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This column wishes to express its gratitude to Jack Nourse, Mr Christ-
ey and the other members of the Kitsap club for their prompt and generous
support to this publication in the matter of subscriptions. They now
join the Skagit and Everett clubs in nearly a total support of their mem-
bership as subscribers.

But, gentlemen, the other clubs have not yet contributed their support
and one club does not even provide even ONE subscription. Bankruptcy is
still with us; we need YOUR support.

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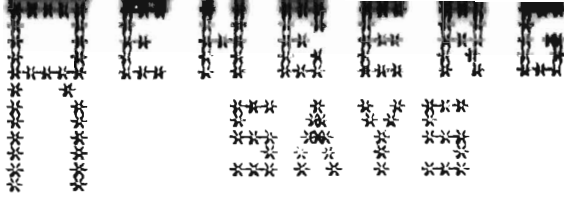
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Last month we sent out 125 free
copies of the Washington Chess Let-
ter as samples to clubs in the Pac-
ific Northwest. We were rewarded
with 12 new subscribers---enough to
continue the paper for another iss-
ue. In July renewals will be com-
ing in, in sufficient quantity, we
hope, to continue the W.C.L. as it-
is now, or better still, to expand
it. It is up to you.

The purpose of this editorial
page is not to elucidate upon fin-
ances; I hope it will not again be
necessary. I want to write about
CHESS,-- and about YOU!

Another matter is the subject of
News. Very few news items have
been coming in from some of the
clubs; in fact, some have not even
corresponded with your editor. All
items of interest will be printed,
and will be appreciated by all the
Chess fans. "Letters to the Editor"
also have been short. Will you help
to improve your paper?

Your editor is doing the best he
can to give to the articles, news
and features you want. He must have
more help.



CHESS MUST BE SOLD

Ever since learning to play I have been convinced that chess is the best game yet devised.

But apparently a majority of people do not share this enthusiastic viewpoint of mine.

Yet certainly many would like to play if only to be able to say that they knew how.

Once I talked a local editor into running a short weekly column devoted to chess beginners. But after 4 weeks the none too enthused editor dropped the feature. Lack of reader interest he said. Since then a crossword puzzle has decorated his paper.

Now crossword puzzles are good features because nearly everyone can do them. Not so with chess.

People who don't like chess may be classed with pigs, as pigs don't care for chess either.

Even so many people do play chess and like it. But we need more publicity in the large daily papers. The editors are the first ones that must be sold on chess.

I suggest that we all write to the editors of the Seattle PI, the Times, and the Tacoma papers. Tell them that we would like to see more chess news. Meanwhile don't be afraid to bring in new players to our ranks.

The first annual Puget Open tournament will be held Tacoma on Memorial Day weekend, days, Sunday and Monday, May 1 and 31st.

The event will be run under Swiss System, probably either four or six rounds, and will be able to handle up to 64 entries.

The tournament is open to residents of the State of Washington. Entry fees will be announced in the next issue of this publication, also more details.

Mr. Hiscox, 3206 S 58th St Tacoma 9, Wash., will act as Tournament Director. Address all entries and inquiries to Mr. Hiscox.

CHESS INTERNATIONAL

The fourth Chess International is now in the planning stage. The event will be another gigantic test match between British Columbia and Washington State.

Each club will appoint a representative to a Chess International committee, who will elect their chairman to handle details of the event.

SEATTLE CITY TOURNAMENT

The annual Seattle City Tournament will begin April 1st, and open to residents of Seattle.

Clarence Bushnell will act as Tournament Director; Chas. Joseph is defending champion.

HOLMES WINS TACOMA CHESS CLUB TITLE

V. M. Holmes won the annual Tacoma Chess Club tournament with several points to spare. C. G. Crain and V. H. Hultman tied for second, and Leslie Coubrough fourth. Holmes drew a preliminary game with Guthrie, but lost none.

The tournament began with a preliminary round robin, with the four highest scores qualifying for the final round robin, with all points in both sections combined for the final score.

<u>FINAL LEADERS STANDINGS</u>	POINTS
1. Holmes	10½
2. Crain	8
2. Hultman	8
4. Coubrough	4½

EVERETT CHESS CLUB

Some games are still to be played in the lower brackets, but the first four places have been decided.

