

THE CHESS PLAYER

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**TASK No. 66—By R. E. Burger,
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WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES
(Value 4 points)

Answer to Task No. 64: R-KB2.

Answer to Task No. 66 should be postmarked not later than April 30. It is required only that White's first move be given.

It may well be that the young Spassky is the first outstanding chess genius to appear in many years.

In the games below, we see the boy Spassky murdering Grandmaster Szabo in 29 moves, and Cioaltea demolishing the veteran Stoltz in 17 moves!

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

White—Szabo		Black—Spassky	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	16. Q-Kt3	K-R1
2. P-QB4	P-Q3	17. KR-B1	P-Kt5
3. Kt-KB3	P-KKt3	18. P-KtP	BxP
4. Kt-B3	B-Kt2	19. B-B1	B-B3
5. P-K4	O-O	20. Q-B4	BxKtP
6. B-K2	P-K4	21. BxB	P-B6
7. O-O	Kt-B3	22. Kt-K1	PxB
8. P-Q5	Kt-K2	23. KtxP	B-R3
9. Kt-K1	Kt-Q2	24. R-B2	Q-KKt!
10. B-K3	P-KB4	25. B-Kt3	RxB!
11. P-B3	P-B5	26. PxP	PxP
12. B-B2	P-KKt4	27. Q-B7	R-Kt2
13. P-QKt4	R-B3	28. QxQP	Kt-Kt5
14. Kt-Q3	R-Kt3	29. K-R1	R-Q1
15. P-B5	Kt-KB3		Resigns.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

White—Stoltz		Black—Cioaltea	
1. P-K4	P-QB4	10. Q-Kt3	P-QR4
2. Kt-KB3	P-Q3	11. B-K3	Kt-Q2
3. P-B3	Kt-KB3	12. P-R3	Kt-R3
4. Q-B2	P-KKt3	13. BxKt	PxB!
5. P-Q4	PxP	14. Kt-QR4	R-Kt1
6. PxP	B-Kt2	15. Q-B2	Kt-K4
7. Kt-B3	O-O	16. Kt-Q2	RxP?
8. P-KR3	Kt-B3	17. Kt-QB3	RxP!
9. P-Q5	Kt-QKt5		Resigns.

WITH only a few rounds to go, Isaac Kashdan of Tujunga had assumed a commanding lead in the Hollywood Invitational Tournament. Kashdan had yielded only one draw in 17 games, and was leading Eugene Levin of Los Angeles by 1½ points.

Kashdan finished in seventh place in the Hollywood International Tournament of 1952, but it seems clear now that his relatively poor showing on that occasion was simply due to lack of hard practice. Before World War II, Kashdan was one of the leading American masters, and now appears to have regained his old skill.

Robert Burger of Lafayette won the Individual Championship of the Central California Chess League, played in Modesto at the end of March. Burger scored a perfect 4-0, defeating R. E. Russell of Auburn, Phil Smith of Fresno, Dr. J. M. David-Malig of Stockton and A. E. Llera of Pittsburg. This has been Burger's most successful chess season.

In the second round of the Monterey Bay Chess League, held at Salinas March 17, the Salinas Chess Club cinched the League title for the fourth straight year by defeating the San Jose State College Spartan Chess Club by a score of 4½-3½.

In a match played at the Palo Alto Community Center April 6, the Palo Alto Chess Club tied the Spartans, 3½-3½. The feature game was the long, exciting struggle between Kenton Chambers of Palo Alto and George Kirby of the Spartans. George Petriceks, Palo Alto High School student, drew with San Jose City Champion Francis Crofut.

Peter Meyer of Van Nuys High won the second annual high school tournament sponsored by the Los Angeles City Schools and the Los Angeles County Chess League.

The Bucharest International Tournament was won by Tolush of Russia, with Petrosian second and Smyslov third. A new chess star appeared in the person of 16-year-old Spassky, who tied with Boleslavsky and Szabo for fourth, fifth and sixth places. Spassky defeated Grandmaster Smyslov, and scored an impressive 5½ points out of 9 against the leaders in the tournament. The young Rumanian star, Cioaltea, whom we mentioned in a recent column, finished in a tie for eleventh and twelfth places, in his first real international competition.

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