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## EDITORIAL

There is no junior chess news in this issue. PHIL MOORMANN, JOHN SCHROEDEL, and BUZ EDDY are putting out a Junior magazine giving all the junior league, match, and tournament results previously given in the Washington Chess Letter. Watch for it during the first week of May.

Voted down at the annual meeting was Earl Knapp's proposal to retain money from each tourney plus donations so the Washington State Champion could be sent back to the U. S. Open each year. If more of our experts would show a greater interest in WCF affairs, more enthusiasm could be worked up for such a move. We would like to see a better turnout of our best players at the annual International, this year at Mt. Vernon, for instance.

Also turned down was the question of a Northwest Chess Federation including Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. A strengthening of present good relations and avoiding the conflicting tournament dates of the past is hoped for.

WCF voted to remain affiliated with US Chess Federation.

## SEATTLE OPEN MAY 17-18-19

A tournament for the skilled player. We hope this will be a knockdown, drag out battle among the elite Master, Expert and Class A players of Greater Seattle. However, this tourney is open to all players, regardless of geography or ability.

Former winners of this event are VIC PUPOLS and OLAF ULVESTAD.

Cash prizes go to first three places. This will be a five round Swiss with Solkoff tie-breaking. Adjusted scores used in case of forfeits.

Round One - Six o'clock Saturday eve at the Seattle Chess Club. Starting at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, there will be three rounds of play. The final round will start at 6 p.m. Monday eve.

Entry fee will be \$3. N. W. Ratings will be used for pairing purposes. DAN WADE will be the playing director.

Forty moves in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours is the time control for this event.

## IDAHO OPEN IN BOISE MAY 31 JUNE 1

Memorial Day Weekend, May 31-June 1st. At the Boise YMCA. A five round Swiss.

First round starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 31st. There will be three rounds Saturday and two Sunday. This tourney will be 100% Northwest rated. Time limit will be 50 moves in two hours.

Entry fee will be \$3. There will be a picnic Saturday afternoon between the second and third rounds. Round times: Saturday - 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday - 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Open to players from all the Western States. Appropriate trophies awarded to the winners. A Class B section is being planned. USCF rating not planned.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE GOLDEN ROSE OPEN IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, JUNE 14-15. See page 14.

# WALKER WINS NORTHWEST OPEN TOURNEY

## WADE

ROBERT WALKER, Reed College student of Portland, won the first Pacific Northwest Open with  $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Games were played at the Portland YMCA on the weekend of April 12-13. This was Walker's first championship since moving to the north west over a year ago. The 18 year old junior posted a very high Median total of 11 - very high considering this total is based only on the middle three scores of his opponents. Walker defeated the second and third place finishers and also defeated Chess Master OLAF ULVESTAD SO had no easy road to the championship. The only mark against Walker came in the third round when he drew his game with HAROLD HUGHART of Albany, Oregon. Hughart finished in sixth place with  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ .

Twenty nine players squared off for the opening round. Ulvestad, who hadn't planned to play, having made the trip from Seattle primarily to visit ARTHUR DAKE, Portland Master, was like the old fire horse who could not keep away after hearing the bell. The presence of all of the players was just too much for "Ollie" and he had to get into the fray.

Thirteen players were from Washington, fifteen were Oregonians, and one, ALBERT L. HARLE, came all the way from Boise, Idaho. The Portland Club had a good sized YMCA room and DON W. JOHNSON, assisted by WAYNE BAUER, did a splendid job of running the tournament. Refreshments were available in the tournament room with coffee, pop, pie, sandwiches and doughnuts for sale.

All prizes were trophies with WALKER, DAN WADE of Seattle, and GARY FEUERBERG taking first, second, and third respectively. WADE led after the first day with 3-0 while everybody else had no better than  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Wade then beat JOHNSON in the 4th round and needed only a draw in the last round to win the tournament. He had a good game but with 20 minutes to make 26 moves, an inferior & ultimately losing move was made. WALKER fully capitalized on this mistake to win the game and tourney. WADE had seemed a sure tourney winner only minutes earlier.

In fact, he had already been congratulated!

GARY FEUERBERG, third place winner, was somewhat of a surprise and his fine showing points to the constant "youth must be served" movement. Gary is only 15 and a Grant of Portland high school student.

The Class B trophy was picked up by L. E. "BUD" LYDIC of Longview. Bud improved considerably over former tournament achievements winning his last three games to score 3-2 and take tenth place. Northwest Ratings were used to make the pairings and decide the top class B and class C players.

CHARLES T. GEARY, active chess promoter from Eugene, Oregon won the Class C trophy. Geary scored 3-2 and finished in eleventh place.

Master ARTHUR DAKE presented the trophies to the winners in a little ceremony shortly after the last game was concluded between LYDIC and MAL SKARSTEN.

Several well known strong players finished just outside the prizes. DR. A. A. MURRAY of Raymond, Wash, lost a third round game to ULVESTAD, won the others, to finish with 4-1. His Median total was equal to FEUERBERG'S so he lost out on the secondary Solkoff tie-breaking system. CHARLES JOACHIM lost no games but drew his opener with ROBERT HARDIN, Portland, (who incidently was 23rd!) and then drew with TOM MAKENS of Seattle in the third round. A bye hurt Joachim's chances to win a prize. Joachim handed HAROLD HUGHART his only defeat in the final round to keep Hughart from the championship or at least a certain second place finish. Joachim virtually won it in the opening so the WADE-WALKER participants, playing for the title, had no worries from that quarter.

OLAF ULVESTAD was 7th with  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  as he had to use all of his ingenuity saving a draw against DUANE MEADOR in the second round and then lost to WALKER in the crucial fourth round battle.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPEN TOURNAMENT, 1958  
FINAL STANDINGS

PLAYER	HOME	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	SCORE	MED.	SOLK.	S-B
1. Robert Walker	Reed Col. Portland	W28	W3	D6	W7	W2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	11.0		
2. Daniel E. Wade	Seattle, Wash.	W10	W18	W9	W15	L1	4 -1	8.5		
3. Gary Feuerberg	Portland, Ore.	W26	L1	W14	W17	W9	4 -1	8.0	14.0	
4. Dr. A. A. Murray	Raymond, Wash.	W25	W11	L7	W19	W12	4 -1	8.0	13.0	
5. Charles Joachim	Seattle, Wash.	D23	Bye	D17	W21	W6	4 -1	5.5		
6. Harold Hughart	Albany, Oregon	W13	W24	D1	W8	L5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	10.5		
7. Olaf Ulvestad	Seattle, Wash.	W22	D8	W4	L1	W17	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.5		
8. Duane Meador	Vancouver, Wash.	W27	D7	W18	L6	W15	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.0		
9. John Bell	Portland, Ore.	W14	W21	L2	W11	L3	3 -2	10.0		
10. L. E. Bud Lydic	Longview, Wash.	L2	L14	W29	W18	W20	3 -2	7.0		
11. Charles T. Geary	Eugene, Oregon	W20	L4	W24	L9	W23	3 -2	6.5		
12. Cyrus Friedman	Portland, Ore.	L15	W26	W20	W23	L4	3 -2	6.0	11.5	
13. Albert L. Harle	Boise, Idaho	L6	D16	D25	W24	W19	3 -2	6.0	11.0	
14. Elmer E. Hunt	Vancouver, Wash.	L9	W10	L3	W22	W21	3 -2	5.0		
15. Donald W. Johnson	Portland, Ore.	W12	D17	W23	L2	L8	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.5		
16. Buz Eddy	Seattle, Wash.	L17	D13	L19	W27	W25	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.5		
17. Thomas Makens	Seattle, Wash.	W16	D15	D5	L3	L7	2 -3	10.0		
18. Phil Dolph	Junction City, Ore.	W19	L2	L8	L10	W27	2 -3	9.5		
19. R. W. Cairncross	Portland, Ore.	L18	W28	W16	L4	L13	2 -3	7.5	12.5	
20. Mal Skarsten	Forest Grove, Ore.	L11	W27	L12	W26	L10	2 -3	7.5	11.5	2.5
21. Charles Saverude	Portland, Ore.	Bye	L9	W22	L5	L14	2 -3	7.5	11.5	1.5
22. Earl E. Knapp	Gig Harbor, Wash.	L7	W29	L21	L14	Bye	2 -3	5.5		
23. Robert Hardin	Portland, Ore.	D5	W25	L15	L12	L11	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.5		
24. Wayne Bauer	Gladstone, Ore.	W29	L6	L11	L13	D26	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	7.5		
25. Joseph Bricher	Cottage Grove, Ore.	L4	L23	D13	W28	L16	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	7.0		
26. Ken Dart	Everett, Wash.	L3	L12	Bye	L20	D24	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.5		
27. Louis Bochenski	Olympia, Wash.	L8	L20	W28	L16	L18	1 -4	6.5		
28. Robert Brown	Dundee, Ore.	L1	L19	L27	L25	W29	1 -4	4.5		
29. Joseph R. Gemar	Kelso, Wash.	L24	L22	L10	Bye	L28	1 -4	4.0		

In the ULVESTAD - MEADOR game, Ulvestad quickly got the better game and soon was a piece ahead. However, the position was quite explosive and Ulvestad erred and Meador came up with a real hay maker of a move putting Ulvestad on the ropes. Ulvestad sacked his queen and after quite a bit of squirming about, managed to gain a draw.

