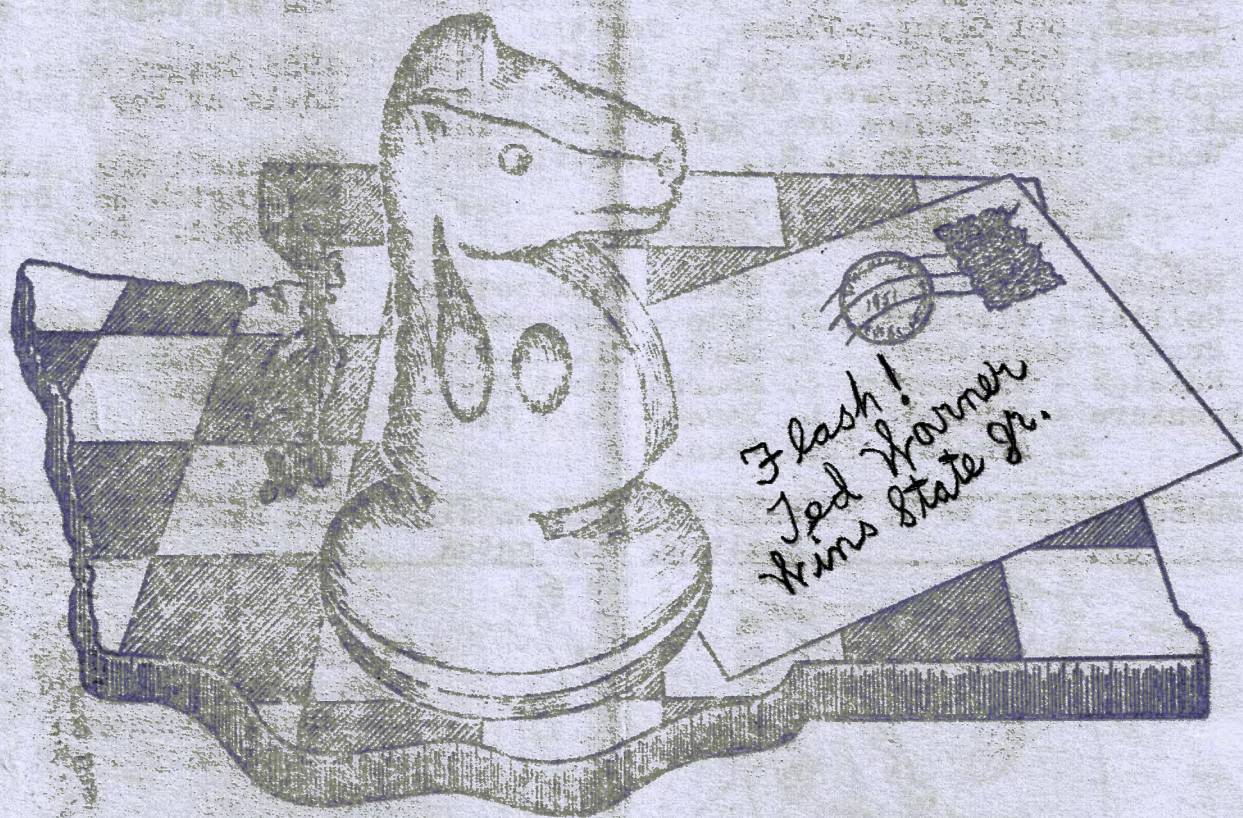


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COMING EVENTS

Annual Washington Federation meeting, Sunday, April 26th at the Student Union Building on the U. of W. campus. You are urged to come.

1953 Oregon Open, June 13-14 at Portland Club.

International between Washington and British Columbia. Date to be set.

Second Seattle Seafair Chess Tournament. Date to be set.

1953 U. S. Open, July 27-Aug. 8 at Milwaukee

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"I don't see why you need such a big one...after all, the chess tournament was just between you and me."

EDITORIAL

April 26th, the last Sunday of that month, all people interested in the advancement of organized chess in the state of Washington will meet. The time is 1 P.M. and the place is the Student Union Building on the University of Washington campus. If you would like a voice in the policies of the WCF then it is up to you to be there. Besides the election of officers there will be several problems to settle and it is up to you and you and YOU to be on hand to help settle them. If it is absolutely impossible for you to be at the meeting then by all means write President O. W. Manney and give your opinions. These will be presented at the meeting.

We will need a brand new tournament director for the next chess season as I do not have the time or energy to do that job right and continue on as editor of this magazine. Either one of the jobs can easily be handled by me but not both as then they take up too much time. After all, I have a wife and two kids to consider too! For the benefit of my successor I discovered that our tournaments should be scheduled for the middle of a month so that this magazine can give the event two weeks notice.

We want to caution against starting the season too soon as was done the past season and also caution against lumping events after January 1st as was done the year before. Also about early September, notices should be drawn up and mailed to the various club prexies asking whether or not their players plan to play in the Puget Sound League. If by a stated deadline a club has given no answer then that club should be left off the schedule. A little more common courtesy should be displayed by chess players.

Forfeits in tournament play, I think, should be avoided like poison. Every player should keep his appointments and promises. Late arrivals at tournaments should be paired with the strongest possible opponent every round!

Among the problems facing the WCF, other than the election of officers, are the problems of getting ready for the annual match with British Columbia and whether or not we should make our match with Oregon an annual event.

Your editor and tournament director (a two headed monster with but one brain?) feels like an Austrian general. Everytime he led a team out of his native Seattle they were licked to a frazzle. Also "foreigners" entered his tournaments and gobbled up all the choice prizes. Rein of Minnesota took home the first prize chess set and trophy in the Woodpushers, British Columbia waxed us at Mount Vernon, Tacoma won the Puget Sound League (at least that championship can't leave the state!), Oregon whipped us, and Portland players took home first prize in both the Washington State Open and Puget Sound Open. I had always thought the Seattle area was the home of the most powerful chess players in the northwest. It is not so gentlemen!

It has been a good year for the Washington Chess Federation with the subscription list of this magazine reaching an all time high and interest in northwestern chess definitely on the upgrade. The latest development is the drive to send Zemgalis to the U. S. Open tourney this summer. Send your dimes and dollars to President O. W. Manney and in a very short time there should be enough on hand for his transportation to the tournament and living expenses while there. If he gets a chance to play, he might easily win.

TACOMA WINS PSL TITLE

The Tacoma Y Chess Club team made another tour north to Seattle, met and subdued West Seattle by the decisive score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$, and returned home the absolute undefeated champion of the Puget Sound Chess League. They thus finished the season with a spotless six won none lost record in league play. Regular starters in nearly every match were Vernon Holmes, Leslie Coubrough, Victor Hultman and Robert Collins. Loss frequent players who helped make Tacoma champions were Charles Hewitt, Roy Leach, Tom Dolle and George Faithfull. Hats off to our new champions! Congratulate this gang as they won the title the hard way. Two of their home matches were canceled when Kitsap and Olympia dropped from the league. So only twice did they get to play a match at home while four times they visited Seattle and each time returned home with the pelts of their opponents.

In other final round matches Seattle eased by Everett $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ and the Seattle YMCA won second place and the Seattle team championship by defeating the University of Washington also $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Seattle's win over Everett enabled that club to pull into a three-way tie with West Seattle and Everett for 4th, 5th and 6th places in the final standings. Ted Davidsen scored two points to lead the Seattle team while Peter Husby's two wins for Everett kept the match close.

The Seattle YMCA - University match developed into a real humdinger. The U. jumped to a quick $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ lead but gradually the Y's older heads prevailed and the score was knotted at 4-4. That was on Sunday March 1st. Ted Warner representing the U of W and Dan Wade representing the Y met on Friday, March 6th. The result was one draw. The score was raised to $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$. Then on Sunday, March 8th, Warner and Wade met again. Locked in mortal combat for five hours, Wade finally emerged on top to give the Seattle YMCA team the match. But man alive it was close! (There is absolutely no truth to the rumour that the editor would have quit chess for all time if he had lost this crucial of crucials!)

