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## The "Editor" Must Resign

The character who has been pinch-hitting for the elected editor of this magazine since he quit a few months ago, must confess he is worn out! The burden has become so great and the health has become so poor that it is impossible to hang on any longer. "We" hope no friend is lost "us" by "our" resignation. Most people seem to have enough of them (friends) without doing a lot of work for them each month.

Naturally, after carrying the torch for Washington Chess this far, it is hoped some eager beaver will step forward and carry on the work. Two assets for any future editor: 1 Ability to work. 2 ENTHUSIASM.

## Joe Cerretelli Recovering

Joe Cerretelli of Olympia, well known and well liked President of the Olympia Chess Club, is now recovering from a heart attack. His illness is why he has not answered his correspondence during the past few months.

Everyone is pulling for your complete recovery, Joe!

## John Ring in Accident

John Ring, who was a valuable assistant to the Seattle Chess Club Secretary-Treasurer and is a loyal club member of long standing, was struck down by an automobile outside the club a few weeks ago. He was last reported confined to a bed at Swedish Hospital with a broken leg. Got well soon, John!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU!

# V. PUPOLS WINS IN TACOMA

By Bob Collins

VIKTORS PUPOLS, scoring 6-1, won the City of Tacoma Chess Championship in a seven round Swiss held recently. The new champion won five in a row and then drew his last two games to take undisputed first place.

LESLIE COUBROUGH was a sensation in this tourney. He lost his first game by default and then won four straight, drew with Pupols, and finished up with a win over HEWITT to score  $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ , only  $\frac{1}{2}$  point out of first place.

VERNON HOLMES, who practically always wins the Tacoma Championship, had to be content with third place this time. He lost to Pupols and Hewitt and won the others for a 5-2 record.

Highlights of the tournament as supplied by ROBERT COLLINS, Tournament Director: Coubrough's showing; RONALD LOUGHEED, Lincoln High School student, with his good play against tough competition; HEWITT upsetting HOLMES; and HULTMAN drawing with PUPOLS.

The Tourney Director used a numbered card for each player. The numbers were used to determine the pairings and colors. Odd numbers had white in the first round, lowest number had white in following rounds. In the pairings, the lowest number of equal scores were paired first with the next lowest number following, etc.

The last game of HAMILTON and FINNIGAN should not have been played. HAMILTON should have had a bye, but FINNIGAN being there, the T. D. had them play together. The reason they shouldn't have played is any player forfeiting two games was considered eliminated from the tourney. FINNIGAN, former editor of the Chess Letter, had forfeited twice prior to his final round encounter with HAMILTON.

As there were no prizes, just the title, and first and second places were not tied, there did not seem to be any reason for the Median, Solkoff or S-B. tie-breaking systems being used.

CONTESTANTS	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	-7-	W	L	D	SCORE
1. V. Pupols	W-8	W-3	W-5	W-7	W-4	D-2	D-6	5	0	2	6 - 1
2. L. Coubrough	L-F	W-11	W-13	W-15	W-8	D-1	W-4	5	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
3. V. Holmes	W-16	L-1	L-4	W-9	W-12	W-7	W-5	5	2	0	5 - 2
4. C. Hewitt	L-7	W-16	W-3	W-6	L-1	W-5	L-2	4	3	0	4 - 3
5. R. Loughheed	W-10	W-15	L-1	W-12	W-7	L-4	L-3	4	3	0	4 - 3
6. V. Hultman	L-13	W-12	W-9	L-4	L-F	W-10	D-1	3	3	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$
7. C. Carlson	W-4	W-14	W-15	L-1	L-5	L-3	L-F	3	4	0	3 - 4
8. J. Finnigan	L-1	W-13	W-10	L-F	L-2	L-F	W-9	3	4	0	3 - 4
9. D. Hamilton	L-15	W-10	L-6	L-3	W-11	D-12	L-8	2	4	1	$2\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
10 R. Keeley	L-5	L-9	L-8	L-11	W-Bye	L-6	W-12	2	5	0	2 - 5
11 J. Hanson	L-F	L-2	L-12	W-10	L-9	W-Bye	L-F	2	5	0	2 - 5
12 G. Faithfull	L-14	L-6	W-11	L-5	L-3	D-9	L-10	1	5	1	$1\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$
13 S. Engstrom	W-6	L-8	L-2	X	X	X	X	1	6	0	1 - 6
14 Traynor	W-12	L-7	X	X	X	X	X	1	6	0	1 - 6
15 J. Simmons	W-9	L-5	L-7	L-2	X	X	X	1	6	0	1 - 6
16 L. A. Lee	L-3	L-4	X	X	X	X	X	0	7	0	0 - 7

EDITOR'S NOTE: A Swiss tourney, with one round a week for six weeks, with players forfeiting twice eliminated seems like a good way to conduct the forthcoming Seattle Chess Club Invitational Championship Tournament. 2

# PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

by Wade

Round Two Puget Sound League action on November 13th did not go according to schedule. The Seattle Chess Club team composed of GEORGE BISHOP, DAN WADE, KEN MULFORD, ALAN MCGREGOR and WILLIAM GILLETTE, arrived at the boat landing for the trip to McNeil Island about one minute too late. The boat was pulling out just as the travelers drove down to the dock. A phone call to the island did no good and since the next boat wouldn't be back until two hours later, the match was canceled. This has been an unhappy year for the Seattle Chess Club in the Puget Sound League. The team showed up for their first match only to have their first opponent drop out of the League without notice. Twice the team has expended time and energy to help make the League a success and twice the reward for their efforts has been zero.

