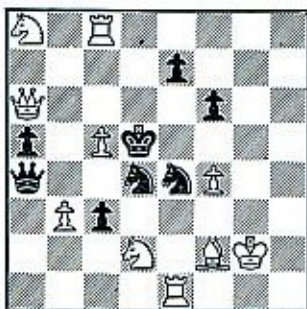


THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 17

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WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES
(Value 5 points)

Answer to Task No. 15: B-K4. The tie for first place in the solvers' ladder has been broken, and Dr. Mark Eudey of Berkeley wins the first prize! See next week's column for details.

Answer to Task No. 17 should be post-marked not later than June 12. It is required only that White's first move be given.

MRS. MARY BAIN of Florida and New York, who won the Women's Chess Championship of the United States last fall, is scheduled to give an exhibition at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco Saturday evening, June 7. Among her many accomplishments, Mrs. Bain once performed the extraordinary feat of beating the immortal Capablanca in 11 moves! This game was played in Hollywood May 21, 1933, at a simultaneous exhibition given by the great master. We give the game in running form. Capablanca had the white pieces:

1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 3. Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 4. B-Kt5, B-B4; 5. O-O, O-O; 6. KtxP, R-K1; 7. Kt-Q3, B-Q5; 8. Kt-K2, RXP; 9. KtxB, KtxKt; 10. B-R4, Kt-K7ch; 11. K-R1, KtxB and Capablanca resigned, for he loses a piece! The great Cuban probably hadn't lost a game that quickly since he was 4 years old.

The match between S. Reshevsky of New York and M. Najdorf of Argentina ended with a victory for the American by a score of 11-7. This is a really thorough drubbing! Najdorf had come back strongly in the Mexico City session, scoring 4 points out of 5, but in San Salvador Reshevsky put the match on ice by winning 2 and drawing 2. The final game Reshevsky lost, but only because he wanted to give the spectators a run for their money, and played to win when he could have forced a draw. As happens so often, the attempt to over-play the game led to defeat. As Reshevsky is playing now, it seems very likely that he would defeat the present World Champion, the Russian M. Botvinnik. But the chance for that match to materialize is less than zero.

MATCH GAME NO. 14—King's Indian

White—S. Reshevsky		Black—M. Najdorf	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	22. Q-R6	P-B3
2. P-QB4	P-KKt3	23. PXP	KtxP
3. P-KKt3	B-Kt2	24. Q-Kt5	KKt-Q2
4. Kt-KB3	O-O	25. Q-Q2	Q-B2
5. B-Kt2	P-Q3	26. P-R4	Kt-B3
6. O-O	QKt-Q2	27. RxBch	RxR
7. Kt-B3	P-K4	28. Kt-Kt5	Kt-K3
8. P-K4	PXP	29. R-Q6	R-Q1
9. KtxP	R-K1	30. RxBch	QxR
10. R-K1	P-QR4	31. Q-K3	Kt-Q7
11. P-KR3	Kt-B4	32. P-R3	Q-Q3
12. Q-B2	P-R5	33. Kt(B3)-K4	KtxKt
13. B-K3	P-B3	34. KtxKt	Q-Q1
14. QR-Q1	Q-R4	35. K-R2	Kt-B4
15. B-B4	B-B1	36. Q-B4	B-Q4
16. Kt-B3	B-K3	37. P-R5	Q-K2
17. BxP	BxP	38. P-KKt4	Kt-R3
18. BxB	KxB	39. P-Kt5	Kt-B2
19. P-K5	Kt-Q4	40. Kt-Bfch	K-R1
20. R-Q4	P-QKt4	41. Q-Kt8ch	Kt-Q1
21. Q-Q2	K-Kt1		

After making his last move, Najdorf re-

signed, Black is in a terrible bind. Simply 42. PxF seems sufficient for White, after which Black is in great danger along the King Rook's file. Score: Reshevsky 9, Najdorf 5. Reshevsky needs only $\frac{1}{2}$ point to win the match.

MATCH GAME NO. 15—Queen's Pawn
White—M. Najdorf **Black—S. Reshevsky**

Reshevsky gets a bad game, but manages to draw, and thereby scores the necessary $9\frac{1}{2}$ points for victory.