<u>TACOMA Y.M.C.A.</u>	$7\frac{1}{2}$	<u>WEST SEATTLE</u>	$2\frac{1}{2}$	<u>SEATTLE Y.M.C.A.</u>	$5\frac{1}{2}$	<u>U. of WASH.</u>	$4\frac{1}{2}$
V. Holmes	1	O. W. Manney	1	R. Vellias	$\frac{1}{2}$	Ballantine	$1\frac{1}{2}$
R. Collins	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Max Mage	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Joachim	$1\frac{1}{2}$	K. Mulford	$\frac{1}{2}$
L. Coubrough	2	E. Vukonich	0	Max Bader	1	A. Clark	1
V. Hultman	2	F. M. Howard	0	Dan Wade	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Ted Warner	$\frac{1}{2}$
Roy Leach	1	Schrank	1	F. Hebert	1	H. Sanden	1

<u>SEATTLE CLUB</u>	$5\frac{1}{2}$	<u>EVERETT CLUB</u>	$4\frac{1}{2}$	<u>FINAL PUGET SOUND LEAGUE STANDINGS</u>	
Bob Edberg	1	Neil Power	1	Team	Won Lost
Bjerkseth	1	Jack Nourse	1	1. Tacoma Y. M. C. A.	6 - 0
F. H. Weaver	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Sid Nourse	$\frac{1}{2}$	2. Seattle Y. M. C. A.	5 - 1
Ted Davidsen	2	B. Brandstrom	0	3. University of Washington	4 - 2
H. H. Roberts	0	Peter Husby	2	4-6. West Seattle Club	2 - 4
				4-6. Seattle Chess Club	2 - 4
				4-6. Everett Chess Club	2 - 4
				7. Seattle University	0 - 6

Dear reader, it has been a pleasure to report this season's matches. DW

The just concluded Puget Sound League season was the seventh. Tacoma won the first three years, retiring the first perpetual trophy. Seattle won the next two championships and the University of Washington won last year. Let us make the next season the biggest and best of all.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS OF 1952-53
PUGET SOUND LEAGUE PLAY

The five most valuable league players this season were 1. Ballantine, 2. Manney, 3. Max Bader Sr., 4. Wade and 5. Vellias. This conclusion was reached after totaling up the scores of the 63 chess players that took a part in this year's Puget Sound League play. Seven points are given for each first board win, six for a second board win etc. down to three for a fifth board victory. Drawn games count for half the above scores.

No player from the champion Tacoma team placed in the top five which shows that they won the title not through the consistent efforts of any 1 or 2 players. A Tacoma man that lost in one match would be the star the next time. However, Vernon Holmes was rooked out of a chance to add two first board wins and 14 points to his score when one of his opponents did not put in an appearance. His team received two forfeits to help win the match but Holmes didn't get his chance to win a pair. This is why fifth board should take the forfeit and not first.

Player	Won	Lost	Draw	Points	Player	W	L	D	Pts.
1. Charles Ballantine	8	3	1	59.5	39-41 H. Lundh	2	0	0	6.0
2. O. W. Manney	8	2	0	56.0	39-41 Dr. Ballantine	2	0	0	6.0
3. Max Bader	8	2	2	51.5	39-41 G. Faithfull	2	0	0	6.0
4. Dan Wade	8	3	1	50.0	42 John Ring	1	0	1	6.0
5. Russ Vellias	7	2	1	44.5	43 Cummings	1	1	0	6.0
6. Les Coubrough	7	5	0	42.0	44 Stuart Woodward	2	4	0	6.0
7. Allan Clark	9	3	0	39.0	45 Lewis	1	7	0	5.0
8. Neil Power	5	4	1	38.5	46 Gene Vukonich	1	9	0	5.0
9. Victor Hultman	8	2	1	38.0	47 Ken Borski	1	11	0	5.0
10-11 Max Mage	5	5	2	36.0	48 Bob Buck	1	3	0	4.0
10-11 John Nourse	6	6	0	36.0	49-51 Gunder Koenkow	1	0	0	3.0
12 Vernon Holmes	5	3	0	35.0	49-51 Grant Laizure	1	1	0	3.0
13 Sid Nourse	6	5	1	32.5	49-51 Harvey Sanden	1	1	0	3.0
14 Robert Collins	5	2	1	27.0	52 Max Bader Jr.	0	1	1	2.0
15 Ted Warner	5	4	1	27.0	53 Enright	0	1	1	1.5
16 F. H. Weaver	4	1	1	26.5	<u>Players failing to score point</u>				
17 Ted Davidsen	5	3	0	26.0	<u>Player</u>	<u>Won</u> <u>Lost</u>			
18 Charles Hewitt	5	1	0	25.0	54-59 V. W. Bever	0	2		
19 Floyd Hebert	5	2	1	23.0	54-59 L. Orchard	0	2		
20 Ken Mulford	3	6	1	21.0	54-59 McIsaac	0	2		
21 Bert Brandstrom	4	5	0	16.0	54-59 Ernest Wise	0	2		
22 Schrank	3	2	3	15.5	54-59 Jack Logan	0	2		
23-24 Jorgen Bader	4	0	2	15.0	54-59 Ward Kemp	0	2		
23-24 Roy Leach	5	1	0	15.0	60 W. H. Raleigh	0	4		
25 Tom Koehler	3	3	0	15.0	61-62 Wes Holbeim	0	6		
26 Peter Husby	5	7	0	15.0	61-62 R. Hattrup	0	6		
27 Dennis Chipman	3	0	1	14.5	63 Don Doyle	0	10		
28 H. H. Roberts	4	6	0	14.0					
29 Douglas Gorton	3	0	1	12.5					
30 Anthony Walloch	2	0	0	12.0					
31 E. I. Walker	3	3	0	12.0					
32 F. M. Howard	3	9	0	12.0					
33 Edward Arnold	3	3	0	11.0					
34 R. Alexander	2	6	0	10.0					
35 Charles Joachim	1	0	1	9.0					
36 Bjerkereth	2	2	0	9.0					
37 Thomas Dolle	2	0	0	8.0					
38 Robert Edberg	1	1	0	7.0					

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OREGON WINS

Washington's chess team traveled to Centralia on Sunday, March 15th, and absorbed a $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ beating at the hands of Oregon. In the feature game of this team match, Seattle's Elmars Zemgalis and Portland's Arthur Duke played to a draw.

The match was played in the lobby of the Lewis-Clark Hotel and the arrangements made by hotel manager Fred Hill were perfect. Eight tables, each with a lamp beside it, were placed in the center of the lobby. The two front tables were for the board #1 and #2 players, the next two tables were for the board #3 and #4 players, and so on back to the last tables on which the board #7 and #8 players played.

J. L. Sheets, Seattle champion, defeated Short of Portland on second board and Charles Joachim defeated Eikrem on sixth board for Washington's only victories. However, win or lose, all of the games were very hard fought and fairly well played.

Quite a few chess enthusiasts traveled down to see the show. Glenn Muller, Ted Davidsen and Bob Edberg traveled in Manney's car and Ken Mulford drove five of the Washington players down. Collins, H. E. Yocom, Cerretelli and a few others were on hand to watch. Robert Stork's sister took several pictures, one of them being a shot of this miserable one just before he tearfully resigned! Two or three of the Oregon players brought their wives along for moral support and perhaps, hoped they would dazzle their opponents into losing games. If so, then let me state they were not needed as the Portland Chess Club men that made up the entire Oregon team played very skillfully. They are just a little ahead of us Washington players. Perhaps with a little study and serious play we can catch up to them in ability.

Mr. Mac MacNey, sports editor of the Centralia Daily Chronicle, gave the match some publicity just prior to the battle. A photographer for the Chronicle took a picture of Zemgalis. This picture appeared in the Tuesday, March 17th Chronicle.

An annual Washington-Oregon match with a perpetual trophy seems like a good idea. But let us have about twelve players on each side next time.

OREGON	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	WASHINGTON	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Arthur Duke	$\frac{1}{2}$	Elmars Zemgalis	$\frac{1}{2}$
E. G. Short	0	J. L. Sheets	1
Jim Schmitt	1	Chas. Ballantine	0
Ivars Dahlberg	1	O. W. Manney	0
Calvin Burnham	1	Russ Vellias	0
Svante Eikrem	0	Chas. Joachim	1
Duane Meador	1	Dan Wade	0
Fred Aiken	1	John Nourse	0

COMPLETE RECORD IN NEXT ISSUE!

If all games are turned in to the editor in time, he will run the complete eight games of the Oregon-Washington match in next month's games section. The more game notes, the better he will like it.

Grr! If you Washington lads are still not convinced, then go to the OREGON OPEN, June 13-14, at the Portland Chess Club. Entry fee is \$3.00.

D. Wade

I guess I have a one track mind but as time goes on I become more convinced that it is difficult to maintain marital harmony in a household where the husband plays chess. The latest crisis came to a head in the nearest super-market.

My husband had taken me to the store to stock up on groceries. I knew we had only about \$20, but this was more than enough to cover the groceries I had on my list

After selecting my groceries I trundled the well-loaded basket up to the checkstand and took the children to the car leaving Dan to pay the bill.

It seemed to be taking an unusually long time but finally I saw him coming across the parking lot, the boy from the market pushing the cart alongside him. Even from that distance he had a "harried" look about him. As Dan pulled the car door open he said, "Gosh, that was embarrassing. I didn't have enough money to pay for all those groceries so I gave back the chicken and porkchops."

"What do you mean? What happened to that \$20?", I inquired impatiently. The boy from the market was standing by expectantly. He wanted to know what happened to the \$20 too. I told Dan, "Climb in the car and explain what happened to the rest of that money and it had better be good."

On the trip home Dan proved evasive. "Well, I had to get gas, I get coffee and pie at Nick's every night you know, I bought a couple of postage stamps and a magazine the other night. I don't know!!", now very irate, "What always happens to money anyway? You probably bought something."

