

WASHINGTON

CHESS

LETTER

DECEMBER 1962



WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER

Number 181

Editor-Publisher Dan Wade
11030 Chelsea Place N. E. Seattle 55.

Circulation & Postal R. R. Merk
1026 N. East 71st St. Seattle 15.

Treasurer F. H. Weaver
501 Olympic Place Seattle 99.

Games Editor Dick Parsons
4422 Phinny Ave. Seattle, Wn.

Ratings Director Jim Montgomery
1329 S.W. 172nd St. Seattle 66.

One year's subscription (12 issues) is \$2.00. To subscribe, send a \$2 check or money order made out to the Washington Chess Federation to R. R. Merk 1026 N. East 71st St., Seattle 15, Wash.

A SUMMATION OF 1962

January. Northwest ratings by Schultz, John Bell wins Northwest Junior, North Seattle and the Seattle Chess Club top Puget Sound League standings with 4-1.

February. Seattle Chess Club takes Puget Sound League title, Jim McCormick & Viktors Pupols tie for first in Washington Open with $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ in field of 73, Fred Byron wins 1st March of Dimes at Camas with 6-0 in field of 17, McCormick wins match from Pupols $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ and Dick Parsons tops individual Puget Sound League statistics with $10\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ playing 1st board on the Olympia team.

March. Viesturs Seglins wins Washington State Championship with $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. Pupols, Franett, Van Arsdale, Brandal and Kenny also played. Willy Brandal wins Washington Junior with $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ topping 16 other juniors including Mike Franett & Dr. David Groenig won the 16 player Spokane County Tourney with $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. Dan Towne won the 1st Associated College Union tmt. at Wash. State U. with 5-0 over 11 others.

April. Dick Schultz re-elected Chess Letter editor. Jim Montgomery became new ratings director and other officers elected were M. Mage, President; F. Howard, Vice-President; C. Joachim, Secretary, F.H. Weaver, Treasurer; J. Montgomery, Publisher; R. Dimoff, Publicity; R.R. Merk, Circulation; R. Parsons, Games; A. Livingston, Tmt. Director; and G. Friebe & D. Laljenquist, Assistant Tournament Directors. April quarterly N. West Ratings by Schultz, Towne wins Inland Empire Open with 5-1 in 20 player tmt., Ivars Dalbergs wins Portland Interstate Open with $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ in 44 player tmt. and Vernon Holmes wins Pierce County tmt. with 8-1 in field of 26 players.

May. Dick Schultz leaves state & Dan Wade becomes both editor & publisher. Don Devore is Montana champ with $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ in field of 21, Spokane & Wash. St. U. play 8-8 tie, and stories of both Inland Open & Wash. Open are given.

June. Jim McCormick won 4th Annual Pacific Northwest Open in Eugene with $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ topping a field of 28, Don Kendall won Bellingham Club title with 6-0 in field of 10, A. B. Ellis, Canyon County, Idaho champ with 8-1, George Krauss Boise, Idaho winner with 7-0, Beldon Pearson Twin Falls, Idaho champ with 10-2. John Bell wins Puget Sound Open held at Fircrest with $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ in 60 player USCF event. The Purdy Club, near Gig Harbor, lost to a team from Grays Harbor $7\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$ and Don Turner scored 5-0 in winning a 23 player Idaho Open.

July. 56 played in the 1st annual WCF Class tmt. with Duncan Suttles, Jim Montgomery & William Lyons winning the A, B & C sections. Jim McCormick won the Oregon crown with 7-0. Northwest ratings by Montgomery. G. Kern is Ft. Lewis champ. A record of open tournaments from 1958-1962 was given. A.B. Ellis wins 2nd half of Canyon County tmt. with 9-0.

August. A late report on the mid-june The Dalles tmt. had Fred Byron, Ivars Dalbergs & S.M. Poulsen winning section A with $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ & Jack Pattie took section B with $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. Edward Cruz won section C with 5-0. Purdy & Grays Harbor tied 4-4. Arthur Bisguier won 2 simultaneous matches scoring 24-4 in Seattle & 27-4 in Tacoma. Duncan Suttles won the Seafair tmt. with $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. 63 played.

September. Jim McCormick won the C-21 World Fair tmt. Bill Young won the reserve section. A grand total of 104 played. B. C. won the International Match $25\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$.

(Concluded on page 3)

WASHINGTON OPEN JAN. 5-6

This tournament is divided into two sections,
Championship and Reserve

To play in the Reserve your last published US or WCF rating must be
below 1900.

CASH PRIZES TO THE TOP THREE IN EACH SECTION

Entry Fee: \$4.00 Championship \$3.00 Reserve
(Less 50¢ if a member of the W. C. F.)

Players in the Championship section must be members of the United
States Chess Federation. (If not already a member the fee is \$5.)

Place: Second floor room at Seattle Y. M. C. A. 4th and Madison.

Time: Registration at 9 a. m. Saturday, Jan. 5th. 1st round 10 a. m.

Speed: Fifty moves in two hours followed by adjournment. Secondary
time control is 25 moves in one hour.

Tie-breaking: Median, then Solkoff. System: Six round Swiss.

Probable Tournament Directors: AL LIVINGSTON & GEORGE PRIEBE.

PLAYERS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION MUST HAVE AT LEAST A SCORE OF
4-2 TO QUALIFY FOR THE STATE TITLE EVENT.

