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POTPOURRI

Thanks to Kitsap, West Seattle and the Latvians for their Christmas present to the editor. It was quite a surprise. We can always use money (as who can't?) -- it never goes out of style. We believe it would be a good idea from now on to pass the hat around during each big tournament with 25¢ or a half dollar from each player building up a nice pot for the tourney director. It is just a thought but it could hurt no one in the pocket and we might keep our tourney directors longer than we have in the past.

Looks like the Portland juniors are going to have a big year and activity is on the increase in the Yakima area. Match play has started in the Seattle junior league. It was a great success last year.

PEDER HUSBY is having quite a lot of trouble trying to get someone in Seattle to take the lead in getting the top Washington players together for a return match against British Columbia. The team should have 8 players. The best line up in our opinion? 1. Zemgalis, 2. Ulvestad, 3. McCormick, 4. Pupols, 5. Seglins, 6. Patterson, 7. Manney and 8. Joachim. You may not agree with our order but you must agree that this line up has proved itself many times as the best 8 players in the state. Challenge matches are now in order!

Northeast Seattle tourney number 8 was temporarily suspended due to the holidays. Up until now we have - Eilmos 1 Morris 0, Wade $\frac{1}{2}$ Erickson $\frac{1}{2}$, Erickson $\frac{1}{2}$ Wade $\frac{1}{2}$, Wade 1 Morris 0, Morris 1 Wade 0, Morris 1 Dr. Murray 0, and Morris $\frac{1}{2}$ Dr. Murray $\frac{1}{2}$. Two matches have not gone past their openings. Murray $\frac{1}{2}$ Wade $\frac{1}{2}$ and Murray $\frac{1}{2}$ Eilmos $\frac{1}{2}$. The North Seattle alibi for not doing better in the Puget Sound League? We have had little good fortune on 1st and 5th boards and two of our players have played sparingly.

UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP

Larry Evans with 3 wins and 1 loss is in the lead after 4 rounds of the U. S. championship. Percentage wise, Bobby Fischer is best with $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ and one game adjourned. Big surprise is the showing of Paul Benko who has scored $\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$

1. L. Evans	W12 L8	W11 W7	3 -1
2. R. Fischer	D4 W10	W6 9-adj.	$2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
3. S. Reshevsky	D8 11PP	D7 W10	2 -1
4. W. Lombardy	D2 D6	W12 8-adj.	2 -1
5. A. Bisguier	D6 D12	W8 11adj.	2 -1
6. J. Sherwin	D5 D4	L2 W12	2 -2
7. R. Byrne	D10 D9	D3 L1	$1\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$
8. D. Byrne	D3 W1	L5 4-adj.	$1\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
9. Weinstein	D11 D7	D10 2-adj.	$1\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
10. C. Kalme	D7 L2	D9 L3	1 -3
11. E. Modnis	D9 3PP	L1 5-adj.	$\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
12. P. Benko	L1 D5	L4 L6	$\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$

PP - Postponed. Adj. - Adjourned.

SKAGIT COUNTY

The Skagit County Chess Club meets on the first and the third Thursday each month in the YMCA at Mount Vernon. 8 p.m.

Tournament number 9 is getting underway. Previous tourney winners are: Ken Thiesson, tournaments number 2, 3, and 5; Bob Fader, tournament number 4; Charles Abbott, tournament number 7 and Jerry Fader, tournaments number 1, 6, 8.

Anyone interested in playing chess is invited to attend club meetings.

THE WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER
STAFF
WISHES ALL CHESS PLAYERS &
THEIR FAMILIES A
VERY,
VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH A
GREAT NUMBER OF FINE WINS!

COME TO SEATTLE FOR THE 1959

WASHINGTON OPEN

JAN. 24-25, 1959 - 9 A.M.
AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

REGISTRATION starts at 8 a.m. Play starts at 9. ENTRY \$3. Juniors under 21 only \$2.

THREE ROUNDS ON SATURDAY, JAN. 24 AND THREE ROUNDS ON SUNDAY, JAN. 25

1st round	9 a.m.	2nd round	1 p.m.	3rd round	5 p.m.
4th round	8 a.m.	5th round	1 p.m.	6th round	6 p.m.

PRIZES: \$35 guarantee for 1st prize or 40% of the gross receipts .

2nd prize: 25% of gross receipts. 3rd prize: 15% of gross.

The remaining 20% will be used for expenses and the trophy fund. We also feel that we should have some funds on hand so that we can offer larger guarantees in future events.

PAIRINGS: The Harkness pairing system will be used. The high half of any scoring group will be paired against the lower half of same group. The order in each group will be determined by the Northwest ratings of the players. Ratings will be corrected after each round and pairings made according to the corrected ratings.

TIE-BREAKING: 1st. Solkoff. 2nd. Median.

TIME LIMIT: The first 2 rounds at 30 moves the first hour and 15 moves per hour thereafter. Rounds three to six will be played at 40 moves in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Games will be adjudicated $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours after the announced beginning of the round. If the judges cannot agree on the outcome of a game in 5 minutes of study, the game shall be judged a draw for pairing purposes and it will be up to the participants to bring the game to a conclusion before the next round commences or the draw will stand.

Bring clocks, boards, and men. Touch move and score sheets must be kept. No talking during a game except where absolutely needed.

DIRECTIONS: The Seattle U. Lounge is on 11th Ave. between E. Spring and Madison. The entrance is on Spring St.

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

LATVIANS NEARLY BEATEN - FIGHT BACK TO TIE SEATTLE CLUB 5-5

Conner finally won at a late hour over Pupols after Vellias had won over Seglins, Schultz had won over Cakarnis, and Bader had defeated Grinhagens. In second games, Vellias had the edge over Seglins but it ended in a draw and the same happened when Cakarnis had a bad game but came back to draw Schultz. On 4th board, Grinhagens won from Bader. Smits had received a forfeit win from an "Edberg" on 5th board and then Corey showed up and Smits beat him. So Seattle led 5-4 when Conner faced Pupols in the final game at a late hour. Pupols won easily and quickly, tying the match 5 to 5.

Although in the Seattle Club's own quarters, the Seattle Club team was over a half hour late. Only one chess clock was available. The club team had only 4 players on hand. Team captain Walt Conner won no awards for popularity by claiming both an "Olaf Ulvestad" and an "Edberg" were to play for Seattle but would arrive late! He then attempted to place himself, Vellias & Schultz on the bottom three boards. An obvious attempt to fracture two or three PSL rules but naturally the Latvians didn't go for it. Seattle now has finished its season while the Latvians have two matches to play.

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB	5	THE LATVIANS	5
Walt Conner	1	Viktors Pupols	1
Russell Vellias	1½	Viesturs Seglins	1½
Richard Schultz	1½	Ikars Cakarnis	1½
Max Bader	1	V. Grinhagens	1
"Edberg" (forfeit)	0	Visvaldis Smits	1
Donald Corey	0	Visvaldis Smits	1

WEST SEATTLE DEFEATS MCNEIL

West Seattle, without their 1st board player, journeyed to McNeil and won 6½-3½. West Seattle with a 4-1-1 record is enjoying its best year ever in the Puget Sound League but has two tough matches left.