A very definite chill pervaded the car. "I haven't been out of the house this week", each word enunciated distinctly as though I was talking to a not very bright child.

The groceries were brought into the house and put away in stony silence. Wild suspicions were crowding into my mind. Another woman? gambling?, had he taken to drinking? You can't get very wild on \$20, and there was only \$10 actually missing.

Dan finally broke under the strain. "You might as well know now, you will never shut up until you find out what happened to that \$10. Well, I bought that book on chess openings I've been wanting. I can't get away with anything can I?"

Me? I didn't feel bad, just relieved but we do have to keep the show on the road. "You did what? You took the food out of your children's mouths to buy a book on chess openings? Where is this book?"

Dan said it was in the bookcase in the bedroom. "How did I ever miss seeing a book like that, it must be enormous!" and I hurried to the bedroom to see the book. It developed that this was a very ordinary sized book and on examining its contents it proved to be just what it said it was and it might as well have been written in Greek, nothing a girl could curl up with on a rainy night. Well, we all have our peculiarities. It wasn't long ago I paid \$8 for a pair of dangly earrings that fall off every time I dance with them on.

I philosophically went to the kitchen to fix dinner, minus porkchops, but Mr. Wade, didn't you feel a little guilty with your children regarding you reproachfully over their poached eggs?

FROM THE RECORD.....AN ATTEMPT AT RATING THE MOST ACTIVE WASHINGTON STATE CHESS PLAYERS.

By taking each player's record in each major chess tournament, beginning with the 1950 Seattle Championship Tourney, we shed some light on how the following eight most active players rate. Leaving out the results of Junior and Woodpusher tournaments for obvious to all reasons and also ignoring Puget Sound League and other team results because of the different classes of opposition encountered on different boards, we reach the results given below.

Charles Ballantine

'50 start	W	L	D
'50 Seattle	3	2	1
'51 Wn.Open	4	0	2
'51 State	8	0	3
'51 P. S.	0.3	2	1
'51 Experts	6	0	0*
'52 State	4	2	2
'53 Wn.Open	4	2	0
'53 State	3	2	4

Totals Won 35 lost 10, drawn 13.

O. W. Manney

'51 start	W	L	D
'51 Experts	5	1	0*
'51 Seattle	2	2	2
'52 Wn.Open	5	0	1
'52 State	4	3	1
'52 Seafair	4	0	1
'53 Wn.Open	4	2	0
'53 State	4	1	4
'53 P.S.O.	4	2	0

Totals Won 32 lost 11, drawn 9.

J. L. Sheets

'51 start	W	L	D
'51 Seattle	4	1	1
(Playoff)	2	0	0
'52 Wn.Open	4	0	2
'52 State	0	3	5
'53 Wn.Open	3	2	1
'53 State	6	2	1
Totals Won	19	lost	8, drawn 10.

Charles Joachim

'50 start	W	L	D
'50 Seattle	5	0	1
'51 Wn.Open	5	0	1
'51 State	5	5	1
'51 P.S.O.	2	1	3
'51 Seattle	4	1	1
(Playoff)	0	2	0
'52 Wn.Open	4	2	0
'52 Seafair	3	2	0
'53 State	2	4	3
'53 P.S.O.	4	2	0

Totals Won 34 lost 19, drawn 10.

Dan Wade

'51 start	W	L	D
'51 Wn.Open	3	3	0
'51 P.S.O.	2	1	3
'51 Experts	2	3	1*
'51 Seattle	2	4	0
'52 State	5	3	0
'52 P.S.O.	5	0	1
'52 Seafair	3	1	1
'53 Wn.Open	3	3	0
'53 State	3	3	3
'53 P.S.O.	3	3	0

Totals Won 31 lost 24, drawn 9.

Russ Vellias

'50 start	W	L	D
'50 Seattle	3	3	0
'51 Wn.Open	1	5	0
'51 P.S.O.	3	3	0
'51 Seattle	3	3	0
'52 Wn.Open	1	3	0
(forfeited 2 more)			
'52 Seafair	2	3	0
'53 Wn.Open	5	1	0
'53 State	3	3	3
'53 P.S.O.	3	1	2

Totals Won 24 lost 25, drawn 5.

Ken Mulford

'50 Seattle	2	3	1
'51 Wn.Open	4	1	1
'51 State	0	4	2
(forfeited 5 more)			
'52 Wn.Open	3	2	1
'52 P.S.O.	3	2	1
'53 Wn.Open	2	4	0
'53 State	3	5	1

Totals Won 17 lost 21, drawn 7.

Ted Warner

'51 Wn.Open	3	2	1
'51 P.S.O.	1	4	1
'52 Wn.Open	2	4	0
'52 P.S.O.	4	0	2
'52 Seafair	2	3	0
'53 Wn.Open	2	3	1
'53 State	0	9	0

Totals Won 14 lost 25, drawn 5

Warner had better fortune in two Oregon Opens as he won seven out of eleven games.

1. Ballantine	.716
2. Manney	.702
3. Sheets	.649
4. Joachim	.619
5. Wade	.555
6. Vellias	.491
7. Mulford	.456
8. Warner	.375



* An injustice was done Charles Ballantine and O. W. Manney that we wish to correct here. The 1951 Experts was never published in this magazine and not reported to Chess Life. It was a 7 player, round-robin. The final standing was 1. Ballantine 6-0, 2. Manney 5-1, 3. Dr. A. Murray 4-2, 4. Dan Wade 2½-3½, 5. S. Ferris 2-4, 6. LaFreniere 1-5 and 7. Laughlan ½-5½. (Ferris drew Wade and Laughlan for 1 pt.)

NOURSE AD NAUSEAM.

The
Printed Works.

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The series of printed chess works begins with the lost treatises of Vicent in the Catalan dialect of the Spanish, 1495 A.D. Only the colophon and title page of this work have been preserved. The only known copy belonged to the famous Abbey of Montserrat near Barcelona. It was last seen in 1796 and probably perished when the Abbey was sacked by the French under Suchet in 1811.

Another earlier work was printed in German in 1487, and in 1497 the first writer whose works are extant, the Castilian Lucena, appeared in print, followed by Damiano (Rome 1512), who probably used the same sources and compiled a much more dependable book. Lucena was a player of the old school and seemed to be hopelessly confused when he tried to explain the new rules. Damiano, on the other hand, is consistently modern in his rules and gives merely a single example of the old Bishops Leap.

Dr. Van der Linde quotes the work of the Spaniard Lucena, (1497) as essentially transitional, as he shows by giving the double set of rules; that of the Portuguese Damiano, (1512) marks its author as the real founder of the modern school. Other tracts, or pamphlets, hardly to be called books, down to almost the year 1550 show either a reaction in favor of the old, or at least the very slow diffusion of the new rules.

Damiano's efforts were so popular that translations soon appeared in English French and German.

Some German tracts on chess (calling it Scachzabel), published in 1507 - 1535 A.D. show no knowledge of the modern game, and the earliest printed pamphlets between 1530 - 1540 A.D. all move on the ancient formula.

Following Damiano appears the famous name of Ruy Lopez who was the champion of Spain for two decades. A Spanish priest at the court of Philip II, he wrote a book containing the laws of chess, generalized advice and a collection of openings.

This book was responsible for the use of the word "gambit" to describe a sacrifice. Lopez states that it is coined from the Italian words "gamba" (leg), and "gambitare" (to set traps), thus describing a gambit as the beginning of a series of traps.

At this period in chess the game was played for high stakes and the best players were very reluctant to publish their knowledge. However the wealthier patrons could always buy a leading players notes and consequently many of these have survived, particularly those of Polerio, (Rome 1600). Polerio's manuscripts described many openings including their variations.

After Polerio, the Neapolitan Salvio, noted for his sound analysis, published three works.

About 1620, Greco, an uneducated Italian genius, left his mark in chess history by publishing his collection of games, and in 1670 a French translation of these enjoyed wide circulation. Greco was the last of the Italian luminaries, and following his death the popularity of the game waned in Italy, English, French and German players coming to the fore, the coffee houses of London and Paris being hives of activity. The Cafe de la Regence in Paris was probably the most noted chess resort in the world. In this cafe played Regal, Philidor and Mayot, and it numbered among its habitués Richelieu, Marshall Saxe, the Rousseaus, Deschappelles, Voltaire and Musset.

Simpson's in the Strand of London, was founded as a chess resort, but is now one of the best eating places in England. While a chess divan it was honored by Staunton, Morphy, Zukertort, Burn, Blackburne, Steinitz, Bird and Lasker, a truly illustrious roster.

These were the scene of Philidor's triumphs. His book, "Analyse du jeu des Echecs" was the first to define strategy and tactics. Philidor died in 1795.

