

Olympic Chess

U. S. Defeats Switzerland; Is 2d in Section

(George Koltanowski, chess columnist of The Chronicle, is now in Helsinki for the Tournament of Nations — the Chess Olympics. A veteran of international master tournaments, Koltanowski was invited as one of the United States team of six. The following is his second dispatch from the tournament.)

By GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI
HELSINKI, Aug. 14 (By Mail)—Realizing the danger that it might not get into the final round, the U. S. team at the Chess Olympics today put on great pressure and defeated Switzerland, 4-0.

The Americans were stung by the remark of Paul Keres of Russia that the U. S. would win first place in the consolation tournament—for teams which don't get into the finals.

Today's win put the U. S. team in second place in its section of the preliminaries. Russia, which crushed Holland, 4-0, today, leads with 14½ points. The U. S. has 11, Finland 10 and Holland 8½.

There are two other preliminary sections, and each section will send its top three teams into the final round. In the first section it seems certain that Argentina, Czechoslovakia and West Germany will take the three top places. In the second East Germany, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Sweden are fighting for the top.

Today's American win was against one of the weaker teams, which Russia also defeated 4-0. Samuel Rashevsky played well on board one to defeat Grob. Larry Evans had no trouble with Morel, winning a pawn and then the game. Robert Byrne seemed to have a dead draw against Bachmann when, in time trouble, he sacrificed a rook and mated his opponent. Arthur Bisguier found the going tough, but luckily his opponent blundered.

Here is Reshevsky's fine win.

White: S. Reshevsky. Black: Grob.

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| 1.P-Q4 | N-KB3 | 16.P-B3 | PxP |
| 2.P-QB4 | P-K3 | 17.RxP | B-K3 |
| 3.N-QB3 | P-Q4 | 18.B-Q3 | Q-N3 |
| 4.PxP | PxP | 19.B-K5 | O-O |
| 5.B-N5 | B-K2 | 20.N-N3 | B-N4 |
| 6.P-K3 | P-B3 | 21.Q-K2 | N-K2 |
| 7.Q-B2 | P-KR3 | 22.QR-KB1 | P-N3 |
| 8.B-B4 | Q-R4 | 23.Q-B2 | QR-Q1 |
| 9.B-Q3 | N-R3 | 24.N-K4 | N-Q4 |
| 10.Q-Q2 | N-N5 | 25.NxB | PxN |
| 11.B-N1 | N-K5 | 26.R-R3 | N-B3 |
| 12.NxN | PxN | 27.Q-N3 | P-N5 |
| 13.N-K2 | P-KB4 | 28.R-R6 | N-Q2 |
| 14.P-QR3 | Q-R3 | 29.RxPch | R-B2 |
| 15.O-O | N-Q4 | 30.BxP | Resigns |

Tomorrow the U. S. team plays Greece. If my scouting is correct, and I'm sure it is, and if our number three and four men play up to their best, we should beat Greece, 4-0.

There is only one player from Egypt here. Because of the recent governmental upheaval in that country the team failed to arrive except for Saad Zghloul Basyoumi, Egypt's only chessmaster. Basyoumi wanted to enter the Tournament anyway, playing the first board and accepting three losses by default on the other boards, but the tournament committee turned his request down.

Instead of entering, therefore, Basyoumi is playing a match game with one of the reserve players of each team. Today it was my turn. Here is the game:

White: G. Koltanowski. Black: S. Z. Basyoumi.

