

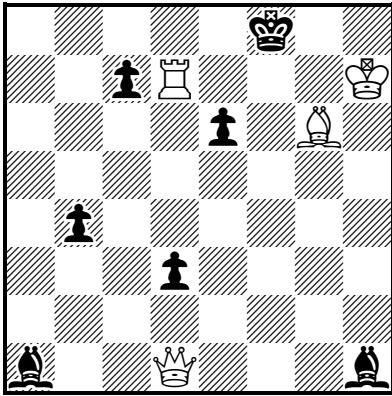
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ROUND 1: Twomovers – TIME: 20 minutes

SOLVER:

1) Brian Harley

Morning Post, 1932



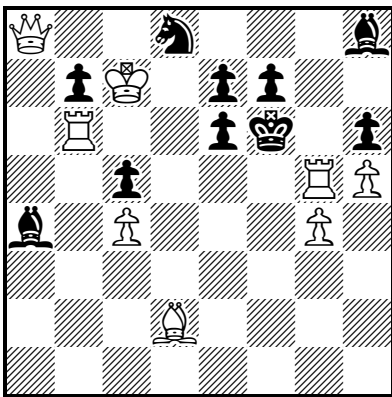
Mate in 2 (4 + 7)

1. ♖a4! (5)
 (2. ♜f7#)

1... c6 2. ♖a8#
 1... ♗c6 2. ♖xb4#

2) Henry D'O Bernard

San Francisco Chronicle, 1901



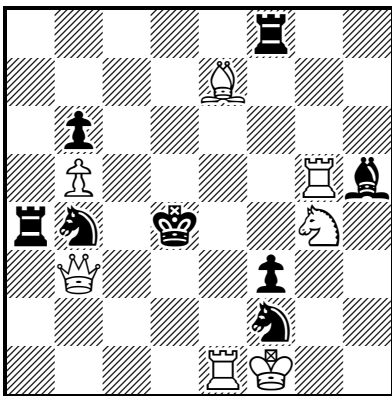
Mate in 2 (8 + 10)

1. ♜d6! (5)

1... ♗c6 2. ♖xh8#
 1... ♗g7 2. ♜f5#
 1... b6, b5 2. ♖f3#
 1... exd6 2. ♖xd8#
 1... hxg5 2. ♗c3#
 1... ♗a any 2. ♖a1#

3) Marcel Aschenazi

2nd Prize, Bulletin Ouvrier des Echecs, 1954



Mate in 2 (7 + 8)

1... ♗b any 2. ♜(x)d5# **1. ♗e3!** (5)
 1... ♗f7 2. ♗f6# (2. ♖c4#)

1. ♗e5? (2. ♖c4#) 1... ♖e4 2. ♖c4#
 1... ♗b any 2. ♗(x)c2#
 1... ♗f7 2. ♗f5#
 1... ♜c8! 2. ♗(x)f3# 1... ♜f5, ♜c8 2. ♗(x)f5#

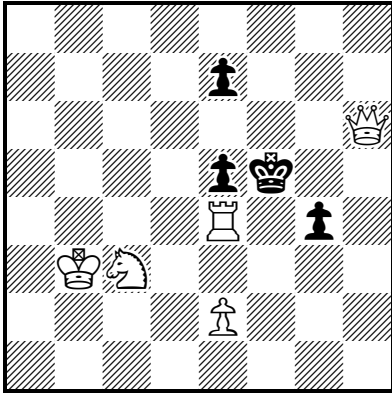
1. ♜c1? 1... ♗c2!
 1. ♗xb4? 1... ♜f5!

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ROUND 2: Threemovers – TIME: 40 minutes

SOLVER:

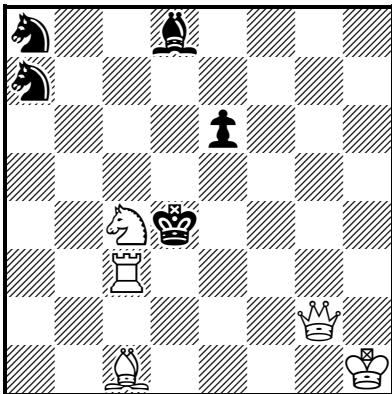
4) Otto Wurzburg
Pittsburgh Post, 1923



Mate in 3 (5 + 4)

1. ♘d5! ○
- | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|------|----------------|
| 1... ♖xe4 | 2. ♘c3+ @ | ♖d4 | 3. ♜b6# |
| | | ♖f5 | 3. e4# |
| 1... g3 | 2. ♖g4 @ | | (3. ♘e3, ♜g6#) |
| | | ♖xg4 | 3. ♘e3# |
| 1... e6 | 2. ♜h7+ @ | e4 | 3. ♖g5# |
| | | ♖g5 | 3. ♖xe5# |
- (@ 1.5 -> 3.5 -> 5)

5) Vladimir V Didenko
HM., Panorama, 1999



Mate in 3 (5 + 5) (@ 1.5 -> 2.5 -> 4 -> 5)

1. ♘d6!
- | | | | |
|-----------|------------|------|----------|
| | (2. ♜e4+ @ | ♖xc3 | 3. ♜c4#) |
| 1... ♖e5 | 2. ♗f4+ @ | ♖d4 | 3. ♜d2# |
| | | ♖xf4 | 3. ♜g3# |
| | | ♖f6 | 3. ♜g5# |
| 1... ♖xc3 | 2. ♜b2+ @ | ♖d3 | 3. ♜d2# |
| 1... ♘b6 | 2. ♖d3+ @ | ♖xd3 | 3. ♜d2# |
| | | ♖c5 | 3. ♗a3# |
| | | ♖e5 | 3. ♜b2# |

