

WCCI-2010-2012 Group H, Retros
1st Place, Dimitrij Baibikov 41.75 points

No.2 (11.25 points)

Dimitrij Baibikov

Shahmatnaja Kompozitsija, 2010

1st Prize

No.1 (10.50 points)

Dimitrij Baibikov

Phenix, 2010

dedicated to Andre Hazebrouck

No.3 (10.25 points)

Dimitrij Baibikov

SuperProblem, 2012

No.5 (9.75 points)

Dimitrij Baibikov

The Problemist, 2010 (R421v)

See diagrams and solutions here - <http://www.wfcc.ch/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Baibikov.pdf>

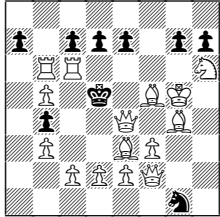
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2nd Place, Nikolai Beluhov 40 points

No.5 (11.00 points)

Nikolai Beluhov

Die Schwalbe 246, 12/2010
dedicated to Hugo August



How many times (16+10)
was the black King checked
in the last 66 single moves?

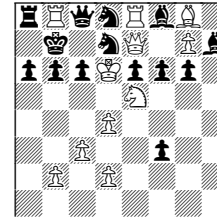
Solution: Retro: 1. Qf4-e4# Ke5-d5 2. Qc4-f4+ Kd5-e5 3. Qc3-c4+ Ke5-d5 4. Qd3-c3+ Kd5-e5 5. Bd4-e3+ Ke5-d5 6. Bc5-d4+ Kd5-e5 7. Qe3-d3+ Ke5-d5 8. Be4-f5+ Kd5-e5 9. Bg6-e4+ Ke5-d5 10. Qd3-e3+ Kd5-e5 11. Qc3-d3+ Ke5-d5 12. Qc4-c3+ Kd5-e5 13. Qf4-c4+ Ke5-d5 14. Qf7-f4+ Kd5-e5 15. Re6-c6+ Ke5-d5 16. Rf6-e6+ Kd5-e5 17. Re6-b6+ Ke5-d5 18. Ra6-e6+ Kd5-e5 19. Re6-f6+ Ke5-d5 20. Rb6-e6+ Kd5-e5 21. Qf4-f7+ Ke5-d5 22. Qc4-f4+ Kd5-e5 23. Qc3-c4+ Ke5-d5 24. Qd3-c3+ Kd5-e5 25. Qe3-d3+ Ke5-d5 26. Be4-g6+ Kd5-e5 27. Bf5-e4+ Ke5-d5 28. Qd3-e3+ Kd5-e5 29. Bd4-c5+ Ke5-d5 30. Be3-d4+ Kd5-e5 31. Qc3-d3+ Ke5-d5 32. Qc6-c3+ Kd5-e5 33. Qg6-c6+ Ke5-d5...

The current record for largest number of successive unchecks retracted by the same player in unconditional retroplay.

No.6 (10.00 points)

Nikolai Beluhov

StrateGems 2011
2nd Prize



Release the position (11+14)

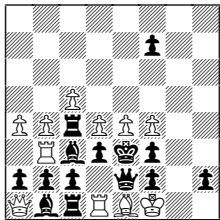
Solution: Retro: 1. a7:Rb8=R+ Nc5-d7 2. Nd7-e5+ Nd3-c5 3. Bf7-g8 Nb4-d3 4. d3-d4 Nd5-b4 5. e2:d3 Nc7-d5 6. Ne5-d7 Bg8-h7...
Try: 7. c2-c3 Bh7-g8 8. Bg8-f7 f4-f3 9. Nf7-e5 f5-f4 10. Nh8-f7 d4-d3 11. Bf7-g8 Bg8-h7 12. h7-h8=N d5-d4 13. h6-h7... and Black is retrostalemated after the retraction of h7:g6.
7. Nc4-e5 Bh7-g8 8. Na3-c4 Bg8-h7 9. Nb5-a3 Nd5-c7 10. Nc7-b5+ Bh7-g8 11. Bg8-f7 Ne3-d5 12. Bf7-g8 Ng4-e3 13. Bg8-f7 Ne5-g4 14. Bf7-g8 Nd7-e5 15. Nd5-c7 Bg8-h7 16. Ne3-d5 Bh7-g8 17. Nc4-e3 Bg8-h7 18. Ne5-c4 Bh7-g8 19. Bg8-f7 f4-f3 20. Nf7-e5 f5-f4 21. Nh8-f7 d4-d3 22. Bf7-g8 Bg8-h7 23. h7-h8=N d5-d4 24. h6-h7 h7:Ng6 25. Ne5-g6 Nc5-d7 26. Nd7-e5+...

