

THE CHESS PLAYER

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WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES
(Value 4 points)

Answer to Task No. 42: B-Kt3.

Answer to Task No. 44 should be postmarked not later than December 4. It is required only that White's first move be given.

THE autumn chess season in California is now in full swing. The Los Angeles County Championship is now being played in Hollywood. Twenty-six players are participating in a 10-round Swiss system tournament. Imre Konig, the well-known master and author, is directing the event.

Eight teams, representing Sacramento, Fresno, San Jose, Stockton, Modesto, Pittsburg, Oakdale and Visalia, are meeting in the annual matches of the Central California Chess League. In the first round, San Jose, the champions of last year, scored a clean sweep over Visalia, the League's newest member. Pittsburg defeated Oakdale, Stockton defeated Modesto, and Sacramento drew with Fresno. In the second round, Sacramento defeated Stockton and San Jose barely nosed out Pittsburg.

Sixteen players are participating in the 1952 round-robin championship tournament of the Russian (San Francisco) Chess Club. At last word, A. Palmin was leading with a score of 7-0.

The first annual Interscholastic Chess Tournament of 1952 was won by Jerome Wolfe of UCLA. Wolfe scored $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, one point ahead of C. Marko of Los Angeles State. The tournament was sponsored by the Wilshire Chess Club.

The annual team matches of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League will begin soon. Teams representing the following chess clubs will participate: Mechanics' Institute, Castle, Russian, Hakoah, Golden Gate, Palo Alto and Oakland. "A" division and "B" division teams will participate.

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The first draft of the Constitution of the newly-formed California State Chess Federation has been prepared by Mr. A. E. Hoerchner of Salinas, and will be submitted to the directors of the Federation. It is expected that the Federation will be a "going concern" by next Spring.

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At last word, it appeared that the Russian women were running away with the Women's Challenger Tournament, now being played in Moscow. Heemskerk of Holland, Keller of Germany and Tranmer of England were putting up a fight, but their prospects did not seem bright. The American representatives apparently were outclassed.

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The following two games were among those won by victorious A. Kotov in the Interzonal Tournament at Saltsjobaden. In the first game, British Champion R. G. Wade makes a frightful mess of the opening, and loses quickly. This game would

be considered definitely third-class chess in a local San Francisco tournament.

In the second game, G. Stoltz of Sweden seems to get a superior opening, but his game suddenly goes bad, and Kotov polishes off his opponent in brilliant style.

QUEEN'S PAWN

| White—A. Kotov | | Black—R. Wade | |
|----------------|--------|---------------|---------|
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q3 | 12. Kt-Q5! | K-B2 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K4 | 13. KtxQB1P | QxPeh |
| 3. Kt-KB3 | Kt-Q2 | 14. B-K2 | B-R6 |
| 4. P-K4 | P-KKt3 | 15. KtxR | BxP |
| 5. B-Kt5 | P-KB3 | 16. R-KKt1 | B-R3 |
| 6. B-R4 | B-Kt2 | 17. Q-Kt3eh | K-Kt2 |
| 7. P-B5! | QPxP | 18. P-B3 | Q-Q5 |
| 8. PxBP | Q-K2 | 19. RxB | B-Q7eh |
| 9. Kt-B3 | KtxP | 20. K-B1 | Kt-K2 |
| 10. KtxKt | QxKt | 21. Kt-B7 | Resigns |
| 11. B-Kt3 | Q-K3 | | |

KING'S INDIAN

| White—G. Stoltz | | Black—A. Kotov | |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|----------|
| 1. P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 | 23. P-K3 | P-KB4 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-KKt3 | 24. R-B1 | P-KKt4 |
| 3. P-KKt3 | B-Kt2 | 25. Q-Q1 | Q-Kt3 |
| 4. B-Kt2 | P-Q3 | 26. R-B2 | P-B5 |
| 5. Kt-QB3 | O-O | 27. B-R3 | B-Q2 |
| 6. Kt-B3 | QKt-Q2 | 28. K-R1 | P-KR4 |
| 7. O-O | P-K4 | 29. KtPxP | PxP |
| 8. Q-B2 | P-B3 | 30. P-B3 | PxBP |
| 9. P-Kt3 | R-K1 | 31. R-B2 | Q-K5 |
| 10. R-Q1 | P-K5 | 32. PxP | KtxBP! |
| 11. Kt-Q2 | P-Q4 | 33. BxB | Kt-Q6 |
| 12. PxP | PxP | 34. Q-Q2 | KtxRch |
| 13. Kt-Kt5 | R-K3 | 35. QxKt | BxP |
| 14. Q-B7 | Q-K1 | 36. B-K6eh | K-R1 |
| 15. Kt-Q6 | Q-KB1 | 37. B-Kt2 | BxB |
| 16. B-QR3 | Kt-K1 | 38. QxBch | K-R2 |
| 17. KtxKt | QxKt | 39. B-R3 | R-KKt1 |
| 18. Kt-B1 | R-QB3 | 40. Q-KB2 | Q-KB5 |
| 19. Q-KB4 | Kt-B1 | 41. QxRP | P-B7 |
| 20. Q-Q2 | B-Q2 | 42. B-Kt2 | Q-B6! |
| 21. QR-B1 | Kt-K3 | | |
| 22. RxR | BxR | | Resigns. |