

Historical WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER recaps by Russell Miller July 1958

WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER of July 1958 says it was issue 128. The Seattle Seafair tournament announcement was on page 2 of Editor Dan Wade's work. The tournament site was to be the Seattle YMCA at 4th & Madison in downtown Seattle. They played 6 rounds in two days in those days. Time control was 40 in 1.5 hours. The entry fee was all of \$3.00 with first prize of at least \$25.00. The annual International Match between Washington and British Columbia was announced for August 10th.

On June 22 8 players from BC had come to Olaf Ulvestad's Chess Center for a match with Seattle area players. Washington won 5.5-2.5. Elmars Zemgalis defeated Elod Macskasy, Ulvestad was the victor over Don Murray and Jim McCormick beat Jack Patty. Charles Griffiths lost to Frank May, G.S.G. Patterson downed Gerhard Neufahrt, Dan Wade lost to Jack Taylor, Viesturs Seglins drew with George Zorkowitz and Dr. A. A. Murray beat Kaj Nielson. Some of the game scores were given in the magazine.

In a playoff two game match Dan Wade defeated Oliver Morris to win the 5th N. E. Seattle Invitational. They had both scored 5.5-2.5 in the 5 player event. The event was held in the player's homes.

Report and crosstable on the Idaho Open can be found in this issue. Top three on the crossable in tie-break order were Dr. Peter Lapiken of Missoula, Viesturs Seglins of Seattle and Jim McCormick also Seattle. All had scored 4-1. 18 players took part the top section. The 13 player "B" Section was won by George Rasor of Boise. No cross table was given for the Golden Rose tournament held in the Portland Oregon YMCA but round by round results were. Arthur Dake and Olaf Ulvestad tied at 4.5-.5, They drew in round 4. 24 players took part.

McNeil Island Pen was visited by a group from the Olympia Chess Club and the pen won 12.5-3.5. The Walla Walla Pen beat a group from Richland 10.5-3.5. Charles Griffiths of Seattle won the 11 player Oregon Junior with a perfect 5-0 score. Griffiths was the current Washington Junior Champion at that time. 6 of the players in the event were from Seattle. Clark Harmon of Portland was 2nd at 4-1, losing to Griffiths in round 3. A report was made of the Washington/Oregon Junior All Stars team trip to Idaho and California. The team was made up of Phil Moormann and Buz Eddy of West Seattle, Chris Napjus and Jim Munro of Highline plus Bob Brown of Dundee, Oregon. They played March 29-April 5th in Nampa, Boise, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Rupert all in Idaho. The California matches were in N. Hollywood, San Francisco and San Jose. Report on the 1958 Seattle High School Championship lists West Seattle as the winning team. The postal chess section has a couple of games with notes by Ulvestad. The top player on the postal rating list is Coubrough.