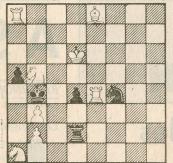
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PROBLEM By A. Grasso, Italy



White to play and mate in two moves.

WORLD CORRESPONDENCE CHESS TITLE

Victor Palciauskas, 41, of Fullerton, California, has won the tenth world correspondence championship. No U.S. player has come close to top honor since Hans Berliner of Pittsburg won the fifth event in the series in 1968. Palciauskas scored 11½ points out of 14 to clinch first place over Juan Morgado of Argentina,

who tallied 10½. Approximately 15,000 American players compete in correspondence tournaments sponsored by several organizations, including the United States Chess Federation.

EVANS GAMBIT White: Yakov Estrin Black: Palciauskas

0-0 1 P-K4 P-K4 17.P-KR3 Q-N3 2.N-KB3 N-QB3 18.P-KB4 P-QB4 3.B-B4 **B-B4** 19.N-N5 R-Q1 4.P-QN4 BXNP 20.N-Q6 N-B4! 5.P-B3 **B-R4** 21.NxB QRXN 6.P-Q4 P-Q3 22.Q-B3 P-KR4 7.Q-N3 0-02 23.QxNP R-B3 8.PxP B-N3! 24.Q-R6 P-B5!2 9.N1-Q2 N-R4 25.Q-R4 R-Q6 10.Q-B2 NxB 26.R-N1 RXRP 11.NxN P-Q4! 27.P-K6 RXKP 12 NxB RPXN 28.QxP Q-N6 PXP 29. White resigns 14.QxP Q-N5 15.Q-K3 N-K2

(1) Hopes for 21...NxQ; 22.N-K7ch,K-R1; 23.NxQch, etc. (2) very strongly played. It will establish a rook on Q6 safely. (3) Black threatens R-R7 and Q-R5.

Solution to Problem: 1.NxP.