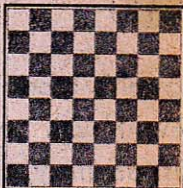


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The Four Leaf Clover Chess Tournament, held March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at the Oakland Central YMCA attracted 52 players competing in three-round, Round Robin sections of four players each. Trophies were awarded to all section winners. Raymond Ng acted as tournament director.

## USCF DIVISION

1, George Kane, Menlo Park, 3-0; 2, David Rapoport, Berkeley, 2½-½; 3, William Clipson, Concord, 3-0; 4, Duncan Campbell, Orinda, 3-0; 5, Timothy Molter, San Leandro, 3-0; 6, Curtis Wilson, Lafayette, 3-0.

## CFNC DIVISION

1, Gary Pickler, Danville, 2½-½; 2, P. M. Brown, Richmond, 2½-½; 3, Jon Hale, Oakland, 2½-½; 4, James Tilden, San Jose, 3-0; 5, Kim Stockdale, Berkeley, 3-0; 6, James Dorfman, Oakland, 3-0; 7, Stephen Nelson, Alameda, and Steven Perry, Castro Valley, tied with 2 points each.

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**INTERNATIONAL MASTER** and former world blindfold chess champion George Koltanowski achieved a perfect score March 17 in his 20-board simultaneous exhibition and two blindfold games at the El Granada Recreation Hall. Next day at the Monterey Chess Club he played 25 games simultaneously, drawing one and winning all the rest.

Koltanowski displayed the master's touch in his blindfold game against Haywardite Fred Crosby, winning impressively in an ending that would do credit to a man with full sight of the board and men.

White: George Koltanowski. Black: Fred Crosby.  
El Granada, March 17, 1968.  
Two Knights' Defense.

1 P-K4	P-K4	22 N-R6	R-K2
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	23 P-QN4 (j)	K-B2 (k)
3 B-B4	N-B3	24 P-N5	N-Q1
4 0-0 (a)	NxP	25 N-Q4	K-K1
5 P-Q4	PxP (b)	26 B-N4 (l)	R-K5
6 R-K1	P-Q4	27 P-QB3	K-Q2
7 BxP	QxB	28 P-B3	R-K1
8 N-B3	Q-QR4	29 K-B2	K-B1
9 NxN	B-K3	30 P-QB4	K-N2
10 B-N5 (c)	B-QN5 (d)	31 P-B5	P-B3 (m)
11 R-K2	0-0 (e)	32 PxNP (n)	RPxP
12 P-QR3	B-B5 (f)	33 B-Q6	P-QB4
13 PxB	BxR	34 N-B7	R-N1
14 PxQ	BxQ	35 N-B5	N-B2
15 RxB	KR-K1	36 B-N3	R-QB1 (o)
16 N-B5	NxP	37 NxP	RxN
17 RxP	P-KB3	38 BxR	KxB
18 B-K3	QR-Q1	39 N-K8ch	K-Q2
19 K-B1	RxR (g)	40 NxPch	K-K3
20 BxR	N-B3 (h)	41 NxP	Resigns
21 B-B3	P-QN3 (i)		

(a) Koltanowski specializes in the dread Max Lange Attack (4...B-B4 5 P-Q4!), and so passes up both 4 N-N5 and 4 P-Q4.

(b) Another, less risky, line for Black is 5...P-Q4 6 B-QN5 PxP 7 NxP B-Q2 8 BxN PxB 9 P-QB4 B-K2 10 N-QB3 (Koltanowski-Zeitlen, New York, 1938) NxN 11 PxN 0-0.

(c) Some chess theorists recommend 10 N/4-N5 (Panov) or 10 B-Q2 (Sokolsky) as strongest here, but the blindfold player prefers to hamper Black's Queen-side castling.

(d) Considered inferior to 10...P-KR3 11 B-R4 B-QN5 12 R-K2 P-KN4 13 P-QR3 B-K2 14 P-QN4 Q-Q4, with a good game for Black, who castles long next move and keeps his Pawn plus.

(e) Or 11...P-KR3 12 P-QR3 PxB 13 PxB QxP 14 P-B3 PxP 15 PxP Q-K2 16 N/xP (Krutikhine-Uusi, Moscow, 1953), and White exerts uncomfortable pressure along the center files, while Black's King has no safe haven.

(f) Seeking relief through simplification, as the alternative 12...B-K2 13 P-QN4 Q-N3 14 BxB NxB 15 N-B5 leaves White with a bind on the position.

(g) Black ought to restrain the enemy Bishop and free his Queen side by placing his Pawns on black squares, i.e., 19...P-QN3 20 N-R6 P-QB4.

(h) It was not too late to play 20...P-QN3.

(i) But now this advance brings White's Knight to a powerful post on the edge of the board.

(j) Well played; one Pawn holds three.

(k) A commendable idea: the King is headed for QN2 to plug up the holes.

(l) Extracting every last ounce of advantage from the position.

(m) White is not to be denied after 31...PxP 32 BxP P-B3 33 N-N4! PxP 34 NxP.

(n) Better than 32 PxPch? KxN 33 P-B7 N-B2, and White has no way to Queen his Pawn. If now 32...BPxP, White answers with 33 NxP!

(o) A blunder in severe time trouble, but it is doubtful whether Black can save the game by 36...N-K4 37 N-K6 P-N3 38 N-Q6ch K-R2 39 BxN PxB 40 N-QB4 R-K1 41 N-B7 R-K2 42 N-Q5.

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## PENINSULA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The third annual Peninsula Open Championship Tournament, directed by George Koltanowski, will be held in the LERA Main Auditorium (corner of N. Mathilda Ave. and Java St., seven blocks north of Bayshore, opposite Sunnyvale), Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28. If permission is granted to make the USCF Open Division a California State Championship Qualifier Tournament, then first prize will be \$150, which includes \$50 entry fee to the State Tourney and \$50 expenses, and second prize will be \$50. In the CFNC "A," "B" and "C" Divisions prizes are \$75 first, \$40 second, plus five trophies. At least three trophies will be awarded in the Junior Division (16 years old and under with a CFNC rating no higher than 1500). Entry fees are \$10 plus membership for the USCF Division, \$7 plus membership for the CFNC Division, and \$3 for the Junior Division. Round one of this five-round Swiss system tourney begins at noon, April 27.