GAMES SECTION

J. L. SHEETS - E. ZEMGALIS

White Black

(1953 State)

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| 1. P-Q4 | P-K3 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3. B-KN5 | P-QB4 |
| 4. P-QB3 | Q-QN3 |
| 5. Q-QN3 | N-K5 |
| 6. QxQ | PxQ |
| 7. B-KB4 | P-Q4 |
| 8. P-K3 | N-QB3! |
| 9. QN-Q2 | |

Black's pawn offer is a positional trap, i.e., 9. B-B7? B-Q3; 10. BxP, P-QB5; 11. QN-Q2, R-R3; 12. NxN, PxN; 13. N-Q2, RxB; 14. NxQBP, B-B2. Neither does 11. KN-Q2!? end well, e.g., 11... P-KB4... or 11... NxN; 12. NxN; R-R3; 13. B-B4, BxB; 14. PxP, R-R4 and if 15. P-QN4, PxP ep; 16. NxP, R-R6 and Black will be able to double his Rooks soon.

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|----------|-------|
| 9. | NxN |
| 10 NxN | P-QB5 |
| 11 P-QR3 | P-KB3 |
| 12 B-N3 | P-QN4 |
| 13 R-QB1 | |

Black threatened P-N5.

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|----------|-------|
| 13 | P-KN3 |
| 14 B-K2 | P-K4 |
| 15 PxP | PxP |
| 16 O-O | B-N2 |
| 17 B-B3 | B-K3 |
| 18 KR-K1 | O-O |
| 19 P-KR3 | R-KB2 |
| 20 B-N4 | BxB |
| 21 PxP | P-Q5 |
| 22 N-K4 | P-Q6 |
| 23 KR-Q1 | N-R4 |
| 24 R-N1 | N-N6 |
| 25 P-B3 | P-N3 |
| 26 B-K1 | N-QB4 |
| 27 NxN | PxN |
| 28 P-K4 | B-B1 |
| 29 B-Q2 | R-QN2 |
| 30 R-R1 | R-R5 |
| 31 QR-B1 | R-R3 |
| 32 B-K3 | R-QB3 |
| 33 K-B1 | B-K2 |

34 B-Q2

B-R5

With both sides in time trouble, the master sees the situation quite clearly and the amateur simply flounders.

35 B-K3

B-N6

36 R-Q2

P-KR4

37 PxP

PxP

38 R(2)-Q1

P-R5

39 B-Q2

R-KB2

40 B-K1

R-KN3

41 BxB (Sealed move)

White resigned without resuming play, as, after 41. ...PxP, his King is in a net from which there is no method of escaping mate-e.g., 42. R-QR1, R-R3; 43. K-K1, R-R7; 44. K-Q2, RxBch; 45. K-QB1, RxBP; etc. Or if 42. K-N1, R-R3 followed by 43... R(2)-KR2.

(Notes by Sheets)

From the 1953 Puget Sound O.

JIM SCHMITT - RUSS VELLIAS

White Black

(Notes by Vellias)

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|----------|--------|
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3. P-B4 | P-K3 |
| 4. P-KN3 | B-N5ch |
| 5. B-Q2 | BxBch |
| 6. QNxP | O-O |
| 7. B-N2 | QN-Q2 |
| 8. Q-B2 | P-B3 |
| 9. O-O | R-K1 |
| 10 QR-Q1 | P-QN3 |
| 11 P-K4 | PxKP |
| 12 N-K5 | |

Hoping for 12... NxN; 13 PxN, N-Q2 14. BxP and wins a pawn or 14 NxP and Black's game is poor.

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|---------|-------|
| 12 | Q-B2 |
| 13 NxN | QxN |
| 14 NxP | NxN |
| 15 BxN | P-KR3 |
| 16 P-Q5 | KPxP |
| 17 PxP | PxP! |

JIM SCHMITT - RUSS VELLIAS
 White Black

18 RxP
 18 BxP, R-N1; 19 B-B6 ,
 Q-B2! accomplishes nothing.
 18 Q-K2!
 19 R-Q4
 The obvious looking R-K
 is met by 19...P-B4! 20 R-K5!
 QxR; 21 B-Q5ch! QxB; 22 RxRch
 K-B2; 23 RxB, RxR; 24 QxR,QxP
 25 QxPch.

19 B-N2
 20 BxB QxB
 21 KR-Q1 Q-R3
 22 Q-N3 Q-R4
 23 R-Q7 Q-KB4

If now 23...R-K8ch; 24
 K-N2! and Black can't win a
 rook because of 25 QxPch and
 mates on the next move.

24 R(Q7) -Q5 Q-B3
 25 R-Q6 Q-B4

Here we agreed on call-
 ing it a draw as my threats
 on his QB2 were as strong as
 any White had.

From the 1953 Puget Sound O.

RUSS VELLIAS -- O. W. MANNEY
 White Black

(Notes by Vellias)

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. N-KB3 N-QB3
 3. B-N5 P-QR3
 4. B-R4 N-B3
 5. O-O NxP
 6. Q-K2 N-B4
 7. BxN QPxB
 8. QxPch N-K3
 9. R-K1 B-K2
 10 P-Q3 O-O
 11 N-B3 B-B3
 12 Q-N3 N-Q5
 13 NxN BxN
 14 B-B4 B-N3
 15 R-K2 B-KB4
 16 QR-K1 Q-Q2
 17 R-K7 QR-K1

Hoping to simplify by a
 series of forced exchanges.

18 B-K5!! P-N3

Only move to prevent the
 checkmate.

19 RxQ BxR
 20 R-Q1 P-KB4
 21 Q-B4 R-B2
 22 N-R4 R(B2)-K2
 23 NxB

23. P-Q4 would be answered
 by BxP! with all sorts of very
 strong threats.

23 RxB
 24 QxR RxQ
 25 NxB R-K7

Of course not 25...R-Q4 as
 26 N-B6ch wins a rook.

26 R-QB1 K-B2
 27 N-B5 R-K4
 28 P-Q4 R-Q4
 29 P-QB3 K-K2
 30 R-K1ch K-Q3
 31 R-Q6Ch. mate.

From the 1953 Puget Sound Open.

O. LAFRENIERE - D. MOORE
 White Black

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. N-KB3 N-QB3
 3. B-B4 N-B3
 4. N-KN5 B-B4
 5. NxBP BxPch
 6. KxB NxPch
 7. K-N1 Q-R5
 8. P-N3 NxP
 9. PxN QxPch
 10 K-B1 R-B1
 11 P-Q3 P-Q4
 12 Q-R5? RxNch
 13 K-K2 B-N5ch
 14 Resigns.

DEANE MOORE - MAKENZIE
 White Black

(Notes by Moore)

1. P-K4 P-K4
 2. N-KB3 N-QB3
 3. B-B4 N-KB3
 4. P-Q4 PxP
 5. O-O B-B4
 6. P-K5 P-Q4
 7. PxN PxB
 8. R-K1ch K-B1
 9. B-N5 PxP
 10 B-R6ch K-N1
 11 N-B3 B-KN5?

PCO recommends 11...B-B1



THE NEW YORKER

"OLD MAN CONNELLY HAS BEEN HAVING CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS WITH HIS AMBUSH DEFENCE."

DEANE MOORE - MAKENZIE
White Black

12 N-K4 B-N3
13 Q-K2 N-K4
14 NxN!! BxQ

Anything here will lose-if
14...B-B4; 15 Q-N4ch, BxQ; 16 N
xB wins or 14...B-B4; 15 Q-N4ch
B-N3; 16 N-Q7 wins.
15 N-Q7! Resigns.

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB vs. SEATTLE
YMCA PUGET SOUND LEAGUE CONTEST

TED DAVIDSEN - MAX BADER
White Black

(Notes by Bader)

1. P-K4 P-K4
2. N-KB3 N-QB3
3. B-B4 B-K2
4. P-B3 N-B3
5. P-Q4 P-Q3
6. P-Q5 N-N1
7. B-Q3 P-KR3
8. P-KR3 QN-Q2
9. O-O N-B4
10. R-K1 NxB
11. QxN O-O
12. QN-Q2 P-B3
13. P-B4 PxP
14. BPxP B-Q2
15. P-QN3 P-QR3
16. Q-K3 R-QB1
17. B-N2 P-QN4
18. QR-QB1 Q-R4
19. P-R3 RxR

20 RxR R-QB1
21 P-QN4 RxRch
22 BxR Q-B2
23 N-N3 Q-B7!
24 KN-Q2 N-K1
25 P-B4 PxP
26 QxP B-N4
27 Q-B1 N-B3
28 Q-K1 Q-Q6
29 B-N2 B-K6ch
30 K-R2 NxP
31 NxN QxN
32 K-R1 BxRP
33 Q-N3 Q-N5!
34 QxQ

If 34 QxB, Q-Q8ch; 35 K-R2,
Q-N8ch and quick mate follows.

