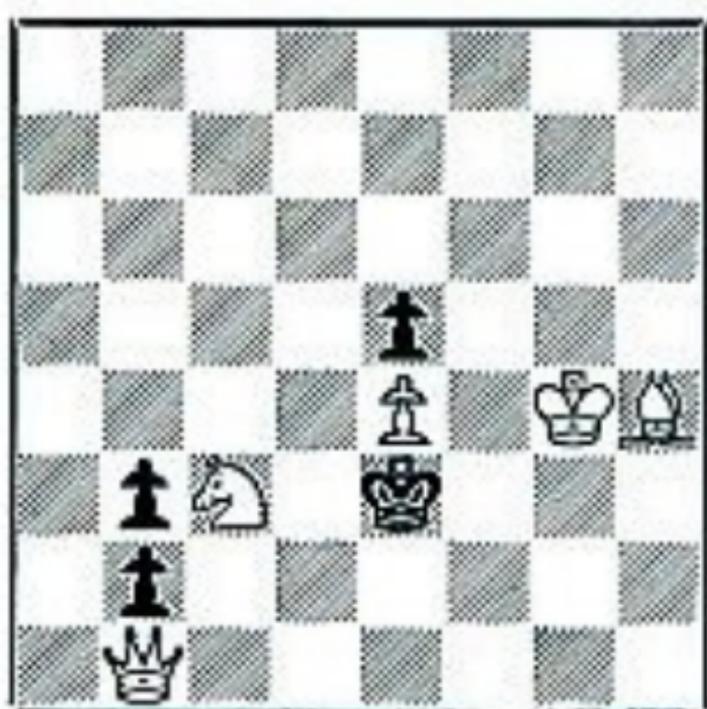


# THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 22—By G. Heathcote



WHITE MATES IN THREE MOVES  
(Value 7 points)

Answer to Task No. 20: R(B5)-Kt5.

Answer to Task No. 22 should be post-marked not later than July 17. Two distinct variations leading to mate should be given.

**T**HE challenge match for the championship of the United States, between present champion Larry Evans of New York and former champion Herman Steiner of Los Angeles, is now in progress. The player who first scores  $8\frac{1}{2}$  points will be the winner. Evans won the first game, and Steiner the second. The third, fourth and fifth games were won by Evans, in each case after Steiner had declined the offer of a draw! There is an old saying in chess that a sure way to lose is to try to win a drawn game! The sixth and seventh games were agreed draws. Evans therefore was leading by a score of 5-2.

The first ten games were to be played in Los Angeles, and the next two in San Francisco.

The ten-game match between Sammy Reshevsky of New York, and Svetozar Gligoric of Yugoslavia, was won by Reshevsky after a hard struggle by a score of 5½-4½. The tenth game, which will be given next week, was a beautiful and bitter fight, ending in a draw after 76 moves.

**MATCH GAME No. 7—Dutch Defense**

White—S. Reshevsky		Black—S. Gligoric	
1. P-Q4	P-K3	25. R-Kt1	Q-Q3
2. P-QB4	P-KB4	26. KR-B1	PxP
3. P-KKt3	Kt-KB3	27. R PxP	RxP
4. B-Kt2	B-K2	28. R-Kt6	Q-R6
5. Kt-KB3	O-O	29. R(B1)-Kt1	P-R3
6. O-O	P-B3	30. Q-QB7	Kt-B5?
7. P-Kt3	P-Q4	31. RxPch!!	K-Kt1
8. B-QR3	B-Q2	32. Q-Q7!	Kt-K4
9. Q-B1	B-K1	33. QxQPch	Kt-B2
10. Kt-Kt5	B-B2	34. R(R6)-QKt6	R-R4
11. Kt-Q2	QKt-Q2	35. Q-B4	Q-R7
12. KtxB	RxKt	36. Q-Q4??	—
13. BxB	QxB	A terrible blunder made in severe time pressure.	
14. Q-B3	KR-B1	—	R-Q4
15. P-QKt4	K-R1	37. Q-KKt4	RxKt
16. QR-Kt1	P-QR3	38. R-Kt8	R(Q7)-Q1
17. P-QR4	P-K4	39. R(Kt8)-Kt7	R(Q1)-K1
18. PxKP	KtxP	40. P-K4	Q-K3
19. PxP	KtxP	41. Q-K2	QxP
20. BxKt	PxB	42. QxP	Kt-Kt4
21. QR-B1	P-B5	43. Q-R2ch	K-R1
22. Q-B7	Q-K3		
23. QxQKtP	QR-Kt1		
24. Q-R7	RxP		

Here the game was adjourned, and White resigned without further play. Score: Reshevsky 4, Gligoric 3. Reshevsky's blunder spoiled a beautifully played game.

