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Save July 24th for the International at Blaine: Bring the family and picnic on the beautiful grounds under the Peace Arch. Just one game will be played per person but all who come can compete. Let's make it three in a row for washington State. See you at the Peace Arch!
H.E. YOCON, IN IEEMORIAII
H. E. Yooom passed away Sunday, Juno fth. Ernost made a host of good. frionds in choss while playing washington Postal and also Puget Sound Lcaguo matchos. Ernest played on tho Olympia tram for sovoral years. Boforc ill health confined him to his homo, Errest frequently made trips to Scattlo from his Contralia homo to play in WCF tournaments. His groatost success was in the 37-player 1951 Washington Open in which he placid 7 th with c. $4-2$ wonlost record.

This friendly competitor's loyal support of future chess ovents will bo missoc. He will not go unnoticed as ho made many choss frionds, some of many yours standing.

## UNITED STATES OPEN

In a lottcr to U .S. Chose Champion Arthur Bisguior with copies going to John Loonoy, AI Horowitz, A.W. Dako and Den Wade, Mr. John Aloxandor wrote tho following:
"I have boon authorizod by ir. John Loony of Long Bach to mako tho following statement regarding the prize funds to bo distributed at tho Open this summor.

While tho exact amount hasn't boon sottlad, it is hoped that tho first prize will bc a car or $\$ 1,500$. The absolute minimum for first will bo $\$ 1,000$. Other cash prizes will bo scald in proportion, with tho minimum for 20 th place to bo $\$ 50.00$.
"Tho amounts shown in tho last issue of Chess Lifo vire moroly tho goals sot by the Federation. Wo fool that it is important to pass this word around as an oncouragomont for players like yourself to make tho long and ox--
pensive trip.
"With best luck on tho Russian trip."

Roger dos,
John Aloxandor.
In a postscript ire Aloxandor writos (in part) "Dan, wo 're counting on tho whole of Washington coming dow to raiso up its (consorcd) ratings."

AN INTERIMATIONAL AT PEACE ARCH THIS TIME
Sunday, July 24, at ono pom. undor the Ponce Arch on tho Washington British Columbia bordor hoar BIaino is tho dato, time and location of tho Informational latch.

This will bo the 12 th in the sonios and Washington will be shouting at an unprcoodonted third straight win.

If you nocd transportation, bo at tho Sonttlo Chess Club, 616 Madison by 8:30 am. Sunday, July 24th.

## SEAFAIR CHESS TOURNAMENT

Only ono wok after the International, comes the Fourth Annual Soattlo Soafcir Tournomont. It will begin at 9 adm. Saturday, July Both at tho Soattlo Chess Club, 616 ivadison St. It will bo a two day, six round Swiss with 3 games ployod Satur day and 3 moro Sunday. July 3lst for each playor.

Entry foo will bc only $\$ 2.50$ with tho minor having his choice of a cash prize or a trophy.

## JOHN DEWITT LEAVES

Our formor oditor, John DeWitt, romjoined tho air force rooontly and lost roports placod him in Dayton. Ohio. How over ho is duo back in Soattlo soon on a fur lough with the object - matrimony.

## WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION

July 24. INTERNATIONAL. The traditional team match between Washington an British. Oblumbia, Canada. Begins l p.m. at the Peace Arch International Park id Blaine, Washington. One game. Entry fee $\$ 1.00$. Time limit 40 moves in two hours. Washington has a chance to win the trophy permanently by a third consecutive win. Every player in the state is expected to support state chess Sunday, July 24.

July 30, 31. SEATTLE SEAFAIR OPEN. The chess part of the Seafair celebration. Six round Swiss. Entry fee $\$ 2.50$. Begins 9 a.m. Saturday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison Street, Seattle. Time limit 40 moves in two hours. Prizes: First place has choice of cash or trophy, and other prizes for lower places.

September 9, 10. WASHINGTON WOODPUSHERS. (A11 WCF and USCF experts and masters are not allowed to enter.) Six round Swiss. Entry fee $\$ 1.00$. Begins 10 a.m. Saturday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison Street, Seattle. Time limit 30 moves in one hour. Prizes: First place wins a trophy, and other prizes for lower places. No state expert title is awarded to the winner.

October 1, 2. WASHINGTON STATE OPEN. The qualifying tourney for the state championship. Six round Swiss. Entry fee $\$ 3.00$. Begins 9 a.m. Saturday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison Street, Seattle. Time limit 40 moves in twa hours. Prizes: First place has choice of cash or trophy, and other prizes for lower places. The first four places, regardless of ties, will be seeded into state championship.

