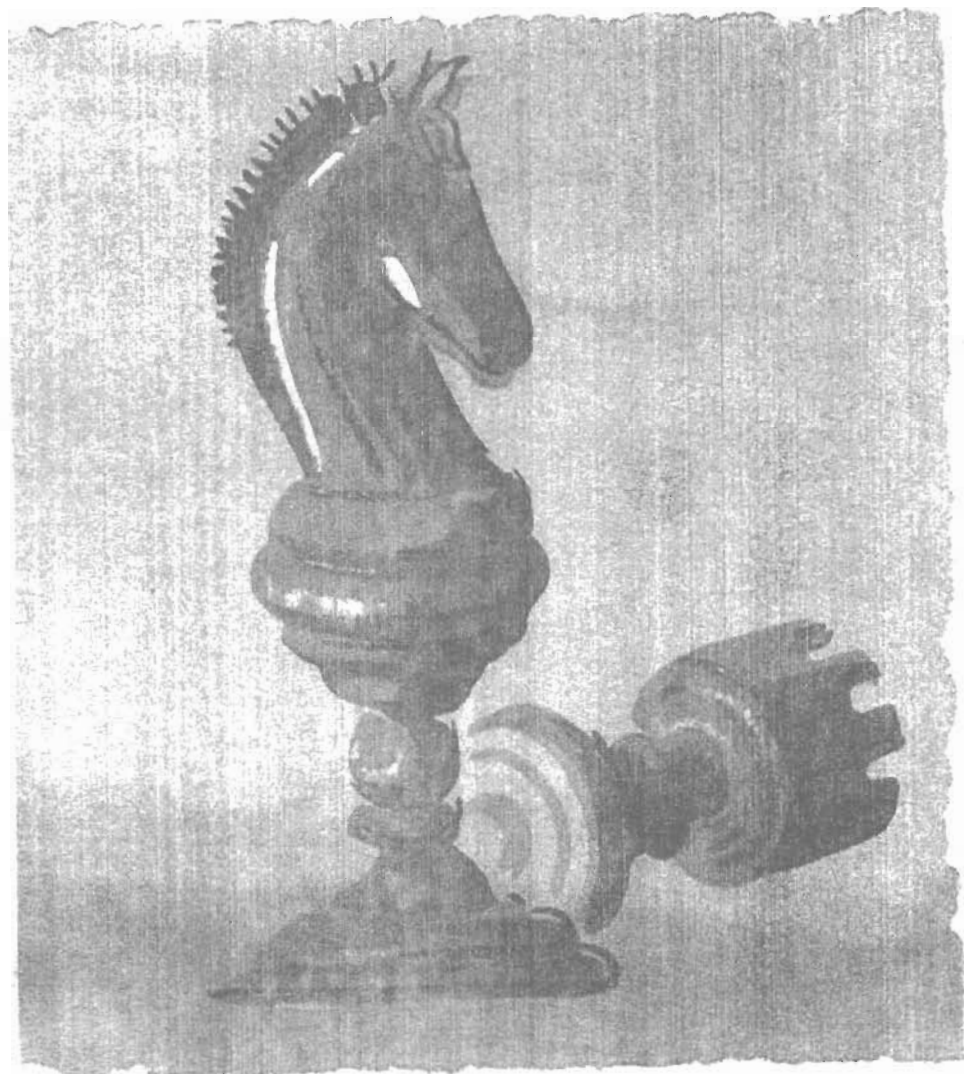


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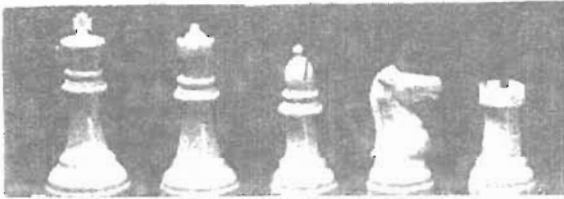
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## FUTURE EVENTS

WASHINGTON OPEN. Sat., Sun. Oct. 20 and 21. Six-round Swiss held in Spokane's Desert Hotel. Open to all players. More details next month. A 100% USCF Rated Event. One of the most important events of the year. Top finishers qualify for the State Championship Tourney. The 1956 State Champion is OIAF ULVESTAD. The present Washington State Open title holder is RUSSELL VELLIAS. Both are Seattle players.

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE. The 11th consecutive annual Puget Sound League race gets underway soon. The schedule will appear next month. If you wish to enter a team in the coming 1956-1957 race, let the editor know immediately. Defending champion is the Seattle Chess Club. Others in last season's race were Seattle, Boeings, McNeil Island, Kitsap, West Seattle, Tacoma Chess Club and the University of Washington. Let us make this the best season of all. Support your club. Play on your club's team.

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## VICTOR HULTMAN

Always greeting you with a smile and a firm handshake. A fine gentleman and a good chess player too. President of the Tacoma Chess Club and a veteran of all ten years of activity in the Puget Sound League. A consistent high finisher in Tacoma Club and Pierce County Chess events. During the past year, Victor entered WCF Postal Chess for the first time and promptly won his section defeating several of the top WCF postalites in the process.

Victor was only 61 when he passed away early in August. He will long be remembered by the many friends he made in Washington chess.

JOE CERRETELLI

Born in Mexico City in 1900, Joe moved to Washington State in 1936. Because of bad health, Joe was inactive in chess during the past year. Before that he was the President of the Olympia Chess Club and for several years played with the Olympia chess team in Puget Sound League matches where he made many friends. He was a frequent contestant in WCF tournaments and a long-time WCF postal player. Joe loaned the Washington Chess Federation enough money to help make possible the purchase of the electric mimeograph duplicator without which this magazine possibly would not now exist.

Joe Cerretelli was only 56 when he passed away late in August of a heart attack. His friendly presence will be missed by all who knew him.

## WASHINGTON WOODPUSHER TOURNEY

Coming soon! See your next issue of the Washington Chess Letter for details.

## SEATTLE CHESS CLUB

BILL GILLETTE did a fine job of serving coffee and doughnuts at the last Friday evening session in July. MAURICE HENION has given a lot of his time for bettering the club. Thanks also to JOHN RING for his help. We are getting more new members every week. DW

# EDBERG IS SEAFAIR CHAMPION

## BISHOP, WADE, & PUPOLS TIE FOR SECOND AWARD

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ROBERT EDBERG of Tieton, Washington won his first major Washington State tournament when he took the 1956 Seattle Seafair Open title in games at the Seattle Y. M. C. A. August 4th and 5th. The new Seafair Champion, who has won the Montana State title for the past two years, scored 5-1 with four wins and two draws in winning the hotly contested 24-player event. He did not win the title by any back door sneak either but had to knock over most of the best players to clinch first place. Edberg warmed up for the hard struggles to follow with a victory over LIEUTENANT LEININGER, a strong newcomer from Michigan. Then Robert played the strong DR. MURRAY to a draw in a very long, hard-fought battle. After that, Edberg defeated PUPOLS in 20 moves, downed young DICK PARSONS and defeated BISHOP. Needing only a draw to win the tournament, Edberg played WADE to a draw in the final round. It is interesting to note that all four of Edberg's opponents after his second round draw with Dr. Murray scored  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

The Median tie-breaking system failed to break a three-way tie for 2nd place so 2nd, 3rd and 4th place prize money was split equally three ways, DAN WADE, VIKTORS PUPOLS and GEORGE BISHOP sharing the loot. WADE lost no games but drew with PUPOLS, MCCORMICK and EDBERG. BISHOP won four, drew a game with MCCORMICK and lost to EDBERG. PUPOLS won four, drew with WADE, lost to EDBERG.

PUPOLS was one of the outstanding favorites to win the tournament but ran into a snag in the very first round and was fortunate to escape with a draw with WADE. In the 3rd round, PUPOLS was defeated by EDBERG in a 20 move shocker. In the final round, PUPOLS had a lost game against MCCORMICK but McCormick's flag fell just as Pupol's flag was teetering on the edge of following suit and Pupols won the game by time-forfeit.

BISHOP got off to an excellent start winning all three of his opening day games including an opening round win over TERRY NELSON who is quite dangerous at times. On the second day, George had to scramble to pick up a draw with MCCORMICK, played below par in losing to EDBERG and snapped out of his doldrums in time to win his final game.

