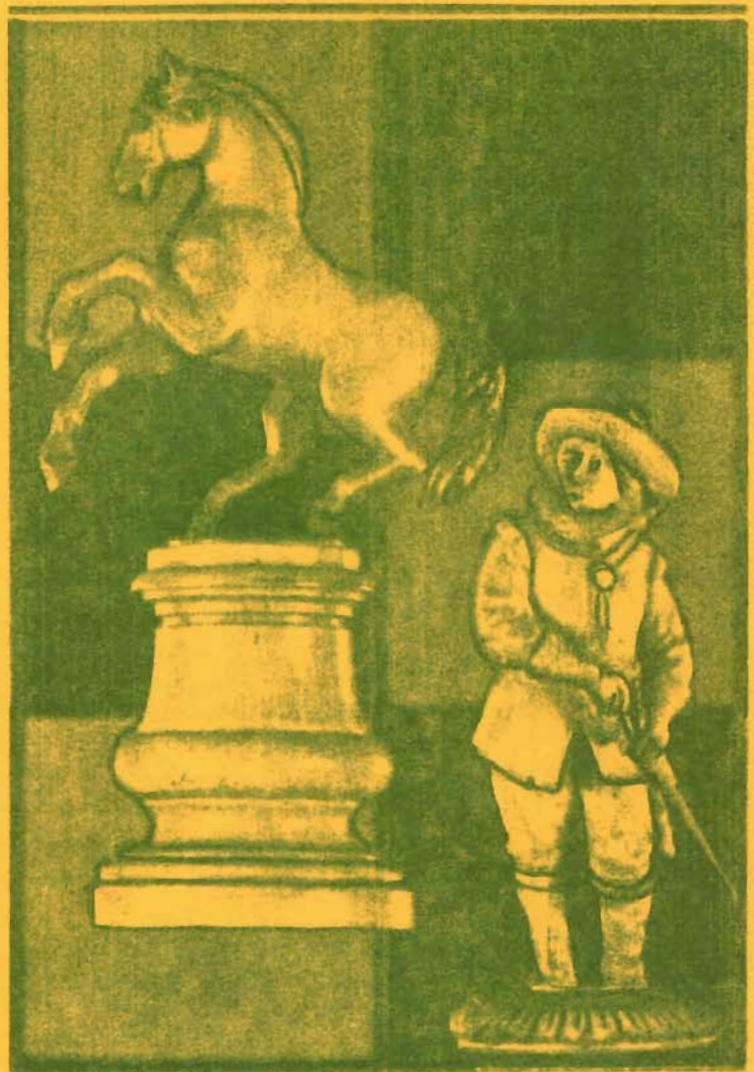


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Well, here it is March 20th and all we have done on the April "Letter" is on the left hand side of this page. We have indulged in too many basketball games & the weeks seem to leap by.

A trip to Tacoma last Sunday and a trip to McNeil the week before that did not help us get any work done either.

The old table serving as our desk - it is invisible! Buried under a litter of letters, games, books and just plain junk. We have notices to write about. A STATE JUNIOR is set for Sat., April 13th at 9 a.m. at the Seattle Chess Club. On the following day we have the annual WCF business meeting to elect officers, etc. This will start at 1 p.m. on Sun. April 14th. It will be held in a second floor room of the Seattle Y. M. C. A. Last, but hardly least, we are advised that the 4th annual INLAND EMPIRE OPEN will start on Saturday, April 27th. 40 attended last year and 40 attended the year before also. It is the "good time" tourney held in Spokane. We have scored 4-2, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, and 5-1 in the past three meets. At that rate we should score $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ in the coming event and pick up all of the marbles!

We have the N. W. Rating List up to Oct. 10th, 1956 which is much more recent than anything the USCF has put out. A vote of thanks to SERGEANT KARCH for his labor. This will take at least one page. Then we have two or more pages of Puget Sound League news and at least one page on the Spokane City Championship.

On March 29th, a Friday night, the annual Seattle Chess Club Championship, won by the editor last year, gets under way. Such chess worthies as Pupols, Hugh Noland and Gell would seek to lift the crown from this battered old gray head! Over a dozen have signed up to play.

Ye Ed is now down to just about the end of Postal Section 56A-1A and B with State Chess Champ Bob Edberg. We presently tied for first with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ but have queen, rook and one pawn against his 4 pawns and queen! It was a tough fight, mom, but we think we have our foe right where we want him now. 10 more moves!

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 14TH

The annual Washington Chess Federation Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 14th at one p. m. in the Seattle YMCA

WCF President, Dr. Griffith Parker of Spokane wrote he would be over to preside.

Election of officers and other matters pertaining to Washington chess will be on the agenda.

Officer reports will be read and suggestions for the improvement of the WCF are in order.

ALL chess players are invited to this meeting.

STATE JUNIOR APRIL 13

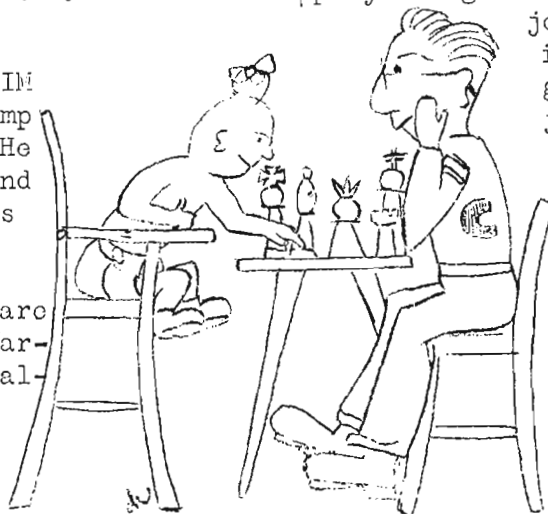
The 1957 WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR Tournament opens at 9 a. m., Saturday, April 13 at the Seattle Chess Club, room 604 YMCA. A large field of junior chess addicts (20 and under) is expected. This is a ONE DAY event. The Junior will be a five-round Swiss with the Median tie-breaking system being used.

The one, and only!, JIM MCCORMICK is defending champ of the junior division. He won last year with $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ and will be back to defend his title for the last time.

Former Junior champs are McCormick, Falk, Pupols, Warner, Chipman, Schain and Balantine.

Monetary and book prizes. Entry fee is \$2. Be there. Next year may be too late! You may be too old!

Remember! SATURDAY, APRIL 13th.



INLAND EMPIRE OPEN APRIL 27-28

All chess players should put red circles around April 27th and 28 on your calendars for those are the dates for the 4th annual INLAND EMPIRE OPEN and EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP Tournament. Those of you who have played in any of the previous ones will need no special invitation to return this year for you know what kind of a show it is.

For those who have not had the pleasure of participating, let me say that you cannot afford to miss this one. The I.E.O. has established itself as the biggest tournament held in the Northwest. This is the tourney that attracted 40 last year and 40 players the year before that.

Designed as a tournament where the average player is the important entry, it has become known as the good-time tourney. With such large entry lists you will find only a quarter of the competitors ranking in the expert class. That means the other three-fourths have a grand time trying to beat each other's ears down and at the same time get to test your playing ability at least 1 time against top-notch competition.

Play is limited to $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour sessions & clocks not required but can be used if both players agree. Unfinished games will be adjourned and finished when possible. If unable to complete a game, then a committee will adjudicate the position.

