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A Chronicle for Puget Sound Chess Fans

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A salute to the Puget Sound Chess League Founder - By George Rehberg.

Due to the efforts of John Nourse of Bainbridge Island, the new Chess League is now functioning. It is the opinion of the writer that we owe Mr. Nourse a vote of thanks for his tireless efforts to promote our game. Most of us are familiar with Mr. Nourse's chess playing ability, but for the benefit of those who are not, we would like to quote his tournament record in Kitsap County for the past two yrs.

| | <u>Played</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Drawn</u> | <u>Lost</u> | <u>Prize</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Kistap County Tourney March 1945 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1st |
| Kitsap Co. Summer Tourney July 1945 | 22 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 1st |
| Bainbridge Island Tourney Feb. 1946 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1st |
| Kitsap County Play-off March 1946 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 1st |

We just hope his promotional talents pay off as well.

First matches of the Puget Sound League start Oct. 4, 1946. Actually the Puget Sound League will get started on Oct. 3rd when Everett meets Bremerton at the Seattle Chess Club, new location 608 3rd Ave. However, all other clubs will test their strength on Friday, Oct. 4th. Play must start at 8:30 P.M. This date will match the following teams:

- Tacoma vs. Bainbridge Island
- U. of Wash. vs. Queen Anne
- Seattle Chess Club vs. Bye or any new entry

Results will be published in our next issue. The next round will be played off on Friday, Nov. 1st at 8:30 P.M. Where this date is inconvenient, matched teams may mutually agree on any date before Nov. 4, 1946.

The second round draw is as follows:

- Bainbridge Island vs. Bremerton
- Everett vs. Seattle
- Tacoma vs. University of Wash.
- Queen Anne vs. Bye

Tournament Entry Fee to be \$2.50 per Club. Please pay fee to John Nourse, Route 1, Box 787, Port Blakely, Wash., Tournament Director.

BREMERTON CHESS CLUB HOLDS INFORMAL TOURNEY

An informal tournament was held at the home of Geo. Rehberg on Sept. 19th to determine the order of play for the Everett-Bremerton match. Chas. Magerkurth, Class A correspondence player, will lead the team, coming thru the tourney undefeated with a score of 4½ - ½. Lt. Stauffer was second with a score of 4 - 1. Stauffer succumbed to Magerkurth after defeating Rehberg, who played white against a Sicilian defence.

THE FINAL STANDING FOR THE CLUB

Magerkurth, Stauffer, Rehberg, Johnson, Offerdahl with Sabin and Rev. R. Decker as alternates.

INFORMATION NEEDED: The editor would appreciate any items of interest from the several Chess Clubs concerning their activities. Write any information you may have to George Rehberg, 46 Magnusson Way, Bremerton, Wash.

BOSTON CHESS WINS ARE MEANINGLESS: After enjoying a New England vacation replete with chess victories, Geo. Rehberg returned home to Bremerton full of confidence. He sat down to his first reunion game with an opponent he was accustomed to trimming and was himself defeated in five moves!!!

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SECRETARY COMES UP WITH A FAST ONE (he hopes): John Nourse, Secretary of Bainbridge Island Club is asking the Bainbridge players to assume all responsibility for attendance at League matches. When any player finds he cannot attend, it will be up to him to furnish a substitute or forfeit a fine of \$1.00. Mr. Nourse hopes he will never have to collect. Each player will have a list of other team members and their phone numbers. With this system he hopes he won't have to spend the entire night before play combing the woods and beaches.

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CLUB SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE !

George Rehberg's Chess News is the ideal medium for disseminating the local Chess events. But, before he can print it he has to receive it.

The same is true of the League Secretary who is collaborating closely with Mr. Rehberg. Mr. Nourse is anxious to have each club Secretary mail him a post card immediately after each match listing all players and their scores. The League Secretary will then mail the results to the Seattle, Tacoma, Everett and Bremerton papers. More detailed accounts will be printed in this paper.

Only in this way, with your help, can the League Secretary keep the information before the chess-playing public while it is still hot. And further, only by this method can G.R. give you the more detailed information you will enjoy.

Please mail your card to John Nourse, Route 1 Box 787, Port Blakely, Washington immediately after each match.

EXTRA COPIES OF CHESS NEWS AT SEATTLE C.C.

PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE GETS OFF TO FINE START

The first round of the League was run off in fine style with an enthusiastic crowd of the finest chess talent in the Northwest participating.

The high light of the meeting was the strong resistance put up by Mr. Raleigh's Queen Anne Club against the virile U. of W. Stars. Mr. Raleigh himself setting a fast pace by taking 1 1/2 points.

Seattle and Tacoma came through with decisive wins as expected.

That the teams are nicely balanced is indicated by the fact that only these 7 players out of 40 won both their games: - Sheets and Tracy of Seattle; Holmes, Hultman and Coubrough of Tacoma; Fletcher of University, and Hildenbrand of Everett; being the unbeaten untied men.