<u>LEADERS STANDINGS</u>	WON	LOST
1. Naas	23½	2½
2. Power	22	4
3. Husby	16½	9½
4. Dahlquist	16½	9½

Note: No new results have been turned in from the Seattle Chess Club tournament. Bever was leading the "A" section.

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON TOURNAMENT

After the first few rounds of play, Larry Taro is leading the 2nd annual Northwest Washington Tournament, closely followed by J. A. Naas and Neil Fowler. Defending champion Charles Abbott is not participating.

<u>STANDINGS</u>	Won	Lost
1. Taro	3	0
2. Naas	2½	½
3. Power	2½	½
4. Husby	2	3
5. Brandstrom	1	0
6. Hazen	1	0
7. Gordon	1	3
8. Nourse	0	0
9. Pollack	0	0
10. Thurmond	0	2
11. Dahlquist	0	4

LONGVIEW CHESS CLUB

Little known to the majority of our Puget Sound League clubs, the southern part of our state has produced an exceptionally active chess club in Longview.

Each year they meet Salem, Ore. twice, and the two clubs combine to tackle the Portland Chess Club. It has been brought to my attention that they have also met our own Olympia club at Chehalis!

Although the distance is considerable, some of our clubs may desire contacting them. If so, write;

C. L. Underhill,
2814 Field St.,
Longview, Wash.

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE NEWS

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Tacoma	5	0
Kitsap	4	2
Seattle	3½	2½
*University	2½	1½
Olympia	2½	2½
Everett	2	3
*Queen Anne	1½	2½
Ymca	1	4
Skagit	1	5

*University-Queen Anne match
not reported.

6th round results

Tacoma	6	Seattle	4
Ymca	6	Kitsap	4
Everett	10	Skagit	0
		(forfeit)	
University ?	Queen Anne ?		
	Olympia - bye		

7th round schedule

Tacoma	vs Queen Anne	at Tacoma
Kitsap	vs Olympia	at Seattle
Seattle	vs Everett	at Everett
University	vs Ymca	at Seattle

Skagit vs bye.

LEADING PLAYERS-Team

(4 games or more)

	Team	Score
Bever	Queen Anne	7 - 0
Almond	Kitsap	4 - 0
Rehberg	Kitsap	8 - 4
Collins	Tacoma	7½ - 1
Magerkurth	Kitsap	7½ - 4
Bickford	Seattle	6½ - 1
Danskin	Kitsap	6½ - 3
Guthrie	Tacoma	6 - 2
Hewitt	Tacoma	6 - 2
Seely	Olympia	6 - 3
Ilsley	Ymca	6 - 4
Crain	Tacoma	5½ - 1
Brandstrom	Skagit	5½ - 4
Arnold	Seattle	5 - 3
Power	Everett	5 - 3
Tracy	Seattle	5 - 3
MacInnis	University	4½ - 1
Bollman	University	4½ - 3
Hultman	Tacoma	3½ - 1
Holmes	Tacoma	3½ - 2
Ballantine	University	3 1
Graham	Kitsap	3 - 1
Martin	Tacoma	3 - 1
Neale	Queen Anne	3 - 1
Weissenborn	Seattle	2½ - 1

TACOMA WINS OVER SEATTLE

Tacoma squeaked by Seattle in their crucial match of the year, and virtually assured themselves of the championship. They have only Queen Anne, Olympia, and the YMCA yet to play.

Considering that the Seattle team was led by Sheets and Joachim, Washington State and Seattle City champions respectively, the victory was certainly a notable one. Holmes and Hewitt deserve a great deal of credit for holding these strong players to even scores.

All boards broke even, with the exception of the third board, where Collins won the deciding game with McNeil. Collins is still undefeated in Puget Sound League play, having only one draw against him this season.

<u>TACOMA</u>	6	<u>SEATTLE</u>	4
Holmes	1	Sheets	1
Hewitt	1	Joachim	1
Collins	2	McNeil	0
Goubrough	1	Finnegan	1
Martin	1	Arnold	1

YMCA UPSETS KITSAP

In the most stunning upset of the year, the YMCA Chess Club won from the second place Kitsap club in their first win of the season.

