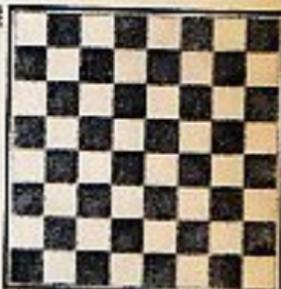


chess

by richard shorman



Eighty-eight chess players attended the Carlmont YMCA Open Tournament, including the Bay Area High School Chess Championship, held March 9-10 in San Carlos. George Koltanowski directed the five-round Swiss system event and awarded trophies to the winners in each division.

EXPERT A DIVISION

1. Peter Grey, San Francisco, 4 points out of 5.
2. Jim McIlrath, Redwood City, 4.
3. Gary Wilson, San Leandro, 3½.

CLASS "B"

1. Norman Wild, San Jose, 5.
2. Ronald Meyers, Redwood City, 4.
3. Edward Beardsley, Belmont, 4.

CLASS "C"

1. Roger Hutchinson, Campbell, 4½.
2. Carol Barton, San Francisco, 4.
3. Mike Rennie, Los Gatos, 4.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

1. Jay Spingarn, Sunnyvale, 4½.
2. Dan Chan, Palo Alto, 4.
3. Jim Fosaaen, Concord, 3½.

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Black plays the opening superbly, winning a whole Rook for his efforts, then inexplicably falters and returns most of the booty. Fortunately, a series of judicious exchanges suffices to convert his remaining material and positional advantage into a well-earned victory.

White: Ridgely Schneider. Black: Norman Wild.
Petroff's Defense

1	P-K4	P-K4	20	K-R1	PxP
2	N-KB3	N-KB3	21	QxP/2	KR-Q1
3	B-B4	NxP (a)	22	R-QB1	QR-N1
4	Q-K2 (b)	P-Q4	23	N-Q2	Q-K6
5	NxP	B-K3	24	N-B3	QxBP
6	B-N3 (c)	Q-N4	25	Q-B4	P-KR3
7	O-O (d)	QxN	26	R-B1	Q-Q3
8	P-Q3	B-Q3	27	N-R4	R-Q2
9	P-KB4 (e)	B-B4ch	28	N-B5	Q-Q6
10	B-K3 (f)	BxBch	29	N-K7ch	K-R1
11	QxB	QxNP	30	N-B6 (j)	QxQ
12	PxN	P-Q5 (g)	31	PxQ	R-N7
13	Q-Q3	QxR	32	NxP	R-Q5
14	Q-N5ch	N-B3 (h)	33	P-R3	RxKP
15	QxP	O-O	34	RxP	RxBP
16	QxN	BxB	35	N-B8	R/5-B7
17	RPxB	Q-R4	36	N-K7	RxP
18	R-Q1	Q-N3	37	N-B5	R/KN7-Q7
19	Q-B4 (i)	P-Q6ch	38	Resigns (k)	

(a) Better than 3...N-B3, transposing into a Two Knights' Defense, since Black will now play P-Q4 unhindered.

(b) Only 4 N-B3 places serious obstacles in Black's path, although at the cost of a Pawn. The main line runs 4 N-B3 NxN 5 QPxN P-KB3 (forced, as 5...P-Q3 fails against 6 NxP! Q-K2! 7 BxPch K-Q1 8 0-0) 6 0-0 N-B3 7 N-R4 P-KN3 (7...N-K2? 8 B-Q3! P-KN3 9 P-KB4 B-N2 10 PxP PxP 11 B-KN5 P-B3 12 N-B5!, and White wins) 8 P-B4 P-B4 9 N-B3 (White loses a piece after 9 NxBP P-Q4.) P-K5 10 N-N5 B-B4ch 11 K-R1 Q-K2, and White's attack is broken leaving Black a Pawn up.

(c) Overlooking Black's strong reply. Correct is 6 P-Q3 NxP 7 NxP (superior to 7 B-N5ch P-B3 8 KxN Q-N3ch) KxN 8 QxNch Q-B3 9 QxQch PxQ 10 B-N3 N-B3 11 N-B3 N-Q5, with equality.

(d) White suffers a worse fate after 7 Q-N5ch P-B3! 8 QxNP QxNP 9 R-B1 B-KR6.

(e) If 9 P-N3, then Black simply retires his Knight to KB3.

(f) The alternative, 10 K-R1, loses the Queen after 10...N-N6ch! (not 10...N-B7ch? 11 QxN BxQ 12 PxQ, and White escapes unscathed) 11 PxN QxQ.

(g) White was probably counting on 12...QxR 13 N-B3 Q-N7 14 PxP to keep his chances alive. Black has played this phase of the game faultlessly.

(h) But here Black has a fit of chess blindness that in other circumstances might spell his doom. White can safely resign after 14...N-Q2 15 QxP (or 15 BxB PxP 16 P-B5 P-K4 17 P-B6 PxP 18 RxP 0-0-0) 0-0.

(i) Trading Queens amounts to a lost ending: 19 QxQ RPxQ 20 RxP R-R8 21 R-Q1 R/1-R1 22 K-B1 R/1-R7 23 N-B3 RxRch 24 NxR RxP.

(j) If 30 QxKBP to avoid exchanging Queens, then 30...RxN wins out of hand.

(k) White's endgame prospects are nil, e.g., 38 RxNP R-Q8ch 39 R-N1 RxRch 40 KxR K-R2.

CHess EXHIBITION

George Koltanowski, international chess master, will play 30 games of simultaneous chess against all comers, and then two games blindfolded, at the Recreation Hall, El Granada Mobile Homes Resort, in El Granada today from 2 to 6 p.m.

After his performance, Koltanowski will lecture on the controversial Bobby Fischer affair. Spectators to the exhibition and lecture will be admitted for \$1.

WHERE TO PLAY CHess

The Hayward Chess Club, 2058 D St. (Hayward Arts and Science Center). Monday and Friday, 8-11 p.m.

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.), Hayward. Evenings, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Ask for Harold James.

The Fremont Chess Club, School St., Niles (located in the Niles Community Center close to Niles High School). Monday, 7-11 p.m., and Saturday, 9-12 a.m.

The Newark Youth Center, 37230 Ash St. Friday, 7-10 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets (in the old library of the Carnegie Building). Evenings, the first and third Friday of the month.