

# THE CHESS PLAYER

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

## TASK No. 2

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WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES  
(Value 3 Points)

**A**NSWERS should be postmarked not later than February 28. Readers sending in solutions to tasks will receive a ladder-rating, the specified values in points being added each week. An incorrect solution receives one point. Please use postcards for answers, giving full name and address clearly printed. It is required only that White's first move be given.

MR. CHARLES BAGBY of San Francisco and MR. CARROLL CAPPS of Oakland are two of California's finest players. At the present time, they are co-champions of northern California, having tied for first place in the annual championship tournament played last summer. MR. BAGBY is an attorney by profession, and MR. CAPPS a chemist.

Whenever these two players meet across the chess board a hard struggle may be expected, since they are very closely matched. MR. BAGBY is primarily a posi-

tion player, winning many of his games by exploiting weaknesses in his opponent's Queen-side. MR. CAPPS, on the other hand, is fond of the direct King-side assault. The present game was played in the Pacific Invitational Tournament of last year, and is chosen to illustrate MR. BAGBY'S style at its best. Later, we shall publish one of MR. CAPPS' games, illustrating his attacking style.

ENGLISH OPENING

White	Black
<i>C. Bagby</i>	<i>C. Capps</i>
1. P-QB4	Kt-KB3
2. Kt-QB3	P-KKt3
3. P-KKt3	B-Kt2
4. B-Kt2	0-0
5. P-Q4	P-Q3
6. P-K4	Kt-B3
7. KKt-K2	P-K4
8. P-Q5	Kt-K2
9. 0-0	Kt-Q2

Preparing to meet the coming advance of White's KBP with an advance of his own pawn. Otherwise Black would slowly suffocate.

10. P-B4	P-KB4
11. Q-B2	Kt-B4
12. B-K3	KtxKP
13. KtxKt	PxKt
14. PxP	BxP
15. B-Q4	BxB ch
16. KtxB	Kt-B4
17. QxP	KtxKt
18. QxKt	RxR ch
19. RxR	Q-K2
20. P-QKt4	—

The winning strategy. Black has no satisfactory way to meet the Q-side pawn-roller.

—	B-Q2
21. P-B5 -	R-KB1
22. RxR ch	QxR
23. P-B6	PxP
24. PxP	B-K3
25. QxRP	Q-B2
26. P-Kt5	BxP
27. P-Kt6	PxP
28. QxQ ch!	—

Leading to a beautiful finale

—	KxQ
29. P-B7	Resigns

For after 29 . . . B-K3; 30. B-Q5! and the white pawn cannot be stopped from queening.

The Los Angeles County Championship Tournament is entering its final stages, with the outcome still in doubt. A major upset occurred when Ray Martin, former California state champion, was defeated by Larry Woronzoff. Martin was leading the tournament with a score of 8-2, and looked like a certain winner. With three rounds to go, the leaders were S. Mazner 9-3; S. Almgren 8-2; M. Gordon  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ ; R. Martin 7-3; A. Spiller 7-4, and L. Joyner  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

Santa Cruz defeated Carmel by a score of 4-3, and Salinas won from Carmel  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  in the current series of team matches in the Monterey Bay Area Chess League. The standings now are Salinas 2-0, Santa Cruz 1-1 and Carmel 0-2.

Three very strong players have recently emigrated to California. Dr. Alex Janushkowsky, from Poland, and Ojars Celle, a young Latvian, are now playing for the Sacramento Chess Club. From China comes Mr. D. Poliakoff, now a member of the Russian Chess Club in San Francisco. Mr. Poliakoff was champion of China, and has convincingly demonstrated his chess skill in several local games.

We again wish to remind our readers that contributions are invited. Game scores, original problems or other compositions, news items and other matters of chess interest will receive careful consideration.

# Letters to the Editor

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Editor, THE ARGONAUT: Sir—It was a distinct pleasure to read the new chess column in this week's issue.

As a chess enthusiast and a member of the Mechanics Institute Chess Club and the Golden Gate Chess Club I wish to express my appreciation of this new feature in your splendid magazine.

Very truly yours,

MAURICE KORSHET, M.D.

San Francisco.

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Editor, THE ARGONAUT: Sir—I was very much interested in the fine chess column by Dr. H. J. Ralston which appeared in the February 1 issue of THE ARGONAUT.

Chess has always seemed to be a fascinating game, but one that must be extremely difficult to master. Could you tell me how one would go about learning the fundamentals of the game? Is there a basic rule book on chess that you would recommend to a beginner?

Very truly yours,

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