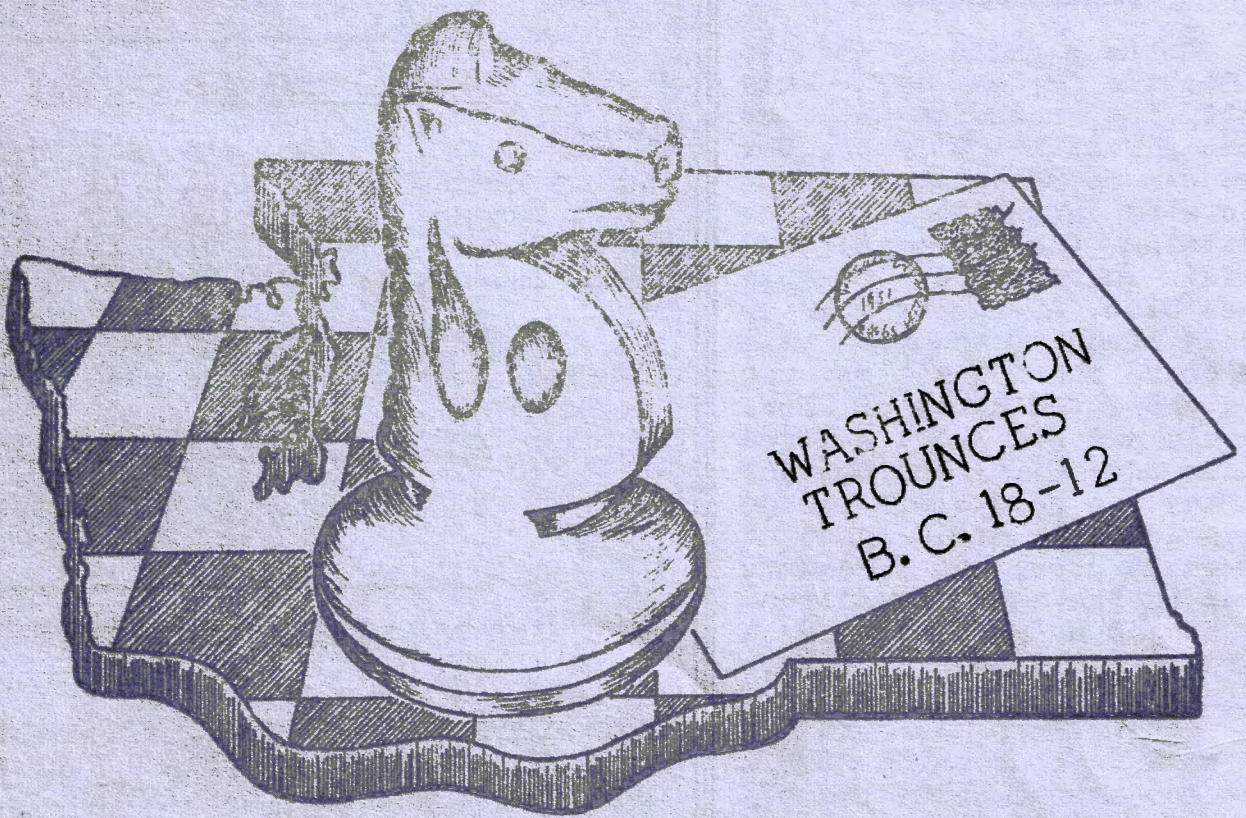


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Chess paraded up 4th Ave. in Seattle Friday eve, July 31st! The occasion was the annual Seattle Seafair. Our game was represented by three decorated cars with signs advertising the Chess Letter, Seafair Tourney and Seattle Chess Club. Advancing relentlessly ahead of the cars were two brave chess fanatics who live under the names of Chas. Joachim and Dan Wade. A large banner advertising the Seafair Tourney was held aloft as we marched up 4th Ave. Ahead of our chess group was a square dance on the back of a truck and behind us marched amid a blare of bagpipes Seattle's... in kilts! ...Pipe Band.

Ken Mulford did most of the work in connection with a most successful chess promotion and was aided in the deed by DeWitt, Birulin, Joachim, Hebert, Wade and Mrs. Joachim. Also Miss Joachim and Miss Hebert risked both life and limb riding on the front of Mulford's car.

Recently a story was spread about Jack Nourse's death! I imagine over 40 or 50 players thought he was no longer among the living a few days after the rumor started. The editor must confess helping the story spread and hopes he learned a lesson in regards to rumors.

For the benefit of those who may still be in doubt as to the present (I hope for many many years) good working condition of one Jack Nourse let me inform you that he is quite alive.

## ZEMGALIS TRAINING TOURNEY

PLAYER	Zem.	Man.	Sht.	Bal.	W L
Elmars Zengalis	XX	11	11	11	6-0
O. W. Manney	00	XX	10	10	2-4
J. L. Sheets	00	01	XX	10	2-4
Chas. Ballantine	00	01	01	XX	2-4

Who is best, Ballantine, Manney or Sheets? Your guess is as good as mine.

## A MATCH RESULT (incomplete)

O. W. Manney 4 R. Vellias 0

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# WASHINGTON OPEN

FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR - O. W. Manney

## THE WASHINGTON STATE OPEN

We would like to make this the greatest Washington tournament yet. It is of particular importance to Washington players as it is a means of qualifying players who do not now hold an expert rating for the coming state championship. Our valiant friends from Portland are invited and a cordial invitation is also extended to our friendly Vancouver foes!

The entrance fee will be only \$3.00. As a large number of entrants are anticipated it will be a seven-round Swiss, with two rounds Saturday, September 5th, three rounds Sunday, September 6th, and two rounds Monday (Labor Day), September 7th. While this is an "Open" tournament and anyone is entitled to play, I would like to see it result in a battle of "Experts". Accordingly, a cordial invitation is not extended to the MASTERS. All experts, good players, wood pushers and dubs are urgently requested to enter!

We intend to make this a business-like tourney. All rules will be strictly enforced - including the following: All entries must be made by 11:45 a.m. Saturday. Play will start promptly at Noon. The tournament director will start the clocks of late players. A fifteen minute grace period will be allowed out-of-town players, provided they submit their entries by mail or otherwise prior to 11:45 a.m. Saturday, September 5th. The time limit: 50 moves in 2 hours. The locale for this tournament has not been decided. I anticipate it will be too large for the Seattle Chess Club and will endeavor to obtain a larger arena. If out-of-town players who may be interested will drop me a card, 5930 38th Ave. S. W., Seattle, 6, Wn. - I shall advise them when the location has been determined.

## PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

I expect to prepare tentative rules and a schedule for the coming season for submission to all team captains. Therefore, I shall appreciate being furnished at an early date the names and addresses of the captains of all prospective teams, together with any suggestions.

