

WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER



CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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1. C. Bagby, (S.F.)	4	0	3
2. W. Addison, (S.F.)	4	1	2
3. I. Rivise, (L.A.)	3	2	2
4. J. Mego, (L.A.)	3	3	1
5. P.D. Smith, (Fresno)	2	2	3
6. S. Yarmak, (L.A.)	3	3	1
7. G. Palmer, (Venice)	1	5	1
8. A. Wang, (Berkeley)	1	5	1

Addison lost to Wang! Schmitt
did not play!

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DUES FROM P.S.L. CLUBS ARE DUE

Our treasurer informs us that dues are now due from Puget Sound League clubs. We pay entry fees when we enter tournaments & the Puget Sound League team tournament is no exception. Each club pays \$8 which goes into the WCF treasury to pay for paper, ink, stencils, etc. so we can keep the Washington Chess Letter going. This is true, also, of your subscriptions. Broken down, the \$8 paid is as follows: \$3 for entry fee into Puget Sound League, \$3 for year book which is a bound book of the 12 issues of Chess Letter for 1958, and \$2 for a club's subscription to the Chess Letter for a year. Now some clubs and teams already get the Chess Letter individually and would have no use for a duplicate copy. Others may not care for the year book. It is up to each club or team how much they want. The less they pay for, the less they get. Send your check or money order to W. H. Raleigh, 4312 Woodland Park Ave., Seattle 3, Washington.

EDITOR'S LAMENT

We have received some good "filler" material but typing material onto stencils is our chief time-taker. With so little time because of family, work, sleep, and numerous hobbies and interests outside chess, not to mention all of the time we spend playing chess - both over the board and postal - 24 hour days are just not long enough for us to type all the material we get on to stencils, make headings, and get the Chess Letter out once a month.

We put the T V set in the basement or we would have even less time. But we can not keep the baby in the basement and his chief hobby is sabotage during ALL of his hours awake! So we are lucky to find time to stencil the essentials. If we are going to have more pages, we'll need help.

WASHINGTON OPEN - JANUARY 24 & 25, 1959

Tournament director AL LIVINGSTON of Olympia sends along the rules and regulations of the coming 1959 WASHINGTON OPEN, to be played Saturday and Sunday, January 24th & 25th in the Seattle University Student Lounge.

Registration at 8 AM. Play starts at 9. 2nd round at 1 PM, 3rd round starts at 5

4th round on Sunday starts at 8 AM. The 5th round starts at 1 PM & 6th round is started at 6 PM.

ENTRY \$3 adults - Juniors (under 21) \$2.

PRIZES \$35 guaranteed or 40% of gross receipts is first prize.

2nd prize - 25% of gross receipts.

3rd prize - 15% of gross receipts.

The remaining 20% will be used for expenses and trophy fund. It is felt that funds should be on hand so that we can offer larger guarantees in the future.

PAIRING will be by the Harkness System. The higher half of each scoring group is paired against the lower half of the same group. The order in each group is to be determined by the player's ratings. Ratings will be corrected after each round & pairings made according to the new rating.

TIE-BREAKING - 1. Solkoff. 2. Median.

TIME LIMIT - The first two rounds will be 30 moves per hour & 15 moves per $\frac{1}{2}$ hour thereafter. The following rounds at 40 moves in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. After $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours from beginning of a round, games will be adjudicated. If after 5 minutes, judges are unable to agree, the game is a draw for pairing & must be played before next round or the game will become a draw.

KITSAP LOSES FIRST

LATVIANS TAKE LEAGUE LEAD - BEAT TACOMA

On Sunday, Nov. 16th at the Seattle Chess Club, the Latvians won victory no. 4 downing a strong Tacoma team $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. A new player, REHBERGER, who is a U.S. expert, had a rough debut in N. W. chess, losing twice to state champion SEGLINS.

VIKTORS PUPOLS lost his first game to DICK SOMSEN due to "time pressure". It seems Vic disappeared after playing four moves. He returned $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours later & won the second game.

The win put the Latvians in uncontested possession of first place as Kitsap lost their first match of the season at the same time and place.

LATVIAN TEAM	$6\frac{1}{2}$	TACOMA CHESS CLUB	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Elmars Zemgalis	2	Charles Hewitt	0
Viesturs Seglins	2	Rehberger	0
Viktors Pupols	1	Dick Somsen	1
Zigurds Seglins	1	Ed Diedrich	1
V. Grinhagens	0	Don Kendall	1
V. Grinhagens	$\frac{1}{2}$	Carl E. Carlson	$\frac{1}{2}$

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB DOWNES KITSAP TEAM: 7-3

Kitsap finally was toppled falling with surprising ease to the Seattle Club team by a 7 to 3 tally. Only JIM MCCORMICK on first board was able to win for the defending champions.

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB	7	KITSAP COUNTY	3
Richard Schultz	0	Jim McCormick	2
Walt Conner	$1\frac{1}{2}$	George Rehberg	$\frac{1}{2}$
Max Bader	2	John Nourse	0
Russell Vellias	2	Dr. John Almond	0
Don Corey	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Chas. Magerkurth	$\frac{1}{2}$

WEST SEATTLE TIES NORTH SEATTLE 5 TO 5

North Seattle has completely lost a knack for winning matches. The gift of a bishop, an over looked check, and also the gift of one game when a full piece ahead, gave the visiting West Seattle team enough advantage to lead all of the way. Only Oliver Morris's two wins saved the day for North Seattle making the match a 5-5 tie. O. W. MANNEY was best for West Seattle with two wins.

WEST SEATTLE	5	NORTH SEATTLE	5
O. W. Manney	2	Dr. A. A. Murray	0
Max Hage	1	Don Eilmes	1
Fred M. Howard	1	Daniel E. Wade	1
Dale Bjornson	0	Oliver Morris	2
Willy Brandal	1	Sid Smith	0
Willy Brandal	0	Tom Hakens	1

"Oh death, where is thy sting?"

OLYMPIA WINS THE EASY WAY - CENTER FORFEITS

Evidence from the Central Washington Open in Yakima indicates the Chess Center boys are very healthy and able - yet unable to get together for a Sunday match. Olympia probably did not regret the absence of the visitors and gladly took the forfeit for their first win of the year.

LEAGUE STANDINGS ON THE EVE OF NOV. 16

	W	L	D	Games Won	-	Lost
1. The Latvians	4	0	0	$31\frac{1}{2}$	-	$6\frac{1}{2}$
2-3 Seattle Club	4	1	0	29	-	20
2-3 Kitsap Cty.	4	1	0	36	-	14
4. West Seattle	2	1	1	26	-	14
5. North Seattle	2	2	1	$27\frac{1}{2}$	-	$22\frac{1}{2}$
6. Tacoma Club	2	3	0	19	-	30
7. McNeil Island	1	3	0	11	-	27
8. Olympia Club	1	4	0	23	-	27
9. Chess Center	0	5	0	4	-	46

LEADING SCORES.

LATVIANS - Grinhagens $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, Viesturs Seglins 4-0, and leading the team is ELMARS ZEMGALIS with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

KITSAP - Rehberg $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, John Nourse 7-3, McCormick 7-1, and leading is CHAS. MAGERKURTH with $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

SEATTLE CLUB - Best scores are MAX BADER with 7-3, Russell Vellias 4-0, and Corey with 5-1. 13 have played for the team.

WEST SEATTLE - O. W. MANNEY with 6-0 has the best score by far.

NORTH SEATTLE - DAN WADE leads with $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Next best is Oliver Morris with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

TACOMA - DICK SOMSEN leads with 6-2.

