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From The Editor

The Oregon Chess Federation needs additional income to carry
out its programs. Rather than assess its membership directly,
it proposed to the NWC Board that its share of the currently
collected \$14.00 per adult member/subscriber be increased from
\$1.50 to \$3.50. OCF would rather not raise the combined
OCF/subscription rate to \$16.00 to cover the desired revenue,
but instead wants NWC to absorb it, in effect reducing the
operating income of the magazine \$2.00 per Oregon subscriber.

OCF does have a financial crisis, and it feels strongly that
the membership rate w/magazine should not rise above the
present \$14.00, an opinion with which many agree. But, if the
magazine must survive on \$2 less, then it is likely that we
would lose the option of publishing a full issue every month.
Other states have a bi-monthly or even a quarterly, why not the
Northwest? I have always thought that the readers would only
be satisfied with a "full monthly" but perhaps times and
opinions have changed.

At present, our subscriber base of 160 in Oregon, 290 in
Washington plus a few from the other states and Canada just
barely supports the monthly; in fact, we need perhaps another
100. If we reduced the output to less than monthly, either the
rate could be dropped and/or a larger portion could be rebated
back to both Oregon and Washington, due to lower costs. Is
this what you want? Readership comment on this vital topic is
invited for publication in the March and April issues.

Whatever the outcome, I intend as editor to continue the same
support/coverage of Oregon and Washington events as in the
past, based on reports and articles which are submitted for
publication.

HALL BRINGS WIDE EXPERIENCE TO U.S. OPEN RESPONSIBILITY

Ralph L. Hall, Chief Organizer for the 1987 U.S. Open in Portland, was born 56 years ago in Smithfield, Nebraska. He attended high school in Elwood, Nebraska; his college degrees include a B.Sc. (with distinction) in 1953 and a M.Ed. in 1957, both from the University of Nebraska, and a Doctor of Education from Columbia University in 1965. During a 33 year career in public education, he taught high school science, coached athletics, was a high school assistant principal, a district office supervisor and research director, and a junior high school principal for the last 15 years. He has taught university graduate courses from time to time.

Besides chess, Ralph's leisure time activities include reading, classical music, bridge, golf, bowling, and travel. His wife, Irene, is a musician and teacher, and his 23 year old daughter, Kris, is a senior at Portland State University. They have lived in Oregon City for 11 1/2 years.

Wherever he goes he seems to get involved in organized chess. He was co-founder of the Norfolk, Nebraska Chess Club in 1956, and organized and directed his first open tournament in 1960. George Koltanowski sold Ralph his first USCF membership at a tournament in Yankton, S.D. in 1957 and a few years later he became a life member.

In 1960-62 he was a member of the Morningside Heights Chess Club in New York City and played for the club for two years in the Metropolitan League.

I first met and got acquainted with Ralph in Florida in 1962. He was a member of the Coral Gables Chess Club for 13 years and was President of the Florida Chess Association in 1963-64. He organized and directed many tournaments in Florida.

Ralph became a member of the Oregon Chess Federation at the 1975 Oregon Open and has been an officer several times. He founded the Oregon City Chess Club in 1976.

He and Irene lived in England for a year during 1962-63 where he was a member of the Cambridge City Chess Club. He played in 15 team matches for the club and entered 5 open

tournaments. At the end of the year, the Chess Club gave him a life membership and elected him Honorary Vice-President. Ralph had the pleasant opportunity to spend five days at the Olympiad in Lucerne, Switzerland in 1982.

Ralph is currently USCF Region XII Vice-President, OCF President, Oregon City Chess Club Vice-President, and a member of the Oregon Scholastic Chess Foundation Board of Directors and the Portland Chess Club. He has been a certified USCF tournament director since the program began and continues to organize chess events every year.

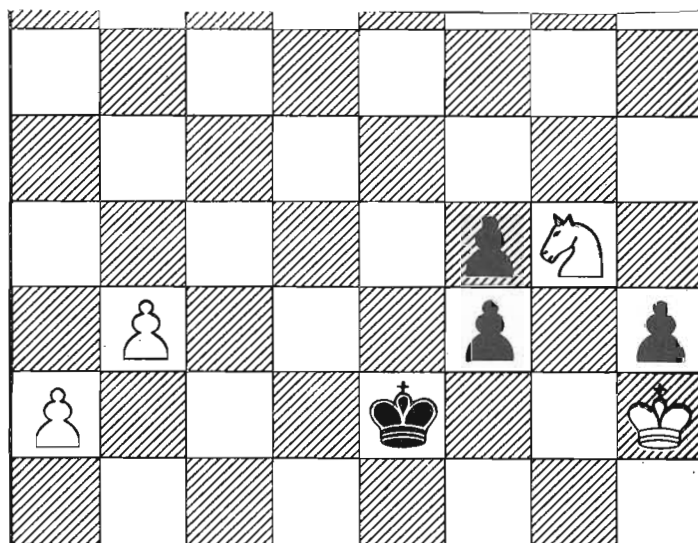
He has played over 1,200 USCF rated games and more than 200 postal games in the past 30 years. When asked to describe his chess style, Ralph commented, "I suppose it is cautious and opportunistic." When asked for a favorite game he provided the following:

Portland Autumn Open; Nov 7, 1981
William Lapham - Ralph L. Hall

1 f4 Nf6 2 Nf3 c5 3 b3 Nc6 4 Bb2 d5 5 e3 Bg4 6 Bb5 Ne4 7 Bxc6+
bc6 8 Oo e6 9 d3 Nd6 10 h3 h5 11 hg4 hg4 12 Ng5 Nf5 13 Qe1 Be7
14 e4 de4 15 Nxe4 Bh4 16 Qe2 Bg3 17 Qxg4 Rh4 18 Qg5 Bh2+ 19 Kf2
Rxf4+ 20 Ke1 Rxe4+ 0-1

U.S. Open, Round XI; Aug 14, 1986
Ralph L. Hall - Arthur S. Antler

Position after 58 moves



The game continued: 59 b4 f2 60 Nf2 Kxf2 Draw.

GM Pal Benko, eight-time winner of the U.S. Open, had been watching the game. As soon as it ended, he stepped forward and told me that 59 Kh3 f2 60 Nh2 was a win!

A nice feature of the U.S. Open is that you get to play against some of the world's best players, and they sometimes kibitz your games.

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RICHARD WOOD CHECKMATES APARTHEID

Report by Casey E. Bush

In Portland, on Sunday, December 7th, National Master Richard Wood conducted a simultaneous chess exhibition as a fund raiser for the anti-Apartheid group POSAF (Portlanders Organized for South African Freedom). Hosted by the Laughing Horse Bookstore & Coffeehouse (1322 NW 23rd Ave), Checkmate Apartheid provided an opportunity for those of a leftist persuasion to test the mettle of their chess game while contributing to a cause. Ten individuals donated a \$10 entry fee to face 2-time Oregon Champion (1984 and 1985) Richard Wood, who amply rewarded them with a convincing demonstration of his skill.

The event began promptly at 2 o'clock with Richard generously offering his opponents their choice of color. This resulted in the Master playing 4 games as White and 6 as Black. For the first few minutes a video camera from KGW-TV followed the action, but there has been no report of those clips being aired. Mr. Wood treated everyone to his strongest game, opening with a King's pawn as White and responding with the French or Dutch as Black. Richard faced a determined bunch that included three category "A" players. Over the course of the afternoon curious bookstore customers and chess "camp followers" crowded the facilities. A representative from POSAF set up a table of books and pamphlets adjacent to the simul, while coffee and espresso flowed freely.

After two hours the event briefly adjourned for a cigarette break, and with the resumption of play Richard Wood began to put the screws to his adversaries. Despite the weight of Mr. Wood's 2230+ USCF rating, it was not until after the third hour had passed that the first nut cracked. Soon thereafter an avalanche of boards fell in favor of the champ. That afternoon witnessed a number of complex positions in which NM Wood showed his stuff including the execution of a "royal fork" (K-Q-R) against John Lai. Likewise, Evan Whipple seemed to be performing adequately until after a few inexact moves he suddenly found his Kingside in shambles, struck by an unexpected bolt of lightning. Against John Bigelow, Mr. Wood lined up 7 pawns on the 4th rank to great effect, while my own effort was characterized by the champ as "sacchappy". Finally, after four hours, the smoke cleared leaving Richard Wood victor across all ten boards in an exhibition

marked by its serious demeanor and quality chess. Hopefully this will not be the last time that chess is mixed with progressive politics at the Laughing Horse Bookstore.

John Bigelow - Richard Wood
Dutch Defense

1 d4	f5	14 Be2	c5
2 c4	Nf6	15 Nf2	h5
3 Nc3	e6	16 h3	Rc8
4 Bg5	Bb4	17 000	d5
5 Qc2	h6	18 b3	b5
6 Bxf6	Qxf6	19 Kb1	bc4
7 e3	b6	20 bc4	00
8 a3	Bxc3+	21 Rd2	cd4
9 Qxc3	Bb7	22 Rxd4	Nb6
10 Ne2	d6	23 Rc1	dc4
11 Nf4	g5	24 Bxc4	Bd5
12 Nd3	Nd7	25 Qb3	Nxc4
13 f3	a5	26 Ka1	Nxe3

0-1

Gary Hirschkron - Richard Wood
Dutch Defense

1 Nf3	f5	16 Be1	h5
2 d4	Nf6	17 e4	f4
3 c4	e6	18 Kh1	h4
4 Nc3	Be7	19 h3	Nh5
5 Bf4	d6	20 Bd3	Ng3+
6 e3	00	21 Bxg3	hg3
7 Be2	Qe8	22 Ke1	Qh6
8 Qc2	a5	23 Ndb1	Ke7
9 00	Nc6	24 Rfe1	g4
10 a3	h6	25 fg4	Bxg4
11 Rad1	g5	26 Be2	Bxh3
12 Bg3	Qg6	27 gh3	Ng5
13 d5	Nd8	28 Bg4	f3
14 Nd2	e5	29 Rf1	Nxh3+
15 f3	Nf7	30 Bxh3	Qxh3

0-1

Richard Wood - Evan D. Whipple
Closed Sicilian

1 e4	c5	17 Bf6	Nc6
2 Nc3	d6	18 Qe5	Bxf6
3 g3	Nc6	19 Rxf6	Ne5
4 Bg2	g6	20 c3	Bg4
5 d3	Bg7	21 Nf4	Kg7
6 Be3	e5	22 d4	cd4
7 f4	Nge7	23 cd4	Qd8
8 Nf3	00	24 Nd5	Nc6
9 Qd2	Rb8	25 Raf1	Rb7
10 00	b5	26 e5	Nxd4
11 fe5	Nxe5	27 ed6	Ne6
12 Nxe5	Bxe5	28 Qe5	Kg8
13 Bh6	Re8	29 Rxg6+	fg6
14 Bg5	Be6	30 Nf6+	Kh8
15 Ne2	Qd7	31 Nxe8+	Ng7
16 h4	h5	32 Rf8+	1-0

Casey Bush - Richard Wood
French Defense

1 e4	e6	23 dc5	Qb4
2 d4	d5	24 Bd2	Qb7
3 Nd2	Nc6	25 h4	Bf7
4 Ngf3	Nh6	26 Ne5	Ne6
5 Bd3	f5	27 h5	Rb8
6 ed5	ed5	28 Bxa5	Qxb2
7 00	Be7	29 Bb6	Qxc2
8 Re1	00	30 Bxc2	Nd4
9 Nb3	Nf7	31 Bd3	Re7
10 c4	Nb4	32 f4	g5
11 Bf1	c6	33 Kf2	gf4
12 a3	Na6	34 Nf3	Rxe1
13 Qc2	Nc7	35 Nxd4	Ra1
14 c5	Ne6	36 Nxc6	Re8
15 Bd3	g6	37 a5	Bxb5
16 Bd2	a5	38 Nd4	Rd1
17 a4	b6	39 Bb5	Rxd4
18 cb6	Qxb6	40 Bxe8	Rd2+
19 Rxe6	Bxe6	41 Kf1	Bxe8
20 Re1	Nd8	42 Ke1	Rxg2
21 Bh6	Re8	43 a6	Bc6
22 Nc5	Bxc5		0-1

Tacoma Chess Report

Report By Gary J. Dorfner

The Washington Jr Open (19 players) was held on Nov 29th. Co-champions: Chris

Schmeckle and Kirk Steinocher, 4 points each. John Graves and Calvin Cregger were 3rd-4th, each with 3.5. Tied 5th-7th were Bill Hung, Adam Crane and Peter Schmeckle, 3 points. Trophy prizes and certificate for the Upset. TD Gary Dorfner. Organizers: Ken Steinocher and Dorfner. They were assisted by Ollie LaFreniere; site was the St. James Parish Hall in Kent.

