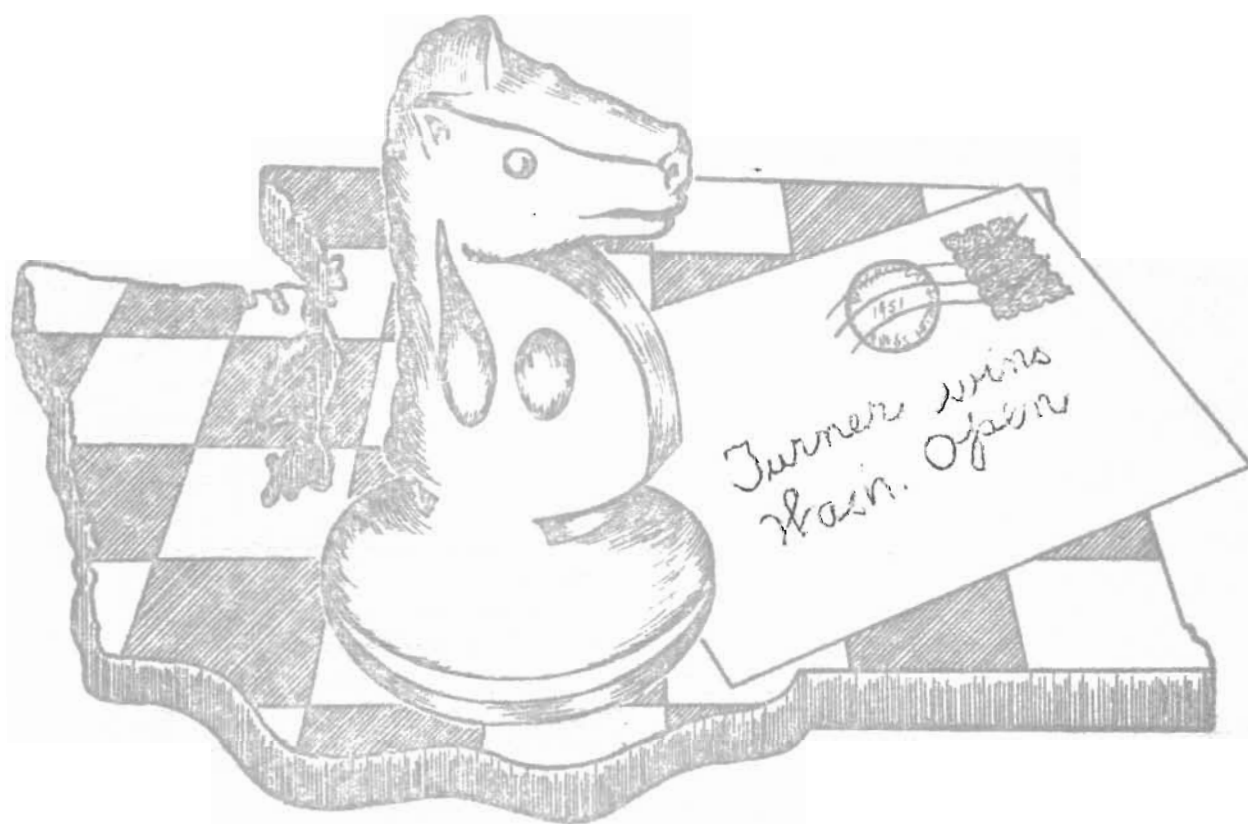
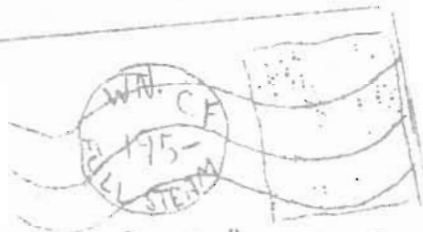


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EDITORIAL

By Dan Wade

This is my 4th issue as Publication Director and second as Acting Editor. I find the jobs both quite enjoyable in spite of the time and work they take. However, there are far too few contributors as of now. More of you should send in letters giving news and opinions and take a greater part in helping to make this magazine worthwhile.

Our Games Editor, Elmars Zemgalis, writes..."I will try and contribute to the Chess Letter by writing something on Bogolubov's chess. On August 31st there was a Latvian rapid transit tournament, being a part of the Latvian Pacific Coast sports competition, in the West Seattle YMCA. With the time control 5 seconds for a move the score was: 1. E. Zemgalis 7-0, 2. V. Zemitis (Portland) 6-1, 3. U. Lapins 4½-2½, 4. V. Grinhagens 4½-2½, 5. P. Galins 3-4 etc."

The Puget Sound League begins play on October 5th. In the last number of the Chess Letter I gave the first round schedule. In this issue I give you the complete Puget Sound League schedule including the first round. Clubs had an entire month to notify me in my capacity as Tournament Director whether or not they would enter a team this season. I've heard nothing so assume that the eight clubs on the schedule will be playing again this year. To compete in this huge team chess tournament, each club must pay an entry fee of five dollars. This money should be sent to the Federation Treasurer, Mr. Raleigh, whose address is on the bottom of the opposite page.

All matches are scheduled for a Sunday, starting at One in the afternoon. At the last Board of Directors meeting it was voted on and so decided that the time limit of 40 moves per hour be retained. If a pair of slower players must play each other they could change this time limit to suit themselves. However, if one or both depended on a ride home after the match obviously it would hardly be fair to keep the other players waiting for the completion of their game.

MATCH RESULTS ONLY will count towards the league championship. This means a 6-4 match victory will count just as much as a 9-1 or 10-0 triumph. Of course the player's individual records will still be important and an incentive to run up a large team score. Individual records will be given each month. Send all match results to the Tournament Director, Dan Wade 11023 25th N.E., Seattle 55, Wash. or call in match results to JU 9214. THE SCHEDULE IS ON PAGE EIGHT.

This magazine ordinarily will come out during the fourth week of the month. This issue was all set to go by then but pages five and six were held open for the Washington State Open tournament. Ordinarily this magazine will not be held up for "hot" news but it was felt that the importance of the Open makes this slight delay worthwhile.

This page is being made up four days before the Wash. Open and I am making a rather pessimistic prediction. I do not believe there will be over 20 players entered whereas 30 would be a decent minimum. To expect 40 or more to my mind would be incredulous to say the least!

THE STEINER SIMULTANEOUS
(O. W. Manney)

HERMAN STEINER, the well known International Chess Master of Los Angeles, stopped by on August 18, en route to Vancouver and advised he would like to give an exhibition in Seattle on August 21st. Unfortunately there was not sufficient time for necessary publicity, but our own master, OLAF ULVESTAD volunteered to spread the good word and HERMAN agreed to accept "pot luck".

Eleven opponents were rounded up, as follows: Leonard Sheets, O. W. Manney, D. F. Gorton, Th. Davidsen, Glenn Muller, Carl Cooper, W. K. Foster, Ted Warner, Jim McCormick, Edwin Murray, and Russell Vellias. In fact, a very strong collection.

After a short lecture - during which Steiner told how to beat a simultaneous player and demonstrated a brilliant variation whereby he might have won one of his recent match games with U. S. Champion Larry Evans (but which he didn't play!), - STEINER proceeded to defeat ten of his opponents with great dispatch. Only our current city champ, LEONARD SHEETS, was able to hold the master to a draw.

TED WARNER played an excellent game and was the last to succumb. He appeared to have a draw well in hand, until the others deserted him. When left to oppose Steiner singlehanded that wily one overwhelmed him with rapid transit play.

