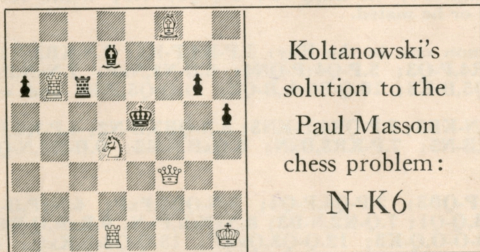


100 CHESS TRAPS

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Koltanowski's
solution to the
Paul Masson
chess problem:
N-K6

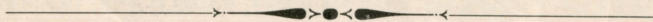


PAUL MASSON

- No. 1:** 1.P-KN4,P-K4; 2.P-KB3,Q-R5 mate. The Fool's mate. This has its counter-part with
- No. 2:** 1.P-K4,P-KN4; 2.B-B4,P-KB3; 3.Q-R5 mate.
- No. 3:** The one tried most often by beginners is the famous Scholar's Mate: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.B-B4,B-B4; 3.Q-R5,N-QB3; 4.QxBP mate.
- No. 4:** I have often caught opponents napping with the following trap: 1.P-K4, P-K4; 2.N-KB3,P-KB3; 3.NxP,PxN; 4.Q-R5ch,K-K2; (See if 4 . . . P-KN3; 5.QxKPch,Q-K2; 6.QxR and wins). 5.QxPch; K-B2; 6.B-B4ch,K-N3; 7.Q-B5ch,K-R3; 8.P-Q4ch,P-N4; 9.P-KR4,P-Q3; 10.PxPd.ch.,K-B2; 11.Q-B7 mate.
- No. 5:** Here we see a Queen's sacrifice that leads to trouble: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-B4,P-Q3; 4.N-B3,B-N5; 5.O-O,N-Q5; 6.NxKP,BxQ; 7.BxPch,K-K2; 8.N-Q5 mate.
- No. 6:** When I started to play I was puzzled by the following: 1.P-Q4,P-Q4; 2.P-QB4,P-K3; 3.N-QB3,N-KB3; 4.B-N5,QN-Q2; 5.PxP,PxP; and wondered why I could not play 6.NxP; until I discovered that Black would play: 6 . . . NxN; 7. BxQ,B-N5ch and win.
- No. 7:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,P-Q3; 3.P-Q4,B-N5; 4.PxP,BxN; (If 4 . . . PxP; 5.QxQch,KxQ; 6.NxP etc.) 5.QxB,PxP; 6.B-QB4,N-KB3; 7.Q-QN3,P-QN3; 8.BxPch,K-Q2; 9.Q-K6 mate. (From a blindfold exhibition in Spain.)
- No. 8:** 1.P-K4,P-QB3; 2.P-Q4,P-Q4; 3.P-K5,B-B4; 4.B-Q3,B-N3?; 5.P-K6,PxP; 6.BxBch,PxB; 7.Q-N4,K-B2; 8.N-KB3 wins easy.
- No. 9:** A mistake often made by beginners in the Petroff's Defense: 1.P-K4, P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-KB3; 3.NxP,NxP?; 4.Q-K2,P-Q4; 5.P-Q3,N-B4?; 6.N-B6 d.ch.
- No. 10:** 1.P-KN4,P-Q4; 2.B-N2,BxP; 3.P-QB4! and White has the better game!
- No. 11:** 1.P-Q4,P-QB4; 2.P-QB4,PxP; 3.N-KB3,P-K4; 4.NxKP?,Q-R4ch and Black gains a piece. That could happen in the Sicilian Defense too:
- No. 12:** 1.P-K4,P-QB4; 2.P-Q4,PxP; 3.N-KB3,P-K4; 4.NxKP?,Q-R4ch.
- No. 13:** 1.P-K4,P-QB4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.P-Q4,PxP; 4.NxP,N-B3; 5.B-QB4, P-Q4; 6.PxP,NxP; 7.N-N5,P-K3; 8.BxN,PxB; 9.QxP,QxQ; 10.N-B7ch etc.
- No. 14:** 1.P-K4,P-QB4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.P-Q4,PxP; 4.NxP,N-B3; 5.N-QB3, P-K4; 6.N4-K2,B-B4; 7.P-B3,Q-N3; 8.Q-Q3,N-N5; White resigns, he will lose his queen or be mated.
- No. 15:** A common one in the Ruy: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-N5, P-QR3; 4.B-R4,P-Q3; 5.P-Q4;P-QN4; 6.B-N3,NxP; 7.NxN,PxN; 8.QxP?, P-QB4; 9.Q-Q5,B-K3; 10.Q-B6ch,B-Q2; 11.Q-Q5,P-B5 and wins.
- No. 16:** 1.P-Q4,N-KB3; 2.P-QB4,P-KN3; 3.N-QB3,B-N2; 4.P-K4,P-Q3; 5.N-B3, O-O; 6.B-Q3,B-N5; 7.P-KR3,BxN; 8.QxB,N-B3; 9.B-K3,N-Q2; 10.N-K2, N2-K4! wins.
- No. 17:** 1.P-K4,P-QB3; 2.P-Q4,P-Q4; 3.N-QB3,PxP; 4.NxP,B-B4; 5.B-Q3, QxP; 6.N-KB3,Q-Q1; 7.Q-K2,N-B3; 8.NxNch,PxN; 9.BxB,Q-R4ch; 10.B-Q2, QxBB4; 11.O-O-O,Q-K3; 12.Q-Q3,QxRP; 13.Q-Q8ch,KxQ; 14.B-N5 d.ch and mate next move.
- No. 18:** Ever fallen into this one? 1.P-K4,P-Q4; 2.PxP,QxP; 3.N-QB3,Q-B3?; 4.B-N5 or
- No. 19:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-B4,N-Q5; 4.NxP?,Q-N4 and Black wins.
- No. 20:** 1.P-K4,P-QB3; 2.P-Q4,N-B3; 3.B-Q3,P-Q4; 4.P-K5,KN-Q2?; 5.P-K6, PxP; 6.Q-R5ch etc.
- No. 21:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.B-B4,N-QB3; 3.N-KB3,P-B3; 4.N-R4,P-KN4?; 5.Q-R5ch,K-K2; 6.N-B5 mate.