Boeings visited the University of Washington and that match did not go according to plan either. Two men on each team failed to show up for the match so only three played on a side with Boeings coming out on top  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . We are informed that no arrangement was agreed upon for further play by either side so apparently  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  is the final score. BILLS and DR. MICHAEL broke even on first board, VELLIS and PUPOLS, representing the Boeing Club and the University respectively, did not put in an appearance for games on the second board. MAX BADER split 1-1 with ALAN CLARK of the U. on third board while FRANK RODNITE defeated OLIVER LAFRENIERE  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  to give Boeings (formerly the Seattle Y M C A) their one-point margin of victory.

The only complete match played in round two was between Kitsap and Tacoma. The visiting Kitsap team won that one by the tight score of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  with Dr. Almond's  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  decision over VIC HULTMAN on second board deciding the issue. All other boards broke even. CHARLES MAGERKURTH on third board for Kitsap played two draws with LESLIE COUBROUGH. He played two draws with MAX BADER of Boeings in his first round match so now MAGERKURTH has played four League games and drawn them all. Do we have a new "Drawing Master" in our midst?

<u>BOEINGS CLUB <math>3\frac{1}{2}</math>.</u>	<u>U. OF WASH. <math>2\frac{1}{2}</math>.</u>	<u>KITSAP CLUB <math>5\frac{1}{2}</math>.</u>	<u>TACOMA CLUB <math>4\frac{1}{2}</math>.</u>
William Bills 1	Dr. Michael 1	John Nourse 1	Charles Howitt 1
Max Bader 1	Alan Clark 1	Dr. Almond $1\frac{1}{2}$	Vic Hultman $\frac{1}{2}$
Frank Rodnite $1\frac{1}{2}$	O. LaFreniere $\frac{1}{2}$	C. Magerkurth 1*	L. Coubrough *1
..... ..	..... ..	George Rehberg 1	J. Finnigan 1
..... ..	..... ..	D. Kennedy 1	R. Loughood 1
		* two draws	

## SECOND ROUND PUGET SOUND LEAGUE STANDINGS

Place	Pts.	Place	Pts.
1. Boeings Club	2.	4. McNeil	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
2. Kitsap Club	1.	4. Tacoma	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
2. U. of Wash.	1.	6. W. S. O.	
		6. Seattle	0.

Third round Puget Sound League play on Sunday, Nov. 27th again proved disappointing. The Seattle Chess Club versus West Seattle match was another of those three board affairs because West Seattle's first board man and Seattle's fourth board man failed to show up for the match. The Editor was informed that the Seattle team would number six because of an over energetic recruiting drive so he took himself off the team for the match so work could be done on this issue of the Washington Chess Letter. However, only four showed up and even this was botched up as Noland should have faced Ben Weischer on first board, Bishop vs. Mage on second board, Mulford vs. Sockamp on third board, Erickson vs. Howard on fourth and the easily available McGregor could have filled in for two forfeit wins on fifth board. Seattle would probably have won by a wide margin. Instead Noland received 2 points by forfeit on first board for Seattle while Sockamp received 2 forfeits on fourth board making it 2-2. Erickson won  $1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  from Howard of West Seattle but both Bishop and Mulford were upset by West Seattle's Weischer and Mage respectively to give West Seattle a very close  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  victory. Yes, the Seattle Chess Club was sabotaged.

Boeing's led Tacoma 5 to 3 but the visitors from the City of Destiny, 2 points in arrears with only 2 left to play, did not roll over and die! They won the last two games to earn a 5 to 5 tie. Max Bader defeated Hultman 2-0 but Jerry Hanson of Tacoma blanked Carl Hanson of Boeing's. Since all of the other boards broke even, the match was a tie.

The University of Washington had been scheduled to visit Bremerton to play Kitsap but, because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the match was postponed one week. If the result is in before we go to press, it will be included elsewhere in this issue. SEE PAGE SEVEN.

WEST SEATTLE	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	SEATTLE CLUB	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	TACOMA CLUB	5.	BOEINGS CLUB	5.
O. Ulvestad	0*	H. Noland	2*	C. Hewitt	1	William Bills	1
B. Weischer	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	G. Bishop	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	V. Hultman	0	Max Bader	2
Max Mage	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	K. Mulford	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	J. Finnigan	1	F. Rodnito	1
K. Sockamp	2*	M. Henion	0*	R. Keeley	1	F. Uriyu	1
F.M. Howard	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	D. Erickson	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	J. Hanson	2	C. Hanson	0

With two wins and a draw, Boeing's is in the driver's seat as far as a Puget Sound League Championship is concerned. Only three hurdles are ahead of them. First they must visit McNeil and should win that one if they play the chess they are capable of playing. Then Boeing's plays a rather inept, spiritless Seattle team and winds up the season against a not too strong W. Seattle team. Their biggest hurdle seems to be the trip to McNeil.

#### November 27th Puget Sound League Standings

Place	Team	Won	Lost	D.	Pts.	P.F.	P.A.
1.	Boeing's Club	2	0	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	West Seattle	1	1	0	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	U. of Wash.	1	1	0	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	Kitsap Club	1	1	0	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	Tacoma Club	0	1	2	1	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	McNeil Isle	0	0	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	5
7.	Seattle Club	0	1	0	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

#### The 4th Round, Dec. 11

West Seattle	at	Kitsap.
Boeing's Club	at	McNeil.
Postponed until Jan. 8th.		
Seattle Club	at	U. of W.
(U. closed. Xmas holiday)		

CORRECTION OF ADDRESS. The Oakland Field House is located at South 31st and Gunnison, about six blocks from the address sent in and published in the last issue of the Chess Letter. This information is in regard to the location of the Tacoma Chess Club.



# BEHIND THE SCENES

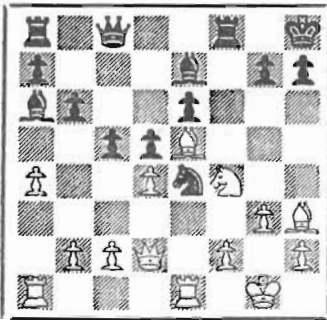
by Weaver

You may have noticed last issue that the quality of the diagrams ranged from bad to fair. There is the problem of locking the forms up square, adjusting the pressure, getting the proper amount of ink.

