

# WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER



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## Editorials

Went to Blaine for the match, somehow we lost...  $17\frac{1}{2}$  -  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ... it might not have mattered but since some of our stronger players didn't care to make the trip... we could not field as strong a team as was needed... Tacoma chessperts noted for their absence... Was such nice weather too...

The Seafair tourney is about due... we'll have the winner and a summary for you in the next issue. ... got a letter finally... first one about chess since assuming the duty... courtesy Jack Nourse... It seems as though Alfred P. Coles III of El Paso has a correction to one of the reports frequently appearing in this magazine... says that he, had the pleasure of playing O.W. Manney but did not win as the chess letter stated... Thankyou...

Since three Northwest players are heading South for the US Open we might get our ratings raised again... especially if they all finish with superior scores... Good Luck and stuff... Long Beach is a wonderful vacation spot... Hope our friends Bills, Brieger, and Warner can concentrate on Chess... GBS

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# WASHINGTON DEFEATED

July 24, 1955 Story by Wade

It was overcast in Seattle, it rained around Mt. Vernon but the clouds had cleared and the weather was good at the Peace Arch. "Want to buy a communist newspaper?" was asked us as we passed the Peace Arch to the grounds just north of that area where we had to play the International this time. Paul Robeson held a rally at the Arch which drove chess players to another area close by. Except for the wind, conditions for the match were not bad.

With only 20 odd players present for Washington as compared to 60 odd players waiting on the B.C. side, yo T. D. found he already had his top players on hand so he started these men playing before one p.m. Waiting awhile with meager result regarding the enrollment of additional players, the T. D. finally had to use about 7 or 8 players earmarked as "B" tourney men on the second ten.

A late arriving foursome of Yakima players was welcomed heartily and considerably strengthened boards 22-25. The last five boards had to be manned by more "B" team players.

This left only 4 players for the "B" match! A match was played with a few players playing twice to accomodate the overflow of British-Columbia players. "accommodate".

Yes, finally a grand total of 34 Washington players showed up when 50 would have been a decent minimum.

About a dozen of the 30 players on the "A" team would have ordinarily played on the "B" team. Several of the "A" players were a few notches too high and suffered losses.

But in spite of all the above, WASHINGTON COULD STILL HAVE TIED THE MATCH 15-15 EXCEPT FOR UPSETS ON 3 BOARDS WHICH COST U S  $2\frac{1}{2}$  POINTS!

WASHINGTON	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	B. C.	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
1. W. Bills	0	M. Jursevskis	1
2. G. Schain	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Butkev	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. R. Breiger	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. M. Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. G. Bishop	1	L. M. Duval	0
5. R. Edberg	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Pilkington	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. J. McCormick	1	E. Atnikov	0
7. D. Wade	1	F. Fillory	0
8. J. Nourse	0	E. Noufahrt	1
9. K. Mulford	0	J. Kogol	1
10 K. Day	0	B. Arden	1
11 L. Taro	1	H. Ostrum	0
12 F.H. Weaver	1	G. Carlson	0
13 M. Honion	1	F. Schick-Ferber	0
14 H. Mago	0	H. H. Burrell	1
15 T. Davidson	0	A. Muschey	1
16 S. Nourse	0	H. Uldback	1
17 F. M. Howard	$\frac{1}{2}$	N. Savchenko	$\frac{1}{2}$
18 R. Byers	0	A. Engelman	1
19 M. Paton	0	W. J. Maier	1
20 H.H. Roberts	0	P. Chiswell	1
21 P. Husby	1	Dr. A.C. Nash	0
22 W. Hoge	0	M. McLeod	1
23 S. Falk	1	J. Lacey	0
24 T. Nelson	1	T. Varga	0
25 O. LaFreniere	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. W. Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$
26 R. F. Hazen	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. G. Jonah	$\frac{1}{2}$
27 K. Thiossen	0	R. Burgess	1
28 R. Towne	0	G. Bryant	1
29 G. Anderson	0	V. Mosko	1
30 M. Anderson	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. E. Russell	$\frac{1}{2}$

WASHINGTON	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	B. C.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
31 C. Barnum	0	G. Cross	1
32 H. M. Rozen	1	G. Culbert	0
33 T. Hiltner	1	N. St. Denis	0
34 W.H. Raleigh	0	A. Driesner	1
35 R. Byers	0	A. Newcombe	1
36 H. M. Rozen	1	S. Streeter	0
37 C. Barnum	0	R. Klein	1
38 S. Falk	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Powis	$\frac{1}{2}$

A selection of games from this International will be in the next Chess Letter.

Husby, sidelined by an operation a year ago, apparently is fully recovered as he was the first of our players who emerged victorious.

# HOW IT WAS PLANNED

YOU WILL READ THIS AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL, NOT BEFORE. COMPARE THE DO'S AND DON'TS IN THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WITH WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED!

The editor says there will be another chess letter out before the International Match at the Peace Arch July 24th at one p.m. If you read this before the 24th I will be surprised. You shouldn't read it after that date because it will be useless to do so by then.

Victor Pupols, our WCF Tournament Director, will be in the mid-west competing in the U. S. Junior on the day of the 12th International. The writer, who should by now know better, has consented to take Pupol's place.

There are many problems connected with the proper handling of such a large match. It is expected there will be between 50 and 60 players to a side. It is hoped that the players will be ready to play by 12:30 as it is not possible to line up the team in the proper order if the players are not present. The match is supposed to begin at 1 p.m. At least a half hour will be needed in advance to take care of lining up the team.