COMPLETE LIST OF SCORES AT END OF SEASON.

LATVIANS WIN

KITSAP DUMPED BUT MCCORMICK TAKES ZEMGALIS!

Kitsap County can forget about retaining the Puget Sound League title they won last year as their team was thoroughly defeated by the Latvians, $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$. But although it was a miserable day for the Kitsap team, it was a great one for their 1st board player, JIM MCCORMICK. Jim defeated the nearly invincible ELMARS ZEMGALIS twice! Elmars was ahead the exchange in the first game, got into time trouble, and lost. This shook him up considerably. Wanting a win, having the black pieces, and against an opponent with the white pieces and content to draw, ZEMGALIS played badly and was defeated again. MCCORMICK has now scored 9-1 for Kitsap, winning 2-0 over SCHULTZ, MURRAY, HEWITT and ZEMGALIS. He also played a pair of draws with ULVESTAD. Possible future opponents are CHARLES JOACHIM and O.W. MANNEY.

<u>LATVIAN TEAM</u>	$6\frac{1}{2}$	<u>KITSAP COUNTY</u>	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Elmars Zemgalis	0	James McCormick	2
Viesturs Seglins	2	George Rehberg	0
Viktors Pupols	2	John Nourse	0
Ikars Cakarnis	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. John Almond	$\frac{1}{2}$
Visvaldis Smits	1	Charles Magerkurth	0
V. Grinhagens	0	Charles Magerkurth	1

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB WINS AGAIN - IN 2ND PLACE

Although MAX BADER was upset $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ by TOD TRAVIS and WALT CONNER could only split with ROY HUGHES, Seattle prevailed to take the match $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ over McNeil Island. Seattle Chess Club is now alone in second place and has only to beat the Latvians on December 14 to tie for first.

<u>SEATTLE CHESS CLUB</u>	$6\frac{1}{2}$	<u>MCNEIL ISLAND</u>	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Richard Schultz	2	Aaron Benavediz	0
Walt Conner	1	Roy Hughes	1
Max Bader	$\frac{1}{2}$	Tod Travis	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Mike Franett	2	Lewis Calloway	0
Donald Corey	1	George Ney	1

LEAGUE STANDINGS AT THE END OF NOVEMBER '58.

	W	L	D		W	L	D
1. Latvians	5	0	0	6. No. Seattle	2	3	1
2. Seattle	5	1	0	7. McNeil Isle	1	4	0
3. Kitsap	4	2	0	8. Olympia	1	5	0
4. W.Seattle	3	1	1	9. Center	0	5	0
5. Tacoma	3	3	0				

WEST SEATTLE DEFEATS OLYMPIA BUT MANNEY IS UPSET BY KALNINS

West Seattle's once beaten, once tied team won their third victory of the season defeating Olympia at Olympia, $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. O. W. MANNEY was upset on first board by MARGERS KALNINS $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, but like in the Kitsap match against the Latvians, the rest of the team was unable to follow their first board's example.

<u>WEST SEATTLE</u>	$7\frac{1}{2}$	<u>OLYMPIA CLUB</u>	$2\frac{1}{2}$
O. W. Manney	$\frac{1}{2}$	Margers Kalnins	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Max Mage	1	Don Crawford	1
Geno Vukonich	2	J. MacKenzie	0
Ben Weisscher	2	Phil Stymans	0
Dale Bjornson	1	Edna Egg	0
Dale Bjornson	1	Doyle Egg	0

TACOMA'S FINEST EDGES NORTH SEATTLE $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$

Tacoma's best home grounds line-up, which recently defeated the Seattle Club by a 5 point margin, was only able to defeat North Seattle by one point, $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. North Seattle's 5th board man turned down an offer of a draw and then lost while on first board DR. MURRAY, with a "won" game lost to VERNON HOLMES when he exceeded a time limit of 45 moves in 1 hour and 15 minutes agreed on before the match.

All was not bad, however, as CHARLES HEWITT was the perfect host treating all to coffee and cookies.

<u>TACOMA CHESS CLUB</u>	$5\frac{1}{2}$	<u>NORTH SEATTLE</u>	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Vernon Holmes	2	Dr. A.A. Murray	0
Charles Hewitt	$\frac{1}{2}$	Daniel E. Wade	$1\frac{1}{2}$
P. J. Rehberger	0	Donald Eilmos	2
Dick Somsen	1	Oliver Morris	1
Ed C. Diedrich	2	Sid Smith	0

LEADING SCORES - Viesturs Seglins (Latvians) 6-0, Max Bader (Seattle Club) $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, McCormick (Kitsap) 9-1, Manney (West Seattle) $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, Somsen (Tacoma) 7-3, Wade (North Seattle) 9-3, Dave Warner (McNeil) 4-4 and Ney (McNeil) 3-1 and Kalnins (Olympia) $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Dec. 14 - Kitsap at Olympia, Latvians versus Seattle at Seattle, W.Seattle at McNeil

and Tacoma gets forfeit from Center. On Jan. 4 Olympia at N. Seattle & Latvians versus West Seattle at the Seattle Club.

HARMON HELPS ULVESTAD TO YAKIMA WIN

In lieu of a story from Yakima, we thank BOB KARCH for the story of the C. Washington Open culled from the cross-table of the event sent us by him.

28 entered. It was held in Yakima's new Y.M.C.A. Only six entered from the city of Seattle. About the same number came up from Oregon. Eight were Yakima players.

BUZ EDDY made the pairings to the satisfaction of all. OLAF ULVESTAD of Seattle and IVARS DALBERGS of Portland were the top-heavy favorites to win. They drew their 4th round game. CLARK HARMON, Portland junior, pulled one of the biggest upsets in No. West chess history when he defeated Dalbergs in the final round to present Ulvestad with the title. Clark Harmon won second prize.

1958 Central Washington Open - Yakima Nov. 8-9.

	Rating Before		Score	Solkoff	Rating After
1. Olaf Ulvestad, Seattle	2240	W13 W2 W10 D3 W6 W7	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	24.5	2237
2. Clark Harmon, Portland	1832	W28 L1 W13 W8 W4 W3	5 -1	23.5	1968
3. Ivars Dalbergs, Portland	2198	W14 W9 W4 D1 W5 L2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	25.5	2158
4. Oliver LaFreniere, Yakima	2000	W18 W16 L3 W12 L2 W11	4 -2	21.5	1971
5. Dr. David Groenig, Spokane	1990	D15 D6 W23 W7 L3 W16	4 -2	20.5	1965
6. Mike Franett, Seattle	1765	W26 D5 W15 W11 L1 D8	4 -2	20.0	1835
7. Robert Holzinger, Seattle	1803	W24 W19 W22 L5 W10 L1	4 -2	20.0	1844
8. Deane Moore, Portland	1941	W21 W11 D19 L2 W12 D6	4 -2	19.0	1902
9. Cliff Dolph, (Oregon)	1755	W20 L3 L12 W15 W23 W14	4 -2	18.0	1797
10 William Hoge, Yakima	1854	W25 W22 L1 W16 L7 W19	4 -2	18.0	1856
11 Gary Feuerberg, Portland	1751	W12 L8 W24 L6 W17 L4	3 -3	19.5	1763
12 Elmer Hovermale	1800	L11 W21 W9 L4 L8 W23	3 -3	19.0	1781
13 Buz Eddy, Seattle	1715	L1 W18 L2 L17 W27 W21	3 -3	18.5	1710
14 Willy Brandal, Seattle	1714	L3 D20 W26 W24 D15 L9	3 -3	18.5	1697
15 Earl Knapp, Gig Harbor	1714	D5 W26 L6 L9 D14 W22	3 -3	17.5	1714 (!)
16 R. W. Cairncross, Portland	1769	W27 L4 W17 L10 W21 L5	3 -3	17.0	1768
17 Ron Radford	1700	L19 Bye L16 W13 L11 W20	3 -3	14.0	1698
18 F. J. Cooper	1750	L4 L13 L21 W26 W20 W27	3 -3	12.5	1706
19 Larry Rude, Yakima	1714	W17 L7 D8 L20 W24 L10	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	19.0	1705
20 Ora Gifford	1700	L9 D14 W25 W19 L18 L17	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	16.5	1659
21 Ken Dart, Everett	1528	L8 L12 W18 W22 L16 L13	2 -4	18.0	1576
22 Michael Wilson	1600	W23 L10 L7 L21 W25 L15	2 -4	15.5	1579
23 John Schroedel, Seattle	1585	L22 W25 L5 W27 L9 L12	2 -4	14.5	1566
24 Richard Jerome	1509	L7 W27 L11 L14 L19 W26	2 -4	13.5	1526
25 Bob Butler	1400	L10 L23 L20 WF L22 Bye	2 -4	13.0	1385
26 Douglas Guenther	1400	L6 L15 L14 L18 Bye L24	1 -5	15.0	1386
27 John Pete	1400	L16 L24 Bye L23 L13 L18	1 -5	13.0	1378
28 Habib Fauad	1400	L2 F F LF F F	0 -6	5.0	1400