## THE ZEMGALIS FUND

Elmars Zengalis will leave August 6 for the U. S. Open. While the fund has not reached the amount for which I hoped, still it is gratifying. To date (July 29th) cash donations totaling \$170.00 have been received. A few pledges have not yet been paid. As I stated last month I intend to prepare a mimeographed booklet containing Zengalis' account of the tourney and annotated games, an autographed copy of which to go to each doner of \$2.00 or more. I shall continue to accept donations until August 10th and then airmail them to Zengalis! All donations will be acknowledged in the next issue. Again thanks to all and GOOD LUCK - ELMARS!

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# WASHINGTON 18 B.C. 12

The victory famine has ended. A Washington chess team won a match from an outside team. British Columbia was decisively routed 18 to 12 in the Tenth International held this year under the Peace Arch on the border near Blaine on Sunday, July 26th.

B. C. won back the B Division plaque, winning by a very close 9 to 8 score.

A large accumulation of back issues of the "Washington Chess Letter" were passed out to our B. C. chess friends in an effort to acquaint them with our activities.

Mr. O. W. Manney, our hard-working tournament director, came prepared with a large board into which were set pegs to hang names on. In this way he could shift the names around until he found the order most suitable to him. As usual, of course, there were men placed too high and men placed too low and there always will be until everyone takes a more active part in chess tournaments so a true evaluation of their strength can be had.

We had more "chess muscle" this time than usual with top club players on many of the boards. The

top ten boards found Washington holding a  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  edge, the second ten Washington players out-scored the Canadians 6-4 and the last ten outscored them by  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Our team made  $5\frac{1}{2}$  points on the last six boards to account for the big margin of victory.

Seattle supported this event better than usual and supplied about 20 players. Tacoma, Yakima, Bremerton and points in between supplied the rest. The hoped for 60 players failed to materialize and we had to settle for 47, the same as last year. Next time the International will be closer to the homes of most of us and perhaps then we will muster more men.

Mr. Peter Husby, our Federation Secretary, made all of the arrangements for us and even made a trip to Vancouver in our behalf.

Only eight B. C. players were able to win in the A Division.

# ZEMGALIS SEAFAIR CHAMPION

Charles Joachim directed this year's Seafair Chess Tourney and really had a hectic time! He was consternation impersonified to find only six players (including himself!) prepared to play in the tourney Saturday morning, August 1st. Only six and just the night before (see page 1) chess had paraded up Seattle's 4th Avenue. So the six players settled down to a hard five round round-robin affair with the Seafair and Seattle chess championships at stake. A bomb shell exploded in the opening round when RUSSELL VELLIAS PLAYED ZEMGALIS TO A DRAW!

Vellias could not stand the prosperity and lost his remaining four games. Zemgalis went to work and won the rest of his to win the tourney. Joachim was second. The others were J. DeWitt, D. ReVeal and J. Nourse. Details next issue.

fore the first day ended, 10 more showed up and were put to playing in a "B" tourney. After they had started, 8 more showed up and were put to playing in a "C" tournament so poor Joachim had his hands full playing and directing 3 tourneys!! David Erickson (9-0) won the B and W. A. Percy won the C tournament.

Advertisement does pay? Be-

10TH INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH

July 26, 1953 under Peace Arch

WASHINGTON 18

The "A" Section

BRITISH COLUMBIA 12

1. O. W. Manney	$\frac{1}{2}$	_____	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. Chas. Ballantine	0	_____	1
3. J. L. Sheets	$\frac{1}{2}$	_____	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. Chas. Joachim	1	_____	0
5. Bob Neale	0	_____	1
6. John Nourse	$\frac{1}{2}$	_____	$\frac{1}{2}$
7. Dan Wade	$\frac{1}{2}$	_____	$\frac{1}{2}$
8. Ken Mulford	1	_____	0
9. Joe Cerretelli	1	_____	0
10 F. H. Weaver	$\frac{1}{2}$	_____	$\frac{1}{2}$
11 J. C. Almond	$\frac{1}{2}$	_____	$\frac{1}{2}$
12 R. M. Collins	1	_____	0
13 Chas. Magerkurth	1	_____	0
14 Leslie Coubrough	0	_____	1
15 Bert Brandstrom	$\frac{1}{2}$	_____	$\frac{1}{2}$
16 F. M. Howard	1	_____	0
17 Vic Hultman	1	_____	0
18 Sid Nourse	0	_____	1
19 Ted Davidsen	1	_____	0
20 Bob Edberg	0	_____	1
21 Max Mage	1	_____	0
22 O. J. Traynor	0	_____	1
23 O. W. LaFreniere	0	_____	1
24 H. E. Yocom	0	_____	1
25 E. A. Weissenborn	1	_____	0
26 Jim McCormick	$\frac{1}{2}$	_____	$\frac{1}{2}$
27 William Hoge	1	_____	0
28 J. A. Naas	1	_____	0
29 T. J. Dolle	1	_____	0
30 V. W. Bever	1	_____	0

Jack Taylor
M. Pratt
Dave Creemer
C. F. Miller
A. Zerkowitz
R. Pilkington
W. J. Maier
C. D. Moore
H. H. Burrell
A. Arrow
E. R. Latta
A. Muchey
R. Hennesey
H. Schweiger
B. Arden
A. Dreisner
X. Essau
R. M. Wilson
W. T. Money
H. Copelstone
J. Lacey
J. Lee
G. G. Powis
L. Jonah
A. T. Harrison
D. N. Harrison
W. H. Chapman
A. Shick-Ferber
O. Lipschutz
H. Bischoff

WASHINGTON 8

The "B" Section

BRITISH COLUMBIA 9

1. Peter Husby	0	_____	1
2. Gordon Beck	0	_____	1
3. Edward Arnold	1	_____	0
4. G. E. Faithful	0	_____	1
5. Saul Birulin	1	_____	0
6. H. H. Roberts	1	_____	0
7. Elmer Carlson	1	_____	0
8. G. L. Christey	0	_____	1
9. John DeWitt	0	_____	1
10 Hela Case	0	_____	1
11 R. Pickens	1	_____	0
12 Dave ReVeal	1	_____	0
13 Harvey Sanden	1	_____	0
14 Terry Nelson	1	_____	0
15 Stephen Falk	0	_____	1
16 George Langdon	0	_____	1
17 W. H. Raleigh	0	_____	1

Margaret McLeod
J. Hockin
S. Streeter
C. J. Littlewood
R. Hartnell
C. M. St. Dennis
E. B. Nelson
G. Kowolewski
C. McLeod
G. Anderson
B. Cohen
S. Ashworth
J. Oldham
F. C. Eekhoff
J. Garret
W. R. C. Patrick
V. Yeager

# THE PAWN SHOP

## HARDINGE

Our Minnesota correspondant, Chuck Hardinge, reports that Minnesota & Canada met in a match at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. The Canadians, led by H. Yanofsky, won the match 15½ to 11½ in the 27 board affair.

This annual meet has been a MUST! since 1935. Canada furnished the trophy but the Minnesota boys were unable to bring it back with them.

Hardinge furnished a complete summary but he did not play in it nor did Sheldon Rein (Wash. Woodpusher champ) compete.