The Tacoma Chess Club held two 30-minute tournaments, one on Nov 28th (12 players) and another on Dec 5th (10), both won by Marvin Hayami with a perfect 3-0!

The Santa Claus Open on Dec 13-14 had only 11 players. The low participation was attributed to the November issue, which did not come out until late December (in abbreviated format). It is hoped that more timely delivery will make a difference in the future! Winners were: Neil Salmon 4.5; Class A & B: Kirk Steinocher 3.5. Future master Kirk (USCF rated 1781) is on another upward spurt and he drew Master Salmon (2262) in this event! Tied for 2nd were Howard Pendell, Kris Jangord and John Ward, each with 2.5. Class C was won by Elmer Hovermale, and Class D by John Mead. The prizes were 1st-2nd \$75-\$40 and 1st A & B \$20; 2nd A & B \$15; Class C \$15 and Class D \$15. The upset book prize was won by Kirk.

Kirk Steinocher - Neil Salmon
English Opening

1 c4	e5	30 Rc4	h5
2 Nc3	Nc6	31 a5	Ba7
3 g3	Nf6	32 Kh3	Bd4
4 Nf3	Bc5	33 Bc1	Rg8
5 Bg2	d6	34 Rec2	Rgg7
6 00	a6	35 Bd2	Kf5
7 a3	00	36 fe5	de5
8 b4	Ba7	37 Bc3	Bxc3
9 Rb1	Bf5	38 Rxc3	e4
10 d3	Qd7	39 Re3	Rg4
11 a4	Bh3!	40 Rc5	Kg6
12 Bg5	Bxg2	41 Kg2	Rd7
13 Kxg2	Ne8	42 h5	Rg5
14 Nd5	h6	43 Rxe4	Rgxd5
15 Bd2	Ne7	44 Rxd5	Bxd5
16 e4	Nxd5	45 Re7	Rb5
17 cd5	f5	46 Rxc7	Rxb4
18 Nh4	fe4	47 Rc5	Rb3
19 de4	Nf6	48 Kh2	Rb5
20 f3	Rf7	49 Rc7	Rxa5
21 Nf5	Nxd5	50 Rxb7	Kf5
22 Nxh6+	gh6	51 Rh7	Ke4
23 ed5	Rh7	52 g4	hg4
24 Qc2+	Qf5	53 hg4	Ra3
25 Qxf5+	Rxf5	54 g5	Kf5
26 Rbc1	Rf7	55 Rg7	Kg4
27 Rfe1	Raf8	56 Kg2	Ra2+
28 f4	Kg6	57 Kf1	DRAW
29 Re2	Bd4		

The Tacoma Club speed championship was held on Friday night, December 19th. There were only eight players, two less than the last time. New club member Bill Hammel won with 5.5 points; John Ward, Lorin Peschek and John Graves each finished with 5.

The December Quads scheduled for Dec 6th were cancelled, as there was no publicity. There was also a tournament at the Seattle CC on the same day.

The Washington Class Championships were held in Tacoma on November 15-16, with a total of 28 players. Winners: 2000-Up Chuck Jones and Paul Eggers, both with 4.5; Class A 1st Rick Lickens 3.5; 2nd Harlan Christie and John Rowan 3 each; Class B, Kris Jangord 1st with 4.5; Kirk Steinocher with 3. Class C, David Roper 1st with 4.5; Jim Foster, Dan Mjelde and Fred McCall tied for 2nd with 3.5 each. Class D, Al Garcia with 3. Prizes were trophy for 1st in each class as well as \$70 2000-Up, Class A \$45 & \$20. Class B & C were paid the same but Class D was paid only \$45 1st place prize as there were only 3 players.

ERIC TANGBORN LEAVES FOR WEST GERMANY

With this article I say goodbye to my chess friends in the Northwest. When I was in West Germany last summer, I found work over there and, by the time you read this, I will have already gone back.

Below is a game that I played in London last August. The tournament itself was a bit of a disappointment for me, as after getting 5 out of my first 7 games, I lost my last 2 in a row (known as castling short in tournament chess terminology, as opposed to castling long, which means you lost your last three in a row). Actually, this does not compare with what I did in the state championship 10 years ago -- after a 2.5/3 start, I lost my last 4 games in a row (castling the King off the board). Yes, Vik, actually I was co-champion, but after getting behind 1-2 in the playoff match, I was victorious with the Black pieces in the 7 1/2 hour final game. Trust me, dear reader, if you want to accomplish something, persistence is the key to success!

Anthony Saïdy - Eric Tangborn
Nimzo-Indian Defense

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 c5 5 Nge2
cd4 6 ed4 d5 7 a3 Bxc3+

Another line is 7...Be7 8 c5 b6. After the text Black gives White the two Bishops but also an isolated pawn.

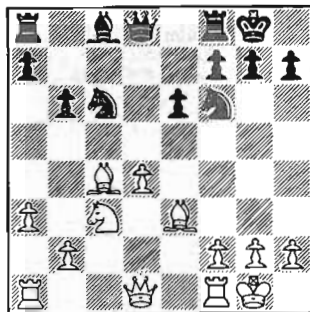
8 Nxc3 dc4

Not 8...00 9 c5.

9 Bxc4 Nc6 10 Be3

If White wanted an easy draw, he could play 10 d5, simplifying the position. I was confident my opponent would not choose this as he was higher rated.

10...00 11 00 b6



12 Qf3

Or 12 Qd3 Bb7 13 Rad1 h6 (weaker is 13...Ne7 14 Bg5 Ng6 15 f4! h6 16 f5 Botvinnik-Tolush, Moscow 65) 14 f3! Ne7 15 Bf2 Nfd5 16 Ba2 Nf4 17 Qd2 Nfg6 18 Bb1 Qd7 19 b4 Rfd8 20 h5 Nf8 21 Bh4 f6 22 Ne4 Nd5 23 g4! Rac8 24 Bg3 and White maintains the initiative, Korchnoi-Karpov, 5th game of the World Championship, Baguio 78.

12...Bb7 13 Qh3

This possibly loses a tempo from the normal lines. Better is 13 Bd3 Qd7 (I did not have to play this awkward move in my game. Note that 13...Ne5 loses a piece after 14 Qxb7 Nxd3 15 Qa6 Nxb2 16 Qb5.) 14 Qh3 Ne7 15 Bg5 Ng6 16 Bxf6 gf6 17 Rad1 Rad8 18 Rfe1 Kg7 19 Bc2 Rg8 20 Re3 with an unclear position, Hansen-Aydestein, Gausdel 85. I would like to say here that I was familiar with these games I have quoted while this game with Saïdy was in progress. Very important is for a master to know other master games, especially in the openings he plays. This will give him, for example, an idea of

the middlegame plans that each side will have it its disposal. World Champion Garry Kasparov recently said that he knows as many games as words in his vocabulary. As I have previously written, however, before a chessplayer becomes a master, he has better ways to spend his time than to study openings. Nevertheless, he should spend enough time to develop a basic opening repertoire and to understand the fundamental concepts of the openings he plays. Recommended for this purpose is HOW TO THINK AHEAD IN CHESS by Horowitz and Reinfeld, and the excellent article that John Donaldson and Jeremy Silman wrote for the February and May 86 issues of CHESS LIFE.

Perhaps the developing player often wonders what actually goes on in the mind of a master when he plays a game of chess. A book that might help answer questions is MASTER THINKING by Paul Schmidt, translated from German by yours truly. Hopefully, the book will appear in print in several months.

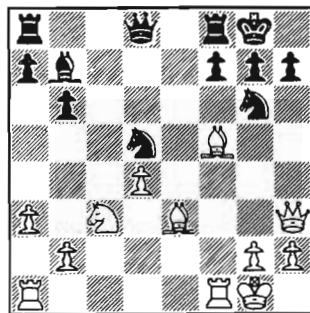
13...Ne7

A common maneuver in this sort of position. The Knight heads to g6 to help defend the Kingside. I thought that it was too risky to snatch a pawn with 13...Nxd4 14 Rad1. My intuition told me to go with the more obvious plan.

14 Bd3 Ng6 15 f4 Nd5

Anybody who has studied a good chess book like Pachman's MODERN CHESS STRATEGY already knows that a Knight is excellently placed in front of an isolated pawn.

16 f5 ef5 17 Bxf5



17...Bc8!?

Usually "undeveloping" a piece like this is not to be recommended. The idea is to exchange off White's potentially dangerous King Bishop and also to gain control over the light squares. One drawback is that this Bishop was on a good diagonal. However, thanks to some mistakes on White's part, this Bishop has not had its last say.

18 Qf3

Better is 18 Rac1.

18...Bxf5 19 Nxd5?

Because of Black's next move, which White missed, this move is an error. Correct is 19 Qxd5 Qxd5 20 Nxd5 Be6 with a very equal position (Note that Black would be slightly better is White then plays 21 Nc7 Rac8 22 Nxe6 fe6).

19...Nh4! 20 Qg3 Qxd5 21 Qxh4 Be4

Now with control of the a8-h1 diagonal and an eye on the White King, Black is better. Nevertheless, White should be able to hold this position.

22 Qg5?

A Queen exchange would leave the position very drawn. Black, however, is not willing to cooperate. The text move is weak because it allows Black to gain more time for his attack. Correct was 22 Qf2 and if then 22...f5, 23 Bf4 followed by 24 Be5.

22...f5 23 Rf2 Rf6!

More pieces to the front before White can organize a successful defense!

24 Qf4 Rg6

Of course White can easily defend against the threat on g2. The idea is to weaken the light squares around the White King.

25 g3 Rc8 26 Re1

Possibly better is 26 Rc1 to exchange off a pair of Rooks. Note that after 26...Rxc1+ 27 Bxc1 Qxd4 White has 28 Qb8+. I planned to play 26...Rgc6. On 26 Qe5, I planned ...Qb3.

26...Re6 27 Rd2 h6

Creating a square for the King at h7 and preparing to continue the attack with ...g5.

28 h4

Creating a fresh weakness at g3, but now a good defense for White is hard to find.

28...Bf3

Black positions his pieces for the final blow.

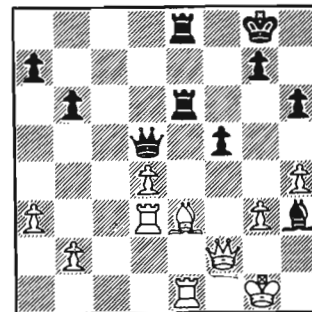
29 Rf1 Bg4 30 Qf2

After this move, Black has a forced win. The position is hopeless in any case. It is hard to say which move was White's final mistake.

30 Rce8 31 Rd3

Or 31 Re1 Qb3

31...Bh3 32 Re1



32...f4! 33 Bd2

Of course White realized that this move would immediately lose. He did not seem to want to give me the opportunity to finish off my combination after 33 gf4 Rg6+ 34 Kh2 Rg2+ 35 Kxh3 Rxf2 36 Bxf2 Qf5+ and 37...Qxh3.

33...Rxe1+ 34 Bxe1 Rxe1+ 0-1 Time 1:42-1:24 Of course 35 Qxe1 Qg2+.

If there is one bit of advice that I can give and hope that it will be followed, it is that I would like to see more people get involved with their local chess club. I doubt if either John Donaldson or I would even be playing chess today had it not been for the Tacoma Chess Club. The chess club is also a place to make special friends.

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Report by Joel J. Barnes, Organizer and TD

Getting Organized!

When writing the reports for tournaments and upper level events, I like to give the participants and non-participants a feel for the processes that lead to the event and affect its outcome.