DUANE MEADOR lost only one game. In the fourth round game against HUGHART, Meador blundered and lost a piece costing him that game.

In the ULVESTAD - WALKER affair, Ulvestad was at a disadvantage in the opening and never could recover. As Ulvestad put it, once Walker gained the edge, he played like ten Grandmasters consulting!

DON W. JOHNSON did very well on Saturday with 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  considering he was the director but the roof fell in on Sunday as he was blanked. TOM MAKENS also was shut out on Sunday and this has happened in several recent tournaments to Tom.

Another sharp junior who may soon be heard from is JOHN BELL of Portland's Roosevelt Highschool. Did you notice in the summary? NO FORFEITS!



# LAPIKEN CAPTURES INLAND EMPIRE OPEN

*Dr. Parker*

DR. PETER LAPIKEN of Missoula (formerly of California) won the fifth Inland Empire Open tournament at Spokane when he topped a field of 27 with a  $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  score. Only a second round draw with GORDON CORNELIUS, Spokane Champion, marred Lapiken's record.

DAN WADE of Seattle made his usual runner-up showing with a 5-1 total edging DR. DAVE GROENIG on Median points. The latter became Eastern Washington champion by outscoring the rest of the eastsiders.

DICK VANDENBURG, present Idaho champ, squeezed into fourth place with  $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  after being surprisingly dumped by RALPH HANSEN. Dick was held to a draw by ROBERT KITTREDGE in the opening round. These early setbacks kept him from meeting the top players during the last three rounds.

DR. GRIFF PARKER pulled another of his surprising finishes with a 4-2 score for a fifth place finish topping the other three players with the same total. CORNELIUS did tie Dr. Parker in Median points but lost on the secondary Solkoff tally. GEORGE PRIEBE was another surprise in the top ten at seventh place just ahead of HORTON THOMPSON, a grand-old-man of Inland Empire chess from the banks of the Roaring Potlatch.

The battle for first place was a spine tingler all the way. Cornelius' draw with Lapiken in the second round put them behind the two-pointers, Wade, Groenig, PAT HICKEY of Seattle, and Yakima's WILLIAM HOGE. Dr. Groenig downed Wade in the third round when Wade attempted to win a drawn position and Hoge downed Hickey to leave the two on top at the conclusion of Saturday's play, each with a 3-0 score.

The fourth round put Groenig in front of the pack when he won an adjudicated game from Hoge. Lapiken and Cornelius continued a half length behind Dr. Groenig.

In the fifth round Lapiken proved too much for Groenig and his win gave him the undisputed lead when Cornelius had to settle for a draw by adjudication with Hoge.

Wade and Parker again won to move up

into a four way tie for second with Cornelius and Groenig, all with 4-1 scores.

The pairings for the last round undoubtedly played an important part in the final result. Lapiken had already played Cornelius and Groenig so the choice of his opponent lay between Wade and Parker. The rating system was not used so the pairing was made by the luck of the drawing so Dr. Parker was paired with Dr. Lapiken. Wade would have been a much more formidable opponent and if he had won or drawn from Dr. Lapiken, there could have been a two or a three way tie for first. Wade had Hoge for an opponent and defeated him. Meanwhile, Dr. Groenig pulled a mild upset by defeating Cornelius.

Prize winners in the second half of the standings were ROBERT KITTREDGE, RALPH HANSEN, and EGON JAENSCH. For purposes of determining the dividing point, the jr. entries were eliminated.

JOHN SCHROEDEL took first place in the junior division with  $2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$  in spite of a forfeit loss to JAENSCH Saturday night when he went to his room for a rest and fell asleep. He had not been in bed for 36 hours. JOHN BUTLER and BUZ EDDY grabbed second and third junior money.

The tourney took on real glamour with the surprise appearance of lovely ELLEN SCHEIRE of Butte. She is attending a Spokane school at present. Playing in the junior section, she finished with 2-4.

Play was held in the beautiful Nile Room of the Desert Hotel where the air-conditioning kept the atmosphere free of smoke even if some of the players donned topcoats.

The usual banquet was held Saturday evening and everybody enjoyed it as chess players seem to be short-winded speakers.

ROBERT KITTREDGE did a capable job of directing and deserves to be commended for his efforts. MIKE CONWAY was responsible for the new scoreboard and he, along with GEORGE PRIEBE, ably assisted the T.D.

SUMMARY OF THE INLAND EMPIRE OPEN PLAYED APRIL 19-20, 1958, IN SPOKANE

PLAYER	HOME	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	SCORE	MEDIAN	SOLK.
1. Dr. Peter Lapiken	Missoula	W13	D6	W7	W15	W3	W5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	14.5	
2. Daniel E. Wade	Seattle	W27	W5	L3	W16	W10	W9	5 -1	14.0	
3. Dr. David Groenig	Spokane	Bye	W20	W2	W9	L1	W6	5 -1	12.5	
4. Dick Vandenburg	Boise	D11	W10	L12	W7	W15	W14	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13.0	
5. Dr. Griff. Parker	Spokane	W18	L2	W8	W13	W14	L1	4 -2	14.5	22.5
6. Gordon Cornelius	Spokane	W21	D1	W11	W12	D9	L3	4 -2	14.5	22.0
7. George Priebe	Spokane	W22	W12	L1	L4	W20	W16	4 -2	12.5	
8. Horton Thompson	Kendrick	W23	L9	L5	W22	W19	W12	4 -2	10.5	
9. William Hoge	Yakima	W15	W8	W14	L3	D6	L2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	15.5	
10 Don Kendall	Tacoma	D17	L4	W19	W11	L2	W24	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	13.0	
11 Robert Kittredge	Spokane	D4	W17	L6	L10	W25	W19	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.5	
12 Ralph Hansen	Missoula	W26	L7	W4	L6	W13	L8	3 -3	14.5	
13 Egon Jaensch	Spokane	L1	W18	W17	L5	L12	W21	3 -3	12.5	20.0
14 Pat Hickoy	Seattle	W24	W13	L9	W21	L5	L4	3 -3	12.5	19.0
15 F. H. Weaver	Seattle	L9	Bye	W20	L1	L4	W17	3 -3	11.0	18.5
16 Ray Kromer	Spokane	W19	L14	W25	L2	W21	L7	3 -3	11.0	17.5
17 John Schroedel	Seattle	D10	L11	L13	W23	W18	L15	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.0	
18 John Butler	Missoula	L5	L13	W23	D25	L17	W20	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.5	
19 Buz Eddy	Seattle	L16	W26	L10	W24	L8	L11	2 -4	12.0	
20 Lee Simmons	Spokane	W25	L3	L15	W26	L7	L18	2 -4	10.5	
21 R. Hollibaugh	Missoula	L6	W23	W24	L14	L16	L13	2 -4	10.0	
22 Ellen Sheire	Butte	L7	L25	W27	L8	L23	W26	2 -4	9.5	
23 P. Hammen	Missoula	L8	L21	L18	L17	W22	W25	2 -4	9.0	14.5
24 Mike Conway	Spokane	L14	W27	L21	L19	W26	L10	2 -4	9.0	14.0
25 B. Fredstrom	Sandpoint	L20	W22	L16	D18	L11	L23	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	9.5	
26 Ralph Rice	Spokane	L23	L19	Bye	L20	L24	L22	1 -5	6.0	
27 Rev. Alf. Carter	Ritzville	L2	L24	L22	X	X	X	0 -6	---	

# ANNUAL MEETING

The annual WCF business meeting was held at the Seattle Chess Club on Sunday, April 27th.