- No. 22:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.B-B4,N-KB3; 3.P-Q4,PxP; 4.P-K5,P-Q4; 5.B-Q3, N-K5; 6.N-K2,Q-R5; 7.P-KN3,N-N4; 8.PxQ,N-B6ch; 9.K-B1,B-R6 mate.
- No. 23:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.P-KB4,P-Q4; 3.KPxP,P-K5; 4.P-B4,N-KB3; 5.P-KR3?, NxQP; 6.PxN,Q-R5ch; 7.K-K2,B-QB4; 8.Q-K1,B-N5ch; 9.N-B3?,PxNch; 10.K-K1c.ch,QxQch; 11.KxQ,P-B7 mate.
- No. 24:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.P-Q4,N-QB3; 3.P-Q5,N3-K2; 4.P-KB4,P-Q3; 5.N-KB3, B-N5; 6.N-B3,N-N3; 7.P-KR3,BxB; 8.B-N5ch,P-B3; 9.PxP,BxQ; 10.PxPch, K-K2; 11.N-Q5ch,K-K3; 12.P-B5 mate.
- No. 25:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.B-B4,N-KB3; 3.N-KB3,NxP; 4.N-B3,NxN; 5.QPxN, P-KB3; 6.O-O,P-B3; 7.NxP,P-Q4; 8.Q-R5ch,P-N3; 9.NxNP,PxN; 10.QxR, PxB; 11.B-R6 wins.
- No. 26:** 1.P-Q4,P-Q4; 2.P-QB4,PxP; 3.P-K3,P-QN4; 4.P-QR4,P-QB3; 5.PxP, PxP; 6.Q-B3 wins.
- No. 27:** 1.P-Q4,N-KB3; 2.N-Q2,P-K4; 3.PxP,N-N5; 4.P-KR3?,N-K6 and it's all over but the shouting!
- No. 28:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,P-Q3; 3.P-Q4,N-Q2; 4.B-QB4,B-K2; 5.PxP, PxP?; 6.Q-Q5 wins.
- No. 29:** 1.P-K4,P-QB4; 2.P-Q4,PxP; 3.P-QB3,PxP; 4.NxP,P-Q3; 5.N-B3,N-Q2; 6.B-QB4,P-K3; 7.B-B4,P-K4?; 8.Q-N3 with a winning position.
- No. 30:** 1.P-K4,N-KB3; 2.P-K5,N-Q4; 3.P-QB4,N-N3; 4.P-B5,N-Q4; 5.N-QB3, P-K3; 6.B-QB4,NxN; 7.PxN,BxP; 8.P-Q4,Q-R5; 9.B-Q3,B-K2??; 10.P-KN3 wins.
- No. 31:** 1.P-KB4,P-K4; 2.PxP,P-Q3; 3.PxP,BxP; 4.N-KB3,P-KN4; 5.P-Q4, P-N5; 6.KN-Q2?,Q-R5ch; 7.P-N3,QxNPch; 8.PxQ,BxP; mate.
- No. 32:** 1.P-K4,P-K3; 2.N-K2,P-Q4; 3.PxP,PxP; 4.N-N3,Q-R5; 5.P-Q4,N-KB3; 6.P-QB3,N-B3; 7.B-Q3,B-Q3; 8.Q-K2ch,B-K3?; 9.N-B5,Q-KN5; 10.P-B3 wins.
- No. 33:** 1.P-Q4,P-Q4; 2.P-QB4,P-K3; 3.N-QB3,N-KB3; 4.B-N5,P-B3; 5.P-K3, QN-Q2; 6.R-B1,Q-R4; 7.P-QR3?,N-K5; 8.B-B4,NxN; 9.RxN,BxRP; wins.
- No. 34:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-N5,N-B3; 4.P-Q3,N-K2; 5.NxP, P-B3; 6.N-B4,P-Q3; 7.B-R4,P-QN4 wins.
- No. 35:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,P-KB3; 3.NxP,Q-K2; 4.Q-R5ch?,P-N3; 5.NxNP,QxPch; 6.B-K2,QxN; wins.
- No. 36:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.P-Q4,PxP; 4.B-B4,B-K2; 5.P-QB3, PxP; 6.Q-Q5,N-R3; 7.BxN,O-O; 8.B-QB1,N-N5; 9.Q-Q1,P-B7.
- No. 37:** 1.P-K4,P-QB3; 2.N-QB3,P-Q4; 3.P-Q4,PxP; 4.NxP,N-B3; 5.NxNch, KPxN; 6.B-QB4,B-K2; 7.Q-R5,O-O; 8.N-K2,P-KN3?; 9.Q-B3,N-Q2; 10.B-KR6,R-K1; 11.BxPch,KxB; 12.Q-N3 mate!
- No. 38:** 1.P-Q4,N-KB3; 2.P-QB4,P-K3; 3.N-QB3,P-Q4; 4.PxP,PxP; 5.B-N5, P-B3; 6.P-K3,B-K2; 7.Q-B2,N-K5?; 8.BxB,QxB; 9.NxP,PxN; 10.QxBch, Q-Q1; 11.B-N5ch wins.
- No. 39:** 1.P-Q4,N-KB3; 2.P-QB4,P-K3; 3.N-KB3,P-Q4; 4.P-KN3,OPxP; 5.QN-Q2,P-B4; 6.PxP,BxP; 7.B-N2?,BxPch; 8.KxB,N-N5ch; 9.K-K1,N-K6; 10.Q-R4ch,B-Q2 wins.
- No. 40:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.P-Q4,PxP; 4.NxP,Q-R5; 5.Q-Q3, N-B3; 6.N-Q2,N-KN5; 7.P-KN3,Q-B3; 8.N4-B3,N3-K4; 9.Q-B3,B-N5! wins.
- No. 41:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-B4,N-B3; 4.P-Q4,PxP; 5.O-O,NxP; 6.R-K1,P-Q4; 7.N-B3,PxN; 8.BxP,B-K3; 9.RxN?,N-K2 wins.
- No. 42:** 1.P-Q4,N-KB3; 2.N-KB3,P-K3; 3.B-N5,P-B3; 4.P-K4,Q-N3; 5.QN-Q2, QxNP; 6.N-B4,Q-N5ch; 7.P-B3,QxPch; 8.B-Q2 and wins.
- No. 43:** 1.P-Q4,N-KB3; 2.P-QB4,P-KN3; 3.Q-B2,P-Q4; 4.PxP,NxP; 5.P-K4, N-N3; 6.N-QB3,QxP; 7.N-N5,Q-N5ch; 8.B-Q2,Q-QR5; 9.P-QN3, wins.

