

# Washington Chess Letter



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Strong leadership is badly needed on the local club level and in our Washington Chess Federation if we are going to promote chess with any success from here on. At present we have too many wooden indians on our team doing absolutely nothing. They are not leaders and at best are poor followers. Your editor has his hands full just putting out the magazine you are reading. He cannot locate sites for tournaments and he will not direct tournaments. Also we cannot write up events if lazy promoters do not bother to send the results in.

Right now we need a leader who will get us sites for future events, get us a tournament director to replace AL LIVINGSTON who has informed us he is going to spend a year at Washington State U. in Pullman and make up a tournament schedule. Right now we also need club leaders who will send in monthly activity reports and promptly report the tournaments they sponsor.

Because of shiftless leadership, we do not have very many pages in this month's W. C. L. If the present trend continues, we will be out of work.

At Fircrest the T. D. carried the data around for two months afterward before we finally looked him up and got it. At The Dalles event over two months passed before we finally got the information on that event and seven weeks after the Oregon Open no one has bothered to send us anything on that event. These promoters are CHEATING the players who spend the time and money to play in these tournaments and CHEATING those who pay to get this magazine expecting to get news of the play.

A day after the Puget Sound League Schedule went out in the mail, the new "leader" of

the Kitsap Club informed Mr. Merk they wanted "in". No details, entry fee or any word of any kind has been heard from him three weeks later so what can be done?

#### GREEN LAKE FIELD HOUSE

JOHN NOURSE has secured the Green Lake Field House at East Green Lake bathing beach for chess. Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. on is the time of meetings. Plenty of parking space and a good deal for north end players although all players are invited.

#### PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

1. Forty moves per hour.
2. Two games, one with each color per player.
3. Matches start at one p. m.
4. Five players to a team but a sixth player can play the 2nd game on 5th board.
5. Highest ranking player plays first board, second ranked player plays second board, etc.
6. Team captains draw for colors on first board and other boards alternate. Other arrangements are all right if both sides agree.
7. Home team is responsible for clocks, men and boards. Sets should be Staunton.
8. No kibitzing and like all other tournaments, the touch rule is in full force.
9. A  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$  score counts just as much in the league standings as a 10-0 score. Thus only match results will determine the championship.
10. Players should not agree to a draw without first consulting team captains but if they do their agreement is final.
11. No player can play on more than one team during the season.
12. In case of a post-season playoff match, if two or more teams tied for first, no new players can be introduced into play. This prevents a "loading up" which might end up with two teams of altogether new players playing for the title!
13. All forfeits start from the "bottom" of a team and work up. Fifth board must be forfeited first, then fourth board, etc.
14. Piece-meal matches are frowned on. All players on both teams should meet at the same time and place for the match. If both teams agree this or any other rule could be amended or "bent" with the risk of having a double-forfeit declared.

# ERB MEMORIAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

WHEN Saturday, November 30, and Sunday, December 1, 1963  
WHERE Erb Memorial Student Union, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon  
SPONSOR Erb Memorial Student Union Board  
TYPE Six Round Swiss System with USCF Section and Reserve Section  
REGISTRATION 10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M., Saturday, November 30, 1963

## ROUNDS

45 moves in two hours

### Saturday, Nov. 30th

Round I 11:00 a.m.  
Round II 3:30 p.m.  
Round III 8:00 p.m.

### Sunday, Dec. 1st

Round IV 8:00 a.m.  
Round V 12:30 p.m.  
Round VI 5:00 p.m.

## PRIZES

### USCF Section

First \$100.00  
Second 50.00  
Third 25.00

### Reserve Section

First Trophy  
Second Trophy  
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Trophy for Highest scoring high school student in reserve section

Trophy for Highest scoring college student in reserve section

No one may receive more than one prize

ENTRY FEE USCF Section \$5.00 - with USCF membership (\$5.00)  
Reserve Section 2.00

Anyone may enter USCF Section - Reserve section limited to players with 1800 points or less.

Please bring sets, boards, and clocks.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Fred Byron

Dear Chessplayer:

You are cordially invited to play in the Erb Memorial Open Chess Tournament. We believe that this event has many features you will be interested in:

FIRST, the tournament is being held on Thanksgiving weekend so that everyone may have the opportunity to come and to allow travel time for those who live far away.

SECOND, there are many generous prizes. Cash and handsome trophies are being offered to players of all strengths.

THIRD, there are the playing conditions. Play will be held in the modern University of Oregon Student Union. Consequently, excellent conditions and quiet, conducive to good chess, will prevail.

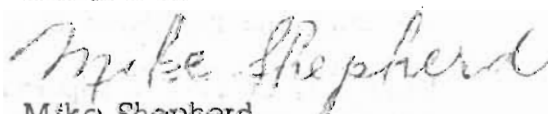
FOURTH, we have been fortunate in securing the services of Fred Byron, one of the best tournament directors in the Northwest. This assures a well-run event.

FIFTH, there is an early start home for the players.

SIXTH, there is an opportunity for USCF members to improve their national ratings. For example, at least two masters will be there.

Once again, we wish to extend you an invitation to compete.

See you there!



Mike Shepherd  
Games Committee Chairman  
Erb Memorial Student Union

# PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

Six teams are entered in the 1963-1964 Puget Sound League. We are giving the first three rounds of the schedule again but holding off the scheduling of the last two rounds in January. The annual Washington Open is to be held then but we have decided to await the powers-that-be in the W. C. F. for the time and location before picking the dates for the remaining rounds of the Puget Sound League.

League members and where they play:

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB Room 317-A in the Food Circus at the Seattle Center.

WEST SEATTLE CHESS CLUB At Max Mage's home, 1955 Sunset S. W., Seattle. Phone is WE 2-1267.