WEST SEATTLE	6½	MCNEIL ISLAND	3½
Max Mage	1	Aaron Bonaveditz	1
Gene Vukonich	1	Roy Hughes	1
F. M. Howard	2	Lewis Calloway	0
Ben Weisscher	1½	Dave Warner	1½
Willy Brandal	2	George Roy	0

KITSAP TRIUMPHS OVER OLYMPIA CLUB, 7-3

Kitsap returned to the victory column, after two successive match losses, at Olympia, collaring the home forces 7-3. Kitsap had a 7-0 lead before Olympia won a game. Jim McCormick won twice but in his first game with Joachim it could have easily been a loss. Both players were in extreme time trouble and the game was complex enough to make it difficult to find the right moves.

KITSAP COUNTY	7	OLYMPIA CLUB	3
Jim McCormick	2	Charles Joachim	0
George Rohberg	1	Margers Kalnins	1
John Nourse	2	Chester Harmeson	0
Dr. John Almond	1	Richard Pawley	1
Chas. Magerkurth	1	Don Crawford	1

TACOMA WINS BY FORFEIT OVER CENTER

Tacoma improved its league record by receiving a 10-0 forfeit from the Seattle Chess Center team.

DECEMBER 15 LEAGUE STANDINGS.

	W	L	D	Games Won	-	Lost
1. The Latvians	5	0	1	43	-	15
2. Seattle Club	5	1	1	40½	-	28½
3. Kitsap County	5	2	0	46½	-	23½
4. West Seattle	4	1	1	40	-	20
5. Tacoma Club	4	3	0	34½	-	34½
6. North Seattle	2	3	1	32	-	28
7. McNeil Island	1	5	0	18	-	40
8. Olympia Club	1	6	0	28½	-	41½
9. Chess Center	0	6	0	4	-	56

REMAINING MATCHES

Sunday, Jan. 4th. Olympia at North Seattle
Latvians vs. West Seattle at Latvian Club (switched from Seattle Club), and McNeil wins by forfeit from the Chess Center.

Sunday, Jan. 18th. North Seattle vs. Latvians at Latvian Club (switched from the Seattle Club), Tacoma at McNeil, West Seattle at Kitsap, and Seattle Chess Club wins by forfeit from the Chess Center.

Sunday, Feb. 1st. Possible title playoff.

Regarding predictions! We didn't think Zongalis & Pupols would play regularly. As for Seattle, Vellias boosted them up.
(SEE PAGE 13 FOR ADDITIONAL RESULTS.)

LETTERS TO YE ED

CHARLES JOACHIM writes - "Dear Dan, believe me, I appreciate your splendid job for the Chess Federation. Now at Xmas is just the time to express not only my thanks to you but also those of the Olympian Club and and, I believe, of all the Federation. That I write to you so late is because I am still under the impact of the shock received from the Kitsap County Vikings, who harrassed our shores and robbed us thoroughly 7-3. I lost two to JIM MCCORMICK. In the first game, I was just all a perfect beauty until I had to make 13 moves or more in 3 minutes, whereupon I lost one piece and my game went to the eternal hunting ground of chess. After losing a piece by an oversight in the first game, I began to get used to it and lost in the second game another piece, this time a horse - the first time it was a bishop.

ED GOODWIN thinks he could take over the problem part but he did not declare it definitely. About stencil writings: I would suggest that you mail to your news reporters such as the Olympian Club one stencil, so we will know the size, and we will cut a one page stencil filled with highly sensational news every month, truth or fiction. And talking about fiction, Al L. goofed as you found out: KALININS won over HARMESON and STYMANS won over BOCHENSKY and "Ladies first" is right. (Note corrections KARCH!)

In the "B" tourney, TED DAVIS & HARRY PARMELEE are neck on neck, both having only one loss. Harry has to play two games with LUCKY (AUSTIN) LARSON and LIVINGSTON and Ted has to play HARMESON.

PS. The "A" tournament is stuck as we are waiting for the winner of the "B" tournament who will be a participant in the "A" tourney.

OLIVER LAFRENIERE is somewhat incensed over the plans for the coming WASHINGTON OPEN. He has a few good points which could be used in future Seattle events but it is too late to change plans for the Open now.

"Dear Dan, again the chess authorities centered around Seattle have misplanned another tournament. I am referring to plans and rules established for the Washington Open, January 24 and 25.

The Open begins too early in the morn-

ing. What chance do players from Yakima, Spokane, Portland, and the many other outlying chess centers have to get to Seattle in time for an event that should begin by 9 a.m.? None. They either have to leave Friday night, thus incurring greater expenses for a room and meals, or they have to get up at an unholy hour on Saturday & start driving. They usually don't play their best after driving all morning in the wee dismal hours.

The tourney also ends too late, with the 6th round beginning at 6 p.m. Do not forget that these out-of-town players also must drive back home again, and leaving as late as 9 or 10 p.m. is quite hard on them. (Ed. note: we will form a committee and induce the T. D. to move the starting times up considerably on Sunday)

At the Central Washington Open (A recent event held in Yakima - Ed.) registration was at 11 and play started PROMPTLY at 11:30. On the first day games were adjourned after the three hour playing period, one hour allowed between rounds, and adjourned games were played to a finish after the third round. (But think how very late play must have been on Sat. night! Ed) On the second day all games unfinished after three hours play were adjudicated by a master, OLAF ULVESTAD, and no time limit was set on his deliberations. In this way, all rounds but one started ON TIME.

After all, 50% of the attendance at the Seafair was from out of town and must be considered. (Ed. note: Our tournament director himself is from out of town (Olympia) and made all of the rules! On the other hand, BUZ EDDY, who was praised in Yakima for his fine work as director is from Seattle! So don't believe Seattle is a villain pushing the rest of the Northwest around.)

I hope some of this sees print, because no one from Yakima, Tri-Cities, or Spokane intends to play at the WASHINGTON OPEN on January 24 unless we can get at least a decent starting time."

We hope all of our chess friends all over the Northwest will come to the Open as the tourney director and his helpers have done a lot of work on it. The Ed.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The University of Washington Chess Club had a successful first quarter. Activities included a five section round-robin tournament, a perpetual ladder tournament, and a match against the West Seattle Chess Club.

Ladder Standings - End of 1958 Autumn Quarter.

1. A. Eydal	1073
2. Boyd Walther	1058
3. Frank Camillori	1052
4. Buz Eddy	1042
5. William O'Brien	1039
6. Visvaldis Smits	1037
7. Jeff Olmstead	1015
8. Dick Anderson	1008
9. Terry Nelson	1007
10. H. C. Walstead	1001
11. Robert Douglas	1000
12. Dick McFoon	984
13. John Bruk	981
14. Pete Hartman	981
15. Robert Cary	980
16. Gary Franklin	966
17. Clifford Hodgkins	963
18. Milton Case	961
19. John Lupien	957
20. Jack Utting	952
21. John Agner	944

On December 15th, the U. of Washington

team visited the West Seattle Chess Club and was defeated 8 to 4.

<u>WEST SEATTLE CLUB</u>		<u>U. OF WASHINGTON</u>	
1. Max Mage	1	Visvaldis Smits	1
2. Gene Vukonich	0	Boyd Walther	2
3. Fred M. Howard	2	Robert Douglas	0
4. Willy Brandal	2	Gary Franklin	0
5. Killian Seekamp	2	Dick Anderson	0
6. Bill Willenborg	1	Buz Eddy	1

In the 5 section round-robin tourney, 3 winners have already been determined. The 3 who have already qualified for the finals are VISVALDIS SMITS, TERRY NELSON, and BOYD WALTHER. The others will be finished at the first of next quarter. Complete details are to be furnished after the finals round-robin.