Present and reelected were DR. PARKER as President, MAX WAGE as Vice-President, PEDER HUSBY as Secretary, W. H. RALEIGH as Treasurer, HOWARD WEAVER as Publisher and DAN WADE as Editor. Unable to attend, but reelected, was R. R. MERK as Circulation & Postal Director. The new office of Rating Statistician was created and SFC ROBERT KARCH was elected and it was voted to furnish him the necessary tools for the job. Karch is stationed in the east.

New officers present and elected were AL LIVINGSTON of Olympia as Western Wash-

ington Tourney Director and F. M. HOWARD as Publicity Director. Not present, but elected Eastern Washington Tourney Director, was ROBERT KITTREDGE of Spokane.

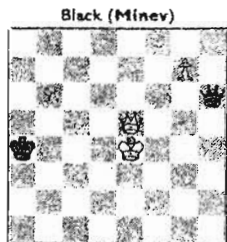
ROBERT KARCH and JOHN SCHROEDEL received nominations for the Oscar going to one who has done the most for Washington chess during the past year. SFC KARCH won the award. Many others have done great work for the WCF during the past year but have already won Oscars.

HOWARD WEAVER was presented with an ash tray trophy for winning the Oscar award for the preceding year. DR. ALMOND was presented the Puget Sound League trophy and plaque for winning the PSL title by the Kitsap team last season.

Others present were MAX BADER, JOHN MOURSE, DON KENDALL, CHAS. JOACHIM, JOHN RING, ED TVEDE and others.

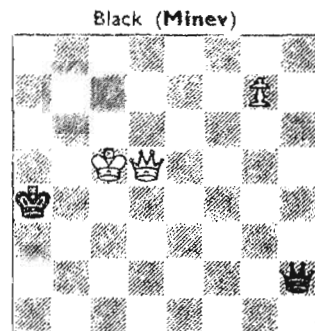
QUEEN AND KNIGHT PAWN VERSUS QUEEN ENDING

In Basic Chess Endings Reuben Fine states that Queen and NP against Queen is a draw because White cannot escape perpetual check. Several articles have been translated from Schachmaty (Russian) with analysis showing the proper way to play the ending. It is well known that Queen and any center pawn can win, and that Queen and RP can only draw. Opinion has been varied on Queen and NP. Keres wrote an article indicating Black should keep his King near its QR5 so that it does not get in the way of the Black Queen.



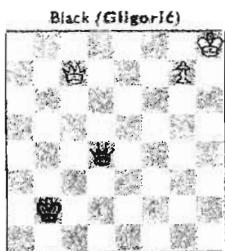
White (Botwinnik)

Botwinnik found himself in the position shown (left) in 1954, which he had not been able to win, but when he reached a similar position in a later game, was able by careful analysis to come up with the solution by reaching a position shown at the right. Secret of the ending was to reduce Black's checks with threat to interpose Queen with ch.



White (Botwinnik)

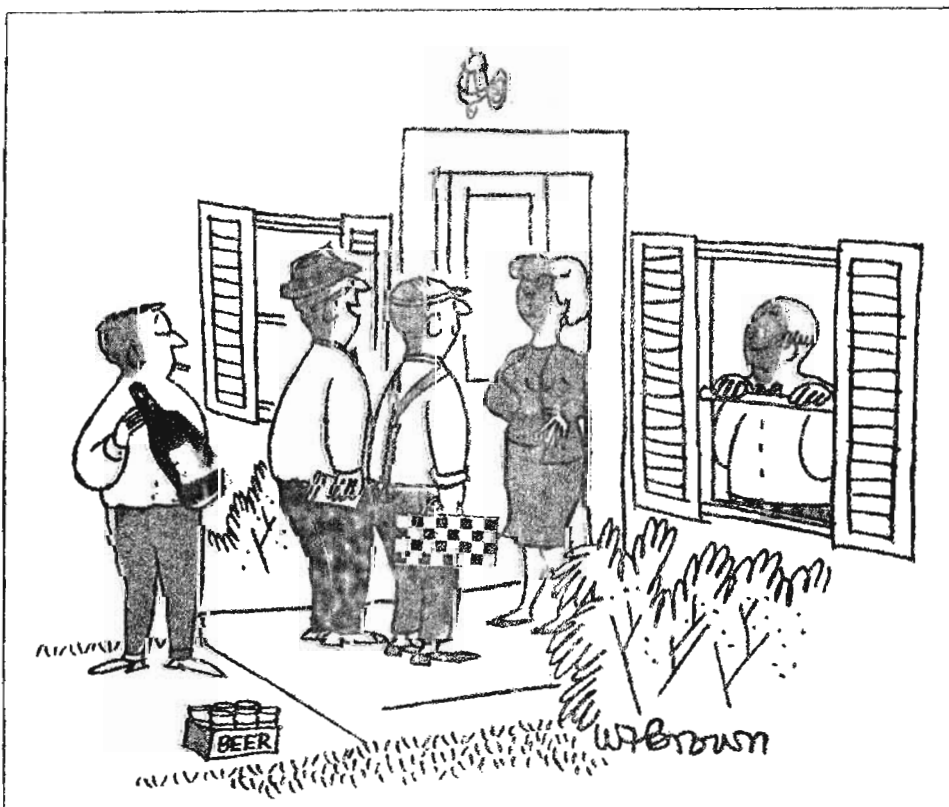
A later edition of Schachmaty discussed a similar situation, and it was found by Gligoric to be a draw. Black must keep his King in the squares of QR8, QR7, QN7 and QN8. The starting position and analysis are reproduced from British Chess Magazine.



White (Pachman)

"Gligoric defended quite correctly, keeping his King in the square QR 8, QR 7, Q Kt 7, and Q Kt 8, and lost only through a blunder at the end. In subsequent analysis neither player could find a win for White.

"The game continued 101 K—Kt 8, Q—Q 4 ch; 102 K—B 8, Q—K B 4 ch; 103 K—K 8, Q—K 5 ch; 104 K—Q 8, Q—R 1 ch; 105 K—Q 7, Q—Q 4 ch; 106 K—B 8, Q—Kt 1 ch; 107 K—Kt 7, Q—Q 4 ch; 108 K—R 6! (here the King is defended from checks), Q—R 7 ch! (if 108... Q—Q 6 ch?; 109 K—R 7 and wins); 109 Q—R 5, Q—Kt 1! (and now White can scarcely hope to find a way to win); 110 Q—K 5 ch, K—Kt 8; 111 K—Kt 6, Q—Q 1 ch; 112 K—Kt 5, Q—Q 2 ch; 113 K—Kt 4, Q—Kt 2 ch; 114 K—B 4, Q—B 3 ch; 115 Q—B 5, Q—K 5 ch; 116 Q—Q 4, Q—B 3 ch; 117 K—Kt 3, Q—K B 6 ch; 118 K—R 4, Q—R 1 ch; 119 K—Kt 4, Q—Kt 2 ch; 120 K—B 3, Q—B 3 ch; 121 Q—B 4, Q—B 3 ch; 122 Q—Q 4, Q—B 3 ch; 123 K—Kt 3, Q—K B 6 ch; 124 Q—B 3, Q—Kt 2 ch?? (124... Q—Q 4 ch! ensured the draw, for which only 10 moves were needed—the last pawn move was on move 84); 125 Q—Kt 4, Q—Q 4 ch; 126 K—R 3 dis ch, K—B 7; 127 Q—Kt 2 ch, Resigns.



THE LOCAL CHESS CLUB TRIES TO ASSEMBLE

## RELATIVE STRENGTHS OF THE OPENINGS

Two Englishmen, Alexander and Slater, have investigated the strengths of the various openings and defenses from results of 4,521 international master tournament games. They weighted the current playing strengths of the players to provide an equalizing factor, and came up with the results in the list that follows. Although these figures do not outweigh strong personal preferences, they should benefit players who have not yet formed set habits in a selection of openings and defenses for future study.

The Queen's Pawn openings are stronger than King's Pawn for White. Whereas after 1. P-Q4 White scores about 56% between equal players, after 1. P-K4 White scores 54%, on an average. The less played lines are on the whole good for those who play them, not because they are better than the more common ones, but because the player who specializes gains advantage from his adversaries unfamiliarity.

