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The next major tournament in the Northwest will be the Montana State Open at Missoula, on May 14 and 15.

Commencing 1 pm Saturday in the Palace Hotel, the tourney will be a 5 round Swiss system.

Herbert ANDERSON, of Missoula and secretary of the Montana State Chess Association, invites the WCF members to participate and promises an interesting tourney to those able to make the trip.

Editorial

The Washington Chess Letter is dedicated to the promotion of chess and is for the convenience and enjoyment of the reader.

As official organ of the WCF we try to include all chess news in the Northwest or of interest to the reader. However, there sometimes is not included information you are interested in primarily because you did not pass the word to the CHESS LETTER. In order to best serve you we need your HELP!

Therefore please forward to the WCL any comments or information that you feel can help.

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WARNER EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAMPION

BY DR. PARKER

EUGENE (TED) WARNER won the second annual Inland Empire Open Tourney with a fine $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score. After drawing with GORDON CORNELIUS in the first round, he breezed through HANSEN, BAUMAN, FARRELLY, SCHAIN and won from WADE by time forfeit. By right of his residence in Richland he also becomes Eastern Washington Champion.

ROBERT DYCUS, 18 year old Spokane high school student, astounded everyone, including himself, by winning a clear second place with 5-1. He was aided by the luck of the draw but played good chess throughout his games. His score gave him the Junior Inland Empire Open Championship.

Seattle's reputation was upheld by DAN WADE who finished third. GORDON CORNELIUS and ROBERT KITTEDGE, both of Spokane, tied WADE with $4\frac{1}{2}$ but placed fourth and fifth. Sixth went to GERALD SCHAIN of Seattle.

Taking home money for heading the second half of the standings were HORTON THOMPSON, Kendrick, Idaho; RUSSELL BLACKLER, Milton-Freewater, Oregon; and DON EILMES, Spokane.

TED JAMES, Pullman and JOHN HARTMAN, Spokane placed second and third in the junior group.

Surprises and upsets were a dime a dozen in this tournament. Besides Dycus' showing, WILLIAM BILLS fell victim to an 11 move mate by JAMES FARRELLY, a sergeant at Geiger Field. DR. MAX BAUMWELL, last year's champion, lost to WADE and BILLS and allowed KITTEDGE to get a stalemate when he had a rook and two pawns against a rook.

Out of state players with good 4-2 scores were C. J. D. BAUMAN, Herrer, Oregon and PAUL SHANLEY, Deer Lodge, Montana.

This tournament established a new record for a state major rated tournament with 40 entries. Only the Spokane city event of 1955 with 42 competing, surpasses it. Included in the entry list were players from 4 states. Oregon, Idaho and Montana were the states represented in addition to Washington.

The new Coons System of pairings was used for the first time in the state and worked fairly well. The entries were divided into 4 separate groups, according to known or estimated playing strength. Players in the same group were paired in the first round. This assured the stronger players they would not meet a very weak player and lose out on tie-breaking points as a result.

In the second round, players in groups one and two were paired by equal scores. The same was done for the other two. The third round brought one and three together and two and four. After the third round the groupings were ignored. Another advantage for the stronger players was the fact they did not meet another of their group until the fourth round. An effort was made to avoid pairing players from the same city when possible to do so. The Coons System of tie-breaking resolved all ties.

A disappointment for the Spokane contingent was the failure of LEON SVENSSON, Spokane

City Chess Champion, to compete. He became ill Friday night and did not feel well enough to play.

From the social angle, the banquet Saturday night was a welcome respite from the rigors of chess. DON DANIELS acted as toastmaster and called on RAY KROMER, Vice President of the Spokane Chess Club to welcome the visitors. He then asked RUSSELL BLACKLER, WILLIAM HOGE, HERBERT ANDERSON, TED WARNER and GERALD SCHAIN to tell what is doing chesswise in their localities. MRS. SVENSSON entertained by singing Swedish folk songs while dressed in native costume.

The final two rounds on Sunday were played in the luxurious quarters of the University Club at the Ridpath Hotel. The wonderful view made concentration on chess very difficult.

Criticism might be made of the too long time taken for making pairings between rounds. This was due to the unexpected absence of MRS. DOROTHY MCCrackEN, who so ably did the job last year, and to the unexpected and unprecedented deluge of entries. It was simply a case of the director having too much to do, while playing at the same time. Different arrangements will be made next year. A few errors in the early pairings were a result of the same cause.

Even though the smoke of battle has not yet blown away, Spokane is already making plans for a bigger and better Inland Empire Tournament in 1956.

TOURNAMENT NOTES by DAN WADE

In the last round, WARNER offered a draw to WADE in a complex position mistakenly believing he would win the tourney on tie-breaking points. Wade also believed this was the case so refused the offer. If he had

accepted, both he and Warner would have finished with 5-1 scores and WADE, not WARNER, would have won the tournament on tie-breaking points!!! You can well imagine the soaking a large towel would have received after the facts were made known! WADE got into serious time trouble in his search for a winning line and missed making his 40th move just a tick after his flag fell. Ironically, it was the only game where clocks were used. Credit WARNER with an assist from the character who said WADE had to win as a drawn game would leave him in second place.

JERRY SCHAIN lost only to WARNER on the adjudication rule which seems unfair in some complex positions. It is not only unfair to the loser but to the winner as it often leaves doubts as to the ability of the winner to actually win the game over the board. Unfortunately, the rule is necessary and also unfortunately, chess takes a lot of time in difficult games.

One Spokane player who has improved immensely is DON DANIELS. Last year he ended in the ruck, choking on the dust of 23 players ahead of him and scored only $1\frac{1}{2}$ points. This year he tallied 4-2, listing among his victims WILLIAM HOGE of Yakima who is a former Eastern Washington Champion.

GEORGE BISHOP of Seattle likes to play absent-mindedly with captured pieces laying beside the playing board. In some obscure manner, BISHOP found he was not only toying with captured pieces, but was holding his queen rook pawn which was supposed to still be at QR3! Since it was his turn to move, he had to move the pawn to R4. The game was at a crucial stage and HOGE rounced upon this break to win the game. BISHOP never recovered to show his true ability.

