

SOUTH DAKOTA CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Angie Octo --

Kerkhove wins. The crosstable is on page 5.

Chess and the Humanities Conference --

Gerald Mortimer is participating in the symposium and tournament at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln over the Memorial Day weekend. We expect a full report in next month's Bulletin.

The Kerkhove Cup --

Any South Dakota chessplayer could win it. For details, see the President's Column on page 2.

The 1978 South Dakota Closed Championship

July 29-30

Gilbert Science Center Augustana College Sioux Falls

Five rounds. Swiss style.

Open to South Dakota residents only.

The winner becomes State Champion.

The top junior becomes State Junior Champion.

Register by mail only by July 26.

Send entries to SDCA 1906 S. Fifth Ave. Sioux Falls 57105

Prizes: First \$100, Second \$75, Third \$50

based on 30 entries. Class prizes as entries permit.

Trophies to first place and top junior.

Entry fee: \$12; under 19, \$10

SDCA membership required (\$5, juniors \$3).

Special price for those joining USCF for the first time:

EF+USCF+SDCA \$26, juniors \$18.

Dormitory rooms \$5 per night, linens furnished.

SDCA business meeting 9AM Saturday.

Rounds 10AM, 3PM, 8PM Saturday, 9AM, 2PM Sunday.

The President's Column

South Dakota chessplayers, there are only two more months until the South Dakota Closed, so it's time to start planning. I expect to see 60 players at the Championships this year. Everyone bring a new member. To encourage you just a little bit, I am starting the Kerkhove Cup. This is a trophy to be awarded the player that brings along the most people who make the SDCA their first USCF tournament. I plan to continue to offer a similar reward each year.

Before the tournament, you should look around to see who you would like to have as SDCA officers next year. Also, be ready with ideas on any changes in our organization you would like to see, tournaments, improving chess in the state, etc. We can have a better players meeting if you think about these things ahead of time.

The U.S. Open is in Phoenix this summer. Is anyone from South Dakota going?

In the U.S. Zonal coming up, my picks are Browne, Byrne, and Lombardy. And, while I'm taking bets, my money is on Karpov for the world championship, though I'm rooting for Korchnoi. The heat of the Philippines will be too much for Victor.

Hoping to see you all in July,
Your President,
David Kerkhove

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National and International News

The U.S. Championship and FIDE Zonal will be played at Ambassador College in Pasadena, California June 4-25. The top three finishers will advance in the world championship cycle which culminates in 1981. The tournament is a single round robin directed by Isaac Kashdan. The players are Walter Browne, Kenneth Regan, Lubomir Kavalek, Robert Byrne, William Lombardy, James Tarjan, Anatoly Lein, Larry Christianson, Kim Commons, Kenneth Rogoff, Pal Benko, Andrew Soltis, Edmar Mednis, Leonid Shamkovich, Bernard Zuckerman, and Norman Weinstein.

The Women's Championship and FIDE Zonal is set for July 8-24 in Rochester, New York.

The Professional Chess Association held its first Annual Meeting on April 8, a free day of the Statham Masters-Plus Tournament in Lone Pine, California. At least 26 American Masters attended the 6½ hour session, most of which was spent writing a constitution. Officers elected were President John Peters, Secretary-Treasurer William Lombardy, and Vice-Presidents Larry Evans, James Tarjan, and Arthur Bisguier. After the election, the chair proposed several motions for consideration and took a straw vote on each one. Among the more interesting were:

1. The USCF should be approached to assess a tax of \$1 per player per tournament to be given to the PCA for educational and promotional purposes.
2. An annual Masters Open and a Masters Tour be established.
3. The rules of chess be examined and innovations to increase spectator appeal and public support be recommended.
4. Educational programs be established in which the talents of masters can be employed.
5. The PCA go on record as deploring USCF employment and CL&R practices.

There was no opposition to any of these.

(Source: USCF VP Townsend)

Recent International Tournaments

Torremolinos, Spain. February 15-25.

In first place was IM Juan Bellon of Spain with a 9-2 record. USA players GM James Tarjan and IM Mark Diesen finished fourth and eighth (of twelve), respectively.

