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HOURSE REPEATS AS KITSAP COUNTY CHAMPION

In a selected five man, double round robin tourney, Jack Hourse convincingly won the Kitsap County Tournament, his third successive victory, with 6 wins, one loss, and one draw, outdistancing his nearest rival by a full two points. His prestige was even more increased by the strength of the field entered in the tournament this year.

Of even more importance than the playing records of two Kitsap men are their noteworthy contributions in Washington chess organization.

Jack Hourse has long been an organizer on Bainbridge Island, having been the mainstay of the Bainbridge club for years, but his most notable contribution was the organization of the Puget Sound Chess League, for which he was almost wholly responsible, and his work as secretary in the trying first year was outstanding.

His co-worker, George Rehberg, has been the backbone of Bremerton chess, and his work as founder and Editor of the Puget Sound Chess News gave the impetus needed to bring organized chess to the Pacific Northwest.

We owe a lot of thanks to these two leaders in Kitsap and in Washington chess! The combination of two should keep Kitsap one of the leaders in years to come.

The surprise of the tournament was the fine showing of Danskins, who placed second ahead of Charles Hagerkurth, number one man from Bremerton last year, and George Rehberg, who had an enviable record in Puget Sound League match play, who tied for third.

FINAL STANDINGS	WON	LOST
1. Hourse	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
2. Danskins	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
3. Hagerkurth	4	4
4. Rehberg	4	4
5. Almond	1	7

Of particular interest is Hourse's tournament record for the last three years. Here it is in brief:

EVENT	YEAR	PLACE	SCORE
Kitsap County	1945	1st	$9\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
Kitsap Summer	1945	1st	$20\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
Bainbridge Is.	1946	1st	$6 - 0$
Kitsap County	1946	1st	$11 - 3$
Kitsap County	1947	1st	$6\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
Totals			$53\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$

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EDITORIAL

I refuse to accept any responsibility for the non-appearance of the November issue of the Washington Chess Letter -- this rests directly upon the shoulders of the publishers, the Seattle YMCA!

At the last meeting of the Washington Chess Federation the staff of the Everett Chess Letter agreed to change from a club newspaper to one representing the Washington Chess Federation, and changing the name to the Washington Chess Letter. Richard P. Allen was to be Circulation Manager, and handle the details of publication through the staff of the Seattle YMCA, who agreed to do this free of charge with only the material to be furnished by the Federation. Certainly the offer was most generous and was greatly appreciated; but it seems that in most instances when one expects to get something for nothing, one gets --- nothing!

The manuscript for the November issue, 12 pages, was completed about the tenth of that month, and mailed to Seattle for publication. The Editor's work was completed; there remained only the details of stencil cutting, mimeographing, and mailing for the publishers, which under the former staff of the Everett Chess Letter, done in their spare time, required at most -- one week! It is now Eight Weeks overdue!

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The November issue will be published whenever the YMCA returns the materials, the manuscript, or the work they have completed. Who knows, perhaps they may even publish and mail it themselves!?

The paper will now be written in Everett, published in Everett, and mailed from Everett. We no longer have the services of George McCarthy in cutting stencils, so a special typewriter is being rented so I may do it, and the mimeographing will be done professionally -- but it WILL be done!

This will cost money, and requires additional subscriptions from each member club, and I ask the cooperation of the secretaries in this; the present funds are exhausted.

PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE NEWS

League standings will be listed in order of their total point score with ties broken by the Sonnenborn-Berger system, with first consideration shown to the result of their individual match, if the teams have played. Total points will be used if the tie is unbroken.

LEAGUE STANDINGS	WON		LOST
Tacoma	2	-	0
Seattle	2	-0	0
Kitsap	1	-	1
Everett	1	-	1
Olympia	1	-	1
Skagit	1	-	1
University	0	-	1
Wallingford (Queen Anne)	0	-	1
YMCA	0	-	2

2nd Round Results

* Tacoma   8, University   1
  Kitsap   8, Everett   2
  Olympia   6, Skagit   4
  Seattle   8, YMCA   2
       Wallingford - bye

3rd Round Schedule
Sunday, December 21st
3:00 pm

Seattle	vs Olympia	at Olympia
University	vs Everett	at Seattle
Kitsap	vs Skagit	at Seattle
Wallingford	vs YMCA	at Seattle
Tacoma	vs bye	

* One game to be adjudicated between Crain and Bollman.