Mr. Husby, WCF Secretary, will register the Washington contestants as they arrive. Mr. Raleigh, WCF Treasurer, will collect the dollar entry fees. It is hoped that a small badge of some sort will be ready for each Washington player. This badge will show he is a Washington player and may also have the name of the player on it.

The acting tournament director will have a list of Washington chess player names in the order of their strength. This order is determined by performances in past events, USCF rating, and personal knowledge of the tourney director of relative strength of the players. Long inactive players, unless of very exceptional strength, will be placed below more active players. Players who arrive late will have to play on low boards if they play at all. In past events some players have wandered off and "got lost" after registering. The poor T. D. has lined these players up on the team and then his B. C. opponent has been left in an increasingly angry mood waiting for his absent opponent. Eat lunch before you register and not after. Register by 12:30. We start playing by 1 p.m. and possibly even sooner.

A board will be set up on which the names of the players and their B.C. opponents will be posted. Each Washington player will receive a slip of paper on which he will print the board number, his name, his opponent's name and the result of the game. These slips will be turned in to WCF Secretary Husby at the conclusion of a game. Mr. Husby will keep all slips and also mark the results on the score board. Please cooperate and help make this event run like it is supposed to.

We do not want players waiting for others, we do not wish to be made to put weaker players above stronger players on the team because the latter are late, we do not want games played and not be sure of the results, we do not want to guess about names (please print) and we do not want a bad time.

The order of the team line up is being kept secret. It will be in the order the T. D. honestly believes in and no special privileges, politics, etc. need be feared. The T. D. is prepared to suffer the wrath of players who have believed themselves several notches stronger than their record shows.

D. Wade

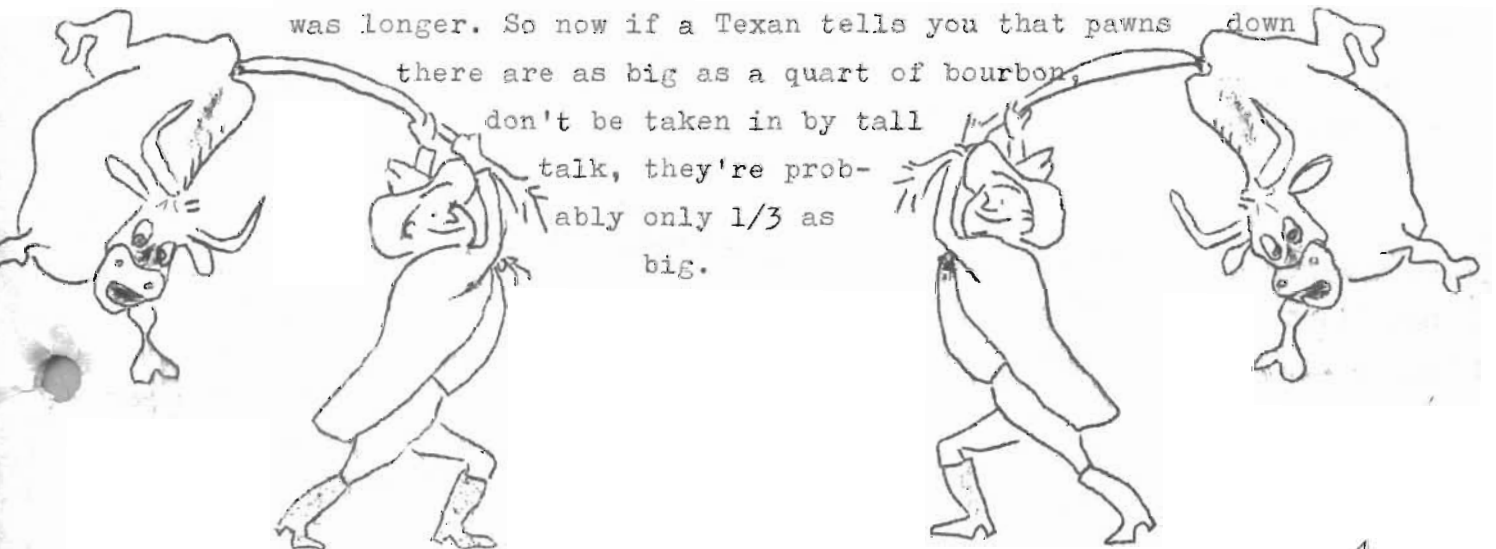
## THE TRIP, UP TO BLAINE

The trip up to Blaine was a thrilling experience for your home town reporter, because Mr. Robert Brieger and Mr. William Bills were together again, and were reminiscing about chess down in Tayxas. Mr. Bills has been real gone from Texas for some time, even his accent is growing thin. Mr. Brieger has just arrived, and it is amazing to hear the size of rooks and knights in a full size chess game as played on the lone prairie.

As Ken Mulford tooled along at 27 miles to the gallon, even such a redoubtable teller of tales as George Bishop fell silent for a moment in admiration of how the game has flourished along the Rio Grande. Mr. Henion was brooding along with your reporter about how we would ever escape from angry Canadians after the slaughter of the flower of their chess players.

Texans can't fool me however. I know exactly how much you can believe of what they say. You can believe 30.71 percent of what they say. I know this because I went to Texas once, and I drove down highway 83 through four or five States until we got to Texas, and all of a sudden they were calling it highway 283. The dang thing wasn't any wider than it was before, but I will admit it was longer. So now if a Texan tells you that pawns down

there are as big as a quart of bourbon,  
don't be taken in by tall  
talk, they're prob-  
ably only 1/3 as  
big.