BOOK REVIEW

TREASURY OF CHESS LORE

Fred Reinfeld, author of "The Human Side of Chess", writes another fine book, THE TREASURY OF CHESS LORE. Dover Publications, inc., 920 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y. Price \$1.75. (Say you saw the ad in the Washington Chess Letter!)

(In the book was an article on postal chess.) Many a correspondence player is a shut-in. Some are in jail. But the majority are sheer enthusiasts looking for more ways to fill their leisure with the game of chess. As far as known, the record is held by Robert Wyler of Glendale, California, who had a thousand games going at one time.

A player living in a boarding house found his games were unaccountably snarled but later discovered that prankish fellow boarders were changing the moves on his cards before he got them.

Some postal players cheat by getting advice from masters. Frank Marshall, late American champion, once advised a member at his chess club and a few days later was astonished by a request for his advice from the other player in that same game. For several months he played both sides of the game, holding things absolutely even. Both players felt the opponent must be some sort of superman to hold the great Marshall to level terms.

Another article gives some good advice to beginners. 1. Always impress your adversary with the belief that you have beaten recognized players. It will fill him with a wholesome awe, which is a big advantage. 2. Lead off with P-K4 with a careless swing of assurance. It will set your opponent thinking, and it is a move that has won a great many games.

Also there is an article on the gentle art of annoying (already mastered by a good number of Washington players including Ye Ed), Excuses for losing, Tales of a Woodpusher (one of the tell-tale earmarks that stamps a player a woodpusher is he never gives up until mated.)

Buy the book. You won't regret it.

PORTLAND JUNIOR LEAGUE

The high school chess players have organized a league in the Portland area called the Portland Junior Chess Federation. A team championship will be decided from two round-robins of team matches. The winner of each to play a deciding match. Presently, there are six schools: Roosevelt - last years unofficial Portland champion -, Grant, Clackamas, Lake Oswego, Lincoln and Cleveland. These schools will play a round-robin. Then one or two additional schools are expected to join the league and play in the second round-robin. Five players make up a team and players must attend the schools on whose teams they play.

Officers for the Portland Junior Chess Federation have been elected. CLARK HARMON of Clackamas is President, STEVE NEPTUNE of Cleveland is Vice-President, and JOHN BELL of Roosevelt is Secretary-Treasurer.

Besides the team matches, the Federation has planned a Portland high school tournament for next spring.

Round One

<u>CLACKAMAS H. S.</u>	10	<u>LINCOLN H. S.</u>	0
Clark Harmon	2	Don Bree	0
Frank Nettleton	2	Ron Holden	0
Dean Casperson	2	Bob White	0
John Davis	2	Ken Peitch	0
Glenn Akevs	2	(Forfeit)	0

<u>LAKE OSWEGO H. S.</u>	6	<u>CLEVELAND H. S.</u>	4
Larry Finley	1	Ken Gilson	1
Jim Goddard	0	Steve Neptune	2
Joe Reynolds	2	Robert Ellstrom	0
John Harwood	1	Terry Gilson	1
Ton Neff	2	(Forfeit)	0

<u>ROOSEVELT H. S.</u>	6	<u>GRANT H. S.</u>	4
John Bell	1½	Gary Feuerberg	½
Dennis Slade	1½	Cliff Comisky	½
Jerry Uyeda	1	Bob Hardin	1
Dan Wong	1	Les Shearer	1
David Papkoff	1	Roger Putnam	1

Round Two

<u>CLACKAMAS H. S.</u>	9	<u>CLEVELAND H. S.</u>	1
Clark Harmon	2	Ken Gilson	0
Frank Nettleton	2	Bob McNoil	0
Dean Casperson	1	Steve Neptune	1
John Davis	2	Bob Ellstrom	0
Clyde Nordgren	2	Doug Coleman	0

<u>GRANT H. S.</u>	10	<u>LAKE OSWEGO H. S.</u>	0
Gary Feuerberg	2	Larry Finley	0
Cliff Comisky	2	Jim Goddard	0
Bob Hardin	2	Joe Reynolds	0
Les Shearer	2	Alan Berdict	0
Cyril Ponn	2	Bill Plotner	0

<u>ROOSEVELT H. S.</u>	8	<u>LINCOLN H. S.</u>	2
John Bell	2	Don Bree	0
Jerry Uyeda	2	Ron Holden	0
Dan Wong	2	Dave Holden	0
David Papkoff	1	Bob White	1
Robinson	1	Don Davis	1

THE TEAM STANDINGS AFTER TWO ROUNDS

	W	L (Team)	W	L (Individual)
Clackamas	2	-0		19-1
Roosevelt	2	-0		14-6
Grant	1	-1		14-6
Oswego	1	-1		6-14
Cleveland	0	-2		5-15
Lincoln	0	-2		2-18

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UTAH

ILMARI TOUMAINEN, Finland's junior champion and an exchange student in Salt Lake City, won the Utah State Tournament with 5½-1½. 26 players entered the seven round Swiss played in Salt Lake City Nov. 12-15. With S-B. points breaking ties, RICHARD OWEN also with 5½-1½ was second and FARRELL CLARK and BEN GREENWALD ended third and fourth each with 5-2. The top four are Utah players. Fifth to the eighth places were taken by KENNETH JONES of Nevada, DON BENGE of California (formerly of Salt Lake), BILL TABOR of Nevada and DICK VANDENBURG of Idaho. All ended with 4½-2½ scores.

Toumainen lost no games, winning 4 in a row before finishing with 3 draws. He drew Greenwald, Owen, and Clark. Owen is a 17 year old Salt Lake player. Among his victims in the tourney was Greenwald.

If USCF rules had been followed to the letter with proper adjustments made due to forfeits, Bengé would be ahead of Jones and Vandenburg ahead of Tabor.

JUNIOR CHESS IN IDAHO

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SEATTLE LEAGUE

The Seattle High School League will begin play with nine clubs involved. Garfield, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Queen Anne, West Seattle Highline, Sealth, a Seattle Prep-O'Dea combination, and a possible Shoreline team are on the league list.

A representative's meeting was held to discuss the league schedule and regulations.

Queen Anne and Roosevelt met in a pre-league match with Queen Anne winning 7 to 4. Individual results are not known yet but may be in next month's Chess Letter.

IDAHO JUNIOR CHESS

Idaho junior chess league leaders met at Osburn, Idaho on December 27th to determine the running of the Inland Empire Junior League. Represented were Wallace, Sandpoint Kellogg and Spirit Lake in Idaho. Others in the league are Coeur d'Alene in Idaho and Lewis and Clark high school in Spokane.

A double round-robin will produce the eventual winner. Each team will play one

homo match and one match on the road with each of the other teams.

League headquarters are in Sandpoint with BRUCE FREDSTROM as league co-ordinator. He will handle all league affairs.

The league will be completed by the 25th of April allowing time for the northwest regional matches to be held between the league winners in Seattle, Portland & Idaho.

SAIA SWEEPS WALLACE H.S. TOURNEY

Sixteen players entered into a five round Swiss tournament to determine the Wallace, Idaho high school championship. STEPHEN SALA swept through the event with a 5-0 score to claim the title. Second place was taken by FRED PETTIT with 4-1, losing only a fourth round game to Sala.