Bring sets, boards, clocks, pencils, a friend you can beat.

WARNING! With only a few of the weaker players in the Champion-
ship section, even very strong players will be lucky to score 3-3!

OTHER COMING EVENTS.

- Dec. 29-30 Northwest Junior Open. At Portland's Reed College, room 314 Elliott Hall.
Registration at 9 a. m. Play starts at 10. Must be under 21 years old.
- Feb. 2-3 Second annual March of Dimes Benefit Open at Camas Moose Lodge. Regis-
tration at 9 a. m. Play starts at 10. A six round Swiss. Five prizes.
- Feb. ?-? 1963 Annual Pacific Northwest Open at the U. of Oregon in Eugene.
- Feb. 22-23-24 1963 Washington State Championship. Seattle site still undetermined.
- March 23-24 1963 Puget Sound Open with USCF Championship and Reserve sections.
- April 20-21 1963 Inland Empire Open in Spokane. Details later.
- May 25-26 1963 Seattle Open. USCF Championship & Reserve sections. At the Seattle Y.
- June 1-2 1963 Annual Idaho Open. USCF rated 5 round Swiss. Held in Boise, Idaho.
- June 15-16 1963 Washington State Junior. For state players under 21. Held in Seattle.
- July 14th. 1963 Annual British Columbia versus Washington State match.
- July 27-28 1963 Annual Seattle Seafair Open. Details and confirmation of date later.
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2, 1963 Annual Oregon Open. To be held in Portland, Oregon.

(Details will appear one month before each tournament if furnished by promoters.)

SEATTLE CLUB NEWS

By Fred Howard

There is a nice turnout every Friday night for the Seattle Chess Club speed tournaments. These tournaments are now starting at 7:30 p. m. on Fridays. Still no news on the new quarters for the club which is still located at the downtown Seattle Y. M. C. A.

On Friday, Nov. 16th, eleven played with MIKE FRANETT winning with a 9-1 score losing a game to DON COREY. JOHN BRALEY and DICK PARSONS tied for second each scoring 8-2. Both lost a game to Franett and Braley lost to Parsons while Parsons was upset by EARL WILSON. Corey was fourth with 7-3, losing to Parsons and Braley and drawing with both JOHN REH and WILLIAM GILLETTE. Other scores were Reh, Gillette and JIM MONTGOMERY all $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$, Wilson $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ and DICK DORWIN, RON ERICKSON and EUGENE FOMIN all scored 2-8.

One week later on the 23rd, twelve turned out and once again MIKE FRANETT scored nine wins but this time his score of 9-2 was only good enough for second place. DICK PARSONS won the tourney with 10-1, losing no games but drawing with JOHN BRALEY & GEORGE KENNY. Franett lost to Parsons and Kenny. Braley and Kenny both scored $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Braley lost to Franett and DON COREY and drew his game with Parsons while Kenny lost only one game - to Braley - but drew three - with RON ERICKSON, ROY MOE and Parsons. Once again Don Corey did very well, scoring 7-4 and taking fifth place. Corey lost to Franett, Parsons, Kenny and was upset by DICK DORWIN. Other scores were FRANK BOSCHAN 6-5, Dorwin 5-6, PAT HICKEY 5-6, JOHN REH 3-8, RON ERICKSON $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$, ROY MOE $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$ and HICKS 0-11.

On November 30th JOHN REH directed a sixteen player speed tourney at the club. In this event MIKE FRANETT scored an astonishing 15-0 sweep bowing out of Washington chess for a six month hitch in the army. JOHN BRALEY scored 14-1, good enough to win most of the time, but only good enough for second this time. OLIVER LAFREMIERE, who is teaching at Shoreline High School, brought five of his students and took part. Oliver has been out of chess for quite awhile but did very well taking third place with $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. He lost to the top two and drew a game with FRANK BOSCHAN. Among Oliver's victims were DICK PARSONS and GEORGE KENNY. Kenny was fourth with 12-3. Dick Parsons lost to the top four and drew a game with EARL WILSON to take fifth with $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. DON COREY again did very well scoring $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ losing to the five players ahead of him and drawing with Boschan. Frank Boschan was close behind with $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$. Other scores were JIM MONTGOMERY and SVEND MONRAD $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$, but squeezed out by EARL WILSON'S 8-7, DICK DORWIN 5-10, RON PREVOST 4-11, STEFFEY 3-12, BEAM 1-14, SPIKE HORTON 1-14 and D. HORTON 1-14.

A SUMMATION OF 1962 (Concluded)

September - continued. JIM MCCORMICK, only a week after winning the Seattle C-21 tournament, won the 1962 Oregon Open. Jim scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in topping a field of 31. John Bell & Kenneth Grover were next each with 5-1. In a four game match played just prior to C-21, (late August) Ivars Dalbergs & Viktors Pupols played a 2-2 tie.

October. DUNCAN SUTTLES won the Peace Arch Open in Bellingham with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Mike Franett and Peter O'Gorman were next each with 5-1. 1962-63 Puget Sound League schedule is given with eight teams on the schedule. Collins is knocked off of the top perch on the WCF postal ladder with Dolph taking his place.

November. Fifteenth anniversary issue of the Washington Chess Letter. KEN GROVER wins annual Washington Woodpushers (mid-Oct. but reported in November) with 4-0. TERRY NELSON also scores 4-0 but fewer Solkoff points. After only two rounds, Seattle's Black Bandits are the only out fit in the Puget Sound League without a tie or a loss. Pacific Northwest rating list by Jim Montgomery.

