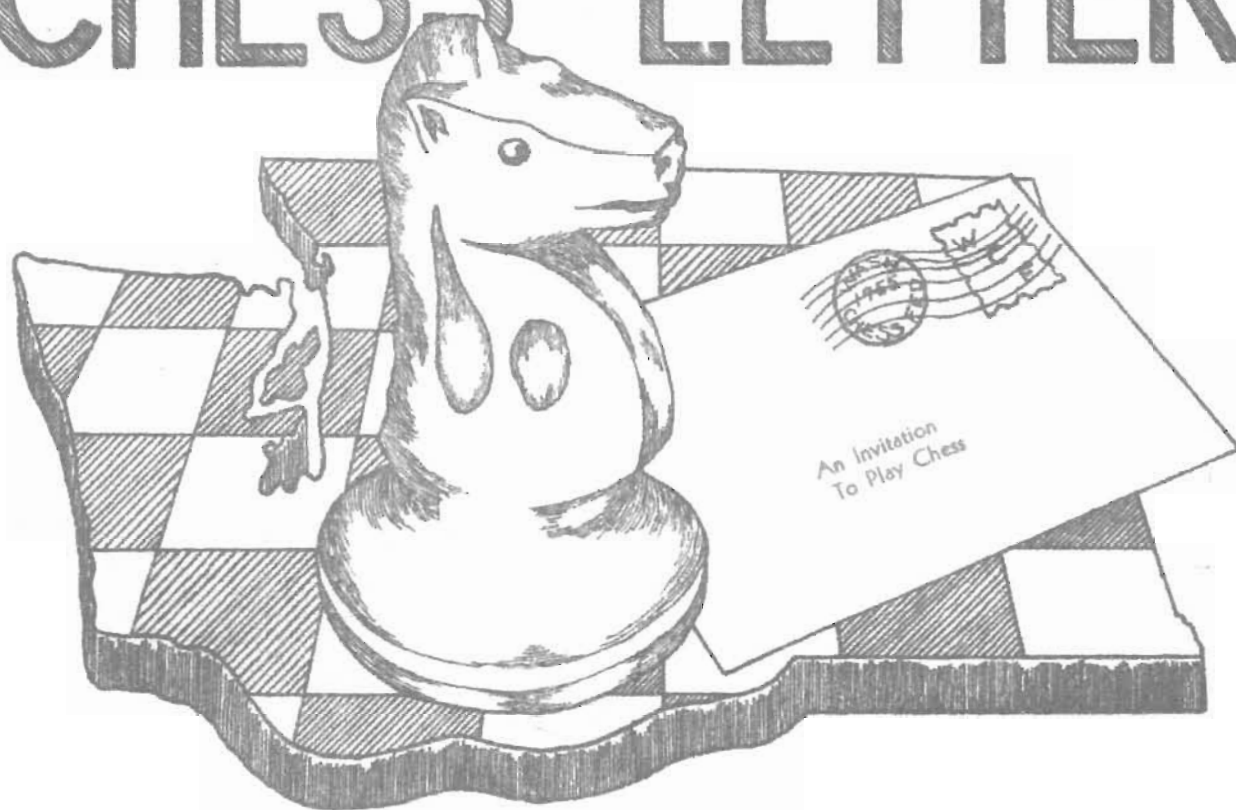


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DENNIS HAMILTON, enthusiastic Tacoma junior player, has sent in some original chess cartoons. Shades of JACK FINNIGAN! We have spotted them throughout this issue. Any reader comments on them will be appreciated. Dennis also has some chess poems. Trot 'em out boy!

A last minute mistake in the June issue can be found on page five. In the diagram on that page the knight should be WHITE and not BLACK! We are truly sorry about this error. This admission should restore the self-confidence of more than one expert who could not solve the problem which was solved by a player who knew the game only three months! The player admitted he had played the game over the phone and had had three hours to figure out the move which allowed White to mate in three.

The duties of the editor and publisher of this magazine concern only the work of putting out the magazine. We are happy to help in other duties, of course but should not have to take the lead in such matters. The WCF has elected several officers who may be a little on the hazy side as to the nature of their responsibilities. At each election we requested that the duties of each officer be listed but this has not been done.

Who should make arrangements for a tournament such as the Seafair Open? Who takes care of our side of the International arrangements? Who takes care that all trophies are kept up to date in regards to engraving? Who takes care of a matter such as buying and getting engraved the annual "Oscar"? The Federation's "plan of organization and apportionment of work" has functioned only because one or two of the officers were willing and able to handle not only their own responsibilities but the responsibilities the others failed to assume.

With the exception of the International where IR. HUSBY shoulders responsibility, who takes care of the others?

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SEAFAIR OPEN AUGUST 4 AND 5

The annual Seattle Seafair Tournament will be held in one of the second floor class rooms of the Central Y. M. C. A. located at 4th Avenue and Madison Street. The days are Saturday and Sunday, August 4th and 5th. Registration commences at 9:30 a. m. and play should get underway at 10.

During the opening round the players will have a chance to watch a Seafair Parade with floats, bands, pretty majorettes, etc. etc. parade up 4th Avenue. The playing room will face 4th Avenue so players can watch between moves.

Plans for a banquet in connection with the tournament were dashed when it was learned the Y. M. C. A. does not serve food after 2:30 p. m. on week-ends.

Bring chess board and set. If possible, bring chess clocks. Entry fee is \$3. First prize is a guaranteed \$25. There will be prizes for the first four places at least plus prizes for the top three in the second half of the final standings. Some surprise special prizes will be given.

Five players will be chosen to form a grievance committee and take some of the heat off of the tournament director.

The time control will be 40 moves in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours for each player. After a total elapsed time of 3 hours has passed, games will be adjourned. Adjourned games will be resumed at the rate of 20 moves in 45 minutes. For pairing purposes, adjourned games will have to be considered draws.

The tournament will be a six round Swiss with the Median tie-break being used.

The first Seattle Seafair Open was in 1952. Thirteen turned out for it and O. W. MANNEY was the winner with $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. This was a five round Swiss. DAN WADE was runner up with $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. This was JIM MCCORMICK'S first tournament so his last place finish gave no indication of future greatness. In 1953 only six turned out for the event. It was a very small but very strong affair as BILLARS ZENGALIS drew with VELLIAS and then won four in a row to take the top spot. CHARLES JOACHIM took second while VELLIAS, after drawing ZENGALIS, was a four time loser ending in last place.

Things picked up considerably in 1954 with over 20 entering. DALBERGS of Portland beat out WARNER on the tie-break both ending with $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ in a six round Swiss. In a tournament within the Seafair, ROSBURG won the Seattle championship. No less than 8 players finished in a tie all with 4-2 scores in this event.



Tmt. Director,
as viewed by
timepressed
contestant.

