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# Chess

### KOLTANOWSKI AT CAL STATE

Celebrated "blindfold" artist and international chess master George Koltanowski took on two dozen opponents in a pair of simultaneous exhibitions at Cal State University in Hayward, May 30, and defeated them all, 24-0. An amazing performance by a 70-year-old man whose ability seems to improve with age.

Here is an outstanding example of his chess powers, vigorously prosecuted against Class "A" player Hiawatha Bradley, recorded in USCF endorsed coordinate notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

**White: George Koltanowski. Black: Hiawatha Bradley.**  
Hayward, May 30, 1973. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 ed ed 4 Bd3, c5 5 dc Bc5 6 Qe2 Qe7 7 Nc3 Nf6 8 Qe7 Ke7 9 Bg5 Be6 10 Nge2 h6 11 Bf6 Kf6 12 Nf4 Bb4 13 0-0 Bc3 14 bc g6 15 Rfe1 Rg8 16 c4 dc 17 Ne6 fe 18 Re6 Ke6 19 Bc4 Kf6 20 Bg8 Nd7 21 Bd5 Rb8 22 a4 Nc5 23 a5 Rd8 24 c4 Rd6 25 Rb1 b6 26 ab Rb6 27 Rb6 ab 28 f4 Nd3 29 g3 Nb4 30 Be4 g5 31 Kf2 Na6 32 Ke3 Nc5 33 h4 gh 34 gh Ne6 35 h5 Ke7 36 Bg6 Kf6 37 Ke4 Nf8 38 Bf5 Resigns.

The "Afternoon with George Koltanowski" was rounded off with a lecture about Fischer's most promising contender for the world championship, an informal question and answer period and an almost unbelievable blindfold "knight's tour" display.

### NEW STATE CHAMPION

David Strauss lost only one game to Dennis Fritzingler of Berkeley to become the new California State Chess Champion at an invitational tournament in Fresno over the Memorial Day weekend. Strauss, a U. C. Riverside researcher, scored 5-2 in the eight-man round robin event conducted by the California State Chess Federation.

Finishing in a tie for second were Dennis Fritzingler and James Tarjan 4½-2½, followed by Larry Christiansen and Ronald Gross, 3½-3½, Craig Barnes and James McCormick, 2½-4½, and Julius Loftsson, 2-5.

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Santa Clara Memorial Day Open took place in Sunnyvale (LERA), May 26-28. Ted and Ruby Yudacufski directed the 149 participants in a six-round Swiss system event in three divisions. Complete results:

#### USCF OPEN

1st, Thomas Maser, San Jose, and Richard Bustamente, Castle A.F.B., 5-1, \$120 each; 2nd, Charles Maddigan, Oakland, 4½-1½, \$30; 1st A, Stewart Scott, Sunnyvale, 4½-1½, \$80; 2nd A, Michael Tomey, Sunnyvale, and Paul Stang, Monterey, 4-2, \$20 each.

#### USCF B

1st, Joseph Tracy, San Francisco, 5-1, \$125; 2nd, Gerald Myerson, Stanford and Paul Whitehead, San Francisco, 4½-1½, \$48 each.

#### USCF C

1st, Gabriel Sanchez, Santa Clara, 5½-½, \$125 plus trophy; 2nd, Kerry Raven, Sunnyvale; 3rd, Matthew Sullivan, San Jose; 4th, Robert Pellerin, Fremont, all 5-1, \$30 plus trophy each; 5th, Leonard Trottier, El Cerrito, 4-2, trophy.

1st D-E, Richard Bond, Palo Alto, and Nick Carlin, Berkeley, 5-1, \$82.50 each; 2nd, Mark Fisher-Colbrie, Los Altos, 4½-1½, \$30.

1st Unrated, Thomas Carey, San Francisco, John Logan, San Jose, and Bill Poindexter, Cotati, 5-1, \$65 each.

Women's Award, Jennie Kiesling, Los Altos, 3-3, trophy.

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Co-tournament winner Richard Bustamente demolished his first round opponent in only 15 moves with a trilogy of sacrifices that left the enemy king denuded of defenders. His spectacular combination has been dubbed Greco's mate in honor of Gioachino Greco, who recorded it around 1625. **White: Richard Bustamente (2100).**

**Black: Alan Petit (1809).**

**Sunnyvale, Santa Clara Open, May 26, 1973.**

### French Defense

1 P-K4	P-K3	9 N-N5!(d)	PxN
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	10 BxPch!	KxB(e)
3 N-Q2	N-QB3(a)	11 PxPch	K-N1
4 KN-B3	N-B3	12 R-R8ch!(f)	KxR
5 P-K5	N-Q2	13 Q-R5ch	K-N1
6 P-B3	B-K2	14 P-N6(g)	N-B3
7 B-Q3	O-O	15 PxN	Resigns(h)
8 P-KR4(b)	P-B3(c)		

(a) Black intends a more aggressive plan than the usual queen-side action beginning with P-QB4. After White has been induced to play P-K5, Black will organize an assault against the forward KP by a timely P-KB3

(b) Threatening 9 N-N5, which would compel a weakening of Black's kingside pawns.

(c) "Preventing" the knight move and proceeding with his attack on White's pawn chain. Little does he suspect...

(d) Greco's sacrifice, a beautiful legacy from the hand of "the first great genius in the story of modern chess." Former world champion Max Euwe said of him, "The examples which he worked out set the pattern for a hundred years; some live on to the present day as an integral part of chess theory." White's offer of a knight cannot be refused because of the double threats to Black's KP and **KRP**.

(e) Also forced in view of 10...K-B2 11 Q-R5ch.

(f) This third, decisive tender of a piece is the quickest way to win.

(g) The clincher, quiet and deadly.

(h) On 15...RxP the Black king falls to 16 Q-R7ch K-B1 17 Q-R8 mate.

### COMMUNITY CHESS TOURNAMENT

All chess players, especially those who have never played in a tournament before, are invited to attend the All-Comers Community Chess Tournament, Sat. and Sun., June 9-10, at Weekes Community Center, 27182 Patrick Ave., Hayward.

Low entry fees, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards in each age division, no membership requirements, no rating of games: just good fun and competition for everyone, sponsored by the South Hayward Parish in cooperation with the Hayward Area Recreation & Park District, Hale Specialty Advertising and the Review Publications.

Playing divisions and suggested entry donations are: Children (to 10 years), 50 cents; Youth (to 15), \$1; Young Adult (to 21), \$1.75; Adult (over 21), \$2.50. A special "whole family package" is offered for \$3.50. Five rounds have been scheduled, three on Sat. and two on Sun. First game begins Sat., June 9 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring your chess set.