# CHES IN 'REVIEW

*By Weaver*

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer gave local chess players good coverage on the US-USSR team match, daily dispatches appearing all the way from page 1 to a picture of Reshevsky on the sport page, July 6. Sammy Reshevsky defeated World Champ Botvinnik 2½-1½ on first board. Larry Evans, on second board, drew with a score of 2-2 against Bronstein, but the Russians won the other four matches.

## EASTERN STATES OPEN (90 players)

1	Saul Wachs	) tied	6 - 1
1	Walter Shipman)		6 - 1
3	Miro Radoicic		5½-1½
4	Ariel Mengarini		5½-1½
5	Eliot Hearst		5½-1½

## TRANS-MISSISSIPPI (86 players)

1	Povilas Tautvaisas	6 - 1
2	Miroslav Turiansky	6 - 1
3	Angelo Sandrin	5½-1½
4	Charles H enin	5 - 2
5	Albert Sandrin	5 - 2

## TEXAS STATE (21 players)

1	Kenneth Smith	5½-1½
2	Robert Garver	5 - 1
3	Blake Stevens	4½-1½
4	Louis Dina	4 - 2
5	R.S. Brieger	4 - 2

## WISCONSIN

1	Hugh Myers	6½- ½
2	Dan Clark	5½-1½
3	Arpad Elo	5½-1½
4	William B anerdt	5½-1½
5	Dr. L.C.Young	5 - 2

## WYOMING

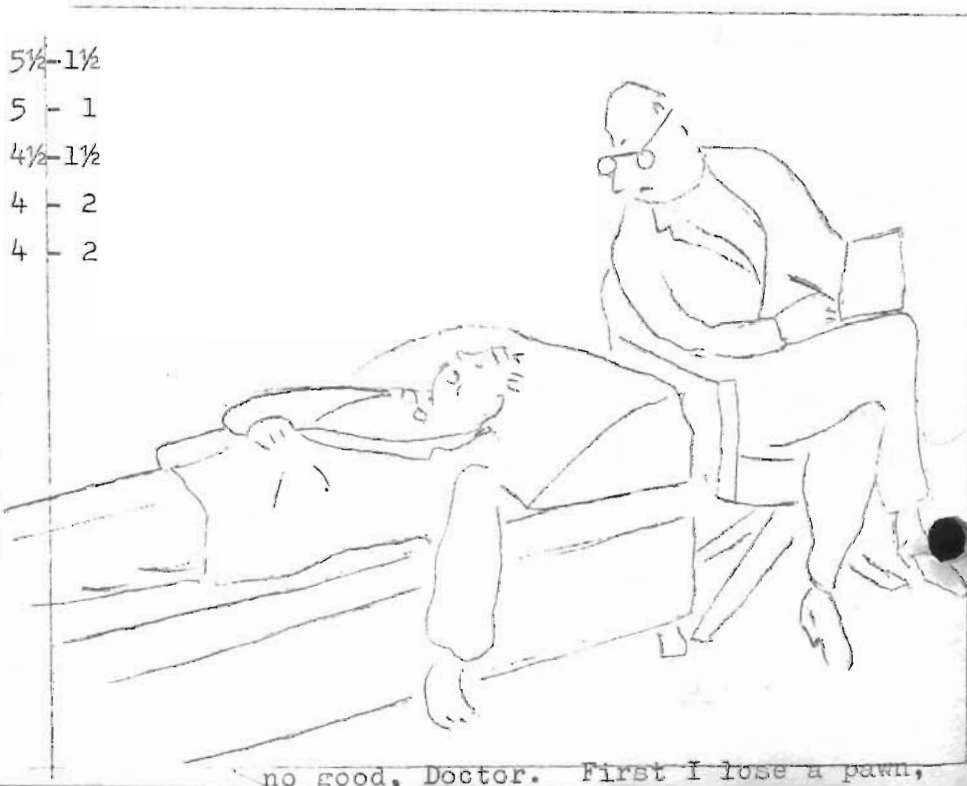
1	Robert McGregor	5 - 0
2	Chester Ingle	3½-1½

Ed Mednis, age 18, was selected as United States representative in the World Junior Championship Tournament. Mednis is rated a U.S. Master with 2350 points in the USCF rating list.

At the conclusion of the match with Russia, Bisguier and Evans plan to play in the Interzonal preliminaries for the World Championship. Reshevsky is seeded directly into the Candidates tournament.

The following 9-mover ruined Roy T. Black's chances in the U.S. Amateur.

1. P-QB4	N-KB3	6. P-R4	N-N5
2. N-QB3	P-Q4	7. KN-K2	N-Q6+
3. PxP	NxP	8. K-B1	B-R3
4. P-KN3	P-KN3	9. P-B4	Q-N3
5. B-N2	P-QB4		Resigns





# -AND FROM CHESS LIFE

NEW YORK, JULY 16 — Sammy Reshevsky, on his return from Russia, said that he has no reply to his challenge for a 20 game match with World Chess Champion Botvinnik even after defeating him in their recent four-game match to vindicate free-world opinion that Sammy is unbeatable. The only comment Reshevsky would make about the US losing 25-7 was that professionals can beat amateurs anytime.