Chuck received a letter from one of our Puget Sound area fisher men recently. This refers back to the March issue of the W.C.L. in re 10 dollars Dan squandered for a book on chess openings. "I had sent Mr. Wade a nice salmon that I'd caught on second street on a rainy day & he kindly invited me over for fish dinner. Mrs. Wade started to prepare the fish early that day with "stuffins" and everything. After taking some exercise (to work up a good appetite) we finally sat down to the festive board. The table, a converted chess board, had chess pieces sewn on the borders for adornment. The kings and queens had been hollowed out and contained of all things a small amount of Four Roses. After whetting our appetite on same the "piece de resistance" appeared as a whole salmon & had the aforesaid "stuffins" showing slightly. Dan started to stab at the critter and sliced off some on to my plate. The salmon tasted delicious and then trying some of the stuffins we fractured a tooth in our falsies on something pretty hard and brittle. Cleaning it off we discovered a rook that Dan had lost to the Missis the previous evening. Upon going further we came across something soft and crackly. This turned out to be several of the pages from that book on chess openings that Dan had bought with

that \$10. On reading the pages we found that the missis had been trying to learn the Muzio Gambit and inadvertantly put it in the dressing, so if Dan loses that gambit, you will know whose fault it is.

Ye Gambit Fiend has challenged ANY Washington player to a correspondence match at gambits and to date the silence is deafening. Whatsa matter? Are all the good old time players who play chess for fun all dead? Remember, chess is only a game for amusement and refusing to play those most lively and amusing games you lose the REAL reason for chess. Chess IS NOT for the purpose of seeing whose mind is the biggest or the most brilliant, but is primarily a GAME for amusement.

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Speaking of gambits, here is an example of the Falkbeer Counter.

J. L. Sheets  
White

R. A. Dightman  
Black

- |          |         |
|----------|---------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-K4    |
| 2. P-KB4 | P-Q4    |
| 3. PxQP  | P-K5    |
| 4. N-QB3 | N-KB3   |
| 5. P-Q3  | B-QN5   |
| 6. PxP   | NxKP    |
| 7. Q-Q4  | Q-K2    |
| 8. B-K3  | B-KB4   |
| 9. KN-K2 | N-Q2    |
| 10 B-Q2  | B-B4    |
| 11 QxNP  | B-B7ch! |
| 12 K-Q1  | O-O-O   |
| 13 NxN   | QxN     |
| 14 Q-B3  | N-B3    |
| 15 N-N3  | BxN     |
| 16 PxB   | NxQP    |
| 17 Q-N3  | N-K6ch  |
| 18 K-B1  | NxBP    |
| 19 P-N4? | NxR     |
| 20 PxB?? | NxQ     |
| Resigns. |         |

This game won the brilliancy prize in the 1937 Washington State Tournament. Played Sept. 21, 1937.

**SEATTLE** Every Friday night for the past several months between 16 and 30 players have come to the club at 616 Madison St. Secretary V. Bever and prexy T. Davidsen have been the hard working men who have kept this club a live and interesting one.

The annual club tournament came to a halt months ago and it may be considered "completed". The championship was retained by Walloch who is one of the state's best players. It is too bad Walloch has been unable to compete in other tournaments.

Walloch lost  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  to Muller, defeated Vellias 2-0, broke even with Dr. Shephard and Seiter 1-1, downed Mulford, Roberts, and Edberg 2-0, beat Wade  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  and split with Koenkow. I totaled these results and found the final score to be 13-5. Muller has a 14-6 score and is second. At the bottom of this page is the summary.

**TACOMA** Mr. Coubrough sent me some chess news recently. A new service building is now under construction in Wright Park. The building is of concrete block construction faced with brick and will be used to house park equipment. The L-shaped wing will be used as a year-round recreation room with tables for checkers, CHESS, etc.

So the Tacoma Club plans to move out of the Y ???

On behalf of the patients at Madigan, we, of the Red Cross, we would like to thank the members of the Tacoma Chess Club for the many happy hours they have afforded the men for the last three months.

Everyone has appreciated the time and effort it has taken chess members to come out to Madigan and we want you to know that you have made many men happier during their stay here in the hospital.

We do hope that Mr. Coubrough and Mr. Collins will continue coming out on Wednesday afternoons as the men do look forward to visits.

We hope that, once again, in the fall we will have some of the chess members coming out in evenings for chess tournaments and instruction. In the meantime, thank you so very much for your interest in the hospitalized servicemen. It has been delightful having all of you.

Sincerely,  
(Miss) M. Catherine Little  
Field Director

POEM (space filler)

The black knight swooped down upon the king - a guardian pawn captured the thing  
The black rook moved with a "check!"  
The king moved to save his neck

UN-FINISHED  
BUSINESS  
IN  
SEATTLE  
CHESS CLUB.

	Muller	Wall.	Vell.	Seit.	Mul.	Shep	Knkw	Wade	Dsn	Bl	Bj	Ed	Rb.
GLENN MULLER	XX	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	01	01	11	10	11	11	--	--	10	10	11
A. WALLOCH	0 <sup>1/2</sup>	XX	11	10	11	10	10	10	--	--	--	11	11
R. VELLIAS	10	00	XX	00	10	11	11	11	11	--	00	01	11
DON SEITER	10	01	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	XX	01	--	--	--	11	--	11	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	11
K. MULFORD	00	00	01	10	XX	--	--	--	11	11	11	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	00
DR. SHEPHARD	01	01	00	--	--	XX	01	--	--	--	10	01	--
KOENKOW	00	01	00	--	--	10	XX	--	--	--	10	00	--
DAN WADE	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	0 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	01	--	--	XX	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	--	11	--	11
T. DAVIDSEN	--	--	00	00	00	--	--	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	XX	--	0-	01	11
BLAU	--	--	--	--	00	--	--	--	1	XX	--	00	00
BJERKESETH	01	--	11	00	00	01	01	00	1-	--	XX	00	10
EDBERG	01	00	10	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	0 <sup>1/2</sup>	10	11	--	10	11	11	XX	11
H. ROBERTS	00	00	00	00	11	--	--	00	00	11	01	00	XX

Cummings lost and drew with Vellias and later withdrew from tournament.

# GAMES

Philip Woliston was a class mate of mine at Franklin High School in Seattle back in 1935 and 1936. A small dark youth with a terrific desire to impress people was my picture of him then. The first year most of us could beat him easily in chess. Then he met Ulvestad and other Seattle Chess Club players and started to improve rapidly. His intense love of chess and thirst for greater knowledge of the game no doubt speeded his progress. He spent so much time on chess that his school work was neglected and he was ineligible to play on our strong 1936 chess team so we had to play second fiddle to Roosevelt that season.

He was rapidly gaining a reputation as one of Seattle's top players when he moved to Los Angeles. Shortly afterward Woliston won the California State Chess Championship! Following are some of his games from that tourney. H. Steiner, G. Koltanowski, Fink and G. Patterson, now residing in Seattle, were in that tournament.