Prize money for 2nd half of standings players. Place Desert Hotel in Spokane. 12 noon registration. Play begins at 1 p.m. \$25 first prize. Other cash prizes to next 4 and to top 5 in the second division. All play should be completed by 3 p.m. Sunday. Entry fee is \$3. as usual.

VICTORS PUPOLS is the defending Inland Empire Open Champion. GORDON CORNELIUS is the reigning Eastern Washington Champion.

S. RESHEVSKY IN SPOKANE

By Dr. Parker

The Spokane Chess Club sponsored a simultaneous exhibition by Sammy Reshevsky on Tuesday, March 5th at the Desert Hotel. Thirty-six players tried their best to give the grandmaster a battle but no one was able to win or even get a draw.

Besides the Spokane contingent, players from Walla Walla, Ritzville, and Kendrick, Idaho, showed up for the exhibition in spite of a near-blizzard which for a time threatened to put a stop to everything.

Sammy arrived in Spokane by air from Portland and was met by Robert Kittredge and Dr. Parker at the airport. He had played in Eugene, Oregon, the previous night.

He stayed in Spokane the following day before leaving for his next match held at Winnipeg, and was the guest of Dr. Parker at the University Club for lunch. Don Daniels and Kittredge joined them for a general gab-fest about everything connected with chess. Sammy commented particularly on the strong play of Mike Conway, a 14 year old newcomer in the local chess club.

The die-hards who stuck around to the last of the exhibition got a kick out of Ken Hartwig of Walla Walla and his game with the master. Sammy had a pawn on the 7th rank and there was no way for Ken to prevent the final push. He said, "I might as well give up as all you have to do is queen the pawn." Sammy looked over the board and replied, "I'll tell you what I'll do. I won't queen the pawn." Hartwig looked up in disbelief and asked, "Do you mean that? Remember now, you said you wouldn't queen the pawn." Sammy assured him that he never went back on his word and then made one move which was a check and then pushed the pawn on the 7th rank and called it a knight, checkmate!

Those who got to meet and become acquainted with Sammy found him to be very friendly and sociable. He was eager to offer any suggestions for the advancement of chess and interest in the game. The Spokane group found it well worthwhile having him at its club.

MONTANA OPEN

The 22nd Annual Tournament of the Montana Chess Association will be held in Butte on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, 1957, in the Y.M.C.A. club rooms at 401 W. Park Street.

Registration will start at 12:00 noon, Saturday; play will begin at 2.

The tourney will be a five round Swiss. Players of above average ability will be required to play in a Master's Class five round Swiss while others will play in a Class "A" Swiss. A separate round-robin tourney will be conducted for Juniors 18 and under.

Trophics will be awarded 1st and 2nd place winners in all 3 classes. \$2 entry, no charge for juniors. A banquet will be held Sat. at 6:30 p.m. in the Finlen Hotel.



"CHECK...."

NORTHWEST RATING LIST - AS OF OCTOBER 10, 1956 (Day before the Walla Walla Championship)

by ROBERT A. KARCH, W. C. F. Ratings Statistician

NORTHWEST MASTERS

Ulvestad, Olaf.....2200
Zemgalis, Elmars.....2231

NORTHWEST EXPERTS

Baumvoll, Dr. Max.....2012
Bills, William.....2038
Bishop, George.....2000
Cornelius, Gordon....2054
Edberg, Robert.....2084
McCormick, Jim.....2000
Pupols, Viktors.....2037
Schmitt, Jim.....2162
Wade, Daniel.....2070
Warner, Eugene(Ted)..2040

CLASS A (1800-1999)

Almond, Dr.1838
Anderson, M. F.1866
Anderson, Herbert...1802
Bader, Max.....1920
Bauman, C. J. D.1870
Berg.....1920
Crawford, Don.....1868
Driscoll.....1856
Erickson, David.....1868
Gillette, William...1820
Groot, Dr. C.1850
Harrison, David.....1806
Hartwig, Kenneth....1878
Howitt, Charles.....1812
Hoge, William.....1916
Holmes, Vernon.....1972
Hull.....1805
Kromer, Ray.....1854
Kronquist, Ray.....1866
Lawhon, George.....1830
Leininger, Eugene...1814
Mage, Max.....1885
Makens, Tom.....1932
Minea, George.....1804
Moore, Deane.....1924
Murray, Dr. Arthur A.1906
Nelson, Terry.....1948
Noland, Hugh.....1850
Nourse, John.....1970
Parker, Dr. G. H. ...1878
Parsons, Dick.....1980
Seckamp, Killian....1911
Shephard, Dr.1826
Skarsten, Mal O.1825
Stokes,1830
Taro, Larry W.1993
Vellias, Russell....1895
Vukonich, Eugene...1818
Watson, Ira.....1888
Weisscher, Ben.....1902

CLASS B (1600-1799)

Aikman.....1751
Bozemer, Paul.....1778
Blackler, Russell....1799
Bricher, Vince E.1785
Brown, Ron.....1779
Carlson, C.1716
Clark, Alan.....1796
Coubrough, Leslie....1718
Daniels, Don F.1798
DeYarmon, Donovan....1656
Dolph, C. R.1755
Eilmes, Don.....1658
Falkenhagen, Jack....1666
Farrelly.....1671
Griffiths, Charles...1718
Hamilton, Dennis....1726
Hansen, Ralph.....1795
Higginson, Robert....1774
Howard, Fred M.1718
Kiperts,1700
Kittredge, Robert....1762
LaFreniere, Oliver...1764
Lunde, Al.....1660
Magerkurth, Charles..1700
Malcolm.....1678
McGregor, Allan.....1733
McNeese, James.....1770
McHaffey.....1624
Murphey.....1630
Neuman.....1756
Peterson.....1677
Popham, James.....1735
Rodnits, Frank.....1700
Rood, Paul.....1696
Sawyer, Stan.....1767
Schrank, G.1700
Simon, Robert.....1787
Snyder, John.....1666
Spatz, Sam.....1711
Tamblyn, Harry.....1750
Thompson, Horton....1774
Thunberg, Eric.....1740
Unger.....1700
Vogot, William.....1722
Weaver, F. Howard...1765
York, Duncan.....1702

CLASS C (Below 1600)

Alberts, D.1392
Alexander, Ray.....1582
Amdahl.....1426
Bjornson, Dale.....1506
Breakoy, John.....1525
Calkins, J. S.1585
Dolle, Thomas.....1506
Duggan.....1453
Edberg, Arlene.....1578
Eilmes, Mary.....1564
Faithfull.....1440
Finnigan, Jack.....1548
Frederic, Jack.....1421
Gemar, Joseph.....1584
Gleeson, Fred.....1550
Glenn, Gary.....1520
Gray, Carroll.....1573
Hanson, Carl.....1470
Hartman, John.....1562
Hay, Edward.....1548
Hickey, Don.....1450
Howard, F. C.1568
Keeloy.....1258
Johnson, (?) (Spo.)...1509
Kiszely, Karl.....1544
Kuvara, Robert.....1566
Lee, (?) (Tac.).....1358
Lienenweber, Mary...1399
Livermore.....1543
Loughood, Ron.....1448
Lulham, Michael.....1576
McBride, Philip.....1542
Moade.....1476
Potter, Dr. Frank....1588
Schain, Stewart.....1450
Smith, Kenneth.....1484
Stanspy, Lewis.....1450
Stenerson, S.1394
Teltoft, Mike.....1500
Vogel.....1556
Voolker.....1370
Weber.....1370
Wilson, (?) (Spo.)...1426

Editor's Note: These ratings are based on performances since Jan. 1956 as reported in the Washington Chess Letter or are performances since 1956 January from the last published USCF ratings. An extreme case is that of Hugh Noland, 1850. This pertains to his only performance in 1956, the Seattle Club Championship. Had we been able to go back before Jan. 1956, we would have found performance putting him easily into the Expert class.

