

SOUTH DAKOTA CHESS ASSOCIATION

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North Platte --

Kent Nelson of Lincoln won the 1979 Nebraska-Land Days Open June 23-24 with a score of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Second place was a three way tie between Marc Lynn of Wyoming, Anton Sildmets of Lincoln, and Doug Greenwalt of Colorado. South Dakota's Steve Haataja was among the 38 players.

Saratoga --

Bobby Chase travelled to the Paul Masson American Class Championships June 30 - July 1. Bob combined the chess trip with a visit with his sister in San Jose. He finished 3-2 playing in Class E. Final standings in the event have not yet been received.

Sioux Falls --

The 1979 South Dakota Closed ended in a four way tie between David Kerkhove, Mark Falk, Gerald Mortimer and James Williamson. A playoff has been set tentatively for September 1-2. Jim Madson's 3-2 score was the best of the seven juniors, so Madson is the new State Junior Champion. The juniors had decided they wanted to play in the regular championship. The tournament crosstable is on page 4. Games will appear next issue.

The President's Column by David Kerkhove

Thanks to all that showed for the 1979 South Dakota Closed. Turnout was down dramatically. Only 28 as compared to the record setting 39 in 1978. When the smoke cleared, four people were in a tie for first. We will play a double round robin for the title September first and second.

I was distressed at the way people from some cities avoided the Closed. Like Vermillion. Was this the city that was going to sponsor the Closed? I want some city other than Pierre and Sioux Falls to submit a bid for the 1980 South Dakota Closed. Rotation of site will work, but we need help from some cities in getting rotation off the ground.

Jim Madson was a double winner at the Closed. Not only did he carry off the Junior title, but he collected the coveted Kerkhove Cup. Jim usually plays much better on the road, or in the middle of the street, but this year he got his stuff together to become Junior Champion.

Elections were held, and Paul Loesgering is your new President. This will be my last lame duck column. I'm sure that "Pal" will be a good President, much in the mold of me.

Goodbye.

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Gerald Mortimer - David Kerkhove Match

Game 1, June 11, Mortimer - Kerkhove, French Defense
1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Bb3 c5 5 a3 Ba5 bdc Bc3+
7 bc de 8 Bb4 Qd1+ 9 Kd1 Nf6 10 Bf3 Ne6 11 Bf4 Bf7
12 Bb6 0-0-0 13 Ne2 e5 14 Ng3 Bg4 15 Ke2 Rhe8, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

Game 2, June 19, Kerkhove - Mortimer, Sicilian Defense. 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 b4 Nb4 4 c3 Nc6 5 d4 cd
6 cd d5 7 ed Qd5 8 Nc3 Qa5 9 Bb2 e6 10 Bb5 Bb4 11 Qb3 Ne7
12 0-0 0-0 13 a3 Bc3 14 Bc3 Qb6 15 Rab1 Rd8 16 Qc2 Qc7
17 Bb3 g6 18 h4 b6 19 Rfc1 Bb7 20 h5 Qf4 21 hg hg
22 Bb2 Qg4 23 Nh2 Qd4 24 Bg6 Ng6 25 Bc3 Qd5 26 f3 Nd4
27 Qf2 Nf5 28 Ng4 Qd3 29 Nf6+ Kf8 30 Nh7+ Ke8 31 Bb4 Rd4
32 Rb2 Qe3 33 Rbc2 Qf2 34 Kf2 Rb4 35 ab Nf7 36 Nf6+ Kf8
37 Ra2 Kg7 38 Ng4 Nd5, time forfeit, 0-1.

Game 3, June 26, Mortimer - Kerkhove, Reti Opening.
1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 0-0 c5 5 c4 d4 6 d3 Nc6
7 a3 a5 8 Nbd2 Qc7 9 Rb1 e5 10 Ne4 b6 11 Ne1 f5 12 Ng5
h6 13 Qa4 Nge7 14 Ngf3 0-0 15 e4 f4 16 b4 Bb7 17 bc bc
18 Nd7 Na7 19 Qd1 a4 20 Bf3 Bc6 21 Ng2 g5 22 h4 Bf6
23 Bb5 Ke7 24 Nf3 Rg8 25 hg Bg3 26 Bf7 Rg7 27 Ng5+ Rg5
28 g4 Rf8 29 Bb5 Nac8 30 f3 Nd6 31 Kf2 Ng8 32 Rh1 Nf6
33 Bb2 Nh5 34 Rh5 Rh5 35 gh Rg8 36 Qh1 Nb7 37 Nh4 Be8
38 Nf5 Rg5 39 Qh4 Bb5 40 Be1 Nd8 41 Rb5 Nf7 42 Ba5 Qa7
43 Bb6 Qa6 44 Bc5 Bg6 45 Ne7 Qf6 46 Ng6 Qg6, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Game 4, July 4, Kerkhove - Mortimer, Sicilian Defense. 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 g6 5 Nc3 Bb7
6 Bc3 Qa5 7 Bc4 Nf6 8 f3 0-0 9 Qd2 a6 10 0-0-0 b5
11 Bb3 Bb7 12 H4 b4 13 Nce2 Nd4 14 Nd4 e5 15 Ne2 d5
16 Bh6 de 17 Bg7 Kg7 18 h5 Rad8 19 h6+ Kg8 20 Qg5 Qb6
21 fe Rd1+ 22 Rd1 Ne4 23 Qe5 Qe3+, 0-1.