34 BxQ
35 N-R5 B-B1
36 N-B6 K-B1
37 K-R2 P-B3
38 K-N3 K-K1
39 K-B3 B-N3
40 K-K4 P-B4ch
41 K-B4 P-N4ch
42 K-B3 K-B2
43 P-N3 B-N2
44 B-B3 BxN
45 PxB K-K3
46 B-N7 P-KR4
47 B-R6 K-B3
48 B-B8 B-B2
49 K-K3 P-Q4
50 K-B3 P-N5ch
51 K-N2 P-Q5
52 B-B5 K-K4

53 K-B2, K-Q4; 54 K-K2, KxP;
55 BxP, BxP; 56 Resigns.

LETTERS

Mr. F. T. Wilkinson, Warden at McNeil Island Penitentiary, writes Mr. Coubrough of the Tacoma YMCA Chess Club expressing the appreciation of the officials and the inmates for the recent Tacoma chess team visit. The inmates look forward with great anticipation to another pleasant meeting. It is hoped that other tournaments of the same nature can be arranged in the future, not only with the Tacoma club but also with other chess groups.

Jack Collins, an editor on 'Chess Life', writes Mr. Weaver as follows: "Many thanks for the January 1953 issue of the Washington Chess Letter. It is an interesting state chess bulletin. You fellows are really live wires. I read your 'Chess Life Report' on the coming U. S. Open. I too would like to see how Zemgalis would do in it. It would be fine if all states would back their favorite sons. I think I shall use the Zemgalis-Joachim game (WCL, Page 14) in an early issue of 'Chess Life'. It is clever."

Jim Schmitt, our new Puget Sound Open champion, writes: "Regular and frequent competition is one way to keep Northwest chess strictly up to scratch. I think that both the Oregon Open and an annual Oregon-Washington match can be made regular events, preferably with a perpetual trophy for the latter, such as the one connected with the annual Washington-British Columbia match. Mr. E. G. Short is working out what I think is a very interesting and promising statistic table on ratings for Northwest players. His method is based on a system of logarithmic calculations and ratios and is extremely accurate when based on a comparatively large number of games."

Our Publicity Director, Mr. O. LaFreniere writes: "Because of an increase of membership to an all time high, it is absolutely necessary that the Chess Letter be enlarged to above twenty or more pages each month. We must have more money if we have more members so it stands to reason that we should present increased services." (Editor's note: How about it? At the present time I am spending all the time possible on the magazine. If we are to have a larger magazine we will need more writers and the ones we now have will have to write more. It can't be just padding either!)

T. Sgt. Raymond Dickey, formerly of the Tacoma Y club, writes from far off Korea: "Your Chess Letter has reached me every month I've been here and as I am from the Tacoma YMCA Chess Club, naturally I am happy they are on top in the Puget Sound League. Nevertheless I wish the best of luck to all teams and all players. In three more months I hope to rotate and again be able to play with some of the best friends I have ever met, both over the board and through postal chess. The Chess Letter has developed into a really marvelous publication, one to really look forward to each month."

(Sgt. Dickey would be more than happy to hear from his chess friends throughout the Puget Sound League. So write T/Sgt. Raymond Dickey, A. F. 39189776 4th Supply Squadron, 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing, APO 970 c/o PM, San Francisco, California. Thanks for the kind words sarge!)

Miss Patty Greenland, Secretary of the Centralia High School Chess Club, writes the editor: "Dear Sir: Our High School Chess Club was organized two years ago. At the present time we have fourteen members. We hold our meetings every Wednesday noon to give students a chance to play during the noon hour. We hold evening meetings every other week on Thursday. Our advisors are Miss Ethel Thomas and Mr. Roy Englund. We will have a representative from our chess club to watch your match. Thank you very much for your very kind invitation."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND OLD MEMBERS RETURNING!!

John Alexander, San Diego, California
John A. Arne, Poulsbo
Jos N. Benezra, Seattle
William V. Cowan, Renton
Mrs. A. J. Craig, Santa Cruz, California
Terry Nelson, Yakima
Norm Nippell, Houston
W. Prochnow, Poulsbo
Dave Re Veal, Fort Lewis
G. T. Voyce, Keyport
Russell Vellias, Seattle

This list is from the month of February, and exactly equals that in the January issue. This is what I call real progress. Actually, when lists like this are printed, we should not be surprised; only gratified. If each of us keeps up the work that is being done at present, WCF will soon be a large and powerful organization.

NOTES FROM EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS

The Pasco Chess Club's team fared better against a group of ten Spokane players on March 15. First board George Asanovich and second board Baumwell both won two points for the Pasco team contributing to a winning 11-9 score. Spokane fielded as the two top boards Morris Finelieb and Ray Kromer. Spokane alibis by saying their best men did not accompany their team to Pasco.

This result leaves the small Eastern Washington League completely tied with each team at 1 team point. Spokane, Yakima, and Pasco now comprise this league. The inmate team at the Walla Walla Penitentiary wishes to enter the league, but unfortunately they cannot leave the confines of their prison. They are a strong group.

The Spokane Chess Club sponsored a City Championship Tournament in which Gordon Cornelius was victorious. Morris Finelieb was second, and four others received prizes for their achievements: Robert Kittredge, Ray Kromer, Dr. G. H. Parker, and William Voget, Jr. Eighteen men competed in the six round Swiss.

A team from the Yakima High School Chess and Checker Club proved they were very superior to a team from the Franklin Junior High School in a match by a score of 3-1. Nevertheless, much hope is placed on the young players of the Jr. High School and their leader and top board, Terry Nelson.

THE PROBLEM ANSWERS

1. Key: 1. R-KR8! BxR; 2. R-N7, BxR; 3. B-K3 mate. A lesson in Zuzwang.
2. Key: 1. R-QB7!
3. Key: 1. B-K6!
4. The Philidor's Legacy goes as follows: 1. Q-K6ch., K-R1; 2. N-B7ch., K-N1; 3. N-R6 dbl. ch., K-R1; 4. Q-N8!, RxQ; 5. N-B7 mate!

This month I am turning the Problem Column over to O. W. Manney, as he has a new, foolproof way to use the diagram types to make a beautiful page. I wish to thank those who have helped me in this work. Good Luck to Mr. Manney!

NOTES BY MANNEY

MORE "GIUOCO PIANO"

We will continue this month with more games from the collection of my old friend Ignacio A. Gutierrez. These games do not necessarily represent the best play in the "Giuoco Piano", but I believe you will find most of them entertaining.

The following game was one of the few thorns in the triumphant crown of the champion of the world, Dr. Emanuel Lasker.

LASKER

FRANCISCO PAREDES

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-B4 | B-B4 |
| 4. P-B3 | N-B3 |
| 5. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 6. PxP | B-N5 ch. |
| 7. B-Q2 | NxKP |
| 8. BxB | NxB |
| 9. BxP ch. | KxB |
| 10. Q-N3 ch. | P-Q4 |
| 11. N-K5 ch. | ----- |

Zukertort, in his match against Steinitz played here QxN and gained an advantage.

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| 11. ----- | K-K3 |
| 12. QxN | P-B4 |
| 13. Q-R4 | Q-N3! |
| 14. N-Q3 | P-B5! |
| 15. N-B4 ch. | K-B4 |
| 16. NxP | QxQP |
| 17. N-K3 ch. | K-N3 |
| 18. O-O | NxP |
| 19. RxN | QxN |
| 20. Q-B2 ch. | K-R3 |
| 21. F-B3 | R-F1 |
| 22. R-KB1 | B-F4 |
| 23. Q-Q2 | QxQ |
| 24. RxQ | B-Q6 |
| 25. RxR | RxR |
| 26. P-KR3 | R-B8 ch. |
| 27. K-R2 | R-B8 |
| 28. N-N5 | P-R3 |
| 29. N-Q4 | K-N3 |
| 30. N-B3 | K-B4 |
| 31. R-KP2 | R-B8 |
| 32. R-Q2 | K-B5 and won. |

Played by correspondence in the "Correspondence Chess League of America.

Dr. A. H. Baldwin Mr. C. L. Rand

(The first five move as in preceding game.)

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| 6. PxP | B-N5 ch. |
| 7. N-B3 | NxKP |
| 8. O-O | BxN! |
| 9. P-Q5 | ----- |

The famous attack initiated by this move was an innovation of Moeller and today bears his name.

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| 9. ----- | B-B3 |
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Previously it was believed that this move was bad because it complicated castling, but Mr. W. Therkatz has demonstrated the contrary.

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| 10. R-K1 | N-K2 |
| 11. RxN | P-Q3 |
| 12. B-KN5 | FxP |
| 13. NxB | O-O |
| 14. NxRP | ----- |

It was also believed that this move gave the victory to White, which is an error.

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| 14. ----- | KxN |
| 15. R-R4 ch. | K-N1 |
| 16. Q-R5 | P-KB4! |
| 17. R-K1 | R-K1 |
| 18. R-K6!! | K-B1 |
| 19. R-B4 | K-N1 |
| 20. R-R4 | B-Q2? |
| 21. R-B6!! | PxR |
| 22. Q-R8 ch. | K-B2 |
| 23. R-R7 ch. | K-N3 |
| 24. Q-N7 Mate. | |

(First fourteen moves as in preceding game.)