HIGGINSON WINS SPOKANE TITLE

By Dr. Parker & Wade

ROBERT L. HIGGINSON, an advertising specialty salesman, won the 1957 Spokane City Chess Championship when he defeated WILLIAM E. VOGET 2-0 in a playoff. Both Higginson and Voget had finished the 26 player tourney in first each with 5-1. In his drive to the title, Higginson defeated George Priebe, Eric Thunberg, William Bailey, William Voget, lost a game to Ray Kromer and then won over Robert Morgan.

Before the tourney, GORDON CORNELIUS was the overwhelming favorite to repeat as city champion but he drew with KITTEDGE in the second round and then was defeated by KROMER in round four. Since RAY KROMER downed both the ex-champion and the current champion, he can blame VOGET for keeping him from the title for beating him and DR. GRIFFITH PARKER for drawing him reducing his score to $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$, only one-half game behind the leaders. CORNELIUS also scored $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ taking fourth.

In the first game for the title, Voget had white. He played with his king-rook placed in peril and neglected to develop his queenside pieces. Eventually he had to pay for his sins!

VOGET	HIGGINSON	VOGET	HIGGINSON	VOGET	HIGGINSON	VOGET	HIGGINSON
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	11 R-R4	QN-B3	19 R-R3	Q-N5	25 ----	QR-K1
2. P-QB4	P-QB4	12 N-N5	P-KR3	20 B-N3	N-N3	26 B-B2	R-K7
3. QPxP	P-Q5	13 N-KB3	----	21 N-K5	NxN	27 Q-B4	P-Q6!
4. P-K3	P-K4	N-K4 looks better.		22 BxN	KR-K1	28 Resigns.	
5. PxP	PxP	13 ----	N-N5	23 P-B3	Q-N3		
6. N-KB3	BxP	14 BxB	NxB	Q-N4 better as it prevents 24 B-B4.			
7. B-Q3	B-KN5	15 R-R5?	----	24 B-N3?? ----			
8. O-O	N-K2	R-K4 best.		Sinks White without a trace! 24 B-B4!			
9. R-K1	O-O?	15 ----	Q-B3	However, White seems lost anyway.			
10 R-K4?	B-B4	16 P-QR3	N-B3	24 ----	R-K6		
White should play		17 Q-Q3	N/3-K2	25 Q-Q2	----	Q-Q1 better.	
10 BxPch., KxB;		18 B-B4	----				
11 N-N5ch. winning a P		We like QN-N2 followed by N-K4.					
and starting a good		18 ----	Q-KN3				
attack.							

The second game was a real thud and blunder match. Voget had a chance to go two pieces ahead plus a good attack but instead finished a piece down. Even then a chance to force a draw presented itself miraculously but was overlooked.

HIGGINSON	VOGET	HIGGINSON	VOGET	HIGGINSON	VOGET	HIGGINSON	VOGET
1. P-K4	P-K4	15 R-K5	N/N3-Q2	21 P-Q6	B-K3	check and a draw.	
2. P-KB4	P-Q4	16 N-N5	Q-N3	22 BxB	RxB	28 Q-Q1	R-K3
3. KPxP	P-K5	17 R-N5??	N-K5ch.	23 NxBP	QxPch.	29 Q-Q4	P-B3
4. N-QB3	N-KB3	18 K-N1	NxR	24 K-R1	R-K6??	30 R-Q1	R-K7
5. B-B4	B-QB4	A bit more risky but more profitable was NxB.		25 B-B3	----	31 Q-Q5ch.	QxQ
6. P-Q3	B-KN5	19 Q-N3, P-KR4	&	Black should have played 24---R/1-K1.			
7. KN-K2	PxP	Black threatens N-K5,		25 ----	Q-K5	32 RxQ	R-K1
8. PxP	O-O	19 PxN	P-QR3	26 NxR	R-K7	33 N-B7	R-K7
9. P-Q4	B-N5	20 B-N4?	KR-K1???	27 R-KN1	Q-B3??	34 R-Q1	P-B4
10 Q-N3	BxNch.	20---PxN; 21 BxR, QxPch.; 22 K-R1, PxB! ;		Black can draw here with RxKNP. If 28 RxR, Q-N8ch. etc. If 28 Q-N4, Q-B6; 29 RxR, Q-B8			
11 NxR	Q-K2ch.	23 QxNP, R-R2!	24 Q-N4, NxR slaughter.				
12 K-B2	QN-Q2						
13 B-Q2	N-N3						
14 KR-K1	Q-Q3						
						35 N-Q5	K-B2
						36 N-K7	P-KN3
						37 N-Q5	K-K3?
						A final blunder.	
						38 N-B4ch.	Resigns.
						Notes by Wade.	

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

By Wade

TACOMA WINS 7-3

On Sunday, March 3rd, Tacoma cinched second place in the final Puget Sound League Standings by beating West Seattle 7 to 3. On first board, VIKTORS PUPOLS maintained his domination of JIM MCCORMICK by winning the first game and in the second game gained a draw after McCormick gained a winning position only to have Pupols clamp a mate-in-one threat on McCormick's king forcing McCormick to give Pupol's king perpetual check.

CHARLES HEWITT downed West Seattle team captain MAX MAGE twice and on 4th board, DENNIS HAMILTON dropped F.M. HOWARD twice to enable Tacoma to win. The lone bright spot for the losers was on 3rd board where EUGENE VUKONICH smeared RON LOUGHEED'S fine PSL record with a $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ win. On last board, ROYAL LEACH of Tacoma split his games with STUART WOODWARD. The match was at the Seattle Club.

TACOMA CLUB		WEST SEATTLE CLUB	
Viktors Pupols	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Jim McCormick	$\frac{1}{2}$
Charles Hewitt	2	Max Mage	0
Ron Loughood	$\frac{1}{2}$	Eugene Vukonich	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Dennis Hamilton	2	F. M. Howard	0
Royal Leach	1	Stuart Woodward	1

BOEINGS VICTORIOUS

In a non-league match played the same day at the Seattle Chess Club, the Boeings team, with borrowed help from the Seattle Chess Club team, defeated Olympia in a wild match, $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$.

On first board, MAX BADER of the Boeings team lost his first game to a newcomer to N. W. chess, WILLIAM CONNER of Olympia. Bader lost two pieces in the first 7 moves and eventually lost the game in 29. In the second game, Mr. Bader was two pawns ahead but couldn't win and had to settle for a draw!

