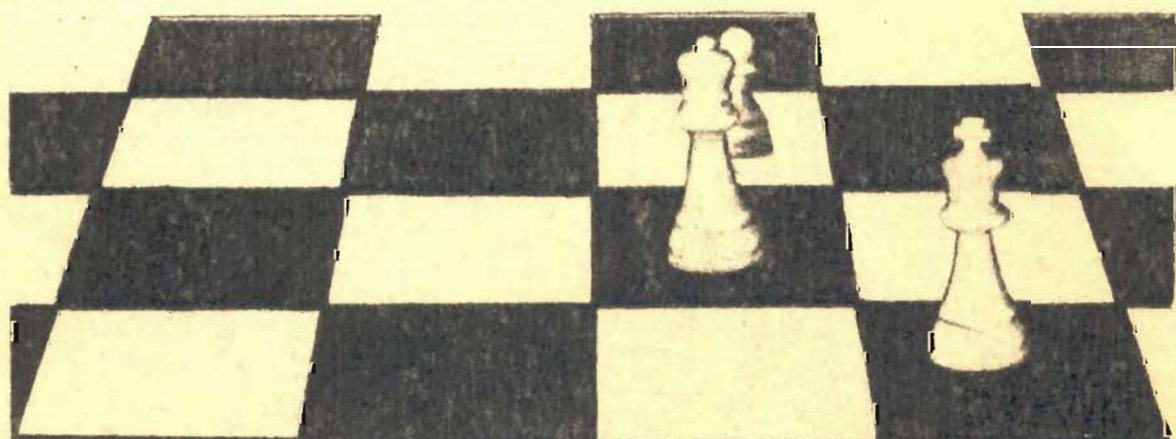


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NORTHWEST RATINGS THIS ISSUE !

SFC ROBERT A. KARCH, now residing at 987 Franklin St., Monterey, California, has brought the ratings of N.W. and former N. W. players nearly up to date. His labors now include all reports in the Chess Letter to April 1st.

INTERNATIONAL AT PEACE ARCH JULY 28

The WCF depends upon the leaders in each community where there is a club to get all of the players possible to travel to the Peace Arch on Sunday, July 28. We are especially depending on a strong contingent from Seattle. Also, a large group from Mount Vernon and the rest of Northwestern Washington could save us.

Tacoma, Olympia and Yakima are further away from the match site so probably won't support the event in large numbers. However, we will welcome all with open arms as all indications point to a visiting Washington team being outnumbered by the host British Columbia team. We will have badges with either the United States flag or the United States coat of arms for our players.

SEAFAIR OPEN AUGUST 3 - 4th.

The Seattle Seafair Open is only a week after the International this year. If all of those who said they would play in it show up, we will set an attendance record! Starts at 9 a.m. Saturday at Y.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB Room 604 YMCA. Open daily afternoons and evenings.

SPOKANE CHESS CLUB Meets Thursday evenings at the Desert Hotel. Closed during the summer months.

TACOMA CHESS CLUB Meets Friday evenings at the downtown library.

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

TRI-CITY CHESS CLUB (Richland, Pasco & Kennewick) meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Richland Community Hall on George Washington Way.

WALLA WALLA VALLEY CHESS CLUB Meets on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the W.Walla YMCA.

OLYMPIA CHESS CLUB Meets on Monday evenings at 7:30 in the Community Center.

WEST SEATTLE CHESS CLUB Meets on 2nd & 4th Friday evenings at the High Point Recreation Center.

TRI-CITY NEWS

Mr. R. G. SPENCER, secretary of the Tri-City Chess Club of Richland, sent along the following news of that club's activities.

Club Standings on June 13th, '57

T. Warner.....1330	B. Arbogast.....952
R. Spencer.....1320	L. Cole.....948
K. Wm. Hess.....1208	F. Grubb.....932
E. Hovermale.....1098	C. Gilman.....886
F. Cooper.....990	P. Prichard.....856
R. Turner.....960	H. Jensen.....832
L. Brown.....954	D. Warren.....734

New players start at 1000 points. First evening play does not count. Playing time 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Won-lost records, accumulative from Feb. 28th, 1957 follow:

Warner 7-0, Spencer 14-5, Hess 4-0, Cooper 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$, Hovermale 8-7, Arbogast 11-14, Gillman 3-6, Jensen 2-4, Turner 1-2, Prichard 2-6, Warren 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$, Brown 0-1, Grubb 0-2 and Cole 0-2.

Ted Warner is President, R. Spencer Secretary and B. Arbogast is the Treasurer.

SEATTLE-AMSTERDAM POSTAL

MAX BADER, team captain and organizer of the Bocings team in the Puget Sound League, is the first player to break the ice in the Amsterdam, Holland vs. Seattle, Washington Postal Match. Bader, with the black pieces, won over MULLER to give the Seattle team a short-lived 1-0 lead.

The score was soon knotted at 1-1 when BEN WEISSCHER lost his black game to VOGEL. Weisscher takes care of all of the correspondence at the Seattle end of the match and mixed his European and American notation. This led to his downfall.

A review of the eight remaining contests in the match shows minor advantages about even. WADE offered a rook sacrifice to FIKKE, but the Amsterdam Champion turned it down as Wade stood to gain a bishop, two pawns and a good attack on an exposed king.

As of June 25th, about 25 moves are made.

INTERNATIONAL JULY 28

The 14th annual International Chess Match will be held at the Peace Arch on the Washington-British Columbia border at one p. m. Pacific Standard Time on Sunday, July 28th.

B. C. is always at their strongest on their home grounds. Two years ago we bearded the British lion in his den with a skeleton team and were kicked from the proverbial pillar to the proverbial you know what. We have the players, but a player in Seattle, Tacoma, Yakima, Mount Vernon, Bremerton or Olympia is no good to state chess promotion on July 28th unless he is located under the Peace Arch on that day.

The WCF Rules Committee, appointed at the last meeting, decided to accept all of the rules except number 8. Master players will be welcomed! We need forty five players AT LEAST. We will have to forfeit all boards down to the 45th where no player is available. The top 30 will be the "A" team and play for the replica of the Peace Arch trophy. The next fifteen (or more) are the "B" team and will play for the plaque. Both plaque & the trophy are now in Washington's possession and must be engraved. As visitors, we will have the white pieces on the even numbered boards.

The score of the "A" match now is, Washington 7 British Columbia 5 and one drawn match. Last year at Mount Vernon Washington won easily 21 to 9. However, the last time we won at the Peace Arch was away back in 1953.

Be sure to bring along set, board, and (if possible) clocks. Strangely enough, with all of the rules there was no mention of the number of moves to be made per hour! However, play should start at about 1 and be finished at 5. An adjudication committee is appointed to take care of unfinished games.

Players willing to take a car full of players please put your name and telephone number on the Seattle Club board.

GRIFFITHS WINS A SPEED EVENT

Amid the ding of bells and the buzz of buzzers, CHARLES GRIFFITHS once again proved tops in speed chess in another of the club's speed tournaments, this time held Saturday evening, June 15th.

Dago Charley didn't have things his own way although his final 13-1 won and lost record might make the reader think otherwise. VIKTORS PUPOLS, out to win a fourth tournament in a row, romped to 11 wins in a row with nary a loss including a win over Griffiths. With 11-0 and but three games left to play, Pupols tangled with DAN WADE and was defeated twice and followed up by losing his remaining game with Griffiths. Wade lost twice to the Champ and drew his second encounter with TOM MAKENS to finish with $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ to take second place. Pupol's 11-3 was good for third spot.

The other five players in this 8 - player, double round-robin were Tom Makens with 7-7, STAN SAWYER 5-9, JOHN SCHROEDEL 4-10, DON EILMES $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$ and PHILLIP MOORMANN with 1-13.

So, with the exception of Makens who broke even, it was a case of the Haves & the Have Nots - Feast and Famine.

Makens won games from Schroedel (2), Moormann (2), his first game from Sawyer, his first game from Eilmes and drew second games with both Wade and Eilmes.

Sawyer won twice from Moormann, won his first games with both Eilmes and Schroedel, and won his second encounter against Makens.

Eilmes, who persisted in giving away queens, won twice from Moormann, won his second game with Sawyer and drew his second game with Makens.

Schroedel won twice from Eilmes and scored wins in his first game with Moormann and his second game with Sawyer.

Phil Moormann lost 13 games in a row playing some pretty fair speed chess in the process. Refusing to fold, he finally triumphed on his 14th and final try, winning a game from Schroedel.

ULVESTAD WINS MATCH FROM PUPOLS

Things have been fairly quiet at the club during the past two months as organizers take a rest before the coming Seafair Open Tournament. The so-called West Seattle Invitational mentioned two months ago has bogged down with no games having been played by Griffiths, Wade, Eilmes or Makens in this event since the last report.

Viktors Pupols, seeking to add more laurels to his already brilliant record, is playing a match with Olaf Ulvestad. He was trailing in the score in mid-June as this is written. Some players excel in match play but more fight harder and better in tournaments where one does not become bored playing the same opponent game after game. Tournaments offer more excitement with different opponents and the changing standings and the drawings before each round. LATE FLASH! ULVESTAD, WINNER! BEATS PUPOLS $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$.