N.A. Roberts and Au Yong of University, Neil Power of Everett, and W.H. Raleigh of Queen Anne, came through with a win and a draw. With only 11 players out of 40 doing better than break even, all indications point to a hard battle.

- - - FINAL RESULTS FOLLOW - - -

| Seattle | ---- | Skagit | | Tacoma | --- | Bainbridge | |
|-------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|
| Sheets | 2 | Gnagey | 0 | Holmes | 2 | Nourse | 0 |
| Howard | 1 | Gordon | 1 | Collins | 1 | Henry | 1 |
| Fredrickson | 1 | Brandstrom | 1 | Coubrough | 2 | Hagen | 0 |
| Tracy | 2 | Thurmond | 0 | Hultman | 2 | Norman | 0 |
| Furray | 1 | Eichman | 1 | Fenton | 1 | Webster | 1 |
| | <u>7</u> | | <u>3</u> | | <u>8</u> | | <u>2</u> |

| University | ---- | Queen Anne | | Bremerton | --- | Everett | |
|--------------|-------|--------------|-----|------------|-----|---------|-------|
| N.A. Roberts | 1 1/2 | H.H. Roberts | 1/2 | Magerkurth | 1 | Taro | 1 |
| Fletcher | 2 | Hazen | 0 | Stauffer | 1 | Power | 1 1/2 |

The second round draw is as follows, with the first named team being the host team:

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| Bainbridge Island | vs. | Bremerton (October 24th. 1946) |
| Everett | vs. | Seattle |
| Tacoma | vs. | University |
| Queen Anne | vs, | Skagit County |

THE TIME LIMIT

The time limit is a handicap to some players and except for the Bremerton-Everett match, was discarded by mutual consent on the first round.

But to protect players who have a transportation schedule the rule must stand.

We suggest that teams and players contact each other well before each match to see if they should arrange a special schedule. In this way perhaps more time can be gained. There is no ruling as to when the games are to be played except that they must be played before or at a certain time.

Each Club Secretary should be able to smooth this situation over a bit.

CLUB SECRETARIES' ADDRESSES

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------|--|
| Everett----- | Peter Husby, | 3707 Smith Street, Everett, Wn. |
| Queen Anne----- | W.H. Raleigh, | 4318 Densmore, Seattle, Wash. |
| Univ. of Wash.----- | R. King, | 1417 E. 42nd. Str., Seattle Wn. |
| Tacoma----- | L. Coubrough, | 2918 No. 21st. Str., Tacoma, Wn. |
| Seattle----- | La Fever, | 608 3rd. Av., Seattle, Wash. |
| Skagit----- | R.C. Cannon, | Mt. Vernon, Wash. Phone 4051 |
| Bainbridge----- | J. Nourse, | Rt. 1, Box 787, Port Blakely, Wash. |
| Bremerton----- | G. Rehberg, | 46 E. Magnuson Way, Bremerton, Wn. Phone 3449 W |

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SEATTLE, SKAGIT, BREMERTON WIN IN SECOND ROUND

Seattle overwhelmed Everett 8-2 which was a greater margin than we had expected. Skagit County came through with a well earned win over Queen Anne, the score in that contest being 6½-3½. Tacoma and the University of Washington had a drawn match 5-5. Perhaps the surprise of the second round was Bremerton's 7½-2½ win over Bainbridge Island. The Islanders were spared further humiliation by John Nourse's brilliant two wins against Charles Magerkurth.

| SEATTLE | EVERETT | TACOMA | UNIVERSITY |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| J.L. Sheets --- 1½ | L.W. Taro ---- ½ | Holmes ---- 1 | N.H. Roberts 1 |
| C.K. Joachim --- 1½ | Neil Power --- ½ | Collins ---- 1 | A. Fletcher - 1 |
| B.B. Beckford - 2 | J.A. Naas --- 0 | Coubrough -- ½ | A. AuYong --- 1½ |
| Weissenborn ½-½ | Hildenbrand ½-½ | Hultman --- 1½ | Stuart Oles- ½ |
| Frederickson - 2 | Peter Husby -- 0 | Engstrom -- 1 | R.T. King --- 1 |
| 8 | 2 | 5 | 5 |

| SLAGIT COUNTY | QUEEN ANNE | BREMERTON | BAINBRIDGE |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Abbott, ----- 1½ | V.W. Bever --- ½ | Magerkurth -- 0 | J. Nourse -- 2 |
| Gnagey ----- 1 | H.H. Roberts -- 1 | Lt. Stauffer, 2 | J. Henry ---- 0 |
| Brandstrom -- 2 | Leake ----- 0 | Geo. Rehberg, 2 | J. Graham --- 0 |
| Thurmond --- 1 | Raleigh ---- 1 | F. Johnson --- 1½ | Nyhus ----- ½ |
| Cannon ----- 1 | Brewster ---- 1 | M. Danskin --- 2 | Norman ----- 0 |
| 6½ | 3½ | 7½ | 2½ |

