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TOP Northwest Players at US Open:

	St	Pre-	Post	Score
18 Carl A. Haessler	OR	2151	2227	9 - 3
20 Nikolay Minev	WA	2442	2426	8½- 3½
23 Hugh T. O'Donnell	BC	2362	2368	8½- 3½
31 Derek Edwards	WA	2153	2211	8½- 3½
33 Viktors Pupols	WA	2343	2357	8 - 4
34 Arthur W. Dake	OR	2326	2340	8 - 4
38 John A. Braley	WA	2260	2266	8 - 4
42 John P. Hatala	OR	2228	2219	8 - 4
43 Jay Thomas Collins	OR	2221	2241	8 - 4
45 Matthew B. Edwards	WA	2212	2259	8 - 4
46 Clark R. Harmon	WA	2203	2249	8 - 4
49 Larry R. Parsons	ID	2186	2217	8 - 4
52 Bill Heywood	OR	2145	2116	8 - 4
54 David G. Rupel	WA	2132	2138	8 - 4
57 Randy Dean	WA	2128	2203	8 - 4
62 D. Alan Knowles	OR	1958	2126	8 - 4
66 Richard Wood Jr	OR	2239	2264	7½- 4½
73 David M. Weinstock	WA	2185	2180	7½- 4½
74 Larry D. Musa	OR	2184	2155	7½- 4½
75 Ralph E. Dubisch	WA	2172	2175	7½- 4½
77 Garry Neufahrt	BC	2154	2180	7½- 4½
79 Bill H. McGeary	WA	2143	2163	7½- 4½
84 Michael J. Morris	OR	2088	2121	7½- 4½
86 Richard Becker	OR	2087	2132	7½- 4½

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BC are currently FIDE rated:

Magdy Assem (Egypt)	2280 WA
F Jonathan Berry (Canada)	2290 BC
F Ionut Buzbuchi (Romania)	2325 WA
M John Donaldson (USA)	2410 WA
Ralph E. Dubisch (USA)	2275 WA
Bobby Ferguson (USA)	2235 WA
Nigel Fullbrook (Canada)	2295 BC
Carl A. Haessler (USA)	2275 OR
Clark R. Harmon (USA)	2250 WA
Elod Macskasy (Canada)	2230 BC
M Nikolay N. Minev (USA)	2375 WA
H. Tom O'Donnell (Canada)	2265 BC
M Leon Piasetski (Canada)	2395 BC
Viktors Pupols (USA)	2255 WA
David Ross (Canada)	2280 BC
G Yasser Seirawan (USA)	2600 WA
G Duncan Suttles (Canada)	2420 BC
F Erik K. Tangborn (USA)	2350 WA
F Gordon Taylor (USA)	2315 BC
Ken Tomkins (USA)	2290 WA
F Robert D. Zuk (Canada)	2310 BC
G - Grandmaster	
M - International Master	
F - FIDE Master	

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

For Northwest Chess Business Manager: Derrick Robinson

As my candidacy is unopposed, I will not use valuable magazine space for a lengthy campaign statement. Let me state simply that I am proud to be running for Business Manager as part of a team with Nikolay Minev, Jerome Buroker, and Art Iodice. This is an exciting era for chess, and readers of Northwest Chess can expect to see that excitement reflected in these pages.

Derrick Robinson

To All Subscribers to Northwest Chess:

I am running for Editor because I believe that Northwest Chess should be not only a bulletin for questions of chess administration, but also should serve as a tool for promoting chess education and increasing the standard of play at all levels of ability.

In the four years since I arrived in the United States, there has been a big increase in the number of participants in tournament chess, and an explosion in the availability of information. The level of play here in the Northwest has grown during that time, but at a slow pace. Players at all levels must have this information in order to improve. As Editor, I will strive to provide more coverage of local events, and to use the magazine as a forum for all players. My goal is to make Northwest Chess the best local chess magazine in the United States, interesting to all classes of players, and delivered on time.

A brief word about my qualifications and experience: I was awarded the International Master title in 1960. In Bulgaria, I was the Editor of Shakhmatna Mis'l (Chess Thought), which had a circulation of 9000, from 1972 until 1979. In addition, I was author and co-editor of all five volumes of The Encyclopedia of Chess Openings and three volumes of The Encyclopedia of Chess Endings.

I am not running for this office as an individual, but as part of a team which includes Derrick Robinson, former Business Manager of Northwest Chess and currently Treasurer of the Washington Chess Federation; Art Iodice, computer specialist, and Jerome Buroker, Vice President and Tournament Director of the Seattle Chess Club.

Thank you.

Nikolay Minev

Statement for WCF President: John Braley

This past year has seen a change in the Washington Chess Federation. This may be exemplified by the consensus that has been achieved on every issue that has come to a vote. I am especially pleased that this consensus extends, as far as I know, not just to voting Officers but to everyone who cared enough to come to the meetings. I want to see the Federation continue in the direction of cooperation and harmony. This requires increased objectivity. We must try to view each issue from the perspective of every level of chessplayer from any area of the state. (For example, those from Seattle should remember when making financial considerations that, say, Spokane has only one third the average personal income of Seattle). While it is good that people accomplish things together on the basis of friendship, an organization such as this needs a more formal basis for its achievements. This is a Federation for all chessplayers in the state; it should not be an "old boy network".

Let me further express my opinion that the Officers of the Federation should not constitute an elite, honorific group but should be viewed as volunteers willing to serve fellow chessplayers. If they do that well then they deserve your respect and assistance.

If you agree with this outlook on the Federation then please demonstrate your support by taking the time to vote.

Thank you.

John Braley

Vote for Russell W. Miller for WCF Secretary

I would like to continue working for Chess in Washington as WCF Secretary. Now that I will no longer be Northwest Chess Business Manager it will allow me more time to work on WCF projects. I have several projects in mind.

Thanks for your support.

Russell W. Miller

Larry Leggett for Secretary

If elected as Secretary of the WCF I intend to work actively towards molding an organization that provides one thing: strong representation for its members. Having been an officer of chess clubs in other areas and an active player for over 15 years, I appreciate the contribution a strong organization can make.

The WCF is presented with the unique opportunity to promote the game of chess in the Northwest. Yasser Seirawan's current efforts, the recent U.S. Open in Portland, the tour by Maya Chiburdanidze, and the upcoming Goodwill Games all serve as lightning rods for attracting public interest to the game of chess. To capitalize on this sudden interest and provide its members with more opportunity than ever before, the WCF must take some strong positive steps.

Major emphasis should be placed on increasing membership. This will provide a stronger financial basis from which to operate. To accomplish this, the officers must maintain member support by being responsive to their needs. Additionally, an active campaign must be developed to promote the game of chess to the uninitiated and further broaden the membership base.

Newsletters, magazines and other forms of communication must be informative and accurate, but more importantly cover topics that are of interest to the readers. This can only be accomplished through informed, cohesive leadership. Above all, the organization must reflect the views of its members, not create those views. The officers must provide direction, not control.

I am excited by the interest that chess is gathering and know it will only improve the quality and the strength of the players. Hopefully, you will allow me to contribute by electing me Secretary.

Larry Leggett

Statement for USCF Voting Delegate By John Braley

The US Open serves as the annual USCF convention. This year in Portland I attended several of the workshops at this event. I found little of much use to grassroots regional chess, but I think this could be improved. Up to now I have stayed clear of USCF politics. I am dismayed by the general attitude of the USCF which often seems to place "business" far above chess and chessplayers. (Not to mention that these "business" considerations are often wasteful and misguided). I am also dismayed by the lack of support Washington voters gave to Yasser Seirawan (only three votes out of six). This position, USCF Voting Delegate, involves only, essentially, one round of voting in the coming year. Yet I think it important that chessplayers be represented in this voting. Many chess administrators hardly play chess anymore and have lost that critical perspective. If elected to this office, I will vote what I consider the best interest of all the chessplayers in the State of Washington.

John Braley

Statement Against Re-instatement of the Directors' Vote By John Braley

Presently there are four WCF Directors: High School, Junior High School, Elementary School and Senior Adult. At this time each of them has the same vote as each of the WCF Officers at the quarterly WCF business meetings. Several years ago, when I was WCF Secretary, noting the sporadic attendance by Directors at WCF meetings I asked Robert A. Karch why directors had an equal vote with regular officers. He said, "Its the only way we can get them to come to the meetings." But very few attended then and none now. Not one of the four Directors has come to any of the four meetings held so far this year. Is that a mark against the individuals holding those positions? In my opinion, no. It merely reflects the inappropriateness of asking those whose main concerns are their specific constituencies to take a full role in the running of the whole organization.

The above is primarily practical. May I present a theoretical consideration? The six officer positions are: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, TD and Editor. But the Editor is elected by all subscribers to NWC and when you consider that the President votes only to break ties, you realize that the five voting positions (four Directors plus the Editor) not directly elected by WCF members have more votes than those who are. This is clearly an inappropriate situation.

So am I against the Directors? Absolutely not. In fact, if I am re-elected, I will place a high priority on strengthening the WCF's relationship to its Directors and on increasing their effectiveness with their constituencies. These posts are both honored and useful and I do not believe that establishing a sensible policy with regard to voting at business meetings will diminish that fact.

I urge you to vote No on the reinstatement of the Directors' power to vote at WCF business meetings.

John Braley

Inserted Statement by Outgoing Editor

I did not intend to say anything but, above, I see that I have been mis-quoted or, at best, incompletely quoted. Anyway, the reasoning behind the scholastic directorships is quite simple: to induce their participation in the scholastic affairs of the state chess federation. Mere "attendance at meetings" is not a sufficient reason, and I doubt if that is what I said or intended.

Since the WCF organization, as a body, clearly assumes the authority for -- but does not itself actually organize -- the scholastic events such as the "Washington" elementary, junior high, and high school tournaments (See Bylaws, Section 9) it only makes sense to allow those "constituent directors" to come to the meetings and to exercise a voting option, should they decide to do so. By disenfranchising the scholastic directors (who are performing work that the WCF itself doesn't do), we are saying they can express opinions, do the work, but have no vote. How many of you would come to meetings at which you could not vote? The fact that they have not been coming RECENTLY (while John has been President) may be a reflection of something else. In years past, these directors did sometimes come. With the expansion of scholastic chess, and if made to feel welcome, they are likely to return!