1955 INLAND EMPIRE OPEN PLAYED APRIL 23 - 24.

Place	Name	Home Town	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	Score	Coons
1.	Ted Warner	R	D4	W23	W11	W17	W6	W3	5½ - 1½	43.75
2.	Robert Dycus	Sp	W25	W28	L6	W21	W10	W11	5 - 1	36.80
3.	Dan Wade	S	W13	W12	W10	D6	W7	L1	4½ - 1½	43.40
4.	Gordon Cornelius	St	D1	W33	W37	D7	W18	D5	4½ - 1½	35.50
5.	Robert Kittredge	Sn	D27	W21	W28	D13	W8	D4	4½ - 1½	34.25
6.	Gerald Schain	S	W26	W29	W2	D3	L1	D9	4 - 2	38.35
7.	Jim McCormick	S	D9	W15	W35	D4	L3	W22	4 - 2	36.15
8.	Ray Kromer	Sp	W12	L14	W39*	W20	L5	W17	4 - 2	35.60
9.	William Bills	S	D7	W18	L17	W34	W13	D6	4 - 2	33.60
10.	Don Daniels	Sn	W30	W34	L3	W19	L2	W18	4 - 2	32.40
11.	C.J.D. Bauman	H	W37	W31	L1	W27	W17	L2	4 - 2	31.60
12.	Paul Shanley	DL	L8	L3	W36	W33	W30	W20	4 - 2	26.20
13.	Dr. Max Baumwell	WW	L3	W20	W30	D5	L9	W21	3½ - 2½	32.95
14.	George Bishon	S	L18	W8	L19	W29	D26	W27	3½ - 2½	27.95
15.	Harry Tamblin	H	W29	L7	L32	W24	D27	W26	3½ - 2½	26.25
16.	Ted James	P	L34	D22	L29	W31	W33	W28	3½ - 2½	21.90
17.	Jim Farrelly	Sp	W19	W39	W9	L1	L11	L8	3 - 3	36.20
18.	William Hoge	Y	W14	L9	W22	W26	L4	L10	3 - 3	33.00
19.	Horton Thomson	K	L17	W25	W14	L10	L22	W31	3 - 3	29.00
20.	Russell Blackler	MF	W33	L13	W31	L8	W23	L12	3 - 3	27.80
21.	Don Eilmes	Sn	W38	L5	W24	L2	W28	L13	3 - 3	27.60
22.	Jack Vhay	Sn	D35	D16	L18	W32	W19	L7	3 - 3	27.40
23.	Ralph Hansen	M	L24	L1	W38	W35	L20	W32	3 - 3	24.80
24.	William Voget	Sn	W23	L26	L21	L15	W29	W36	3 - 3	22.80
25.	Dr. Griff. Parker	Sp	L2	L19	L26	W40	W37*	W30	3 - 3	20.60
26.	Ed Lindstrom	Sn	L6	W24	W25	L18	D14	L15	2½ - 3½	29.85
27.	Robert Simon	TL	D5	W36	D34	L11	D15	L14	2½ - 3½	25.75
28.	John Hartman	Sn	W32	L2	L5	W39*	L21	L16	2 - 4	29.20
29.	Herbert Anderson	M	L15	L6	W16	L14	L24	W38	2 - 4	25.80
30.	John Downes	St	L10	W38	L13	W37	L12	L25	2 - 4	23.40
31.	Floyd Morris	St	W40	L11	L20	L16	W39*	L19	2 - 4	22.20
32.	James Burrows	Sn	L28	L37	W15	L22	W36	L23	2 - 4	20.80
33.	Dr. F.F. Potter	P	L20	L4	W40	L12	L16	W40@	2 - 4	18.00
34.	Bert Dickson	Hn	W16	L10	D27	L9	xx	xx	1½ - 4½	20.35
35.	Alfred Carter	Rt	D22	W40	L7	L23	xx	xx	1½ - 4½	13.15
36.	John Breakey	Sp	L39	L27	L12	W38	L32	L24	1 - 5	19.40
37.	Eric Thunberg	St	L11	W32	L4	L30	xx	xx	1 - 5	16.60
38.	Fred Gleeson	St	L21	L30	L23	L36	W40	L29	1 - 5	13.20
39.	Dr. Robert Smith	St	W36	L17	xx	xx	xx	xx	1 - 5	5.60
40.	Jack Frederic	Sn	L31	L35	L33	L25	L38	L33@	0 - 6	0.00

S Seattle

Sp Spokane

R Richland

H Hemmer, Oregon

DL Deer Lodge, Montana

WW Walla Walla

P Pullman

Y Yakima

K Kendrick, Idaho

MF Milton-Freewater, Ore.

M Missoula, Montana

TL Twin Lakes, Idaho

Hn Holden

Rt Ritzville

* Forfeit.

@ Mistake in pairings.

The meeting of many kindred chess souls, the playing in a real big tournament, and most important of all, a grand time, are the dividends you will receive playing in an Inland Empire Open Tournament.

Next year could easily be even a better show with your entry.

MINUTES OF WCF ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION

Held April 17th, 1955 at 329 Student Union Bldg., U. of W.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 P.M. by President KEN MULFORD.

Minutes of the previous annual meeting read and corrected. President MULFORD read the minutes of the special meeting of the Board held at Mt. Vernon on August 15th, 1954. Minutes approved as read.

The Treasurer's written annual report was read by the Secretary, and filed herewith.

DAN WADE gave an oral report for the Tournament Director.

OLIVER LAFRENIERE gave an oral report as Publicity Director.

KEN MULFORD gave an oral report as W. C. L. Publisher.

Moved and seconded that the Tournament Director shall decide whom shall be eligible to play in the State (closed) Championship Tournament and shall publish same before the State Open. Carried.

Moved and seconded that this Board resolve that the W. C. L. shall be published in the first part of the month and that the editor be requested to advance the publication date of forthcoming issues as much as he can each time until the goal is reached.

Amendment moved and seconded that the next issue be a two-month's issue. Amendment withdrawn. Original motion carried.