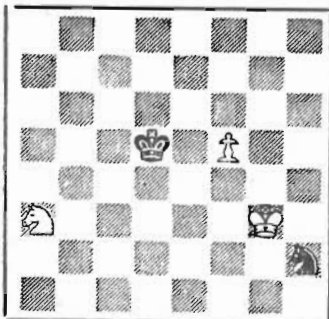
On this page are several positions selected by George Bishop, the Solvers Contest Judge, from games and evening problem sessions at the "1500 Club", the private chess club of Mulford, Bills, and Bishop.

The cartoons in Chess Letter are assembled by tracing a figure from a professional cartoonist's work, a tree from another's. (In the one below, the life-preserver is from the Sears-Roebuck catalogue.)

## OVER-BOARD AT "FIFTEEN HUNDRED"



Frank Rodnite and Frank Uriyu, two members of the Boeing team in the Puget Sound League attained this position. The player with White plodded on to victory but only after exhausting the patience of the kibitzers who saw a shortcut. Don't look now but the answer is upside down. Knight to knight six.



WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN!

Oh, that White is a sly one! He plays 1. N-N4, N-B4, N-B4, 2. K-K3, K-B3, and 3. K-N2 wins.



"Seven long years I've been waiting for another castaway, and you say you don't play chess?"

# SPOKANE 8½ PULLMAN 1½

Story by Dr. Parker

Spokane defeated Pullman 8½ to 1½ on Sunday, October 30th at the Student Union Building. It is hoped that this is the beginning of the Eastern Washington Chess League. Other teams in the league are Walla Walla Pen., Pasco and Yakima.

SPOKANE	8½	PULLMAN	1½
G. Cornelius	1½	Dr. Palmer Hiltey	½
William Voget	1½	Kermit Bird	½
Dr. G. H. Parker	2	Guru Porshad	0
Don Daniels	1½	Beldon Pearson	½
Don Eilmes	2	Greg Miller	0

Pullman gained but 3 draws and lost 7. Hiltey and Pearson drew their 1st games while Bird gained a draw in his 2nd game.

Alternate John Hartman (Spokane) lost 0-2 to Dr. F. F. Potter and Mrs. Mary Eilmes (Spokane) broke even 1-1 with Jeraldine Johnson.

## JOHN HARTMAN WINS

John Hartman won the first Spokane Woodpushers Tourney. This tourney was held November 6th at the Spokane Y. M. C. A. and was a four round Swiss. Fourteen players entered. Entries were limited to players who had not scored more than two points in any previous Spokane tournament. The event was directed by Don Eilmes.

Hartman is a 15 year old Sophomore at North Central High School. He has been playing chess for about one year and has been playing regularly in the Spokane Chess Club. He had two "lost" games which he managed to win by tricky play and his opponent's lapses.

Clarence Andrews took second place. Andrews is one of the original 18 who attended the organization meeting of the Spokane Chess Club five years ago. He had played no chess for the past three years.

The Spokane Y. M. C. A. donated the room for this tourney while Spokane's Chess Club donated the prizes. There was no entry fee.

	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	W L	
1. John Hartman	W-14	W-12	W-7	W-2	4-0	Ties were broken by Solkoff Points. 10 for Andrews, Alexander 7 and Mitchell 6.
2. Clarence Andrews	W-7	W-6	W-5	L-1	3-1	
3. Ray Alexander	L-6	W-13	W-8	W-5	3-1	
4. John Mitchell Jr.	L-5	W-10	W-6	W-9	3-1	
5. Donald Faulkner	W-4	W-8	L-2	L-3	2-2	Jeraldine Johnson of Pullman and Robert Morgan played only 2 games while low man on the totem pole, R. Hooper, played but 1 game, losing to Hartman in the 1st round.
6. Paul Amdahl	W-3	L-2	L-4	W-13*	2-2	
7. Mary Eilmes	L-2	W-9	L-1	W-11	2-2	
8. Steve Stenerson	W-9	L-5	L-3	W-10	2-2	
9. Don Rainville	L-8	L-7	W-13*	L-4	1-3	
10 Robert Johnson	L-12	L-4	W-11	L-8	1-3	
11 Arthur Rainville	L-13	W-14*	L-10	L-7	1-3	
12 Jeraldine Johnson (1-3), 13 Robert Morgan (1-3) and 14 Robert Hooper (0-4).						

# YAKIMA 6 SPOKANE 4

The Yakima Chess Club not only had to battle Spokane, but the elements as well, when its team traveled to Spokane November 27th. However, the visitors were strong enough to win over both taking home a well-earned 6 to 4 match victory.

The match was scheduled for one o'clock with their expected arrival at 12:30. At the latter time the Yakima team sent word to the hotel that they would be there not later than 1:45. Finally, at 2:15, they appeared. Play got under way by 3 p.m.

There were five inches of new snow in Yakima the night before and the travellers had to use chains as far as Moses Lake! It would be an understatement to say it was a rough trip.

ROBERT EDBERG and GORDON CORNELIUS played to two hard-fought draws. At the end of two hours Cornelius had a pawn advantage and a queen side attack but Edberg had an open rook file on the king side.

ELI TREISMAN and ROBERT KITTREDGE called their first game a draw. Kittredge felt he had an eventually won game. Kittredge won the second game.

WILLIAM HOGE had little trouble winning two games from RAY KROMER on third board.

State Junior Champion STEPHEN FALK lost his first game to WILLIAM VOGET JR. and could manage only to gain a draw in the second game.

TERRY NELSON got ample revenge for his loss to DR. GRIFFITH PARKER in the Montana State Tourney at Missoula by copping both games in this match.