Excerpts from a letter from BOB CAIRNCROSS to BOB MERK and passed on to the editor by Merk, sheds a little light on the Central Washington Open tournament.

"Had a good trip to Yakima and broke even in the tournament. Won 3, lost 3. I lost to HOGE, LAFRENIERE, and DR. GROENIG. Won from KEN DART, RADFORD and PETE. I think the Yakima Chess Club should be congratulated on their fine tournament. Everything was well organized and went off very smoothly. BUZ EDDY took care of pairings and did a very good job of it. ULVESTAD was first. CLARK HARMON was second. He is 16. DALBERGS was third losing to Harmon in the last round. 28 entered. Except for Ulvestad and Dalbergs, it would have been a wide open tournament as they were the only ones above class A. It would have been possible for any one of 6 or 8 players to take first place. The night before the tournament, Ulvestad put on a simultaneous exhibition. The tourney was played in Yakima's brand new million dollar YMCA.

JOACHIM WINS SOUTH SOUND

CHARLES JOACHIM won the South Sound Open Tournament played in Olympia with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. 31 players competed in this 31-player event. TED DAVIS, CHESTER HARMESON, MARGERS KALNINS, and JOHN MACKENZIE all finished with 5-1 scores. The Solkoff tie-breaking system placed them 2nd to 5th in the order named. The only mark against JOACHIM was a third round draw with KALNINS. Kalnins was kept from a tie for 1st by a 5th round draw with AUSTIN LARSON (Could this be "Lucky" Larson? - Ed.).

The usual problems of late registration and withdrawals were encountered, but the results came out fairly well. A class B round-robin also being played has not been completed.

THE FINAL STANDINGS OF THE SOUTH SOUND OPEN

	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W	L	D	SCORE	SOLKOFF
1. Charles Joachim	W27	W10	D4	W9	W3	W7	5	0	1	$5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	$22\frac{1}{2}$
2. Ted Davis	W11	W6	W9	L4	W8	W19	5	1	0	5 -1	22
3. Chester Harmeson	W25	W13	W18	W10	L1	W4-?	5	1	0	5 -1	20 - Seems like
4. Margers Kalnins	W24	W19	D1	W2	D7	W3-?	4	0	2	5 -1	$18\frac{1}{2}$ Harmeson and
5. John MacKenzie	W31	W23	W8	W13	L6	W12	5	1	0	5 -1	15 Kalnins BOTH
6. Richard Pawley	W18	L2	D10	W20	W5	W11	4	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	$21\frac{1}{2}$ won the game?
7. Austin Larson	W12	W25	W22	W14	D4	L1	4	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	20
8. Edna Egg	W28	W29	L5	W17	L2	D9	3	2	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	$17\frac{1}{2}$
9. Harry Parmelee	W16	W14	L2	L1	W13	D8	3	2	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	23 Edna Egg had
10. Don Crawford	W26	L1	D6	L3	W18	W16	3	2	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	22 lowest Sol-
11. Dale Wells	L2	W15	W23	W25	D12	L6	3	2	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	19 koff but was
12. Al Livingston	L7	W21	W20	W26	D11	L5	3	2	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	18 placed high- est! Ladies
13. Ed Goodwin	W29	L3	W26	L5	L9	W18	3	3	0	3 -3	17 first?
14. Phil Stymans	W15	L9	W8	L7	L10	W21	3	3	0	3 -3	15
15. Art Beck	L14	L11	W21	L19	W25	W20	3	3	0	3 -3	$13\frac{1}{2}$ - Nico
16. Otto Hintz	L9	L26	W29	W22	W19	L10	3	3	0	3 -3	12 recovery!
17. Monroe Burnett	L19	W30	W27	L8	L18	W24	3	3	0	3 -3	$10\frac{1}{2}$
18. Alex Smith	L6	D28	L3	W30	W17	L13	2	3	1	$2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	$16\frac{1}{2}$
19. Doyle Egg	W17	L4	L14	W15	L16	L2	2	4	0	2 -4	22 - Bad pairing
20. L. C. Durwald	W21	L22	L12	L6	W29	L15	2	4	0	2 -4	15 in 6th round.
21. Louie Bochenski	L20	L12	L15	W27	W24	L18-?	2	4	0	2 -4	14 - But 18 never
22. Bill Thorndale	W30	W20	L7	L16	---	---	2	4	0	2 -4	$9\frac{1}{2}$ played 21!
23. Timothy Connell	Bye	L5	L11	W29	---	---	2	4	0	2 -4	9
24. Larry Rogers	L4	L27	W30	D28	L21	L17	1	4	1	$1\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$	12
25. Klaus Cook	L3	L7	W28	L11	L15	---	1	5	0	1 -5	17
26. Armstrong Ransom	L10	W16	L13	L12	---	---	1	5	0	1 -5	$13\frac{1}{2}$
27. James Harrison	L1	W24	L27	L21	---	---	1	5	0	1 -5	10
28. Rosalie Sandelius	L8	D18	L25	D24	---	---	0	4	2	1 -5	$8\frac{1}{2}$
29. E. J. Goodwin	L13	L8	L16	L23	L20	---	0	6	0	0 -6	$13\frac{1}{2}$
30. Graham Dubendorf	L22	L17	L24	L18	---	---	0	6	0	0 -6	9
31. Ellis Ayers	L5	---	---	---	---	---	0	6	0	0 -6	5

Editor's note: My marginal notes pointed out two errors in the cross-table. By deduction we come to the conclusion Bochenski lost to number 14, Stymans, and not 18, Smith, in the last round. Apparently Harmeson and Kalnins played each other in the last round. They couldn't both win and score 5-1 if they played each other. So one ended with a 4-2 score.

Edna Egg actually finished 12th and not 8th, while the others with $3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ scores are each moved up one notch in the standings. Anyway, congratulations to Charles Joachim. Once again he proves he is the best in the Olympia area.

JUNIOR CHESS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NORTHWEST JUNIOR OPEN

The NORTHWEST JUNIOR OPEN will be held this year at Yakima, Wash. on Dec. 29-30.

This tournament will be a six-round Swiss using Solkoff tie-breaking points, & will be open to all juniors under 21.