The American Chess Foundation graciously co-sponsored the event, giving us \$400. The other funding was from an entry fee of \$75 each for the non-FIDE rated players. We had \$300 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd, and \$100 for 3rd. We spent \$225 on travel money and appearance fees and \$50 for administrative costs. The site was free, donated by Randy Dean of Dean Securities.

We were much more inspirational than systematic in our selection of the field. We knew that Clark Harmon would play and had a FIDE rating. Dave Rupel happened to be at the Oregon Open and talked to Dave Ross and Tom O'Donnell; they were interested. At first, we thought this gave us two of our three FIDE players but it turned out that O'Donnell had earned an estimated FIDE rating of 2290 but it couldn't be used because it hadn't been published. Ross, however, had a published FIDE rating.

We contacted Dr. Minev but he was unavailable. Eric Tangborn couldn't make it. Bobby Ferguson would love to play. Ralph Dubisch and Mike Spiegel seemed to have dropped out of chess. We all wanted to invite Alexey Rudolph but I was under the impression that the FIDE rating had to average 2250 and this eliminated Alexey. Later we learned I was mistaken.

Current WCF President John Braley happened to run into Magdy Assem in the University of Washington District and told him about the tournament. Magdy was interested; we contacted him and he agreed to play, our 4th FIDE.

Yet such illustrious personalities as Alex Kuznecov, Jonathan Berry, and others weren't contacted as FIDE players, although Jonathan sent us a letter after we were set.

The selection of non-FIDE players was equally eccentric. Neil Salmon was asked about a Futurity in September/October and said no. He was not recontacted about a November date. Randy Dean and Dave Rupel wanted to play and I chose to be TD and first alternate. Mike Montchalin sent a letter to the over-2000 rated players about our Futurity and sent us a check. I would like to see Oregon get enough players to have a FIDE championship so he was included. Viktors Pupols is always fun and he wanted to play so we invited him. The Washington Co-Champions weren't available. Tom O'Donnell was coming. Until almost the last week our 10th participant was Jim Blackwood. He dropped out and was replaced by Mike Schemm. Bill McGeary didn't want to play. We were unable to contact Bill Phipps.

So the field was set, the average USCF rating was 2205, the average FIDE rating, 2255.

Preparation for Opponents

It is now Nov 17th, just five days until the Futurity starts. Clark Harmon, Randy Dean, Dave Rupel and I have met four times to examine their prospective opponents.

Tom O'Donnell and Dave Ross have received special scrutiny. Neither, it turns out, are particularly terrifying. Both are solid players who try for a spatial advantage and attempt to squeeze their opponents to death in the endgame. Ross seems solid, O'Donnell more enterprising. Neither seems to overwhelm their opponents in the opening.

Clark and Randy are pleased to have White against Ross who looks like the harder of the two to beat. Both have Black against O'Donnell while Rupel has White. All are amused by the way I self-destructed against Ross in the Oregon Open.

I have missed the analysis on Mike Montchalin. His game is a mystery to me. Clark says he plays like Clark, very aggressive with good endgame skill. I have another impression of Montchalin but no evidence to back it up.

Magdy Assem is a mystery to us; we can't find any games on him. Still, we must be something of a mystery to the others, particularly Randy, who has been very discrete in his play this decade. Clark has been playing mostly postal chess.

Viktors Pupols worries no one. Yes, he is a very dangerous player. But he has a tendency to grandstand. Against Ferguson he had Bobby all tied up ready for dining and, instead of cutting the throat he cut the ropes. Viktors only seems to be

happy after he has been pounded upon, when he can play attacking and defensive moves simultaneously. In the game against Clark Harmon he was positionally superior but maneuvered until Clark was provoked into accepting some good play. Viktors won, but he let Clark get awfully close to equality. Yes, Viktors is an extremely dangerous player, but he is a player who will force you to have play, will give it to you if you haven't got it. So the Olympia Noble Fellows are quite happy playing against him as either Black or White. They will have chances and that is all any player can ask or get against another.

Ferguson is another matter. As White he is an English player. Randy and Clark don't like to play against his English opening and its style because White just makes 15 book moves, the first moves that come to mind, and has a reasonable position. Black has to bust his brain to get interesting play. Fortunately, Clark and Randy have White against Bobby and they are ready. Randy would enjoy playing against Ferguson's ...NPxN variation of the Caro-Kann. Dave Rupel has an opening trap ready for Bobby. I have a formation I would like to try against the English.

Mike Schemm has been substituted for Jim Blackwood, but no games of his were discussed.

Looking over the Olympia team Clark seems to be the most ready. He has tuned his game tactically in our speed games and seems to have a good attitude. Randy seems to be more worried than I would like him to be. Randy can play 20 moves like a Grandmaster but he will take an hour and a half to do so. Dave Rupel seems the least centered and most off his game. He usually wins our speed tournaments but lately has been finishing at the bottom. He could go into playing for "no disgrace" as he did in the Washington Championship where he scored 50%. Much will depend on the results of the early games, too much will depend on tiredness but that's the way it goes.

Players' Meeting; Round 1

The Players' meeting starts at 10:30. The time control is agreed upon to be 40/2 as advertised, not 40/2 1/2 as I proposed. Secondary would be 20/1. The rounds would start at 6:30 as advertised, not 7:00 as proposed. The Players' committee would be Mike Montchalin, Viktors Pupols and Randy Dean. The assistant TD's would be Clark Harmon and Dave Rupel. Complete scoresheets without checkmarks would be required for claiming time forfeits. It was a swift and well run business meeting, now unto chess!

Dave Ross opens with a King Pawn game and plays the Bishop's Opening Bc4. The idea behind this move is to lure Black into placing his KB on c5 and then play a Ruy Lopez type pawn storm against the 'misplaced' Black Bishop. Vik Pupols develops aggressively but can pieces really hold back pawns supported by pieces? Ross begins his pawn storm with his King as yet uncastled but safe. Viktors looks the situation over and, sacs a piece to open up d4 for his Knight! The Knight hop gains tempo against the Queen on e2 and we are wondering in the huddle of White pieces on c1,c2,d2,d1,e1 a mass or a target? Viktors changes a Bishop for the Knight on f3 and Ross automatically recaptures, gxf3. And spends an hour considering his next move. Analysis indicates that the way to refute the attack was Nd2xBf3. This will drop the Queen to Nb3, Bxb3, Rxd1, Bxd1, Qxb4 with a Queen and 2 pawns for the Rook and 2 Bishops. Still, here Black's attack is broken. Now, however, the game becomes a question of White's King's safety. Each side has 12 minutes to make 24 moves. Would you trade your King's safety for a piece in such time trouble? The game gets away from theoretical forcing moves as Vik turns his game into lasting pressure. Ross loses on time as he makes the losing Kf1-g1, allowing ...Nd4xf6+ with the discovered attack on the White Queen. Uncle Vik's time pressure looks like his best weapon.

Mike Schemm plays very well, making Bobby Ferguson's situation look desperate from the late opening. But as Bobby slips into time trouble, Mike begins to play poorly. As Mike slips into time pressure, he begins to play terribly. Neither side is keeping score but Bobby throws away a Rook which Mike doesn't see. Bobby checks Mike's King with his Queen once and again. On the second check, Bobby's Queen is attacked by Schemm's Rook. Mike misses it, Bobby take the Rook on a6 covering the unprotected Rook on c8. The skill, The art, The logic. Mike missed 3 winning moves: 34 BxP+, 39 QxR+, and 41 RxQ.

Magdy Assem plays convincingly as Black and crushes Mike Montchalin in an endgame. The only logical game of the round.

Dave Rupel-Randy Dean is a draw. Randy might have some pressure but Dave's position is solid and he finds some good moves.

O'Donnell-Harmon walk down the main line of the Caro-Kann. O'Donnell sacrifices the exchange for 2 pawns. Clark has some pressure and play but misplays it and his flag falls.

Round 2

Ferguson(1)-O'Donnell(1) ends in an early 16-move draw. Ferguson plays the English; O'Donnell forces him into the QGD. Bobby plays the Exchange Variation and O'Donnell transposes into a Tarrasch Defense. O'Donnell liquidates his isolated QP and they call it a draw. Apparently, English players don't know how to play against the QGD and it is a good idea to force them into it. Both now have 1.5 points.

Harmon(0)-Ross(0) doesn't look good. In a Nimzo-Indian Clark's pieces are looking more and more like they are trapped behind his pawns. Clark doesn't lose his objectivity and pulls back, regrouping his pieces. The game levels out and Clark starts getting pressure on Ross' Kingside. He wins a pawn but then exchanges the QB for a Knight which weakens his e3 pawn. I can't tell who is winning. The pawn structure favors Black but Clark has an attack; game is adjourned.

Montchalin(0)-Schemm(0) is very lively. White castles Queenside while allowing Black's ...QPxBP that looks killing. Schemm plays for the attack instead of using the extra pawn and the game looks like it is leveling out. White has some pressure on the Kingside but Black's pressure forces him back. Black wins in a blaze of attack.

Assem(1)-Dean(.5) becomes a Maroczy Bind in the Sicilian by transposition. Magdy gets in Nd5 when ..Bxc6 is forced. White has the 2 Bishops but the position is blocked. But Assem finds a way to crash through.

Pupols(1)-Rupel(.5) becomes an obscure variation that theory promises to give equality. But I know Uncle Vik. It will lead to a dynamically tense position with chances for both sides. Vik is slowly building up a Kingside attack and it looks very tricky for Dave. Vik wins a pawn and the exchange and it is all over.

Round 3

This round will feature a TD's nightmare: three time scrambles occurring at once. Fortunately, Magdy Assem and Mike Schemm have finished and can watch 2 of the games while I watch the 3rd.

Schemm(1) as White seems to be going berserk against Assem(2). The game has evolved to giving 2 Knights for a Rook and 2 pawns but Black has a Queen, Rook, 2 Bishops, 2 Knights to play with; an incredibly unbalanced game is occurring. Still, it does make sense for Schemm, his position is solid and simplifications could result in a superior endgame for him. Another dynamically unbalanced position, the type Schemm loves to play and how well will Magdy play in such a situation? The best practical chance for an imaginative player against a positional player. Assem's position seems to be disintegrating, pawns are falling like raindrops. A Black a-pawn has become passed though White has a h-,g-,f- and e-pawn passed. I can see how the White pawns will be stopped, but how will the Black pawns be stopped? They can't be, and Black wins.

Ross(0)-Ferguson(1.5) is discussing the Bogo-Indian. Dave has emerged with a solid 7-pawn chain while Bobby has 2 pawn islands, one of 5 and one of 2. Ross basically sits on Bobby, putting pressure on the a-pawn until Bobby cracks and drops a pawn. Bobby pushes his a-pawn to the 7th rank but, like the 5th game of the 3rd Karpov-Kasparov match, it is surrounded by White pieces and lost. Ferguson has gotten into what is his customary time pressure, having 3 minutes for 13 moves. Ferguson sacs a piece for the c- and d-pawns, which are sitting on his throat but also drops his d-pawn. Ross is up a piece and a pawn at adjournment. Ferguson has a few checks but is just dead!

O'Donnell(1.5)-Montchalin(0) has me very confused. I thought White was crushing with a huge spatial advantage but now it looks like a French without a bad Bishop. But how can it be a French with a Knight on e6 and a pawn on e7? Mike is finding inventive play. He sacs a pawn but slowly and surely White advances on the Queenside to bring the game to victory.

Rupel(.5)-Harmon(1) transpose from a KID into a Benoni. It is Clark's favorite position but Dave has some play. Dave gets some nasty looking pressure on Clark's game. But now Clark has won the exchange for a pawn; still, White has one large pawn chain with 5 pawns, 2 Knights, and a Rook against Clark's 4 pawns, 2 Rooks, and 1 Knight. Dave has lots of squares for his Knights: e6, c6, and f5. But Dave gets into time pressure and on the 40th move he drops a Knight onto c6 where it is ex-

changed and the d-pawn gets passed but is weak. The game is adjourned but it is clear that the c-pawn will fall. Dave, however, has constructed a fortress where a Knight and 4 pawns may hold off a Rook and 4 pawns.