Last year again over 20 entered the most successful Seafair Open thus far. It was won by BILLS with $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. EDBERG took second and WADE third. Both scored $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$.

SEAFAIR SPEED. Fri. Aug. 3. 7 p. m.

13TH INTERNATIONAL

AUGUST 19

The 1956 International Chess Match between British Columbia and Washington State will be held on Sunday, August 19th at one p. m. Standard Time. The location will be the Seven Cedars Pavilion on highway 99 about a half mile north of Mount Vernon, Washington.

If you plan to play, it would be appreciated immensely if you would let the editor know. The names of those who have pledged to play will be published in the next Chess Letter.

After last year's dismal turnout plus the loss of such sterling players as BILLS, SCHAIN and BRIEGER who moved to California plus the addition of Rule number 8 below, it appears like we may have a hard time gathering a team suitable to face the task awaiting it on August 19th.

RULES FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA - WASHINGTON STATE MATCH

1. The Peace Arch Trophy shall be for perpetual competition between teams from British Columbia and Washington in annual matches. For the purposes of these rules the said teams shall be called "A" teams.
2. The matches shall be held alternately in Canada and the United States.
3. The date and site of each match shall be by arrangement between the British Columbia Chess Federation and the Washington Chess Federation.
4. The teams shall be of 30 players each, provided that should a team number less than 30 players, it shall forfeit all games in which it fails to supply an opponent for the opposing team's player. A forfeited game shall count as a game lost by the team which incurs the forfeit.
5. A won game shall count as one point, a drawn game shall count as a half point and a lost game shall count as a zero.
6. The home team shall have the white pieces on the odd numbered boards and the black pieces on the even numbered boards.
7. The captains of the teams shall arrange a time at which all unfinished games shall be halted for adjudication and shall arrange for adjudicators.
8. No player with the rating of Chess Master shall be eligible to compete in these matches. (Only Washington can lose on this rule. B. C. may have players with Master ability but unrated. They usually do quite well on first board anyway. This is a poor rule and should be eliminated. The Editor)
9. Simultaneously with the match for the Peace Arch Trophy there shall be a "B" class match for the Wooden Platter.
10. The "B" team shall consist of 15 or more players.
11. Should a "B" team number less than 15 players, it shall forfeit one game for each board of the first 15 boards at which it fails to provide an opponent for the opposing team's player, but no game shall be forfeited on board 16 or higher numbered boards, nor on boards where the opposing team has no player.

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LETTERS TO YE ED

We have a few letters this time passed on to us by Raleigh, Weaver and Bishop from Sid Nourse, Jack Nourse and Dennis Hamilton respectively.

Hamilton sez - "I have noticed the improvement in the Chess Letter illustrations. However, I think it would be even better if cartoons and illustrations drawn especially about chess were used. You may have noticed the clever illustrations that have been distributed freely throughout recent issues of Chess Review. No, I didn't draw them. I have, however, produced some original ones of this type. I think that your format could be improved by using illustrations as part of articles (not counting diagrams) and by redesigning titles and heads.

"I have been toying with the idea of making sketches of notable chess figures for the Chess Letter. A practical use of these drawings would be placing them with articles written by the given person.

"I am not a top-flight chess player but I would like to conduct a high school chess column in the Chess Letter. Of course Jim McCormick should be encouraged to do this if he is not too busy with college."

Sid writes - "I think the Solvers Contest is a very bright idea and I appreciate all the trouble so many of the chess fraternity are taking for the benefit of the rest of us (also for themselves! Ye Ed) in getting out the Chess Letter. A fine job. Hope to be seeing you at Mount Vernon."

Jack writes - "Sorry I am not more help at this time but the organization seems to be doing nicely. The magazine in material and workmanship is superb. I like the Solvers Column as it is the only branch which I can compete in."

MORE RULES FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA - WASHINGTON STATE MATCH

12. Except as provided in Paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 of these rules, the rules of the "B" match shall be the same as those for the "A" match.

13. No player shall be eligible to play for his "B" team as long as there are vacancies on his "A" team.

BRITISH COLUMBIA	"A"	WASHINGTON
(won '45 match)	1945	(lost in '45)
27 $\frac{1}{2}$	1946	43 $\frac{1}{2}$
22 $\frac{1}{2}$	(Mar.) 1947	38 $\frac{1}{2}$
16 $\frac{1}{2}$	(Aug.) 1947	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
15	1948	15
12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1949	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
13	1950	17
15 $\frac{1}{2}$	1951	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
18 $\frac{1}{2}$	1952	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
12	1953	18
8	1954	22
17 $\frac{1}{2}$	1955	12 $\frac{1}{2}$

Remember 1954? Let's do it again! The record stands: Wash, C. E. C. 5 and I drawn match.



V. HOLMES WINS TACOMA CLUB TITLE

VERNON HOLMES remains on top of the heap at the Tacoma Chess Club with an undefeated score although HANSON stole a draw from him to spoil his record.

As BOB COLLINS is out of town, assistant tournament director DENNIS HAMILTON closed up the tournament which ended June 1st.

HEWITT had an excellent chance for second place if he had been able to win half of his four unplayed games.

No doubt if VICTORS PUPOLS had been able to enter, things would have been much wilder.

Unfortunately three players failed to play half of their games and had to be dropped out.

All of the games among the top five involved tense play for the higher honors. It is too bad that so many games were not played because several of the players had good chances of raising their standings if they had played 2 or 3 games left on their schedules.

PLAYERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	SCORE	PLACE	UNPLAYED
1. Holmes	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	*	1	1	1	$12\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	1st	one
2. Hultman	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	1	*	0	1	1	1	$9\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	2-3	one
3. Carlson	0	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$9\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	2-3	one
4. Coubrough	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	1	1	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	9 - 4	4th	one
5. Hewitt	0	1	*	1	X	1	1	0	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	8 - 2	5th	four
6. Hamilton	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2}$	6th	none
7. Loughood	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 - 8	7th	one
8. Finnigan	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	X	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	*	1	1	*	$4\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$	8-9	four
9. Hanson	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	*	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	X	*	*	1	0	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$	8-9	five
10. Faithfull	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	X	*	*	1	1	0	4 - 6	10th	four
11. Dolle	0	*	0	0	*	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	*	*	X	1	*	*	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	11th	seven
12. Weber	*	1	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	0	*	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	3 - 7	12th	four
13. Voolker	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1	*	0	*	0	X	*	1	2 - 8	13-14	four
14. Lee	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	X	1	2 - 10	13-14	two
15. Keeley	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	*	0	0	X	$1\frac{1}{2}-11\frac{1}{2}$	15th	one

HIGHLINE WINS

The Highline High School chess team walloped a Tacoma Junior chess team by the resounding score of 8 to 2. HAMILTON was the only bright spot for the losers while SAWYER and two unnamed players won both of their games for Highline.