Three new players strengthened

the Y team, Edwins, Hebert, and Shifrine making their bows in Puget Sound League play. Floyd Hebert provided the winning margin by his double win over Magerkurth.

<u>YMCA</u>	6	<u>KITSAP</u>	4
Ilsley	1	Nourse	1
Edwins	1	Danskin	1
Hebert	2	Magerkurth	0
Shifrine	1	Rehberg	1
Allen	1	Christey	1

Everett won its match from Skagit without honors -- by forfeit. The University - Queen Anne match is being held up because of scholastic examinations at the university.

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PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

Our games with notes have been few indeed, so we feel honored to present this fine annotated game.

Giocco Piano

JOACHIM ILSLEY
 White Black

- 1. P-K4 P-K4
- 2. N-KB3 N-QB3
- 3. B-B4 B-B4
- 4. P-QB3 N-B3
- 5. P-Q4 PXP
- 6. PXP B-N5ch
- 7. N-N3

To start the Moellar Variation.

- 8. O-O NxKP
- 8. O-O BxN
- 9. P-Q5 B-R4?

N-K4 is considered the much better move.

- 10. PxN O-O?
- 11. Q-Q5 N-Q3

The only move to save the piece. If 12. QxB?, NxB(B5).

- 12. B-Q3!

If black should now try to save his bishop, then 13. BxPch, KxB; 14. Q-R5ch, K-N; 15. N-N5 wins. ♪

12. QPxP

This gives up the Bishop for 2 pawns. If White plays now Bxp, ch KxB; 14. Q-N5ch, K-N; 15. N-N5, B-KB4 and White has lost his bishop!

- 13. QxB B-N5
- 14. K-R N-N4
- 15. BxN BxI!
- 16. B-B4 B-Q4
- 17. BxB Px
- 18. B-B4 P-QN5
- 19. Q-B3 P-QB4
- 20. Q-KN3 P-KB3

To block B-K5, and to make B-R6 useless.

- 21. QR-Q QR-B
- 22. B-Q6

Wins a pawn.

- 22. R-KB2
- 23. RXP R-Q2

Pins the bishop, but makes the following combination possible.

- 24. R(B)-Q R-B3
- 25. B-KB8!

The rook cannot be taken on account of QxN7 mate.

- 26. R(B3)-B2
- 26. Q-N7ch!! RxQ
- 27. RxQ K-B2

The rook can not be saved. If R-B2; 28. B-R6ch, R-B; 28. RxRmate. If the rook moves away from File 1. P-Q4

No.2, 28. B-Q6ch wins the rook on QB2.

28. BxR, Resigns.

Here is a brilliant sacrifice--and the rook cannot be taken! Not the first time it is offered, at least!

Caro-Kann

REHBERG WEISSENBO
 White Black

- 1. P-K4 P-Qb3
- 2. P-Q4 P-Q4
- 3. N-QB3 PXP
- 4. NxP B-B4
- 5. N-N3 B-N3
- 6. N-B3 P-KR3
- 7. N-K5 B-R2
- 8. B-QB4 P-K3
- 9. O-O B-K2
- 10. R-K N-B3
- 11. P-QB3 O-O
- 12. N-R5 QN-Q2
- 13. NxNch BxN
- 14. N-N4 B-K2?
- 15. NxPch!! PxN
- 16. BxP R-K?
- 17. Q-N4ch B-N3
- 18. RxP!! N-B
- 19. RxBch K-R
- 20. R-N8ch Resigns