Five Knight-for-Knight substitutions along the same line of attack, four of them featuring the same pair of Knights.

No.1 (9.50 points)

Nikolai Beluhov

FIDE World Cup, 2010
2nd Prize



Last 30 single moves? (11+14)

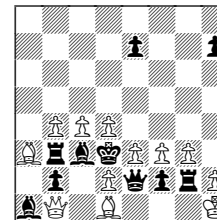
Solution: Retro: 1. ... Qd2-e2+ 2. Ra3-b3 h3-h2 3. Rb3-a3 a3-a2 4. Qa2-a1 h4-h3 5. Qa1-a2 Ba2-b1 6. Qb1-a1 h5-h4 7. Qa1-b1 Rb1-c1 8. Rc1-d1 h6-h5 9. Rd1-c1 Qc1-d2 10. Rd2-d1 h7-h6 11. Rd1-d2 Bd2-c3 12. Rc3-b3 Bb3-a2 13. Qa2-a1 Ra1-b1 14. Qb1-a2 Ba2-b3 15. b3-b4 Rb4-c4 16. Rc4-c3...

The last 30 single moves are completely determined.
Five tempo-pauses, all forced by white units stepping in the way of black ones and then backtracking immediately, occur at regular intervals on moves 2, 4, 6, 8, 10.
A large number of tries result in the formation of illegal cages of various sizes.

No.2 (9.50 points)

Nikolai Beluhov

StrateGems 2010
2nd Commendation
dedicated to Andrey Frolkin



Legal? (12+10)

Solution: Retro: 1. Qa2(c1):Qb1+ Qc2-b1 2. Qb1-a2(c1) Qc1:Rc2 3. Qa2-b1 Qb1-c1 4. Rc1:Nc2 Ne1-c2 5. Rc2-c1 Qc1-b1 6. Qb1-a2 a2-a1=B 7. Qa1-b1 Qb1-c1 8. Rc1-c2 Nc2:Re1 9. Rg1-e1 Ne1-c2 10. Rc2-c1 Qf1-e2 11. Rc1-c2 Ke2-d3 12. Bc2-d1+ Nd3-e1 13. Rd1-c1...
Try: 9. Rf1-e1 leads to a retro-eternity.
A self-extracting Chinese puzzle: new units are uncaptured in a catenaccio sequence (wQ:bQ:wR:bN:wR) until the limited space inside the cage is filled up almost completely, the pieces moving busily all the time in a way strongly reminiscent of the 15-puzzle.

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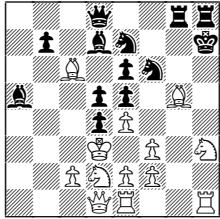
3rd Place, Nicolas Dupont 39.50 points

No.1 (11.50 points)

Nicolas Dupont

StrateGems 2011 (v)

1st Prize



PG 30

(13+13)

1.h4 e5 2.h5 Qg5 3.h6 Qe3 4.dxe3 a5 5.Qd4 a4 6.Kd2 a3 7.Kd3
axb2 8.a4 Bb4 9.a5 Se7 10.a6 0-0 11.hxg7 c5 12.Rh6 cxd4 13.Re6
fxe6 14.a7 Rf3 15.gxf3 h5 16.Bh3 h4 17.Bf5 h3 18.Be4 h2 19.Bc6
h1R 20.e4 Rh8 21.Sh3 Kh7 22.g8R d5 23.Rg1 Sd7 24.Bg5 Sf6
25.Sd2 Bd7 26.Rae1 Rag8 27.a8Q b1Q 28.Qa1 Ba5 29.Rh1 Qb6
30.Qd1 Qd8.