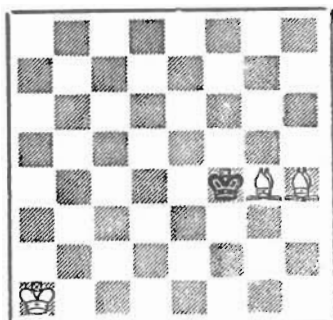
Highline 8. Tacoma Juniors 2.

Kuvara	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Loughood	$\frac{1}{2}$
Sawyer	2	Hanson	0
Bjornson	$\frac{1}{2}$	Hamilton	$1\frac{1}{2}$
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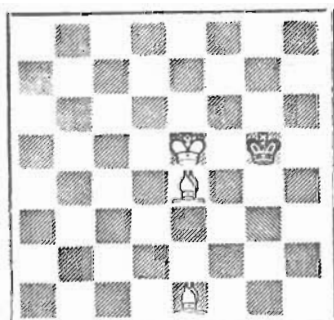
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THE MOST DIFFICULT MATES

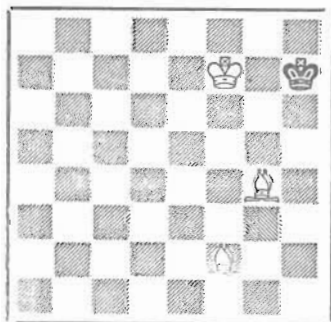
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by ol' Buck Weaver



- 1 B-Q1, K-K6
- 2 K-N2 K-Q7
- 3 B-QB2 K-K6
- 4 K-B3 K-B6
- 5 K-Q4
- 6 B-K1
- 7 B-Q3
- 8 B-K4
- 9 K-K5



- 9 K-N5
- 10 B-KB2 K-N4
- 11 B-KB5 K-R3
- 12 K-B6 K-R4
- 13 B-K6 K-R3
- 14 B-N4 K-R2
- 15 K-B7



- 15 K-R3
- 16 B-K3ch K-R2
- 17 B-B5ch K-R1
- 18 B-Q4 mate.

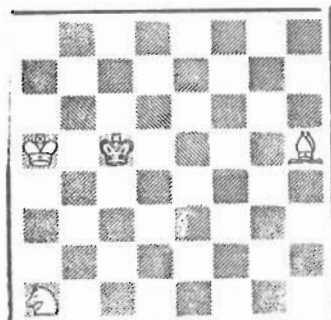
The most difficult Mates are not wives born under the sign of Sagittarius. They occur in a chess game if you have two Bishops, or a Knight and Bishop, versus a lone King. There you sit. Your victim looks at you with the sad eyes of a horse with a broken leg and wonders if you can deliver a last lethal shot without messing the whole thing up. The exact method, the true mark of a craftsman, follows:

TWO BISHOPS MATE

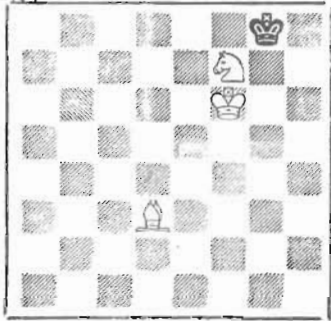
The most difficult two-Bishop position is shown on the left. The Black King must be driven to a corner and the White King advances to herd it toward one with Bishops relentlessly forming a boundary line. At an intermediate point in the proceedings we get diagram #2. We have already noticed that the Black King is recalcitrant, tries to stampede out of the corral. It is trying to wring out all 18 of the maximum moves that the "book" allows, but you finally arrive at the last diagram. Black had other moves which would have either shortened the fray or come back to the same situations as the text. Now White can wipe the sweat off the palm of his hand in readiness for handshaking and get ready to mumble something on the subject of better luck next time while looking covertly all around to see if anyone was looking at the superb display of chess tactics.

MATE WITH KNIGHT & BISHOP

The Knight plus Bishop mate can take as many as 33 moves which is well within the limit prescribed by law, but you have to be exact, because if Black can break out of the cordon for another 33 moves it aint easy to get 2 times 33 into the 50-move rule. So starting with the top position at the right, which is the hardest, you are trying for the next diagram, which is a necessary stage. Mate can only take place in a corner of the same color as the Bishop, but the Black King has to be inveigled to the wrong corner first to assure the forcing sequence that follows. Now we get to the last diagram and you could still louse it up by a stalemate, thereby saddling yourself with an inferiority complex that



1. ..K-B3; 2. N-N3, K-Q3; 3 K-N5, K-Q4; 4 B-B7ch, K-K4; 7 N-Q2, K-B5; 8 K-Q6, K-B4; 9 B-Q3+, K-B3; 10 N-B3, K-B2; 11 K-K5!, K-N2; 12 N-N5, K-N1; 13 K-B6, K-B1; 14 N-B7, K-N1



- 15 B-B5, K-B1; 16 B-R7 K-K1; 17 N-K5, K-Q1; 18 K-K6, K-B2; 19 N-Q7, K-N2; 20 B-Q3, K-B3; 21 B-R6, K-B2; 22 B-N5, K-Q1; 23 N-N6, K-B2; 24 N-Q5+, K-Q1; 25 K-Q6, K-B1; 26 K-K7, K-N2; 27 K-Q7,



27. K-N1
- 28 B-R6 K-R2
- 29 B-B8 K-N1
- 30 N-K7 K-R2
- 31 K-B7 K-R1
- 32 B-N7+ K-R2
- 33 N-B6 mate

would haunt you through the remainder of the tournament. Men down on the Skidroad have been known to raise elbow and hand from the gutter as if to grab back a Bishop that is about to fall on the wrong square

This being another month without local tournaments to report, we extend our copy with "funnies" for the children. Characters from real cartoonists are traced and reassembled into situations that have some vague connection with chess!?