We have been promoting and playing in simultaneous exhibitions for many years - on occasion as the simultaneous player, but more frequently as one of the "Pigeons", as Steiner might express it.

We have a theory that if you can beat another player in single combat, you can as easily beat any number of such players simultaneously. Accordingly, when playing against a master simultaneous player we have a psychologically

lost game to start with. We then attempt to lose as brilliantly as possible.

Having thus established our alibi, we shamelessly exhibit our fine loss to the great Steiner at his simultaneous exhibition held at the Seattle Chess Club August 21, 1952. (Also it is the only score we have from the exhibition.)

White - Steiner Black - Manney

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-KB3 | B-N5 |
| 4. B-N5 | ----- |

I assure you this is not the best continuation for White, but look not here for the refutation!

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| 4. ----- | P-B4 |
| 5. P-Q5 | P-KR3 |
| 6. B-R4 | P-KN4 |
| 7. B-N3 | N-K5 |
| 8. Q-B2 | Q-B3 |
| 9. R-B | PxP |
| 10. PxP | Q-Q5 |

I'm tearing him to pieces - this might win a pawn. This made Steiner lean on my table and put his head in his hands.

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| 11. R-Q!! | BxN ch. |
| 12. PxP | QxQBP ch. |
| 13. QxQ | NxQ |

So - I've won the pawn, but (and this is the trouble with one-move combinations), there is more to come!

14. B-K5 and STEINER won.

One of the most interesting games from the Steiner-Evans match was the following draw: (White-Evans)

1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. N-QB3, P-QB4; 4. PxQP, KPxp; 5. N-B3, N-KB3; 6. P-KN3, N-B3; 7. B-N2, B-K2; 8. O-O, O-O; 9. PxP, P-Q5; 10. N-QR4, P-QN4; 11. PxP e.p., PxP; 12. N-QP, NxN; 13. BxR, B-R3; 14. B-B3, P-QN4; 15. N-B3, P-N5; 16. N-R4, B-N4; 17. P-N3, Q-Q2; 18. B-K3, NxB ch; 19. PxN, Q-R6; 20. R-RQ; 21. Q-B2, B-Q6; 22. Q-B6, B-K5; 23. PxP, N-N5; 24. Kr-K, QxRP ch; 25. K-B, N-K4; 26. Q-B2, and Black drew by perpetual check.

REIN WINS WOODPUSHER'S

By Dan Wade

SHELDON REIN, 21 year old visitor from Minneapolis, Minnesota, won the 1952 Washington State Woodpusher's Tournament. He finished with a perfect 4-0 score in the 4-round Swiss tournament held Sunday, Sept. 7th at the Seattle Chess Club. Rein had to play four of the strongest players in the field of 16. He defeated Robert Collins, Ted Warner, Russ Vellias and Ken Mulford.

Following Rein, with equal 3-1 scores, were Jack Nourse, Ted Warner, Ken Mulford, Floyd Hebert and Craig MacPhee. Using the original S-B tie-breaking system (the revised system fails to break ties too often!) gave JACK NOURSE second place with a S-B total of 6. Warner, Mulford and Hebert all had 5 S-B points and MacPhee only 4. Breaking the ties further by using the revised S-B system, based not on just whom a player beat, but on whom a player played, gave Nourse, Warner and Mulford all 9 S-B points, Hebert 8 and MacPhee only 6 points. So Warner and Mulford ended tied for third, Hebert ended fifth and MacPhee took sixth place.

Rein won not only a trophy but a red and white Mexican chess set that was donated by Joe Cerretelli of Olympia. Nourse won a large peg-in chess set that was donated by Leonard Sheets of Seattle.

At its best the Swiss System tournament is open to question. As tournament director I wish to state that this tournament was not run off in the correct manner. One reason was the belief held by three-fourths of those playing that this tournament was strictly for fun and so they played at a much greater speed than a few others. With everyone on my neck wanting to get on with the next round I had to trust to luck and paired off like score players against each other while a few were still struggling a round back.

This resulted in my getting slightly "boxed in" and in the third round Nourse (2-0) and Rein (2-0) instead of playing each other had to play a pair with 1-1 scores. Warner and Vellias.

Most of the players were finished and gone by 4 o'clock while the slower players held things up so that the final title game between Rein (3-0) and Mulford (3-0) was not finished until nearly 8 P.M. The 30 move per hour time limit apparently is much too slow for the Woodpusher's tournament.

Player	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	W.L.	S-B Points	Revised S-B
1. Sheldon Rein	W-13	W-3	W-11	W-4	4-0	8.	8.
2. Jack Nourse	W-9	W-5	L-3	W-11	3-1	6.	9.
3. Ted Warner	W-11	L-1	W-2	W-13	3-1	5.	9.
4. Ken Mulford	W-14	W-7	W-8	L-1	3-1	5.	9.
5. Floyd Hebert	W-12	L-2	W-9	W-7	3-1	5.	8.
6. Craig MacPhee	L-7	W-14	W-15	W-8	3-1	4.	6.
7. Dr. Morris Gold	W-6	L-4	W-10	L-5	2-2	5.	11
8. Max Bader Jr.	W-10	W-15	L-4	L-6	2-2	3.	9.
9. Roy Leach	L-2	W-12	L-5	W-15	2-2	2.	8.
10 H. H. Roberts	L-8	W-16	L-7	W-12	2-2	1.	5.
11 Russ Vellias	L-3	W-13	L-1	L-2	1-3	1.	11
12 George Faithfull	L-5	L-9	W-14	L-10	1-3	1.	8.
13 Robert Collins	L-1	L-11	W-13	L-3	1-3	0.	8.
14 Jorgen Bader	L-4	L-6	L-12	W-16	1-3	0.	7.
15 Ken Borski	W-16	L-8	L-6	L-9	1-3	0.	7.
16 L. Orchard	L-15	L-10	L-13	L-14	0-4	0.	5.

TURNER WINS WASH. OPEN

Well, what do you know? Another chess title has disappeared from our fair state! One DON TURNER of Portland, whom I am sure you have heard of, walked off with the 1953 Washington State Open. He had a final record of five wins, no losses and one draw (with Sheets) which isn't hay considering the chess strength concentrated in this tournament. Just imagine a tournament with defending Washington Open champ Manney, Seattle champ Sheets, University and former state champ Ballantine, Puget Sound Open champ Wade (plug), Kitsap champion Jack Nourse, former University champ Mulford, former Woodpusher and Junior champ Schain and Yakima champion LaFreniere! Add to this list of "chess royalty" two of Portland's best, Don Turner and Ivars Dahlberg. It was more like an expert's tournament than an open.

With all of these experts, champions and former champions guess who was second? RUSS VELLIAS! He knocked off Mulford, LaFreniere, Manney, lost to Turner, upset Sheets and then downed Nourse to end up with a very nice 5-1 score. Manney, Dahlberg and Ballantine each ended with 4-2 scores. On S-B points Manney took third, Dahlberg fourth and Ballantine fifth place.

Turner won a trophy and Washington State Chess Expert title. Prizes will also go to Vellias, Manney and Dahlberg. Only four prizes as only sixteen players turned out for the tournament. It was hoped that this tournament would be representative of the entire state. Yakima had two entries, Port Blakely one and Seattle eleven. Also the two Portland players. No one from Tacoma, Olympia, Bremerton or Everett. Also several Seattle players failed to show up. However, with just a very few exceptions, the strongest players in the state were in this tournament. What the tournament lacked in quantity it made up for in quality.