SEAFAIR AUG. 3

Don't forget, the annual SEATTLE SEAFAIR OPEN is scheduled for 9 a. m., Saturday, August 3rd. Players come to the YMCA 4th Avenue and Madison Street. Not mentioned last issue is this: PLEASE come prepared! Bring chess men, boards and, if it is possible, bring chess clocks. Don't be without a pencil or two either!

First round 9 a.m., second round 1 p.m., third round 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Fourth round 8 a.m. and fifth round 1 p.m. on Sunday. (Only five rounds.)

The Median tie-breaking system is being used.

The time control is 50 moves in 2 hrs. for each contestant.

There is a guaranteed first prize of \$25. If the turnout is large enough, this first prize may be greater. Other prizes will be announced.

The entry fee is \$3.30 and the tournament will be USCF rated.

VUKONICH WINS WEST SEATTLE TITLE

EUGENE VUKONICH won the annual West Seattle Chess Club championship. Eugene won 11 and lost 5 in the 9 player double round-robin. The new champion succeeds BEN WEISSCHER who did not enter the 1957 event. Vukonich lost twice to MAX MAGE and broke even with KILLIAN SEEKAMP, F. M. HOWARD, and WINTERS, his closest competitors. Therefore, he won the championship with the old baseball maxim - to win the championship, break even against your toughest competition and clobber the daylighters out of the tailenders! Vukonich scored 8-0 against the bottom 4 men. In fact, he fell a little short of following the maxim and still won the title.

Only one game behind were MAGE and SEEKAMP. They both scored 10-6. Mage, as mentioned, won twice from the champ but lost twice to both Seekamp and Howard & those double beatings coupled with single losses to WINTER and MUNRO, was just too much.

Seekamp lost twice to Munro who ended 'way down in 7th place. He split his series with Vukonich, Winters and Bjornson and Schrank. He won twice over Mage & Howard, two of his toughest opponents, & also won a pair from Hake who finished in last place.

F. M. HOWARD took 4th place with 9-7 and also directed the tournament.

With the tournament completed, West Seattle's chess club is taking a recess & will not resume play until the 2nd Friday in September.

The tourney was not completed with several of the bottom players playing but 10 or 12 games. If Winters had been able to complete his schedule, all against lower division opponents, and win these contests, he could have won the tournament.

	V.	M.	S.	H.	W.	S.	H.	B.	H.	WON	LOST	N. W. RATING
1. Eugene Vukonich	XX	00	01	10	01	11	11	11	11	11	- 5	1724 (B)
2. Max Mage	11	XX	00	00	10	11	10	11	11	10	- 6	1775 (B)
3. Killian Seekamp	10	11	XX	11	10	10	00	10	11	10	- 6	1911 (A)
4. F. M. Howard	01	11	00	XX	00	00	11	11	11	9	- 7	1644 (B)
5. Winters	10	01	01	11	XX		01	$\frac{1}{2}$		$6\frac{1}{2}$	- $4\frac{1}{2}$	no rating
6. G. Schrank	00	00	01	11		XX	11	00		5	- 7	1700 (B)
7. Jim Munro	00	01	11	00	10	00	XX	01	11	7	- 9	no rating
8. Dale Bjornson	00	00	01	00	$\frac{1}{2}$	11	10	XX		$4\frac{1}{2}$	- $8\frac{1}{2}$	1638 (B)
9. Gale Hake	00	00	00	00			00		XX	0	- 10	1522 (C)

WADE TOPS POSTAL SECTION

DAN WADE hadn't won any chess titles lately, so when ROBERT EDBERG handed his resignation in the other day in Postal 56 A-1B, Wade won the championship of postal sections 56A-1A and 1B. He also gets his subscription to the Chess Letter extended six months!

Wade scored $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, breaking even 1-1 with Edberg, beating ALAN BARON $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ and scoring 2-0 over both F. M. HOWARD & the REV. CARTER. Edberg finished second with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Besides his loss to Wade, he was upset by Howard in a brilliant game published a few months ago and held to drawn game in one of his tussles against Carter.

Baron knocked himself out of contention by forfeiting twice to Edberg and once to Wade. He would have lost one of his Edberg games anyway but his other one was a drawish ending. He forfeited against Wade when a pawn ahead in a knight and pawn endgame. Baron's score was $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. If he had completed his games and beaten Wade, drawn Edberg, he would have had a 6-2 score. Wade would have had $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ and Edberg 5-3. Wade felt that he could have held on for a draw in his game with Baron and still won the tournament with a 6-2 score & Baron $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Edberg had beaten Wade in only seventeen moves in their "A" game and after the same number of moves was 2 pawns ahead in the "B" game. However, a fantastic battle followed and Edberg resigned after checking Wade's king 17 times after 62 moves.

	56A-1A			56A-1B		
1. Dan Wade	X	0	1	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$
2. R. Edberg	1	X	1	0	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
3. Alan Baron	0	0	X	1	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
4. F.M. Howard	0	1	0	X	1	2
5. Rev. Carter	0	0	0	0	X	$1\frac{1}{2}$

So the tourney ended $1\frac{1}{2}$ years after it started in January, 1956.

OLYMPIA CHESS

Although many communities in our state now appear to be in slumberland chessically speaking, this is not true in Olympia. This town, new to organized chess, is now experiencing a chess boom under the able guidance of CHARLES JOACHIM, one-time Washington Chess Federation Tournament Director.

Mr. Joachim has expressed the hope he and some of the other Olympia players might be able to compete in the forthcoming Seafair Open, scheduled for the Seattle Y, August 3rd and 4th.

OLYMPIAN CLUB PLAYER RATINGS AS OF JUNE 1ST

Charles Joachim	1708	John Gilchrist	1614
Chester Harmonson	1705	Harry Byron	1610
Walt Conner	1699	Steve Holt	1600
Ed Tveden	1696	Phil Dolan	1598
Ellis Ayer	1696	Jin Routh	1596
Phil Stymans	1688	James Schader	1590
Harry Parmelee	1687	L. C. Durwald	1584
Dave Hanon	1666	Art Beck	1582
John Mackenzie	1674	Jim Mohs	1565
Don McCuiston	1660	Rein Felt	1560
Hartley Krueger	1658	Jim Swanson	1554
Dr. Waldo McInnis	1656	Clyde Clergit	1550
John Booth	1654	John Wood	1546
Colonel Gurfein	1650	Don Schwarz	1540
Ted Davis	1648	Carl Nelson	1530
Monroe Burnett	1640	Mrs. R. Stratton	1520
Bob Hallgren	1630	Robert Stratton	1514
Paul Moore	1624	Earle Thompson	1512
Dale Wells	1620	Ted Warren	1510
Gurfein Jr. *	1618	Leonard McIntosh	1500

* Gurfein Jr. is about 11 years old, and shows promise of becoming a really outstanding player.

Mr. Joachim was unable to play in the Olympia-Tacoma match which Olympia lost 8 to 3, because of illness. Also, his second-hand report of the match was incomplete.

Vernon Holmes	1	Walt Conner	0
Ron Loughood	2	Phil Stymans	0
	2	Don McCuiston	0
C. Carlson	0	Ed Tveden	2
	2	John MacKenzie	0
	1	John Booth	1

On the first board only one game between Holmes and Conner was played.

On the 23rd of June, Olympia gained revenge on McNeil, beating the inmates 8 to 2.

OLYMPIA CHESS CLUB	8	MCNEIL ISLAND	2
Charles Joachim	0	Dorame	1
Charles Joachim	1	Travis	0
Walt Conner	3	Berry	0
Walt Conner	1	Unger	0
Harry Parmelee	2	Ege	0
John Mackenzie	1	Sweezy	1

A game from Olympia which may give an idea of the calibre of the game there.

STYLMANS (White)

TVE DEN (Black)

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. B-B4	N-KB3
3. N-QB3	B-N5
4. P-Q3	O-O
5. N-B3	N-B3
6. O-O	P-Q3
7. P-QR3	BxN
8. PxB	N-K2
9. R-K1	B-K3
10 B-N3	P-Q4
11 P-QR4	B-N5
12 B-R3	PxP
13 PxP	QxQ
14 QRxQ	BxN
15 PxB	KR-K1
16 P-QB4	P-QN3
17 B-N2	N-N3
18 K-R1	P-B4
19 B-B1	N-R4
20 P-B3	N/4-B5
21 B-K3	N-R5
22 BxN	PxB
23 R-Q3	QR-Q1
24 RxR	RxR
25 B-Q1	R-Q6
26 B-K2	RxQB
27 R-Q1	P-N2
28 K-N1	R-R6
29 R-Q8ch.	K-N2
30 P-K5	R-R8ch.
31 B-B1	NxP
32 K-N2	NxP
33 R-Q5	K-B3
34 P-B3	RxP
35 R-Q8	NxP
36 BxN	RxB

White resigned after another 11 moves. Another game sent in from Olympia was incorrectly recorded and couldn't be used.

JUNIOR CHESS

By Schroedel

JUNIOR NATIONAL

The Junior National Open will be held in San Francisco, July 8 to 14, of this year. The age limit is 20 years and under. JIM MCCORMICK seems to be the only Washington man who might participate in this event. He will be 21 in August so it will be his last chance.

HIGHLINE 4 WEST SEATTLE 1

The first inter-high school chess match to be held in a long time took place at West Seattle High School on May 16th. Five players from each school participated. The West Seattle team was under-strength for the event and had to use two substitutes, PHIL MOORMANN and JOHN SCHROEDEL. The final results of the match are listed below.

