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EDITORS'S NOTE

The turnout for the Western S.D. open was disappointing after the decent number that showed up for the Sioux Falls Open, but as usual there was spirited play and there were some upsets in Rapid City.

Don't forget the annual business meeting before the Sunday morning round of the SD Teams. The meeting is open to all SDCA members. You don't have to be entered in the teams to attend the meeting. Of course, there will be the usual election of officers for the next year.

I hope to see all of you in Pierre for the Teams, the Closed or both.

Thank you to Curtis Carroll, T.D. Likens and Arnold Mathews for your contributions to this issue of the bulletin.

Patrick Steele

It is impossible to win gracefully at chess. No man has yet said "Mate!" in a voice which failed to sound to opponent bitter, boastful and malicious.

A.A. Milne
Not That It Matters

It is a game too troublesome for some men's brains, too testy full of anxiety, all out as bad as study; besides, it is a cholerick game, and very offensive to him that looseth the Mate. William the Conquerour in his younger years, playing at chesse with the Prince of France, ... losing a Mate, knocked the Chessboard about his pate, which was a cause afterward of much enmity between them.

Robert Burton
The Anatomy of Melancholy

COMING EVENTS

SD TEAMS *
SD CLOSED *

JUNE 13-14
JULY 11-12

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* NOTE - These events require SDCA membership.

SD SCHOLASTIC

HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	TOTAL
1.Kirby Kozel 1507	W3	W4	W2	W3	W4	W2	6
2.Dennis Gill 1270	W4	W3	L1	W4	W3	L1	4
3.Nate Running Rabbit 1257	L1	L2	W4	L1	L2	W4	2
4.Mike Patterson 1226	L2	L1	L3	L2	L1	L3	0

GRADES 9 & UNDER SECTION

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	TOTAL
1.Mike Gregory 1229	W10	W9	W3	W2	W6	5
2.Russell Romero 931	W9	D6	W5	L1	W3	3 1/2
3.David Knudtson 1314	W4	W7	L1	W5	L2	3
4.Andy Vander Woude 867	L3	W8	L6	W7	W9	3
5.Jeremy Schave Unr	W7	W10	L2	L3	W8	3
6.Chad Frost Unr	L8	D2	W4	W9	L1	2 1/2
7.Mitch Peterson 1376	L5	L3	W8	L4	W10	2
8.Matt Helling 1089	W6	L4	L7	W10	L5	2
9.Gerald Wind Unr	L2	L1	W10	L6	L4	1
10.Rex Strong Unr	L1	L5	L9	L8	L7	0

SD SCHOLASTIC

Kirby Kozel, a freshman from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, won the State Scholastic Chess Tournament here Saturday, April 25th. The win entitles him to a Northern State University scholarship and an entry into the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions to be held in Detroit, Michigan on August 10th through the 14th. Second Place winner was Dennis Gill of Flandreau Indian School.

Kirby also lead his teammates Mike Gregory, Jeremy Schave and Andy Vander Woude to the State Team Championship for Washington High School.

In the Grades 9 and under section, Mike Gregory took first place and Russell Romero from Flandreau Indian School won second.

The tournament was held at Northern State University in Aberdeen.

Arnold Mathews

WESTERN SD OPEN

OPEN SECTION

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	TOTAL
1. Terry Likens, Sr. 1954	W3	W2	Bye.5	W6	3 1/2
2. Bruce Brandt 1857	W4	L1	W5	D3	2 1/2
3. Richard Herr 1808	L1	D5	W6	D2	2
4. Curtis Carroll 1956	L2	W6	Bye.5	L5	1 1/2
5. Harry Overholtzer 1876	L6	D3	L2	W4	1 1/2
6. Reuben Bezpaletz 1800	W5	L4	L3	L1	1

RESERVE SECTION

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	TOTAL
1. Steve Schaffer 1754	W5	W4	D2	W3	3 1/2
2. Patrick Steele 1581	W8	W7	D2	W5	3 1/2
3. William Loup 1609	L7	W8	W4	L1	2
4. Arnold Mathews 1569	W6	L1	L3	W8	2
5. Jill Likens 1498	L1	Bye.5	W7	L2	1 1/2
6. T.J. Likens 1190	L4	Bye.5	L8	W7	1 1/2
7. Jake Vines 1361	W3	L2	L5	L6	1
8. Alan Kingsley 1357	L2	L3	W6	L4	1

SD SPEED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Curtis Carroll	10-0
2. Terry Likens, Sr.	7-3
3. Jill Likens	7-3
4. Tim Knudtson	4-6
5. T.J. Likens	2-8
6. David Likens	0-10

WESTERN SD OPEN

ROUND ONE

The Western SD had a low turnout, 14 players (6 in the Open and 8 in the Reserve).