And in each and every issue, games and articles by Dick Parsons.

December. Seattle Chess Club news. Re-hash of 1962. Puget Sound League news. Tournament schedule. McCormick wins the Grants Pass Open with 5-0. Postal chess news in every issue. The End

SCHWARZ WINS OREGON JUNIOR

GERALD SCHWARZ of Portland won the 1962 Oregon Junior Chess Championship. The entire five round tournament was played in one day, Friday, November 23rd. The tourney was held at the Oregonian Hostess House.

SCHWARZ, BILL COOPER of Camas, Washington and Portland's JOHN MARANA all finished with 4-1 scores with Solkoff points putting them in the order named. Trophies were awarded the top three and Cooper will receive his before the end of the year.

CY FRIEDMAN directed and made the pairings. The unusually large number of draws resulted from numerous adjudications. This tournament was limited to players under 19 years of age.

Going into the last round, Bill Cooper led with 4-0. He had defeated Schwarz in the 4th round. Cooper played Marana in the last round and lost to him. Earlier, in the third round, Marana had suffered his only loss when he had been defeated by Schwarz.

			-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	Score	Solk.	Med.
1.	Gerald Schwarz	Portland	W4	W14	W3	L2	W6	4 -1	15½	
2.	Bill Cooper	Camas	W5	W11	W13	W1	L3	4 -1	15	
3.	John Marana	Portland	W16	W7	L1	W12	W2	4 -1	13½	
4.	John Cleveland	Bend	L1	W12	W17	W6	D8	3½-1½		
5.	Wayne Matsen	Portland	L2	W8	W9	L13	W14	3 -2		
6.	Tim Nettleton	Portland	D13	W16	W15	L4	L1	2½-2½	12½	7½
7.	David Shilling	Camas	W15	L3	L12	D9	W13	2½-2½	12½	6½
8.	Gary Bricher	Cottage Grove	W12	L5	D16	D10	D4	2½-2½	12	
9.	Tom Nettleton	Portland	W17	D13	L5	D7	D10	2½-2½	11	
10.	Denny Jenquin	Portland	D11	L15	W14	D8	D9	2½-2½	10½	
11.	Teska	Portland	D10	L2	Bye	W17	L12	2½-2½	9½	
12.	Ronald Gist	Bend	L8	L4	W7	L3	W11	2 -3	14½	8½
13.	Conrad Brown	Lake Oswego	D6	D9	L2	W5	L7	2 -3	14½	8
14.	Neubauer	Portland	Bye	L1	L10	W16	L5	2 -3	10½	
15.	Tony Hoff	Portland	L7	W10	L6	Bye	LF16	2 -3	7½	
16.	Roy Fredericks	Portland	L3	L6	D8	L14	WF15	1½-3½		
17.	J. Josephson	Boring	L9	Bye	L4	L11	LF	1 -4		

Sent in by Deane Moore.

P. S. L. SCHEDULE

The remaining Puget Sound League Chess Schedule follows:

Round 6 Sun. Jan. 13th. Seattle Chess Club at Purdy, Bandits at Tacoma, Kitsap at West Seattle and Grays Harbor vs. Bellingham at the Seattle Chess Club.

Round 7 Sun. Jan. 20th. West Seattle at Purdy, Bandits at Seattle Chess Club, Kitsap vs. Bellingham at the Seattle Chess Club and Grays Harbor at Tacoma.

Sunday, Jan. 27th. Championship Playoff (if necessary) at site opposite that of the regular season. No new men can be used in a playoff match.

JIM MCCORMICK WINS AT GRANTS PASS

JAMES MCCORMICK won the first Grants Pass, Oregon Open played November 10-11. McCormick scored 5-0 topping a field of 24, including 9 Grants Pass chess players. All players in this tournament were Oregonians, possibly because of the distance from the state of Washington.

McCormick's winning was no surprise to anyone but the eye-opener was in the second round when GERALD SCHWARZ upset DON TURNER. This allowed TIM NETTLETON to finish second ahead of Turner on Moore tie-breaking points. Both Nettleton and Turner finished up with 4-1 scores, Nettleton losing his last round game to McCormick in a winner take all affair. Schwarz took third with $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ and won the junior trophy. Jack Schrader finished fifth, also with $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. Deane Moore of Portland directed and used Moore points for tie-breaking purposes for the top five. Moore points consist of Solkoff points with the low score dropped. Moore believes this system to be more accurate because the low score of the top players is of little significance while the top score is important in that any of the top players has a reasonable chance of scoring against any other of the top players.

Before the tournament started the players decided to play it as a non-USCF event, contrary to the advance publicity. The playing conditions were ideal. In addition to a perfect playing area, free coffee, cookies and pies were available to the players during the entire tournament and there were some left over.