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENINGS	% WON BY WHITE	KING'S PAWN OPENINGS	% WON BY WHITE
Slav	60	Caro-Kann	59
QGD (3. N-KB3)	58½	French	56
King's Indian	56	Sicilian	53
Queen's Indian	56	Ruy Lopez	52½
Grunfield	56	Alekhine's	51½
QGD (3. N-QB3)	55	OTHERS	
Nimzo-Indian	54	Reti	61
QGA	54	Colle	48½
Dutch	53		

### COMMENT

The Lopez has no terrors. Black does well to adopt it.

The "quiet" form of the QGD (3. N-KB3) is stronger for White than the more aggressive form with 3. N-QB3.

The Slav is a bad defense with an expected score of 60/40 for White.

The Caro-Kann is a bad defense to the King's Pawn, and the French is not as successful as the Ruy, Sicilian, or Alekhine's Defense.

It must be stressed that these results were obtained over-the-board. Many of the lines will not stand up against precision play, as in postal chess when exhaustive research and analysis is possible.

The advantage of having White is slightly less between grandmasters such as Botwinnik and Smyslov, who presumably are equally adept and at home in all openings. Like baseball pitchers, they have their favorite pitch, and their change of pace. Botwinnik used a Caro-Kann as a change of pace in the recent championship match, with a prepared variation that was successful in the first game. In the third game Smyslov was prepared, and would have refuted the defense if he had not blundered in the middle game. In the 15th game Botwinnik again adopted the Caro-Kann for a winning advantage, but let his clock run out and lost on time. When he had White Botwinnik almost invariably opened 1. P-QB4, which he adopted late in his 1954 match with Smyslov, and used again in their 1957 title match. This move seldom results in a pure English opening, but usually transposes to a King's Indian, or Grunfield, or Nimzo-Indian. The main opening used by Smyslov has been 1. P-K4, and Botwinnik alternates with the Sicilian and French Defenses mainly, but on rare occasions varies with a Ruy or Caro-Kann. After 60 games each has scored 55% wins with White.

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Two teen-age girls walked brightly into a chess club, obviously curious to find out what goes on in such a place. In order not to seem out of place they sat at a table and began a game, casting furtive glances at other players who were too engrossed to notice them, except for one gentleman, who overheard a whispered, "Play checkers slower, stupid, this is chess!"

### MOSCOW, RUSSIA

After 19 rounds of a 24 game match for the world chess championship, Botwinnik retains a three-game lead, with a score of 11-8 over the present champion Smyslov. Botwinnik's Caro-Kann Defense drew the 17th, lost the 19th game,



# SOLVERS' CONTEST

In response to our plea for advice about what type of problems are preferred, and what the terms of future contests should be, we received these suggestions:

"Many thanks for the contests. I am of the opinion that 3-move problems are the most interesting. Don't print the solutions in the same issue, because the solvers will become lazy. Small subscription extension prizes are very fine. Start with easy endings and 2-movers. The 4-movers are either too difficult or too simple. Name the author when giving the solutions." - Max Bader

"I like problems, prize or no prize." - Pete Fakkema

"I suggest you contact Mr. Ulvestad for conditional problems, fairy, or even selfmate problems, for fun. For blood, every contestant who wants to participate should pay 50¢. Everyone wins a book prize after reaching 100 points. Every month the points of the solvers should be published." - Charles Joachim

"I would like to see the problems made somewhat more difficult. I doubt if awards are necessary. Just print the solutions in the following issue along with the names of the top scorers." - Jesse Tuggle

"Since you are soliciting suggestions, here are mine. Token prizes probably are helpful, though I don't care for them myself. I find that the contest idea (sending in solutions) helps me to get a lot more out of the problems or endings, because I like to be pretty sure of myself before committing myself to sending in a solution. I prefer endings to problems ordinarily, But I like problems with pure, model, or echo mates. The 3 and 4 movers are usually too hard for me. I prefer over-the-board type positions, and those with bolt-from-the-blue type of brilliancies." - Charles Ballantine

"Our Chess Letter keeps getting better and better." - Horton Thompson

Our good friend, George Bishop, has sent us an adequate supply of material to make everybody happy, and we start off with the two positions pictured. As your contest editor is unable to appraise the difficulty and point value of various positions, we have hit on what may turn out to be an interesting solution to the dilemma.

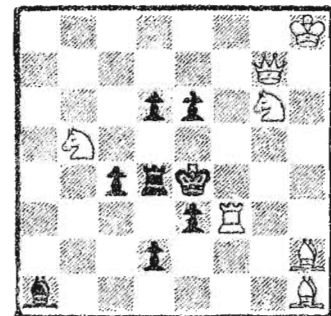
A total of 50 points will be awarded each month. Dividing 50 by the number of correct replies will be a fair determination of point value due each solver. We will have some positions that past experience has told us only a few will solve. Therefore if only six find the solution the point value will be twice as much as when twelve solvers come up with it.

Those who wish to play for prizes may inclose 10¢ with the solutions each month. When a player's point total reaches 50 points his Chess Letter subscription will be extended six months. We are not out to make a profit, so revisions or extra awards will be made on the basis of experience. We will, of course, be pleased to receive solutions without the dime from those who just want to play for the fun of it. Late starters and those who miss a month will not be out anything because they will be playing for a total score rather than for the highest score. We will print accumulated points each month.

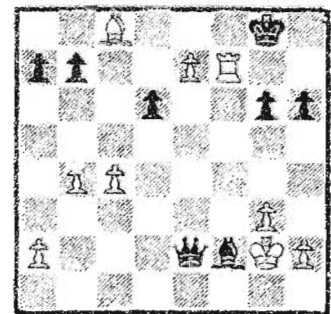
SEND SOLUTIONS TO F.H. WEAVER, 501 OLYMPIC PLACE, SEATTLE 99, BEFORE MAY 25th.

B. GASPAR

Brazil



White to play and mate in two moves.



5. Yates v Buerger  
Scarborough, 1927; White to play

# JOACHIM KEEPS OLYMPIA TITLE - 38 ENTER JOACHIM

The Olympian City Championship was a success, not only for CHARLES JOACHIM, who finished first with  $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , but for the other players and the city of Olympia. The great number of participants proves there is abundant, latent chess talent in any city, just waiting to be awakened like the sleeping beauty.

CHARLES JOACHIM, who not only won the tourney, but promoted it and directed it, said he was not only implying indirectly a role he played as prince charming in awakening the sleeping beauty, but giving credit to two powerful allies, the Daily Olympian newspaper and the location of the club in the Community Center.

"Only" 26 players were in the tourney the first day but the room was so small a few of the players had to play in the hall. The play interested many of the passers by, on their way to the square dances and folks dancing. So instead of the chess players, during their "unemployment" between rounds watching the "docs Si does" of the square-dancers, the "Fred Astairs" of the folks-dancers watched the chess players!

This way Mrs. EDNA EGG came into the tourney. After first beating 3 of the men for fun, she joined with her husband and to everyone's surprise ended in third with no loss! Of course by joining late she ran into easier fellows partially. But she played exceedingly well.

Joachim had fun setting up the pairings by predicting the outcome of each game from SFC KARCH'S racing paper (rating list). This is a rating-racing form that worked! But all of the sudden disaster struck, ARNOLD SPLINING, supposedly the underdog, got the better of JOHN MACKENZIE, who finished 4th.

After the 3rd round (but after prearranged 4th and 5th rounds) the Little Rock boys could not come any more, so it was at that time agreed where feasible to call the unplayed games agreed draws instead of forfeits. Luckily, a number of people equal to the number of Little Rockers showed after the 3rd round and so there were no serious troubles about forfeits (? Ed.). Only one forfeit was really decisive, the one of MAC-

KENZIE against PAWLEY. Pawley maneuvered for Uncle Sam and MacKenzie, who had sacrificed the queen of his life by sending her to work swingshift, found it too expensive to pay for the babysitter just to play chess and preferred to receive the benefits of a forfeit than to have rusty blade of a forfeit working against him.

If the strength of a club depends on its youth, then the Olympia club is sitting pretty. There were about ten younger than 17 with ideas and enthusiasm. Their only trouble is they do not know Nimzowitsch. They rarely protect their attacking pieces so that when an attack is broken, their attacking pieces fall victim to a counter-attack.

