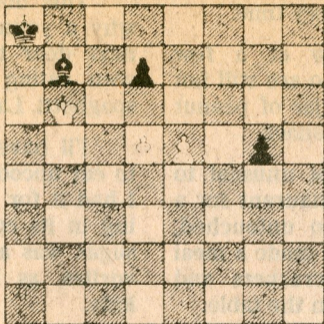


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# CHESS

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STUDY  
EASY DOES IT



White to play and win.

1. P-K6, PxP, 2. P-Q6, B-B1; 3. K-B7 wins.

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**NICHOLAS DE FIRMIAN:** Originally from Southern California, Nick brought his talents north when he enrolled as a student at UC Berkeley. For a long time considered one of our most promising young players, he undoubtedly would have achieved the IM title at an earlier date had he been able to spend more time on his avocation. Apart from his IM norms, in 1976 he shared first place in the Canadian Open. He gained his IM title from his performance at the 1978 GHI international at Gausdal, Norway, and at Lone Pine, California, in 1979.

Played in Buenos Aires, July 1979

White: N. Zentner. Black: R. Gasloli.

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|-----------|-------|----------------|--------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-K4  | 9. NxNP        | QXNch  |
| 2. N-KB3  | N-QB3 | 10. K-B1       | PxN    |
| 3. B-N5   | P-B4  | 11. QxR        | B-R3ch |
| 4. N-B3   | PxP   | 12. P-Q3       | BxPch  |
| 5. QNxP   | P-Q4  | 13. PxB        | QxQPch |
| 6. BxNch  | PxB   | 14. K-K1       | B-N5ch |
| 7. NxP    | Q-K2  | 15. B-Q2       | BxBch  |
| 8. Q-R5ch | P-N3  | 16. Resigns(a) |        |

(a) After 17. K-Q1, B-B6ch leads to mate.