October 29, 30. STATE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. (Seeded event. Nasters Zemgalis and Ulvestad, and first four places of the State Open automatically qualified.. If more than six enter, the tourney will carry to the following weekend.) Single Round Robin. Entry fee $\$ 5.00$. Begins 9 a.m. Saturday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison Street, Seattle. Time limit 40 moves in two hours. Prizes: First place has choice of trophy or cash. Other prizes for lower places. Awards state title.

January 8. WISHINGTON SPEED TOURNAMENT. (Time limit: 10 seconds per move) Single Round Robin. Entry fee $\$ 1.00$. Begins $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Sunday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison Street, Seattle. Prizes: several cash prizes.

February-ijarch. PUGET SOUND OPEN and NORTHVEST MASTERS-EXPERTS TOURNAMENT. Possibly held in conjunction with each other and with a high entry fee to make up a large cash prize fund. Details later.

April 7, 8. WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR, (Age limit: under 2l) Five round Swiss. Entry fee \$2.00. Begins 1 p.m. Saturday at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison St., Seattle. Time limit 30 moves in one hour. Prizes: First place has choice of trophy or cash, and other prizes to lower places.

April-May. INLAND EMPIRE OPEN. (Eastern Washington Championship, but open to all) Held in Spokane. Details later.

Through the fall, winter, and spring tournament seasons the Puget Sound League and the Eastern Washington League matches will be held as scheduled later onweekends other than those on which major tournaments occur. There will be teams of five mer each, playing two games at each match at 40 moves an hour. All matches will commena at I p.m. Sundays. Further rules and details will be announced later when the final schedule is prepared.

Viktors Pupols, Tournament Director * * Oliver LaFreniere, Publicity Director

The Tournament Calendar printed on the opposite page, and to appear in modified form in every subsequent Washington Chess Letter until the end of the season is the continuation of a feature several years old. When Eob Stork was editor of WCL, he Thde it a practice to have the Tournament Director compile a complete calendar and ve it printed each month. It served to help save conflicts, made it possible to plan one's individual tournament intentions long in advance, and aided publicity considerably. The small size of West Coast tournaments has demanded a more efficient system of scheduling and publicity planning, and thus the Tournament Director and the Publicity Director have seen fit to operate together on these things.

In all tournaments except the International and the State speed the winner of each game must render to the Tournament Director a correct score of the game before credit will be given him for the game. The player of the white pieces will do the same in case of a draw. This is to assure a complete record of Washington tournament chess and to acquire the field of games in case brilliancy prizes may be awarded. The Tournament Director reserves the right to change any detail in any tournament announcement at any time. Complete details of round scheduling, etc., will precede each tournament in the Chess Letter.

We expect this coming tournament season, to begin with the International and then the Seafair, to be the biggest yet. All WCF tournaments will be rated in the National Rating System conducted by USCF, and this should be of some interest to the state experts. Watch your ratings !

## NEW WCF CONS TIT TUTION?

The constitution under which WCF now operates, the 'Wade constitution' (Dan labored many hours gathering it and all the changes of it from past Chess Letters.) printed in the May, 1954, Chess Ietter, is completely outdated and outmoded. It calls for tournaments that do not exist, does not properly define the roles of officers, leaves the president powerless, and even its first article is now erroneous. Worst of all the little things wrong with it is this: it sets up a system of oligarchic dictatorship for the government of chess in Washington.

New plans for a constitution, based primarily on the work done by a committee appointed for that purpose three years ago, envision a representative system of voting for the higher officers, and a general streamlining to make the constitution. more operative. We hope the new constitution will be adopted by special vote of the Executive Council before too long.

## WCF NOT AFFILIATED WITH USCF

Ever since the United States Chess Federation changed its rating system so that only affiliated organizations could have their tournaments rated, there had been talk among WCF officers about affiliation. But then USCF liberalized its affiliation program to the point that it is practical to be a member of USCF. It costs but $\$ 10$ a year, plus lo申 per actual game played in a tournament to have all tournaments rated. WCF will also be allowed to collect $10 \%$ on all USCF dues collected by our officers in this state, and can buy chess equipment and books at reduced prices.

In spite of these paying advantages, no definite action was taken on the project until June, when the Publicity Director circulated a petition among the members of the Executive Council. Affiliation was approved by a landslide vote, and the fee is in the mail now. Thus all Washington tournaments conducted by WCF will be 100\% USCF rated. The $10 \phi$ per game rating fee will not be added to tourney entry fees.