BELLINGHAM CHESS CLUB Convention Hall of Bellingham's Leopold Hotel.

TACOMA CHESS CLUB At Russ Hewitt's home, 3158 West Soundview Drive, Tacoma. Phone number is SK 9-0697.

BOEING'S CHESS CLUB Boeing's Plant 2 Cafeteria in south Seattle.

STUDENT'S TEAM A group of U. of Washington students. No playing address was supplied.

First three rounds of League action.

OCTOBER 27th.

Bellingham at Seattle Chess Club  
Tacoma at West Seattle Chess Club  
Students at Boeing's Chess Club

November 10th.

Students at Tacoma Chess Club  
West Seattle at Seattle Chess Club  
Boeings at Bellingham Chess Club

November 24th

Students at West Seattle Chess Club  
Tacoma vs. Bellingham at the Seattle  
Chess Club  
Seattle Chess Club at Boeing's Chess  
Club

All matches are scheduled for one p. m. All dates are Sundays.

See page one for Puget Sound League rules.

Remember, it is not important whether you win or lose but how you play the game! Our picks: 1. Seattle 2. West Seattle 3. Boeings 4. Students 5. Bellingham 6. Tacoma.



# DALBERGS ROMPS TO OREGON OPEN TITLE

IVARS DALBERGS of Portland dominated the field in the 40 player Oregon Open played on the Labor Day weekend, August 31, September 1st and 2nd in Portland. Although the Washington Chess Letter gave the tourney advance publicity, the tourney director down in Portland did not bother to send us the story or summary. We got the following from the RUSE DE GUERRE ( a stratagem of war ) chess magazine put out by the Camas, Washington Chess Club.

Dalbergs was the highest rated player with 2248 and lived up to his ranking with a  $6\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  score allowing only a 4th round draw with sixth ranked JOHN BELL of Portland. Bell finished second with  $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  losing no games but suffering three draws, one apiece with Dalbergs, McCormick and Kern. JIM MCCORMICK, GREGORY KERN and FRANK NETTLETON, all with 5-2 scores, finished next highest. Second ranked McCormick was held to a surprising draw in the first round by EUGENE FOMIN of Issaquah. Later Jim drew with Bell and then lost his last round game to Dalbergs.

Kern lost to 28th ranked GEORGE ROBINSON (1605) in the first round and later had draws with both TERRY NELSON and Bell while winning four for his 5-2 record. Frank Nettleton won five, including a win over CLARK HARMON of Renton, and lost to both Dalbergs and McCormick.

The big surprise of the tournament was the showing of 16th rated PAT HICKEY of Seattle. His 5-2 score equalled those of McCormick, Kern and Frank Nettleton. Pat lost only to Dalbergs and Clark Harmon. The strongest player Hickey defeated was Dr. HENRIK LUNDH in the last round. Unrated ROY GATES joined the not-so-exclusive 5-2 scoring group, winning four, losing only to GERALD RONNING, and drawing both CLAY KELLEHER and BILL KIPLINGER. A STUDY of the chart furnished ( listed by ratings instead of order of finish ) reveals that Kiplinger also scored 5-2. He lost only to Dalbergs and drew both Fomin and Gates. So no less than six players tied for third with 5-2 scores! This is very unusual in a tourney of only 40 players.

All by his lonesome in 9th place with  $4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$  was Washington State Chess Champion Gerald Ronning with 3 wins, a first round loss to Lundh and 3 draws. He drew Fomin, BILL LYONS and Nelson.

The remaining 31 players had to make do with no better than 4-3 scores. Eight players finished with 4-3. They were Harmon, Nelson, RICK JEROME, COLYN AYKROYD, Dr. Lundh, Lyons, TIM NETTLETON and LIEF KARELL. The complete scoring list follows:

	W	L	D	Score		W	L	D	Score		W	L	D	Score
Dalbergs	6	0	1	$6\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	Bill Lyons	3	2	2	4 -3	Halvor Knudtzon	3	4	0	3 -4
Bell	4	0	3	$5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	Tim Nettleton	3	2	2	4 -3	George Laugen	3	4	0	3 -4
McCormick	4	1	2	5 -2	Lief Karell	4	3	0	4 -3	George Coggins	3	4	0	3 -4
Kern	4	1	2	5 -2	Fred Byron	3	3	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	Denny Jenquin	2	4	1	$2\frac{1}{2}-4\frac{1}{2}$
F. Nettleton	5	2	0	5 -2	Leon Sage	3	3	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	Milt Colpron	2	5	0	2 -5
Kiplinger	4	1	2	5 -2	C. Kelleher	3	3	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	Wayne Matson	2	5	0	2 -5
Hickey	5	2	0	5 -2	Russell Miller	3	3	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	Bill Smith	2	5	0	2 -5
Gates	4	1	2	5 -2	Eugene Fomin	1	1	5	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	Tracey Beardon	2	5	0	2 -5
Ronning	3	1	3	$4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$	Jack Schrader	3	3	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	Kitty Beardon	2	5	0	2 -5
Harmon	4	3	0	4 -3	George Robinson	2	2	3	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	Mike Vinyard	1	6	0	1 -6
Nelson	2	1	4	4 -3	Mike Schemm	3	3	1	$3\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$	Elberta Dennison	1	6	0	1 -6
Jerome	3	2	2	4 -3	Fred Schmidt	3	4	0	3 -4	Dot Dennison	1	6	0	1 -6
Aykroyd	4	3	0	4 -3	Pete Behr	3	4	0	3 -4					
Lundh	4	3	0	4 -3	Esther Schrader	3	4	0	3 -4					

Four women took part in this event.