Player	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Points	S-B
1. Don Turner	W-16	W-10	D-6	W-2	W-3	W-4	5½ - ½	19.5
2. Russ Vellias	W-12	W-11	W-3	L-1	W-6	W-7	5 - 1	20.5
3. O.W. Manney	W-7	W-5	L-2	W-6	L-1	W-8	4 - 2	24.0
4. Ivars Dahlberg	L-6	W-9	W-13	W-10	W-5	L-1	4 - 2	20.5
5. Chas. Ballantine	W-9	L-3	W-15	W-12	L-4	W-10	4 - 2	17.0
6. Leonard Sheets	W-4	W-13	D-1	L-3	L-2	W-11	3½ - 2½	23.0
7. John Nourse	L-3	W-8	L-12	W-13	W-11	L-2	3 - 3	18.5
8. Dan Wade	L-10	L-7	W-16	W-14	W-12	L-3	3 - 3	14.0
9. Gerald Schain	L-5	L-4	L-14	W-16	W-13	W-15	3 - 3	14.0
10. Ted Warner	W-8	L-1	D-11	L-4	W-14	L-5	2½ - 3½	21.0
11. Oliver LaFreniere	W-14	L-2	D-10	W-15	L-7	L-6	2½ - 3½	17.5
12. Ken Mulford	L-2	W-16	W-7	L-5	L-8	L-13	2 - 4	17.5
13. William Hoge	W-15	L-6	L-4	L-7	L-9	W-12	2 - 4	17.0
14. Ted Davidsen	L-11	L-15	W-9	L-8	L-10	W-16	2 - 4	13.0
15. Rod Dimoff	L-13	W-14	L-5	L-11	D-16	L-9	1½ - 4½	14.0
16. Ken Borski	L-1	L-12	L-8	L-9	D-15	L-14	½ - 5½	17.0

The S-B tie-breaking system failed to break the eighth place tie between Wade and Schain. With the original tie-breaking system Wade would have an edge of 4.5 to Schain's 4.0. Officially they ended tied.

The top seven Washington players in this tournament qualified to play in the State Championship round-robin scheduled for the week-ends of Oct. 25-26 and November 1-2. These players are listed below:

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| 1. Russ Vellias | 5. John Nourse |
| 2. O.W. Manney | 6. Dan Wade |
| 3. Chas. Ballantine | 7. Ted Warner |
| 4. Leonard Sheets | |

Gerald Schain was home on leave and able to play in the Open but will be out of the state at the time of the State Championship Tournament.

If any of the above cannot play then the players listed below are eligible to fill vacancies in the order named:

- If one vacancy...Oliver LaFreniere
If two....Ken Mulford
If three..William Hoge
If four...Ted Davidsen

Other Washington chess players invited to play in the State Championship Tournament are as follows:

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| 8. Elmars Zengalis | 11 Dr. A. Murray |
| 9. Chas. Joachim | 12 Richard Allen |
| 10 G.S.G. Patterson | |

Ulvestad, Stork and Amidon are not at present living in the state and Enz apparantly has quit chess. These four are eligible to play should they show up at tournament time.

OREGON OPEN

Don Turner, our new Washington Open Chess Champion, announces that the OREGON OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT will be held in Portland on Saturday and Sunday, October 18th and 19th. Washington players are invited to come down and try to do as well in this tournament as Portland players have done in Washington tournaments. On Friday night, October 17, Arthur Dake will give an exhibition at the George White Service Center in Portland.

EVERETT

With the Everett Chess Club on the verge of dropping out of the Puget Sound League, Jack Nourse stepped in and, after contacting several leading northwest players, announces that Everett will have a team again this year. Looking over the list of names I would say Everett will not only have a team, they will have a good team.

Besides Jack Nourse there will be Neil Power, Sid Nourse, Bert Brandstrom, Peter Husby, John Ring and Steve Miller.

U OF W

The University of Washington Chess Club is quickly coming out of its Summer cocoon. With Ken Mulford lending a helping hand getting this organization started, it looks like another strong University team. Mulford, no longer a student, says he may play for the West Seattle club which would be a nice boost for them.

ALBI

I read my husband's editorial in the last Chess Letter in which he grudgingly admits that some of the players who were absent at the International might have had something more important to do. I'll tell you confidentially that he really doesn't believe it so I dreamed up the following illustrations to prove to him that it is really possible. All the following scenes take place bright and early, the morning of the International.

I. Bedroom of Mr. and Mrs. Ohsosick:

Mr. Ohsosick: (obviously in great pain) Ohhhh! Ohhh!

Mrs. Ohsosick: You don't feel well, do you, dear? Let me take your temperature. (takes temperature) Darling! you have a temperature of 110! Get back in bed and I'll call the doctor.

Mr. Ohsosick: You know it is out of the question for me to be sick today. I must play in the International Chess Tournament. (Mr. Ohsosick valiantly staggers to closet, reaches for shirt, groans feebly and falls fainting to the floor. Mrs. Ohsosick screams and exits to telephone.)

Mr. Ohsosick's hospital chart: Patient admitted at 9 A.M. Has not regained consciousness. Condition very critical.

II. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Suspiciously Well Heeled:

Mrs. S.W.H.: (peering out window) Hey, Fingers, some cops're coming up the front walk! Someone must have squealed about that joint you knocked off last week.

Mr. S.W.H.: I ain't only expert at cracking safes, I'm a chess expert. I've gotta save the day for the U.S.A. in the International Tourney. I'll get my gun and beat it out the back while you keep them at the front door.

(Unfortunately for Washington chess there are cops at the back door too. An exchange of gunshots is heard and shortly Mr. S.W.H. is seen being escorted down the walk in handcuffs to a police car waiting in front.)

Evening Headlines: Safe Cracker Captured after Desperate Gun Battle with Police

III Home of Mr. and Mrs. Meek. Mr. Meek does not wear the pants in his family:

Mr. Meek: I wonder if you'd fix me a little breakfast, sweetheart. Just a little bowl of cereal maybe? (with false bravado) Got to get up there to the International Chess Tournament you know. They'll need all us experts.

Mrs. Meek: I had something else in mind, expert. You see that luxuriant growth? That half acre of waving greenery fronting our little love nest? Mow it, boy! But expertly!

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE - 8

CLUBS START PLAY OCT. 5

ROUND ONE - Sunday, October 5th 1952 - 1 P.M.

Everett vs. Olympia at Seattle Chess Club, West Seattle at Seattle Y.M.C.A., Kitsap at Tacoma Y.M.C.A., and U. of Washington vs. Seattle Chess Club at the Seattle Chess Club.

ROUND TWO - Sunday, November 9th 1952 - 1 P.M.

Seattle Y.M.C.A. at Everett, Olympia at Tacoma Y.M.C.A., West Seattle vs. Seattle at Seattle Chess Club, and U. of Washington at Kitsap.

Round Three - Sunday, November 30th 1952 - 1 P.M.

Everett at West Seattle, Kitsap vs. Olympia at Seattle Chess Club, U. of Washington at Seattle Y.M.C.A., and Tacoma Y.M.C.A. vs. Seattle Chess Club at the Seattle Chess Club.

Round Four - Sunday, December 14th 1952 - 1 P.M.

Tacoma Y.M.C.A. vs. Everett at Seattle Chess Club, Seattle Chess Club at Seattle Y.M.C.A., U. of Washington at Olympia, and West Seattle at Kitsap.

Round Five - Sunday, January 18th 1953 - 1 P.M.

Everett vs. Kitsap at Seattle Chess Club, West Seattle at U. of Washington, Seattle Chess Club at Olympia, and Seattle Y.M.C.A. at Tacoma Y.M.C.A.

