

WASHINGTON

THE 1959 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ?

ZEMGALIS
ULVESTAD
PUPOLS
MCCORMICK
SEGLINS
PATTERSON
MURRAY
WADE
GROENIG
LAFRENIERE
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BIG SUCCESS, BUT ONLY A PRELIMINARY

The 50 player Washington Open held at Seattle University was a huge success but only the preliminaries! The purpose of the Wash. Open is to qualify for the chance to play for the Washington State chess championship. If the top nine in the Open plus ZEMGALIS PUPOLS and 1958 title holder SEGLINS enter the finals, there will be 12 players and a seven round Swiss will produce a real champion. If less enter, a round-robin not to exceed seven rounds will be played.

Individual invitations will go to all qualifiers. If all are accepted we should, in the words of Dr. Grocniq of Spokane, "have a real barn burner!"

SITE: Seattle Chess Club. **TIME:** The weekend of Washington's birthday, Feb. 21, 22, and 23. **STARTING TIME:** 12 noon on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Two rounds on Saturday, three on Sunday, and two on Washington's birthday. **TIME LIMIT:** 40 moves in two hours. After the 4 hours time, incomplete games shall be adjourned so the following round may commence. Round 2 - 6 p.m. Round 3 - 8 a.m., Round 4 - 1 p.m., Round 5 - 6 p.m., Round 6 - 8 a.m., and Round 7 - 1 p.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$3. We will try to pry some money out of the "tournament fund" to help boost the prize fund. Second place will also receive a cash prize.

For the past two years the championship tournament has been virtually an orphan. Strong players kept away & the few who did play were more often than not of championship caliber.

We will try to get enough clocks.

Only the Skyroom on top of the Ridpath Hotel used for Sunday play in two Inland Empire Open events could compare with the site of the 1959 Wash. Open. Al Livingston secured the room. All you can eat for \$1.25 in the Sunday evening meal in the cafeteria right below the tournament room. McCormick won five in a row before his girl friend showed up. Then he lost. Such is life! He says they will be wed in August. Both Don Eilmes and Dwight Edwards took a bunch of pictures. Don got some fine ones in color too. Ye editor never thought he would see the day when an opponent could out talk him in a game but Dr. Grocniq can do it. There was larceny in last summer's Seattle Seafair. Dr. Lewis in 56th place never played at all. He was just a spectator! What gives? No one has ever won both the Open and the State title in the same year so the odds are against Ulvestad doing it.

OLIVER MORRIS FINALLY WINS!

Like the story of Robert Bruce and the spider who never gave up, OLIVER S. MORRIS kept trying and finally won a N. E. Seattle Invitational. Oliver lost & then won against Dan Wade. Scored a win and a draw against Dr. A.A. Murray, and then defeated David Erickson twice. His $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ score cinches the tourney for him.

Wade drew Erickson twice and won 1 and lost 1 with Murray and Morris to end with a 3-3 score. Murray has $1\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{3}$ with two games left to play with Erickson who has a 1-3 score, drawing Wade two & losing two to Morris. Don Eilmes played & won a game from Morris but had to drop out of the tourney because of school.

This was the 8th in the series. In the previous seven, Wade and Erickson won three apiece while Eilmes won the other.

OREGON CENTENNIAL

The Portland Chess Club announces an Oregon Centennial Open Chess Tourney for Saturday and Sunday, February 21-22. It will be held in the Oregonian Hostess House in the Oregonian Building in downtown Portland.

Trophies awarded for Win, Place & Show and for first in Class B. (No other details)

ULVESTAD WINS 1959 WASHINGTON STATE OPEN - 50 ENTER

OLAF ULVESTAD, Seattle chess master, won the 1959 Washington Open with a perfect 6-0 score. Fifty players entered from cities & towns all over the northwest. Play was held in the best quarters ever available to chess players in the northwest - the Seattle University Student Union Building lounge. The weekend of January 24-25 was the date of the tournament.

Ulvestad is in the process of running a good winning streak up into figures rivaling VIC PUPOLS'S tournament winning streak of 2 years ago. In Portland's Golden Rose, Olaf drew with ARTHUR DAKE to virtually tie Dake for first in that event, losing only on the tie-break. Next Ulvestad scored 8-4 in the U. S. Open to confirm once again his master status. After that Olaf won the Heart of America Tourney in the mid-west. Now he has scored a perfect record in the Washington Open. But let us not wind it up so quickly! He had also won the Central Washington Open at Yakima only a short time before the big Seattle triumph.

JIM MCCORMICK, also of Seattle, took a clear second place with 5-1, losing in the last round to Ulvestad in a fitting climax to such a tournament. Had Jim been able to draw the game, he would have won the tournament on Solkoff Points, but he blundered and it became only a matter of time and technique before he tipped his king.

Seven players ended just below the two leaders all with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Eastern Washington Champion DR. DAVE GROENIG of Spokane and DR. A. A. MURRAY of Seattle finished in an unbreakable tie for third and fourth. Both lost their only game to MCCORMICK. The two doctors drew their final round games - Murray drawing DON KENDALL of Tacoma and Groenig had to get back to Spokane before cock crow so allowed DAN WADE a draw in the last round.

DAN WADE of Seattle lost his only game to McCormick and the tie-break gave him 5th place. G. S. G. PATTERSON, also of Seattle, lost only to DR. MURRAY and drew with EDWARD DIEDRICH to post his $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score and finish 6th. OLIVER LAFRENIERE, who has showed much ability in his past three tournaments, recently winning the Washington Woodpushers ahead of several strong players, upheld the honor of Yakima by placing 7th. He lost to ULVESTAD &

drew with Olympia's MARGERS KALNINS. A pair of Tacoma players took over 8th & 9th places. DON KENDALL played his best northwest tournament winning four & losing only to CLARK HARMON, strong Portland junior giant-killer. He drew DR. MURRAY in the last round to reach his lofty place in the final standings. ED DIEDRICH lost to LAFRENIERE and drew G. S. G. PATTERSON. Among his four wins was one over NEIL POWER, who did so well in the Seafair tournament.

The top nine players along with the 1958 state champion, VIESTURS SEGLINS & the two outstanding players, ELMARS ZEMGALIS and VIKTORS PUPOLS are invited to the State Championship tournament. This will be held on the weekend of Washington's birthday, February 21-23. It will be either a round-robin or a small Swiss depending on the number of qualifiers interested in playing for the state title.

Outside of Seattle, Olympia, Portland, and Yakima were well represented. FATHER BUSSY of Seattle U. returned to chess after many years absence. The last round witnessed a pair of resounding upsets! DEANE MOORE overlooked a mate in one to lose to DOYLE EGG for Egg's lone win while NEIL POWER lost his opener to EARL KNAPP. Power, despite the loss, finished 18 places above Knapp while Moore finished 16 places ahead of Egg! Egg traveled all of the way back to Olympia for a square dance Saturday night, got a few hours sleep, and then returned to Seattle in time for the 4th round at 8 a. m.!

For the sixth time DAN WADE met Vancouver Washington's DUANE MEADOR and for the sixth time Wade had the black pieces! Wade now leads in the series 4-2, winning the last three in a row.

Tournament directors AL LIVINGSTON & BUZ EDDY did a tremendous job. Livingston was handicapped with the flu on Sunday but played as well as directed so the number of entrants would be even.

FRED HOWARD again did a tremendous job as publicity director making it possible for Seattle to have another success.

