

WINTON BRITISH CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP 2016-2017

THE FINAL

ETON COLLEGE, Saturday 18th February 2017

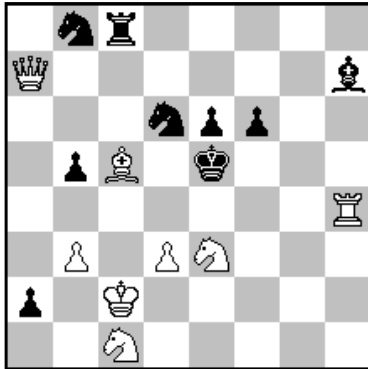
ROUND 1: Twomovers

TIME: 20 minutes

SOLVER:

1) Murray Marble

British Chess Magazine 1915



Mate in 2 (8 + 9)
5 points

1.Kd1? Sc6!

1.Qa3! (2.Qb2#) (5)

1...a1Q 2.Qxa1#

1...Sc4 2.Bd4#

1...Se4 2.d4#

1...Sf5 2.Re4#

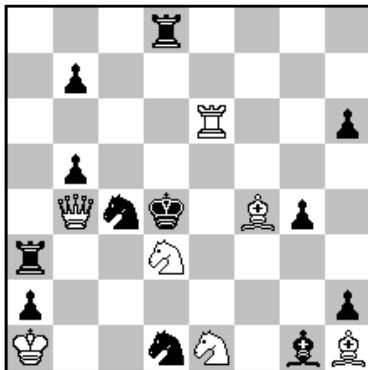
1...Sc6 2.Bxd6#

1...Bxd3+ 2.Sxd3#

1...Rxc5+ 2.Qxc5#

2) Leopold Swedowski

1st Prize Pedagogusok Lapja 1966-1967



Mate in 2 (7 + 12)
5 points

1.Bxb7? (2.Re4#) 1...Rd5!

1.Be4? (2.Sc2#) 1...Se3!

1.Bd2? (2.Qc5#) 1...b6!

1.Sc1? (2.Sc2#/2.Se2#) 1...Rf3!

1.Re3! (2.Sc2#) (5)

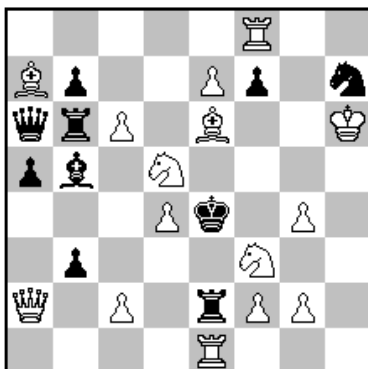
1...Sxe3 2.Be5#

1...Bxe3 2.Be5#

1...Rc3 2.Qc5#

3) Josef Retter

167 TT Die Schwalbe 1982



Mate in 2 (15 + 10)
5 points

1.Qxb3? (2.Bf5#) 1...Bc4!

1.Qb2? (2.Sd2#) 1...bxc2!

1.Bb8? (2.Sc3#) 1...Rxc6!

1.Rd8? (2.Bf5#) 1...fxe6!

1.e8S! (2.Sd6#) (5)

1...bxc2 2.Bf5#

1...Rxc6 2.Sd2#

1...fxe6 2.Sc3#

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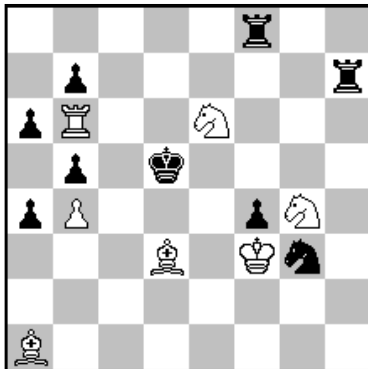
ROUND 2: Threemovers

TIME: 40 minutes

SOLVER:

1) A. Lobusov

HM Bulletin Central Chess Club USSR 1978



Mate in 3 (7 + 9)
5 points

1.Se5!