HIGHLINE HIGH SCHOOL	4.	WEST SEATTLE HIGH	1.
Stan Sawyer	1	Al Bender	0
Chris Napjus	0	Buz Eddy	1
Dale Bjornson	1	Jerry Ball	0
Jerry Hanson	1	Phil Moormann	0
Dick Hiatt	1	John Schroedel	0

Several players from both teams played in the recent 1957 Washington State Junior.

REMATCH - WEST SEATTLE 3 HIGHLINE 2

After their May 16th loss, West Seattle High School challenged Highline to a rematch. This match was played at West Seattle High on June 3rd. The bulk of the Highline team did not show up until an hour after the scheduled time and were one man short so CHRIS CALLIGAN of Highline had to play on both 4th and 5th boards. For this match West Seattle was prepared with some of its better players. This was shown in the final results below.

WEST SEATTLE HIGH	3.	HIGHLINE HIGH SCHOOL	2.
Larry Munger	1	Stan Sawyer	0
Jim Paglieri	0	Chris Napjus	1
Buz Eddy	0	Jerry Hanson	1
Al Bender	1	Chris Calligan	0
Harold Rosengren	1	Chris Calligan	0

KENT HIGH SCHOOL 7. WENATCHEE JR. HIGH 3.

These teams met at the Seattle Club on Sunday, June 9th. We do not have any details.

A NOTICE TO ALL WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOLS

In advance to the coming 1957-58 high school year, an inter-high chess league is going to be organized. Grand scale inter-high chess playing has been absent in this area for more than twenty years when middle aged duffers found throughout the state today played for their respective schools when they were in their teens. (! Ye Ed.)

For this reason and with the hope of promoting junior chess in Washington we are organizing an inter-high league. In order to gain support we would like information, letters from players in schools all over the state being appreciated. Write to the author of this column whose address is below.

In closing this article, which I hope will be the first of many, I wish to say I have tried to present a pleasing report. As the author is not much of a chess player he feels he cannot do much to support Washington State Junior Chess except by work of this kind. Any comments or remarks on this article would be of help. If interested - write to -

JOHN SCHROEDEL
6343 50th S.W.
Seattle 16, Wn.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

A couple of the middle aged duffers he mentions, were the editor and CLARENCE CLARK on the 1937 Franklin High School team which won seven and lost one while winning the old chess championship 20 years ago, by cracky! To our open-mouthed amazement, OLIVER MORRIS turned out to be the same SCOTT MORRIS who gave the editor his last high school chess beating in the opening match of the '36 season. OLIVER SCOTT MORRIS led his Roosevelt mates to the 1936 championship being unbeaten and winning all of their matches by wide margins.

OLAF ULVESTAD got his start playing on the West Seattle High School team being the scourge of the league in the early 30's. Ex-Seattle Club Secretary DAVID ERICKSON played for Roosevelt High over 20 years ago. We knew several others who are no longer with us having either dropped the game or moved away.

DW

HOW TO DRAW A GAME

Pupols

It is the accepted opinion that a perfectly played game of chess should be drawn, and many imperfectly played games have been. Lovers of fighting chess have long complained that whenever this happened, neither side was really making an effort. In some cases their point is well taken. As to others, it need only be commented that chess theory and technique have now progressed to the point where, after making 4 moves in a Four Knights opening, the partners might just as well call it a draw.

There are many ways to draw a game, all preferable to losing, and all listed in this article. But it is one of the added attractions of chess that a face-saving way out is possible, and the game does not have to go into a third overtime or a fourteenth inning.

In long, hard tournaments the practice of drawing a game by agreement has been long used and abused. We scoff at eleven-move draws; but do we ever inquire into the circumstances that produced them? The opponents may have been exhausted by some battle royal in the round previous to the agreed upon draw of which we know nothing. One player may be within half a point of winning the tournament, in which case it is foolish to expect him to take risks, and, maybe throw away all that he has previously gained. In the shortest game played in the recent Championship of the World match, an eleven move draw, was just a tacit resignation on the part of Botvinnik, as it provided Smyslov with the winning margin.

Early in this century, a rule was invented that games could not be drawn in less than 30 moves without the consent of the tournament director. It defied practical application paying off in collusion among participants who reeled off prepared fifteen-move variations ending in brilliant forced perpetual checks or move repetitions, or stalled along quietly trying to reach the 30th turn without ever coming close to grips. In only one game of this period was the result over influenced by the rule: Maroczy played too quietly and passively against Maroczy. By the time the 30th move rolled around, Maroczy had decided to exploit a slight end-game advantage. It took him over another 30 moves to win.

The agreements to draw are sometimes entirely one-sided. When Arthur Bisguier, the U. S. champion, was playing a simultaneous at

the Seattle Chess Club in 1954, Jim McCormick snatched a pawn from him in a 1 move combination, and quickly offered a draw. Troubled by the prospect of having to play a pawn down, the champion was forced to accept.

Ted Warner was less lucky at the U.S. Open, 1953. He was a pawn and the exchange up against French grandmaster Rossolimo and awed by his counterpart's reputation, offered a draw. His fears proved justified for Rossolimo declined the draw and later won the game after several errors by Warner. At the same tournament, Rossolimo had a lost position against Canada's Frank Anderson. In great time-pressure, Anderson gave two checks, and Rossolimo's supporters immediately raised a cry of draw by repetition of moves. Anderson, whose play has largely been confined to Canada, allowed the position to be destroyed in the confusion and the game was officially scored as a draw by agreement. Subsequently, annotators have been justifiably puzzled by this "draw".

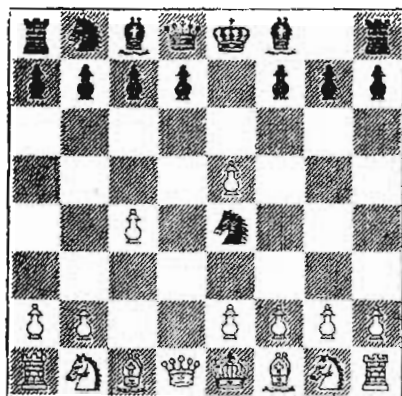
In yet another case, an agreement to draw was stimulated by an outside source. In a recent match game between Pupols and McCormick, McCormick had a slight positional edge, whereupon official kibitzer Tom Makens suggested a draw, thus freeing the evening for a night on the town. His suggestion was accepted with little hesitation.

The final variation on the unilateral agreement to draw is the adjudicated draw, which includes any halfway equal-looking position which is unfortunate enough to run overtime in a tightly scheduled tournament. Here the two contestants are entirely at the mercy of a tight-lipped adjudication committee whose doings and analysis at times are beyond anybody's comprehensive capacities. Since the last remembered example of this type of draw was the Griffiths-Pupols game at this year's Inland Empire Open, let me hasten to add that the previous sentence is only a generalization and does not apply to the competent adjudicators McCormick, Ulvestad & Edberg, in order of finish.

More on the subject in coming issues.

A NOVEL COMBINATION FROM A BRITISH BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

- 1 P-Q4, N-KB3
- 2 P-QB4, P-K4
- 3 PXP N-K5!?

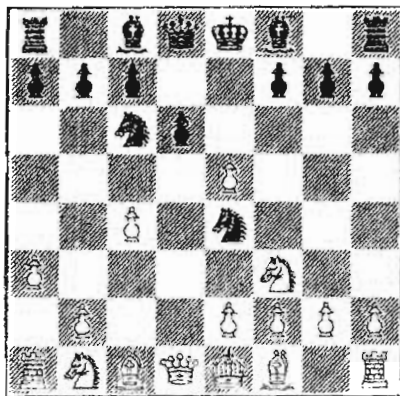
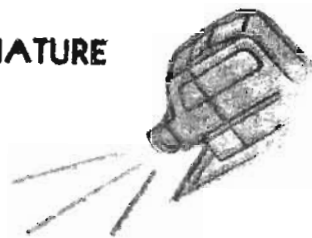


White aint no dummy. He sees B-N5 is coming, so he plays:

4 P-OR3? and it looks like Black just wants to develop.....P-Q3

5 N-KB3 N-QB3

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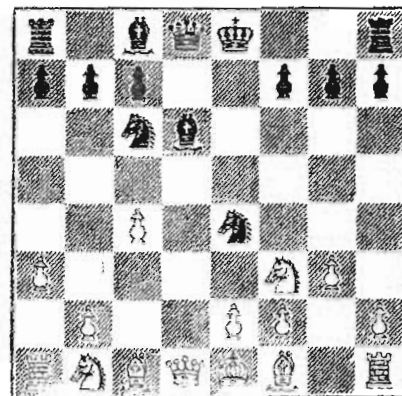


No sense leaving loose pawns, so—

6 PXP BXP

Looks like a good time to astonish him now with:

7 P-KN3 (a fianchetto, that is)

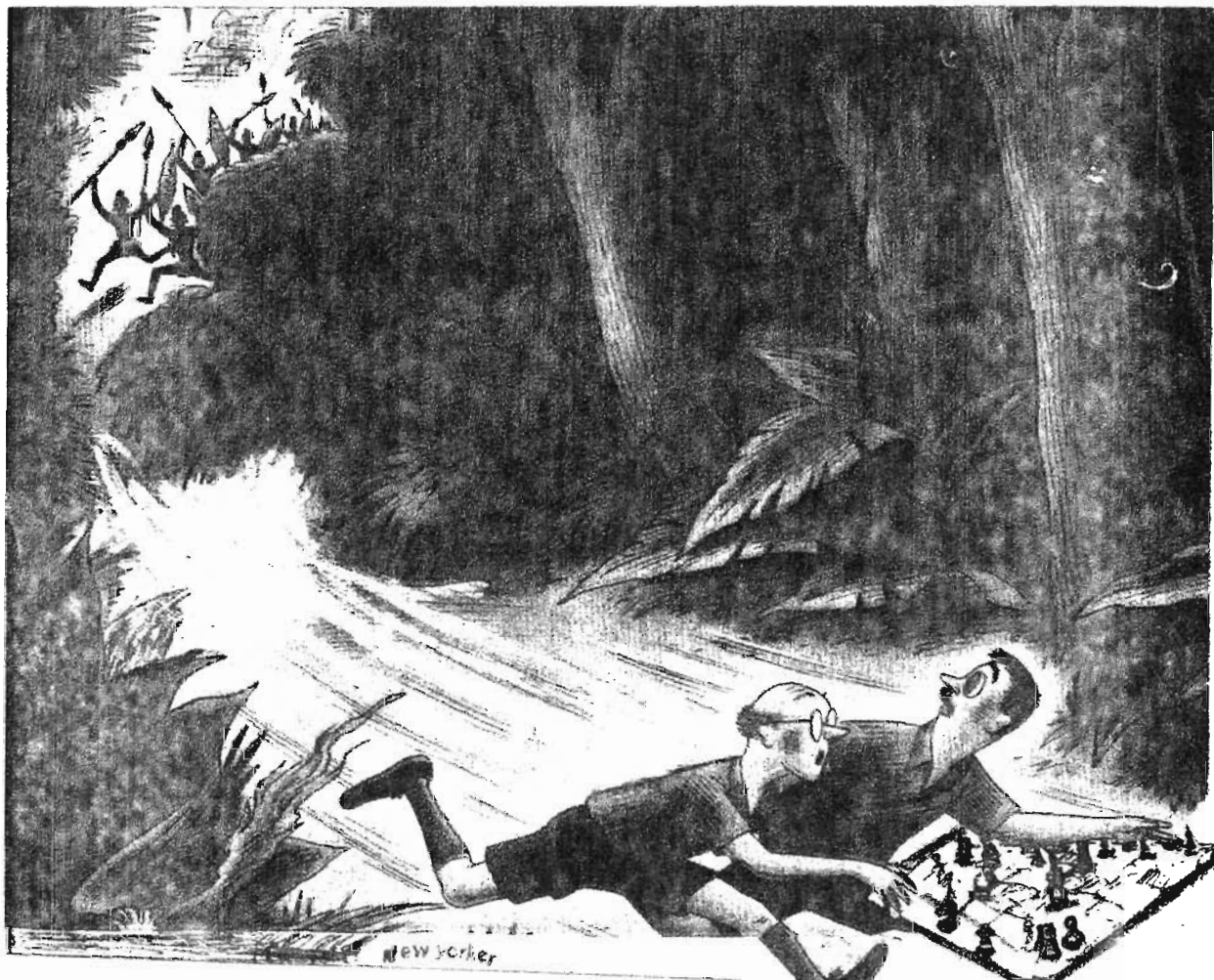


I say, the chap is balmy, he plays:

7 NXBP!

8 KXN can't give h. or R y'know
BXPch

Resigns. No Queen!



"Do you want to call it a draw?"

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SEND ENTRY TO R.R.MERK 1026 E. 71, SEATTLE 15,

A NEW SOLVER'S CONTEST
WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

THE AUGUST ISSUE OF CHESS LETTER WILL BE DELAYED A FEW DAYS TO INCLUDE THE RESULTS OF THE SEAFAIR TOURNAMENT, AUGUST 3 & 4.

SOLUTIONS TO THE 5-MINUTE
TEST ON PAGE 16:

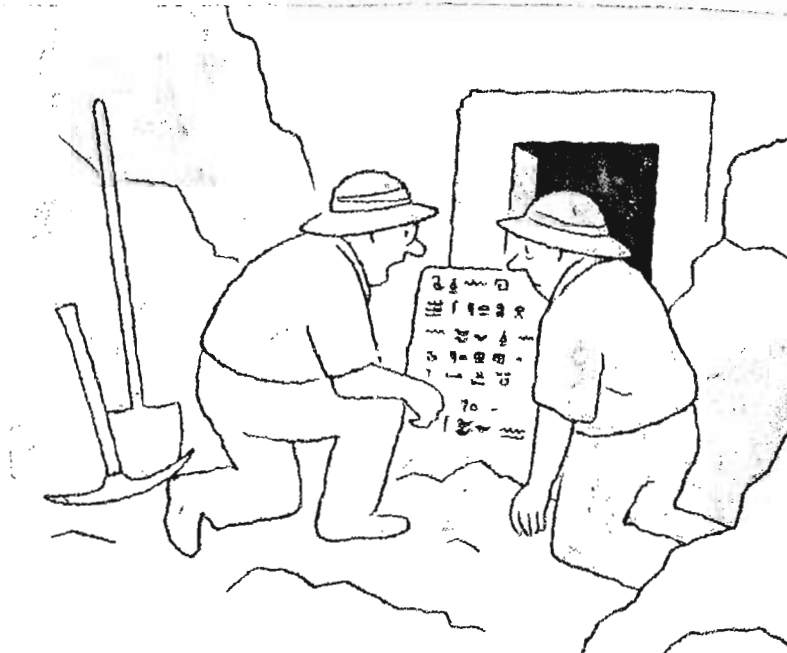
B-R6ch

R-N8ch

R-R6ch (and XB)

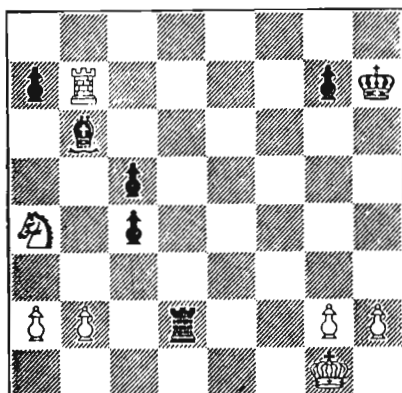
B-R3

NONE OF THESE WERE VERY DIFFICULT, BUT THE POINT IS "HOW MANY DID YOU GET RIGHT IN 5 MINUTES?"



"Wazir to Farzin 4. Why, it's the 'Noah's Ark' chess trap!"

SOLVERS' CONTEST ENDS IN 3-WAY TIE



- | | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| 1 | | RXQNP |
| 2 | NXR | P-B6 |
| 3 | RXB | P-B5 |
| 4 | R-N4 | P-R4 |
| 5 | N-R4 | PXR |

Ballantine, Spencer and Oldham are declared to be in an unbreakable tie, and will divide the three prizes in the solvers' contest just concluded.

The tie breaker position, as shown above, was printed in the "Illustrated London News" several years ago. George Bishop believes it has never before been published in the United States.

None of our finalists found the last move or two of the official solution, but did have White faced with a choice of evils and showed a knowledge of how Black could win. Dick Parsons, a non-contestant, sent in the exact moves for Honorable Mention, and Horton Thompson sent the right key move but failed to develop White's strongest moves.

It is impossible to divide chess books, so the prizes are translated to 36 months subscription to Chess Letter. This divides into a year apiece for our alert winners. Charles Ballantine has requested that his prize be added to the prize list of the next Seattle Chess Club tournament. Thank you.

Cliff Dolph missed the deadline. He is very busy with plans for a chess exhibition at the Maryhill Museum of Fine Arts, and has promised to send us the full details later in the month.

"I WILL RETURN" SAYS ELMARS ZEMGALIS



Elmars Zemgalis, who won a high master rating in European chess events, came to Seattle in 1951 after his native Latvia was overrun by communists. He won a match with Olaf Ulvestad, Seattle master, and played in several tournaments before withdrawing from all chess activity. He writes:

"Do not think that I have given up chess. It is only that rigid requirements I try to impose on myself cannot be satisfied with halfhearted efforts.

"In a matter of months, but not later than a year, I hope to get back to full activity.

"We have been very lucky in the achievement of a more than satisfactory living standard. Now there are only a very few formalities left to end our "adjustment period". One is to become U.S. citizens, and this will be on the agenda very soon."

With best regards,
Elmars Zemgalis

CHESS AROUND THE WORLD

WEST GERMANY WINS THE CLARE BENEDICT CUP

The fourth annual team tournament for the Clare Benedict Challenge Cup was won by West Germany, which won all five matches with the excellent score of 16 - 4, consisting of 12 wins and eight draws, without a single loss. Unzicker playing first board for West Germany, won $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, drawing only with Dr. Max Euwe of Holland. Others on the team were Schmid $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, Darga $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, Pfeiffer 3 - 1 and Niephus $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Holland took second place with a score of $14\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$.

