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# EVERETT CHESS LETTER

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## ULVESTAD WINS STATE SPEED TOURNAMENT

Olaf Ulvestad, Washington State's only recognized Chess Master, easily won the Washington State Speed Tournament with five wins, no losses. The competition for other places was particularly keen, however. Lawrence Taro copped second place only after winning a play-off game with Charles Abbott, Northwest Washington Champion. Taro lost to Ulvestad, drew with Hebert and Gordon. Abbott lost to Ulvestad and Taro in regular play.

## SHEETS LEADS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

With the closing rounds of play at hand, J. L. Sheets is leading the field. His draw with Tweeddale in the first round is the only mark against him, but he still has Joachim and Wade to play. Joachim and Tweeddale are tied for second, Tweeddale lost to Joachim--Joachim was upset by Brandstrom, and drew with Taro. Joachim has Sheets to play--Tweeddale has Taro. It could very easily end in a tie.

Standings	Won	Lost
1. Sheets	3 1/2	1/2
2. Joachim	3 1/2	1 1/2
3. Tweeddale	3 1/2	1 1/2
4. Brandstrom	2	3
5. Wade	2	3
6. Hebert	1 1/2	4 1/2
7. Taro	1	3

Floyd Hebert, Seattle, only half a point behind, and is rapidly gaining tournament strength. J.L. Gordon, Mt. Vernon was fifth, The surprise of the tournament was the failure of Bert Brandstrom to score, the Skagit County Champion having played superb chess in the state tournament. However, it was his first experience at rapid transit play -- 10 seconds per move is ---- fast !

Play was conducted by rounds, all games in each round were completed before another was begun, play progressing smoothly to the end.

Final Standings	Won	Lost
1. Ulvestad	5	0
2. Taro	3	2
3. Abbott	3	2
4. Hebert	2 1/2	2 1/2
5. Gordon	1 1/2	3 1/2
6. Brandstrom	0	5

GUEST EDITORIAL

George Koltanowski

Corpus Christi , 1947

The largest tournament ever held in the United States has just ended in Corpus Christi, Texas, with the fine victory of Isaak Kashdan . 86 players competed for 12 days running in far off Texas , some players competing from Columbia, S. A. , Puerto Rico, Cuba , Mexico and almost every state of the United States and Canada.

What attracted so many players? In the first place the first prize of 1000 dollars offered by a wealthy oil man, Sam Wilson, of Corpus Christi . Outside of first prize, many highly ranking sums were payed to the other well placed players. Thus this tournament not only had the greatest number of players but also the biggest sums ever given as prizes in such a tournament.

The real success of the tournament was the splendid groundwork delivered by the local boys, namely; Harry Graham, Jimmy Creighton, J. Girerd, Henry Youngman, C. Hoover and others. It was also their idea to try out the Swiss system for the full 13 rounds. My task as tournament director was enlightened somewhat by the help I received from two of the participants, Newton Grant and Glenn Hartleb.

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Kashdan showed exceptional good form and deserved by far to win the tournament. Just see whom he played; in the first round Miss Jayne Gibson, a fourteen year old youngster from Robstown, Texas; but from then on----K. Smith, Ang. Sandrin M. Aleman, G. Kramer , H. Steiner, Abe Yanofsky, Ulvestad, Santasiere Steinmeyer, Whitaker, Cuellar, and Wade.

Of these he drew only three games, against Kramer, Santasiere and Cuellar. ( The last named he could have beaten , but by drawing he ensured himself of first prise) Somehow the impression here was

that he should be considered for the World's Championship that is going to start in March, 1948 in Holland. Second and third was shared by A. Yanofsky and Santasiere, Cuellar of Columbia was fourth, and proved to be the best Latin American in the field.

There were 8 high prizes. Further classification was : 9 points; G. Kramer, H. Sanchez ( Columbia ) S. Shaw, and N. Whitaker. 8 1/2 points Adams, Sandrin Jr., Ulvestad and H. Steiner. 8 points; Aleman, A. Colon, Dr. Drexel, L. Evans, R. Steinmeyer, R. Wade, Ed. Lasker.

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### Kolty in Simultaneous

George Koltanowski has once again embarked on his annual simultaneous tour of the United States, and will play in Everett, Monday, October 13 8.OOP.M., in the Library Auditorium.