1959 Washington Open Summary

Place	Player	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W L D	Score	Solk.	Median
1.	Olaf Ulvestad, Seattle		W22	W15	W23	W7	W10	W2	6-0-0	6 -0	23.0	
2.	Jim McCormick, Seattle		W35	W25	W3	W5	W4	L1	5-1-0	5 -1	24.5	
3.	Dr. Dave Groenig, Spokane		W37	W11	L2	W13	W14	D5	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	23.5	16.5
4.	Dr. A.A. Murray, Seattle		W50	W21	W12	W6	L2	D8	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	23.5	16.5
5.	Daniel E. Wade, Seattle		W19	W13	W31	L2	W22	D3	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	22.5	
6.	G.S.G. Patterson, Seattle		W21	W32	W17	L4	D9	W15	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	22.0	
7.	Oliver LaFreniere, Yakima		W47	W48	W9	L1	D11	W16	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	21.5	
8.	Donald Kendall, Tacoma		W45	L10	W39	W20	W16	D4	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.0	13.0
9.	Edward Diedrich, Tacoma		W39	W46	L7	W42	D6	W18	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.0	12.5
10	Clark Harmon, Portland		W41	W8	D16	W26	L1	D11	3-1-2	4 -2	23.0	
11	Margors Kalnins, Olympia		W34	L3	W25	W23	D7	D10	3-1-2	4 -2	21.0	
12	Visvaldis Smits, Seattle		D32	W50	L4	W19	D18	W24	3-1-2	4 -2	19.0	12.5
13	Richard Schultz, Seattle		W27	L5	W36	L3	W34	W22	4-2-0	4 -2	19.0	12.5
14	Norman Abrahamson, Belngnhtn		L16	W34	W29	W17	L3	W23	4-2-0	4 -2	18.5	
15	Archie Fredrickson, Bothell		W26	L1	D19	W37	W28	L6	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	22.0	
16	John Braley, Seattle		W14	W38	D10	W31	L8	L7	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	20.5	
17	Oliver S. Morris, Seattle		W43	W36	L6	L14	W27	D20	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.5	12.5
18	Neil Power, Snohomish		L36	W37	W28	W24	D12	L9	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.5	12.0
19	Robert Hardin, Portland		L5	W45	D15	L12	W32	W25	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.0	
20	Alan Petit, Seattle		L24	W41	W32	L8	W26	D17	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	17.5	
21	Fred M. Howard, Seattle		L6	L4	D43	W47	W33	W31	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	16.0	
22	Duane Meador, Vancouver, Wn.		L1	W40	W27	W38	L5	L13	3-3-0	3 -3	21.5	
23	Harold Hughart, Albany, Ore.		W40	W24	L1	L11	W38	L14	3-3-0	3 -3	21.0	
24	Gary Feuorberg, Portland		W20	L23	W33	L18	W42	L12	3-3-0	3 -3	19.0	
25	Richard Pawley, Olympia		W44	L2	L11	W36	W35	L19	3-3-0	3 -3	17.5	
26	A. Eydal, Seattle		L15	W35	W41	L10	L20	W36	3-3-0	3 -3	15.0	
27	Pat Hickey, Seattle		L13	W44	L22	W40	L17	W35	3-3-0	3 -3	14.5	
28	R. W. Cairncross, Portland		L48	W47	L18	W46	L15	W34	3-3-0	3 -3	13.5	9.5
29	Don C. Crawford, Olympia		L38	W43	L14	L34	W40	W37	3-3-0	3 -3	13.5	8.0
30	Deane Moore, Portland		L46	L39	W44	D33	D31	W38	2-2-2	3 -3	11.5	
31	Father G. Dussy, Seattle		W33	W42	L5	L16	D30	L21	2-3-1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	19.5	
32	Ken Dart, Everett		D12	L6	L20	W43	L19	W45	2-3-1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.5	
33	Dave Gramis, Seattle		L31	W49	L24	D30	L21	W44	2-3-1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13.0	
34	Larry Lambert		L11	L14	W49	W29	L13	L28	2-4-0	2 -4	18.0	14.0
35	Willy Brandal, Seattle		L2	L26	W50	W39	L25	L27	2-4-0	2 -4	18.0	11.0
36	Earl Knapp, Gig Harbor		W18	L17	L13	L25	W49	L26	2-4-0	2 -4	17.0	13.0
37	Ron Radford, Yakima		L3	L18	W47	L15	W39	L29	2-4-0	2 -4	17.0	12.0
38	Gordon Gray		W29	L16	W46	L22	L23	L30	2-4-0	2 -4	16.5	
39	Armstead Ranson, Ft. Lewis		L9	W30	L8	L35	L37	W49	2-4-0	2 -4	15.5	
40	Henry Kaffenberger, Gig Hbr.		L23	L22	W45	L27	L29	W46	2-4-0	2 -4	14.5	
41	Larry Rudo, Yakima		L10	L20	L26	L44	W47	W43	2-4-0	2 -4	14.0	
42	Leon Deubrow		W49	L31	W48	L9	L24	F	2-4-0	2 -4	13.0	
43	Dwight Edwards, Seattle		L17	L29	D21	L32	W46	L41	1-4-1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15.5	
44	Jim Blair, Seattle		L25	L27	L30	W41	D45	L33	1-4-1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15.0	
45	Lyman Johnston, Seattle		L8	L19	L40	W49	D44	L32	1-4-1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	14.0	
46	Doyle W. Egg, Olympia		W30	L9	L38	L28	L43	L40	1-5-0	1 -5	16.0	
47	Doug Guenther, Yakima		L7	L28	L37	L21	L41	Bye	1-5-0	1 -5	15.0	
48	Charles Moshier		W28	L7	W42	F	F	F	1-5-0	1 -5	10.0	
49	Alfred Livingston, Olympia		L42	L33	L34	L45	L36	L39	0-6-0	0 -6	12.5	
50	Neil J. Arntz		L4	L12	W35	F	F	F	0-6-0	0 -6	10.0	

The above summary was compiled by BUZ EDDY, mimeographed by him, and a copy sent to each player in the tournament within three days after its conclusion. (The Ed.)

LATVIANS WIN LEAGUE - WIN BY 8-2

The Latvians won the 1958-59 Puget Sound League championship when they routed North Seattle 8 to 2 at the Latvian's club. Kitsap took third place in the PSL standings when they stomped West Seattle 9 to 1 at Bremerton. Tacoma was unable to muster out its best players and was upset 5½ to 3½ by McNeil. Seattle Club won by forfeit, 10-0, from Seattle Chess Center to officially claim second place. In spite of two bad thumpings in their last two matches, West Seattle took 4th place because of Tacoma's upset loss to McNeil. Tacoma ended in 5th, North Seattle was in 6th, McNeil was 7th, Olympia was 8th, and Seattle Center was last in the standings.

DR. A. A. MURRAY lost twice to ELMARS ZENGALIS but gave a good account of himself, especially in their first game. DAN WADE busted VIC PUPOL'S "Latvian Gambit" & was 2 pawns and the attack ahead when the Pupol's jinx again reared its ugly head & Wade blundered losing a bishop. The second game found Wade overcoming numerous opening difficulties to ALMOST equalize only to lose anyway. DON EILMES had VIESTURS SEGLINS in bad trouble in both games only to throw both away. OLIVER MORRIS and IKARS CAKARNIS were evenly matched battling to a pair of draws. Substitute PAT HICKEY lost his first to GRINHAGENS, but came on

strongly in their second encounter to win and score half of North Seattle's points.

At Bremerton, West Seattle was short their first board man making it easier for JIM MCCORMICK to complete an undefeated & twice drawn season on first board for the Kitsap team. JOHN NOURSE had left on a trip to Mexico so used MERLYN DANSKIN in his place. FRED HOWARD won one game from him for West Seattle's lone point. JIM MCCORMICK downed MAX MAGE twice to boost his record to 12 wins, no losses, and two draws (against ULVESTAD).

Tacoma visited McNeil with only one of their top players, DICK SOMSEN, making the trip. With McNeil leading 5½-2½, Somson's game with BENAVIDIZ had to be left before completion. It was sent to the editor for adjudication. Any class C wood-pusher could have adjudicated it. Somson was three pawns ahead, had control of the king rook file, and was just on the verge of scoring a smashing victory. One point more for Tacoma!

LATVIANS	8 N. SEATTLE	2	KITSAP	9	W.S.	1	
Zengalis	2	Murray	0	McCormick	2	Mage	0
Pupols	2	Wade	0	Rehberg	2	Vukonch	0
Seglins	2	Eilmes	0	Danskin	1	Howard	1
Calmaris	1*	Morris	1*	Almond	2	Weisschr	0
Grinhagens	1	Hickey	1	Hagerkth	2	Woodward	0

(* two draws)

TACOMA CLUB	3½	MCNEIL CLUB	5½
Dick Somson	1	A. Benavidez	0
John McBride	0	Roy Hughes	2
Carl Carlson	1	Tod Travis	1
Don Kendall	1	L. Calloway	1
A. Cook	½	Jack Kendrick	1½

SUMMARY OF THE 1958-59 PUGET SOUND LEAGUE.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	WON	LOST	DRAWN	PTS. FOR	AGST.	NO.
1. LATVIAN CLUB	X	5	6½	8	6½	8	7	8	10*	7	0	1	59	- 19	78
2. SEATTLE CLUB	5	X	7	7½	2	6	6½	6½	10*	6	1	1	50½	- 28½	79
3. KITSAP COUNTY	3½	3	X	9	8½	7½	9	7	8	6	2	0	55½	- 24½	80
4. WEST SEATTLE	2	2½	1	X	8½	5	6½	7½	10*	4	3	1	43	- 37	80
5. TACOMA CLUB	3½	7	1½	1½	X	5½	3½	5½	10*	4	4	0	38	- 40	78
6. NORTH SEATTLE	2	4	2½	5	4½	X	8	9	8	3	4	1	43	- 37	80
7. MCNEIL ISLAND	1	3½	1	3½	5½	2	X	7	10*	3	5	0	33½	- 43½	77
8. OLYMPIA CLUB	2	3½	3	2½	4½	1	3	X	10*	1	7	0	29½	- 50½	80
9. CHESS CENTER	0*	0*	2	0*	0*	2	0*	0*	X	0	8	0	4	- 76	80

NORTH SEATTLE WINS OVER OLYMPIA AND U. OF W.

One week before their trouncing at the hands of the Latvians, North Seattle won a 9-1 victory over a weakened Olympia team.

Wade, trying for complications in his second game with Pawley, lost his queen. In the University match, North Seattle took a 6-1 lead and then the U. won the last 3.

N. SEATTLE	9	OLYMPIA	1	N. SEATTLE	6	U of W	4
Wade	1	Pawley	1	Murray	2	A. Eyda	0
Murray	2	Crawford	0	Wade	1½	Smits	½
Morris	2	E. Egg	0	Eilmes	1	Walther	1
Liakons	2	D. Egg	0	Morris	1	Eddy	1
Sid Smith	2	Livingston	0	Cliff			

Both matches were held at Don Eilmo's - Olympia on Jan. 11 and the U. on Jan. 16th.

LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

1958-59 ALL-STAR PUGET SOUND
LEAGUE TEAM

	W	L	D
Board 1 JIM MCCORMICK, Kitsap	12	0	2
Board 2 VIESTURS SEGLINS, Latvian	10	1	1
Board 3 VIKTORS PUPOLS, Latvians	8	2	0
Board 4 OLIVER MORRIS, N. Seattle	9	4	3
Board 5 C. MAGERKURTH, Kitsap	12	3	1

SECOND TEAM

Board 1 ELMARS ZEMGALIS, Latvian	7	2	1
Board 2 DANIEL WADE, N. Seattle	9	5	2
Board 3 MAX BADER, Seattle Club	7	4	3
Board 4 DICK SOMSEN, Tacoma	7	2	2
Board 5 V. GRINHLGENS, Latvians	7	4	2

LATVIAN CLUB	W	L	D	SCORE
Viesturs Seglins	10	1	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Viktors Pupols	8	2	0	8 -2
Elmars Zemgalis	7	2	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Valdenars Grinhagons	7	4	2	8 -5
Zigurds Seglins	4	2	0	4 -2
Ikars Cakarnis	2	1	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Visvaldis Smits	3	1	0	3 -1
Raimund Blums	1	0	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
Juris Dumins	1	1	0	1 -1

SEATTLE CLUB	W	L	D	SCORE
Max Bader	7	4	3	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Russell Vellias	5	0	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
Don Coroy	5	2	2	6 -3
Richard Schultz	4	5	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Walt Conner	3	7	3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mike Franott	3	1	0	3 -1
Dave Grannis	2	0	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
Rupert Dorn	2	0	0	2 -0
William Goddard	1	0	0	1 -0
Buz Eddy	1	0	0	1 -0
Don Cameron	1	0	0	1 -0
William Gillette	1	1	0	1 -1
Archie Fredrickson	0	2	0	0 -2

KITSAP COUNTY	W	L	D	SCORE
Jim McCormick	12	0	2	13 -1
Charles Magerkurth	12	3	1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
George Rohberg	8	5	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dr. John Almond	9	6	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
John Nourse	9	5	0	9 -5
Fahlstrom	1	1	0	1 -1
Merlyn Danskin	1	1	0	1 -1

WEST SEATTLE	W	L	D	SCORE
O. W. Manney	6	3	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Willy Brandal	5	1	0	5 -1
Eugene Vukonich	5	4	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ben Weisscher	3	5	2	4 -6
Fred M. Howard	4	5	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Max Mage	3	10	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bob Kuvara	2	2	0	2 -2
Dale Bjornson	2	2	0	2 -2
Stewart Woodward	0	2	0	0 -2

TACOMA CLUB	W	L	D	SCORE
Dick Somsen	7	2	2	8 -3
Ed C. Diedrich	5	1	0	5 -1
Vernon Holmes	4	2	0	4 -2
Carl Carlson	2	2	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Thomas Dolle	2	1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Don Kendall	2	3	0	2 -3
Charles Hewitt	1	7	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Day	1	3	0	1 -3
A. Cook	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bloom	0	2	0	0 -2
John McBride	0	2	0	0 -2
P. J. Rehberger	0	4	0	0 -4
L. J. Frank	0	6	0	0 -6

NORTH SEATTLE	W	L	D	SCORE
Oliver S. Morris	9	4	3	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Daniel E. Wade	9	5	2	10 -6
Donald P. Eilmes	7	6	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Thomas Makens	5	2	0	5 -2
Dr. A. A. Murray	5	9	0	5 -9
Sid Smith	3	5	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pat Hickey	1	1	0	1 -1
David Erickson	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$

MCNEIL ISLAND	W	L	D	SCORE
David Warner	5	4	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Roy Hughes	5	7	0	5 -7
George Ney	3	3	0	3 -3
Tod Travis	3	6	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lewis Calloway	2	6	0	2 -6
Jack Kendrick	1	0	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
Aaron Benavidez	2	11	0	2 -11
Eddy Ege	1	1	0	1 -1
Claud Sweezey	0	4	0	0 -4

OLYMPIA CLUB	W	L	D	SCORE
Margers Kalnins	6	3	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Charles Joachim	4	3	2	4 -4
Don Crawford	4	7	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Richard Pawley	2	4	0	2 -4
Harry Parmelec	1	1	0	1 -1
Phil Stymans	1	3	0	1 -3
Ed Goodwin	0	1	0	0 -1
John MacKenzie	0	2	0	0 -2
Chester Harmeson	0	2	0	0 -2
Al Livingston	0	9	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Edna Egg	0	6	0	0 -6
Doyle Egg	0	7	0	0 -7

CHESS CENTER	W	L	D	SCORE
Olaf Ulvestad (0-0-2), G.S.G. Patterson (1-1-0), Charles Griffiths (0-1-1), Mike Franett (0-1-3), Bob Holzinger (0-4-0), Arnt Aarnas 0-2, D. Keeler 0-2, R.J. Moore				

UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	W	L	D	SCORE
1 Bobby Fischer		1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	6	0	5	$8\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$
2 Samuel Reshevsky	0		1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5	1	5	$7\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$
3 James T. Sherwin	0	0		$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	2	5	$6\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
4 Arthur B. Bisguier	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	2	6	6 -5
5 Donald Byrne	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0		1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	2	6	6 -5
6 Larry Evans	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0		0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	5	4	2	6 -5
7 William Lombardy	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1		1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3	2	6	6 -5
8 Paul Benko	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0		1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	3	3	5	$5\frac{1}{2}-5\frac{1}{2}$
9 Robert Byrne	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0		$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4	6	4 -7
10 Charles Kalme	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	3	8	4 -7
11 Edmar Mednis	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$	0	5	6	3 -8
12 Raymond Weinstein	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		0	5	6	3 -8

BUCKENDORF IDAHO CHAMP

GLEN BUCKENDORF of Buhl is the new Idaho State Chess Champion. He replaced DICK VANDENBURG of Boise, last year's champion.

Second place winner was C. H. STEWART an 81 year old player from Boise. Stewart was the first state champion in 1947 when state play was organized. Third place went to LLOYD KIMPTON.

Class B winners were NICK SKIRMANTS of Boise, first; STERLING VAUGHN, second, GEORGE OSTERMAN of Rupert, third.

Class C winners were KENNETH BARCLAY of Jerome in first and D. LARSEN of Idaho Falls second.

GLEN PECK of Pocatello was winner of the junior division.

HORTON THOMPSON of Kendrick came the farthest distance of the 38 participants. LLOYD KIMPTON was the tournament director.

The Idaho Open tournament will be held the last week-end in May at Boise.

DON CRAWFORD of Olympia sent the above news taken from the Twin Falls newspaper. Don also writes that C. H. STEWART is a remarkable person and an asset to northwest chess. He is still, at age 81, active in business, being a large apple producer and shipper, and also a dairyman, wheat farmer, etc. His labor would put younger men to shame. He has been playing chess for more than 60 years. He is always gentlemanly and is liked by everyone. In this tournament Stewart did not lose even one game. He drew three games, including one with GLEN BUCKENDORF.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Skagit County Chess Club officers for 1959 are: CHARLES ABBOTT, president; JERRY FADER, vice-president; DALE SAKUMA, secretary-treasurer.

Tournament number 9 is now going on with play on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The place is Mount Vernon's YMCA and the time is 8 p.m.

SEATTLE CLUB MEET

The annual meeting of the Seattle Chess Club was held on Friday evening, January 16th. Club officers for 1959 are: TED DAVIDSEN, president; RICHARD SCHULTZ, vice-president; JOHN GELL, secretary; WILLIAM GILLETTE, treasurer, VIESTURS SEGLINS, tournament director, and LYNN JOHNSTON and LOHMEYER directors.

RICHARD SCHULTZ was appointed to modernize the perpetual tourney board. About 20 members showed up for the annually held meeting. (Reported by FRED M. HOWARD, retiring club president.)

CHESS CLOCKS BADLY NEEDED

Did you ever play in a big tournament, get a good game, but have your opponent sit and sit and SIT until he wore you out and you finally blundered and lost? Chess clocks bring such tactics to a screeching halt! Any tournament player worth his salt should own not only a board and chess men, but chess clocks as well. FRED HOWARD can get clocks for only about \$7 each!

YAKIMA CHESS

NEW CHESS CLUB ELECTIONS

On January 12 the new Yakima YMCA Chess Club held its first business meeting, adopting bylaws and electing officers. Elected were Oliver W. LaFreniere, president, William H. Hoge, vice-president, Richard Jerome, secretary, and Henry Dodge, treasurer.

The meeting was the result of action taken by the old Yakima Chess Club at a December 15 business meeting, at which time the club voted to dissolve itself, change its name slightly, and elect a full slate of new officers. The results of both meetings indicate that vast progress has been made in the basic organization of Yakima chess. That such progress is meaningful in chess activity is immediately evident from the amount of news of Yakima events in the past four Chess Letters.