SOUTH WINS 37 - 36 IN FRESNO MATCH

In a record breaking match with 73 players on each side the Southern California forces held fast against a determined onslaught by the Northern delegation, and left the field winning by the closest margin possible, 37 - 36. Play got under way about 11:30 AM and not till some five hours later was the last game recorded. The South scored first, with a six move victory by Brieger against Plock on board 14. This won the special prize offered by Ellis Levy of Beverly Hills for the shortest game. The North proved stronger on the upper boards, winning $4\frac{1}{2}$ points of the first 7. This contrasted with last year, when the South did not lose a game of the first ten boards. This was the second successive victory for the South. The totals for the series so far are 14 for the North, 7 for the South and 3 tie matches.

CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT

Earl Pruner of San Francisco scoring 6 - 2 won the rapid transit championship of California in the Tournament at Fresno on June 1. Dr. Peter Lapiken of Los Angeles and Gilbert Ramirez of San Francisco tied for second with a score of 5 - 3.

MORPHY CENTENNIAL TOURNAMENT, 1957

Yankton, South Dakota, a small town with a large chess interest will be the scene of two tournaments during the Labor Day week-end. The first, open to all will be a six or seven round Swiss, beginning August 31. Prizes begin at 250.00 dollars. The second is the tournament of The Champion of Champion's Tournament, and all official State Champions are invited to play. Here again the prizes begin at 250 dollars. This is a new idea and it is hoped that many State Champions will make the effort to participate.

N.W. RATINGS

NORTHWEST PERFORMANCE RATING LIST - Includes all reports thru March 1957 issue of W.C.L.

Compiled By Sgt. Robert A. Karch

NORTHWEST MASTERS

Dake, Arthur W.....2412
 Ulvestad, Olaf.....2200
 Zomgalis, Elmars.....2231

NORTHWEST EXPERTS

Baumwell, Dr. Max.....2012
 Bills, William A.....2038
 Bishop, George.....2074
 Dalbergs, Ivars.....2164
 Edberg, Robert E.....2000
 Holmes, Vernon M.....2035
 Joachim, Charles.....2096
 McCormick, James.....2000
 Pupols, Viktors.....2000
 Schain, Gerald.....2092
 Schmitt, James N.....2162
 Trembois, James.....2085
 Wade, Daniel E.....2043
 Warner, Eugene (Ted)....2114

CLASS A (1800-1999)

Almond, Dr. John.....1838
 Anderson, Herbert.....1802
 Anderson, M. F.....1866
 Bader, Max.....1982
 Berg.....1920
 Cornelius, Gordon.....1942
 Crawford, Don.....1868
 Driscoll, James.....1858
 Erickson, David.....1801
 Gell, John.....1800
 Gillette, William F.....1820
 Greenwood, L. R.....1818
 Griffiths, Charles.....1843
 Groot, Dr. Cornelius...1876
 Harrison, David.....1910
 Hartwig, Kenneth.....1954
 Higginson, Robert.....1902
 Hoge, William H.....1916
 Hull.....1805
 Karch, Robert A.....1900
 Kittredge, Robert F....1830
 Kromer, Ray F.....1904
 Kronquist, Ray.....1940
 Lawhon, George.....1830
 Leininger, Eugene.....1822
 Loughood, Ron.....1813
 Lyberger, P. A.....1800
 Makens, Tom E.....1904
 Manson, Henry.....1828
 Minca, George.....1804
 Moore, Deane.....1924
 Murray, Dr. Arthur A...1978

Nash, John.....1866
 Nelson, Terry C.....1948
 Nightengale, Ed.....1814
 Noland, Hugh.....1950
 Nourse, John.....1830
 Parsons, Dick.....1890
 Patterson, G. S. G.....1954
 Pearson, Beldon.....1932
 Seekamp, Killian.....1911
 Shephard, Dr. H. C.....1826
 Skarsten, Mal O.....1825
 Stokes.....1830
 Taro, Larry W.....1993
 Unger.....1810
 Vellias, Russell.....1895
 Vogt, William E.....1924
 Watson, Ira.....1888
 Weaver, F. Howard.....1951

CLASS B (1600-1799)

Aikman, P.....1751
 Bailey, William L.....1776
 Ball, Lemuel.....1742
 Barto, John R.....1780
 Bauman, C. J. D.....1750
 Bayley, Bruce.....1704
 Belanger, Joe.....1654
 Bezemer, Paul D.....1778
 Bjornson, Dale.....1638
 Blackler, Russell.....1799
 Bowerman, Chet.....1604
 Bricher, Vincent E....1785
 Brown, Ron.....1779
 Carlson, C.....1658
 Carter, Rev. A.....1644
 Clark, Alan.....1796
 Coubrough, Leslie.....1738
 Daniels, Donald F.....1780
 Davidsen, Theodore H..1614
 DeYarmon, Donovan.....1656
 Dolph, Cliff R.....1755
 Doranc.....1650
 Eilmes, Don.....1700
 Falkenhagen, Jack.....1666
 Farrelly, J.....1671
 Fass, Martin.....1758
 Hamilton, Dennis E....1714
 Hansen, Ralph.....1795
 Hartman, John.....1602
 Hewitt, Charles.....1708
 Howard, Fred M.....1644
 Hunter, Neil.....1746
 Kiperts, Arvids J.....1670
 King, Neal.....1748

Krapfel, Bill.....1796
 LaFreniere, Oliver.....1764
 Leach, Royal.....1600
 Lulhan, Gerald.....1632
 MacKinsey, John.....1750
 Mage, Max.....1775
 Magerkurth, Charles...1700
 Malcolm, H.....1678
 Lunde, Al R.....1660
 McGregor, Allan.....1737
 McNeese, James.....1770
 McHaffey, D.....1624
 Miltimore, Jim.....1618
 Morgan, Robert.....1680
 Morris, Oliver S.....1724
 Murphy, R.....1630
 Neuman, P. F.....1756
 Parker, Dr. Griffith...1696
 Peterson, Herschel R..1650
 Pophan, James.....1735
 Peterson, R.....1677
 Priebe, George.....1608
 Rice, Ralph.....1646
 Ring, John E.....1700
 Rodnite, Frank.....1700
 Rood, Paul.....1696
 Sawyer, Stan A.....1767
 Schneider, Heinz.....1744
 Schrank, G.....1700
 Simon, Robert.....1787
 Snyder, John.....1666
 Spatz, Sam.....1711
 Staner, Arthur B.....1759
 Styman, Phil.....1609
 Tamblyn, Harry.....1738
 Thompson, Horton F....1744
 Thunberg, Eric.....1708
 Whay, Jack.....1662
 Vukonich, Eugene.....1724
 Weisscher, Ben.....1744
 Woodward, Stuart.....1665
 York, Duncan W.....1702

CLASS C (Below 1600)

Alberts, Dave.....1354
 Alexander, Ray.....1582
 Andahl, Karl.....1470
 Anderson, John.....1350
 Breakoy, John.....1525
 Calkins, James S.....1553
 Conway, Mike.....1460
 Dolle, Thomas J.....1506
 Duggan, W. G.....1453
 Edberg, Arlene Y.....1534

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Letters To Ye Editor

OPEN LETTER TO CHESS ENTHUSIASTS:

The Washington State Penitentiary Chess Club has recently reorganized and will welcome competition from any interested group able to come to Walla Walla and play.

Interested groups please contact DALE L. GENTRY, Recreation Director, Post Office Box 520, Walla Walla, Washington.

ROBERT KITTREDGE writes from Spokane: I received my Wash. Chess Letter the other day and was pleased to get it. Rather enjoyed your comments on the recent I. E. O. in Spokane. I appreciate your publishing my game against Edberg and your comments thereon. My curiosity was aroused by your comment my win over Edberg was one of the all too few wins of an Easterner over a Westerner. I checked into the situation and counting Yakima as West and disregarding draws, and allowing a margin for possible error, I find that West outscored East to the tune of 25-8. Of these 8, Dr. Baumwell and myself accounted for 4, winning 2 apiece.

I was pleased to see the Dr. Parker vs. Bailey game in print and also the diagram of the ending. You were right when you called it a "book-like ending" as endings like that I've seen only in books up to now.

R. G. SPENCER of Benton City says: The new issue of the Chess Letter was excellent. However, you should warn about cover changes as when I picked up my mail I thought I had some waste basket mail and almost tossed it away. I've been used to the orange cover.

ANDY THOMPSON, brother of Horton, says: Thanks for your good Washington Chess Letter. They say you want news - well, the April 20th Chess Life tells about the Kansas City Amat - our Heart of the Nation Tournament in which I won 1st place in the "B" Division and 4th in the tournament with a gold medal.

Went to Hutchinson, Kansas and was high man with 4 straight wins, but Sunday missed my best "fork" to lose to Dr. Perkins on a Brieger's Defense. He had white and won the State Championship. Then I again rushed to my doom with Carl Weberg, last years state champ, to come out in 4th place. I really believe that I should have beaten Dr. Perkins as the kibitzers seemed to think my blundering check instead of an immediate fork on his pawns with my rook would have won, as I could have then slaughtered his 2 queenside pawns, leaving my 2 connected pawns facing them as passed pawns and I had a rook vs. knight ending besides.

Anyway, Perkins won. Won't tell you of my glorious goofing at St Louis, winning 1st game, then losing 3 straight, and drawing the last game.