BOB MAGRATH had an overwhelming majority against LUCKY LARSON, but Lucky was lucky again and won due to a fine counter blow and the over impulsive game of his youthful opponent.

Olympia is glad to have back a member of the "prehistoric" old guard. PHIL DOLAN played chess for Olympia before the mythological times of STORK, MURRAY, CERTELLI, and the YOCUMS, but had to retire because of his health. He is not old, at least no older than JOACHIM - so he is in his best years - and his games were quite thrilling. In the main tournament, DOLAN did not lose a game but he forfeited two games in order to not imperil his health.

Then there was the mysterious messup or more appropriately, the story of a mixed up tourney director. Once upon a time it happened to be the Olympian Championship of 1958 - a young kid was chosen as an opponent of an old club member. After ten minutes the kid came back and asked me (Joachim) against whom he was supposed to play. So I repeated the name of the opponent and the number of the table. Later I asked the old clubster who won and the answer was given with genuine chess pride "I won." After awhile the kid came and wanted his next opponent. So I said, "You lost your first game so I'll pair you with a loser." "I did not lose" came the grinning answer, "I won." What a wise crack, I wanted to say, but I suppressed it as an

impartial referee should do and paired him with a loser. Five minutes later the kid came and wanted his next partner. "How did you play this time?" "I lost" was the desolate answer. Finally the boy had come to his senses. "Now I will pair you in your third round..." I could not finish as the kid said "I have only played one round and lost only one game." Poor, mixed up kid, I thought and repeated the name of his second round opponent.

After about one hour, the opponent informed me he had played the kid in two contests, losing the first and winning the second. As only the first was supposed to be counted, I charged our senior player with a loss. Shortly afterward the kid came & I congratulated him on his victory, but his

dismal answer was "I lost and I lost two games in a row." The kid seemed serious and I believed him - he wouldn't have any reason to claim 2 losses if he had a win. After checking with his opponent I had to come to the sad conclusion that I was the one who was on the skidroad of chronic meschuggitis! In my hallucinations and nightmares I saw myself organizing a chess club in Steilacoom and waited full of horror for the next Monday when the next round was scheduled. The same tale was repeated. The opponent, however, complained about the jokes of the kid who he claimed is his twin brother. Now I remembered I had refused the registration of a boy because I had him already registered. What I did to correct the mistake I cannot tell. This is one of the tricks of a T.D. & I insist on the 5th amendment and won't incriminate myself.

OLYMPIA TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

										Median	Solkoff
1. Charles Joachim	W17	W8	W7	D5	W2	W6	5 1/2	-	1/2	16 1/2	
2. Ellis Ayer	W14	W27	W9	W6	L1	W5	5	-	1	16	
3. Edna Egg	W35	D17	D14	W21	W28	W8	5	-	1	14	
4. John MacKenzie	W27	L12	W21	W37	WF7	W13	5	-	1	12	
5. Ed Tveden	W29	W32	W18	D1	W10	L2	4 1/2	-	1 1/2	14 1/2	
6. Lucky Larson (Shelton)	W34	W16	W19	L2	W9	L1	4	-	2	15 1/2	
7. Richard Pawley	W20	W21	L1	W15	LF4	WF17	4	-	2	14 1/2	
8. Al Smith	W33	L1	W23	W11	W36	L3	4	-	2	13 1/2	
9. Chester Harmeson	W36	W22	L2	W19	L6	W20	4	-	2	13	
10 Phil Dolan	W25	W28	FL13	W23	L5	W14	4	-	2	12 1/2	
11 Bill Herman	W24	W18	W35	L8	D15	D33*	4	-	2	10 1/2	
12 Arnold Spinning (L.Rock)	L13	W4	D26*	LF18	W20	W31	3 1/2	-	2 1/2	14	
13 Ted Davis	W14	L19	WF10	D17	W34	L4	3 1/2	-	2 1/2	14	
14 Ron Tabor	L2	W24	D3	W36	WF33	L10	3 1/2	-	2 1/2	13	
15 Keith Loobey (H.S. boy)	W18	W35	W28	L7	D11	LF37	3 1/2	-	2 1/2	11 1/2	
16 Bob Magrath (L. Rock)	W31	L6	W38	D27	D29*	D32*	3 1/2	-	2 1/2	8 1/2	
17 Harry Parmelee	L1	D3	W36	D13	W19	LF7	3	-	3	15 1/2	
18 Doyle Egg	L15	L11	L5	WF12	WF38	WF29	3	-	3	14 1/2	
19 Phil Stymans	W37	W13	L6	L9	L19	W22	3	-	3	14	
20 Louis Bochenski	L7	W30	W34	W22	L12	L9	3	-	3	12 1/2	
21 Al Livingston	W30	L7	L4	L3	W24	W34	3	-	3	12	
22 Dale Wells	W26	L9	W25	L20	W32	L19	3	-	3	11	
23 Monroe Burnett	W32	W29	L8	L10	W35	L24	3	-	3	10	
24 Buz Williams	L11	L14	D32	W35	L21	W23	2 1/2	-	3 1/2	11	
25 Bob MacCalmant (L.Rock)	L10	W31	L22	D34*	W30	WF27	2 1/2	-	3 1/2	9	
26 Harold Werner (L.Rock)	L22	W36	D12*	D29*	D27*	LF35	2 1/2	-	3 1/2	8	
27 Mike Myers (L. Rock)	L4	L2	W31	D16	D26*	LF25	2	-	4	13	
28 C. L. Durward	W38	L10	L15	W30	L3	L36	2	-	4	10 1/2	16 1/2
29 Kent Loobey (H.S. boy)	L5	L23	W33	D26*	D16*	LF18	2	-	4	10 1/2	16
30 Bob Hand (L. Rock)	L21	L20	W37	L28	L25	W38	2	-	4	8 1/2	
31 Claus Cook (H.S. boy)	L16	L25	L27	W38	W37	L12	2	-	4	7	
32 Hartley Krueger	L23	L5	D24	D33*	L22	D16*	1 1/2	-	4 1/2	12	
33 Jim Crum (L. Rock)	L8	L38	L29	D32*	L14	D11*	1	-	5	A mistake in standings.	
34 Ed Goodwin	L6	W37	L20	D25*	L13	L21	1 1/2	-	4 1/2	11	
35 May Horman	L3	L15	L11	L24	L23	WF26	1	-	5	13	
36 Art Beck	L9	L26	L17	L14	L8	W28	1	-	5	12 1/2	
37 Russel Warner (L.Rock)	L19	L34	L30	L4	L31	WF15	1	-	5	10 1/2	
38 Jim Mohs	L28	W33	L16	L31	LF18	L30	1	-	5		

CODE  
 \* Drawn by agreement.  
 WF Won by forfeit.  
 LF Lost by forfeit.

# CLUBHOUSE NEWS

## YAKIMA CLUB NEWS REPORT

It has been a long time since we have had any news from Yakima. After a meeting with WILLIAM HOGE at the Inland Empire Open in Spokane, we received the following.

As of April 20th, there were 18 players in a Yakima double round-robin. DON KEELER led with 15-1 (94%) while in second was EVERETT RUDE with 5-1 (83%). In third was WILLIAM HOGE with 8-2 (80%) while the fourth place contender was a newcomer from Holland, LEO VAN BERGEYK with 4-1 (80%).

At present, TERRY NELSON and TREISMAN are not competing.

## OLYMPIA CLUB ACTIVITY

CHARLES JOACHIM has been conducting a series of elimination tournaments in Olympia.

GROUP "A" Ayer 1 Tveden O, Egg 1 May Herman O, Al Smith 1 Bill Herman O, Mackenzie 1 Durwald O, Livingston 1 Beck O, Bochen-ski 1 Krueger O, Harmeson 1 Doyle Egg O, Austin Larson 1 Burnett O, Phil Dolan 1 Goodwin O, Stymans 1 Hand O, Gates 1 Tabor O, Loobey 1 Buz Williams O, Dale Wells 1 Claus Cook O and Ted Davis had a bye.

The second round found winners meeting. Ayer 1 Edna Egg O, Mackenzie 1 Smith O, Bochen-ski 1 Livingston O, Larson 1 Harmeson O, Dolan 1 Stymans O, Loobey 1 Gates O and Davis 1 Wells O.