Robert A. Karch

Statement against Re-instatement of the Senior Adult Directorship

Two very fine people have held this post in recent years, John Ward and Wayne Metsker. I do not think anyone would question the quality of these Directors. But I think the Directorship itself does not stand up under examination. Do we really need a special post to deal with the needs of chessplayers turned fifty years of age? Rusty Miller said to me, "In a few more years you'll be fifty, then you'll wish there was a Senior Director."

My point is that's exactly when I won't want a Senior Director. Let me give you a parallel example. One of the main reasons there has not been a Washington State Women's Championship in the last decade (or longer) is that most of the women chessplayers in the state have expressed a strong desire not to be identified separately from the rest of the chessplayers by such a tournament. I think a similar line of reasoning may hold for Senior Adults.

John Ward put considerable time and money into a recent Senior Adult Championship tournament. I believe only three contestants showed up to play. To the best of my knowledge the state has not held a successful Senior Adult Championship in many, many

years. I have consulted both Mr. Ward and Mr. Metsker on ending this Directorship and they both indicated that would be OK. For those chessplayers whose advanced age may be a contributing factor to an inability to attend chess tournaments, the proposed "Checked Chessplayers" Directorship could be very helpful. Furthermore, any desirable tournaments for Senior Adults could easily be organized through the appropriate Officer, the WCF TD. Please vote NO on the reinstatement of the Senior Directorship.

John Braley

Statement for Checked Chessplayer' Directorship

Until recent years, the WCF has had a long history of helping chess in prisons. Chess has obvious qualities for such situations. It can be played by correspondence; it can promote good social contact and self-esteem. And it is intrinsically interesting and fascinating -- the body may be restrained but the imagination can soar. My idea is to try to extend these benefits to all confined persons.

If you vote YES on this proposition the Bylaws would read: "Article 13: THE CHECKED CHESSPLAYERS' DIRECTOR. The officers of the WCF shall appoint a Director whose responsibility will be to facilitate, encourage, and promote the enjoyment of chess among the homebound and those in confined situations such as hospitals, nursing homes and prisons."

An explanation of the slightly silly name: I didn't like "Confined Chessplayers' Director" and, in a thesaurus, discovered that "checked" is a synonym for "confined". Certainly the word "checked" fits well with chess. The way I look at it, the individual may be in check -- but is far from being checkmated.

Whatever you think about the name, I hope you agree with me that this Directorship could help promote chess in a socially useful fashion and I hope you will vote YES on this Proposition.

John Braley

Statement for Revised WCF Constitution/Bylaws:

The present version of the WCF Constitution/Bylaws was established in 1981. In the intervening five years there have been numerous changes voted into various Articles and Sections. It was time to reconcile these changes into the main document in a coherent manner. I sought assistance in this project; Larry Leggett volunteered his services. I gave him a copy of the original and copies of the changes voted. He used a word-processor to return to me a print-out that contained, in addition to the original material, voted changes, improvements in phrasing and a reduction in inconsistencies. I made some more changes and we went back and forth until we had a presentable document.

The Secretary, Russell Miller, contributed some changes and then it was submitted to the WCF membership at the annual general meeting for placement on the annual mail ballot. The Constitution requires that changes in the Constitution be published in NWC before balloting. My desire was to publish it in final form and hope that the voters would accept all of it, making it unnecessary to republish it. Nevertheless, I didn't want to slip anything by the voters. Therefore the significant changes are being presented as Propositions, allowing changes back to the original form. Unfortunately, the editor of NWC chose to rewrite about 15% of the text as he was publishing it. I learned of this only upon reception of the magazine. Hard, careful work went into this project. It's not an ideal document by any means, but should serve quite well until the WCF decides to put forth the considerable effort to attain Federal non-profit status. Please vote YES on this Proposition.

John Braley

(Added by Editor. At the meeting, we agreed not to bring it up, but I see that John only wants to present his side. I did what I had to do; the only method left to SHOCK the careless president into paying attention to the views of ALL the WCF officers! By and large it is a reasonable effort, but John, as is usual for him, SELECTIVELY presented the document to certain persons for their opinion and deliberately bypassed at least one interested officer (perhaps others) and apparently ALL OF THE DIRECTORS (who thereby lost their vote!) in his haste to get this document to the voters. When revising such a major document, he should first put it into writing, FULLY CIRCULATE the document for views, and THEN submit it to the voters for change. Only an "oral" document was presented at the WCF annual meeting; we were not given a paper to look at at that time. -- Be angry with me if you must, but I am sure that the point has been made and that whoever is in charge next time will be more diligent.) *Robert A. Karch*

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**For Editor:
Vote for ONE**

All subscribers may vote.

IM Nikolay Minev

(Write-in)

**For Business Manager:
Vote for ONE**

All subscribers may vote.

Derrick P. Robinson

(Write-in)

**For Washington Board Members:
Vote for TWO**

Washington subscribers may vote.

Jerome Buroker

Arthur P. Iodice

(Write-in)

Paul Eggers

(Write-in)

**For Oregon Board Members:
Vote for TWO**

Oregon subscribers may vote.

Robert Barney

John C. Howell

Neil Dale

Dale Wentz

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION POSITIONS

**For WCF President:
Vote for ONE**

All WCF regular members may vote.

John Braley

(Write-in)

**For WCF Vice-President:
Vote for ONE**

All WCF regular members may vote.

David Bicknell

(Write-in)

**For WCF Secretary:
Vote for ONE**

All WCF regular members may vote.

Gary Dorfner

Russell Miller

Larry Leggett

(Write-in)

**For WCF Tournament Director:
Vote for ONE**

All WCF regular members may vote.

Robert A. Karch

(Write-in)

**For WCF Treasurer:
Vote for ONE**

All WCF regular members may vote.

Glenn Umipeg

(Write-in)

**For USCF Delegate:
Vote for FOUR**

All WCF regular members may vote.

Dave Bicknell

Robert A. Karch

(Write-in)

John Braley

Russell Miller

(Write-in)

Dave Collyer

Yasser Seirawan

(Write-in)

Peter Dessaulles

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(Write-in)

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Constitution and Bylaws.

1987 MAIL BALLOT

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WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION ITEMS

Only Regular Members of Washington Chess Federation Vote.

- YES NO 1. Approve Revised WCF Constitution and Bylaws
See September issue for text and additions corrections in minutes of WCF Officers meeting of 9/16 on page 175 of this issue.
- YES NO 2. In revised bylaws: The Senior Adult Directorship should be reinstated.
- YES NO 3. Re section 13 in the revised Bylaws: New position "Checked Chessplayers'" Directorship Should be retained.
- YES NO 4. Re article 5 in revised Bylaws: The power to vote at WCF Officers Meetings at which the affairs and business of the WCF are managed should be re-instated for the four WCF Directorships.

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**Summary of Minutes WCF
Officers Meeting 9/16/87**

Persons in attendance: John Braley-President, Dave Bicknell-VP, Derrick Robinson-Tres., Robert A.Karch-NWC Editor, Russell Miller-Sec. and Larry Leggett-WCF Sec. Candidate.

Minutes of 5/6 Officers meeting were read and approved.

Secretary Items:

President was not happy about annual meeting minutes as printed in Northwest Chess.

WCF gets 1 USCF Delegate and 3 Voting Members. The officers decided (4-0) that the 1987 election of WCF members to fill these four spots will be by having the membership vote for 4 on the annual mail ballot and the top vote getter will be the Delegate and the next three in order of votes received will be the Voting Members and alternates. By petition John Braley's name will be on the mail ballot for USCF Voting delegate. By petition Robert A. Karch will be on the mail ballot for WCF TD.

Treasurer's report as of 9/16/87. Balance 7/30/87 \$1,644.08. Income \$20.50; Expenses none; Balance \$1,664.58, including \$713.50 of SASP money, none of which has been spent yet. The USCF has \$ 521.30 more that we can apply for. We have setup the percentages of how the \$713. 50 will be spent but now need concrete plans on how to spend it.

Gary Dorfner was not in attendance at the meeting but he had given the Secretary a proposed budget for 1987 Washington Jr. Closed. The budget was to be \$225.00 with cash prizes to the players, and \$75.00 for TD and expenses. The officers voted 4-0 to table the project at this time. The officers were not inclined to award cash prizes under these conditions. More information on the tournament will be sought by the President and VP i.e. how the players will be chosen and when and where will it be held.

The officers voted 4-0 to permit Gary Dorfner to hold the 1987 Washington Jr. Open on Oct 9-10 with trophy prizes and WCF membership not required.

It was voted 4-0 to spend about \$30.00 of the Scholastic SASP funds for the President to send about 100 letters to Elementary/Jr High and High Schools from WCF. The letter will include such things as USCF membership structure, USCF programs for students, WCF programs for students and that chess clocks can be purchased for \$15.00 from the WCF, plus other information.

The awarding of Challengers Cup was put off until later. The President is to check ASP with Western Washington U to see what their plans are for holding more tournaments, maybe the Washington Open in January.

The President will check with Dave Surratt to see what he has been doing as the USCF Clearhouse person and why he has not renewed his WCF membership.

There was a long discussion about the version of the WCF Constitution and By/Laws as printed in September issue of NWC. The officers present agreed to the following changes in the September issue text.

The Washington Chess Federation Constitution and Bylaws is as published in the September NWC (page 148-9) with the exception of these changes:

Article 4 ---Change the first sentence to read "Membership is open to all persons residing in Washington State."

Article 5 ---Delete the second sentence so that the Article begins: Article 5: OFFICERS, The affairs and business of the WCF shall be managed by six officers, who shall be members during their full term of office. The positions are as follows:..."

Article 9:a-- Delete the word "Directors."

Bylaws/ Section 1: (B) -- Delete the second sentence so that Section 1: (B) reads "A per tournament membership fee of \$3.00 shall be set for those not members of WCF."

Section 10: (A)-- Change the end of the second sentence to read: "as the USCF Annual Rating List covering the period for November 1 to October 31 preceding the tournament."

Section 10: (D) Replace the last two sentences with this

sentence: "All of these events must occur and be reported for rating during the period from November 1 to October 31 preceding the championship."