## MERAN DEFENSE Russia, July 1955

Reshevsky  
USA

1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4
3. QN-B3
4. P-K3
5. N-B3
6. B-Q3
7. BxBP
8. B-Q3
9. P-K4
10. P-K5
11. QNxP
12. NxN
13. Q-B3
14. K-K2
15. Q-B6ch
16. B-Q2
17. QxBch
18. N-B4ch
19. NxQ
20. KR-QB
21. BxB
22. R-B4
23. RxQP
24. K-Q3
25. K-B4
26. P-QR4
27. K-Q3
28. R-QN
29. P-R5
30. K-K2
31. K-K
32. RxRch
33. B-B3
34. R-QR
35. R-R3
36. RxP
37. R-N5
38. B-Q4
39. K-Q
40. B-K3
41. R-N8

Botvinnik  
USSR

- P-K3
- P-Q4
- P-QB3
- N-B3
- QN-Q2
- PxP
- P-QN4
- P-QR3
- P-B4
- PxP
- NxP
- PxN
- Q-R4ch
- B-Q3
- K-K2
- P-N5
- KxQ
- K-Q2
- RxN
- B-R3
- RxB
- N-Q4
- R-QN
- P-R4
- P-N6
- R-B3ch
- R-B7
- R/1-QB
- R/B1-B3
- R-Q3
- N-B2
- KxR
- P-B3
- N-R3
- K-B2
- N-B4
- N-R5
- P-K4
- R-B5
- K-B3
- Resign

The U.S. Open, Long Beach, California, August 8-20, will offer the most liberal schedule of prizes ever listed for any U.S. Open.

The annual Valley of the Moon Chess Festival will be held Aug. 14 starting at 11 a.m. at Sonoma Calif. Entry fee for the Festival is \$1.50 up to August 7th. and should be sent to Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce 461 First St., W. Sonoma, Calif.

Larry Evans has announced that he will not be able to attend the FIDE Interzonal Tournament at Gothenburg, Sweden. He will be replaced by Herbert Seidman, who placed third in the U.S. Championship.

The July 5, issue of ChessLife has an article on openings by Larry Evans detailing reasons why the Reverse K-Indian is a potent weapon for White. It postpones the battle until the middle game, thus favors the natural player who is not too well versed in opening theory. White is always in control of what course the game shall take. Up to now White has been at the mercy of Black in this respect. However, after 1. P-K4 with this system he no longer has to be prepared for a barrage of defenses in which Black may be specialized. As outlined by Evans it is possible for White to rely on one formation against all possible replies. Most important of all this formation takes the game immediately out of the book.

## MARYLAND (42 players)

- |                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Herbert Avran   | 6 - 1 |
| 2. Michael Tilles  | 6 - 1 |
| 3. Fred Sorenson   | 5 - 2 |
| 4. Boris Garfinkel | 5 - 2 |
| 5. H.R. McComas    | 5 - 2 |

## NEW HAMPSHIRE (15 players)

- |                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| 1. Fred Eschrich | 4 - 0 |
| 2. H.G. Rice     | 3 - 1 |
| 3. Ralph Gerth   | 3 - 1 |

# WASHINGTON CHESS

By Wade

At last we present some games from the last Puget Sound Open. Tournament winner Elmars Zemgalis defeats his most formidable contender in the following game. We regret the lack of annotation. The exclamation marks are not mine.

E. ZEMGALIS

1. N-KB3
2. P-Q4
3. P-B4
4. P-K3
5. BxP
6. O-O
7. Q-K2
8. N-B3
9. B-N3
- 10 R-Q1
- 11 PxP
- 12 QxR
- 13 BxQ
- 14 B-Q2
- 15 R-B1!
- 16 B-B2
- 17 B-N1
- 18 NxN
- 19 P-K4
- 20 K-B1
- 21 BxN
- 22 P-K5
- 23 B-K4!!
- 24 R-B8ch.
- 25 RxR
- 26 P-K6ch.
- 27 R-KN8
- 28 RxPch.
- 29 N-Q2
- 30 K-K1
- 31 R-R7
- 32 P-QN3
- 33 N-B4ch.
- 34 PxB
- 35 R-R6ch.

O. ULVESTAD

- P-Q4
- N-KB3
- PxP
- P-K3
- P-QR3
- P-B4
- N-B3
- P-QN4
- R-R2!
- R-Q2
- RxRch.
- QxQch.
- BxP
- B-N2
- B-Q3
- N-QN5
- N-Q4
- NxN
- N-B5
- P-K4
- PxB
- B-N1
- RxB
- K-Q2
- B-B2
- PxP
- P-R3
- K-Q3
- B-Q6ch.
- B-Q1
- P-N5
- B-B2
- BxN
- P-QR4
- Resigns

5. B-N2

6. P-Q4
7. O-O
8. P-B5
9. P-QN4
- 10 N-QR4
- 11 N-N5
- 12 NxNP
- 13 B-B4
- 14 N-B3
- 15 PxP
- 16 N-K5
- 17 BxN
- 18 NxN
- 19 P-QR4
- 20 Q-Q2
- 21 TR-M1
- 22 R-M6
- 23 E(R)-M1
- 24 RxRch.
- 25 Q-N2
- 26 Q-N6ch.
- 27 RxQch.
- 28 R-N7ch.
- 29 B-B3
- 30 B-R5ch.