*D.E. Wade*

Woliston  
White

Koltanowski  
Black

1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. N-KB3	P-KN3
3. P-B4	B-N2
4. N-B3	P-Q4
5. PxP	NxP
6. Q-N3	NxN
7. PxN	O-O
8. B-R3	N-Q2
9. P-K3	R-K1
10 B-B4	P-K3
11 O-O	P-QR3
12 QR-B1	P-QB4
13 BxBP	NxB
14 PxN	B-B1
15 P-B6	PxP
16 KR-Q1	Q-B2
17 R-N1	B-B4
18 Q-R4	P-QR4
19 N-K5	QxN
20 QxBP	B-Q2
21 RxB	QR-N1
22 KR-N7	QR-B1
23 Q-B3	R-B1
24 R-Q1	QxBP?
25 BxP	PxB
26 Q-R3	R-B2
27 RxR	KxR
28 R-Q7ch.	Resigns.

Woliston  
White

Steiner  
Black

1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. N-KB3	P-K3
3. P-B4	B-N5ch
4. B-Q2	Q-K2
5. P-QR3	BxBch
6. QxB	P-Q4
7. N-B3	O-O
8. P-K3	QN-Q2
9. Q-B2	P-B3
10 PxP	KPxP
11 B-Q3	R-K1
12 O-O	N-K5
13 BxN	PxB
14 N-Q2	N-B3
15 P-R3!	N-Q4
16 NxN	PxN
17 QR-B1	Q-N4
18 K-R2	B-Q2
19 Q-B7	B-B3
20 N-N3	QR-B1
21 Q-N3	Q-Q1
22 R-B3	R-K3
23 KR-B1	R-N3
24 Q-B4	P-N3?
25 N-Q2	Q-Q2
26 N-B1	R-K1
27 N-N3	R-B3
28 Q-R4	R-R3
29 N-R5	R(K)-K3
30 Q-N5	R(R)-N3
31 Q-B5	Q-Q3ch
32 K-N1	Q-Q1
33 N-B4	R(K)-B3
34 Q-K5	R-R3
35 N-R5	R-K3??

Poor Koltanowski! The champion of Belgium and the World's Blindfold champion.

Honest Abe was a rail splitter. All I want are a few ready and willing stencil splitters. How about it you Seattle players? Type me some game pages.

On the 31st move Steiner had a full 20 minutes but used it all leaving only 10 seconds for the remaining 9 moves!!





# YAKIMA NEWS



by O. W. LaFreniere

(The editor of this column apologizes for the lateness of the first two articles.)

## HOGGE TAKES COUNTY OPEN

From April 6th to May 11th the Annual Round Robin for the Championship of Yakima County was conducted at the YMCA in Yakima. This year it was a double round robin, directed ably by its winner, William H. Hogge with 17 wins, one loss, and one draw. Hogge's only loss was to runner-up Eli Treisman and his draw to Oliver LaFreniere. Hogge is a former Champion, having won the tourneys of 1947, 1948, and 1949. LaFreniere had won those of 1951 and 1952, and Treisman that of 1950.

### BOX SCORE

	W	L	D	%
1. William H. Hogge	17	1	1	92
2. Eli S. Treisman	12	3	0	80
3. O. W. LaFreniere	13	5	2	70
4. Rolf Lavik	11	5	2	67
5. Miles L. Fuller	10	6	2	61
6. John Fauvergue	9	10	3	47.7
7. Terry Nelson	9	10	1	47.5
8. Abram Van Wyck	5	7	1	42
9. Miss Rosemary Kaylor	7	11	2	40
10. T. Albert Pool	7	14	1	34
11. Richard B. Dexter	2	11	0	15
12. Stephen Falk	0	19	1	3

Despite the showing of the last place, it is this editor's contention that youth will make its mark in Washington chess. Stephen Falk is but 14 years old, and has shown considerable improvement since the County Open. In future years, watch out for that boy!

Another Yakima youth of 12, Terry Nelson, has come to the fore recently. He was able to place very well in the last State Junior, and soon should be able to win it.

## HOGGE WINS EAST DISTRICT

Showing invincible strength, Hogge swept what is supposedly the strongest tournament in Eastern Washington with a perfect score of 7-0. The Eastern Washington District Open Tournament of 1953 was held in the Yakima Business College Auditorium on May 17 under the direction of Oliver LaFreniere. Because of the seeming speed of the games, a round robin system was used for the eight players attending. Spokane, Pasco, Grandview, Naches, and Yakima were represented. Players in order of standing were: Hogge, LaFreniere (Yakima), John Fauvergue (Naches), Dr. G. H. Parker (Spokane) George Carter (Grandview), Captain Henry T. Jackson (Pasco), Terry Nelson and R. B. Dexter (Yakima). Hogge won a cash prize for his achievement. Dr. G. H. Parker suggested that next year's Eastern Open be held in Spokane, and Tournament Director LaFreniere accepted the proposal.

### ABOUT BILL HOGGE

Hogge, 33, is single and a native-born "son" of Yakima. Presently employed as assistant auditor by the City of Yakima Water Department, he has been active in Yakima County chess since the formation of the Yakima Chess Club in 1947. He has been president of the latter club since 1950, and has served well as rating statistician for the club. He has played in numerous state tournaments held in Seattle. Some samples of his play are to be found on the following page.

## PASCO WHIPS YAKIMA

Pasco swept by a score of 12½-7½ a drowsy Yakima team off its feet. George Asanovich led a team of ten men to outnumber and outplay W. H. Hogge's weakened team. Yakima's official excuse is the last-minute withdrawal of several of its better players. Pasco thus avenged its Fall defeat to a five-man team from Yakima.





6.	Q-B2	QN-Q2
7.	P-K4	NxP
8.	NxN	PxN
9.	BxB	QxB
10.	QxP	Q-N5ch.

White gives up a Pawn for an attack.

11.	N-Q2	QxNP
12.	R-QN1	QxRP

An interesting position. White gives up two Pawns for a haphazardly held center, a decentralized enemy queen and an attack for which but three pieces are readily available.

13.	B-Q3	N-B3
14.	Q-R4	Q-R6
15.	K-K2?	- - -

The exposed King is the later downfall. Much better was castling to connect the Rooks.

15.	- - -	P-QN3
16.	R-N3	Q-Q3
17.	BxPch.!	NxB
18.	R-KR3	P-KB3
19.	QxNch.	K-B2
20.	R-KN3	R-KN1
21.	Q-N6ch.	K-B1
22.	N-B3	P-R4

Black's last is a little wasteful in view of the attack he now takes.

23.	N-N5!	PxN
24.	R-KB3ch.	K-K2

25.	Q-B7ch.	K-Q1
26.	QxRch.	K-Q2
27.	P-Q5?	- - -

White fails to see the simple win in 27. QxNPch.!, for if K-B3; 28. P-Q5ch., PxP; 29. R-B6 winning the Queen. Any other answer leads to the same.

27.	- - -	Q-K4ch.
28.	K-Q3	B-N2
29.	R-B7ch.	K-Q3
30.	R-B6	B-R3!

The threats on white's King in case he takes the Rook are deep, dark, and ominous.

