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Editorial

A note from Mr. J. A. McCharles of British Columbia says a Canadian adjudicator suggests that Taylor draw with Brieger on board 3 and Schick-Ferber loses to Henion on board 13 making the score $17\frac{1}{2}$ to $12\frac{1}{2}$ in the recent B. C. versus Washington match. So we are agreed as the Washington Chess Letter in its last issue published this version. The 2 games had been left unfinished.

Gerald Schain found a job in California and this forced him to relinquish his position as Chess Letter Editor. We are sorry to lose you Jerry but thanks for your help while editor and good luck to you in your new undertaking.

Starting at 10 a. m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Seattle Chess Club is the annual Woodpusher Tourney. Entry fee is only \$1 and this is a good opportunity for the average player to win a tournament because all of the "hot shots" are excluded!

Viktors Pupols will direct the two day, six round Swiss event. Do not miss this golden opportunity to win a chess tournament.

You may not get another chance.

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U.S. Open Report by Weaver Rossolimo Wins!

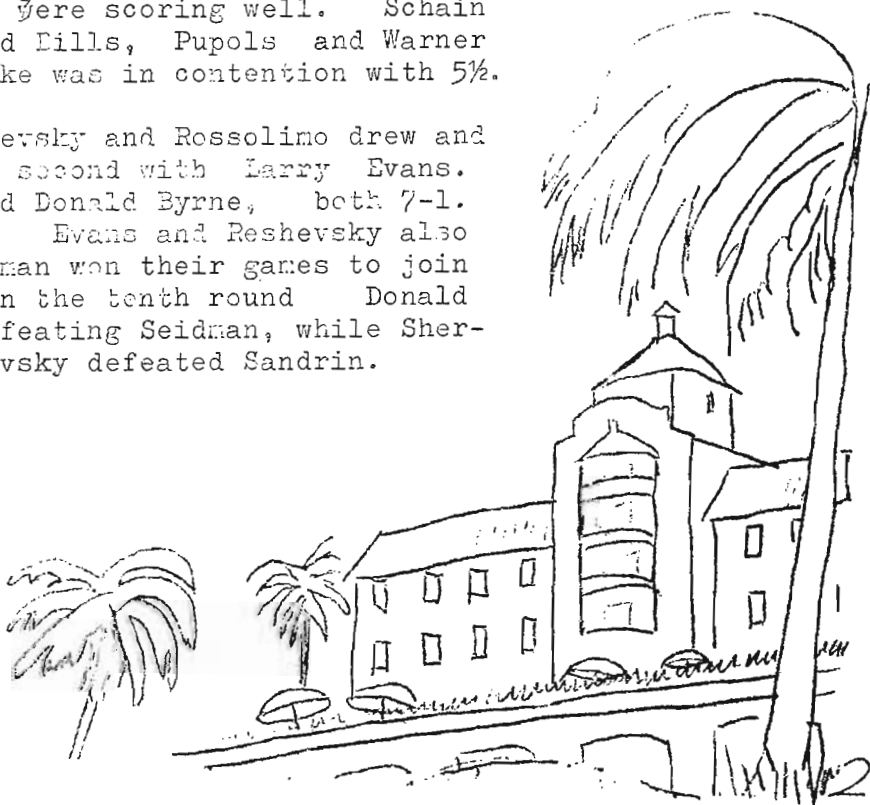
LONG BEACH, CALIF. AUG. 20 _____ N. Rossolimo, of Paris, France, beat Samuel Reshevsky on SB points, to win the 1955 Buick, first prize in the US Open Chess Tournament. Both scored 10-2. The winner was not determined until long after midnight, when Larry Evans resigned in a drawish position to Rossolimo under circumstances that raised heated objections from Reshevsky adherents. Donald Byrne was third with 9½-2½. Evans was fourth with 9-3, and Sherwin was fifth with 8½-3½.

Portland Master Arthur Dake scored 8-4, and other Northwest entrants finished creditably. Robert Brieger won from one Master, Almen, and drew with Masters Steinmeyer and Santasiere, for a final score of 7-5. William Bills defeated Isaacs and lost to Berliner scoring 7-5. V. Pupols and Gerald Schain scored 6-6, and Ted Warner won 5½ points.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer again proved to be the chess players' friend by reporting results at regular intervals. William Bills sent play-by-play reports to George Bishop, and a friendly Long Beach subscriber forwarded the daily papers from which to construct a running account of the greatest of all chess tournaments. At the end of five rounds Paul Brandts, New York Expert, had a perfect score, Grandmaster Reshevsky having been held to a draw by Dr. Peter Lapiken, Los Angeles, who failed to see his winning chance.

At the end of seven rounds the leaders with 6-1 were Reshevsky, Larry Evans, Donald Byrne and Robert Byrne. At this point Washington players were scoring well. Schain had 5 points, Brieger 4½, and Dills, Pupols and Warner each had 4 points. Arthur Dake was in contention with 5½.