P-B3

- P-Q4
- O-O
- P-QN3
- P-QR4
- N(N)-Q2?
- N-N1
- R-R3
- P-R3
- N(N)-Q2
- RxP
- NxN(K5)
- N-Q2
- QxN
- B-R3
- B-Q1
- B-B5
- Q-R2
- B-KN4
- KxR
- RxP
- QxQ
- K-B2
- K-K1
- B-B3
- K-Q1

White mates in 3. 31 R-N8ch. IF K-Q2; 32 B-K8ch., K-K2; 33 B-Q5 mate. IF 31 R-N8ch., K-K2; 32 B-Q6ch., K-Q2; 33 B-K8 mate.

John DeWitt directed the Puget Sound Open but found time to play as you shall see if you play over the following game.

J. DEWITT

R. EDEBERG

1. P-Q4
2. N-KB3
3. P-K3
4. P-B4
5. N-B3
6. PxP
7. P-K4
8. PxP
9. B-QN5
- 10 P-R3
- 11 PxP

- P-Q4
- N-KB3
- P-N5
- P-K3
- B-B3
- BxP
- BxN
- N-N3
- P-N5
- BxNch.
- O-O

Second place finisher Hugh Noel - and defeats State Champion Bill Bills in the following brilliant game.

H. NOEL

W. BILLS

1. N-KB3
2. P-B4
3. N-B3
4. P-KN3

- P-K3
- P-KB4
- N-KB3
- B-K2



12 R-KN1	N-K2
13 P-KR4	P-KB4
14 B-N5	P-B3
15 B-Q3	Q-K1
16 Q-Q2	N-N3
17 P-R5	N-R1
18 B-KR6	R-B2
19 O-O-O	Q-K2
20 Q-R2	K-B1
21 B-KN5	Q-Q3
22 B-B2	P-KR3
23 B-Q2	P-R4
24 B-N3	R-K2
25 P-R4	N-B2
26 R-N6	QR-K1
27 QR-N1	N-R1
28 R(6)-N2	R-Q1?
29 BxRP	R(1)-Q2

If 29....PxB? 30 R-N8ch., K-B2;  
31 R(1)-N7ch., K-B3; 32 P-K5ch.

30 P-K5	Q-B2
31 B-N5	N-Q4
32 BxRch.	RxB
33 BxN	BPxB
34 K-B2	Q-B3
35 Q-R3	Q-B5
36 K-Q2	Resigns

In the following game White had three chances to draw. One an offer in the early going was turned thumbs down on because White's position had a rosy appearance. Later White was again able to draw but tried to win. Finally, on the 50th move, White had his last chance and blundered.

D. WADE

V. PUPOLS

1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. NxP	B-B4
5. NxN	NPxN
6. B-QB4	P-Q3
7. O-O	N-B3
8. N-B3	O-O
9. B-KN5	R-N1
10 N-R4	Q-K2
11 NxB	PxN
12 R-K1	Q-K4
13 BxN	QxB
14 P-QN3	R-Q1
15 Q-K2	B-K3
16 P-K5	Q-K2
17 BxB	QxB
18 QR-Q1	R-Q4
19 P-QB4	R-Q5
20 RxR	PxR
21 P-B5	Q-Q4

22 P-K6	PxP
23 QxPch.	QxQ
24 RxQ	P-Q6
25 K-B1	P-QR4
26 R-K4	R-Q1
27 K-K1	R-Q4
28 K-Q2	K-B2
29 R-K3	RxP
30 KxP	R-Q4ch.
31 K-B4	R-Q7
32 P-QR4	RxF

White was willing to give up the BP so he could trade off rooks thinking he could win with his QRP. Wrong!

33 R-B3ch.	RxR
34 PxR	K-K3
35 P-N4	PxP
36 KxP	K-Q3
37 P-R4	P-N3
38 K-B4	P-B4
39 P-B4	K-B3
40 K-Q3	K-N3
41 K-B4	K-R4
42 P-R5	PxP

White tries to win a drawn game. If 42 KxP and then keep Black's K on the rook file draws.

43 P-B5	P-R5
44 P-B6	P-R6
45 P-B7	P-R7
46 P-B8(Q)	P-R8(Q)
47 QxPch.	K-R3
48 Q-N5ch.	K-R2
49 Q-B5ch.	K-R1
50 Q-R5ch.??	K-N1

Now White loses. He should have played 50 Q-B8ch., K-N2; 51 Q-N4ch., K-B1; 52 Q-B8ch., K-Q2; 53 Q-B7ch., K-Q3; 54 Q-B6ch. draws.

51 Q-N5ch.	Q-N2
52 Q-K8ch.	K-R2
53 Q-B7	Q-K5ch.
54 K-B5	Q-B7ch.
55 K-N5	Q-N7ch.
56 K-B5	Q-K4ch.
57 K-B6	Q-Q3ch.
58 K-N5	Q-N3ch.
59 K-B4	P-R3
60 Q-K8	K-N2
61 Q-B7	Q-B3ch.
62 K-N4	Q-K5ch.
63 K-N5	Q-K4ch.
64 K-B4	P-R4
65 Q-B3ch.	K-R2
66 Q-B2ch.	K-R3

White was too stubborn to resign so the game was adjourned at this time and called a draw for pairing purposes giving White Zomgalis for his next foe while Black received a lesser opponent!

# More of Wade-Pupols epic!

67 Q-B8	Q-K5ch.
68 K-B3	K-N2
69 K-Q2	Q-Q5ch.
70 K-K1	P-R5
71 Q-B3ch.	K-R2
72 Q-QB6	Q-N3
73 Q-Q7	Q-Q3
74 Q-B8	Q-N6ch.
75 K-B1	P-R6
76 Q-B5	Q-N7ch.
77 K-K1	Q-N8ch.
78 K-Q2	Q-Q5ch.
79 K-K1	P-R7
80 Q-R5ch.	K-N2
81 Q-N5ch.	Q-N3
82 Q-Q5ch.	Q-B3
83 Q-N3ch.	K-R1
84 Q-N8ch.	K-R2
85 Resigns.	