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| I. A. Gutierrez | X..... |
| 15. Q-R5 ch. | K-N1 |
| 16. R-R4 | P-KB4 |
| 17. B-K2 | B-Q2 |

His only salvation was R-K1, when the following variation probably would have occurred: 17.....R-K1; 18. Q-R7 ch., F-B1; 19. B-R5, N-N1, completely saving the situation.

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| 18. Q-R7 ch. | K-B2 |
| 19. R-R6 | R-KN1 |
| 20. B-R5 ch. | K-B1 |

White mates in two with R-B6 ch.

Played in the sixteenth tournament of the "C. C. L. of A."

R. E. PLATT H. S. CARING
(First eight moves as in preceding game.)

9.	P-Q5	N-K4
10.	PxB	NxB
11.	Q-Q4	P-KB4

Better would have been N-Q3.

12.	QxN (R4)	P-Q3
13.	N-Q4	O-O
14.	R-K1	R-K1
15.	P-B3	N-B4
16.	B-R3	P-QN3
17.	BxN	RxR ch.
18.	RxR	NPxB
19.	N-B6	Q-B1
20.	N-K7 ch.	K-B2
21.	Q-PR4	P-N3
22.	NxB!	RxN
23.	QxRP ch.	Q-N2
24.	R-K7 ch.	Resigns.

Played at Olmutz, Moravia, April 15, 1914.

A. BENESCH J. KREJCIK
(First six moves as in preceding game.)

7.	N-B3	O-O
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To avoid the Moller Attack.

8.	P-K5	R-K1
9.	O-O	RxN
10.	PxN	B-N5?
11.	BxP ch.	KxB
12.	N-N5 ch.	K-N3
13.	Q-Q3 ch.	KxP
14.	Q-B3 ch.	K-K2
15.	Q-R7 ch.	K-Q3
16.	B-B4 ch.	N-K4
17.	PxN ch.	K-B3
18.	KR-B1 ch.	K-N3
19.	Q-B4	P-B4
20.	P-QR4	P-QR3
21.	N-B7	-----

The beginning of an elegant mate.

21.	-----	Q-R5
22.	QxB ch.!!	PxQ
23.	B-K3 ch.	K-R4
24.	R-B5 ch.	K-N3
25.	P-R5 ch.	K-R2
26.	RxB ch.	P-N3
27.	PxP ch.	Y-N2
28.	N-Q6 Mate!!!	

W. STEINITZ HARTLEBEN
(First six moves as in preceding game.)

7.	N-B3	P-Q4
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8.	PxP	KNxP
9.	O-O	B-K3
10.	B-KN5	B-K2
11.	BxN	BxKR
12.	NxB	QxN
13.	BxB	NxB
14.	R-K1	P-KB3
15.	Q-K2	Q-Q2
16.	QR-B1	P-B3
17.	P-Q5	-----

The great talent of the Bohemian master now begins to reveal itself.

17.	-----	PxP
18.	N-Q4	K-B2
19.	N-K6	KR-QB1
20.	Q-N4	P-N3
21.	N-N5 ch.	K-K1
22.	RxN ch.	K-B1

(KxR also loses. Analysis upon request! - Editor.)

23.	R-B7 ch.	K-N1
24.	R-N7 ch.	K-R1
25.	RxP ch.	K-N1
26.	R-N7 ch.	K-R1

White mates in nine moves.

From "Traite du jeu de echecs" by Gicachino Greco.

(First six moves as before.)

7.	N-B3	NxKP
8.	O-O	NxN???
9.	PxN	BxP
10.	Q-N3!	BxR
11.	BxP ch.	K-B1
12.	B-N5	N-K2
13.	N-K5	BxP
14.	B-N6	P-Q4
15.	Q-B3 ch.	B-B4
16.	BxB	BxN
17.	B-K6 ch.	B-B3
18.	BxB	PxB

White mates in two moves.

FIRST VARIATION

Black plays P-Q3 on his fourth move, instead of N-B3.

DANIEL HARRITZ		MEDLEY
1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	N-KB3	N-QB3
3.	B-B4	B-B4
4.	P-B3	P-Q3
5.	O-O	N-B3
6.	P-Q4	PxP
7.	PxP	B-N3
8.	N-B3	P-KR3
9.	P-Q5	N-K2

10.	P-QR4	P-QR4
11.	P-K3	P-B3
12.	PxP	BxB
13.	PxP	BxP ch.
14.	RxB	BxP
15.	BxP ch.	KxB
16.	Q-N3 ch.	P-Q4
17.	QxB	QR-N1
18.	Q-R6	PxP
19.	N-K5 ch.	K-N1
20.	Q-K6 ch.	K-R2
21.	RxN!	Q-N1
22.	QxN	R-K1
23.	RxP ch.	KxR
24.	Q-R4 Mate.	

Played at Winnipeg during the last
Northeastern Tourney, which Mr.
Spencer won with the score of 12-0.

C. D. CORBOULD R. J. SPENCER
(First four moves as in preceding game.)

5.	O-O	Q-K2
6.	P-Q4	B-N3
7.	Q-N3?	N-R4
8.	Q-N4	NxB
9.	QxN	B-K3
10.	Q-Q3	P-KB3
11.	P-QN3	N-R3
12.	B-R3	N-B2
13.	QN-Q2	P-N4
14.	K-R1	P-KR4
15.	N-KN1	O-O-O
16.	P-B3	Q-K1
17.	P-Q5	B-Q2
18.	N-B4	BxN
19.	KxB	P-KB4!
20.	PxP	Q-K2
21.	P-R3	P-N5
22.	Q-K3	K-N1
23.	P-B4	P-K5
24.	QR-K1	BxP
25.	N-Q2	QR-K1
26.	R-K2	PxP
27.	PxP	QR-N1 ch.
28.	K-R2	Q-R5
29.	R-N2	N-R3
30.	K-R1	BxP
31.	R-R2	B-N7 ch.
32.	K-N1	B-B6 ch.
33.	R-N2	RxR Mate.

AN AMATEUR DR. O. BLUMENTHAL
(First four moves as in preceding game.)

5.	O-O	B-KN5
6.	Q-N3	Q-K2
7.	N-N5	N-R3

8.	NxBP	NxN
9.	BxN ch.	QxB
10.	QxP	O-O
11.	QxN	BxP ch. !
12.	K-R1	Q-R4!!
13.	Q-Q5 ch.	K-R1
14.	RxB?	B-K3!!
15.	Resigns.	

D. HAREWITZ H. STAUNTON
(First four moves as in preceding game.)

5.	P-Q3	N-B3
6.	N-N5?	O-O
7.	P-KR4	-----

The advance of this pawn before
castling is very risky.

7.	-----	P-Q4
8.	PxQP	NxP
9.	BxN	QxB
10.	Q-B3	R-Q1
11.	QxQ	RxQ
12.	K-K2	-----

If he had played P-Q4 he might have
lost a pawn and the exchange.

12.	-----	B-N5 ch.
13.	N-B3	QR-Q1
14.	P-Q4	-----

He could not play R-Q1 because of
P-K5.

14.	-----	PxQP
15.	P-B4	R-K1 ch.
16.	K-B2	-----

Inviting the discovered check in order
to win the exchange.

16.	-----	R-Q2
Better would have been R-Q3.		
17.	QN-Q2	P-Q6 ch.
18.	K-N3	BxN
19.	NxB	R-K7
20.	B-Q2	R-Q3

Which he should have played on his
sixteenth move.

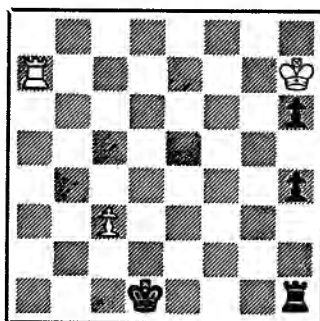
21.	QR-Q1	R-N3 ch.
22.	K-R3	R-R3 ch.
23.	N-R4	B-K2
24.	P-KN3	N-Q5
25.	B-B3	N-K3
26.	K-N4	BxN
27.	PxB	R-K5
28.	KR-B1	R-N3 ch.
29.	K-B5	R-K6
30.	P-R5	R-N7
31.	P-KR4	N-R4
32.	KR-R1	-----

Black mates in three moves.
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

NO. 1 — ENDGAME

Henry Rinck

Black



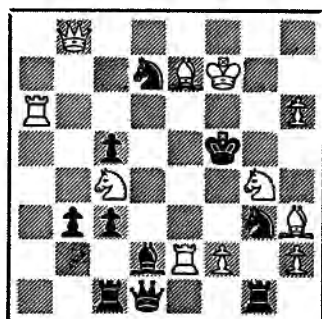
White

White to play and win.

NO. 2 — PROBLEM

C. S. Kipping, 1st "Chess" 1947

Black

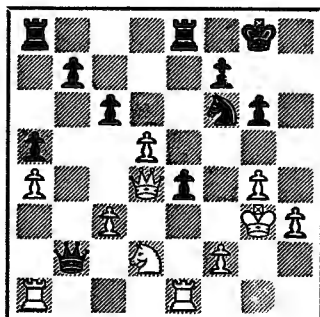


White

White to mate in two.