		-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	W L D	Score	Moore Pts.		
1. James McCormick	Eugene	W24	W7	W6	W4	W2	5-0-0	5 -0			
2. Tim Nettleton	Portland	W22	W5	W8	W13	L1	4-1-0	4 -1	$13\frac{1}{2}$		
3. Donald Turner	The Dalles	W14	L4	W9	W7	W6	4-1-0	4 -1	$12\frac{1}{2}$		
4. Gerald Schwarz	Portland	W20	W3	W11	L1	D5	3-1-1	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$		
5. Jack Schrader	Salem	W11	L2	W21	W10	D4	3-1-1	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$		
										Solk.	Med.
6. Vince Bricher	Cottage Grove	W21	W10	L1	W9	L3	3-2-0	3 -2	$16\frac{1}{2}$		
7. Clay Kelleher	Portland	W19	L1	W20	L3	W16	3-2-0	3 -2	$14\frac{1}{2}$		
8. Ben Horn	Klamath Falls	W16	W13	L2	W12	L10	3-2-0	3 -2	14		
9. Gary Bricher	Cottage Grove	W23	W12	L3	L6	W20	3-2-0	3 -2	$12\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	
10. Denny Jenquin	Portland	W17	L6	W15	L5	W8	3-2-0	3 -2	$12\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	
11. Tracy Bearden	Ashland	L5	W24	L4	W15	W13	3-2-0	3 -2	12		
12. Sief Poulsen	Salem	W15	L9	W16	L8	W14	3-2-0	3 -2	$11\frac{1}{2}$		
13. Hans-Jurgen Grun	Grants Pass	W18	L8	W14	L2	L11	2-3-0	2 -3	14		
14. Fred Graebe	Grants Pass	L3	W18	L13	W17	L12	2-3-0	2 -3	$12\frac{1}{2}$		
15. Philip Griffin	Grants Pass	L12	W19	L10	L11	WF23	2-3-0	2 -3	11	8	
16. Tom Nettleton	Portland	L8	W17	L12	W22	L7	2-3-0	2 -3	11	$7\frac{1}{2}$	
17. Ned Chapin	Grants Pass	L10	L16	W19	L14	Bye	2-3-0	2 -3	9		
18. Wesley McKaig	Klamath Falls	L13	L14	W23	L19	W21	2-3-0	2 -3	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	
19. Kitty Bearden	Ashland	L7	L15	L17	W18	W22	2-3-0	2 -3	$8\frac{1}{2}$	4	
20. Bill Rightmier	Grants Pass	L4	W23	L7	D21	L9	1-3-1	$1\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	12		
21. Bruce Schilling	Grants Pass	L6	W22	L5	D20	L18	1-3-1	$1\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$		
22. Mrs. R. O. Chapin	Grants Pass	L2	L21	WF24	L16	L19	1-4-0	1 -4	$9\frac{1}{2}$		
23. Bill Jenkins	Grants Pass	L9	L20	L18	Bye	LF15	1-4-0	1 -4	$5\frac{1}{2}$		
24. Henry Holmberg	Grants Pass	L1	L11	LF22	LF	LF	0-5-0	0 -5			

Mr. HANS-JURGEN GRUN conceived and organized this event, supplying the publicity. He also can draw and has offered to draw some cover designs for the Washington Chess Letter. Anyone else who thinks he can draw a cover design for this magazine please do so! Just draw it on a piece of white paper and we can reproduce it.

WHO GETS CHESS LETTER?

Where does the Washington Chess Letter go? Well, last month it went to 171 people, clubs, and the Seattle public library here in the state of Washington. Only two, the library and your editor got it free.

The state of Oregon was an easy, though distant, second. 35 people or clubs got the Chess Letter in the state of Oregon. This includes one player who is a student at Yale and also two former Washingtonians, CHARLES RALLENTINE and JIM MCCORMICK.

Nine players get the Washington Chess Letter in California. This includes ROBERT STORK, JIM SCHMITT, and just recently, JACK NOURSE.

Other players who take the Washington Chess Letter.

Utah (6), Idaho (5), Montana (5), New York (3) (two free ones to CHESS LIFE and to CHESS REVIEW and one paid member, VISVALDIS SMITS.) Wisconsin (2), Louisiana (2), British Columbia (2), Minnesota (2), and Virginia, Alaska, Texas, Colorado and Arizona one each.

The grand total is 247. Since we print all northwest chess news it is disappointing to see how few subscribers we have in neighboring states in comparison to the number in the state of Washington.

In comparison, and of special interest to figure filberts, Washington has 86 USCF members - almost exactly half as many as Washington Chess Federation members. Oregon has 39 USCF members - four more than are in WCF. Idaho has 30 USCF members. Evidently players in Idaho feel they get better coverage from CHESS LIFE than from the CHESS LETTER. Montana has 13 United States Chess Federation members. Figures are up to Nov. 26, 1962.

We can draw some conclusions here if we wish. (1) The name "Washington" could be offensive to our neighbors in Oregon and Idaho. Perhaps a new name would attract more players from those states. (2) An intensive recruiting campaign such as put on by the USCF plus their methods such as enforced membership if a player wished to play in a WCF tournament. Although it probably has cost us members, we have always been against trying to force anyone to join the WCF and always will.

FROM OUR MAIL

Dear Mr. Wade,

I agree 100% with you that CHESS LIFE hasn't been giving us our fair share of publicity. In fact, the last issue of CHESS REVIEW gave more space to the Grays Harbor vs. Purdy match than CHESS LIFE gave to the entire Century 21 World's Fair Tournament.