Round Six - Sunday, February 1st 1953 - 1 P.M.

Seattle Chess Club at Everett, Tacoma Y.M.C.A. at U. of Washington, Kitsap at Seattle Y.M.C.A., and West Seattle at Olympia.

Round Seven - Sunday, March 1st 1953 - 1 P.M.

U. of Washington at Everett, Seattle Chess Club at Kitsap, Tacoma Y.M.C.A. at West Seattle, and Seattle Y.M.C.A. at Olympia.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF (If Necessary) Sunday, March 8th 1953 - 1 P.M. at the Seattle Chess Club.

IV. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Dreamboat:

Mr. Dreamboat abandons slumber, rises from bed and observes that the sun is shining brightly in a cloudless sky. Turns from window as Mrs. Dreamboat stirs and reluctantly opens one eye.

Mr. Dreamboat: Good morning darling! How lovely you look with the sun shining on your tin curlers. I was planning on going to Mount Vernon today to play in that International, but why waste a lovely day like this? Tell you what. I'll bring you the Sunday paper and you just stay in bed and relax while I stir up some waffles. Then we'll buzz off for the beach. Let's not mess around packing a lunch. We'll take some cold beer and stop some place on the way home for dinner.

Oops! How did that last character get in there? I guess he wandered in out of one of my pipe dreams.

Notes by Manney

AN INTERESTING RUY LOPEZ VARIATION

Radio Match U.S.S.R. - U.S.A., 1945

White: V. Smylov Black: S. Reshevsky

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | P-QR3 |
| 4. B-R4 | N-B3 |
| 5. O-O | NxP |
| 6. P-Q4 | P-QN4 |
| 7. B-N3 | P-Q4 |
| 8. PxP | B-K3 |
| 9. P-B3 | B-QB4 |

This has a bad reputation. 3.....B-K2 is more solid.

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| 10. QN-Q2 | O-O |
| 11. B-B2 | P-B4 |

Probably best. The Dilworth Variation, 11....NxKBP!?, is considered theoretically inadequate (at least by Ruben Fine), but I have yet to see the convincing refutation.

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| 12. N-N3 | B-N3 |
| 13. KN-Q4 | NxN |
| 14. NxN | BxN |

Played with the following sacrifice in mind, but Black did not know how exhaustively the Soviet masters had analyzed the line.

Reshevsky recommends instead 14.....Q-Q2; 15. P-B3, Kt-B4; 16. P-QN4, N-N2; or 14....Q-K2; 15. P-B3, N-N4; 16. BxN, QxB; 17. K-R1, Q-K2; 18. B-N3, BxN; 19. PxP, QR-B1, although White's game remains slightly freer in both cases.

14.....Q-K2 with the following sacrifice was seen in the famous game Gleissig-Mackenzie, Vienna, 1882, which continued 15. B-N3, BxN; 16. PxP, P-B5; 17. P-B3, N-N6! in Black's favor.

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| 15. PxP | P-B5 |
| 16. P-B3 | N-N6 |

Consistent. The alternative was 16.....N-N4; when 17. P-KR4, N-B2; 18. BxP, QxP; 19. Q-Q2 is advantageous for White

17. PxN
Another good move is 17. R-B2!, e.g., 17.....Q-R5; 18. Q-Q3, N-B4; 19. B-Q2 and White stands better (Golmayo-Tarrasch, London, 1927).

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| 17. | PxP |
| 18. Q-Q3! | |

The decisive defense, which was not available in the Fleissig-Mackenzie game.

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B-B4

A fighting reply. The only other possibility is 18.....Q-R5; 19. QxP ch., QxQ; 20. BxQ ch., KxB; 21. B-N5, and White should win the endgame.

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| 19. QxB | RxQ |
| 20. BxR | Q-R5 |
| 21. B-R3 | QxP ch. |
| 22. K-R1 | QxKP |
| 23. B-Q2 | ----- |

Here Reshevsky, who had taken about an hour and a half for the first 23 moves, discovered to his dismay that Smylov had taken exactly one minute. The whole variation had been published in the June 1945 issue of Schachmaty (official Soviet chess magazine)!

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| 23. | QxP |
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The Soviet match book gives this a question mark and calls it a "serious mistake." It maintains that 23.....P-B4 is an adequate defense. This opinion, however, is open to question.

After 23....P-B4, Reshevsky recommends 24. B-B3, P-Q5; 25. QR-K1, which assuredly is in White's favor.

But White can also afford to continue with his attack, which is his main trump: 23.....P-Br; 24. QR-K1!, QxP; 25. B-B4, P-Q5 (Boleslavsky-Ragosin, Moscow 1942 ran instead 25.....Q-B3; 26. BxP, P-Q5; 27. R-K6, Q-N4; 28. K-R2, P-B5; 29. P-B4 and White won handily); 26. BxP (White must play precisely: after 26. R-K7?, P-Q6; 27. BxP, Q-B3; 28. R-Q7, P-B5 Black won. Cortlever-Euwe, Amsterdam, 1942), P-Q6; 27. B-K6 ch! (an improvement on 27. B-K5, QxRP; 28. B-Q6 with unclear complications, as in Boleslavsky-Botvinnik, Sverdlovsk, 1943), K-R1; 28. B-K5, Q-B7; 29. P-B4 and the advance of the BP should decide.

Returning to the game:

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| 24. B-B4 | P-B4 |
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A correspondence game Manney-Wisegarver, 16 Grand National finals, 1951 went:

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| 24. | P-Q5 |
| 25. B-K6 ch. | K-R |
| 26. QR-B | P-Q6 |
| 27. BxNP | P-Q7 |
| 28. QR-Q | P-B4 |
| 29. R-B2 | R-Q |
| 30. B-QB7 | R-Q5 |
| 31. R-K2 | Q-B7 |

32. B-N3 Q-N3

33. K-N1 -----

Not 33. RXP?, RKR; 34. RKR, Q-R3 ch.
Its nip and tuck.

33. ----- Q-QB3

34. B-B7 P-R3

35. R-K8 ch. Resigns.

If 35.....K-R3; 36. R-K6, QxB;

37. B-N6 ch, and 38. R-K8 mate.

Again returning to the game:

25. B-K6 ch. K-R1

26. BxQP R-Q1

27. QR-Q1 P-B5

28. BxNP P-B6

Reshevsky writes that he overestimated the strength of this move, and recommends instead 28.....Q-B3; 29. KR-K1, Q-R3 ch.; 30. K-N1, P-B6, but Black is lost in any case.

29. B-K5 -----

With his two Bishops sweeping the board, White's game plays itself. The rest is not difficult.

29. ----- P-N5

29.....Q-K7 is nicely refuted by

30. BxP!, for if 30.....RxB; 31. QR-K1!

30. B-QN3 R-QB3

After 30.....RKR; 31. RKR, P-R3; 32.

R-Q7, White has a mating attack.

31. P-B4 P-KR4

32. R-QN1 R-KB7

Fishing in most troubled waters. If 32.....Q-R6; 33. QR-K1 and P-B5 is quite sufficient.

33. KR-K1 -----

Smyslov relents a bit: 33. KR-Q1 was even more direct. 33. RKR, RKR ch. gives Black drawing chances.

33. ----- Q-Q7

34. QR-Q1 Q-N7

35. R-Q8 ch. K-R2

36. B-N6 ch. K-N3

A roaming soul. 36.....K-R3; 37. R-Q6 ch.

P-N3; 38. R-Q7 mates soon.