- No. 44:** 1.P-Q4,P-QB4; 2.PxP,P-K3; 3.P-K4,BxP; 4.N-QB3,Q-B3; 5.N-B3, P-QN3; 6.P-K5,Q-B4; 7.B-Q3,Q-N5; 8.P-KR3,QxNP; 9.R-R2,BxPch; 10.K-K2,Q-N6; 11.N-K4 and wins.
- No. 45:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-QB3,N-KB3; 3.P-B4,PxP; 4.P-K5,Q-K2; 5.Q-K2, N-N1; 6.N-B3,P-Q3; 7.N-Q5,Q-Q2; 8.PxPd.ch,K-Q1; 9.PxPch and wins.
- No. 46:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.P-KB4,PxP; 3.N-KB3,P-KN4; 4.P-Q4,P-N5; 5.BxP, PxN; 6.QxP,Q-B3; 7.N-B3,N-K2; 8.N-N5,N-R3; 9.BxP,QxQ; 10.N-Q6 mate.
- No. 47:** 1.P-K4,P-QB4; 2.N-K2,N-QB3; 3.P-QB4,N-B3; 4.QN-B3,P-KN3; 5.P-Q4,PxP; 6.NxP,P-Q3; 7.P-B3,Q-N3; 8.B-K3,QxNP; 9.N-R4,Q-R6; 10.B-B1, Q-N5ch; 11.B-Q2,Q-R6; 12.N-N5 and wins.
- No. 48:** 1.P-K4,P-K3; 2.P-Q4,Q-B3; 3.P-K5,Q-B4?; 4.B-Q3, and wins.
- No. 49:** 1.P-K4,P-QB4; 2.N-KB3,P-K3; 3.P-Q4,PxP; 4.NxP, N-KB3; 5.N-QB3, B-N5; 6.P-K5,N-Q4; 7.Q-N4,P-KN3; 8.P-QR3,Q-R4?; 9.PxB,QxR; 10.N-N3 and wins.
- No. 50:** 1.P-K4,P-QB4; 2.P-QB3,P-Q4; 3.P-K5,B-B4; 4.P-Q4,PxP; 5.PxP, BxN?; 6.RxB,Q-R4ch; 7.B-Q2,QxRP; 8.B-B3 and wins as R-R1 is threatened.