WADE blundered away his winning chances in his opener with PUPOLS and had to settle for a draw, won his second-round encounter and drew his 3rd round game with MCCORMICK. McCormick lost a knight in that game but gained three passed pawns for it which was good enough to draw the game. WADE was very lucky in winning over LEININGER and then won an interesting game from KRONQUIST. If Wade could have won his final round game with ROBERT EDBERG, he would have won the tournament. However, he lacked the necessary offensive weapons to do so and had to settle for one drawn game too many.

DICK PARSONS of Centralia again proved he is one of the state's best younger players scoring  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  to take fifth-place prize money. He was held to a surprising draw by the inexperienced CHARLES GRIFFITHS in the second round and lost to EDBERG in a fourth-round crucial. The most impressive win his string of victories contained was over DR. MURRAY of Raymond. The doctor has long been recognized as one of the top players in Washington. In his other games, PARSONS defeated SKARSTEN, HAMILTON and WATSON.

TERRY NELSON of Yakima took sixth place with 4-2. He missed playing most of the top players but besides losing to BISHOP also lost to IRA WATSON of Longview who was definitely the outstanding surprise of the tourney.

JAMES MCCORMICK was a marked man in this tournament and many of his opponents considered him the "man to beat" because of the Chess Letter publicity on him. Poor Jim started well enough with two wins but after that the honeymoon was over. MCCORMICK played three draws in a row and lost by time-forfeit to PUPOLS in his final game. Jim was lucky to get a fifth round draw with the surprising IRA WATSON in a game which had Jim won, would have sent him against EDBERG in the final round needing a win over Edberg to take the Seafair championship. His efforts netted him 7th place.

IRA WATSON of Longview came north unheralded and unknown. He came up with three other players from the Longview-Kelso chess group marking the first time players from this area have participated in our activities. Beside playing his important draw with MCCORMICK, WATSON defeated TERRY NELSON in an eyebrow-raiser. His only losses were to BISHOP and PARSONS. His friends from the Kelso-Longview club, DEYARMON, GEMAR and MCERIDE, did not fare too well ending 20th, 21st and 22nd, but it is understood two of these are rated even with WATSON on their home grounds. Come up again and try to show us your real ability.

GEORGE LAWHON is from Melbourne, Florida and did fine except when he had to play MCCORMICK and PUPOLS. His efforts gave him 9th place with a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  score. GEORGE will probably be heard from in a more authoritative voice in future events. ("Authoritative" is the correct word but the writer coins words at random.)

LIEUTENANT LEININGER was Michigan State College chess champion a few years ago. He also has never placed below 6th in any Michigan State tournament, finishing 5th in a 55 player Michigan State tourney his last time in Michigan competition. He had to settle for a tie with KRONQUIST for the 10th spot in this tourney with 3-3. He lost only to EDBERG, WADE and BISHOP - all seasoned tournament veterans. LT. EUGENE LEININGER is stationed at Kingston and may be around long enough to aid the Kitsap club in their annual quest of the Puget Sound League Championship.

A youngster who may soon make a big splash in Washington chess is RAY KRONQUIST of Walla Walla. Kronquist stayed in the thick of the fight for first place through the first four rounds with 3-1 before fading out of the title picture in the last two rounds. He scored 3-3 and tied for 10th.

Campaigner MAL SKARSTEN trekked north from Oregon to again do battle in a Seattle tournament. Quite refreshing when compared to the numerous Seattle players who won't cross the street to enter the competitions. SKARSTEN took 12th place with 3-3.

STAN SAWYER, young West Seattle player, performed well in his first major tournament. He lost only to WADE and MURRAY, won two and played two draws. His 13th place finish put him at the top of the second half of the standings winning him a year's subscription to the Washington Chess Letter.

RUSSELL VELLIAS entered the tourney on a part-time basis and by a good stroke of luck took 14th and runner-up spot in the second half of the standings. He won six months of the Chess Letter. VELLIAS forfeited twice on the first day and won by forfeit once on the second day. He defeated two players and lost only to DR. MURRAY in over-the-board play.

DR. ARTHUR MURRAY of Raymond fought EDBERG to a draw in the second

round after whipping VELLIAS in the first. He then was surprised by the powerful PARSONS and lost his only game. However, after Murray's 4th round win over SAWYER, he did not feel up to the task of continuing and so dropped from the tournament forfeiting his final two games accounting for his low (for Murray)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  score.

Chess Letter cartoonist DENNIS (The Menace) HAMILTON scored  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  and so did CHARLES GRIFFITHS, 14 year old Seattle club player. ARLENE EDBERG, wife of the champ, was another first tournament player. She had winning advantages in several of her games but lost because of inexperience. She had a 2-4 score and finished 18th.

JACK FALKENHAGEN entered from Edmonds and is the first player to show up from there. DON EILMES dropped out after scoring 1-3. We must not grow discouraged Don, remember ROBERT BRUCE and the spider! No, Bruce wasn't in the Seafair tourney. SAM SPATZ did better in the Oregon Open. Some times it is difficult for the best players to do much scoring in Seattle events.

First major Washington State tournament players or those entering major state competition for the first time were: Watson, Lawhon, Leininger, Ray Kronquist, Sawyer, Griffiths, Arlene Edberg, Falkenhagen, DeYarmon, Gemar, McBride and Spatz. Half of the 24-player field were newcomers.

Games requested by the Editor for future publication are Pupols-Edberg, Parsons-Murray, DeYarmon-Eilmes, Edberg-Parsons, and any other game worthy of publication, including Murray-Vellias.

Everything seemed to have gone fine in this promotion. The field was large enough and there was ample strength with a large percentage of the state's best players entered. Also the tourney was very close with the winner uncertain right down to the finish. DR. GRIFFITH PARKER'S idea of a score table instantly showing the relative standing of each player to any one who entered the playing room was adopted for the first time in Seattle. Parker initiated the idea over three years ago in the first Inland Empire.

There was some newspaper publicity. The writer and McCormick clowned a little for the benefit of the television newsreels. A picture of Wade playing against McCormick with Gemar looking on appeared in the Seattle Times on Sunday, August 5th. Also DON EILMES took several snapshots of the players in action. It is hoped some of these pictures and some others taken at the International Match can be used in this issue of the "Letter".

For those who like their chess and wanted to see the parade too, it was ideal. For an hour Saturday morning, the floats, bands, majorettes, soldiers, etc., etc. marched up 4th Avenue outside the playing room. Only difficulty was the windows were locked making it impossible to lean out to take pictures. Most of the contestants were so intent on their games they hardly gave the parade a glance.

It was a lot of fun but prospects of another big tournament in Seattle in the near future are not bright. The Washington Open is scheduled to be held in Spokane this year around mid-October. Details should be forthcoming now if this tournament is to be the big success all other Spokane promotions have been. The Washington Closed may be held in Seattle but only a few of the strongest players in the state will qualify to play in it. OLAF ULVESTAD is the present holder of the Washington State Championship. From here it looks like the next big Seattle tournament will be the annual Puget Sound Open usually hold in late February or early March. In between may be such minor events as the State Speed, the Woodpushers and the State Junior.