The U.S. Junior Charpionship will be held at Lincoln, Nebraska July 15 to 24. As a safeguard against "unusual" weather, all ganes will be played in the aix-conditioned Green Room of the local YMCA. Sone of the earliest registrants will get rent free roons in the homes of Lincoln Chess Club nembers. Lincoln is 1750 miles from Seattle and offers a variety of recreation. Registration should be addressed to A. Liepnieks, $135 \mathbb{N}$. 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The U.\&. Open Championship, August 8 to 20, offers a new 1955 Mercury as first prize, followed by cash prizes ranging from $\$ 1000$. for second, $\$ 750$ for third, to $\$ 50$ for $20 t h$ place. For hotels and neals at reasonable prices, contact J.P. Looney, Lincoln Park Chess Club, Long Beach,2, Calif. Long Beach is 1180 miles from Seattle. Sleeper busses cost about $\$ 30$ round trip. Seattle players Bills and Breiger plan to acompany Mr. and Mrs. Bdberg. Possibly other cars will make the trip from this area. Play will begin at 7 p.a. each day with a few exceptions. Entry fee of $\$ 15$ nust be paid by 1 p.r. August 8 at Municipal Recreation Center, 350 E. Ocean Blvd.

CONNECTICUT TITLE
$I$ Dr. Joseph Platz
2 Williman Newberry
3 Ted Edelbaum
4 Richerd Friedenthal
5 James Bolton

## KENTUCKY OPEN

1 Jack Mayer
2 Richard Shields
3 Andrew Mike
4 Edwin Cohen
5 Edward Schnitt
INDIANA TITLE
1 Enil Bersbach
2 Marvin Cox
3 D. O. Brooks
4 D. W. Johnson
5 W. H. Donnelly
SAN ANTONIO: BUCCANEER

1. Blake W. Stevens

2 R.B. Potter
3 Rabert Brieger
4 R.L. Garver
The Women's World Challengers: Tournanent to be held in Moscow in October will have the US represented by Mrs. Gisela Gresser, Mrs. Sonja Stevenson and Miss Mona Karff. They will have to meet winners of Russian tourneys in which 12,000 wonen participated.

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## AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS

KANSAS STATE
(21 players)

1. Bert Brice-Nash
2. Carl Weberg
3. William Mclaughlin
4. Richard Bauman
5. Roy Meister

## NORTH DAKOTA <br> (12 players)

1. James Bagwell.
2. George Kenny
3. Stanley Johnson
4. Gordon Anderson
5. Melvin Johnson

Massachusetts

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\text { ( } 12 \text { players) }
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1. John Curdo
2. Harry Lyman
3. Julius Keilson

BRITISH COLUMBIA

| 1. M. Jursevskis | $81 / 2-1 / 2$ |
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| 2. G. Zerkowitiz | $71 / 2-11 / 2$ |
| 3. L.M. Duval | $6-3$ |
| 3. J. M. Taylor | $6-3$ |
| 5. H. Ridout | $5-4$ |
| 5. Frank Fillery | $5-4$ |

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2. G. Zerkowitiz
3. L.M. Duval
4. J. M. Taylor
5. Frank Fillery
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$41 / 2-1 / 2$
$41 / 2-11 / 2$
$4-2$

Marshall C.C.
D. Byrne $1 / 2$ L. Evans $1 / 2$
S. Reshevsky 1 F. Howard e
A.S.Denker
A. Kevitz
I.Horowitz
M. Pavey
$4-1$
4-1
$31 / 2-11 / 2$
E. Schwartz

Dr. Suseman
W. Shipman
A. Turner
C. Pilnick 1 J.T.Sherwin $1 / 2$ K.Burger $1 / 2$ S. Wache 0 W. Lombardy 1 E. Mednis J.W.Collins
E. Hearst

"The machine announces checkmate in 17 moves."

By Wade

BILL BILLS BLITZ KING OF CLUB AGAIN
Choss clubs, like choss playors, are unpredictable. For wocks it was dead at 616 liadison. On Juno lath five playors join tho club. On Friday night, June 17 th, a good crowd shows up at, the club to play choss and not just to moot and go olsowhoro undor the impression they arc socking ontortainmont when actwally they are laving it:

The Juno 17th crowd included sevoral of tho city's stronger players and they craved action. A speed tournament was the answer starting at 8:15 and finishing at 11:30 pom. It was a kino round ten player round-robin with a player who had finishod his game taking on the next froe playor, provided they had not playod already. With these rules, a lively, fast-pa.ood interesting tourney followed.