The winner will be recognized as the Junior Chess Champion of the Northwest.

Prizes are as follows:

- 1st - 40% of the entry fees.
- 2nd - 30% of the entry fees.
- 3rd - 20% of the entry fees.
- 4th - 10% of the entry fees.

Registration will be at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, December 29th at the Y.M.C.A. located at East Yakima Avenue & Naches.

ENTRY FEE IS \$2.50 FIRST ROUND AT 11:30.

DIRECTOR - BUZ EDDY

WASHINGTON JUNIOR NEWS - Schroedel

The high school league started its preliminary competition with a non-league six-player team match between Garfield and West Seattle, the possible two top contenders in the league for the Seattle city title. The match was held Nov. 14th at the West Seattle senior club. It ended in a 3-3 deadlock.

WEST SEATTLE H. S.	3	GARFIELD H. S.	3
Willy Brandal	1	Bob Doi	0
Al Bender	0	Dick Robertson	1
John Schroedel	1	Tom King	0
Bill Willenberg	$\frac{1}{2}$	Carl Cravens	$\frac{1}{2}$
John Pete	0	Ted Iwata	1
Pat Wilson	$\frac{1}{2}$	Robert Allen	$\frac{1}{2}$

The 1959 Seattle league has recruited West Seattle, Garfield, Queen Anne, Sealth, and Lincoln for certain into the new season's lineup. Roosevelt, Highline, Seattle Prep, Evergreen, and Shoreline are said to have clubs. Everett is reported to have 3 organizations that can unite to form a Puget Sound League. If this many teams (14) are entered, two divisions will have to be formed.

West Seattle won the league last year.

IDAHO NEWS

An Inland Empire junior league will make its debut this year! Teams include Sandpoint, Wallace and Bonner's Ferry in Idaho and Lewis & Clark H. S. in Spokane plus Pullman, Washington. STEVE SALL and BRUCE FREDSTROM have worked hard to make this possible. Sandpoint club officers for the new year are: BRUCE FREDSTROM, president; BOB QUASS, vice-president; and SHARON FREEMAN, sec.-treasurer.

OREGON NEWS

Portland junior competition started its new swing with a pre-league event between the two top teams in that area. On November 2nd at the Portland Chess Club, Clackamas and Grant high schools battled to a 7 to 7 draw.

CLACKAMAS H. S.	7	GRANT H. S.	7
Clark Harmon	2	Cliff Comisky	0
Frank Nettleton	1	Bob Hardin	1
Dean Casperson	0	Gary Feuerberg	2
John Davis	0	Les Shearer	2
Clyde Nordgren	2	Dave Pomerantz	0
Glen Akers	2	Nich Jones	0
Harvey Shelton	0	Roger Putnam	2

CLARK HARMON reports six teams are united under a Portland junior league H.S. charter for the first Portland city league in many a moon. Also a six team "B" class league may be in operation. Portland has a good high school chess future.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - by Eddy

The U. of Washington chess club had its 1st meeting Friday, Oct. 24. This was the club's 1st meeting since the club became inactive over 2 years ago. The writer obtained the sponsorship of the Associated Students of the U. of W., secured a meeting room, purchased the necessary equipment, and had posters made and posted.

Elections were held with BUZ EDDY, president; M.C. WALSTED, vice-president; and BORTON HAMBLIN, sec.-treasurer.

27 turned out for the 1st meeting & 25 signed up for the club tourney. It is a 5 section event with 5 players in each section. Section winners meet in a play-off for the championship. (next page)

Each of the five sections and the final playoff will be round-robins.

There will be traveling chess sets for the section winners and a regular set for the champion.

Besides the tournament, the club also organized a perpetual ladder tournament based on 1000 points. At the end of each quarter, the player on the top of the ladder receives a pocket chess set.

The U. of Washington club has also organized a team which will play its 1st match against the West Seattle Chess Club on the second Friday in December. Any other clubs interested in playing a match may contact U. of W. club by writing to: U. of Wash. Chess Club, University of Washington, Seattle 5, Wash.

The team is looking forward to next fall when it hopes to return to the Puget Sound League. Meanwhile, the team hopes to participate in various Intercollegiate Chess League of America activities.

OTHER JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

During the week-end proceeding the N. West Junior Tournament in Yakima Dec. 29-30, the Seattle Junior Chess Team (composed of GRANNIS, HOLZINGER, FRANNETT, HICKEY, EDDY) will play Richland on Saturday, Heppner, Oregon on Sunday and return to Yakima for the tournament on Monday and Tuesday.

EXPLANATION ON TIE-BREAKING

In the Swiss style tournaments where so many finish with like scores, ties are broken by Sonnenborn-Berger, Solkoff & Median systems. In the Sonnenborn-Berger each player gets the total scores of each player he defeats and half of the total scores of the players he draws. He gets none of the total scores of players he loses to. In the Solkoff, a player gets all the scores of his opponents, regardless of whether or not he won, lost or drew with them. The Median is the same, except only the four middle scores are kept in a six round Swiss. Your score with the top and bottom players are struck off. Forfeits are handled so players who drop from an event cannot hurt the players who played them. $\frac{1}{2}$ point for each game forfeited is given to his opponent's tie-breaking point total. (The Editor.)

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

Bishop sends along Kashdan's column each week from the L. A. Times.

CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP

IRVING RIVISE and SAUL YARMAK tied for first place with scores of 7-1 in the Southern California Championship Tournament held at the Herman Steiner C.C. located at 108 N. Formosa Ave., Hollywood. Yarmak lost to Rivise and won 7. Rivise lost no games but drew with JAMES BARRY and LESLIE SIMON. SIMON and JOE MEGO, $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, shared 3rd and 4th places. The 4 players qualified for the state finals, contested over the Thanksgiving week end in San Francisco. (G. PALMER also plays.)

JAMES SCHMITT, well known in Northwest chess circles and now living in San Francisco, won the Northern California St. Championship Tournament. He scored 8-1 in a 9 round Swiss tournament. WILLIAM ADDISON and CHARLES BAGBY tied for second at $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ and also earned places in the finals for the State Championship. PHILIP SMITH of Fresno will represent the Central California Chess League in the finals.

RESHEVSKY WINS ISRAELI TOURNEY

SAMUEL RESHEVSKY, only American in the tournament, scored $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ to win the international chess tournament in Israel.

Reshevsky faced his chief rival, LASZLO SZABO of Hungary, in the last round. Reshevsky sacrificed two pawns to force a draw giving him his $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ score while the Hungarian finished second with 10-3. The two grandmasters did not lose a game, Reshevsky winning 8, drawing 5, while Szabo won 7 and drew 6. RAAPHY PERSITZ of Israel finished third with 8-5. In a tie for fourth at $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ were ITCHAK ALONI of Israel and ROBERT G. WADE of New Zealand.

GOLOMBEK WRITES ON PORTOROZ

"---Much more astonishing was the triumph of 15-year-old BOBBY FISCHER. Starting off a little insecurely, he seemed to gather fresh strength and confidence with every round, until at the end it was the grandmasters who were afraid of him." (This is at odds with "VOX PUPOLI" - Ed.)

LETTERS TO YE ED

From JACK NOURSE after his Kitsap team was sunk by the Seattle Chess Club team:

"Truly the ways of the chess player are past mans understanding. Pure reason tells us that there must be an explanation for all of these inconsistencies in match play. Undoubtedly physical health, mental strain, etc will take a toll in individual cases but the \$64 question as I see it is WHY does an entire team have to fall apart at once? Probably the editor has forgotten and should not be reminded how the North Seattle team collapsed "in tota" when confronted with the might, or more properly mite, of Kitsap.