1956 SEATTLE SEAFAIR OPEN AUG. 4 - 5

POS.	PLAYERS	HOME	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W L D	SCORE	MEDIAN
1.	Robert Edberg	T	W-10	D-15	W-3	W-5	W-2	D-4	4-0-2	5 -1	16.5
2.	George Bishop @	S	W-6	W-19	W-8	D-7	L-1	W-10	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14.0
3.	Viktors Pupols @	TA	D-4	W-20	L-1	W-9	W15*	W-7	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14.0
4.	Daniel Wade @	S	D-3	W-13	D-7	W-10	W-11	D-1	3-0-3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14.0
5.	Dick Parsons	C	W-12	D-17	W-15	L-1	W-16	W-8	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.5
6.	Terry Nelson	Y	L-2	W-23	W-17	L-8	W-12	W-11	4-2-0	4 -2	12.0
7.	James McCormick	S	W-9	W-16	D-4	D-2	D-8	L-3	2-1-3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	16.0
8.	Ira Watson	L	W-18	W-11	L-2	W-6	D-7	L-5	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15.0
9.	George Lawhon	MF	L-7	W-24	D-13	L-3	W-19	W15*	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.0
10	Eugene Leininger @	K	L-1	W-18	W-21	L-4	W-20	L-2	3-3-0	3 -3	13.0
11	Ray Kronquist @	WW	W-24	L-8	W-16	W-12	L-4	L-6	3-3-0	3 -3	13.0
12	Mal Skarsten	FG	L-5	W-22	W-19	L-11	L-6	W-20	3-3-0	3 -3	11.0
13	Stan Sawyer	S	W-23	L-4	D-9	L-15	W-18	D-16	2-2-2	3 -3	10.5
14	Russell Vellias	S	L-15	L21*	L18*	W-22	W23*	W-17	3-3-0	3 -3	7.5
15	Dr. Arthur Murray	R	W-14	D-1	L-5	W-13	L3*	L9*	2-3-1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	15.5
16	Dennis Hamilton	TA	W-20	L-7	L-11	W-17	L-5	D-13	2-3-1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.5
17	Charles Griffiths	S	W-22	D-5	L-6	L-16	W-24	L-14	2-3-1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	10.5
18	Arlene Edberg	T	L-8	L-10	W14*	W-19	L-13	L-21	2-4-0	2 -4	11.0
19	Jack Falkenhagen	E	W-21	L-2	L-12	L-18	L-9	W-22	2-4-0	2 -4	10.5
20	Donovan DeYarmon	L	L-16	L-3	W-22	W-23	L-10	L-12	2-4-0	2 -4	9.5
21	Joseph Gemar	KE	L-19	W14*	L-10	L-24	L-22	W-18	2-4-0	2 -4	8.0
22	Philip McBride	KE	L-17	L-12	L-20	L-14	W-21	L-19	1-5-0	1 -5	9.5
23	Don Eilmes	S	L-13	L-6	W-24	L-20	L14*	OUT	1-5-0	1 -5	8.0
24	Sam Spatz	CO	L-11	L-9	L-23	W-21	L-17	OUT	1-5-0	1 -5	7.5

@ Unbreakable ties for 2nd place and 10th place.

\* Forfeited games.

T -Tieton      C -Centralia      MF-Melbourne, Florida      K -Kingston      KE-Kelso  
 S -Seattle      Y -Yakima      FG-Forrest Grove, Ore.      WW-Walla Walla      E-Edmonds  
 TA-Tacoma      L -Longview      CO-Cornelius, Oregon      R -Raymond

Twenty-four players from fourteen different localities!

D. Wade

# PUPOLS WINS SEATTLE CLOSED

VICTORS PUPOLS is now Seattle Chess Champion, both Open and Closed! A short while back, Pupols took the Seattle Open, narrowly edging out DR. A. MURRAY, JIM MCCORMICK and GEORGE BISHOP in a nine-player, six-round Swiss. Pupols picked up the Closed title in play Saturday and Sunday, July 28th and 29th. This was the weekend prior to the Seafair Open so gave the five players good practice for the big tournament to come. Entered were BISHOP, PUPOLS, MCCORMICK, DAN WADE and DON EILMES. The tourney was held at Wade's home with plenty of food and drink and a good time was had by all.

Pupols scored 4-0 to win easily. McCormick defeated Eilmes and Bishop and drew with Wade to take second in this invitational affair with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Bishop lost to Pupols and McCormick but defeated both Eilmes and Wade to break even with a 2-2 score and take third. Wade lost to both Pupols and Bishop, drew with McCormick and defeated Eilmes to score  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  and take the fourth spot. In the tournament caboose was Eilmes with 0-4.

Any Seattle man can take the Seattle Closed Championship if he so desires. Merely pay \$5 to the Seattle Chess Club, challenge Pupols to a six game match and then defeat him.

1. V. Pupols	4 - 0
2. J. McCormick	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
3. G. Bishop	2 - 2
4. D. Wade	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
5. D. Eilmes	0 - 4

## JURSEVSKIS WINS SEAFAIR SPEED

The night before the Seafair tourney, a Seafair Speed tourney held in the Seattle Chess Club was played. 14 entered the round-robin 10 second per move event which was won by M. JURSEVSKIS of Vancouver, British Columbia. Jursevskis scored 11-2, losing to EDBERG and WADE. Second was Washington State Speed Champion DAN WADE who lost to EDBERG and DAVID ERICKSON and drew with DENNIS HAMILTON in scoring  $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Third was JIM MCCORMICK. Jim lost to EDBERG, JURSEVSKIS and WADE and drew with RAY KRONQUIST to make a score of  $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ . All three front runners were defeated by ROBERT EDBERG. Edberg won eight before losing to GEORGE BISHOP. He had to leave early so had to forfeit his remaining four games. Had he stayed it is quite likely he could have won the tournament. Unfortunately, we will never know.

Also unfortunately, Jursevskis was unable to participate in the Seafair Open Tournament the following day.

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10	11	12	13	14	Won	Lost
1. M. Jursevskis	X	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1*	11	- 2
2. Daniel Wade	1	X	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	1*	1	1*	$10\frac{1}{2}$	- $2\frac{1}{2}$
3. Jim McCormick	0	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	$9\frac{1}{2}$	- $3\frac{1}{2}$
4. David Harrison	0	0	0	X	1*	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1*	1	1	1*	1*	$8\frac{1}{2}$	- $4\frac{1}{2}$
5. Robert Edberg	1	1	1	0*	X	1	1	0*	1	0	1	0*	0*	1*	8	- 5

\* Known forfeits.

Other scores: 6. Dennis Hamilton 8-5, 7. David Erickson 7-6, 8. Terry Nelson 7-6, 9. Charles Griffiths  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ , 10. George Bishop 5-8, 11. Ray Kronquist 4-9, 12. Don Eilmes 3-10, 13. Leo Lucero 3-10 and Sam Spatz 1-12.

Besides Edberg, others forfeiting some of their games were Eilmes, Bishop and Spatz.

D. Wade

# WASHINGTON 21. B.C. 9.

Washington defeated British Columbia 21 to 9 in the 13th annual International Chess Match held Sunday, August 19th at Mount Vernon. The result gave Washington seven wins as against British Columbia's five, the 1948 match ending in a 15-15 draw. The Class B team also won its match. 14-1 was the score of that one due to ten forfeits.

14-1 was the score because the new rules for International Match play state - 11. "Should a "B" team number less than 15 players, it shall forfeit 1 game for each board of 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." B. C. had only five players for the "B" match, won only one of that five and forfeited ten games. This rule is good because it at least gives 45 players of the 51-player Washington team credit for being present. All players without opponents from board 36 to 45 receive a forfeit win. Last year at the Peace Arch this rule was not yet in effect, but we lost the "B" match anyway. The double victory won back the replica of the Peace Arch trophy and the "B" match plaque.

The 21 to 9 result was the second worst beating ever suffered by either team in the International. The most lop-sided result was two years ago on the same site when Washington won 22 to 8.

Washington led all the way from the opening wins by EILMES and LEININGER to the closing win by WADE. Action wound up with WARNER and SKARSTEN getting draws about six p. m. over a half an hour after all other games had been concluded. The only bright light for B. C. was the win by JURSEVSKIS over ZEMGALIS on first board. This was a repeat performance as Zemgalis in his game with Jursevskis two years ago also lost. Washington beat British Columbia with more than quantity. On the top ten boards where the experts clashed, Washington outscored B. C.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Last year we had enough top quality players to man the top ten boards but after that there was a drop off in ability with only a light scattering of talent to man the lower part of our team. Such was not the case this year with the second ten making 7 points out of 10 and the bottom ten making  $7\frac{1}{2}$  points out of 10.

Thanks go to WILLIAM RALEIGH and PEDER HUSBY for their arrangements which made the event a great success. Mr. Raleigh reports the WCF received \$52 (Mr. Cannon paid his dollar but did not wish to compete) of which rent, light bulbs, badges and other expenses came to \$15.65, netting the Federation \$36.35. Mr. Husby arranged for the renting of the Seven Cedars Pavilion and kept track of all results and made up the match summary on the opposite page. Mr. Raleigh collected the fees and handed out the badges. Tournament Director JAMES MCCORMICK and Chess Letter Editor DAN WADE decided the lineup of the players and Washington was set to start before one p.m. which was the agreed on starting time. However, for once, B. C. was slower in mobilizing so play did not get underway until 1:30.