OREGON OPEN

Round One				Round Two				Round Three			
Dalbergs	1	Behr	0	Dalbergs	1	Hickey	0	Dalbergs	over	F. Nettleton	
McCormick	$\frac{1}{2}$	Fomin	$\frac{1}{2}$	McCormick	1	Laugen	0	McCormick	over	Sage	
Lundh	1	Ronning	0	Ronning	1	Gates	0	Ronning	$\frac{1}{2}$	Fomin	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Schrader	1	Harmon	0	Harmon	1	Smith	0	Harmon	over	T. Nettleton	
Byron	1	Colpron	0	Schmidt	1	Byron	0	J. Schrader	over	Byron	
Bell	1	Vinyard	0	Bell	1	Miller	0	Bell	over	Schmidt	
Nelson	1	Jenquin	0	Lyons	1	Nelson	0	Nelson	over	Karell	
Robinson	1	Kern	0	Kern	1	E. Dennison	0	Kern	over	Colpron	
Jerome	1	E. Schrader	0	Jerome	1	T. Nettleton	0	Jerome	$\frac{1}{2}$	Lyons	$\frac{1}{2}$
F. Nettleton	1	Knudtson	0	F. Nettleton	1	J. Schrader	0	Aykroyd	over	Lundh	
Aykroyd	1	Laugen	0	Aykroyd	1	Matson	0	Kiplinger	over	Robinson	
Sage	1	Smith	0	Sage	$\frac{1}{2}$	Robinson	$\frac{1}{2}$	Kelleher	over	Schemm	
Kiplinger	1	Coggins	0	Kiplinger	$\frac{1}{2}$	Fomin	$\frac{1}{2}$	Hickey	over	Matson	
Kelleher	$\frac{1}{2}$	Gates	$\frac{1}{2}$	Lundh	1	Kelleher	0	Miller	over	E. Schrader	
Hickey	1	T. Beardon	0	T. Beardon	1	Behr	0	Behr	over	E. Dennison	
Schmidt	1	K. Beardon	0	Colpron	1	K. Beardon	0	Vinyard	over	D. Dennison	
Miller	1	Karell	0	Karell	1	Vinyard	0	Gates	over	Jenquin	
Lyons	1	Schemm	0	Jenquin	$\frac{1}{2}$	Schemm	$\frac{1}{2}$	Knudtson	over	T. Beardon	
T. Nettleton	1	D. Dennison	0	E. Schrader	1	Coggins	0	Laugen	over	Coggins	
Matson	1	E. Dennison	0	Knudtson	1	D. Dennison	0	Smith	over	K. Beardon	

Round Four				Round Five				Round Six			
Dalbergs	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bell	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dalbergs	1	Kiplinger	0	Dalbergs	1	Harmon	0
McCormick	1	Lyons	0	McCormick	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bell	$\frac{1}{2}$	McCormick	1	F. Nettleton	0
Ronning	1	Robinson	0	Ronning	$\frac{1}{2}$	Lyons	$\frac{1}{2}$	Ronning	$\frac{1}{2}$	Nelson	$\frac{1}{2}$
Harmon	1	Hickey	0	Harmon	1	Aykroyd	0	Kern	1	Byron	0
Byron	1	Vinyard	0	Byron	1	Matson	0	Bell	1	Jerome	0
Nelson	$\frac{1}{2}$	Jerome	$\frac{1}{2}$	Nelson	$\frac{1}{2}$	Kern	$\frac{1}{2}$	Aykroyd	1	Lyons	0
Kern	1	Kelleher	0	Jerome	1	J. Schrader	0	Sage	1	Miller	0
F. Nettleton	1	Miller	0	F. Nettltn	1	Schmidt	0	Kiplinger	$\frac{1}{2}$	Gates	$\frac{1}{2}$
Kiplinger	1	Aykroyd	0	Sage	1	Jenquin	0	Kelleher	1	Jenquin	0
Colpron	1	Sage	0	Robinson	1	Kelleher	0	Lundh	1	Schmidt	0
J. Schrader	1	Lundh	0	Lundh	1	Karell	0	Hickey	1	J. Schrader	0
Schmidt	1	Knudtson	0	Hickey	1	E. Schrader	0	T. Nettltn	$\frac{1}{2}$	Robinson	$\frac{1}{2}$
T. Nettltn	1	Laugen	0	Miller	1	Knudtson	0	Behr	1	K. Beardon	0
Jenquin	1	Behr	0	T. Nettltn	$\frac{1}{2}$	Fomin	$\frac{1}{2}$	Fomin	1	Colpron	0
Gates	1	Fomin	0	Schemm	1	Behr	0	Knudtson	1	Matson	0
Matson	1	Schemm	0	Gates	1	Colpron	0	E. Schrader	1	Smith	0
E. Schrader	1	T. Beardon	0	Laugen	1	K. Beardon	0	Schemm	1	Laugen	0
Karell	1	Smith	0	Smith	1	T. Beardon	0	Karell	1	E. Dennison	0
Coggins	1	E. Dennison	0	Coggins	1	D. Dennison	0	Coggins	1	T. Beardon	0
K. Beardon	1	D. Dennison	0	E. Dennison	got a Bye.			D. Dennison	got a Bye.		
				Vinyard	dropped out.						