WILLIAM BILIS, our Stato Champion, won the tournament with 7-2. Bills lost games to GEORGE BISHOF and JIM i AliIDON.

Bills soomod to bo making a. runaway of the ovent in the first few rounds but began to slip while slow startors bogon to gain ground. Bills nocdod every point as it was vary oloso at tho finish as HUGH NOLAND, GEORGE BISHOP, ALAN CLARK and GERALD SCHAIN all tiod for second place with 6-3 scores, only one game bohind Bills.

Our State Spood Champion, RUSSELL VELIIAS, dropped out after compiling a $2-3$ scoro. DANT WADE, tournament director, took his place and won 3 out of 4 to make the final Vollias-Wade total 5-4, or only ono game out of scoond place.

It was a case of foast or fomino in this tournament with the other players onduring very modest sooros. JIM AIfIDDON scorod $3 \frac{1}{2}-5 \frac{1}{2}$, FRANK RODNITE 3-6, WILIIAN GILLETTE $1 \frac{1}{2}-7 \frac{1}{2}$ and DAVID ERICKSON 1-8.

KAURICE HENION a.ctod as roforoo and timor helping out tho timor machine. Tho forfeit squack was racous enough but the move boll soomod. slightly worn out. Nr. Honion's services were most important.

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| 1. Bills | $x$ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2. Nolan | 0 | $x$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 3. Schain | 0 | 1 | $x$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 4. Bishop | 1 | 0 | 1 | $x$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5. Clark | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $x$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 6. Vollias | 0 | 0 | $0 *$ | 1 | 0 | $x$ | $1 *$ | $1 *$ | $1 *$ | 1 |
| 7. Amidon | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $x$ | 1 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 |
| 8. Rodnito | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $x$ | 1 | 1 |
| 9. Gillette | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | $x$ | 0 |
| 10 Erickson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | $x$ |

( * playod by Fado. )

## RUSSELL VELLIAS SEATTLE CLUB CHAMP

Vollias, winner of Division One of tho Seattle Chess Club Tourney defeated Wade, winner of Division Two. Vellias is the champion with $6 \frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{3}$ with the pelts of Pupols, Milford, Ring, Dr. Shophar, Erickson and Wado on his bolt. Club proxy Tod Davidson held tho champ to a draw.

Wade dofeated Bills, Edborg, MoCullooh, Romnord and Dr. Lewis before los ing to Dowitt and then again losing tho grand finale.


Play was swift with tho game lasting only ono hour and seven minutes.


Bob Edberg, a Seattle import to Tieton, a suburb of Yakima, won the 1955 Yakima Round Robin Tournament. He won 24 of his 27 games, drawing two and losing only one. He, was a favorite all through the tournament, and proved himself well. He took an or $y$ lead, but relinquished it to Eli Treisman about half way through. When the thuanic Treisman-Edberg match was played and Edberg won both games, there was little doubt as to the outcome. Edberg's sole loss was to William Hoge--an 81 move struggle lasting six hours and played in two sessions. On the tournament eve of May 9, Edberg had a narrow escape. Rolf Lavik had managed to survive a game with a bishop and knight advantage over a lone king. Unfortunately for Lavik, he couldn't remember how to mate and a draw was finally agreed upon.

Eli Treisman was defending champion in the seventeen player double round robin. Other champions in the tourney have been William $H$. Hoge and Oliver LaFreniere, Treisman was runner-up with 26 wins out of 30 games, and Hoge finished third with 24 wins out of 30 games. Complete final standings opposite.

The youngest player of the tournament was Terry Nelson, 15, who took fifth place. More was expected from him, actually, since he is among the group of famous Yakima juniors. Yakima is preparing three more juniors now, ages 10 , 11, and 11 . One of the eleven-year-olds shows definite promise. Seattle had better be on the watch!


| 1. | Bob Edberg | 24 | 1 | 2 | 93 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2. Eli. Treisman | 26 | 3 | 1 | 88 |  |
| 3. William H. Hoge | 24 | 5 | 1 | 82 |  |
| 4. Rolf Lavik | 23 | 5 | 2 | 80 |  |
| 5. Terry Nelson | 18 | 5 | 2 | 76 |  |
| 6. Frank Eurke | 21 | 9 |  | 70 |  |
| 7. Harold Fell | 20 | 10 |  | 67 |  |
| 8. Leo Van Eergeyk | 9 | 12 |  | 43 |  |
| 9. T. A. Pool | 9 | 15 |  | 38 |  |
| 10. John Fauvergue | 8 | 19 | 1 | 30 |  |
| 11. Art Dickinson | 4 | 14 | 1 | 24 |  |
| 12. Everett Rude | 6 | 21 | 1 | 23 |  |
| 13. Stanley Iinn | 4 | 17 |  | 19 |  |
| 14. Quentin Searles | 4 | 18 |  | 18 |  |
| 15. Warren Robertson | 3 | 21 | 1 | 14 |  |
| 16. Kenneth Sewell | 4 | 26 |  | 13 |  |
| 17. Paul E. Jackson | 0 | 6 |  | 0 |  |