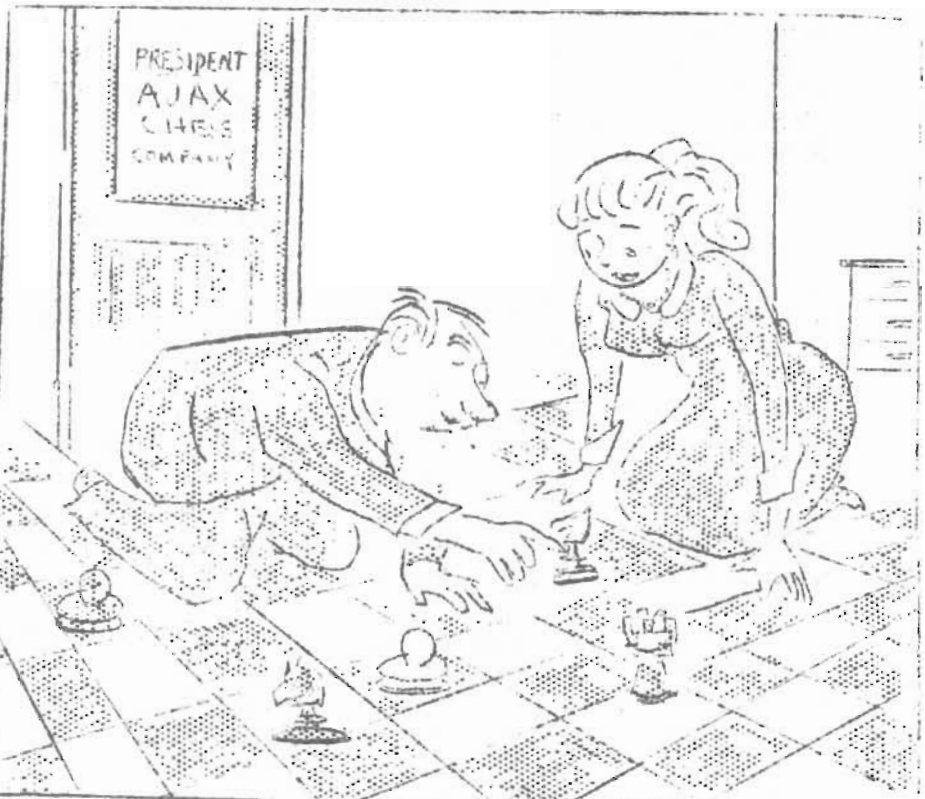
"Well I have it straight from the man that invented the game, and you can too castle with the rook en prise."



"Boomer is going flat out to WIN. Old Thudberry is taking terrific punishment."



"Maybe a quiet French Defense or English Opening, once a week, but no more Muzio Gambit."



"We'll be first on the market with a floor model chess set."

RATINGS *wade*

There are ratings and then there are ratings! What good is a rating made in one or two local events compared to a rating compiled through several years of tournaments? So the Rating List will be misleading unless a player's rating is left unpublished until after he has been rated in possibly six events. USCF ratings of such Washington players as ULVESTAD (2218), WARNER (2046), EDBERG (2028), WADE (1966), TARO (1915), VELLIAS (1943), PUPOLS (1925), DR. PARKER (1764), NELSON (1812), MCCORMICK (1955), LAFRENIERE (1722), HOGE (1874), FALK (1847) DAVIDSEN (1614), CLARK (1842), BISHOP (1888) and WEAVER (1779) have been tournament tested enough to now have some meaning. Such leading Eastern Washington players as CORNELIUS (1980) and DR. BAUMWELL (1900) have played in only three open tournaments and have done well enough against the top notchers listed above to make their present ratings appear justified if not fully tested. The others do not have tested ratings.

The reason for PUPOL'S rating being lower than those of WARNER and EDBERG is his relatively poor showing in a mid-western event a year ago. Both of the others seemed to have improved their ratings with out-of-the-state play.

JOACHIM (1972), G. PATTERSON (1954) and AMIDON (1793) have well tested USCF ratings but are now inactive. Other formerly rated Washingtonians who have been inactive too long and have been dropped from the lists altogether are SHEETS, DEWITT, ROSBURG and MANNEY. All of these except SHEETS have left the state. Seemingly by error one ancient rating of a long inactive and departed player appeared. This is the rating of STORK (1763). How this very low STORK rating appeared is a mystery. He is a former Washington State Champion now living in California and has been inactive for many years.

The USCF admittedly does not have enough hands and minds to handle the huge task of figuring out the ratings every six months as was originally intended. It has been a strain getting the lists out once a year. This last list (ChessLife for May 20th 1956) has the ratings only up to the end of the year 1955. Therefore at this writing it is already six months outdated. We urge all Washington players interested in USCF ratings to write in to MR. KENNETH HARKNESS and volunteer their services.

Washington's top-ranked player is presently inactive. He is EIMARS ZEMGALIS (2281). He is the only Washington player who has won all Washington tournaments he has participated in. His record in three events: 1953 State - 9 wins and 0 losses, 1953 Seafair - 4 wins and 1 draw (to Vellias) and 1955 Puget Sound Open - 6 wins and 1 draw (to Noland). Total - 19 wins, 2 draws and no losses.

Three former Washingtonians who have prospered rating-wise away from the home stomping grounds are BILLS (2038), BRIEGER (2056) and SCHAIN (2092). Want to raise your rating? Then enter the United States Open and if you can play at all you should break even (barring the use of the "Milwaukee System") and rate a 1900 rating at least. The "Milwaukee System" forced a player to meet opponents with similar ratings through most of the competition.

JIM SCHMITT, Chess Champion of San Francisco and perennial winner of all Washington events he enters, has a rating of 2144 or only 56 points below being a Master. The highest ranking Northwest player is ARTHUR DAKE of Portland who has a rating of 2412, 12th best in the nation.

This just about exhausts the subject. Any letters commenting on the above will be appreciated. Agree or disagree (at your own risk!) but write.
1956 US OPEN IS AT OKLAHOMA BILTMORE HOTEL, OKLAHOMA CITY, JULY 16 to 28th

SOLVERS' CONTEST

Jack Nourse and Dick Parsons are still in the top spot with 11 points, but Jack isn't long for this contest, because he is going on a world cruise this September. He wrote that he expects chess to provide an entree into the folkways of the countries he visits.

Following closely with 10 points are C.J. Sween, Mal Skarsten, John DeWitt, and Cliff Dolph. We lost some from this group. Lt. John DeWitt is stationed at an Airforce base in Ohio and keeps in touch by air-mail. He has a plus for solving that monster we published last April.

Some of the late starters are going to be hard to hold once we get into the rougher stuff. With perfect replies to the late starter series they join the 9 pointers: Phil Dolph, Jim Rogers, Lt.E.T. Leininger O.W. Manney, Sam Spatz, Bruce Oldham, Fred VanNatta, Dennis Hamilton, Ray Kronquist, and Russ Vellias.

There are 8 solvers in the 6-7-8 position, and 6 others with only one reply. They should keep pitching. A couple points wont matter in the final drive. Idaho now leads Missouri by 1 point. It was the other way around last month.

LATE STARTER SOLUTIONS: Key moves; #1 B-B6; #2 P-KR3; #3 P-R6. We accepted R-N in #2. Black can't get material for the Queen because of mating threat.

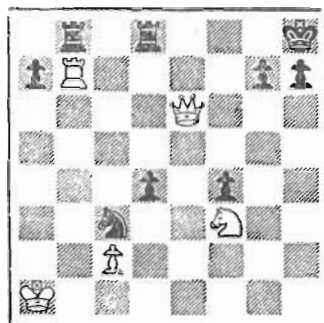
JULY PROBLEMS: Seven points are at stake for the pair of problems presented this month, 3 for each, and as usual, 1 point for merely answering. Another good thing about answering is that you will have more cards in the basket when the "door prize" is drawn at the end of the 5th month. The contest runs for six. Then we will start another one if enough are interested.