It seems to me that we had a group defeatist attitude about our match against the Seattle Chess Club. REHBERG was claiming he felt relaxed and he never won unless he felt nervous. I was complaining just the opposite. DOC ALMOND, who usually gives a good account of himself against the toughest competition was declaring that VELLIAS was entirely too tough for him. Only CHARLIE MAG-ERKURTH was non-committal mainly because he couldn't get in a word edge-wise. The only optimist on the team was MCCORMICK who isn't accustomed to losing and probably never considers the possibility. (Haw! Ye Ed.)

Possible solution - Pessimism is catching!!

One of the aftermaths of these matches is the effect on the forecaster. Dan, in the future I think you are going to have to have a mechanical brain into which you will feed all pertinent information on each club member, expert or beginner, as you never know who will turn out for a match, or what mental condition he will be in, and let the machine figure out all the possible combinations. It will be a permanent job as all the players will be dead before the entire combinations are completed and a new set of men will have to be fed into the machine for a new start. Meanwhile, I think we should concede that there are a lot of good players in our league and that they can all beat each other when the signs are right.

Probably MAX BADER will turn in his second game with me. P. S. I just looked this game over. I was blind, stupid, etc., etc." (Do we here an echo here? He too! Ed.)

From PETER FULTON of Ferndale we got the following news:

"All chess players are invited to go to SHORTY CURRIT'S Eagles Roost Cafe in Ferndale. Again this winter chess will be played every Wednesday night during the local radio program, 'Ferndale On The Air'. The program runs from 6:30 to 7:30. Chess is played from about 7:00 to 10:00.

November 12th and 19th at the Eagles Roost found some exciting games with many players in attendance. Players present & their scores, including some fine up and coming juniors - HANES FAY, 2-0; FRANK BUTLER, 3-2; SHORTY CURRIT, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$; FRED EFS-AN, $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; PETER FULTON, $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; DOUG RYDER, $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$; GARY BELLINGAR, 1-3.

Remember all players are welcome."
(Box 336, Ferndale, Wash.)

STEPHEN L. SALA of Box 1, Osburn, Idaho writes: "BRUCE FREDSTROM and I are forming a junior league over here and hope to start play by the end of November. Three schools are ready to play and three or four others are likely to join the league.

On Veterans Day a "friendly" match between the high schools of Wallace and Sandpoint was played.

WALLACE		SANDPOINT	
Stephen L. Sala	1	Jim Benoit	1
Fred Pettit	0	Bob Quass	2
Cliff Barney	0	Bruce Fredstrom	2
Don Britt	2	Melvin Town	0
Tony Teske	2	(Forfeit)	0

Sala wants to know where he can buy a trophy. (We suggest Spokane) He wants JOHN SCHROEDEL'S address. So write him John.

FRED HOWARD Of West Seattle writes:

"The annual club tournament is underway with a field of 6 players. MAX PAGE, FRED HOWARD, KILLIAN SEEKK P, GENE VUKONICH, BUZ EDDY, and GLEN BAKER are the players.

West Seattle has an international match going with Amsterdam, Holland. No games are finished yet. Our team consists of WEISSCH-ER, PAGE, BADER, WOODWARD, SCHLOYER, HOWARD.

GAMES BY ELMES

A Recent Game from the P.S.L. Match
Seattle C.C. vs Kitsap

M. BADER

J. NOURSE

1. P-K4	P-K4	22 K-R1	P-B4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	23 P-Q5 c)	Q-Q2
3. B-N5	P-QR3	24 B-Q1	B-QR4
4. B-R4	B-B4	25 B-N4	Q-B2
5. O-O a)	P-Q3	26 P-N4	PxP
6. P-B3	P-QN4	27 PxP	BxP
7. B-N3	B-KN5	28 R-QB1	B-QB4
8. P-KR3	B-R4	29 NxN	NxN
9. P-Q4	B-QN3 b)	30 N-R4	N-B1
10 B-K3	N-R4	31 B-K6	NxB
11 B-B2	N-B5	32 PxN f)	R-K2?
12 P-QN3	NxB	33 RxP	R-KB1
13 PxN c)	N-B3	34 RxRch	KxR
14 N/1-Q2	O-O	35 R-KB1ch	K-N1
15 Q-K1	N-Q2	36 Q-B3	Q-B1
16 Q-N3	Q-K2	37 N-B5	RxP
17 N-R4	Q-K3	38 Q-N4	Q-B2
18 N-B5	B-N3	39 NxNP	R-N3
19 N-B3	P-KB3	40 Q-B5	Q-K2
20 QR-K1 d)	R-B2	41 N-R5	BxP h)
21 N/3-R4	N-KB1	42 Q-QB3ch	Resigns

a) Another good line for White is 5. P-Q3 N-B3 6. B-K3.

b) Not 9.....PxP 10 P-KN4 B-N3 11 PxP B-N3 12 N-B3 with much the better game.

c) Opening a file for White and also strengthening his center.

d) Better is to continue with the direct attack on the king with 20 P-KR4 R-B2? 21 P-R5 BxP 22 N-R6ch wins the exchange.

e) Trappy here was 23 PxBP BxP? (but PxP helps Black) 24 P-N4 QxRP (if B-R2 25 B-N3 wins) 25 R-B2 B-R2 26 B-N1 Q-R3 27 R/2-K2 QxP 28 B-R2 QxNP? 29 N-K7ch K-R1 30 N/4xBch NxN 31 NxNch. with R for 2 pawns.

f) 32.....R/2-B1 33 N-B5 and a difficult game for Black but better than text. Not 40.....QxN (K or RxN 41 Q-QB3 Mate) 41 Q-QB3ch Q-B1 forced 42 RxQ and wins.

h) 41.....B-N3 all Black has and it may be enough!

A Game from the 1958 Woodpusher Tourney

O. LaFreniere

Russell Vellias

1. P-QB4	N-KB3	19 R-N3ch	B-Q1
2. N-QB3	P-K3	20 R-R3	B-N4
3. P-KN3	P-Q4	21 B-N7	K-Q2
4. PxP	NxP	22 BxP	BxB
5. B-N2	B-K2	23 RxB	B-B3 e)
6. N-B3	P-QB4	24 P-QR4	R-QB1
7. P-Q4	N-QB3	25 B-N6	B-Q1
8. NxN a)	QxN	26 R-R7ch	B-B2
9. O-O	NxP b)	27 K-N2	K-B3
10. B-K3 c)	NxN ch	28 RxBch	RxR
11. BxN	QxQ	29 BxR	KxB f)
12. KRxQ	B-Q2	30 K-B3	K-N3
13. QR-B1	QR-B1	31 K-K4	K-R4
14. BxNP	QR-N1	32 K-K5	KxP
15. B-B3	RxP	33 K-Q6	K-N5
16. BxP d)	B-R5	34 K-K7	K-B6
17. R-N1	RxR	35 KxP	P-K4
18. RxR	P-QR3	36 K-K6	K-Q7
	B-Q1	37 P-K4	Resigns

a) Better is 8. O-O or 8. P-K4

b) Better is 9.....PxP 10 P-QN3 (10 P-K3 PxP 11 BxP QxQ 12 KRxQ and Black is a good pawn ahead.) P-K4 11 B-N2 Q-Q1 and White's superior development should equalize his pawn loss.

c) A strong move which threatens 11 NxN winning a piece.

d) White has not only recovered his pawn, but has a superior game due to the activeness of his pieces and Black's uncastled king.

e) Finally freeing his KR at the expense of his QRP.

f) Leaving Black with a hopeless endgame. From move 12 on, the game is a good example by White of how to take advantage of superior development.