On second board, DON EILMES was ill with the flu but was blithely sailing along in fine shape against CHARLES

JOACHIM of Olympia. All of the sudden Eilmes blundered and Joachim gave him a bad beating. CHARLES GRIFFITHS of the Seattle Chess Club team took the ailing Eilmes's place for the second game. In a nice ending, Griffiths downed Joachim in only 19 moves! (See Games pages)

On third board, MARTIN FASS of the Boeings team broke even with Mr. GILCHRIST of Olympia. On fourth board, the Boeings Club borrowed Seattle's ALLAN MCGREGOR to do the honors. McGregor defeated JOHN MACKENZIE of Olympia in the only game they played. They agreed to a draw on the second as there was not time enough left to play it.

On fifth board, JOHN GELL should have lost to Olympia's PHIL STYMANS but managed to win instead. The second game was drawn by agreement because of lack of time.

On sixth board, CARL HANSON managed to draw his first game with E. TVEOLEM of Olympia but Tveolen won their second encounter.

Boeing's secret weapon was on seventh board. He is another newcomer to Northwestern chess, HENRY GAMIDO. Gamido defeated D. HANON in their first game but agreed to call the second game a draw because he was only ahead 6 pawns to Hanon's 5 with all pieces off of the board. Gamido did not think it possible to win with only a pawn ahead!

BOEINGS CLUB		OLYMPIA CLUB	
Max Bader	$7\frac{1}{2}$	William Conner	$6\frac{1}{2}$
Don Eilmes	$\frac{1}{2}$	Charles Joachim	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Charles Griffiths	0	Charles Joachim	1
Martin Fass	1	Charles Joachim	0
Allan McGregor	1	Gilchrist	1
John Gell	$1\frac{1}{2}$	John MacKenzie	$\frac{1}{2}$
Carl Hanson	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Phil Stymans	$\frac{1}{2}$
Henry Gamido	$1\frac{1}{2}$	E. Tveolen	$1\frac{1}{2}$
		D. Hanon	$\frac{1}{2}$

The two matches taxed the Seattle Chess Club's quarters to the utmost. The players were packed like sardines inside and some had to play out in the hallway. The Seattle Club team had postponed its match with McNeil until March 10th.

SEATTLE 6 MCNEIL 4

On Sunday, March 10th, the Seattle C.C. Champions visited McNeil Island. The club team was short two of their star players but still good enough to edge the McNeils 6 to 4. TOM MAKENS and ALLAN MCGREGOR each won twice quite quickly. This, plus a win by WADE and a draw by a new man, DAVID STIMSON, gave the visitors a $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ lead so in spite of the close final score, Seattle was never in any danger of losing the match.

DORAME of McNeil defeated DON EILMES, a Bocings team player borrowed for this non-league match and then TRAVIS won over STIMSON to bring the score to $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. BERG then defeated Wade's sloppy attempt with the not-so-hot Bird's Opening and the final game between Dorame and Eilmes had to be called a draw because of lack of time although Eilmes felt he had a little the better of it.

Before the match the visitors were given a good meal. The team nearly missed the boat to McNeil when they had difficulties in passing through Tacoma.

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB	6	MCNEIL ISLAND CLUB	4
Dan Wade	1	Berg	1
Tom Makens	2	Swoozy	0
Don Eilmes	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dorame	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Allan McGregor	2	Ege	0
David Stimson	$\frac{1}{2}$	Travis	$1\frac{1}{2}$

TACOMA WHIPS SEATTLE

On Sunday, March 17th, the Seattle Club team visited Tacoma and finally lost a match, being defeated by the home folks $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$.

On first board, VIKTORS PUPOLS and DAN WADE played a pair of interesting draws, Wade finding ways and means to avoid the pitfalls usually encountered in games against Pupols, and Pupols, as usual, making about ten moves during the last minute on his clock.

On second board, CHARLES GRIFFITHS, the "find" of 1957, had the better of it in his first game with VERNON HOLMES but Holmes was able to draw, just barely making the time. In their second encounter, the tricky Holmes won quite rapidly in only a few moves.

The feature of the match was the two revenge lickings given MAKENS by HEWITT. Both games went right down to the end, Hewitt and Makens having king and 3 pawns each in the first game but Hewitt having the move, and in

the second game, Makens had five pawns against Hewitt's knight and one pawn & by some sort of black magic, Hewitt won! Earlier in the season, Makens had won twice over Hewitt, winning both on the time clock. So it was sweet revenge.

On fourth board, F. H. WEAVER won fairly fast games over LES COUBROUGH to give Seattle their only wins of the day.

On last board, RON LOUGHEED first defeated PAT HICKEY and then won a game from DAVID STIMSON to add two more wins to Tacoma's mounting score.

TACOMA CHESS CLUB	$6\frac{1}{2}$	SEATTLE CLUB	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Viktors Pupols	1*	Dan Wade	1*
Vernon Holmes	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Chas. Griffiths	$\frac{1}{2}$
Charles Hewitt	2	Tom Makens	0
Leslie Coubrough	0	F. H. Weaver	2
Ron Loughed	1	Pat Hickey	0
Ron Loughed	1	David Stimson	0

The match between West Seattle and Bocings was incomplete at this writing so will be reported in our next issue. Also final individual scores and an All-Star team will be given.

P. S. L. STANDINGS ON MONDAY, MARCH 25.

	W	L		W	L
Seattle C. C.	5	1	Bocings C. C.	1	4
Tacoma C. C.	4	2	West Seattle C.C.	1	4

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB In the Central YMCA room 604 at 4th & Madison. Open daily afternoons and evenings.

SPOKANE CHESS CLUB Meets Thursday evenings at the Desert Hotel.

TACOMA CHESS CLUB Meets Friday evenings at the downtown library.

YAKIMA CHESS CLUB Meets at the Yakima YMCA on Mondays at 7 p. m.

TRI-CITY CHESS CLUB (Richland, Kennewick and Pasco) meets every Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 at the Richland Community Hall, on George Washington Way.

WALLA WALLA VALLEY CHESS CLUB meets Friday evenings at 7:30 in the W. W. YMCA.

W. SEATTLE Meets on 2nd & 4th Friday evenings at the High Point Rec. Center.

AROUND THE CHESS WORLD BY DON EILMES

Mikhail Botvinnik, defending the world chess championship, took the lead Sunday, March 17, over Vassily Smyslov in Moscow after winning their adjourned fifth game in 54 moves. This was Botvinnik's second victory. He also won the fourth game.

Botvinnik was a pawn to the good, with a rook strongly posted on the seventh rank, when the fifth game was resumed after 41 moves.

Botvinnik's king, still uncastled, was free to roam in the center which left him able to improve his outlook move by move until the 54th when Smyslov acknowledged defeat.

The sixth game was Smyslov's turn to taste victory. This raised his score to equal Botvinnik's. The seventh game ended in a draw after less than thirty moves, the shortest game of the series to date.

LOMBARDY TIES FOR 4th

William Lombardy, playing for the U. S. in the annual international chess masters tournament at Mar Del Plata in Argentina, is tied for fourth place with Sanguinetti of Argentina.

The New Yorker, after drawing his opening round, won his second on the black side of a Sicilian Defense in forty moves.

Alexander Kotov leads the tournament with a perfect score of 5-0. His fellow countryman Paul Keres is tied for second with Miguel Najdorf with 4-1 scores.

HERMAN STEINER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

In a dramatic finish Irving Revise came from behind to tie Dr. Peter Lapiken for first at the conclusion of the Masters Section of the Herman Steiner Memorial Tournament.