Larry Taro, first editor of our Washington Chess Letter, wins a pair of clever Postal Chess games. In the first, Bever grabs a pawn which ends matters speedily.

V.W. BEVER

L. TARO

1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. P-KN3	P-Q4

Immediately attacking the weak - ness.

3. B-N2	PxP
4. BxP	N-KB3
5. B-N2	B-N5
6. N-K2	N-B3
7. P-QB3	N-K4!
8. BxP?	N-Q6ch.
9. K-B1	Q-N3!
10 B-K4	P-B5

If 10....NxB; 11. Q-R4ch. White can not play 10. Q-N3 because of the reply 10....BxNch. White must go 11 K-N1 as 11 KxB, NxBch. winning the Q. 11 White lost.

In the following game, Taro wins over Vellias. Vellias resigns in bad shape just before Taro gives him both barrels.

L. TARO

R. VELLIAS

1. N-KB3	P-Q4
2. P-QN3	P-QB4
3. B-N2	P-B3
4. P-Q4	PxP
5. NxB	P-K4

6. N-KB3	N-QB3
7. P-K3	B-Q3
8. P-B4	P-Q5!
9. PxP	PxP
10 P-QR3	B-KN5
11 B-K2	Q-K2
12 O-O	O-O-O
13 R-K1	P-Q6
14 B-KB1	BxN
15 PxB	Q-QB2
16 P-KR3	P-KN4
17 N-B3!	P-KR4
18 N-Q5	Q-N2
19 QxP	QN-K2
20 NxBch.	NxN
21 Q-K4	K-N1
22 Q-K6!	R-R3
23 QR-Q1	P-N5
24 BPxP	B-B2
25 RxRch.	BxR
26 B-B1!	R-R1
27 B-B4ch.	K-R1
28 B-N2	Resigns.

Curious WCF members may like to know how they would have been placed on the team if everybody had showed up for the International Match. (The T. D. purposely placed himself lower than some because of his distracting duties.) Here is the list.

1. Zengalis	11 McCormick
2. Bills	12 Wade
3. Ulvestad	13 J. Mourse
4. Pupols	14 Mulford
5. Moland	15 Hoge
6. Warner	16 Coubrough
7. Schain	17 Falk
8. Brieger	18 Hultman
9. Bishop	19 Nelson
10 Edberg	20 Taro

Seven of this top 20 were among the missing which played hob with my plans of fielding a winning team.

Hoge, Falk and Nelson came late so were placed below 20th.

There can be no argument about Zengalis deserving first place. Bill Bills defeated Ulvestad for the Washington Championship, however, so deserves second board.

The lower one goes in the list, the more difficult it becomes to decide relative abilities.

Dan Wade

# chesschat

Although young chessmasters, as a rule, show more endurance than older ones, there have been several ageless ones who seem to be able to ignore the penalties of time while playing a sparkling brand of chess. One such person was the Master Jacques Mieses; up to his recent demise at the age of 86 participated in tournaments regularly and successfully. He once said that while he might play bad chess he could never be accused of playing dull chess. Note the ingenuity he displays in the following game.

Oxford, 1947 White: J. Mieses; Black: Dr. Schenk

1. P-K4, N-QB3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. PxP, QxP; 4. N-KB3, P-K4

Here, he could trade the initiative for a pawn but it is contrary to his style... (5. PxP, QxQch.; 6. KxQ, QB-N5; 7. B-KB4, O-O-O.).

5. N-B3, B-QN5; 6. B-K3, B-KN5; 7. B-K2, O-O-O; 8. O-O, Q-R4  
9. NxP, BxB; 10. QxB, NxN; 11. PxN, N-R3; 12. N-N5, P-R3;

The recapture 11 ...QxP loses a piece after 12. Q-N4 ch. and he also dares not open files attacking his king.

13. P-QR4... The Knight is immune; (13. ...PxN; 14. PxP traps Black's Queen.). 13. ...B-K2; 14. P-QN4! Opening a line to the Black King.

14. ...BxP; 15. KR-N1, P-QB3; 16. P-QB3, RPxN;

Loss of the Queen follows (16. ...BxP; 17. N-R7ch. K-N1 18. NxPch.).

17. PxB, Q-R3; Protects the pawn and keeps the lines closed a little longer, but allowing a tragicomic finale.

18. P-R5, N-B4; 19. B-N6... applying a chastity belt to the Black Queen.

19. ...R-Q4; 20. R-Q1, N-K2; 21. Q-N4ch, K-N1; 22. QxP, R-QB1;  
23. Q-B6, RxRch; 24. RxR, N-Q4; 25. Q-Q6ch, K-R1 26. RxN, PxR;  
27. P-N3 and Black resigns.

# STEVE FALK TOPS WN. JUNIOR

By OWL

Stephen Falk of Yakima, Washington, won the 1955 Washington State Junior Championship. In a tournament which was all but a farce (with nevertheless some very good games having been played), the 16 year old youngster ran away with the title competing against such experienced players as Expert Viktors Pupols and Oliver LaFreniere.