The Third Round must be played on or before November 22nd, and pairs the following teams:

- Bainbridge Island at home to the University of Washington
- Seattle Chess Club vs. Queen Anne Chess Club
- Skagit County at home to Everett Chess Club
- Tacoma Chess Club vs. Bremerton (at Seattle Chess Club)

TEAM STANDINGS

| Team | Won | Lost | Drawn |
|------------|-----|------|-------|
| SEATTLE | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| TACOMA | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| UNIVERSITY | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| BREMER TON | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| SCOTT CO. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| EVERETT | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| QUEEN ANNE | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| BAINBRIDGE | 0 | 2 | 0 |

TOP PLAYERS (4 games)

| Players | Won | Lost |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| SHEETS (S) | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| HULTMAN (T) | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| HILDENBRAND (E) | 3 | 1 |
| FREDERICKSON (S) | 3 | 1 |
| BRANDSTROM (SK) | 3 | 1 |
| FLETCHER (U) | 3 | 1 |
| HOLMES (T) | 3 | 1 |
| REHBERG (B) | 3 | 1 |

UNDEFEATED PLAYERS IN THE CHESS LEAGUE

Although they have only played two games in league competition the following players deserve credit for being unbeaten:

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Eracy (S) | Won 2 | lost 0 |
| 2. BICKFORD (S) | 2 | 0 |
| 3. DANSKINS (B) | 2 | 0 |
| 4. ABBOTT (SK) | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5. JOACHIM (S) | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ |

EDITORIAL ON CONDUCT OF THE GAME

The continued popularity of chess with league players and the attraction of new talent is important to those of us who enjoy the game.

Now, as you all know, chess has long had a reputation of being a slow game and sometimes deservedly so. The popular impression of chess by the layman and his almost invariable expression when the subject is introduced is: "Oh, yes, that's the game where they sit for hours without making a move or doing anything isn't it?" We are sorry to say that they are right a good deal of the time at least.

Remember that when you ponder moves for an excessive length of time you are helping to add to this popular impression besides disgusting your opponent and the spectators.

Along this line of thought we would like to recommend more speed Tournaments such as Everett recently held.

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The University of Washington team through its president, R.T. King, wishes to inform local chess circles that they had a most enjoyable session at the Hotel Carlton as guests of Leslie C. Crough and his Tacoma Club. Tacoma shared the games, the points and the refreshments. Mr. King takes this method of announcing his appreciation.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR GIVES THANKS

Recently our Tournament Director made a plea for a nominal sum from each club to help defray the tournament expenses. Mr. Nourse was quite pleased with Skagit's Ten Dollar donation to the Leagues' Treasury. He wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of the clubs who have responded.

SEATTLE - UNIVERSITY, NON-LEAGUE MATCH

Ed Arnold's Seattle boys proved too much for the players from the campus. E. Weissenborn reports that the University team was tougher than he expected them to be. Seattle won after a hard time, 13 to 7.

The Seattle Chess Club will be hard if not impossible to stop in the League matches.

Mr. Arnold announces that Pat Corbett of Lincoln High has joined the Seattle Club. Pat is President of Lincoln Chess Team.

EVERETT ITEMS

Combining with Skagit County players at Mt. Vernon to meet George Koltanowski, three Everett players received top honors of the day and two were picked to meet the master in a special blindfold match.

Meeting 25 players simultaneously the master won 24 games while losing only one, Marvin Anderson (14) being the lone winner. Dean Tweeddale (15), Everett Jr. Champion was credited with having had the most original ideas and the most promising game. L. Taro of Everett was awarded a prize for the best played game and having had a winning position. Taro and Neil Power were named to meet Koltanowski in the blindfold match.

4 The following named men were at the top in the Everett Speed Tourney which was held October 18th.

| | | | | | |
|----|----------------|------------------|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | Lawrence Taro | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | --- | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Dean Tweeddale is one of the North |
| 2. | Neil Power | 13 | --- | 2 | west's most promising players. We |
| 3/ | Dean Tweeddale | 13 | -- | 2 | think he has good possibilities of |
| 4. | L. A. Naas | 10 | --- | 5 | becoming a master. Among other |
| 5. | G. Hildenbrand | 9 | --- | 6 | accomplishments he obtained a draw |
| 6. | M. Smith | 9 | --- | 6 | game November 11th with B. Bickford |
| | | | | | at the Seattle Chess Club. |

The Everett "B" Team defeated the Whidby Island Team November 2nd. The detailed score follows:

| EVERETT | | WHIDBY | |
|-----------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Dean Tweeddale | 1 | Sid Nourse | 1 |
| Peter Husby | 0 | Pickens | 2 |
| E. Davies | 1 | Long | 1 |
| E. J. Tweeddale | 2 | Grannis | 0 |
| N. Dahlquist | 2 | Winders | 0 |
| | <u>6</u> | | <u>4</u> |

TACOMA VS. KOLTANOWSKI

Koltanowski played 18 Tacoma Chess fans simultaneously last month in an exhibition at the Carlton Hotel. The score was 18-0 in favor of Koltanowski. Prizes were awarded by the Chess Master to V. Hultman and Keith Anderson for playing the strongest games. In a blindfold match he downed Leslie Coubrough after a tough tussle and Mr. Holmes was also defeated in the 2nd board blindfold match.