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| 1.P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 15.PxP! | N-Q4 |
| 2.N-KB3 | N-KB3 | 16.Q-R5 | P-KR3 |
| 3.P-K3 | QN-Q2 | 17.N-B7ch | RxN |
| 4.QN-Q2 | P-K3 | 18.QxR | BxP |
| 5.P-B4 | P-B3 | 19.R-Q1 | Q-B2 |
| 6.B-Q3 | B-Q3 | 20.Q-K8ch | K-R2 |
| 7.O-O | O-O | 21.RxN! | PxR |
| 8.P-K4 | PxP | 22.BxP | B-Q2 |
| 9.NxP | NxN | 23.QxR | B-B1 |
| 10.BxN | P-KB4 | 24.B-K3 | BxPch |
| 11.B-B2 | P-K4 | 25.K-R1 | B-K4 |
| 12.P-B5 | B-B2 | 26.R-Q1 | Q-Q1 |
| 13.B-N3ch | K-R1 | 27.K-N1 | Q-K1 |
| 14.N-N5 | N-B3 | 28.B-B3 | Resigns |

News, Notes, Moves in Mail Games

By GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

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| No. 139—17.QxQ | NxQ. |
| No. 142—15.QxB | 16.QxK4. |
| No. 143—14.QR-Q1 | 15.NxB. |
| No. 144—16.R-R7 | R-R1. |
| No. 145—12.NxN | 13.QxN. |
| No. 148—11.BxP | 12.Q-K2. |

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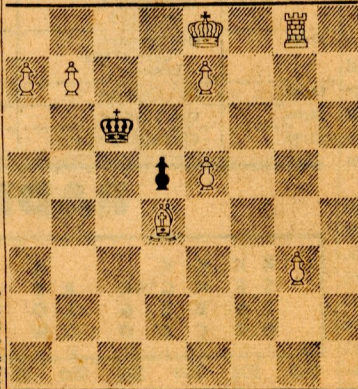
Played 9-26-1947 in Santa Rosa during an eight-board simultaneous exhibition by White: George Koltanowski; Black: Consulting team of five players from Vallejo Chess Club. Notes by one of the "Black" players.

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 | 16. NxP | PxN (e) |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-Q4 | 17. RxP | Q-N3 (f) |
| 3. P-K3 | P-KN3 (a) | 18. Q-QB3 (g) | B-K3 |
| 4. P-B4 | P-B3 | 19. O-O (h) | R-N1 |
| 5. N-B3 | B-N2 | 20. P-QN4 | R-B1 (j) |
| 6. Q-N3 | O-O | 21. R-B1 (j) | N-B2 (k) |
| 7. B-Q2 | Q-N3 | 22. R-B6 (1) | N-N4 (m) |
| 8. P-B5 | Q-B2 (b) | 23. BxN | QxB (n) |
| 9. N-K5 | QN-Q2 | 24. RxR (o) | RxR |
| 10. P-B4 | NxN (c) | 25. QxRch | BxQ (p) |
| 11. BPxN | N-K1 | 26. RxBch | B-B1 |
| 12. P-K4 | P-K3 | 27. B-R6 | QxP |
| 13. B-K2 | P-N3 (d) | 28. RxBch | QxR |
| 14. QR-B1 | PxBP | 29. BxQ | KxB |
| 15. PxQP | KPxP | 30. Draw agreed. | |

(a) We want no part of the Colle System—a Koltly specialty. (b) If he won't exchange Queens, we won't either! (c) Time pressure—we were still discussing the Queen exchange we passed up. (d) We must do something—maybe we can break his center pawns. (e) Did he "overlook" something or is it a sound combination? Let's find out! (f) With a piece up we will exchange Queens—if we get the opportunity. (g) This time the White Queen gives ground. White must conserve his forces and attempt to exploit his better development. (h) This places the white King on the same diagonal as the black Queen. Notice the influence this has on the pattern of the game. (i) Eureka! After 21. RxR-BxR; 22. QxB-QxPch; we would be a piece ahead with a good position. (j) Why did he make that move? (k) With the same idea as our previous move. (l) Ouch! If we move the Queen he will take our Knight. (m) And now, if 23. RxQ-NxQ and we gain an exchange. But (n) our Queen has been forced off the important diagonal. (o) Why is he exchanging the heavy lumber? Aren't we a piece up? (p) And now we see the reason for his 21 move.

FLIGHT OF FANCY (13)

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White to play and mate in three moves. (Solution tomorrow.)