But as to the fund raising, we need U. S. teams competing in international competition if only for the propaganda value. Look at the tremendous job Benko did in scoring 6-9. Was it his fault that Fischer and others were inflicted by that dreaded disease known as "Classical Chess?" Seriously, few chess players have had easy lives since the game doesn't pay very well, and it is only fair that we pay part of their expenses as they are representing us. Jim Campbell

(Fund raising is fine but not so much! We are constantly being badgered with fund raising drives and so many of us are broke most of the time anyway. - Ye Ed.)

In answer to Jim Campbell's question - a position is first reached and then REPEATED three times without any in-between moves before you can claim a draw. Reaching the position does not constitute the first time it is repeated. So Campbell had no draw in the game in question. You must also claim the draw at the time in order to get it if the same position is repeated three times.

N.W. JUNIOR

NORTHWEST JUNIOR OPEN SAT. & SUN. DEC. 29-30th. At REED COLLEGE, Room 314 ELLIOTT HALL. (Sponsored by the Portland Inter-scholastic Chess League.)

REQUIREMENTS: Players must be 20 years of age or younger the day of registration.

ENTRY FEE \$2.

Six round Swiss. Registration at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29th. First round at 10 a.m. Fourth round is at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30.

CASH PRIZES TO FIRST THREE PLACES AND PRIZE TO HIGHEST HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER. 45 moves in 2 hours. No adjudication. T.D. DEANE MOORE.

B-B TEAM WINS AGAIN

In third round Puget Sound League matches, played November 18th, the Black Bandits traveled to West Seattle and handed West Seattle a $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ beating. It was West Seattle's first loss of the season. For some reason West Seattle was unable to get together its many fine players for this important match. They had to forfeit fifth board to the Bandits and then to make matters even worse, WILLY BRANDAL forfeited his 2nd game to DICK PARSONS. Team captain MAX MAGE had to play his games at work away from the rest of the match and so was not on the scene to bolster his team at least spiritually. Max did win his two games to make the final score halfway decent.

On first board DON EILMES kicked away two games. He had a nearly certain win in his second game with CLARK HARMON and then just donated a piece to make the game a draw. With a little more teamwork and effort West Seattle could now be leading the league.

Black Bandits	$6\frac{1}{2}$	West Seattle	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Clark Harmon	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Don Eilmes	$\frac{1}{2}$
Dick Parsons	2*	Willy Brandal	0*
John Braley	1	Les Walker	1
Pat Hickey	0	Max Mage	2
Jim Montgomery	2	(forfeit)	0

Ironically, the Bandits were at a big disadvantage for this match with MIKE FRANEFF out of the lineup because of army duty. The "Wade Chess Player Bank" supplied Eilmes' and Hickey's phone numbers although neither contributed very much score-wise.

The Seattle Chess Club team visited Tacoma and flattened the City of Destiny's chess squad by a resounding $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score. SEGLINS, KENNY & BRAHAMSON were just too much for Tacoma. The home team picked up its points on the 4th & 5th boards to avoid a white washing.

Seattle Chess Club	$8\frac{1}{2}$	Tacoma Chess Club	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Weslars Seglins	2	Russ Hewitt	0
George Kenny	2	Lou Fesl	0
Norman Abrahamson	2	Ernst Rasmussen	0
Bill Young	1	Carl Ralsison	1
Fred Howard	1	Al Miller	0
John Reh	$\frac{1}{2}$	Al Miller	$\frac{1}{2}$

HARBOR AT KITSAP POSTPONED

We received a notice that they will play their match on December 14th.

Bellingham and Purdy met in Everett at Lyman Johnston's home and Bellingham handed Purdy its first loss of the year by a lop-sided 8 to 2 score. DON KENDALL and MYRON MILLER each scored 2 wins in the rout. This was Bellingham's 2nd win in a row after an opening round defeat at the hands of the Black Bandits.

Bellingham Chess Club	8	Purdy "Riders"	2
Dan Chin	1	Peter O'Gorman	1
Don Kendall	2	Lyman Johnston	0
Larry McKay	1	Earl Knapp	1
Myron Miller	2	H. Kaffenberger	0
Harold Raymond	1	Jack Cowan	0
Steve Ludwig	1	Jack Cowan	0

League Standings After Three Rounds

	W	L	D	Scoring
1. Black Bandits	3	0	0	22 - 8
2. Seattle Chess Club	2	0	1	$21\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$
3. Bellingham Club	2	1	0	$16\frac{1}{2}$ - $13\frac{1}{2}$
4-5 Purdy Riders	1	1	1	$13\frac{1}{2}$ - $16\frac{1}{2}$
4-5 West Seattle	1	1	1	$14\frac{1}{2}$ - $14\frac{1}{2}$
6. Kitsap County	0	1	1	7 - 13
7. Grays Harbor	0	2	0	6 - 14
8. Tacoma Chess Club	0	3	0	8 - 21

BOEING CHESS LEAGUE RESULTS

The Boeing Chess League meets once a month. With six teams of six players each in the league, it will take five months to finish their schedule.

DON EILMES plays first board for the Renton team. After getting a piece and a pawn ahead in his second game, he somehow managed to lose it and his Renton team dropped a $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ decision to the Missile Production Center team.

Plant One defeated Developmental Center also by a $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ score.

Plant Two, with ALAN CLARK playing on first board, won over Facilities by a 8 to 4 score.

These matches are played without the usual clocks and most of the players have never played in a real chess tournament.