**MATCH GAME No. 8—Nimzo-Indian**

White—S. Gligoric		Black—S. Reshevsky	
1. P-Q4	Kt-KB3	18. Kt-B3	B-Q2
2. P-QB4	P-K3	19. PxP	RxP
3. Kt-QB3	B-Kt5	20. Kt-R5	RxR
4. P-K3	O-O	21. KtxKtch	BxKt
5. Kt-K2	P-Q4	22. QxR	B-B3
6. P-QR3	B-K2	23. R-Kt1	Q-B2
7. PxP	PxP	24. P-F3	P-R3
8. P-QKt4	R-K1	25. Q-Kt2	R-R1
9. Kt-Kt3	P-B3	26. P-B3	Q-Q2
10. B-Q3	P-QKt4!	27. R-R1	RxRch
11. B-Q2	QKt-Q2	28. QxR	Q-Kt2
12. O-O	Kt-Kt3	29. Q-Kt1	QxQch
13. P-QR4	P-QR3	30. KtxQ	B-K2
14. PxP	BPxP	31. K-B2	P-B4
15. QKt-K2	Kt-B5	32. B-R5	K-B2
16. BxKt	KtPxB	33. Kt-B3	K-B3
17. P-Kt5	Q-Kt3		Drawn.

Score: Reshevsky 4½, Gligoric 3½.

MATCH GAME No. 9—Slav Defense

White—S. Reshevsky      Black—S. Gligoric

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	12. QR-B1	P-KR3
2. P-QB4	P-QB3	13. Q-Kt5	Q-Kt3
3. Kt-KB3	Kt-B3	14. QxQ	PxQ
4. PxP	PxP	15. Kt-K5	KtxKt
5. Kt-B3	Kt-B3	16. BxKt	Kt-Q2
6. B-B4	B-B4	17. B-B4	R-B5
7. P-K3	P-K3	18. Kt-K2	KR-B1
8. B-Q3	BxB	19. RxR	RxR
9. QxB	B-K2	20. R-B1	P-QKt4
10. P-KR3	O-O		
11. O-O	R-B1		

Drawn.

This game was about as exciting as last week's newspaper! Score: Reshevsky 5, Gligoric 4.

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Any of our readers interested in learning more about the recently formed California State Chess Federation, which was organized at San Luis Obispo on May 30, should communicate with the chairman of the board of directors, W. G. McClain, Room 805, 544 Market Street, San Francisco 4.

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*News From Abroad*—The 1952 Mar Del Plata tournament in Argentina was won by Hector Rossetto and Julio Bolbochan, who shared first place with a score of 11½ out of a possible 17. Rossetto followed up this success by winning the international tournament in Rio de Janeiro with a score of 13 out of 16.

Dr. Menachem Oren won the 1952 championship of Israel with 7½ points, beating out the well-known master M. Czerniak.

The team which will represent Sweden at Helsinki consists of G. Stahlberg, G. Stoltz, E. Lundin, K. Skold, I. Johansson and G. Danielsson.

The competition for the correspondence chess championship of the world is being led by Barda of Norway, with 8½ points. Close at his heels are Napolitano of Italy and Malmgren of Sweden, both with 8 points. The Australian player, Purdy, is still very much in the running.

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**SOLVERS' LADDER**

The present list includes standings through Task No. 18.

- 61 points—Henry Gross, San Francisco.
- 60 points—Guthrie McClain, Berkeley.
- 54 points—Lue Huang, Oakland.
- 49 points—Hubert G. Webb, Pasadena.
- 32 points—Eric S. Bergstrom, San Jose.
- 31 points—Mission High School Chess Club, San Francisco.
- 29 points—Neil T. Austin, Sacramento.
- 24 points—Guy L. Conklin, Welter, Idaho.
- 14 points—W. C. de Jung, San Francisco; Dr. Mark Eudey, Berkeley.
- 10 points—Kenton Chambers, Stanford; George B. Oakes, Salinas.
- 9 points—M. O. Meyer, Sacramento.
- 7 points—Peter Dahl, San Francisco; Lawrence Davis, Merced; Dr. Sherwin Maeser, Logan, Utah; Donald C. McDaniel, Los Angeles.
- 5 points—B. R. Berglund, Seattle.
- 4 points—Ed Brand, Phoenix, Arizona; Jerald Slavich, San Jose; Fred Stoppel, Cicero, Illinois; Edward Yaeger, Berkeley.
- 3 points—Anne Gleason, Berkeley; Paul Traum, Berkeley.
- 2 points—Robert Currie, San Francisco; A. L. Ritz, Eureka.
- 1 point—Alan Chappell, Gilroy.