Beer-Sheva, Israel. February 18 - March 4.
Victor Korchmof won convincingly with 12-1, four points ahead of second place. His match seconds, Stean and Keene finished third and fourth. The only USA player was Edward Formanek, who did not place well.

Mexico City. March 1-19.

Leonid Shamkovich, the only GM entered, scored 10½-2½ to capture first easily. John Federowicz, also of the USA, scored 8½-4½, took third place, and obtained his first IM result.

Larry Evans and William Lombardy are playing at the Sao Paulo (Brazil) International May 20 - June 10.

Robert Byrne and Larry Christianson have been invited to the Amsterdam (Netherlands) International July 12-29. Lubomir Kavalek has been invited to the Polanica Zdroj (Poland) international August 6-26.

Timman over Karpov at Bugojno
(Karpov and Spassky tied for first in the tournament. See the April Bulletin.)

Jan Timman - Anatoly Karpov, Queen's Gambit Declined. 1 e4 e6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 Be7 4 cd ed 5 Bf4 Nf6 6 c3 O-O 7 Qc2 c6 8 Bd3 Re8 9 Nf3 Nbd7 10 O-O-O Nf8 11 h3 Be6 12 Kbl Re8 13 Ng5 b5 14 Be5 h6 15 Ne6 Ne6 16 g4 Nd7 17 h4 b4 18 Ne2 Bh4 19 f4 c5 20 Ba6 Be7 21 Be8 Qe8 22 Ng3 f6 23 Rh6 Nef8 24 Rh3 e4 25 Nf3 fe 26 fe Qc6 27 Rdh1 Ng6 28 Nd6 Ndf8 29 Ne8 Qe8 30 Rh5 Qc6 31 Of5 a5 32 e6 Qe6 33 Qd5 a4 34 Re1 c3 35 bc bc 36 Re3 Qd5 37 Rd5 Ne6 38 Kc2 Kf7 39 Ra5 Ng5 40 Rc6 Ne4 41 Ra4 Nf6 42 Ra7 Nd5 43 Rg6 Kg6 44 e4 Nb4+ 45 Kb3 Rf8 46 Rb7 1-0.

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		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Total
1 David Kerkhove	1764	W8	W5	W3	3
2 David Snoon	Unr	D4	W8	W5	2½
3 John Kittelsen	1058	W7	W4	L1	2
4 Robert Borpers	1321	D2	L3	W6	1½
5 Paul Rode	809	W6	L1	L2	1
6 Jeffry Ness	New	L5	W7	L4	1
7 Kurt Carlson	New	L3	L6	W8	1
8 Ronald Kanengieter	563	L1	L2	L7	0

Tournament Director: Emil Knapp

Washington High School defeated Edison Junior High School (both Sioux Falls) on May 17 by a score of 16-1. The match was an incomplete round robin with teams of five players, all games during a single hour. Washington players, all Edison alumni, were Bob Borpers, Jim Hudson, John Kittelsen, Steve Carson, and Steve Moon. Scoring the lone point for Edison was Curt Bosworth.

There is also sad news from Washington High. T. E. Tollefson, father of former South Dakota Champion Arthur Tollefson, died suddenly on the evening of May 17. Mr. Tollefson had met all of his classes at Washington that day. He was instructor of the chess class.

Chesswise
by Frich Kaninchen

One of the papers to be presented at the Chess and the Humanities Conference is authored by a psychologist. For obvious reasons, Gerald Nortimer was chosen as respondent.

A quote from Sarah E. Goldin: "Chess skill does not depend on prodigious intellectual endowments, but, quite simply, on extensive knowledge. Chess masters do not possess abilities that are in any way uncanny. They are simply dedicated human beings who by conscientious study have learned to make the most of their abilities."

How would you respond? For an appropriate prize, send me your answer (c/o SDCA) in 25 words or more.

Chess Wise
by Adolf Zerglfeederer

Here is a game from the 1978 Sioux Falls Open between two South Dakota players who have been quite successful lately.

