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Lincoln --

The Gambit reports the results of a fifty-player tournament on July 17. Twenty players, mainly the higher-rated ones, entered the Lincoln Quads. Winners were Al Lawrence and Robert Grande (tied ahead of Rich Perry and Craig Campbell), Kent Nelson and John Drexel, Dave Benes, Bruce Berquist and Larry Skipper, and Dennis Grippen and Tim Grotheer. The other thirty competed in the Lincoln Amateur, which was won by Jeff Henninger, 4-0. Henninger was the only one out of all fifty with a perfect record. A concurrent unrated novice tournament attracted seven players.

Phoenix --

The final results of the 1978 U.S. Open have national master Joseph Bradford of New Jersey winning with $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Half a point behind were GM Leonid Shamkovich and sixteen year old Perry Youngworth. There were 495 players.

Billings --

The Rimrock Open was played August 26-27 with 26 players in three six-man round robins and one eight-man swiss. South Dakotans Steve Haataja and Mal Skarsten were there. Haataja tied with Matthew Guthrie for first place in his section, posting an undefeated $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Skarsten went 2-3. Other sectional winners were Marc Lynn, Richard Stevens, and Tom Romine, all 5-0.

Kansas City --

The Heart of America Open on September 2-3 drew 122 entrants including 25 new players. Expert Ken Jones won the eighteen player open division with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. For how the South Dakota players fared, see page 3.

The President's Column by David Kerkhove

Sorry to say, there is not a lot concerning chess in the state to pass on to you fine people. I will mention that six of our state's best travelled to Kansas City over Labor Day weekend. Gene Goergen and Robert Borgers played the best chess of the bunch, with Borgers going 5-0 in his division.

In future events, it appears that a large number of Sioux Falls players plan to travel to the North Dakota Open in Fargo October 6-8. Over \$1200 is guaranteed in prizes, so it should be another good tournament. Is anyone out there interested?

Since our last report on Karpov-Korchnoi, the latter has won a game to close to within two. The score now stands at 4-2 with 20 draws. A world championship of a different genre (and gender) is taking place in another part of the world, with two Russian women battling it out for the title. At last notice the challenger was leading the champion 6-5.

There is nothing else to report.

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South Dakotans at Kansas City

Jim Williamson and Jerry Mortimer found the going tough in the open division. They were able to garner only 1½ points apiece. In the middle division, Dave Kerkhove got one win, one loss, one draw, and one backache. In the third division, Jim Madson, Gene Goergen, Bob Borgers, and a Kansas City native were 3-0 after Saturday. In the fourth round, Borgers won over Goergen in an exciting game, but Madson got backdoored after winning a piece. Then, in the final round, Borgers crushed his opponent and picked up his first place check before a lot of people even had their pairings. Here are Borgers' games.

Round 1

Borgers - Arnold Heft (977), Larsen's Opening.

1 b3 d5 2 Bb2 c5 3 e3 Nf6 4 Nf3 Nbd7 5 c4 e6 6 Nc3 Bd6
7 d4 cd 8 Nd4 a6 9 cd ed 10 Nf3 Bc5 11 Nd5 O-O 12 Nf6+
Nf6 13 Qd8 Rd8 14 Nd4 Ne4 15 a3 Bf5 16 Bd3 Bg6 17 Be4
Be4 18 O-O Rd2 19 b4 Ba7 20 Rfd1 Rc8 21 Rac1 Rcl 22 Rcl
h6 23 Rc8+ Kh7 24 h3 b5 25 Re8 Bb7 26 Nf5 f6 27 Re7 Re7
28 Ne7 h5 29 a3 Kh6 30 h4 Be4 31 Bd4 Bb8 32 Kf1 Bd6
33 Bc5 Be7 34 Be7 f5 35 Ke2 Kg6 36 Kd2 Kf7 37 Bc5 a6
38 Kc3 Ke6 39 Kd4 Bc6 40 Bf8 Bd5 41 Kc5 Ke5 42 Kb6 Ke4
43 Bc5 Kf3 44 e4 Be4 45 Ka6 Bd3 46 Ka5 Ke2 47 a4 ba
48 Ka4 Be4 49 Ka5 Kd3 50 b5 Kc4 51 Be3 Kd5 52 Kb6 Kd6
53 Bf4+ Kd7 54 Kc5 Ke8 55 b6 Kb7 56 Be3 Ka6 57 f4 Bb7
58 Kd6 Bc8 59 Ke5 Rd7 60 Kd6 Bc8 61 Ke7 Kb5 62 Kf6 Kc4
63 Kg6, 1-0.