The fee will be \$1.25 for men 75¢ for juniors. A lecture, and a blindfold exhibition will be included for the evening's entertainment.

In order to speed up the event a few suggestions are in order. It would be showing the utmost courtesy to the master, if players would move promptly when the master arrives at their board, and also to resign when they have a hopelessly lost game. A game is normally hopelessly lost when a piece is lost, or when a player is two pawns down.

Of course there is no rule to

this effect, but it would certainly speed up play, and allow the master additional time for his lecture, and any further entertainment he might give us.

Another thing--the rules of chess apply in a simultaneous event just as well as in a tournament -----  
No Kibitzing!

Let us set a precedent in Everett by making it a pleasure, instead of a chore for visiting masters.

### Puget Sound League

All Secretaries of Puget Sound League Clubs will meet Sunday, Oct. 19th, 3.00 pm (SHARP) at the Seattle Chess Club, Room 203 Empress Bldg. 2nd and Spring, Seattle, Wash.

### League Schedule

#### 1st Round

Friday, October 24

Bremerton vs Tacoma	(Seattle)
Bainbridge vs University	(Port Blakely)
Everett vs Olympia	(Seattle)
Skagit vs YMCA	(Mt. Vernon)
Seattle vs Queen Anne	(Seattle)

### TACOMA AND OLYMPIA SPLIT MATCHES

The Tacoma Chess Club won a practice match from the Olympia Chess Club in Tacoma with a score of 9 1/2 to 6 1/2. The Carleton Hotel was the scene.

Olympia won the return match 7 to 5 at the Olympia YMCA. Olympia should be a strong league addition.

# GAMES

## US OPEN

Queen's Gambit Declined  
Kashdan Wade

White Black  
(Notes-G. Koltanowski)

1. P-Q4 P-Q4
2. P-QB4 P-QB3
3. N-KB3 N-B3
4. N-E3 PxP
5. P-QR4 B-B4
6. P-K3 .....

A few rounds earlier G. Kashdan considers this  
Kramer played here N-KR4 his saving move.

against Yanofsky, then  
6..... B-B, 7.N-B3,B-B4  
8.N-KR4,B-B;9.N-KB3 !!  
DRAWS !

- 6..... P-K3
7. BxP B-KN5
8. O-O O-O
9. Q-K2 B-N5

Stops P-K4

10. P-R3 B-KR4
11. R-Q .....

White has to get to  
P-K4 or he has a bad  
game.

11. .... QN-Q2
  12. P-K4 Q-K2
  13. P-KN4 B-N3
  14. B-KN5 P-KR3
  15. B-R4 P-K4
- Only way of stopping  
P-K5.
16. P-Q5 QR-Q
  17. N-Q2 KR-K
  18. P-R5 N-B
  19. P-R6 .....

First break !

19. .... BxN
20. PxB N(B)-R2
21. RPxP QxP
22. PxP QxP
23. B-QN5 QxBP
24. BxR RxN !

Surprise for Kashdan !  
And he has to play well  
or else-----.

25. QxR QxRP
26. Q-K3 .....

Kashdan considers this  
his saving move.

26. .... QxB
27. R-Q8 NxKP
28. BxBPch K-Q2
29. RxPch K-B3
30. R-R6ch K-K2
31. Q-R7ch KxR
32. Q-N8ch K-K2
33. QxKPch K-Q2
34. QxNPch Resigns.

## WASHINGTON STATE

Ruy Lopez

SHEETTS

TWEEDDALE

White

Black

1. P-K4 P-K4
2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. B-N5 P-QR3
4. BxN QRxB
5. P-Q4 PxP
6. QxP QxQ
7. NxQ B-Q3
8. O-O N-K2
9. N-B3 O-O
10. P-B4 B-B4

11. QN-K2 B-KN5
12. K-R QR-Q
13. P-KR3 BxRP
14. N-N3 B-N5
15. NxB BxN
16. R-K R-Q8
17. RxR BxR
18. B-K3 BxBP
19. R-QB P-QN3
20. RxB PxN
21. BxP R-K
22. BxN RxB
23. P-K5 R-K3
24. R-B5 K-B
25. R-QR5 P-B4
26. RxQBP R-QN3
27. P-QN3 DRAW

