

THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 77—By T. Taverner



WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES
(Value 5 points)

Answer to Task No. 75: Q-B3.

Answer to Task No. 77 should be postmarked not later than July 16. It is required only that White's first move be given.

THE tournament for the Championship of Northern California, which will also qualify two players to the State Finals in Los Angeles, will begin at the Mechanics Institute Chess Club, San Francisco, Saturday, July 25, at 1:00 p.m. It will be a seven-round Swiss, open to all players, play to occur on Saturdays and Sundays over three successive weekends. Play will alternate between the Mechanics Institute and the Golden Gate Chess Club. Entrance fee is \$5, and membership in the California State Chess Federation is also required. Write to Mr. Guthrie McClain, Room 805, 544 Market Street, San Francisco 4, who will direct the tournament.

After 10 games, Najdorf was leading Reshevsky by a score of 3-2, with five draws! It looks like this match will be much different from that of last year between the same players, when Reshevsky won decisively 11-7. Najdorf seems to be outplaying Reshevsky. It is noteworthy that after the third game, Najdorf gave up his favorite King's Indian Defense, and adopted the Nimzovitch Defense. Both players are now playing the same defense, and as a consequence much new "book" on this defense is in the process of being written.

We give below the third, sixth and seventh games. Reshevsky loses the seventh with a fearful blunder in severe time-pressure.

MATCH GAME NO. 3—KING'S INDIAN

White—S. Reshevsky Black—M. Najdorf

1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	22. P-QKt4	K-R2
2. P-QB4	P-KKt3	23. R-QB1	Kt-B3
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt2	24. P-B61	PxP
4. P-K4	P-Q3	25. PxP	Q-K3
5. B-K2	O-O	26. P-QR4	Q-Kt6
6. Kt-B3	P-K4	27. P-Kt5	PxP
7. O-O	Kt-B3	28. PxP	R-QKt1
8. B-K3	Kt-KKt5	29. P-R3	Q-Kt5
9. B-Kt5	P-B3	30. K-R2	R-KB1
10. B-B1	K-R1	31. Q-K2	R-QR1
11. P-Q5	Kt-K2	32. P-Kt6	PxP
12. Kt-K1	P-KB4	33. P-B7	R-QB1
13. BxKt	PxB	34. Q-Kt5	Q-R6
14. P-B3	PxP	35. QxKtP	Q-R1
15. KtxP	P-KR3	36. Kt-Kt5	Kt-K1
16. B-K3	Kt-Kt1	37. Q-B6	Q-R7
17. Q-K1	B-Kt5	38. Q-Kt7	Q-K3
18. Q-Kt3	BxKt	39. Kt-R7	RxP
19. RxB	RxR	40. RxR	KtxR
20. QxR	Q-Q2	41. QxKt	Resigns
21. P-B5	P-R3		

MATCH GAME NO. 6—Nimzovitch Defense

White—M. Najdorf Black—S. Reshevsky

1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	16. Q-Q3	B-K1
2. P-QB4	P-K3	17. Q-B2	Kt-R2
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	18. KR-Q1	Q-Kt3
4. P-K3	P-B4	19. Kt-KKt5	P-Kt3
5. B-Q3	O-O	20. Q-K2	P-QR4
6. Kt-B3	P-Q4	21. PxP	...
7. O-O	Kt-B3	KKt-K4	was stronger
8. P-QR3	PxBP	21. ...	QxRP
9. BxP	B-R4	22. P-KR4	B-B3
10. B-Q3	B-Kt3	23. P-R4	KR-Q1
11. PxP	BxP	24. B-Q3	P-R3
12. P-QKt4	B-K2	25. Kt-B3	Q-R4
13. B-Kt2	P-QR3	26. P-K4	Kt-Kt5
14. R-B1	B-Q2		Draw agreed.
15. B-Kt1	R-B1		

MATCH GAME NO. 7—NIMZOINDIAN
 White—S. Reshevsky Black—M. Najdorf

1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	24. P-K4	B-Kt4
2. P-QB4	P-K3	25. R-Q1	P-Kt3
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	26. P-QR4	Q-B3
4. P-K3	P-B4	27. RPxP	RPxP
5. B-Q3	O-O	28. B-Q3	B-B5
6. Kt-B3	P-Q4	29. Q-B3	Q-B2
7. O-O	QKt-Q2	30. P-Kt3	Kt-R6
8. Q-K2	P-QR3	31. Kt-K2	B-K4
9. P-QR3	B-R4	32. B-Kt4	Kt-B7
10. R-Q1	QPxP	33. R-QB1	Kt-Q5
11. BxP	P-QKt4	34. Q-K3	Q-Kt2
12. B-Q3	B-Kt2	35. KtxKt	BxKt
13. B-Q2	B-Kt3	36. Q-K2	PxP
14. PxP	BxP	37. BxP	Q-K4
15. QR-B1	Q-Kt1	38. B-KB3	QxQ
16. B-Kt1	R-B1	39. BxQ	B-Q4
17. P-R3	Kt-K4	40. BxP??	
18. Kt-Kt5	B-K2	A fearful blunder made in severe time- pressure.	
19. QKt-K4	KtxKt	40. . . .	R-Kt1
20. KtxKt	P-B4	Resigns.	
21. Kt-Kt3	RxR		
22. RxR	Kt-B5		
23. B-B3	Q-K1		