The Spokane Chess Club voted to continue meetings through the summer as long as the attendance holds up. Formerly the club closed for the hot season. The meetings are now held at the Desert Hotel on Thursday evenings.

The future of an Inland Empire Chess League has brightened considerably the last week with word from the Penitentiary and Pullman that teams may be in action next fall. With Pasco and Spokane already in the fold it looks as if a good four team leaque may be in competition. Yakima is out for unknown reasons.

Just when we had planned on adding a strong player from Washington D. C. to our roster we were informed he is being transferred to Seattle July 1 . He is Anders Tejer and was a member of the Divan Chess Club. Treat him well, Seattle.

Dan Daniels and Dr. G. H. Parker have just completed a six game match witha 3-3 score resulting. Daniels has now challenged Gordon Cornelius and is one game down at this date.

A summer round robin tournament is being planned. Not since 1951 has the club this kind of tournament. In that year the club was divided into an A and B $\mathrm{g}_{2}$ up for the club championship and each played the round robin style.

At present the Spokane club is the only one in the state which is a member of the USCF. Its membership enabled it to rate the city and Inland Empire toumaments.

Tho USGF Rating Iist mey be of some help in placing playors on our toam ct Intornational. (?) at loast if doubts exist concorning tho ability of any two playors tho Tournoy Director can duck the issue and usc USCF ratings $f$ About 20 othor Washington playors wore ratod (mostly provisionnl) with ratings of 1550 and bolow.

Tho USCF ratings soom to bo oxtromely important to tho majority of the oxtromo chess onthusiasts. Tho appcarance of thosc ratings act as a sort of shot in tho arm to tho gano. Anything which will wake up tho playors and put lifo, or a roasonable faosimilo, into compotitivo choss whon it is lagging must not be too bad. Tho Ratings appeal to the venity of the playors and not to the old brain. Washington should bo ablc to rato hor own playors quito accuratoly and without chargo getting all of tho tournomonts and not just those which woro tho onos the tournoy diroctor took tho troublo to gat ratod.

If Washington playors want on tho USCF rating list, thon let tho officials in charge make cortain dLL of our tournoments aro ratod. If only part of our tournamonts aro ratod thon the ratings aro not accurato. If thoy are not acc ureto then thoy arc without valuo. This is, of coursc, not tha fault of USCF but the fault of our own advocatos of TCE-USGE Union Now.

The writor is still mumbling in his board ovor tho cobsonsc of Zomgalis and Noland from tho USCF rating list. It scoms that tho powors in chergo noglootod. to have the 14 playor $\$ 100$ prizo Puget Sound Open Tournament ratod! At the same timo wo havo a Junior and a Woodpushor tourney ratod! Doos this mako sonse? :

Tho majority of tho playors in the strong Pugot Sound Opon wero already in USCF. The rating of this tournomont may havo holpod Zomgalis's rating or would have at loast kopt him on tho list. It would havo givon Noland a vory high provisional rating. It would havo porkod up tho very sad ratings of IaFronioro \& DoWitt. It would heve lowerod tho boom on Ulvestad and Bills. It may havo uppod Pupol's rating. It would have given a bottor fix on Dr. Parkor.

Ono momber of the Socttlo Chess Club felt the club should ronew its affiliation with USCF. Ho donatod $\$ 5 . \$ 10$ is nocded. Donations ploase. IaFron ioro wants WCF affiliatod. The cost for oithor is $\$ 10$.

Sinco tho provious USCF ratings publishod in tho Junc 5, 1954 Choss Iifo, thore havo beon sovoral gains and losses by Washington and ex-liashington Stato playors. Gains: Joachim (2), Rosburg (60), Edborg (15), Wade (14), Groonwood (10), Vollias (241), LaFroniero (3), DoWitt (1), Wonvor (70), and Nolson (272). Nelson and Vellias rogistorod the only amazing changos bocauso thoy wore very undor ratod last time.