Koltanowski ended an instructive evening with a lecture on Chess and Chess players in general.

Cunfusius says, "Man who castles on Queen's side darn fool."

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SEATTLE, TACOMA, UNIVERSITY WIN

The Third Round of the tournament resulted in the Seattle Chess Club with their strongest team blanked Queen Anne 10-0. Tacoma defeated Bremerton 7-3. Bainbridge gave the University of Washington a scare by holding them to a 6-4 score. The Everett and Skagit Match was postponed.

TEAM STANDINGS AS OF NOVEMBER 22nd.

| Team | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Points For | Pts. Agst. | Pct. |
|---------------|--------|-----|-------|------|------------|------------|------|
| Seattle | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 5 | .833 |
| Tacoma | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 10 | .667 |
| Univ of Wash. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 17½ | 12½ | .583 |
| Skagit County | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 9½ | 10½ | .475 |
| Bremerton | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 16 | .467 |
| Everett | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8½ | 11½ | .425 |
| Bainbridge | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8½ | 21½ | .283 |
| Queen Anne | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 23 | .233 |

THE THIRD ROUND RESULTS

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Seattle 10</u> | <u>Queen Ann 0</u> | <u>Univ Wash. 6</u> | <u>Bainbridge 4</u> |
| J.L.Sheets 1-1 | W. Neale 0-0 | N.H.Roberts 0-0 | J. Nourse 1-1 |
| R. Dightman 1-1 | V.W.Bever 0-0 | A. Au Yong 0-0 | J.F.Henry 0-1 |
| B. Backford 1-1 | H.H.Robertson 0-0 | J.Fletcher 1-1 | J.Graham 0-0 |
| F. Tracy 1-1 | W.H.Raleigh 0-0 | O. Elgert 1-1 | A.Nyhus 6-0 |
| Fredrickson 1-1 | W.Brewster 0-0 | R.T.King 1-0 | A.Norman 0-1 |

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| <u>Tacoma 7</u> | <u>Bremerton 3</u> |
| V.Holmes 2-2 | C.Magerkurth 1-2 |
| Collins 1-1 | Lt.Stauffer 0-0 |
| Savage 1-0 | Geo.Rehberg 1-1 |
| L.Goubrough 2-1 | F.Johnson 1-0 |
| V.Hultman 1-1 | M.Danskis 0-0 |

Fourth Round

| | | |
|----------------|-----|-----------------|
| Seattle | at | Bremerton (YMC) |
| Univ. of Wash. | at | Everett |
| Queen Anne | at | Tacoma |
| Skagit Co. | vs. | Bainbridge |
| | | (at Seattle) |

To Be Played On Or Before

LEADING PLAYERS OF LEAGUE

| <u>Players</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>Games Played</u> | <u>Points For</u> | <u>Points Against</u> |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Tracy | Seattle | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Bickford | Seattle | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Dightman | Seattle | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Elgert | University | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Sheets | Seattle | 6 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Hultman | Tacoma | 6 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Fredrickson | Seattle | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Fletcher | University | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Rehberg | Bremerton | 6 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Holmes | Tacoma | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Nourse | Bainbridge | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Collins | Tacoma | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Coubrough | Tacoma | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Au Yong | University | 6 | 4 | 2 |

EVERETT ITEMS

The Everett Club recently reorganized with Lawrence Taro elected President, Neil Power, Vice President and Dean Tweeddale, Secretary-Treasurer.

George Koltanowski will give an exhibition at Everett on March 4th. According to Mr. Taro, the Everett Champion, this club has begun a round robin tourney. Already Dean Tweeddale has defeated J.A. Naas and Peter Husby. Lawrence Taro predicts that Dean will soon play on Everett's League Team.

In January a county tournament is to be held and if the entries require it, a "B" Tournament will also be held.

The last County Tournament was won by Mr. Taro. In second place was Neil Power; third prize went to J. A. Naas; fourth to George Hildenbrand, and fifth to Peter Husby. Incidentally, the Everett team plays

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their match games in that order.

TACOMA CHESS HAPPENINGS

Tacoma's Chess Club held a 10 second tourney at the Carlton Hotel November 15th. V. M. Holmes won first prize with a score of 6-1. Second prize went to Mr. Hultman who had a score of 5½-1½.