Chatter - A large turnout from Skagit's 60 player club helped swell to 51 our numbers....Robert Neale, one time outstanding Seattle player showed up from Bellingham....Lt. Withans came up with some fellow soldiers from Ft. Lewis.....Hoge traveled about 100 miles to play and was so late he was very fortunate to get a board....We had black pieces on the odd-numbered boards.....Bishop missed his ride so failed to show.....We consider this the most important affair the WCF sponsors all year. D. Wade



"A" Section

WASHINGTON STATE 21 BRITISH COLUMBIA 9

Board

1. Elmars Zengalis	0	M. Jursevskis	1
2. Ted Warner	$\frac{1}{2}$	Frank May	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. Robert Edberg	1	J. H. Taylor	0
4. Jim McCormick	1	R. A. Pilkington	0
5. Dan Wade	1	J. G. Prentice	0
6. Jim Trembois	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. Blinder	$\frac{1}{2}$
7. Max Bader	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. Middleton	$\frac{1}{2}$
8. Dr. Almond	1	G. Bryant	0
9. Ben Weischer	0	L. Bassanta	1
10 Robert Neale	1	J. Lacey	0
11 Eugene Leininger	1	L. Hall	0
12 Ken Mulford	1	A. Engleman	0
13 Kenneth Day	1	Fred Fraser	0
14 V. W. Bever	0	Frank Fillery	1
15 F. H. Weaver	0	F. Schick-Ferber	1
16 John Nourse	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. Jonah	$\frac{1}{2}$
17 Nick Tartshow	1	A. E. Russell	0
18 Max Lage	1	A. Hushey	0
19 George Lawhon	1	G. D. Powis	0
20 Mel Skarsten	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. H. Emminson	$\frac{1}{2}$
21 Ron Loughed	0	T. J. Stewart	1
22 William Gillette	1	W. T. Money	0
23 Maurice Henion	1	A. T. Harrison	0
24 Sid Nourse	0	A. Driesner	1
25 William Hoge	1	C. J. Littlefield	0
26 Fred M. Howard	1	J. Tanner	0
27 Allan McGregor	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Bischoff	$\frac{1}{2}$
28 Don Eilmes	1	J. Cuthbert	0
29 John Lapacki	1	J. Toulson	0
30 Charles Abbott	1	C. H. McLeod	0

"B" Section

WASHINGTON STATE 14 BRITISH COLUMBIA 1

1. Jerry Fador	1	R. Klein	0
2. Ted Davidsen	1	J. K. Kinesen	0
3. Arlene Edberg	1	Sir Michael Bruce	0
4. Peder Husby	1	D. J. S. Smith	0
5. David Withans	0	J. A. McCharles	1
6. H. H. Roberts	1		
7. J. Hamilton	1		
8. F. A. Butler	1		
9. A. C. Stankey	1		
10 B. Metcalf	1		
11 Bob Pickens	1		
12 Bob McNary	1		
13 Hela Case	1		
14 George Shkidt	1		
15 Jerry Hanson	1		

OTHER WASHINGTON PLAYERS THERE:

16 George Broz	Also Mr.
17 Ken Thiessen	Cannon who
18 William Raleigh	did not care
19 Danny Chinn	to play and
20 George Albee	Ray Hazen,
21 Gordon Beck	substituted
	for by Hoge

# MCCORMICK WINS MATCH

JIM MCCORMICK of Seattle defeated DR. A. A. MURRAY of Raymond 3 to 2 in a five-game match held at the Seattle Chess Club on the weekend of August 25th and 26th. Murray opened the match in fine style playing possibly the best game of the match in winning the opener. McCormick had the whites in the second game and had a good attack going. However, he over-reached himself and lost. Dr. Murray led in the match 2 to 0. All he needed was one more win to take the match. He never got it.

Possibly content with his score, Dr. Murray blundered early in the 3rd game and McCormick went on to pick up his first win. The 4th game found McCormick with the white pieces again and he played his best game of the match in knotting up the match score at 2 to 2. The pair had started at 9 a. m. and it was 9 p. m. at the conclusion of the 4th game. The 5th and decisive game was scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

In the grand finale, Murray had the edge at first but then McCormick's winning of the exchange gave him a "won" game. However, Murray fought back to get drawing chances but then lost his way and finally lost the game and the match. This grim struggle lasted over four hours. Both players proved to be top-notchers and it was nothing to be ashamed of no matter who lost. Much credit must be given McCormick for his ability to come from behind. In sports and games the mark of a champion is the ability to come from behind.

# TACOMA WINS

The Tacoma Chess Club defeated the Fort Lewis Chess Club Friday night, August 17th, in a match at the Tacoma Chess Club located in the Tacoma Public Library. (Story sent in by Dennis Hamilton)

TACOMA C. C.	6.	FORT LEWIS	0.
Pupols	1	Tartshow	0
Holmes	1	Hybarger	0
Hewitt	1	Gurfein	0
Coubrough	1	Witthans	0
Carlson	1	Shkidto	0
Lougheed	1	Horning	0

# WHERE TO PLAY CHESS *by Wade*

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB At Y. M. C. A. room 604, 4th Avenue and Madison St. Open seven days per week afternoons and evenings.

WEST SEATTLE CHESS CLUB Meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings each month. The club is in the High Point Recreation Center in West Seattle.

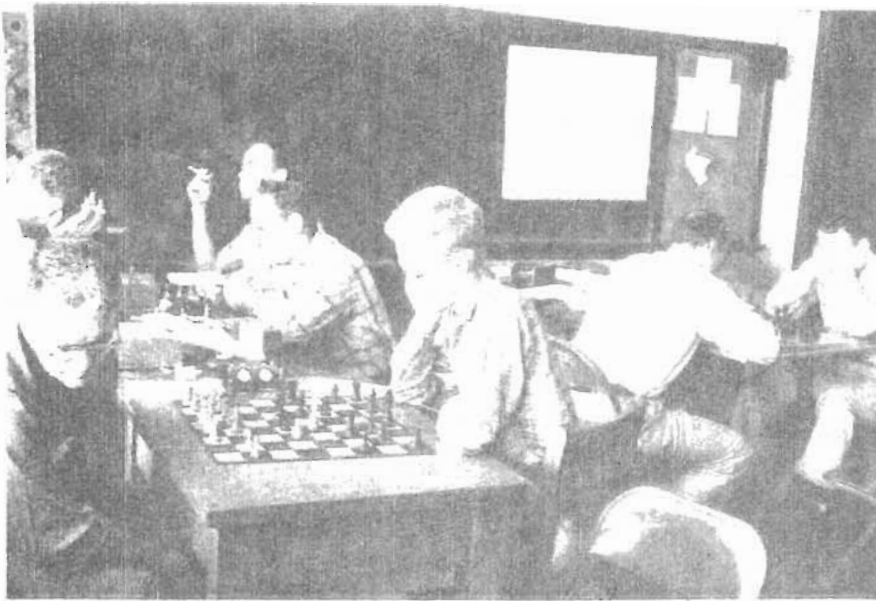
SPOKANE CHESS CLUB Meets Thursday evenings at the Desert Hotel.

TACOMA CHESS CLUB Meets on Friday evenings at the downtown library.

YAKIMA CHESS CLUB Meets at the Yakima Y. M. C. A. Mondays at 7 p. m.