JOHN DEWITT was nominated for the Oscar Award. KEN MULFORD nominated. OLIVER LAFRENIERE nominated. JOHN DEWITT elected by ballot.

Moved and seconded that the expert rating list be limited to ten and that new ones be added to the top and the one on the bottom be dropped and thereupon listed as "Inactive Expert". Motion withdrawn.

Moved and seconded that Section 18 of the By-Laws be amended by an addition of a Par. 2 as follows: "An expert must repeat his qualification performance within five years or be deleted from the expert list. Carried.

Under Election of Officers, nominations were declared open for the Presidency. KEN MULFORD nominated and elected.

Nominations were declared open for Vice President. DR. G. PARKER of Spokane nominated and elected.

Nominations were declared open for Secretary. PETER HUSBY nominated and elected.

Nominations were declared open for Treasurer. W. H. RALEIGH was nominated and elected.

Nominations were declared open for Editor of the Washington Chess Letter. GERALD SCHAIN was nominated and elected.

Nominations were declared open for Tournament Director. JOHN DE-WITT, DAN WADE and VICTOR PUPOLS nominated. VICTOR PUPOLS elected.

Nominations were declared open for W.C.L. Publisher. KEN MULFORD was nominated and elected.

Nominations were declared open for Circulation Director. R.R. MERK was nominated and elected.

Nominations were declared open for Publicity Director. OLIVER LA-FRENIERE was nominated and elected.

Moved and seconded that the Inland Empire Open Tournament be considered a Major Washington Tournament.

Moved and seconded to postpone action on this motion until after the Inland Empire Open has been held. Motion lost.

Original motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the By-Laws be amended by striking paragraphs 4 and 5 of Section 16 and substituting for same the following: Par. 4. Prizes and Trophies in W. C. F. tournaments shall be awarded at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the By-Laws be amended by deleting Par. 2, of Sec. 13. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that the Publisher's purchase of a new stapling machine be authorized and paid for by the Treasurer. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a tournament director be elected for Eastern Washington to direct the Eastern Washington League, tournaments and the Inland Empire Open Tournament. Carried.

Nominations were declared open for Eastern Washington Tournament Director. DR. G. H. PARKER of Spokane nominated and elected.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

Members present:

Ken Mulford
Leslie Coubrough
Peter Husby
Max Bader
F. H. Weaver
Oliver LaFreniere

Victor Pupols
Gerald Schain
Dr. G. H. Parker
Dan Wade
W. H. Raleigh
L. W. Taro

signed P. Husby
Secretary



CHESS IN 'REVIEW'

The next FIDE Congress, with which will be combined the Interzonal Tournament to qualify challengers for the next World Championship, will open August 24, in Gothenburg, second largest city of Sweden. Sam Reshevsky, Arthur Bisguier, and Larry Evans, are reported to have plans to remain in Europe after the match with the USSR in June, and will appear in the Interzonal as US representatives.

Koltanowski, famous blindfold artist won all 8 games against the toughest competition to be found at Cleveland's "Chess Week". Appearing in Vancouver, B.C., however, he lost to Mrs. J.D. McLeod in the blindfold exhibition, and in the clock simultaneous was upset by M. Jur-sevskis and J.M. Taylor, while J.G. Prentice drew.

Sammy Reshevsky won all 30 games in a simultaneous exhibition at Salt Lake City. Among the last to concede defeat was 13-year old Mark Lundstrom, who received warm praise from the Grandmaster.

The USCF Amateur Championship is being revived, after a lapse of nine years, and will be held May 20-22, at the Mohegan Country Club, near New York City. Special \$3 a night rates have been arranged.

KANSAS (34 players)

1. Howard Ohnan	5½- ½
2. Lee Magee	5 - 1
3. James Catlis	4½-1½
4. R.B. Potter	4½-1½

KENTUCKY OPEN (18 players)

1. John Penquite
2. R.W. Shields
3. R. Bersbach

NEW YORK-MARSHALL

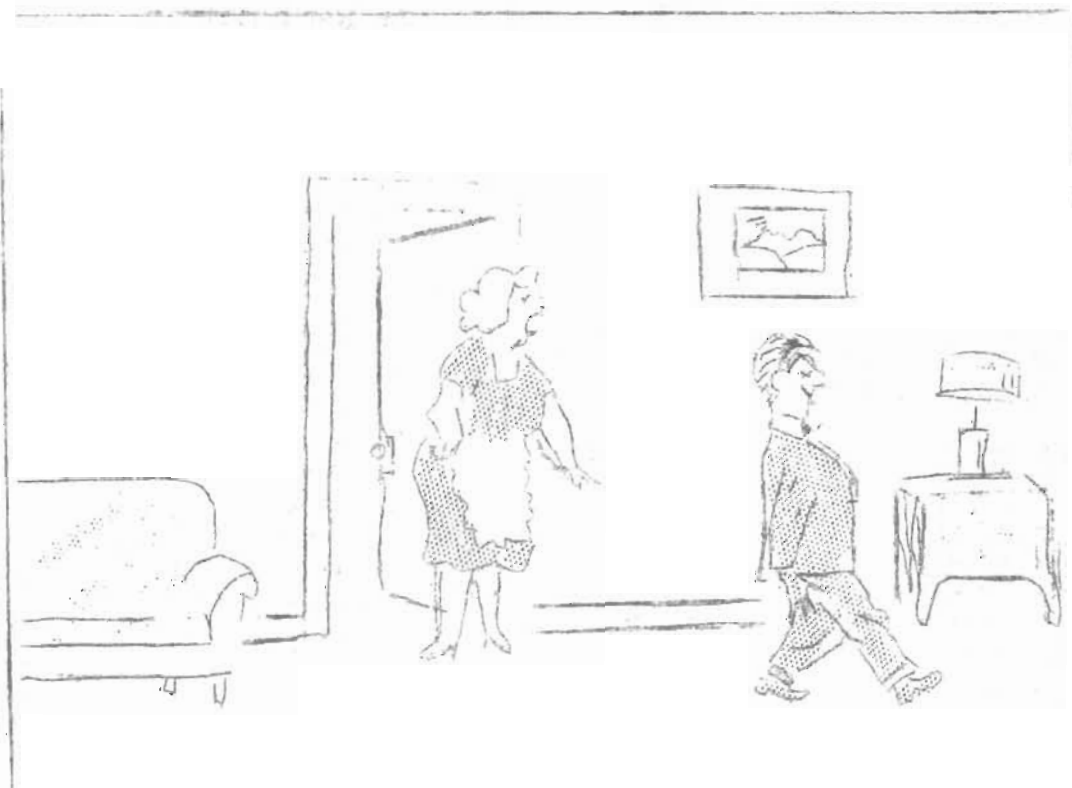
(1. William Lombardy	11½-2½
(2. Franklin S. Howard	11½-2½
(3. E. Mednis	9½-4½
(4. A. Saidy	9½-4½

Following the example of Cleveland and Milwaukee, the Toronto public schools have organized a chess program. The first School Championship had 139 entries from 16 schools.