CHARLES JOACHIM of Olympia writes to say I hope that some of our (Olympia) players, including myself, will be able to compete in the Seafair Tournament, then we will have anchor points to adjust our club ratings to the state wide ratings. The Olympia Club will continue chess meetings throughout the summer.

OLAF ULVESTAD writes: Seattle players won the top 5 prizes at the recent Inland Empire Open. Pupols, Eilmos, McCormick, Wade & Patterson have clearly demonstrated that Seattle area produces the lion's share of Washington's chess strength.

The victory of Viktors Pupols at Spokane was well-deserved. (More comment on Game pages)

CLASS C (CONTD.)

Edwards, Dwight.....1512
Eilmos, Mary.....1594
Faithful.....1440
Finnigan, Jack L.....1548
Frederic, Jack L.....1421
Gomar, Joseph.....1584
Gleson, Fred.....1550
Glenn, Gary S.....1520
Gray, Carroll D.....1573
Hake, Gale.....1522
Hanson, Carl.....1404
Hay, Edward.....1548
Hickey, Don.....1450
Hill, John.....1586

Howard, F. C.....1568
Hudson, Del.....1400
Johnson, Dale.....1509
Kelley.....1268
Kelly, Jack.....1506
Kiszely, Karl.....1544
Kuvara, Robert.....1566
Lee, Leonard A.....1358
Lienowebber, Mary.....1399
Livermore, E. F.....1543
Lulhan, Michael.....1444
McBride, Philip.....1542
Meade, Tom.....1473
Parmalee, Harry.....1500
Potter, Dr. Frank F.....1588

Rose, Donald.....1318
Schain, Stuart.....1450
Skinner, Ron.....1352
Smith, Kenneth.....1598
Stanspy, Lewis.....1450
Stenersen, Steve.....1444
Swank, Edgar.....1400
Sweezy.....1500
Teltoft, Mike.....1500
Ullrich, Robert.....1436
Uriyu, Dr. Frank.....1570
Vogel.....1556
Voolker.....1370
Weber.....1370
Wilson, William.....1426

List number 2 covers the performances of 197 players compared to the 141 in list 1. 3 Masters, 14 Experts, 50 Class A, 76 Class B and 54 Class C players are rated compared to only 2 Masters, 10 Experts, 40 Class A, 46 Class B & 43 Class C in the first list.

GAMES BY WADE

We gave you the Patterson-Pupols game last month without benefit of annotation. OLAF ULVESTAD has annotated that game, so for your instruction and greater enjoyment, we give you the game again.

Of PUPOLS, Ulvestad writes: "The new champion fought hard and consistently well against some of the toughest competition a tournament has had in the Northwest. Pupols showed the kind of tough-mindedness in his end games with Ulvestad and McCormick, that mainly distinguishes top prize-winners from "also-rans". Pupols showed a dedication to the task of winning the tournament that would do credit to any master."

G. S. G. PATTERSON

1. N-KB3 N-KB3
 2. P-Q4 P-KN3
 3. P-QB4 B-N2
 4. N-B3 O-O
 5. P-K4 P-Q3
 6. B-K2 P-K4
 7. P-Q5 ----
 White couldn't win a pawn here. E.G.7 PxB, PxB; 8. QxQ, RxB; 9. NxB, NxB; 10. NxBP? BxNch. wins piece.
 7. ---- P-B4
 8. PxB e.p. ----
 Freeing Black's center & Q-side. P-QR3 followed by P-QN4 shortly, seems more in keeping with previous play.
 8. ---- PxB
 9. O-O Q-B2
 10 N-K1 N-R3
 11 N-Q3 B-K3
 12 P-QN3 ----
 Cramps White. Promising here is 12 Q-R4, Q-N2; 13 B-K3, N-KN5; 14 BxN, BxB; 15 P-N4!
 12 ---- P-Q4!
 Forcing open important lines to Black's advantage.
 13 BPxB ----
 White's position is very difficult,

V. PUPOLS

owing to Black's aggressive pawn center & the position of the White Ns.
 13 ---- PxB
 14 NxBP NxB
 15 PxB BxB
 16 B-N2 ----
 Missing his last chance to equalize. Correct here was 16 B-R3, KR-Q1 (---P-K5 ? 17 BxB, PxB; 18 QxP with advantage) 17 Q-K1, P-K5; 18 R-QB1 with even chances.
 16 ---- KR-Q1
 17 Q-B1 ----
 Losing to a sharp, exchanging combination. But 17 R-B1 is answered by Q-N2 with positional and tactical threats in great number.
 17 ---- P-K5!
 18 BxB PxB
 19 Q-R6! ? ----
 The point of White's play. He threatens mate with B-B6 but 19 ---- P-B3!
 The "counter-point" & White must now be forced to give up 2 bishops for a rook, since Black's queen

not only guards against the mate but also threatens the White Queen-Bishop.
 20 KBxP N-N5
 And both White Bishops remain in jeopardy.
 21 QBxP NxB
 Here, ----R-KB1 is tempting but fails. White could reply 22 BxB! RxB; 23 BxB ch., gaining a bit too much material & attacking compensation for a piece.
 22 BxB RxB

23 Q-K3 N-B5
 24 QR-B1 Q-B2
 25 QR-K1? ----
 Certainly a mistake as P-B3 was correct.
 25 ---- NxB
 26 Q-N5 R-KB1
 27 R-Q1 N-B5
 28 Resigns.
 Black's N threatens not only mate at K7 & KR6, but also the White Q. 28 Q-N4 is answered simply by P-KR4. A very interesting game, full of possibilities.

About DON EILLES, Ulvestad wrote "Don is a new star in the Washington chess firmament, who has had a meteoric rise from 23rd (!) position in the Inland Empire Open last year to second this year."

W. HOGE

1. P-K4 P-QB4
 2. N-KB3 P-QR3
 Aiming at a variation which needs pawn protection of Black's QN4.
 3. P-Q4 PxB
 4. NxB N-KB3
 5. N-QB3 P-K4
 6. N-B3 ----
 N/4-B5 is met by P-Q4! hitting two weaknesses: Whites QB3 and K4.
 6. ---- B-N5
 7. B-N5? BxNch.
 8. PxB Q-B2!
 This vigorous play refutes White's 7th move and wins a P quite safely.
 9. B-Q3 ----
 BxN, QxPch.; 10 N-Q2, PxB; 11 B-K2 offered White his best chances.
 9. ---- QxPch.
 10 B-Q2 Q-B2
 11 O-O O-O
 12 N-R4 P-Q4!
 Following through with a hard-hitting center-thrust.

D. EILLES

13 P-KB4 PxB
 14 PxB Q-B4ch.
 Driving K to R1 will sharpen Black's N threats later.
 15 K-R1 QxKP
 Allows less counter-play than winning exchange for a pawn by 15 ----, N-N5.
 16 B-K2 P-K6
 17 B-QN4 R-K1
 18 R-QN1 N-B3
 19 B-Q6 Q-Q5
 Forces a quick decision. White must exchange Queens as his N on R4 is now threatened.
 20 N-B5 BxN
 21 RxB QxQch.
 22 RxB N-K5
 Now comes the neat finish. There are just too many White pieces 2 Black N moves away from one another.
 23 K-N1 N-B6
 24 R-K1 NxBch.
 25 RxB N-Q5
 26 White resigns as 2 knights are 2 too many for one player.

Here are some more games from the In-land Empire Open.

O. ULVESTAD

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	12 BxB	N-R5
2. P-QB4	N-KB3	13 P-B5	B-Q2
3. PxB	HxP	14 O-O-O	QR-Q1
4. P-K4	N-N3	15 B-B4	NxB
5. N-QB3	P-K4	16 PxN	N-R4
6. PxB	QxQch.	17 BxPch.	RxB
7. NxQ	B-N5ch.	18 P-K6	R-K2
8. N-B3	O-O	19 N-K5	N-B3
9. B-Q2	B-K3	20 NxB	N-N1
10 P-B4	N-B3	21 N-B6ch.	Resigns.
11 N-B3	BxN		

V. PUPOLS

1. P-K4	P-QB4	9. N-B3	KN-B3
2. N-KB3	P-K3	10 O-O	O-O
3. P-Q4	P-Q4	11 R-K1	PxP
4. KPxB	KPxP	12 NxP	B-N5
5. B-N5ch.	B-Q2	13 B-Q2, P-QR3;	14 QR-Q1, R-K1;
6. Q-K2ch.	Q-K2	15 P-KR3, B-B1;	16 RxR, RxR;
7. BxBch.	NxB	17 N-N3, N-B4;	18 NxN, BxN;
8. QxQch.	BxQ	19 N-R4, B-R2;	Draw.



"YOU'RE SURE? THEN HOW COME YOU HAVE 9 PAWNS?"