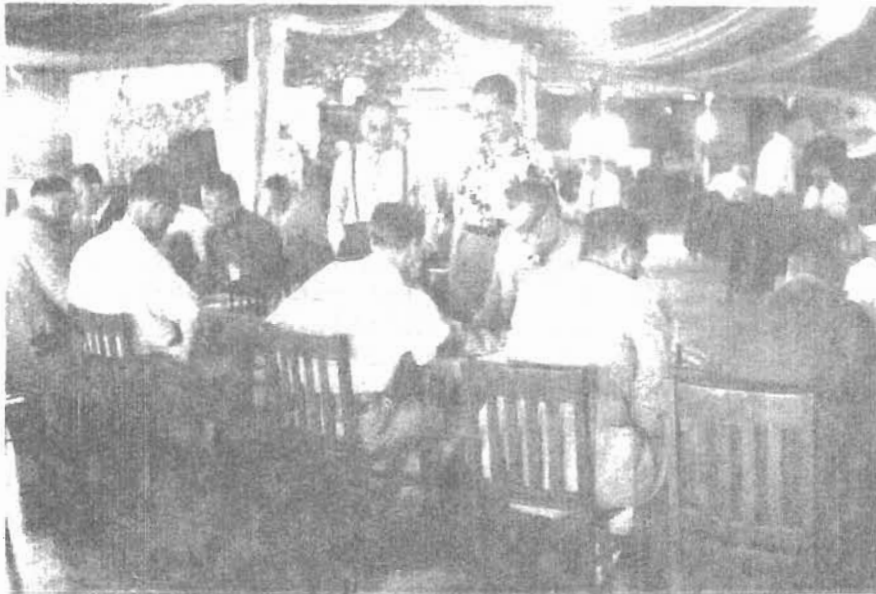
TRI-CITY CHESS CLUB (Richland, Pasco and Kennewick) meets every Thursday 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Richland Community Hall on Geo. Washington Way.

WALLA WALLA CHESS CLUB Meets Friday evenings at 7:30 at W.Walla YMCA.



CHESS SCENES FROM SEAFAIR  
AND INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Chess Letter now has a staff photographer, Don Eilmes, who was busy with his camera, taking these pictures during the last several chess events. A great deal of the sharp detail is of course lost in the mimeographing process. Others of his pictures will be reproduced in future months to acquaint our readers with the appearance of some of our leading players under fire.



The top picture on this page shows Editor Dan Wade and Ray Kronquist in the foreground. The next tables show Joseph Gemar vs Arlene Edberg, and Don DeYarmon vs Lt. Leininger. The game at the far right is McCormick vs Watson.



The next picture is a general scene at the Seven Cedars Pavillion, near Mount Vernon, during the International Match with British Columbia, in which event 52 Washington players were on hand to greet 35 Canadians. The tables in the foreground are 12-17. The Washington players facing the camera are Mulford, Day, Bever, (standing), Weaver, and Nourse and Tartshow are obscured but not beaten by their opponents.

The third picture is Canadian Captain McCharles returning the Peace Arch Trophy to the Washington Tournament Director, Jim McCormick

# CHESS <sup>AROUND</sup> <sup>THE</sup> WORLD BY EILMES

The final results at the U.S. Open, at Oklahoma City, showed Arthur Bisguier with  $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , ahead of James T. Sherwin, also  $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , Median points deciding the winner. Robert Steinmeyer of St. Louis, was third with 9-3. Five players tied with  $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ : Bobby Fischer (aged 13), of Brooklyn, Anthony Saidy, Edmar Mednis, Steffen Popel, and Anthony DiCamillo.

Former Seattle player Robert Brieger scored 7-5, and William Bills did better than average with  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ .

Bobby Fischer, the 13-year-old prodigy, who won the U.S. Junior earlier in the month, captured a lion share of the publicity. He was on two television programs and his portrait was featured in the Oklahoma City press, with interviews searching out his opinion of Elvis Presley, the Brooklyn Dodgers, and bubble gum.

In the women's division of the U.S. Open, Sonja Graf Stevenson won with a score of  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ . Mary Selensky was second, followed by Frances Frazier and Mildred Morrell.

The National Speed Tournament was won by James Sherwin,  $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , followed by Saidy  $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , Bisguier 8-3, Foster  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ , and Popovych 6-5.

Max Euwe, former World Champion, and leading Dutch player for 30 years, recently won a match from J.H. Donner, who held the national championship of Holland in 1954. They played under an unusual rule that no games be adjourned. Euwe scored 4 wins and 6 draws.

Alexander Bisno, acting as business manager for Sammy Reshevsky, has been negotiating for a match with A. Fuderer, a 24 year old Yugoslavian chemist and brilliant pianist who has defeated such notable Russian players as Geller and Paul Keres. Bisno has also been negotiating with the Argentine champion, Oscar Panno, to bring him to this country for a match. However, Reshevsky has accepted an invitation from Moscow to participate in the Alekhine Memorial Tournament in that city, October 8 to November 10. This will place Reshevsky in Russia at an opportune time for commencement of his 24-game match with Grandmaster David Bronstein, the details of which have been arranged. The first 12 games will be played in Russia and the remainder in Stockholm and Amsterdam, with possibly other cities buying the rights of a few games. Bronstein won the Candidates' Tournament in Budapest in 1950, and in 1951 he played Botvinnik, champion of the world, in a match that ended in a 12-12 tie.

In the Alekhine Memorial, 15 grandmasters and 5 masters will vie for prizes ranging from 1,000 to 10,000 rubles, that is.

The Herman Steiner Chess Group, of Los Angeles, has elected a well known motion picture and television producer, Charles Henderson, as their new president. He has finally made chess pay, by writing a miniature musical comedy, book and music, called the "First Game of Chess". It has been purchased by the company that created the famous cartoon characters Mr. Magoo and Gerald McBoing Boing, and it is now in production. It is the story of a little King who gets tired of going away to battle and decides to invent a game to replace war. It will be released on TV sometime in September. The story, with illustrated cartoons, will later be published by Simon & Schuster, and recordings are also in process.

E. Forry Laucks, who has made friends in Seattle with his visiting Log Cabin Chess Club teams, has been appointed by USCF to promote the revival of USA-Canada team matches across the entire border.

# SOLVERS' CONTEST

Comment regarding last month's "Gambler's Choice" ranged all the way from completely ignoring it to offers to eat it under bizarre circumstances if it has any solution. Only 7 solvers attempted it, and only 4 had it right. The problem is from a book which has been out of print for many years, and is known as a strategic 3-mover. Correct solutions were received from Joe Underwood, C.J. Sween, Lt. E.T. Leininger, and Russ Vellias. Solver Sween supplied us with an analysis of some of the faulty solutions:

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|---------|--------|----|----------|------|
| 1. Q-B5 | BxN    | or | 1. Q-R4  | K-Q4 |
| 2. K-B7 | B-R2ch |    | 2. NxPch | RxN  |

LAST MONTH'S FIRST PROBLEM HAD 2 SOLUTIONS:

- |              |      |     |             |      |
|--------------|------|-----|-------------|------|
| 1. NxNch     | RxN  |     | 1. NxNch    | RxN  |
| 2. R/4xPch   | B-K5 |     | 2. R/3xPch  | B-K5 |
| 3. P-B3ch    | RxP  | and | 3. N-B5ch   | NxN  |
| 4. QxNch     | QxQ  |     | 4. RxBch    | PxR  |
| 5. N-B5 mate |      |     | 5. RxP mate |      |

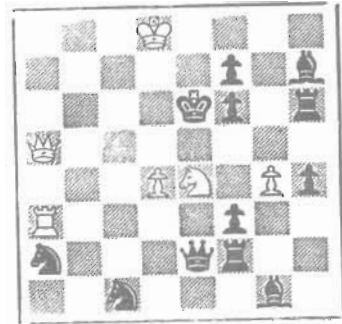
Correct solutions to this problem were received from H.F. Thompson, Dennis Hamilton, R.G. Spencer, C.J. Sween, Fred VanNatta, Joe Underwood, Bruce Oldham, Mal Skarsten, Jack Nourse, Sam Spatz, Andrew Thompson, Peder Husby, O.W. Manney, Lt. E.T. Leininger, John Mills, John DeWitt, C.R. Dolph, Phil Dolph, and Russ Vellias.

Now we have C.J. Sween alone in first place with 25 points, Lt. Leininger and Russ Vellias in second place with 24, and Jack Nourse with 23 but unable to complete the contest because he is leaving for Europe. So third place is in contention between John DeWitt, C.R. Dolph, and Joe Underwood, with Fred VanNatta, Phil Dolph, Bruce Oldham and Sam Spatz next. Still in contention are Spencer, Skarsten, and Manney with 19 and 20 points, only one solution behind the top solver. The Thompson brothers are close enough to win.