WALLACE	12	KELLOGG	0
Stephen Sala	2	Aaron Spurway	0
Don Britt	2	Bob Corder	0
Jim Williams	2	Jim Ashford	0
Fred Pettit	2	Richard Beck	0
Pat Gaffney	2	Jim Appleberg	0
Tony Teske	2	Bob Callhan	0

This match took place on Dec. 17th.

WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	SCORE	MEDIAN
1. Stephen Sala	W-11	W-14	W-9	W-2	W-4	5 - 0	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Fred Pettit	W-7	W-5	W-4	L-1	W-6	4 - 1	11
3. Pat Gaffney	L-10	W-12	W-7	W-11	D-9	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
4. Don Britt	W-6	W-10	L-2	W-9	L-1	3 - 2	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Meridith Stone	W-8	L-2	W-14	L-6	W-11	3 - 2	8
6. Loron Solum	L-4	W-15	W-10	W-5	L-2	3 - 2	6
7. Julie Austin	L-2	WF16	L-3	WF12	W-13	3 - 2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Frank Albertini	L-5	L-11	W-15	W-10	WF16	3 - 2	5
9. David Sharratt	W-12	WF13	L-1	L-4	D-3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10
10. Tony Teske	W-3	L-4	L-6	L-8	WF14	2 - 3	9
11. Barbara Myers	L-1	W-8	W-13	L-3	L-5	2 - 3	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
12. Sharon Winterowd	L-9	L-3	WF16	LF7	W-15	2 - 3	5
13. Jim Williams	W-16	LF9	L-11	W-14	L-7	2 - 3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
14. Cliff Barney	W-15	L-1	L-5	L-13	LF10	1 - 4	10
15. Bob Henry	L-14	L-6	L-8	WF16	L-12	1 - 4	6
16. Wayne Lomas	L-13	LF7	LF12	LF15	LF8	0 - 5	3

After their smashing 12-0 match win over Kellogg, Wallace defeated Kellogg again in an impromptu match 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. STEPHEN SALA defeated BOB CORDER and JIM ASHFORD. FRED PETTIT defeated VANCE NELSON and JIM ASHFORD and drew a game with BOB CORDER.

YAKIMA CHESS

YAKIMA, NOV. 7. Olaf Ulvestad presented a simultaneous exhibition for the chess club in Yakima. About 25 interested chess players heard Olaf lecture and then watched him play two persons simultaneously blind-folded at 15 seconds per move. Olaf won both games. He then took on 12 quite eager players and trounced them all. Ulvestad donated the entire proceeds of the exhibition to the prize fund of the Central Washington Open, started on the following day-- a real mark of sympathetic generosity. The exhibition gave Yakima chess a real boost.

YAKIMA, NOV. 8. Only eight people from the city of Yakima bothered to enter their own first big tournament, the Central Washington Open. Five of them were juniors. Junior chess was never stronger in Washington; we like to see it. (Ed. note - following we give you the home towns of players unknown last issue) Cliff Dolph (Maryhill in Washington-not Oregon, but there are so many Dolphs), Elmer Hovermale (Richland), Ron Radford (Yakima), F. J. Cooper (Richland), Ora Gifford (Grandview), Michael Wilson (Richland), Richard Jerome (Yakima), Bob Butler (Yakima), Douglas Guenther (Yakima) John Pete (Seattle) and Habib Fouad (Yakima). These players were in the Central Washington Open. Research plus some good guessing could have placed some of them.

YAKIMA, DECEMBER 6. Walla Walla brought 7 players to Yakima for the first chess match between these two cities. Yakima edged by to win by the smallest possible margin-- 1 point, by picking up quickly in the second round. Again juniors took good part. Only one, Tom Turner, recently crowned Walla Walla champion and a high school basketball star, played for the visitors, holding his own at board two. Juniors played at boards three, four, five, and seven on the Yakima team scoring $3\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible eight.

YAKIMA CHESS CLUB	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	RICHLAND CLUB	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
1. Oliver LaFreniere	1	Ken Hartwig	1
2. William H. Hoge	1	Tom Turner	1
3. Danny Towne	0	Ed Nightengale	2
4. Larry Rude	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bill Krapfel	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Ric Jerome	2	Neal Hunter	0
6. Leo Van Bergecyk	2	Earl Bixler	0
7. Ron Radford	1	Johnny Nash	1

Only LaFreniere, Jerome, and Van Bergecyk won 1st round games as Yakima trailed

3 to 4. Yakima came back strongly in 2nd round games, scoring $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$. Yakima plans to grant Walla Walla a return match in Walla Walla soon. They will probably play a double-header, facing the Washington State Penitentiary when they travel.

Yakima Ladder Standings - Nov. 17

1. LaFreniere	1806	9. Guenther	199
2. Towne	1151	10 E. Rude	179
3. Hoge	833	11 Wischstadt	-206
4. L. Rude	806	12 Dodge	-219
5. Van Bergecyk	777	13 Bentley	-550
6. Jerome	717	14 Neal	-642
7. Butler	397	15 Gates	-925
8. Radford	392		

Visitor: Quesnell -77

YAKIMA, DECEMBER 11. One of Yakima's two high schools, Davis High School, has announced the formation of a chess club and are meeting on Mondays after school.

YAKIMA, DECEMBER 13. The Yakima Junior All-Stars, a team formed from the Yakima Junior Chess Club and coached by Oliver LaFreniere, received a challenge from a newly formed chess club at Kennewick High School. The Yakima Junior Chess Club continues to meet Saturday evenings in the home of Oliver LaFreniere. At present a tournament is being played with a cash prize going to the winner.

YAKIMA, DECEMBER 15. Yakima Chess Club will hold a special business meeting for election of officers and discussion of a sudden increase in business. Program director Joe Carson, a new "installation" along with Yakima's new million dollar YMCA is to be thanked for all he has done to help Yakima chess. He helped at the Central Washington Open, Northwest Junior Open, and Yakima club matches.

Also on this date a Yakima Amateur's Tourney is expected to get under way. All Yakima team members are barred from this tournament to help keep interest up among the lower rated players. A year's subscription to Chess Review will be first prize and a subscription to the Washington Chess Letter will be second prize.

(See next page for later Yakima news.)

KENNEWICK, DECEMBER 20. The Yakima Junior Chess Team, reinforced by one of Yakima's most powerful juniors, Terry Nelson, journeyed with their coach, Oliver W. LaFreniere, to Kennewick to meet the Kennewick High School Chess Team. Yakima employed a small steam-roller in the five board, two round match, winning 8 to 2. However, they were surprised at board two, where they received their only sock in the eye.

<u>YAKIMA JUNIORS</u>	8	<u>KENNEWICK H. S.</u>	2
Terry Nelson	2	Ron Newman	0
Larry Rude	0	Gerald Sheppard	2
Ric Jerome	2	Tod Day	0
Ron Radford	2	Jon Muir	0
Doug Guenther	2	Glen Grove	0

The Kennewick team showed surprising playing strength on the top three boards, although managing to pick up only 2 points there. Yakima Junior Chess Club President Ric Jerome surmised that without the appearance of Nelson for the match, the slodding would have been very rough. Yakima will invite the tri-city players to Yakima for a rematch in the near future and will not use Nelson.

The coach for the Kennewick team is biology teacher Richard E. Richards, an expert retired from chess since his school days.