King's Indian Defense

White: Kevin Fisher Black: Jerry Bergan

1 P-Q4 P-KN3
2 P-QB4 B-N2
3 N-KN3 N-KB3
4 N-B3 O-O
5 B-N5 P-Q3
6 P-R4 QN-Q2

The recommended line is 6 ... P-B4 7 P-Q5, Tot-Gligoric, Yugoslavia, 1955. Black may follow with 7 ... P-K3 or P-KR3 or P-QR3.

7 B-Q3 R-K1
8 O-O P-K4
9 O-Q2 P-B3
10 P-Q5 ...

A bad choice. White's pawn structure was stronger before the last move. As a general rule, White should play P-Q5 in the King's Indian only if Black forces it.

10 ... N-B4
11 P-QN4 NxB
12 QxN O-N3
13 P-N5 PxNP
14 PxP B-N5
15 P-KR3 ...

To be considered is 15 N-Q2 followed by 16 N-B4.

15 ... BxN
16 QxB N-Q2
17 P-KR4 P-B3
18 B-K3 Q-R4
19 OB-B1 QR-B1
20 Q-N4 N-B4
21 BxN RxB
22 Q-R3 R(1)-QB1
23 N-K2 RxR

If 23 ... QxRP, then 24 RxR RxR 25 O-K5+ wins. If 23 ... QxNP, then 24 RxR and now (A) 24 ... QxR 25 R-B1 OxR 26 NxO RxN+ 27 K-R2, and White has the upper hand in the endgame; or (B) 24 ... RxR 25 Q-K6+ K-R1 (or B1), and Black has at best a draw.

24 NxR Q-B2
24 ... Q-Q1 would save a tempo.

25 N-Q3 O-Q1
26 R-B1 RxR+
27 NxR Q-K1
28 Q-R3 OxF

Dubious. This gives White the protected passer. 28 ... Q-Q2 hangs on. Even so, Black would face a tough job in activating his bishop.

29 QxOP B-R3

Futile. Black does not have time to grab the knight without first impeding the passer. Probably the best try is 29 ... B-B1, watching the key d6 square. If 30 Q-K6+ K-K2 follows, White cannot play 31 P-Q6 because of 31 ... O-B3. Yet White still has the advantage. In particular, he does not have to rush P-Q6 before his knight is attacked. For example, 29 ... B-B1 30 QxBP O-N8 31 Q-K6+ K-N2 32 QxKP+ K-B1 (White has a perpetual check for the taking) 33 P-Q6 (not 33 Q-K6+ K-N2 34 P-Q6 because of 34 ... QxN+ 35 K-R2 O-B5+ nor 33 Q-B4 B-R6 nor 33 O-B3 or B7 or N5 QxKP) 33 ... QxN+ 34 K-R2 BxP 35 OxB. Now this is not a quick win for White, in contrast to the situation following the text move 29 ... B-R3. After 29 ... B-B1, White could instead resurrect the knight by 30 Q-K6+ K-N2 31 N-N3 and hope to cash in the passer later. However, given time, Black can create a passer of his own.

30 Q-K6+ K-N2
31 Q-K7+ K-N1
32 P-Q6 Q-N8
33 P-N3

More accurate is 33 P-Q7, saving P-N3 until Black commits his bishop. For example, 33 P-Q7 QxN+ 34 K-R2 B-B5+ 35 P-N3 (not 35 K-R3 Q-R8+ 36 K-N4 QxNP+) or 33 P-Q7 QxN+ 34 K-R2 Q-B5+ 35 K-R3.

33 ... QxNt
 34 K-N2 B-B1
 35 Q-K6+ ...

This gives Black a chance. White wisely rejects
 35 QxBP BxP 36 QxB Q-B5, when Black Indeed has new life.
 However, best is 35 Q-K8.

35 ... K-N2
 36 P-Q7 B-B4

Black passes up his last opportunity, perpetual
 check via 36 ... Q-Q7 37 Q-K8 B-B4 38 P-Q8(Q) QxP4.

37 P-Q8(Q) Q-B7
 38 Q(6)xP+

And Black was soon mated.

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