1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	31. R-R4	P-K4
2. P-QB4	P-K3	32. P-K4	PxF
3. Kt-KB3	P-Q4	33. QxP	R-Kt4
4. Kt-B3	P-B4	34. RxP	Q-K4
5. PxQP	KtxP	35. QxQ	RxQ
6. P-K3	Kt-QB3	36. P-QKt4	P-R4
7. B-Q3	PxP	37. P-QR3	K-Kt2
8. PxF	P-KKt3	38. R-R3	PxF
9. O-O	B-Kt2	39. PxF	P-B3
10. B-K4	O-O	40. P-Kt4	P-B4
11. R-K1	Kt-B3	41. R-K3	PxKtP
12. BxKt	PxB	42. K-Kt3	R-R4
13. Kt-K5	Q-B2	43. R-K2	R-Rch
14. Kt-K4 ^{R4}	R-Q1	44. KxP	R-QB6
15. B-Kt5	P-KR3	45. R-R2	R-B5
16. B-R4	B-Q2	46. K-Kt5	RxKtP
17. B-Kt3	B-K1!	47. R-R7ch	B-B2
18. Kt-B4	—	48. P-K5	K-B1

If 18. KtxKtP, Black probably decided Q-Kt3, with great complications.

—	O-K2	52. K-B6	R-B7ch
19. B-K5	Kt-R4	53. K-K5	R-KR5
20. BxB	KtxB	54. K-Q6	R-Q5ch
21. Kt-B5	Kt-B4	55. KxP	R-KR5
22. R-K4	R-Q4	56. K-O6	R-Q5ch
23. Kt-K3	KtxKt	57. K-B7	R-K5
24. PxKt	QR-Q1	58. R-B7ch	K-K1
25. Q-Kt3	Q-B2	59. K-Q6	R-O5ch
26. O-B3	R-R4	60. K-K5	R-KR5
27. P-KKt3	R-Kt4	61. R-B2	K-K2
28. K-Kt2	R(Q1)-Q4	62. R-K2	R-R4ch
29. R-KB1	R(Q4)-B4	63. K-B4	R-B4ch
30. RxR	RxR	64. K-Kt4	R-KR4
		65. P-R4	R-QKt4

Here the game was given up as a draw. Score: Reshevsky $9\frac{1}{2}$, Najdorf $5\frac{1}{2}$.

MATCH GAME NO. 16—Slay Defense
White—S. Reshevsky **Black—M. Najdorf**

Reshevsky scores the point with another long-range sacrifice.

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	15. PxF	PxP
2. P-QB4	P-QB3	16. KtxKtP!!	QxKt
3. Kt-KB3	Kt-B3	17. B-R4	Q-B4
4. Kt-B3	P-K3	18. KtxP	Q-B2
5. P-K3	P-QR3	19. KtxKt	KtxKt
6. B-Q3	PxF	20. Q-Kt4	P-R4
7. BxBP	P-OKt4	21. Q-R3	B-O3
8. B-Kt3	P-B4	22. B-Q2	R-R1
9. O-O	B-Kt2	23. B-B3	P-B3
10. Q-K2	QKt-Q2	24. B-B6	RxR
11. R-Q1	Q-Kt3	25. RxR	BxB
12. P-O5	P-K4	26. O-K6ch	K-B1
13. P-QR4	P-B5	27. PxB	Kt-Kt1
14. B-B2	R-B1	28. R-R8	Q-K2
		29. Q-Q5	P-Kt3
		30. B-Kt4	Resigns

In view of the coming storm, 14 . . . P-Kt5 may have been a better try.

For after 30 . . . BxB: 31. RxKtch, K-Kt2; 32. R-Kt7 wins. Score: Reshevsky $10\frac{1}{2}$, Najdorf $5\frac{1}{2}$.

Former French master N. Rossolimo, now living in New York, has opened a new chess studio. It is said to be very beautiful.

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The Stevenson Memorial tournament at Southsea, England, was won by the young Canadian master D. Yanofsky. He is in England for post-graduate study in law.