Lapiken lost his last round game to Robert Brieger of San Diego in a relatively short struggle. This was Lapiken's second loss in his last three games. His final score was $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Revise was the only undefeated player, with four wins and five draws. Lapiken on the other hand had the most wins with six wins and only one draw, but had 2 losses. Two newcomers to the master ranks, Robert Brieger and Lorber proved their worth with even scores of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$.

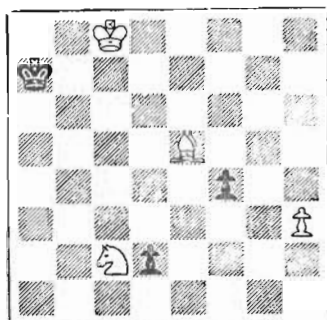
MASSACHUSETTS CHAMPION

John Curdo won the Massachusetts state championship with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Next came James Warren, Arthur Freeman and Gene Theoharous each with 4-2.

SEATTLE PLAYERS' GAMES

Two games by Seattle players were selected by John W. Collins for annotation and comment, in the March 5 issue of Chess Life. Tom Makens lost his Bird's Opening to a famous master, E.T. McCormick, in the U.S. Open at Oklahoma City, 1956. James McCormick's handling of a King's Indian Defense against E. Vano in the Long Island Amateur was cited as an example of the alert, aggressive play which earned him the title.

SOLVERS' CONTEST



WHITE TO PLAY & WIN

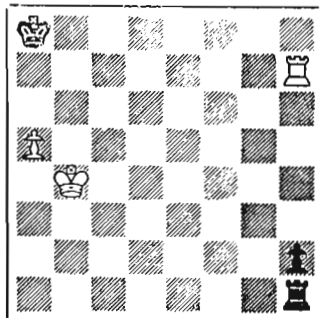
We have at least one solver who didn't waste time to look for a fancy way to assure a draw for last month's problem. He stated very simply that White checks along the rook file until the black king either approaches the rook or seeks sanctuary on its seventh rank. Then the white rook takes the black pawn, and you have a draw because Black cannot intercept the white pawn. We can't find anything wrong with this surprisingly practical tactic, so award equal points for it.

The position this month is next to the last in the contest. It is believed by George Bishop that it has never before been published in this country. If it fails to break the present ties for the three prizes at stake, we will present some tie-breaker problems next month, and thereafter if necessary.

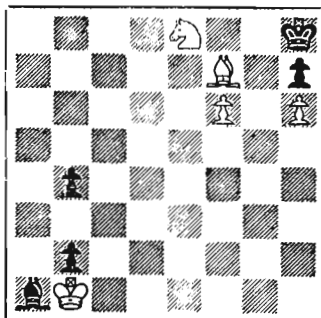
We would appreciate it if someone with more experience in appraising the difficulty of problems and endgames would volunteer to make selections for future contests. The job would entail furnishing the Chess Letter printer with the positions, and receiving and scoring the replies. The correspondence is good fun, -- epistles from "The Roaring Potlatch River" alone being worth the effort. So, will somebody please volunteer to give this feature the attention it deserves? At least try a six-month series, or until good ol' Honest George makes his fortune and comes back home. We can start you off with 20 or 30 good positions to consider and supplement with your own favorites.

Some of the misses last month were due to errors in notation, although they indicated understanding of the right procedure. Accurate solutions to BOTH have come from: Charles Ballantine, R.G. Spencer, J.G. Scripps, Bruce Oldham, H.F. Thompson, C.J. Sween,

Maybe others will arrive in the several days remaining before the deadline, and they will receive full credit.



WHITE TO PLAY AND DRAW
SOLUTION: 1 K-N5, R-N8†,
2 K-R6, P-R8/Q, 3 R-R8†, QXR



WHITE MATES IN 5
KEY MOVE: B-R2



"The chess club, Sir? I'm sorry, but it doesn't meet until tomorrow night."

SEND SOLUTIONS TO F.H.WEAVER, 501 OLYMPIC PLACE, SEATTLE 99, BEFORE APRIL 28,

INTRODUCTORY NOTES



ULVESTAD

THE NORTHWEST MASTERS



DAKE

There are 60 recognized chess masters in the United States. Half are in New York, 15 in California, and 15 among the other 46 states. Washington and Oregon are fortunate. Each state has a colorful and famous master.

OLAF ULVESTAD began playing chess as a high school senior. He haunted the Seattle Chess Club, sometimes missed the last West Seattle streetcar home. After winning local events he took off for New York, where he was a sensation with unorthodox and original lines of play, now worldwide standard reference.

Those were depression days. Jobs were non-existent, but Olaf ran across Arthur Dake operating a chess emporium at Coney Island, was put to work as a relief man. He learned showmanship, and rough, tough tactics, because at 25¢ a game the sooner the win the sooner another patzer could ante up his fee.

Then began barnstorming tours, lectures, and blindfold exhibitions. Olaf was the youngest member of the first United States chess team to invade Russia, won brilliantly. The European circuit is a good living for a famous master, with guarantees, liberal prize funds, and great public interest. Olaf spent several years, after World War II, in Italy, France, Germany, Holland, England and Scandinavia, competing in tournaments and studying music. His last serious effort against master opponents was the 1954 Eastern States Open in which he scored a solid $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to win. Ulvestad is now employed by Boeing, is recently married to a well known musician, lives near Northgate in Seattle.

ARTHUR DAKE was a merchant seaman, sailing the seven seas, when he found he had uncanny ability with chess men. Dake and Fine are mentioned in the same breath in recalling chess greats of the 1930's. Dake is still listed 4th among senior masters, although he seldom plays serious chess any more, last appearance being after long retirement in the 1955 U.S. Open, where he scored 8-4 against the best. He is employed by the State of Oregon, has a nice home in Portland, a lovely wife, and a beautiful daughter in college.

In April 1956, Ulvestad accompanied the Seattle contingent that raided the Oregon Open, and was met by Dake who was actually hungry for good chess. They played between tournament rounds, and all night, - sparkling, audacious, humorous chess, accompanied by raucous witticism and bonmot from their Coney Island days. No one can manipulate pawns like Dake. No one can interpose an unexpected and fantastic thrust like Ulvestad. There was a steady rhythm of empty cans chunking into the wastebasket, - bang of chess pieces, - nonsense:

"He's not only insufferable, he's insuperable."

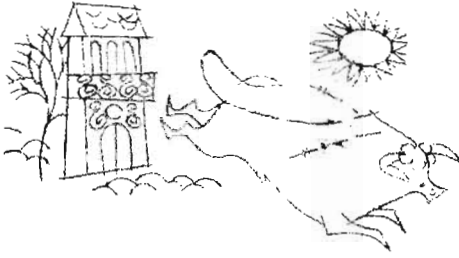
"Look, look, the rook!"

"I'd better get this horse to a stable position."

"Shed a tear for Ulvestad, his move was good, but his position was bad."

As it must to all men, the realization has come to both Ulvestad and Dake that chess is not a way of life, but something to do for fun. With their chess reputations secure in the annals of the game, they are now good family men. FHW

JACK NOURSE'S
LETTER FROM SPAIN



Dear Friends;

We are now in San Sebastian, in the north of Spain, and we leave for France tomorrow, then to England. Since leaving Malaga we have been to Gibraltar, Tangier (Arabs, --ugh), Cadiz, Seville, Lisbon, Madrid, and now San Sebastian.

