



KOLTANOWSKI, PAFNUTIEFF AND STEINER

The defense was skillful.

Nancy Roos

South California Edges North

Under-dog in their series with Northern California, players from the southern part of the state scored a narrow 26½-24½ victory in this year's meeting. Chief interest was centered on first board where U. S. Champion Herman Steiner of Los Angeles met Chessmaster George Koltanowski of Santa Rosa. Steiner had the better of the game, but his opponent defended skillfully and the result was a draw.

The details of the first 10 boards:

<i>South</i>	<i>North</i>
Steiner ½	Koltanowski . . ½
Cross 0	Pafnutieff 1
Borochow 0	Pruner 1
Rivise 0	Ralston 1
Quillen 1	Barlow 0
Martin 1	Gross 0
Seidman ½	Fink ½
Croy 1	Preobrazenski . 0
Spiller ½	McClain ½
H. Gordon ½	Boyette ½

Other events in the gala meeting at Atascadero included a rapid transit team match, decisively won by the South 45-17, and the California State Rapid Transit Championship. Herman Steiner and Jim Cross, state titleholder, tied for top honors in this tourney with 25-3. The U. S. Champion won the play-off and took the speed title. R. Banner was third.