YAKIMA CHESS CLUB	6.	SPOKANE CHESS CLUB	4.	E. WASH. LEAGUE RECORD	
				Won	Lost
Robert Edberg	1*	Gordon Cornelius	1*	Yakima C. C.	1 0
Eli Treisman	$\frac{1}{2}$	Robert Kittredge	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Spokane C. C.	1 1
William Hoge	2	Ray Kromer	0	Pullman C. C.	0 1
Stephen Falk	$\frac{1}{2}$	William Voget Jr.	$1\frac{1}{2}$	W. Walla Pen.	0 0
Terry Nelson	2	Dr. Griffith Parker	0	Pasco C. C.	0 0

\* Two drawn games.

## FORFEIT

The postponed match between the University of Washington Chess Club & the Kitsap County Chess Club had to be forfeited 10-0 by the University. It is with deep regret that we report this because it is just another incident showing the decay or dry rot that has crept gradually into Seattle Chess.

Only ALAN CLARK and OLIVER LAFRENIERE were willing to play for the U. so Oliver telephoned MAGERKURTH of Bremerton and forfeited the match. This result gives the Kitsap County Chess Club team a 2-1 League record and puts them into undisputed second place behind Boeings in the Puget Sound League race.





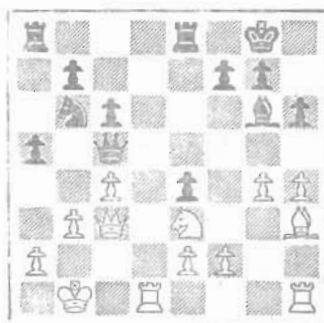
"Better would have been Q-R5"



"He's not allowing himself much time to get ready for this afternoon's round at the chess tournament."

# WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

by Weaver



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

IF YOU WERE WHITE IN THIS SITUATION WOULD YOU MAKE AN ATTACKING, DEFENDING, OR A WAITING MOVE?

The position pictured is from an actual game in which White thought he had a winning advantage, --but made a weak move, and went on to lose the game. It is presented with the idea of starting a new feature in Washington Chess Letter, a round-table to which the readers may send positions from over-the-board or finished postal games where they reached a point from which they didn't know how

to proceed, in order to get ideas from other readers. You are invited to comment on this position, and to send in positions for discussion.

State what move you would make and indicate for what purpose. Consider that your opponent is of equal strength. It will be easier to summarize replies if intentions are stated in broad terms rather than with labored analysis. If you do not wish to be quoted by name, say so, but in any event no reader will be embarrassed by quotation if he is off the beam.

Top flight players are especially urged to reply and help to raise the level of Northwest chess, but don't let a low rating stop you. This is a repair shop for woodpushers.

Washington Chess Letter is produced by local players who extend their interest in chess with an additional hobby of spreading ink, composing pages, cutting stencils, making machinery whiz around to throw out pages of the Letter. They thoroughly enjoy doing it and invite you to join in the creation of a more interesting magazine.

Looking back over nine years of amateur production you can find many series of articles that have faded away, but which we all miss. For instance the monthly "Nurse Ad Nauseam" in which Jack culled interesting facts from books and other sources. Everyone enjoys the local news of Eastern Washington clubs, with many names that have become almost acquaintances from detailing of their activities, triumphs, and mishaps. The Chess Letter can use more of such reporting from every chess center in the State.

Do you want to get into the act? Maybe you could start out by sending in a paragraph now and then. Maybe you have an idea for a feature page. Maybe someone will volunteer to handle the correspondence, and edit the Woodpusher' feature above.

WRITE F. H. WEAVER, 501 OLYMPIC PLACE, SEATTLE 99.



Another game from the State Championship Tourney. This one belongs in the comic section so here it is.

R. Vellias

R. Edberg

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|----------------------|--------|
| 1. P-K4              | P-QB4  |
| 2. P-QN4             | PxP    |
| 3. P-QR3             | P-K4   |
| PCO recommends P-Q4. |        |
| 4. PxP               | N-KB3  |
| 5. B-N2              | BxP    |
| 6. P-QB3             | B-B4   |
| 7. N-B3              | Q-N3   |
| 8. Q-B2              | BxPch. |
| 9. K-Q1              | N-B3   |
| 10. N-R3             | B-B4   |
| 11. N-B4             | Q-B2   |
| 12. P-Q4             | B-Q3   |
| 13. P-Q5             | N-QN1  |
| 14. NxBch.           | QxN    |
| 15. B-R3             | Q-B2   |
| 16. P-Q6             | Q-R4   |

Better to hold the pawn at Q5 to restrain Black's QN and stop castling.

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| 17. B-B4 | N-B3 |
| 18. N-N5 |      |

King should move to second rank to allow exposure on Black Queen.

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| 18. ....  | O-O  |
| 19. R-KB1 | P-N4 |
| 20. B-Q5  | B-R3 |
| 21. Q-N3  | NxB  |
| 22. QxN   | P-N5 |
| 23. RxP?? |      |

Nonsense from here on.

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|--------------|--------|
| 23. ....     | QxQch. |
| 24. PxQ      | RxR    |
| 25. NxR      | PxB    |
| 26. PxN      | KxN    |
| 27. RxP      | B-B1   |
| 28. P-B7     | K-K3   |
| 29. R-N3     | KxP    |
| 30. R-N8     | KxP    |
| 31. RxR      | K-N2   |
| 32. Resigns. |        |

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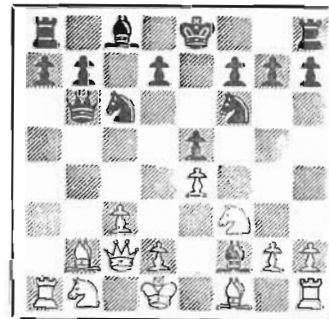
Grekov

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| 1. P-Q4  | P-Q4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | B-N5 |
| 3. N-K5  | B-R4 |
| 4. P-QB4 | PxP  |
| 5. N-QB3 | N-Q2 |
| 6. NxQBf | N-N3 |
| 7. Q-N3  | QxP? |