31.	R-Q8ch.	RxR
32.	QxRch.	K-B4
33.	Q-K7ch.	Q-Q3
34.	QxQch.	PxQ
35.	PxP	BxPch.
36.	K-B3	BxP
37.	R-K1	B-K4
38.	P-B3	P-N4
39.	R-K7	P-QN5ch.
40.	K-N2	P-R5
41.	RxP	P-R6ch.
42.	K-R1	P-N6
43.	RxP	K-B5
44.	RxB	KxR
45.	P-R4	K-Q5
46.	P-R5	K-B6
47.	P-R6	K-B7

Resigns

# SEPTEMBER 5, 6 & 7 — STATE OPEN

## HELP PROMOTE W.C.F.!!!

I wanted to print this month a long list of names under "Welcome New Members" but instead I must admit the truth. In a total three month period only three new members have entered WCF. This is the most shameful record ever in the whole history of promotion work. The responsibility lies with you, the members, as a whole. Our top men in WCF are already tremendously overloaded with work—especially Dan Wade, and they cannot be expected to take on more. Will you please help us? By helping us you help chess and yourself as a chess player. By having more members we can have a bigger and better Chess Letter, larger tournaments, and stronger national recognition. Your task is very simple. Tell your friends about the Chess Letter and ask them to purchase it. Two dollars a year certainly won't break them, and the actual value is far higher. When you get one member, get another, and then another. Keep pushing, and you will see tremendous improvement!

At present two things are being done by the officers of WCF to increase our membership. Small advertisements have been placed in Chess Review and should appear in August and September. Watch for them. Also another circular is being prepared to send to prospective members whose addresses we can obtain. If you know a person interested in chess but you can't contact him, please send his address to me, Oliver LaFreniere, 2807 West Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington. Don't wait for the others to move before you do, or we will all be waiting. Move at once!

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION WHEN IT IS DUE. DELAY HURTS EVERYBODY!

# YAKIMA CHESS BITS

by Stephen Falk

Here is the first game of a twelve-game match in which LaFreniere challenged me. White had a good game until his 37th move when "the roof fell in."

## Nimzo-Indian Defense

Stephen Falk White	Oliver LaFreniere Black
1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	B-N5
4. B-Q2	N-B3
5. N-B3	P-Q4
6. P-K3	O-O
7. B-Q3	R-K1
8. O-O	P-KR3
9. R-B1	P-K4
10. PxKP	NxP
11. NxN	RxN
12. R-K1	P-Q5
13. PxP	RxRch.?
14. QxR?	- - -
Better I think was QxP.	
Better was BxR; then if QxP?; 15.	
B-R7ch. wins the Queen.	
- - -	QxP
15. Q-K3	P-B4!?
16. P-KR3	- - -
Stronger was R-K1!	
- - -	P-QN3
17. R-K1	B-N2
White by delaying R-K1 gave black	
a chance to seize a long diagonal.	
18. QxQ	PxQ
19. N-N1	- - -
Better was N-K4. If BxB, NxB	
leads to the text move. If NxN, then 20.	
BxB; and Black's Knight is attacked and	
White has the advantage of two bishops.	
- - -	BxB
20. NxB	R-K1
Black has some trouble now holding	
his passed pawn.	
21. RxRch.	NxR
22. N-N3	N-Q3
23. NxP	B-K5
24. BxB	NxB
25. K-B1?	N-Q7ch.
26. K-K1	- - -
What's wrong with K-K2?	
27. P-QN3	N-Q3
28. N-B6	P-R4
29. P-QN4	P-R5
30. K-Q2	P-B4
31. P-N4	P-B5?

32. N-K7ch.!	K-B2
33. N-Q5	P-QN4
34. NxP	P-N4
35. N-K2	K-B3
36. N-Q4	K-K4
37. N-B5?	- - -

Loses a pawn.  
Better was K-K3. White completely loses his head! In this position White could probably win.

- - -	N-K5ch.!
38. K-K3	N-B6
39. N-Q4?!	NxP
40. NxP	NxP
41. N-R3	N-Q4ch.
42. K-B3	N-B5
43. K-N3	K-Q4
44. P-R4	K-R4
45. PxP	PxP
46. K-B3	K-N5
47. N-B2ch.	K-B6
48. N-R3	K-N6
49. N-N5	K-N5
50. N-Q4	K-B6

If P-R6; 51, N-E2ch., followed by NxP with a probable drawn game.

51. N-N5ch.	K-N7
52. K-K4	N-K7
53. K-Q3	N-B5ch.
54. K-K3	K-N6
55. N-Q4ch.	K-B5
56. N-B2	N-Q4ch.
57. K-Q2	N-N5!
58. N-R3ch!	- - -

If NxN, KxN; 59. K-B2, P-R6; 60. K-N1, K-N6; 61. K-R1! (or P-B3, P-R7ch.; 62. K-R1 which leads to the same as the text) P-R7; 62. P-B3, K-R6! (forcing P-B4) 63. P-B4, PxP; 64. P-N5, P-B6; 65. P-N6, P-B7; 66. P-N7, P-B8 (Q) mate.

- - -	K-N6
59. N-N5	N-Q4
60. K-Q3	- - -

White has no good move, although I feel N-Q4ch. was somewhat better.

- - -	K-N7!
61. K-B4	N-B2!
62. K-N4	NxN
63. KxP	K-B6
64. K-R5?	K-Q5
65. KxN	K-K4

and Black wins.



# FROM 'CHESS LIFE' BY WEAVER

San Reshevsky won the match at Buenos Aires against Miguel Najdorf by the close margin of 9½-8½, winning 6, losing 5, and drawing 7. In 1952 Reshevsky scored 11-7.

Arthur Dake, Portland Master, had been chosen as a team member and was all set to fly East to join the U.S. team in the proposed match with Russia when word came that the match had been cancelled.

The United States Chess Federation has adopted a new system to determine a national champion. In 1953 and each odd year thereafter, a Candidates Tournament will be held open to all players with a published rating of Expert, or higher. These tournaments will be conducted under the revised Swiss System plan, and the winner, in the following year, will play the existing U.S. Champion.

A survey of chess publications lists 31 in the USA and 4 in Canada, of which 4 are professional publications. Two State publications, Nebraska and West Virginia are printed bulletins. California Chess Reporter and Cleveland Chess Bulletin are outstanding among the photo-offset group. Of those produced by mimeograph, Washington Chess Letter is listed as most imposing in contents and appearance. There are a total of 52 newspaper and magazine chess columns in addition to the exclusive chess publications.

The State of Washington is accredited with eight annual tournaments for the purpose of rating individual players by the USCF: Washington State Championship, Open, Junior, Woodpushers, Puget Sound, Seafair Open and Junior, and the U. of W. Championship. The only States with greater recognized activity are New York and California.