At the January 12 meeting a resolution was passed unanimously thanking former president Hoge for keeping the old club alive ever since 1947 when he was one of the charter members. The club passed through good and bad days, and was hurt by YMCA shuffling before Yakima's new Y was built in 1958, by hot summers, cold winters, and a number of other incidents not to the good of organized chess. Hoge faced all these vicissitudes successfully with the result that Yakima had something to start with in an era of great chess development.

Among items covered by the club's bylaws are articles creating a permanent elected committee for the Central Washington Open tournament, now officially adopted by the club. Elected were Everett Rude, Tournament Manager, LaFreniere, Publicity Director, and Kenneth Sewell, Tournament Committeeman. Another section officially recognizes the Yakima Junior Chess Club as a division of the club. It is limited to persons under 21 and has its own officers, but no bylaws. It is directed from the adult level by its "coach," who organizes, disciplines, and instructs it at chess. LaFreniere is serving as coach for the group. Another important article observes the democratic rights of the members through esta-

blishing a petition system which the president must honor. The bylaws provide for a strong president, a necessity in any chess group expecting progress.

YAKIMA JUNIORS ELECT

Following the example of its senior club, the Yakima Junior Chess Club held a business meeting January 31. This club is managed by a nine man board of directors appointed by the senior coach on the bases of service to the club and length of membership. On the board are David King, Ronald Radford, Donald Gladson, Richard Jerome, Edlee Quesnell, Douglas Guenther, Gary Foulkes, Merrill Quesnell, and Gary Quesnell. This club found the board system a necessity because of the vast number of very young people belonging to it, about 45 in all.

The board elected Richard Jerome president, Ronald Radford secretary, and Edlee Quesnell treasurer.

OTHER YAKIMA OFFICERS

Officers for Eisenhower High School Chess Club are Paul Netzel, president, Ivars Graudins, vice-president, (sounds like a Latvian influence!), Phil Finger, secretary-treasurer.

Officers for Davis High School Chess Club are Richard Jerome, president, Ron Radford, vice-president, and Giselle Krag, secretary. The Davis club has a large teaching program operating.

Virtually every school in the Yakima area has a chess club, including the junior college and most of the grade schools. Part of this sudden tremendous interest of youth in chess can be explained by the competition with Russia which engages our entire nation.

YAKIMA JUNIORS DRUB EISENHOWER HS

January 20 the Yakima Junior Chess Team went to Eisenhower High School to play a six board match with that school. The lopsided result shows the value of training and tournament and match experience.

(Box score next page)

Yakima Juniors	11	Eisenhower H.S.	0
Richard Jerome	2	Ivars Graudins	0
Larry Rude	2	Paul Netzel	0
Danny Towne	2	Jerry Syrcle	0
Ron Radford	2	Gary Foulkes	0
Doug Guenther	1	Richard Sebastian	0
Edlee Quesnell	2	Norman Ferguson	0

EISENHOWER EDGES HIGHLAND HS

Eisenhower High School defeated Highland High School with a small margin of 10½-9½. A complicated round robin system was used in place of the regular five board match and thus a box score is not possible. However, playing for Eisenhower were Paul Netzel, Gary Foulkes, Duane Hopp, Norman Ferguson, Ivars Graudins, Larry Crowley, Ralph Parrish, Phil Finger, and Richard Sebastian. Ike High boasts 25 players; their advisor is L. Paine, a science teacher.

Playing for Highland were Darby Monahan, Denny Monahan, Doug Worley, and Larry Roehm. Keep some of these names in mind. In time they will probably show up in the big tournaments.

YAKIMA CHESS PLANS

President LaFreniere of the Yakima YMCA Chess Club presented to the members some of the plans for future chess events. They included matches with Spokane, Walla Walla, Richland, and the State Pen. Also in line are a postal match with a city in Europe, and a radio match with any club in the nation that will accept the open challenge here stated for the first time. The Yakima County Championship is to be played in the late spring and presently under way is an amateur tournament with 11 entered. The results of this tourney, from which members of the Yakima team are barred, will appear next month.

A PLEA FOR BETTER TIMED CHESS TOURNAMENTS

A letter over my signature appeared in the January Chess Letter stating the reserve of Eastern Washington chess players in connection with the plans for the State Open, held January 24 and 25 in Seattle. Our central complaint was the too early starting time and the too late finishing time. Washington Chess Federation Tournament Director Al Livingston visited Yakima to hear our criticism, and as a result of the good will created by his trip four Yakimans attended the tournament. Because the publicity had already been prepared, however, he could make no changes in arrangements for the State Open.

Seattle folks may be interested in hearing why we think 9 a.m. is too early to start a tourney which expects out of town players. There follows below an account of the Yakima group's journey to the State Open.

We got up anytime from 4 to 4:30 a.m. in preparation for leaving town by car at 5 a.m., allowing ourselves four hours for the 150 mile trip to Seattle. (Most of us are forced to leave Saturday mornings for tourneys because of work schedules or lack of finances for an extra night's stay in Seattle.) It was pitch black and raining cats and dogs. Our sleepy junior players were in a nervous state, trying to help the driver see through ground fog in the Yakima River Canyon, and having lost several hours of sleep. The canyon road had boulders on it which had slipped from the hill-sides, and speed was nearly impossible.

It was still dark by the time we reached Snoqualmie Pass (we thought the sun had gone out) and it was snowing. We decided it was not necessary to put on chains but changed our minds when we experienced a huge skid, the car making several clever figures on the highway. Light finally made its appearance on the west side of the pass. After passing through North Bend we ran into a windstorm that nearly blew us off the road several times. But we finally arrived for the tournament after four hours and twenty minutes of driving. How can people expect us to play good chess after such an experience????

Tournament planners can make at least one concession to the out of towners. They can schedule tourneys to begin at 11 a.m. with registration beginning at 10:30. Then at least those who drive on Saturday mornings can have the considerable advantage of a full night's sleep, fog-dispelling daylight, and slight daytime warmth which lessens the likelihood of snow on the passes. Playing later Saturday night is nothing compared to the spectre of early morning winter driving. O. W. LaFreniere

NORTH WEST RATINGS

by R.A. Karch

Northwest Ratings on all events published in this magazine up until and including the December, 1958 issue.

Grandmasters

EVANS, Larry (Los Angeles, Calif.)	2603
DAKE, Arthur W. (Portland, Oregon)	2431
KASHDAN, Isaac (Los Angeles, Calif.)	2400
KONIG, Imre (San Francisco, Calif.)	2400

Senior Masters

CROSS, James B. (Los Angeles, Calif.)	2381
MCCORMICK, James H. (Seattle, Wash.)	2306
REMLINGER, Larry (Long Beach, Calif.)	2310
SCHMITT, James N. (San Francisco)	2328

Masters

DALBERGS, Ivars (Portland, Oregon)	2198
LAPIKEN, Dr. Peter (Missoula, Mont.)	2194
SUCHOBECK, Alex (Pacific Grove, Calif.)	2150
ULVESTAD, Olaf I. (Seattle, Wash.)	2277
ZEMGALIS, Elmars (Seattle, Wash.)	2267

Experts

BALLANTINE, Charles (Seattle, Wash.)	2010
BAUMWELL, Dr. Max (Walla Walla, Wash.)	2012
BILLS, William (Texas?)	2038
BISHOP, George (Inglwood, Calif.)	2089
BRIEGER, Robert (San Diego, Calif.)	2061
EILIES, Donald P. (Seattle, Wash.)	2004
GREENWALD, Ben (Salt Lake City)	2074
GRIFFITHS, Charles (Seattle, Wash.)	2093
GROSS, Henry (San Francisco, Calif.)	2146
HARTIG, Ken (College Place, Wash.)	2009
HOLMES, Vernon M. (Tacoma, Wash.)	2057
JOACHIM, Charles K. (Olympia, Wash.)	2096
MCCLAIN, Guthrie B. (El Cerrito, Cal.)	2012
MANNEY, O. W. (Seattle, Washington)	2147
MOORE, Gerald (Billings, Montana)	2023
PATTERSON, G.S.G. (Seattle, Wash.)	2115
POWER, Neil F. (Snohomish, Wash.)	2002
PUPOLS, Viktors (Seattle, Wash.)	2137
SCHULTZ, Richard (Seattle, Wash.)	2008
SEGLINS, Viesturs (Seattle, Wash.)	2134
SMITH, Adam J. (Butte, Montana)	2082
SONSEN, Dick (Tacoma, Washington)	2007
TREMBOSIS, Jim (Seattle, Wash.)	2085
TUOMAINEN, Ilmari (Salt Lake City)	2055
TURNER, Tom (Walla Walla, Wash.)	2041
VELLIAS, Russell (Seattle, Wash.)	2002
WADE, Daniel E. (Seattle, Wash.)	2096
WALKER, Bob (Portland, Oregon)	2042
WARNER, Eugene (Ted) (Cincinnati)	2040
WEINBAUM, Dr. Sidney (Los Angeles)	2060

Class A

ABBOTT, Charles (Sedro Woolley, Wash.)	1800
ABRAHAMSEN, N. (Bellingham, Wash.)	1886

EDITORIAL COMMENT BY D. E. WADE

Jim McCormick says Bob Karch is the best thing that ever happened to chess in the northwest. Well he might when his rating is compared to Ulvestad, Zengalis, Dalbergs, and Pupols who have proved many times they are at least Jim's equal! We disagree also with the lowering of standards so more players can be listed as N. West "masters". We find too many players over rated including several north Seattleites. We find that the more one plays, the higher their rating goes if they enjoy some success. There must be some check or rein on huge jumps in ratings whenever some huge upset is scored. If the ratings are not "fly by night", a lot of the players are. These players who made a one tournament showing and disappeared for ever after into the wild blue yonder should not be listed. There are ratings and there are tentative ratings. Neil Power and Tom Turner should be classed as tentative experts. Remember, "one swallow does not make a spring". Let us lift the qualifications for becoming a Northwest Master. If we are all masters, we may as well all be experts or Class A or B. Bob Walker of Berkeley at 2042 is the same Robert Walker of Portland with a later rating of 1996. So take your choice! We decided he was an expert after Portland's Northwest Opon last summer.