V. M. Holmes is the draw champion of the League so far with a four to his credit.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

Jack Nourse has a brother who is Champion of Whidby Island. Brother Sid couldn't keep up with the Puget Sound League Player the other day. Jack came out ahead by a wide margin, but Sid was hard to convince.

608 THIRD AVENUE

Ed Arnold, our League President, is to be congratulated on his fine Seattle team. Besides having winning teams Seattle has a great stock of hospitality. It would be difficult for the League to function without Seattle's Club facilities. Mr. J. L. Sheets is perhaps one of the nations best chess players and undoubtedly the best in the league.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

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We understand that a certain professor of this University has been attempting to find 1,000 chess players to meet England in a Correspondence Match. In his search he evidently did not realize that his school harbored some very excellent chess players. Correct me if I am wrong sir! Anyway, we wish the professor the very best of luck in his search for talent and wish to express the hope that America wins the match. /U.S.

BREMERTON CHESS CLUB

This Club meets at the Army Navy Y.M.C.A. on Friday evenings. All servicemen are welcome at this time. A Chess school will be conducted for members of the Bremerton Chess Club on December 4th.

Charles Magerkurth held the Tacoma Champion to a draw in a very interesting game November 22nd. It lasted for 80 moves and was watched intently by all members of the Tacoma and Bremerton teams for the last 20 or 30 moves.

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EVERETT DEFEATS SKAGIT AND U. of W., ISLANDERS ALSO BEAT SKAGIT

Skagit's Chess stock took a sharp drop in losing to both Everett and Bainbridge. Everett meanwhile was proving to be a definite threat to the League Leaders and probably will give Tacoma a bad time. Ed Arnold's machine romped to an easy win over Bremerton but Tacoma was hard put to defeat Queen Anne. Queen Anne was handicapped by the failure of Ward of Vashon Island to appear. His playing might well have saved the day had he been there. Nevertheless, Mr. Savage of Tacoma, would have made him work.

| Team | Won | Drawn | Lost | P.F. | P.A. | Pct. |
|------------|-----|-------|------|------------------|------------------|------|
| Seattle | 4 | 0 | 0 | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | .838 |
| Tacoma | 3 | 1 | 0 | 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | .663 |
| Everett | 3 | 0 | 1 | 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ | .563 |
| U. of W. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 18 | .550 |
| Skagit | 1 | 0 | 3 | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ | .388 |
| Bremerton | 1 | 0 | 3 | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ | .388 |
| Bainbridge | 1 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 26 | .350 |
| Queen Anne | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ | .263 |

FOURTH ROUND

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| SEATTLE 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ----- | BREMERTON 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ----- | EVERETT 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ----- | U of WASH. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Sheets 1-1 | | Magerkirth 0-0 | | TARO 0-0 | | N.H. Roberts 1-1 |
| Joachim 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ | | Stauffer 0- $\frac{1}{2}$ | | Power 1-0 | | A. AuYong 0-1 |
| Bickford 1-0 | | Rehberg 0-1 | | Naas 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ | | Elgert 0- $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Schmoyer 1-1 | | Johnson 0-0 | | Hildenbrand 1-0 | | Mueller 0-1 |
| Furray 1-1 | | Jones 0-0 | | Tweeddale 1-1 | | Bollman 0-0 |
| ----- | | | | | | |
| TACOMA 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ----- | QUEEN ANNE 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ----- | BAINBRIDGE 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | ----- | SKAGIT COUNTY 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Holmes $\frac{1}{2}$ -0 | | Neale $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 | | Nourse 1-1 | | Brandstrom 0-0 |

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|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|---------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| SAVAGE | 1-1 | (Forfeit) | 0-0 | Henry | 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ | Gnagey | 0- $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Collins | 0-1 | Roberts | 1-0 | Norman | 1-0 | Coltrane | 0-1 |
| Goubrough | 1-0 | Bever | 0-1 | Nyhus | 1-0 | Thurmond | 0-1 |
| Belden | 1-1 | Raleigh | 0-0 | Webster | 0-0 | Hazen | 1-1 |

EVERETT 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ----- SKAGIT COUNTY 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
 (Third Round)

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| L.Taro | 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ | Schau | 0- $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Neil Power | 1-1 | Gnagey | 0-0 |
| J.A.Naas | 1-1 | Brandstrom | 0-0 |
| Hildenbrand | 1-1 | Thurmond | 0-0 |
| Tweeddale | 1-0 | Hazen | 0-1 |

LEADING PLAYERS (.750 or above)

| Player | Team | w | l |
|----------|------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| TRACT | (S) | 4-0 | FREDRICKSON (S) 5-1 |
| SCHMOYER | (S) | 2-0 | BICKFORD (S) 5-1 |
| DIGHTMAN | (S) | 2-0 | FLETCHER (U) 5-1 |
| BELDEN | (T) | 2-0 | HILDENBRAND (E) 6-2 |
| SHEETS | (S) | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ | NOURSE (BI) 6-2 |
| HULTMAN | (T) | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ | TWEEDDALE (E) 3-1 |

EVERETT ITEMS

No detailed information is available on the Everett-University Match but our guess is that L.Taro is very happy with the results. Mr. Taro has generously stated that Skagit County was without the services of Abbott and Gordon and attributes Everett's win in no small measure to this fact. However, it is the writer's personal opinion that Everett deserved the win.