Randy Dean(.5)-Viktors Pupols(2) has become the most theoretically crucial game of the round. Viktors loves to challenge and Randy usually accepts. A tense battle in a critical variation between two very good players is what the Futurity is all about. Technically, it is a Maroczy Bind against a Dragon with Black playing ...e5 to support the Knight on d4. Randy sacs the exchange for an extra passed a-pawn on the 6th rank. It looks grim for Vik and good for Randy who is finally getting and playing his game. The a6-pawn is now supported by a pawn on b5. Randy is playing well, Vik is in time trouble. Randy has three methods to win. First to play Rd3-d8-b8-b7, force the blockading Rook away and queen the a-pawn. Second, play Kc1-b1, chasing the 2nd Black Rook away from the a-file and then play Rd3-d7 chopping the Black Rook and queening the a-pawn. Or there seems to be a quicker win, just play Rd3-d7, which he does with 15 minutes left on his clock. Viktors trades and Randy realizes to his horror that after the Bishop captures on d7 it won't control a8 and it will require a move to get back to do this. Vik's Rook achieves the a-file and Randy is just lost. The game is adjourned but play follows expected lines. Randy does get to promote his a-pawn but the Rook covers the square so it is a Bishop and Viktors already has a Queen.

We have four adjournments: Ross-Ferguson, Harmon-Ross, Dean-Pupols and Rupel-Harmon. Ross and Ferguson agree to play it out later. This allows Ferguson to catch a ride to Seattle with Montchalin. The round ends at 3:00+. Ross, O'Donnell and Rupel go off to analyze Harmon-Ross. Clark goes home and catches a nap. Clark, Viktors and I had played with various continuations after the adjournment. All I know was that White seemed positionally busted after his attack stops, but I can't prove his attack stops or that it doesn't stop. Ross expresses the opinion that he is better, positionally it appears so, but what about Clark's attack?

Upon resumption Clark closes in on Black's King, winning a piece. It is amazing what a Rook, Knight and Queen are able to do to a Black King, Queen, Bishop and 2 Rooks plus a Knight that is usefully placed on c4.

Rupel-Harmon will be played off at a later time, paralleling the events of Ross-Ferguson. When drawing up the schedule I had assumed we would play off all rounds 1-3 adjournments in one session as had been done in the last two Washington Championships. However, players who had been in previous Futurities thought we would play off only one adjournment per playing day. We have fudged on this for this session; however, Rd 6 on Friday is followed by Rd 7 and Rd 8 on Saturday. A single player could have 3 adjournments plus a last game on Sunday. This will be announced at the start of round 4. There will be adjournment playoffs on Wednesday evening, a nonplaying day.

Taking Stock

With the Futurity 1/3 completed, it is time to take stock.

FIDE Master Magdy Assem (3-0) is emerging as the man to beat. He hasn't emerged much in the pages of this commentary because he has won in a logical manner. His game against Montchalin was quite easy. I was shocked by how easily he defeated Randy Dean. His game against Mike Schemm was wildly irrational but again Magdy won. It is impossible so say that he has stood worse in 3 rounds. His manner of play is the surest indication that he is the man to beat. He is rusty but he is playing quickly and well, taking the shortest amount of time per game. In postgame analysis he has quick, convincing answers to all reasonable lines of play.

Counterbalancing his assets is the emergence of his player's profile. He seems to be a power positional player, logical and strong. His future opponents know that Ralph Dubisch defeated him by playing for extreme activity. Pupols, Harmon, Montchalin and Rupel will probably test him in combinational play. Ross and O'Donnell will probably go for positional pressure souped up for the biggest challenge.

Viktors Pupols (also 3-0) makes it a pleasure to anticipate his earning a FIDE rating after all these years. Uncle Vik's play, however, has not been as convincing as Assem's. Time trouble has occurred in two games and he was clearly lost against Randy Dean. While Uncle Vik uses his time pressure as a weapon, Assem seems to be proof against that sort of tactic. They play each other next round. On the other hand, Uncle Vik is the player who keeps beating IM John Donaldson rated 2400+. With Uncle Vik anything can happen!

Tom O'Donnell (2.5) is playing well, applying steady positional pressure in his games. The 1-2 point was as Black against Ferguson in a position that was dead equal; trying to make play in that sort of position tends to rebound. He sacrificed an exchange against Clark for 2 pawns, then Clark overpressed his counterattack and beat himself. Simple play, not very impressive in conception, but sound and technically skillful. I don't yet feel he has been tested but we shall see.

Clark Harmon may have 2 or 1.5 depending on his adjournment against Dave Rupel. He had hoped for 1 point against O'Donnell and Ross and got it. He is better against Dave Rupel. I feel he beat himself in an 'even' position against O'Donnell. I have some sense of him shaking off the rust with his victory over Ross. I expect him to maintain his FIDE rating and perhaps add to it.

Bobby Ferguson (1.5) stole his point from Schemm, giving his game away thrice but Schemm was too confused to accept. But Bobby steals points every tournament. The draw with O'Donnell reveals huge holes in his opening preparation. Ross played a classical positional game against Bobby's dubious opening and killed Bobby in the style of Karpov. I always predict doom for Bobby and he always refutes me. I fear I underestimate his practical strength and talent. He has yet to face the positional pressure of Assem and Dean. I don't want to imagine what could happen between Ferguson and Montchalin, Rupel, Pupols or Harmon. I expect that Bobby will score 3 more points and maintain his rating; more is possible.

Dave Ross has 1 point. Mostly, the result of travelling from 2 pm until 2 am Friday to get here. He just collapsed against Pupols' sacrifice. Against Clark he stood well most of the game but drifted into trouble. Both are signs of weariness. After a good night's sleep he has bounced back with a win over Ferguson. We shall see, certainly Ross and O'Donnell have the best sporting circumstances of the 10 participants, staying at local player's homes without working.

Mike Schemm (1) had 3 won games against Ferguson but didn't win them. He played well against Montchalin and was outplayed by Magdy. He seems wildly imaginatively able to beat anyone or lose to anyone. I find it impossible to predict his result though Ferguson thinks he will score 4 points.

Dave Rupel has .5, 1, or 1.5 depending on the adjournment with Clark Harmon. Dave has started slowly, even rustily. But I am getting some sense that he is finding his stride and will play more confidently in the coming rounds. He had to play against two players, Clark and Randy, who know his style forwards and backwards. He drew with Randy and has a difficult adjournment against Clark. He lost to Vik Pupols. If he begins to play confidently, he could beat anyone. He could earn a FIDE rating though the 3 FIDE players: Ross, Assem and Ferguson await him as does Montchalin, Schemm and O'Donnell.

Randy Dean (.5) drew with Dave and then lost to the front leaders Assem and Pupols. He must now score 4.5 or 5 points from the next 6 to earn a FIDE rating. He could do it; then again his loss to Pupols was from a won position and Randy could become obsessed by the lack of logic or justice in this. It is also unfortunate for his start that he had 2 Blacks in a row. His play with White against Pupols showed enormous promise. If he puts the past behind him, he could do well or...

Mike Montchalin (0) has shown imagination, ingenuity and courage. He has also shown wild impulsiveness, castling Queen-side as White in the Slav Defense against Schemm is asking for it. Assem outclassed him in an endgame and he put O'Donnell under enormous pressure but couldn't crack him. He seems to be trying too hard, particularly as White. He needs to calm down and relax; he needs 5 of 6 for a FIDE rating or 4.5 of 6 depending on how he scores against the FIDE-rated players.

As one of the organizers of this event, things are going well. We are trying to increase the number of FIDE players in the Northwest. It looks like we will succeed. Pupols has 3, is playing well and should score the 2 needed in the next 6 rounds, though Uncle Vik is capable of collapsing entirely. O'Donnell has earned a FIDE rating of 2290 that is not yet published but he will, it looks like, at least maintain his rating.

Dean (.5), Rupel (.5), Schemm (1) and even Montchalin (0) are all within striking distance of a FIDE rating. Each has the ability to make it with the breaks, but who will get the breaks? Ross after losing 2 games the first day, will play with a vengeance but this could backfire.

Assem, Ross and Dean seem to be the best analyzers. Pupols, Ferguson and Rupel seem to be the best tacticians. Harmon seems to be the best sustained attacker. Montchalin seems to be the most Nimzovitchian, maneuvering his pieces to odd

squares, keeping the position closed. Schemm seems wildly imaginative in attack, less so in defense and not very interested in the endgame. O'Donnell seems to be the most practical of the players.

Well, enough theory; now onto the games!

Round 4

Assem(3)-Pupols(3) is a Queen's Gambit Declined, Vienna system. It gets real crazy real early; which means that Uncle Vik is dictating the course of the game. Assem wins a pawn but it is a weak, isolated c-pawn. Pupols has activity and a solid position. They fence about exchanging some pieces. Assem looks like he is closing in on Pupols' King but Uncle Vik is able to close in on Assem's King with tempo, so Assem sacs a Rook and forces perpetual check. This is a bit of a setback for Assem as he used one of his 4 Whites to 'only' get a draw. Pupols is well satisfied with Black. Both are 1 point ahead of the field.

Schemm(1)-O'Donnell(2.5) is a slow, closed game, very complex. Tom looks like he has a spacial advantage in the center and is closing in on Schemm's King. He plays a combination but it has a hole in it. Few combinations can survive dropping the Queen with check. Schemm has scored 50% and is in striking distance of his FIDE rating. O'Donnell is now a full point off the leaders.

Montchalin(0)-Ross(1) is all over in one move, Nh3 which may be theoretically significant. By winning Mike relieves a major worry of mine: if any player doesn't score .5 point their score isn't counted. Ross had dropped 3 of 4. He has vowed that all his games will end decisively. But this sort of tone doesn't fit his safe and sane positional style... This could be the beginning of a slide.

Harmon(2)-Dean(.5) is a real mess. Clark gets pressure, wins a pawn but Dean bounces back. They adjourn. Dean is a pawn down with Bishops of opposite color, each side having 2 Rooks. Both have lots of play. It may be a draw, it could end in the mate of either King. Intuitively, I feel it is equal but anything can happen. Clark could have 3 points or he could have 2, depending on adjournments.

Ferguson(1.5)-Rupel(.5) starts out even. Dave misses a shot 11...d5 that would result in a ruined pawn structure for White, an isolated c-pawn. The game is more or less even. Bobby has questions but Dave has answers. Rupel offers a draw, Bobby refuses and Dave goes nuts, giving away a pawn and what looks like the game. Dave ends up with a Bad Bishop with a protected passed pawn against a Knight and 2 passed pawns. The Knight is too good and it is adjourned in a position where Black looks lost. Ferguson will now have 2.5, tied for 3rd-4th with O'Donnell.

Round 5

It looks like a fiasco for Olympia and the Canadians.

Randy Dean (.5) is lost in 12 moves against Bobby Ferguson (2.5) in a Sicilian Defense.

Dave Rupel (.5) looks like he is outplaying Mike Montchalin, but surprise! - Montchalin defeats him. The taste of victory for Mike twice in a row.

Viktors Pupols(3.5)-Clark Harmon(3) discuss a King's Indian. Vik puts on a bind. By adjournment, Clark's position is looking very dubious indeed. Clark's profile as a very dangerous attacking player has caused Vik to be cautious and play his 2400 positional game. It is his most convincing game so far. Clark never has a chance for counterplay and it is looking grim indeed.

Dave Ross (1) isolates Mike Schemm's (2) 5 pawns into 4 islands and is a pawn up. He trades off the pieces and wins. Ross looks like he is recovering from his slow start.

Tom O'Donnell (2.5) plays an Exchange Variation of the Ruy Lopez against Assem (3.5) but he is steadily outplayed in the endgame.

Another Quick Evaluation

Assem is leading 4.5; he has shown he can survive Canadian positional pressure.

Pupols has 3.5 plus a favorable adjournment. It seems certain Uncle Vik will qualify, adding another FIDE player to the NW pool.

Ferguson has 1.5 plus 2 very favorable adjournments and 1 lost adjournment, but he has yet to play Assem and Pupols. Perhaps I should say he has the opportunity to play Assem and Pupols. If he can beat them both he could assume the lead as he did when Edwards and Pupols were leading in the last Washington Championship.

Clark Harmon has 1 point and 3 adjournments, 2 favorable though not easily won against Rupel and Dean (fellow Olympians, noble Fellows indeed) and an inferior position against Pupols.