In the eighth round Reshevsky and Rossolimo drew and fell into a three-way tie for second with Larry Evans. Leading were James Sherwin and Donald Byrne, both 7-1. They drew in the ninth round. Evans and Reshevsky also drew. Al Sandrin and H. Seidman won their games to join the group with 7-2 scores. In the tenth round Donald Byrne took a clear lead by defeating Seidman, while Sherwin lost to Rossolimo. Reshevsky defeated Sandrin.



Chess Club News by Wade

As of mid-August, 55 of the Seattle Chess Club's 62 members are paid up in their dues leaving only 7 who are either in arrears or have left the club. However, the total of 62 is 10 below the necessary minimum needed to pay the rent 12 month of the year. Also several of the membership are students and out-of-towners who can join for reduced dues so over ten additional members are needed.

Donations were recently asked to help make up the deficit and club members Davidsen, Weaver, Ring, Rice, Dr. Lewis, Baasch, Jacy and visitor Alan Clark have thus far responded nobly. Members Sturges and Weissenborn have also pledged donations. This is a heart warming response to the question of whether or not chess players care to support a room 365 days a year where chess books, chess tables, chess sets and other chess equipment will always await the chess visitor. Such locations are very rare in the Pacific Northwest.

Over 30 members play on the perpetual tournament board. At present Hugh Noland is on top of the ladder with Bill Bills close behind. Other leaders are Schain, Pupols and Wade.

Washington Open Soon!

A few years ago it was decided to hold a Washington State Open to qualify the best players for an invitational which followed the Open for the chess championship of Washington. The idea was we wanted no fluke state champion. We wanted to make certain only one of the best of our players could ever win the state title. Opinions vary on who are to be considered best so what could be more fair than a tournament to decide this? Every player in the state plus visitors from without were invited to play in the Open.

Former Open champs are 1951 Joachim, 1952 Manney, 1953 Turner, 1954 Schmitt, and 1955 Warner. Not one of these winners could capture the invitational championship tourney that followed. State champs were Ballentine in 1951, Ulvestad in 1952, Zemgalis in 1953, Sheets in 1954 and, of course, Bills in 1955.

The Sixth Annual (1956) Washington State Open is scheduled for Oct. 1st and 2nd 1955. Starting time will be 9 a. m. Sat. Oct. 1. It will be held at the Seattle Chess Club, 616 Madison St. It will be a six-round Swiss. Entry fee will be \$3. It will be USCF rated.

Qualification for the State Invitational Championship Tourney will be very stiff this year. Only the top 4 Washington players in the Open can qualify. They will join the state's recognized best players, Zemgalis and Ulvestad and State Champion Bills in the championship tourney which will be a round-robin.

In past years WCF experts and even some others were allowed to compete in the State Invitational. Past reputations will not help you this year. You will have to qualify in this year's Open to be one of the select few to play for the 1956 Washington State Chess Championship.

CHESS IN REVIEW BY WEAVER

The World Junior chess title was won by Boris Spassky of Moscow, with a score of 8 - 1, at Antwerp, Belgium. Spassky had two draws, with Ed Mednis, of New York, who placed second with 7 - 2, and with M. Farre, of Spain, who was third. Players from ten countries competed. Mednis lost no games, but drew 4 times.

The U.S. Junior at Lincoln, Nebraska, had 25 players, and the title was won by Charles Kalne, of Philadelphia, with a score of 9-1. Larry Renlinger of Long Beach, California, was second with 7½-2½, and Robert Cross, Santa Monica, Calif., was third with 7-3. V. Pupols, of Tacoma, placed 9th with 5½-4½.

The first round of the U.S. Open, at Long Beach, had the youngest player, Larry Renlinger, 13, of Long Beach, matched with the oldest contestant, Dr. A.F. Crew, 80. Renlinger won.

The San Antonio Championship was won by John Payne, followed by Wright, second, and Stevens, third.

At the 21st annual Minnesota vs. Manitoba team match, Manitoba regained possession of the trophy, held by Minnesota in 1953 and in 1954 by a 16-10 score.

ARIZONA

(12 players)

- | | | |
|----|-----------------|-------|
| 1. | Norman James | 5½- ½ |
| 2. | James Christman | 4- 2 |
| 3. | S. Brinkerhoff | 4- 2 |
| 4. | William Fox | 3½-2½ |
| 5. | Bruce Isaacs | 3½-2½ |

LOUISIANA OPEN

- | | | |
|----|---------------|-------|
| 1. | A. B. Wills | 5 - 1 |
| 2. | Fred Cummings | 5 - 1 |
| 3. | A.L. McAuley | 5 - 1 |
| 4. | Shane O'Neill | 4 - 2 |
| 5. | W.F. Gladney | 4 - 2 |

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

(40 players)

- | | | |
|----|--------------|-------|
| 1. | Rea B. Hayes | 6 - 1 |
| 2. | O.E. Fawcett | 5½-1½ |
| 3. | G. W. Sweets | 5½-1½ |
| 4. | W.T. Miller | 5 - 2 |
| 5. | S. Wysowski | 5 - 2 |

GREAT LAKES OPEN

(105 players)

- | | | |
|----|-------------------|-------|
| 1. | Robert Steinmeyer | 6 - 1 |
| 2. | C. Henin | 6 - 1 |
| 3. | Dr. Mengarini | 5½-1½ |
| 4. | P. Tautvaisas | 5½-1½ |
| 5. | Janes Schroeder | 5½-1½ |
| 6. | Miro Radoicic | 5½-1½ |



"Just follow this diet, and we'll have you back in those chess club chairs within a month."

