'Miniature' Problem Has

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

The miniature three-mover by G. Hume, appearing in today's column as Task No. 28, was first published in 1881. We had never seen it until recently, when it was reprinted in the January issue of the English magazine "Chess."

We could not resist passing this little beauty on to you. We feel sure you will enjoy it. There are three main variations, and for full credit you should give all of them.

Our solvers probably will be interested in the results of our request that the time required to solve problems be included with solutions.

Average 20 Minutes

About 40 solvers supplied us with this information for Task No. 26, by J. L. Beale. Times for solutions ranged from 30 seconds to 50 minutes! The average was about 20 minutes, which includes time for testing for cooks, etc.

The annual team tournaments of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League got underway last Saturday evening, when the "B" division swung into action.

At the present writing, only two results are available.

The Golden Gate Chess Club played a 4-4 tie with Mechanics' Institute, and the Russian Chess Club overpowered Alameda by 5-2.

Detailed results—Golden Gate 4, Mechanics Institute 4: King 0, Bendit 1; Van Gelder 1; Abella 0; Dasteel Jr. 1, Keil 0; Lutz 1, Morinaga 0; Burtner 0, Rosenthal 1; Huneke ½, Tomori ½; Dasteel Sr. ½, Bopp ½; Dr. Korshet 0, Post 1.

Russians 5, Alameda 2: Leeds 1, Talcott 0; Shichkin 1, Kelly 0; Andreeff 1, Fontan 0; Tokmakoff ½, Tinnin ½; Yablonsky 0, Ogilvie 1; Miss Ivanoff 1, Holman 0; McLeod ½, Osternic ½.
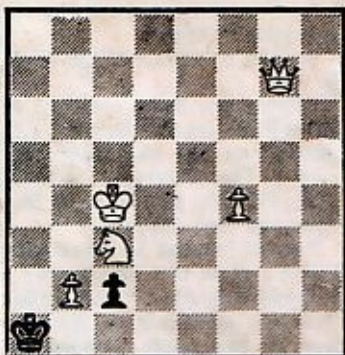
More Matches

The "A" division matches will begin tomorrow night. Oakland will meet University of California, Russians play against Mechanics' Institute, and Golden Gate meets Castle.

The Russian Chess Club of San Francisco is the defending champion in both the "A" and "B" divisions.

Visitors are welcome to attend

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White Mates in Three Moves
(Value 6 points)
Answer to Task No. 27: R-KB2.

the matches, which constitute the cream of team play in California.

By drawing his game against W. Addison, M. Rudniansky practically cinched the championship of the Russian Chess Club. Rudniansky has still one game to play, but does not expect too strong opposition. His score is a brilliant 11½-½ in a very strong field.

Runner-Up Spot

W. Addison and R. Smook will have to fight it out for the runner-up spot. Smook lost out in a strong bid for first when he was defeated by A. Palmin.

A. K. Bell of Palo Alto sends us the following three-mover, author unknown, and states that it is not easy for beginners:

The position is—White: King on King Rook one; Rook on Queen Rook one; Bishop on King Rook eight; Pawns on Queen Bishop six and Queen Rook seven. Black: King on Queen Rook one; Pawn on King Rook six. White mates in three moves.

Correct solutions received by next Wednesday will be acknowledged in this column.

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