The survivors met in the third round. Ayer 1 Mackenzie O, Larson 1 Bochen-ski O, Dolan 1 Loobey O and again Davis advanced with a bye.

In the semi finals, Ayer 1 Larson O, and Dolan 1 Davis O. The tourney champion was decided in the finals with Dolan winning 1-0 over Ayer. Final scores were Dolan 5, Ayer 4, Larson 3, Mackenzie 2 Bochen-ski 2, Loobey 2, Davis 1, Edna Egg 1, Smith 1, Livingston 1, Harmeson 1, Stymans 1, Gates 1, and Wells 1.

Twenty seven players participated.

## Group "B"

May Herman 1 Cook O, Livingston 1 Bill Herman O, Bochen-ski 1 Beck O, Burnett 1 Goodwin O. Winners met in the quarter finals. Livingston 1 May Herman O, Bochen-ski 1 Burnett O. The championship game found Livingston the winner 1-0 over Bochen-ski. Final points scored: Livingston 3, Bochen-ski 2, May Herman 1 and Burnett 1.

## Group "C"

Goodwin 1 Cook O, Bill Herman 1 Beck O, May Herman and Burnett received byes. Winners then played winners. Bill Herman 1 Goodwin O, May Herman 1 Burnett O. The championship game found May Herman 1 Bill Herman O.

## Group "D"

Beck 1 Stratton O, Goodwin 1 Burnett O, Pawley 1 Harmeson O, Stymans 1 Dale Wells O, D. Egg 1 Bochen-ski O, Edna Egg 1 John McKay O. Winners then met: Goodwin 1 Beck O, Pawley 1 Stymans O, Edna Egg 1 Doyle Egg O. After that Pawley 1 Goodwin O while Edna Egg went into the finals without an opponent. Finals found Pawley winning 1-0 over Edna Egg.

The "new blood" in Olympia is very active. Louis Bochen-ski is taking over club rating and the bulletin board. Al Livingston will be tournament director, Ed Goodwin is the club's new public relations man. Phil Stymans continues as team captain. Ed Tveden would make a very good president.

## SEATTLE CLUB TOURNEY

The Seattle Chess Club's annual tourney continues to limp along with only a few players playing. Most of the players are making very feeble efforts to meet their opponents.

OLIVER MORRIS 5-1, WALT COLLNER 5-1, MAX BADER with only a draw against him, VIESTURS SEGLINS (one loss), DAVID ERICKSON (only one loss) and ARCHIE FREDERICKSON with only a loss and a draw against him are the chief contenders. DAN MADE is practically out of the running with a 4-2 record. The tourney is supposed to be an eight round Swiss.

## CHESS GOSSIP

GEORGE BISHOP separated a shoulder in a hunting accident....ALLAN MACGREGOR moved to Sacramento....MARTIN FASS is living in Ohio....HUGH NOLAND lives in Montana... TERRY NELSON runs an elevator in Yakima...

CHESS IN SPOKANE

Just missing last month's deadline is the following news from Spokane.

Club Experts. Cornelius 1254, Kittredge 1144, and Dr. Aldape 1016.

Class A. Dr. Groenig 954, Daniels 946 Kromer 932, Voget 908, Dr. Parker 896.

Class B. Eitel 762, Jaensch 740, Conway 736, Vennema 694, Neuman 690, Brimble 678, Hartman 676, Barker 664, Stenerson 660, Hay 658, Morgan 636, and Eum 620.

Class C. Simmons 570, Jones 550, Meade 536, Priebe 526, Wood 524, Calkins 514, Amdahl 514, Tierney 510, Schneider 506, Klaus 416, Anderson 404, Frederic 380 and Dunson 350.

14 of the 33 listed players are on the inactive list. Night jobs and school activities of one sort or another have accounted for most of these including DANIELS, who is taking a course in journalism at Eastern Washington College, and HARTMAN, who has to work on a school play. VOGET is considering going back to college to earn his master's degree and go into teaching. Only two new players have come into the club during this "dry" spell. They are SIMMONS, who has played in two recent club matches, and EUM, an air force lieutenant from Fairchild Air Base.

KITTREDGE 4½ CONWAY ½

A five game match between KITTREDGE & CONWAY has been completed with Kittredge breezing to a 4½-½ triumph. After drawing the first game, he went on to win the remaining four games in a row. A rematch is possible in the near future.

SANDPOINT 6 SPOKANE 6

Six chess players from Sandpoint, including four juniors, came to Spokane for a "friendly" match, which ended just that way in a 6-6 deadlock. To keep the match on an even standing, none of the Spokane top players played and class B players were used instead.

<u>SPOKANE</u>	6	<u>SANDPOINT</u>	6
Mike Conway	1	Bruce Fredstrom	1
George Priebe	1	Thad Hunt	1
Ed Hay	0	Jim Benoit	2

Dick Eitel	2	Carl Quass	0
Lee Simmons	2	Douglas Bandelin	0
L. B. Dunson	0	P. G. Hayworth	2

The Spokane Chess Club visited the Washington State Prison at Walla Walla and took a 10-4 thumping. Because the Spokane Chess Club had been unable to get enough players, DR. PARKER played a simultaneous match with four of the inmates, playing each twice and lost 2 games to 6.

<u>WALLA WALLA PRISON</u>	10.	<u>SPOKANE CLUB</u>	4.
Rody Erb	1½	Robert Kittredge	½
Nolton Jacobs	2	Dr. Hector Aldape	0
Richard Young	1	Don Daniels	1
Ronald Ray	½	Mike Conway	1½
Carl Brehan	2	John Hartman	0
Robert Davies	2	Lee Simmons	0
Ronald Raino	1	Karl Amdahl	1

CHELAN - WENATCHEE NEWS

VIRGIL N. CARPENTER, WCF postalite, is doing a little chess promoting in Chelan. A match between Chelan and Wenatchee ended in a 10 to 4 win for Wenatchee. Carpenter won both of his games on first board to register half of his team's score. Actually several of the Wenatchee men hail from Leavenworth and Peshastin. Two of Wenatchee's strongest players did not play with their third best player playing on first board.

Playing for Wenatchee were: Philip Adams, Walter Nawrocki, Owen Rasmussen, Bob Henkol, Archie Lodge, Clint Kienitz and Harold Tedford.

Chelan players were: Virgil Carpenter, Charles James, Glen Davis, A. K. Platt, Ted Hendershott, George Schneckonberger and Ted Marcear.

Each pair of contestants played a pair of games. ( No information given on other individual results )

The Wenatchee club meets each Tuesday, 7 to 11 p.m. at the YMCA. Richard Miller, club president, says the club is open to membership.

DAN WADE 8½ OLIVER MORRIS 1½

During April DAN WADE and Oliver Morris played a ten game match at one dollar a game and Wade won 8 while Morris won the third & drew the sixth encounter. The two may play another match for blood in the near future.



# GAMES

Championship Game - Pacific N. West Open.

DAN WADE

ROBERT WALKER

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| 1. P-Q4  | N-KB3 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-KN3 |
| 3. P-K3  | B-N2  |
| 4. B-Q3  | P-Q3  |
| 5. O-O   | O-O   |
| 6. QN-Q2 | QN-Q2 |
| 7. P-K4  | P-B4  |
| 8. P-B3  | Q-B2  |
| 9. Q-K2  | PxP   |
| 10 PxP   | P-K4  |
| 11 PxP   | PxP   |
| 12 N-N3  | N-R4  |
| 13 B-Q2  | ----  |

Probably best was R-Q1. However, the 13 ---, N-B5 move can be delayed so eventually White may have to move B-Q2 anyway.

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| 13 ----  | N-B5  |
| 14 BxN   | PxB   |
| 15 QR-B1 | Q-N3  |
| 16 B-B4  | P-QR4 |
| 17 P-K5  | P-R6  |

The position hinted a White win here but it could not be found although White spent twenty minutes here.

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| 18 QN-Q4! | ---- |
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Apparently giving up a pawn but the move NxBP was in the works.

