THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 23-By G. Heathcote



(Value 8 points)
Answer to Task No. 21: B-Q8

Answer to Task No. 23 should be postmarked not later than July 24. Two distinct variations leading to

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Y WINNING the eleventh game of the challenge match for

the championship of the United States, Larry Evans of New York has retained his title. His score against challenger Herman Steiner of Los Angeles was 8½-2½, with five more games to play. The eleventh game was played in San Francisco June 28. The remaining games are to be played in Reno and Las Vegas, and possibly in New York.

The last game of the match be-

The last game of the match between S. Reshevsky and S. Gligoric, and the first two games of the Evans-Steiner match, are given below.

MATCH GAME No. 19—Numer-state Black—S, Reshevsky White-S. Gligorie The final game of the match is a bitter struggle, and full of excitement! Reshevsky The final game of struggle, and full of excitement! Reshevsky has to fight to save the ending. A gesture of true sportsmanship occurred when Gligoric stopped Reshevsky's clock at a time when the latter had less than a minute to spare, and had overlooked that his clock was running! 1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. Kt-QB3 42, Q-K3 43, Q-K2 Kt-KB3 Q-Kt4 P-K3 B-Kt5 R-KI 44, R-K3 45, QxR 46, Q-K5 47, R-R1 RxR 4. P-K3 5. Kt-K2 6. P-QR3 0-0 P-Q4 B-K2 Q-Kt5 R-B1 Q-Kt2 P-B6 7. PxP 8. KtxKt KtxP 48. P-Q5 49. PxP P-Kt7 PxKt 9. Kt-Kt3 10. B-Q3 R-K1 50. R-Kt1 R-K1 Kt-Q2 51. Q-Q4 QxP 11. 0-0 12. B-Q2 13. R-B1 P-QR4 52. Q-QKt4 53. QxP Q-Q7Kt-B3 B-Q3 P-QKt3 QxQ Kt-Q4 Kt-Q4 Kt-B5 54. RxQ 14. P-B3 55. P-QB4 56. R-QB2 15. Q-K1 P-B4 K-B357, K-Kt1 58, K-B2 59, P-Kt3 60, PxP 61, R-Q2 16. Q-B2 Kt-K3 R-R2 17. Kt-B5 18. Q-R4 19. B-B2 20. BxB 21. K-R1 22. B-Kt1 B-B1 P-B5 P-Kt4 FxP R-QKt1 P-R3 R-Q1 Kt-B4 K-K4 P-B5 BxKt P-QKt4 P-K63 P-K65 62. P-R4 63. B-R3 64, R-Kt2 65, R-Kt6ch 66, RxP 67, K-Kt1 68, B-B1 23. PxP 24. BxB BXI: PxB 25. P-K4 26. Q-B2 27. Q-Q2 28. KR-Q1 Kt-R4 R-Q7ch R-Q8ch Kt-Kt2 P-Kt6 Kt-K3 K-B3 Kt-Q5 69, R-R5ch 70, R-Q5 P-B4 29. Q-K14 R-QB2 30. PxQP 31. B-Q3 32. B-B1 71. K-Kt2 72. K-R3 73. RxR 74. P-B5 R-Q7ch QxP KR-QBI KtxP Kt-K1 KtxR Kt-B3 K-B2 Q-Q3 Q-K63 R-K2 33. Q-K1 34. K-Kt1 35. R-B3 Forced, since otherwise Black simply plays KtxP, and the 36. Q-K5 37. K-R1 38. Q-Kt3 Q-Kt4 pawn cannot 39. R (Q1)-B1 forced through, R(K2)-B2 KtxB 75. P-B6 76. K-Kt4 40. Q-R4 Q-Q4 K-K3 K-Kt2 Q-B2 Kt-K6ch Here a draw was agreed. A great game! Final score: Reshevsky 51/2, Gligoric 41/2, MATCH GAME No. 1—Semi-Stav Black—H. Steiner White-L. Evans 1. P-Q4 2. P-QB4 3. Kt-QB3 4. Kt-B3 5. P-QR4 6. P-R3 Q-K14 P-Q4 P-K3 23. B-R6 24. RxB 25. QxKt 26. B-Q3 27. R-B1 28. R-B8 RXR R(B3)-Kt3 P-Kt3 P-QB3 PxP B-Kt5 R-Q1 R-Kt1 P-QKt4 Kt-KB3 29. QxReh 30. RxQeh 31. P-B4 32. K-B2 33. P-K4 34. K-K3 35. B-Q2 7. B-Q2 QxQ RxR P-R4 8. PxP BxKt 9. BxB PxP 10. P-QKt3 K-Kt2 P-B3 0-0 11. PxP 12. BxP PxP Q-B2 Kt-B3 R-QB1 13. Q-Kt3 K-B2 P-K4 35. H-Q2 36. P-Q5 37. PxP 38. B-Kt5 39. B-B6 40. K-B3 41. B-K3 42. B-KKt5 43. K-B2 14. 0-0 R-Kt1 B-Kt2 15. Q-R2 PxP 16. KR-B1 B-R1 R-B4 17. P-R3 Q-K2 Kt-K5 R-B5 18. Kt-K5 R-Q5 19. KtxKt 20. B-K1 BxKt KR-B1 R-B5 R-B6ch R-B7ch 21. B-Q3 Kt-B3 22. Q-RP Score: Evans 1, Steiner 0. Resigns

MATCH GAME No. 2-Nimzovitch White-H. Steiner Black-L. Evans 1. P-04 Kt-KB3 25. R-Q3 26. R-K1 27. B-Q2 R-B3 QR-QB1 2. P-QB4 P-K3 B-Kt5 3. Kt-QB3 Kt-R4 4. P-K3 0-0 P-Q4 P-B4 28. R(K1)-K3 Kt-B5 5. B-Q3 20. R-B3ch K-Kt2 P-QKt4 6. Kt-K2 30. B-B1 BPXP 7. PxQP 31. P-KR4 32. R-Kt3 R-R3 8. PxQP KtxP R-KR1 Kt-QB3 9. 0-0 33, R-Kt4 KtxP 10. F-QR3 34. R(Q3)-Kt3 Kt-B5 B-K2 P-KR3 11. Q-B2 35. RxPch K-B2 36. B-R6 R-R8ch 12. R-Q1 KixKt P-QKC3 13. PxKt 37. K-R2 K-K2 14. Kt-Kt3 B-Kt2 38. R(Kt3)-Kt5 Kt-R4 15. Q-K2 R-OKt8 16. R-Kt1 0-04 39. R-QB5 P-R4 17. B-K4 Q-Q2 40, B-Kt5ch K-Q2 18. BxB KtxB 41. R-Kt7ch K-Q3 19. Kt-R5 42. R-QK17 KR-BI P-K4 21. Q-K5 P-B3 22. KtxPch BxKt 23. QxB Q-KB2 24. QxQch Kx0 P-Kt3 PXR 43. RxKt PxP R-R3 RxPeh 44. RxR 45. B-B6 46. BxP Kx0 47. K-Kt3 Resigns Score: Evans 1, Steiner 1. The Northern California Championship Tournament was due to begin at the Mechanics' Institute Sunday, July 6. Among those who had signed up were James Schmitt, C. M. Capps, Henry Gross, Robert Currie, Charles Svalberg and D. Poliakoff, all of San Francisco, and Raymond Cuneo of Oakland. It seemed likely that a number of other players from the Bay Area would participate. This promises to be one of the strongest tourments in many years. It will serve to qualify several players for the State Championship final, to be played in San

Francisco over the Labor Day week-end.