1...~ 2.Bb1 (>3.Ba2#)
 2...Rh2/c7 3.S(x)c7#
 2...Rc8 3.Sxf4#

1...a5 2.Bxb5 (>3.Bc4#)
 2...Rc7 3.Sxc7#
 2...Rc8 3.Sxf4#

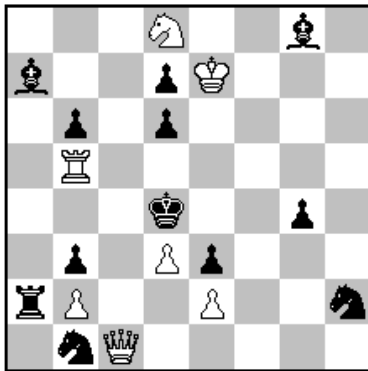
1...R7f7 2.Bf5 (>3.Sxf4#)
 2...Se2/h5 3.Be4#
 2...Rxf5 2.Sc7#

1...R8f7 2.Sd7 (>3.Sc7#)
 2...Rxd7 3.Sxf4#

(1.5 → 2.5 → 4 → 5)

2) A. Grin

HM Shakhmaty v SSSR 1980



Mate in 3 (7 + 12)
5 points

1.Qc8!

1...~ 2.Se6+ dxe6 3.Qc4# (1)
 2...Bxe6 3.Qh8#

1...Ra4 2.Qc6 (>3.Qe4#) (1)
 2...Sd2/c3 3.Q(x)c3#

2...d5 3.Qf6#
 2...dxc6 3.Sxc6#
 2...Bd5/h7 3.Q(x)d5#

1...Sf3 2.Sc6+ dxc6 3.Qxg4# (1)

1...d5 2.Qc7 (>3.Qf4/Rb4#) (1)

2...Sd2 3.Qc3#
 2...d6 3.Sc6#

1...Bd5 2.Sc6+ Bxc6/dxc6 3.Qh8# (1)

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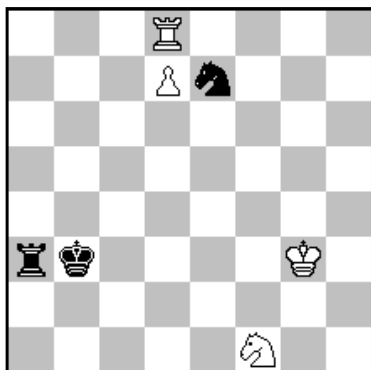
ROUND 3: Two endgame studies

TIME: 60 minutes

SOLVER:

1) Martin Minski & Steffen Slumstrup Nielsen

Original for e4 e5 10 JT



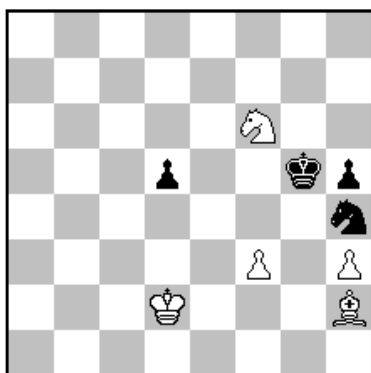
White to play and win (4 + 3)
5 points

1.Rc8 (1)
1...Kb4+ 2.Kf4 Sc6 3.Rxc6
 (or 1...Sc6 2.Rxc6 Kb4+ 3.Kf4)
3...Rd3 4.Rc7
4...Kb5 5.Ke4 (1)
5...Kb6 6.Ra7 (1)
6...Rd6 7.Ke5
7...Rd3 8.Se3 (1)
8...Kxa7 /i 9.Sd5
9...Kb7 10.d8Q (1)

i) 8...Rxe3+ 9.Kd4+-

2) A. Ornstein

3rd/4th HM Tidskrift for Schack 1994



White to play and win (5 + 4)
5 points

1.Bc7 /i (1)
1...Sxf3+ 2.Ke3
2...Sg1 3.h4+ /ii (1)
3...Kxh4 /iii 4.Kf2
4...Sh3+ 5.Kg2
5...d4 6.Be5 (1)
6...d3 7.Sd5 /iv (1)
7...d2 8.Se3
8...d1=Q 9.Sxd1
9...Sg5 10.Bg3+
10...Kg4 11.Se3# (1)

i)