Round Seven							
Dalbergs	1	McCormick	0	Miller	$\frac{1}{2}$	Robinson	$\frac{1}{2}$
Ronning	1	Sage	0	T. Nettleton	1	E. Schrader	0
F. Nettleton	1	Harmon	0	Behr	1	Matson	0
Byron	$\frac{1}{2}$	Nelson	$\frac{1}{2}$	Fomin	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Schrader	$\frac{1}{2}$
Bell	$\frac{1}{2}$	Kern	$\frac{1}{2}$	Jenquin	1	E. Dennison	0
Kiplinger	1	Jerome	0	Karell	1	Knudtson	0
Gates	1	Aykroyd	0	Laugen	1	Smith	0
Kelleher	1	Colpron	0	T. Beardon	1	D. Dennison	0
Hickey	1	Lundh	0	Schemm	1	Coggins	0
Lyons	1	Schmidt	0	K. Beardon	got a Bye.		

# LOCKHART, BRANDAL TOP WOODPUSHERS

SCOTT LOCKHART of Tacoma and WILLY BRANDAL of Seattle both scored 4-0 to top the 1963 Washington Woodpushers played Sunday, October 20th in the Seattle Center Food Circus. Lockhart won the title on Solkoff Points but Brandal's performance was more impressive. He not only won all of his games but directed the well attended 27 player event as well! The leadership of our WCF failed to supply a tourney director so Willy filled in. Another participant, RON ERICKSON, handled the money end of the tournament.

The two undefeated players each won \$25, not bad compensation for a day of winning chess games. Another \$10.01 was paid out to seven more players who scored 3-1. Each received \$1.43. Not much but then you are not supposed to lose.

JOHN BRALEY, at 1993, was the highest rated player. He was upset by 14th ranked DAVE WILLIAMS of Tacoma in the first round. Brandal was ranked second and Lockhart third at the beginning of the tournament.

		-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	Score	Solkoff
1.	Scott Lockhart Tacoma	W13	W14	W10	W3	4 -0	9.0
2.	Willy Brandal Seattle	W21	W11	W15	W4	4 -0	8.0
3.	Don Keeler Seattle	W16	W12	W6	L1	3 -1	11.0
4.	Norman Abrahamson Seattle	W18	W10	W5	L2	3 -1	10.5
5.	Eino Moks Seattle	W17	W7	L4	W12	3 -1	10.0
6.	Max Mage Seattle	W27	W8	L3	W14	3 -1	8.0
7.	Mal Skarsten F. Grove	W20	L5	W21	W11	3 -1	7.5
8.	Earnest Prentice Tacoma	W23	L6	W22	W15	3 -1	6.5 tied.
9.	John Braley Seattle	L10	W22	W17	W16	3 -1	6.5 "
10.	Dave Williams Tacoma	W9	L4	L1	W26	2 -2	10.5
11.	Ken Dart Everett	W19	L2	W23	L7	2 -2	9.5
12.	Earl Knapp Gig Hbr.	W25	L3	W13	L5	2 -2	9.0
13.	Ed Bosse Tacoma	L1	W19	L12	W25	2 -2	8.5
14.	Eddy Cooper Seattle	W26	L1	W24	L6	2 -2	8.0 tied.
15.	Cal Bertram Tacoma	W22	W24	L2	L8	2 -2	8.0 "
16.	Pete Olson Seattle	L3	W26	W18	L9	2 -2	8.0 "
17.	Ron Erickson Seattle	L5	W20	L9	W24	2 -2	8.0 "
18.	Ronald Morgan	L4	Bye	L16	W23	2 -2	6.0
19.	Gerald Stiles Seattle	L11	L13	Bye	W21	2 -2	5.0
20.	Dave Rupel Yakima	L7	L17	D26	W27	1½-2½	---
21.	Don Stratton	L2	W25	L7	L19	1 -3	9.5
22.	Jack Haeger	L15	L9	L8	Bye	1 -3	8.0
23.	Jim Shields	L8	W27	L11	L18	1 -3	6.5
24.	Dick Dorwin Seattle	Bye	L15	L14	L17	1 -3	6.0
25.	Lauren Owens	L12	L21	W27	L13	1 -3	5.0
26.	Darby Monahan	L14	L16	D20	L10	1½-3½	---
27.	Gordon Haughton Tacoma	L6	L23	L25	L20	0 -4	---

The only expenses were the \$20 table rent set up by WCF secretary CHARLES JOACHIM and any tournament director's expenses such as pairing cards.

# READER RILED AT RATINGS

In the April issue of the Washington Chess Letter you published three tournaments I sent in to have published & rated. These tournaments were the Bellingham Club Championship, the Whatcom County Junior & the High School Championship.

These tournaments were sent to be rated so that the players in them would have ratings in order to make pairings easier & so they would be eligible for class prizes in future tournaments. They were not rated in the April issue and when the ratings came out in the October issue, they were only partially rated.

Now out of the 39 players who participated, 14 players were not rated at all. Of these 14 players, 3 of them previously had ratings. They were JOSEF MAYR - 1523, HELA CASE - 1724 and JOHN GRAHAM - 1478. The others were new to chess activity in tournaments.

Now these figures really say a lot for the W. C. F. One-third of the players in tournaments will not receive a rating - even if they already have one!

If these tournaments were sent in by somebody "popular" with the W. C. F., then they would probably have been rated completely.

I cannot honestly see any reason at all for the W. C. F. to have a rating system if they rate only two-thirds of the member's games. This defeats the purpose of the rating system.

I wanted a lot of these players rated for the upcoming Peace Arch Open so that they would have a chance at class prizes and to make the pairings more accurate.

But now I do not even know if I want to send in the results of any upcoming tournaments or matches that the Bellingham Chess Club sponsors. It just is not worth the effort if they are going to be only partially rated.

Would you mind writing and telling just how a person gets tournaments rated. I would very much like to know.

MYRON MILLER

I am sure Mr. Miller is as "popular" as anybody in the W. C. F. So that couldn't be the reason. Also it is very doubtful that only two-thirds get rated just because that happened once to a group of Bellingham events. Your editor has nothing to do with the ratings but is sure that the ratings of the W. C. F. cover far more northwest players than do the ratings of the U. S. C. F. since most clubs are too cheap to want to send in a rating fee for every tourney and match they play.