Section 13:--Insert the phrase "the homebound and" after the word "among"

Section 13:--Delete (Version B) Section 13: entirely.

Section 14:-- In each of (A),(B),(C) and (D) add the phrase "are eligible to vote" after the word "subscribers" or after the phrase "subscribers/residents". And insert the word "only" in front of the phrase "Washington subscribers/residents". Change the phrase "a minimum of two (2)" to "three (3)". Add "and submission to WCF" to the end of the last sentence.

Section 15: -- Delete: "including the proposed expenditure of any WCF Funds" from the first sentence. Delete: "and the WCF co-sponsorship of a USCF National Tournament" from the last sentence.

Meeting adj at 10:17 pm

Secretary: Russell Miller

For a copy of the complete minutes send a SASE to: Russell Miller, 4519 California Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98116-4110

BOOK REVIEW BY JOHN DONALDSON

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP - STEINITZ TO ALEKHINE

By P. Moran, publisher Batsford, 204 pages, softcover, algebraic \$ 18.95

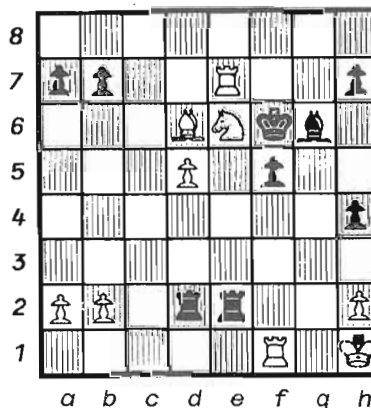
WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP - BOTVINNIK TO KASPAROV

by R.G. Wade, A.J. Whiteley and R.D. Keene, publisher Batsford, 298 pages, softcover, algebraic, \$19.95

These two books, recently issued by Batsford seek to give a complete coverage of all the World Championship matches. In each roughly the first fifty pages is given over to the history of the various matches. The remainder of the books consists of all games played for the World Championship. Notes to most of the games in both books are sparse with little prose. The best annotations are for the more recent matches.

The first volume by Spanish journalist Pablo Moran was the more interesting to me. Before reading it I didn't realize so many World Championship matches had been played in the United States - Steinitz-Zukertort 1886 (New York, St. Louis and New Orleans), Steinitz-Gunsberg 1890-91 (New York), Steinitz-Lasker 1894 (New York, Philly) and Lasker-Marshall 1907 (New York, Philly, Washington, Baltimore, Chicago, Memphis and New York again).

Another interesting feature is seeing all the games. Often one sees only the best from the past which can give a false impression. Witness the following game which could quite easily have changed chess history. The match is between Chigorin and Steinitz. The setting is Havana in February 1892 and after 22 games the score stands +9,-8, =5 in Steinitz' favor. However after 31 moves of game 23, the match looks ready to go into overtime.



Now instead of 32 Rxb7 with an easy win Chigorin made the horrible blunder 32 Bb4?? allowing mate in two. That such a fine player could commit a blunder like that gives an idea of the tension and fatigue involved. For more examples check out the Botvinnik-Bronstein match which featured some of the most imaginative and

some of the worst chess ever played in a World Championship match.

Also interesting are some of the oddities. Check out Botvinnik-Tal 1961, game 17, where the Latvian wizard wins with two bishops vs a knight (he did lose the match, tho, 8-13). Or the strange ending from Karpov-Korchnoi 1978, game 4, which at 124 moves is the longest World Championship game.

All in all both books are interesting because the subject is fascinating. Better notes could have been given but space was probably a problem. Another noticeable drawback is price. At almost \$40 for the set they are hardly cheap and uphold the Batsford tradition of having the most expensive prices.

One compromise for anyone having recent World Championship books or copies of CHESS LIFE which cover them is to hold off on volume two. Fifteen years ago a book covering the World Championship from 1948-72 was issued by MacMillan with good notes by Gligoric. Today it can be found in many used bookstores for under \$10.

For earlier matches there is a good series by James Schroeder, available thru Chess Digest. These are cheap and give more in depth notes and history.

Having said all that, these books are quite convenient and useful. All serious students and chess historians will get a lot of pleasure from them.

DAVID ROPER IN PORTLAND

By David Roper

(Intro by Oliver LaFreniere) David Roper of Everett, Washington High School 1987 co-champion, represented our state at the Arnold Denker tournament of State High School Champions held concurrently with the US Open in Portland this past August. His concise, well written report that follows, pictures his experiences in that event and in the US Open.

The money that helped fund his participation came from "LaF's slush fund", profits from High School events organized by Oliver LaFreniere and used to promote the interests of High School Chess in Washington.

ARNOLD DENKER CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

This event included high-school giants and senior masters Vivek Rao and Danny Edelman, but was decidedly weak in the middle range. In fact, I was seeded 11th of 24 with a mere 1993 rating. Generally, my pairings were quite favorable, as I was paired down five times against players with ratings of 1001, 1925, 1807, 1713 and 1671. However, I did have to play Vivek Rao (2506) in round two, and I definitely had mixed feelings. Unfortunately, I was given the black pieces against the three highest rated players, and didn't give Rao much of a game in a very uncomfortable Leningrad Dutch.

I was quite impressed by the level of ability compared with the ratings as many of the lower-rated players turned in very respectable performances. The general environment of the tournament wasn't ideal, though, as the TDs who checked in the high school players also registered other players for side events. To me, the tournament just seemed a bit too informal, with the final, critical round taking place in the same room as one of the side events due to a lack of space.

I finished 10th with 3½-2½. One the whole, though, my reaction to the tournament was quite positive. The following was one of my more enjoyable attacking efforts.

Roper-Askew (Sicilian Dragon)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 00 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Bc4

Currently the most popular move order, 9 g4 and 9 000 are plausible alternatives.

9...Bd7 10 000 Rc8 11 Bb3 Ne5 12 h4 Nc4

The prophylactic 12...h5 is safer.

13 Bxc4 Rxc4 14 h5

A thematic and necessary pawn sacrifice. The compensation is so tangible that this push can be made with the utmost confidence.

14...Nxb5 15 g4 Nf6 16 Bh6!?

Sacking the second pawn is very risky, but other moves allow Black to play ...Re8 and ...Bh8 after Bh6.

16...Nxe4

Note that White threatens Bxg7, followed by Qh6+ and Nd5, removing the defender.

17 Nxe4 Rxd4?!

Since Black cannot keep all his material anyway, 17...Bxd4 was better, when the White Queen will not reach h2 so quickly and the active Black Rook will remain on the board.

18 Qh2 Rxd1+ 19 Kxd1

Now the passivity of Black's position is obvious.

19...Bxb2?

Black has little better, and now he hopes for 20 Bxf8 Kxf8 when he holds.

20 Bc1!

Obvious bravado, but still cute.

20...h5 21 Bxb2 Qa5 22 Kc1

Averting a check in the line 22 gh5 Qxh5 23 Qg2 Qd5+

22...Bc6 23 gh5 Qxh5 24 Qg2 1-0

A flawed but enjoyable game.

U.S. OPEN

I was quite impressed by the tournament site and the excellent one round per day format for the U.S. Open. As far as the players are concerned, the tenacity of the "B" and "C" players paired against higher-rated opponents impressed me. Many of these individuals seemed to get psyched up when playing strong "A" players and weak experts. Probably, they had beaten people with such ratings in the past, and thus felt it was well within their grasp to do so again, given some hard work at the board. I saw a great many players around my own rating wandering around the tournament hall, uninterested in playing "B" and "C" players, and many of them paid the price for that unfortunate but understandable attitude.

Because I did not play as well as I might have, I was paired down nine times, and it became a bit frustrating after awhile. However, I did enjoy my games, though most of them were marred by tactical blunders. My chance at prize money was crushed in round 11, when, with six points, I lost on time in a much better position against a 2100 player. I was up the exchange (Rook vs Knight) for a pawn with Queens still on, and it was far from clear that I could win, but the time forfeit was due to a silly misconception on my part and a very poor clock borrowed from a stranger. Though I knew my opponent's time was approaching six o'clock, the clock would have me believe it was seven, and my own clock was "merely" approaching six.

The game that follows is a fairly decent win over a Class "C" prizewinner.

Lecker-Roper
Nimzo-Indian: Saemisch

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4
e3 00 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bc3 b6 7
Bd3 Nc6 8 Nf3 Ba6 9 00 Na5

Continuing with the standard plan of building up on the weakened c-pawn.

10 Nd2 c5 11 Qe2 Qc7 12 e4
Ne8

Preparing ...f5 to close lines on the Kingside, and possibly planning to bring the Knight to d6.

13 Rb1 Rc8 14 Bb2?

This is great if Black tries to snatch the c-pawn and walk into an annoying pin, but he is not obligated to do so, and thus the Bishop remains entombed on the Queenside.

14...f5 15 d5 Kh8?!

Almost certainly unnecessary.

16 de6?

Leaving his pieces tied down to the c-pawn, and thus blocking the d-file.

16...de6 17 e5 Qc6

...Qa4 is made possible but the light-square battery will be even more dangerous.

18 Bc2 g6 19 f4 Ng7 20 Rbd1
Rcd8

Black plans to double on the d-line since White's pieces are still chained to the c-pawn.

21 Rf3 Nh5 22 g3?

Making Black's wildest dreams come true.

22...Bb7 23 Kf2?

23 Rdf1 was a sad necessity.

23...Rxd2! 24 Rxd2 Qxf3+ 25
Qxf3 Bxf3 26 Kxf3 Nxc4

I would not have played this if it won only a pawn, since White's counterplay on the d-file would be too dangerous.

27 Bc1 Nxd2 28 Bxd2 Rd8 29
Ke3 Ng7 0-1

Once the Knight is in play, the rest will be easy.

(Editor's comment: With respect to pairing, I think David is referring to lower-RATED, which of course in a swiss tournament, is "normal procedure." The critical circumstance is when you are several times paired outside your SCORE-GROUP. Five years ago, when I was a national officer, while at the USCF office, I pointed out that the pairing card was incorrectly designed; one of the errors being that it did not - and still doesn't - have a column for the "up-down" arrow when a player is paired up or down (outside the scoregroup). As a result, I said, many

inexperienced tournament directors would ignore the situation and make no compensation when a player was "on the cusp" and thus might so pair the players several times in a long tournament. (This happened to me at the US Open in St. Paul.) As half a decade went by, the inexperienced

TD's became the "experienced TD's" with national titles. The USCF took no action at the time ("too large a supply in stock"), and they continue to sell the same card without making this necessary change. Regionally, I suppose, we should probably redesign the pairing card.