BILLS WINS

Washington State Chess Champion WILLIAM BILLS with $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ won the 4th annual Seattle Seafair Open played July 30-31 at the Seattle Chess Club. BILLS was surprised by F. H. (BUCK) WEAVER in the opening round and was fortunate to gain a draw. After this setback, BILLS recovered and marked up five straight wins, turning back the bids of EDBERG, PUPOLS and JOACHIM during the last three rounds.

ROBERT EDBERG of Tieton, Wash. and DAN WADE of Seattle both scored $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ and 19 Solkoff points to take second and third prizes. The Median System, which credits each player with the scores of all his opponents except the highest and the lowest, was used and gave EDBERG $13\frac{1}{2}$ to WADE'S 13 Median points. However, EDBERG had to play the champ, defeated ROBERT BRIEGER and drew with VICTORS PUPOLS while WADE did not meet the champ, lost to PUPOLS and drew with BRIEGER so it is felt that EDBERG deserved second prize. A fine tourney for the recently crowned chess champion of Montana.

WADE'S fifth round encounter with BRIEGER knocked both out of any chance to tie or win the tournament. After five hours of hard play during which WADE wiggled out of one jam after another, the game had to be adjourned. It was adjudicated by Tournament Director PUPOLS and OLAF ULVESTAD and no win could be found for BRIEGER although BRIEGER felt he had better than even chances. To take the heat off the T. D. and prevent bad feeling, WADE finished the game with BRIEGER on Monday, Aug. 1. BRIEGER tried so hard to win, passing up several easy draws, that he finally managed to lose! The ending had been played several times with resulting draws, wins and losses against able sparring partners by BRIEGER before the game had been resumed. Officially it was a draw.

VICTORS PUPOLS captured fourth prize in the 24 player tourney and also very capably directed the event. PUPOLS scored 4-2 losing only to BILLS but drawing games with EDBERG and MCCORMICK.

CHARLES JOACHIM made a strong bid to win a major WCF tournament, a trick he was once able to accomplish regularly, but an upset by the able play of LARRY TARO and a last round loss to BILLS frustrated his bid. Actually, the loss to TARO would not have mattered if JOACHIM had been able to defeat BILLS. Charles had to settle for fifth place out of the prize money.

WILLIAM HOGE, many time champion of Yakima and a former Eastern Washington Champion, scored 4-2, losing only to WADE and JOACHIM, to win sixth place.

ROBERT BRIEGER, JIM MCCORMICK and STEPHEN FALK all scored $3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ to take 7th, 8th and 9th places respectively on Median Points and also on Solkoff.

LARRY TARO, playing in his first Washington tourney in about six or seven years, made a good showing considering his long layoff. He won 2, including a win over JOACHIM, lost 2 (to BRIEGER and MCCORMICK) and drew 2 games for a 3-3 score and 10th place.

SEAFAIR *by Wade*

The Yakima juniors, TERRY NELSON and OLIVER LAFRENIERE, ended in a tie for 11th and 12th. Each scored 3-3 and $11\frac{1}{2}$ Median Points although NELSON had the edge on Solkoff, 16 to $15\frac{1}{2}$.

One of the newcomers, W. DAWSON, a sailor from Detroit, deserves mention. He scored only $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, but won games from VELLIAS and WEAVER.

The "Harkness" System of pairings was used and the results showed in every case but two that the higher rated men were stronger than the lower rated and unrated opposition.

Besides WEAVER'S upset draw with BILLS, unranked TARO beat NELSON while all of the other opening round games wore true to form.

BILLS was the top-ranking player in the tourney and came through with colors flying. PUPOLS was ranked second and only a last round draw with MCCORMICK kept him from that spot in the tourney. He had to settle for fourth. BRIEGER was ranked third but found competition rough in his first Washington tournament. He scored 3-0 the first day but could make only $\frac{1}{2}$ point on the second day. He undoubtedly will place higher in future WCF events.

EDBERG and WADE were ranked sixth and seventh respectively but took second and third so should consider their showings fairly successful. Of course only first place is worth working your heart out for and this pair will probably be back shooting for the top in the Washington Open.

Youth dominated. Over half of the players were quite short as far as measurement in years is concerned but many of these youths were long in chess ability. PUPOLS, MCCORMICK, FALK, NELSON and LAFRENIERE are 21 and under. PUPOLS had his 21st birthday on the second day of the tournament and the other four named still have between one and eight years to go before reaching their majorities. Several of the tail enders in the tournament were also juniors.

The Seattle P. I. printed a picture of four of the top players. A picture of BILLS playing EDBERG and PUPOLS playing BRIEGER getting four of the top seven players in the tournament.

The club room was crowded on both days with more people than we expected showing a real interest in the games. The Seafair gives Washington chess its best publicity. Next year it would be a good idea if a blitz speed tourney was held the Friday eve before the weekend open for the regular Seafair tourney. Give the public the knowledge that tournament chess may be slow but not necessarily chess players! They do move fast when they have to!