State Champions 1954

Alabama	G.C. Bates	Nevada	Ben Greenwald
Colorado	Rudolf Petters	New York	W. Lombardy
California	H. Steiner	New Hampshire	Ralph Gerth
Connecticut	Jackson	New Mexico	Gene Shapiro
Deleware	M.R.Paul	North Dakota	William Steckel
District of Columbia	Herbert Avram	North Carolina	Geo. Krauss
Florida	N. Hernandez	Oklahoma	Dr. Bela Rosza
Illinois	Charles-Henin	Ohio	Frank Ferryman
Idaho	Maurice Gedance	Pennsylvania	Joseph Shaffer
Indiana	Paul Fisher	Rhode Island	Walter Suesman
Kansas	Carl Weberg	South Dakota	John Penquite
Louisiana	Fred Cummings	South Carolina	R.B. Hayes
Missouri	R. Steinmeyer	Texas	Blake Stevens
Minnesota	K.N. Pedersen	Utah	Irvin Taylor
Maryland	Richard McConas	Vermont	Mrs. Donald Belcher
Massachusetts	Harry Lyman	Washington	William Bills
Michigan	L. Dreibergs	West Virginia	Don Burdick
New Jersey	Walter Shipman	Wisconsin	Averill Powers



"Frankly, I dont believe you HAVE been at the chess club."

Games

BY WADE

1955 WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPION -
SHIP FINALS TOURNAMENT 10/23/'54

V. PUPOLS

T. WARNER

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|-------------|----------|
| 1. P-QB4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. N-QB3 | P-K4 |
| 3. N-B3 | N-B3 |
| 4. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 5. NxP | B-B4 |
| 6. B-K3 | BxN |
| 7. BxB | NxB |
| 8. QxN | O-O |
| 9. P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 10. B-K2 | KR-K1 |
| 11. O-O | Q-K2 |
| 12. QR-K1 | B-Q2 |
| 13. P-KB4 | B-B3 |
| 14. B-B3 | Q-Q2 |
| 15. P-QN4 | P-QN3 |
| 16. R-Q1 | QR-Q1 |
| 17. KR-K1 | B-N2 |
| 18. Q-B2 | N-N5 |
| 19. Q-N3 | P-KB4 |
| 20. P-KR3 | N-R3 |
| 21. P-K5 | BxB |
| 22. QxB | R-K3 |
| 23. N-N5 | R/1-K1 |
| 24. NxRP | Q-R5 |
| 25. N-B6 | PxP |
| 26. RxP | N-B2 |
| 27. RxR | RxR |
| 28. N-Q8 | R-Q3 |
| 29. RxR | NxR |
| 30. Q-Q5ch. | K-R1 |
| 31. P-B5 | PxP |
| 32. PxP | Q-R4 |
| 33. Q-K5 | Q-R1 |
| 34. PxN | Resigns. |

When Pupols is good, he is
very good. A very pretty game.

O. ULVESTAD

V. PUPOLS

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | N-KB3 |
| 4. B-N5 | P-B3 |
| 5. P-K3 | QN-Q2 |
| 6. Q-B2 | B-N5 |
| 7. PxP | KPxP |
| 8. B-Q3 | O-O |
| 9. N-K2 | P-KR3 |

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|-----------------|--------|
| 10. P-KR4 | R-K1 |
| 11. B-B4 | N-B1 |
| 12. O-O-O | P-B4 |
| 13. P-B3 | P-B5 |
| 14. B-B5 | BxB |
| 15. QxB | Q-Q2 |
| 16. P-N4 | QxQ |
| 17. PxQ | K-R2 |
| 18. P-R5 | N/1-Q2 |
| 19. N-N3 | N-N3 |
| 20. KR-K1 | BxN |
| 21. PxB | N-R5 |
| 22. K-B2 | P-QN4 |
| 23. R-QN1 | P-R3 |
| 24. P-K4 | R-R2 |
| 25. P-K5 | N-Q2 |
| 26. N-B1 | N-B1 |
| 27. N-K3 | R-Q2 |
| 28. KR-N1 | N-N3 |
| 29. N-N4 | R-N2 |
| 30. BxP | R/1-N1 |
| 31. B-B4 | R-R1 |
| 32. P-R6 | P-N3 |
| 33. N-B6ch. | K-R1 |
| 34. P-K6 | N-R2 |
| 35. B-K5 | NPxP |
| 36. NxN dis.ch. | KxN |
| 37. R-N7ch. | K-R1 |
| 38. RxP dis.ch. | K-N1 |
| 39. R-N1 mate. | -- |

Ulvestad the ripper!