The Yakima Juniors had intended taking on the Richland Senior Team on the same day but because arrangements had not been made sufficiently far enough in advance, no Richland players were present.

On Dec. 15th a Yakima Chess Club business meeting was held. President William Hoge's suggestion to dissolve the old club was acted upon and a new club recreated to henceforth be known as the Yakima YMCA Club. This was done primarily to make available to an expanding chess club the energies of a new staff of officers, to adopt a set of bylaws creating a strong president, and to show the club's appreciation for and confidence in Joe Carson, YMCA Adult Program Director, who has been so helpful to the club in recent events. Hoge appointed Everett Rude, Paul Haydon, and Oliver LaFreniere to a committee to prepare the new club bylaws. Hoge is chairman of the committee. The new club meets Mondays at the YMCA and officers will be elected and the new bylaws presented at the regular January 12 meeting.

Chess is moving fast in Yakima.

MORE FROM "THE TREASURY OF CHESS LORE"
 Edited by Reinfeld, Dover Publications
 Inc., 920 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y.
 \$1.75

(Taken from Funch we find the following amusing article in the book.)

I have been enlightened by a study of Grieg's Code Book for Correspondence Players. This contains 212 numbered remarks to offer your opponent during the course of a postal game. You append to your move the number of the remark you want to make, thus transforming a match into a spirited yet economical conversation piece. "1" "Greetings! I hope we may have an enjoyable game." To which your courteous opponent will doubtless reply "2" ("Thank you: I am glad you have a code book!"). More frivolous players might prefer an exchange consisting of "1a" and "2a" ("Hi de hi!" & "Ho de ho!" respectively). I imagine it would be something leading to the abrupt abandoning of the match on the plea of incompatibility if "1" were to be answered with "2a".

The final sections of the Code Book are "On Termination," "Suspending Play", and "Oversight," the concluding phrase of the book being the rather pathetic one, "I know I shall lose but would like to play on. It is so interesting."

The only drawback to the "Code" book that I can see is that the conversation may grow slightly monotonous when the game is sliding along into the sixth or eighth month and all the phrases have been used up. It is doubtful if even the most merry-hearted player could raise a smile when repetition set in and his opponent wittily remarked for the fifth time, "35" ("A poor move but 'mine own!").

"The Treasury of Chess Lore" gives an interesting account of the Labourdonnais-McDonnell matches with the great French master defeating McDonnell 45 to 27 with 13 draws. Labourdonnais talked and laughed a good deal while winning and swore oaths audibly when losing while McDonnell was quiet and reserved, moving very slowly taking an hour and a half and even more at times on a single move. One of his inventions when things went badly was muttering "I don't like it much."

FRANETT, HOLZINGER, TOWNE TOP N.W. JUNIOR EVENT

The 1958 Northwest Junior Open was held at the Yakima Y.M.C.A. on December 28 and 29. MIKE FRANETT and BOB HOLZINGER of Seattle, and DANNY TOWNE of Prosser won the tournament each with a $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score. The final results were so close that MIKE FRANETT was decided the winner by $\frac{1}{2}$ point on a secondary tie-breaking system. The tournament moved along quite smoothly with a tense battle for top honors all the way through.

The publicity for the tournament was handled by RICHARD JEROME in Yakima and by BUZ EDDY in Seattle. Buz Eddy also directed the tournament.

OLAF ULVESTAD was present and handled the adjudications. He also helped some of the boys analyze their games between rounds.

A new idea for northwest chess was used in this event. All players recorded their games in duplicate and turned in one copy to the tournament director. This idea was used only once before in the northwest - in a Puget Sound Open a few years ago. These games will be compiled into a publication with annotations. Each participant will receive a

copy of those games. Ulvestad annotated some of the games in Yakima and has promised to do more at a later date. Buz Eddy furnished the score sheets and carbon paper, and is doing the publication work.

The tournament was studded with upsets. One surprise was RICHARD JEROME who scored 4-2 after a poor showing in the recent Central Washington Open. After his recent triumph over IVARS DALBERGS, Portland's CLARK HARMON was favored to win the tournament. However, he could score only 4-2, losing to RICHARD JEROME and LARRY RUDE, both of Yakima.

All of the players were pleased with the tournament, and voted to hold it again next year in Yakima.

The tournament had a good representation of northwest junior chess, as there were players from all three northwestern states. Two from Idaho, two from Oregon, and twelve from Washington. The visiting players stayed at the homes of Yakima players during their stay in town.

1958 Northwest Junior Open

Place	Player	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	Score	W	L	D	Med.	Solk.
1.	Mike Franett (Seattle)	W11	W3	W5	D2	L4	W8	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	4	1	1	15.0	22.0
2.	Bob Holzinger (Seattle)	W13	W8	W4	D1	D3	D5	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	3	0	3	15.0	21.5
3.	Danny Towne (Prosser)	W15	L1	W10	W7	D2	W4	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	4	1	1	14.5	----
4.	Richard Jerome (Yakima)	W9	W7	L2	W6	W1	L3	4 -2	4	2	0	16.0	----
5.	Larry Rude (Yakima)	W6	W10	L1	W12	D7	D2	4 -2	3	1	2	14.5	----
6.	Clark Harmon (Portland)	L5	W15	W13	L4	W12	W9	4 -2	4	2	0	11.0	----
7.	Pat Hickey (Seattle)	W12	L4	W11	L3	D5	W10	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	3	2	1	13.0	----
8.	Bob Hardin (Portland)	W14	L2	L12	W11	W15	L1	3 -3	3	3	0	10.5	----
9.	Ron Neuman (Kennewick)	L4	L12	W14	W13	W16	L6	3 -3	3	3	0	9.5	----
10.	Buz Eddy (Seattle)	W16	L5	L3	D15	W13	L7	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	2	3	1	11.0	----
11.	Steve Sala (Osburn)	L1	W16	L7	L8	D14	W12	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$	2	3	1	10.0	----
12.	Bruce Fredstrom (Wallace)	L7	W9	W8	L5	L6	L11	2 -4	2	4	0	13.5	----
13.	Ron Radford (Yakima)	L2	W14	L6	L9	L10	W16	2 -4	2	4	0	11.0	----
14.	Doug Guenther (Yakima)	L8	L13	L9	L16	D11	W15	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	1	4	1	13.0	----
15.	John Schroedel (Seattle)	L3	L6	W16	D10	L8	L14	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$	1	4	1	11.0	----
16.	John Pete (Seattle)	L10	L11	L15	W14	L9	L13	1 -5	1	5	0	8.5	----

After the third round Saturday evening a ten second tournament was held.

Section One.

1. Olaf Ulvestad 7-0	5. Robert Hardin 3-4
2. Larry Rude 6-1	6. Steve Sala 2-5
3. Clark Harmon 5-2	7. Doug Guenther 1-6
4. Danny Towne 4-3	8. John Pete 0-7

(Each player defeated all ending below him.)

Section Two

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score
1. Oliver LaFreniere	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	5-1
2. Pat Hickey	1	X	1	1	1	0	1	5-1
3. John Schroedel	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	4-2
4. Horrell	0	0	0	X	1	0	1	2-4
5. Ron Radford	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	2-4
6. Everett Rude	0	1	0	1	0	X	0	2-4
7. Ron Neuman	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1-5

LaFreniere defeated Hickey to break the tie. Ulvestad beat LaFreniere to win trnt.