Lossos: Pupols (65), Warnor (7), G.S.G. Pattorson (51), Mannoy (58), Tod Davidsen (15) and LicCormick (64). Incidontly, LicCormick informs us ho has rotirod from choss at tho ripo old ago of 18. Ho blumos choss for what it has done to him! From now on ho will spond his sparo timo working overtimo so ho can mako moro monoy so ho will havo moro money to spond on GIRISः Alas, choss losos again.

I undorstand tho noxt USCF ratings will be out in six months. Moro thon.

THE LONG A：JAITED USCF RATING IIST AFIEARED IIV THE LIAY 5TH AND ivay $20 T H$ CHESS LIFE．FRON THE WASHINGTON VIEIVOINT，A FEATURE OF THE RATIIVGS WAS THE INCLUSIOIV OF A．VAST ivUVBER OF SLOKANE FLAYERS WITH PROVISIONAL RATIVGS（＊）WHICH VIEANS IHEIR RATIIVGS ARE REPRE－ SENVTATIVE OF FERFORMANCE IN ONLY ONE TOURNANENT：FUTURE FERFORNG－ AIVCE IILL FIK THESE IROVISIONAL RATIIVGS MORE ACCURATELY．

INANTERS（2300－2499 LOIINTS）
1．A．DAKE（IORTLMIND，ORE．）2400＊
EXPERTS（2100－2299 POIITS）
2．0．ULVESTAD（SEATTLE） 2218
3．J．I．SHEETS（SEATTLE） 2143
4．WIIITAM BIILS（SEATTLE） 2128
5．JAIVES SCHIVITT（SF，CAL．） 2106
CLASS A（1900－2099 POINTS）
6．TED WARNER（RICHLAIVD） 2050
7．LEON SVENSSON（SFOKANE）2050＊
8．VICTOR PUPOIS（TACOMA） 2027
9．JOHIV ALFHXANDER（SD，CAL．） 2021
10 CHAS．ROSBURG（Ca工．） 2020
11 I．DALBERGS（FORT．ORE．） 2014
12 G．CORNELIUS（SPOKANE）2010＊
13 ROBERT BRIEGER（TEXAS） 2000
14 CHAS．JOhCHIM（SEATTLE） 1992
15 RUSS．VELLIAS（SEATTLE） 1978
16 P．ATKIMAN（SPOKINE）
1963＊
17 G．PATTERSON（SEiTTLE） 1954
18 ROBERT EDBERG（TIETON） 1932
19 O．W．MHNNEY（ALHSKA） 1919
20 DALV WADE（SEATTLE） 1909
21 SHELDON REIN（IMINNESOTA）1909
22 JIM Niccormick（SEliTILE） 1900
CLASS B（1700－1899 EOINTS）
23 hiAN CLMRK（SEATTLE） 1884
24 NAX BADER（SEATILE） 1865
25 GEORGE BISHOP（SEATPLE） 1860
26 DR．G．H．P／RKER（SPOK．） 1850
27 R ．HIGGINSON（SPOKANE）1850＊
28 EHMHER CARLSOLV（BHLLEVUE）1842＊
29 DAVID REVEAL（IULINOIS） 1838
30 ROBERT DYCUS（SPOKGNE）1830＊
31．JOE CERRETELII（OLYMPIA） 1823
32 TERRY NELSOIN（YiKLiJA） 1822
33 STEPHEN FALK（ $\mathrm{Y}_{4}$ KIMM $)$ 1822＊
34 V．W．BEVER（BEJJEVUE）
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Chess Review scoops the philosophical world with first publication of an appraisal of Emanuel Lasker (World Chess Champion, 1894 to 1921) written by Albert Einstein as a forward to a Lasker biography. Einstein described his friendship with Lasker, abd how Lasker's keen analytical mind had imedlately recognized the central point whereby the theory of relativity would fail of denonstration by experimental methods. Einstein regarded Lasker as having failed to live up to his talents as a mathematician and philosopher, because he was fettered to chess in spite of a great longing to be free of its unending and insatiable demands. Einstein stated that there was a tragic note in Lackers personality because the enormous paychological tension, without which nobody can be a chess master, was so deeply interwoven with chess that he could never entireDy rid hinself of the spirit of the gaze. Footnotes by the Chess Review editor, by the biographer Dr. John Hannak, and by the translator, B.F. Winkelman, defend chess as having more than mere game-like merits, although reference is made to the frustration of Lasker's final words as he died, bitterly saying "---King of chess!"