NO. 3 — COMBINATION

Black

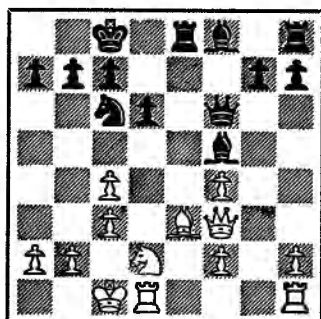


White

Black to play and win.

NO. 4 — COMBINATION

Black



White

Black to play and win.

THE DIAGRAM PAGE

by O. W. Manney

Our many efforts to produce chess diagrams on a stencil having been unsuccessful, we have decided to print them. Your comments and suggestions as to the content will be appreciated.

Problem composing and solving is entirely different from playing chess. It is an art in itself. I am not a problemist and rarely attempt to solve them - except an occasional two-mover may be solved directly from the diagram. However, the printing being done in Seattle, the columnist should also be here. If we have a chess problemist in Seattle, or a would-be-one I shall gladly turn the column over to him. I would also like to receive original compositions for publication.

Many thanks to Oliver LaFreniere who has so ably carried on as problem editor and who kindly relinquished that honor so that the diagrams may be printed.

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The student will derive some benefit from solving problems - mainly by learning the coordination of the various pieces. Much more is to be gained from a study of end-game positions. But best of all is a study of positions illustrating the principles of winning combinations. Many a won game has been lost because the player did not know or recognize the winning continuation. There are many standard winning combinations. Everyone should know them. I shall endeavor to show you a few in this column.

Number one this time is an end-game by the celebrated end-game composer, Henry Rinck. Rook and pawn end-games are among the most difficult. In this one the forces are equal, and many would agree to a draw. However, the win is there.

Number two is by a well-known English composer and may seem difficult because of the many pieces on the board. Numbers three and four are game positions, the first illustrating a common forking combination and the second a serious weakness in the king position. Solutions next month.

Joe Cerretelli gathered together a squad of chess players, representing Olympia, on Sunday, March 22nd. This team visited McNeil Island and managed to tie the host team 2½ to 2½. In a letter to the editor, Joe vividly described the trip. "Harmeson, H. E. Yocom and I started from my place about 12:45. At Fort Lewis we picked up Dave ReVeal and arrived at Steilacoom about 1:15 where Mulford was awaiting us. At 1:30 we took the boat to McNeil. When we docked an official met us and escorted us on a tour of the institution explaining the purpose of several very impressive buildings. We were all very impressed by the neatness of everything and how well managed the place is. You are being watched all the time but are unable to see anyone watching. Doors opened like magic (Open Sesame!) and closed again without anyone being seen."

"At last we reached the library where our opponents were awaiting us. We were all introduced and the match began. After reading the score of McNeil against the Tacoma club, I was very much afraid we were going to be blanked. I figured then that Mulford would be more able to get a point on second board and that I would probably lose on either first or second. So I placed myself on first board, unwilling to be left without any points at all."

"It wasn't very long before Yocom lost his game to Cralle. Things started to look bad but then ReVeal drew with Raya so at least we were going to have ½ point. Oh, good luck! Harmeson won his game against Schram and as expected, Mulford won his against Cox. We were playing without clocks and I took most of the time but to no avail. Mr. Weinbaum outplayed me. He knew our game had to be completed by 4:15 and was playing very fast in an effort to win before we had to leave for the boat. He finally lured me into a trap which I took line, bait and sinker. So his point made the final score 2½ to 2½."

"The fellows beg us to return. You can't imagine how happy they were to have us there. I promised that we will not forget them and that I will put it to you so you will, no doubt, do something to arrange more matches with them. I propose, to get started, that we donate two subscriptions to the McNeil Island Chess Club which has between 15 and 20 members. I will pay for one but the WCF has to get permission from the Warden before doing this." (Editor's note: I have been sending the Washington Chess Letter to McNeil for the past two months. You do not have to pay for one Joe.)

<u>MCNEIL ISLAND</u>	2½	<u>OLYMPIA</u>	2½	How about it, you chess players?
Weinbaum	1	Cerretelli	0	Let us form a few 7 or 8 player teams
Cox	0	Mulford	1	and visit McNeil. Just write Warden
Raya	½	ReVeal	½	F. T. Wilkinson, McNeil Island Penn.,
Schram	0	Harmeson	1	Lock Box 500, Steilacoom, Wash. I am
Cralle	1	H. E. Yocom	0	sure he will quickly arrange a match.

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Elmars Zemgalis visited McNeil last January 25th and played 16 of the inmates simultaneously. He won all of the games. On February 15th Tacoma played a 4½ to 4½ tie match with McNeil.

WASHINGTON STATE ACTIVE MASTER-EXPERTS

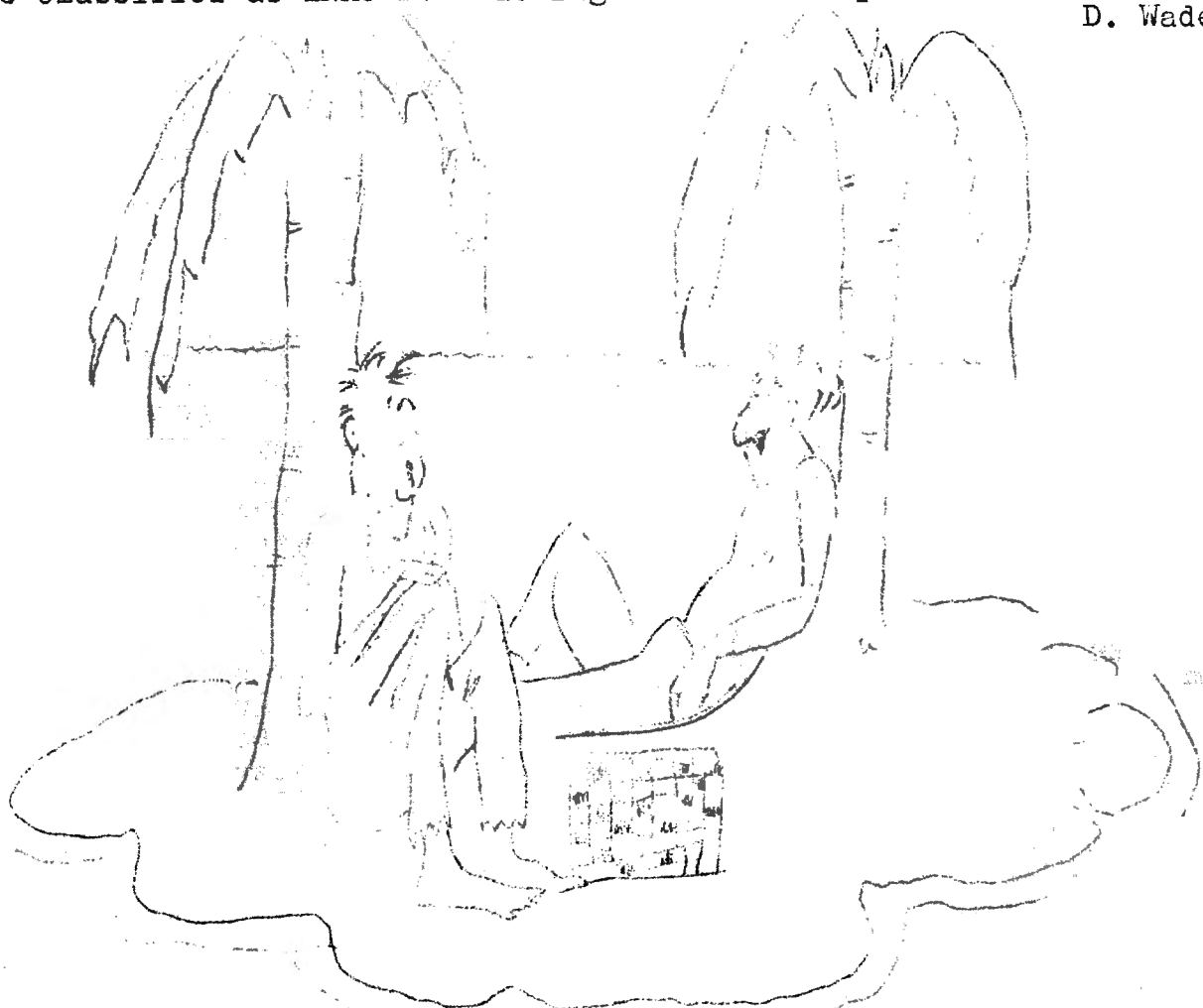
Elmars Zemgalis-Master
Leonard Sheets-Expert
Don Turner-Expert
Jim Schmitt-Expert

Charles Ballantine-Expert
O. W. Manney-Expert
Charles Joachim-Expert
Dan Wade-Expert?