POSTAL WAR

WADE'S PAWN-ROLLER

Take two players. They have every reason to want victory over their opponent in a postal game. White is armed to the teeth in chess books on the openings and Black is not really playing against White but against the book MINUS White! Black, who can read if he wishes, seeks and needs no aid from the books and wins.

58 A - 7 B

NO NAME (White) D. WADE (Black)

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| 1. P-QB4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-QB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3. P-KN3 | P-Q4 |
| 4. PxP | NxP |
| 5. B-N2 | P-QB3 |
| 6. N-B3 | B-Q3 |
| 7. P-Q4 | NxN |
| 8. PxN | Q-R4 |

Inviting White to accept the false idea 9. PxP, QxPch.? 10. B-Q2 and White wins the Bishop. Obviously, White has contempt for Black's play and Black, knowing this, set up this situation expecting the result!

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| 9. PxP? | BxP |
| 10 NxB | QxPch. |
| 11 B-Q2 | QxN |
| 12 O-O | ---- |

Much too passive. Every beginner knows that aggressive action is needed after the loss of material. Best here was 12 B-N4 and Black cannot answer 12---, P-QB4? because of 13 R-QB1! Best was 12---, N-R3; 13 B-Q6, Q-R4ch.; 14 K-B1, B-K3; 15 Q-B2, O-O-O in order to free the KR. Black's advantage is on the Queen-side but so is his King and this is a disadvantage. White insisted 12 O-O is the best move!

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| 12 ---- | O-O |
| 13 B-B4 | Q-B3 |
| 14 Q-B1 | P-KR3 |
| 15 R-N1 | N-Q2 |
| 16 R-Q1 | N-N3 |
| 17 P-K4 | B-K3 |
| 18 R-N2 | ---- |

Always defending and never attacking is White's formula for giving Black every advantage. 18 P-K5 looks good and this Pawn would have been more valuable to White later on at K5 instead of K4 as the text shows.

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| 18 ---- | KR-Q1 |
| 19 R/2-Q2 | ---- |

If 19 B-B7? RxRch.; 20 QxR, QxR. If 19 RxRch., RxR; 20 B-B7, R-Q8ch.; 21 QxR, QxR.
19 ---- RxR

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| 20 QxR | N-B5 |
| 21 Q-N4 | R-Q1 |
| 22 RxRch. | QxR |

White deludes himself into believing that the trading off of the Rooks will be helpful to his hopes for a draw. Only by swapping Queens could he get his wish.

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| 23 B-B3 | Q-Q6 |
| 24 Q-N3 | Q-Q2 |
| 25 Q-B3 | P-QR4 |
| 26 B-K2 | P-QN4 |
| 27 K-B1 | ---- |

Not 27 BxN, BxB; 28 QxRP? Q-Q8ch.; 29 K-N2, B-B8ch. etc.

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| 27 ---- | P-N5 |
| 28 Q-B2 | Q-Q5 |
| 29 B-B1 | P-R5 |
| 30 K-K1 | P-R6 |

Black has advanced Queen-side Pawns in five of his past six moves.

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| 31 BxN | BxB |
| 32 B-K3 | Q-R8ch. |

If White had kept his Bishop at home, Black intended to play P-QB3 followed by B-Q6.

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| 33 B-B1 | P-N6! |
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A short cut to the win giving White no time for counter-play or defense.

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| 34 PxP | BxP |
| 35 QxP | ---- |

If 35 QxB? QxBch.; 36 K-K2, Q-N7ch. Best was 35 Q-Q2, P-R7; 36 K-K2, Q-N8; 37 B-N2, P-R8(Q); 38 BxQ, QxB and Black with a Bishop and passed Pawn to aid his Queen wins without trouble.

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| 35 ---- | P-R7 |
| 36 K-K2 | Q-N8 |

And White is dead. His futile thrashings in his agony to find a saving move are out of place here. (See our companion magazine, "Gory Tales.")

BIRD, after losing only 6-5 to STEINITZ (and 5 draws) declared that MORPHY could successfully have given Steinitz the odds of Pawn and move! ZUKERTORT founded the Chess Monthly and he and LEOPOLD HOFFER, Steinitz's arch enemy used the magazine to bombard Steinitz who did the same to them in his position as editor of the magazine Field. Each charge evoked a countercharge, each insult brought a sharper retort. ZUKERTORT finally played STEINITZ a match with Steinitz the winner 10-5 and 5 draws. Zukertort finished the match in a state of collapse, and went back to London a shattered man. He died two years later without ever regaining his skill or health.

(From "The Human Side of Chess" by Reinfel)

FISCHER RETAINS U.S. TITLE

BOBBY FISCHER, aged 15, retained his United States chess championship with the fine score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Bobby lost no games winning six and drawing five. He was a full game ahead of SLEMY RESHEVSKY going into the final round. Both drew against their final round opponents. Reshevsky was second with $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$, losing only to Bobby Fischer.

In the sixth round of the tournament at the Manhattan Chess Club, Reshevsky countered Fischer's P-K4 with the Sicilian Defense. On his eighth turn, Reshevsky moved his knight to the QR file, to exchange it for Fischer's bishop. This turned out to be a blunder.

FISCHER promptly seized the opportunity for a subtle combination, based on the lack of mobility of the black queen. He sacrificed his bishop and followed with a move of his knight that imprisoned Reshevsky's queen. Reshevsky was forced to abandon that powerful piece in exchange for two minor pieces.

Reshevsky fought on but with virtually no hope. Fischer soon won a pawn and established a passed pawn on the queenside which could not be halted in the long run. Reshevsky resigned the struggle after 42 moves.

ROUND FIVE Bonko $\frac{1}{2}$ Fischer $\frac{1}{2}$; D. Byrne 0 Sherwin 1; Mednis $\frac{1}{2}$ Lombardy $\frac{1}{2}$; R. Byrne $\frac{1}{2}$ Bisguier $\frac{1}{2}$; Weinstein 0 Reshevsky 1; Kalmc vs. Evans was adjourned.

ROUND SIX Fischer 1 Reshevsky 0; Evans 1 Weinstein 0; Bisguier 1 Kalmc 0; Lombardy $\frac{1}{2}$ R. Byrne $\frac{1}{2}$; Sherwin $\frac{1}{2}$ Mednis $\frac{1}{2}$; Bonko vs. D. Byrne was adjourned.

ROUND SEVEN D. Byrne $\frac{1}{2}$ Fischer $\frac{1}{2}$; Kalmc $\frac{1}{2}$ Lombardy $\frac{1}{2}$; Weinstein $\frac{1}{2}$ Bisguier $\frac{1}{2}$; Reshevsky 1 Evans 0; Mednis vs. Bonko and Robert Byrne vs. Sherwin were adjourned.

After seven rounds Fischer led with a $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score with Bisguier, Evans, and Reshevsky in close pursuit all with 4-2.

We hope to give you the final wrap-up of this tournament next month.

