

BULLETIN

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Grand Rapids --

Fletcher Baragar of Winnipeg won the Pepsi Prix August 18-19, drawing Curt Brasket in the last round to preserve his half point margin. Dean Oelhafen and Craig Bender tied with Brasket for second place at 4-1. There were 24 players.

Bismarck --

John Leitel of Almont (North Dakota) won the Bismarck Open, September 29-30, with a draw and four wins. Steve Eik, Fargo, was upset in the first round as Dale Sailer, Bismarck, got the surprise win.

Huron --

A new chess club has been organized in Huron by Ruben Pastian, Jr. They are starting with twelve members.

Sioux Falls --

The Sioux Falls Chess Club is alive again with Tuesday night meetings drawing ten to twenty players each week. Plans are being made to begin work on a permanent home for the club, in a building purchased by Jerry Mortimer.

With the school year underway, the Augustana College and Washington High School chess clubs are operating again. One is being started at Lincoln High School also.

Minneapolis --

Chess organizer Mike Peskin has died of a heart attack. Peskin was serving as membership director of the Minnesota State Chess Association and editor of the Northern Chess News.

Sioux Falls --

Dave Kerkhove took first place in the National

The President's Column
by Paul Loegering

The big news this month in South Dakota chess is the rebirth of the Sioux Falls Chess Club. The club meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 for three or four hours of fun chess. Currently, we are meeting in the Gilbert Science Center at Augustana College. Plans call for a move to our own building with more scheduled activities and tournaments. I dream of the day when it will be possible to go to the Chess Club any night of the week and find people who want to play chess.

The driving force behind the Chess Club is Jerry Mortimer. Our thanks go to him for the vast amount of time and money he has spent already to get us this far. Later this fall we will be asking for volunteers to help raise more money and to donate their labor to remodel the building which will become the home of our club.

I want to remind you again to keep your USCF and SDCA memberships in force. Now is an especially good time to renew USCF memberships, because rates are going up on the first of January. Be sure to renew through your local chess club or the SDCA.

I will be traveling to Fargo for the North Dakota Open (October 20, 21). I hope to see lots of South Dakota players there.

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National and International News

Six United States players have recently been awarded the title of International Master. Besides Yassar Seirawan (see September Bulletin), they are John Peters of Los Angeles, John Watson of New York, formerly Omaha, Bruce Rind of Philadelphia, Nick DeFirmian of Berkeley, and Walter Morris of Ames, Iowa. Peters could have obtained his IM title earlier, but saved two of his better results to be used for the GM title. Morris achieved his last IM norm in Gausdal, Norway last summer. He has played in Sioux Falls tournaments and is a frequent contributor to this Bulletin.

Arthur Bisguier has rejoined the USCF as Grandmaster-on-Staff. In addition to a wide range of duties in New Windsor which include assisting in foreign invitations, chess adjudications for Postal Chess and National Chess League, book reviews and correspondence, and assisting in editorial work, the grandmaster will also be available for simultaneous exhibitions, lectures, and aiding in any other promotional endeavors in which his talents might be utilized. Any schools or public institutions can avail themselves of his services without a fee, but the expense of travel, room, and board must be incurred by the hosts. Interested parties are invited to contact the U. S. Chess Federation for additional information.

USCF headquarters now predicts a ratings supplement will be published in early November. In July, entrance of tournament results into the computer files was begun, going all the way back to January tournaments. By now, players tournament records are pretty much up to date, but the programs to adjust ratings are lacking.

Church's Fried Chicken, the company that donated the \$10,000 prize fund for this year's Grand Prix competition, will put up a similar amount again next year to be divided among the twelve players who garner the most points over the year in the special Grand Prix tournaments. Currently the Grand Prix leaders are Vitaly Zaltsman (63.46 points), Florin Gheorghiu (58.29), Walter Browne (50.29), Arthur Bisguier (40.14), Larry Christiansen (38.00), Peter Biyiasas (37.62), Jay Whitehead (33.20), Michael Rohde (32.00), Mark Ginsburg (30.17), and Lev Alburt (27.14).

The American Chess Federation announces the creation of a new annual award, the Laura E. Aspis Prize for achievement in chess by an American chessplayer under the age of thirteen. All players who have not reached the age of thirteen by December 31, 1979 will be eligible for this year's award. The player with the highest (non-provisional) rating on any 1979 USCF rating list will be declared the winner and will receive the Aspis trophy and a check for \$500 to be used for chess-related activities. The award is made possible by a generous donation to the ACF by Dr. Samuel L. Aspis of Cleveland, and is awarded in memory of his late wife.

International Master Edmar Mednis replaced United States Champion Lubomir Kavalek in the Interzonal Tournament being held in Jurmela, Latvia. Grandmaster Kavalek, of Reston, Virginia, seriously injured a knee shortly before he was to leave, and withdrew on his doctor's advice. Mednis, of New York City, had previously tied for third place with Grandmaster Leonid Shamkovich, also of New York in the qualifying event, the United States Championship. Since the United States is allotted just three representatives in the two interzonals, Mednis and Shamkovich were to meet in a playoff match. The match never took place, reportedly because Mednis was ill, and Shamkovich was awarded by default the right to play in the Rio de Janeiro Interzonal. Mednis joins GM James Tarjan, runner-up in The United States Championship, at the Jurmela Interzonal

Representing the United States in the Women's Interzonals are Diane Savereide at Alicante (Spain) and Rachel Crotto at Rio de Janeiro.

Book Reviews

Catalog of Chess Mistakes. By Andrew Soltis. David McKay Company, Inc., New York, 1979. 213 pages. \$10.95 (C).

