

THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 82 — By G. Heathcote



WHITE MATES IN FOUR MOVES
(Value 10 points)

Answer to Task No. 80: The key-move is 1. R-KB5, with the main line 1 . . . KxKR; 2. B-B7.

YOUR chess editor is leaving within a few days on an extended trip to the Atlantic seaboard and Canada. In the meantime, this column will be conducted by Imre König, internationally famous chess master and chess writer.

We have selected for this week one of Godfrey Heathcote's four-move masterpieces, which should keep you busy for a month or so!

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The California State Open Championship will be played in San Jose September 5-7, over the Labor Day holiday. Play will occur at the Hotel Saint Claire, and the tournament will be directed by Mr. Guthrie McClain of San Francisco.

The tournament will be conducted under the auspices of the California State Chess Federation, with the San Jose Club as host. Friday evening, September 4, there will be a party for early arrivals.

This tournament is certain to be heavily attended, and should prove to be most enjoyable. We urge all California players to participate if they can.

The Northern and Southern qualifying tournaments for the California State Championship, to be played in Los Angeles over the Labor Day holiday, are approaching their close. At the present writing, Mr. D. Poliakoff of San Francisco was in the lead by a narrow margin in the North, and Mr. Herman Steiner in the South. Each tournament will qualify three players to the Finals, and in addition three players are seeded. The Central California Chess League also will send a player to Los Angeles, so there will be ten players in all.

Never, we believe, has there been so much exciting chess activity in the United States as at present. The coming U. S. Open Championship in Milwaukee promises to be the biggest ever. We hope to visit the tournament during our trip. In September will be played the Candidates' Tournament, which will determine the next challenger for the U. S. title. This is to be played in Philadelphia, September 11-20. The tournament is open only to players with "Master" or "Expert" rating.

So much for the present.