BELLINGHAM BOMBARDS

SEATTLE 8½ - 1½

When we first heard about it we thought it was some kind of a joke. It is hard to believe. The Seattle Chess Club traveled up to Bellingham on Sunday, December 2nd and had their collective ears pinned back. Bellingham crucified the Seattle team by an outrageous score of 8½ to 1½. VIESTURS SEGLINS was whipped 2-0 on first board by LARRY MCKAY and GEORGE KENNY could only garner ½ point in two games with DAN CHIN. MYRON MILLER picked up a couple more points and Seattle lost 2 more on fifth board to complete the rout. NORMAN ABRAHAMSON won one game from DON KENDALL for the Seattle team's only win.

Extenuating circumstances help explain this surprising result. Both Seglins and Kenny arrived late. Clocks were ticking away. Seglins had 3 minutes to complete 40 moves & Kenny had 5 minutes. Seglins made the forty but lost. Kenny could not make the forty so lost when his flag fell. Seglins was apparently shook up enough to lose his second also while Kenny could only draw his second.

Bellingham Chess Club	8½	Seattle Chess Club	1½
Larry McKay	2	Viesturs Seglins	0
Dan Chin	1½	George Kenny	½
Don Kendall	1	Norman Abrahamson	1
Myron Miller	2	Fred Howard	0
Harold Raymond	1	John Reh	0
Phil Rehberger	1	John Reh	0

The Black Bandits traveled to Kitsap and won their fourth match of the year. The score was 8 to 2. Kitsap unwittingly used an ineligible man in JOHN VAN SANT. Van Sant scored a point for Kitsap by breaking even with DICK PARSONS. Had Kitsap won the match they still would have lost by forfeit as Van Sant cannot play for any other team than Grays Harbor. He is stuck with Harbor for this year or season. This is one of the oldest rules and we would have anarchy if we relaxed this rule. Some players would be shifting from team to team all season!

Black Bandits	8	Kitsap County	2
Mike Franett	2	George Rehberg	0
Clark Harmon	2	Dr. John Almond	0
Dick Parsons	1	John Van Sant	1
John Braley	2	Chas. Magerkurth	0
Jim Montgomery	1	Art Wick	1

Franett's last match. The army got him.

Tacoma traveled to Purdy and won its first match of the season. Tacoma, behind the two point efforts of LOU FESL & ERNST RASMUSSEN won by a 7 to 3 count. The match must have been played on a Friday evening as Tacoma had VERNON HOLMES playing on 1st board.

Tacoma Chess Club	7	Purdy Riders	3
Vernon Holmes	1	Peter O'Gorman	1
Russ Hewitt	1	Lyman Johnston	1
Lou Fesl	2	Jack Pattie	0
Ernst Rasmussen	2	Earl Knapp	0
Carl Carlson	1	Henry Kaffenberger	1

Grays Harbor made another long trip, this time to West Seattle, and lost their third match in a row. It would be a very nice gesture if some of their remaining opponents volunteered to visit Aberdeen. The Grays Harbor team could only muster 4 men for the trip and so had to forfeit on 5th board. West Seattle won the match 7½-2½.

West Seattle	7½	Grays Harbor	2½
Don Bilmes	1	Jim Campbell	1
Les Walker	1½	Harold Collins	½
Don Seiter	2	Bob Street	0
Max Mage	0	Tom Robinson	1
Rod Dimoff	1	Tom Robinson	0
	2	(forfeit)	0

Puget Sound League Standings

	W	L	D	Scoring
1. Black Bandits	4	0	0	30 -10
2. Bellingham	3	1	0	25 -15
3. West Seattle	2	1	1	22 -17
3. Seattle Club	2	1	1	23 -17
5. Purdy Riders	1	2	1	16½-23½
6. Tacoma Club	1	3	0	15 -24
7. Kitsap County	0	2	1	9 -21
8. Grays Harbor	0	3	0	8½-21½

A funny thought just occurred to your editor. With Franett gone the Bandits are in for trouble and the "championship" match with the Seattle Club in the last round is a possible loss for the league leaders.

In the wings, waiting for them to fall we find Bellingham just one game out of 1st. Wouldn't it be amusing if Bellingham won it all? Your editor can play god now and help the highest bidder! \$\$\$

JOHNSTON, BLACKMORE WIN CLASS TOURNAMENTS

LYMAN JOHNSTON of Everett and WILLIAM BLACKMORE of Bellingham won the Class Tournaments held at the Seattle YMCA December 8th and 9th. Johnston won the Class B 12-player Swiss while Blackmore topped the 14-player Swiss for Class C and unrated players. Both received trophies and small cash prizes for their winning efforts. GEORGE PRIEBE directed both tournaments.

Johnston, who has won a number of Class B clock prizes in past tournaments, won five and yielded a fifth round draw to Seattle's JOHN REH in making his $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ score. He finished a full point ahead of second place JIM CAMPBELL of Hoquiam. HAROLD RAYMOND of Bellingham took a clear third with 4-2, losing to both Johnston and Campbell. Both Campbell and Raymond received small cash prizes.

Blackmore had more trouble winning the Class C tourney. He won four and played two draws to achieve his final score of 5-1, only $\frac{1}{2}$ point ahead of HENRY KAFFENBERGER of Gig Harbor. Kaffenberger received a small cash prize. DON LUTERS of Gig Harbor and DON BUTLER of Seattle finished third and fourth each with 4-2 scores and each received a 6 month extension on their subscriptions to the Washington Chess Letter. Luters received an unkind blow when he sailed through the first five rounds with only two draws against him & then lost his only defeat to fellow Gig Harborite Kaffenberger. If Luters had won, his final score would have equalled Blackmore's.