LEADING PLAYERS
(Undefeated and untied)

		Team	Score
Crain	*	Tacoma	3 -0
Bickford	**	Seattle	2 -0
Butler		Skagit	2 -0
Collins		Tacoma	2 -0
Graham		Kitsap	2 -0
Hewitt		Tacoma	2 -0
Illsley	**	YMCA	2 -0
Knudson	**	Seattle	2 -0
Neale		Walnfrd	2 -0
Thurmond		Skagit	2 -0
Tracy	**	Seattle	2 -0
Bever		Walngfrd	1 -0
Brandstrom		Skagit	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
Danskins		Kitsap	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
Guthrie		Tacoma	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
Gordon		Skagit	3 -1
Holmes		Tacoma	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
Magerkurth		Kitsap	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
Taro		Everett	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$
Seely		Olympia	2 -1
Hultman		Tacoma	$1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$
McCarthy		Everett	$1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

* One game to be adjudicated.
** Results of Seattle-YMCA match not included in score, as they have not been reported.

Upon completion of the second round, the battle for first place has apparently narrowed down to last year's leaders, the defending champions from Tacoma, and their nearest rivals from Seattle.

Kitsap and University have al-

ready lost to Tacoma, and Wallingford to Seattle. Everett was rudely trounced by Kitsap, and Skagit upset by Olympia. Apparently the most interesting competition, aside from the two leaders, will be for third a fourth place, as only a combination of upsets should prevent Tacoma and Seattle from again finishing 'one-two'.

Tacoma trounced a badly crippled University team, sadly the second scalp to their collection this year and thus far conducting themselves with the fine showing of true champions. Roberts and Au Yong were badly miss by University, and would probably have narrowed the margin had they been competing.

TACOMA	8?	UNIVERSITY	L
※ Crain	1,	Bollman	0
Holmes	1,	Ballantine	1
Guthrie	2,	Nippell	0
Newitt	2,	Hughts	0
Collins	2,	Schain	0

Kitsap provided the upset of the week, and did it in such a convincing manner that it seems strange they were not considered overwhelming favorites in the first place!

True, Everett was without the services of Haas, but correspondingly, Kitsap was without Ward, so no alibis are in order. It is quite possible that the winners will provide Seattle with some unexpected surprises!

KITSAP	8	EVERETT	2
Nourse	1	Tweeddale	1
Danskins	1½	Taro	½
Rehberg	1½	Power	½
Hagerkurth	2	Husby	0
Graham	2	Hellums	0

A second upset finds Olympia taking their first victory at the expence of Skagit with the help of two forfeits, one unplayed game, and the absence of Northwest Washington champion, Charles Abbott.

The unplayed game will be scored as a draw by forfeit in the team totals, and will not be counted in individual records. No grounds for giving the game to one or the other of the team have been brought forth.

OLYMPIA	6	SKAGIT	4
Ayer	1	Gordon	1
Harneson	½	Brandstrom	1½
Corretelli	1	Hazen	1
※ Seely	1½	Cannon	½
Yocum	2	(Forfeit)	

※ Draw by forfeit

After their close call with Queen Anne, Seattle bounded back to win easily from the YMCA, and hold the first place tie with Tacoma.

SEATTLE	8	YMCA	2

No individual scores have been provided by either team.

PS LEAGUE (Dec, 1946)

Alekhine's Defence

COUBROUGH	BEVER
White	Black
1. P-K4	N-KB3
2. N-QB3	P-Q3
3. P-Q4	P-KN3
4. N-B3	B-N2
5. B-K3	B-N2
6. P-K5	N-N5
7. B-KB4	N-QB3
8. P-KR3	PxP
9. PxP	KNxP
10. NxN	NxN
11. Q-K2	N-QB3
12. R-Q	BxNch ?
13. PxB	B-Q2
14. Q-KB3	P-K4 ?
15. B-R6	R-K
16. RxB !	QxR
17. Q-B6	Resigns

PS LEAGUE (1947)

French Defence

POWER	OLDS
Everett	UW
White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. Q-K2	B-K2
3. N-QB3	P-Q4
4. P-K5	P-QN3
5. P-KN3	B-R5
6. P-Q5	P-QB4
7. P-KN2	N-QB3
8. N-KB3	P-QB5
9. P-Q4	B-QN5
10. P-QR3	LxN
11. NPxB	KN-K2

12. O-O	O-O
13. N-KR4	P-QN4
14. Q-KN4	N-KN3
15. B-KN5	Q-QN4
16. B-Q2	B-QB
17. KR-QN	P-QR3
18. P-QR4	NPxP
19. R-QN2	P-R6
20. R(2)-R2	Q-R5
21. NxN	RPxN
22. B-QB	Q-R4
23. RxRP	Q-QN3
24. P-KN4	N-K2
25. R(3)-R2	N-KB4
26. P-R5	PxP
27. QxP	N-K2 ?
28. B-QR3	

White wins by adjudication, as a king-side attack should at least win material.