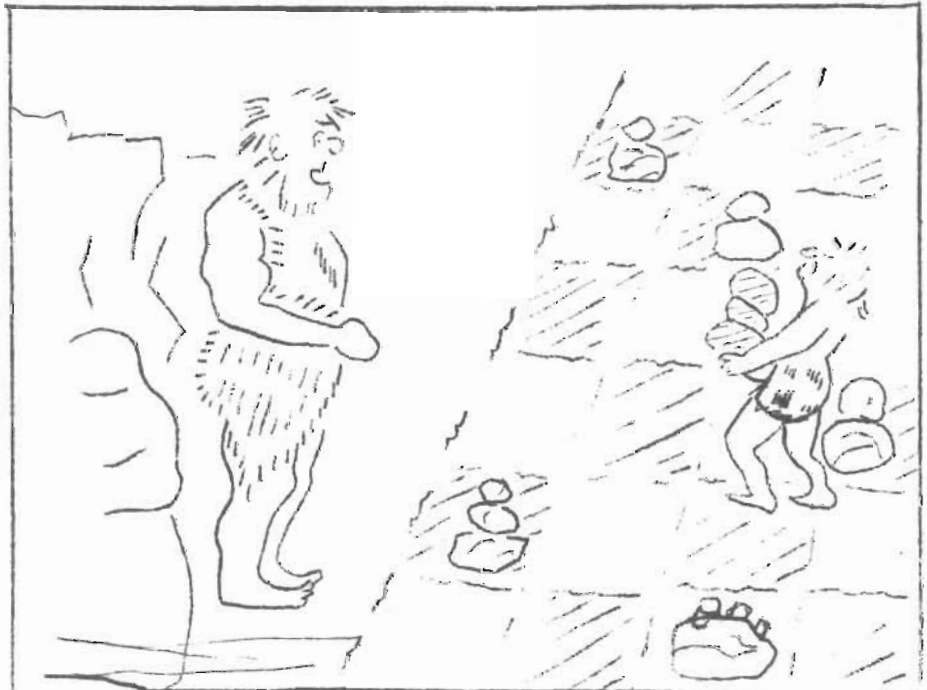
8. P-K4, N-B3; 9. B-K3, Q-Q2; 10. BxN, RPxB; 11. NxP, resign



"It's your move. If you're still there."



VELLIAS-EDBERG  
after 9. ....N-B3



"Someday, somebody is going to invent a lighter set."

# GAMES

by Wade

Gerald Schain, who served briefly as editor of this magazine before leaving for California, recently proved a sensation in the Southern California 11 player round-robin qualification tournament. The top 4 in this tourney qualified for the State Championship tournament along with 4 qualifiers from another qualifying tourney in the northern part of California, and a 3rd group of 4 from Central California.

In the Southern Cal. tourney, there were two masters back of Schain.

The finalists were scheduled to begin playing in the State Championship. Also scheduled to play in the championship tourney was Chess Master Herman Steiner, defending California champion, who was seeded.

However, a recent report informed us that Steiner died suddenly of heart attack at his home. He was only fifty years old.

1. Eugene Levin  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  2. G. Schain 7-3  
2. M. Gordon 7-3 2. R. Jacobs 7-3

Dr. Eugene Levin Gerald Schain

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	N-KB3
3. N-B3	P-K3
4. P-Q4	P-Q4
5. B-N5	PxQP
6. BxN	PxB
7. KNxP	B-N5
8. PxP	QxP
9. N-N5	Q-K4ch.
10 Q-K2	N-R3
11 O-O-O	B-Q2
12 QxQ	PxQ
13 N-K4	K-K2
14 P-QB3	B-B4
15 QN-Q6	BxN (note)
16 BxN	PxB
17 NxB (note)	B-B3 (note)
18 P-B3 (note)	KR-KN1
19 R-Q2	RxB
20 N-K4 (note)	QR-KN1

21 R-Q3	BxN
22 PxB	R-K7
23 KR-Q1	R/1-N7
24 R-Q7ch.	K-B3
25 R-B1ch.	K-N4
26 R/7xBP	R-B7ch.
27 K-Q1	R(N7)-Q7ch.
28 K-K1	RxRP
29 R-N7ch.	K-R3
30 R-Q7	RxNP
31 R-Q6	K-N4
32 P-R4	R-N8ch.
33 R-Q1	RxRoh.
34 KxR	R-R7
35 R-B7	P-KR4
36 RxP	P-R5
37 R-R7	RxP
38 K-B2	RxP
39 K-Q3	R-R5
40 P-B4	P-K5ch.
41 K-B3	P-K6
42 P-B5	P-K7
43 K-Q2	R-R7ch.
44 K-K1	R-B7
45 R-K7	P-R6
46 R-KR7	K-N5
47 R-R6	K-N6
48 RxKP	P-R7
49 R-N6ch.	K-B6
50 R-B6ch.	K-K6
51 R-K6ch.	K-Q5
52 R-R6	R-B8ch.
53 Resigns.	

Notes by Schain: 15....BxN. I was in a mess but hoped he would overlook what followed.

17 RxB is far stronger. If P-B4; 18 KR-Q1 wins.

17....B-B3 forcing the win of the QRP. Even so, the pawn wouldn't help.

18 P-B3 loses a pawn on the king-side by force.

If 20 RxB, BxP; 21 almost any, BxR; if 22 RxB, KxN.

So Schain defeated the eventual tournament winner.

Other games played by Schain from this tournament may appear in forthcoming issues of the Chess Letter.

A wierd game from the 1955 Puget Sound Open. Edberg considers it one of the best games he has ever played, despite the terrible opening play on his part. In the editor's opinion, it is spoiled somewhat by Black's rather inept handling of the last six moves.