The second problem this month is another of those pesky strategic 3-movers, so be advised there is no mistake in the printing, and there is a solution possible. We will not penalize any failure in this one, but will award partial points for the key move if you miss the follow-up moves. Remember, that in problems with a stated number of moves, no sacrifice by Black is too great if he can extend his life one move.

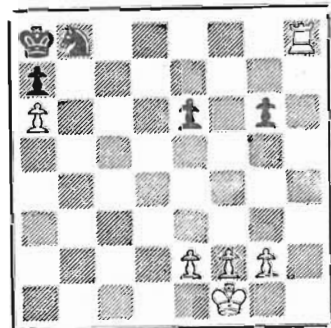
Russell Vellias leads the contenders for the extra cash prizes, followed closely by C.R. Dolph, John DeWitt, Spatz, Oldham, and Phil Dolph.

SEND SOLUTIONS TO F.H. WEAVER, 501 OLYMPIC PLACE, SEATTLE 99, WASH. BEFORE SEPTEMBER 20th.

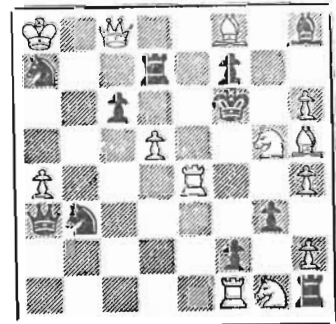


## GAMBLER'S CHOICE SOLUTION

Key move is 1. R-Q3 with threat of 2. Q-N5  
2. Q-K5ch 2. P-Q5ch and N-N5ch, depending on Black's reply.



White to move and mate in 6 moves.  
(2 points)



White to move and mate in 3 moves.  
(6 points)

# GAMES

by Wade

First board game from the International.

JURSEVSKIS

ZEMGALIS

Alekhine's Def.

1. P-K4	N-KB3
2. P-K5	N-Q4
3. P-QB4	N-N3
4. P-Q4	P-Q3
5. PxP	KPxP
6. B-K3	B-K2
7. B-Q3	N-B3
8. N-K2	N-N5
9. QN-B3	O-O
10 O-O	R-K1
11 B-N1	----

Sacrifices pawn for rapid development.

11 ----	NxBP
12 P-QR3	NxB
13 PxN	N-B3
14 N-B4	B-N4

Attacks backward KP but paves way for fatal K-side attack by White.

15 Q-R5	----
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Aggressive and sound.

15 ----	P-KN3
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Not 15----RxP; because of 16 QxRPch K-B1; 17 N-N6ch., K-K1; 18 Q-N8ch., K-Q2 19 B-B5ch., R-K3; 20 QxBPch., N-K2; (If 20----B-K2; 21 ExR mate) 21 N-B8ch. K-B3; 22 BxR winning a clear rook.

16 NxP!	BxPch.
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If instead 16----either PxN; 17 BxP PxB; 18 QxPch., K-R1; 19 R-B7 and Black is mated in two more moves.

17 K-R1	Q-N4
18 N-K7ch.	RxN
19 QxRPch.	K-B1
20 B-N6!	K-K1
21 Q-N8ch.	K-Q2
22 B-B5ch.	R-K3
23 QxPch.	N-K2
24 BxRch.	K-B3
25 Q-K8ch.	K-N3
26 R-B5	P-R3
27 RxQ	Resigns.

This game was lifted bodily from F. Fillery's chess column in the Vancouver B. C. Province.

Fifth board game from the International. This is the only other game we have from that event. (next column)

J. G. PRENTICE

D. E. WADE

Q. Gambit Decl.

1. P-Q4	N-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-KB3	P-Q4
4. N-B3	B-K2
5. B-N5	O-O
6. P-K3	P-QN3
7. PxP	PxP

Better NxP as the text leaves Black with a weak, "hanging" pawn (McCormick)

8. B-Q3	B-R3
9. O-O	BxB
10 QxB	QN-Q2
11 N-K5	----

Premature. Best is the doubling of the rooks on the QB file (McCormick)

11 ----	NxN
12 PxN	N-Q2

13 BxB	QxB	46 K-N1	P-Q5
14 P-B4	P-QB3	47 R-B6	K-B5
15 QR-B1	P-B3	48 N-K6ch.	K-N6
16 KR-Q1	N-B4	49 R-B1	P-Q6
17 PxP	QxBP	50 N-N5	KxP
18 Q-Q4	QR-K1	51 R-N1	R-N6ch.
19 P-QN4	N-K5	52 K-R1	----
20 QxQ	RxQ	Too passive. If	
21 R-Q4	N-Q3	52 K-B2, KxP	and
22 N-Q1	N-B5	Black can force a	
23 K-B2	R/3-K3	win anyway.	
24 R-B5	N-Q3	52 ----	KxP
25 R-B2	N-B4	53 K-R2	KxN
26 R-Q3	K-B1	54 KxR	P-Q7
27 F-N4	N-Q3	55 R-N5ch.	K-R3
28 K-B3	N-B5	56 R-N6ch.	P-N3
29 R/2-B3	P-QN4	57 Resigns.	
30 P-KR4	P-QR4		
31 PxP	R-R1		
32 P-B5?	N-K4ch.		
33 K-N3	NxR		
34 PxR	N-K4		
35 K-B4	N-B5		
36 N-B2	K-K2		
37 P-R6	RxP		
38 N-Q3	RxP		
39 N-N4	R-B7ch.		
40 K-N3	R-B3		
41 NxBPch.	KxP		
42 N-Q4ch.	K-K4		
43 NxP	----		

Better 43 N-B3ch. However, Black would be a pawn ahead and probably could have won the game anyway.

43 ----	K-K5
44 N-B7	R-B6ch.
45 K-N2	NxPch.

TEXAS CHAMP BOWS IN SECOND ROUND OF U.S. OPEN

Robert Brieger is trounced by J. T. Sherwin, international master from New York.

White: R. Brieger Black: J.T. Sherwin

Sicilian Defense

1. P-K4	P-QB4	24 B-N5ch	K-Q1
2. P-QB3	P-Q4	25 R xRP	N-N3
3. P xP	Q xP	26 R-B6	K-K2
4. P-Q4	P xP	27 R-QR6	B-QB4
5. F xP	N-QB3	28 R-B6	B-N3
6. N-KB3	B-N5	29 B-B4	N-B5
7. N-D3	B xN	30 B xB	N xB
8. N xQ	B xQ	31 R-B1	N-N4
9. N-B7ch	K-Q1	32 R-R5	N xPch
10. N xR	B-R4	33 K-Q3	N-B4ch
11. P-Q5	N-N5	34 K-B4	K-K3
12. B-K3	N-B7ch	35 R-R6ch	P-B3
13. K-Q2	N xB	36 R-B1	N-Q2
14. P xN	P-K3	37 P-N4	P-K5
15. P-KN4	B xP	38 R-K1	K-K4
16. B-N2	P-K4	39 R-Q1	R-B1ch
17. P-Q6	B xP	40 K-N3	R-B2
18. B xP	N-K2	41 R-R7	N-B4ch
19. QR-QB1	K-Q2	42 P xN	R xR
20. R-KN1	B-KB4	43 P xB	P xP
21. P-K4	B-K3	44 R-Q2	P-K6
22. R xNP	R-QN1	45 R-K2	K-K5
23. B-R6	R xN	46 K-B2	P-B4

Resigns

William Bills won his opening game in the 57th Annual USCF National Open Tournament at Oklahoma City against J. R. Cassingham of Oklahoma City.

White: J. R. Cassingham Black: William Bills

Sicilian Defense

1. P-K4	P-QB4	17 R xR	Q xR
2. N-QB3	N-QB3	18 P-QN3	P-B4
3. B-B4	P-KN3	19 N-B2	R-K1
4. P-Q3	B-N2	20 P xBP	P xP
5. B-Q2	N-B3	21 B-N4	B-KR3
6. P-QR3	O-O	22 B-Q2	B-KB1
7. N-B3	P-Q3	23 Q-Q1	P-N5
8. Q-K2	N-Q5	24 Q-K1	Q-R4
9. N xN	P xN	25 Q-B1	Q-N3
10. N-Q1	P-QR3	26 R-K1	P-K5
11. O-O	P-QN4	27 B-B4	Q-N3
12. B-R2	B-N2	28 QP xP	QP xP
13. B-N1	N-Q2	29 P xP	P xP
14. P-QR4	P-Q4	30 P-N3	P-K6
15. P-KB3	P-K4	31 N-Q3	Q-K5
16. P xNP	P xNP	32 Resigns.	