B. PEARSON

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	24 BxB	Q-Q2
2. P-QB4	P-K3	25 R-QR4	P-KB3
3. N-QB3	N-KB3	26 B-N3	P-KB4
4. B-KN5	QN-Q2	27 KR-R1	Q-Q1
5. N-KB3	P-QB3	28 Q-R2	R-B3
6. P-K3	B-K2	29 B-K5	R-B2
7. R-QB1	P-KR3	30 QxP	N-B2
8. B-R4	O-O	31 BxN	QxB
9. B-Q3	PxB	32 Q-R2	P-B5
10 BxP	N-N3	33 B-B4	PxB
11 B-Q3	QN-Q4	34 BxRch.	QxB
12 O-O	P-QN3	35 QxQch.	KxQ
13 P-QR3	NxN	36 PxB	B-B1
14 PxN	BxP	37 RxRP	RxR
15 R-QN1	B-K2	38 RxR	B-K3
16 Q-R4	B-N2	39 R-R6	B-Q4
17 N-K5	Q-B2	40 R-N6	P-N6
18 B-N3	B-Q3	41 K-B2	K-K3
19 R-R1	P-QR4	42 P-KN4	P-KN4
20 P-KR3	P-QN4	43 K-K2	B-B5ch.
21 Q-B2	N-K1	44 K-Q2	K-Q4
22 P-QB4	P-N5	45 K-B3	B-N4
23 P-B5	BxN	46 RxB	Resigns.

R. KITTREDGE

W. BAILEY

1. P-QB4	P-Q4	17 B-K4	N-Q4
2. PxB	N-KB3	18 P-QN4	B-QN3
3. N-QB3	NxP	19 Q-QN2	P-KB4
4. P-K4	N-KB3	20 BxN	PxB
5. P-Q4	P-K3	21 KR-K1	B-QB2
6. N-KB3	B-QN5	22 NxQB	RxN
7. B-KN5	P-QB3	23 P-K6!	N-KB3
8. B-Q3	P-KR3	24 P-K7!	Q-Q3
9. B-K3	O-O	25 PxR(Q)ch.	QxQ
10 O-O	QN-Q2	26 BxN	PxB
11 P-K5	N-Q4	27 Q-Q2	R-Q1
12 Q-QB2	P-QB4	28 N-Q4	R-Q2
13 P-QR3	B-QR4	29 N-K6	Q-Q3
14 N-QN5	P-QR3	30 QxRP	R-R2
15 N-Q6	PxB	31 Q-N6ch.	K-R1
16 BxQP	N-KB5	32 Q-K8ch.	Resigns.

W. HOGE

D. WADE

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	12 P-K4	PxB
2. N-KB3	N-KB3	13 BxP	BxB
3. P-KN3	P-B3	14 RxB	NxP
4. B-N2	B-B4	15 B-B4	B-Q3
5. QN-Q2	QN-Q2	16 BxN	BxB
6. O-O	Q-B2	17 Q-R5	P-KB4
7. R-K1	P-K3	18 R-K2	QR-K1
8. N-B1	B-K2	19 QR-K1	B-Q3
9. P-B3	O-O	20 RxP	RxR
10 N-K5	NxN	21 RxR	Q-Q2
11 PxN	N-Q2		

M. BAUMWELL

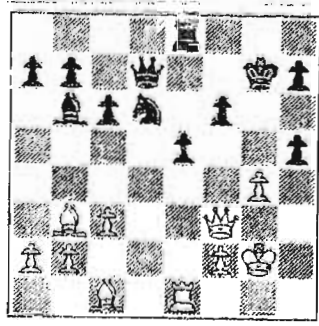
White had to agree to Black's offer of a draw since Black's threats appeared quite potent!

1. P-K4	P-K3	29 K-N4	P-R6
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	30 KxP	K-K1
3. P-K5	N-K2	31 K-N4	K-Q2
4. B-N5	P-QB4	32 K-B5	K-B2
5. P-QB3	QN-B3	33 P-B4	P-QR3
6. N-KB3	PxP	34 P-N4	P-QR4
7. PxP	Q-R4ch.	35 K-N5	P-R5
8. Q-Q2	QxQch.	36 KxP	K-B3
9. QNxQ	N-B4	37 K-N4	K-Q4
10 N-N3	B-N5ch.	38 K-B3	K-K5
11 B-Q2	BxBch.	39 P-B5	P-N3
12 KxB	O-O	40 PxKP	PxP
13 B-N5	B-Q2	41 K-B4	P-R3
14 BxN	BxB	42 K-B5	P-R4
15 KR-QB1	QR-B1	43 P-N5	K-B4
16 N-R5	N-K2	44 P-R4	K-N5
17 NxN	NxN	45 P-Q5	PxP
18 R-B3	N-R4	46 P-K6	KxP
19 R/1-QB1	RxR	47 P-K7	KxP
20 RxR	N-B5ch.	48 P-K8(Q)	P-R5
21 K-B2	R-B1	49 Q-K3ch.	K-R4
22 N-Q2	R-B3	50 KxP	P-N4
23 NxN	PxN	51 Q-B3ch.	K-N3
24 P-QN3	P-QN4	52 Q-N4	K-R3
25 P-QR4	PxPch.	53 K-K5	K-N3
26 KxP	PxPch.	54 K-K4	K-R3
27 K-N2	RxR	55 K-B5	Resigns.
28 KxR	K-B1		

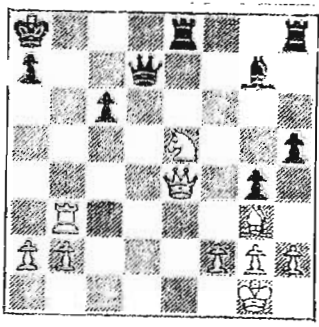
5-MINUTE TEST

ALLOW YOURSELF 5 MINUTES TO GET AS FAR AS YOU CAN

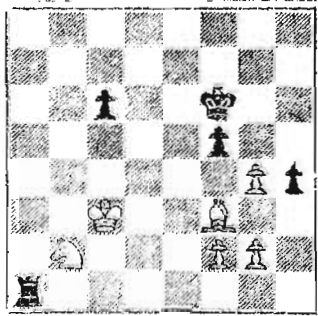
It might not require an expert to solve the "expert" positions, but it surely will take one to get to them. Select one best move, for each, in sequence.



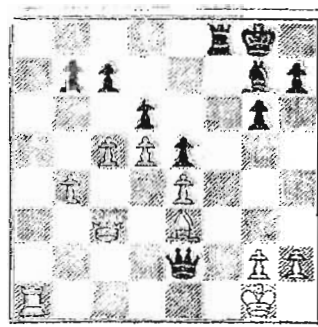
CLASS B WHITE TO MOVE



CLASS A WHITE TO MOVE



EXPERT, JR. BLACK TO MOVE



EXPERT, SR. BLACK TO MOVE

O. MORRIS

B. PEARSON

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	16 P-KR3	QPxBP
2. N-KB3	P-K3	17 QxP	B-Q4
3. P-K3	P-QN3	18 Q-B1	BxR
4. B-Q3	B-N2	19 NxN	B-Q1
5. QN-Q2	B-K2	20 PxN	PxNP
6. O-O	O-O	21 N-R2	P-N6
7. P-B4	P-Q4	22 N-B3	Q-KB2
8. Q-B2	QN-Q2	23 Q-B2	R-B1
9. P-QN3	P-B4	24 B-N6	Q-Q2
10 B-N2	P-KR3	25 Q-K4	Q-Q4
11 N-K5	Q-B2	26 Q-N4	PxP
12 P-B4	NxN	27 B-K4	Q-Q2
13 BPxN	N-N5	28 Q-N6	R-B2
14 QR-K1	B-N4	29 Q-R7ch.	K-B1
15 R-B3	P-B4	30 B-R3ch.	Resigns.

We gave you these games from the Inland Empire Open just to give you more of the story of what happened there. We did not point out the mistakes and might have been in these games. No doubt the reader can find them for himself. We feel these games, though lacking in accuracy, do have one thing in common - they are interesting.

We wish to mention here that the so-called "swindle" in the Wade-Thompson game last month was unsound. We "goofed".

CHARLES GRIFFITHS is at present the most outstanding junior player in Washington State. On the club perpetual mt. board, Griffiths, playing Ulvestad, Pupols, and other high-ranking players, shot from a 700 plus score up to 997! Here he was turned back and dropped down somewhat but is still among the topmost elite men at the club and he is only 15 years old! In the recently concluded Club Championship Tourney, the editor took great delight in defeating young Griffiths, feeling that soon will come a day when such wins will be all but impossible.

C. GRIFFITHS

1. P-K4	P-Q4	17 K-K1	P-K4!
2. PxP	N-KB3	18 Pxp	B-N5ch.
3. P-Q4	Nxp	19 K-B1	N-Q7ch.
4. P-QB4	N-KB3	20 K-B2	B-QB4
5. N-QB3	B-N5	21 K-K1	BxN
6. Q-N3	N-B3!?	22 KxN	BxKP
7. B-K3?	Nxp	23 K-B1	R-K1
8. BxN	QxB	24 B-Q3	B-B5ch.
9. P-B3	O-O-O!	25 K-Q1	B-N5ch.
10 R-Q1	Q-K6ch.	26 B-K2	R-Q1ch.
11 B-K2	RxRch.	27 K-K1	B-B4
12 KxR	B-B4	28 N-B3	B-B7
13 N-N5	QxQch.	29 P-QN4	B-B8
14 PxQ	P-QR3	30 K-B2	Bxp
15 N-Q4	B-Q2	31 Resigns. He is 2	
16 P-B4	N-K5	Ps down & his 2 Q-	

White had to counter a threat on almost every move in this unusual game.

VIESTURS SEGLINS, newcomer from Latvia, was expected to run away with the recent Seattle Club Tourney. But in a game against Wade he met his Waterloo.