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| 18 ----  | N-B4!    |
| 19 N-KN5 | B-K3     |
| 20 N/5xB | PxN      |
| 21 P-QN4 | PxP e.p. |
| 22 PxP   | QR-K1    |
| 23 N-B3  | R-B4     |
| 24 KR-Q1 | P-N4     |
| 25 B-N5? | ----     |

Leading to the loss. Fear of getting too many pieces hung up and lack of enough time for study kept White from playing R-Q6. If 25 ---, Q-B2? 26 P-N4, BxP; 27 RxB; K-B1; 28 RxRch., KxR; 29 PxN and White is a Knight ahead. If 25 ---, Q-N5; 26 Q-B2, K-R1; 27 BxP, NxB; 28 RxN, RxP; 29 RxR, BxR; 30 NxB, RxN; 31 Q-B8ch., K-N2; 32 R-B7ch., R-K2 necessary and a probable draw.

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| 25 ----    | R/1-KB1 |
| 26 P-QN4   | N-N6    |
| 27 R-B3    | P-N5    |
| 28 RxN     | PxN     |
| 29 Q-B1    | RxB     |
| 30 B-Q3?   | R-KN4   |
| 31 BxRPch. | KxB     |
| 32 Q-Q3ch. | R/1-B4  |

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| 33 QxP    |
| 34 QxQ    |
| 35 P-B3   |
| 36 R/3-Q3 |

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| Q-B3       |
| PxQ        |
| R-Q4       |
| Black won. |

GARY FEUERBERG

TOH MAKENS

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|---------------|---------|
| 1. P-Q4       | N-KB3   |
| 2. P-QB4      | P-B4    |
| 3. P-Q5       | P-KN3   |
| 4. N-QB3      | B-N2    |
| 5. P-K4       | P-Q3    |
| 6. P-KB4      | O-O     |
| 7. N-B3       | B-N5    |
| 8. B-Q3       | N-R3    |
| 9. P-KR3      | B-Q2    |
| 10 O-O        | N-QN5   |
| 11 P-QR3      | NxB     |
| 12 QxN        | P-QR3   |
| 13 P-K5       | N-K1    |
| 14 P-QN3      | P-QN4   |
| 15 B-N2       | Q-N3    |
| 16 QR-N1      | P-N5    |
| 17 N-K4       | PxRP    |
| 18 BxP        | P-QR4   |
| 19 K-R1       | R-N1    |
| 20 P-KN4      | P-B4    |
| 21 NPxBP      | BxBP    |
| 22 K-R2       | PxP     |
| 23 PxP        | B-R3    |
| 24 N-R4       | BxN     |
| 25 RxRch.     | KxR     |
| 26 QxB        | P-R5    |
| 27 P-K6       | Q-B2ch. |
| 28 K-N2       | RxB?    |
| 29 NxBch.!    | PxN     |
| 30 QxP        | B-N2?   |
| 31 Q-B7 mate. |         |

If 30 ---, Q-N6ch.; 31 QxQ, RxQch.; 32 KxR, N-Q3; 33 B-B1, BxB (Best); 34 RxB, P-R6; 35 K-B4, P-R7; 36 R-QR1 and White wins with the exchange and passed KRP.

DAN WADE

BUD LYDIC

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| 1. P-Q4  | P-Q4   |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-KB3  |
| 3. P-K3  | B-N5   |
| 4. P-B4  | P-B3   |
| 5. PxP   | PxP    |
| 6. Q-N3  | Q-B2   |
| 7. N-B3  | BxN    |
| 8. PxB   | P-K3   |
| 9. B-Q2  | N-B3   |
| 10 R-B1  | P-QR3  |
| 11 N-R4  | P-QN4? |
| 12 BxP!  | PxB    |
| 13 QxNP  | R-QN1  |

If 13 ---, RxN; 14 RxN wins. If Black plays either R-B1 or K-Q2; 14 N-N6 wins.

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| 14 QxNch.                     | QxQ  |
| 15 RxQ                        | K-Q2 |
| 16 R-B2 and White won easily. |      |

More games from the Pacific Northwest Open.

BOB HARDIN

1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. PxP
4. N-KB3
5. B-B4
6. N-B3
7. B-N5
8. PxP
9. P-K3
- 10 N-Q4
- 11 NxN
- 12 Q-Q3
- 13 Q-Q4
- 14 QxN
- 15 Q-K4
- 16 Q-B3
- 17 R-B1
- 18 B-K2
- 19 O-O
- 20 KR-Q1
- 21 P-KR3
- 22 Q-B4
- 23 PxQ
- 24 B-Q3
- 25 RxB
- 26 P-QB4
- 27 R-QN3
- 28 PxR
- 29 R-R1
- 30 R-K1
- 31 K-B1

This threw away Black's winning chances

- 32 R-K5
- 33 RxQBP
- 34 K-K1
- 35 K-Q2

R-K5 is answered by R-QN2.

- 35 ----
- 36 KxP
- 37 RxQBP
- 38 P-N4?

Loses time. Better 38 R-B8ch. and Black would lose if he played K-N2. K-K2 must be played and White picks up the QRP with good winning chances.

- 38 ----
- 39 K-Q4
- 40 R-B7
- 41 K-K5
- 42 RxKRP
- 43 K-B6
- 44 KxP
- 45 RxP

Drawn by agreement.

One of the tournament's biggest upsets.

CHARLES JOACHINI

- N-KB3
- P-K4
- N-N5
- N-QB3
- B-N5ch.
- Q-K2
- BxNch.
- Q-B4
- N/5xP/4
- NxP
- NPxN
- O-O
- QxB
- P-QB4
- P-Q4
- Q-K4
- B-B4
- QR-N1
- R-N3
- R-KR3
- B-K5
- QxQ
- P-QB3
- BxB
- R-N1
- P-Q5
- RxR
- R-Q3
- R-Q2
- K-B1
- P-B4?

- P-N3
- P-Q6
- R-K2ch.
- 
- R-K7ch.
- RxP
- RxNP
- 
- R-N6ch.
- RxP
- R-KB6
- K-K1
- R-K6ch.
- R-K5
- RxKBP
- RxP

DUANE MEADOR

1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. N-KB3
4. P-K3
5. BxP
6. O-O
7. N-K5
8. Q-B3?
9. B-K2?
- 10 Q-R3
- 11 R-Q1
- 12 N-QB3
- 13 BxPch.?
- 14 NxP
- 15 PxP
- 16 PxN
- 17 Q-N3
- 18 P-K4
- 19 Q-N7
- 20 B-R6
- 21 R/R1-N1
- 22 Q-N4!
- 23 R-N8
- 24 QxQ
- 25 BxR
- 26 Q-Q6
- 27 QxQBP
- 28 QxBch.
- 29 Q-B5ch.
- 30 P-KR4
- 31 Q-B6ch.
- 32 Q-B5ch.
- 33 P-N3
- 34 Q-B8
- 35 Q-N7ch.
- 36 K-N2

Drawn by agreement.

OLAF ULVESTAD

- P-Q4
- PxP
- N-KB3
- P-K3
- P-QB4
- P-QR3
- P-QN4
- R-R2
- B-N2
- B-Q3
- Q-B2
- BxN
- PxB
- Q-N3
- QxN
- PxP
- N-Q2
- P-K4
- R-B1
- QxP?
- Q-B7
- B-B1
- QxRch.
- NxR
- N-Q2
- NxB
- RxP
- K-K2
- K-K1
- R-Q7
- K-K2
- R-Q3
- N-K3
- R-Q1
- K-B1
- K-N2

NORTHEAST SEATTLE TOURNEY

As we go to press, the 4th N. Eastern Seattle Invitational finds DAN WADE leading with 3-1. DON EILMES and OLIVER MORRIS are next with 2-2 and ERICKSON has 1-3. Final results in next month's Letter!

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# POSTAL GAMES

## ANNOTATED BY ULVESTAD

### Section 57A-3B

Coubrough Knapp  
 1. P-K4 P-K4  
 2. N-KB3 N-QB3  
 3. B-B4 P-KR3

Undoubtedly played to prevent White's N-KN5, however, Black will now have to take a somewhat cramped formation to keep the lines closed as he lags in development. An orthodox alternative is 3.-- B-K2 (the Hungarian defense)

4. P-B3

Slow, White should strive to open all lines quickly, e.g. 4. P-Q4, PxP 5. O-O, N-B3 6. P-K5, P-Q4 7. B-N5, N-K5, 8. NxP, B-Q2 9. P-K6! with a very strong attack, or 5.--- B-B4 6. P-B3, PxP 7. BxP ch. KB3 8. Q-Q5 ch K-K1 9. Q-R5 ch, P-N3 10. QxP ch, K-B1 11. Q-B5 ch, followed by QxB etc.