O'Donnell has 2.5 out of 5; he will have to put on the pressure to catch up 2 points behind the leaders.

Ross, Montchalin and Schemm each have 2 points out of 5. Montchalin and Schemm are within striking distance of the FIDE rating though they need 3 out of 4.

Dean and Rupel have .5 point. Both have adjournments that look lost against Bobby Ferguson and adjournments against Clark Harmon which are unfavorable but not clearly lost. If they can squeeze a draw out against Harmon or Ferguson they could earn a FIDE rating, but they need perfect scores.

Adjournments

The adjournments are a problem. Ferguson and Harmon have 3 apiece. Bobby's are clearly won or lost and play will be quick. Harmon now has 3 positions that are much muddier. The position against Dean is extremely unclear. Bishops of opposite color with Dean and Rooks on the board, the exchange against Rupel. And against Pupols, Clark stands worse but is he clearly losing? Could he salvage the draw and slow Vik's momentum?

The adjournments are played out on November 26th with the exception of Pupols-Harmon which will be played at a later date.

Ross-Ferguson is played off and ends quickly, Ross has sealed a crusher. Ferguson-Rupel also ends quickly with a Ferguson win.

Rupel-Harmon ends in Clark's victory. Dave plays weakly and his Knight which belongs on f5 gets trapped.

Harmon-Dean is a mess. Clark gets fascinated by mating Randy's King instead of going after a White a-pawn and the game equalizes. But Randy, trying to win, lets his King get on the back rank where it is trapped and just drops a Bishop in a position that, if he had played Ba6, would have held strong drawing chances. I think Randy is over-focussed on his errors and isn't playing freely.

After the adjournments are over the players stay up at Dean Securities to discuss the state of the Universe, the chess world, and whether or not they think. By 3:00 am they conclude they don't and spend an hour playing speed chess. The TD defeats Dean and Harmon but loses quite badly to Tom O'Donnell. One wonders if this extravagant use of time is responsible for any of the succeeding round results.

Round 6

Bobby Ferguson (3.5) has a lean and hungry look and grabs a pawn in the opening against Viktors Pupols (4.5). But Uncle Vik gains the pawn back and saddles Bobby with hanging pawns. Poor Bobby, will Uncle Vik play like the 2400 positional player he showed against Clark Harmon? No, some inaccurate play allows Bobby's Knight to get to c5 where it shields his weaknesses on a3 and c3 and pressures Uncle Vik's weaknesses on e6 and a6. Uncle Vik presses on Young Bobby and tries to remove his weak e-pawn. Bobby is able to play a combination and win a pawn but once again Vik gets weak pawns to play against. He wins his pawn back and with 3 pawns apiece and Rooks on the board a draw is agreed.

Mike Montchalin (2) sacrifices a pawn in a d4-opening against Randy Dean (.5) in a Nimzovitch Defense. Somehow, Randy allows Mike to build up enormous pressure and gets crushed. I seem to remember this opening from an article by Arthur Dake in NORTHWEST CHESS. History repeats itself.

Tom O'Donnell (2.5), the Canadian Open Champion, opens 1 e4 and faces the Canadian Closed Champion Dave Ross' (2) feared Ottawa Defense ...Nh6!! Tom builds a classical center and outplays Dave in the complications, aided by Dave's time pressure.

Magdy Assem (4.5) plays the Averbach Defense against Clark Harmon's (3) King's Indian. Clark exchanges a Knight and then Rooks. It looks like White's spatial advantage is useless because Black doesn't have enough pieces to be cramped. If the game remains static, Black will slowly expose the over extension of White's pawns. Magdy doesn't allow the game to remain

static; he trades his b-pawn for Black's d-pawn, giving him a passed d-pawn. Clark has to do some fancy dancing but the ensuing endgame play liquidates the position and a draw is agreed. Magdy has drawn twice with White, whereas Pupols draws have been with Black, not a good sign, particularly when you have only 4 Whites.

Mike Schemm (2) plays his English-Catalan against Dave Rupel's (.5) Queen's Indian. The game transposes into what looks like a Gruenfeld. White has a potential pawn center to play with and Black has counterplay against it, but Schemm's Queen goes wandering and drops the e-pawn. As Schemm tries to garner an attack on the Kingside, Rupel adds an exchange to his pawn then another pawn. And White's Rook is exchanged. Down the exchange and 2 pawns for nebulous Kingside pressure, White wisely resigns. In looking over Schemm's games, one finds him playing for an early crisis, perhaps so he won't have to play any adjournments?

Round 7

Ross (2) defeats Assem (5), Sicilian Defense or English by transposition. The game is very strange in that after winning a pawn all of Ross' minor pieces move over to the Queenside where they glare at Black's King on the Kingside.

Rupel (1.5) loses to O'Donnell (3.5). The opening transposes into a QGD. Rupel presses on the Queen file and the Queenside; O'Donnell on the King file and the Kingside. Opposite color Bishops appear, with all other minor pieces exchanged. Rooks disappear and O'Donnell gets a lasting attack with his Queen and white-squared Bishop.

Randy Dean (.5) favors an early endgame transition against Mike Schemm (2). Randy has lots of play in the center but Mike is holding on. Then Randy overreaches and lets Mike get counterplay. The middlegame without Queens simplifies into a pawn race: Randy has 3 and Mike has only 2 but they look faster. Randy has a choice: drop his King back to help hold the pawns or play for the win-loss. He plays for the win-loss and surprise! - he is able to win Mike's Knight with a mate threat. This puts him in a position to sacrifice his Rook and Knight for Schemm's 2 pawns, and then Queen his 3rd. An exciting game decided by tactical accidents.

Pupols (5) defeats Montchalin (3), ending Mike's 3 game winning streak. It is a complex struggle but Mike sells his Queenside for Kingside chances that don't work and his flag falls on the 40th move.

Harmon (3.5) draws Ferguson (4); Bobby's lean and hungry look is coming to naught. Clark gives Bobby too much in the opening and Bobby is looking better but he simplifies into an endgame and, instead of piling up on the isolated c-pawn, he allows the trade of Rooks which promotes Clark's c-pawn into an isolated, passed d-pawn. Then the other pair of Rooks is exchanged and the isolated d-pawn proves to be untouchable. A draw is agreed in a Knight against Bishop endgame.

Round 8

Assem (5) defeats Ferguson (4.5) using Larsen's Opening (1 b3). Ferguson gives up the 2 Bishops early and is slowly squeezed down. As Assem is closing in Ferguson sacs the exchange and a piece for some checks. Then Bobby drops his remaining Rook in time pressure.

Montchalin (3) loses to Harmon (4) undeservedly. This is the most interesting game of the round, with Montchalin trying to refute Harmon's ...Qa5 and going in for a sacrifice of a Queen and pawn for Rook and Bishop. But it looks like he is winning!! He piles up but fails to develop his KR to support his QR on d8. The Rook is pushed back, so Clark will get to develop his QB and QR. In compensation, Clark gives away his c-pawn so it is unclear how he will or can win. Then Mike drops the exchange but his Bishop and Knight centralized in the center look like sufficient compensation. Then the game is adjourned; after resumption Montchalin spends 40 minutes on his reply to Clark's sealed move. It is no surprise then that Mike's flag drops as he chases Clark's King about in a losing position for Mike. A very interesting game for the balance of the play as the game veers toward White winning, but he gives it away, then Black is winning but he gives it away. Then the game is maybe equal but Black has the long term pressure. Fascinating.

Mike Schemm (2) loses to Viktors Pupols (6). Mike sacrifices a piece for 3 pawns. Viktors gives him a 4th but Mike walks into the loss of the exchange which he turns into the loss of a piece. Mike seems to want to play brilliantly or not at all, an attitude which not every position will respond to.

Tom O'Donnell (4.5) draws with Randy Dean (1.5) in a Ruy Lopez. O'Donnell seems confused by Randy's 4...Nf6 and by move 10 Randy is better developed. Randy starts to get serious Kingside pressure as O'Donnell presses a bit on the Queenside but Randy runs short of time and O'Donnell never pushes too hard, returns his Queen to eliminate any attack. Randy draws respectably. At last Olympia shows its quality; now if we could just start the Futurity over again!

Dave Ross (3) draws with Dave Rupel (1.5). They trade three pieces and the resulting pawn formation requires Dave Ross to push the pawns in front of his King or to push pawns in front of Rupel's King. Neither can hope for any prize money and a draw is agreed in an even position.

Round 9

Rupel (2) draws with Assem (6) in the longest game of the round. It is a Benoni. Dave gives Magdy the opportunity to weaken his Kingside with ...h6, ...g5 and gain the 2 Bishops while having 2 weak squares near his King: f5, h5. Magdy accepts. Dave arranges to trade off the white bound Bishops and a set of Knights. This leaves Magdy with a black bound Bishop against a Knight and the traditional Benoni pawn majority. Dave will have to fight for a draw since his pawn majority is crippled and one of his pawns is hanging out at f5. Magdy makes all the right moves, pushing his pawns, etc. Dave decides to sac his f5-pawn to remove the Bishop for the Knight. Black controls the game, why isn't White losing? As Magdy is concluding his pressure he slips and emerges with 3 Kingside pawns against 2 with Rooks on the board. Dave knows how to draw such positions and proves it.

Dean (2) draws with Ross (3.5) in 16 moves.

Pupols (7) draws with Tom O'Donnell (5). Vik plays an exchange variation of the French, they trade blackbound Bishops and Queens by move 13. We know that O'Donnell likes endgames; now we'll find out how he plays the lesser half of the draw. O'Donnell holds his own and looks like he is getting some Kingside pressure but Vik develops Queenside pressure. All the pieces get exchanged off but a Knight each. The position is liquidated, Black has an extra f-pawn but Vik can always sac his Knight for the remaining Black pawn.

Harmon (5) defeats Schemm (2). The game looks equal but Mike blunders an exchange and Clark knows all about winning an exchange up.

Ferguson (4.5) defeats Mike Montchalin (3). Mike, as he has been doing all tournament, takes enormous risks as Black and is duly punished. Mike's style lends itself to decisive results, positive or negative.

Summary

	RATG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOT
1 Viktors Pupols	U 2280	x	=	1	=	=	1	1	1	1	1	7.5
2 Magdy Assem	F 2265	=	x	=	1	1	0	1	=	1	1	6.5
3 Clark Harmon	F 2235	0	=	x	=	0	1	1	1	1	1	6.0
4 Bobby Ferguson	F 2235	=	0	=	x	=	0	1	1	1	1	5.5
5 Tom O'Donnell	F 2290	=	0	1	=	x	1	1	1	=	0	5.5
6 David Ross	F 2285	0	1	0	1	0	x	0	=	=	1	4.0
7 Mike Montchalin	U 2200	0	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	0	3.0
8 David Rupel	U 2160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	=	1	2.5
9 Randy Dean	U 2125	0	0	0	0	=	=	0	=	x	1	2.5
10 Mike Schemm	U 2095	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	x	2.0

Ratings codes: U-USCF, F-FIDE (Estimated for O'Donnell)
 Joel J. Barnes TD, ties not broken.

Once again I would like to thank the American Chess Foundation for their \$400 sponsorship of our Futurity. It was an enjoyable event for all concerned. Beautiful playing site, few disputes, and good chess.

The Northwest has benefitted from having this event played. Viktors Pupols has at last gained the FIDE rating that he has so long deserved. He had a performance rating of 2400+ and will probably earn a FIDE rating of 2290-2310. It was an outstanding victory for Viktors; he worked during this extravaganza, drove down from Bremerton and played bold, enterprising chess. Congratulations, Uncle Vik, the check (\$300) is in the mail.

Magdy Assem should hold or improve his rating. Magdy is earning a Ph.D. in Mathematics at the University of Washington. He is an excellent player, \$200.

Clark Harmon should raise his USCF rating to over 2200, making him the highest ranked of Olympia's Noble Fellows. And 6 points should improve his FIDE rating to over 2250, and he picked up \$100.

Tom O'Donnell should be pleased; he got a good vacation in the USA and may have earned or lost a few FIDE rating points. If he hadn't already earned a FIDE rating, he would have with his score.

Bobby Ferguson has once again refuted me. My predictions of disaster have come to naught. I simply fail to appreciate the enormous middlegame strength of Ferguson. Perhaps we shall be able to test our different approaches to chess at the Christmas Congress?