There are six large clubs in Madrid. I visited two, and met Arturo Pomar, who is looking fine, and wished to be remembered to all the Washington state players, particularly to Ken Day and Olaf Ulvestad. Pomar's chess club has about 150 members. It is part of the Royal Madrid Football Club, the best team in Spain. Their stadium can seat 130,000, and it was almost full when I saw Switzerland tie Spain in their game last Sunday.

The clubs I have mentioned are definitely not pure chess clubs but have facilities for practically everything. What gives them life is the fact that the Spaniards like one another, and enjoy the meeting, whether it be over a cup of coffee, a brandy, or a chess board.

It has always seemed to me that the best plan for Washington chess clubs would be to function as a section of some club or organization, such as the YMCA. I talked this up several years ago but was howled down. Since then I have had the good fortune to see what tends to build a good club, and I have unearthed no factor that would make me change my conclusion.

See you all in June,
Jack

PUBLICITY IN MAGAZINES

Chess has been hitting a new high in public interest and national publicity during the past few months.

The January 14, issue of Sports Illustrated presented the national college chess team match as having a stupendous lack of popular interest, but being equal to the Rose, Cotton, Sugar or Orange Bowl spectacles in its precedent-breaking climax. The largely ignored University of Chicago team of nobodies wangled \$100 from the university authorities to attend the tournament in Philadelphia, to play against teams headed by famous masters. By the finish of the event, needing shaves, sleep and food, Chicago had won by the margin of one full game, ending the myth of the invincibility of City College of New York.

The February Esquire cover showed a variety of rare pieces, and an article on page 6 discussed chessmen as an art form, with facts and figures on the history of chess dating back 3,500 years, when chess helped to combat the tedium of the hours and concubines in Oriental courts.

Hearst newspapers, including the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, had a feature by International News Service Science Writer Edwin Diamond, describing the electronic computing machine named Maniac, that has been taught to play chess, based on the general principles of material advantage and of mobility. Maniac was taught to plan ahead four moves, two by each player. At the turning point of its game with Prof. Martin Kruskal, of Princeton, a strong player, Maniac deliberated 20 minutes before giving up its queen. In its game against a human beginner, the machine was victorious, and handled the final attack most impressively.

True Magazine for March devoted its cover to chess pieces and had a double-page spread of chessmen that are collector's items. Sid Latham dated the game back 50 centuries.

The cover on this month's Chess Letter is a reproduction of pieces that were on the True cover.

GAMES

By Wade

This month we give you a selection of interesting games from the recent P. S. O.

C. GRIFFITHS

H. NOLAND

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | N-B3 |
| 5. O-O | NxP |
| 6. P-Q4 | P-QN4 |
| 7. B-N3 | P-Q4 |
| 8. PxP | B-K3 |
| 9. P-B3 | B-K2 |
| 10 B-K3 | O-O |
| 11 QN-Q2 | NxN |
| 12 QxN | N-R4 |
| 13 B-B2 | N-B5 |
| 14 Q-B1 | NxB |
| 15 QxN | P-QB4 |
| 16 QR-Q1 | QR-B1 |
| 17 KR-K1 | R-K1 |
| 18 P-KR3 | Q-R4 |
| 19 B-N1 | P-N5 |
| 20 R-QB1 | KR-Q1 |
| 21 N-N5 | BxN |
| 22 QxB | PxP |
| 23 PxP | P-Q5 |
| 24 PxP | PxP |
| 25 Q-R4 | P-Q6 |
| 26 QR-Q1 | BxQRP |
| 27 BxB | QxB |
| 28 Q-K4 | P-Q7 |
| 29 R-K2? | R-B8 |
| 30 Resigns. | |

Typical of Noland's play. 29 R-KB1 is the only move but Black is certain to win with one of his two passed pawns.

The upset of the tournament.

E. LEININGER

J. GELL

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| 1. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-KN3 | P-KN3 |
| 3. B-N2 | B-N2 |
| 4. P-QB4 | P-QB4 |
| 5. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 6. NxP | O-O |
| 7. O-O | P-Q3 |
| 8. N-QB3 | QN-Q2 |
| 9. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 10 N/4-N5 | N-B4 |

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| 11 P-QN4 | N-K3 |
| 12 NxQP | N-Q5 |
| 13 NxB | RxN |
| 14 P-B5 | P-N3 |
| 15 N-R4 | PxP |
| 16 NxP | Q-N3 |
| 17 N-Q3 | Q-N1 |
| 18 B-N2 | KR-Q1 |
| 19 BxN | RxB |
| 20 Q-K2 | R-B6 |
| 21 KR-Q1 | B-R3 |
| 22 P-QR3 | Q-Q3 |
| 23 N-B5 | N-Q2 |
| 24 RxR | PxR |
| 25 NxN | QxN |
| 26 P-B4? | ---- |

Often after winning material the side that has suffered the loss has some compensation in time or position. Then it behooves the pawn grabber to consolidate his position before continuing the onslaught.

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| 26 ---- | Q-B2 |
| 27 Q-Q2 | P-Q6 |
| 28 B-B1 | R-B7 |
| 29 QxP | Q-N3ch. |
| 30 K-R1 | Q-B7 |
| 31 Q-Q8ch. | B-B1 |
| 32 Q-R4 | Q-B6ch. |
| 33 K-N1 | QxKP |
| 34 Q-B6? | Q-K6ch. |
| 35 K-R1 | B-K2 |
| 36 Q-R6 | Q-B6ch. |
| 37 K-N1 | Q-B7ch. |
| 38 K-R1 | QxP mate. |

White had to play 34 Q-R3 to keep himself alive.

DR. A. A. MURRAY

D. EILMES

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| 1. P-QB4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-QB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3. N-B3 | N-B3 |
| 4. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 5. NxP | B-N5 |
| 6. B-N5 | P-KR3 |
| 7. B-R4 | BxNch. |
| 8. PxB | O-O |
| 9. P-K3 | N-K4 |
| 10 B-K2 | N-N3 |
| 11 B-N3 | N-K5 |
| 12 Q-B2 | NxB? |

This opens lines for a White attack.

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| 13 RPxN | P-Q3 |
| 14 P-B4 | B-Q2 |
| 15 K-B2 | N-K2 |
| 16 P-N4 | Q-B1 |
| 17 P-N5 | N-B4 |
| 18 P-N4, NxN; 19 BPxN, BxP; 20 BxB, QxB; 21 QR-KN1, Q-K3; 22 P-B5, Q-Q2; 23 P-B6, P-N3; 24 RxP, and Black soon resigns. | |

Probably the best game of the tournament. Weaver was tired of being called a "potzcr"!