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Portland, Oregon August 3-8, 1987

	St	Pre	Post	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Tot
1 Rao, Vivek	PA	2476	2474	W18	W9	W13	D2	W6	D3	5
2 Edelman, Danny	NY	2433	2427	W14	D6	W15	D1	D4	W12	4½
3 Zelkind, Mike	MN	2192	2198	W25	D10	D8	D13	W12	D1	4
4 Ronneberg, Erik	IL	2094	2105	W26	L13	W18	W8	D2	D6	4
5 Colton, Harold	NJ	2061	2071	W20	L15	D14	D11	W16	W13	4
6 Mc Manus, Andy	CA	2059	2104	W17	D2	W10	W16	L1	D4	4
7 Miller, Kyle	NM	2102	2075	L15	W22	L16	W20	W18	D10	3½
8 Coleman, K.Dale	TX	2064	2054	D22	W23	D3	L4	W21	D11	3½
9 Roper, David	WA	2063	2059	W21	L1	L11	W22	D14	W16	3½
10 Kirby, Kevin	NC	2045	2053	W24	D3	L6	D14	W15	D7	3½
11 Lithner, Gabriel	UT	1798	1908	W12	L16	W9	D5	D13	D8	3½
12 Moore, Alfred	PA	2129	2122	L11	W17	W25	W15	L3	L2	3
13 Hall, Bill	TN	2009	2032	W19	W4	L1	D3	L11	L5	3
14 Harris, Gregory	DC	1900	1927	L2	W19	D5	D10	D9	D18	3
15 Nibler, Randy J	OR	1818	1888	W7	W5	L2	L12	L10	W22	3
16 Mellen, Steven	MI	1958	1959	D23	W11	W7	L6	L5	L9	2½
17 Berger, Andrew	MO	1893	1865	L6	L12	D23	L19	W26	W25	2½
18 Sendrey, John	CA	1854	1863	L1	W21	L4	W23	L7	D14	2½
19 Rosenberg, Jay	FL	1777	1773	L13	L14	D24	W17	D22	D20	2½
20 Rapoport, Alex	CA	1750	1743	L5	W26	L22	L7	W24	D19	2½
21 Andre, David	IA	1724	1728	L9	L18	W26	W25	L8	D24	2½
22 Eskew, Jeff	KS	1766	1780	D8	L7	W20	L9	D19	L15	2
23 Tseng, Robert	MD	1725	1722	D16	L8	D17	L18	D25	D26	2
24 Humphreys, Phil	OR	----	1632	L10	L25	D19	W26	L20	D21	2
25 Miller, David	MA	1845	1803	L3	W24	L12	L21	D23	L17	1
26 Long, Stephen	MS	1450	1439	L4	L20	L21	L24	L17	D23	½

Tacoma Woodpushers

August 15-16, 1987

1 Moreland, Bruce	1899	1916	W18	D9	W4	W7	D3	4
2 Bicknell, David	1813	1845	D7	W5	W11	D3	W8	4
3 Jangord, K.Kris	1825	1852	D5	W15	W14	D2	D1	3½
4 Perry, Jr Len	1755	1775	W13	D14	L1	W12	W9	3½
5 Pfeilschifter	1513	1600	D3	L2	W16	W14	W11	3½
6 Mc Cready, Phil	1850	1825	L11	W17	W9	L8	W10	3
7 Foster, James	1701	1715	D2	W12	HPB	L1	W15	3
8 Arnold, Bruce	----	1783	L9	W18	W10	W6	L2	3
9 Delson, Ben	1733	1741	W8	D1	L6	W11	L4	2½
10 Russell, Steven	1720	1680	W17	L11	L8	W13	L6	2
11 Mc Call, Fred	1516	1552	W6	W10	L2	L9	L5	2
12 Mead, John D	1413	1417	HPB	L7	W15	L4	D17	2
13 Hanks, Jeffery	----	1496	L4	L16	W17	L10	W14	2
14 Allen, Robert J.	1826	1766	W16	D4	L3	L5	L13	1½
15 Mjelde, Daniel	1559	1525	HPB	L3	L12	W17	L7	1½
16 Lisicich, Joseph	1386	1402	L14	W13	L5	----	1	1
17 Kugzruk, Floyd	1192	1191	L10	L6	L13	L15	D12	½
18 Barber, Gary J.	1399	1395	L1	L8	----	----	----	0

TD Gary Dorfner

Rose Festival

June 13-14, 1987

	Pre	Post	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Tot
OPEN Section							
1 O'Donnell, Hugh T.	2312	2328	W19	W9	W10	W5	4
2 Kiesow, Tony W.	1916	2062	W3	W19	W4	W9	4
3 Wood, Richard C.	2241	2239	L2	W17	W13	W8	3
4 Erickson, Mark J.	2203	2196	W20	W11	L2	W10	3
5 Collins, Jay T.	2184	2199	W8	W7	W6	L1	3
6 Harmon, Leland D.	2086	2100	W22	W14	L5	D7	2
7 Reimer, Evi	1992	2003	W12	L5	W11	D6	2
8 Haselden, Robert H	2075	2071	L5	W22	W16	L3	2
9 Selkirk, Charles	2057	2055	W16	L1	W12	L2	2
10 Osgood, Ian	1926	1961	W13	W15	L1	L4	2
11 Jagnjic, Dragan	1885	1907	W17	L4	L7	W18	2
12 Sprayberry, Darin	1639	1669	L7	W18	L9	W22	2
13 Hattery, David R.	1630	1672	L10	W20	L3	W21	2
14 Donaldson, John W.	2506	2492	W18	L6	----	----	1
15 Hatala, John P.	2247	2228	W21	L10	----	----	1
16 Roper, David	2045	2022	L9	W21	L8	----	1
17 Whipple, Evan	1978	1962	L11	L3	W21	----	1
18 Ballard, William	1900	1864	L14	L12	W20	L11	1
19 Mc Masters, Robert	1829	1804	L1	L2	W22	L20	1
20 Madarang, George	----	1764	L4	L13	L18	W19	1
21 Whiting, III Percy	1832	1800	L15	L16	L17	L13	0
22 Ettingher, Constan	----	1507	L6	L8	L19	L12	0

RESERVE Section

	Pre	Post	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot
1 Knackstedt, Thomas	1882	1916	W28	W27	W26	W9	D2	4½
2 Hamilton, Sam	1688	1735	W37	W29	W33	W20	D1	4½
3 January, Jonathan	1554	1731	W5	W25	W13	D6	W15	4½
4 Mitchell, Mika	1694	1733	L33	W37	W40	W12	W14	4
5 Askay, Richard	----	1989	L3	W36	W7	W30	W17	4
6 Vaughn, Michael	1923	1917	D25	W32	W16	D3	D8	3½
7 Ward, Gary	1739	1764	W41	W16	L5	W33	D9	3½
8 Bollman, Dean	1689	1702	W46	L26	W28	W34	D6	3½
9 Roberts, Boyd	1627	1700	W34	W13	W12	L1	D7	3½
10 Surratt, David	1589	1700	W38	L14	D35	W21	W22	3½
11 White, Bill R.	1340	1528	D35	W45	L17	W27	W20	3½
12 Turner, Donald H.	1897	1872	W40	W19	L9	L4	W25	3
13 Turner, Mark T.	1826	1822	W39	L9	L3	W43	W29	3
14 Eschbach, Ralph	1755	1789	W30	W10	LF	W26	L4	3
15 Martin, II John E.	1700	1709	L26	W42	W19	W29	L3	3
16 Dizon, Rommel	1693	1720	W21	L7	L6	W38	W34	3
17 Mc Maugh, Barrett	1683	1681	L29	W46	W11	W32	L5	3
18 Carnese, Gary	1680	1674	W42	L20	L30	W31	W33	3
19 Furey, Michael	1638	1644	W44	L12	L15	W28	W32	2
20 Mc Williams, Steve	1556	1628	W22	W18	WF	L2	L11	3
21 Hall, Ralph	1841	1825	L16	W39	HPB	L10	W30	2½
22 Lofton, Harry	1802	1772	L20	D41	W36	W24	L10	2½
23 West, John A.	1663	1600	W31	L33	L29	W42	D26	2½
24 Kelsey, Philip	1631	1624	L32	W31	HPB	L22	W35	2½
25 Gassaway, Jon P.	1596	1635	D6	L3	W41	W35	L12	2½
26 Barker, Gerald	1527	1566	W15	W8	L1	L14	D23	2½
27 Anderson, Jr Robert	1603	1582	W43	L1	L32	L11	W44	2
28 Anderson, Dale W.	1541	1541	L1	W43	L8	L19	W42	2
29 Toran, Jr John	1448	1482	W17	L2	W23	L15	L13	2
30 Powe, Michael	1446	1499	L14	W38	W18	L5	L21	2
31 Dunn, Randy	1422	1439	L23	L24	W39	L18	W43	2
32 Niemi, Erik	1414	1449	W24	L6	W27	L17	L19	2
33 Paulson, Karl	1336	1389	W4	W23	L2	L7	L18	2
34 Hunter, Brian K	1307	1329	L9	BYE	W45	L8	L16	2
35 Hornof, Luke	1711	1684	D11	HPB	D10	L25	L24	1½
36 French, Jr Albert	1517	1524	HPB	L5	L22	W41	----	1½
37 Ward, Benjamin	1429	1443	L2	L4	L38	D39	W46	1½
38 Dozier, John	1843	1790	L10	L30	W37	L16	----	1½
39 Maxwell, Wray	1642	1587	L13	L21	L31	D37	D41	1
40 Rajala, Alex	1622	1586	L12	W44	L4	----	----	1
41 Dunn, Keven	1527	1506	L7	D22	L25	L36	D39	1
42 Parker, Greg	1507	1473	L18	L15	W44	L23	L31	1
43 Vazquez, Salvador	1420	1399	L27	L28	W46	L13	L31	1
44 Lessel, Stewart	1385	1372	L19	L40	L42	W46	L27	1
45 Jarmon, John	1723	1682	HPB	L11	L34	----	----	½
46 Babcock, Albert E.	1433	1370	L8	L17	L43	L44	L37	0

