

THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 24—By J. Buchwald



WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES
(Value 5 Points)

Answer to Task No. 22: Kt-R2!

Answer to Task No. 24 should be postmarked not later than July 31. It is required only that White's first move be given.

THE final entrants in the northern qualifying tournament for the California State Championship, now being played at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco, are C. M. Capps, J. Schmitt, B. Popoff, D. Poliakoff, R. Currie, F. Byron and H. Gross, all of San Francisco, Raymond Cuneo of Oakland, E. L. Jeffers of Oakdale, and S. Schmale. The latter is a young player who is visiting San Francisco for the summer and has entered the tournament to gain experience. As we stated last week, this is one of the strongest qualifying tournaments in many years, and the winner will fully earn, and deserve, the title of Northern California Champion for the year.

After 14 games, the score in the match between Larry Evans of New York and

Herman Steiner of Los Angeles, for the United States Championship, was heavily in favor of present champion Evans, who led with 10-4. The last three games were played in Reno and Las Vegas. The final two games are to be played in New York in the fall. Here are the scores of the third and fourth games:

MATCH GAME No. 3—Nimzo-Indian			
White—L. Evans		Black—H. Steiner	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	34. QxP	QxP
2. P-QB4	P-K3	35. R-Kt3	QxP
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	36. RxP	K-Kt2
4. P-K3	O-O	37. RxP	R-Q6
5. Kt-K2	P-Q4	38. Q-K1	Q-Kt4
6. PxP	PxP	39. K-R2	R-K6
7. P-QR3	B-Q3	40. Q-B2	Q-K4
8. P-KKt3	P-B3	41. R-R5	Q-B6
9. B-Kt2	R-K1	42. R-QB4	Q-R6
10. O-O	B-KB4	43. R-QKt5	K-R2
11. Kt-B4	BxK1	44. B-K4	K-R3
12. KtPxB	QKt-Q2	45. BxB	PxB
13. Kt-K2	Kt-R4	46. Q-B6	Kt-Kt2
14. Kt-Kt3	KtxK1	47. R-B7	Q-R7ch
15. RPxKt	Kt-B3	48. K-R3	Q-K3ch
16. B-Q2	Q-Q2	49. QxQ	KtxQ
17. P-B3	P-KR4	50. R-B4	R-K7
18. R-K1	R-K3	51. P-Kt4	R-K6ch
19. P-R4	QR-K1	52. K-Kt2	P-R5
20. K-B2	Q-K2	53. P-Kt5ch	K-R4
21. R-QB1	Kt-R2	54. R(Kt5)-Kt4	
22. R-B3	P-KKt4		P-R6ch
23. PxP	KtxP	55. K-R2	KxP
24. R-R1	B-Kt3	56. R-R4	K-B4
25. R-R4	R-B3	57. RxP	R-K7ch
26. K-Kt1	Kt-K3	58. K-Kt1	P-K4
27. P-K4	PxP	59. R-R3	P-Kt5
28. PxP	R-Q1	60. P-R5	Kt-Kt4
29. P-Q5	Q-Q3	61. P-R6	Kt-B6ch
30. Q-K1	PxP	62. K-B1	R-Kt7
31. P-K5	Q-Kt3ch	63. P-R7	R-R8ch
32. B-K3	P-Q5	64. K-B2	Resigns
33. PxB	PxB		

Score: Evans 2, Steiner 1.

MATCH GAME No. 4—Q. Gam. Accept.			
White—H. Steiner		Black—L. Evans	
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	21. KtxB	QxKt
2. P-QB4	PxP	22. B-Kt3	Kt-Q5
3. Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3	23. KtxKt	BxKt
4. P-K3	P-QR3	24. K-R1	P-QR4
5. BxP	P-K3	25. P-R3	Q-Q2
6. O-O	P-B4	26. R-Q2	B-B3
7. Q-K2	P-QKt4	27. RxB	QxR
8. B-Kt3	Kt-B3	28. R-Q1	Q-B2
9. P-QR4	P-Kt5	29. R-K1	P-Kt3
10. R-Q1	Q-B2	30. P-Kt3	K-Kt2
11. QKt-Q2	B-Kt2	31. P-R4	P-R4
12. B-B4	B-K2	32. K-Kt2	Q-R3ch
13. Kt-Kt3	PxP	33. K-Kt1	R-Q5
14. PxB	O-O	34. Q-K3	Q-Q2
15. B-KKt5	KR-Q1	35. B-R2	R-Q6
16. QR-B1	P-R3	36. Q-Kt6??	RxPeh
17. BxKt	BxB	37. K-B1	R-KR6
18. P-Q5	PxP	38. R-K3	Q-Q8ch
19. BxP	R-Q3		Resigns.
20. Kt-B6	QR-Q1		

Score: Evans 3, Steiner 1.

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News From Abroad—The Belgrade International Tournament was won by Pilnik of Argentina with a score of 13½ out of a possible 19. The young Fuderer and

Milic, both of Yugoslavia, shared second place with 12½ points.

Grandmaster E. Bogoljubow, who played two matches with Alexander Alekhine for the world championship, died in Triberg June 18, at the age of 65. Although born in the Ukraine, Bogoljubow had played for Germany for many years, and had finished in a tie for thirteenth place in the Belgrade tournament recently concluded.

E. Geller, the brilliant young Soviet player, has been awarded the title of grandmaster.

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