1.Bg3 Sxf3+ 2.Ke3 Sg1 3.Sh7+ Kf5 4.h4 d4+ 5.Kf2 d3

1.Sh7+ Kh6 2.Bg3 Sf5 3.Sf6 Sxg3 4.Sxd5 Kg5 5.Ke3 Kh4 6.Sf4 Sh1

ii) 3.Sh7+ Kh4 4.Bd8+ Kg3 5.h4 Sf3 6.Bc7+ Kg2 7.Sf6 Sxh4 8.Sxh5

iii) 3...Kxf6 4.Kf2 Sh3+ 5.Kg2 Sg5 6.Bd8+

iv) 7.Bg3+ Kg5 8..Sd5 d2

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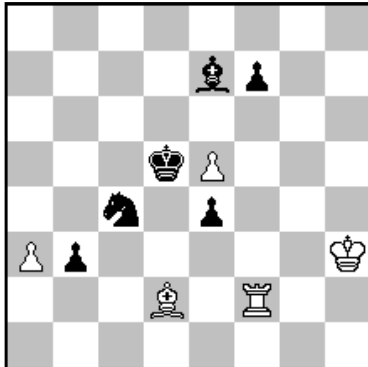
ROUND 4: Helpmates

TIME: 25 minutes

SOLVER:

1. Valery Kopyl

Problem Forum 2002



1.Kd4 Ba5 2.Bb4 Rd2+ 3.Kc3 Bxb4#

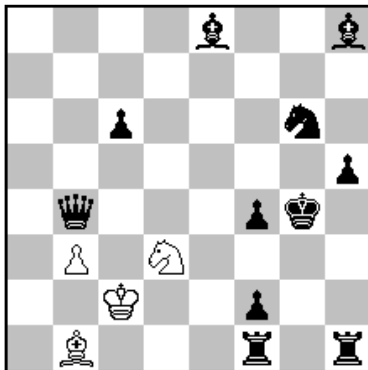
1.Ke6 Rxf7 2.Bf6 Bf4 3.Kf5 Rxf6#

(2 x 2.5)

H#3 (2 solutions) (5 + 6)
5 points (2½ + 2½)

2. Z. Meergans

Schweizerische Schachzeitung 1984



1.Rh4 Ba2 2.Rb1 Sc5 3.Rxb3 Se4 4.Rf3 Be6#

1.Bf6 Se1 2.Bh4 Kb2 3.Bg3 Bf5+ 4.Kh4 Sf3#

(2 x 2.5)

H#4 (2 solutions) (4 + 11)
5 points (2½ + 2½)

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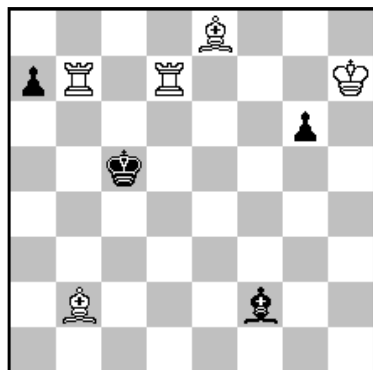
ROUND 5: Moremovers

TIME: 55 minutes

SOLVER:

1) L. Vetesnik

Ceske Listy sachove 1897 (v)



Mate in 4 (5 + 4)
5 points

1.Rd2!

1...~ 2.Ba3+ Kc4 3.Bf7+ Kc3 4.Bb4# (1)

1...Bd4 2.Rxd4 (> 3.Rb5#) a6 3.Kxg6 a5 4.Rb5# (1)

1...Kc4 2.Bf7+ Kc5 3.Ba3+ Kc6 4.Bd5# (1)

1...a5 2.Rd3 ~ 3.Ba3+ Kc4 4.Bb5# (0.5)

