 40....RxB loses the exchange but at least stops immediate mate.

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	52A-1B	Points	52A-4A	Points
Greene	1 Bever 0	28	Yocom, H.E. 1 F. Howard 0	70
	52A-4B	Points		
	Coubrough 1 Mulford 0	39		

Mulford in his try for top honors slid back 39 points as he dropped his game in 52A-4B to Coubrough who still holds his second place. Greene climbed 28 points on the ladder because of his win over Bever in section 52A-1B.

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Coubrough	1654	1654 - 1678 1552
Mulford	1466	1466 + 5 32 + 5 46 15 80
Cerretelli	1477	
Dolle	1445	
Magerkurth	1426	
Bever	1395	1395 + 11 1455
Cairncross	1360	1360 1316
Kaffenberger	1350	
Hardinge	1346	
Howard, Fred M.	1310	1310 - 12 76
Hazen	1288	
Yocom, H.E.	1256	
Wade	1250	1250 - 12 36
Naas	1226	
Sams	1213	
Hellums	1190	
Harmeson	1136	
Husby	1062	1062 + 12 46 + 10 82
Yocom, C.L.	1035	

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Class B Players

Luters	1258	
Merk, R.R.	1237	1237 - 11 83
Allen, W.P.	1210	
Winters	1196	1196 - 12 50
Roberts, Don	1186	
Dickey	1166	
McCarthy	1148	
Skarsten	1148	
Moore	1137	
Amsden	1132	
Emerson	1106	
Holland	1086	
Engstrom	1086	
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Schrank	1050	
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Kendall	1050	
Leonard	1050	
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Merk, Fred	1012	
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