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Petroff Defence

NAAS	DE LEON
White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-KB3
3. NxP	NxP ?
4. B-B4	P-Q4
5. NxP !	KxN
6. Q-R5ch	P-N3
7. QxPch	QxQ
8. BxQch	K-K2 ?
9. BxN	B-N2
10. O-O	N-B3
11. R-K	K-Q
12. P-QB3	R-K
13. P-Q4	B-Q2

14. N-R3	B-B4
15. B-N5ch !	K-B
16. BxBch	PxB
17. RxRch	Resigns

Ruy Lopez

NAAS	COCKBURN
White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-N5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	B-B4
5. O-O	KN-K2
6. P-B3	O-O
7. P-Q4	PxP
8. PxP	B-N3
9. B-N5	R-K
10. N-B3	B-R2
11. N-Q5	P-N4
12. B-N3	P-Q3
13. P-K5	B-N5
14. PxP	QxP
15. NxNch	NxN
16. BxPch	KxB
17. N-K5ch	K-N
18. QxB	BxP
19. N-B3	BxP
20. QR-Q	N-Q4
21. Q-B5	P-B3
22. R-Q3	R-KB
23. Q-K4	Q-B2
24. Q-K5ch	K-R
25. N-N4	QB-K
26. N-N6ch !	PxN
27. R-R3 mate.	

NOTE: We cannot print games if they are not sent in.

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GAME RESULTS

Oct 15th to Nov 15th, incl.

47-A-2

Taro, L.	1 DiPaula	0
Taro	1 Reade	0

47-B-1

Haas	1 Howard	0
Hazen	1 McCarthy	0
Hazen	1 Allen	0

47-C-3

Gordon	1 Anderson	0

POSTAL CHESS RATINGS

BIG A'S

Taro, L.	1390
Guthrie, A.	1362
Finnegan, J.	1300
Norman, A.	1261

Class A

Bever, V.	1200
Perretelli, J.	1250
DiPaula, Dr. F.	1205
Finnegan, J.	1300
Guthrie, A.	1362
Busby, P.	1250
Knight, A.	1209
Magerkurth, C.	1250
Merk, R.	1250
Moore, C.	1226
Naas, J.	1209

Norman, A.	1261
Power, H.	1250
Reade, H.	1205
Running, J.	1250
Seely, H.	1250
Taro, L.	1390

Class B

Allen, W.	999
Almand, Lt J.	1100
Arntzen, H.	1100
Harmeson, C.	1100
Hazen, R.	1100
Hellums, J	1035
Howard, F.	1056
Kaffenberger	1100
McCarthy, G	1100
Mulder, Dr.	999

Rahleigh, W.	1100
Taylor, C.	1082
Tocum, C.	1100

Class C

Anderson, H.	800
Gordon, J.	900
Hiscox, R.	747
Jones, Dr G	850
Landenberger, C	850
McConnell, C.	850
McMartin, Dr	850
Hoss, Mrs	805
Neilson, R.	891
Plume, E.	800
Rink, A	850
Taro, R.	850
Volz, c.	850

THIS HAPPENED!

The following game is printed to show that errors in notation not only occur among B and C players. It frequently happens when players fail to record a move. It is no reflection on a man's playing ability, as both of these players are very strong.

Catalan

Harold Reade	Lawrence Taro
White	Black
1. N-KB3	P-Q4
2. N-QB3	P-QB4
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. QxP ???	NxQ

French Defence

Dr. FRANK DiPAULA	LAWRENCE TARO
White	Black

(Notes by Neil Power)

| 1. P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-K5 | ..... |

This is premature; with 2..... P-QB4, and 3.... P-Q3 or 3...N-QB3 and 4.... P-Q3 Black obtains a very good game.

2.	P-QB4
3. P-KB4	N-QB3
4. P-QB3	P-Q3
5. B-QN5 ?	.....

This move equalizes at once for black. Better is P-Q4 of N-B3.

| 5. ..... | B-Q2 |

Threatens NxP !

| 6. BxN | ..... |

Better is Q-K2. The bishop is hemmed in. Should keep him there.

| 6. ..... | BxB |
| 7. Q-KN4 | ..... |

Moral: Do not use major piece to defend a minor piece or a pawn.

| 7. ..... | N-R3 |
| 8. Q-R3? | ..... |

This loses at least a pawn, or later the exchange. Better is Q-N3, then if N-B4; 9. Q-B2.

8.	PxP
9. PxP	Q-Q4 !
10. N-KB3	Q-K5ch !
11. K-Q	N-N5 !

Threatens N-B7ch!

| 12. Q-N3 | O-O-O ! |
| 13. P-KR3 ?? | ..... |

This loses the Queen. R-K is better, but would lose the exchange.

| 13. ..... | N-K6ch !! |

Resigns

POSTAL EDITORIAL

SEND GAMES IN.

The editor desires to publish more games, and the readers say they like to play them. But we must have more games, so please send them in, win, lose, or draw. We do not want master games. We want OUR games!

SEND ENTRIES IN

Many of our players have completed many of their games, or nearly so. How about joining a new section or two?