R. Edberg

R. Vollias

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| 1. P-K4     | N-QB3    |
| 2. P-QB4    | P-K3     |
| 3. N-QB3    | N-B3     |
| 4. P-Q4     | P-Q4     |
| 5. P-K5     | N-K5     |
| 6. P-B5     | P-QN3    |
| 7. B-QN5    | B-Q2?    |
| 8. Q-R4     | N-N1     |
| 9. P-B6     | B-B1     |
| 10 NxN      | FxN      |
| 11 N-K2     | P-QR3    |
| 12 B-K3     | B-K2     |
| 13 O-O      | O-O      |
| 14 N-B3     | P-B4?    |
| 15 PxP o.p. | BxP      |
| 16 NxP      | Q-Q4     |
| 17 N-B3     | Q-KB4    |
| 18 QR-Q1    | FxB!     |
| 19 QxR      | B-R3?!   |
| 20 P-Q5!    | P-N5?!   |
| 21 P-Q6     | B-K4!    |
| 22 P-Q7     | B-Q3     |
| 23 RxB!     | FxR      |
| 24 QxN!!    | RxQ      |
| 25 P-B7     | Q-B1!    |
| 26 BxP!     | BxR      |
| 27 N-K4!!   | RxB      |
| 28 P-Q8(Q)  | B-R3     |
| 29 P-B8(Q)  | BxQ      |
| 30 QxR      | P-Q4     |
| 31 N-B5     | Q-B4     |
| 32 P-KR3    | P-K4?    |
| 33 Q-Q8ch.  | K-B2     |
| 34 QxPch.   | K-N3     |
| 35 N-Q3     | B-K3     |
| 36 NxPch.!  | K-B3     |
| 37 N-N4ch.! | QxN??    |
| 38 Q-Q8ch.  | Resigns. |

A game from the 1955 Seattle Seafair Open. Unfortunately, White was in serious time trouble during final ten moves, which explains some of his weaker moves during that time.

R. Brieger

R. Edberg

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| 1. P-K4  | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. P-QB3 | P-KN3 |
| 4. P-Q4  | FxP   |

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| 5. PxP          | B-N2    |
| 6. N-B3         | P-Q3    |
| 7. P-KR3        | N-B3    |
| 8. B-K3         | O-O     |
| 9. B-Q3         | N-K1    |
| 10 P-KN4?       | Q-N3!   |
| 11 N-Q5         | Q-Q1    |
| 12 N-B3         | Q-N3!   |
| 13 N-Q5         | Q-Q1    |
| 14 Q-Q2         | B-Q2    |
| 15 B-KR6        | P-K3    |
| 16 BxB          | NxB     |
| 17 N-K3         | Q-B3!   |
| 18 B-K2         | QR-B1   |
| 19 N-B4         | Q-K2    |
| 20 Q-R6?        | P-B3    |
| 21 P-KR4        | P-Q4!   |
| 22 N(4)-Q2      | P-K4!   |
| 23 QFxKP        | NxP     |
| 24 NxN          | QxN     |
| 25 P-B3         | QxNP    |
| 26 R-QN1        | R-B8ch. |
| 27 K-B2         | Q-Q5ch. |
| 28 K-N2         | RxR(R1) |
| 29 KxR          | B-B3    |
| 30 R-Q1         | Q-B7    |
| 31 B-B1         | FxP     |
| 32 B-B4ch.      | K-R1    |
| 33 R-KB1?       | Q-Q5    |
| 34 Q-B4         | R-Q1    |
| Rather obvious! |         |
| 35 R-Q1?        | P-K6    |
| 36 QxQ          | RxQ     |
| 37 Resigns.     |         |

World's Junior Championship Tourney, '55

Spassky (U.S.S.R.)Van Oostrom(Holland)

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| 1. P-Q4  | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-KN3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N2  |
| 4. P-K4  | P-Q3  |
| 5. P-B3  |       |

The Saemish Variation.

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| 5. ....  | O-O   |
| 6. B-K3  | P-K4  |
| 7. KN-K2 | N-B3  |
| 8. Q-Q2  | N-Q2  |
| 9. O-O-O | P-QR3 |
| 10 P-Q5  | N-R2  |
| 11 P-KN4 | P-QN4 |
| 12 N-N3  | FxP   |
| 13 P-KR4 | P-KB3 |
| 14 P-R5  | Q-K2  |

Even 14....P-KN4 would leave Black cramped but with better prospects.

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| 15 PxP  | FxP  |
| 16 Q-R2 | K-B2 |
| 17 N-B5 |      |

White whips up attack in hurry.



17 .... FxN  
 18 Q-R5ch. K-N1  
 19 NPxP R-B2  
 20 B-K2 N-B4  
 21 QR-N1 Q-Q2  
 Only hastens the end.  
 22 Q-R8 Mate.

No Brilliancy Missed in Bills-Vollias!!!

Somebody is always taking the enjoyment out of life! The Editor found that Vollias had a brilliant win over defending champ Bills in the recent State Tmt. (See page 9 of the November, 1955 issue) On White's 25th, Q-K2 was played but in going over the game, the Queen was moved to Q2 making it possible for the Editor to make much ado over absolutely nothing.

Only Bills let the error be known. Perhaps there were others who noticed it but if they did, they remained silent.

THANK YOU PALS!

Thanks for making this issue possible go to DR. PARKER for all news from Spokane; BOB COLLINS for his writeup of the Tacoma Tourney; HOWARD WEAVER cartoonist and diagrams plus a good number of stencils; BOB EDBERG for his annotated games, one which was used; GEORGE BISHOP for his Solver's Contest (which is stencilled by Weaver) plus annotated games and other material; and BOB MERK who is back in action as our Postal Editor and did the entire back cover, inside and out plus addressing and postage.

Last but not least, KEN MULFORD, WCF President, who takes the works and whips it into the assembled magazine.