37. R-Q6 ch. K-B4

38. B-K6 ch. K-N3

39. B-Q5 dis. ch. K-R2

40. B-K4 ch. K-N1

Or 40.....P-N3; 41. R-QA.

41. B-N6 Resigns.

Mate can only be staved off by problem moves. The prettiest variation is

41.....K-B1; 42. R-Q6 ch., K-K2;

43. B-B6 dbl. ch!, KxB; 44. R-Q6 mate.

(Notes taken from THE WORLD'S A

CHESSBOARD - Reuben Fine.)

1952 MECHANICS INSTITUTE CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

After a triple tie between James Schmitt, Carroll M. Capps and Fred F. Byron, the play-off was won by Schmitt who is therefore champion for the current year.

Here is a game annotated by James Schmitt, a former Portland player, now in the Service at Presidio, California.

White - J. Schmitt

Black - C. Capps

1. P-Q4 N-KB3

2. P-QB4 P-K3

3. N-QB3 P-Q4

4. B-N5 B-K2

5. P-K3 O-O

6. N-B3 -----

Also good is 6. PXP, PXP; 7. B-Q3 with Kn-K2.

6. ----- QN-Q2

7. PXP PXP

8. B-Q3 R-K

9. O-O P-KB3

10. B-KB4 P-B3

11. Q-B2 N-B

If N-R4?, then 12. NXP!

12. QR-N -----

Intending P-QN4, the "Minority attack".

12. ----- N-K3

13. B-K5 P-QR4

14. P-QR3 B-Q2

15. P-QN4 PXP

16. PXP R-R6

17. Q-N2 Q-R

If now 18. R-R?, then BxP!

18. BxN PxB

If BxB, then R-R.

19. N-KR4 N-N2

20. KR-B -----

To free the Q for K-side activity.

20. ----- P-N4

To make room for the Q so as to double R's.

21. Q-K2 BxP!

22. NXP PxN

23. RxB -----

Black's P's are all isolated and weak.

23. ----- Q-R4

24. R(1)-N1 -----

Concentrating on the QNP.

24. ----- R-QB

Eyeing QxR.

25. P-R3 R-R7

Chases the Q to where it wants to go, but

it is doubtful the position can be held.

26. Q-B3 R-R8
27. QxQP! -----
Tricky, but sound.

27. ----- R-B8 ch.
28. K-R2 Q-B2 ch.
29. P-B4 -----

Not P-N3 because of B-B3 and a threat of R-R8 mate.

29. ----- R(8)xR
30. RxR R-B6

Black begins to feel the time pressure, as will White shortly.

31. Q-R8 ch. N-K
32. Q-K4 P-B4
33. NxP N-B3
34. Q-R8 ch. N-K
35. N-K7 ch. -----

At long last some simplification!

35. ----- K-B
36. N-Q5 Q-B
37. QxQ -----

The rest is easy.

37. ----- RxQ
38. N-N6 R-B2
39. NxB ch. RxN
40. BxP R-N2
41. B-Q3 R-K2
42. P-K4 N-B3
43. P-K5 Resigns.

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FROM THE SEAFAIR OPEN

White - Ted Warner Q-Indian Defense Black - O. W. Manney

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-K3
3. N-B3 -----

Purdy calls this "The Wrong Knight".
The usual 3. N-QB3 is recommended.

3. ----- P-QN3
4. P-KN3 B-N2
5. B-N2 B-K2
6. O-O O-O
7. N-B3 P-Q4

Here N-K5 is better.

8. PxP -----

And here White plays better N-K5.

8. ----- PxP
9. Q-B2 QN-Q2
10. R-Q R-B

Probably O.K., but Botvinnik played R-K here.

11. B-N5 P-KR3
12. BxN NxB

13. N-QN5? -----
This poses Black a problem. 13...P-R3;
14. N-R7, followed by 15. N-B6 is good for White. So --

13. ----- P-B3
Maybe the Knight cant take the pawn and get out.

14. NxP R-B2
15. QR-B B-Q3
16. Q-R4 Q-R
17. P-N3 P-QN4
18. Q-R5 R-K2
19. Q-N6? -----

Overlooking Black's reply. Zengalis suggests as better 19. N-K5, B-B2, with the possible continuation 20. Q-N4, R-K3; 21. B-R3, QxN; 22. BxR, PxR; 23. Q-K7, BxN; 24. QxP ch., K-R. To Black's advantage.

19. ----- N-Q2
20. Q-R5 KR-K
21. P-K3 B-N
22. NxP BxN
23. QxQ BxQ

And Black won in 41 moves.

Q-Indian Defense

White * Joseph Biernat Black - O. W. Manney

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. N-KB3 P-QN3
3. P-B4 P-K3
4. N-B3 B-N2
5. P-K3 P-Q4
6. P-QR3 QN-Q2
7. B-Q3 B-K2
8. O-O O-O
9. R-K N-K5
10. PxP PxP
11. Q-B2 QN-B3
12. N-K5 P-B4
13. P-B3 NxB
14. PxN R-B
15. Q-N B-Q3
16. B-N2 R-K
17. P-QB4 PxQP
18. KPxP PxP
19. NxQBP B-N

20. N-Q2; Q-Q3; 21. N-B, P-KR3; 22. RxRch. RxR; 23. Q-B2, N-Q4; 24. N-N3, Q-K2; 25. Q-B2, B-B5; 26. K-R, Q-N4; 27. R-K, RxRch.; 28. QxR, B-B3; 29. Q-K4, BxN; 30. PxN, P-N3; 31. P-N4?, Q-R5 ch.; 32. K-N, Q-N6; 33. N-B5; 34. P-Q5??, QxP Mate. However, Black wins regardless, i.e., 34. B-KB, N-R6 ch; 35. K-R, Q-B7!; 36. K-R2, N-N4!, etc.

In an effort to add to this magazine's interest, we will attempt to include records of games from recent tournaments in each issue. Because of the great amount of time needed and the space necessary for annotated games, these games will at best carry only brief notes. The regular annotated games will continue to head our games department.

INTERNATIONAL
CHAS. JOACHIM C.F. MILLER

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-N5	P-QR3
4. B-R4	N-B3
5. P-QB3	P-QN4
6. B-N3	P-Q3?
7. N-N5	P-Q4
8. PxF	NxP
9. Q-B3	B-K3
10 NxP	PxN
11 P-Q3	N(3)-K2
12 P-B4	N-QN3
13 B-N5	Q-Q3
14 P-B5	QxP
15 BxP	Q-N5ch
16 N-Q2	Q-Q3
17 B-B7ch	K-Q2
18 N-K4	Q-N5ch
19 B-Q2	QxP
20 N-B5ch	K-Q3
21 R-B1	P-QB3
22 O-O	N(N3)-Q4
23 Q-N4	N-B3
24 Q-K5ch	K-B2
25 B-R5ch	K-N1
26 Q-Q6ch	Resigns

Mr. Joachim simply devours his opponents in the International never losing. This game gave us one of our few points.

FROM THE WOODPUSHERS TOURNEY.