Round 2

Barbara Walters (Unrated) - Borgers, Bird's Opening.

1 f4 d5 2 Nf3 c5 3 e3 e6 4 Be2 Nf6 5 O-O Be7 6 d3 O-O
7 c4 Nc6 8 b3 d4 9 Qel Ng4 10 ed Nd4 11 Nd4 Qd4+ 12 Kh1
Qa1 13 Nc3 Bf6 14 Ne4 Nh6 15 f5 Nf5 16 Qd2 Qd4 17 Bb2
Qb2 18 Qb2 Bb2 19 Bg4 Ne3 20 Rf2 Ng4 21 Rb2 b6 22 b4 cb
23 Rb4 Bb7, 0-1.

Round 3

Mark Clarke (Unrated) - Borgers, Petrov's Defense.

1 e4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e5 3 Nf3 Bb4 4 Ne5 Bc3 5 d4 Qe7 6 Bf4 d6
 7 Nc4 Ne4 8 Bd3 Nc3+ 9 Be3 Nd1 10 Rd1 O-O 11 O-O Be6
 12 Na3 Nc6 13 Rfe1 Ne5 14 Nb5 Nd3 15 Rd3 Bc4 16 Rd4 Bb5
 17 Rg4 Rfe8 18 h3 Qf6 19 Kh2 Qc5 20 Rf4 Qc2 21 Rg4 Re6
 22 Rcl Qb2 23 Rc7 Re3 24 fe Bc6 25 Rg3 Qe5 26 h4 d4
 27 Rc6 bc 28 Kh3 Rg3+ 29 Kg3 c5 30 Kf2 Rb8 31 g4 Rb3
 32 g4 Rd3 33 Ke2 c4 34 g5 Ra3 35 Kd2 Ra4 36 Kc3 a5
 37 h5 Rb4 38 h6 gh 39 gh Rb3+ 40 Kc4 a4 41 Kd5 a3
 42 Kc4 Rb8 43 Kd5 a2 44 e4 al(Q) 45 e5 Rd8+ 46 Ke4 Rdl+
 47 Kf5 Qf1+ 48 Kg5 Qf4+ 49 Kh5 Qg4++, 0-1.

Round 4

Borgers - Goergen, Larsen's Opening. 1 b3 e5

2 Bb2 Nc6 3 e3 Bc5 4 Bb5 Nge7 5 d4 ed 6 ed Bb6 7 Bc6 bc
 8 c4 d5 9 c5 Ba5+ 10 Bc3 Bc3 11 Nc3 O-O 12 Nf3 Ba6
 13 Ne2 Re8 14 O-O Be2 15 Qe2 Ng6 16 Qa6 Qd7 17 Rfe1 Nf4
 18 Ne5 Qf5 19 Nc6 Nd3 20 Ne7+ Re7 21 Re7 Qf2+ 22 Kh1
 Nf4 23 Qf1 Qd4 24 Rc7 f6 25 Rd1 Qe5 26 Rd7 Re8 27 Ra7
 Qe4 28 Rd7 Nd3 29 Rd3 Qd3 30 Qcl h6 31 c6 Re2 32 c7 Qe4
 33 c8(Q)+ Kh7 34 Qgl Rel 35 Qcl Rgl 36 Qgl Kg6 37 Qf2
 Qbl+ 38 Qgl Qa2 39 Rd5 Qb3 40 Qd1 Qc4 41 Qd3+ Qd3
 42 Rd3 Kf5 43 Kgl Ke4 44 Rd7 g6 45 Kf2 h5 46 Rg7 g5
 47 h4 Kf5 48 Kg3 g4 49 Rg8 Ke4 50 Rh8 Kf5 51 Rh5+ Kg6
 52 Kg4 Kg7 53 Kf5, 1-0.

Round 5

Borgers - Charles Key (1370), Sicilian Defense.

