

Chess Notes: Ledgerwood Wins Open

By George Koltanowski

The fifth annual Open Championship of Chess Friends of Northern California had a turnout of 128 players last week in Oakland with 116 finishing the tournament.

The Expert-A division winner was not known until the last round, when Larry Ledgerwood of Oakland beat out Harold Edelstein of San Carlos to become the new champion. His style is very aggressive and combinative.

The champion of the B division is Louis Tomori of San Bruno who, though tied with Miloslav Nekvasil, formerly of Czechoslovakia, won on higher percentage points. Amos Knack of Redwood City won the championship in the C division.

The A division had six rounds and the other groups five. George Koltanowski was tournament director and was assisted by Florence Stevens, Leah Koltanowski and Chuck McKinley. The first three in each division won trophies and those marked with an asterisk won book prizes. Here are the detailed results:

E-A DIVISION: Larry Ledgerwood, Oakland, 5½; R. J. Plock, Livermore, 4½; Harold Edelstein, San Carlos, 4½; Robert Dickinson, Redwood City, 4½.

B DIVISION: Louis Tomori, San Bruno, 4½; M. Nekvasil, San Francisco, 4½; Eric Brent, 4; Robert Gieger, San Bruno, 4; Leroy Turner, Concord, 4; M. Bredoff, Redwood City; N. Buder, Oakland; P. Cleghorn, Redwood City; C. T. McGinley, Oakland; H. Thomas, Oakland, each 3½.

C DIVISION: Amos Knack, Redwood City, 5; Louis Bignami, Oakland, 4½; Ron Stenner, Oakland, 4; C. W. Hathway, San Jose, 4; Richard Wiebe, Berkeley, 4.