4. ---- N-B3  
 5. P-Q4 P-Q3

Correct reasoning. Black now keeps the lines closed and has counter play against the White KP.

6. PxP

Frees Black's game. Better 6. Q-B2, B-N5 7. QN-Q2, to be followed by P-KR3 and perhaps P-KN4.

6. ---- PxP  
 7. QxQ ch NxQ  
 8. NxP NxP  
 9. B-K3 B-Q3  
 10. N-Q3 B-Q2

Simpler and more vigorous would have been 10. --- B-K3 Exchanges usually help the more backward development.

11. P-KB3 N-KB3

12. N-Q2 O-O  
 13. O-O-O P-QR4

Slow and somewhat artificial 13. ---, B-K3 was still in order.

14. B-N3

Rationalizing Black's previous move. 14. N-B5, B-B3, 15. B-Q3, R-K1 16. N(5)-K4 was a strong continuation.

14. ---- P-R5  
 15. B-QB2 P-R6

Now the Black RP causes some White difficulty as it now forces a serious weakening of White's QB3.

16. P-QN3

Best now seems 16. N-B4, PxP 17. KxP, Black's main lines of attack are closed and the White pieces are more active, although his P's need attention.

16. ---- N-Q4  
 17. B-Q4 N(1)-B3  
 18. N-K4 NxB  
 19. PxB N-K6

A mistaken idea, 19.--- B-K2 maintains the two B's and Black's main threat of P-KB4 followed by N-B6.

20. R-Q2 NxB  
 21. RxN R-R4

intending play against the White QP, but the Black QRP is sick and the loss of the KB leaves further RP weaknesses. Best drawing chances come from 21. ---, B-K2 22. RxP, R-QB1, relying on the combinative power of the two B's to balance the P minus.

22. NxB PxN  
 23. K-Q2 B-B3  
 24. R-K1 R-Q4

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25. R-B4 B-Q2  
 25. ---, B-N4 26. R-N4, P-KN4  
 27. R-K7, R-N1 would have given a more stubborn resistance.

26. P-KN4 R-QR4  
 27. P-KR3 R(4)-R1  
 28. R-B7 B-B3  
 29. R-K3 KR-K1  
 30. N-QN4 RxR  
 31. KxR R-K1 ch  
 32. K-B2 B-N4  
 33. RxNP R-K7 ch  
 34. K-N3 B-K1  
 35. R-N6 P-Q4  
 36. R-Q6 K-B1

The Black pawns fall like ripe apples now, The rest requires no comment.

37. RxQP K-K2  
 38. R-K5 RxR  
 39. PxR K-K3  
 40. P-B4 P-N4  
 41. N-B2 K-Q4  
 42. K-B3 B-B3  
 43. N-N4 ch K-B4  
 44. NxB KxN  
 45. PxP PxP  
 46. K-K4 K-B4  
 47. K-B5 K-Q5  
 48. K-B6 K-B6  
 49. KxBP resigns

### Section 57B-4A

Skoglund Eilmes  
 1. P-K4 P-QB4  
 2. B-B4

This B is exposed to center P attack here. Better 2. N-KB3.

2. ---- P-K3  
 3. N-KB3 P-Q4  
 4. PxP PxP  
 5. B-N5 ch Q N-B3  
 6. N-K5 Q-B2

See next page.

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# POSTAL CHESS

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Section 57B-4A cont'd		Postal games completed to April 25		Points
7. O-O	B-Q3	3/28/58	57A-2A Skersten $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 10
8. N-KB3			57A-2B Skarsten 1	0 40
This retreat is unnecessary, much more to the point is 8.		4/1/58	57B-3A Smith 1	0 68
R-K1, BxN	9. P-Q4, PxP	4/2/58	58A-1B Cairncross 1	0 52
P-B4.	10.	4/4/58	57B-7B Scripps 1	0 52
8. -----	N-B3	4/5/58	55 CH-A Wade $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 4
9. R-K1 ch.	B-K3		55 CH-B Wade $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 4
10. P-Q4	O-O	4/6/58	55 CH-B Weischer $\frac{1}{2}$	0 46
11. PxP	BxP	4/7/58	57A-4B Spatz 1	0 42
12. B-K3	B-Q3	4/9/58	57A-6A Mage 1	0 64
13. P-QB3	N-KN5	4/10/58	57A-5B Howard 1	0 28
14. P-KN3	NxB	4/11/58	57A-5A Laine 1	0 55
15. RxN	B-QB4	4/15/58	57A-5B Laine 1	0 55
16. N-Q4	B-R6	4/16/58	* Skarsten 1	0 10
17. Q-R5	NxN!	4/16/58	57B-9B Benson 1	0 30
Sharp play, winning the exchange.			57A-6A Coubrough $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 22
18. B-Q3	B-B4		56B-11B Spencer 1	0 46
19. PxN	BxP		56B-11A Spencer 1	0 62
20. N-B3			56B-11B Spencer $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 12
20. BxB, P-KN3 etc.		4/18/58	57B-5A Eilmes $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 18
20. -----	BxR	4/20/58	57A-5B Laine 1	0 36
21. QxB	P-KN3	4/21/58	57A-3A Carter 1	0 98
22. Q-KB3	B-N3	4/25/58	* Skarsten 1	0 18
23. NxQP	Q-Q3		57B-4B Skoglund 1	0 48
24. B-QB4	K-N2	* Skarsten and Carter are playing a 6 game contest which two games are reported as being won by Skarsten.		
25. Q-B3 ch	P-B3	We welcome five new players to our postal chess tournaments who are playing in e section with each other.		
26. R-K1	QR-K1	D.R. McCord brings with him R.S. McCord, D.C. Bothun, Bill Munselle and Dick Robertson. W.C. Adkisson, Ken Dart, Ora P. Gifford and Allan R. Miller also joined with our postal chess tournaments.		
27. R-Q1	Q-B4	Weischer and Wade now lead in first and second place in the A Division. We should like to see a section formed with the top 5 players in the A Division. Wade has agreed to play and an entry from the other 4 will get a humdinger of a section going.		
28. N-K3	R-Q1	Carter really made some points (98) by besting Weaver in section 57A-3A. Smith also made a big addition to his score by defeating Gemar for a gain of 68 points which promotes him to the A Division.		
The Black rooks begin to make themselves felt; as White cannot occupy his Q5 with a minor piece without exchanging Q's.		Merk fell by the wayside and was demoted to the "B" division by his loss to Laine. Maybe the "A" division is too fast company for him.		
29. R-QN1	KR-K1			
30. <del>R</del> -KN4?				
A tactical blunder, overlooking the following Black Q fork. The rest is for the record.				
30. -----	Q-KB4			
31. NxBP	QxBP			
32. K-R1	QxN			
33. R-B1	QxQ			
34. R-B7 ch.	K-R3			
35. PxQ	R-Q7			
36. R-KB1	R-K5			
37. <del>B</del> -N3	R-K7			
38. resigns.				

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Mage	1693	Kuvara	1272
Skarsten	1692	Abrahamson	1272
Howard	1656	Merk	1259
Spatz	1625	McDonald	1252
Weaver	1623	Blums	1236
Kaffenberger	1608	Skoglund	1161
Phillips	1605	Youngman	1156
Cairncross	1582	Bowerman	1155
Bever	1525	Nichols	1149
Mills	1501	Lee	1140
Husby	1473	Watson	1136
Knapp	1472	Litke	1120
Luters	1472	Raleigh	1117
Laine	1470	Fredstrom	1116
Roberts, H.H.	1460	Benoit	1110
Gemar	1460	Hall	1094
Smith	1419	Bennett	1093
Scripps	1417	Guevarra	1074
Lyberger	1336	Rogers	1066
Carter	1334	Cooper	1052
Vellias	1316	Adkisson	1050
Van Natta	1314	Bothun	1050
		Chapman	1050
		Dart	1050
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		Koenkow	1050
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		McCord, R.S.	1050
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		Murray	1050
		Pifley	1050
		Quass	1050
		Robertson	1050
		Sela	1050
		Sawyer	1050
		Tuggle	1050
		Warren	1050
		Blums	1023
		Fierce	879
		Devenere	876



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