Dave Ross has reason to be disappointed as the highest rated FIDE player, he would expect to win the event. But apparently Dave did not travel well on Friday and dropped 2 games at the start. A bit of bad luck. He will lose some FIDE points but not his FIDE rating. Basically, he and O'Donnell seem to be chessed out and should take some time off from tournament play. One needs to be hungry to play well.

Randy Dean was my most likely candidate to earn a new FIDE rating. I could make excuses: work, playing at the workplace, bad color pairings the first 2 rounds. Still, Randy's opponents did play better. Next time we will have to see if we can't spread the games out over a longer period of time. I don't regard it as an accident that after Randy got a day of rest Thanksgiving, he was able to score 50%.

Dave's result also puzzles me. If you look at his games we find again and again Dave playing well, holding his own, only to blow up: against Montchalin, against Ferguson, and against Harmon. He was outplayed by Pupols and O'Donnell. Yet Dave held Assem to a draw. I don't know what the source of the errors was for Dave. Working, just a general down slump? Lack of confidence?

Mike Montchalin played erratically, winning and losing in wild style. Yet he won and lost in streaks of three games. He seems awfully impulsive and needs to find the consistency to make his strength tell.

Mike Schemm can be well satisfied with playing some of the most interesting chess. I hope he enjoys his style.

The final scores are shown in the preceding crosstable. Before the event I thought that everyone would score 2 points and lose 2 points.

In writing my tournament report I have tried to give you a bird's eye view of the happenings as they occurred. At different points I have suggested quite different things but that is what I thought or felt at the time. If I have been too critical, you may be sure that my subjects will take me to task on the chessboard.

We in Olympia enjoy hosting this sort of event and we are already planning some more.

We put in a bid for the Washington State Championship with a \$1,000 prize fund and 10 players in a FIDE Futurity; unfortunately, the Washington Chess Federation has chosen to leave it at 8 players and not make the Championship a FIDE event. A shame: a \$500 first prize would make the Championship most interesting.

We also have a proposal in for a Regional FIDE Championship in June-July as a warmup for the U.S. OPEN in Portland in August. The WCF has \$725 in the USCF States Affiliate Support Program and we have asked for that money. We are conceptualizing a 12-player FIDE round robin, 4 FIDE players, and 2 unrated from Washington and 6 unrated from Oregon, to include the 1987 champions from Oregon and Washington. It would be an extremely interesting event. If you like the idea, please write to the WCF President John Braley.

(Editor's note: Joel asked if I could wait until the games were annotated before publishing his report, and I wanted to. But with only 16 pages available, and with the games upcoming for the Washington State Closed, I felt I better publish now, even if incomplete. We expect to get some Futurity games soon, perhaps the first few rounds by the next issue. Too, thanks to the computer/laser printer interface, once inputted, the entire report can be rearranged with the narrative sections preceding the correct set of games, some last minute corrections and/or additions made and...Voila! We would have a new, fully assembled Tournament Booklet of the 1986 Olympia Futurity!)

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Christmas Chess Festival

Report by David K. Surratt

A Christmas Chess Festival at the Eastgate Mall in Walla Walla proved to be a success, although bad weather kept attendance down. Two events were held in succession on Saturday, December 13th, 1986. In the morning a dozen warriors battled through five rounds of speed chess in pursuit of \$230 in merchandise prizes. Then in the afternoon National Master Mike Montchalin Jr conducted a simultaneous exhibition.

John Myer, of Richland, swept through the ten games of speed chess (two with each opponent), giving up just one point en route to winning a \$100 gift certificate from Hatfields, a men's clothing store. Greg Parker defeated Mike Mitchell in the playoff for second and third by drawing the first game, then winning the second. Greg won a GE under-the-counter AM/FM clock-radio from Payless (\$70) and Mika won a \$30 gift certificate from The Booksmith. Kevin Strobel had the toughest pairings of the day; his opponents scored a total of 33.5 points! His fourth place finish was good for a \$20 gift certificate from Robinsons, another clothing store. Finally, your poor reporter took fifth, winning a \$10 gift certificate from Eagan Street Enterprises, my own chess books and supplies outfit!

Five time Oregon State Champion Mike Montchalín Jr demonstrated his prowess at the board by winning 15 out of 17 games during the simultaneous. He played smoothly and, for the most part, consistently in mowing down one opponent after another. Mike managed to drop a piece to Richard Shropshire in their second game during the simul. Shrop held on and put away the point with a careful defense. The game MM vs Bill White is given below. Bill has worked very hard of late to improve his game, and it's beginning to pay off.

I was disappointed with the turnout. Peter Dessaulles reported "the worst weather of the year" in the Tri-Cities that morning, describing conditions as "blizzard-like." That alone probably cost us at least six to eight players. Weather was poor in the immediate area too, with fog and low temperatures. Snow fell later that day, as well as hail and freezing rain. I had also paid for an ad in the November issue of NORTHWEST CHESS. No one I know has seen that issue yet. John, do you know where it is? This next year should be a good one for the magazine, with an editor committed to a quality, on-time product.

Santa's Speed Chess

December 13th, 1986

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Pts	Prize
1 John Myer	++(8)	++(9)	++(3)	+-(-4)	++(5)	9.0	\$100
2 Greg Parker	++(11)	+-(-6)	+-(-9)	++(8)	++(4)	7.0	\$70
3 Mika Mitchell	++(10)	+-(-4)	---(1)	++(9)	++(8)	7.0	\$30
4 Kevin Strobel	++(5)	+-(-3)	++(6)	+-(-1)	---(2)	6.5	\$20
5 David Surratt	---(4)	++(10)	++(11)	++(6)	---(1)	5.5	\$10
6 Peter Dessaulles	++(7)	+-(-2)	---(4)	---(5)	++(12)	5.0	
7 Bill White	---(6)	++(11)	---(8)	++(10)	+-(-9)	5.0	
8 Sal. Negrete	---(1)	++(12)	++(7)	---(2)	---(3)	4.5	
9 Ron Radford	++(12)	---(1)	+-(-2)	---(3)	+-(-7)	4.0	
10 John White	---(3)	---(5)	++(12)	---(7)	++(11)	3.5	
11 Dan Brown	---(2)	---(7)	---(5)	++(12)	---(10)	2.0	
12 Jack Bingham	---(9)	---(8)	+-(-10)	---(11)	---(6)	1.0	

SIMUL GAMES:

Montchalín-Shropshire		French Defense	
1 e4	e6	9 a3	g5
2 d4	d5	10 b4	Qg7
3 e5	c5	11 b5	Nd8
4 Qg4	Qc7	12 Re1	Bc5
5 Nf3	f5	13 h4	f4
6 Qg3	Nc6	14 Bxf4	g4
7 Bd3	cd4	15 h5	Ne7
8 O0	h6	16 Nh4	Rg8

Bill White-Montchalín		Queen Pawn	
1 d4	e6	14 Rxe6	Nc7
2 Nf3	Nf6	15 Re2	Rxf3
3 e3	b67	16 Nxf3	d4
4 Bd3	Bb7	17 Qc2	Nf8
5 O0	Be7	18 Bf4	Bxf3
6 Nbd2	O0	19 gf3	Nce6
7 c4	d6	20 Rxe6	Nxe6
8 e4	c5	21 Bxh7+	Kh8
9 d5	a6	22 Bg3	Nf8
10 a4	Ne8	23 Be4	Ra7
11 e5	ed5	24 Bd5	Qd7
12 Re1	Nd7	25 Qe4	Bf6
13 e6	fe6	26 Re1	Qxa4

Black now threatens mate in two, but...
37 Qg8++ 1-0

WASHINGTON HIGH SCH LEAGUES

O.W. LaFreniere, WCF High School Director

Seattle Metro League

Fourteen teams in the varsity division and eight in the JV make up this year's Metro League. Shoreline, of long competitive fame in this league, closed in June 1986 and is replaced by Shorewood. Ballard has dropped out and has been replaced by Shorecrest.

The serious betting is on Garfield to win the league. After three rounds, they have given up only one point. The current standings:

1 Garfield	14	6 Roosevelt	8.5	-- UPA	5.5
2 Cleveland	10	7 Lakeside	7.5	12 W. Seattle	4.5
3 Shorecrest	10	8 O'Dea	6.5	13 Kings	2.5
4 Nathan Hale	9.5	9 Chief Sealth	6	14 Blanchet	1
5 Shorewood	9	10 Franklin	5.5		

Kings and Ballard have a match to make up.

In the JV division Garfield is also dominating. The standings:

1 Garfield	11	5 Chief Sealth	4
2 Franklin	10	6 O'Dea	3.5
3 Shorecrest	9.5	7 UPA	3
4 Lakeside	7.5	8 West Seattle	2

O'Dea and Sealth have a match to make up.

Both divisions of this league play with five man teams. O.W. LaFreniere directs the Metro League.

TAPCO League

Gary Dorfner directs the Tacoma-Pierce County league, which has twelve varsity and thirteen junior varsity teams, the latter with three-player teams. Olympic, a school on the peninsula, has two teams in the varsity division, but must be having transportation difficulties; they have missed some matches.

The varsity standings after three rounds:

1 Central Kitsap	13	- Bellarmine	8	9 Yelm	4.5
2 Lakes	10.5	- Curtis	8	10 Olympic A	3
3 Clover Park	8	7 Spanaway Lake	7	11 Bethel	2.5
- Wilson	8	8 Bremerton	6.5	12 Olympic B	1

JV standings:

1 Wilson	8	5 Clover Park	4.5	- Lakes	4
- Central Kitsap A	8	- Spanaway Lake	4.5	10 Curtis	3
3 Bremerton B	5	- Bremerton A	4.5	- Wilson	3
- Bellarmine	5	8 Bethel	4	12 C. Kitsap B	2.5
				13 Yelm	0

WESCO League

Brian Ayers of Monroe High School directs the WESCO league, which encompasses school districts immediately to the north of Seattle. The usual ten teams are competing this year, with Snohomish contributing two teams to make the even number. Snohomish is always competitive, but the more experienced Cascade team would seem the most likely winners. Mountlake Terrace is doing well also. Standings after three rounds:

1 Mountlake Terrace	12	6 Monroe	7
- Cascade	12	7 Woodway	5
3 Snohomish	11.5	8 Mariner	4.5
Lynnwood	9.5	9 Snohomish B	2.5
5 Edmonds	9	10 Meadowdale	2

KingCo League

This league, consisting of schools on the east side of Lake Washington, has a new director: Sandy Hargraves of Redmond High School. His promotional efforts have attracted ten schools into competition, compared to seven last year. Traditional power Interlake could not produce a team this year, nor could Issaquah. The new teams are Overlake (a private school), Inglemoor and Bothell. The league plays a round robin. There is no current report on their progress, and no one has made a guess at who might be the winner.

Puget Sound League

The league comprised of schools between Seattle and Tacoma also has a new director: Howard Call of Highline High School. Mr. Call has also been able to expand the league from five to eight schools. All three Kent high schools now have programs, making use of the good feeder program in Kent middle schools. Lindbergh High School (Renton) has also joined the league, but Federal Way is not competing this year. There is no current report on the league's progress. Highline would seem to be the team to watch.

(Editor's note: A little space here, so I'll fill it. The USCF has greatly liberalized its rating policies for scholastic events, rating for free the FINALS of any state level student competition. This effectively brings the ratings program to the students. Too, the USCF has just published a FOUR YEAR "archive edition" of its annual rating list [Jan 1983-Dec 1986] which makes it easier to find the ratings of our scholastic players. This is an exceptionally valuable tool and whoever at the USCF had the idea deserves a "4.0" on his scoresheet!)

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Tournament Sections Available

POSTAL FOURSOME: The Foursome is our standard event. Entry is \$1.50 per player per section. The postal foursome is paired by class, with combinations, such as MX (Master-Expert), XA, etc., used to reduce waiting time. Each player plays six games, one with White and one with Black, against each of three opponents. The clear first place winner has the option to receive a certificate or to receive an entry fee into another postal foursome.

CHALLENGE MATCHES: The fee for a match is 75 cents per player for a total of \$1.50 per match (can be shared or paid by one side). Normal minimum of two games and maximum of six, but variations will be accommodated. Find your opponent or we will find one for you!