In spite of all this help, yours truly had to line up and then type 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  stencils (Weaver did the other 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), do the front cover stencil, and also all of the headings. Typing everything, deciphering games (some look more like chicken scratchings than writing!) all with one hand! We can't help thinking that if others cared as much about WCF and the Chess Letter, there would not be any work at all to getting this magazine out each month.

We wish the next editor good luck and are sorry but we must retire. DW

Jan. VELLIAS wins Wash. Speed title.  
 1955 LEON SVENSSON, Spokane Champion

Feb. ZEMGALIS wins Puget Sound Open.  
 1955 BILLS wins Seattle Club Speed.

Mar. ULVESTAD wins Seattle Open tmt.  
 1955 U. of Wash. wins P.S.L. title.  
 WADE replaces GREENE on top of W. C. F. Postal Ladder.

April WARNER wins Inland Empire Open  
 1955 and Eastern Washington title.  
 SCHAIN replaces DEWITT as Chess Letter Editor at annual meeting

May EDBERG wins Montana Open tmt.  
 1955 May issue is 91st Chess Letter.

June VELLIAS, Seattle Club Champion.  
 1955 EDBERG wins Yakima Championship  
 BILLS wins another Seattle Club Speed Tournament.  
 F. M. HOWARD wins W. S. title.

July Washington loses International.  
 1955 FALK wins Washington Junior.  
 Seattle Club trounces Log Cabin visitors twice.

Aug. Five Washington players do well  
 1955 in USCF Open at Long Beach, Cal.  
 Seattle Club asks for donations to keep going.  
 BILLS wins Seattle Seafair Open  
 WADE replaces SCHAIN as editor.

Sept. Log Cabin defeats Seattle Club.  
 1955 BERON takes lead in Postal race  
 HAM MARTIN wins Woodpusher tmt.

Oct. VELLIAS wins Washington Open.  
 1955 Puget Sound League starts play.

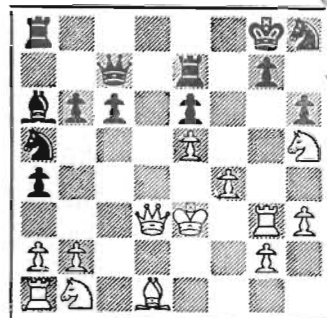
Nov. WCF buys printing press so diagrams can be used extensively.  
 1955 ULVESTAD replaces BILLS as the Chess Champion of Washington.  
 PUPOLS wins Tacoma City title.  
 Increased activity in Spokane.  
 Eastern Wash. League starts.

Dec. A. POMER, Spanish Master, in  
 1955 simultaneous exhibition at the Seattle P. I. Auditorium.  
 Top Seattle players more interested in Bridge, Poker have become apathetic toward Chess.

# SOLVER'S CONTEST

1 R-R7 R10X  
 2 RXP X R1R  
 3 N-B6 K-N  
 4 B-R5 V K-B4  
 5 P-N4 RXP  
 6 PXR mate

IN ADDITION to 5 States represented in last month's response we have solvers in such far-flung places as Alaska, Ohio, and Illinois. John DeWitt, whose October WCL was slow in catching up with him, is stationed at an Airforce base in Ohio.



THE FOLLOWING had the right solution to the November position:

David Erickson	Stephen A. Miller
Don Eilmes	Bob Collins
H. Kaffenberger	John Laine
Deane Moore	Ken Mulford
Oliver LaFreniere	Dan Wade
Bruce Oldham	John DeWitt
Rev. Alf. Carter	Lewis B. Hall

## WHITE MATES IN 6

Some of the above are new entries, and as is the case for about 15 solvers awarded lesser points for imperfect solutions they are slightly off the pace, just waiting for the leaders to falter

Even if you haven't solved the previous two positions you should be proud to have your name published as a solver of this one. It requires reckoning reckless abandon.

THE CORRECT SOLUTION is forcing all the way, and it goes like this:

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| 1. | R-N8ch                |
| 2. | K-R2 R-KR8ch          |
| 3. | KxR N-N6ch            |
| 4. | PxN (or lose Q) QxPch |
| 5. | KxQ STALEMATE         |

Perfect solutions will earn 5 points, and for less than perfect answers a lesser award will be credited, but 1 point at least will be credited for merely answering.

Several of the stronger players became a little careless after finding the key move. Thus, if as above to Black's 3rd, and Black plays Q-N8ch, or Q-B8ch., White plays his bishop to Q1, the zugswang is released and Black can now move his knight pawn. And of course 3. ..Q-Q8ch; 4. BxQ, also releases the pawn. Forcing a rook trade is not good because White's extra pawns would win.

Several readers have volunteered to submit copy for this column. All end-games will be welcomed. Problems will be passed on to the editor for other use. For the purpose of this contest it is deemed best that each month's situation should reach a definite and final conclusion. The time limit will be extended a little for solver Jno. Ring, who suffered a broken leg in a traffic mishap, and is now in the Swedish Hospital, Seattle.

FIRST PRIZE is a one-year subscription to Chess Review (new or extension) or a choice of chess books of equal value. Second and third prizes will be extensions of Chess Letter subscriptions. There is no entry fee to the contest, merely a desire to win friends and influence people.

# CHESS MASTERPIECES

Annotated by  
Robert Edberg

## I

One of the most brilliant displays of sacrificial play in the history of our game. Anderssen cannot capture pieces quickly enough and when he does have a respite from the deluge, it's too late!

BRESIAU, 1859  
Ruy Lopez

A. Anderssen

M. Lange

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| 1. P-K4  | P-K4  |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5  | N-Q5  |

Bird's defense, now obsolete, although much in vogue when this game was played. Theoretically unsound but still seen in modern play.

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| 4. NxN  | PxN |
| 5. B-B4 |     |

A waste of time. The attack on K B7 via KB3 is obvious and premature. 5 O-O or P-Q3 mobilizes more rapidly.