Class B Tourney

			-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W L D	Score	Median Pts.
1.	Lyman T. Johnston	Everett	W3	W11	W2	W8	D4	W5	5-0-1	$5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	
2.	Jim Campbell	Hoquiam	W9	W3	L1	W4	W6	D7	4-1-1	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	
3.	Harold Raymond	Bellingham	L1	L2	W10	W11	W9	W8	4-2-0	4 -2	
4.	John Reh	Seattle	W6	D5	D7	L2	D1	W10	2-1-3	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	14
5.	Earl Knapp	Gig Harbor	D10	D4	W9	D6	W8	L1	2-1-3	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$
6.	Ronald Erickson	Seattle	L4	W10	D8	D5	L2	W12	2-2-2	3 -3	$11\frac{1}{2}$
7.	Charles Greenup	Seattle	W11	L8	D4	L9	W12	D2	2-2-2	3 -3	$10\frac{1}{2}$
8.	Ken Dart	Everett	W12	W7	D6	L1	L5	L3	2-3-1	$2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$
9.	Jim Montgomery	Seattle	L2	W12	L5	W7	L3	D11	2-3-1	$2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$
10.	Russell Miller	Chelan	D5	L6	L3	W12	D11	L4	1-3-2	2 -4	12
11.	Fred M. Howard	Seattle	L7	L1	W12	L3	D10	D9	1-3-2	2 -4	$11\frac{1}{2}$
12.	A. C. Shives	Toledo	L8	L9	L11	L10	L7	L6	0-6-0	0 -6	

Class C Tourney

			-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W L D	Score	Med.	Solk.
1.	William Blackmore	Bellingham	W14	W8	D6	W2	D3	W5	4-0-2	5 -1		
2.	Henry Kaffenberger	Gig Harbor	W11	W13	D5	L1	W9	W3	4-1-1	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$		
3.	Don Lutens	Gig Harbor	W10	D6	W4	W5	D1	L2	3-1-2	4 -2	15	
4.	Don Butler	Seattle	W13	L5	L3	W11	W7	W6	4-2-0	4 -2	12	
5.	Ernest Prentice	Tacoma	W7	W4	D2	L3	W6	L1	3-2-1	$3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$		
6.	Jim Turner	Bellevue	W12	D3	D1	W9	L5	L4	2-2-2	3 -3	$14\frac{1}{2}$	
7.	Dick Dorwin	Seattle	L5	L11	W12	W8	L4	W10	3-3-0	3 -3	$11\frac{1}{2}$	18
8.	Gary Clayhold	Seattle	W9	L1	W11	L7	L10	W14	3-3-0	3 -3	$11\frac{1}{2}$	$16\frac{1}{2}$
9.	Steve Lee	Bellevue	L8	W14	W10	L6	L2	W12	3-3-0	3 -3	11	
10.	Roger Rystrom	Seattle	L3	W12	L9	W13	W8	L7	3-3-0	3 -3	10	
11.	Jack Cowan	Puyallup	L2	W7	L8	L4	W14	D13	2-3-1	$2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$		
12.	Lee Fjellanger	Issaquah	L6	L10	L7	W14	W13	L9	2-4-0	2 -4		
13.	Micheal Myers	Seattle	L4	L2	W14	L10	L12	D11	1-4-1	$1\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$		
14.	Eric Molson	Seattle	L1	L9	L13	L12	L11	L8	0-6-0	0 -6		

Last July Montgomery, Howard, Johnston finished 1-2-3 in a 24 man Class B tournament. It looks like Johnston has improved a little while the others have slipped badly!

POSTAL CHESS



New players start in "A" Division with a rating of 1600, "B" 1300, and in "C" 1000. Send your entries to the Postal Director with the entry fee of 50¢ per section of four players and if a new player in our tournaments, advise which Division you wish to play in. You can enter as many sections as you desire.