F. H. WEAVER

V. PUPOLS

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| 1. P-QB4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. N-QB3 | P-KN3 |
| 3. P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 4. N-B3 | B-N2 |
| 5. B-K2 | O-O |
| 6. O-O | P-K4 |
| 7. P-Q4 | N-B3 |
| 8. P-Q5 | N-K2 |
| 9. R-N1 | N-K1 |
| 10 P-QN4 | P-KB4 |
| 11 B-Q3 | P-B5 |
| 12 P-B5 | P-KR3 |
| 13 P-KR3 | P-KN4 |
| 14 N-R2 | N-KB3 |
| 15 B-K2 | K-R2 |
| 16 N-N4 | N-N3 |
| 17 P-N3 | Q-K2 |
| 18 K-N2 | P-QR4 |
| 19 PxpP | BPxpP |
| 20 Nxnch. | Bxn |
| 21 P-N5 | B-Q2 |
| 22 B-R3 | P-N3 |
| 23 Q-N3 | Q-B2 |
| 24 N-R4 | B-Q1 |
| 25 Bxp | Bxpch. |
| 26 KxB | Q-Q2ch. |
| 27 K-N2 | QxB |
| 28 QR-B1 | N-K2 |
| 29 N-N2 | B-B2 |
| 30 P-R4 | Q-Q2 |
| 31 R-B3 | B-Q3 |
| 32 R/1-QB1 | QR-B1 |
| 33 N-B4 | R-QN1 |
| 34 NxB | QxN |
| 35 B-N4 | R-N2 |
| 36 Q-B2 | R-QR1 |
| 37 R-B7 | R/1-R2 |
| 38 RxR | RxR |
| 39 Q-Q1 | K-N2 |
| 40 B-K6 | R-N1 |
| 41 Pxp | NPxpP |
| 42 Q-R5 | R-KB1 |
| 43 R-KN1 | R-B3 |
| 44 K-R2dis.ch. | R-N3 |
| 45 RxRch. | NxR |
| 46 B-B5 | N-K2 |
| 47 B-K6 | N-N3 |
| 48 Q-N4 | Q-K2 |
| 49 B-B5 | Q-R5ch. |
| 50 K-N2 | QxQch. |
| 51 BxQ | K-B3 |
| 52 P-B3 | K-K2 |
| 53 K-R3 | K-Q3 |
| 54 B-B5 | N-K2 |

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| 55 K-N4 | P-R4ch. |
| 56 KxP | NxB |
| 57 PxB | P-K5 |
| 58 P-B6 | PxP |
| 59 P-B7 | K-K2 |
| 60 K-N6 | P-B7 |
| 61 P-Q6ch. | K-K3 |
| 62 P-B8(Q) | P-B8(Q) |
| 63 Q-K7ch. | K-Q4 |
| 64 P-Q7 | |

Black has two checks and then nothing so White eventually won.

T. HAKENS

I. DALBERGS

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. P-KN3 | P-Q4 |
| 4. B-N2 | PxP |
| 5. Q-R4ch. | QN-Q2 |
| 6. QxP | P-QR3 |
| 7. B-B4 | P-B4 |
| 8. Pxp | Nxp |
| 9. N-KB3 | P-QN4 |
| 10 Q-B2 | B-N2 |
| 11 O-O | R-B1 |
| 12 N-B3 | B-K2 |
| 13 N-K5 | BxB |
| 14 KxB | O-O |
| 15 QR-B1 | Q-N3 |
| 16 B-K3 | Q-B2 |
| 17 BxN | BxB |
| 18 N-Q3 | P-N5 |
| 19 N-Q1 | Q-N2ch. |
| 20 P-B3 | B-K6 |
| 21 Q-N1 | BxR |
| 22 NxB | Q-N3 |
| 23 N-B2 | N-Q4 |
| 24 R-R1 | N-K6ch. |
| 25 K-N1 | R-B7 |
| 26 P-KR4 | KR-B1 |
| 27 K-R2 | N-B4 |
| 28 N/1-Q3 | RxKP |
| 29 Q-Q1? | ---- |

White is lost anyway. 29 Q-KB1 is answered by R/1-B7; 30 K-N1, NxnP should win. The editor would probably try for a pretty win with 30---N-K6? If 31 Q-R3, RxN; 32 Nxr, RxN; 33 KxR, N-N5ch.; 34 K-K2, Q-K6ch.; 35 K-Q1, N-B7ch.; 36 K-B2, P-N6ch.; If Pxp, Q-Q6ch.; 38 K-B1, NxQ; and White can't capture the knight because of 39---Q-B8ch.

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| 29 ---- | Rxnch. |
| 30 Nxr | QxNch. |
| 31 K-R3 | Qxp mate. |

In the above analysis, if after 30--N-K6; White played 31 Q-N1 instead of Q-R3, RxN; 32 Nxr, RxN; KxR, N-N5ch; 34 K-N2 (best), Q-B7ch; 35 K-R3, QxBP only draws!

Griffiths dazzled Joachim in the following game played in the Olympia versus Bocings match.

C. JOACHIM

1. P-K4
2. N-KB3
3. P-Q4
4. NxP
5. B-QB4
6. B-KN5?
7. B-Q2
8. N-N5?
9. N-B7ch.
- 10 NxR
- 11 K-B1
- 12 N-B3
- 13 K-N1
- 14 B-K3
- 15 BxB
- 16 N-R4
- 17 Q-K1
- 18 R-Q1?
- 19 PxN

C. GRIFFITHS

- P-QB4
- N-QB3
- PxP
- N-B3
- P-K3
- Q-R4ch.
- Q-B4
- QxB
- K-Q1
- QxPch.
- P-QN3
- B-R3ch.
- Q-B4
- B-B4
- QxB
- Q-Q4
- N-Q5
- N-B6ch.!
- Q-N4 mate.

Charles Joachim was winning State and City championships when Griffiths was just out of the diaper phase!

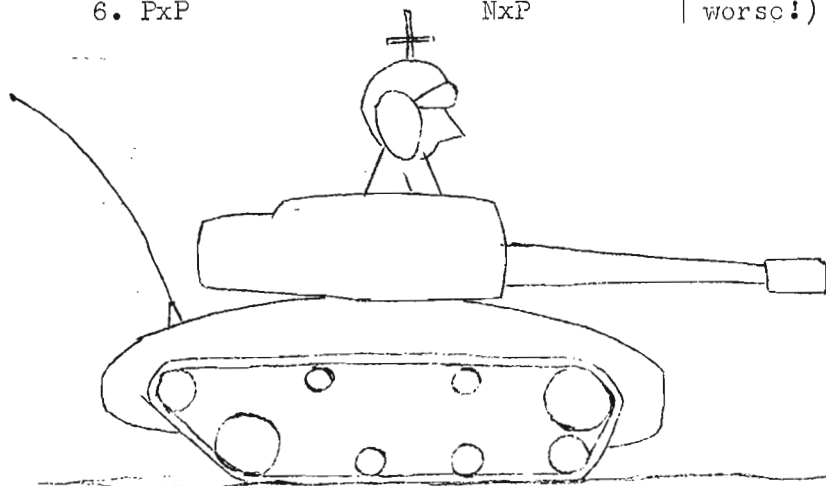
Wade has managed to make quite a few players look like wizards and the following game with Jim Trembois in a Seattle vs. Bocings match is no exception!