Everett lays claim to having the oldest and youngest players, George Hildenbrand is 84 and Dean Tweeddale is 15. Any challenge? Everett invites any outside players who wish to play George Koltanowski to come to Everett for the master's simultaneous and blindfold match Tuesday, March 4th.

Neil Power was ahead in the Everett Tourney at last report. His score 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Following were Taro 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, Tweeddale 9-1, Marvin Smith 10-2 Husby 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$, Hildenbrand 4-1, Naas 5-2 and Cockburn 5-4.

Lawrence Taro recently played a simultaneous exhibition against 10 members of Widby Island and Everett's Clubs. He won five, lost four, and had one draw. Taro's address is 331 Alverson Blvd., Everett.

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BAINBRIDGE - SKAGIT MATCH

The Bainbridge - Skagit Match was an even struggle on all boards with two games adjudicated. The match was highlighted by one of the Hazen-Webster games. Mr. Hazen overlooked the rules and gave Mr. Webster back his Queen after the latter player had left it en prose. The Island player then proceeded to play like Ulvestad and on the game! Bainbridge, however, saw the light and ceded the contest to Skagit.

SEATTLE * BREMERTON MATCH

Seattle proved invincible at the Navy Y.M.C.A. December 13th. All of the Seattle players looked very good. Do not sell Magerkurth short, however. This Bremerton player is a tough one to beat and he was obviously off his game in the first round of this match, at least. Sheets defeated Magerkurth easily in the first game but the result of the second game could quite easily have been different. Well, so much for alibis.

Lt. Stauffer obtained a draw with Charles Joachim in his first game for Bremerton. Stauffer will leave soon for other parts and will be missed greatly by Bremerton. Jones of Bremerton made his debut in the League.

608 - THIRD AVENUE

It is rumored that Ed Arnold plans to purchase 200 low priced chess sets together with instruction books. The plan is to give them to interested High School students together with free instruction for one year for \$2.00 for the year. This appears to be a very progressive move and should furnish the greatest impetus Chess has had in this state. On January 10th, Seattle goes to Bainbridge. (Loaded too we think) Anyway, Mr. Nourse plans a hot reception and will run a second division match with the Seattle Chessman.

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| Yegans | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| ... | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-1 |

FROM JOHN NOURSE

Mr. Nourse recently dispatched a letter to all secretaries which contained a tentative program for the '47-'48 season. The letter should be read by all Chess players so that you can express your opinions to your secretary. Mr. Nourse's letter outlines Bainbridge Island's methods of promoting Chess and we quote "Firstly we hold classes for beginners and go after publicity. Secondly, we donated a cup and prizes for a High School Tournament, the Chess Club to furnish instructions and run off the Tournament. The High School Recreational Director is giving us the fullest cooperation on this. Thirdly, and most important: we have two retired gentlemen who greatly welcomed a constructive activity and who volunteered to help beginners and boys."

The retired gentlemen referred to in the letter are Mr. Norman and Mr. Webster, whom we wish to thank.

Mr. Nourse again asks that all Club Secretaries send in their match scores in detail to him as soon as possible after each match.

Tacoma's Leslie Coughrough sent a check to Mr. Nourse to apply towards the League expense account. Many thanks, Tacoma.

SUBSTITUTION RULE

The new substitution rule provides for the "substitution of one player in one game in each match." This makes it possible for a team to take six players when they travel and have all participate.

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--EVERETT WINS BY DEFAULT--

The Queen Anne Club was unable to muster enough strength to meet Everett and was obliged to forfeit the match. If Everett can take the Islanders and Tacoma, it will give them a cinch on second place, with a mathematical chance at first place. Tacoma and the University of Washington would both have to defeat Seattle to bring this about. Of course there is the possibility of either Tacoma or the University drawing Seattle with the other team winning, and in this unlikely event Everett would also take first honors.

This paper is not attempting to discourage the Tacoma or University Clubs from defeating the Seattle team but they will have to play some mighty good chess in order to accomplish this.

A strengthened Bainbridge team was defeated by Seattle 7½ to 2½ at a large meeting on the Island. Ernie Benson of Bainbridge has bolstered the Island team but failed to score against Fredericksen. Mr. Tracy had a difficult time in defeating his Island opponent, Mr Norman, who has improved greatly almost upsetting Tracy in one game and having a well earned draw in the other.