- No. 1:** 1.P-Q4,N-KB3; 2.N-QB3,P-Q4; 3.N-B3,P-K3; 4.B-N5,P-B3; 5.P-K4, B-N5; 6.Q-Q3,PxP; 7.BxN,QxB; 8.QxP,BxNch; 9.PxB,O-O; 10.B-Q3,Q-B4??; 11.Q-R4,Resigns. (Belgium,1957)
- No. 2:** 1.P-Q4,P-Q4; 2.N-KB3,P-K3; 3.P-K3,B-Q3; 4.B-Q3,P-KB4; 5.P-B4, P-B3; 6.N-B3,N-B3; 7.O-O,N-K5; 8.N-Q2,N-Q2; 9.N-K2,P-NK4; 10.R-K1?, P-N5; 11.P-B3,BxPch; White resigns. (France,1940)
- No. 3:** 1.P-Q4,P-K3; 2.P-K4,P-Q4; 3.N-QB3,B-N5; 4.P-K5,P-QB4; 5.P-QR3, BxNch; 6.PxB,Q-B2; 7.N-B3,N-QB3; 8.B-Q3,PxP; 9.PxP,NxQP?; 10.NxN, Q-B6ch; 11.Q-Q2, QxR; 12.O-O,N-K2; 13.P-QB3,N-B3; 14.N-N3,Resigns. (England,1940)
- No. 4:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-N5,N-B3; 4.O-O,NxP; 5.R-K1,N-Q3; 6.NxP,NxN; 7.RxNch,B-K2; 8.B-Q3,O-O; 9.N-B3,N-K1; 10.P-QN3,P-QB3; 11.B-N2,P-Q4; 12.Q-R5,P-KN3; 13.NxQP,PxQ; 14.BxPch,KxB; 15.RxPch, K-N3; 16.N-B4 mate. (England,1898)
- No. 5:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-QB3,N-QB3; 3.P-B4,PxP; 4.N-B3,P-KN4; 5.B-B4, P-N5; 6.O-O,PxN; 7.P-Q4,B-R3?; 8.QxP,NxP; 9.BxPch,KxB; 10.Q-R5ch, K-N2; 11.BxP,BxB; 12.RxB,N-KB3; 13.Q-N5ch,K-B2; 14.P-K5,N-K3; 15. RxNch,Resigns. (Mexico,1897)
- No. 6:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-KB3; 3.B-B4,NxP; 4.N-B3,NxN; 5.QPxN, P-QB3; 6.NxP,P-Q4; 7.B-Q3,B-K3; 8.O-O,B-K2; 9.P-KB4,O-O; 10.P-B5, B-B1; 11.Q-R5,P-B3; 12.N-N6,R-B2; 13.R-B3,B-B4ch; 14.K-R1,N-Q2; 15. QxPch!,Resigns. (San Francisco, 1957)

No. 7: 1.N-KB3,P-QB3; 2.P-Q4,P-Q3; 3.P-K3,P-KN3; 4.B-Q3,B-N2; 5.P-B3, P-KB4; 6.QN-Q2,P-K4; 7.PxP,PxP; 8.B-B4,P-K5; 9.BxN,RxB; 10.N-Q4, N-R3; 11.P-QN4,P-B4?; 12.Q-N3,R-B1; 13.PxP,B-Q2; 14.B-R3,Resigns. South Africa,1957)

No. 8: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,P-Q3; 3.P-Q4,Q-K2; 4.N-B3,PxP; 5.QxP,P-QB3; 6.B-KB4,P-Q4; 7.O-O-O,PxP; 8.NxP,P-QB4; 9.NxP,P-QR3; 10.B-N5ch, PxB; 11.KR-K1,N-QB3; 12.RxQch,KNxQ; 13.Q-K3,B-N5; 14.NxP,Resigns. (France,1898.)