SHELDON REIN TED WARNER

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. NxP	N-KB3
5. N-QB3	P-Q3
6. B-KN5	P-K3
7. Q-Q2	B-K2
8. O-O-O	O-O
9. P-KB4	Q-R4
10 N-B3	P-KR3
11 B-R4	KR-Q1
12 P-KN4	NxNP
13 R-N1	BxB
14 NxP	Q-R4

15 B-K2	QxN
16 RxN	Q-B3
17 QR-N1	P-KN3
18 B-Q3	K-B1
19 P-B5	P-KR4
20 R-N5	N-K4
21 PxNP	NxBch
22 QxN	Q-B5ch
23 K-N1	QxRP
24 Q-B3	R-Q2
25 Q-B6	Resigns

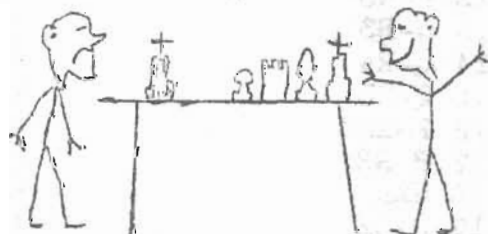
The new Woodpusher Champ showed a lot of offense in this game with a chief contender.

KEN MULFORD

SHELDON REIN

White	Black
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. NxP	N-KB3
5. N-QB3	P-KN3
6. B-K2	B-N2
7. P-KB4	P-Q3
8. O-O	NxP
9. QNxN	NxN
10 B-B4	P-Q4
11 P-B3	PxB
12 PxN	QxPch
13 QxQ	BxQch
14 K-R1	B-KB4
15 R-K1	O-O
16 P-KR3	KR-Q1
17 N-N3	B-KB7
18 NxP	BxR
19 B-K3	B-N5
20 N-R4	R-Q6

Well, White fought on for quite a few more moves. Black is ahead on the exchange and has two pawns besides. Things just get worse for White. This win gave Rein the 1st prize in the Woodpushers Tourney.



More From The Woodpusher's Tourney.

MAX BADER JR.

H.H. ROBERTS

White

Black

1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. N-KB3	N-KB3
3. P-B4	PxP
4. N-B3	P-K3
5. P-K4	B-N5
6. BxP	BxNch
7. PxP	NxP
8. Q-Q3	N-Q3
9. B-N3	O-O
10 N-N5	P-N3
11 Q-R3	P-KR4
12 P-N4	P-KB3
13 NxP	BxN
14 BxBch	K-N2
15 PxP	P-KN4
16 R-N1	Q-K2
17 B-K3	R-R1
18 P-KB4	N-K5
19 Q-B5	N-Q3
20 Q-N6ch	K-B1
21 P-Q5	N-Q2
22 O-O-O	P-B3
23 BPxP	N-K4
24 QxPch	QxQ
25 PxQ	N(4)-B2
26 B-B5	P-N3
27 BxNch	NxB
28 PxP	N-B2
29 P-B7	RxP
30 P-B8(Q)ch	RxQ
31 BxR	

Black resigns in a few more moves.

FLOYD HEBERT

G. FAITHFULL

White

Black

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-N5	P-QR3
4. BxN	NPxB
5. P-QB3	N-B3
6. O-O	B-B4
7. P-Q4	PxP
8. PxP	B-N3
9. B-N5	P-KR3
10 B-R4	P-KN4
11 B-N3	P-Q3
12 P-K5	N-K5
13 N-B3	P-Q4
14 Q-R4	B-Q2
15 Q-R3	P-KR4
16 P-KR3	P-R5
17 B-R2	P-N5
18 NxN	QPxN
19 N-Q2	P-N6
20 PxP	BxPch

21 K-R1

22 NxP

23 BxP

24 N-B6ch! Black loses his Q here and gives up after 11 moves.

SHELDON REIN

White

1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. N-QB3
4. P-K3
5. N-B3
6. BPxP
7. B-N5
8. N-K5
9. B-R4
10 O-O
11 P-KR3
12 B-B2
13 N-B3
14 PxP
15 B-N2
16 QR-B1
17 N-K5
18 P-B3
19 NxN
20 NxR
21 Q-K2
22 Q-K8
23 QxQch
24 NxRP

ROBERT COLLINS

Black

N-KB3
P-K3
P-Q4
QN-Q2
P-B4
KPxP
P-B5
P-QR3
B-N5
O-O
P-QN4
Q-B2
BxN
N-K5
P-B4
N(2)-B3
N-Q2
N-N6
NxR
NxP
NxB
Q-B2
KxQ
N-K6?

This costs Black a knight and in a position that is quite unusual. If Black played 24...K-N3 and stayed with White's Knight he would have an even game. (Wade)

25 P-B4!

A move with a double purpose that wins Black's knight and saves his own.

26 K-B2

If Black plays P-N6 it looks from here like he might put a few worn spots in White's nervous system.

27 BxP
28 KxN
29 N-N5ch
30 R-QN1
31 R-K1
32 RxR
33 N-B3
34 N-K5

35 K-B3, B-R5; 36 B-R5, P-N3; 37 K-N3, B-K1; 38 K-R4, B-N4; 39 B-Qch., K-N2; 40 K-N5, P-B6; 41 B-R5, P-B7; 42 B-Q2, P-R4; 43 NxP....The Black forces resigned on move 52.

LES COUBROUGH

THOMAS DOLLE

White

Black

1. P-K4
2. N-KB3
3. P-QN4

- F-QB4
- P-Q3

The Wing Gambit to the Sicilian.

4. P-Q4
5. B-Q3
6. QN-Q2
7. NxP
8. O-O
9. BxN
- 10 R-N1
- 11 B-Q3

- PxP
- N-KB3
- P-Q4
- PxP
- QN-Q2
- NxN
- P-KN3
- N-B3
- B-N2

12 RxP....Why didn't Black try to hold this pawn?

- 13 P-B4
- 14 P-KR3
- 15 B-K3
- 16 R-K1
- 17 N-K5
- 18 Q-N3
- 19 P-QR4
- 20 R-N1
- 21 R-N5
- 22 P-R5
- 23 P-B5
- 24 B-Q2
- 25 BxN
- 26 RxP?

- O-O
- P-QN3
- Q-B2
- B-N2
- P-K3
- KR-Q1
- QR-B1
- QB-R1
- B-KB1
- K-N2
- PxP
- N-Q4
- N-N5
- PxB

White should have played QxP.

- 27 R-QB1

- BxQBP
- Q-Q3

- 28 FxB
- 29 Q-B3
- 30 RxQ
- 31 B-K4
- 32 BxB
- 33 R-N8
- 34 R-QR8
- 35 R-R3
- 36 R(8)xP
- 37 RxR
- 38 P-N3
- 39 R-R3
- 40 P-B3
- 41 K-B2
- 42 RPxP
- 43 P-B4
- 44 R-N3
- 45 R-K3
- 46 K-N1
- 47 R-R3
- 48 PxPch
- 49 K-N2
- 50 R-N3
- 51 R-R3
- 52 PxP
- 53 R-QN3
- 54 K-N1
- 55 R-QR3
- 56 R-QN3
- 57 R-N8
- 58 K-N2
- 59 K-N1

- QxN
- QxQ
- B-B3
- R-Q2
- RxB
- R(2)-B2
- P-KR4
- RxP
- RxR
- P-N4
- K-N3
- P-B4
- R-B5
- P-N5
- RPxP
- K-B3
- R-B3
- R-B7ch
- R-B4
- P-K4
- KxP
- R-B5
- K-K5
- P-B5
- KxP
- R-B7ch
- K-N4
- K-R5
- P-N6
- R-B8ch
- R-B7ch
- R-B8ch

Drawn.