Holmes and company had a field day at Skagit's expense, and Bremerton was educated by the University of Washington.

RESULTS OF FIFTH ROUND

TEAM STANDINGS AFTER 5th ROUND

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|------------------------|------------|----|--------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|------------|------------|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|
| SEATTLE | BAINBRIDGE | | Seattle | Tacoma | Everett | U. of W. | Bremerton | Skagit | Bainbridge | Queen Anne | Won | Drawn | Lost | PF | PA |
| 7½ | 2½ | | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 9 |
| Bickford | Nourse | 1½ | | | | | | | | | | | | 34 | 16 |
| Schmeyer | Henry | 1½ | | | | | | | | | | | | 32½ | 17½ |
| Fredriksen | Benson | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | 29 | 21 |
| Tracy | Norman | ½ | | | | | | | | | | | | 18½ | 31½ |
| Furray | Nyhus | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | 18 | 32 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 16½ | 33½ |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10½ | 39½ |

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(Forfeit)

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| TACOMA | 7½ | SKAGIT | 2½ |
| Holmes | 2 | Brandstrom | 0 |
| Creque | 2 | Gordon | 0 |
| Hultman | 2* | Thurmond | 0 |
| Collins | ½ | Cannon | 1½ |
| Guthrie | 1 | Hazen | 1 |

LEADING PLAYERS (.750 or above)
 Forfeit games not included and players with less than four games played are omitted from this list.

| Player | Team | PF | PA | Pct. |
|--------------|------|----|----|------|
| Sheets | S | 7½ | 1½ | .938 |
| Hultman | T | 7½ | 1½ | .938 |
| Tracy | S | 5½ | 1 | .919 |
| Fletcher | UW | 7 | 1 | .875 |
| Fredericksen | S | 7 | 1 | .875 |
| Schmeyer | S | 3½ | 1½ | .875 |
| Forray | S | 5 | 1 | .835 |
| Hildenbrand | E | 6 | 2 | .750 |
| Nourse | BI | 7½ | 2½ | .750 |
| Rehberg | B | 7½ | 2½ | .750 |
| Joachim | S | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Tweeddale | E | 3 | 1 | .750 |

*One Game for 2 Points

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|------------|-----|------------|-----|
| U. of W. | 7 | BREMERTON | 3 |
| Roberts | ½-½ | Magerkurth | ½-½ |
| Au Yong | 0 | Rehberg | 2 |
| Fletcher | 2 | Danskin | 0 |
| Ballentine | 2 | Johnson | 0 |
| King | 2 | Jones | 0 |

SIXTH ROUND JANUARY 31st.

Seattle vs. Tacoma (at Tacoma)
 Skagit vs. U. of W. (at Mt. Vernon)
 Queen Anne vs. Bremerton (at Bremerton Y.M.C.A.)
 Bainbridge vs. Everett (at Seattle)

--THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF PUGET SOUND LEAGUE--

For the benefir of all those who like to know what is done with their money we give the following statement from John Nourse:

| CREDIT | | DEBIT | |
|------------------------|---------|-------------------------|----------|
| Dues and Subscriptions | \$36.50 | Stationary and Postage, | |
| | | Notices and Chess News | \$ 5.25 |
| | | Deposit on Trophy | 20.00 |
| Balance | \$11.25 | | \$ 25.25 |

Olaf Ulvestad and R. C. Cannon. Mr. Ulvestad reports that the Muscovite cigarettes are pretty strong but maintained a modest silence in regard to his accomplishments in Russia. Mr. Cannon is a member of the United States Chess Federation and is an enthusiastic booster of Chess. We have been informed that Mr. Cannon has done some very commendable work in Skagit County toward alleviating the plight of home seeking veterans who have gone to him for assistance. Our informer, incidentally, was not Mr. Cannon.

-- NORTHWEST WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT **

An invitational tournament is being held with entries from Bellingham, Everett, Mt. Vernon and Whidby Island. According to latest information received, Mr. Sidney Nourse has defeated Peter Husby and Dean Tweeddale while losing to L. Taro.

W. H. Raleigh of Queen Anne challenged the claim of Everett to having the oldest player in the League. Mr. Brewster of Q.A. is 86.

Neil Power won the 19 man Everett Tournament in spite of losing to L. Taro and drawing with Husby and Hindenbrand. His score, 16-2. In second place was Peter Husby with 15½ to 2½. Husby made a remarkable showing, overcoming the fact that he was recently unseated from the Everett League Team. We are presupposing that Husby will again be on the Everett League Team. Larry Taro and Dean Tweeddale were tied for third place with a 14½ to 3½ score. Naas came in fourth with his score being 13½ to 4½. Hellums was fifth with 12 to 6 and Hildenbrand sixth with 11½ to 7½.