R. EDBERG

R. VELLIAS

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| 1. F-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3. N-B3 | B-N5 |
| 4. B-B4 | O-O |
| 5. P-Q3 | P-Q4 |
| 6. PxP | NxP |
| 7. B-Q2 | NxN |
| 8. PxN | B-Q3 |
| 9. P-KR3 | B-KB4 |
| 10. O-O | N-B3 |
| 11. P-QR4 | N-R4 |
| 12. B-R2 | F-K5 |
| 13. N-Q4 | B-N3 |
| 14. P-QB4 | P-QB4 |
| 15. N-N5 | B-K4 |
| 16. R-B1 | PxP |
| 17. PxP | N-B3 |
| 18. P-B4 | B-Q5ch. |
| 19. K-R1 | BxP |

20 NxB	NxN
21 R-KB2	R-K1
22 Q-N4	B-B4
23 Q-R5	P-KN3
24 Q-R6	B-K5
25 P-B5	BxBP
26 B-N5	Q-Q3
27 R-Q1	Q-B1
28 Q-R4	R-K3
29 B-B6	R-K5
30 Q-N5	R-K7?
31 BxN	P-B3
32 Q-N3	RxB
33 RxB	PxB
34 Q-B4	Q-N5
35 QxQP	R-K1
36 R-N2	R-K8ch.
37 RxB	QxRch.
38 K-R2	Q-K2
39 Q-Q5ch.	B-K3
40 RxB	Q-K1
41 Q-QN5	B-Q2?

Last ditch hope for a swindle! If 42 QxB?? Black replies with Q-K4ch. and gets a draw.

42 RxB Resigns.

V. PUPOLS

R. EDBERG

1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. N-QB3	N-KB3
4. B-KN5	B-K2
5. P-K5	KN-Q2
6. P-KR4	P-QB4
7. BxB	QxB
8. N-N5	N-N3
9. N-Q6ch.	K-Q1
10 PxB	KN-Q2
11 P-QB4	NxKP
12 PxB	PxB
13 B-K2	B-K3
14 Q-N3	Q-B2
15 N-B3	NxNch.
16 BxN	N-B3
17 R-Q1	K-K2
18 BxB	Q-R4ch.
19 K-B1	QR-N1
20 BxB	PxB
21 Q-N3	Q-R3ch.
22 K-N1	KR-N1
23 Q-N5ch.	K-Q2
24 N-N5ch.	K-B1
25 Q-K3	N-Q1
26 Q-Q3	Q-B3
27 NxPch.	K-B2
28 NxQ	KxN

29 Q-Q6ch., K-N4; 30 Q-N6ch., K-B5; 31 P-R5, P-K4; 32 R-R4ch., Black resigns. Sheer butchery!

R. VELLIAS

V. PUPOLS

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. B-B4	N-KB3
3. N-KB3	N-B3
4. N-N5	P-Q4
5. PxB	P-QN4
6. B-B1	NxP
7. BxB	B-N2
8. P-Q4	PxB
9. O-O	B-K2
10 N-KB3	O-O
11 BxN	BxB
12 NxP	B-N2
13 N-B5	KB-B3
14 Q-N4	B-B1
15 Q-B3	Q-Q2
16 N-K3	N-N3
17 N-Q2	P-B4
18 N-K4	B-K2
19 R-Q1	Q-K3
20 N-N3	Q-N3
21 N/K3-B5	B-B3
22 R-Q6	N-B5???
23 N-K7ch.	Resigns.

Rather amusing.

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1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxB
4. NxP	N-KB3
5. N-QB3	P-Q3
6. B-K2	P-KN3
7. P-KR3	B-N2
8. B-K3	O-O
9. O-O	P-Q4
10 PxB	NxP
11 NxN	QxN
12 NxN	PxN

Exit the knights!

13 B-B3	Q-B5
14 Q-Q3	B-QR3
15 KR-Q1	BxNP
16 QxQ	BxQ
17 BxBP	QR-B1
18 QR-N1	B-B3
19 B-B3	BxRP
20 R-N7	P-QR3
21 R-R7	B-B5
22 B-N7	B-K7?
23 R-Q2	B-QN4
24 BxR	RxB
25 B-N6	P-K3
26 B-K3	B-B6
27 R-Q1	B-K4
28 B-R6	B-KB3

29 P-QB4, BxB; 30 R/1-Q7, R-N1; 31 QR-N7, RxB; 32 Draw.

SEATTLE CHESS

By Wade

ROBERT BRIEGER COILING SOON!

ROBERT BRIEGER of Texas is expected to take up residence in Seattle about June 19th. He is one of the Southwest's strongest players, ranking about even with State Champ Bill Bills, and will add even more strong competition to the Greater Seattle area.

SEATTLE C.C. 30-30 CHAMPIONSHIP

In honor of Brieger, we will hold a tourney for the 30 - 30 chess championship of the chess club. Conditions will be: 1. All contestants must be paid up members of the club with the exception of the guest of honor. 2. It will start at 10 A.M. Sunday the 26th of June. 3. It will be a five round Swiss. 4. Entry fee will be \$2 cash. 5. If a player is behind in his dues, arrives after the starting deadline of 10 o'clock or is listed as a non-paying or honorary member, he is not eligible for this tournament.

In order to furnish the new comer with adequate competition, it is urged that all of the top ranking player such as NOLAND, BILLS, MOLFORD, SCHAIN, VELLIS, PUPOLS, BISHOP, WADE, DEWITT and several others get into this 30-30 tournament.

FRANKLIN WINS TWO HIGH SCHOOL CHESS MATCHES, 9 - 6 AND 4 - 1

Recently, the Franklin High school of Seattle chess team defeated Cleveland and Lincoln of Seattle chess teams.

The Franklin wood pushers defeated Cleveland first in a 7 board match by a 9-6 score and later defeated the Lynx in a 5 board match, 4-1.

No chess league exists in the Seattle High Schools this year but Franklin has sent out challenges to other city high schools.

DAVID BUTTS, Seattle Chess Club member, is the team captain and supplied this writer with the story. Summaries follow but unfortunately names of the opposition were not obtained.

Franklin		CLEVELAND
Ralph Billings	2	0
Bob Mar	1½	½
David Butts	5	0
Phillip Barto	2	0
Carl Nickerson	1½	1½
Eddie Hirota	0	2
Carl Wong	0	2
	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

Franklin		Lincoln
Ralph Billings	1	0
Bob Mar	1	0
David Butts	1	0
B. Hitchens	1	0
David Smith	0	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

JIM SCHMITT ANSWERS JOHN NOURSE!