Game 5, July 10, Mortimer - Kerkhove, English Opening. 1 c4 e5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d3 d6
6 Nf3 Nge7 7 0-0 0-0 8 e3 f5 9 Bb2 h6 10 a3 a5 11 Rb1
Bb6 12 Qc2 Qd7 13 b4 ab 14 ab Rad8 15 b5 Nb8 16 Na4 b6
17 Nc3 d5 18 cd Nd5 19 Nd5 Bb5 20 Bb4 Rfe8 21 e4 Be6
22 Rfd1 Qf7 23 Bc3 Nd7 24 d4 fe 25 Ne5 Ne5 26 d4 Rd1+
27 Qd1 Bf5 28 g4, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

Game 6, July 18, Kerkhove - Mortimer, Bird's Opening. 1 f4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 Bb7 4 Bg2 Nc6 5 e4 d6
6 d3 Nf6 7 e3 0-0 8 Qc2 Bb7 9 0-0 b5 10 Kh1 a5 11 Bc3 Rac8
12 Nbd2 a4 13 Rae1, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

1979 South Dakota Closed
July 21-22, 1979 Sioux Falls

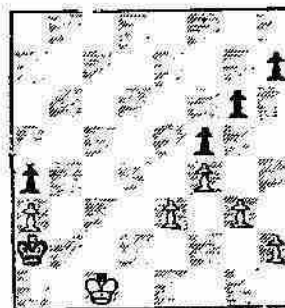
		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Total
1 David Kerkhove	1806	W21	W8	D6	W3	D2	4
2 Mark Falk	1790	W13	W9	D14	W6	D1	4
3 Gerald Mortimer	1762	W17	W12	W7	L1	W9	4
4 James Williamson	1837	W24	L6	W5	W14	W8	4
5 Emil Knapp	1638	W23	D10	L4	W21	W14	3½
6 Steven Haataja	1618	W16	W4	D1	L2	D10	3
7 Jim Madson(JR)	1441	W27	W15	L3	D10	D11	3
8 Douglas Stoneking	1618	W19	L1	W13	W12	L4	3
9 Jerry Bergan	1575	W28	L2	W17	W18	L3	3
10 Reuben Bezpalatz	1510	W25	D5	D11	D7	D6	3
11 Gary Wallace	1777	W22	L14	D10	W15	D7	3
12 John Waltner	1497	W26	L3	W23	L8	W16	3
13 James Hybertson	1180	L2	W26	L8	W23	W17	3
14 Robert Borgers(JR)	1468	W20	W11	D2	L4	L5	2½
15 Daniel Jolivet	1630	D18	L7	W22	L11	W23	2½
16 Bobby Chase(JR)	1060	L6	W20	D21	W24	L12	2½
17 Wesley Holida	1145	L3	W27	L9	W19	L13	2
18 George Fauske	1078	D15	D22	W24	L9		2
19 Paul Loegering	898	L8	L21	W27	L17	W22	2
20 Steve Moon(JR)	Unr	L14	L16		W28	W27	2
21 Gerald Fauske	1336	L1	W19	D16	L5		1½
22 John Kittelson(JR)	1150	L11	D18	L15	W25	L19	1½
23 Arnold Mathews	1111	L5	W25	L12	L13	L15	1
24 Gene Goergen	1369	L4	W28	L18	L16		1
25 Scott Domres	Unr	L10	L23	W28	L22	L26	1
26 Jeff Ganskop(JR)	Unr	L12	L13		W25		1
27 Robert Yager	Unr	L7	L17	L19	Bye	L20	1
28 Dennis Amerine(JR)	Unr	L9	L24	L25	L20	Bye	1

SDCA Officers Elected

President Paul Loegering
East Vice-President Gerald Mortimer
West Vice-President Terry Likens
Secretary-Treasurer Emil Knapp
West Representative Daniel Schmidt
Northeast Representative Arnold Mathews
Southeast Representative James Williamson
Sioux Falls Representatives Jim Madson
Robert Borgers

Kings and Pawns
by Emil Knapp

This is from the last round of my first USCF tournament: Emil Knapp (Unr) - Cameron Starr (1484); Great Plains Open; November 17, 1974.