WASHINGTON-OREGON MATCH: Free to all active players who reside in either Washington or Oregon with no forfeit losses in the prior year. An annual event, entry must be received by February 28th. Team lineup is in rating order with the latest players dropped if teams' counts are unequal. Each player plays two games against one opponent. Certificates are awarded to all plus scorers upon request.

1987 POSTAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS!

OPEN TO: Any NORTHWEST CHESS subscriber or current Northwest Postal Chess player.

FORMAT: One round, four to six player round robin per class (section). Each section represents an approximately equal range of strength, with five players being ideal before adjustments for range and number of entries.

ENTRY: \$5.00 per player, one section only. Entry must be received by February 28, 1987.

PRIZES: Each section: 1st - \$10, 2nd - \$5.

Sections Forming

Foursome: M or MX (1 M entry); AB (one each); D (1 D)
Challenge: Six w/upper-B who sends 1 e4 c5 2 d4; lower-B

CONGRATULATIONS!

One of our women players, formerly Patricia Shaw, has married a man she met in postal play. She is now listed as Patricia Lowry.

MASTERS (8)
1391 GREG VITKO
1383 John Penquite
1376 John Hatala
1364 Richard Banner
1335 Claude Heffner
1330 Richard Schultz
1212 Joe Doerr
1200 Ralph E. Dubisch

874 Bruce Jones
864 Ron Norman
860 Fred Mondou
855 Larry Doll
846 Ron Zarges
839 Steven Gordon
838 Harry McAndrew
832 Dana Woods
819 Dave Donnelly
809 Mike Vinyard
803 Pat Mead
800 Ken Brown
800 Bill Morrison

EXPERTS (15)
1166 DAVID L. COLLYER
1139 Nathan Sills
1138 Norm Abrahamson
1130 Barry K. Nalepa
1093 Mike Darby
1088 Wayne Williams
1086 Jeff Schuh
1078 David Heap
1055 Michael A. Mulford
1050 Bob Jeffers
1045 Jeff Lowery
1006 Doug DeStasio
1000 Rob Rittenhouse
1000 Clyde Carrothers
1000 Mark Tolliver

CLASS B (33)
797 DAVE BOWMAN
790 George Chue
786 Warren Chase
786 Dragan Jagnjic
777 Harvey Warren
773 Richard Schneider
770 Eric Dana
763 Gerald Hawkins
760 David Cornell
751 Bob Semko
748 Tom Elliott
748 Bryant Fujimoto
742 Kristen Dietsch
729 Doug Allen
728 Jeff Roland
720 Dan McLeod
696 Mikel Bidwell
694 Phillip Parrish
688 Vic Glazer
683 Gabe Patterson
650 Rusty Miller

CLASS A (21)
960 BILL ARVOLA
956 Harley Greninger
953 Joe Eggertsen
948 Mike Heinisch
910 James Musumeci
893 Bob Allyn
887 Lance Fleming
879 Scott Caldwell

646 G. E. Barker
645 Wray Maxwell
643 Murlin Varner
633 Joe Cannon
631 G.K. Tan
630 Vincent Modica
625 David Hattery
623 Marc Doerr
621 Roy Cunningham
610 J. Wilushewski
609 Earl Daniel
600 Chris Cambern

452 Jean-Yves Larouche
449 Dean Kashino
442 Michael Frank
430 Darwei Kung
428 Dennis Ambler
418 Ernest Moore
413 Skye Elder
405 Jeff Combs
400 Steven Aamodt
400 Arnold Rustin
400 Rick Sweeney

CLASS C (30)
589 LARRY ANDERSON
586 Stephen Chase
586 John Kielb
567 Mike Crowley
567 Randy Smolensky
558 John Goodale
554 Eric Kashino
554 Richard Mangus
554 Garroll Salmons
549 J. Cogdonchurch
543 R. P. Feichtl
537 C. Nicholls
531 Don White
510 Joseph Slossar
500 Jeff Jarvis
500 Tom Thrush
498 Charles Sacks
476 Eugene Tipton
456 Billie Slagle

CLASS D (19)
383 WILLIAM BETTIS
379 Roger Nakanishi
376 Ken Eddy
374 Dale R. Queen
367 Colleen Chase
359 Patricia Lowry
358 Jean Bishop
343 Ron Hill
334 Sal Agate
301 Eric Gilbertson
300 Howard Bott
300 Louis Moxey
290 Lavern Davis
289 Bruce Moon
286 Toby Levy
256 Rod Hoover
222 Joe Running
200 Larry Ovall
74 David Shaw

RESULTS THROUGH December 8, 1986

86AB1	Dan McLeod	=	Harley Greninger	13
84CD9	Marc Doerr	1	Sal Agate	10
86NW1	John Goodale	1	Randy Smolensky	30
86NW1	John Goodale	1	Randy Smolensky	27
86CM6	Bob Jeffers	1	Earl Daniel	4
86B1	Eric Dana	1	Mike Crowley	15
86NW2	Ron Norman	1	Eric Kashino	5
86CM12	Eric Kashino	1	Roger Nakashini	21
86AB1	Dan McLeod	=	David Cornell	1
86NW3	John Penquite	1	Harry McAndrew	2
86NW2	Ron Zarges	1	Earl Daniel	14
86A1	Dragan Jagnjic	=	Harley Greninger	9
86NW4	Doug Allen	1	Don White	17
84MX2	Richard Schultz	F	John Hatala	30
84MX2	Richard Schultz	F	John Hatala	28
85CM32	Richard Schneider	1	Earl Daniel	17
85BC5	Eric Kashino	1	Don White	28
86NW2	Eric Kashino	1	Pat Mead	40
86CM2	Marc Doerr	1	Roy Cunningham	23
86CM2	Roy Cunningham	1	Marc Doerr	27
86W04	Harry McAndrew	1	Dan McLeod	20

Completed Sections

85CM32 (6 games): Richard Schneider 1,=,=,1,1,1 5.0;
vs Earl Daniel. 86CM3 (6 games): David Cornell 1,0,1,0,1,1
4.0 vs Earl Daniel.

Players' Games

Doug Allen - Harley Greninger
Catalan-Bogo-Indian Defense
Section 85AB5

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 Bb4+ 4 Nc3 c5 5 e3 d6 6 Ne2 O0 7 Bg2 Qe7
8 a3 Bxc3+ 9 Nxc3 Nbd7 10 O0 Nb6 11 Qd3 e5 12 d5 Ne8 13 b4 f5
14 e4 Bd7 15 f4 Rc8 16 Ra2 cb4 17 ab4 Nxc4 18 Rxa7 Rc7 19 Ra2
Qd8 20 R2f2 Qc8 21 Rc2 Nf6 22 R1f2 g6 23 h3 fe4 24 Nxe4 Nxe4 25
Bxe4 Bxh3 26 fe5 (26 Bxg6 hg6 27 Rxc4 Rxc4 28 Qxg6+ is per-
petual - H.G.) 26...Nxe5 27 Rxc7 DRAW (If 27...Nxd3 28 Rxc8
Rxc8 29 Bxd3 Rxc1+ 30 Kh2= - H.G.)

Earl Daniel - Robert C. Allyn
Sicilian Closed, with Bc4
Section 85CC4

1 e4 c5 2 Bc4 e6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 f4 d6 5 Nf3 g6 6 O0 Bg7 7 d3 Nf6 8
f5 d5 9 ed5 ed5 10 Nxd5 Nxd5 11 fg6 hg6 12 Ng5 Bd4+ (He should
have gotten suspicious here - R.A.) 13 Kh1 Be6 14 Nxe6
(expecting 14...fe6 15 Qg4 and he might have found compensation
for the Knight - R.A.) 14...Rxb2+ 15 Kxh2 Qh4++ 0-1

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ADVENTURES

By Stephen L. Chase Jr

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Hello readers! It is very flattering to be asked by the editor to write a feature for NORTHWEST CHESS. Bob Karch knows of my great interest in postal chess, and it is our hope that this column will stir an interest in this enjoyable hobby.

I am not a strong player. In fact, my rating has not changed more than 100 rating points within the last twenty years. So this column will not attempt to display master-strength games. Instead, this column's purpose is to show how postal chess can be made more enjoyable; it can be an adventure that introduces you to some delightfully interesting individuals who enjoy chess as much as you do.

When I return home from work each day, I am always eager to check the mail. What moves await my reply? What news will be reported? How are my opponent's other games in the section going? That's an exciting part of postal chess. The best part of it, for me, is the correspondence that I am able to develop with my opponents. Nothing is a surer turn off than a post card with the moves and nothing else. I enjoy the challenge of creating an interesting report of the news to my opponents, and nothing is more satisfying than to read a good reply in return. The game is made more enjoyable, and I make a good friend in the process. It's weird to think that this person is my friend, and I may never meet them in person. If I were to meet them, I know that we would get along in an instant.

This column will introduce the reader to some postal players that you probably don't know. They, like myself, are not top-flight players either. Each and everyone is a valued friend. They were warm and congenial during play, and other postal players remarked on their friendliness, also. I hope that you enjoy meeting these individuals. If you are a postal player and have any comments or suggestions, feel free to write me. If you have played an interesting opponent you'd care to tell me about, I'd enjoy hearing from you, and I may choose to include your opponent in this column. Please send any correspondence to:

"Correspondence Chess Adventures"
21428 82nd SE
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The person I'd like to feature first was my opponent for the 1986 Washington vs Oregon postal match, Joe Running. We were on the bottom board, 6, but even though Joe was rated 100 points below me, he had won several games that were noted in the rating report. I had no idea what kind of player he'd be.

I was astounded to learn that he was 95 years old. This certainly would place him as one of the oldest active postal players in our area, if not our nation or the world. He humorously stated, "hope that I can last 'til we finish." It was hard to imagine that he was nearly three times my age, and I envied his longevity and stamina. It occurred to me that postal chess would be a wonderful hobby for someone his age, because he'd have a reason for living each day.

Joe always answered his mail promptly - usually on the same day that his mail was received. His play was strong and consistent over the course of the game. Since he was nearly blind, he typed all of his post cards, but he always signed off in pencil with large clear letters,

"Joe". Here is game A of our match.

1986 Washington vs Oregon Match
Four Knights Game
Joe Running Stephen Chase

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 Nc3

This was an unexpected reply. I was hoping to turn the game into a Closed Ruy or the Two Knights' Game. I had not played the 4 Knights' in many years. I avoid this opening because its symmetry tends to lead to drawish positions. I checked through my opening manuals, searching for a line that would break the symmetry. I expressed my displeasure to Joe as I replied

3 ... Nf6
4 Bc4?

Joe explained that since his eyesight was so poor, he did not have any chess books. He makes a common mistake with this move which gives Black an opportunity to have a free game and breaks the symmetry at once. (Editor: I once faced this identical position in postal play and found out what to do in PAWN POWER, a book by Hans Kmoch, and played the same move Steve did.)

4 ... Nxe4!
5 Nxe4 d5
6 Bxd5

Not the best reply. I was hoping that Joe might make a telling mistake soon.

6 ... Qxd5
7 d3 Bg4
8 h3 Bh5

Sharper play might come after 8...Bxf3 9 Qxf3 Nd4.

9 O0 O00
10 c4?

Losing the pawn outright. White now faces a very difficult game the rest of the way.

About this time I asked Joe if he was of Indian heritage since I was curious about the last name. Joe explained that his family was from Norway. Joe's grandfather worked on the Mork farm (?) and cleared timber for a small hut which he built and became his home. This was called "Rodningen" - "the clearing". When Joe's parents immigrated to America and settled in the Midwest, they changed the name to Running.

10 ... Qxd3
11 Qxd3 Rxd3
12 Ne1 Rd4
13 Nd2 Be2!

Checkmating the White Rook, but it doesn't win the exchange. At this point I was feeling rather smug with my play.

14 Nc2 Bxf1
15 Nxd4 Nxd4

Black has obtained a marvelous position, and the Knight's outpost is worth White's Bishop or Rook. Black's plans are going to ease White's plight.