The cash fund amounts to \$3.75. It will provide a \$2.50 and a \$1.25 extra prize for solvers who sent in an entry fee. In addition to this there is a handsomely bound yearbook of Chess Letter, and the subscription extensions available to all.

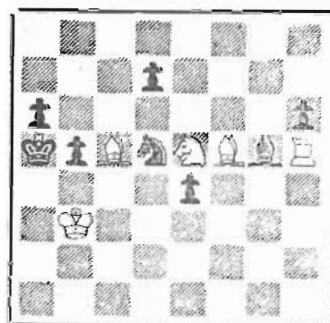
In case you are crossing the Columbia River at Maryhill this Summer, you will enjoy visiting the Museum of Fine Arts, and will receive a cordial welcome from Cliff Dolph, who is in charge. He scored 4-2 in the strong Oregon Open this Spring, and he likes to meet people who play chess.

SEND SOLUTIONS TO F.H. WEAVER, 501 OLYMPIC PLACE, SEATTLE 99, BEFORE JULY 20.

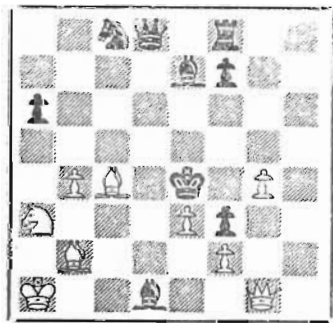
We awarded 3 points for the key move, 2 for the continuation.



1. Q-Q7 R-N1
2. N-N5 QR-KB
3. Q-R3 P-KR3
4. QxPch PxQ
5. R-R7 mate



WHITE MATES IN 3



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WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

At the suggestion of Howard Weaver we are beginning a new department next month. It will appear in each issue as a necessary service to players. "Where to Play Chess" will let the player know where and when he can play chess if he visits or lives in Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Yakima or some other town in the Northwest. This includes the Portland Chess Club in Oregon State. Come on ye club secretaries in Portland, Spokane, Tacoma, etc., etc. send in the info to Chess Letter Editor D. E. Wade, 11023 25th N. E. Seattle 55, Wash. pronto. We want this information well before the middle of July.

John Ring, Seattle Chess Club Director, has obtained new quarters for the Seattle Chess Club. Announcement of Where, If, When, etc. on this will be in your next Chess Letter.

CHAMPIONS ALL

WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONS

1956 Olaf Ulvestad
1955 William Dills
1954 Leonard Sheets
1953 Elmars Zengalis
1952 Olaf Ulvestad
1951 Charles Ballantine
1950 Robert Stork

INLAND EMPIRE OPEN CHAMPS

1956 Victors Pupols
1955 Eugene (Ted) Warner
1954 Dr. Max Baumwell

EASTERN WASH. CHAMPIONS *

1956 Gordon Cornelius
1955 Eugene (Ted) Warner
1954 Dr. Max Baumwell
1953 William Hoge

WASHINGTON JUNIOR CHAMPS

1956 James McCormick
1955 Stephen Falk
1954 Victors Pupols
1953 Eugene (Ted) Warner
1952 Dennis Chipman
1951 Gerald Schain
1950 Charles Ballantine

1956 TACOMA CITY CHAMPION

Victors Pupols

1956 TACOMA CLUB CHAMPION

Vernon Holmes

WASH. STATE OPEN CHAMPIONS

1956 Russell Vellias
1955 Eugene (Ted) Warner
1954 James Schmitt (Ore.)
1953 Donald Turner (Ore.)
1952 O. W. Manney
1951 Charles Joachim

SEAFAIR OPEN CHAMPIONS

1955 William Dills
1954 Ivars Dalbergs (Ore.)
1953 Elmars Zengalis
1952 O. W. Manney

SPOKANE CITY CHAMPIONS

1956 Gordon Cornelius
1955 Leon Svensson
1954 Gordon Cornelius
1953 Gordon Cornelius

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE CLUB CHAMPIONS

1955-1956 Seattle Chess Club
1954-1955 University of Washington
1953-1954 YMCA, Kitsap and Tacoma
1952-1953 Tacoma Chess Club
1951-1952 University of Washington
1950-1951 Seattle Chess Club
1949-1950 Seattle Chess Club
1948-1949 Tacoma Chess Club
1947-1948 Tacoma Chess Club
1946-1947 Tacoma Chess Club

PUGET SOUND CHAMPS

1956 James Schmitt
1955 Elmars Zengalis
1954 Victors Pupols
1953 James Schmitt
1952 Daniel Wade
1951 Alex Suchobeck

SEATTLE CITY CHAMPS

1956 Victors Pupols
1955 Olaf Ulvestad
1954 Charles Rosburg
1951 Leonard Sheets

SEATTLE CLUB CHAMPS

1956 Daniel Wade
1955 Russell Vellias
1954 Charles Rosburg
and Daniel Wade
1953 Anthony Walloch

* The past 3 Eastern Wash. Tournaments were part of the Inland Empire Open Tournaments.

CHESS AROUND THE WORLD

BY DON EILMES

Willam Bills has been keeping us informed of San Francisco events since moving there. He made the best showing of the Northern California players in the recent North-South match as detailed on another page of this issue. He writes that Jim McCormick arrived last week, got a job, and entered the San Francisco City Chess Championship, to be completed by July 15 in week-end play. J. Schmitt, well known to Northwest players, won it last year but will be up against at least 8 experts and masters, including Bills, in this year's hassle.

In the Eastern United States, Max Pavey won on first board against Seidman in the Manhattan-Marshall classic. The Manhattan club won 5-3, Bisguier and Horowitz bringing in the other wins.

Robert Brieger, last year a Seattle player, stayed long enough in San Diego to win the Convair Championship, then returned to Houston. He has just won the Texas State Open.

Eugene Levin, Hollywood master, is now leading in the Herman Steiner Tournament, and Dr. P. Lapiken is a close second.

Alexander Alekine, whose remains were lately transferred from Spain to France, was honored by 800 people attending the memorial service. His widow died three days before the body arrived. She was originally an American who married a titled Englishman, retained her British citizenship while married to Alekine, and during her remaining years was active in an English chess club. Our former Chess Letter editor, George Bishop, is trying to get a line on the lady's American background, and will supply us with anything of interest that he can find.

The Russians want to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Alekine's demise with an international grandmaster tournament to be held in Moscow October 8 to November 10. They have invited Sam Reshevsky from the U.S. Najdorf and Panno of Argentina, Euwe of Holland, Stahlberg of Germany, Szabo of Hungary, Pachman and Dr. Filip of Czechoslovakia, Gligoric and Matonovic of Yugoslavia, and eight Russian grandmasters will take part. All Sammy wanted to do was play their champion, but the Russians have requested a postponement of the match between Bronstein and Reshevsky until December. Arthur Bisguier is acting as a second for Reshevsky in the negotiations.