After 43 ... KxR

passer, but White's passer will be unstoppable. White should win. Here is what actually happened.

44 K-B2

The idea is to keep Black's king on the rook file. After Black had penetrated the queenside, I was looking hard for a draw and never thought of the possibility of a win. Correct is 44 P-K4, which does win: 44 ... PxP 45 P-N4 KxP 46 P-B5 P-K6 47 P-B6 P-K7 48 K-Q2 K-N6 49 P-B7, a tempo up. In the same manner, 44 P-N4 also wins.

44 ... KxP 45 K-B3

Now 45 P-K4 falls a tempo short: 45 ... PxP 46 P-N4 P-K6 47 P-B5 P-K7 48 K-Q2 K-N6 49 P-B6 P-R6 50 P-B7 P-R7 51 P-B8(Q) P-K8(Q)+ 52 KxQ P-R8(Q)+, ½-½.

45 ... K-R7 46 K-B2

Here 46 P-K4 has the same result as 45 P-K4 in the preceding analysis.

46 ... P-R6 47 P-R3

By now P-K4 loses.

47 ... P-R4

Also 47 ... P-R3, and if 48 P-N4, then 48 ... P-R4. It's still a draw.

48 P-R4

Anything else loses. If Black could have gotten this position with White to move, Black would have won.

48 ... K-R8 49 K-B1

Tempting is 49 K-N3 (... P-R7 50 K-B2 P-N4 by zugzwang and 51 RpxP starts a mate in five), but it loses to

49 ... K-N8 50 KxP K-B7.

49 ... K-R7 50 K-B2 K-R8, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

Jim Williamson has pointed out two errors in my commentary on the Starr - Voorhis game in last month's Bulletin. They are:

(1) 40 ... Pxp is the only way to win at that point because 40 ... P-N4 loses.

(2) Although my suggested 44 P-B6 draws, there is a win with 44 K-K3.

In both cases, what I missed is that a king may be able to hold against passers separated by two files, provided the king doesn't get zugzwanged.

It may very well turn out that I learn more from writing this column than anyone does from reading it.

National News

In the National Chess League, Berkeley has repeated as the championship team. In the playoffs, Berkeley defeated Washington and then Los Angeles, both by 4-2 scores. Post two playoff wins for Berkeley were Paul Whitehead and Nick DeFirmian. John Grefe and Paul Cornelius each had a win and a draw. Grefe played first board against Mark Diesen of Washington in the absence of Larry Christiansen, and won. In the finals with Los Angeles, Christiansen drew with John Peters on top board.

Source: USCF News Release.

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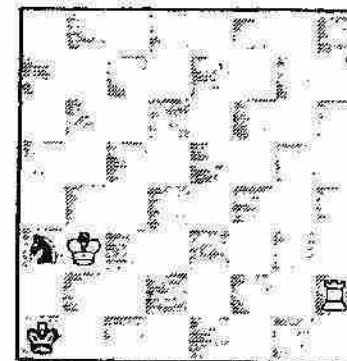
by Erich Kaninchen

I was not able to play in the South Dakota Closed this year, but I did get to see some of the games on Saturday. I think I have some pretty good photos of the action -- hope they develop better than Knapp's knights.

Williamson's Wonders

by James Williamson

I have decided to submit a problem this time instead of my usual endgame composition.



White checkmates in two moves.

Solution to the June ending.

1 Kg8

Not 1 h3 Kg5 2 Kg7 Kf4 3 Kf6 Kg3 4 Kf5 Kh3

5 Kf4 Kg2 and wins.

1 ... Kg6

If 1 ... h3 2 Kf7 Kg5 3 Ke6 Kf4 4 Kd5 Kf3 5 Kd4 Kg2 6 Ke3 Kh2 7 Kf2 draws. And if 1 ... Kg5 2 Kf7 (Not 2 Kg7 h3! 3 Kf7 Kg4 4 Ke6 Kf3 5 Kd5 Kg2 6 Ke4 Kh2 wins.) Kg4 3 Kf6! (Not 3 Kg6 h3 wins. And not 3 Ke6 Kh3! wins.) Kf3 4 Ke5 (If 4 Kf5 or g5, h3 wins.) Kg2 5 Kf4 Kh2 6 Kf3 draw.

2 Kf8

If 2 Kh8, h3 wins for Black.

2 ... Kf6

Other moves lead to variations similar to those previously given.

3 Ke8

White's king can never go back as long as Black can reach g2 in four moves.

3 ... Ke6 4 Kd8 Kd6 5 Kc8 Kc6 6 Kb8! Kd5

On 6 ... Kb6 7 Ka8 or c8 draws since Black is too far from g2. If 6 ... h3 7 Ka7 draws as usual.

7 Kc7 Ke4 8 Kd6 Kf3 9 Ke5

Here we have reached a position already seen in the note following Black's first move. White draws.

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