Formation of the American Chess Foundation, Inc. to provide sound financing for chess, was announced in the New York Tines. Alexander Bisno of Beverly Hills, Calif., is its first President. Lack of finanacing and under-pronotion dropped to a newer low last year when an American tear was unable to compete in the world tournament at Ansterdan for lack of financial support. Two funds have been established and several thousand dollars already contributed. Officers and directors include Ross Reeves, Morris Kasper, Walter Fried, Lessing Rosenwaid, J. Toe, and Mrs. Cecile Wertheim.

John H. Staffer, born in 1872, has won the 1951 postal championship with a clean score. He had prey isIV won tournaments in 1895, 1898,1904 1911, 1912, and 1943. He competed creditably with Capablanca, Marshall and Janowski back in 191.3.

The 1955 USSR championship was won by Geller in a play-off with $V$. Snyslov, after World Champion Botvinnik had been relegated to a tie for third place with Petrosyan and two youngsters in the regular tournament. Botvinnik lost to Geller and Snyslov, and in the last round needed a draw to share first place, but lost to Paul Meres in 27 moves.

Yugoslavia has a new star of the first magnitudes $N_{n}$. Karaklaich having won the national championship ahead of Gligorich, Rabar, Ivkov, Milich and Matanovich.

In its drive for chess jokes Chess Review has cone up with the following:

The president of the chess club then called for the hours of the last meeting.

Hans Kroch, checking the score turned in by a loser, noticed 0-0 for two different moves, waved his finger and admonished: "You should never have lost the gane. If you had castled once wore you could've claimed a draw by repetition."

The "Prince of Orange" march written in the eighteenth cent by Philidor, the chess great. was recently included in an evening of music by radio station $W Q X R$.


By Wade

Throc of the better playod gamos of tho Iast Wash. Statc Junior. Sopt., 1954
V. PUPOLS

1. $P-Q 4$
2. P-QB4
3. $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{KB} 3$
4. $\mathbb{N}-\mathrm{B} 3$
5. P-QR4
6. $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{K} 5$
7. P-B3
8. P-K4
9. BxP

IO NxNT
11. $0=0$
12. $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K} 3$

13 Q-K2
14 KR-Q1
15 N-R2
16 NxB
17 B-B2
$18 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Kl}$.
$19 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QN} 4$
20 B-B3
21 R-Q2
2. QR-Q1
$23 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{Bl}$
24. P-N3

25 Q-K3
$26 \mathrm{~K}-\mathbb{N} 2$
27 Q-K2
$28 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 3$
29 QPxP
30 P-N 5
31. P-R5

32 R-QNI
33 P-N6
34 PxP?
35 B-R6
36 QxR
37 B-R5
38 Q-K3
39 R -QB1
40 QxQBP
41 RxQ
$42 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 2$
43 P-N7
$44 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 8$
45 BxR
$46 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q} 8$
47 B-K4

## A. CLuIRK

P-Q4
P-QB3
N -B3
PxP
B-B4
P-K3
P-KR3
B-R2
QN-Q2
QxiN
$\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K} 2$
0-0
KR-Q1
B-N5
Q-K2
QxIN
R-Q2
Q-K2
QR-Q1
$\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{N} 3$
K-R2
$\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{N} 3$
N-R4
Q-B3
Q-K2
N-B3
N-K1.
P-QB4
PxP
N-B2
$\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{QN} \mathrm{I}$
P-B3
PxP
N-Kl
RxR
N-Q3
NixP
NxP
N-B4
QxQ
N-K6ch
N-Q4
B-B4
RxP
P-K4
N-B5
BxB

## 48 PxB

$49 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q} 6$
$50 \mathrm{~B}=\mathrm{Q} 2$
$51 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 3$
52 Bxiy
53 R-Q7
$54 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{KB} 7$
55 PxP
56 P-R4ch
$57 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{QR} 7$
58 R-R6ch
59 R-QN6
Rosigns
Bocause aftor 59...K-B2; $60 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{KR} 6$, and aftor $59 \ldots \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{R} 2$; $60 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 6$ or $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{KB} 6$ \&
tho black pawns soon fall.

## O. LaFRENIERE

A. CLaRK


P-K4
N-QB3
P-KB4
$\mathrm{P}=23$
PxQF
NN
Px
K2
B-02
$0-0-0$
P-KR3
BxB
B-Bl
R-Kl
RxRch
P-B3
K-Q1
P-KTV4
R-R2
B-K2
KxB
RxR
KxN
K-K3
-K4
-N4
P-QR4
PxP
K-B4
KxP
K-N5
P-R4


# chesschat 

A draw is the natural result when two players of equal strongth met. The strength of a tournament can be tested by the number of draws But tournament play, although not tho bing-bung-boom contest the amasaer indulges, is fun to watch and play. The battle proceeds a little slower, tactical interludes are not quite so frequent, and occasionally a strategic mastorpiece, its idea clearly visible--even to the uninitiated is produced Here is an example of such work.