NOVICE Section

	Pre	Post	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot
1 Hardin, Jeff	1133	1400	W5	W10	W3	W6	W8	5
2 Julkowski, Tim	1238	1291	W8	L3	W4	D5	W9	3½
3 Amico, Devin	1223	1232	W9	W2	L1	D8	W5	3½
4 Eisenman, Frank	1244	1234	W7	L6	L2	W10	BYE	3
5 Di Carlo, Ray	----	1259	L1	W9	W10	D2	L3	2½
6 Block, Douglas	1426	1416	HPB	W4	D8	L1	----	2
7 Niemi, Delbert	1232	1094	L4	L8	BYE	L9	W10	2
8 Baumgardner, Greg	1223	1252	L2	W7	D6	D3	L1	2
9 Williams, Pete	1054	1047	L3	L5	HPB	W7	L2	1½
10 Evers, Peter	----	867	BYE	L1	L5	L4	L7	1

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June 17 - July 15, 1987 TD Jerry Morton

	Pre	Post	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot
1 Bugtong, Merlin G	1829	1845	W14	W10	D3	W4	D2	4
2 Gish, Del	1813	1835	W13	W6	D4	W3	D1	4
3 Stackelberg, Dr.R.	1877	1864	W11	W12	D1	L2	W6	3½
4 Johnson, Jr Vern	1431	1474	W9	W8	D2	L1	W5	3½
5 Pink, John R.	1440	1445	L6	W13	W12	W8	L4	3
6 Rockford, Brian	1219	1310	W5	L2	W9	W7	L3	3
7 Owen, Donald	----	1456	L12	WF	W10	L6	W9	3
8 Waugh, James	1143	1168	D10	L4	WF	L5	W11	2½
9 Adams, David L	1368	1382	L4	W11	L6	W10	L7	2
10 Morton, Jerry	1547	1479	D8	L1	L7	L9	WF	1½
11 Gillingham, Charle	1255	1233	L3	L9	W13	D12	L8	1½
12 Zinkgraff, Greg	1229	1258	W7	L3	L5	D11	----	1
13 Loos, Scott	1100	1084	L2	L5	L11	HPB	----	½
14 Carrica, John	1194	1218	L1	----	----	----	----	0

Blaine Memorial IV

By TD Eric Kashino

The 4th Blaine Memorial Tournament was held on August 29th. The location was in South Seattle at the the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave South. In the end all of the players said they had a good time and that they liked the playing site. Thanks to Dr. Bob Hoshibata and Bob Webb for help in arranging the site.

The tournament was divided into two sections: an 8-player top section with average rating of 1892 and a second section of 6 with average of 1534. The play was a three round swiss.

My general feeling is that "form" did not hold true in the top section. There were 4 "1900" players, and none of them could break through and win the section. Yet, I feel that everyone in the top section played well, and all the games were hotly contested.

Several games stand out in my mind. In round 1, Dennis Ambler lost a close Rook and pawn endgame against David Bicknell. James Hafford and Harlan Christie had a forced draw in a Rook and pawn endgame. Jerome Buroker lost to Art Iodice. Buroker showed a lot of guts in his loss. He has a forced draw situation, but he decided to press for a win. I admired his decision at the time. In round 3 Ambler defeated Hafford with a Bishop sacrifice in the endgame. Christie defeated Iodice in a five hour marathon. Both players showed a lot of endurance considering it was their third game of the day.

Section 1	Pre-	Post	R1	R2	R3	Tot
1 Butler, David J.	1877	1937	W8	W4	W3	3
2 Ambler, Dennis	1950	1954	L3	W7	W5	2
3 Bicknell, David	1845	1879	W2	W6	L1	2
4 Christie, Harlan	1873	1880	D5	L1	W6	1½
5 Hafford, James	1778	1794	D4	W8	L2	1½
6 Iodice, Arthur	1914	1895	W7	L3	L4	1
7 Buroker, Jerome	1957	1935	L6	L2	W8	1
8 Umipeg, Glenn	1873	1834	L1	L5	L7	0

Section 2	Pre-	Post	R1	R2	R3	Tot
1 Piper, August	1774	1804	W6	W2	W3	3
2 Makens, Thomas	1724	1717	W4	L1	W5	2
3 Christopher, SJ	1625	1615	W5	D6	L1	1½
4 Jones, Tyrone	1446	1436	L2	L5	W6	1
5 Mayer, Carol	1214	1235	L3	W4	L2	1
6 Mc Call, Fred	1552	1528	L1	D3	L4	½

Bicknell-Butler

1 d4 d6 2 e4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bc4 b0 6 Bg5 Nbd7 7 Qd2 a6 8 Bh6 b5 9 Bh6 b5 9 Bxg7 Kxg7 10 Bd3 c5 11 e5 de5 12 de5 Ng4 13 Be4 Rb8 14 000 Qa5 15 h3 Ngxe5 16 Nxe5 Nxe5 17 Qd5 Nd7 18 Qc6 Rfd8 19 Qd5 Bb7 20 Qd3 Nf6 21 Qe3 Bxe4 22 Nxe4 Qxa2 23 Nc3 Qc4 24 Qxe7 Rde8 25 Qc7 b4 26 Nb1 b3 27 Na3 Qe4 28 Rhe1 Qxg2 29 Rxe8 Rxe8 30 Qxc5 Qxh3 31 Qc4 bc2 32 Nxc2 Qe6 33 Qc3 Rc8 34 Qb4 Qc4 35 Qxc4 Rxc4 36 Rd6 a5 37 b3 Rc5 38 Kb2 Ne4 39 Ra6 Nxf2 40

Ne3 Nd3+ 41 Ka3 h5 42 Nc4 h4 43 Nxa5 h3 44 Nb7 Rc1 0-1

Hafford-Ambler

1 d4 f5 2 c4 Nf6 3 e3 e6 4 Nc3 b6 5 Bd3 Bb7 6 f3 Na6 7 a3 c5 8 Nge2 Bd6 9 00 00 10 Nb5 Bb8 11 Ng3 Qe8 12 Bd2 g5 13 e4 f4 14 Ne2 cd4 15 b4 e5 16 Rc1 d6 17 Qb3 Kg7 18 Be1 Qe6 19 Qd1 Nc7 20 Nxc7 Bxc7 21 Bc2 Bd8 22 Bb3 Qe8 23 b5 Nd7 24 g3 Nc5 25 Bb4 Qg6 26 Bxc5 dc5 27 g4 h5 28 h3 hg4 29 hg4 Rh8 30 Kg2 Bxe4 31 fe4 Qxe4+ 32 Rf3 Rh4 33 Qd3 Rxc4+ 34 Kf2 Qxd3 35 Rxd3 e4 36 Rh3 f3 37 Ng3 Bc7 38 Rch1 Bxg3+ 39 Rxc3 Rxc3 40 Kxc3 Rf8 41 Bc2 d3 42 Bxd3 ed3 43 Kf2 Rf4 44 Rg1 g4 45 Ke3 Rd4 46 Kf2 d2 47 Rd1 Kf6 48 Kg3 Kg5 49 a4 Kf5 0-1

Games By IM John Donaldson

Donaldson - O'Donnell
(2511) - (2409)

1987 Washington Open at Bellingham

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c6 4 e3 Nf6

Here 4...f5 5 f4 is very nice for white.

5 Nf3 Nbd7 6 Bd3 dc4 7 Bxc4 b5

The starting point for the Meran Defense which got its name from the Italian/Austrian resort where this line was first tried in the game Gruenfeld-Rubinstein. Tom is a well known dentee of this defense and I've just written a book about it. (Chess Enterprises 1987)

8 Bd3 a6 9 e4 c5 10 e5 cd4 11 Nxb5 Nxe5

Here 11...ab5 and 11...Ng4 are important alternatives.

12 Nxe5 ab5 13 00

This move and 13 Bxb5+ are two of the hottest lines in the Meran at present. With the text White sacrifices a pawn for the possibility of a strong Kingside attack.

13...Qd5 14 Qe2 Ba6 15 Bg5 Be7 16 f4 00 17 Rf3

With the threat of Bxf6, Bxh7+, Rh3+ and Qh5 mating. Black's next move counters this by tying White down to g2

17...Bb7 18 Rg3

An old idea first suggested by Horowitz in his CHESS OPENINGS THEORY AND PRACTICE and recently given a tryout by Czech GM Plachetka. The idea as opposed to the old 18 Rh3 is that ...g6 will be necessary sooner or later. Thus the Rook is better placed on g3, hitting g6 and allowing h2-

h4-h5.

18...g6 19 h4

At this point I was curious as to what was up. All previous games for Black in this line have been disasters: Plachetka-Lukacs, Trnava 1986 (Informator 41, game 497); Kouatly-Iclicki, Brussels 1986 (42/562); Kouatly-Ravi, Kolhapur 1987 and Kir. Georgiev-Kuczynski, Warsaw (Zonal 1987). It turned out after the game that Tom was well aware of this, having read a recent article on this line that I wrote for COUNTERPLAY, The British Columbia Chess Federation magazine. A little study at home had revealed to him that the previously played 19...Bd8?! and 19...Re8?! were wrong and the right way to play was...

19...Kg7!?

An interesting way to defend g6. Black prepares to break the pin and transfer his knight to e7.

20 h5

With the cute point that 20...Nxb5 is answered by 21 Qxh5 gh5 22 Bxe7+ Kh6 23 Bf6 h4 24 Rg5 mating or gaining clear material advantage.

20...Ng8

Intending to answer 21 Bxe7 by 21...Nxe7 22 Qg4 Nf5

21 hg6 fg6 22 Bxg6 hg6 23 Bh6+



Here 23 Nxc6 was also interesting. After 23...Kxg6 24 Bxe7+ Kf7 25 Bxf8 Rxf8 26 Rg5 a very complex position arises with mutual chances. On 23 Bh4 Black has ...Kh7 24 Rxc6 Rf5! 25 Qg4 Qxc2+!