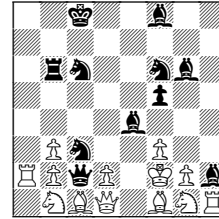
A mindblowing achievement. There was never a shred of doubt in my mind that this problem deserves the top spot. Many finely tuned details make the following monumental content possible: The combination of black Rook and Queen Pronkins is echoed by the same kind of Pronkins on the white side. One of the best SPGs I've ever studied. Let's hope it is correct. (Judge: Reto Aschwanden)

No.3 (9.50 points)

Nicolas Dupont

Olympic Tourney 2012

Honorable Mention



PG 30½

(13+11)

1. h4 a5 2. h5 a4 3. h6 a3 4. hxg7 h5 5. c4 Th6 6. c5 Tb6 7. c6 h4 8.
cxb7 c5 9. e4 Sc6 10. b8=S c4 11. Sxd7 c3 12. Se5 Lf5 13. Sf3 Lg6 14.
e5 f5 15. e6 Sf6 16. g8=S c2 17. Sxe7 cxb1=L 18. Sd5 Le4 19. Sc3
Dd3 20. Sb1 0-0-0 21. e7 h3 22. e8=S h2 23. Sc7 hxg1=L 24. Sb5 Lh2
25. Sg1 Dc2 26. f3 Td3 27. Kf2 Tb3 28. axb3 a2 29. S5a3 axb1=S 30.
Ta2 Sc3 31. Sb1

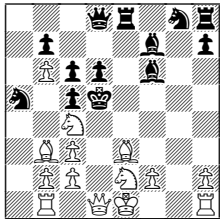
Comment: Among the triple "single-nature & single side" Pronkin combinations PR(X,X,X), the case X=Q was shown by Hashimoto and the case X=B by Wilts. We construct here the toughest knight case PR(S,S,S). See number 6 for the remaining Rook case.

No.4 (9.50 points)

Nicolas Dupont

FIDE world cup 2011

3rd Prize



PG 28½

(14+13)

1.a4 c5 2.a5 Db6 3.a×b6 a5 4.é4 a4 5.Fç4 a3 6.Fb3 a2 7.Ca3 Cç6 8.Tb1
a1=D 9.Cç4 Da5 10.g4 Dç3 11.d×ç3 Ca5 12.Dd6 é×d6 13.g5 Ré7 14.g6 Ré6
15.g×f7 g5 16.é5 Fg7 17.f8=D g4 18.Df3 g3 19.Dç6 d×ç6 20.Rd1 Rd5 21.é6
g2 22.é7 Fè6 23.é8=D Ff7 24.Dé1 Té8 25.Cé2 g1=D 26.Fé3 Dg5 27.Rd2
Dd8 28.Dd1 Ff6 29.Ré1+

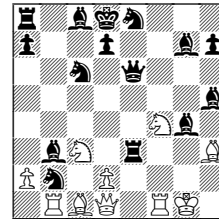
Comment: This proof game shows, for each side, one Ceriani-Frolkin Queen and one Pronkin Queen, hence the very homogeneous "proof game of the future" CF(Q,q) & PR(Q,q). As a bonus, Qd1 and Ke1 make a double exchange of their places (Lois theme).

No.2 (9.00 points)

Nicolas Dupont

Die Schwalbe 2011

dedicated to Thomas Brand



PG 33½

(10+15)

1.h4 b5 2.h5 b4 3.h6 b3 4.h×g7 b×ç2 5.b4 f5 6.b5 f4 7.b6 f3 8.b7 f×é2
9.f4 ç5 10.f5 Db6 11.f6 Rd8 12.f7 Cf6 13.g8=D é×d1=C 14.Dg4 Cb2
15.Dd1 é5 16.g4 é4 17.g5 é3 18.g6 é2 19.g7 é×d1=F 20.g8=D Fh5
21.Dg4 Fg7 22.Dd1 ç×d1=F 23.Fh3 Fdg4 24.Cé2 Té8 25.0-0 Té3
26.f8=D+ Cé8 27.Df3 Dè6 28.Cf4 Cç6 29.b8=D ç4 30.Db3 ç3 31.Dbd1
ç2 32.Cç3 ç×d1=F 33.Tb1 Fb3 34.Dd1

Comment: One of the very few proof game showing 4 Pronkin promotions. Moreover the combination (Q,Q,Q,Q) is perfectly homogeneous.