Some excerpts from Jim's letter follow: "...have devoured chess news from Northwest with interest. But there was one little item on page 9 that stuck in my craw - J. Nourse's implication that I have "belittled" Wash. chess as compared to that played in San Francisco. I don't believe I've ever belittled anybody's chess unless it be my own. S. F. chess is stronger which is a statement of fact and not meant to belittle Northwest chess. Jack judged S. F. chess from the perpetual board of only one S. F. club and even in the Mechanics C.C. many of the top players don't play for the board"

Chess International Due

WASHINGTON	YEAR	B. C.
Lost	1945	Won
43½	March, 1946	27½
38½	March, 1947	22½
11½ (A)	Aug., 1947	16½ (A)
33½ (B)		19½ (B)
15 (A)	1948	15 (A)
7 (B)		12 (B)
17½ (A)	1949	12½ (A)
18½ (B)		5½ (B)
17 (A)	1950	13 (A)
14 (B)		4 (B)
14½ (A)	1951	15½ (A)
9 (B)		17 (B)
11½ (A)	1952	18½ (A)
9 (B)		8 (B)
18 (A)	1953	12 (A)
8 (B)		9 (B)
22 (A)	1954	8 (A)
9 (B)		6 (B)

12th International ????????????

Section A - Wash. 6 won, 4 lost and 1 drawn match.

Section B - Wash. 5 won, 3 lost.

My report on past Internationals in the June, 1954 (page 6) WCL had one discrepancy in it. I reported the 43½-27½ victory in 1946 as the Third International. It was actually the Second. The Chess Review gave me the information necessary to almost complete the record. The score of the First International is still unknown but it is now understood that B. C. was the winner.

From the April, 1946 Chess Review: On March 27 a Washington State team defeated British Columbia 43½ to 27½.

April, 1947 Chess Review: Last month the 3rd mammoth match between Washington and British Columbia was played. The match,

played at Mt. Vernon, was won by Washington 38½ to 22½ although B. C. outscored Washington 8½ to 6½ on the top 15 boards. Dake defeated Ulvestad in an exhibition game and Koltanowski was master of ceremonies.

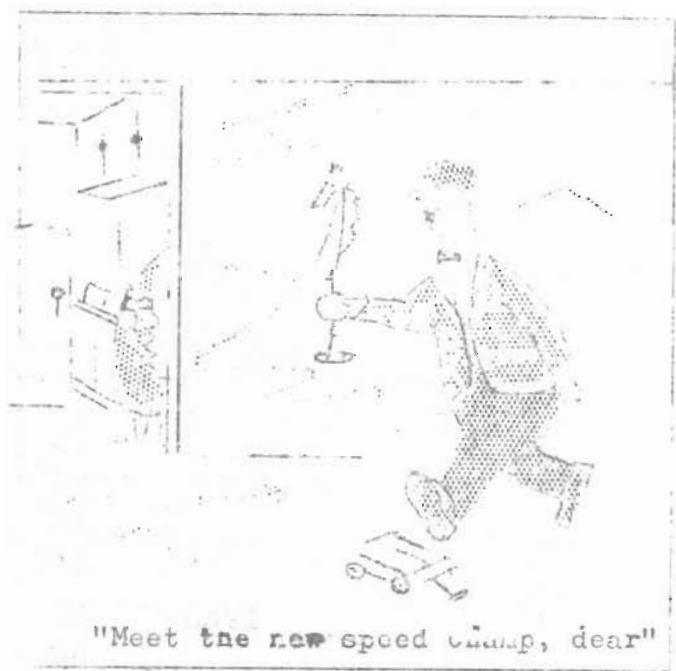
In Sept. 1947 Chess Review: Last month players from B.C. and Wash. State met at Blaine Park for the 4th in their series of international matches. Appropriately the chess boards straddled the border passing under the Blaine Peace Arch. It was a gala occasion conducted in care-free, picnic spirit despite the "serious business" at hand. At the close of the day, the Canadians had won the match 16½ to 11½ (I never found out how 2 adjudicated games ended!) and this squared the series at two all.

Washington salvaged some glory by swamping the Canadians 33½ to 19½ in a secondary contest. A novel touch was added by the presence of newsreel camera men who photographed the festivities. Much of the credit for the organization of the U.S. end of these affairs belongs to R. C. CANNON and his tireless co-workers who helped make the whole thing possible. They can feel proud of their efforts to cement international good will with our neighbor up north.

So much for history. The future now causes some concern. The location and the date of the 12th International are still unknown. The outcome of the match depends on the reader. Will you attend? Neither side has ever won three matches in a row. We won the past two. B. C. may be thirsting for revenge.

Chess News

Winner of the Mar del Plata Tournament in Argentina was Boris Ivkov, 22, who won the junior world championship when he was 17, and has been a regular on the almost always victorious Yugoslav team ever since. In this tournament he remained within a half-point of first place until drawing up even with Miguel Najdorf in the 10th round, and then going ahead by defeating O.Panno, while Najdorf drew with Szabo.



The return match, US vs USSR will begin June 29, and continue for 4 rounds on alternate days in Moscow. Russia can be expected to field such stars as Botvinnik, Smyslov, Bronstein, Keres, Averbach, Geller, Kotov, Petrosyan and Taimanov. The U.S. team will be Reshevsky, Evans, Bisguier, Donald and Robert Byrne, Horowitz, and Max Pavey. Two more will be chosen in a qualifying tournament between Kashdan and Steiner and between Kevitz and Sherwin. A nice dispute arose in early rounds of the Kevitz-Sherwin tournament in which Ed Lasker and Willy Lombardy joined. The Sherwin-Lombardy game ended in a double-forfeit because both players went over-time without keeping their scores up-to-date. Sherwin had gone over first, but Lombardy was so short of time he'd stopped keeping score, so could not claim the forfeit. So the game is to be replayed.

A system for scientific pairing and tie-breaking in Swiss tournaments has been devised by Everett A. Coons of Pittsburgh, and is expected to solve the problems arising in the Swiss System. The Coons method is discussed in the March and April Chess Review. Controlled pairing calls for four groups of known ability. Unknown ability is included in the third group. In the first round players are matched within their own groups. In the next two rounds against like scores in other groups. This sifts down the unknowns, unrateds, and those having extra good or bad tournaments, and the control then ceases. The tie-breaking method is so effective that it broke a 7 way tie in the Albuquerque City Tournament of 12 entrants.

chesschat

Do you play at chess? Do you feel that to become proficient at this ageless game requires an endless amount of patience, study and cogitation—in short, more time than you can afford?