23...Nxb5

Not quite as good is 23..Kh7 when White emerges with a microscopic edge via 24 Bxf8 Rxf8 25 Rxc6 Rf5 26 Qg4 Qxc2+ 27 Qxc2 Bxc2 28 Rxc2 Rxf4 29 Ng6.

24 Rxc6+ Kh7 25 Qh5

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Section News

Welcome! Andrew Bodien (Kirkland, WA) Bruce Brodersen (Portland, OR), and John Ragner (Vernonia, OR).
{Last month's results should have been titled July's, excuse me.}

August Results

87CD1 Pat Lowry 16, 14 Running. 86D1 Pat Lowry F 23, F22 Aamodt. 87CD1 Lundberg 18, 17 Pat Lowry. 87CD1 Lundberg 5, 5 Running. 86M1 Schultz F28, F 26 Vitko. 86M1 Vitko = 5 Penquite. 86CD1 C. Chase 16, 15 Running. 84NWF Williams 24 Schuh. 87MX1 Rittenhouse 26 Mulford. 86X1 Rittenhouse = Abrahamson & =2 Heap. 86CM26 Allen 18 Daniel. 86CD1 Hill 30 Slagle. 86CM6 Jeffers 2 Daniel. 86NW2 Daniel 36 Elliott. 86NW2 Kashino 34 Elliott. 87CC1 Zarges =2 Cornell. 87CC1 Cornell 20 Schneider. 86A2 Zarges 22 Allen. 86CM6 Jeffers 2 Daniel. 86AB1 Roland 19 McLeod.

MASTERS (3)	
1142 Wayne Williams	
1430 JOHN PENQUITE	1101 Jeff Schuh
1338 Richard Schultz	1071 David Heap
1212 Joe Doerr	1068 Bob Jeffers
	1044 Rob Rittenhouse
EXPERTS (11)	
1033 Doug DeStasio	
1166 DAVID COLLYER	1025 Jeff Lowery
1150 Norm Abrahamson	1016 Mike Mulford
	1003 Larry Doll
CLASS A (20)	
926 Steven Gordon	
971 H. GRENINGER	899 Scott Caldwell
966 C. Carrothers	896 Bruce Jones
962 Mike Heinisch	882 Bill Arvola
962 Micheal Vaughn	857 Robert Allyn
930 Harry McAndrew	854 Dana Woods

CLASS A (Cont)	CLASS C (22)
853 Robert Baker	586 STEPHEN CHASE
850 Dave Bowman	579 Don Lundberg
840 George Kosinsky	557 Mike Crowley
839 Ron Norman	557 Richard Mangus
838 David Cornell	554 Garroll Salmons
835 Gerald Hawkins	549 J. Cogdonchurch
809 Mike Vinyard	541 John Goodale
809 Ron Zarges	541 Thomas Thrush
801 Pat Mead	523 C. Nicholls
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786 WARREN CHASE	500 Paul Lowry
768 George Chue	498 Charles Sacks
763 Thomas Elliott	485 Eugene Tipton
758 Jeff Roland	475 Roy Cunningham
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748 Kristen Dietsch	462 Ernest Moore
722 Doug Allen	459 Don White
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1986 GAME OF THE YEAR

12th Place

Rick Schneider-Robert Allyn

Ruy Lopez, Closed. In the most popular variation of this opening, Black plays the Chigorin with 9...Na5, which was the main line for many years. The Breyer, with 9...Nb8 and new complications, has been popular since the late 1960's. The notes are by David Heap.

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6
4 Ba4 Nf6 5 00 Be7 6 Re1 b5
7 Bb3 d6 8 c3 00 9 h3 Na5
10 Bc2 c5 11 d4 Qc7 12 Nbd2
cd4 13 cd4 Bb7 14 d5



More usual is 14 Nf1.

14...Rac8

New Ideas in Chess gives 14 ... Bc8 15 b4 Nc4 16 Nxc4 Qxc4 17 Rb1 with a small advantage for White, (KSD:) but, even in 1952, I do not know if Gligoric, in his match with Resevsky, would have missed this simple sequence. It continued 15 Rb1 b4 16 Nf1 Nb7 17 Be3 Bd7 18 Rc1 Rfe8 19 Qd2 Qa5 20 Bb1 Bd8 =, Bastford's Chess Openings; so, if 15 b4, then Nb7 with Bd7, Rac8, and Qb8, as Black saves time without b4, and contests the c-file. BCO gives 14 .. Rac8 as incurring a slight disadvantage as below.

15 Bb1 Nd7 16 b4?

This "innovation" loses the exchange. BCO quotes the continuation from Tal-Petrosian, USSR Championship, 1959, which went 16 Nf1 Nc4 17 Re2 Ncb6 18 Rc2 Qb8 19 Ne3 g6 20 Bd2 Na4 21 b3 Nac5 22 b4 Na4 with a small advantage for White. Also, in Suetin's book we find 16 Nf1 f5 ?! 17 ef5 Nf6 18 Ng5 Bxd5 19 Ne3 (Spassky-Mnatsakanian, Rostov-on-Donau, 1960).

16...Qc3 17 ba5 Qxa1 18 Ba3 Qc3 19 Nb3 Qc7 20 Qd3 Nc5 21 Nxc5 dc5 22 Bb2 c4 23 Qc3 f6 24 Nh4 b4 25 Qg3 c3 26 Nf5 g6 27 Bc1 Kf7 28 Nh6+ Ke8 29 Bc2 Qxa5 30 Bb3 Qb6 31 Be3 Bc5 32 Ng4 Bxe3 33 Nxe3 a5 34 Nc4 Qa6!? 35 Nxe5 a4 36 Bc2 b3 37 ab3 ab3 38 Bxb3 c2 39 Nd3 Qa3 40 e5? c1/Q 41 ef6 Qxe1 42 Nxe1 Rxf6 0-1

BOOK REVIEW by Robert A. Karch

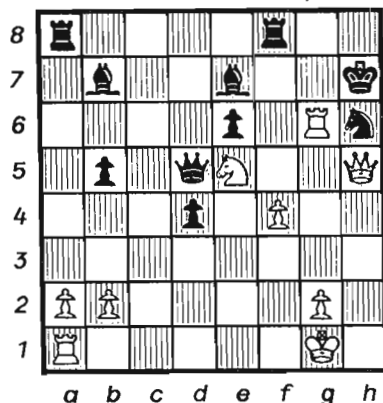
CHESS PRAXIS by Aaron Nimzovich, 364 pages plus indexes etc., Batsford, Hardcover, \$34.95

The 1952 Dover edition in my library, then priced \$2.25, was apparently copied from the original 1936 edition. This new Batsford edition, a facsimile of the 1936 version, added two photos over the Dover version. This is an annotated collection of 109 of the author's own games. One weakness is that it is written in descriptive, making it awkward when he tries to discuss a specific square ("White's K5 square" instead of the simpler "e5-square").

The book is divided into six parts: centralization (games 1-23), restriction and blockade (24-52), over-protection (53-60), isolated Queen Pawn (61-70), maneuvering (71-77), and "hyper-modern" chess (78-109). Although verbose, wordy and sometimes plainly redundant, Nimzovich covers about 75 percent of what you would need to know concerning the employment of strategy on the chess board. But beware: his approach is purely intellectual; he does not consider the human factors.

Although valuable as a classical reference, purchase of this edition is not recommended if you can obtain a Dover paperback edition that (I believe) costs \$6.50.

Games by IM John Donaldson



This looks decisive but Tom has a nice resource seen long ago.

25...Bg5! 26 Rxb6+

Both 26 Qxg5 Qxg2+ and 26 Rxb6 Qe4 are unpleasant for White.

26...Bxb6 27 Qg6+ Kh8 28 Qxb6+ Kg8 29 Qg6+ 1/2-1/2

An important game for the Meran that puts the ball back in White's court.

Basanta - Donaldson (2262) - (2511)

1987 Washington Open at Bellingham

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 d4 cd4 4 Nxd4 g6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Be2 00 8 00

More accurate is 8 Nb3 stopping ...d5. After 8 Nb3 Black can choose between the experimental 8...a5 9 a4 Nb4!? and 8...d6 with transposition into the Dragon.

8...d5!

Black is equal now.

9 ed5

On 9 Nxc6 Black has 9...bc6 when 10 e5 Nd7 11 f4 e6 with the idea of ...f6 is equal.

9...Nxd5

An equally good alternative is 9...Nb4

10 Nxd5 Qxd5!?

The start of an interesting pawn sacrifice that was first pointed out to me by Gordon Taylor many years ago. A safe route to equality is 10...Nxd4 11 Bxd4 Qxd5 12 Bxg7 Qxd1 13 Rfxd1 Kxg7 14 Bf3 Be6 15 c4 Rac8 as in Wedburg-Donaldson, Acropolis International Athens 1980, which Black later won when White overpressed.

11 Bf3 Qa5!?

Taylor's idea to inject some life into the position.

12 Nxc6

Also possible is 12 Bxc6 when after 12...bc6 White can choose between the risky 13 Nxc6? and the solid 13 Nb3: (1) 13 Nxc6?! Qc7 14 Nd4 Ba6 15 Re1 Rad8 16 Qg4 Bc8 17 Qe4 Bb7 18 Qg4 h5 19 Nb5 Qc6 20 Qg5 f6 -- Dana Muller-Donaldson, Vancouver 1980 (2) 13 Nb3 Qc7 14 c3 Ba6 (14...Rd8 followed by ...a5 intending ...a4, ...a3 was the correct plan. The text is part of a rather speculative idea.) 15 Re1 Rad8 16 Qg4 Rd5 17 Qa4 Bb5 18 Qxa7 Qxa7 19 Bxa7 e5 20 Red1 Ra8 21 Rxd5?! cd5 22 Bc5 Bc4 23 Nc1 d4 24 b3?! Be6 25 cd4 ed4 26 a4 d3! 27 Ra2 Bc3! 28 Be3 d2 29 Bxd2 Rd8 -- K. Casey-Donaldson, Seattle (Washington State Chpp 1979).

12...bc6 13 Bxc6?!