OUR SUBSCRIBERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR GAMES FOR PUBLICATION. THEY WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE EDITOR AND THE BEST CHOSEN FOR PUBLICATION. ANY COMMENTS ON GAMES MAY BE INCLUDED IF DESIRED. IN DOING THIS WE HOPE TO RECEIVE GAMES FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE NORTHWEST.

O. LaFreniereWalt Conner

1. P-QB4	N-KB3	25 R-Q6 i)	R-N1
2. N-QB3	P-KN3	26 B-R3	BxP
3. P-KN3	B-N2	27 BxPch	NxB
4. B-N2	O-O	28 RxN	B-Q5ch
5. P-Q4	P-Q3	29 K-N2	K-N2
6. N-B3	P-B4	30 R-K7ch	K-R3
7. O-O	QN-Q2 a)	31 R/1-B7	P-QN4
8. P-N3 b)	R-N1 c)	32 RxPch	K-N4
9. B-N2	P-QR3	33 R/K7-KB7	B-K6
10 P-QR4 d)	R-K1	34 RPxP	PxP
11 P-K4	P-K3	35 R-QN7	RxR
12 R-K1	N-B1 e)	36 RxR	PxP
13 P-K5	PxP	37 PxP	K-B4
14 PxP	QxQ	38 K-B3	B-N8
15 QRxQ	N/3-Q2	39 P-R4	B-Q5
16 N-K4 f)	P-N3	40 R-Q7	P-N4 j)
17 N-Q6	R-Q1? g)	41 R-Q5ch	B-K4
18 N-KN5	BxP?	42 P-N4ch	K-K3
19 KNxBP h)	BxB	43 PxP	B-Q3
20 NxR	N-K4	44 RxBch	KxR
21 P-B4	B-Q2	45 K-K4	K-K3
22 PxN	RxN	46 P-N6	K-B3
23 R-KB1	B-K1	47 K-Q5	Resigns
24 NxB	RxN		

(a) Also possible is 7---,N-B3; 8. P-Q5, N-QR4; 9. Q-Q3, P-QR3 with about even chances.

(b) 8. R-K1 is the "book move" in this line of the King's Indian Defense.

(c) Signaling a Queen-side pawn attack. A good idea in this defense.

(d) Temporarily stopping the pawn advance at the cost of an inferior pawn structure.

(e) Better was 12 Q-B2, preventing White's 13th move.

(f) A strong move aiming to take possession of White's Q6, an outpost a la Nimzovich.

(g) 17.---,R-K2 was more cramped but probably safer than the text.

(h) Also good was 19. BxB, NxB; 20. NxB, RxN (if RxR; 21 N-K7ch., K-N2; 22. RxR, K-N3; 23 P-B4) 21 RxR, RxR; 22. RxN with a piece ahead.

(i) With the penetration of the White rooks, Black's game is lost.

(j) A blunder, but Black is lost anyway.

Well played by the winner.

Ivars DalbergsDr. Grocnig

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	18. R-B2	N-K4
2. P-QB4	P-K4	19. B-N3	R-N3
3. PxP	N-K5	20. B-R2	R/3-Q3
4. Q-B2	P-Q4	21. R-KN1	P-KN3
5. P-K3	N-QB3	22. P-B4	N-Q2
6. N-KB3	B-KB4	23. R/1-QB1	P-B3
7. Q-Q1	B-N5ch.	24. R-Q2	RxRch.
8. B-Q2	NxB	25. KxR	N-B3ch.
9. QNxN	PxP	26. K-K2	R-Q3
10 BxP	B-N5	27. P-B3	N-Q4
11 P-K6	PxP	28. P-KR4	K-Q2
12 P-QR3	BxN/3	29. P-R5	PxP
13 PxB	BxNch.	30 R-KR1	N-B3
14 QxB	QxQch.	31. P-K4	R-Q5
15 KxQ	O-O-Och.	32. K-K3	P-B4
16 K-K2	R-Q3	33. P-K5	N-N1(a)
17 QR-QB1	KR-Q1	34. P-B5	Resigns

(a) Not good as White's 34th demonstrates, but Black is in sorry straits anyway.

(b) What to do? 34.---,PxP? 35. BxN. 34.---P-R5? 35. BxPch. 34.---,N-K2; 35. BxPch.etc.

Still at Yakima. The Game of the Month of November! Dalbergs is Upset.

Clark HarmonIvars Dalbergs

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	12. Q-B2	R-B1
2. P-QB4	P-K3	13. Q-Q2	P-QR3
3. N-QB3	B-N5	14. P-QN4?(a)	QN-K5
4. Q-N3	P-B4	15. NxB	BxN
5. PxP	N-R3	16. QR-B1	B-B3
6. N-B3	BxP	17. P-B5?(b)	PxP
7. B-N5	B-K2	18. PxP	B-R5
8. P-N3	P-QN3	19. R-B1	BxP
9. B-N2	B-N2	20. N-K5	P-Q3?(c)
10 O-O	O-O	21. N-N4!	B-N4(d)
11 KR-Q1	N-B4	22. P-QR4	B-Q2

(a) Creates a weakness in White's Queen-side pawn structure.

(b) Loses a pawn.

(c) Gives White an overwhelming King-side attack where Black must give up a Bishop to stave off check mate.

(d) This move and White's 22nd show that neither player saw White's method of winning.

23 BxN!	PxB	25. Q-R6	P-B3
24 RxB!	P-B4(forced)	(Next page)	

It is interesting to note that after Black's 20.---, P-Q3 Black could not escape either mate or substantial material loss in spite of White's apparent blindness to the possibilities for the next 2 moves. 22. P-QR4? actually appears to be an attempt on White's part to draw! After 22.---, BxRP; (which, incidently does not stop the attack which came later in text) White intended 23 B-N7 winning back the QRP, removing all pawns from the Q-side & helping his chances substantially to draw!

The remainder of the game is merely a mopping up operation.

26 RxR	BxR	35 N-Q3	P-K4
27 N-K3	R-B2	36 B-R3	BxB
28 R-B1	P-Q4	37 QxB	R-QB2
29 NxBP	B-Q2	38 Q-R6ch.	K-N1
30 Q-R5	K-B1	39 RxR	QxR
31 N-Q6	R-N2	40 QxP	Q-B6
32 N-N7	Q-N1	41 Q-K6ch.	K-B1
33 N-B5	B-B1	42 QxRP	Resigns.
34 P-K4	P-Q5		

It is interesting to note there were but two major prizes, \$40 1st and \$25 2nd. If Dalbergs had been able to "only" draw, he would have been \$25 richer. Look for him to have bloody thoughts in his next tournament! (All Yakima game notes by Ye Ed.)

LATE, LATE, VERY LATE NOTES.

Skagit County Chess Club reports that JERRY FADER won tournament Number 8 with a close game over DAUGHT JOHNSON. (If complete records of these tournaments were to be sent in to the editor, they can be rated.)

ALLAN MCGREGOR writes from Sacramento saying, "In spite of his poor opinion of Bobby Fischer, I thought that Vic Pupols's analysis of big league games high class. Also, Don Eilmes's column was good too. Looks like a walkaway for those Latvians in the Puget Sound League."

NORTHEAST TOURNEY NO. 8

Wade thinks he should kill himself after drawing two games with Erickson! Going over the 2nd game afterward, Wade found all of three (3) places where he could have won. Eilmes and Wade each has a single win over Morris in the only other games played.

HEADS YOU LOSE

Maximilien de Robespierre was identified with the Period of the Terror instituted by the Committee of Public Safety in 1793. He became a victim of the same Terror and was guillotined in 1794.