No. 9: 1.P-Q4,P-Q4; 2.N-KB3,N-KB3; 3.P-K3,P-K3; 4.B-Q3,B-Q3; 5.QN-Q2, QN-Q2; 6.O-O,O-O; 7.P-K4,PxP; 8.NxP,NxN; 9.BxN,P-K4; 10.Q-Q3?,PxP; 11.BxPch,K-R1; 12.B-KB5,N-B4; White resigns. (Austria,1898)

No. 10: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-N5,N-B3; 4.O-O,NxP; 5.P-Q4, B-K2; 6.R-K1,N-Q3; 7.BxN,QPxB; 8.PxP,N-B5; 9.Q-K2,N-N3; 10.R-Q1, B-Q2; 11.P-K6,PxP; 12.N-K5,Q-B1; 13.Q-R5ch,P-N3; 14.NxNP,Resigns. (Canada,1897)

No. 11: 1.P-QB4,P-K4; 2.N-QB3,N-KB3; 3.P-KN3,B-B4; 4.B-N2,P-B3; 5. P-Q3,P-Q3; 6.N-B3,QN-Q2; 7.N-Q2?,BxPch; 8.KxB,N-N5ch; 9.K-K1,N-K6; 10.Q-R4,N-B4; 11.BxPch,K-B1; White resigns. (South Africa,1957)

No. 12: 1.P-Q4,P-K4; 2.P-K4,PxP; 3.N-QB3,N-KB3; 4.B-KN5,P-B3; 5.P-B3,PxP; 6.NxP,P-Q4; 7.B-Q3,B-N5; 8.Q-K2,P-KR3?; 9.N-K5,P-K3; 10.B-N6ch,K-K2; 11.BxNch,PxB; 12.NxB,Resigns. (Belgium,1943.)

No. 13: 1.P-K4,N-KB3; 2.P-K5,N-Q4; 3.N-KB3,P-Q3; 4.B-QB4,N-N3; 5.BxPch, KxB; 6.N-N5ch,K-N3?; 7.Q-B3,KxN; 8.Q-B71,P-KN3; 9.P-Q4ch,K-R4; 10. Q-KB4,P-KR3; 11.P-KR3,P-KN4; 12.Q-B7ch,K-R5; 13.P-N3 mate. (Holland,1927)

No. 14: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.P-KB4,P-Q3; 3.B-B4,P-QB3; 4.N-KB3,B-N5; 5.PxP, PxP; 6.BxPch,KxB; 7.NxPch,K-K1; 8.QxB,N-KB3; 9.Q-K6ch,Q-K2; 10. Q-B8ch,Q-Q1; 11.QxQch,KxQ; 12.N-B7ch,Resigns. (Lopez-Leonardo,Spain, 1550)

No. 15: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.B-B4,N-KB3; 3.P-Q3,P-Q4; 4.PxP,P-B3; 5.PxP,NxP; 6.B-KN5,B-QB4; 7.P-QR3,P-K5; 8.BxN,QxB; 9.Q-K2,O-O; 10.N-QB3,B-KN5; 11.QxB,QxPch; 12.K-Q1,Q-B8ch,K-Q2; 13.P-K6 mate. (Germany, 1888)

No. 16: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-B4,B-B4; 4.O-O,P-Q3; 5.P-KR3, P-KR4; 6.N-R2,N-B3; 7.P-Q3,B-KN5; 8.PxB,PxP; 9.NxP,N-KR4; 10.B-K3, Q-R5; 11.BxB,Q-R8ch; 12.KxQ,N-N6 d.ch; 13.K-N1,R-R8 mate. (Germany, 1918)

No. 17: 1.P-K4,N-KB3; 2.N-QB3,P-K4; 3.B-B4,Q-K2; 4.P-Q3,P-Q3; 5.B-KN5,QN-Q2; 6.N-Q5,Q-Q1; 7.Q-B3,P-KR3; 8.N-KR3,PxB; 9.NxNP,B-K2; 10.NxKBP,KxN; 11.NxNd.ch.,K-B1; 12.N-R7,d.ch,K-K1; 13.Q-B7 mate. (Pittsburgh,1956)

No. 18: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.P-KB4,P-Q3; 3.N-KB3,B-N5; 4.B-B4,P-KN3; 5.O-O, B-N2; 6.BxPch,K-K2; 7.PxP,BxP; 8.BxN,QxB; 9.P-Q4,B-B3; 10.P-K5,PxP; 11.PxP,BxP; 12.B-N5ch,B-B3; 13.BxBch,KxB; 14.Q-Q4ch,Resigns. (Belgium,1942)

No. 19: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.B-B4,N-KB3; 3.N-KB3,NxP; 4.N-B3,NxN; 5.QPxN, P-KB3; 6.O-O,B-K2; 7.B-KR6,PxB; 8.NxP,B-B4; 9.Q-R5ch,K-K2; 10.Q-B7ch,K-Q3; 11.Q-Q5ch,K-K2; 12.N-N6ch,PxN; 13.QR-K1ch,K-B1; 14.Q-B7 mate. (Germany,1889)

