

chess

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

International master George Koltanowski directed the sixth Presidio Service Club open tournament in San Francisco, Jan. 20-21, a gala event that attracted 84 chessplayers from all over northern California. Hayward was well represented by nine players, four of whom won prizes.

CLASS A: Van Fong, Hayward, 5 points out of 5; Maj. R. R. Hart, S.F., 4½; Dr. M. McGee, Corning, 4.

CLASSES B AND C: Robert Martinez, Hayward, 4; Jon Hale, Oakland, 4; David Glanville, Oakland, 4; Edison Fong, S.F., 4; Mike Albertson, Hayward, 4.

SPECIAL PRIZES: Carol Barton, S.F.; Fred Crosby, Hayward; William H. Janes, Jr., Hamilton A. F. Base; H. A. Perry, Fairfield.

Here is an instructive game from this event. Black falls into a book trap, but White forgets the refutation, winning neatly later due to a lopsided plus in development coupled with a subsequent error on the part of his opponent.

White: David Glanville.

Black: Lance Thomson.

Max Lange Attack

1 P-K4	P-K4	11 B-KN5	Q-K1
2 N-KB3	N-KB3	12 B-B4	N-K2(f)
3 P-Q4	PxP	13 QN-Q2	K-R1
4 B-QB4	B-B4	14 N-N5	P-KN3(g)
5 0-0	N-B3	15 N/2-K4	N-B3
6 P-K5(a)	N-K5(b)	16 NxRP	NxP(h)
7 Q-K2(c)	NxBP	17 Q-Q4	P-Q3
8 R-N(d)	P-Q6	18 R-K1	B-K3(i)
9 QxP	BxRch	19 BxNch	Resigns
10 KxB	0-0(e)		

(a) A complex opening system. White parting with a center Pawn in order to threaten Black's uncastled King.

(b) Black, obviously unfamiliar with the Max Lange, commits a grievous but typical error, which should cost him the game. Approximate equality results from 6 . . . P-Q4 7 PxN PxB 8 R-K1ch B-K3 9 N-N5 Q-Q4 10 N-QB3 Q-B4 11 N/3-K4 0-0-0.

(c) White, too, misses the mark. Correct is 7 RK1 P-Q4 (If 7 . . . NxBP, then 8 KxN P-Q6ch 9 B-K3 wins material and position). 8 PxPe.p. P-B4 9 N-N5!

(d) Allowing Black to trade two minor pieces for White's Rook and Pawn. Simply 8 QxN is the move.

(e) Black is castled but not safe.

(f) Attempting to prevent N-N5 by 12 . . . P-KR3? reveals the attacking possibilities in White's position: 13 BxP PxB 14 Q-N6ch K-R-1 15 QxPch K-N1 16 N-N5, with mate to follow.

(g) Fatally weakens his KB3. Only 14 . . . N-N3 holds for the moment, e.g., 15 Q-KR3 P-KR3 and White has no convincing continuation, as Black threatens 16 . . . NxB and 16 . . . P-Q4. After 14 . . . N-N3 White's best attacking move is 15 K-N1, preparing to answer 15 . . . P-KR3? with 16 NxPch.

(h) Of course not 16 . . . KxN 17 N-B6ch.

(i) Everything loses one way or another.

CFNC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Incorporating the California State Qualifier's Tournament, this year's CFNC open championships will be held at the Berkeley YMCA, 2001 Allston Way, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 3-4. The over-all winner will have his entry fee plus expenses for the California State Championships paid by CFNC (plus trophy, plus title). Entrants in the "A", "B", and "C" divisions will compete for money prizes, trophies, and plaques. International master George Koltanoski will direct this 5-round Swiss system tourney, which starts promptly at noon, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Entry fee is \$5 for CFNC members, \$8 for non-members.

NEW CHESS CLUB

Robert Pellerin, of the Fremont police department, has formed the Fremont Chess Club, located in the Niles Recreation Building on School St. in Niles (Tel.: 792-0371). To get there from Hayward, travel along Mission Blvd. to Nursery St., turn right to Niles Rd., left to Hillview St., right to Second St., left to School St. (Niles High School is on the corner), and right to the Niles Community Center (Look carefully for the sign). The new club is open Monday evening from 7-11 and Saturday morning from 9-12.