16 Nxf1 Ne2+
17 Kh1 Nxc1?
18 Rxc1 Bc5
19 f3 Rd8
20 Re1 Bd4

21 b4 Bc3
22 Rb1 Rd3

In order to get my pieces to the most active position, the two seem to be more in each other's way than cooperating together. At this point I was beginning to regret the hasty exchange of the Knight.

During this time, Joe had left to make a homecoming visit to Spearfish, South Dakota where he had been a teacher for 18 years. The town of Spearfish meant to honor him for his years of service, but he fell and hurt his hip, and was unable to attend the reunion. He must have been terribly disappointed. He expressed concern about how he was feeling.

23 a4 Bd4
24 Ng3 c5
25 Ne4! cb4
26 Rxb4 Be3
27 Rb1 Kc7
28 g4 Kc6
29 Kg2 f5

Here Joe resigned both our games. He told me that his eyesight was too bad to see the board clearly. I grieved to hear this, for the position now is very different from the one after Black's 15th move.

White's Knight is strongly placed in the center, and Black's Kingside pawns are now weak. While Black's Rook is more actively placed, the win is going to take some time to accomplish.

Joe was a fine gentleman who was popular with those whom he played. I considered it a real privilege to be his opponent, and know that Joe will be missed. Don't we all wish that we are as active and lucid at his age, playing our favorite game, and making each day count for the good we can do. Thanks again, Joe.

Wash. Chess Federation

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Tournament Income	177.40
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Prize Money	\$ 475.00
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TD Expenses	25.00
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Cost of Money Orders	13.00
John Braley (1983 WA Open)	28.09
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	\$ 927.82

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1986 in Review

By David V. Bicknell

Before 1986 fades completely from memory, let us recall a few of the year's highlights where we ventured outside "The Great Northwest."

In March the "National Open" was held at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas. IM Dr. Nikolay Minev (2448) scored 4 1/2 points in the 240 player Open section. David Butler won first place in the 392 player Reserve section with a perfect 6-0!

May saw the Seattle Club contingent invade Canada for the "Keres Memorial" along with others. "Expo" was an added plus. August was the month for the "U.S. Open" held at the Somerset Hilton, New Jersey. Our representative Marvin Hayami attended this prestigious event (see report in December issue).

September brought the "Annual Reno Open" and an opportunity to see Chris Ramarat (2533) and Jay Whitehead (2479), both from San Francisco, tie for first place. Hanniegn Pitre, Dobby Apostol and myself were on hand to witness this one. In October the "U.S. Chess Class Championship" was in Denver, Colorado. Hanniegn Pitre and Art Iodice were there and also at the "American Open" in Los Angeles at the end of November.

1987 will be an even stronger year, especially in view of the "U.S. Open" coming to Portland in August. I would urge anyone interested in any or all of these events to participate as they come up during the year. It may in fact be a good idea to arrange for a share-the-ride/room hotline in order that the greatest number from our area may attend.

SPOKANE REPORT

By David L. Collyer

Was 1986 the best year ever for Spokane Chess? Yes! The range of activities, the emergence of some quality players and promoters, and the wide participation of the area's communities add up to a great twelve months.

Dr. Rod Stackelberg secured the Club Championship for the third time in '86. The 15-player field offered its best chess, but Stackelberg's sharp tactics gave him the inside track from the starting gun. His score of 5.5-0.5 was a full point ahead of Bill Phillip who took second place. The National Junior High Championship in May involved a year's worth of preparation, but the final result of 430 players justified the sweat. Organizers Art Glaser and Steve Franke handled thousands of details, plus conducted the Inland Empire Junior Chess League. The League held training tournaments for local players over a nine month period. For example, Vern Glaser and Mike Dunn scored 4-0 to tie for first in an 18-player tournament in March.

In May IM John Donaldson lectured on his recent European tour, including comments on some of the more colorful GM's he has met. Donaldson included an explanation of his win over Joel Benjamin in Iceland and then finished the evening by playing 20 Spokanites simultaneously. Lee Overaker gave Donaldson a good battle, but like the rest of us he went down to defeat.

Spokane Chess Club sponsored two 2-day tournaments during the year. The Lilac Open was won by Vern Glaser in May over ten other players. Eric Maxon took first in the Eastern Washington Open in September over 24 others. Ben Fitch took the title in two local tournaments: Kings of Chess Open and the Manito Park Open.

Quad winners during October included Dave Collyer, Bob Benson, and a 3-way tie among Jerry Morton, Ron Koch, and Dan O'Brien. The Daylight Donut series winners include: Bill Phillip (3x), Steve Fabian, Ben Fitch, Merlin Dugton and Jerry Morton.

The year finished with the Club's treasury with a surplus, 15 to 20 active players and a mailing list of about 300 casual players. 1986 was a GREAT year!

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JAN 17-18: Winter Open

USCF Rated. 5-SS, Rds 1-3 40/90, SD/30, Rds 4-5 40/90, 25/1, SD/30. Site: 2530 Grandview Dr W, Tacoma, WA. (206) 565-3461. EF: \$18 if rec'd by Jan 16, \$23 at site. \$650 Prizes based on 50: 1st-2nd \$125-\$75, 1800-1999, 1600-1799, 1400-1599, Unr-1399 each \$100. Regr: 9-9:45 AM, Rds: 10-2:30-7, 10-3:30. Info/Entries: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 East B St, Tacoma, WA 98445. (206) 535-2536. NS, NC, W.

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Charles T. Geary (Springfield, OR)

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Players who are weary of 6 hour games and waiting for the next round to begin, should go to Roseburg and let him know they appreciate rational time controls and reasonable entry fees. I hope he gets 100 players instead of the mere 20 he expects!

Another report is a real bomb (page 263, Dec 86 issue) that the USCF has approved rating events with a TC of game/30! This opens the door for single session TC of 30 - 45 - 60 - or 90 minutes with no adjournments! Am looking forward to games with only 30 min on each clock. I may lose - but if I win I will make every effort to heed the admonition in Charles Kenny's MANUAL OF CHESS (1859) wherein he says, "Win if you can, but make no insulting display of joy on the occasion!"

REGIONAL CHESS CALENDAR

January 1987

1	Vancouver 15-min Championship	Vancouver, BC
2,9,16,23	Seattle Chess Club New Year Swiss	Seattle
3	Fairwood Mini-Swiss	Renton
3-4	Gresham Open II	Gresham
3-4	BC Reserves	Vancouver, BC
7,14,21	Metro CC West Portland Jan Swiss	Portland
7,14,21,28,--	Spokane Chess Club Championship	Spokane
10	Seattle International RR (unrated)	Seattle
10	Edmonds School Dist Chess Clinic	Meadowdale HS
10-11	Eugene Open	Eugene
15,22,29	Metro CC East Portland Jan Swiss	Portland
17	US OPEN Committee Meeting - 10 AM	Portland
17-18	Victoria Winter Open	Victoria, BC
17-18	Tacoma Winter Open	Tacoma
22,29,--	White Rock CC Winter Open	White Rock, BC
24	Spanaway Lake Scholastic Team Tmt	Tacoma
24	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
24-25	Linn-Benton Open	Albany
30-Feb 1	UBC (Univ Brit Columbia) Open	Vancouver, BC
30,--	Seattle CC George Washington RR	Seattle
31	Fort Lewis Open	Fort Lewis
31	West Seattle Octagonals	Seattle

February 1987

--4,11	Spokane Chess Club Championship	Spokane
--5,12,19	White Rock CC Winter Open	White Rock, BC
--6,13,20,27	Seattle CC George Washington RR	Seattle
5,19,26	Metro CC February Swiss	Portland
6-7 (Fri-Sat)	Washington High School Individual	Seattle
7	Metro Chess Club Feb Quads	Portland
7	Killarney Junior Open	Vancouver, BC
7	Fairwood Mini-Swiss	Renton
7-8	Comox Valley Open	Courtenay, BC
7-8, 14-15	Wash Chpp - Ravenna Bryant Sr Ctr	Seattle
8	Fort Lewis Open	Fort Lewis
10,17,24,--	UBC February Open	Vancouver, BC
12-15	Oregon Championship (Invitational)	Portland
14-15	Oregon Category Championships	Portland
15	Daylight Donut No. 12	Spokane
21	Blaine Memorial II	Seattle
21-22	SFU Valentine Open	Burnaby, BC
21-22	Presidents Congress	Tacoma
25	WCF Officers/Directors Mtg 7:30 PM	Seattle
25,--	Kings of Chess Open	Spokane
27-28(Fri-Sat)	Wash HS Team Chpp (Mariner HS)	Everett
27-28(Fri-Sat)	Oregon HS Finals	--

March 1987

--3,10	UBC February Open	Vancouver, BC
--4,11	Kings of Chess Open	Spokane
5,19,26	Metro Chess Club March Swiss	Portland
6	Seattle Chess Club Special Event	Seattle
6-7	OMSI Finals, World Forestry Ctr	Portland
6-7-8	Midwest Masters Invitational V	Chicago
7	Metro Chess Club March Quads	Portland
7-8	Roseburg CC Tournament II	Roseburg
13,20,27,--	Seattle CC March Hare Swiss	Seattle
13-14(Fri-Sat)	Oregon-Wash HS Champions Match	Site pending
14	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
15	Daylight Donut No. 13	Spokane
19,26,(for 8 wks)	FIDE Master Kuznecov Lessons	Vancouver, BC
21 (Sat only)	Oregon-Wash HS Teams Match, 3 Rds	Tacoma
21-22	Tacoma Chess Club Spring Swiss	Tacoma
21-22	Inn at Spanish Head Open	Lincoln City
28	Yaz for Prez Open No. 1	Spokane
28	Fairwood Mini-Swiss	Renton
29	Fort Lewis Open	Fort Lewis

April 1987

--3	Seattle CC March Hare Swiss	Seattle
2,16,23	Metro Chess Club April Swiss	Portland
4	Metro Chess Club April Quads	Portland
4	Fairwood Mini-Swiss	Renton
10,17,24	Seattle CC April Team Quads	Seattle
11-12	Oregon Age-Group Championships	Clackamas
11-12	Tacoma Chess Club Daffodil Open	Tacoma
18	Yaz for Prez Open No. 2	Spokane
18	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
22,29,--	Spring Quads	Spokane
25-26	Eugene Class Championships	Eugene
25-26	Fort Lewis Closed (Base Chpp)	Fort Lewis

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--6	Spring Quads	Spokane
1,8,15,22,29	Seattle Chess Club May Days Swiss	Seattle
2	Tacoma Chess Club May Quads	Renton
2	Riverfront Park Open	Spokane
2	Cinco-de-Mayo Fun Tournament	Milton-Freewater
2-3	Portland Spring Open	Portland
7,21,28	Metro Chess Club May Swiss	Portland
9	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
9-10	Tacoma CC Pierce County Open	Tacoma
9-10	Lilac Open	Spokane
15-16-17	Keres Memorial	Vancouver, BC
23-25 (3 Days)	Washington Open (Bid unconfirmed)	Bellingham

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4,18,25	Metro CC Chpp, Rounds 1-3	Portland
5,12,19,26	Seattle Chess Club D-Day Swiss	Seattle
6	Tacoma Chess Club June Swiss	Renton
6-7	Rose Festival Open	Portland
13	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
13-14	Tacoma Chess Club Evergreen Open	Tacoma

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2,16,23	Metro Chess Club Chpp, Rounds 4-6	Portland
11	Tacoma Chess Club July Quads	Renton
11	Seattle Chess Club Octagonals	Seattle
18	Manito Park Open	Spokane
18-19	Tacoma CC Puget Sound Open	Tacoma
(not firm)	Columbia Cup VI	Richland
(not firm)	Seafair	Seattle

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1	Tacoma Chess Club August Swiss	Renton
2-14	US OPEN	Portland
7-9	USCF Delegates Meetings	Portland
8	US Speed Championship	Portland
9-14	US OPEN Busypersons Special	Portland
15-16	Tacoma CC Woodpushers Open	Tacoma
17	GM Simul (tentative)	Spokane

September 1987

3,17,24	Metro CC September Swiss	Portland
5	Tacoma Chess Club September Quads	Renton
5-7	Oregon Open XXXVI	Portland
19-20	Eastern Washington Open	Spokane
19-20	Tacoma Chess Club Fall Open	Tacoma
30,--	Autumn Quads	Spokane