Bob Karch went hog wild and has turned the Northwest Ratings into a West Coast affair. No less than 12 pages of ratings were sent to us! We have no room here for over 500 names unknown to us. We culled the list for Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana players with a few others and we still have over 600 names.

The Key: Grandmaster - 2400 and up, Senior Master - 2300-2399, Master - 2150-2299, Expert - 2000-2149, Class A - 1800 - 1999, Class B - 1600-1799, Class C - below 1600.

ALDAPE, Dr. Hector (Spokane, Wash.)	1835
ALOND, Dr. John (Bremerton, Wash.)	1948
ANDERSON, John (Pocatello, Idaho)	1827
ANDERSON, M. (Seattle, Washington)	1866

Class A (continued)

AYER, Ellis C. (Olympia, Wash.)	1847
BADER, Max (Seattle, Wash.)	1998
BAKER, D. W. (Portland, Oregon)	1800
BARTO, John R. (Montana)	1821
BELL, John (Portland, Oregon)	1845
BENAVIDEZ, Aaron (McNeil, Wash.)	1914
BENGE, Donald (Culver City, Calif.)	1916
BIRD, Kermit (Moscow, Idaho)	1850
BLANDZICH, Sinisa (Seattle, Wash.)	1887
BLUMS, Raimunds (Longview, Wash.)	1917
BRICHER, Vince (Cottage Grove, Ore.)	1827
BUCKENDORF, Glen (Twin Falls, Idaho)	1992
BYRON, Fred (Milwaukee, Oregon)	1968
CAKARNIS, Ikars (Seattle, Wash.)	1998
CHINN, Danny (Mt. Vernon, Wash.)	1875
CLARK, Clarence (Seattle, Wash.)	1980
COGLIAN, Dr. K. (Butte, Montana)	1840
CONNER, Walt (Seattle, Wash.)	1942
CORNELIUS, Gordon (Spokane, Wash.)	1986
COSHO, John (Boise, Idaho)	1806
CRAWFORD, Don (Olympia, Wash.)	1850
CZIEP, Alois (Idaho Falls, Idaho)	1865
DAVIS, Ted (Olympia, Wash.)	1806
DIEDRICH, Lt. Ed C. (Ft. Lewis, Wash.)	1915
DOLAN, Phil (Olympia, Wash.)	1876
DOLPH, Cliff (Maryhill, Wash.)	1807
DORN, Ruppert (Seattle, Wash.)	1833
DWYKERS, Dirk (Butte, Montana)	1895
EDBERG, Robert E. (Seattle, Wash.)	1960
ELLIS, A. B. (Nampa, Idaho)	1880
ERB, Rody (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1884
ERICKSON, David (Seattle, Wash.)	1892
FORRAY, Frank (Seattle, Wash.)	1825
FRANETT, Mike (Seattle, Wash.)	1869
FREDRICKSON, Archie (Bothell, Wash.)	1874
FREEMAN, Darrell (Rupert, Idaho)	1866
GRANNIS, Dave (Seattle, Wash.)	1876
GRIDSETH, Sven (Idaho Falls, Idaho)	1873
GROENIG, DR, David (Spokane, Wash.)	1985
GROOT, Dr. Cornelius (Richland, Wash.)	1876
HAFFNER, Don (Portland, Oregon)	1836
HARMON, Clark (Portland, Oregon)	1990
HARRISON, David (Seattle, Wash.)	1984
HARTWELL, Ted (Twin Falls, Idaho)	1907
HARTWIG, Lew (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1870
HENION, Maurice (Seattle, Wash.)	1900
HEWITT, Charles R. (Tacoma, Wash.)	1951
HOGUE, William H. (Yakima, Wash.)	1876
HOLZINGER, Robert (Seattle, Wash.)	1864
HUGHART, Harold (Albany, Oregon)	1949
HUGHES, Roy (McNeil, Wash.)	1886
JACOBS, Nolton E. (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1964
JAROSZ, Wasyl (Montana)	1920
JOHNSON, Donald W. (Portland, Oregon)	1937
JOHNSTON (Richland, Washington)	1884
KENDALL, Don (Tacoma, Wash.)	1800
KIMPTON, Lloyd (Twin Falls, Idaho)	1858
KING, Peter (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1859
KITTREDGE, Robert F. (Spokane, Wash.)	1905
KRONQUIST, Ray (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1956

LAFRENIERE, Oliver W. (Yakima, Wash.)	1991
LOCKHART, Scott (Tacoma, Wash.)	1801
LUNDBERG, Helmer (Montana)	1870
MACINNIS, Dr. Waldo (Olympia, Wash.)	1801
MAGE, Max (Seattle, Washington)	1878
MAGERKURTH, Charles W. (Bremerton)	1898
MAKENS, Thomas E. (Seattle, Wash.)	1839
MANSON, Henry (Spokane, Wash.)	1828
MAURY, H. Loundes (Butte, Montana)	1832
MEADOR, Duane (Vancouver, Wash.)	1920
MINEA, G. (Seattle, Wash.)	1804
MOORE, Deane (Portland, Oregon)	1922
MOORMANN, Phil (Seattle, Wash.)	1800
MORRIS, Oliver Scott (Seattle, Wash.)	1930
MUNGER, L. (Seattle, Wash.)	1824
MUNRO, James (Seattle, Wash.)	1890
MURRAY, Dr. Arthur A. (Seattle, Wash.)	1966
NELSON, Torry (Seattle, Wash.)	1954
NIGHTENGALE, Ed (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1890
NOLAND, Hugh (Montana)	1950
NOURSE, John N. (Winslow, Wash.)	1936
O'BRIEN, John (Seattle, Wash.)	1907
PARKER, Dr. Griffith H. (Spokane)	1834
PARMELEE, Harry (Olympia, Wash.)	1824
PAWLEY, Richard (Olympia, Wash.)	1877
PEARSON, Beldon (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1804
RASOR, George (Boise, Idaho)	1826
REHBERG, George (Bremerton, Wash.)	1942
REHBERGER, P. J. (Tacoma, Wash.)	1890
REICHLAN, M. A. (Fort Lewis, Wash.)	1878
ROBINSON, Nigel (Idaho Falls, Idaho)	1802
RYAN, S. (Longview, Wash.)	1832
SCHROYER, Clyde (Seattle, Wash.)	1840
SCHOFIELD, William (Rupert, Idaho)	1870
SHEIRIE, James (Montana)	1989
SHITS, Visvaldis (Seattle, Wash.)	1934
STANTKE, Jerry E. (Nampa, Idaho)	1885
STERMACH, Theodore (Montana)	1831
STEWART, Charles H. (Boise, Idaho)	1965
TAMBLYN, H. (Seattle, Wash.)	1838
THOMPSON, Jack (Montana)	1970
TILLOTSON, Keith (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1800
TOMLINSON, M. (Portland, Oregon)	1824
TRAVIS, Tod (McNeil, Washington)	1894
TVEDEN, Ed (Olympia, Washington)	1825
UNGER, Rodney (McNeil, Wash.)	1944
VANDENBURG, Richard S. (Boise, Idaho)	1929
VOGET, William E. (Spokane, Wash.)	1902
WATSON, Ira (Longview, Wash.)	1888
WEAVER, F. Howard (Seattle, Wash.)	1826
ZIEBERS, Gerrit W. (Seattle, Wash.)	1906

Class B

AARNAS, Art (Seattle, Wash.)	1628
AIKMAN (Washington)	1751
AKERS, Glen (Portland, Oregon)	1610
ALLRED, Jack (Murtaugh, Idaho)	1684
ALLRED, Joe (Murtaugh, Idaho)	1612
ANDERSON, Herbert (Montana)	1668
ANDERSON, Richard (Olympia, Wash.)	1610
ARBOGAST, B. (Washington)	1700

Class B (continued)