Unless you can build something for the game of chess superior to our W. C. F., do not knock it! Do not try to injure it by withholding tournament and match results. All you will do is hurt the players taking the time and effort to play in your tournament and give the editor less work to do!

The only way to get tournaments rated is to send the results in to the editor & after they are published the ratings director will rate them.

THE EDITOR

## SEATTLE CLUB

The Seattle Chess Club's monthly speed tournament was held Friday evening Oct. 4th and attracted ten players. JIM CAMPBELL, fresh from the U. S. Open, won over a very strong field of players with an  $8\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  score.

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|------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 1. Jim Campbell  | $8\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  | 5-6 | Earl Wilson | 5-4 |
| 2. John Braley   | 8 -1                        | 7-8 | Jim Mulder  | 3-6 |
| 3. Willy Brandal | 6 -3                        | 7-8 | Jack Nourse | 3-6 |
| 4. Clark Harmon  | $5\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$ | 9.  | G. Stiles   | 1-8 |
| 5-6 Svend Monrad | 5 -4                        | 10. | S. Knodle   | 0-9 |

The next speed tournament will be held Friday evening November 1st. This will be a five minute tournament. Players are asked to bring clocks.

The Seattle Chess Club is in room 317-A in the Seattle Center Food Circus Building. Monthly speed tournaments are held on the 1st Friday evening of each month.

by FRED HOWARD



# GAMES

This game gave Dick Schultz the chess championship of the state of Louisiana.

## Irregular Opening

Richard Schultz                      Adrian McAuley

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|----------|--------|
| 1. P-QB4 | N-KB3  |
| 2. N-QB3 | P-K3   |
| 3. P-K4  | P-QN3? |

Black confuses his opening systems. Perfectly playable is 3....P-Q4 4. P-K5 P-Q5 5. PxN PxN etc.

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|----------|------|
| 4. P-K5  | N-N1 |
| 5. P-Q4  | B-N5 |
| 6. Q-N4! | K-B1 |

6....P-KN3, planning to castle queen-side, may have been preferable. Now Black's undeveloped K-side will hamper his development for some time.

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|-------------|-------|
| 7. N-B3     | B-N2  |
| 8. B-Q3     | P-KB4 |
| 9. PxP o.p. | NxP   |

Of course not 9....QxP? 10. N-K5, which threatens B-N5.

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|-------------|------|
| 10. Q-N3    | B-K5 |
| 11. BxB     | NxB  |
| 12. Q-B4ch. | N-B3 |
| 13. O-O     | BxN  |

Black seeks to relieve the pressure by exchanges. Unfortunately, he cannot play P-Q4 without leaving his KP woefully weak.

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| 14. PxB   | N-B3 |
| 15. P-Q5! |      |

White starts his attack with a thrust at Black's weak point, K3.

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| 15. ---- | N-K2 |
| 16. PxP  | PxP  |
| 17. B-R3 | P-B4 |
| 18. N-N5 |      |

The KP must fall. White's previous move prevented 17....Q-Q3, with chances for defense.

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| 18. ---- | Q-Q2? |
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This move, allowing the Queen's Rook to develop at the expense of the queen, must be labeled as the fatal error. After 18....Q-B1, Black's game, although inferior, still held fighting chances due to White's broken Q-side pawns.

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| 19. QR-Q1 | N-N3 |
| 20. Q-B3  |      |

White resisted the temptation to play 20. QxNch. PxQ 21. RxQ PxN 22. KR-Q1 K-K1 and Black can hold his own.

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| 20. ----   | Q-B1 |
| 21. NxPch. |      |

21. R-Q8ch. QxR 22. NxPch. K-B2 23. N xQch. RxN was sufficient, but White's weak Q-side pawns would make the win a bit difficult. White intends to give Black no play whatsoever.

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| 21. ----    | K-B2  |
| 22. N-N5ch. | K-N1  |
| 23. KR-K1   | P-KR3 |

The only way to develop the KR, but this creates a new weakness.

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| 24. N-K6  | K-R2 |
| 25. B-B1  | R-K1 |
| 26. Q-B5! | N-N1 |

No adequate defense exists to threats of BxRP and R-Q3-N3.

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| 27. BxRP! | N(1)-K2 |
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Or 27....NxB 28. N-N5ch. K-N1 29. QxN RxRch. 30. RxR Q-B4 31. QxQ NxQ and White has an easy end game. And if 27.... KxB 28. Q-R3ch. N-R5 29. QxNch. K-N3 30. Q-N5 ch. K any 31. QxP mate.

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| 28. Q-B7 | R-KN1 |
| 29. BxP  |       |

Good enough, but 29. R-Q3 followed by R-R3 would have been more accurate.

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| 29. ---- | QxN |
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The only way to stop the threat of N-N5 mate.

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| 30. RxQ     | RxB      |
| 31. Q-B3    | R-KB1    |
| 32. Q-R3ch. | K-N1     |
| 33. Q-K3    | N-B4     |
| 34. Q-K4    | N(4)-K2  |
| 35. P-N3    | R(1)-B2  |
| 36. R-Q8ch. | N-B1     |
| 37. R-K8    | N-N3     |
| 38. R(6)xN  | Resigns. |

For after 38....RxR 39. QxRch.

All notes by Schultz. He adds that the above game is a good illustration of what happens after careless opening play leads to further difficulties. From this game it is hard to believe McAuley is a former master. However, he likes weird openings like this.