Robespierre was a keen chess enthusiast and almost daily, after his early morning of seeing heads roll, he would appear at the famous Cafe De La Regence in Paris and match his wits with the hoi poloi of those days. One day a young lad came to the restaurant & asked to play Robespierre a game of chess. "I only play for a stake," replied Robespierre who was flattered that a youngster wanted to play him especially. "That is exactly what I want," was the eager reply. "I wish to play for a head . . ." Robespierre's eyebrows went high - this was something new to him. "If I win," continued the lad, "you grant me the head of someone you intend to guillotine tomorrow. If I lose, you can have mine too." Robespierre eyed his opponent carefully, then nonchalantly nodded his head, and taking the white pieces started off with pawn to king 4. A crowd gathered 'ere long, and after awhile Robespierre was seen holding his head, staring hard at the board and pieces, trying to extricate his king from the precarious position it had wandered into. A few more moves and a few more swear-words later and then he raised his head and said, "You win - and whose head have you just now saved?" "Le Comte de Villancuve," answered the young lad, flushed and smiling with his glowing victory. "So it shall be," replied Robespierre, "and what is your name?" Whereupon the young lad stood up, lifted his cap, and stark black hair came piling down on her shoulders, "I am Mademoiselle de Lanoir, le fiancee de Monsieur Le Comte!"

SCHMITT WINS NORTHERN CAL. OPEN

James Schmitt, formerly of Portland and now of San Francisco, captured the Northern California Open with a score of 8-1. Schmitt lost no games, drawing with Charles Bagby & William Addison who finished second with 6½-2½ scores. Schmitt defeated Arthur D. Wang, Leonard Frankenstein, Henry Gross, Walker, Richard Plock, and Dave Neider. He won by forfeit from Walter Pafnutieff. Gross had 6-3, Wang 5½-3½, Walker 4½-4½, Frankenstein 4-5, Jerry Smith 4-5, Plock 3½-5½, Pafnutieff 3-6, Jules R. Kalisch 3-6, Ray J. Cunco 3-6, Spencer Van Golder 3-6, and Neider 2½-6½. (From Precita Valley Chess Herald.)

TEN YEARS AGO IN WASHINGTON CHESS — MARK

EXCERPTS FROM WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER OF DECEMBER 1948

T. Patrick Corbett contributed the following to the December 1948 issue of the W.C.L.

As Omar said eight hundred years ago:

"Tis all a chequer board of nights
and days

Where Destiny with men for pieces
plays

Hither and thither moves and mates
and slays

And one by one, back in the closet
lays!

The Northwest Washington 6 round Swiss tournament was announced for Jan. 29th & 30th at Everett.

The Seattle City tournament on Feb. 26th & 27th at Seattle Chess Club limited to residents of King County.

The U.S. Open Champion, Weaver Adams gave two interesting exhibitions at the Seattle Chess Club and a simultaneous exhibition at the Seattle Y.M.C.A.

George Rehberg resigned his position as Feature Editor on the W.C.L. staff and as secretary of the Kitsap Club. He was succeeded by Jack Nourse as secretary of the Kitsap Club.

It was announced that Dick Allen would contribute a regular column to the W.C.L. beginning with the next issue.

Whidby Island team won a tight match from the Seattle Y.M.C.A. by a score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Jack Finnegan won an all expense paid trip to the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena on New Year's Day. He represented the Seattle P.I. as a special reporter for the game. Jack at that time was quite prominent in Puget Sound Chess circles.

Third Round Results of the Puget Sound League tournaments:

Tacoma $8\frac{1}{2}$, Seattle Y.M.C.A. $1\frac{1}{2}$

Bellingham 6, Everett 4.

Kitsap $7\frac{1}{2}$, Olympia $2\frac{1}{2}$

University 7, Queen Anne 3

Seattle vs Skegit results not obtained.

A new constitution for the W.C.F. was presented by a committee headed by Dick Allen and was adopted at a meeting of the Directors of the W.C.F. Articles of the constitution provided for new types of membership in the W.C.F., Club, League and Individual. W.C.F. approved major tournaments included the Washington State, Pacific Northwest Experts, Puget Sound Open, Northwest Washington and Seattle City. Oscar Award to chess organizers for each year beginning in 1945.

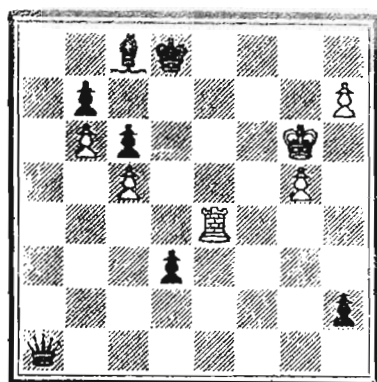
Individual memberships were created to give each chess player in the State the opportunity to become a part of the organization, regardless of affiliation with any chess club.

The title of Chess Expert was given to players winning or placing second in the PNW Experts, State, PS Open, or by twice winning the Seattle City or Northwest Washington tournaments.

Jim Schmitt of Portland, J.L. Sheets of Seattle, Carroll Crain of Tacoma and Charles Joachim of Seattle were officially recognized as Chess Experts.

Oscar Awards were given to the following: 1945 to R. C. (Tom) Cannon for his efforts in organizing the International matches, 1946 to Jack Nourse for his work in organizing the P.S. League and 1947 to George Rehberg for his work as Editor and Publisher of the Puget Sound Chess News.

Olaf Ulvestad continued with his articles on his trip to Soviet Russia. He tells of a 21 course dinner with 14 courses of Hors d'oeuvres and 7 main courses. (Ed. He came back alive.)



White.

White to play and force a draw.

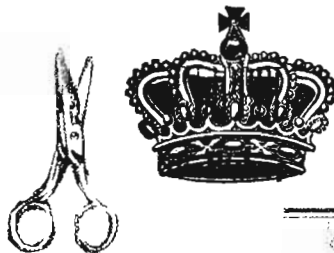
THIS delightful little end-game study, specially composed for *The Illustrated London News*, is by our old friend Mr. T. K. Wigan.

I must mention that the greater part of the remainder of these "Notes" is devoted to the solution, so *don't* let your eye wander any further if you want to have a respectable try at solving it.

The main line is as piquant as it is beautiful. The key-move is 1. R-K8ch (a check is perfectly allowable as a key-move for an end-game study, especially when, as here, it gives away White's only piece). If 1... KxR then 2. P-R8(Q)ch and 2... QxQ is stalemate!

So Black, who, in an actual game, might well have grabbed that rook without a moment's thought, has to chew around in a desperate search for less obvious alternatives. After all, with one queen on the board and two others on the way, he has reserve strength in abundance.

Well, then, 1. R-K8ch, K-Q2; 2. P-R8(Q), QxQ; 3. RxQ, P-Q7. Now the rook cannot stop both pawns from queening but doesn't need to: 4. K-B6! and now if 4... P-Q8(Q), then 5. R-R7ch, K-K1 (or Qx); 6. R-R8ch draws by perpetual check.

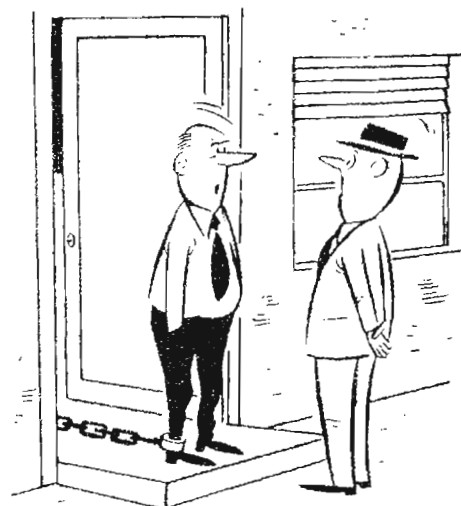


Black, eating desperately at that pawn about the queen, tries 1... R-Kt4. Now if 2. P-K8(Q) then 2... R-Ktch; 3. Q-R8 stalemate. Promoting the pawn to R, B or Kt leaves White with insufficient material advantage to win.