No. 20: 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-B4,B-B1; 4.O O.P-Q3; 5.P-Q3, B-KN5; 6.B-KN5, KN-K2; 7.N-B3,O-O; 8.N-Q5,Q-Q2; 9.P-QN4,NxN; 10. PxB,N-B6; 11.Q-K1,BxN; 12.PxB,N-Q5; 13.K-N2,NxKBP!; White Resigns. (Belgium,1937)

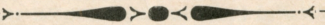
- No. 21:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-QB3,N-KB3; 3.P-B4,P-Q4; 4.N-B3, KPxP; 5.PxP, B-KN5; 6.B-B4,B-Q3; 7.O-O,O-O; 8.P-Q3,N-KR4; 9.P-KR3,P-KB4; 10.PxB, PxP; 11.N-Q4,Q-R5; 12.BxP,NxB; 13.Q-K1,N-K7ch; 14.NxN,Q-R7 mate. (Germany,1889)
- No. 22:** 1.P-Q4,P-Q4; 2.P-QB4,P-K4; 3.QPxP,P-Q5; 4.P-K4,N-QB3; 5.P-KB4, NxP; 6.PxN,Q-R5ch; 7.K-Q2,QxKP; 8.B-Q3,QxNPch; 9.N-K2,B-N5ch; 10. K-B2,B-Q2; 11.Q-N1,Q-R6; 12.QxNP,O-O-O; 13.QxR,QxBch; 14.KxQ,B-B4 mate. (Germany,1917)
- No. 23:** 1.P-Q4,P-Q4; 2.N-KB3,P-QN3; 3.P-K3,B-N2; 4.B-Q3,N-KB3; 5.QN-Q2,N-B3; 6.O-O,N-QN5; 7.R-K1,P-K4; 8.P-K4,QPxP; 9.NxPK4,PxP?; 10. NxN mate. (Belgium,1945)
- No. 24:** 1.P-K4,P-K3; 2.P-Q4,P-Q4; 3.P-K5,P-QB4; 4.P-KB4,N-QB3; 5.N-KB-3,Q-N3; 6.P-QR3,PxP; 7.B-Q3,KN-K2; 8.P-KN4,P-KR4; 9.PxP,RxP; 10. N-N5,P-KN3; 11.NxBP,KxN; 12.BxPch,KxB; 13.R-N1ch,K-R2; 14.QxRch,B-R3; 15.P-B5,Resigns. (Germany,1916)
- No. 25:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.B-B4,N-KB3; 3.N-KB3,NxP; 4.N-B3,NxN; 5.QPxN, P-KB3; 6.O,O,B-B4; 7.NxP,PxN; 8.Q-R5ch,P-N3; 9.QxKPch,Q-K2; 10.Qx Rch,Q-B1; 11.R-K1ch,B-K2; 12.RxBch,KxR; 13.Q-K4ch,K-Q1; 14.B-N5ch, Q-B3; 15.BxQ mate. (Germany,1899)
- No. 26:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,P-Q3; 3.P-Q4,N-QB3; 4.P-Q5,N3-K2; 5.N-QB3,P-KB4; 6.B-KN5,P-KR3; 7.B-R4,P-KN4; 8.NxKP,PxN; 9.O-R5ch,K-Q2; 10.O-O,O,PxB; 11.B-N5ch,K-Q3; 12.Q-B7,B-Q2; 13.PxP,BxP; 14.Q-K6ch, BxQ; 15.N-K4 mate. (Germany,1919)
- No. 27:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.B-B4,N-KB3; 3.N-KB3,N-B3; 4.P-Q4,PxP; 5.O-O,B-B4; 6.P-K5,N-KN1; 7.P-QB3,PxP; 8.NxP,KN-K2; 9.N-K4,B-N3; 10.N-B6ch, PxN; 11.PxP,N-N3; 12.R-K1ch,K-B1; 13.B-R6ch,K-N1; 14.BxPch,KxB; 15. Q-Q5ch,Resigns. (Germany,1920)