Soltis catalogs 64 types of chess mistakes, and groups them into eight categories. The mistakes are illustrated by master play from well over one hundred games. It is interesting to recognize one's own errors among the types discussed, and it is fun to see the grandmasters blunder, too. The inexperienced player will find

kinds of mistakes that he did not know existed, but much of the material will be difficult for him. Like Soltis's excellent Chess to Enjoy, this book need not be read from first page to last. Sections can be plucked from any chapter.

Catalog of Chess Mistakes is a pleasant book to read. It is to be recommended for those willing to read it in the spirit of Chess to Enjoy. What the reader must not expect is to find out how to eliminate mistakes (even though that claim is made on the dust jacket). Anyone who can follow the games in this book already knows what the basic mistakes are. Unfortunately, even an intimate knowledge of those mistakes, such as one might get from reading and rereading Catalog of Chess Mistakes, will not prevent them. Soltis proves this in his own examples, like the master by oversight allowing a simple mate in four. The ultimate problem, though, is that when the definition of mistake is stretched to the limit, as it is by Mr. Soltis, to mean anything but a best move, then what we need is a book called "How to Find the Best Move", preferably with less than 200 pages.

In Chapter 1 of Catalog of Chess Mistakes, Soltis makes a good case for calling chess a game of mistakes. And, his recommendation to study past mistakes in order to avoid future ones is reasonable. That the contents of Chapters 2 through 9 will be of much help is not so clear.

The Chess Mysteries of Sherlock Holmes. By Raymond Smullyan. Alfred A. Knopf Inc., New York, 1979. xiii + 171 pages. \$10 (C), \$4.95 (P).

This is not your usual chess book. It is not even your usual chess problems book. The problems involve retrograde analysis, that is, determination of what moves have been made in the past, not what moves should be made in the future. For example, from a diagrammed position you have to decide what Black's last move was, or in another, on what square White's queen was captured. In the book, Holmes and Watson solve the problems in the familiar Sherlock Holmes logical style. In the second half of the book, solution of the chess problems leads Holmes to the solution of a mystery. This book is one of a kind. For anyone who thinks moving chessmen around on a board is fun, it has to be a delight.

Games

Art Tollefson, a former Sioux Falls resident and South Dakota Champion, now an accountant in New York City, has sent us the following game.

1975-76 Pan-American Intercollegiate

Danny Shapiro (2220) Case Western A - Art Tollefson (1931) Yale B; December 27, 1975; Dutch Defense.

I've discovered that team play can bring out some killer instincts. You are responsible to your teammates. Those poor idiots are relying on you. That man across the table is no longer a master or an expert. He is merely the number one board, and your job is to beat his brains out.

1 P-KN3 P-KB4 2 B-N2 N-KB3 3 P-QB4 P-Q3 4 P-Q4 P-K3 5 N-QB3 B-K2 6 N-R3 P-QB3 7 O-O O-O 8 P-N3 P-QR4

A nice, all-purpose Dutch move, when you can't think of anything better to do. Black obtains breathing space on the queenside.

9 B-N2 N-R3 10 Q-B2 Q-B2

The queen is too vulnerable here. An alternative is ... Q-K1.

11 QR-B1 R-N1 12 N-R4 P-QN3 13 N-B4 N-QN5 14 Q-N1 P-K4 15 PxP PxP 16 N-R3 N-Q2

White is reluctant to allow Black's bad knight to be traded off. Black's response is chicken. 16 ... N-K5 would be more interesting. (17 BxN PxB 18 K-N2 BxN+ 19 KxB B-N4, possibly followed by ... Q-KB2.)

17 KR-Q1 N-R3 18 Q-R1 B-B3 19 Q-N1 B-K2

I was willing to take a draw.

20 N-B3 N(2)-B4 21 N-QN5!

He wasn't. An interesting move, which puts considerable pressure on Black.

21 ... PxN 22 PxP N-N5 23 P-R3 B-K3 24 PxN PxP 25 B-Q5! BxB+ 26 RxB B-Q3 27 N-N5 Q-K2 28 N-B3 QR-K1

This is not simply a question of trying to save a pawn. Black must hold the center. If 28 ... P-K5?, then 29 N-Q4!

29 R(1)-Q1! B-E2 30 NxP?

On 30 BxP, Black would probably be able to hold, but the defense would require considerable skill.

30 ... P-B5!

Suddenly, Black has open lines against the kingside. The knight is pinned, and the rook is tied to the defense of the knight. Black's immediate plan is ... PxP, followed by ... BxN and ... Q-KB2.

31 N-Q7? PxP!

If now 32 NxR?, then ... PxBP+. Work out the rest for yourself.

32 RPxP RxP!

White cannot take the rook: 33 KxR QxP+ 34 K-N1 Q-K6+ 35 K-B1 Q-B6+ 36 K-N1 QxP+ 37 K-B1 Q-R6+ 38 K-B2 B-N6+.

33 N-K5 RxP 34 N-N4 BxP 35 R-R5 R-K6+

Take the money and run.

36 RxB QxR+ 37 QxQ RxQ+ 38 K-N2 R-K7+ 39 KxB RxB 40 RxN1?

Why not? In the following endgame, Black is content to give up the rook for the passed pawn.

40 ... PxR 41 P-N6 R-Q7? 42 N-K5 R-Q1 43 N-B6 R-K1 44 P-N7 K-B2 45 K-B3 K-K3 46 N-R7 R-QN1 47 N-B6 RxP 48 N-Q8+ K-Q4 49 NxR P-B5, 0-1.

Future tournaments

October 19-21	North Dakota Open (Fargo)
	Cal Wipf
	1404 12th Ave N Fargo, ND 58102
October 20-21	Midwest Open (Omaha)
	Gary Marks
	Box 80293 Lincoln, NE 68501
November 3-4	Minneapolis Open
	Peter Gisselquist
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