BAILEY, William L. (Spokane, Wash.)	1752
BAITIS, Henry (Montana)	1600
Ball, J. (Seattle, Wash.)	1602
Ball, L. (Seattle, Wash.)	1742
BATIE, Ralph (Nampa, Idaho)	1666
BAUER, Wayne (Gladstone, Oregon)	1687
BAUMAN, C.J.D. (Oregon)	1750
BAYLEY, Bruce (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1772
BENDER, Albert (Seattle, Wash.)	1734
BENDIT, Jim (Sandpoint, Idaho)	1681
BEVER, V. W. (Bellovuo, Wash.)	1791
BIXLER, Earl (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1645
BJORNSON, Dale (Seattle, Wash.)	1718
BLACKLER, R. (Washington)	1799
BLAIR, Dean (Twin Falls, Idaho)	1795
BLUMENTHAL, Joe (Seattle, Wash.)	1602
BODERICK (Richland, Wash.)	1713
BOKMA, Peter (Montana)	1715
BRADSHAW, H. (Montana)	1693
BRANDAL, Willy (Seattle, Wash.)	1756
BRANDT, Howard (Seattle, Wash.)	1656
BREHAM, Carl (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1797
BRICHER, Joe (Cottage Grove, Oregon)	1658
BROWN, Harvov (Everett, Wash.)	1744
BROWN, Robert (Seattle, Wash.)	1660
BUTLER, John (Missoula, Montana)	1710
CAIRNCROSS, R. W. (Portland, Oregon)	1778
CALLOWAY, Lewis (McNeil, Wash.)	1648
CAMERON, Don (Seattle, Wash.)	1644
CAMPBELL, Clark (Everett, Wash.)	1610
CARTER, Rev. Alfred (Ritzville, Wash.)	1615
CHONIN, V. (Seattle, Wash.)	1655
CLARK, Alan (Seattle, Wash.)	1796
COLE, Richard (Seattle, Wash.)	1690
COLLINS, Robert (Tacoma, Wash.)	1790
CONWAY, Mike T. (Eugene, Oregon)	1620
COOPER, F. J. (Richland, Wash.)	1716
COREY, Don (Seattle, Wash.)	1788
COUBROUGH, Leslie (Tacoma, Wash.)	1742
COGAN, Eugene L. (Driggs, Idaho)	1730
CRAVENS, Carl (Seattle, Wash.)	1703
DANIELS, Don (Spokane, Wash.)	1719
DAVIDSEN, Ted (Seattle, Wash.)	1740
DAVIES, Robert (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1730
DEYARMON, (Kelso, Washington)	1656
DIXON, W. (Fort Lewis, Wash.)	1626
DOI, Bob (Seattle, Washington)	1783
DOLPH, Phil (Junction City, Oregon)	1796
DUNSTEN, F. (Seattle, Washington)	1674
EDDY, Buz (Seattle, Washington)	1720
EGG, Edna (Olympia, Washington)	1718
EILMES, Mary (Seattle, Wash.)	1628
EITEL, Richard (Spokane, Wash.)	1794
ELEZONIC, Tony (Seattle, Wash.)	1622
ELLIOTT, Don (Seattle, Wash.)	1658
ENGLISH, John P. (Nampa, Idaho)	1653
ENOCHSON, Melvin (Montana)	1760
ERVIN, F. W. (Fort LEWIS, Wash.)	1740
FADER, Jerry (Mount Vernon, Wash.)	1750
FAHLSTROM (Dremerton, Wash.)	1798

FALK, Charles (Rupert Idaho)	1754
FALKENHAGEN (Washington)	1666
FARRELLY, J. (Washington)	1671
FASS, Martin (Ohio)	1765
FEUERBERG, Gary (Portland, Oregon)	1775
FLOWERS, Dorn (Rupert, Idaho)	1710
FRICKE, Ray (Pocatello, Idaho)	1743
FRIEDMAN, Cyrus (Portland, Oregon)	1730
GALL, Richard P. (Olympia, Wash.)	1681
GALLARDO, Julian (McNeil, Wash.)	1621
GAMIDO, H. (Seattle, Washington)	1600
GARROTT, John (Kent, Washington)	1628
GATES, George (Olympia, Wash.)	1646
GEARY, Charles T. (Eugene, Oregon)	1707
GELL, John (Seattle, Washington)	1655
GIFFORD, Ora (Grandview, Wash.)	1669
GILCHRIST (Seattle, Washington)	1764
GILLETTE, William (Seattle, Wash.)	1761
GILMAN, C. (Seattle, Washington)	1700
GODDARD, William (Seattle, Wash.)	1782
GOODWIN, Ed (Olympia, Washington)	1629
GRINHAGENS, Valdenars (Seattle)	1750
GRUEB, F. (Seattle, Washington)	1700
GUTH, Eugene (Idaho Falls, Idaho)	1631
HAKE, Gale (Seattle, Washington)	1660
HALLIBAUGH, Robert (Missoula, Mont.)	1760
HAMILTON, Dennis E. (Tacoma, Wash.)	1710
HANSEN, Bryant (Blackfoot, Idaho)	1731
HANSEN, Ralph (Missoula, Montana)	1724
HARDIN, Robert (Portland, Oregon)	1732
HARLE, Albert L. (Boiso, Idaho)	1788
HARMESON, Chester (Olympia, Wash.)	1796
HARRIS, C. E. (Nampa, Idaho)	1762
HART, R. Kay (Pocatello, Idaho)	1731
HARTIG, Ken Jr. (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1786
HAY, Edward (Spokane, Washington)	1638
HAYNES, Russ (Idaho Falls, Idaho)	1617
HEALY, Clarence (Montana)	1610
HEALY, Paul (Pocatello, Idaho)	1710
HELMAN, Bill (Olympia, Wash.)	1640
HERNANDEZ, Jool (McNeil, Wash.)	1682
HIATT, Dick (Seattle, Wash.)	1627
HICKEY, Pat (Seattle, Wash.)	1774
HORSTMAN, E. H. (Marsing, Idaho)	1758
HOVERMALE, Elmer (Richland, Wash.)	1791
HOWARD, Fred M. (Seattle, Wash.)	1752
HUNT, Elmer E. (Vancouver, Wash.)	1619
HUNT, Thad (Sandpoint, Idaho)	1702
HUNTER, Neil (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1614
IDA, Gerald (Seattle, Wash.)	1777
JAENSCH, Egon (Spokane, Wash.)	1619
JENNINGS, Wesley (Boise, Idaho)	1761
JOHNSON, Alfred (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1738
JOHNSON, Mark (Rupert, Idaho)	1676
KAFFENBERGER, Henry (Gig Harbor, Wn.)	1619
KALNINS, Margors (Olympia, Wash.)	1786
KARCH, Robert A. (San Lorenzo, Cal.)	1789
KENNEDY (Kitsap County, Wash.)	1759
KING, Dan Joss (Nampa, Idaho)	1721
KIPERTS, A. (Washington)	1670
KLEINHANS, Doan (Montana)	1610

Class B (continued)

KLEPER, Val (Washington)	1610
KNAPP, Earl E. (Gig Harbor, Wash.)	1724
KONDRA, John (Montana)	1610
KOOSMAN, Ray (Salt Lake City, Utah)	1693
KRAPPEL, Bill (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1769
KROMER, Ray F. (Spokane, Wash.)	1791
KRUMS, A (Longview, Washington)	1615
KUHLMAN, H. (Tacoma, Washington)	1764
KUVARA, Robert (Seattle, Wash.)	1691
LARSEN, Austin "Lucky" (Shelton, Wn.)	1778
LAURITZEN, Carlos (Victor, Idaho)	1755
LEE, Norman (Boise, Idaho)	1727
LOOBEY, Koith (Olympia, Washington)	1729
LOUGHEED, Ronald W. (Tacoma, Wash.)	1711
LULHAM, Gerald (Spokane, Washington)	1630
LUNDE (Seattle, Washington)	1660
LYBERGER, P. (Spokane, Washington)	1800
LYDIC, L. E. Bud (Longview, Wash.)	1733
MCGILLIVARY (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1649
MCGREGOR, Allan (Sacramento, Calif.)	1751
MACKENZIE, John (Olympia, Wash.)	1766
MCNEESE, James (Portland, Oregon)	1759
MAGRATH, Bob (Little Rock, Wash.)	1662
MALCOLM, H. (Seattle, Washington)	1678
MEHAFFEY (Seattle, Washington)	1624
MILLAR, Mrs. Bernice (Idaho Falls)	1630
MILTMORE (Centralia, Washington)	1618
MIZEN, Frank (Montana)	1710
MOORY, N. (Seattle, Washington)	1615
MORGAN, Robert (Spokane, Wash.)	1680
MURPHY, R. (Seattle, Washington)	1638
MURPHY, Don (Twin Falls, Idaho)	1775
MURRAY, R. (Centralia, Washington)	1702
NAPJUS, Chris (Seattle, Washington)	1659
NASH, Johnny (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1740
NETTLETON, Frank (Portland, Oregon)	1732
NEUMAN, P. F. (Hoppner, Oregon)	1659
NEY, George (McNeil, Washington)	1643
NORDGREN, Clyde (Portland, Oregon)	1610
OBSTARCYK, Jack (Montana)	1610
OSGOOD, Sam Sr. (Rupert, Idaho)	1735
OSTERMAN, George (Rupert, Idaho)	1740
PARKER, Roy S. (Nampa, Idaho)	1609
PETERSON, Herschel R. (Dillings, Mont)	1644
PETERSON, R. (Seattle, Washington)	1677
PINSON, R. (Salem, Oregon)	1734
POPHAM, J. (Oregon)	1735
PRICHARD, P. (Seattle, Wash.)	1700
PRIEBE, George W. (Spokane, Wash.)	1702
PUTNAM, Roger (Portland, Oregon)	1610
QUASS, Robert (Algona, Idaho)	1693
RADFORD, Ron (Yakima, Wash.)	1708
RAMEO, Clarence (Murtaugh, Idaho)	1668
RAY, Ronald (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1786
REDDY, John (Montana)	1710
REID, Dave (Boise, Idaho)	1613
RILEY, Buck (Montana)	1649
RING, John E. (Seattle, Wash.)	1644
ROBERTSON, Dick (Seattle, Wash.)	1714
RODMITE, Frank (Seattle, Wash.)	1700