"We wuz sawed off"

U. S. Open Second Round.

White: Bills

Black: Edmar Mednis

King's Indian

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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-B4    | P-B4    |
| 6. PxP     | Q-R4    |
| 7. B-Q3    | QxP     |
| 8. N-B3    | N-B3    |
| 9. Q-K2    | O-O     |
| 10 B-K3    | Q-QR4   |
| 11 O-O     | B-N5    |
| 12 P-KR3   | BxN     |
| 13 QxB     | QR-B1   |
| 14 P-R3    | N-Q2    |
| 15 P-QN4   | Q-Q1    |
| 16 QR-B1   | P-QR4   |
| 17 P-N5    | N-Q5    |
| 18 Q-Q1    | N-QB4   |
| 19 N-R4    | N/5-K3  |
| 20 B-N1    | NxN     |
| 21 QxN     | B-Q5    |
| 22 BxB     | NxB     |
| 23 K-R2    | Q-N3    |
| 24 Q-Q1    | N-K3    |
| 25 P-KB5   | N-B4    |
| 26 P-B6    | PxP     |
| 27 RxP     | N-K3    |
| 28 Q-Q3    | Q-B4    |
| 29 K-R1    | Q-K4    |
| 30 R/1-B1  | R-B2    |
| 31 R/6-B2  | R/1-B1  |
| 32 Q-Q2    | P-N3    |
| 33 B-Q3    | Q-Q5    |
| 34 P-QR4   | N-B4    |
| 35 B-N1    | QxQ     |
| 36 RxQ     | N-N2    |
| 37 R/2-KB2 | R-K2    |
| 38 R-B6    | R-B4    |
| 39 K-R2    | K-N2    |
| 40 B-R2    | P-R4    |
| 41 P-R4    | R/4-K4  |
| 42 P-B5    | NxP     |
| 43 BxP     | NxP     |
| 44 RxPch.  | K-R2    |
| 45 R-N3    | NxR     |
| 46 KxN     | R-K6ch. |

White resigns because of 47----R/2-K5 etc.



Bills won easily in the third round and made a blunder in losing his fourth round game. He boosted his score to 3-2 in the fifth with the following win over Charles Weldon of Milwaukee. White: Weldon Black: Bills

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|----------|-------|-------------|-------|------------|-----------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-QB4 | 13 Pxp      | R-Q1  | 25 Q-B5ch. | K-K1      |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-KB3 | 14 R-N4     | Q-R3  | 26 Q-B8ch. | K-B2      |
| 3. P-K5  | N-Q4  | 15 P-Q7 ch. | RxP   | 27 RxB     | RxR       |
| 4. P-Q4  | PxP   | 16 BxB      | RxB   | 28 QxNPch. | K-N3      |
| 5. P-B3  | P-K3  | 17 P-QR4    | B-B5  | 29 Q-N2    | Q-B5ch.   |
| 6. Pxp   | P-Q3  | 18 Q-N4     | P-B3  | 30 K-N1    | R-Q7      |
| 7. N-B3  | NxN   | 19 N-Q2     | B-Q6  | 31 Q-N7    | Q-B4ch.   |
| 8. PxN   | N-B3  | 20 O-O-O    | K-B2  | 32 K-R1    | Q-R4ch.   |
| 9. B-QN5 | B-Q2  | 21 N-K4     | R-QB1 | 33 K-N1    | Q-R7ch.   |
| 10 B-R3  | Q-R4  | 22 N-B5     | ExN   | 34 K-B1    | Q-B7 Mate |
| 11 Q-N3  | NxKP  | 23 QxR      | QxP   |            |           |
| 12 PxN   | BxB   | 24 Q-R5ch.  | K-K2  |            |           |

We will have one or two more of Bill's games from the U. S. Open in our next issue plus games from the Seattle Seafair Open and the International Match. IF they are sent in for publication, of course! Also we have a few postal games on hand. Annotated or games with notes are especially wanted. The Editor.



# LETTERS

From DR. PARKER: "Glad you approve of substituting Don for Don (DON EILMES for DON DANIELS who quit as Publicity Director). I'm sure EILMES will do a real job. Thanks for the info. on the officers but I think it would be smart for the present officers to draw up a list of duties and obligations to be adopted at the next Annual Meeting. Everybody is talking about the improvement in the "Letter". It has real class in appearance and real worth in material. Wish I could be there for the Seafair but I can't take the time at present."

VERNON HOLMES of Tacoma writes: "In error, our assistant tournament director has reported our spring tourney as a "Club Championship" tourney. As a member of a committee of four that drew up the plans for the tourney, I must mention that it was our regular annual Pierce County Tournament and not limited to Tacoma Chess Club members. Everyone of the "top five" players believed that if he won he would be Pierce County Champion for 1956. What more honor does a chess player want than to know that he is Pierce County Chess Champ? Well, after thinking it over, my petty vanity would like the readers of the Chess Letter to know it too."

We would like to take 2 lines here to thank FRED VANNATTA of Rainier, Oregon for the games he sent in. We will use them anon. (From the Editor)

DENNIS HAMILTON of Tacoma sez: "Never again! Boy, do I feel lousy after the Seafair Open. Well, back to the books. Especially books on endings are attracting my attention (i.e. HAMILTON-PARSONS game). Not only do I lose blunderously, but I forgot my chess clock." (A few wins will give you a greater appreciation of tournaments. Ed.) P.S. "VIKTORS PUPOLS gave a five-board blindfold simultaneous, winning four and dropping a game to RON LOUGHEED recently."

JOHN DEWITT writes to HOWARD WEAVER as follows: "You, Dan Wade and your contributors deserve congratulations for your last issue of the WCL. Personally, I felt it was one of the very best if not the best issue I have ever seen. It had balance, color and interest to satisfy the most discriminating taste. Nothing seems to be excluded. Leafing through the August issue, you have a good coverage of local news, letters of interest, problems, end-game analysis, master games (which serve a dual purpose of teaching and entertaining) local games, international news, informative articles and humor! If something is missing, it has escaped me. Your total of nine printed diagrams scattered throughout the issue was practically impossible a little over a year ago. I have only two suggestions. First, a judicious use of the great number of colors available to the "Letter" and second, the keeping of widely differing headline styles apart. All in all, an impressive example of what can be accomplished and obviously a "labor of love". It is gratifying to have once been connected with a publication that has grown to such proportions. Best regards for your continuing success." (Cut because of lack of space - The Editor)

From O. W. MANNEY: "The August Chess Letter is the best looking issue I have seen. And no recriminations from anyone!"

From JACK NOURSE: "Will see you at Mt. Vernon. My brother Sid hopes to bring the best female chess player in Washington. She is the wife of a former army officer, the daughter of a Manila lawyer and graduate of the U. of Manila." (She couldn't make it to the match. - Ed.) "We leave for Europe in another week. Hope to find something of interest to Washington chess."

COVER THE GAME SCORE WITH A SHEET OF PAPER AND LOWER IT LINE BY LINE.

FRENCH DEFENSE: The opening moves are 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4 P-Q4; 3. N-QB3, PxP; 4. NxP, N-Q2. NOW TRY TO GUESS WHITE'S BEST MOVES.