Ariel Mengarini, M.D., New York psychiatrist and former U.S. Amateur Champion, (and The Man Who Beat Reshevsky) is an ardent exponent of "Minute Chess". He has promoted several

tournaments at the rate of 30 moves in 30 minutes. It was adopted recently by Mechanics Institute of San Francisco for its club championship, and Mengarini believes it will sweep the country, replacing the rat race of 10-second chess and the too static 40 moves in two hours. It is ideally suited for Swiss-system tourneys as two games can be played by opponents in the same time thereby avoiding the unfairness of who has White, avoiding adjournments, and because of the fact there are more rounds giving finer discrimination in final standings. If you lose you can always blame it on the time limit. Mengarini believes 30-30 chess allows for good accurate planning provided you don't try to analyse every improbable variation. He cites the following example of aggressive, original play:

### IRREGULAR OPENING

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|--|---|
| <p>A. Mengarini</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. P-K4</li> <li>2. P-QR3</li> <li>2. N-QB3</li> <li>3. N-KB3</li> <li>4. P-B4</li> <li>5. N-B3</li> <li>6. B-N5</li> <li>7. P-Q3</li> <li>8. PXP</li> <li>9. B-N5</li> <li>10. O-O</li> <li>11. N-Q5</li> <li>12. PxN</li> <li>13. NxN</li> <li>14. Q-R5</li> <li>15. RXP</li> <li>16. QR-KB1</li> <li>17. N-K4</li> <li>18. N-B6ch</li> </ol> | <p>C. Hellinger</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P-QB4</li> <li>The idea is to transpose into a favorable variation of the Wing Gambit.</li> <li>P-K4</li> <li>N-KB3</li> <li>P-Q3</li> <li>N-B3</li> <li>B-Q2</li> <li>Q-B2</li> <li>PxP</li> <li>B-K2</li> <li>O-O</li> <li>O-O-O</li> <li>NxN</li> <li>If ....., Q-Q3; 12. BxQN, BxB; 13. NxBch, QxN½ 14. N-R4 wins</li> <li>BxB</li> <li>N-Q5</li> <li>P-KR3</li> <li>NxB</li> <li>Q-Q3</li> <li>QxP</li> <li>Resigns</li> <li>Which deprived the game of the conclusion: K-R1; 19. QxP+ PxQ; 20. R-R7 mate.</li> </ol> |
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John W. Collins, games editor of Chess Life reviewed a 30-30 game from the Metropolitan Masters Invitational, in which Chess Master Herbert Seidman comes up with an original and aggress-

ive treatment of the recently revived Hague System of the Sicilian Defense.

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|------------|-----------|
| H. Seidman | E. Hearst |
| 1. P-K4    | P-QB4     |
| 2. N-KB3   | P-Q3      |
| 3. P-Q4    | PxP       |
| 4. NxP     | N-KB3     |
| 5. N-QB3   | P-QR3     |

Signalling the Paulsen Variation, or its offspring, and a rejection of the better known Dragon Variation.

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| 6. P-KN3 | P-QN4 |
|----------|-------|

The Hague System. Black seeks early queen-side action. 6....., P-K4 establishes the Tchepy Variation.

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|----------------------------|------|
| 7. B-N2 (threatens 8.P-K5) | B-N2 |
| 8. O-O                     | P-K3 |

Threatening 9....., P-N5 & ..NxP  
9. Q-K2 QN-Q2  
10. R-Q1!? Fine-Najdorf, New York, 1949, went on with 10. P-QR3 evidently to prevent 10....., P-N5. If 10. P-K5? BxB; 11. PxN, BxR; 12. PxP, BxP wins.

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|---|-------|
| 10.                                       | Q-B2? |
| 12. PxN, NxP; 13. KxB, PxN; 14. PxP, Q-B2 |       |
| 11. P-QR4!                                | P-N5  |
| 12. N-R2                                  | Q-R4? |

A palliative in a crises. If there is a remedy, it is 12....., P-Q4. After the text, Black never has a chance.

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| 13. B-Q2   | P-Q4 (too late)   |
| 14. PxP    | BxP   |
| 15. BxB    | NxB   |
| 16. NxKP!! | A mean move that picks up at least three pawns for a piece, and one particularly difficult to meet at the speed of a move a minute. |

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| 16.       | PxN   |
| 17. QxPch | N-K2  |
| 18. BxP   | Q-KB4 |
| 19. Q-Q6  | R-Q1  |
| 20. QxP   | N-Q4  |

If 20....., QxP; one move to win is 21. B-R5. The text results in exchanges and an ending in which the surplus of White pawns are easily turned to account.

#### TOURNAMENT RESULTS TEXAS

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|------------------|-------|
| 1. John Hudson   | 5½- ½ |
| 2. Blake Stevens | 5 - 1 |
| 3. R.S.Brieger   | 4½-1½ |
| 4. W.A.Bills     | 4½-1½ |
| 5. L. Poliakoff  | 4½-1½ |

#### MICHIGAN STATE

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|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Leon Stolzenberg  | 7 - 1 |
| 2. George Eastman    | 6 - 2 |
| 3. Marvin Palmer     | 6 - 2 |
| 4. James Barry       | 5½-2½ |
| 5. Heinrichs Kalnins | 5½-2½ |

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OPEN

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|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Martin Stark   | 8 - 1 |
| 2. Hans Berliner  | 8 - 1 |
| 3. Herbert Avram  | 5½-3½ |
| 4. Edmund Nash    | 4½-4½ |
| 5. William Nucker | 4½-4½ |

#### KANSAS STATE

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Bert Brice-Nash | 5½- ½ |
| 2. Carl Weberg     | 4½-1½ |
| 3. Hugo Teufel     | 4 - 2 |
| 4. James Callis    | 4 - 2 |

#### CAROLINAS CHAMPIONSHIP

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Kit Crittenden  | 5 - 0 |
| 2. Douglas Kahn    | 4 - 1 |
| 3. Al Jenkins      | 4 - 1 |
| 4. Len Foster      | 3 - 2 |
| 5. Arthur Ashbrook | 3 - 2 |

#### SOUTH DAKOTA OPEN

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|------------------|-------|
| 1. John Penquite | 6 - 1 |
| 2. Carl Weberg   | 5 - 2 |
| 3. Bryant Holmes | 5 - 2 |

#### IDAHO OPEN

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|-------------------|-------|
| 1. O. W. Manney   | 6½-1½ |
| 2. LaVerl Kimpton | 6½-1½ |
| 3. William Taber  | 6 - 2 |
| 4. Lloyd Kimpton  | 5 - 3 |

#### DELEWARE STATE

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. William Bergnan | 4½-1½ |
| 2. John Hill       | 4 - 1 |
| 3. Lee Morris      | 3 - 2 |

#### INDIANA STATE

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|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Roger Oren        | 5 - 0 |
| 2. George Martinson  | 4½-½  |
| 3. Don Brooks        | 4 - 1 |
| 4. Phillip Schuringa | 4 - 1 |
| 5. Howard Donnelly   | 4 - 1 |

#### MASSACHUSETTS OPEN

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|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Karl Burger    | 4 - 1 |
| 2. Julian Keilson | 4 - 1 |
| 3. Harlow Daly    | 4 - 1 |

#### TRANS-MISSISSIPPI

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|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. Povilas Tautvaisas | 6½- ½ |
| 2. Miroslav Turiansky | 6 - 1 |
| 3. George Eastman     | 5½-1½ |
| 4. Harold Leef        | 5½-1½ |
| 5. S. Winikaitis      | 5½-1½ |
| 6. Aleksandras Zujus  | 5½-1½ |
| 7. K.R.Jones          | 5 - 2 |



# NOURSE AD NAUSEAM.

Before we progress further with history and research I would like to present a neat sample of the type of problem illustrating the genius of Philidor.