Dick also writes that a six or seven team league is being formed in Louisiana with New Orleans, Shreveport, Lafayette, Baton Rouge and Lake Charles as probable members. Dick is "sparkplugging" the operation and setting up a schedule.

(Editor's note: All the "sparkplugs" who agreed to promote northwest chess at the last annual meeting seem to be missing or worn out! What's the matter - too tired?)

Here is an interesting tournament game won by George Kenny. John VanSant threatens to win the end-game but there is no end-game because of Black's vast positional superiority. At the end VanSant's blunder makes no difference since his king is hopelessly enmeshed in a tremendous cross-fire of hostile pieces.

John Van Sant

George Kenney

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| 1. P-KN3    | P-QB4   |
| 2. B-N2     | N-QB3   |
| 3. N-QB3    | P-KN3   |
| 4. P-K4     | B-N2    |
| 5. KN-K2    | P-K3    |
| 6. P-Q3     | KN-K2   |
| 7. N-B4     | N-Q5    |
| 8. O-O      | O-O     |
| 9. QN-K2    | P-Q3    |
| 10. P-QB3   | NxNch.  |
| 11. QxN     | B-Q2    |
| 12. B-K3    | Q-R4    |
| 13. P-QR3   | QR-B1   |
| 14. P-KR4   | P-KR4   |
| 15. B-B3    | P-K4    |
| 16. N-Q5    | NxN     |
| 17. PxN     | Q-Q1    |
| 18. Q-Q2    | K-R2    |
| 19. B-N2    | P-N3    |
| 20. QR-K1   | P-B5    |
| 21. PxP     | RxP     |
| 22. P-B4    | P-B4    |
| 23. PxP     | PxP     |
| 24. P-N3    | R-B1    |
| 25. P-B4    | P-B5    |
| 26. PxP     | QxP     |
| 27. R-B3    | B-N5    |
| 28. B-B2    | Q-Q1    |
| 29. R(3)-K3 | RxP     |
| 30. B-N3    | R-Q5    |
| 31. Q-KB2   | Q-B1    |
| 32. QxQ     | RxQ     |
| 33. R-KB1   | RxRch.  |
| 34. BxR     | R-Q8    |
| 35. P-N4    | P-K5    |
| 36. R-K1    | B-Q5ch. |
| 37. B-B2?   | RxR     |

And Black won in a few more moves.  
If 37. K-R2 R-Q7ch. 38. B-N2 B-KB6  
and Black wins.

GEORGE LAUGEN writes "I had a real good time up in Portland over the Labor Day weekend. Won 3 lost 4 and got to play and lose one to McCormick. That man, even against a "C" player, plays to win. I walked into a play of his and resigned. He said "go on" so I did and he showed me the mate he had lined up for me."

Charles L. Allyn

Viktors Pupols

WCF Postal Section 62A-9A

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| 1. P-K4    | P-K4    |
| 2. N-KB3   | N-QB3   |
| 3. B-B4    | N-B3    |
| 4. N-N5    | P-Q4    |
| 5. PxP     | N-QR4   |
| 6. B-N5ch. | P-B3    |
| 7. PxP     | PxP     |
| 8. B-K2    | P-KR3   |
| 9. N-KB3   | P-K5    |
| 10. N-K5   | Q-Q5    |
| 11. P-KB4  | B-QB4   |
| 12. R-B1   | Q-Q1    |
| 13. P-B3   | N-Q4    |
| 14. Q-R4   | O-O     |
| 15. QxKP   | Q-R5ch. |
| 16. K-Q1   | R-Q1    |
| 17. P-Q4   | B-N3    |
| 18. P-KR3  | P-QB4   |
| 19. B-Q3   | P-B4    |
| 20. Q-K2   | PxP     |
| 21. P-B4   | N-N5    |
| 22. B-Q2   | NxB     |
| 23. QxN    | Q-R4ch. |
| 24. Q-K2   | Q-K1    |
| 25. P-QN3  | B-N2    |
| 26. BxN    |         |

White should retain this bishop in view of his weakness on the black squares.

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| 26. ----            | BxB        |
| 27. N-Q2            | B-QB6      |
| 28. R-B1            | P-QR4      |
| 29. P-QR4           | QR-N1      |
| 30. R-KN1           | P-Q6       |
| 31. NxP             | RxN        |
| 32. QxQch.          |            |
| If 32. QxR BxN.     |            |
| 32. ----            | RxQ        |
| 33. K-B2            | RxNch.     |
| 34. KxB             | R(K)-Q1    |
| 35. R-B2            | R(1)-Q6ch. |
| 36. K-N2            | RxRch.     |
| 37. KxR             | B-K5       |
| 38. K-N2            | R-Q7ch.    |
| 39. K-B3            | RxP        |
| 40. RxR             | BxR        |
| 41. P-R4            | K-B2       |
| 42. P-B5            | K-K3       |
| 43. K-B4            | B-B8ch.    |
| 44. K-B3            | K-Q4       |
| 45. P-N4            | PxPch.     |
| 46. KxP             | K-B3       |
| 47. P-QR5           | B-k7       |
| 48. White resigned. |            |

Vik also won the other postal game he had with Allyn but it wasn't as interesting.

James McCormick

Ivars Dalbergs

( Annotated by Dalbergs )

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| 1. P-QB4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. N-QB3 | P-K3  |
| 3. N-B3  | P-Q4  |
| 4. P-Q4  | P-B3  |
| 5. P-K3  | QN-Q2 |
| 6. B-Q3  | PxP   |
| 7. BxP   | P-QN4 |
| 8. B-Q3  | P-QR3 |
| 9. O=O   | P-B4  |
| 10. Q-K2 | B-N2  |
| 11. R-Q1 | Q-B2  |

In this last round game, Mr. James McCormick was out for a win. (Just trying to think of a new name; he has been called everything else). Mr. McCormick had dropped an unexpected draw in an earlier game - NOT the draw with Lombardy in the U. S. Open - and needed a full point to win or tie the tournament. Here Mr. James McCormick holds some fixed ideas about flexible pawn structures. The text move was played in the belief that he would eschew the usual P-K4 in favor of the dynamic P-QN3 and B-N2. Now 12. P-K4 is playable, but 12. P-QN3 fails against PxP.