If this were a football game I'd say neither side crossed the 30 yard line. Black outdowned White

1952 - 1953 TOURNAMENTS

Tournament	Date	System	Entry	Location
Washington State Championship	Oct. 25-26 and Nov. 1-2 1952 - 10 A.M.	Round-Robin Invitational	\$2.00*	At Seattle Chess Club
Washington State Speed Championship	Sunday, Jan. 4th 1953 Starts 1 P.M.	Round-Robin	\$1.00*	At Seattle Chess Club
Puget Sound Open	Feb. 14-15th 1953 Starts at 10 A.M.	6 Round Swiss	\$2.00*	At Seattle Chess Club
Washington State Junior Championship	March 28-29, 1953 Starts at 10 A.M.	6 Round Swiss	\$1.00*	At Seattle Chess Club

* 50 cent reduction to Federation members. The Seattle Chess Club room is at 616 Madison St. in the Knickerbocker Hotel basement.

NOURSE 'AD NAUSEAM'

CHESS ORIGINS.

In the year 1874, DR. Duncan Forbes of King's College, London, in his "History of Chess", improved on the histories of Sir William Jones and other early Sanskrit scholars, and correctly traced the invention of chess to the Indian Peninsula as against the counter claims of China, Burma or the West. He had very little first hand acquaintance with classical antiquity, as his book continually betrays, but aided by the scholarship of Herbert Coleridge, he thoroughly cleared his mind of "cant" as to the possibility of connection between the Roman "latrunculi" and chess. He likewise held that the Greek games were entirely dissimilar to chess, though they played a games closely resembling draughts. (Checkers to you.)

On the other hand, Forbes so far belonged to the pre-critical school of historians that besides sundry minor mistakes with regard to the rules of Chaturanga, or ancient chess, he unhesitatingly claimed for the game an antiquity of 5000 years.

A few years later Dr. Van der Linde of Berlin approached the subject in a more critical spirit and cleared it from a multitude of mythical and semimythical accretions, giving the first logical account of the real origin.

The more sober criticism of Dr. van der Linde has established the following facts;- That chess was really invented in India, but not before about A.D. 500. That its westward progress was greatly aided by the conquests of Islam; and here in agreement with earlier writers, that by the year A.D. 800 it had established a footing in the contemporary courts of Nicephorus at Constantinople and of Harun-al-Rashid at Bagdad. Masudi, Arab historian, wrote the first book on chess theory.

Applying critical commonsense tests the author argues that there is no proof that the first Arab conquerors brought chess into Spain, still less that the defeat of Tours succeeded in planting it in France; that the famous chess-board and its ivory men presented to the Emperor by the Caliph (accepted by Gibbon) is unhistorical; that the other stories of Carolingian chess are as legendary as the chronicles of Archbishop Turpin. He assigns the 10th. century as the probable date of its introduction to Spain, the library of the bibliomaniac Caliph Hakam of Cordova, (971-976) containing Arabic MSS. He regarded it as certain that by the middle of the 11th. century the game was fully established and had become quite common in the west. There is authentic correspondence on chess as early as 1000 A.D. It is recorded that Count Ermengaud of Urgel, 1008) willed his chessmen to the church. Also, Gunnar, prefect of Greenland, wishing to propitiate King Hardrand of Norway in 1050 A.D. sent him three precious gifts, a white bear, a set of chessmen of walrus teeth, and the gold-inlaid skull of a walrus with its teeth still in place.

The date Van der Linde takes as the starting point, 850 A.D. is in round numbers that of the earliest Arabic chess problems including those of Caliph Billah, ruler of Persia from 833 - 842 A.D.

Dr. Van der Linde's book is sub-divided into four volumes called the Quellenstudien, the first section dealing with the middle ages. Chess is traced from its earliest home in India, through Persia and the Arabs to its first beginnings in the west, and the changes gradually introduced into European chess are illustrated by a comparison of the MS materials of the years 1200-1500 with the earliest printed books.

Section 2 treats of the "Arbarten" or corruptions of ancient chess including the Chinese and Japanese varieties of the game.

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Next month's article will describe the Hindu game "Chaturanga" and the Burmese and Chinese games.

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HELP PROMOTE W.C.F.!!

Since last month when I made an urgent plea for more membership promotion, the situation has changed considerably. President Manney ordered me to reduce the intensity of my campaign. I had obtained and was obtaining more names (about 1,000 in number) to which to send organized literature on WCF. He suggested that the treasury could not stand such a magnitudinous mail campaign. Also, Dan Wade suggests that I approach the problem with the idea that I have time on my side; 1955 is as good as 1954 to bring the U. S. Open to Seattle.

So, under these restrictions I cannot continue promotion as I would like to, but there is still a job to be done, and the better and sooner we do this job the more you will profit. Instead of sending names and addresses to me as I had suggested last month, please get to work on these people yourself. It is your duty to see that at least one person joins because of your influence. If every person in WCF would work on one other person and get him to join we could double our membership in no time at all. That is the response needed. Don't get the opinion that someone else will do your duty for you. If many people get that idea nothing will be done by anybody.

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Roderick D. Dimoff, Seattle

F. C. Howard, Seattle

Harold Heimark, Bremerton

Make that list grow and keep it growing!

NOTES BY O.W.L.

"Most chess players are satisfied to get together occasionally with an old crony and enjoy a duffer's game. Then there are those who merely want to play twenty or forty skittle games a day at the club. You will see them there at annual meetings. You can't make them stop long enough to listen to club business."

- - - O. W. Manney

"Washington chess is peanut-sized now and do you know that the less you have, the less you can gamble?"

- - - Dan Wade

"It seems like you have to keep hammering away at these darn chess players or they don't pay attention."

- - - Bob Stork

"It is sometimes better to have a small group of alert players than a big crowd of woodpushers."

- - - Elmars Zemgalis

"Situations seldom produce as bad results as you originally anticipate."

"In chess there is no thanks for a job well done--only grumbling because it wasn't done better."

"No one loves the obviously efficient man--he makes other people feel uncomfortable. No man loves the overly brilliant man; he makes others feel stupid. The trick is to be efficient without shouting efficiency, so that people recognize the quality without having it thrust in their face. The same is true with brilliance."

- - - Montgomery Major

THE PROBLEM COLUMN IS A TERRIBLE PROBLEM!

I wish to explain to you the pains one goes through to produce even a mediocre problem column. First, one must set the type. There is a white king (♔), a black king (♚), a white king on a black square (♔♚), and a black king on a black square (♚♚), and so on down the line. Now this is all fine and dandy except that the black pieces on black squares don't show up well when put on a stencil for the Chess Letter. Then there is a black square (♚♚) and a white square (♔♔). The type is set in a little form into which one places laboriously each square of the board. Invariably some type falls on the floor or it all falls over in the form when it is half set.

After bashing ones head on the table during the procedure of picking up spilled type (All the while a guy wants to throw the whole works--type, form, and stencil on the floor and give up in despair!), the form is finally ready and work begins on the stencil itself. Have you ever typed a stencil? If a mistake is made you must take out burnishing rods and correcting fluids (and you are lucky if you don't spill it all over creation) and do over the mistake. Usually it shows anyhow so you have to be a good typist. But this isn't all. In a thing like the problem column you have to measure how much page room you can use for typing and where to place the problems and headlines. This is difficult in as much as you have to put up with three margins: Your own machine's margin, the stencil margin, and the centering arrangement of the mimeographing machine. Between these things and others it is nearly impossible to fail to make an error of some kind, whether it will be noted by the readers or not.