- No. 28:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.P-KB4,B-B4; 3.N-KB3,P-Q4; 4.NxP,PxP; 5.B-B4,Q-R5ch; 6.P-N3,Q-R6; 7.Q-K2,N-KB3; 8.BxPch,K-B1; 9.N-QB3,N-B3; 10.B-Q5,N-Q5; 11.Q-B1,B-KN5; 12.B-N3,N-B6ch; 13.NxN,PxN; 14.QxQ,R-K1ch; 15.K-Q1,B-N8! White resigns. (Germany,1921)
- No. 29:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.P-KB4,P-Q4; 3.KPxP,PK5; 4.Q-K2,P-KB4; 5.P-Q3,N-KB3; 6.N-Q2,B-QN5; 7.PxP,NxKP; 8.Q-N5ch,K-B2; 9.QxB,Q-R5ch; 10.P-N3,NxNP; 11.N1-B3,R-K1ch; 12.K-Q1,NxR; 13.B-K2,N-B7ch; 14.K-K1,N-Q6 d.ch; 15.K-Q1,Q-K8ch; 16.NxQ,N-B7 mate. (Germany,1907)
- No. 30:** 1.P-Q4,P-KB4; 2.P-K4,PxP; 3.N-QB3,N-KB3; 4.B-KN5,P-K3; 5.P-B3,PxP; 6.NxP,B-K2; 7.BxN,BxB; 8.B-Q3,O-O; 9.P-KR4,P-B4; 10.BxPch, K-B2; 11.N-K5ch,BxN; 12.Q-R5ch,K-K2; 13.N-Q5ch,K-Q3; 14.QxBch,K-B3; 15.N-N4ch,PxN; 16.Q-B5 mate. (Germany,1913)
- No. 31:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-N5,N-Q5; 4.B-B4,Q-B3; 5.NxN,Px N; 6.O-O,P-QN3; 7.P-QB3,B-N2; 8.P-K5,Q-N3; 9.P-B3,P-Q6; 10.Q-N3,N-R3; 11.B-Q5,B-B4ch; 12.K-R1,N-B4; 13.P-KN4,Q-R3; 14.PxN,Q-R6; 15.R-Q1, QxBPch; 16.BxQ,BxB mate. (Germany,1916)
- No. 32:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,N-QB3; 3.B-B4,N-B3; 4.P-Q4,PxP; 5.O-O,NxP; 6.R-K1,P-Q4; 7.BxP,QxB; 8.N-B3,Q-Q1; 9.RxNch,B-K3; 10.NxP,NxN; 11. RxN,Q-B3; 12.N-N5,Q-K4; 13.B-N5!,P-KB3; 14.Q-R5ch,B-B2; 15.BxP,PxB; 16.Q-B3,QxN; 17.QxBP, Resigns. (Germany,1915)
- No. 33:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.B-B4,N-QB3; 3.N-KB3,N-B3; 4.P-Q4,PxP; 5.O-O,NxP; 6.R-K1,P-Q4; 7.BxP,QxB; 8.N-B3,Q-Q1; 9.RxNch,B-K2; 10.NxP,P-KB4; 11. B-R6!,K-B2; 12.Q-R5ch,P-N3; 13.NxN,PxN; 14.Q-B3,B-Q3; 15.N-N5,B-K3; 16.RxB,KxR; 17.QxBP, Resigns. (Germany,1920)
- No. 34:** 1.P-K4,P-KB4; 2.PxP,N-KB3; 3.P-Q4,P-Q4; 4.B-Q3,P-B4; 5.PxP,P-K4; 6.B-N5ch,N-B3; 7.N-KB3,BxQBP; 8.NxP,O-O; 9.BxN,PxB; 10.O-O,BxP; 11.NxP,Q-Q3; 12.N-Q4,N-N5; 13.N-B3,BxBP; 14.QxB,RxN; 15.P-KN3,RxP ch; 16.K-R1,R-N8ch; 17.KxR,QxBch mate. (Italy,1905)
- No. 35:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-QB3,B-B4; 3.N-B3,P-Q3; 4.B-B4,B-K3; 5.Q-K2, KN-K2; 6.N-KN5,N-N3; 7.NxB,PxN; 8.BxP,N-B5; 9.Q-N4,Q-B3; 10.B-B8, BxPch; 11.KxB,O-O; 12.K-K1,N-B3; 13.BxNP,N-Q5; 14.BxR,N-Q6ch; 15.PxN,Q-B7ch; 16.K-Q1,Q-B8ch; 17.RxQ,RxR mate. (USA,1950)