R. FISCHER

1. P-K4
2. N-KB3
3. P-Q4
4. NXP
5. N-QB3
6. B-K3
7. B-QB4
8. B-N3
9. P-K5
10. BXPch!
11. N-K6!
12. QxQ
13. Q-Q2
14. O-O
15. B-B4
16. Q-K2
17. QxN
18. N-K4
19. N-B5
20. P-QB3
21. QR-Q1
22. N-Q7
23. Q-KR4
24. N-B5
25. N-K4
26. QxKfch.
27. Q-R3
28. N-Q6
29. RxB
30. P-QN4
31. P-N5
32. R-Q5
33. R-B5
34. P-N6
35. R-K1
36. RxB
37. P-N7
38. QxP
39. R-N1
40. P-KR3
41. RxR
42. Q-R8

S. RESHEVSKY

1. P-QB4
2. N-QB3
3. PXP
4. P-KN3
5. B-N2
6. N-B3
7. O-O
8. N-QR4?
9. N-K1
10. KxB
11. FxN
12. N-QB3
13. BXP
14. N-Q3
15. N-B5
16. BxB
17. K-N2
18. B-B2
19. R-B3
20. P-K4
21. N-Q1
22. R-B3
23. R-K3
24. R-KB3
25. R-B5
26. R-B2
27. N-B3
28. BxN
29. B-B4
30. KR-B1
31. N-Q1
32. N-B2
33. P-QR3
34. B-K5
35. B-B3
36. PXR
37. QR-N1
38. N-Q1
39. R-B2
40. KRxNP
41. RxR
42. Resigns.

R. FISCHER

1. P-K4
2. N-KB3
3. B-N5
4. B-R4
5. O-O
6. R-K1
7. B-N3

C. KALME

1. P-K4
2. N-QB3
3. P-QR3
4. N-B3
5. B-K2
6. P-QN4
7. O-O

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8. P-B3	P-Q3
9. P-KR3	N-QR4
10 B-B2	P-B4
11 P-Q4	Q-B2
12 QN-Q2	N-B3
13 PxBP	PxP
14 N-B1	B-K3
15 N-K3	QR-Q1
16 Q-K2	P-N3
17 N-N5	B-B1
18 P-QR4	P-B5
19 PxP	PxP
20 P-QN3	P-N5
21 QxP	P-R3
22 N-Q5	NxN
23 PxN	PxN
24 QxN	QxQ
25 PxQ	PxP
26 RxP	B-B3
27 KR-R5	IR-K1
28 QBxP	BxB
29 RxB	R-Q7
30 R-QB1	KR-K7
31 BxP	PxB
32 RxBP	K-R2
33 P-QN4	R-I8ch.
34 K-R2	RxP
35 P-N5	R-N7
36 K-N3	K-R3
37 R/3-B5	R-K6ch.
38 K-B4	R/6-QN6
39 R/N-Q5	RxKNP
40 R-Q8	B-K3
41 K-K5	BxP
42 R-R8ch.	K-N2
43 RxB	RxR
44 P-B7	R-R1
45 R-Q5	R-K7ch.
46 K-Q6	K-B3
47 P-N6	R-QN7
48 K-B6	R-QB1
49 R-Q8	R-B7ch.
50 K-N7	R/lxPch.
51 PxR	I-B4
52 P-B8(Q)	RxQ
53 RxR	P-N4
54 K-B6	P-N5
55 K-Q5	K-B5
56 K-Q4	K-B6
57 K-Q3	Resigns.

On Sunday, January 4th, the Latvian team, sans Zengalis, thoroughly trounced West Seattle 8 to 2. West Seattle could win only one game and draw two in the one-sided match. The loss eliminated West Seattle from its surprising place in the title picture.

State champion VIESTURS SEGLINS, back in shape after his setback to VELLIAS in the Latvian's previous tie match with Seattle Chess Club, defeated O. W. MANNEY twice on top board to pace the Latvian's assault.

In order to win the title, the Latvians need only draw with the lowly North Seattle team. With or without Zengalis, the Latvians must be rated heavy favorites to win this final match, scheduled for the 18th of January.

In other matches scheduled for the day, Olympia at North Seattle was postponed a week because Olympia had forgotten about the match, and McNeil won by forfeit from the Chess Center.

<u>LATVIAN TEAM</u>	8	<u>WEST SEATTLE</u>	2
Vicsturs Seglins	2	O. W. Manney	0
Viktors Pupols	2	Max Mage	0
Ikars Cakarnis	1½	Gene Vukonich	1½
V. Grinhagons	1½	F. M. Howard	½
Visvaldis Smits	1	Ben Weisscher	1

In one game, Grinhagons sacrificed a piece to Howard. Howard believing he would suffer mate if he took the piece, resigned! Actually, he could have taken the piece and got away safely. Pupols won a pawn in only four moves in a game against Mage!

COMPLETE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS NEXT MONTH!

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10 YEARS AGO IN WASHINGTON CHESS

by Merk

Taken from Jan. 1948 W.C.L.

A letter from E.H. Shary, former secretary of the Portland Chess Club for 10 years was published outlining his reasons for excluding Master players from Northwest tournaments for the reason that they were professionals and the other competitors were amateurs. Also it was advanced that by permitting Masters to compete would have a tendency to keep other players from competing. He also proposed that local tournaments be called "Pacific Northwest Amateur Chess Championship" tournaments.

The Editor published an editorial in answer to Mr. Shary, advancing the idea that any player who played in a tournament in which prizes were awarded was no longer an amateur and that therefore the differentiation between amateur and professional would automatically eliminate most of our Northwest players as all of them had at one time or another participated in tournaments for prizes, so that the elimination of Masters could not be justified on that score. He also pointed out that local Experts and players of lower caliber would welcome an opportunity to pit their skill against any of the Masters as otherwise they would not have such an opportunity unless they went to the East to participate in eastern tournaments. He also pointed out that Masters would not endanger their standing by participating in tournaments where players of lower caliber participated. They would still be Master players.

A Pacific Northwest Experts Tournament was announced for April 2nd & 3rd, 1949. It was expected that Ulvestad, Joachim, Dake and Schmitt with some entries from British Columbia would participate.

Charles Joachim won the 1948 Washington State Chess championship, which was played at the Seattle Chess Club, with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$. Runner up was Nourse. Joachim was awarded the title of Expert by the Washington Chess Federation for having twice won the Seattle City Championship.

The Skagit Chess Club found it impossible to continue with a team in the Puget Sound League tournaments.

Fourth round results in Puget Sound League tournaments give Bellingham a 7 to 3 win over Olympia. Tacoma beat University 7 to 3. Seattle took Everett for $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ and Queen Anne clobbered YMCA with 8 to 2.

A Northwest Washington tournament was announced for Jan. 29 & 30 in the YMCA in Everett as a 6 round Swiss. Players limited to residents of San Juan, Whatcom, Skagit, Island, and Snohomish counties and membership in the WCF. Entry fee \$1.00. First prize of 2 electric clocks with chess clock converter. Tournament Director was Lawrence Taro.

Olaf Ulvestad continued with his series of articles describing his trip to Russia on the American team that competed in the September 1946 chess tournament with a 10 man team versus the Russians at Moscow. He stayed at the Hotel Metropole with the other members of the American team. His quarters were on the 5th floor. A large fairly well furnished room with bath. The bath fixtures were of a vintage of about 30 years ago with uncertain hot water. "Cockroaches were numerous. They seemed to love the warm steam pipes, around and about which they assembled in varying numbers". "A morning call on the telephone to the hotel desk was sufficient to bring a waiter to the room with breakfast. The other two meals were served banquet style in a second floor dining room. Incidentally, the Russian diet is heavy on pork, fish and fowl and is light on beef and mutton. Much bread and rice are consumed. Potatoes seem neither plentiful nor popular. Tea is universally popular, coffee is practically non-existent".