1 e4 c5 2 f4 d6 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 Nf3 a6 6 O-O b5
 7 Be2 Bb7 8 d4 cd 9 Nd4 Qb6 10 Be3 e5 11 Nf5 Qd8 12 Qel
 g6 13 fe de 14 Rd1 Qc7 15 Nd6+ Bd6 16 Rf6 O-O-O 17 Nd5
 Qb8 18 Nb6+ Kc7 19 Rf7+ Ne7 20 Qa5 Rd7 21 Nd5+ Kc8
 22 Ne7+ Re7 23 Re7 Be7 24 Bg4++, 1-0.

Chesswise

by Erich Kaninchen

Time Trouble

Don't gawk into the clock,
 Don't lag watching the flag,
 Don't worry about the hurry.
 But ignore it, then you are forfeit.

Chess Wise

by Adolf Zergliedeler

Erich Kaninchen, miffed at allowing me a draw in the South Dakota Closed, has challenged me to a match.

Zergliedeler - Kaninchen; Match Game 1; September 13, 1978; Ruy Lopez.

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bc6 dc 5 d4.

This variation aims at trading off all the pieces. When that is done, White has a won king and pawns end-game. A more aggressive line follows from 5 O-O. Of course, 5 Ne5 is refuted by 5 ... Qg5.

5 ... ed 6 Qd4 Qd4 7 Nd4 Bd7 8 Be3 O-O-O 9 Nd2 Nf6.

Here 9 ... Ne7 followed by ... Ng6 is more common and apparently better. White does allow Black to get a good game out of the text move, though.

10 e5 Nd5 11 Ke2 Bc5 12 N2b3 Ba7 13 f4 Rhe8 14 h3 c5 15 Nf3 Ne3 16 Ke3 c4+ 17 Nbd4 f6 18 Rad1 fe 19 Ne5 Bf5 20 c3 h5.

Black aims to keep White's kingside pawns distorted but because of White's next fine move, the result is an instant passer for White.

21 g4 hg 22 hg Bg4 23 Rdgl Bf5 24 Rg7 Bd4+.

Black releases one pin hoping that it will help Black make a passer.

25 cd Rd7 26 Rd7 Bd7 27 Rh7 Bf5 28 Rf7 Bd3.

More aggressive is 28 ... Bbl.

29 Kd2.

At last the other pin is broken.

29 ... c5.

Black offers the rear c-pawn to save the forward one. However, 29 ... Bbl or even 29 ... Bf1 looks much better.

30 dc.

And White bites. He should play 30 Nd3 cd3 31 Kd3 cd 32 Kd4.

30 ... Rd8 31 Nd3 Rd3+.

When the chance to create the passer finally comes, Black unaccountably turns it down. Now he has nothing.

32 Kc2 Rf3 33 f5 a5 34 f6 Rf5 35 Rf8+ Kd7 36 f7 Ke7 37 Rb8 Kf7.

The alternative, 37 ... Rf7 loses quickly because White gets the rooks off the board.

38 Rb7+ Ke6 39 Rb5 a4 40 Ra5 a3 41 Ra3 Rc5 42 Kc3 Kd5 43 Ra8 Rc6 44 a4 Kc5 45 Rb8 Kd5.

Not 45 ... Ra6 46 Rc8+ Kb6 47 Rc4. However, the text, as well as any other choice, also fails.

46 Rd8+ Kc5 47 Rd4, 1-0.

The 1978 South Dakota Championship
by James Williamson
(continued from August)

The Championship Game

Here is my last round game against Likens. This game and my third round game with Jerry Bergan were considerably more accurately played by me than the other three. As an example of my poor play I refer you to the first round game versus Jud Bergan. In commenting on the game, I state that ... P-QB4 on moves 14, 16, and 19 is the stronger procedure. I did not realize at the time that ... P-QB4 on move 16 is absolutely necessary for Black! Black's game stands upon the position of his knight on e4 strongly supported by pawns or pieces. If this knight falls without being replaced by a new man on e4, Black will probably be crushed. Thus, White attacks the point e4 and Black defends it. After White's 16th move I find (long after the tournament is over!) that the best defense is a counter-attack. After the "normal" defensive move 16 ... P-KB4?, White had 17 PxPep! and if 17 ... NxP(f6) 18 BxP! PxB 19 QxP+ N-N2 (if 19 ... K-R1, 20 N-N5!) 20 P-R5! followed by 21 P-R6 wins easily. But Jud took the right pawn with the wrong pawn by 17 PxP. Black's knight remains anchored on e4.