The tournament was to have been a five round Swiss, and was scheduled for the YMCA building in Yakima. Unfortunately the organizer in Yakima, LaFreniere, had to work several sixteen hour shifts just before the tourney began, and then had to work on Saturday, beginning day, as well. Thus the YMCA room was not prepared. Only four showed up in any case--Pupols, Terry Nelson, and Falk, and LaFreniere appearing late in the evening. There was a pool table in the chess room at the YMCA--and you know boys will be boys!

To avoid the awful influence of billiards the tourney was removed to the residence of the LaFreniere's. Also the entry fees were canceled except for the USCF rating fees, and the system was changed to a single round robin. The first round proceeded quite well; e. g., seriously, with good chess being played. Pupols beat LaFreniere in a very strange game ending with a spectacularly brilliant combination, and Falk trounced Nelson. At this point, just before the second round of the evening, a certain Mr. Richard Dexter, formerly a junior himself, arrived with all his ability to produce noise of varying kinds.

The second round was played under almost impossible conditions (still the chess did not deteriorate utterly). Comedian Dexter kept up a steady stream of conversation. Pupols won his second in a row against Stephen Falk, and Terry Nelson most ungraciously smashed LaFreniere. Then the tournament broke up for a night on the town.

The third round saw the fears of Pupols well realized: Nelson took him in a difficult game. Falk banged poor LaFreniere, who dropped from the tournament. This left Pupols, Falk, and Nelson tied for first. Now it might seem strange to announce three champions from a four man tourney, so a play-off was a necessity. Pupols had to make it back to Seattle before too long, so he decided to play both games at once. He had quite a time with two clocks running and two tournament boards to confront him, and LaFreniere bothering him in his official capacity as Tournament Director to construct the 1955-1956 Tournament Calendar (which was done successfully). He did very well to get two draws.

So the title depended upon the final Falk-Nelson game. Pupols left, leaving the reporting in LaFreniere's hands, and the game began on the patio. Just at this moment (Oh no, not again!) the noisy Mr. Dexter arrived in an ancient jeep which nearly exploded before he got it stopped. Dexter controlled himself, however, and Falk mastered the intricacies of a very complicated game to become the Washington State Junior Champion of 1955.

In spite of all the interruptions and misorganizations, everyone had a wonderful time and the required chess playing got done in good manner. Some of the games which will prove that juniors are capable of very good chess will be printed soon. Next year, however, the tournament will be played in Seattle where adult directing influence can be had. Perhaps a better job of advertising is also advisable. In any case, congratulations to Steve Falk for his first tournament title!

I apologize for the lateness of this particular news item. -- OWL

# LOG CABIN VISIT

By Wade

Ferry Laucks and his Log Cabin team mates of New Jersey made their presence known in Seattle on the evening of Saturday, July 16th. They were prepared to massacre the humble inhabitants at the club that evening and then continue the trip with a Seattle Chess Club pelt on their collective belts to coin a phrase or two. Yes, the word is spelled "massacre". We need a new proof reader.

Anyway, back to the story. This Log Cabin gang came to Seattle to attend a wedding of one of their lodge members to a Seattle girl. After Seattle, the group will travel on to the U. S. Open at Long Beach, California. They made a trip out here last year too so apparently their pocket books are not filled up with peanuts. Not like the writer's.

H. Holbrook (1794-class B), F. Laucks (1732-B), Ted Miller (unrated) plus Alex Gooding (unrated) composed the elements of this team. Maurice Henion did not know how good they were. For all he knew, he was facing a group of chess masters. He (Henion) could not risk the good name of the Seattle Chess Club. Henion called the "experts" roost on Beacon Hill at 1500 Atlantic St. It can also be referred to as the 1500 Club. Personally the name 1500 Club sounds a little like one of those watering places I used to help exist before I married or back in the days when I had money, not peanuts, in my wallet.

The 1500 crowd also was upset over this sudden clanking of the gauntlet on the Seattle Chess Club door step. Enmasse, such chess giants as Ulvestad, now ranked expert but of master ability, Bill Bills, Robert Breiger, Gerald Schain, George Bishop and Ken Mulford descended upon the chess club to do battle with the harmless invaders.

Laucks and company fairly screamed at sight of this collection of nationally known and almost known chess greats and near greats. Hagglng ensued. It was claimed both Ulvestad and Breiger had once played for Log Cabin and should play for them!

A practice match was played that evening at the 1500 Club and a team of 4 made up of Ulvestad, Schain, Breiger and Henion in the order named, defeated a Log Cabin team of Holbrook, Laucks, Miller and Gooding or a line up which had no chance of defeating the collar dwelling West Seattle Chess Team of the last Puget Sound League season. The score was 4 to 0.

The next afternoon a Seattle team again faced the Log Cabins. To make it more equal, Seattle gave the Log Cabins Robert Breiger and did not use Ulvestad. Credit can be given to Mr. Holbrook who played Bills to a draw in their first game on first board although Bills won the second. Breiger drew for the Log Cabin in his first game with Hugh Noland on second board. However, Noland won the second. George Bishop ("I cry check in a loud voice!") defeated Ferry twice. Dan Wade had 6 pawns to cartoonist Ted Miller's 4 but could only draw their first game but Wade picked up the marbles after the second. On last but not the least board, Ken Mulford speedily defeated Gooding. Final result was an  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  victory for the home towners.

Ferry and company are wonderful people and their company was enjoyed by us all. They are out to have fun at chess. It is too bad Seattle does not have a Laucks to help promote our chess. That man has real drive! Not apathetic.



