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THOSE who are regular Friday night participants at our YMCA Chess Club, 2101 Telegraph Avenue, in Oakland from 7:30 to 11:30 know of the advantages to be gained here that are not available to any other club in the East Bay. I am speaking, of course, about the man who Dr. Alekhine considered "the second-best blindfold player in the world." George Koltanowski has provided our group with the incentive and hard work necessary to ensure a future club of top calibre.

The games played by our members are all conducted under the conditions of serious tournament contests. All of these games are rated with CFNC, and offer a player the opportunity to officially improve his class of chess. Our membership is now well over thirty regulars and is growing rapidly. Here is a chance for all addicts of the Royal Game, regardless of playing ability, to profit from association with a well organized club. Join us now!

Once a month, apart from his weekly appearances, Master Koltanowski acts as answer-man at a special meeting designed to allow discussion of the various problems of a club or suggestions for changes of policy. We discuss results of recent team matches, accomplishments of note from our members; we hear news of rising chess stars the world over; we are kept informed of coming tournaments and events of special interest; we are given problems to solve and games to play over; and through G. Koltanowski, our club has access to an unlimited collection of games played in tournaments throughout the world.

We have recently concluded our first stipulated opening tournament. The opening under examination was the Pirc Defense, 1 P-K4, P-Q3 2 P-Q4, N-KB3. Donald Stone, a student of Technical High, showed the members that the Pirc is playable for both sides by carrying off a well-earned first prize trophy. Runners up in this round-robin event were Paul Vayssie and H. L. Stradley. They were awarded gold medals for their trophy cases. Congratulations to all for a good fight.

On the second Friday of May you can expect a Kolty-directed Rapid Transit Tourney. If you enjoy your speed-chess, this is for you. Bring board and men plus clock, a spectator friend, and more especially bring yourself. This is sure to be a chess-filled evening of fun for everyone.

Here is your golden opportunity for five rounds of tournament chess: The Chess Friends of Northern California presents the Contra Costa County Open Chess Championship. You will play at Pleasant Hill Recreation Center, 147 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill on the weekend of April 25 and 26. Registration at 10 and first round at noon. There will be trophies and books for the winners plus numerous surprise prizes and door prizes. See George Koltanowski, Jack Powell, or your editor for road directions and other information of the big event.

Don Thompson placed second in the "C" Division at the 1959 CFNC Open with a solid four points from five rounds. Who is this man Trenberth that places fourth in Class "A" with 3½?must be a pretty fair player at that.....

1. March 1959 J. Powell-Lewis Blackmar 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-K4 PxP 3 N-QB3
N-KB3 4 P-B3 PxP 5 NxP B-N5 6 KB-B4 BxN 7 QxB QxP 8 QxP N-N5 9 Q-B3ch
Q-Q1 10 BxPch KxB 11 QxQ P-N3 12 O-Och K-N2 13 Q-Q4ch KN-B3 14 B-N5
N-B3 15 BxNch FxB 16 QxPch K-R3 17 QxR B-B4ch 18 K-R1 RxQ 19 R-B7 R-K1
20 RxP R-K3 21 P-KN3 N-Q5 22 RxB NxP 23 R-KB1 N-Q5 24 R-KB4 R-K3ch 25
K-N2 N-K3 26 R-R4ch K-N2 27 K-B2 R-QB3 28 R-K5 R-B7ch 29 R-K2 RxR 30
KxR P-KR4 31 R-R4 K-R3 32 P-R4 P-N4 33 R-R6 PxP 34 PxP K-N2 35 RxN K-B2
36 R-QR6 K-N2 37 RxPch K-B3 38 K-B3 K-N3 39 R-Q7 K-R3 40 P-N4 K-N3 41
P-N5 K-B3 42 P-N6 K-K3 43 R-Q3 K-B4 44 P-N7 K-N3 45 P-N3=Q Resigns

2. 27 March R. Sherman-D. Thompson French 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3
PxP PxP 4 N-KB3 P-QB3 5 B-Q3 P-KR3 6 O-O N-B3 7 N-K5 B-Q3 8 P-KB4 O-O
9 N-Q2 P-B4 10 P-QB3 PxP 11 PxP Q-N3 12 N2-B3 N-K5 13 Q-N3 QxQ 14 PxQ
P-B4 15 R-R5 B-K3 16 R-N5 P-QN3 17 B-Q2 N-Q2 18 NxN BxN 19 BxN BxR 20
BxPch K-R1 21 R-K1 QR-B1 22 N-K5 BxN 23 RxB R-B7 24 B-B3 R-K1 25 RxP R-B8ch
26 K-B2 R-K7ch 27 K-N3 B-Q6 28 R-B3ch K-R2 29 B-N3ch K-N3 30 B-B7ch K-B3
31 B-B4ch K-K2 32 B-N4ch K-Q2 33 R-B7ch K-Q1 34 R-B3ch K-Q2 35 R-B7ch
K-B1 36 R-B3ch K-N2 Drawn