Time is no longer the problem. Principles that earlier players discovered long ago have been concentrated to pill form.

The experience that comes with practice is still invaluable; but, in contrast with other sports, the period of noviceship in chess has decreased sharply. The accent in chess, as anywhere else today, is on youth, and we may expect future champions to emerge from among those who start young.

A Junior World Championship is now held regularly for an eager younger generation; and these youngsters more than match the battle-hardened instincts of the old campaigners with their spirit. Watch this fast-moving game from the World's Tourney at Copenhagen:

White: KUPFERSTICH

Black: ANDREASSEN

1. P-K4 P-K4 2. N-QB3 N-KB3 3. B-B4 NXP

Black is planning to regain his piece with P-Q4; while White caring little for material, goes straight for the opponent's King.

4. Q-R5 N-Q3 5. B-N3 N-B3 6. N-N5

The oldest trap on the chessboard: the Fool's Mate—the mate with a Bishop-supported Queen on KB7—is the theme. It is very unusual to see such an elementary threat appearing in a World Championship game. But—the Knight is immune, any threat is effective if not countered properly, and the same theme occurs again and again and again.

6. P-KN3 7. Q-B3 N-B4 8. Q-Q5 N-R3 9. P-Q4 P-Q3
10. BxN B-K3

A modern motif becomes more and more apparent: instead of obvious recaptures (obviously impossible right now), stop, look, listen and make as many in-between moves as possible. The following sequence, revolving about the gain or regain of a piece, resembles two boxers trying to get in as many blows at each other as they can.

11. Q-B3 QBxB 12. BxB B-R5 13. B-N7 R-KN1 14. B-B6 Q-Q2
15. N-QR3 NXP 16. Q-R3 QxQ 17. NxQ NxPch 18. NxN BxN
19. R-QB1 B-K5 20. N-N5 BxP

The two opponents, having come out approximately even, rub themselves with wet towels and go at it with more vigor.

21. RXP!!

A stunning conception, which defies all adjectives. On Black's best replies, there is a forced mate in 26 moves.

21. BxR 22. NxBP B-Q4 (the only defense against
23. NxQPch K-B1 24. R-B7 mate) 23. NxPch K-B1 24. B-N5 R-R1
25. B-R6ch K-N1 26. R-N7ch K-B1 27. R-QB7ch K-N1 28. N-B8

This loses two moves, as the Knight will have to come back to Q6, and proves that chessplayers do not see 26 moves ahead. You still stand a chance.

28. B-B6 29. R-N7ch K-B1 30. RxNPch K-N1 31. R-N7ch K-B1
32. RxQRPch K-N1 33. RxR BxR 34. N-Q6!

Black resigns, although the execution of the mate is still 14 moves distant. Such foresight can be accounted for by observing that Black is just as well off as if he had no moves at all. White mates by marching his King to K7, pushing Pawn to QN5 to keep Black's Bishop out of QB3, and playing the Knight over to mate on KB6.

LET'S PLAY POSTAL

BY WADE

Postal chess is fun! Especially if you win! Imagine this writer's surprise when he saw his name at the top of the WCF postal standings in the last Chess Letter. Even more amazing was the fact he was 114 points ahead of the second place man. Not wishing such sterling players as Baron, Coubrough, Mulford and Cerretelli to give up hope, here is some GOOD NEWS for them! A slight mistake involving about 50 points was made. In section 54A-3B, this writer is given a win over F. H. Weaver (destined to do great things in our postal chess) This win credits the author of this piece with 42 points. Actually, the game was a draw and a very lucky draw at that. This draw gave the writer the championship of 54A-3A and 54A-3B sections. Weaver outscored the winner, $1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ but very happily (for the writer) lost once to Bever and once to Coubrough to ruin his chances for first.

So take up the hopeless pursuit, fellow postalites, my lead is only about 60 points (see the back cover).

	54A-3A	54A-3B	W	L	D	P.
Wade	X0111	X1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 11	5	1	2	6
Weaver	1X101	$\frac{1}{2}$ X011	5	2	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Coubrough	00X11	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1X11	5	2	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bever	010X1	000X1	3	5	0	3
Almond	0000X	0000X	0	8	0	0

The winner had to draw his final game with Weaver in order to win the section. Weaver had a win and the section championship in his pocket until he played P-K4 on his 45th move!

Wade	Weaver	5 P-Q3	B-K2
1 P-K4	N-KB3	6 N-K4?	N-QB3
2 P-K5	N-Q4	7 P-KB4	P-Q3
3 N-KB3	P-QB4	8 PXP	BxB
4 N-N5?	P-K3	9 B-K2	BxB