Forfeits played a very small part in the standings of the top 12 or 13 players. Four junior newcomers dropped from the tournament without finishing their schedules. The Median System nullified the harm their withdrawing could have done to the leaders. RUSSELL VELLIAS scored 2-2 and dropped out. He hurt his own rating but thanks to the Median System did not hurt any of his opponents.

1955 SEATTLE SEAPAIR OPEN, JULY 30-31.

Pos.	NAME	CITY	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	SCORE	SOLK.	MEDIAN
1.	W. BILLS	(S)	D-16	W-19	W-14	W-2	W-4	W-5	5½ - 1½	19.0	13.0
2.	R. EDBERG	(T)	W-23	W-9	D-4	L-1	W-14	W-7	4½ - 1½	19.0	13.5
3.	D. WADE	(S)	W-6	L-4	W-15	W-17	D-7	W-11	4½ - 1½	19.0	13.0
4.	V. PUPOLS	(TA)	W-12	W-3	D-2	W-7	L-1	D-8	4 - 2	24.5	16.0
5.	C. JOACHIM	(S)	W-21	L-10	W-6	W-11	W-8	L-1	4 - 2	20.0	13.5
6.	W. HOGE	(Y)	L-3	W-12	L-5	W-21*W-16	W-14		4 - 2	17.5	12.0
7.	R. BRIEGER	(S)	W-15	W-8	W-10	L-4	D-3	L-2	3½ - 2½	22.0	15.0
8.	J. MCCORMICK	(S)	W-24	L-7	W-13	W-10	L-5	D-4	3½ - 2½	15.5	11.5
9.	S. FALK	(Y)	W-20	L-2	L-17	W-18	D-10	W-15	3½ - 2½	14.5	9.0
10.	L. TARO	(P)	W-11	W-5	L-7	L-8	D-9	D-12	3 - 3	20.5	13.5
11.	T. NELSON	(Y)	L-10	W-23	W-16	L-5	W-17*L-3		3 - 3	16.0	11.5
12.	O. LAFRENIERE	(Y)	L-4	L-6	W-24*D-13	W-18	D-10		3 - 3	15.5	11.5
13.	H. BRANDT	(S)	L-17	W-20	L-8	D-12	D-15	W-19	3 - 3	13.5	9.0
14.	W. DAWSON	(D)	D-18	W-17	L-1	W-16	L-2	L-6	2½ - 3½	20.0	13.0
15.	T. DAVIDSEN	(S)	L-7	W-24	L-3	W-19	D-13	L-9	2½ - 3½	16.0	11.5
16.	F. H. WEAVER	(S)	D-1	W-22	L-11	L-14	L-6	W-18	2½ - 3½	17.0	11.0
17.	R. VELLIAS	(S)	W-13	L-14	W-9	L-3	L-11*F*		2 - 4	13.5	6.5
18.	S. SAWYER	(S)	D-14	L-21	W-19	L-9	L-12	L-16	1½ - 4½	14.0	9.5
19.	T. MCKAY	(S)	D-22	L-1	L-18	L-15	W-21*L-13		1½ - 4½	14.0	8.0
20.	PONCIN	(S)	L-9	L-13	W-21	F*	F*	F*	1 - 5	7.5	3.0
21.	C. BONESS	(S)	L-5	W-18	L-20	L-6*	L-19*	F*	1 - 5	6.5	1.5
22.	H. ROSENGREN	(S)	D-19	L-16	F*	F*	F*	F*	½ - 5½	4.0	1.5
23.	R. GRIMM	(S)	L-2	L-11	F*	F*	F*	F*	0 - 6	7.5	0.0
24.	L. MUNGER	(S)	L-8	L-15	F*	F*	F*	F*	0 - 6	6.0	0.0

(S) Seattle, Washington

(TA) Tacoma, Washington

(D) Detroit, Michigan.

(Y) Yakima, Washington

(T) Tieton, Washington

Plan to attend forthcoming Washington chess tournaments. The WASHINGTON WOODPUSHERS, Sept. 10-11 open to non-winners of WCF tournaments who are below the Class A - Expert level and the WASHINGTON STATE OPEN, Oct. 1-2 is open to EVERYBODY.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE US OPEN By Bills

The following highlights of the US Open are taken from letters of William Bills, Washington State Champion:

"The United States Open, sponsored by the Lincoln Park Chess Club was the strongest of 54 such tournaments held so far. The majority of the U.S. team who played in Moscow in July were on hand, as well as many other famous names in the game. The presence of such strength must have inspired many of the patzers to play temporarily like grandmasters.

The tournament was held at the Long Beach Recreation Center, a block from the ocean beach. The playing room was below the street level, Ocean Boulevard, which forms the rim of a sharp drop from the city to beach. This meant a climb of two flights for a player wishing a drink of water but plentiful coffee was served to keep the players in good trim.