Mr. Zemgalis is a Master-player. The other seven men listed have each won a rated Washington State Chess Tournament. Sheets has won State and Seattle titles many times. Schmitt has twice won the Puget Sound Open and also a Washington Experts Tournament. Turner, besides winning the last Washington Open, was second to Manney the year before. Ballantine, besides his winning the '51 State in impressive style, won the 1951 Experts, placed second in the 1951 Wash. Open and captured a Junior title. Manney won the 1952 Wash. Open and 1952 Seafair Open. Also several championships before coming to Seattle. Joachim has won a flock of tournaments being State Champion and winning the Seattle crown several times. Wade won the 1952 P.S.O. and finished second in the 1952 Seafair Open. However, no former champions were in the tourney he won and his overall record doesn't compare with the others. I now petition that my name be struck from the Expert's list so I will be eligible for the next Woodpushers!

Ulvestad, Amidon, Dr. Murray, Stork and Suchobeck have departed. Enz and Allen have quit the game. These players could be classified as INACTIVE Washington Master-Experts.

D. Wade



"Now, let's put the board over here and play for the Southeastern Open Championship."

F. Weaver

CHESS LIFE REPORT By WEAVER

Beginning with the March 5, 1953 issue, Chess Life has expanded to eight pages, and has started a number of new departments and columns, notably Larry Evans On Chess, Young Masters' Forum, Games annotated by Jack Collins and guest staff of 19 Chess Masters who invite readers to submit "idea" games for thorough analysis and comment. The chess newspaper is issued twice monthly at \$5 annually including USCF membership, or \$3 to non-members. National chess ratings are computed and published for all members who play in ratable tournaments.

Yugoslavia, next to Russia the strongest chess center in Europe, held a championship tournament of twenty players, won by Dr. Peter Trifunovic, followed in order by Fuderer, Udovcic, Gligoric, Milic, Pirc, Nedeljkovic.

The Vancouver B.C. City Championship went to T. Saila, a recent arrival from Finland, with a score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, drawing with Maurice Pratt who was second, while M. Jursevskis was third, and J. M. Taylor fourth.

A return match between Reshevsky and Miguel Najdorf in Buenos Aires is now reported arranged for around the first of May, shortly after the conclusion of the Mar del Plata International Tournament.

A series of 30 minute Sunday telecasts on chess from the TV station at Norman Oklahoma is being conducted by Dr. Kester Svendsen of the English Department of Oklahoma University.

The North Dakota 1953 Open was won by Stanley S. Johnson, second was Melvin Johnson, third R.E. Pohle, fourth Gordon Anderson, fifth R.G. Werth.

I met a fellow name of Sid down at the chess club and he protested my last month's claim to the chess championship of some of the San Juan Isles because he was not represented and he lives on an island. So I explained very carefully to Sid that this was the Invitational, and besides it was the Offshore Championship, because it took place among some of us chess players who think the way to hold a tournament is on a sedan cruiser with a fishing rod in one hand, tall drink in the other, chess board between, and the wives down in the galley basting a turkey. In fact the tournament in question was the Middle East Whidby Ten-fathom-line Offshore Invitational Tournament. It was so hard fought that we did not notice the anchor had dragged, while the tide ran out six feet, and so it ended up by being the Southwest Hat Island Nine-fathom Offshore Etc. and I won a Tom Collins for first prize. We did not play a tournament at Waldron because we visited the general store there which serves the 47 inhabitants of the island and we admired the Jewel upright wood and coal range on display. The proprietor proudly asserted he held the exclusive Jewel agency for Waldron. Having run out of mixers by then, we cruised around holding tournaments, with prizes agreed as being the exclusive agency for various items. I now hold the exclusive agency for bicycle pumps and ladies lace boudoir caps for Puffin Island. I thought I'd better explain how I came to be a chess champeen, ---although nobody around the club seems to accord me much acclaim for my far flung triumphs.

WARNER WINS STATE JR

TAKES SIX STRAIGHT

Ted Warner won the 1953 Washington State Junior Chess Championship with a perfect 6-0 score. This year's tourney was a ten player, six round Swiss held at the Seattle Chess Club on Saturday, March 28th. As the games were played quite rapidly, all six rounds were completed by 6:30 Saturday evening. This was a good break for four of the contestants as they were from Tacoma and would have had to make two round trip visits to Seattle instead of one if games had been played on Sunday as originally scheduled.

Two players came from Yakima and one from Renton. Only three of Seattle's many young players participated. If it hadn't been for Roy Leach, Tacoma Chess Club President and Lincoln High School of Tacoma teacher, bringing up three Lincoln players it wouldn't have been much of a tournament.

Yakima's outstanding chess player, Oliver LaFreniere, was second with 5-1. His lone loss was in the third round to Warner. Richard Odlin of Tacoma won his first three games. He lost to Warner in the fourth round and then lost his fifth and sixth round games to slip down to a tie for fourth and fifth. He tied with 12 year old Terry Nelson of Yakima. Nelson was by far the youngest player in the tournament and is a student at Franklin Junior High School of Yakima. His 3-3 score speaks well for a player of only 12 years age.

Renton High School student Jim McCormick finished in third place with 3½-2½. The three Lincoln of Tacoma players were Don Kendall (6th), Tom Laurent (7th) and Stan Kenniston (10th). Other players were Ken Borski of Seattle U. who finished 8th and Laurence Orchard of Seattle's Franklin High School who finished in 9th place.

Warner's triumph came as no surprise to close followers of the game throughout the Northwest. The young University of Washington man has been a formidable foe in many tournaments during the past few years and had been expected to win the Junior Tourney last year but was nosed out by Dennis Chipman. This was last chance for Warner as far as the State Junior Chess Championship was concerned as next year he will be 21 and over the Junior age limit.

Robert Edberg did a marvelous job of directing the tournament and compiled the tournament summary given below.

Player	Round Results						Score	S-B.
1. TED WARNER, Seattle	W-4	W-9	W-2	W-5	W-3	W-7	6 - 0	18.0
2. OLIVER LAFRENIERE, Yakima	W-3	W-7	L-1	W-10	W-5	W-4	5 - 1	19.0
3. JIM MCCORMICK, Renton	L-2	W-4	D-7	W-8	L-1	W-5	3½-2½	21.5
4-5 TERRY NELSON, Yakima	L-1	L-3	W-8	W-9	W-6	L-2	3 - 3	20.5
4-5 RICHARD ODLIN, Tacoma	W-6	W-8	W-10	L-1	L-2	L-3	3 - 3	20.5
6. DON KENDALL, Tacoma	L-5	L-10	W-9	W-7	L-4	W-8	3 - 3	12.5
7. TOM LAURENT, Tacoma	W-9	L-2	D-3	L-6	W-10	L-1	2½-3½	19.5
8. KEN BORSKI, Seattle	W-10	L-5	L-4	L-3	W-9	L-6	2 - 4	14.5
9. L. ORCHARD, Seattle	L-7	L-1	L-6	L-4	L-8	W-10	1 - 5	17.5
10 STAN KENNISTON, Tacoma	L-8	W-6	L-5	L-2	L-7	L-9	1 - 5	16.5

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51-A-12				Points	52B-2A				Points
					Winters	1	R. Merk	0	70
Cerretelli	1	Hardinge	0	50		52B-2B			
Coubrough	1	Cerretelli	0	42	Winters	1	F. Merk	0	46
Cerretelli	1	Sams	0	34	Don Roberts	1	Winters	0	52
						52B-1A			
					Luters	1	Dickey	0	52

Looks like Winters took the Merks for a ride this month, as R.R. and Fred both lost to him.

We had a telephone call from Don Roberts on his way through to Fort Sill from Fairbanks on his way out of the Army. After separation from the Army he expects to be back in Seattle for a visit on his way to visit his mother in Arlington, Wash., and then what? Well, he will go back to Fairbanks where he spent most of his Army career. Wonder if he found an Eskimo to his liking. Good luck Don and even if you did not see the World after joining the Army we hope you get to see a goodly portion of the U.S.A.

We hear that Dickey is also soon to be back with us after a tour across the Pacific.

Greene's offer to take on any and all comers resulted in a section being started with Cerretelli, Kaffenberger, Coubrough, Greene and Dan Wade who is trying his skill at Postal Chess now for the first time. This should result in some games worthy of note as they are all skillful players. We will watch the results of this section with great interest and as the knockouts are made the score will be rung up on the ladder.

Again we have had a very successful month of securing new members and renewals of memberships in the WCF as well as several new entries in the Postal Chess Tournaments.

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Cerretelli	1447
Dolle	1445
Magerkurth	1426
Bever	1387
Hardinge	1346
Yocom, H.E.	1334
Hazen	1288
Wade	1250
Naas	1226
Sams	1213
Hellums	1190
Harmeson	1136
Husby	1108
Yocom, C.L.	1077

Class B Players

Howard, F. M.	1328
Luters	1258
Allen, W.P.	1246
Merk, R. R.	1237
Roberts, Don	1186
Winters	1170
Dickey	1166
Cairncross	1152
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