This shouldn't work out very well for White as it opens up lots of lines for Black. Safer is 13 c3 meeting 13...Rb8 with 14 Qc1. Instead of 14 Qc1 White can also try 14 b4?! in Blachly-Donaldson, Tacoma 1981, Black got a big advantage with 14...Qa3 15 Bf4 e5 16 Bd2 Rfd8.

13...Rb8 14 Qd5?!

White's followup to 13 Bxc6. Now 14...Qxd5 15 Bxd5 Rxb2 allows 16 Bb3 holding the Queenside together.

14...Qc7?

Routine and second best. A few seconds thought would have revealed that 14...Qa6! maintaining control of b5 was the right move. Now White's bishop gets back to hold together the Queenside.

15 Ba4! Rxb2 16 Qc5 Qb7 17 Bb3

Instead of being clearly better (if he had played 14...Qa6) Black is now forced to acknowledge he has good play for the pawn but no more.

17...Bf5 18 Rac1 Rc8 19 Qxa7 Qxa7 20 Bxa7 Bxc2 21 g4?!

Not exactly a blunder as the resulting 4:3 endings are probably tenable but definitely not necessary. White played 21 g4?! under the assumption he was better. The idea of g4 being to stop ...Bf5. However, as Black can easily break the pin, White should have played 21 Rfe1 with equal chances.

21...Rc3 22 Bxc2 Rbxc2 23 Rxc2 Rxc2 24 a3 Bb2 25 Be3 Rc4 26 h3 Bxa3 27 Bh6 f5 28 Ra1 Bb2

Played to cover h8.

29 Ra8+ Kf7 30 gf5 gf5 31 Bg5 Bd4 32 Ra2 e5

Black is steadily making progress but nothing is certain about winning. The key factor in the next eight moves is White's time pressure - one minute to reach move 40.

33 Kg2 Rc3 34 Ra6 e4 35 Rd6 Be5 36 Rd7+ Kg6 37 Bd2 Rc2 38 Rd5 Kf6 39 Bh6 f4 40 Bg7+

The last move of the time control leads to a forced loss but in fact there was nothing better as both 40...e3 and 40...f3+ were major unstoppable threats.

40...Kxg7 41 Rxe5 e3 42 Kf3 Rxf2+ 43 Kg4 Kf6 44 Re8 e2 45 h4 f3. 0-1

Donaldson - Shapiro (2511) - (FIDE 2350) 1987 World Open

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 d4 Be7 5 Bg5 h6 6 Bh4 00 7 e3 b6 8 Bd3 Bb7 9 00 Nbd7 10 Qe2 c5 11 Rfd1

White combats the Tartakover variation with an old-fashioned treatment favored by Gheorghiu.

11...Ne4 12 Bg3

To keep Black cramped.

12...Nxb3 13 hg3 cd4 14 ed4

Also playable is 14 Nd4 though Black can equalize with 14...Nf6 15 Rac1 Bb4 as in Drasko-Lputjan Yugoslavia 1986.

14...dc4 15 Bxc4 Nf6 16 Rac1



16...Rc8?!

Natural and wrong. Correct is 16...Bb4 intending ...Qe7 with equality.

17 Ba6! Bxf3

On 17...Qc7 White has 18 Nd5 Bxa6 19 Rxc7 Bxe2 20 Nxe7+ Kh8 21 Rxc8 Rxc8 22 Nxc8 Bxd1 23 Nxa7 with advantage.

18 Qxf3 Rc7 19 Nb5 Rxc1 20 Rxc1 Nd5 21 Bb7 Bf6?!

Better was 21...a6. Now White tightens up the bind.

22 Qa3!

Played to force a5, when the Knight on b5 is secure.

22...Qb8

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A pawn sacrifice that shouldn't work. On 22...a5 as White's idea was 23 Qb3 Ne7 24 Be4 Qb8 25 Rc7 Rc8 26 Rb7 Rc1+ 27 Kh2 Qd8 28 Qe3 Rc8 29 Qf4 Nd5 30 Qd6 and Black is getting squeezed.

23 Bxd5 ed5 24 Nxa7 Qa8

A good practical try in mutual time pressure. (At 30/100 it seemed almost impossible to avoid. Even Yasser Seirawan, normally a very quick player, managed to lose twice in this event on time, including a last round loss in a drawn position to give him one of his rare bad results.)

25 Nb5?!

Correct was 25 Rd1. I didn't like leaving the open file but 25 Rd1 Re8 26 Kf1 Re7 allows 27 Nb5 with an ending similar to the game except that White is several tempi up.

25...Qxa3 26 ba3 Ra8 27 Rc6 Ra4 28 Rxb6 Bxd4 29 Rb8+ Kh7 30 Rd8 Rc4 31 Kf1 Bb6 32 Rd6 Bc5 33 Rxd5 Rc2 34 Nd4 Bxd4 35 Rxd4 Rxa2 36 a4

The ending which has emerged is known to be drawn, the Black Rooks activity compensating for the material he is down. In addition to the text White also had 36 Rd3 and 37 Rf3 but they are not improvements.

36...Ra1+ 37 Ke2 Ra2+ 38 Ke3 Ra3+ 39 Kd2 Ra2+ 40 Kc3 g5

Forced as 40...Rxf2 runs into 41 Rd2 and the pawn runs.

41 g4?!

A silly try. The best practical chance was 41 f3!? when ...Rxxg2 allows 42 g4. Correct is 41...h5 and Black holds.

41...Rxf2 42 Rd2 Rf4 43 Ra2 Rxxg4 44 a5 Re4 45 a6 Re8 46 a7 Ra8 47 g4 h5 48 gh5 Kh6 49 Kd4 Kxh5 50 Ke5 Kg4 51 Kf6 Kh4 52 Ra4+ g4 53 Kf5 1/2-1/2.

Puget Sound League Starts for 1987-88 Season!

The new season is scheduled to get under way in November. We hope for two divisions this year. The Northern division will start on November 13th, and the Southern Division on November 20.

The site for the Northern Division will be the Seattle Chess Club, 68th and Ravenna Ave NE, in the Masonic Temple.

The site for the Southern Division will be the Tacoma Chess Club, 2530 Grandview Dr W, also a Masonic Temple.

Rounds will be played Friday nights starting at 8:00 pm unless the teams mutually agree to another time.

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Format is a Round Robin. The number of rounds depends on the number of teams taking part. The Time Control is 40/90, then 30 minute sudden death. The Entry fee for the 4 board teams is \$20.00 plus USCF and WCF Memberships good till the end of the season.

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It is hoped there will be two teams from Tacoma, two - Seattle, 1 - West Seattle, 1 - Kent, 1 - Everett/Lynnwood, 1 - Olympia, 1 - Grays Harbor plus ??.

Why don't you get a group of players together from your area and take part! Puget Sound League play is what got the Washington Chess Federation and Washington Chess Letter/Northwest Chess started in late 1940's.

NWC Financial Statement

(Previous Stmt on page 127, August 1987 issue)

Cash Jan 1, 1986	2604.37
Income 1986	7988.66
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1986 Expenses	8401.44

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1987 Expenses YTD	6290.65
1987 Income YTD	6243.80
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A History of Organized Chess in Washington State by John W. Nourse

(from pages of Washington Chess Letter in 1950's; typed by Russell W. Miller.)

Forward: From the earliest beginnings of the State of Washington there have been many lovers of this ancient game who contributed vastly to its development, but whose names and deeds are now rapidly sinking into oblivion. The purpose of this research was to record the achievements of those devotees who have helped to build our organization to its present enviable status.

Part 1. Early Beginnings

The first mention on record of chess in this State is to be found in Bagley's HISTORY OF KING COUNTY, wherein he

mentions on page 283 of Vol 1, playing chess with L.B. Andrews in 1862. Mr. Andrews was a gunsmith by trade and then had a small shop on Front St. (now First ave.).

Bagley states: "In his gunshop he and I organized the first Chess Club in Seattle. It had only two members for many years."

So organized chess apparently began in Seattle in 1862 and except for a period when C.B. Bagley was in the newspaper and printing business at Olympia, the game and club have flourished here ever since that year. In the same volume of "Pops" history (on page 381) he records what appears to be the first organization meeting of the present club, as follows:

"On Dec 20th, 1879, twenty-two gentlemen met at the office of S.F. Coombs and perfected the organization of the Seattle Chess Club. They were C.K. Jenner, G.A. Taylor, O.J. Carr, H.G. Thorton, L.B. Andrews, A.W. Piper, Griffith Davies, W.B. Hall, W. McRedmond, G. Alvord, H.W. Hendricks, H.A. Bigelow, I. Parker, B.F. Briggs, D.T. Wheeler, S.F. Coombs, J.A. Wirth, J. Freygary, S.L. Watkins, A. J. Anderson, G. L. Hatch and Alfred Snyder."

I am indebted to Mr. Norman Jenner for these records, and he further states: "Many of these men were prominent in the community and large property holders, and interesting biographical sketches could be written of many of them."

It may interest many of the older members to mention that A.W. Piper was the author of PIPER'S HANDBOOK ON CHESS. He lived in Vancouver BC but was a member of the Seattle Chess Club and, very probably, the top player of that time. C. K. Jenner was Judge Jenner, for father of the Jenner Bros.-- Earle, Ernest, Theodore and Norman, all excellent players, Earle being State Champion for several years.

On October 17, 1883, the following notice was published in the Seattle Daily Chronicle (later the PI) and is remarkable for its delightfully different prose style, and also for its cogent prophecy that "greater results and nobler objects than now appear" may be the destiny of the Association.

I am indebted to Mr. C.C. Bushnell for unearthing this valuable documentary evidence, and I am very happy to record that this generation of chess devotees has added more evidence and is confirming this glimpse into the future.

SEATTLE DAILY CHRONICLE October 17, 1883

The following explains itself:

Whereas, it has been, and no doubt always will be, conducive to the development of the human mind to associate together for mutual benefits socially, religiously, or otherwise; and, whereas, we believe such association in the form of Clubs may be organized and engaged in as an adjunct of polite society and growing civilization: --

Therefore, we propose to and do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of mutual improvement and recreation. We recognize the necessity of some object in such association that shall address itself especially to the common understanding, and while this association may be fraught with greater results in the future, and for nobler objects than now appear, yet for the present purpose we do not hesitate to declare that our object is to instill into the youthful mind a knowledge and love for the Right Royal and Noble Game of Chess, and to afford the means and opportunity for enjoying in our leisure hours this innocent, instructive and highly interesting amusement.