## French Defence

JOACHIM

TARG

White

Black

1. P-K4 P-K3
2. P-Q4 P-Q4
3. N-QB3 B-N5
4. P-K5 P-QB4
5. N-KB3 N-QB3
6. P-QR3 PxP
7. PxP PxN
8. PxP Q-B2
9. B-KB4 KN-K2
10. B-Qn5 O-O
11. O-O B-Q2
12. R-K N-B4
13. B-Q3 QN-K2
14. P-K 4 N-N3
15. B-KN5 N(B3)-K2
16. R-K3 P-KR3
17. BxN NxN
18. P-KN5 P-KR4



19. N-B4 P-KN3  
 20. B-K2 K-N2  
 21. Q-Q4 P-QR4  
 22. Q-KB4 N-N  
 23. P-N5 Q-B4  
 24. P-B4 PxpP  
 25. QxP QxQ  
 26. BxQ KR-B  
 27. B-Q3 P-N3  
 28. R-Q R-B6

DRAWN

Queen's Gambit Declined  
 TWEEDDALE WADE

White	Black
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	N-KB3
3. N-QB3	P-QB3
4. N-B3	B-QB4
5. PxpP	PxpP
6. E-B4	P-KN3
7. Q-R4ch	B-Q2
8. Q-Q	E-N2
9. P-K3	O-O
10. E-Q3	P-QR3
11. O-O	N-L3
12. P-QR3	B-N5
13. P-R3	E-N
14. QxF	R-N
15. P-KN4	P-K4
16. PxpP	NxpP
17. LxN	RxL
18. Q-N3	N-K5
19. NxN	PxN
20. L-L4	P-R4
21. P-L4	P-R5
22. BxPch !	K-R2
23. Q-B2	R-N4
24. P-N5	RxPch
25. PxR	QxPch
26. Q-N2	QxPch

27. R-B2 P-N4  
 28. K-R R-B  
 29. Q-B R-Q  
 30. Q-N4 R-Q3  
 31. R-K2 Q-K6  
 32. QxPch QxQ  
 33. RxQ BxpP  
 34. R-QN4 BxpP  
 35. RxP B-B4  
 36. B-B4dch K-R3  
 37. R-R P-R4  
 38. R-K7 B-N5  
 39. R-K6ch RxR  
 40. BxR K-N3  
 41. K-N2 K-B3  
 42. B-N3 K-K4  
 43. K-B3 K-B4  
 44. R-Q B-R6  
 45. R-Q5ch K-E3  
 46. R-Q B-N7  
 47. K-N4 B-K4  
 48. R-Q5 E-B5  
 49. RxP E-N6  
 50. K-R5 K-N2  
 51. R-R6 B-B5  
 52. B-Q5 E-K6  
 53. R-E6 B-B5  
 54. R-N6 B-Q7  
 55. R-N7ch K-L3  
 56. R-L7ch K-K4  
 57. B-L4 L-L8  
 58. K-N6 L-Q7  
 59. R-L5ch K-K5  
 60. E-Q5ch K-Q5  
 61. L-N2 L-L5  
 62. K-R5 L-K6  
 63. K-N4 B-B8  
 64. R-Q5ch K-B5  
 65. R-B5 K-Q5  
 66. K-R5 B-K6  
 67. R-B K-B4

68. R-B3 B-Q7  
 69. R-B6 B-K6  
 70. R-K2 B-B5  
 71. K-N4 K-Q3  
 72. K-B5 K-Q2  
 73. R-K6 B-Q7  
 74. B-B6ch K-B2  
 75. K-K5 B-B5ch  
 76. K-Q5 K-N3  
 77. R-K7 B-B2  
 78. B-Q7 B-B5  
 79. B-B8 B-B2  
 80. R-K6ch K-N4  
 81. B-Q7ch K-N5  
 82. R-B6 B-N6  
 83. R-B4ch K-N6  
 84. B-N5 B-K8  
 85. K-K6 E-Q7  
 86. K-E5 B-K6  
 87. K-K4 B-B5  
 88. K-Q3 B-K4  
 89. B-K8 B-Q3  
 90. E-B7 K-N7  
 91. K-K4 B-B5  
 92. K-E5 B-Q7  
 93. R-N4 K-E6  
 94. RxNP E-K8  
 95. R-N4 K-Q6  
 96. R-K4 E-N6  
 97. E-N6 L-E2  
 98. K-N5 K-L6  
 99. RxP ExR  
 100. KxL K-Q5  
 101. K-N5 K-K4  
 102. L-L7 Resigns

Games of some players  
 in the State Tournament  
 have not been turned in.  
 It is necessary to send  
 them all immediately.