D. WADE

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	17 NxB	N-K5
2. N-KB3	P-K3	18 QR-Q1	KR-Q1
3. P-QB4	B-N5ch.	19 R-Q4	P-B4
4. B-Q2	BxBch.	20 KR-Q1	QR-B1
5. QNxB	P-B4	21 N-Q2	P-Q4
6. P-K3	N-B3	22 BPxp	Rxp
7. Pxp	Q-R4	23 RxR	PxR
8. B-K2	O-O	24 P-B3	N-N4
9. O-O	QxBP	25 N-N3	R-Q1
10 P-K4	N-K4	26 N-Q4!	K-B2
11 R-B1	P-QN3	If 26----P-N3; 27 N	
12 N-N3	NxNch.	-B6,R-Q2; 28 RxP,RxR	
13 BxN	Q-K4	29 N-K7ch. wins P.If	
14 Q-Q4	QxQ	26----R-KB1; 27 N-B6	
15 NxQ	B-N2	again wins the pawn.	
16 P-K5	BxB	27 P-KR4 , N-K3	

28 Nxp	N-B5	36 R-K2	R-Q4
29 P-KN3	N-K3	37 P-KN4	N-B4
30 N-Q6ch.	K-B1	38 K-B3	P-QR4
31 RxP	N-B4	39 N-B4	N-R5
32 K-B2	N-R5	40 P-K6	K-K2
33 R-Q2	R-Q2	41 N-K3	R-Q5?
34 P-B4	R-QB2	42 P-B6ch!	KxBP
35 P-B5	R-B4	43 P-K7	Resigns.

A game from the Puget Sound League. McCormick wins an interesting game from Edberg.

R. EDBERG

J. MCCORMICK

1. P-K4	P-Q3	20 KR-QN1	Q-B5
2. P-Q2	N-KB3	21 R-R4	Q-B4
3. N-QB3	P-KN3	22 Q-Q2	P-QN4
4. B-K2	B-N2	23 R-R2	N-K4
5. B-K3	O-O	24 R/N-R1	NxBch.
6. P-KR3	P-B4	25 PxN	QR-B1
7. Pxp	Q-R4	26 P-K5	QxKP
8. B-B3	Pxp	27 R-N1	RxN
9. Q-Q3	KN-Q2	28 Nxr	QxN
10 N-K2	P-QR3	29 QxQ	BxQ
11 B-Q2	N-K4	30 RxRP	P-N5
12 Q-K3	N-B5	31 R-Q1	K-B1
13 Q-N5	NxB	32 P-B4	K-K1
14 QxN	R-Q1	33 R-R7	B-QB3
15 Q-B4	N-B3	34 RxRch.	KxR
16 O-O	P-K3	35 RxP	B-K5
17 P-QR3	B-Q2	36 Resigns. White is	
18 P-QN4?	Pxp	forced to give up his	
19 Pxp	Qxp	R to stop the QNP.	

C. GRIFFITHS

E. VUKONICH

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	18 QPxN	R-N3
2. P-QB4	P-Q2	19 P-N3	P-QR3
3. N-QB3	P-QB3	20 N-K2	P-KR4
4. N-B3	P-K3	21 N-Q4	P-R5
5. B-N5	B-K2	22 K-N2	K-B2
6. P-K3	P-KR3	23 RxR	QxR
7. B-R4	P-QN3	24 R-B1	Q-Q1
8. Pxp	BPxp	25 Q-B2	Q-QR1
9. B-Q3	N-B3	26 Q-B7	P-N4
10 O-O	O-O	27 Q-Q7	F-B1
11 N-K5	B-N2	28 Q-Q8	B-N2
12 R-B1	N-Q2	29 QxQ	BxQ
13 BxB	NxB	30 R-B7	K-K1
14 Q-Q2	R-B1	31 R-R7	B-B3
15 P-B4	P-B4	32 RxP	B-N2
16 P-QR3	R-KB3	33 BxPch.	K-B2
17 P-QN4	NxN	34 R-R7	Resigns.

In the past two issues of the Washington Chess Letter, we have doubled up all game scores thus giving the reader several more games per issue. We find it is a lot more work but is worth it if it means giving you a better Chess Letter. D.M.

POSTAL CHESS



R.R. MERK

It feels good to be back on the job, even if only part time. Many thanks for all of the cards and good wishes while sojourning in the hospital and especially my thanks to Howard Weaver for taking over my duties.

Al Benson writes from Ridgefield, Oregon, in part "I also take the Chess Review, but I assure you, I get more enjoyment out of the Washington Chess Letter."

Bert Dickson in reporting his win over Mal Skarsten, which netted him 54 points, says "This was strictly a gift, for he had a big advantage over me. He must have gotten overconfident and made the one bad move that could lose."

VanNatta, Spatz and Mills are promoted to the "A" division, by virtue of having over 1450 points, which is a cute way of putting Merk at the top of the "B" division. For this reason we hesitated to advance them, but as they had earned the promotion by their skillful playing we couldn't hold them in the "B" division any longer.

Brookshire wins a 6-month extension to his subscription to the W.C.L.

	56B6A	56B6B	POINTS
Brookshire	X 1 1 1 1	X 1 1 1 1	8
Rogers	0 X 1 1 1	0 X 1 1 1	6
Notter	0 0 X 1 1	0 0 X 1 1	4
Skinner	0 0 0 X 1	0 0 0 X 1	2
Jacobson	0 0 0 0 X	0 0 0 0 X	0

Unfortunately, Ken Brookshire has found it necessary to forfeit all of his unfinished games and give up postal chess for the present due to having to devote all of his time in preparing his dissertation for a degree at the University of Oregon. He writes "Please accept my apologies for having to drop out this way, but I can assure you the competition was interesting and profitable." We wish him success and hope to have him back as a postal player when he obtains his degree.

The following points have been awarded to Brookshire's opponents:

56B9A and B, Phillips 60, Gemar 94, Benson 84, Phillips 60, Gemar 94, Benson 84 Waldron 106. Opponents in 57A and B received: Carter 46, Carter 46, Howard 70, Howard 70, R. Edberg 36, R. Edberg 36, Skarsten 48, Skarsten 48.

Month	Game	White	Black	Points	Month	Game	White	Black	Points
April	29 56A5A	Parsons 1,	Bever 0	44	May	31 57B2B	Mills 1	Miller 0	28
	30 56B9B	Benson 1,	Gemar 0	59		57B2A	Mills 1	Miller 0	28
	May						Scripps 1	James 0	44
1	56A3B	Parsons 1,	Husby 0	12			Miller 1	James 0	44
	56A6A	Carter 1	Cairncross 0	32			Laine 1	James 0	13
	20	57B2A	Mills 1	James 0	30	June			
		57B2B	Mills 1	James 0	30	4 57B1B	Spatz 1	Bemis 0	16
		56A3A	Howard ½	Cairncross ½	6	5 57B2A	Mills 1	Laine 0	52
		56A6A	Cairncross 1	Howard 0	56	57B2B	Mills 1	Laine 0	52
	21	56A3A	Cairncross 1	Husby 0	58	6 56A6B	Woodward 1	Cairncross 0	40
		56A2A	Coubrough 1	Dickson 0	36	57B2A	Laine 1	Miller 0	30
		56B11A	Spatz 1	Youngman 0	34	57B2B	Laine 1	Miller 0	30
		56B11B	Spatz 1	Spencer 0	32	10 57B1A	Spatz 1	Bowerman 0	10
56B10A		VanNatta 1	Laine 0	44	57B2A	Scripps 1	Miller 0	38	
27 56A2B		Dickson 1	Skarsten 0	54	57B2B	Scripps 1	Miller 0	38	
30	57B2B	Scripps 1	James 0	44	17 56A4A	Weaver 1	Kaffenberger 0	52	
		Miller 1	James 0	44	-----				
		Laine 1	James 0	13	Assignments for three new "B"				
	56B9B	Waldron 1	Gemar 0	78	sections are ready to mail, but the				
					new "A" section needs another entry.				

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"A" DIVISION

Parsons	1821
Weisscher	1755
Weaver	1708
Coubrough	1680
Bever	1653
Wade	1653
Edberg, R.	1648
Kaffenberger	1630
Mage	1611
Carter	1565
Skarsten	1546
Dickson	1525
Parker	1507
VanNatta	1502
Woodward	1482
Mills	1477
Luters	1472
Spatz	1453
Phillips	1447
Husby	1410
Knapp	1403
Howard	1358
Cairncross	1303
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"B" DIVISION

Merk	1396
Laine	1342
Roberts	1263
Lyberger	1258
Benson	1258
McDonald	1252
Haynes	1238
Edberg, A	1220
Scripps	1214
Rogers	1210
Hamilton	1205
Gordon	1191
Gemar	1172
Youngman	1172
Spencer	1153
Nichols	1149
Lee	1140
Raleigh	1134
Smith	1121
Tresidder	1108
Watson	1070
Ball	1050
Bennett	1050
Cooper	1050
Devenere	1050
Eilmes	1050
Finlay	1050
Franett	1050
Blums	1050
Hall	1050
Kuvara	1050
Pifley	1050
Sawyer	1050
Bowerman	1040
Bemis	1034
Skoglund	1023
Aldridge	1010
Pierce	1009
Waldron	974
Skinner	964
Miller	946
Notter	920
James	788
Adamson	781
Jacobson	710