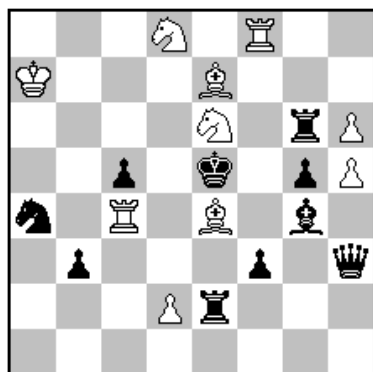
2...Be1 3.Rb5+ Kc4 4.Rd4# (0.5)

2...Bd4 3.Rxd4 ~ 4.Rb5# (0.5)

2...Kc4 3.Bb5+ ~ 4.Ba3# (0.5)

2) Labai Zoltan

2.HM Sachove umeni 1992



Mate in 5 (10 + 10)
5 points

1.Bb7! (> 2.Rxc5+ Sxc5 3.d4#)

1...Bxe6 2.Sc6+ Kd5 3.Rd4+ cxd4 4.Sb4+

4...Ke5 5.Sd3#

4...Kc4 5.Ba6#

1...Rxe6 2.Sf7+ Kf5 3.Sd6+ Ke5 4.Rf5+ Bxf5 5.Sf7#

(2 x 2.5)

1...Sc3(b6) 2.Rxc5+ Sd5 3.Rxd5+ Ke4 4.Sc5#

1...Rf6 2.Rxc5+ Sxc5 3.d4+ Kf5 4.Rxf6#

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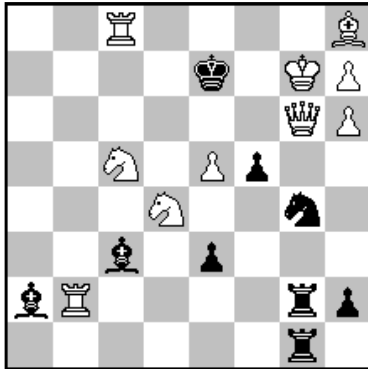
ROUND 6: Selfmates

TIME: 30 minutes

SOLVER:

1. Udo Degener

4th Prize Schweizerische Schachzeitung 1985/1986



Selfmate in 2 (10 + 9)
5 points

1.R2b8/Rb6/Rb4? 1...Sf6/Sf2/Sxe5!

1.Rb5!

1..~~ 2.Qf6+ Sxf6#

1..Sf2 2.Qg5+ Rxc5#

1..Sxh6 2.Sxf5+ Sxf5#

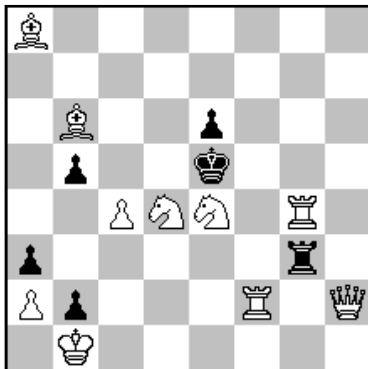
1..Sf6 2.Re8+ Sxe8#

1..Sxe5 2.Sc6+ Sxc6#

(5 x 1)

2. P.A. Larsen

HM Tidskrift for Schack 1911



Selfmate in 5 (10 + 6)
5 points

1.Rg7! (-)

1...bxc4 2.Ra7 c3 3.Qh8+ Rg7 4.Qb8+ Rc7 5.Se2 c2#

1...b4 2.Rgf7 b3 3.Sc6+ Kxe4 4.Rf4+ Kd3 5.Qc2+ bxc2#

(2 x 2.5)

Problems Difficulty (43 Solvers)

ID	Tag	Average	5(Correct Solution)	0 < Pts. < 5	0 (Wrong Solution)	- (No Solution)
9	h#4	0.06	0	1	42	0
13	s#5	0.23	2	0	41	0
10	#4	0.87	1	13	29	0
7	+	1.09	3	21	19	0
6	+	1.22	5	17	21	0
8	h#3	1.28	9	4	30	0
5	#3	1.53	8	8	27	0
11	#5	1.63	12	4	27	0
3	#2	1.98	17	0	26	0
4	#3	2.00	7	18	18	0
2	#2	2.67	23	0	20	0
12	s#2	3.21	24	5	14	0
1	#2	4.07	35	0	8	0