TEST YOUR CHESS KNOWLEDGE WITH THIS QUIZ

What living chess master is:

- (a) a teacher in a girl's school?
- (b) a government code-buster?
- (c) a consulting psychiatrist?
- (d) a construction engineer?
- (e) a baritone with many radio appearances?

The answers to these and many other questions will appear in Chess Letter next month. You can find almost anything in Chess Letter.

Your consulting partner is Korchnov. You are about to defeat Flohr, Russia, 1954.

"CHESS TEST"

Cover game score with a piece of paper and lower it line by line as you score your points

British champion Barden has devised a rate-yourself system that not only credits its points for best moves, but takes penalty points away when you fall into traps.

If you like this sample you can buy "Chess" for 1 shilling and threepence per copy (25¢) by addressing 12203 Archdale Ave. Detroit 27, Michigan. You get not only the last word about chess happenings in Twickenham, Cheshire and Loughborough but will read American chess news at least a month earlier than it is printed in U.S. publications - (other than Chess Letter).

ENGLISH OPENING. The first moves are: 1. P-QB4, N-KB3; 2. N-KB3, P-B4; 3. N-B3, P-Q4; 4. PxP, NxP; 5. P-KN3, N-QB3; 6. B-N2, N-B2; 7. Q-R4, B-Q2;

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| 8. Q-K4
...P-K3 | 6 POINTS for recognizing an infrequent position in which this is a good move. If 8. O-O, N-Q5; and then Black neutralizes the long diagonal with ..B-B3 |
| 9. O-O
...B-K2 | 2 POINTS. Also 2 points for 9. P-Q4. Slight variations are permissible in the developing moves. |
| 10. P-Q4
...PxP | 2 POINTS |
| 11. NxP
...O-O | 1 POINT. <u>Deduct</u> 6 points for any other move. |
| 12. R-Q1
...Q-B1 | 4 POINTS, or 3 points for B-B4 or B-K3. Commanding the center files is best until you know best B move |
| 13. B-K3
...N-K1 | 3 POINTS, or 3 for B-B4 which seems equally good. |
| 14. QR-B1
...N-B3 | 2 POINTS. This is clearly called for. |
| 15. Q-B4
...B-Q1 | 6 POINTS. 3 for Q-R4. 2 for Q-B2 or Q-N1. The text controls black-square route, is tactically playable. If ..P-K4; 16. NxN, PxQ; 17. NxBch etc. |
| 16. NxN
...BxN | 4 POINTS. Only 1 for N/Q4-N5 because of reply ..P-K4. |
| 17. N-N5
...B-N3 | 4 POINTS. 1 for B-B5, R-K1; and 18. N-N5 now unplayable. |
| 18. N-Q6
...Q-N1 | 3 POINTS. 3 also for QBxB giving Black doubled pawns. |
| 19. QBxB
...PxB | 3 POINTS. 1 point for KBxB, BxB! Black saves his BP. |
| 20. BxB
...PxB | 3 POINTS. Now the exchange works. |
| 21. RxP
...RxP | 5 POINTS. Nothing for P-QR3. |
| 22. Q-Q4
...P-R3 | 3 POINTS. Nothing for Q-QN4, N-Q4! |
| 23. KR-QB1
...R-R1 | 4 POINTS. 2 points for P-K4 or N-N5. 1 point for RxP, Q-R1; giving Black some chance to swindle you. |
| 24. N-B8
...K-R2 | 6 POINTS. 3 for QxP, and 2 for RxNP. |
| 25. Q-Q3ch
...P-N3 | 3 POINTS. Or 3 for NxP, or P-K4. <u>Deduct</u> 5 for RxNP, RxN! |
| 26. NxP
...R-R2 | 2 POINTS. Still deduct 5 for RxNP?? |
| 27. Q-Q4
...K-N2 | 4 POINTS. Now if the knight moves 28. N-Q7 wins. |
| 28. R-Q6
...R-K1 | 3 POINTS. White threatens N-Q7, prevents ..R-Q1. |
| 29. P-B4
...K-R2 | 4 POINTS. <u>Deduct</u> 1 for N-Q7, still premature. |
| 30. R-Q1 | 3 POINTS, and Black resigns. <u>Deduct</u> 2 for QxN, QxR! |

70-80	MASTER
60-69	EXPERT
50-59	CLASS A
37-50	CLUB PLAYER

GAMES

wade

South finally won a match from North in the annual Californian big affair. BILL BILLS won the following game on board 11 for the North.

SVEN ALMGREN W. A. BILLS

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| 1. P-K4? | P-K3! |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 4. PxP | PxP |
| 5. N-B3 | N-KB3 |
| 6. B-N5? | P-KR3 |
| 7. B-R4 | P-KN4 |
| 8. B-N3 | N-K5 |
| 9. Q-Q3 | Q-K2 |
| 10. D-K2 | B-KB4 |
| 11. N-K5 | P-KR4!? |
| 12. P-KR4 | P-N5 |
| 13. Q-K3 (!) | NxD? |
| 14. PxD!!!! | P-QB3! |
| 15. O-O (!) | B-K3! |
| 16. B-Q3 | N-Q2 |

Believe me, these exclamation-question marks are not the editor's!

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| 17. B-N6? | NxN |
| 18. QxN | K-Q2! |
| 19. B-B5 | B-Q3 |
| 20. Q-K1 | BxB |
| 21. RxB | QxQch. |
| 22. RxQ | R-R2 |
| 23. K-R2 | R-K1 |
| 24. RxR | IsR |
| 25. N-K2 | K-K2 |
| 26. K-N1 | K-K3 |
| 27. R-B1 | R-R3 |
| 28. R-K1 | K-M4 |
| 29. K-B2 | R-K3 |
| 30. R-Q1 | B-B2 |
| 31. R-Q3 | B-Q3 |

Horrible time pressure from 31 to move 40. (Bills)

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| 32. P-R4 | P-R4 ^f |
| 33. P-N3 | R-K2 ^f |
| 34. P-B4 | PxP ^f |
| 35. PxP | B-N5 ^f |
| 36. P-Q5 | PxP ^f |
| 37. RxPch. | R-K4 ^f |
| 38. R-Q7 | R-K2 ^f |
| 39. RxR | BxR ^f |
| 40. K-K3 | B-B4ch. ^f |
| ----- | Flag falling! |
| 41. K-Q3 | B-B7 |
| 42. N-Q4ch. | K-K4 |
| 43. N-K2 | P-B4 |

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| 44. P-B5 | K-Q4 |
| 45. N-B4ch. | KxP |
| 46. NxP | K-N5 |
| 47. N-N7 | BxP |
| 48. NxP | B-K4 |
| 49. K-K4 | B-R1 |
| 50. N-Q6 | P-N3 |
| 51. N-B8 | KxP |
| 52. NxPch. | K-N4 |
| 53. N-Q5 | P-R5 |
| 54. K-Q3 | P-R6 |
| 55. N-B3ch. | K-N5 |
| 56. N-R2ch. | K-N6 |
| 57. N-B1ch. | K-N7 |
| 58. K-Q2 | B-B3 |
| 59. P-N3 | BxP |
| 60. PxB | P-N6 |
| 61. N-Q3ch. | K-N8 |
| 62. Resigns. | |

Bravo! Bravo!