Pieces set up in the Forsyth notation as explained by Oliver LaFreniere in the issue of December 1952. Black pieces in small type, white in capitals. Numbers stand for empty squares. Start from black end of board.

## THE PHILIDOR LEGACY.

Notation:-

First row- lrq5  
 2nd. " kpNRlplp  
 3rd " plp3nl  
 4th " 2P5  
 5th. " 8  
 6th. " 1K5Q  
 7th. " PLP4P  
 8th " 8.  
 \* \* \* \* \*

White to mate in four.

Solution:-

Queen - Queen 3. N - K4.  
 Q X QRP P X Q  
 N - N5. Dbl. check K - R1.  
 R - R7 Mate.

## LCRE HISTORY. THE 19th CENTURY.

The first half of the 19th. century was notable for opening research and analysis, Evans demonstrating his gambit in 1824. This year also saw the birth of the Scotch game, so called because it was first used in a team match - Edinburgh v London. The Allgaier gambit also originated in 1824. Not generally known is the fact that Allgaier was first with the idea of tabulating openings.

In 1843 Howard Staunton was rated the first player of Europe, his "Chess Player's Handbook" being published in 1847. He left his mark on chess literature by listing the openings systematically. Today his memory survives mostly in the beautifully sculptured chess sets which became standard under his name.

The second half of the 19th. century is notable as the era when the modern style of chess was initiated and developed. Andersson and later Morphy demonstrated that chess brilliance need not be built on opponents errors. They combined brilliance with soundness to establish their victories.

Prior to Morphy the gambling game was the vogue, sacrifices being readily made for nebulous attacks. Following Morphy came the school of Steinitz who beginning as an aggressive player finally came to love the defensive game. He has been accused of destroying the "brilliance" of chess but he succeeded to such an extent in refuting the illusion of unsound attacks that all late masters pay him homage by subscribing to his theories of play.

Certainly chess has gained and lost many features since the eighteenth century. Modern players have the advantage of the selected analysis of openings, end-games and planned traps of their brilliant predecessors. Unfortunately lost to them forever is the spirit of discovery, the endless thrill of planning and testing a new opening, the gratifying knowledge that a game is a struggle, from first to last, of untutored minds through uncharted channels.

Games played in Washington State tournaments show by their easy familiarity with standard opening play that study is a primo requisite in modern chess. This condition however, is not so apparent in recorded games up to the time of Morphy.

From the Record by Wade  
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Fans may find a summary of the first season of the Puget Sound League interesting. This information is from "Puget Sound Chess News".

	TAC.	SEA.	EVT.	U.W.	BREM	BAIN	SKAG	Q.A.	W	L	D
TACOMA	X	6	5½	5	7	8	7½	6½	6	0	1
SEATTLE	4	X	8	won	8½	7½	7	10	6	1	0
EVERETT	4½	2	X	5½	6½	6	8½	10*	5	2	0
U. of WASH.	5	lost	4½	X	7	6	5	6½	3	2	2
BREMERTON	3	1½	3½	3	X	7½	?	?	3?	4?	0
BAINBRIDGE	2	2½	4	4	2½	X	5½	?	2?	5?	0
SKAGIT	2½	3	1½	5	?	4½	X	6½	1?	5?	1
Q. ANNE	3½	0	0*	3½	?	?	3½	X	0?	7?	0

\* Forfeit. The "Puget Sound Chess News" ceased to exist before the last round was played. Therefore, the scores of the Seattle - U.W., Q. Anne - Bremerton, Bainbridge - Q. Anne, and Bremerton - Skagit are not known. The only reason I know that Seattle won from the U. of W. is because I played in that match.

I am grateful to Mrs. (mistress not miss!) Collins, Holmes and also Coubrough for the following:

Tacoma won their last round scrap from Everett the hard way. Taro and his mates were ahead 4½ - ½ and then Tacoma won 5 to win the match! Holmes split with Taro, Hewitt and Power each scored one, ditto Creque and Tweeddale Sr., the same with Collins and Naas but Hultman scored ½ points over Hildenbrand to give Tacoma victory.

The big crucial of course was the clash between Tacoma and Seattle with the winner being almost a cinch to win the championship. In this match Tacoma's Crain split with Joachim, Holmes scored ½ over Bickford but Seattle's Weissenborn scored ½ over Hewitt, Creque of Tacoma split with Tracy and Collins won both games over Seattle's Fredrickson.

Some of the players who made up the teams participating in the 1st season of Puget Sound League play are as follows in order of strength: Tacoma-Holmes, Collins, Coubrough, Hultman and Fenton. Seattle-Sheets, Howard, Fredrickson, Tracy and Forray. Everett-Taro, Power, Naas and also Hildenbrand and Husby. U. of Wash.-N. A. Roberts, Fletcher, Au-Yong, Oles and R. King. Bremerton-Magerkurth, Stauffer, Rehberg, Johnson and Sabin. Bainbridge-Jack Nourse, Henry, Hagen, Norman and Webster. Skagit-Gnagey, Gordon, Brandstrom, Thurmond and Eichman. Queen Anne-H.H. Roberts, Hazen, Ring, Brewster and Raleigh. Bob Neale and V. Bever later fortified the Q. A. team, Dightman, Bickford, Joachim, and Schmoyer helped Seattle and there were many others as the summaries of the Tacoma-Seattle and Tacoma-Everett matches above indicate.

This all took place during the first season of PSL play back during the years 1946 and 1947. Every year the faint-hearted ones bleated out "This is the end" but nevertheless the PSL has continued.

The Feb. 1947 Puget Sound Chess News was the last one to my knowledge. There was a gap of a few months and then the first of Taro's "Everett Chess Letter" in July, 1947. Just six years ago.



