

# THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 16, by G. Heathcote



WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES  
(Value 5 points)

Answer to Task No. 14: R-Kt3.

Answer to Task No. 16 should be postmarked not later than June 5. It is required only that White's first move be given.

**T**HE Hollywood International Tournament was won by Grandmaster S. Gligoric of Yugoslavia with a score of  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , closely followed by Arturito Pomar of Spain with 7-2. Then followed Herman Steiner of Los Angeles 6-3, Arthur Dake of Portland and Lionel Joyner of Long Beach with 5-4, James Cross of Los Angeles  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ , Isaac Kashdan of Tujunga 4-5, Walter Pafnutieff of San Francisco 3-6, Ray Martin of Santa Monica  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ , and Sonja Graf of Los Angeles  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ . The showing made by Cross, Pafnutieff and Martin was very creditable, since it was the first international tournament in which these California players had participated. With a little more hard tournament experience, these players will be very dangerous opponents for even the greatest masters.

By drawing the fifteenth game, S. Reshevsky of New York was assured of victory in his match of eighteen games with M. Najdorf of Argentina. We have not as yet received the score of the tenth game, which was a draw, so we continue with the next three games, two of which were won by Najdorf, and the third drawn. The match had looked like a runaway for Reshevsky, but Najdorf scored four points out of five in the Mexico City session, so the final result will be fairly respectable.

MATCH GAME NO. 11—Sicilian Defense	
White—M. Najdorf	Black—S. Reshevsky
1. P-K4	P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	P-Q3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. KtxP	Kt-KB3
5. Kt-QB3	P-QR3
6. P-B4	P-K4
7. Kt-B3	Q-B2
8. B-Q3	B-K3
9. O-O	QKt-Q2
10. Q-K1	B-K2
11. K-R1	O-O
12. Kt-KR4	QR-Q1
13. PxP	PxP
14. Kt-B5	BxKt
15. RxB	Kt-B4
16. R-B3	P-KR3
17. B-Q2	R-Q3
18. Q-K2	P-QKt4
19. P-QR3	KtxB
20. PxKt	Q-Q2
21. B-K1	R-Q1
22. R-Q1	P-QR4
23. B-R4	P-Kt5
24. PxP	PxP
25. BxKt	RxB
Najdorf has gained his objective of trading off the black Kt, after which the white Kt will strongly post at Q5.	
26. RxR	BxR
27. Kt-Q5	P-Kt6
28. Q-Q2	B-Kt4
29. Q-B3	Q-Kt5
30. QxKtP	Q-K7
31. R-QKt1	R-QB1
32. Q-Q1	Q-KB7
33. Q-KB1	Q-B7
34. P-QKt4	K-B1
35. P-R3	B-B8
36. R-R1	Q-Kt7??
37. Q-B5!	Resigns

There is no defense.

Score: Reshevsky 7½, Najdorf 3½.

MATCH GAME NO. 12—King's Indian Defense	
White—S. Reshevsky	Black—M. Najdorf
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3
2. P-QB4	P-KKt3
3. P-KKt3	B-Kt2
4. B-Kt2	O-O
5. P-K4	P-B4
6. P-Q5	P-K4
7. Kt-K2	P-Q3
8. QKt-B3	P-QR3
9. P-QR4	QKt-Q2
10. O-O	Kt-R4
11. B-K3	P-B4
12. PxP	PxP
13. P-B4	PxP
14. KtxP	KtxKt
15. PxKt	Kt-B3
16. P-KR3	B-Q2
17. Q-Q3	Q-K1
18. QR-Kt1	Q-Kt3
19. P-QKt4	Kt-K5
20. Kt-K2	P-QKt3
21. PxP	KtPxP
22. P-R5	QR-K1
23. B-B1	R-B2
24. K-R2	Kt-B3
25. B-Q2	R(B2)-K2
26. QR-K1	Q-R3
27. K-Kt1	Kt-K5
28. B-B1	Kt-B6
29. K-B2	

Here Reshevsky resigned. His game is hopeless. Score: Reshevsky 7½, Najdorf 4½.

White—M. Najdorf

Black—S. Reshevsky

1. P-K4	P-K4	10. Kt-B4	Q-B3
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	11. O-O	Kt-B5
3. B-B4	B-B4	12. BxKt	QxB
4. P-B3	Kt-B3	13. QKtxP	KtxKt
5. P-Q3	P-Q3	14. KtxKt	QxKt
6. P-QR4	P-QR3	15. P-Q4	BxP
7. Kt-R3	P-Q4	16. QxB	QxQ
8. PxP	KtxP	17. PxQ	B-Q2
9. B-Kt3	O-O		

Draw agreed. Short and sweet!

Score: Reshevsky 8, Najdorf 5.

James Schmitt of San Francisco won the championship of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club for the current year by defeating C. M. Capps of Oakland in the crucial play-off game.

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San Francisco narrowly escaped defeat in a team match against the rest of the Bay Area played May 10. The final score was 11-10 in San Francisco's favor. The match was a tune-up for the North-South match to be played May 31. A. Palmin of the Russian Chess Club saved the day for San Francisco by defeating Lee Kerfoot of Modesto in the final game, after having an apparently lost game.

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M. O. Meyer and Ray L. Richards shared first place in the tournament for the championship of Sacramento. There will be a two-game play-off.

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The New York Metropolitan Club Championship was won by the Manhattan players when they defeated the Marshall Chess Club. The 17-board match was one of the strongest ever held in the United States. The score was 10-6, with one game yet to be decided.

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