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| 12. P-KR3  | B-K2  |
| 13. B-Q2   | O=O   |
| 14. QR-B1  | Q-N3  |
| 15. B-N1   | KR-Q1 |
| 16. B-K1?! | N-B1  |
| 17. PxP    | BxP   |
| 18. B-Q2   | N-N3  |
| 19. P-K4   |       |

After all.

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| 19. ----  | QR-B1 |
| 20. P-R3  | B-B3  |
| 21. P-QN4 | B-K2  |
| 22. B-R2  | Q-N2  |

The attempt to plant a Knight on KB5 by 22.---N-R4 23. N-N5! N-B5 24. BxN NxB 25. Q-N4 N-Q6 26. R-B2 N-K4 27. Q-B4 leads to simplification but no visible advantage for Black.

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| 23. N-N5 | N-B1 |
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Prevents 24. NxKP and the standard swap of two minor pieces for a Rook and two Pawns. Black cannot afford it in this position mainly because he lacks specific targets on either wing to counter the central advance of White's Pawns.

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| 24. R-K1  | P-R3 |
| 25. N-B3  | N-N3 |
| 26. QR-Q1 | N-Q2 |
| 27. N-Q4  | B-B3 |

28. NxB?

This move seems appealing in a routine way. It wins the "minor exchange" of Bishop vs. Knight and eliminates the pressure on one long diagonal; but it also increases pressure on the other and removes White's most active piece, whereupon his position suddenly stiffens into rigor mortis.

Correct was 28. N-N3!, keeping an eye on QB5 and QR5. In reply, Black can start the maneuver N(3)-K4-B5, or play 28.---Q-N1, followed by B-R1, very, very quietly, while White meditates on a more effective placement of his Bishops. Both methods secure at least equality. On the other hand, the tempting 28.---BxN 29. N-R5 Q-R1 30. BxB BxP 31. QxB QxQ 32. RxQ RxB 33. N-N7 wins a Pawn but loses a piece.

28. ---- RxN

29. N-N1

Or 29. R-QB1 N(2)-K4, followed by N-QB5 or N-Q6; Black has a virtual stranglehold on the important central squares.

The best chance for a protracted defense was 29. N-Q5 PxN 30. BxP Q-B2 31. BxR QxR, although this is merely a sub-standard variation of the standard swap discussed previously. White loses out on a Pawn in the bargain, and does not get a passed Pawn.

29. ---- R-B7

30. B-N3 R-N7

Stepping in for a peep at forbidden places The Rook cannot be trapped. After 31. Q-K3 N(2)-K4 32. B-B3 fails against RxB, 32. B-B1 against RxN and 32. Q-QB3 against N-Q6. Therefore, White tries to protect the Bishop along the third rank, but this idea, too, is marred by a flaw.

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| 31. Q-B3 | N(2)-K4            |
| 32. Q-N3 | R-Q6               |
| 33. R-K3 | R(7)xKB (the flaw) |
| 34. RxR  | RxR                |

White resigns.

It was a pleasure to meet Clark Harmon that morning at the board. He was blithe, bouncy, effervescent - and half an hour late. The last fact proved to have some bearing on the outcome of the game.

Clark Harmon

Ivars Dalbergs

( Annotated by Dalbergs )

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| 1. P-K4  | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4  | PxP   |
| 4. PxP   | N-B3  |
| 5. N-QB3 | P-Q3  |
| 6. B-K2  | P-K4  |

- 7. N-N3 B-K2
- 8. B-K3 P-QR4
- 9. O-O O-O
- 10. Q-Q2 P-R5
- 11. N-B1 Q-R4
- 12. B-B3

At the expense of immobilizing his Bishop, White renders the advance of Black's QP all but impossible, and vacates a square for the Knight. More to the point, however, was 12. P-QR3!, also creating an outlet for the Knight and preventing the following move which Black neglected to make on his last turn.

- 12.----- P-R6!
- 13. P-QN3 B-K3
- 14. N(B1)-K2 P-QN4
- 15. KR-Q1

White is still intent on barricading the Q file, but the center of gravity has already shifted to the QB file and the backward QBP. This was actually White's last chance to wriggle out of the vise by 15. N-Q5! BxN 16. PxN ( Not 16. QxQ? NxQ 17. PxN P-K5 ) N-QN5 17. P-B3 N-R3 18. N-N3 KR-QB1 19. QR-B1 with approximate equality.

- 15.----- N-QN5
- 16. P-R3
- 17. P-N4 R-B2
- 18. KR-QB1 QR-QB1
- 19. Q-K1

It was too late now for 16. N-Q5? BxN 17. PxN P-K5. Black threatened 19.---K-B1 and 20.---N-R3, persuading the Knight to leave and capturing the unfortunate QBP. The text move tries to counter this plan by 20. B-Q2 with an indirect pin on Black's Queen.

- 19.----- N-R3
- 20. P-N4?!

If 20. B-Q2 P-N5 wins the Pawn anyway. White, therefore, tries to whip up some complications. Unfortunately, an unfeeling 3rd party - the clock - happened to favor Black at this juncture. And not only that. There is a larger problem here. It can be summarized perhaps, in the form of a small addendum to the CHESS MAXIMS revealed by my friend Pupols in these pages; He who sins strategically can be redeemed tactically only with the blessings of the opponent.