# TOURNAMENTS '55 & '56

## WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION

Tournament	Date	System	Entry fee	Location
International Match	July 24, Sunday Begins 1 p.m.	One game 40 moves/2 hrs	\$1.00	Blaine, Wn., Peace Arch
Seattle Seafair Open Championship	July 30, 31 Begins 9 a.m.	6 Round Swiss 40 moves/2 hrs	\$2.50	Seattle C.C.
Washington State Woodpushers	September 10, 11 Begins 10 a.m.	6 Round Swiss 30 moves/1 hr	\$1.00	Seattle C.C.
Washington State Open Championship	October 1, 2 Begins 9 a.m.	6 Round Swiss 40 moves/2 hrs	\$3.00	Seattle C.C.
Washington State Championship	October 29, 30 Begins 9 a.m.	Round Robin 40 moves/2 hrs	\$5.00	Seattle C.C.
Washington State Speed Championship	January 8 Begins 10 a.m.	Round Robin 10 seconds/move	\$1.00	Seattle C.C.
Puget Sound Open	February-March	Details later	* * *	* * * * *
Northwest Masters- Experts Tourney	February-March	Details later	* * *	* * * * *
Washington State Junior Championship	April 7, 8 Begins 1 p.m.	5 Round Swiss 30 moves/1 hr	\$2.00	Seattle C.C.
Inland Empire Open	April-May	Details later	* * *	* * * * *

The Puget Sound League and the Eastern Washington League will be played through the fall, winter, and spring tournament seasons. Entry fee for the Puget Sound League is \$3.00 per club, and each club must be a member of Washington Chess Federation (\$5.00). Each match will be played Sunday at 1 p.m. with two games at 40 moves in one hour. Teams will be limited to five men each. A full schedule and details will be announced later.

All tournament dates are weekends. The Seattle Chess Club is located at 616 Madison Street, Seattle, Washington. All tournaments but the State Speed and the International Match will be USCF rated for the national rankings. In all tourneys but the above two mentioned, the winner of each game will be required to render a complete and correct score of the game before he will receive credit for it. The player of the white pieces will do the same in case of a draw. More complete details will precede each tournament in the Chess Letter. The Tournament Director reserves the right to change any detail in this listing at any time.

The 1955-1956 tournament season is expected to be one of the most successful in the history of state chess. Enthusiasm is already running high, and we hope to see as many chess players as possible support WCF events. For further information write Publicity Director, Oliver LaFreniere, 2807 West Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Wash., OR after September 28 the address will be Baker 612, 1101 Campus Parkway, Seattle 5.

Viktors Pupols, Tournament Director  
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# POSTAL CHESS

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51A-14A Playoff				Points		54A-4A		Points	
Cairncross	2	W.F.Allen	0	100	Taro	1	Vellias	0	34
54A-5A						54A-4B			
Wade	1	Mage	0	32	Vellias	$\frac{1}{2}$	Taro	$\frac{1}{2}$	16
54B-1A						54B-4B			
Skarston	1	Nelson	0	28	Youngman	1	Raleigh	0	40
54A-6A									
Baron	1	Howard	0	42					

The Championship 1955 Washington Postal Tourney hit quite too many snags slowing down proceedings but now, at last, we can safely announce the show is on the road. Only 15 players signed up and 1 other contributed his \$2 but decided not to play. The prize total is \$32 to be divided 19 - 8 - 5 between first, second and third.

The 15 contestants are divided into 3 approximately equal sections of 5 players each. Each player will play each of his 4 opponents twice, once with the white pieces and once with the black. A total of 8 games will be played in each section.

## 55-Ch-1

1. Wade
2. Weaver
3. Bever
4. Hultman
5. Carter

## 55-Ch-2

1. Baron
2. Howard
3. Cairncross
4. Weischer
5. Rauen

## 55-Ch-3

1. Coubrough
2. Mage
3. Husby
4. Skarston
5. Engstrom

The 3 section winners will tangle in a 3 corner fight for the championship. Each player will play 2 games with each of the other players, once with each color. The usual point awards as in other postal sections will be given for each win.

The contestants will receive their notices with opponents addresses in the mail shortly.

A one year time limit is placed on games in the first round, games not completed at that time will be adjudicated.

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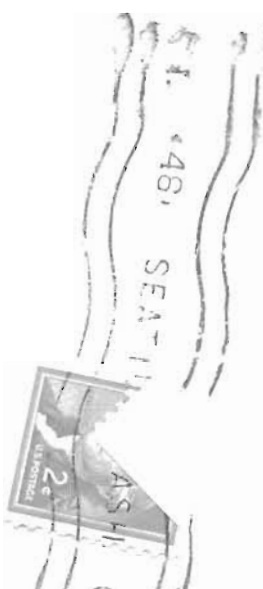
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Howard	1506
Mage	1494
Kaffenberger	1492
DeWitt	1442
Bever	1419
Megerkurth	1344
Vellias	1316
Knapp	1304
Carter	1294
Sid Nourse	1288
Cairncross	1282
Husby	1280
Mac Patterson	1250
Laurence Allyn	1250
Hultman	1250
Weischer	1250
Roats	1250
John Nourse	1040

## "B" Division

Merk	1373
Dickson	1332
Skarsten	1320
Don Roberts	1254
Meliza	1248
Rauen	1236
Falk	1172
LaFreniere	1170
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Vukovich	1050
McDonald	1050
Pifley	1050
Hert	1050
Nelson	1048
Engstrom	1044
Carpenter	1026
Raleigh	953