During 1948 Richard P. Allen wrote a series of four articles on Fundamental Chess Strategy and Tactics which we will reprint in this and the following issues

PART 1.

SYNOPSIS OF CHESS FUNDAMENTALS

Chess theory is based on five elementary principles;

1. FORCE
2. TIME
3. DISTANCE
4. SAFETY
5. EFFICIENCY (Power FACTOR)

The chessmen symbolize several types of forces. A chessman is powerful in relation to the number of squares (distance) it can command in a given move (time). The chess master constructs a chess pattern move by move with the same regard for efficiency and safety that the engineer uses in designing a bridge.

Since the antagonists in a chess match start out with the same potential force, time factors, the player who coordinates these factors with greatest efficiency will be victorious. Any short-sighted disregard of the interaction of these tactical elements predisposes further loss of control, leading to eventual defeat.

An exact evaluation of the pieces can not be stated because power varies with the efficiency of employment, but a close approximation of their relative value may be made at any given time by noting the amount of work each one can do at the present or future probable position.

Work can be measured in terms of (1) distance through which the force acts (Number of squares the piece commands), (2) stability or security of the piece as projected into the probable future positions (time lost in retreat or reenforcing may seriously reduce all other factors), and (3) the degree to which the piece mutually supports its teammates.

For example, a knight rates higher in the center than in the corner, higher when attacking a non-knight than a knight, and higher when mutually supporting another knight. In the same way, a rook rates higher in the end game with its free files and ranks than in the opening when it commands only two squares in pure defense, higher when attacking a non-rook than a rook, and higher when "connected" to its teammate, i.e., on the same rank or file with no intervening obstruction.

As a basis for part of the relative values of the pieces, it is interesting to note the maximum distance of the chessmen at maximum efficiency: (below, left)

Pawn.	3 squares (no retreat)	Pawn.	1.00
King.	8 squares	King.	2.66
Knight.	8 squares	Knight.	2.66
Bishop.	13 squares	Bishop.	2.70
Rook.	14 squares	Rook.	4.66
Queen	27 squares	Queen	9.00

Since the bishops (being on opposite colors) can never actually give mutual support, they are capable of only 2/3 the work of the other pieces, bringing effective coverage down to 8.7. Revising this component of relative maximum power and reducing to unity as above (right); strangely enough, if given in whole numbers, the later figures match those usually given as the average relative value of the pieces.

POSTAL CHESS

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Games completed to 12/31/58

						Points
5/14/58	Special	Skarsten	1	Carter	0	14
Report on this game in 6 game tournament between Skarsten & Carter delayed.						
12/1/58	58B-7B	Gifford	1	Henry	0	34
12/2/58	58A-7A	Weaver	1	Coubrough	0	68
12/3/58	58A-3B	Bever	1	Gemar	0	57
	58A-3A	Bever	1/2	Eilmes	1/2	38
12/4/58	58A-2B	Phillips	1/2	Luters	1/2	34
12/7/58	58A-7B	Wade	1	Karch	0	26
12/8/58	58B-7A	Gifford	1	Benson	0	56
12/9/58	57B-6B	Mills	1	Gemar	0	46
12/10/58	58B-4A	McCord, D.R.	1	McCord, R.S.	0	44
12/12/58	58A-7B	Weaver	1	Coubrough	0	54
12/23/58	58A-5B	Carter	1	Merk	0	10
12/26/58	58A-1A	Vellias	1	Gemar	0	12
	58A-7B	Bishop	1	Karch	0	46
	58A-7A	Bishop	1	Karch	0	46
12/27/58	58B-7B	Zombro	1	Benson	0	70
	58B-7A	Benson	1	Zombro	0	30
12/28/58	58A-8B	Collins	1	Cairncross	0	42
12/29/58	58B-2B	Tuggle	1	Sala	0	50
12/31/58	58A-6B	Eilmes	1	Carter	0	48
	58A-8A	Phillips	1	Mills	0	24

	57B-7A	57B-7B	Pts.
Scripps	x 1 1 1 1	x 1 1 1 1	8
Gemar	0 x 1 1 1	0 x 1 1 1	6
Hall	0 0 x 1 1	0 0 x 1 1	4
Laine	0 0 0 x 1	0 0 0 x 1	2
Sawyer	0 0 0 0 x	0 0 0 0 x	0

This section should have been reported in Nov. WCL but due to lack of space was delayed. Scripps wins a free postal chess section.

	57B-5A	57B-5B	Pts.
Eilmes	x 1 1/2 1 1	x 1/2 0 1 1	6
Scripps	0 x 1 1 1	1/2 x 0 1 1	5 1/2
Mills	1/2 0 x 0 1	1 1 x 0 1	4 1/2
Blums	0 0 1 x 1	0 0 1 x 1	4
Devenere	0 0 0 0 x	0 0 0 0 x	0

This section completed 8/15/58 and not reported before. Eilmes wins a free section in postal chess.

Carter and Skarsten have concluded their 6 game match, with Skarsten taking four of the games.

Coubrough was toppled from first place to fifth by losing two games to Weaver and this defeat puts Wade on top of the "A" Division again, with Weaver a close second. Both Wade and Weaver are playing two games which we understand are about finished and next month we will see who is on top.

Zombro, a new comer to our postal tournaments, bested Benson for a gain of 70 points in the "B" Division in one game and lost 30 to Benson in another for a net gain of 40 points.

Bever, who has been in a losing streak, comes back for 95 points by defeating Gemar and drawing with Eilmes.

We need some entries to fill up both "A" and "B" sections in which we have players waiting for a section to be filled up.

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2	Weaver	1815	2 Gifford	1298
3	Phillips	1807	3 Tuggle	1285
4	Weischer	1802	4 Bowerman	1279
5	Coubrough	1751	5 Skoglund	1269
6	Mage	1739	6 McDonald	1252
7	Eilmes	1709	7 Merk	1226
8	Skarsten	1693	8 Benson	1202
9	Woodward	1676	9 Robertsohn	1200
10	Vellias	1674	10 Dart, K.	1185
11	Lyberger	1664	11 Sala	1182
12	Bishop	1660	12 Litke	1182
13	Knapp	1616	13 Spatz	1175
14	Kaffenberger	1608	14 McCord, D.	1160
15	Carter	1595	15 Miller	1158
16	Scripps	1594	16 Lydic	1150
17	Luters	1516	17 Nichols	1149
18	Fredstrom	1452	18 Watson	1136
19	Abrahamson	1440	19 Raleigh	1127
20	Collins	1442	20 Cooper	1104
21	Karch	1440	21 Adkisson	1100
22	Koenkow	1422	22 Allen	1095
23	Smith	1419	23 Laine	1094
24	Bever	1410	24 Hall	1091
25	Roberts, D.	1410	25 Zombro	1090
26	Dolph	1400	26 Quass	1082
27	Parsons	1400	27 Benoit	1078
28	Mills	1393	28 Cox	1050
29	Howard	1392	29 Dart, E.	1050
30	Roberts, H.	1384	30 Hazen	1050
31	Husby	1313	31 Hallibaugh	1050
32	Gemar	1270	32 Kunkle	1050
33	Cairncross	1262	33 Pifley	1050
			34 Raymond	1050
			35 Sawyer	1050
			36 Lee	1020
			37 Henry	1016
			38 Munselle	1012
			39 McCord, R.S	100
			40 Devenere	876
			41 Bothun	872