- 20.----- NxNP
- 21. B-Q2 Q-R3
- 22. NxP NxEP!

Or 22. QR-N1 NxRP. Now White discovers that the intended 23. NxR NxQ 24. NxQ NxBeh. 25. K-N2 NxB 26. RxRch. BxR is quite hopeless too.

- 23. Q-Q1 QxN 24. QR-N1 Q-Q6 25. R-N3? BxR 26. White resigns.

Seafair Open, 1963

Dr. A. Petit Dr. A.A. Murray

( Annotated by Pupols )

Scalpels ready!

- 1. P-K4 P-K3
- 2. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3. N-QB3 B-N5
- 4. P-QR3 BxNch.
- 5. PxB PxB
- 6. Q-N4 N-KB3
- 7. QxNP R-N1
- 8. Q-R6 QN-Q2

Both sides have made a quick incision in the opponent's Pawn structure. Black's following buildup is very solid.

- 9. KN-K2 P-B4
- 10. Q-K3 P-N3
- 11. N-B4 B-N2
- 12. B-B4

This move later becomes a liability. 12. B-K2 serves better.

- 12.----- Q-K2
- 13. P-R3 O-O-O
- 14. P-QR4?

Black has a good game in any case, after ----P-K4.

- 14.----- PxB!
- 15. Q-Q2

Recapture loses a piece; but Black has a lot of clamps handy.

- 15. ----- P-K4
- 16. N-K2 P-K6!
- 17. PxB N-K5

Also threatening ----Q-R5ch., and how do I mate thee? Let me count the ways.... 18. White resigns.

PEACE ARCH OPEN SNAFU !

Nearly two weeks prior to this writing Bellingham held their Peace Arch Open & we understand the title and a trophy went to a British Columbia player. However, the Bellingham tournament director blundered on the tie-breaking. A Seattle player, who tied for first in games with the "winner" actually had more tie-breaking points! One of his opponents - another Seattle player - later dropped out forfeiting three games. For tie-breaking purposes only these forfeit losses are considered draws and give any opponents played prior to the dropout one and one-half points in the tie-breaking column. This protects a player who has one of his opponents later drop out of a tournament. We sincerely hope Bellingham will right matters and that the WCL will receive a story.



# 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 SEPT. 30, 1963

Section					Pts.	
May	62B-5A	Howard	1	Skarsten	0	52
9/4	63B-1A	Baskett	1	Ward	0	20
	63B-1B	Baskett	½	Ward	½	30
9/11	62A-3B	Abrahamson	1	Van Patten	0	10
	62A-3B	Abrahamson	1	Scripps	0	46
9/13	62B-2B	Skoglund	1	Webb	0	44
	62B-2A	H.Raymond	1	Van Sant	0	32
9/15	62A-3A	Scripps	1	Abrahamson	0	62
9/19	62B-5B	Skarsten	½	Howard	½	14
9/20	63A-5B	Vellias	1	Collins	0	48
9/22	62C-7A	E. Denison	1	Link	0	14
9/25	62B-5B	Merk	1	Christey	0	78
9/28	Private	Skarsten	1	Vanatta	0	50
	Private	Skarsten	1	Vanatta	0	50
	Private	Vanatta	1	Skarsten	0	50

	62A-3A	62A-3B	
Morris	x 0 1 1	x 1 1 1	5
Abrahamson	1 x 0 1	0 x 1 1	4
Scripps	0 1 x 1	0 0 x 1	2
Van Patten	0 0 0 x	0 0 0 x	0

Van Patten was forced to withdraw because of illness. Morris wins and is entitled to one of the usual prizes if he will advise which one he wants.

## How Ratings Are Calculated

### RATING CHART

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4
0	50	50	0
20	48	52	2
40	46	54	4
60	44	56	6
80	42	58	8
100	40	60	10
120	38	62	12
140	36	64	14
160	34	66	16
180	32	68	18
200	30	70	20
220	28	72	22
240	26	74	24
260	24	76	26
280	22	78	28
300	20	80	30
320	18	82	32
340	16	84	34
360	14	86	36
380	12	88	38
400	10	90	40
420	10	92	42
440	10	94	44
460	10	96	46
480	10	98	48
500	10	100	50

The chart at the right shows how we figure the ratings for games won, lost or drawn. If you will keep this on file you can check the points awarded for your games to see if we calculate them correctly. We have been known to make some mistakes.

We welcome Brandt, and Franklin to our postal chess tournaments in the "A" Division. These men are new to this part of the Nation and we hope they will find our brand of postal chess pleasing.

We now have three "A" players, three "C" and two "B" players waiting for other entries to fill up sections in their respective divisions.

Attention is called to the 48 hour rule in which an answer should be sent to your opponent's move. We have no alternative but to declare games as forfeited when a player complains about this rule being violated. If a player is to be delayed in answering he should so advise his opponent so that he will not be sending repeat cards. It is only common courtesy to advise your opponent. It is quite aggravating to most players to not hear from their opponent and to send repeat cards two or three times and still no response. Let's give our opponent the same courtesy that we expect from him.

The basic change is 50 points, plus for winner, minus for the loser—for players rated within 10 points of each other. See top rating chart.

When a player at 966, as an example, engages one at 812, we figure their difference in ratings, for column 1, as 80, and follow that line out. If the higher wins (col. 2), we give him 42 points, deduct 42 from his opponent. If he loses (col. 3), we deduct 58 and add 58 to his opponent's rating. On a draw (col. 4), we deduct 8 points from the higher, add 8 to the lower player.