3. 27 March T. Thompson-H. Rubin Sicilian 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3
3 B-B4 P-Q3 4 P-Q3 N-B3 5 N-B3 P-KN3 6 N-KN5 P-K3 7 O-O B-N2 8 B-B4
P-QR3 9 Q-B3 N-Q5 10 Q-R3 P-N4 11 B-QN3 P-N5 12 P-K5 PxN 13 PxN N-K7ch
14 K-R1 QxP 15 B-K3 P-R3 16 N-K4 Q-K2 17 QR-K1 N-Q5 18 B-R4ch B-Q2 19
BxBch QxB 20 PxP NxP 21 R-K2 NxB 22 QxN O-O 23 R-N2 Q-B3 24 QR-QN1 QR-B1
25 P-Q4 PxP 26 PxP Q-Q4 27 N-B3 QxQ 28 QxQ BxQ 29 N-K2 B-N2 30 R-N6
R-B7 31 R-K1 R1-B1 32 RxQP RxN 33 R-KB1 RxBP 34 R3-Q1 RxRch 35 RxR
R-B7 36 P-KR3 RxBP 37 Resigns

4. 6 March D. Thompson-P. Vayssie K-Ind. 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-KN3
3 P-B4 B-N2 4 N-B3 O-O 5 P-KN3 P-Q4 6 PxP NxP 7 P-K4 N-KB3 8 P-K5
KN-Q2 9 B-N2 P-QB3 10 O-O P-QN4 11 N-N5 B-QR3 12 B-K3 P-K3 13 P-QN4
Q-K2 14 P-QR3 P-B3 15 PxP BxP 16 Q-N4 R-K1 17 N3-K4 B-KN2 18 KR-K1
P-K4 19 N-B5 PxP 20 BxP4 QxRch 21 RxQ RxRch 22 B-B1 NxN 23 BxN P-R3
24 N-B3 R-R3 25 Q-K6ch K-R2 26 N-R4 P-N4 27 Q-N6ch K-R1 28 N-B5 B-K4
29 QxPch K-N1 30 N-K7ch K-B2 31 Q-N6ch K-B3 32 Q-N3 mate

5. 6 March W. Divine-R. Thacker Vienna 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-QB3 N-KB3 3
P-Q3 B-B4 4 B-K3 Q-K2 5 N-B3 O-O 6 B-K2 N-B3 7 BxB QxB 8 O-O P-Q4
9 NxQP NxN 10 PxN QxP4 11 P-QB4 Q-Q3 12 Q-B2 P-QN3 13 P-QN3 B-N2 14
Q-B3 Q-N3 15 P-N3 QR-K1 16 N-R4 N-Q5 17 QR-K1 Q-QB3 18 P-B3 P-KB4 19
B-Q1 Q-B4 20 R-B2 P-QR4 21 P-R4 P-KN4 22 N-N2 BxP 23 BxB NxBch 24 K-R1
QxR 25 Q-B1 NxR 26 NxN Q-B3 mate

6. 18 Feb D. Thompson-H. Rubin Catalan 1 P-Q4 P-Q4 2 P-QB4 P-K3 3
N-QB3 N-KB3 4 N-B3 B-K2 5 Q-N3 P-QR3 6 P-N3 P-B3 7 B-N2 QN-Q2 8 B-B4
N-N3 9 P-B5 N-B5 10 Q-B2 P-QN3 11 P-N3 N-R6 12 Q-N2 PxP 13 PxP BxP
14 O-O N-N4 15 R-B1 B-R2 16 NxN BPxN 17 R-B6 O-O 18 KR-B1 Q-R4 19 B-B7
Q-N5 20 B-Q6 Q-R4 21 BxR Q-Q1 22 B-N4 B-N2 23 R-B7 Resigns

7. 27 March Budapest J. Powell-R. Thacker 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-K4
3 PxP N-N5 4 N-KB3 N-QB3 5 B-B4 B-N5ch 6 QN-Q2 Q-K2 7 P-QR3 N5xP
8 PxB N-Q6 mate

8. Paris, 1924 Gibaud-Lazard QP Opening 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-Q2 P-K4
3 PxP N-N5 4 P-KR3 N-K6 5 Resigns