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| 5. N-KB3   | 2 POINTS. | 2 also for B-Q3. 1 for P-QB3 or P-KN3.                      |
| ...KN-B3   |           |   |
| 6. NxNch   | 2 POINTS. | Best because of next move. 1 pt. for the trap               |
| ...NxN     |           | 6. B-Q3; B-K2; 7. Q-K2, NxN; 8. BxN, N-B3?; 9.              |
| 7. B-KN5   | 2 POINTS. | BxNP!, BxB; 10. Q-N5ch. 1 pt. for N-N3 or -B3               |
| ...B-K2    |           | 1 point for B-Q3, or for P-QB3.                             |
| 8. B-Q3    | 2 POINTS. | 1 point for P-QB3 or B-QB4. Nothing for Q-Q2?               |
| ...P-QN3   |           | N-K5!; 9. BxB, NxQ; 10 BxQ, NxNch; 11 PxN, KxB              |
| 9. Q-K2    | 2 POINTS. | 1 point for the less elastic O-O, or P-QB3.                 |
| ...B-N2    |           |   |
| 10. O-O    | 1 POINT   | 1 point for O-O-O aiming at a K-side P attack.              |
| ...O-O     |           |   |
| 11. QR-Q1  | 1 POINT   |   |
| ...P-B3    |           | (Black should try to free himself with ..BxN; 12 QxB, Q-Q4) |
| 12. P-B4   | 2 POINTS  | 1 point for N-K5, or P-QB3, or KR-K1 (solid)                |
| ...Q-B2    |           |   |
| 13. KR-K1  | 2 POINTS  | 1 for N-K5, B-N1, or P-KR3.                                 |
| ...QR-Q1   |           |   |
| 14. B-N1   | 3 POINTS  | 1 for P-QR3, or Q-N3.                                       |
| ...N-K1    |           |   |
| 15. Q-K4   | 2 POINTS  | Nothing for BxB. Avoid exchanges now.                       |
| ...P-KN3   |           |   |
| 16. Q-R4   | 2 POINTS  | Clearly the best, for a K-side attack.                      |
| ...BxB     |           |   |
| 17. NxB    | 1 POINT   | Strongest because of mating threat.                         |
| ...N-B3    |           |   |
| 18. R-Q3   | 2 POINTS  | Better than KR-K3 leaving other R a target.                 |
| ...P-QB4   |           |   |
| 19. P-Q5   | 4 POINTS  | The point of this becomes clear very soon.                  |
| ...PxP     |           |   |
| 20. NxRP   | 6 POINTS  | The sacrifice is necessary. Other moves give                |
| ...NxN     |           | Black time to strengthen his position.                      |
| 21. R-KR3  | 2 POINTS  | The only effective continuation.                            |
| ...P-B3    |           |   |
| 22. BxP    | 1 POINT   |   |
| ...R-Q2    |           |   |
| 23 R-KN3   | 2 POINTS  |   |
| ...K-R1    |           |   |
| 24. BxN    | 2 POINTS  |   |
| ...RxB     |           |   |
| 25. QxPch  | 7 POINTS  | One of those things you see or don't see.                   |
| ...Q-N2    |           |   |
| 26. RxQ    | 4 POINTS  | White liquidates into a winning ending.                     |
| ...RxQ     |           |   |
| 27. RxRch. | 1 POINT   |   |
| ...KxR     |           |   |
| 28. R-K7ch | 1 POINT   |   |
| ...K-N3    |           |   |
| 29. RxB    | 1 POINT   |   |
| ...PxP     |           |   |
| 30. K-B1   | 2 POINTS  | White avoids any possible back row mates.                   |
| ...R-Q3    |           |   |
| 31. K-K2   | 1 POINT   | 1 also for K-K1.  |
| ...P-R3    |           |   |
| 32. P-QR4  | 2 POINTS  | Black resigns. He can't stop the pawns.                     |

### SCORING

56-62	MASTER
50-55	EXPERT
38-50	CLASS A
22-37	CLASS B

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	June 22, 1956	Points
55B-5B Parsons	1 Brookshire	0 22
	July 22, 1956	
56B-1A Edberg, A.Y.	1 Youngman	0 38
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	July 23, 1956	
56A-2B Coubrough	1 Weaver	0 52
	July 24, 1956	
55B-5A Spencer	1 Waynor	0 46
	July 25, 1956	
56B-4B Haynes	1 Miltmore	0 40
56B-5A VanNatta	1 Smith	0 54
56B-5B Van Natta	1 Smith	0 54
55B-5A Parsons	1 Brookshire	0 16
	July 26, 1956	
53A-2B Kaffenberger	1 Roberts	0 28
	July 29, 1956	
55A-7A Baron	1 Bever	0 32
56B-3A Squire	1 Smith	0 46
56B-3B Squire	1 Smith	0 46
	July 30, 1956	
56B-4B Hamilton	1 Adamson	0 41
56B-1A Youngman	1 Laine	0 82
56B-3A Youngman	1 Smith	0 54
54B-3A Youngman	1 Nichols	0 20
	July 31, 1956	
56B-6B Brookshire	1 Skinner	0 22
	Aug. 1, 1956	
55CH-2A Baron	$\frac{1}{2}$ Weischer	$\frac{1}{2}$ 18
	Aug. 3, 1956	
55B-2A Merk	1 Allyn, S.	0 64

	Aug. 3, 1956	Points
55B-2B Merk	1 Allyn, S.	0 64
55B-2B Luberts	1 Allyn, S.	0 88
56B-2A Dickson	1 Allyn, S.	0 40
56B-2A Skarston	1 Allyn, S.	0 34
56B-2A Sween	1 Allyn, S.	0 60
56B-2A Parsons	1 Allyn, S.	0 18
56B-2B Dickson	1 Allyn, S.	0 40
56B-2B Skarston	1 Allyn, S.	0 34
56B-2B Sween	1 Allyn, S.	0 60
56B-2B Parsons	1 Allyn, S.	0 18
56B-6A Notter	1 Skinner	0 42
56B-6B Notter	1 Skinner	0 42
	Aug. 9, 1956	
56B-1B Edberg, A.Y.	1 Squire	0 58
	Aug. 10, 1956	
55A-7A Bever	1 Carter	0 46
	Aug. 16, 1956	
56B-7B Van Natta	1 Aldridge	0 40
	Aug. 17, 1956	
56B-5A Tresidder	1 Smith	0 30
56B-5B Tresidder	1 Smith	0 30
	Aug. 20, 1956	
56B-5A Van Natta	$\frac{1}{2}$ Gordon	$\frac{1}{2}$ 14
56B-5B Van Natta	$\frac{1}{2}$ Gordon	$\frac{1}{2}$ 14
56A-2A Coubrough	1 Skarston	0 50
	Aug. 23, 1956	
56B-5B Phillips	1 Tresidder	0 60
	Aug. 24, 1956	
55B-2B Laine	1 Merk	0 50

	54B-3A	54B-3B	Pts.
Waldron	x 1 0 1 0	x 1 1 0 1	5
Youngman	0 x 0 1 1	0 x 0 1 1	4
Rauen	1 1 x 0 0	1 1 x 0 0	4
Nichols	0 0 1 x 1	0 0 1 x 1	4
Hart	1 0 1 0 x	0 0 1 0 x	3

	55B-2A	55B-2B	Pts.
Laine	x 0 1 1 1	x 0 1 1 1	6
Allyn, S.	1 x 1 1 0	1 x 1 0 0	5
Meliza	0 0 x 1 1	0 0 x 1 1	4
Merk	0 1 0 x 1	0 1 0 x 1	4
Luberts	0 0 0 0 x	0 1 0 0 x	1

Waldron and Laine by winning first place in the above sections receive an extension to their membership.

Due to lack of response to our invitation to participate in a postal chess championship tournament for 1956, such a tournament will not be held and the fees that were sent in will be returned. The "A" and "B" postal chess tournaments will continue as in the past.

Parsons and Dickson are battling it out in section 55B-2B with Parsons hoping for his opponent to make that wrong move. It is reported that Parsons is really having a fight on his hands with Skarston. Parsons says "Those postal games you have been putting in are sure a help to us, so that we can see how the experts play."

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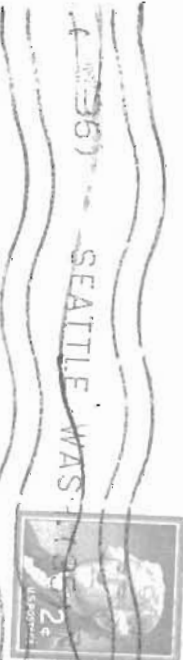
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Spatz	1050
Watson	1050
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Adameon	999
Lee	960
Waynor	918
Miltmore	910
Raleigh	900
Skinner	894
Waldron	818
Allyn, Shirley	802
Smith	768