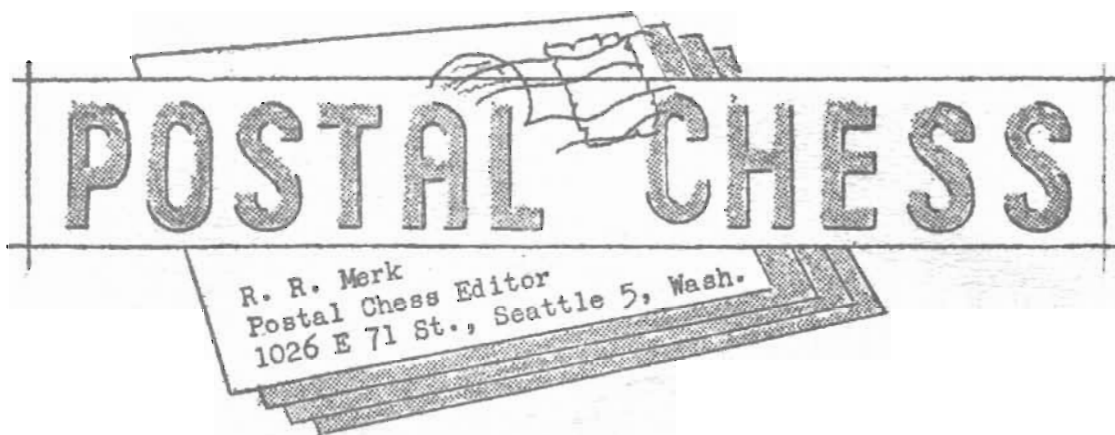
10 P-KN3	N-K6	31 B-K4	Q-R4
11 BxN	BxB	32 Q-N8ch.	B-B1
12 N-R3	N-K4	33 Q-N2	B-Q3
13 N-Q2	B-Q2	34 B-B3	P-R4
14 N/3-B4	NxN	35 K-B1	Q-B2
15 NxN	B-R3	36 K-N2	B-K4
16 B-B3	Q-B2?	37 Q-Q2	P-R5
17 BxP	R-QN1	38 Q-N5	K-N2
18 B-B3	B-QN4	39 B-K4	PxP
19 P-N3	BxN	40 PxP	Q-N1
20 NPxB	Q-K4ch.	41 Q-K3	Q-N7ch
21 K-B1	O-O	42 Q-B2	Q-R6?
22 K-N2	R-N7	43 Q-QB2	P-R4
23 R-K1	Q-B6	44 B-B6	B-N7
24 R-K2	Q-R6	45 B-N5?!	P-K4??
25 P-B3	QxBP	46 Q-N3	QxQ
26 R-N1	RxR/8	47 PxQ	P-B4
27 QxR	P-N3	48 B-B6	K-B3
28 R-N2	R-Q1	49 K-B3	P-N4
29 R-N8	Q-Q5	50 P-KN4	DRAWN
30 RxRch.	QxR	Black should have traded off queens and pushed his king through the center but P-K4 blocked the center.	

Dr. Almond forfeited all 8 of his games in 54A-3A and 3B. Things were getting fairly hot in 54A-3B when the Doc cashed in his chips.

Almond	Wade	8 O-O	N/2-B3
1 P-K4	P-QB4	9 N-N3	B-K2
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	10 B-Q2	P-QR4
3 P-QN4	PxP	11 N-K1	BxB
4 P-Q4	P-Q4	12 QxB	P-R5
5 P-K5	B-N5	13 N-B5?	NxQP
6 B-K2	P-K3	14 Q-N4	BxN
7 QN-Q2	N-K2	15 ?	

Black is a piece ahead and believes he can hold it and win. But White has 15 QxNP, R-B1; 16 P-N4, halting 16...N-B4; and we have a slam-bang game of great interest. Play would be difficult for White as he must keep up the onslaught. Black would be sorely pressed defending his king-side and bringing up defenders from the distant Q.-side.

Get into the big 1955 Postal Tournament. Pay \$2, win \$30.



In reporting completion of the game Wade vs Weaver in section 54A-3B Wade was given a win in error. The game was a draw. This error resulted in Wade gaining 42 points whereas he should have lost 8 points and Weaver lost 42 points where he should have won 8 points. Correction is made in this month's ratings.

In Section 54A-4A Taro wins from J. Nourse for a gain of 18 points. In Section 54B-1B Nelson took his game from Rauen for 76 points.

There have been a number of inquiries lately as to how we figure the points in our postal tournaments and we show below the table used.

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	
0	50	50	0	Column 1 represents the difference between ratings of opponents at the conclusion of a game. The actual difference is taken to the nearest 20. In case the difference is an even 10 we drop to the nearest 20 instead of going up. If the winner has the highest rating, the points won are found in column 2, if his rating is lower than his opponent then the points are found in column 3. In case of a draw the points are found in column 4 with the player having the highest rating losing points and his opponent gaining the same number of points.
20	48	52	2	
40	46	54	4	
60	44	56	6	
80	42	58	8	
100	40	60	10	
120	38	62	12	
140	36	64	14	
160	34	66	16	
180	32	68	18	
200	30	70	20	
220	28	72	22	
240	26	74	24	
260	24	76	26	
280	22	78	28	
300	20	80	30	For example: Flayer A with 1186 points wins from player B with 1058 points. The difference in ratings is 128 points. Since A has the higher rating we find the points in col 2 at the line in col 1 for the nearest 20 or 120 and A wins 38 points and B loses 38. If B had won then the points would be found in col. 3 and B would win 62 points and A would lose 62. If the game was a draw then the points would be found in col. 4 and the player with the higher rating, A in this instance, would lose 12 points and B would win 12 points.
320	18	82	32	
340	16	84	34	
360	14	86	36	
380	12	88	38	
400	10	90	40	
420	8	92	42	
440	6	94	44	
460	4	96	46	
480	2	98	48	
500	0	100	50	

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TOURNAMENT

1955 POSTAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

There is still time to get in the
CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Starting date has been moved up
to June 1, 1955 due to insuffic-
ient entreis. We must have 30
entries in each division or the
tournament will be called off.
If not enough entries are in by
June 1st fees now paid in will
be refunded. This tournament was
proposed because of a request by
some of you and if you want it,
send in your entries. There is
no point in having a tournament
without having a representative
number of contestants.

POSTAL CHESS RATINGS "A" Division

Wade	1658
Baron	1594
Coubrough	1590
Weaver	1588
Mulford	1586
Cerretelli	1549
Howard	1530
Luters	1502
Taro	1496
Kaffenberger	1492
DeWitt	1442
Bever	1419
Mage	1386
Vellias	1350
Magerkurth	1344
Knapp	1304
Husby	1300
Mac Patterson	1250
Allen, Lawrence	1250
Roats	1250
Carter	1250
Yocom	1222
Ferry	1214
Cairncross	1210
Nourse, Sid	1182
Nourse, J.	1132

"B" Division

Dickson	1332
Roberts, Don	1304
Skarsten	1268
Merk	1255
Waldron	1204
Allen, W.P.	1186
Rauen	1184
Falk	1172
LeFreniere	1170
Tresidder	1150
Southerland	1138
Moore	1137
Youngman	1090
Holland	1086
Nelson	1076
Allyn, Shirley	1050
Carpenter	1050
Davidson	1050
Laine	1050
Luberts	1050
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