ROOD, Paul (Washington)	1696
RUDE, Everett (Yakima, Wash.)	1666
RUDE, Larry (Yakima, Wash.)	1715
SALA, Stephen (Wallace, Idaho)	1676
SAVERUDE, Charles (Portland, Oregon)	1694
SAMYER, Stan (Seattle, Washington)	1774
SCHNEIDER, Heinz (Spokane, Wash.)	1651
SCHRANK, G. (Seattle, Washington)	1694
SCHUBERT, Mel (Pocatello, Idaho)	1734
SEEKAMP, Killian (Seattle, Wash.)	1738
SEGLINS, Zigurds (Seattle, Wash.)	1774
SEYMOUR, G. (Fort Lewis, Wash.)	1742
SHANLEY, Paul (Deer Lodge, Montana)	1653
SHANLEY, Mrs. Paul (D. L., Mont.)	1610
SHEARER, Les (Portland, Oregon)	1610
SHOENAKER, Bob (Montana)	1660
SIMON, Robert (Idaho)	1787
SIRES, Dr. R. V. (Whitman, Wash.)	1648
SKARSTEN, Mal. O. (Forest Grove, Oro.)	1765
SKIRKENTS, Nick (Boise, Idaho)	1781
SMITH, Alex (Shelton, Wash.)	1698
SMITH, Sid (Seattle, Washington)	1736
SNIVELY, Garth (Everett, Wash.)	1628
SNYDER, J. (Seattle, Washington)	1666
SOUTHERN, Bob Jr. (Montana)	1710
SOUTHERN, Richard (Montana)	1685
SPATZ, Sam (Cornelius, Oregon)	1689
SPINNING, Arnold (Little Rock, Wash.)	1772
STANLEY, G. T. (Fort Lewis, Wash.)	1722
STELMACH, Theodore (Montana)	1718
STEVENS, Charles (Rupert, Idaho)	1720
STEVENS, Claude (Rupert, Idaho)	1690
STRATTON, Mrs. Bob (Olympia, Wash.)	1601
STYMAKS, Phil (Olympia, Wash.)	1640
STREBY, Claud (McNeil, Washington)	1717
TADOR, Ron (Olympia, Washington)	1641
THOMPSON, Bob (Everett, Wash.)	1740
THOMPSON, Horton (Kendrick, Idaho)	1754
THULBERG, Eric (Spokane, Wash.)	1708
TROUT, Ed (Twin Falls, Idaho)	1600
UYEDA (Portland, Oregon)	1610
VAN HARTER, Vern (Hoppner, Oregon)	1652
VAUGHN, Sterling (Twin Falls, Idaho)	1708
WHAY, Jack (Spokane, Washington)	1662
VOKONICH, Eugene (Seattle, Wash.)	1798
WALTCH, Larry (Rupert, Idaho)	1791
WAPNER, Dave (McNeil, Washington)	1769
WEISSCHER, Ben (Seattle, Wash.)	1745
WENDEL, Cary (Montana)	1610
WHITE, Carl (Longview, Washington)	1758
WHITLOCK, Dale (McNeil, Washington)	1745
WILSON (Seattle, Washington)	1751
WILSON, J. (Portland, Oregon)	1673
WINSLOW, Joe (Hoppner, Oregon)	1767
WILTERS (Seattle, Washington)	1733
WOODWARD, Stuart E. (Seattle, Wash.)	1636
WRIGHT, M. W. (Boise, Idaho)	1762
YORK, Duncan W. (Portland, Oregon)	1683
YOUNG, Richard (Walla Walla, Wash.)	1763

TWO OR THREE PAGES OF CLASS C NEXT MONTH!

USCF RATINGS

The U. S. Chess Federation ratings have just arrived and our office girl has just put it on the editorial desk. These ratings do not have the numerous large and small tournaments our north-west ratings do to back them up. In numerous cases they could be termed old ratings. They do have a good line on OLAF ULVESTAD because of his fairly recent showing in the mid-west in the U. S. Open and the Heart of America Open. He is rated a master with a 2253 rating. Others we know who are ranked in the master class are DR. PETER LAPIKEN (2200) and JIM SCHMITT (2274). ARTHUR DAKE is not listed.

Our old friend JIM MCCORMICK (2022) is listed but one can seek in vain for many other known players. So the USCF does not penalize non-members but the very same loyal players who support the USCF! They get their ratings but cannot compare them with so many of their contemporaries. DAN LADE has a fat 2006 rating. F. H. WEAVER (1845), EUGENE (Ted) WARNER (2138), ZEMGALIS is not in the listing, RUSSELL VELLIS (1904), VIESTURS SEGLINS has a tentative rating of 2020, GSG PATTERSON (2008), DR. A.A. MURRAY (1859), DEANE MOORE (1930), OLIVER MORRIS (1828), DUANE MEADOR (1945), O. W. MANNEY is not listed, VIC PUPOLS (2059), DR. PARKER not listed, ROBERT KARCH (1839), OLIVER LAFRENIERE (1768), DON EILMES (1882), BUZ EDDY (1716), and CHARLES JOACHIM (1919). There are other M.W. players listed but not very many.

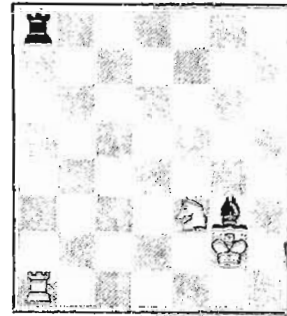
THIS MATCH IS A NATURAL!

We were a bit crowded on our Puget Sound League pages this month (if we had known we were not going to get our games pages or our junior news pages we could have expanded it) so we failed to give the Latvians their proper dues. The Latvians decided to get into the league at the last minute and we frankly didn't believe they could get their "BigThree" of ZEMGALIS, PUPOLS, & V. SEGLINS out for nearly every match and thus win the title. This they did do and so waltzed to the title with only a 5-5 draw against the Seattle Chess Club to mar their perfect record. Congratulations, Latvians, on your fine showing! Kitsap can have the PSL trophy properly engraved (send bill to Raleigh) and give it to the Latvians at the next annual meeting.

Now VIC PUPOLS wants more glory for his Latvians! Players at the Seattle Chess Club first dreamed up the idea and Vic is now trying to put it into action. The idea is that the top non-Latvians should meet the Latvians in a ten board match. First board could be ULVESTAD vs. ZEMGALIS, second board MCCORMICK vs. PUPOLS, third board VIESTURS SEGLINS vs. you name him! The top three boards would be tough for the non-Latvian "Gringos" but on the remaining boards the Gringos could have the edge with so numerous players to pick. We hope this match is played and we can give you the results in our next issue.

In our next issue we also should be able to give you the results of the British Columbia vs. Washington top board match to be played in Vancouver, B. C. Washington won the first match in this series by a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ score and the Canadians will be thirsting for revenge. This match is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 8th. It will be on eight boards and only one game will be played on each board.

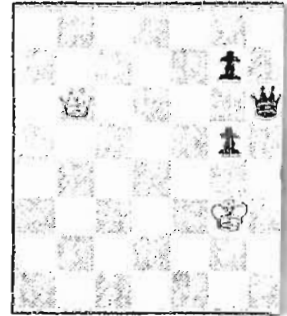
By KUDER
(BLACK)



(WHITE)

White to play and mate in four

By KUDER
(BLACK)



(WHITE)

White to play and win in three

By F. F. I. ALEXANDER (SIC)

BLACK (3 MEN)



(WHITE)

White mates in three

By B. HARLEY (Edges)

BLACK (5 MEN)



(WHITE)

White mates in two

10 YEARS AGO IN WASHINGTON CHESS

by Merk

Taken from Feb. 1949 W.C.L.

Letters to the Editor in February 1949 were from George Koltanowski of Santa Rosa California, Larry Hagen, Olympia, Washington and Arthur W. Dake, Portland Oregon, Koltanowski sent a copy of the new chess magazine that he was publishing and complimented the Washington Chess Federation on their Expert Tournament and suggested that it be expanded to include players from Oregon and California and make it a West Coast Tournament. Larry Hagen asked for information on how to promote chess in High Schools and how to increase interest in chess clubs so as to increase their membership. Arthur Dake thanked the Federation for their invitation to participate in the forthcoming Experts tournament and accepted the invitation.