The first night, Reshevsky was the center of attention, and cameras flashed all evening. The pairing system called for Reshevsky to play the top player in the bottom half of the ranking list, therefore those who were most likely to be affected huddled together making nervous jokes. John Hart, who could never be seen outside the room without a copy of PCO, bore up under the onus well enough to lose only after a tough end-game. At this point no one dreamed that the good-humored Frenchman with the mustache and funny remarks would be champion instead of Sammy, whose cold frowning intensity portended trouble for twelve other players.

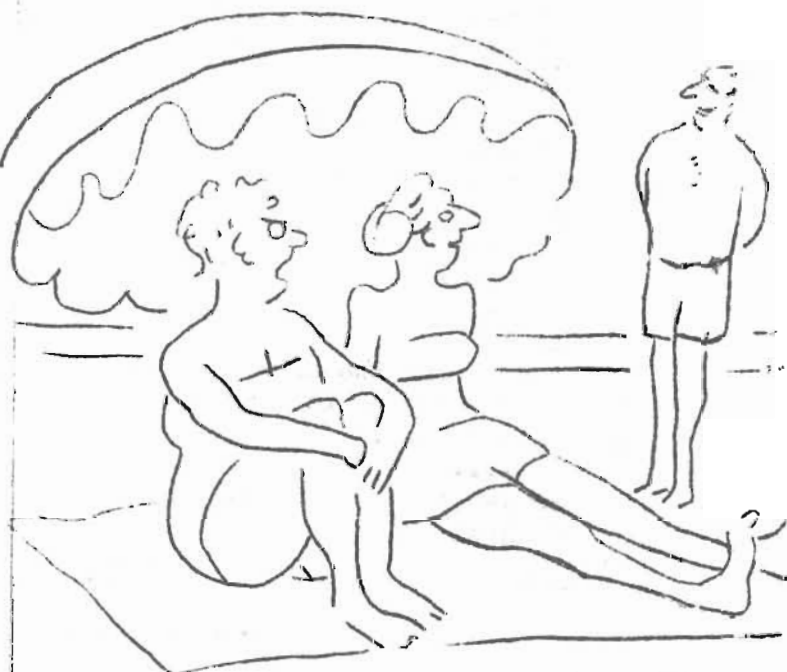
Of the 156 players only 5 were women, but curiously enough at least half of the spectators each night were women. Of these the most faithful was Mrs. Jimmy Sherwin, a bride of eight weeks. She watched while her plaid-shorts clad bearded husband fought through game after game in time trouble, to share the lead with Don Byrne after eight rounds, only to fall before Reshevsky in the ninth. Of the Washington players only Vik Pupols was swayed by the shorts fad. He seemed unaffected when asked if he had nightmares about walking around without his trousers.

With one evening game each day, time was found to visit Tia Juana, and the wondrous Disneyland. The Washington delegation never lacked for things to do between rounds.

Almost everyone had left by 1:30 Saturday morning, convinced that any child could draw for either side the only remaining game, Evans vs. Rossolimo. It was therefor with utter disbelief that Warner was greeted when he reported the final result."

Warner and Bills drove night and day to arrive home Sunday night while Brieger and Pupols accompanied Forrey Laucks' Log Cabin group to San Diego, to play in the "Monster Chess Rally" where they will compete with Masters Evans, Sherwin, Turner and Sandrin. A return trip is planned as temporary Log Cabinites on a triumphal tour up the coast.

Larry Renlinger, 13-year-old expert, from Long Beach, finished with an exceptional record of 8-4, tied with Steiner, Berliner, Sandrin, Dake, Steinmeyer, Martin, Suchobeck, & Zalys.



"Now just forget you're a Lady Chess Champion for a minute, and try to find out what his game is."

GAMES by Wade

We regret the mistake in our last issue (page 9, July WCL) in which the Games Editor stated in Bever vs. Taro "White must go 11 K-N1 as 11 KxB, NxB ch. winning the Q." The rook can take the knight. Sorry.

Following are some games from the recent International Match at Blaine.

W. BILLS (USA) M. JURSEVSKI (BC)

1st Board

1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-KN3
3. N-QB3	P-Q4
4. B-N5	N-K5
5. B-B4	NxN
6. PxN	B-N2
7. P-K3	O-O
8. PxP	QxP
9. N-B3	Q-QR4
10 Q-Q2	P-QB4

Black now has a fine, free game.

11 B-Q3

The bishop is stronger on K2.

11	N-B3
12 O-O	B-N5
13 QR-N1	BxN
14 R-N5?	

Evidently an oversight.

14	Q-R5
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Threatening P-B5.

15 RxBP	B-N5
16 B-QN5	Q-R6
17 KR-N1	N-R4
18 R-N4	P-N3
19 R-B7	

R-R4 wins the queen but in return Black obtains the two rooks and a winning end game.

19	P-K4
20 R-R4?	Q-Q3
21 Resigns.	

All notes by George Bishop.

E. BUTKOV (BC) G. SCHAIN (USA)

2nd Board

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-QB3	N-QB3
3. P-KN3	N-KB3

4. B-N2	P-K3
5. P-Q3	P-Q4
6. PxP	PxP
7. N-K2	P-Q5
8. N-K4	B-K2
9. O-O	O-O
10 N-B4	R-K1
11 R-K1	N-K4
12 P-KR3	R-N1
13 N-R5	N-Q4
14 N-B4	N-KB3
15 N-N5	B-Q3
16 B-Q2	B-B4
17 N-K4	BxN
18 BxB	NxB
19 RxN	P-B4
20 R-K1	Q-N4
21 K-N2	N-N3
22 NxN	QxN
23 Q-B3	Q-B2
24 P-R3	P-KR3
25 RxRch.	RxR
26 R-K1	RxR
27 BxR	

Drawn.