In the Likens game, White plays a variation of the Blackmar-Diemer gambit in which he purposely weakens his kingside pawn structure in return for quick development and a kingside attack. The only trouble with it is that White weakens his queenside pawn structure at the same time and then allows Black to take advantage of those weaknesses by involving himself in a series of exchanges which clears the board of all the pieces but a pair of queens and rooks.

Terry Likens - James Williamson, Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-KB3 P-Q4 3 P-K4. This move initiates the gambit.

3 ... PxP 4 N-B3 B-B4 5 P-KN4 B-N3 6 P-N5 N-Q4 7 B-N2. After this move White's pawn structure is left in shambles. 7 NxP followed by P-QB4 is the usual procedure.

7 ... NxN 8 PxN PxP 9 NxP P-K3. Black does not mind the eventual trade of his QB for N because it gives him the open KR file.

10 O-O N-Q2 11 N-R4 P-QB3 12 NxB R-PxN 13 Q-B3. This looks menacing, but Black finds the right method.

13 ... P-B3. Played with a view to his 15th move.

14 PxP PxP 15 Q-N4 K-B2. The only move, besides being the logical one.

16 B-N5 Q-B2. Breaking the pin on his KB pawn.

17 B-B4. Loss of time. 17 B-R3 or 17 P-KR4 is better.

17 ... B-Q3 18 QR-K1 QR-K1 19 B-R3 BxB. If instead 19 ... N-B1, 20 B-K5!

20 RxB. No good is 20 RxB since 20 ... RxB (better than 20 ... RxR) 21 RxR B-K6+ forces mate.

20 ... RxB. Black continues his policy of exchanging pieces, reducing the position to a queen and rook endgame where the Black queen is better posted than White's.

21 QxR QxR 22 Q-R7+ K-B1 23 QxN Q-N5+ 24 K-B1 Q-B5+ 25 K-N1 R-K2 26 Q-Q8+ K-B2 27 P-B4. Winning for Black is 27 Q-R5 Q-Q7 28 R-KB1 P-N3 29 Q-R3 P-K4 30 Q-Q6 Q-N4+ 31 K-R1 P-K5 32 QxP P-K6 33 Q-B3 P-K7 34 R-K1 Q-Q7 35 Q-N3 P-B4 36 K-N1 P-KN4 37 K-B2 R-K5. Black now can win a pawn by 27 ... Q-Q7 but prefers to put White in zugzwang.

27 ... P-KN4 28 P-Q5. Loses another pawn. On 28 P-B3, ... Q-Q7 wins the pawn on c3 and keeps the White QP under attack. Or, 28 R-K2 Q-QB8+ 29 K-N2 Q-R6 wins either the QR pawn or the back QB pawn.

28 ... BPxP 29 PxP Q-Q5+ 30 K-B1 QxP 31 Q-KR8. White's only chance is to keep the queens on the board, even if it means the loss of an additional pawn or two. 31 Q-N8 is the only move that keeps the queens on the board indefinitely, but then 31 ... Q-B6+ 32 K-N1 R-Q2, and the rook cannot be prevented from reaching the seventh rank.

31 ... Q-B6+ 32 K-N1 Q-N5+ 33 K-B1 Q-KB5+ 34 K-N1.
If 34 K-K2 Q-B5+ 35 K-Q1 R-Q2+ 36 K-B1 Q-B5+ 37 K-N1
Q-N5+, the rook goes and then the king.

34 ... Q-KR5 35 QxQ PxQ 36 K-N2. The only way to
make a fight of it is 36 R-K4.

36 ... R-B2 37 R-K2 R-B6. Crushing. White can
only wait for the Black passed pawns to seal his fate.

38 R-Q2 K-K2 39 P-KR3 P-K4 40 R-B2 K-K3 41 R-K2
P-B4 42 R-Q2 P-K5 43 R-B2 K-K4 44 R-K2 P-B5 45 R-Q2
P-B6+ 46 K-B2. After 46 K-B1 would follow 46 ... P-K6
47 R-R2 R-R6 48 K-N1 (If 48 P-B4, 48 ... R-B6 mates or
wins the rook.) RXP 49 R-R1 RxP and mate on the next
move.

46 ... P-K6+ 47 KxP PxR+ 48 K-K2 RxRP, 0-1.

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