WHITE: P. PEPROV BLACK: A. ISVEITOS, SOIIa 1947

1. $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q4}$, $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{KB} 3$; 2. $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QB4}$, $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{KN3}$; 3. $\mathrm{IT}-\mathrm{QB} 3, \mathrm{~B}-N 2 ; 4 . \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Q} 3$

Restraint can only $g 0$ so far and no further; if Black permits P-K5 his pieces will ond right back where they started frorn.
5. P-KN3, $0-0 ;$ 6. $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{N} 2, \mathrm{QN}-\mathrm{N} 2 ; 7 . \mathrm{KN}-\mathrm{N} 2, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{K} 4 ; 8.0-\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Kl}$
9. P-B3, PxP; 10. NxP, P-B3!

With this move Black announces his intention of playing P-Q4 just as soon as he can after due preparation. If $P-24$ can be provented, Black will have a helpless backward Pawn on Q3--But it cannot--from this point moves by both parties are designed to support that critical square Blacks Q4. 11. $N-B 2, N-N 3 ; 12 . N-K 3, \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 3$; 13. $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{Q} 3, \mathrm{P}-24$; $14 \mathrm{BP} \times \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{PxP}$ 15. PxP, KNXP; 16. NxN, NXN; 17. NXN, QxN; 18. QxQ, BxQ

There is a somewhat vague principle that the man who starts exchanging finst gets the poorer game. It is certainly true in this example. Note that Blacks manifold small advantages can be quickly developed to win. 19. $R-21, B-B 3 ; 20 . R-N 1, R-K 3 ; 21 . P-B 4,2 R-K I ; 22 . B x B, R x B$ 23. $K-B 1, R-B 7 ; 24 . R-22, K R-Q B 1 ; 25$. RxR, RxR; 26. P-KR3, $B-25$ 27. P-QR4, P-2R4; 23. P-N3, R-B7ch; 29. $K-K 1, R-K R 7 ; 30, K-B 1, B-B 4 ; 31 . R-R I$ Once again the losing side has been reduced to helpleseness. Black has the choice of when to start devouring Pawns.
31. ...P-B4; 32. R-N1, $K-B 2 ; 33 . K-K 1, R \times P ; 34 . K-K 2, R-R 8 ; 35, K-22, B-R 6$ A. Pawn endgame with $a$. Pawn ahead and a more centralized king should prove quite elementary. Not caring to suffer any longer White resigned. This particular game revolved about the strategic point 25 . Black gained the advantage when his forces won the battlo of that point.

Fred M. Howard won the West Seattle Glub Chamvionship for 155 with 11 wins and 3 losses. Not all players completed the schedule.

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2. THOMAS OO xxxx O
3. KUVARA
4. WINRERS
5. WODWARD

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6. MAGE
7. VUhONICH
8. SCHRANK
9. KELLY

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KUVARA is another junior who appears to be going places, He is only 16 now but come the later years and he may threaten the Junior crown.



Elsewhere in this issue you will note the memoriou to our postal player H. E. Yocom of Centrelia, Washington. Ernest was one of our earliest postal players, having started in 1949 in the eighth section of postal chess that the WCF conducted. He hed corpleted ell but one of his eames at the time of his passing on. We shell wiss hive not only for his support of the WOF but because he was a fine gentlemen. All who knew hic were better because of his fine influence.

Coubrough advises thet he will be vacationing until July 9th.
Due to circumstonces beyond the control of your director there hes been a delay in starting the CHAMPIONSHIP POSTAL CHESS TOURNAMENT thet was to have been announced in this issue. The list of players will be in the next issue and the ployers will be notified shortly of their opponents. We will accept entries until July loth.

Coubrough jumped from 8th to 3 rd ploce in the A Division which may heve a little to do with his qoing on vacation. His bigegst gain was in taking a game from Weaver who was in $3 r d$ place and now drops to 8 th place. Nage also improved his stonding by 76 points. Sid Nourse also addod 106 points to his rating.

Werk iuproved his stonding from the plece to first in the B Section by his wins over Tresidder and Roberts. The gace with Roberts was a stubborn contest, heving taken two years to decide partly due to the mails to Alaska taking additional time. However, Merk's tenure in first place is very precarious as Dickson in second plece has a possessive eye on that position.

## POSTAI GHESS RATIINGS <br> "A" Division

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