L. M. DUVAL (BC) G. BISHOP (USA)

4th Board

1. P-QB4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	P-KN3
3. N-QB3	N-KB3
4. P-KN3	B-N2
5. B-N2	O-O
6. O-O	N-B3
7. P-Q3	P-QR3
8. B-K3	P-Q3
9. P-KR3	R-N1
10 Q-Q2	B-Q2
11 K-R2	P-QN4
12 PxP	PxP
13 B-R6	P-N5
14 N-Q1	P-K4
15 BxB	KxB
16 N-N5	P-R3
17 N-K4	NxN
18 PxN	B-K3
19 P-QN3	Q-K2
20 N-K3	N-Q5
21 P-B4	P-B4
22 PxBP	NPxP
23 N-Q5	Q-KB2
24 N-K3	Q-R4

25 B-B3	Q-B2
26 B-N2	QR-Q1
27 QR-B1	P-K5
28 N-Q1	P-R4
29 P-K3	N-N4
30 Q-K2	N-B2
31 N-B2	N-Q4
32 P-KR4	N-B6
33 Q-N2	R-QR1
34 R-QR1	Q-B3
35 N-R3	K-N3
36 N-N5	R-R6
37 Q-Q2	B-N1
38 R(B1)-QB1	R-Q1
39 RxN	PxR
40 Q-K2	BxP
41 Q-N5	BxP
42 P-N4	RPxP
43 K-N3	P-B7
44 P-R5ch.	K-R3
45 R-K1	RxPch.
46 RxR	P-B8(Q)
47 Resigns.	

D. WADE (USA) F. FILLERY (BC)

7th Board

1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-K3	N-B3
4. P-B4	P-K3
5. N-B3	B-K2
6. P-QR3	P-QR3
7. B-Q3	O-O
8. O-O	PxP
9. BxP	P-QN4
10 B-Q3	B-N2
11 N-K4	K-R1
12 Q-B2	P-R3
13 B-Q2	N-Q4
14 N-B5	BxN
15 QxB	N/3-K2
16 P-K4	N-B3
17 B-N4	N-B3?

If 17....N-N3; 18 P-K5, N-Q2; 19 Q-B2 wins pawn but is better than the text for Black. If 18....N-K5? 19 Q-B2 gives Black a worse game than the text.

18 QxRch.	QxQ
19 BxQ	RxB
20 QR-B1	R-Q1
21 B-N1	NxQP
22 NxN	RxN
23 RxP-	BxP
24 BxB	NxB
25 RxP	N-Q7
26 R-K1	N-B5
27 P-KN3	P-K4

28 P-N3	N-Q7
29 RxP	NxP
30 P-B4!	R-R5?
Black has no chance after this.	
31 P-B5	
The crusher.	
31	RxP
32 P-B6	K-N1
33 R-B7	N-Q5
34 R-K8ch.	K-R2
35 RxPch. mate.	
All notes by Wade.	

L. TARO (USA) H. OSTRUM (BC)

11th Board

1. N-KB3	N-KB3
2. P-K3	P-Q4
3. P-QN3	P-QB4
4. B-N2	N-B3
5. B-N5	B-Q2
6. O-O	P-K3
7. BxN	BxB
8. N-K5	B-Q3
9. P-KB4	O-O
10 P-Q3	N-Q2
11 N-Q2	P-B3
12 NxB	PxN
13 N-B3	P-K4
14 P-B5	Q-K1
15 P-K4	P-Q5
16 N-R4	P-KN4??
Suicide!	
17 PxP e.p.	PxP
18 Q-N4	P-N4
19 N-B5	B-B2
20 R-B3	K-B2
21 Q-R5ch.	K-N1
22 Q-R6	K-B2
23 Q-R7ch.	K-Q3
24 N-N7ch.	Resigns.

G. CARLSON (BC) F.H. WEAVER (USA)

12th Board

1. P-K4	N-KB3
2. P-K5	N-Q4
3. P-Q4	P-Q3
4. P-QB4	N-N3
5. P-KB4	PxP
6. BPxP	B-B4
7. N-QB3	P-K3
8. N-B3	B-K2
9. B-K2	O-O
10 O-O	N-B3
11 P-QR3	P-B3
12 PxP	BxP
13 B-K3	N-K2

14 Q-K1	Q-K1
15 Q-N3	R-B1
16 B-B4	P-B4
17 PxP	RxP
18 B-Q6	R-B3
19 P-B5	N-Q2
20 QR-Q1	P-QR3
21 N-Q4	BxNch.
22 RxB	NxP
23 B-B3	R-B1
24 P-N4	N-N6
25 N-Q5?	PxN
26 BxPch.	NxB
27 RxN	N-B8
28 Q-N5	P-R3
29 Q-Q2	N-K7ch.
30 K-R1	Q-R4
31 BxR	N-N6ch.
32 K-N1	NxR
33 Q-Q4?	RxB
34 Q-KB4	QxPch.
35 QxQ	NxQ
36 KxN	B-K5
37 R-K5	B-B3
38 K-N3	R-B8
39 R-K7	R-KN8
40 Resigns.	