# F. M. HOWARD WEST SIDE KING

PLAYER	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	SCORE
1. F. M. HOWARD	XX	--	10	11	--	10	10	11	01	--	11	--	--	11	11	11	16 - 4
2. WOODWARD	--	XX	1½	10	--	10	11	--	--	1-	--	--	11	--	--	--	8½ - 2½
3. VUKONICH	01	0½	XX	1½	--	--	--	--	11	--	--	1-	--	--	--	11	8 - 3
4. THOMAS	00	01	0½	XX	--	11	--	10	11	10	11	--	--	--	--	--	9½ - 6½
5. FROUT	--	--	--	--	XX	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	--	--	2 - 0
6. BRANDAL	01	01	--	00	--	XX	10	10	01	--	10	--	--	--	10	--	7 - 9
7. F. C. HOWARD	01	00	--	--	--	01	XX	--	00	--	--	--	--	11	--	01	5 - 7
8. SCHRANK	00	--	--	01	--	01	--	XX	11	10	01	--	--	--	--	--	6 - 6
9. MAGE	10	--	00	00	--	10	11	00	XX	11	--	01	--	00	--	11	9 - 11
10 BROTHERTON	--	0-	--	01	--	--	--	01	00	XX	--	--	--	--	--	--	2 - 5
11 CHAMBERLAIN	00	--	--	00	--	01	--	10	--	--	XX	--	--	10	--	--	3 - 7
12 WINTERS	--	--	0-	--	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	XX	--	--	--	--	1 - 2
13 HEMSTAD	--	00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	XX	10	--	--	1 - 3
14 VERT	00	--	--	--	00	--	00	--	11	--	01	--	01	XX	--	--	4 - 8
15 KEMP	00	--	--	--	--	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	XX	--	1 - 3
16 WALSH	00	--	00	--	--	--	10	--	00	--	--	--	--	--	--	XX	1 - 7

It appears like the day of round-robin chess tournaments is over! This and the Seattle Club tourney end unfinished. The Bellevue tourney summarized in last month's WCL was also incomplete.

The West Seattle Chess Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday eve of each month at the High Point Recreation Center. Everyone invited.

## PASCO DRUBS SPOKANE IN MATCH

	<u>PASCO</u>	<u>SPOKANE</u>	
	14½	5½	
Dr. Max Baumwell (Pasco)	1	1	
1. Richard Greenwood (Spokane)	0	0	
George Asonavich (Pasco)	1	½	
2. William Voget Jr. (Spokane)	0	½	
C. Groot (Pasco)	1	1	
3. Ray Kromer (Spokane)	0	0	
Russell Blackler (Pasco)	0	1	
4. Robert Higginson (Spokane)	1	0	
Capt. Henry Jackson (Pasco)	1	1	
5. P. H. Neuman (Spokane)	0	0	
Roger Spencer (Pasco)	0	1	
6. Dr. G. H. Parker (Spokane)	1	0	
H. J. Tedro (Pasco)	1	0	
7. Mahlon Bailey (Spokane)	0	1	
Charles Morrison (Pasco)	0	0	
8. Lester Greenwood (Spokane)	1	1	
Beryl Arbogast (Pasco)	1	1	
9. Dean Denison (Spokane)	0	0	
Del Klaus (Pasco)	1	1	
10 Robert Dycus (Spokane)	0	0	

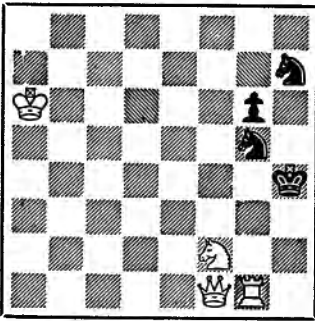


"My husband is getting in condition for a chess game."

This match was played on July 26. Dr. Parker had to get two substitutes the night before the match and another man failed to show on the day of the match.

## No. 1 - PROBLEM

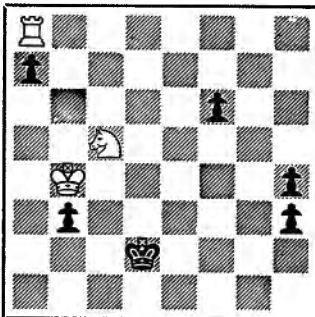
G. H. Braithwaite  
(Chess World)  
BLACK - 4 Pieces



WHITE - 4 Pieces  
White mates in two

## No. 2 - ENDGAME

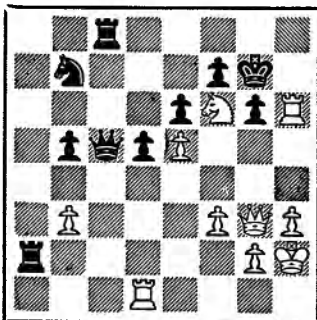
R. Reti  
BLACK - 6 Pieces



WHITE - 3 Pieces  
White plays and wins

## No. 3 - POSITION

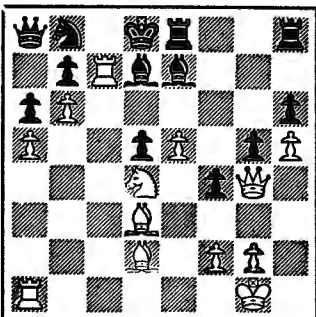
R. Reti  
BLACK



WHITE  
M. Monticelli  
White mates in at most  
8 moves

## No. 4 - POSITION

A. Hakansson  
BLACK



WHITE  
A. Nimzowitsch  
White mates in 2 moves

# DIAGRAM PAGE

## THIS MONTH'S CHESS GEMS.

No. 1. An original problem from the April, 1946 "Chess World" (Australia) by a New Zealand composer - G. H. Braithwaite. The key is good, and the pen-model excellent.

No. 2. Another from the favorite endgame composer, Richard Reti. Not one of his best, but still a masterpiece.

No. 3. In which the above-referred to master gets the worst of it!! Delaying tactics are his only solace. Played at Budapest, 1926.

No. 4. Played at Kristianstad, 1922. Easy but neat.

## JUNE SOLUTIONS.

No. 1. Black helps White mate in two.  
1.....K-R1; 2. K-B3, P-N8 (B)!!; 3. K-N3 mate.

No. 2. White moves first forcing Black to mate in two. 1. B-B6 ch. KxB; 2. O-O, N-B6 mate; or 1.....K-Q3; 2. O-O-O, N-Q6 mate!

No. 3. From the game Steiner vs. Purdy. I hope you noticed the diagram gives the position before Black's last move of 21.....Q-B7??? 22. N-B6! and wins the exchange, unless Black gives up his Queen for Rook and Knight by QxR ch! Thereafter he might put up a strenuous resistance.

No. 4. A fine combination. 22. BxP ch!!, KxB (if.....RxB, 23. P-K6! wins.) 23. P-K6ch!, KxP;

If instead.....K-K1; 24. Q-B6 ch, K-K2; 25. Q-B7 ch, and now either:

I. - 25....K-K1; 26. P-K7, QxP; 27. KR-K1, B-K3; 28. RxR ch. etc., or

II. - 25...KxP; 26. QR-K1 ch, K-B3; 27. Q-B6 ch., K-B2; 28. Q-K6 mate!

24. QR-K1 ch., K-Q2 (If to B3, mate follows as in II above.) 25. R-B4!!, Resigns.

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	52A-3A		Points		52A-4B		Points
Bever	1 Cairncross	0	44	Mulford	1 Howard	0	34

	52A-3B				53A-1B		
Bever	1 Husby	0	16	Coubrough	1 Wade	0	14

	52A-4A		Points
Coubrough	$\frac{1}{2}$ Husby	$\frac{1}{2}$	50
Mulford	1 Coubrough	0	66
Mulford	1 Husby	0	14

Quite a shakeup in the A section. That ambitious Mulford displaced Coubrough in second place and Bever advances from 7th to 5th place.

No, that big thud you heard wasn't an atomic blast, just your postal editor dropping from second to fifth place in the B section.

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