J. TREMBOIS

1. P-K4
2. B-B4
3. P-Q3
4. N-KB3
5. B-K3
6. PxP

D. WADE

- P-K4
- N-KB3
- B-K2
- N-B3
- P-Q4
- NxP



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| 7. B-QN5 | NxB |
| 8. BxNch. | PxB |
| 9. PxN | B-B3 |
| 10 P-K4 | R-QN1 |
| 11 P-QN3 | O-O |
| 12 QN-Q2 | R-K1 |
| 13 O-O | B-K2 |
| 14 K-R1 | B-QN5 |
| 15 N-B4 | B-B6 |
| 16 R-QN1 | P-B3? |
| 17 N-R4 | P-N3 |
| 18 Q-B3 | R-B1? |
| 19 Q-K3 | K-N2 |
| 20 QxRP | B-K3 |
| 21 Q-B2 | Q-K2 |
| 22 Q-N3 | Q-B4 |
| 23 N-K3 | B-Q7 |
| 24 N/3-B5ch. | K-B2 |
| 25 P-Q4 | QxBP |
| 26 PxP | PxN |
| 27 P/5xP | R-N1 |
| 28 QxPch. | KxP |
| 29 NxP | B-KB5 |
| 30 Q-K7ch. | K-K4 |
| 31 Q-Q6ch. | K-B3 |
| 32 N-N3! | ---- |

A devastating move stopping all of Black's mating threats and threatening Black in turn with problems!

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| 32 ---- | R-KN5 |
| 33 RxBch. | RxR |
| 34 QxRch. | K-K2 |
| 35 R-QB1 | Q-N7 |
| 36 RxP | R-Q1 |
| 37 R-B7ch. | K-K1 |
| 38 P-KR3 | QxRP |
| 39 RxP | QxP |
| 40 Q-K5 | Q-Q8ch. |
| 41 K-R2 | Resigns. |

Black cannot prevent the trading off of the heavy wood leaving a bishop versus a knight and three pawns. (Or worse!)

GEORGE BISHOP HAS COMBINED
 NOTES BY ALEKHINE & RENAUD
 TO HELP YOU WIN WITH WHITE

TEST

COVER THE G.I.E SCORE
 EXPOSE LINE BY LINE
 AS YOU SCORE POINTS

OPENING MOVES: 1 P-Q4, P-Q4; 2 KN-B3, KN-B3; 3 P-K3, P-QB4; 4 P-B3, P-K3; 5 B-Q3, B-Q3; 6 QN-Q2, QN-Q2; 7 O-O, O-O; 8 R-K A somewhat normal position in the Colle System, benign in appearance. The possibilities for White are dynamic, therefore Black must conduct his game with precision, without a single loss of tempo. Even with his QB and his QR undeveloped, White already has a formation that is capable of violent assault on the adverse King. First principles teach that in such a position Black must in no way weaken the defense of the King's corner. Now score-

8	...R-K?	An inefficient, time losing move that is so often made. ...P-K4 was called for.
9	P-K4 2 POINTS	
	...PxKP?	Even here ...P-K4!
10	NxP 1 POINT	
	...NxN	
11	BxN 1 POINT	
	...PxP?	Brutally compromising his game. ..N-B3 best.
12	BxPch 6 POINTS	Conditions governing this sacrifice are met: (a) A Knight cannot come to B3 to guard KR2, (b) The White Q can occupy a post on the Knight file long enough to force the issue. Black has nothing better.
	...KxB	
13	N-N5ch 2 POINTS	
	...K-N3	The only square. If ..K-N; 14 Q-R5
14	P-KR4: 6 POINTS	An energetic and brilliant move.
	...R-R	There is no satisfactory defense.
15	RxPch 4 POINTS	
	...N-B3	If ..PxR; 16 P-R5ch, RxP; 17 Q-Q3ch, K-B3; 18 Q-B3ch, B-B5; 19 QxBch, K-K2; 20 Q-B7ch, K-Q3; 21 QxPch and mates in all variations
16	P-R5ch 2 POINTS	
	...K-R3	
17	R-B? NO POINTS	This wins as does 17 NxP d.ch (1 POINT). But 17 Q-Q3 (6 POINTS), if (a) BxR; 18 NxBch, P-N4; 19 PxP ep ch, B-B5; 20 BxBch, K-R4; 21 Q-B5ch, K-R5; 22 Q-N5 mate. (b) If 17 ..KxP; 18 P-N4ch, KxP; 19 Q-B3ch, K-R5; 20 Q-R3 M. (c) If 17 ..B-R7ch; 18 K-B, Q-Q4; 19 NxPch, KxP; 20 Q-R3ch, K-N3; 21 NxR mate.
	...Q-R4	
18	NxPch 1 POINT	
	...K-R2	
19	N-N5ch 2 POINTS	
	...K-N	
20	Q-N3 ch 1 POINT	
	Resigns	

MASTER	23-34
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						POINTS
3/4	56B5A	Gordon	1	Phillips	0	76
3/5	56B5B	Gordon	1	Tresidder	0	44
3/6	56A4A	Weaver	1	Weisscher	0	56
	56B2A	Dickson	1	Skarsten	0	62
3/7	56A4A	Weisscher	1	Baron	0	63
		Weaver	1	Baron	0	54
		Coubrough	1	Baron	0	52
		Kaffenberger	1	Baron	0	56
	56A4B	Weisscher	1	Baron	0	63
		Weaver	1	Baron	0	54
		Coubrough	1	Baron	0	52
		Kaffenberger	1	Baron	0	56
3/8	56A6B	Carter	1	Howard	0	58
3/12	56A5A	Husby	1	Baron	0	60
		Bever	1	Baron	0	48
		Parker	1	Baron	0	73
		Parsons	1	Baron	0	52
	56A5B	Husby	1	Baron	0	60
		Bever	1	Baron	0	48
		Parker	1	Baron	0	73
		Parsons	1	Baron	0	52
	56A5B	Bever	1	Husby	0	30
	56D7B	Van Natta	1	Brookshire	0	80
3/13	56A2B	Skarsten	1	Weaver	0	80
3/20	56B1B	Squire	1	Youngman	0	47
	56B1A	Youngman	1	Squire	0	53
	56B3A	Youngman	1	Squire	0	53
	56B3B	Youngman	1	Squire	0	53
3/20	56B10A	Merk	1	Sween	0	70
		Laine	1	Sween	0	65
		Van Natta	1	Sween	0	64
		Lyberger	1	Sween	0	80
	56B10B	Merk	1	Sween	0	70
		Laine	1	Sween	0	65
		Van Natta	1	Sween	0	64
		Lyberger	1	Sween	0	80
3/25	56A4A	Weaver	1	Coubrough	0	55
3/27	56A3B	Bever	1	Cairncross	0	10

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Parsons	1765
Weaver	1706
Weisscher	1705
Mage	1686
Kaffenberger	1682
Bever	1658
Wade	1653
Coubrough	1644
Edberg, K.	1576
Parker	1546
Karsten	1504
Luters	1472
Carter	1441
Dickson	1432
Husby	1422
Knapp	1403
Woodward	1400
Howard	1397
Phillips	1327
Cairncross	1255

"B" Division

Van Natta	1420
Laine	1404
Berk	1394
Lyberger	1297
Spatz	1277
Gordon	1262
Hamilton	1251
McDonald	1252
Mills	1248
Haynes	1238
Edberg, A.	1220
Spencer	1185
Robers	1178
Nichols	1149
Youngman	1159
Lee	1140
Maligh	1134
Tresidder	1108
Gemar	1100
Watson	1070
Bell	1050
Bennett	1050
Bowerman	1050
James	1050
Miller	1050
Pierce	1050
Scrapps	1050
Pifley	1050
Benson	1031
Aldridge	1010
Skoglund	998
Skinner	996
Notter	920
Waldron	811
Adamson	781
Jacobson	710