M. HENION (USA) F. SCHICK-FERBER (BC)

13th Board

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	P-K3
3. P-QB4	P-QN3
4. P-Q4	PxP
5. NxP	B-N2
6. B-Q3	P-QR3
7. O-O	B-QB4
8. B-B2	Q-B2
9. B-K3	N-KB3
10 N-Q2	B-Q3
11 P-B4	P-K4
12 N-B5	P-N3
13 NxBch.	QxN
14 P-KB5	N-R4
15 P-B5	PxQBP
16 N-QB4	Q-QB3
17 N-Q6ch.	K-K2
18 P-B6ch.	NxP
19 B-N5?	

Why not 19 NxR, QxN; 20 B-N5 and White wins a knight.

19	QxN
20 Q-B3	R-B1
21 QR-Q1	Q-N3
22 BxNch.	K-K1
23 BxP	P-B3?
24 R-Q6	Q-Q1
25 BxP	RxB

26 RxR K-K2

27 R-B7ch.?

This allows the Black king to escape for awhile. 27 Q-B4! looks best.

27 K-Q3

28 R-Q1ch. K-B2

29 Q-B4ch. K-N3

30 R-Q3 B-B3

31 R-QN3ch. K-R2

32 R-B8 Q-R4

White judged the winner. Black is not only down the exchange but he has a very poor position. A possible continuation: 33 Q-N3, P-Q3; 34 R-B8, B-N2; demonstrates how White can try so hard for an immediate win and instead free Black's position!

33 B-Q3 not only defends the king against check by the Black queen, but also develops another piece in the onslaught against Black's king. 33...Q-K8ch. is useless because of 34 B-B1, P-Q3; 35 QxP threatening mate. After 33 B-Q3, the writer is unable to find a suitable reply for Black. (Wade)

CHESS LESSON FROM PUGET SOUND OPEN !!!

D. WADE

E. ZEMGALIS

1. P-K4	N-KB3
2. N-QB3	P-Q4
3. PxP	NxP
4. NxN	QxN
5. N-B3	B-N5
6. B-K2	P-K4
7. P-Q3	N-B3
8. O-O	B-K2
9. P-KR3?	B-KB4
10 B-K3	O-O-O
11 Q-B1	P-B3
12 R-Q1	N-Q5
13 NxN	PxN
14 B-B3	Q-Q2
15 B-B4	P-KN4
16 B-N3	P-KR4
17 P-B3	P-N5
18 RPxP	RFxP
19 B-K4	B-Q3
20 B/3xB	BxB
21 PxB	Q-R2
22 B-R2	QxBch.
23 K-B1	P-Q5
24 P-B3	PxP
25 Resigns.	

Oh well, let him have the old game if he wants it that badly! The reason I lost was because Elmars wouldn't let me move off the rear rank.

Some of the more entertaining contests in the recent Seafair Open.

J. MCCORMICK

R. BRIEGER

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| 1. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-QB3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-Q4 |
| 4. P-Q4 | B-B4 |
| 5. Q-N3 | Q-N3 |
| 6. PxP | QxQ |
| 7. PxQ | NxP |
| 8. NxN | PxN |
| 9. B-B4 | N-B3 |
| 10 P-K3 | P-KB3 |
| 11 B-N5 | B-Q2 |
| 12 O-O | P-QR3 |
| 13 KR-B1 | R-B1 |
| 14 B-K2 | P-KN4 |
| 15 B-N3 | P-KR4 |
| 16 P-KR4 | P-N5 |
| 17 N-K1 | P-K4 |
| 18 PxP | PxP |
| 19 N-Q3 | B-N2 |
| 20 N-QB5 | N-Q1 |
| 21 NxB | RxRch. |
| 22 RxR | KxN |
| 23 R-Q1 | K-K3 |
| 24 P-B3 | B-R3 |
| 25 P-B4 | N-B3 |
| 26 P-K4 | PxP |
| 27 B-B4ch. | K-K2 |
| 28 PxP | P-QN4 |
| 29 B-Q5? | R-Q1 |
| 30 P-N4 | |

Offering a pawn in order to escape his difficulties.

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| 30 | N-Q5! |
| 31 B-B2 | |

Of course not 31 RxN, B-K6ch. 32 B-B2, BxR; 33 BxB, RxB.

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| 31 | RxB |
| 32 RxN | RxR |
| 33 BxR | K-K3 |
| 34 K-B2 | B-B5 |
| 35 P-KN3 | |

Better was P-QN3 but the game was lost anyway.