Signed: C.K. Jenner, G.A. Taylor, O.J. Carr, H.G. Thorton, L.B. Andrews, A. Piper, A. Rebewaldt, Griffith Davies, V. J. Stearns, P. Peters, A.W. Piper, A. Hoffar, J.T. Rolland, Dr. G.A. Weed, M. A. James, Clarence Bagley, I. Parker, B.F. Briggs, and others.

Thus was the Seattle Chess Club organized. All honor to these men, and to those who have followed them; as to those who will continue to follow them in the development and encouragement of Chess throughout all the countries of the earth and for all time.

It is my opinion that the American Chess Federation could do no better than make this the Official Creed of the Federation of Chess Clubs.

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Oct 9-10: Washington Junior Open

5-SS, Site: Federal Way High School, 30611 16th Ave S. (in School Cafeteria). EF: \$5 advance (by Oct 8th); \$7 at site. TC: 40/90, then 30SD. USCF rated; membership optional. Regr 6-6:45 pm, on Fri nite. Fri 7 pm; Sat Rd 2 10 am; noon lunch; Rd 3 1 pm; Rd 4 3:30 pm; Rd 5, 6 pm. Rds may start sooner if all games finish early. ½-Bye Rd 1 only. Tropics 1st thru 6th. Winner seeded into Wash Jr Closed; tiebreaker used if necessary. Send checks to; make payable to: Gary Dorfner, TD, 8423 East B Street, Tacoma, WA 98445. Phone: (206) 535-2536.

Oct 10-12: Fraser Valley Open

Premier Sect (FIDE rated) 1-2-3 \$500-\$300-\$200, 1-2 U-2200 \$200-\$100; Candidate Sect (U-2000) 1-2 \$200-\$100, 1-2 U-1800 \$200-\$100, Amateur Sect (U-1600) 1-2 \$175-\$75, 1-2 U-1400 \$175-\$75, 1st Unr \$100. 6-SS, 3 Sects: TC: Premier 40/2, 23/1; Cand/Amat 40/2, 30/1 all/30. Accel pairings Rds 1-2 Premier sect. Rds Sat-Sun 11:15 am, 4:15 am; Mon 11:15 am, asap. Please note that start of rounds scheduled according to arrival of bus from Vancouver. Unrated qualify for top placings in Premier or unrated prizes only. EF: \$35 before Oct 1st; \$40 Oct 1-9; \$45 Oct 10th. Jrs (U-18) and Srs (0-59) deduct \$10. Mail to Abbotsford Chess Club c/o Howard Lewis #101-32880 Bevan Way, Clearbrook, BC V2S 6R3 CANADA. Car pool: Every out-of-town driver will be paid \$2.00 per day for each player he/she drives to site. Maximum: your EF refunded. Submit list to TD on Oct 12th. SITE: Community Arts Addition at 2329 Crescent Way, Abbotsford, BC.

Oct 17: King County Fast Championship

4-SS, Game/60 Accel pairings 1st round. Doors open 10 am, Rounds 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30. Site: Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, Renton (across from Golf and Country Club). USCF Rated, Free entry! Free refreshments! Call Dave Bicknell, Wallace and Wheeler (206) 854-0933.

Oct 24: Seattle CC Octagonals (Hi Roller)

3-SS 40/90 then 25/1. USCF membership required or join at site 8 player sections. Site: Seattle CC, Corner 68th and Ravenna Ave NE, Seattle. EF: \$10 minus \$1 if club member. Prizes: \$40/15 1st-2nd each section. Regr: 9-9:45 AM, Rounds 10-2-6. Info: Stan Scott ph 522-0694 or Jerome Buroker 783-5145

Oct 24-25: Northwest Open

\$500 prizes b/35 entries. OPEN Section: 1st \$125, A \$85, B/Under \$85, Upset for rated 1600 and under: chess book. 4-SS, open to all. TC: 50/2, 25/1. No ½-Point Byes. Rds 10-4 Sat, Sun; Rd 4 ASAP. Rds 1-3 may start earlier if all games finish early. RESERVE Section: \$80 1st 1500-1599; \$70 1st 1400-1499; \$55 1st 1300-Unrated; Upset prize: Book. 5-SS, TC: 40/90, 25/1, then 30SD on Sat; 40/90 then 25/60 on Sun. ¼-Point Bye may be taken in Rds 1-4 (one round only). Rds start 10, 2:30 pm & 7 pm Sat; 10 - 4 Sun. Rd 5 ASAP. Rds may start sooner if all games finish early. PLEASE BRING BOARD, SET, CLOCK & PEN. EF: \$18 adv (by Oct 23rd), \$23 at site. Regr 9-9:45 am. No smoking, no computers, Wheelchair access. USCF membr req or pay \$1 game Tmt Mbrshp. Info/send entries to: TD Gary Dorfner, 8423 East B Street, Tacoma, WA 98445. Ph: (206) 535-2536. For adv entry, please indicate sect.

Oct 24-25: Northwest Clubs Champions Tmt

Same site/schedule/TC as Open Sect above for NW Open. \$10 EF, must be current Club Champion. USCF-rated. Winner: one-year possession of NW Club Champions Trophy. Info/entries/TD Gary Dorfner.

Nov 7-8: Eugene Open

Erb Memorial Union, 13th & University, Eugene, Oregon. EF: \$15 if received by Nov 1; otherwise \$5 more at site. 4-SS, TC: 40/2, 20/1, 30/SD. Reg 9-9:45 am, Rds 10-3, 10:15, 3:15. Prizes based/30: 1st \$160, 2nd \$80, 1st A,B,C/D/E each \$50, 1st Unrated: 1 yr USCF membership. Info/Entries: David G. Arganian, 1390 Mill #101, Eugene, OR 97401, (503) 687-1354. USCF mbr req; OCF no; Lane Cy CC. NS, NC.

Nov 21-22: Washington Junior Closed

Winner of Wash Jr Open plus previous Chpp plus next 4 highest USCF-rated. Sponsor: Tacoma Chess Institute. No EF, trophy 1st. 5-RR, site: Tacoma CC. TC: 40/90, then 25/1. Info, TD: Gary Dorfner.

REGIONAL CHESS CALENDAR

One-line event announcements are free

October 1987

2	5-Minute Tourney	Tacoma CC
3-4	Aurora Fall Congress	Edmonds
3-4	Albany Autumn Open	Linn-Benton CC
4-10	National Chess Week	USA
9	Fall Simul	Seattle CC
9	30-minute tourney	Tacoma CC
9-10 (Fri-Sat)	Washington Junior Open	Fed Way H.S.
10-13 (3 days)	Fraser Valley Open	Clearbrook, BC
12	Projected startdate - World Championship Match	Seville, SPAIN
14 (2:30 pm)	Chess Coach simul vs Lynnwood H.S.	Lynnwood
16,23,30; Nov 6,13	Halloween Horrors Tmt	Seattle CC
16	Tacoma Chess Club Championship	Tacoma
17	Fast Chess Championship	Renton
24	Seattle CC Octagonals (Hi-Roller)	Seattle CC
24-25	Inn at Spanish Head Open	Lincoln City
24-25	Northwest Open	Tacoma

November 1987

7	United Nations Assn Tournament	Seattle
7-8	Eugene Open I	Eugene
13-15	West Vancouver 75th Anniv. Open	W. Vancouver
14 (5 pm)	Deadline for receipt of NWC/WCF mail ballot	
14	Seattle CC Octagonals	Seattle CC
20	Round 1, Puget Sound League	Tacoma CC
20	Nutty event to be described later	Seattle CC
21-22	Tacoma CC Thanksgiving Open	Tacoma
27-28 (Fri-Sat)	Washington Junior Closed	Fed Way H.S.
27	5-minute tourney	Tacoma CC
27; Dec 4,11,18	Snowbound Swiss	Seattle CC
28-29	Seattle Open	Seattle CC

December 1987

4	30-minute tourney	Tacoma CC
5	Tacoma CC December Swiss	Renton
5-6	Eugene Open II	Eugene
11	Round 2, Puget Sound League	Tacoma CC
12	Seattle CC Octagonals (Hi-Roller)	Seattle CC
12 (Sat)	Open High School Tournament	Sandy HS
12-13	Pre-Master Tournament IV	Vancouver, BC
18	Tacoma CC Speed Championship	Tacoma
19-20	Tacoma Santa Claus Open	Tacoma
26-27	Northwest Christmas Congress	Edmonds

January 1988

8,15,22,29; Feb	5,12 Club Championship, 6 SS	Seattle CC
9-10	Eugene Open III	Eugene
16	Seattle CC Octagonals	Seattle CC
16-18 (3 days)	Washington Open (open for bid)	
23	Blaine Memorial #5	South Seattle
23-24	Linn-Benton Open	Linn-Benton CC
24	Game 1, Seirawan vs ??	St. John, N.B.

February 1988

6-7 (Projected dates)	Rds 1-4, Washington Champ	Site pending
13-14 (Proj)	Rds 5-7, WA CHPP, in "glass room" at	open tournament
13-14	Aurora Winter Congress	Edmonds
13	Seattle CC Octagonals (Hi-Roller)	Seattle CC
19	March Hare Speed Tmt	Seattle CC
26; Mar 5,12	Spring Team Quads	Seattle CC
26-27 (Fri-Sat)	Washington High School Team Chpp	---
26-27 (Fri-Sat)	Oregon High School Team Chpp	Eugene

March 1988

4-5 (Fri-Sat?)	Oregon-Wash H.S. Teams Match-Tmt	Event not firm
5-6 (Sat-Sun)	Aurora Congress	Edmonds
11-12 (Fri-Sat)	OMSI Scholastic Finals	Portland
13	Seattle CC Octagonals	Seattle CC
19	Spring Simul	Seattle CC
25; Apr 2,9,16,23	April Showers Swiss	Seattle CC

April 1988

10-11	Grants Pass Open	Grants Pass
10	Seattle CC Octagonals (Hi-Roller)	Seattle CC
15-17	National High School Team Chpp	Albuquerque, NM

May 1988

21-22	Willamette Valley Open	Linn-Benton CC
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