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Postal Chess Editor - Neil F. Power

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An entry fee of 50¢ per section is charged. Each section consists of seven players.

## -- GAME RESULTS --

Aug. 15 - Sept. 15 inclusive

	47-A-2		
Finnegan	1	Bever	0
	47-B-1		
Hazen	1/2	Howard	1/2
	47-C-1		
Mulder	1	Plume	0

## BIG A'S

1.	Guthrie, A.	1340
2.	Taro, L.	1300
3.	Finnegan, J.	1300
4.	Moore, C. C.	1285

## POSTAL CHESS RATINGS

## Class A

Bever, V.	1200
Cerretelli, J.	1250
DiPaula, Dr. F.	1250
Finnegan, J.	1300
Guthrie, A.	1340
Knight, A.	1205
Merk, R.	1250
Moore, C.	1285
Power, N.	1250
Reade, H.	1250
Running, J.	1250
Seely, H.	1250
Taro, L. W.	1300

## Class B

Allen, W.	1100
Harmeson, C.	1100
Hazen, R.	1100
Hellums, J.	1150
Howard, F.	1100
Kaffenberger, H.	1100
McCarthy, G.	1100
Naas, J.	1050
Norman, A.	1195
Taylor, C.	1125
Yocum, C.	1100

## Class C

Anderson, M.	850
Gordon, J.	850
Hiscox, R.	850
Jones, Dr. G.	850
Landenberger, C.	850
McCownell, C.	850
McMartin, Dr.	850
Moss, Mrs. H.	850
Mulder, Dr. F.	900
Neilson, R.	850
Plume, J.	800
Rink, A.	850
Volz, C.	850
Taro, R.	850

# POSTAL GAMES

## QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

GUTHRIE  
White

TAYLOR  
Black

(Notes by Neil F. Power )

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| 1. P-Q4  | P-Q4  |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3  |
| 3. N-QE3 | N-KB3 |
| 4. P-K3  | ..... |

The more usual line is 4. B-KN5  
in order not to confine the QB.

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| 4. ....  | P-QB3 |
| 5. B-Q3  | PxP   |
| 6. BxP   | QN-Q2 |
| 7. N-KB3 | P-QN4 |

Thus Black weakens his pawn  
structure and chases the white B  
to a better square. Better would  
have been KB-QN5 or to K2.

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| 8. B-N3 | B-QN2 |
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Black's B remains inactive on  
this spot for a long time.

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| 9. O-O   | B-K2  |
| 10. P-K4 | ..... |

A lost move. P-QR3

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| 11. P-K5 | N-Q4  |
| 12. R-K1 | O-O   |
| 13. NxN  | BPxN  |
| 14. B-B2 | QR-B1 |

Too late -- better -- 14. KR-K1,  
followed by 15. .... N-B1

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| 15. R-K3 | P-KR3 |
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This makes a new weakness against  
the two bishops.

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| 16. Q-Q3 | ..... |
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Inevitable.

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| 16. .... | P-N3 |
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A further weakening of Black's  
K-side pawns made necessary by move  
14.

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| 17. N-K1     | K-N2  |
| 18. R-N3     | BxB   |
| 19. QxR      | P-KB4 |
| 20. PxP e.p. | RxP   |
| 21. N-Q3     | B-Q3  |
| 22. B-B4     | BxB   |

Fatal, but what is better? N-B1?

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| 23. NxB | K-B2 |
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Better 23. .... N-B1 or Q-K1, but  
then another exchange is lost.

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| 24. NxNP | Resigns. |
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## POSTAL EDITORIAL

It has come to the attention of  
the Postal Editor that an instance  
of poor sportsmanship has occurred  
in one of the postal games in our  
league, due to the insistence on the  
part of one of the players that an-  
other player should allow him to  
take a move back. The refusal to  
do this on the part of the other  
player called forth some very un-  
pleasant and insulting remarks.

Any further instances of this or  
similar nature will promptly result  
in the offending player being penal-  
ized either by the loss of the  
game or disbarment from further  
playing in our league. Hereafter,  
our games will be played on the basis  
of friendliness and good sportsman-  
ship; above all, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

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