South Cal. 35½ North Cal. 31½

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| 1. I. Kashdan 1 | I. Konig 0 |
| 2. J. Cross ½ | N. Falconer ½ |
| 3. R. Jacobs ½ | V. Pafnutieff ½ |
| 4. G. Kovacs 1 | P. D. Smith 0 |
| 5. R. G. Cross ½ | JIM SCHMITT ½ |
| 6. P. LAPIKEN 1 | H. Gross 0 |
| 7. I. Rivise ½ | G. McClain ½ |
| 8. R. Martin ½ | D. Vedensky ½ |
| 9. H. Borochow 1 | W. Whisler 0 |
| 10. E. Levin 1 | W. P. Barlow 0 |
| 11. S. Almgren 0 | W. BILLS 1 |
| (Highest board to win a game for North) | |
| 12. S. Remlinger ½ | Janushowsky ½ |
| 13. M. Gordon 0 | W. Adams 1 |
| 14. R. Gross 1 | T. Fries 0 |



15. M. SUCHOBECK 1 C. Svalberg 0

D. HAMILTOND. BJORNSON

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| 4. PxP | PxP |
| 5. N-QB3 | B-QN5 |
| 6. B-N5 | O-O |
| 7. R-B1 | N-B3 |
| 8. P-QR3 | BxNch. |
| 9. RxB | B-B4 |
| 10 N-K5!? | ---- |

Threatens 11 NxN, PxN; 12 RxP

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| 10 ---- | Q-Q3 |
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If 10----NxN? 11 PxN, P-KR3; 12 PxN, PxB; 13 PxP, KxP and the Black's K is exposed to trouble.

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| 11 NxN | PxN |
| 12 BxN | QxB |
| 13 P-K3 | R-K1 |
| 14 Q-B3 | R-K3 |
| 15 B-Q3 | BxB |
| 16 QxQ | RxQ |
| 17 RxB | R-K1 |
| 18 O-O | P-KR3 |
| 19 P-B4 | P-KR4 |
| 20 P-R3 | R-N1 |

20----P-QR4 before 21----R-N1 puts on more pressure.

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| 21 P-QN4 | P-N3 |
| 22 P-N4 | PxP |
| 23 PxP | R-K1 |
| 24 P-B5 | P-N4 |

Probably better is 24----PxP. If then 25 RxP, R-N3 followed by P-KB3 or P-KB4.

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| 25 K-N2 | R-K5 |
| 26 K-B3 | K-N2? |

26----R-R3 is the move.

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| 27 R-KR1 | K-B1 |
| 28 R-R5 | ---- |

28 R-R8ch., K-K2; 29 R-R8 looks a little better here. (Ed.)

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| 28 ---- | K-K2 |
| 29 RxP | R-R3 |

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| 30 K-N3 | ---- |
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Not 30 R-R5? RxR; 31 PxR, R-R5 regains the pawn.

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| 30 ---- | K-B3 |
| 31 R-N8 | R-R8 |
| 32 R-B3 | R-N8ch. |
| 33 K-B3 | R-B8ch. |
| 34 K-N2 | R-QR8 |
| 35 RxPch. | K-K2 |
| 36 RxPch. | K-Q3 |
| 37 R-B3 | R-K8 |
| 38 R-Q8ch. | K-K2 |
| 39 RxP | RxPch. |
| 40 K-B3 | R/8-KN8 |
| 41 White won- | (Notes by Hamilton) |

R. EDDERGD. WADE

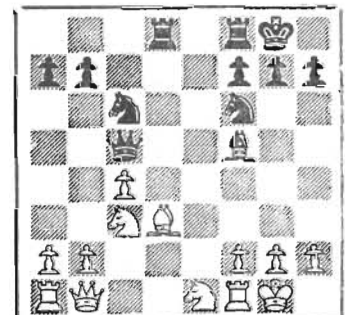
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| 1. P-K4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. PxP | N-KB3 |
| 3. P-QB4 | P-B3 |
| 4. PxP | NxP |
| 5. N-QB3 | P-K4 |
| 6. P-Q3 | B-QB4 |
| 7. B-K3 | BxB |
| 8. PxB | B-B4? |
| 9. P-K4 | B-N5? |
| 10 B-K2 | BxB? |
| 11 KNxB | Q-N3?? |
| 12 N-Q5 | Q-Q1 |
| 13 O-O | N-Q2 |
| 14 P-QN4 | O-O |
| 15 N-N3 | N-Q5 |
| 16 Q-N4 | P-KN3? |
| 17 QxN | Resigns. |

Black certainly fouled up this opening gambit.

Play the opening like below!

WILLIAM WINTERVERA MENCHICK

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| 1. P-K4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. PxP | N-KB3 |
| 3. P-QB4 | P-B3 |
| 4. PxP | NxP |
| 5. N-KB3? | P-K4 |
| 6. P-Q3 | B-QB4 |
| 7. B-K3 | Q-N3 |
| 8. BxB | QxB |
| 9. N-B3 | B-B4 |
| 10 B-K2 | R-Q1 |
| 11 O-O | P-K5 |
| 12 N-K1 | O-O |
| 13 Q-N1 | PxP |
| 14 BxP! | RxB! |
| 15 NxR | Q-F |
| 16 R-Q1 | N-QN5 |
| 17 N-K5 | Q-B5 |
| 18 N-Q3 | NxN |
| 19 RxN | N-N5 |
| 20 P-KR3? | Q-R7ch. |
| 21 K-B1 | |
| 22 Resigns. | |



AFTER
14 BXP

Send in your unusual games. We do not expect perfection so do not let it stop you if your game has a few errors.

MONTANA STORY

ROBERT EDBERG of Tieton, Washington won his second straight Montana State Chess Championship in games at Billings recently. Here are the details we lacked in last month's WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER.

The 21st Annual Montana State Championship was held May 12th and 13th at the Y.M.C.A. in Billings. The event was a five round Swiss directed by GERALD MOORE of Billings, the 1954 titleholder. Ties were broken by S-D points. There were 32 contestants in the senior event and 4 in the junior tourney which was won by the young son of J. C. THOMPSON of Billings.