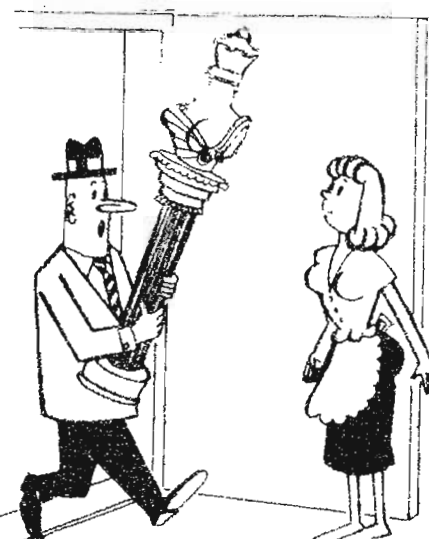
But 2. Kt-Kt6! does the trick. (From a study by F. Lazard.)



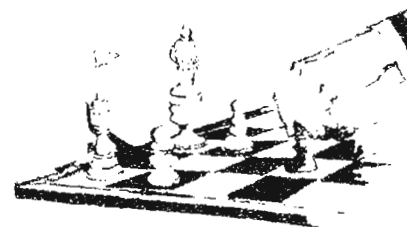
White.



LUGZWANG



"They didn't like my new Chess Queen design."



NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE from a recent match as annotated in the "Manchester Guardian"

Gligoric Keres

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	7. PxP	B-N2	14. R-K1(e)	QR-B1	21 Q-R4	P-KR4
2. P-QB4	P-K3	8. B-Q2	O-O	15. P-KR3(f)	KR-Q1(g)	22. B-KN4	P-B4
3. N-QB3	B-N5	9. O-O	P-Q4	16. R-K3(h)	N-R4 (i)	23. NxP	N/2xN
4. P-K3	P-B4	10. PxP	BxN (b)	17. P-Q5(j)	N-B4 (k)	24. PxN	R-K1
5. B-Q3	P-QN3	11. PxB	QxP	18. N-N5	P-N3	25. BxRP	Q-R3
6. N-B3	PxP (a)	12. P-B4 (c)	Q-Q3	19. B-K2	N-N2	26. Q-B6	P-B5
		13. B-B3	QN-Q2(d)	20. Q-Q4	Q-B1	27. Q-B7	mate

(a) Immediate pawn exchange is best because if ...B-N2; 7. O-O, O-O; 8. N-QR4, PxP; 9. P-QR3, B-K2; 10. PxP, Q-B2; 11. P-QN4, and White's Q-side majority now is stronger than Black's prospects.

(b) If ...PxP; the pin B-KN5, B-K2; 12. R-K, P-KR3; 13 B-R4, B-B1; 14. N-K5, B-K3 15. N-N6, as in Gligoric-Fazekas, 1958.

(c) White could also play R-K1.

(d) ...B-K5; 14. B-K2, N-B3 is better.

(e) To prevent ...B-K5.

(f) To prevent ...N-N5 after next move.

(g) If ...B-R3; 16. N-K5

(h) Preparing to bring his Rook into

the attack, and also to stop ...N-B4.

(i) Now Black loses by force. His best chance is 16. ...N-B1; 17. N-K5 N/3-Q2; although concentration of the white pieces on the King's side promises trouble.

(j) If first 17. N-N5, N/4-B3; 18. P-Q5, P-K4; but the text order of moves prevents this defense.

(k) 17. ...PxP would allow White a brilliant win by 18. BxPch, KxB; 19 N-N5ch, K-N3; 20. N-K6, PxN; 21. Q-N4ch, K-R3; 22. RxBch, QxR; 23 QxQ+ N/4-B3; 24. Q-B5 threat of B-Q2ch.

POSTAL CHESS

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Games completed to November 30, 1958						Points
10/30/58	58B-4A	McCord, D.	1	Munseile	0	62
10/31/58	58B-4A	Robertson	1	Munselle	0	50
	58B-4B	Robertson	1	Munselle	0	50
11/1/58	58A-3B	Howard	1	Husby	0	34
11/2/58	58A-1A	Gemar	1	Bever	0	52
11/7/58	58A-3A	Howard	1	Gemar	0	36
11/8/58	58A-1B	Vellias	1	Weaver	0	66
11/11/58	58B-1B	Bowerman	1	Quass	0	40
11/15/58	58A-5A	Eilmes	1	Howard	0	50
	58A-3B	Gemar	1	Howard	0	70
	58A-2A	Scripps	1	Laine	0	2
11/18/58	58A-7A	Wade	1	Bishop	0	32
	58A-5B	Eilmes	1	Merk	0	14
11/19/58	Special	Carter	1	Skarsten	0	68
	58A-2A	Luters	1	Laine	0	14
	58A-1B	Vellias	1	Gemar	0	30
11/21/58	57B-9A	Fredstrom	1	Roberts, D.	0	78
	57B-9B	Fredstrom	1	Roberts	0	78
11/24/58	58B-2A	Sala	1	King	0	38
	58B-2B	Sala	1	King	0	38
	58A-2A	Tuggle	1	King	0	38
	58B-2B	Tuggle	1	King	0	38
11/25/58	58A-5B	Eilmes	1	Howard	0	32
	58A-6A	Eilmes	1	Howard	0	32
	58A-1A	Weaver	1	Gemar	0	24
11/26/58	58B-1A	Koenkow	1	Bowerman	0	54
	58B-1A	Koenkow	1	Quass	0	36
	58B-1B	Koenkow	1	Quass	0	36
11/27/58	57A-5B	Carter	1	Merk	0	12

57B-9A					57B-9B	Pts.	58B-1A					58B-1B	Pts.
Fredstrom	x	1/2	1	1	1	5 1/2	Koenkow	x	1	1	1	1	8
Benson	1/2	x	0	1	1	5 1/2	Bowerman	0	x	1	1	1	6
Roberts, D.	0	1	x	1	1	5	Quass	0	0	x	1	1	4
Litke	1	0	0	x	1	4	Chapman	0	0	0	x	1	2
Moorman	0	0	0	0	x	0	Murray	0	0	0	0	x	0

In section 57B-9A & 9B as shown above, Benson and Fredstrom tied for first place and in order to break the tie for first honors we computed the number of points earned on our rating chart by each of them and find that Fredstrom made 216 points and Benson made 40 and so we award first place to Fredstrom. His subscription and membership in the W.C.F. is extended 6 months.

In the other section shown above, 58B-1A & 1B, Koenkow won first place by winning all of his games. He is awarded a six month extension to his subscription and membership.

These two winners also are promoted to the "A" division for their next sections. We wonder whether they will continue their progress or fall back to the "B" division like your director has done in the past.

Another very interesting postal match is going on with a six man team in Amsterdam, Holland. The Seattle team is composed of Clyde Schwoyer, Max Mage, Max Bader, Fred Howard, Ben Weischer and Stewart Woodward. As with the previous match, all of the moves are transmitted by Ben Weischer via air-mail. The moves are telephoned to him by each of the Seattle team and when he gets the moves from Amsterdam he relays them to each player.

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