

THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 28—By Frank Janet



WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES
(Value 5 points)

Answer to Task No. 26: P-B6.

Answer to Task No. 28 should be post-marked not later than August 28. It is required only that White's first move be given.

WITH the two games below, we complete our account of the recent challenge match for the United States Championship between present champion Larry Evans of Herman Steiner of Los Angeles. Five additional games were to be played, but they could not affect the outcome of the match, since Evans secured the $8\frac{1}{2}$ points necessary for victory after 11 games.

MATCH GAME No. 10—Nimzo-Indian

White—H. Steiner		Black—L. Evans	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	30. K-R2	Q-KB2
2. P-QB4	P-K3	31. R-KB2	Kt-R4
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	32. Q-K3	Kt-Kt6
4. B-Kt5	P-B4	33. BxKt	RxB
5. P-Q5	P-KR3	34. QxR	RxQ
6. B-R4	P-Q3	35. KxR	Q-Kt2ch
7. P-K3	P-K4	36. K-R2	QxBP
8. B-Q3	P-K5	37. P-R5	QxBP
9. B-B2	BxKtch	38. PxP	PxP
10. PxB	R-B4	39. R-QR1	QxP
11. Kt-K2	Q-K2	40. R-Kt2	P-K6
12. Q-Kt1	QKt-Q2	41. R-K2	Q-K5
13. O-O	P-QKt3	42. R(R1)-K1	QxPch
14. P-R4	P-KKt4	43. P-Kt3	Q-B6
15. B-KKt3	K-B1	44. RxP	Q-B7ch
16. R-R2	K-Kt2	45. K-R1	P-B6
17. P-B4	B-Kt3	46. R(K1)-K2	Q-B8ch
18. P-R3	KR-K1	47. K-R2	P-Kt4
19. Q-K1	Kt-R4	48. R-K7ch	K-Kt3
20. B-R2	P-B4	49. R(K2)-K6ch	K-R4
21. Kt-Kt3	KtxKt	50. R-KKt7	Q-B7ch
22. QxKt	PxP	51. K-R1	P-B6
23. PxP	K-R2	52. R(Kt7)-Kt6	Q-Q7
24. Q-K3	R-KKt1	53. R(Kt6)-B6	Q-Q4ch
25. B-Q1	Kt-B3	54. K-R2	QxR!
26. B-KKt3	B-R4	Resigns. The black pawns cannot be stopped.	
27. B-R4	BxB		
28. RxB	R-Kt2		
29. Q-K1	QR-KKt1		

Score: Evans $7\frac{1}{2}$, Steiner $2\frac{1}{2}$. Evans needs only one more point to be assured of victory.

MATCH GAME No. 11—English

White—L. Evans		Black—H. Steiner	
1. P-QB4	P-K4	20. B-Kt4	Q-Q2
2. Kt-QB3	Kt-QB3	21. R-K5	P-QR4
3. P-KKt3	P-B4	22. B-B3	P-R5
4. B-Kt2	Kt-B3	23. QR-K1	B-R6
5. P-K3	P-K5	24. B-Kt4	Q-B3
6. P-Q3	B-Kt5	25. R-K7ch	K-Kt1
7. Kt-K2	PxP	26. QxQ	PxQ
8. QxP	Kt-K4	27. B-B3	P-R4
9. QxBP	Q-K2	28. RxPch	K-B1
10. Q-B2	KtxP	29. R(K1)-K7	R-KR3
11. O-O	P-B3	30. R(K7)-B7ch	K-K1
12. P-QR3	BxKt	31. B-Q2	R-KR1
13. KtxB	P-Q4	32. R-B7	B-K3
14. P-K4	Kt-Kt3	33. R(Kt7)-K7ch	K-Q1
15. PxP	KKtxP	34. B-Kt5	R-KKt1
16. KtxKt	KtxKt	35. B-B6	R-KB1
17. BxKt	PxB	36. R-B7ch	Resigns
18. B-Q2	B-K3	Mate is forced.	
19. KR-K1	K-B2		

Score: Evans $8\frac{1}{2}$, Steiner $2\frac{1}{2}$. Evans retains his title of United States Champion. Steiner's play in this match was far below par.