Fortunately for the title hopes of all contestants, J. C. THOMPSON was unable to compete owing to company engagements. EDBERG met Mr. Thompson during the tourney and spent several hours discussing mutual chess acquaintances. Among these were O. W. MANNEY, WILLIAM BILLS and ROBERT IRIEGER. He would be delighted to hear from his old friends. His address is: Mobil Producing Co., Billings.

Washington, Montana, Wyoming and New Jersey were the states represented in the tournament with Montana having 29 and the other states 1 each. The sportsmanship and friendliness, as last year, was out of this world and just short of unbelievable! It cannot be emphasized too strongly how wonderfully all were treated and what good sports (as well as chess players) those Montanans were!

The banquet was held Saturday evening at the Turf Restaurant and short talks were heard by GERALD MOORE, JUDGE MAURY, DR. ADAM SMITH, EDBERG and several others. The annual business meeting was held at the same time and it was decided to hold next year's tournament some time in May at Butte.

JAMES R. FELT, who finished 21st, is a State Representative and at the banquet he extended greeting of the State to all visitors. He took it upon himself to make things nice for the visitors conducting some on a guided tour of town.

JUDGE H. L. MAURY, 80 years old and many times Montana State Champion, gave EDBERG his toughest battle. Their game lasted $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours before the Judge finally gave up.

This tourney was almost identical with last year's. DR. SMITH and EDBERG drew each other and beat the rest and EDBERG again won on S-D points. The vagaries of the drawing determined the winner. When DR. SMITH and EDBERG faced each other in the final round, EDBERG had been keeping close tabs on his "horses" and knew that all he needed was a draw to win first place. He kept offering a draw every few minutes! (The game score will be given next issue.)

EDBERG downed IRANVOLD, HANSON, MAURY and CHICK in his march to the title. He won a beautiful 13" cup with suitable engraving as the trophy for 1st. DR. SMITH won a smaller cup for 2nd. prize.

1. Robert Edberg	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	15.25	13 Ralph Hanson	3 -2	4.50	24 C.Brandvold	2 -3	1.00
2. Dr. A. Smith	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	13.75	14 Wasyl Jarosz	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	4.50	26 Art Edwards	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	3.50
3. H. L. Maury	4 -1	11.00	14 Hank Brandt	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	4.50	27 R.Southern		
3. H. Peterson	4 -1	11.00	16 C. B. Haydn	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	4.25		Jr. $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	3.25
5. A. C. Chick	4 -1	10.50	17 Phil Turner	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	3.25	28 L.W. Dunkin	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	1.25
6. R. N. Southern	4 -1	8.50	18 Rick Mulroy	2 -3	5.75	29 M. Enochson	1 -4	1.00
7. John Bullinga	4 -1	7.00	19 Larry Porter	2 -3	3.50	30 Eva Shanley	1 -4	0.50
8. Paul Shanley	3 -2	8.50	20 Hugo Reich	2 -3	3.00	31 H. Hazzard	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	1.25
9. George Zimmerman	3 -2	8.00	20 James Felt	2 -3	3.00	32 O. E. Olson	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	1.00
10 Russ Herman	3 -2	6.50	22 H. Wendel	2 -3	2.75	INCOMPLETE:		
11 Chris Burgmaier	3 -2	6.00	23 Mel Von Hess	2 -3	2.50	Norman Robertson		
12 John Barto	3 -2	5.50	24 Karl Korber	2 -3	1.00	Hyron E. McClintock		

POSTAL CHESS

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	May 19, 1956	Points
55A-6A	Carter 1 Cairncross 0	46
	June 2, 1956	
56B-3A	Smith 1 Lee	0 45
56B-3B	Smith 1 Lee	0 45
	June 3, 1956	
55B-4A	Phillips 1 Lyberger	0 42
55B-4B	Brookshire 1 Phillips	0 42
55B-3B	Adamson 1 Waldron	0 42
	June 4, 1956	
55B-4A	Lyberger 1 Waldron	0 26
	June 8, 1956	
55CH-1A	Weaver $\frac{1}{2}$ Wade $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 10
	June 11, 1956	
56B-2A	Parsons 1 Sween	0 26
56B-2B	Parsons 1 Sween	0 26
	June 15, 1956	
55CH-3A	Skarstens 1 Husby	0 23
	June 18, 1956	
56A-1A	Edberg 1 Wade	0 62
	June 19, 1956	
55CH-2B	Howard 1 Cairncross	0 34
55CH-2A	Howard $\frac{1}{2}$ Cairncross $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 16
	June 20, 1956	
56B-6B	Rogers 1 Skinner	0 50

We have started a team tournament by mail with a five man team in Amsterdam, Holland. Dan Wade will head our team and play vs the Champion of Amsterdam, Fikke. Max Bader vs Muller, B. Weischer vs Vogel, the Indonesian Champion who now resides in Amsterdam, Howard Weaver vs Van Kalken and V. W. Bever vs Roos. Each player will play two games with each opponent. In order to speed up the moves, they will be sent by air mail. When the moves are received by Ben, he will phone them to the other players and they in turn will phone their moves to him so that he can combine all of them in one letter. This method of play should make the games progress about as fast as local games. The Dutch are very enthusiastic about the opportunity to show up our players. We are not bragging but predict that they will know that they have been in a real match. All credit goes to Ben Weischer for his promotion of the match.

	55CH-1A	55CH-1B	Pts.
Hultman	x 0 1 1 1 1	x 1 0 1 1	6
Wade	1 x $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 1	0 x 0 1 1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Weaver	0 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 1	1 1 x 0 0	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Bever	0 0 0 x 1	0 0 1 x $\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Carter	0 0 0 0 x	0 0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x	$1\frac{1}{2}$

	55CH-3A	55CH-3B	Pts.
Skarsten	x $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 1	x 1 0 1 1	6
Mage	$\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 1	0 x 1 1 1	6
Goubrough	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ 1	1 0 x 1 1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Husby	0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1	0 0 0 x 1	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Engstrom	0 0 0 0 x	0 0 0 0 x	0

Hultman wins the first section with Skarsten and Mage tying for first place in 55CH-3A & 3B. These three will play the final round with the winner of section 55CH-2A & 2B when it is finished.

Last month we reported that Cairncross had two games to go in 55CH-2A & 2B. It is actually Weischer who has the two games with Baron. These games still have quite a way to go and are reported to be about even at the entering of the end game. Baron has to win both to win the section, a split gives it to Weischer.

Here is your chance to get in a really hot CHAMPIONSHIP POSTAL TOURNAMENT. Send your entry fee of \$2.00 to the Postal Chess Director and you will be entered in the 1956 WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION POSTAL CHESS TOURNAMENT. We hope to have 30 entries which will give us enough prize money to offer a prize for the winner of each section as well as three grand prizes for the final round. We expect the tournament to start by September. Some entries have already come in as a result of last month's announcement. Don't delay, we need your entry.

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