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| 5. .... | N-B3 |
| 6. P-K5 | P-Q4 |
| 7. B-N3 |      |

Certainly not 7. PxN, PxB; 8. Q-K2ch., B-K3; (if 8. PxP, BxP and Black has two magnificent Bishops and an open file or 8. O-O, QxP with a strong center and attacking chances.) White is now cramped considerably. 7. B-K2 seems more promising in view of events to come (and with remarkable hindsight)

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| 7. ....  | B-KN5 |
| 8. P-KB3 | N-K5! |

Immune and threatening 9....Q-R5 ch.; 10 P-N3 (if K-B1?, mate of course) NxNP and White can resign.

9. O-O

"Into the jaws of death", P-KN3 would save some serious problems temporarily, at least.

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| 9. .... | P-Q6! |
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Threatening, not to win the exchange with 10....B-B4ch., (for White wins the Queen Bishop), but, among other things, 10....B-B4ch.; 11 K-R1, Q-R5!! and the Knight check at N6 is devastating, with or without 12 P-KN3.

- 10 PxB

Removing some of the wood, but not the main threat.

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| 10 .... | B-B4ch.   |
| 11 K-R1 | N-N6ch.!! |

And it still works!

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| 12 PxN | Q-N4 |
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Again harping on that mate theme!

- 13 R-B5

The only defense.

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| 13 .... | P-KR4!! |
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Brilliancy upon maddening brilliancy! If 14 RxQ, PxP dis. ch.; 15 R-R5, RxR mate.

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| 14. NPxP | QxR |
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There's that threat again!

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| 15 P-N4 | RxPch.!! |
| 16 PxB  | Q-K5!    |

Preventing White's Queen from protecting R4 with Q-K1.

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| 17 Q-B3 | Q-R5ch. |
| 18 Q-R3 | Q-K8ch. |

19 Resigns, because if K-R2, mate's forced in three with 19....B-N8ch.; 20. K-R1, B-B7 dis. ch.; 21 K-R2, Q-N8 mate.

A wonderful example of a game playing itself!

### A NOTE FROM BOB EDBERG TO YOU.

At the close of the State Championship, George Bishop approached me with the offer that I undertake to annotate one master game of chess per month for the WCL. I accepted the offer gladly, and the result of my first endeavor is presented to you here.

I hope this game (and especially the annotation) is up to par and that you will advise me of any change, addition or omission that you would like made in future annotations or selections of games.

### EDITOR'S NOTE.

Bob actually sent two games fully annotated. However, this magazine is primarily for Wash. chess so it was decided that one master game was best,

# POSTAL CHESS

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	Oct. 27, 1955		Pts.
54A-6A Weaver	1 Husby	0	30
54B-2B Merk, R.	1 Waldron	0	40
	Nov. 1, 1955		
55A-2B Coubrough	1 Bever	0	26
	Nov 5, 1955		
54A-6B Weaver	1 Cairncross	0	46
55A-2A Taro	1 Carter	0	12
	Nov. 18, 1955		
54A-6A Baron	1 Cairncross	0	15
	Nov. 23, 1955		
54B-3B Waldron	1 Hart	0	40
	Nov. 28, 1955		
54B-1B Parsons	1 Meliza	0	40
	Nov. 30, 1955		
53B-4B Merk, F.	1 Raleigh	0	54
55Ch-1A Bever	1 Carter	0	36
Wade	1 Bever	0	26

Sections completed

55B-1A      55B-1B

Parsons	x 1 1 1 1	x 1 0 1 1	7
Meliza	0 x 1 0 1	0 x 1 1 1	5
Leine	0 0 x 1 1	1 0 x 1 1	5
Carpenter	0 1 0 x 1	0 0 0 x 1	3
Reed	0 0 0 0 x	0 0 0 0 x	0

53B-1A      53B-1B

Dickson	x 1 1 1 1	x 0 1 1 1	7
Youngman	0 x 1 1 1	1 x 1/2 1 1	6 1/2
Raleigh	0 0 x 1 1	0 1/2 x 0 1	3 1/2
F. Merk	0 0 0 x 1	0 0 1 x 1	3
Kendall	0 0 0 0 x	0 0 0 0 x	0

Parsons and Dickson by winning most points in the above completed sections are awarded an extension of six months to their subscriptions to the Washington Chess Letter.

Rev. Alfred Carter of Ritzville invaded the 1500 Club last week and gave Mulford and Bishop some lessons in the Royal game of Chess.

During the past four or five months you have perhaps noticed the improvement in makeup of this Postal Chess section of the WCL. We want to render thanks to Dan Wade and Ken Mulford for having taken over the duties of your regular Postal Chess editor during his recent absence from duty.

We are very fortunate in having such able and willing people on the staff to take over the duties of any one when it becomes necessary. Thanks for your help.

Wade nosed Baron out for first place on our Postal Chess Ratings by one point, and the feud is on. Baron has consented to play in a section with Wade and we are holding his entry until Wade gets caught up with his work so that he can take another section on. It would make quite a section if Taro, Coubrough and Howard or Mulford would come in also.

Dickson still maintains his lead in the "B" division, but Falk, Parsons and Skerston are on the way up and it is probable that there will be some changes before long. Dickson is considering a promotion to the "A" division with his next section.

You will note that we have four new postal chess players starting out in postal chess with us this month. The more we have the faster we can assign players to a section, so spread the word around that our postal chess is growing and influence your friends to join with us. It really is a good way to get acquainted and improve your game. You get the opportunity to play with new players and make new friends.

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Weaver	1468
Weischer	1354
Magerkurth	1344
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Bever	1319
Vellias	1316
Knapp	1304
Sid Nourse	1288
John Nourse	1286
Patterson	1250
Lawrence Allyn	1250
Hultman	1250
Carter	1225
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Dickson	1385
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