The Open had two upsets as white won on every board. Bruce Brandt upset Carroll on the white side of a Sicilian. T.D. Likens won with a Smith-Morra Sicilian against Herr. Rueben Bezpaletz played a Danish Gambit against Harry Overholtzer for the win.

The Reserve had opponents coming in late due to a variety of reasons. Jill and T.J. Likens had a Little League game that started at 8 am and Jake Vines did not remember the tournament site (or his advanced entry due to winning the Rapid City Jr. title) and arrived in the nick of time. T.J. Likens played his queen out too early against Arnold Mathews and lost it and the game. Jill Likens once again missed the winning line against Steve Schaffer (is that six out of six). Pat Steele won the only game that both players were on time for against Alan Kingsley. Jake Vines defeated Bill Loup in the only loss to a lower rated opponent that Bill has had at the Western SD Open.

ROUND TWO

Terry Likens surged into the lead by a full point by defeating Bruce Brandt in one of his favorite variations of the Pirc. Brandt held drawing chances until close to the end, but extremely precise play was required, and an inaccuracy or two allowed Mr. Likens to pull out the win. Curtis Carroll managed to pull out the point on the white side of a wide open French Defense. He won a pawn in the opening lost it back in the middle game, won a pawn on the transition into the endgame, and was struggling to squeeze out a win from a middling advantage when Bezpaletz suddenly resigned in a depressing, but far from hopeless position. Overholtzer and Herr played a double edged Sicilian rife with sacrifice, attack, and counterattack to a draw in a complicated position where neither player had a clear way to proceed.

Meanwhile, in the reserve section, J. Likens and son took half point byes for the sake of soccer. (Some people just can't get their priorities straightened out.) Other games ended as the ratings would have predicted, but not as many of the positions along the way had many observers thinking. Five minutes before the finish both Steele v. Vines and Mathews v. Schaffer looked like certain draws.

ROUND THREE

The Reserve saw Steve Schaffer, down a pawn, offer a draw which Pat Steele surprisingly accepted. T.J. Likens and Alan Kingsley played a wild game. T.J. made the last blunder allowing a back rank mate (A rook check would have put him a pawn and rook up in an endgame.) Jill Likens quickly dispatched Jake Vines. (She has had seven years practice.) Arnold Mathews and Bill Loup was a long closed game. After 4 1/2 hours Arnold blundered his rook and thus the game.

The Open had Curtis Carroll and Terry Likens taking 1/2 point byes. Bruce Brandt was able to pin Harry Overholtzer's bishop and rook to the back rank and win. Richard Herr, after being a piece down for much of the game, pulled out the win against Reuben Bezpaletz (also after 4 1/2 hours).

ROUND FOUR

Harry Overholtzer defeated Curtis Carroll and this gave everyone in the Open section 1 win. Terry Likens offered a draw early, but Reuben Bezpaletz declined. Terry went on to win. Richard Herr and Bruce Brandt, at time control in a dynamic position, agreed to a draw.

In the Reserve, T.J got the point against Jake Vines. T.J. then cheered on Arnold Mathews against Alan Kingsley (till told that quiet also meant no body language). Schaffer and Steele each won to share first place.

The tournament had the first clear winner in tournament history since switching to two sections, also the first winner without a 3-1 score. This was also the first time there was a tie for first in the Reserve. In both sections, all won at least 1 game and only two players had plus scores in each section. Terry should now be an expert.

T.D. Likens
Curtis Carroll

GAMES OF THE WESTERN SD OPEN

T.D. Likens v. Richard Herr Rd. 1 *AAJ1 Sicli - Smith Morra Accept,*

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd 3. c3 dxc 4. Nxc3 a6 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Bc4 e6 7. 0-0 g6 8. e5 Bg7 9. Bg5 Nge7 10. Qd6 0-0 11. a4 Re8 12. Ne4 Qa5 13. Nf6+ Bxf6 14. Bxf6 Nf5 15. Qd3 Qb4 16. Ng5 h5 17. b3 Qf8 18. Rfd1 Qc5 19. Ne4 Qb4 20. h3 Qa5 21. g4 hxg 22. hxg Ng7 23. Qh3 Nxe5 24. Qh6 Resigns 1-0