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-- STATE POSTAL TOURNAMENT --

Everett is planning on conducting a State Postal Tourney along the lines of the Chess Review Class Tournament. A fifty cent entry fee is planned. No prizes will be given but the larger percent of the money will be used for the purchase of Chess Clocks. This paper will plan on publishing the ratings. If you wish to enter the tournament better write to L. Taro at 331 Alverson Blvd. in Everett, Washington.

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TACOMA DEFEATS SEATTLE 6 to 4

The Seattle Chess Club was defeated in the sixth round by Tacoma. Tacoma now holds and should maintain the lead. The spotlight is now on the Everett-Tacoma match February 28th. We shouldn't be picking any more winners after the Seattle defeat but this time we predict another Tacoma victory with apologies to Larry Taro.

RESULTS OF THE SIXTH ROUND

| | | | |
|-----------|----|------------|--------------|
| Tacoma | 6 | Seattle | 4 |
| Everett | 6 | Bainbridge | 4 |
| Skagit | 5 | University | 5 (surprise) |
| Bremerton | -- | Queen Anne | (postponed) |

TEAM STANDINGS (After sixth round)

| | Won | Drawn | Lost | (Detailed scores will be in the next issue) |
|----------------|-----|-------|------|---|
| 1. TACOMA | 5 | 1 | 0 | |
| 2. SEATTLE | 5 | 0 | 1 | |
| 3. EVERETT | 5 | 0 | 1 | |
| 4. U. OF Wash. | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| 5. SKAGIT | 1 | 1 | 4 | |
| 6. Bremerton | 1 | 0 | 4 | |
| 7. Bainbridge | 1 | 0 | 5 | |
| 8. Queen Anne | 0 | 0 | 5 | |

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MATCH at MT. VERNON.

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Sunday March 9th., the British Columbia vs. Washington State match will be held at Mt. Vernon Wash. in the Moose Hall at 1:30 p.m. All who play chess are invited whether they belong to a club or not. Their ladies are also invited and special entertainment will be provided for them. The ladies will join the players at dinner as well as watch the last hour of play.

Olaf Ulvestad and Arthur Lake have been engaged to put on a headliner match game to start at 3:30 p.m., allowing time for one of the 2 games scheduled to be played. Each pair of players will have the option of finishing his second game or watching the Master game. The second game in this event will be called a draw or the winner of the first game will be awarded 2 points. This decision to be made before the start of play

The Master game will be relayed to a large board where it's progress may be followed by all who so desire.

Some Sunday in March the Trophy Award Ceremony will be held. A business meeting will follow this. It has been suggested by Jack Nourse that a match game between Seattle and the League All Stars be played on the same date. A 15 or 20 board match would be ideal for this occasion.

If the various clubs are in favor of this program have your secretary take a vote from all team members and send the results to Jack Nourse, Rt. #1, Box 787, Post Blakely, Wn. Choose the strongest opponents that you have faced in tournament play. Mr. Nourse will analyze the voting, placing the players with the most votes on the 1st. board the second highest on the 2nd board and so on.

Among matters for discussion at the business session will be whether to continue the League in its present form or to make certain changes which will be brought up at the meetings. Election of officers will be held, entry fees decided upon and the question of awarding the title of matches won or total points will be decided.

Many other matters will be aired. The League cannot continue without active support from all members and Mr. Nourse asks the secretaries to forward their clubs' desires regarding these suggestions to him as soon as possible. All the secretaries received a letter from Jack outlining the points to be brought under discussion at the proposed business meeting.

Mr. Horowitz played an exhibition match at Mt. Vernon Feb. 11. Schou of Bellingham, and Hildenbrand of Everett drew. Mr. Schou was ahead in the N.W. WASHINGTON Tourney as of Feb. 12.

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT

Leading Scores as of Feb. 12th.

| | | | |
|----|------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1. | Schou | Bellingham, | 10-5 (Completed) |
| 2. | Brandstrom | Mt. Vernon | 9½-5½ " |
| 3. | Nourse, S | Whidby | 9-4 |
| 4. | Gnagey | Bellingham | 8-4 |
| 5. | Power | Everett | 7-4 |

5. Power Everett

The Everett Postal Tourney is in need of more entries. At fifty cents per entry it deserved more support than it has been getting. Pass the word around to non-league players. Postal Chess is entertaining and doesn't take too much time. Write to L. Taro, 331 Alverson Blvd., Everett, Washington

Arnold G. Guthrie has organized the "Chess and Chequer Club of Tacoma". More players are always welcome; perhaps this club will enter the League. Club address is 1131 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, Washington.

Many times I have asked players to participate in club activities. Too many times the reply has been that the prospective player "didn't play well enough to make it interesting". If we wish to make chess a more popular game we must assure this type of player that he is welcome regardless of his talents. One defeat or a hundred does not mean that the loser is a poor player.