- No. 36:** 1.P-QB4,N-KB3; 2.P-Q4,P-K4; 3.PxP,N-N5; 4.Q-Q4,P-Q3;5.PxP,BxP; 6.QxNP, B-K4; White resigns. (After 7.Q-N5,QxQ; 8.BxQ,BxNP.)
- No. 37:** 1.P-K4,P-QB4; 2.P-Q4,PxP; 3.N-KB3,N-QB3; 4.NxP,P-K4;5.NxN,NPxN; 6.B-QB4, N-B3; 7.O-O,NxP; 8.R-K1,P-Q4; 9.RxN,PxR; 10.BxPch, and white will win the Queen.
- No. 38:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-KB3,P-Q3; 3.B-B4,NQ2; 4.P-Q4,P-QB4; 5.PxKP,PxP; 6.N-B3, B-K2; 7.Q-Q5,N-R3; 8.BxN,O-O; 9.B-Q2,Q-N3; 10. NxP,QxP; 11.NxBP,QxRch; 12.K-K2, QxR; 13.N-R6 d.ch.,K-R1; 14.Q-N8ch,RxQ; 15.N-B7 mate.
- No. 39:** 1.P-K4,N-KB3; 2.B-B4,P-Q3; 3.N-QB3,NxP; 4.BxPch,KxB; 5.NxN,P-K4; 6.Q-B3ch,K-N1; 7.N-N5 wins.
- No. 40:** 1.P-Q4,N-KB3; 2.P-QB4,P-KN3; 3.Q-B2,P-Q4; 4.PxP,NxP; 5.P-K4,N-N3; 6.N-QB3, QxP; 7.N-N5,Q-5ch; 8.B-Q2,Q-R5; 9.P-QN3, wins.
- No. 41:** 1.N-KB3,P-Q4; 2.N-K5,P-KB3; 3.N-KB3,P-K4; 4.P-K4,PxP; 5.NxP,PxN; 6.Q-R5ch. K-Q2; 7.B-B4,N-KB3; 8.QxKP,Q-K2; 9.Q-B5ch,K-B3; 10.QxB,QN-Q2; 11.QxR,Q-B4; 12. B-N3,N-N5; 13.O-O,B-Q3; 14.QxR,BxPch; 15.K-R1,Q-KR4; White resigns.
- No. 42:** 1.P-Q4,P-QB4; 2.PxP,P-K3; 3.P-K4,BxP; 4.N-QB3,Q-B3; 5.N-B3,P-QN3; 6.P-K5, Q-B4; 7.B-Q3, Q-N5; 8.P-KR3,QxNP; 9.R-R2,BxPch; 10.K-K2,Q-N6; 11.N-K4,Q-N3; 12. N-Q6ch and wins.
- No. 43:** 1.P-Q4,P-Q4; 2.B-B4,N-KB3; 3.P-K3,P-QN3; 4.N-KB3,N-QR3; 5.B-N5ch,N-Q2; 6.B-B6,R-N1; 7.N-K5,N-N5; 8.PQB3,N-R3; 9.Q-R4,P-QN4; 10.NxN,PxQ; 11.N-B6 d.ch and mate.
- No. 44:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-QB3,N-KB3; 3.P-B4,PxP; 4.P-K5,Q-K2; 5.Q-K2,N-N1; 6.N-B3, P-Q3; 7.N-Q5,Q-Q2; 8.PxPch,K-Q1; 9.PxPch, wins.
- No. 45:** 1.P-Q4,P-K4; 2.PxP,P-Q3; 3.PxP,BxP; 4.P-K4,N-KB3; 5.B-KN5,O-O; 6.Q-B3, B-K4; 7.P-B3,Q-Q3; 8.B-QB4,R-Q1; 9. B-N3,B-KN5; 10.Q-K3,Q-Q8ch; 11.BxQ, RxB mate.
- No. 46:** 1.P-K4,P-Q4; 2.N-KB3,PxP; 3.N-N5,Q-Q4; 4.P-Q3,PxP; 5.BxP,QxNP; 6.B-K4, Resigns.
- No. 47:** 1.P-Q4,P-KB4; 2.P-QB4,N-KB3; 3.N-QB3,P-K4; 4.PxP,N-N5; 5.N-B3,B-N5; 6. B-Q2,Q-K2; 7.N-Q5,BxBch; 8.QxB,Q-B4; 9.P-K3,O-O; 10.P-QN4, resigns.
- No. 48:** 1.P-Q4,N-KB3; 2.P-QB4,P-K4; 3.PxP,N-N5; 4.P-B4,B-B4;5.N-KR3,NxRP; 6.RxN, Q-R5ch; 7.K-Q2,P-Q4; 8.Q-N3,BxN; 9.QxB,QxPch; 10.K-B2,QxKB; 11.Q-QB8ch,K-K2; 12.QxR,QxPch; 13.B-Q2,N-B3; 14.QxR,N-N5ch; 15.K-N3,QxBPch; 16.K-R4,P-N4ch; 17. K-R5,B-N3 mate.
- No. 49:** 1.P-K4,P-K4; 2.N-QB3,N-QB3; 3.P-B4,P-Q3; 4.N-B3,B-K2; 5.B-B4,B-N5; 6.O-O, PxP; 7.P-Q4,P-KN4; 8.BxPch,KxB; 9.NxPch,BxN; 10.QxB,N-R3; 11.Q-R5ch,K-N2; 12. P-KR4,B-B3; 13. BxP,N-B2; 14.P-K5,PxP; 15.B-N5,NxB; 16.PxN,BxP; 17.Q-B7ch,K-R3; 18.Q-K6ch,K-B4; 19.P-N4ch,K-R5; 20.K-N2, Resigns.
- No. 50:** 1.P-K4,P-QB3; 2.P-Q4,P-Q4; 3.PxP,PxP; 4.P-QB4,N-KB3; 5.N-QB3,N-B3; 6.N-B3, B-KN5; 7.PxP,NxPQ4; 8.Q-N3,BxN; 9.QxNP, NxQP; 10.B-N5ch,NxB; 11.Q-B6ch, and wins.

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