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| 35 | BxKP |
| 36 B-B5 | K-Q4 |
| 37 B-B8 | BxNP |
| 38 Resigns. | |

L. TARO

J. MCCORMICK

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| 1. N-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-K3 | P-QB4 |
| 3. P-QN3 | P-KB3 |
| 4. B-K2 | P-K4 |
| 5. P-Q4 | P-K5 |

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| 6. KN-Q2 | PxP |
| 7. PxP | N-B3 |
| 8. B-N2 | KN-K2 |
| 9. O-O? | |

Black is all set to mount a big offensive on the king side.

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| 9. | N-B4 |
| 10 P-QB3 | B-Q3 |
| 11 R-K1 | O-O |
| 12 N-B1 | B-K3 |
| 13 QN-Q2 | QR-B1 |
| 14 N-K3 | NxN |
| 15 PxN | P-B4 |
| 16 P-N3 | Q-N4 |
| 17 B-KB1 | P-B5 |
| 18 PxP | BxP |
| 19 B-B1 | BxP |
| 20 NxP | B-B7dbl.ch. |
| 21 K-R1 | Q-N8 mate. |

C. JOACHIM

L. TARO

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 4. P-K5 | P-QB4 |
| 5. P-QR3 | PxP |
| 6. PxB | PxN |
| 7. PxP | Q-B2 |
| 8. Q-Q4 | N-QB3 |
| 9. B-N5 | B-Q2 |
| 10 BxN | PxN |
| 11 B-K3 | P-QR4 |
| 12 N-B3 | N-K2 |
| 13 Q-B5 | P-R5 |
| 14 B-N5 | N-N3 |
| 15 P-N5 | Q-R4 |
| 16 O-O | QxNP |
| 17 Q-Q6 | Q-N1 |
| 18 Q-R3 | P-KR3 |
| 19 KR-N1 | Q-B2 |
| 20 B-K3 | NxP |
| 21 NxN | QxN |
| 22 B-Q4 | Q-B2 |
| 23 BxP | KR-N1 |
| 24 B-B6 | P-B4 |
| 25 P-QB4 | P-Q5 |
| 26 Q-Q3 | Q-B5 |
| 27 Q-R7 | Q-N5 |
| 28 P-N3 | Q-N3 |
| 29 QxQ | RxQ |
| 30 B-K5 | P-B3 |
| 31 B-Q6 | B-B3 |
| 32 BxP | P-K4 |
| 33 R-N6 | K-Q2 |
| 34 R-Q1 | K-B2 |
| 35 R/6-N1 | P-B4 |
| 36 P-B4 | PxP |
| 37 RxP | PxP |
| 38 B-Q6ch. | RxB |

POSTAL CHESS

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We have many changes since last month on our postal ladder. Postalites may be happy to learn that Wade, former leader in the "A" section, is far from being invincible! Mage upended him for 74 points putting Baron in first place. Merk lost his top rating in the "B" section losing fifty points to Dickson. Dickson took over the top spot while Merk fell down to third.

Overlooked last month was Taro l Bever 0 in 55A-2B. This gave Taro 40 points raising his ladder score from 1514 to 1554 for this month's figuring in two wins over Roats.

	54A-4A	points		54B-1A	points
Taro	1 Roats	0 20	Skarsten	1 Raleigh	0 14
	54A-4B			54B-3A	
Taro	1 Roats	0 20	Waldron	1 Nichols	0 40
	53A-2A		Youngman	1 Hart	0 42
Kaffenberger	1 Roberts	0 26		54B-3B	
	53A-2B		Waldron	1 Nichols	0 40
Kaffenberger	1 Cairncross	0 30		54B-2B	
	55A-2A		Dickson	1 Tresidder	0 28
Weaver	1 Carter	0 26	Dickson	1 Merk	0 50
	55A-2B			55B-2B	
Weaver	1 Carter	0 20	Meliza	1 Luberts	0 30
Weaver	1 Coubrough	0 52			
	54A-6B				
Howard	1 Husby	0 28			
	54A-5B				
Mage	1 Wade	0 74			
	55A-2B				
Taro	1 Bever	0 40			

Don't give up! Hang on until the last gasp. A recent postal game.
 1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-Q4;
 3. P-K3, B-K3?; 4. P-B5, N-QB3; 5. B-QN5, Q-Q2; 6. N-KB3, O-O-O; 7. N-K5, resigns. 7...Q-Q1 (forced); 8. BxN, PxB (or lose a piece); 9. Q-R4 K-N2 and Black may wiggle out.

Weaver was the big point gainer last month garnering 98 while Taro, with 80, was not far behind. This pair seem to be making a very determined assault on first place so Mr. Baron's present perch is a very shaky one.

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Mulford	1586
Mage	1568
Luters	1558
Cerretelli	1549
Coubrough	1548
Kaffenberger	1548
Howard	1534
DeWitt	1442
Bever	1379
Magerkurth	1344
Vellias	1316
Knapp	1304
Sid Nourse	1288
Cairncross	1252
Husby	1252
Mac Patterson	1250
Laurence Allyn	1250
Hultman	1250
Weischer	1250
Carter	1244
Roats	1210
John Nourse	1040

"B" Division

Dickson	1410
Skarsten	1334
Merk	1323
Meliza	1278
Rauen	1236
Waldron	1232
Don Roberts	1228
Falk	1172
Youngman	1172
LaFreniere	1170
Parsons	1150
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