Queen's Gambit Declined KNAG Black
 1. P-Q4 P-Q4

- 1. P-QB4 N-KB3
- 2. N-QB3 P-K3
- 3. B-N5 B-K2
- 4. P-K3 P-KR3
- 5. B-R4 P-B3
- 6. N-B3 N-Q2
- 7. K-B5? P-QN4?
- 8. B-Q3 O-O
- 9. P-K3 P-QR4
- 10. P-Q3 P-R5
- 11. P-KN4! N-R2?
- 12. BxNch KxB
- 13. P-N5! PxB
- 14. BxPch BxN
- 15. Q-R5ch K-N
- 16. BxB N-B3?
- 17. Q-R4 R-K
- 18. R-KN K-P
- 19. Q-RBch K-K2
- 20. QxP K-Q2
- 21. BxN R-K2
- 22. Q-N3 Q-B2?
- 23. QxQch KxQ
- 24. BxR K-Q2
- 25. B-Q6 K-K
- 26. R-NBch K-Q2
- 27. R-B8 I-B3
- 28. RbP K-K
- 29. K-Q2 I-N5
- 30. R-KN IxNch
- 31. PxB I-K4
- 32. R-BBch K-Q2
- 33. R-N7ch K-K3
- 34. R-K6mate.

- 2. P-QB4 P-QB3
- 3. N-QB3 N-B3
- 4. N-B3 PxB
- 5. P-QR4 B-B4
- 6. B-N5 N-K5
- 7. NxN? BxN
- 8. P-K3? BxN
- 9. QxN Q-R4ch
- 10. K-Q QxB
- 11. Resigns

- 27. R-K6 K-N
- 28. P-QR3 P-QR4
- 29. PxB RxB!
- 30. R-K8ch RxB
- 31. RxB K-B2
- 32. R-K7ch K-N
- 33. R-QN7 R-R5
- 34. R-N4 RxB
- 35. PxB K-B2
- 36. K-B2 K-K3
- 37. P-N4 P-R4
- 38. P-R3 PxB
- 39. PxB B-B3
- 40. K-K3 B-N2
- 41. K-Q3 B-B3
- 42. K-B3 B-Q
- 43. B-B8 B-B2
- 44. B-R6 B-Q3
- 45. K-N3 B-B2
- 46. K-R3 B-N3
- 47. B-N7 B-Q
- 48. B-K5 B-K2
- 49. P-QN5 PxB
- 50. KxB K-Q2
- 51. P-B5 PxB
- 52. PxB B-B
- 53. B-R8 B-Q3
- 54. P-B6 K-K3
- 55. K-B6 B-B5
- 56. B-N7 B-N4
- 57. B-R8 B-R3
- 58. K-B7 B-N4
- 59. K-Q8 BxB
- 60. BxB KxB
- 61. K-Q7 K-B4?
- 62. K-Q6 K-K5
- 63. K-B5 K-Q6
- 64. KxB K-B6
- 65. K-B5 Resigns

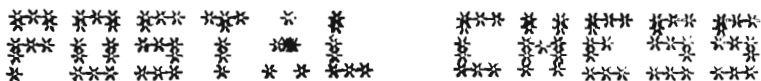
EVERETT CHESS CLUB

Ruy Lopez

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| NAAS | McCARTHY |
| White | Black |
| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | N-B3 |
| 5. O-O | B-K2 |
| 6. R-K | O-O |
| 7. P-B3 | P-Q3 |
| 8. P-Q4 | PxB |
| 9. PxB | B-N5 |
| 10. Q-Q3 | BxN |
| 11. BxN | PxB |
| 12. QxB | P-Q4 |
| 13. P-K5 | N-K5 |
| 14. Q-N4 | B-N4 |
| 15. P-B4 | B-R3 |
| 16. N-Q2 | NxN |
| 17. BxN | P-B3? |
| 18. Q-K6ch | K-R |
| 19. QxP | PxB |
| 20. RxB | Q-B3 |
| 21. QxQ | RxB |
| 22. P-KN3 | P-B3 |
| 23. QR-K | KR-B |
| 24. B-N4 | KR-B |
| 25. B-B5 | P-N3 |
| 26. P-QN4 | B-N2 |

The following game is probably the shortest of the season!

