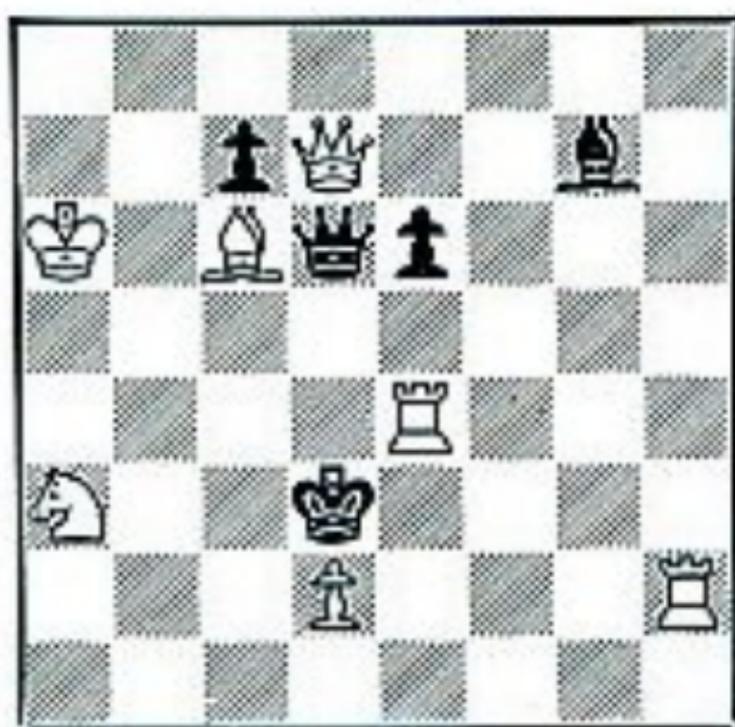


THE CHESS PLAYER

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

TASK No. 25—By A. C. White



WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES
(Value 4 points)

Answer to Task No. 23: B-Q5

Answer to Task No. 25 should be post-marked not later than August 7. It is required only that White's first move be given. The sixth list of solvers' names will appear next week.

FROM the Nebraska Chess Bulletin we quote the following:

"Omaha has been selected as the site for the Eighth Annual United States Junior Championship, from August 18 to August 23 at the Hotel Rome. There is no entry fee. Accommodations will be furnished by the hotel at \$1.50 per day exclusive of meals. Entries should be filed with Alfred Ludwig, 317 Y. M. C. A. Building.

"The history of the junior championship is colorful indeed. The event is limited to boys under 21. Larry Friedman of Cleveland was the first two-time winner, 1946-47. Arthur Bisguier won the crown twice, in 1948-49. Jim Cross of Glendale, California, won the title in 1950, while Saul Wachs of Philadelphia is the defending ruler."

As expected, the Northern California Championship Tournament, now in progress at the Mechanics' Institute, San Francisco, is proving to be a knock-down struggle. After three rounds, only one player was still undefeated! This player was Henry Gross, local attorney and one of California's strongest veterans of the game. Gross has defeated Fred Byron and Robert Currie, and drawn with Boris Popoff.

With six rounds still to go, anything can happen. The players are so closely matched that it is unlikely anyone will escape at least one loss.

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We continue with games from the recent match for the championship of the United States:

MATCH GAME No. 5—Ruy Lopez

White—L. Evans

Black—H. Steiner

1. P-K4	P-K4	38. R-K1	Kt-Kt5
2. Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	39. R(Q5)-Q1	Q-R4ch
3. B-Kt5	B-Kt5	40. K-Kt2	Q-K1
4. P-B3	B-R4	41. K-B3	Q-B3
5. O-O	KKt-K2	42. P-B5	R-K4
6. Kt-R3	B-Kt3	43. P-Kt4	R-Q2
7. Kt-B4	P-Q3	44. B-Kt3	R-K1
8. P-Q4	PxP	45. P-R4	Q-B2
9. KtxB	RPxKt	46. P-Kt5	Kt-B3
10. KtxP	O-O	47. B-B4	Kt-Q5ch
11. B-Kt5	B-Q2	48. K-B2	R(Q2)-K2
12. B-K2	K-R1	49. R-K3	Q-B3
13. P-KB4	P-B3	50. R(Q1)-K1	K-R2
14. B-R4	Kt-Kt3	51. Q-Q3	K-R1
15. B-Kt3	Q-K2	52. PxBP	PxP
16. B-B3	Q-B2	53. BxRP	R-KKt1
17. P-QR3	QR-Q1	54. R-Kt3	R(Kt1)-K1
18. Q-B2	Kt-R4	55. Q-Q2	KtxBP
19. KR-K1	Kt-K2	56. PxKt	RxR
20. QR-Q1	P-QB4	57. B-Kt7ch	K-Kt1
21. Kt-K2	B-K3	58. BxPeh	K-B2
22. Kt-B1	B-B5	59. R-Kt7ch	K-B1
23. B-B2	Kt-Kt6	60. R-Kt8ch	K-B2
24. P-Kt3	Kt-B3	61. RxR	RxR
25. B-K2	KtxKt	62. Q-R6	R-KKt1
26. BxB	QxB	63. Q-R7ch	RxB
27. QxKt	KR-K1	64. QxR	KxP
28. Q-B2	P-R3	65. Q-Q5ch	K-B5
29. P-Kt3	Q-B2	66. Q-Kt5ch	K-K5
30. P-B4	R-Q2	67. P-KR5	Q-B2
31. R-Q5	R-R1	68. Q-Kt6ch	K-Q5
32. Q-Kt2	R-K1	69. P-R6	Q-Q1
33. Q-Kt1	R-R1	70. P-R7	Q-B1ch
34. P-QR4	R-K1	71. K-Kt2	K-K6
35. K-Kt2	R-K3	72. Q-K6ch	K-Q7
36. KR-Q1	Q-K1	73. Q-Kt8	Q-B5
37. K-B3	R(Q2)-K2	74. P-R8(Q)	Resigns

Score: Evans 4, Steiner 1.

MATCH GAME No. 6—Slav

White—H. Steiner

Black—L. Evans

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	19. QR-Kt1	B-Kt4
2. P-QB4	P-QB3	20. Q-Kt2	K-Kt1
3. Kt-QB3	Kt-B3	21. Kt(B3)-K3	R-B2
4. Kt-B3	P-K3	22. R-R5	K-B1
5. B-Kt5	P-KR3	23. Q-R2	K-K2
6. BxKt	QxB	24. R(Kt1)xB	PxR
7. P-K3	Kt-Q2	25. Q-Kt2	K-Q1
8. B-Q3	B-K2	26. RxP	Q-B3
9. Q-K2	O-O	27. P-K4	PxP
10. PxP	KPxP	28. PxP	B-Q2
11. P-KKt4	Kt-B4	29. Q-Kt3	R-K2
12. Kt-K5	KtxBeh	30. P-K5	Q-B2
13. KtxKt	Q-R5	31. P-K6	BxP
14. P-KR3	P-KB4	32. RxP	Q-B3
15. Kt-B4	K-R2	33. R-Kt6	Q-B2
16. O-O-O	PxP	34. R-Kt7	Q-B3
17. PxP	QxKtP	35. R-Kt6	Q-B2
18. P-B3	Q-B4	36. R-Kt7	Drawn

Score: Evans 4½, Steiner 1½.