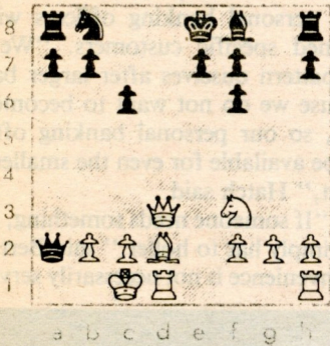


Chess



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KOLTANOWSKI-NN
BLINDFOLD EXHIBITION
 White to play and win.



THE DEAN OF AMERICAN CHESS

George Koltanowski was born in Belgium in 1903 and won the Belgian championship four times between 1923 and 1936. He also won international tournaments in Antwerp and Barcelona in the early '30s.

In 1937, Koltanowski broke the record for simultaneous blindfold play, fighting 34 opponents without sight of the boards. He won 24 of the games and drew 10.

Koltanowski has authored several chess books and has written his daily *San Francisco Chronicle* column since 1947.

Antwerp 1932

White: George Koltanowski

Black: Salo Flohr

Colle System

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| 1. d4 Nf6 | 20. Rc1 Qb8 |
| 2. Nf3 b6 | 21. Qc2 Ne8 |
| 3. e3 ¹ c5 | 22. Qd2 ⁷ Kg7 |
| 4. c3 e6 | 23. Rc2 h6 |
| 5. Bd3 Bb7 | 24. Bc1 Rh8 |
| 6. Nbd2 Nc6 | 25. h4 Nf8 |
| 7. O-O Be7 | 26. Qf4 Qd8 |
| 8. Qe2 ² O-O | 27. Rc3 ⁸ Bc8 ⁹ |
| 9. a3 ³ Rc8 | 28. Na1 Bd7 |
| 10. e4 cd | 29. Nc2 a4 |
| 11. cd d6 ⁴ | 30. Nb4 ¹⁰ Bb4 |
| 12. b4 Nh5 ⁵ | 31. ab Kg8 |
| 13. g3 g6 | 32. Qd2 ¹¹ Nc7 |
| 14. Bb2 d5 ⁶ | 33. Qe2 Be8 |
| 15. e5 Ng7 | 34. Nh2 Qd7 |
| 16. Nb3 a5 | 35. Ng4 Nh7 |
| 17. b5 Nb8 | 36. Bh6 Qe7 |
| 18. Rfc1 Nd7 | 37. Qc2 Resigns ¹² |
| 19. Rc8 Qc8 | |

NOTES:

1. Koltanowski has done more to advance the ideas of the Colle System than anyone. It is a fine attacking weapon, but is scoffed upon because it is so simplistic. White develops his pieces in the same manner no matter what Black does, and later attacks on any side of the board behind his flexible set-up.
2. White is now ready to complete his pawn center with e4.
3. Preparing to gain some queenside space and create a home for the queen's bishop.
4. Black has developed in flexible "hedgehog" fashion. Hedgehog plans were the rage earlier this decade. Usually Black will play ...a6, ...Qc7 and ...Rfd8, then wait and wait for White to overreach.
5. The first sign of a fight.
6. Allowing the center to be closed to White's advantage. White can now direct his attention to winning on the wings — first the queenside.
7. White played Qc2 to strengthen his grip on the c-file. Now that Black has interfered with his rook's ability to move to c8, White can work on the weak black squares around Black's king.
8. Beginning a remarkable plan to bring the knight over to the kingside.
9. Black could also throw this piece over his shoulder for luck. The pawn skeleton here arises in so many French Defense games — the bishop is never happy in those games, either.
10. The knight was headed for e3 and g4, but c6 is now a more inviting square.
11. Back to the queenside to perhaps win the a-pawn or support an invasion on the c-file.
12. White wins material after 37...Na8 38. Rc8 or 37...Nb5 38. Bb5 Bb5 39. Rc8 Be8 40. Qc6.

SOLUTION: 1. Qd8! Kd8 2. Ba5 K moves 3. Rd8#

FINEGOLD, SCHERZER TIE AT U.S. JUNIOR

Senior masters Ben Finegold and Alex Scherzer tied for first place in the 1989 U.S. Junior Under 20 Championship held July 6-16 in Washington, DC. Burlingame Chess Club member Peter Yu, the lowest-rated player in the event, finished tenth.

PLACES TO PLAY

Redwood City Chess Club: Meets Mondays, First Baptist Church, James and Hudson. Informal games. John Vitlacil 367-9368.