

**AWARDS**

of the 19<sup>th</sup> "Ukrainian folk crafts" Thematic Tourney-2023  
 (Batumi, Georgia, September 2-5)

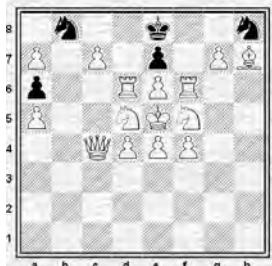
(конкурс був анонсований у попередньому випуску журналу на сторінках 24 та 58)

**Judges: E. Reytsen, N. Kucherenko**

7 problems (Task 1) and 8 problems (Task 2) received from 5 composers from 4 countries (Germany – 2, Ukraine – 1, Romania – 1, India - 1).

**Task 1**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize**  
**Andrey Frolkin**  
 (Ukraine)  
**Vlaicu Crisan**  
 (Romania)



15+5 Not #1

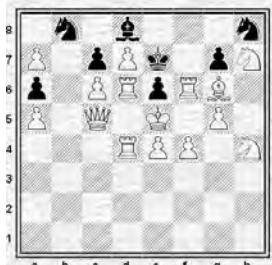
Black has no last move. The only missing white piece is his dark-squared bishop; therefore, b7xa6 could not have been played.

Black has 6 moves at his disposal. After each of these moves, White has exactly 1 mate-delivering move and exactly 1 move not leading to mate.

- 0... ♜c6+ 1. ♛:c6! (1. ♜:c6#?)
- 0... ♜d7+ 1. ♛:d7! (1.e:d7#?)
- 0...e:d6+ 1. ♜:d6! (1. ♜:d6#?)
- 0... ♜g6+ 1. ♛:g6! (1. ♜:g6#?)
- 0... ♜f7+ 1. ♛:f7! (1.e:f7#?)
- 0...e:f6+ 1. ♜:f6! (1. ♜:f6#?)

5 balls

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**  
**Andrey Frolkin**  
 (Ukraine)  
**Vlaicu Crisan**  
 (Romania)



15+7 Not #1

- 0... ♜:c6+ 1. ♜:c6! (1. ♜:c6#?)
- 0... ♜d7+ 1.c:d7! (1. ♛:d7#?)
- 0... ♜:f7+ 1. ♜:f7! (1. ♛:f7#?)
- 0... ♜:g6+ 1. ♛:g6! (1. ♜:g6#?)
- 0...c:d6+ 1. ♛:d6! (1. ♜:d6#?)
- 0...g:f6+ 1. ♜:f6! (1.g:f6#?)

4 balls

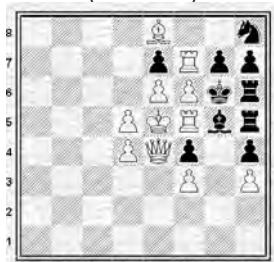
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (in equal)**

Andrey Frolikin

(Ukraine)

Vlaicu Crisan

(Romania)



11+10 Not #1

0...g:f6+ 1. ♕ 7:f6#! (A) [1. ♕ 5:f6#!? (B)]

0... ♜ :f6+ 1. ♕ 5:f6#!! (B) [1. ♕ 7:f6#!? (A)]

0...e:f6+ 1. ♕ 7:f6#!? (A), 1. ♕ 5:f6#!? (B), but 1. ♛ d6!

Also:

0... ♜ :f7+ 1.e:f7! (1. ♜ :f7#!?)

Black Umnov in “extended play”:

0...g7:f6+ 1. ♕ 7:f6#! (A) ♔ g7!

0... ♜ g5:f6+ 1. ♕ 5:f6#! (B) ♔ g5!

3 balls

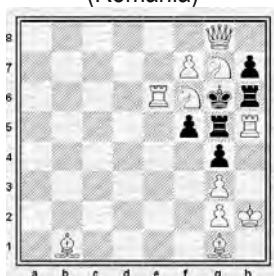
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (in equal)**

Andrey Frolikin

(Ukraine)

Vlaicu Crisan

(Romania)



11+6 Not #1

0... ♜ g:h5+

1. ♜ f:h5#! (A) [ ♜ g:h5#!? (B)],

0... ♜ h:h5+

1. ♜ g:h5#! (B) [ ♜ f:h5#!? (A)].

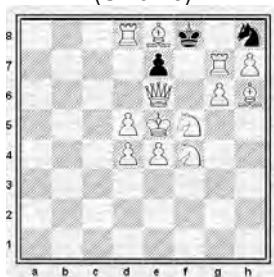
3 balls

**1<sup>st</sup> Honourable Mention (in equal)**

Vlaicu Crisan (Romania)

Andrey Frolikin

(Ukraine)



13+3 Not #1

0... ♜ f7+

1.g:f7! [1. ♜ :f7#/ ♜ :f7#/ ♜ :f7#!?]

0... ♜ :g6+

1. ♜ :g6! [1. ♜ :g6#/ ♜ :g6#/ ♜ :g6#!?]

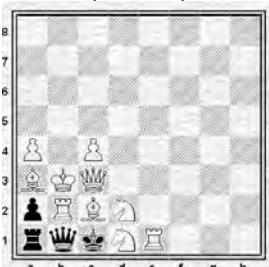
2 balls

**1<sup>st</sup> Honourable Mention (in equal)**

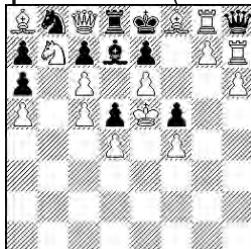
Vlaicu Crisan (Romania)

Andrey Frolkin

(Ukraine)



10+4 Not #1

**1<sup>st</sup> Commendation**  
Stephan Dietrich (Germany)

15+11 Not a mate in 1 move

0... ♕:b2+

1. ♘:b2#! [1. ♖:b2#/ ♗:b2#?],

0... ♕:c2+

1. ♖b4! [1. ♘:c2/ ♗:c2#?].

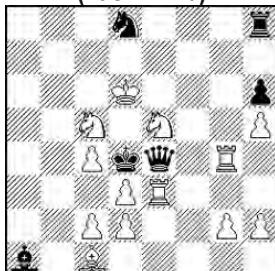
2 balls

in past, black captured b7: ♗a6  
1. ♘:d8#?1.f7-f5 ♖e4-e5 2.d6-d5+ e5-e6  
3. ♖~d7.

1 ball

Task 21. Andrey Frolkin (Ukraine) & Vlaicu Crisan (Romania) – 12 balls  
(Task 1+ Task 2) = 26 balls.

2. Stephan Dietrich (Germany) – 10 balls (Task 1+ Task 2) = 11 balls

3. Anirudh Daga (India) – 10 balls  
(Task 1 = 0)

13+6

4. Silvio Baier (Germany) – 10 balls (Task 1 = 0).

**Solution:**

1. ♖e6 ♗a3 2. ♖b2 ♗b4 3. ♖a3 ♗a5  
 4. ♖f8 ♗d8 5. ♖f4 ♗h4 6. ♖d8 ♗f2  
 7. ♖f3 ♗g1 8. ♖f2 ♗h4 9. ♗f4 ♗g4  
 10. ♗f7 ♗h3 11. ♗a7 g3  
 (11 moves).