The Editor, Larry Taro, announced that Jim Schmitt would contribute a regular monthly feature entitled "Chess in Review", which will present an annotated 'master' game. In addition, other games with notes will be presented as often as possible.

It was announced that name of the Pacific Northwest Experts tournament had been changed to Pacific Northwest Master-Experts tournament. Ulvestad, Schmitt, Joachim and Dake had accepted invitations to compete and it was expected that players from British Columbia would also attend. A first prize of \$50.00 had been guaranteed and if sufficient funds were raised a second and third prize would be offered. Ray Hiscox of Tacoma had been selected as tournament director with the tournament being held in Tacoma.

Olaf Ulvestad had recently completed a series of exhibitions which began in Everett, proceeding to Tacoma, Bremerton and ending in Bellingham. In Everett he played 14 opponents in simultaneous games and won them all. He followed this with a lecture on new opening analysis, using two of his own games for illustration. Tacoma had two exhibitions. In the first he lost to Crain, drew with Holmes and won the other 9 games. The second was a three game simultaneous match with Biew, Collins and Coubrough. These games were used as the basis for a lecture, during which Ulvestad proceeded to explain the reasons for each move, both of himself and of his opponents as they were played. The exhibition in Bremerton received the largest support of the series, with 22 players in the simultaneous. Magerkurth won his game, with draws by Nourse, Rehberg, Jackson and Christey. Following this a blindfold game was played against Anderson, who drew.

It was reported that Robert Karch won the Lincoln High School of Tacoma, tournament by not losing a game in a 5 round match.

George Koltanowski was scheduled for a blindfold exhibition in Mount Vernon on February 13, 1949.

Jack Finnegan, tournament director of the Seattle Chess Club, announced the Seattle City Tournament to be held Feb. 26th & 27th, 1949.

Dr. Max Euwe, former world chess champion drew a crowd of 50 players in a simultaneous exhibition in Vancouver, B. C. in which he lost only 3 games.

After five rounds of tournaments the Puget Sound League standings were: Tacoma, 4-0, Bellingham 4-1, Seattle 3-1, Everett 3-2, Kitsap 2-2, Queen Anne 2-3 University 1-3, Olympia 1-4, YMCA 0-4. Power of Everett was the leading player, with a score of 8-2, Crain of Tacoma tied for second with Neale of Queen Anne by a score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ and Magerkurth of Kitsap third with $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Olaf Ulvestad told of the USA-USSR match held in the Hall of Columns in Leningrad. The Hall was filled to capacity with 1500 seated spectators and 500 were standing. Just outside the doors of the Hall were large stands advertising the Chess match. At the rear of the auditorium stage were ten giant chess wall boards that measured about six feet square. Large movable figurines were in the starting positions on the boards, which were moved as the games progressed.

| FUNDAMENTAL |
| CHESS STRATEGY AND TACTICS |
| BY |
Richard P. Allen

Part 11

OPENING

There are exceptions to most rules, but a clear understanding of the basic principles should enable one to quickly determine the best move by "Chess-sense" rather than by exhaustive analysis of conflicting probabilities. The following fundamental principles for the purpose of strengthening the average chess player's game, should be helpful.

A. Strategy.

1. Play to get control of the center (Efficiency)
2. Combine developing moves with definite threat when possible.
3. Never move a piece twice in the opening. (Rook freedom)
4. Determine the most suitable squares for developing the most power under given conditions and once there, hold the position, if possible (Time)
5. Do not develop exclusively on one side.
6. Favor moves which increase your mobility and restrict your opponents' development.
7. Do not play past the fourth rank in the opening unless definitely necessary and avoid premature attacks.
8. Avoid exchanges which develop opponent pieces. (Time lost)
9. In general, organize and co-ordinate the pieces so that maximum power is available in the shortest possible time.
10. Always determine the motive and probability of results of opponent moves before making a move.

B. Tactics.

1. Open with either the King or Queen pawn. (Force x distance)
2. Make no more than one or two pawn opening moves. (Every pawn move creates weakness as well as offensive threat).
3. Develop knights before bishops. (King knight to King bishop 3 covers adverse King pawn advance and prevents posting of enemy Queen on your King Rook 4.
4. Avoid exchanging bishops for knights early in the game. Two bishops have greater rolling offensive power than two knights unless their mutual support factor is challenged.
5. Exchange a knight or the Queen's bishop for the King's bishop when conveniently possible. It attacks the King's weak bishop pawn before castling and the king itself after castling.
6. Do not exchange bishops if it means opening a file for future rook mobilization.
7. Try to maintain at least one pawn in the center. (Pawns occupying the middle of the board retard opponent movements).
8. Hold the Queen back until the last opening sequence (Stability)
9. Castle as soon as possible, preferably on the King's side. (Safety)
10. Do not hesitate to exchange Queens if the opponent King thereby forfeits the right to castle. (Play no favorites----if there is an advantage to be gained, regardless of how small, exchange!)

POSTAL CHESS

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		Games completed to 1/31/59		Points		
1/3/59	58A-5B	Carter	1	Howard	0	30
1/8/59	58A-4B	Knapp	1	Lyberger	0	54
	58A-7B	Wade	1	Weaver	0	48
1/9/59	58A-7B	Wade	1	Coubrough	0	38
1/10/59	57B-4A	Hall	1	Eilmes	0	100
	57B-4A	Hall	1	Cooper	0	52
	57B-4B	Hall	1	Cooper	0	52
1/13/59	57A-5A	Carter	1	Merk	0	10
1/14/59	58A-7B	Weaver	1	Karch	0	18
1/16/59	58A-8B	Phillips	1	Collins	0	12
1/19/59	58A-7A	Bishop	$\frac{1}{2}$	Coubrough	$\frac{1}{2}$	6
	58A-7B	Bishop	$\frac{1}{2}$	Coubrough	$\frac{1}{2}$	6
1/20/59	58A-5A	Carter	1	Eilmes	0	46
1/21/59	58B-5B	Dart, K.	1	Skoglund	0	58
1/22/59	58B-7B	Zombro	1	Gifford	0	70

	57B-4A	57B-4B	
Eilmes	x 1 0 1 1	x 1 1 0 1	6
Skoglund	0 x 1 1 0	0 x 1 1 1	5
Hall	1 0 x 1 0	0 0 x 1 1	4
Cooper	0 0 0 x 1	1 0 0 x 1	3
Finlay	0 1 1 0 x	0 0 0 0 x	2

The last game in this section between Eilmes and Hall was started 4/27/57 has proved to be somewhat of a disaster for Eilmes as Hall in defeating him gains 100 points much to the disgust of Eilmes. To somewhat ease the disappointment of Eilmes, is the winning of first place in this section.

It has come to our attention that some of our postal players do not know of the method of recording their games on convenient chess recorders which makes it unnecessary for them to set up a game on a chess board and play out the moves to the point where the last move was made before answering the opponent's last move. This can become quite a tedious process after the games have progressed to more than 15 or 20 moves and is conducive to making errors in position. Such recording errors are the bane of postal players and many a good game has been lost because of recording errors. To help to overcome such a disaster, games can be set up on chess recording boards that we can furnish at 25¢ per board. These boards are quite durable. The men are small plastic figurines that can be easily fastened in slots in the board and are easily moved around when changing position. They are so fastened that they will not drop out or become displaced by accident. Send your request to the Postal Director with 25¢ for each board required. A set of 8 would be required for all of the games in one of our postal chess sections.

We welcome three new players to our postal chess sections, Fellows, Mahoney and Rogers. We were able to start Mahoney and Rogers right away as there were enough other players waiting to fill up a section.

We now have three B players waiting for two more entries to fill up a section.

Also Gemar, Eilmes and Mills are waiting for a section to fill up. Gemar wants to enter a section vs Eilmes and Weaver. We have Eilmes hooked for a section, how about it, Weaver? However it might be best for Gemar to improve his position on our rating ladder as the others might object to playing him as they could lose up to 100 points should they lose to him.

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6	Coubrough	1701	6 McDonald	1252
7	Skarsten	1693	7 Dart, Ken	1243
8	Carter	1681	8 Gifford	1228
9	Woodward	1676	9 Merk	1216
10	Vellias	1674	10 Skoglund	1211
11	Bishop	1672	11 Benson	1202
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13	Lyberger	1610	13 Sala	1182
14	Kaffenberger	1608	14 Litke	1182
15	Scripps	1594	15 Spatz	1175
16	Eilmes	1563	16 McCord, D.R.	1160
17	Luters	1516	17 Zombro	1160
18	Fredstrom	1452	18 Miller	1158
19	Abrahamson	1440	19 Lydic	1150
20	Collins	1430	20 Nichols	1149
21	Karch	1422	21 Watson	1136
22	Koenkow	1422	22 Raleigh	1127
23	Smith	1419	23 Adkisson	1100
24	Bever	1410	24 Allen	1095
25	Roberts, D.	1410	25 Laine	1094
26	Dolph	1400	26 Quass	1082
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28	Mills	1393	28 Dart, E.	1050
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31	Husby	1313	31 Hallibaugh	1050
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			33 Mahoney	1050
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