Queen's Gambit Accepted
 FAHO CRAIN
 White Black
 1. P-Q4 P-Q4



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Postal Chess Editor

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Ruy Lopez

J. H. HELSUMS
White

FRED M. HOWARD
Black

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | N-KB3 |

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| 5. O-O | B-K2 |
| 6. P-QB3 | P-QN4 |
| 7. B-B2 | P-Q#3 |
| 8. P-Q4 | PxF |
| 9. PxF | B-N5 |
| 10. P-QR3 | BxN |
| 11. PxB | QR-N |
| 12. P-QN4 | O-O |
| 13. Q-Q3 | P-KN3 |
| 14. P-KB4 | N-KR4 |
| 15. P-KB5 | B-KB3 |
| 16. PxNP | BPxP |
| 17. B-K3 | Q-Q2 |
| 18. B-Q | N-N2 |
| 19. N-B3 | QR-K |
| 20. N-Q5 | B-Q |
| 21. P-QR4 | N-K2 |
| 22. PxF | NxN |
| 23. PxN | PxF |
| 24. R-R3 | N-KB4 |
| 25. B-KN4 | Q-K2 |
| 26. QxF | NxB |
| 27. RxN | Q-N4 |
| 28. R-KN3 | Q-B5 |
| 29. B-K6ch | K-R |
| 30. Q-Q3 | B-B3 |
| 31. R-KN4 | Q-R3 |
| 32. P-KB4 | Q-N2 |
| 33. P-KB5 | P-KN4 |
| 34. P-KR4 | P-KR4 |
| 35. PxF | BxF |
| 36. Q-R3 | Q-R3 |
| 37. R-K4 | B-B3 |
| 38. K-R | R-K2 |
| 39. R-KN | R-KN2 |

40. RKR KxR
 41. Q-QB3 B-Q
 42. B-Q7 K-R
 43. Q-K Q-B3
 44. R-K6 Q-N2
 45. R-N6 QxB?
 46. R-R6ch!! Resigns

GAME RESULTS

Febr 16th to Mar 15th, incl

47-A-2
 DePaula 1, Seely 0
 47-A-3
 DiPaula 1, Running 0
 Cerretelli 1, Running 0
 Cerretelli 1, Merk 0
 Hellums 1, Norman 0
 47-B-1
 Hellums 1, Howard 0

Big A's

Taro, L. 1453
 Guthrie, A. 1362
 Cerretelli, J. 1350
 DiPaula, Dr.F. 1313
 Finnogan, J. 1300

POSTAL CHESS RATINGS

Class A

Class B

Class C

Cerretelli, J. 1350	Almond, Lt.H. 1100	Allen, W. 915
David, C. 1250	Arntson, H. 1100	Anderson, M. 800
DiPaula, Dr.F. 1313	Bever, V. 1173	Corbett, M. 850
Finnogan, J. 1300	Harmeson, C. 1150	Gordon, J. 900
Guthrie, A. 1362	* Howard, F. 1048	Jones, Dr. G. 850
Hasen, R. 1201	Kaffenberger 1100	McCownell, C. 850
Hellums, J. 1204	Landenberger 963	Mulder, Dr. 934
Hobby, P. 1201	McCarthy, G. 1101	Moss, Mrs. 764
Knight, A. 1219	McMartin, Dr. H. 968	Neilson, R. 843
Kogerkurth, C. 1250	McNary 1100	Plume, E. 762
Merk, R. 1200	Raleigh, W. 1100	Rink, A. 850
Moore, C. 1226	Running, J. 1146	Taro, R. 850
Nass, J. 1246	Seely, H. 1196	Volz, C. 850
Norman, A. 1237	Taylor, C. 1082	
Pewer, N. 1214	Yocum, C. 1050	
Reade, H. 1205		Hiscox, R. 716
Taro, L. 1453		

* Corrected score.

WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER SUPPLEMENT

Late Bulletins

After going to press with the April issue of the Washington Chess Letter the following chess news items came in:

Seattle, March 18th -- V. W. Bever, who resides in Bellevue, is the winner of the Seattle Chess Club championship in Class "A". Huber Ward is the runner-up.

Richard Allen won the Class "B" tournament. He had a score of 24 wins and 6 losses. Fred Burgess came in second. In third place was W. D. Brewster.

Seattle, March 18th -- The Seattle Chess Club is sponsoring the Seattle Open Chess Championship Tournament, for which registrations are now open. April 1st. will be the last day for entrants to file. The Swiss system of scoring will be used, which will entail the playing of five or six rounds. One round will be played each week until the championship is determined.

(Ed. Note) The above open chess tournament is not to be confused with the Puget Sound Open, which will be held May 30-31.