Well, now we have the type set and the stencil typed. Next we must get the type to print a diagram on the stencil. This is done by placing the form with its neatly set type under the stencil and rubbing the surface with a stylus until a good imprint is made. There are great pains in this also because the stylus is forever wanting to slip off the edge of the type and cut the stencil's fragile surface. This would make an ugly scar on an otherwise perfect piece of work. But since this system is imperfect (it won't make black pieces show up on black squares) I attempted several different methods, including pounding with a hammer and rolling a rolling pin over the surface. The hammer method can procure only individual forms (as in the first paragraph) and the rolling pin makes an oblivious mess (besides falling off the table onto my sore toe).

So the opposite page is not a terrible thing considering all these pitfalls. I am hoping it will be readable to all our problem lovers. Please remember that if a black piece is to appear on a black square, it was necessary for me to use a black piece on a white square. When Bob Stork did the Problem Column he didn't use white pieces on black squares either, but I think I can do it, mainly because I have more time to put to the task.

Through a misfortune I have not had contact with Mr. E. A. Erickson, the former editor of the column. Though I can stencil the material I can hardly gather the material for it. I have material to run me for a few months, but will someone please tell Mr. Erickson that I shall soon need problems if he is willing to submit it. He used to attend the Seattle Chess Club; do what you can for me please.

FLASHES FROM EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS

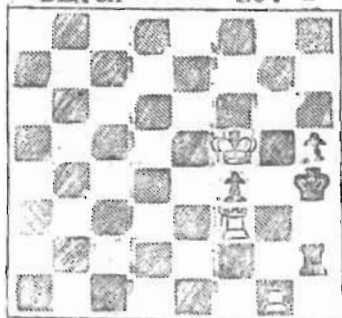
Yakima Chess Club will play the Pasco Chess Club at 2 P. M. October 26 in the Franklin County PUD Office in Pasco. The best players of both clubs will be out in a duel to the death. . . . There is an active chess club in Spokane. A match between it and Yakima is in the future. Information on the Spokane club will be given later. . . . Despite frequent changes in its quarters of play, Yakima Chess Club still meets each Monday night at the Yakima YMCA at 7 P. M.

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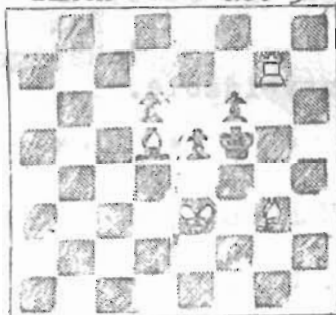
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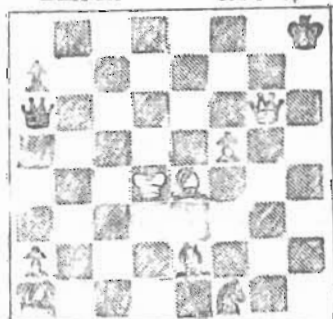
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SOLUTIONS

NEXT MONTH

PROBLEM COLUMN

By O. W. LaFreniere

Problem No. One

Author Unknown

This problem looks very simple but yet is difficult because of the check at KB4, stopping a mate in three in certain cases. How do you combat this? There is but one answer.

WHITE has one Pawn at QB3, King at KB3, one Rook at KN7, and Knights at KN1 and KB5.

BLACK has his king at KR4, Rook at QR5.

Problem No. Two

Author Unknown

Here is another simple looking one, but as before it is most difficult. White cannot seem to arrange his rooks for the 'coup de grace.'

WHITE has his King at KB5, Rooks at KN1, KB3.

BLACK has his King at KR5, a Rook at KR7, and two Pawns at KR4 and KB5.

Problem No. Three

by David Mitchell

Black is nearly stalemated, and that makes this problem hard to solve; one has to be constantly on the watch against a stalemate.

WHITE has his King at K3, Bishops at KN3, Q5, and a Rook at KN7.

BLACK has the King at KB4, Pawns at KB3, K4, and Q3.

Problem No. Four

Author Unknown

Black's probable checks, interpositions, and sacrifices make this problem almost impossible.

WHITE has Bishops at QR8 and K4, the Queen at KN6, and King at Q4.

BLACK has the King at KR1, Pawns at KB4, QR2, and QR7, Queen at QR3, Bishop at K7, Knight at B8.

EXTRA

The following highly interesting game was sent in and annotated by the strong Portland player, V. Zemitis, who is a distinguished blind-fold play specialist and has played as many as 20 opponents simultaneously. It is instructive to follow the merciless exactness in which white accumulates the advantages to crown the game with a winning sacrifice.

Elmars Zemgalis

Germany 1951

V. ZEMITIS

G. GOTTSCHALK

White

Black

Slav Defense

1. P-Q4
2. N-KB3
3. P-B4
4. PxP
5. N-B3
6. B-B4
7. P-K3
8. B-K5
9. R-B1

- P-Q4
- N-KB3
- P-B3
- PxP
- N-B3
- P-K3
- N-KR4
- P-KB4
- B-K2

In the famous Capablanca - Dr. Em. Lasker game, New York, 1924, Black played on his 11th turn N-B3. This note should appear after move 11.

- 10 B-Q3
- 11 O-O
- 12 N-K1!?

- O-O
- B-Q2

An interesting idea: how to prepare for the King-side attack. The basic idea is to be able to play P-KN4 at the right moment. For example 12.. NxB; 13 PxB, B-K1; 14 P-KN4 followed by N-N2 and then to B4, or 12... B-K1; 13 P-B3 followed by P-KN4.

- 12
- 13 PxB
- 13...B-K1 seems to be better.
- 14 N-B2
- 15 N-Q4
- Guards against the threat N(3)-N5.
- 16 Q-N3
- 17 P-N4!

- NxB
- Q-K1
- P-KN4
- P-QR3
- R-N1

The beginning of a well calculated combination.

17 After 17...N-N2; 18 PxP, PxP; White plays 19 NxQP and Black's position is hopeless.

- 18 NxQP!
- 19 QxPch

- PxP
- K-N2

20 R-B7

From now on White's game plays itself.

20 B-QB3
The alternative was 20...R-Q1; 21 P-K6, B-QB3; 22 Q-K5ch, K-N1; 23 N-B5, B-B3; 24 N-R6ch, K-R; 25 RxB mate.

- 21 Q-K6
- 22 N-B5ch
- 23 B-B4

- R-B2
- K-B1

Decisive!

- 23
- 24 Q-KR6

- N-N2

Also, of course, 24 QxRch wins but White plays for the mate.

- 24
- 25 QxRP

- RxN
- Resigns

The mate is unavoidable.

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MR. BUSHNELL RECOVERS

Friends of Mr. Clarence Bushnell I know will be happy to hear that he is recovering from a stomach operation. He has been laid up for several weeks in Columbus Hospital.

The Seattle Chess Club hasn't seemed quite right without Mr. Bushnell around.

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TED WARNER JUMPS!

The perpetual tournament board down at the Seattle Chess Club experienced a radical change during the recent Summer. Ted Warner jumped his rating from the 700's past the 900 mark!

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Games completed during the past month.

50-A-11	51A-13-A
Merk, R.R. 1 Bever 0	Magerkurth 1 Sams 0
52A-2A	51A-13-B
Coubrough 1 Cairncross 0	Yocom, H.E. 1 Kaffenberger 0
51A-14-B	51-B-12
Allen, W.P. 1 Cairncross 0	Allen, W.P. 1 LaFreniere 0
50-B-11	51B-13-A
O'Roberts 1 Howard, F. 0	Howard, Fred 1 Merk, F.E. 0

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Before I put my pen away,
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Cerretelli	1400
Hardinge	1330
Hazen	1288
Tweedale	1246
Yocom, C.L.	1233
Maas	1226
Yocom, H.E.	1224
Sams	1207
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Husby	1116

Class B Players

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