REPORT OF GAMES COMPLETED TO NOV. 30, 1962

Section	Points	61A-9A	61A-9B	Pts.
9/25 61A-6B Rader	1 Lyberger	0 76	Wade x 1 1 1	6
11/2 62B-1A Benson	1 J. Nourse	0 66	Weaver 0 x 1/2 1	3 1/2
11/6 62C-6B Shives	1 Running	0 60	Peterson 0 1/2 1 1	2 1/2
11/9 62A-5B Vanatta	1/2 Howard	1/2 6	Harmon 0 0 0 x	0
11/13 61A-9B Wade	1 Peterson	0 10	Wade wins by a perfect score and wins a new section.	
11/14 62A-2B Pupols	1 Eilmes	0 26	61B-6A	61B-6B
11/15 62A-6A C. Allyn	1 Collins	0 68	Rader x 0 1 0	x 1 1 1 4
62A-6A C. Allyn	1 Jones	0 24	Lyberger 1 x 1 1	0 x 0 1 4
62C-5A Carlson	1 F.J. Donnelly	0 36	Baskett. 0 0 x 1	0 1 x 1 3
62C-5B Carlson	1 F.J. Donnelly	0 36	Dart 1 0 0 x	0 0 0 x 1
11/16 62C-1A J.D. Miller	1 Shives	0 56	Rader and Lyberger tie for games and as is our custom the honors go to the one making the most points which in this case is Rader with 62 points vs Lyberger 40, so Rader gets the prize of either a new section free or 3 month extension to his membership in WCF. Let us know which.	
62C-1B J.D. Miller	1 Shives	0 56	62A-1A	62A-1B
62C-2B J.D. Miller	1 Kershaw	0 76	R.W. Allyn x 0 1 1	x 1/2 1 1 4 1/2
11/25 61C-10A Beachy	1 Ward	0 40	Nourse 1 x 1 1	1/2 x 0 1 4 1/2
62B-2B Ward	1 R.W. Miller	0 50	Benson 0 0 x 1	0 1 x 1 3
11/29 62A-5B Howard	1/2 Vanatta	1/2 6	Carter 0 0 0 x	0 0 0 x 0
11/30 62C-2B Berg	1 Kershaw	0 20	Again we have a tie for games won. In this case Allyn takes the cake by 120 points vs J. Nourse 60. Allyn has chosen a new section and now has his assignment. Collins slipped down to 4th place in "A" division by losing a game to Chuck Allyn who went up from 11th place to 5th. Collins says "It is easy to go down but hard to get back."	
62C-7A Link	1 Kershaw	0 20	J. D. Miller won many points this month and progressed from 22nd to 2nd place in "C" division. His rating should be 1168 due to an error which will be corrected next month. We welcome the following new players to our Postal Tournaments, Freeman, Campbell, Butler, R. G. Smith and Harmon.	
62C-7A E. Denison	1 Kershaw	0 20		
62C-7A Berg	1 Kershaw	0 20		
62C-7B Link	1 Kershaw	0 20		
62C-7B E. Denison	1 Kershaw	0 20		
62C-7B Berg	1 Kershaw	0 20		
62C-5A J.D. Miller	1 F.J. Donnelly	0 42		
62C-5B J.D. Miller	1 F.J. Donnelly	0 42		

Wade was assigned to a section with Pupols, R.W. Allyn, and Chuck Allyn but chickened out when he saw the competition and Parsons was substituted in his place. The Allyn brothers have been having somewhat easy going in their past sections but now will face some real stiff competition. Dolph still hangs on to his first position but Pupols is out to replace him having now moved up to second place. Don Eilmes has moved to Calif. to finish school but will keep up with his postal games. Kershaw found it necessary to abandon all of his postal games. George Priebe has found that a full time job at Boeings, attending the U of W and postal chess too much and has dropped out of the section he entered a short time ago. A new player will be assigned to his place due to the few moves made in his games. Harmon has decided to again try a postal section. It is hoped that he can complete this one as a former try by him was abandoned.

PLAY CHESS BY MAIL!



Merry Christmas
and a
Checkmating New Year
from the
W.C.L. Staff



WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER
1026 N.E. 71st St., Seattle 15, Wash.
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED
FORM 3547 REQUESTED

Byron Miller
1437 Humboldt
Bellingham, Wash

7/53

POSTAL CHESS RATINGS

"A" Division
Above 1500

"B" Division
1200 to 1500

1	Doyle	2072	1	D. Kendall	1500
2	Pupols	2008	2	H. Raymond	1496
3	Wade	1961	3	Van Patten	1470
4	Jollins	1914	4	Hager	1458
5	C. Allyn	1889	5	Lyberger	1458
6	Knapp	1859	6	Pattie	1450
7	Mage	1846	7	Monrad	1432
8	Vellias	1839	8	Skoglund	1411
9	Scripps	1815	9	Beachy	1402
10	Weaver	1799	10	Gifford	1381
11	J. Nourse	1780	11	Baskett	1358
12	Abrahamson	1766	12	Rader	1355
13	Morris	1762	13	Rogers	1344
14	Cummins	1755	14	Dickson	1333
15	Benson	1749	15	Rystrom	1310
16	Gillette	1734	16	Chenoweth	1306
17	R. W. Allyn	1722	17	Christey	1300
18	Eilmes	1715	18	M. Miller	1300
19	Parsons	1712	19	Nagel	1300
20	Skarsten	1695	20	Van Sant	1300
21	Koenkow	1674	21	Wm. Rupel	1300
22	Wilson	1652	22	Wick	1300
23	Weisscher	1613	23	Dart	1284
24	Howard	1609	24	J. McKay	1276
25	Campbell	1600	25	Ward	1269
26	Harmon	1600	26	Merk	1256
27	Schultz	1600	27	R. Raymond	1240
28	R. G. Smith	1600	28	Suttles	1217
29	Vanatta	1555	29	Allen	1211
30	Woodward	1551	30	Carlson	1208
31	B.J. Peterson	1544			
32	Turner	1524			
33	Guess	1523			
34	Jones	1504			

"C" Division
Below 1200

"C" Division Cont'd
Below 1200

1	R.W. Miller	1174	12	Nedell	1000
2	Dorwin	1166	13	D. Rupel	1000
3	Waldron	1140	14	Taylor	1000
4	J.R. Donnelly	1128	15	E. Denison	977
5	Matthews	1124	16	Roemer	968
6	Laugen	1122	17	Running	940
7	J.D. Miller	1092	18	Link	938
8	Berg	1002	19	D. Denison	908
9	Butler	1000	20	F.J. Donnelly	844
10	Cowan	1000	21	Shives	844
11	Freeman	1000	22	Cyr	828