Bruce Brandt v. Curtis Carroll Rd. 1 *AAJ2 Sicli,*

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 Nf6 6. Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 g5 8. Bg3 Bg7 9. Nf5 Bxf5 10. exf Qa5 11. Bd3 Nd5 12. 0-0 Nxc3 13. bxc Qxc3 14. Rb1 b6 15. Rb3 Qf6 16. Bb5 Rc8 17. Qd5 Kd7 18. Re1 Qd4 19. Qxf7 Bf6 20. Rd3 Qc5 21. Rxd6+ Qxd6 22. Bxd6 Kxd6 23. Q36+ Kc5 24. Qc4+ Resigns 1-0

Bruce Brandt v. T.D. Likens Rd. 2 *AAJ3 Pirc - Classical*

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bc4 0-0 6. Bg5 Nxe4 7. Nxe4 d5 8. Bd3 dxe 9. Bxe4 Nd7 10. Qd2 Nf6 11. Bd3 Bg4 12. Be2 Ne4 13. Qf4 Bxf3 14. Bxf3 Nng5 15. Qxg5 Qxd4 16. c3 Qb6 17. 0-0 Bf6 18. Qd2 Rad8 19. Qc2 Rd6 20. Rfel Rad8 21. Rad1 Rxd1 22. Rxd1 Rxd1+ 23. Bxd1 Qe6 24. g3 Qxa2 25. Qb3 Qxb3 26. Bxb3 b5 27. Bd5 b4 28. cxb Bxb2 29. b5 Bd4 30. Kd1 e6 31. Bc6 Kf8 32. Ke2 Ke7 33. f3 Kd6 34. Kd3 Kc5 35. h3 a5 36. bxa(e.p.) Kxc6 37. Kxd4 Kb6 38. h4 Kxa6 39. Kc5 Kb7 40. f4 h5 41. Resigns 0-1

Harry Overholtzer v. Bruce Brandt Rd. 3 *AAJ4 Ruy Lopez*

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 d6 6. Re1 Be7 7. c3 b5 8. Bc2 0-0 9. h3 Re8 10. d4 exd 11. cxd Bb7 12. Nbd2 Nb8 13. Nf1 c5 14. e5 dxe 15. dxe Qxd1 16. Bxd1 Nfd7 17. e6 fxe 18. Rxe6 Bd5 19. Re1 Nc6 20. Ne3 Bf7 21. Nf5 Bf6 22. Re8+ Bxe8 23. a4 b4 24. Ne6 Bg6 25. a5 Nde5 26. Bb3+ Kf8 27. Bd5 Rd8 28. Bxc6 Nxc6 29. Nc4 Rd1+ 30. Kh2 Nd4 31. Nxd4 Bxd4 32. Ne3 Bxe3 33. fxe b3 34. e4 Kf7 35. Kg3 Rg1 36. e5 Ke6 37. Kh2 Kd5 38. Kg3 c4 39. Kh2 Ke4 40. e6 Be8 41. g4 Kd3 42. Resigns 0-1

William Loup v. Steven Schaffer Rd. 4 *AAJ5 King's Indian Def.*

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 g6 4. e4 Bg7 5. Be3 Nc6 6. h3 e5 7. d5 Ne7 8. Nf3 0-0 9. Qd2 Ne8 10. g4 c5 11. Bh6 Kh8 12. Bxg7+ Nxg7 13. Qh6 Ng8 14. Qd2 Qf6 15. Qd3 Bd7 16. g5 Qe7 17. h4 Nh5 18. Qd2 f5 19. Qe3 f4 20. Qd3 a6 21. Be2 Rfb8 22. Nd2 Be8 23. Bxh5 gxh 24. Qf3 Qf7 25. b3 b5 26. Qd3 b4 27. Nd1 a5 28. f3 Ra7 29. Kf2 Ne7 30. Nb2 Nb6 31. Rh2 Qe7 32. Rg1 a4 33. Qb1 axb 34. Nxb3 Rba8 35. Nd2 Rxa2 36. Nb3 Qa7 37. Rhh1 Qa3 0-1

SOUTH DAKOTA TEAMS

June 13 & 14, 1992
SD State Capitol Building
Rms. 464-468
Pierre, SD

Five Rounds Swiss
Time Control 40/2 G/30
Registration: 8:00-8:45 AM
Rounds: 9 - 2 - 7; 9 - 2

There will be a business meeting and election held Sunday
before the first round.

USCF AND SDCA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

Entry Fee: \$12 per team

No Smoking, No Computers Allowed, Wheelchair Access

Send Entries To: Reuben Bezpaletz
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Rounds: 9 - 2 - 7; 9 - 2

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Entry Fee: \$15 in advance, \$20 at site

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Prizes will be awarded proportional to entries.

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