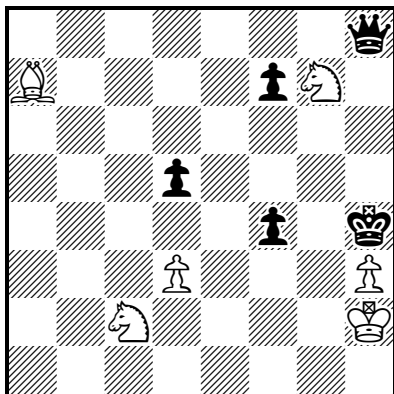
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ROUND 3: Endgame studies – TIME: 60 minutes

SOLVER:

6) Alexey Troitzky

Shakhmatny Zhurnal, 1896 (v)

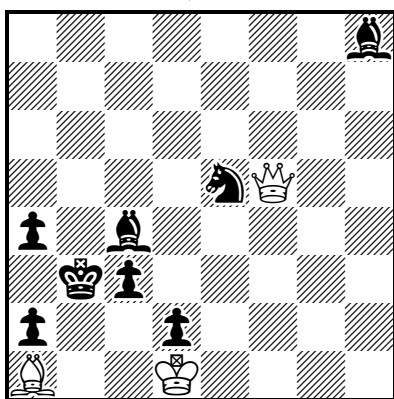


White to play and win (6 + 5)

1. **Qd4** (1)
 1... **Qd8** 2. **Qf2+** (1)
 2... **Qg5** 3. **Qh4+** (1)
 3... **Qxh4** 4. **Qd4** (1)
 4... **Qg5** 5. **Qde6+** (or 5. **Qge6+**) **fxe6** 6. **Qxe6+** (1)

7) Vitaly Kovalenko

StrateGems, 2014



White to play and win (3 + 8)

1. **Qc2+** (1)
 1... **Qa3** (i) 2. **Qxc3+** (1)
 2... **Qb3+** 3. **Qxd2** (1)
 3... **Qc4+** (ii) 4. **Qd3** (1)
 4... **Qxc3** (iii) 5. **Qxc3 Qc2** (or 5... **Qd1**) 6. **Qxc4** (1)

- (i) 1... **Kb4** 2. **Bxc3+** **Kb5** 3. **Qf5** 1-0
 (ii) 3... **Sf3+** 4. **Kd3** **Se1+** 5. **Qxe1** **Bxa1** 6. **Qe7+** **Kb2** 7. **Kd2** **Bg8** (7... **a3** 8. **Qc5** **Ba4** 9. **Qc3+** **Kb1** 10. **Qc1#**) 8. **Qb4+** **Bb3** 9. **Qc3+** **Ka3** 10. **Qc5+** **Kb2** 11. **Qc1#**
 (iii) 4... **Be5** 5. **Qc1+** **Kb4** (5... **Bb2** 6. **Bxb2+** **Kb4** (6... **Sxb2+** 7. **Kc3** **a1=Q** 8. **Qxa1+** **Ba2** 9. **Qxb2#**) 7. **Bd4** 1-0; 5... **Sb2+** 6. **Bxb2+** **Kb4** 7. **Bxe5** 1-0) 6. **Qe1+** **Kb5** 7. **Bxe5** 1-0

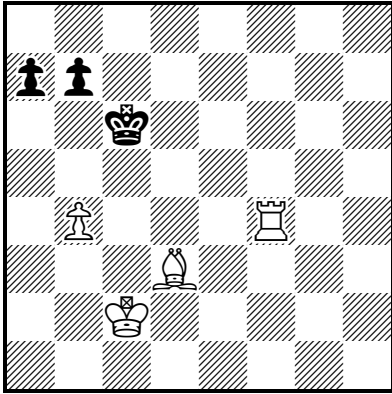
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ROUND 4: Helpmates – TIME: 30 minutes

SOLVER:

8) Christian Poisson

Comm., ten Cate-90 JT, 1994

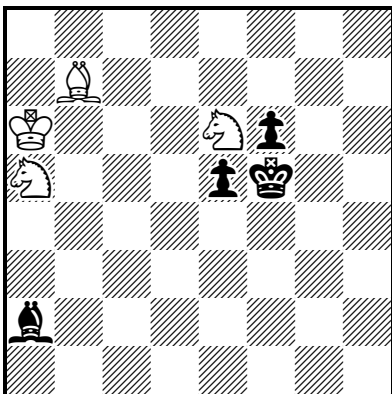


1. ♖d5 ♗e4+ 2. ♔c4 ♗c6# (2.5)
 1. ♖b6 ♖c4 2. ♖a6 ♖c6# (2.5)

Helpmate in 2 (4 + 3)
 2 solutions

9) Neal Turner

The Independent, 1989



1. ♗b3 ♗d5 2. ♗d1 ♖c6 3. ♗g4 ♖e7# (2.5)
 1. ♗d5 ♖b3 2. ♗f3 ♖bc5 3. ♗g4 ♗e4# (2.5)

Helpmate in 3 (4 + 4)
 2 solutions

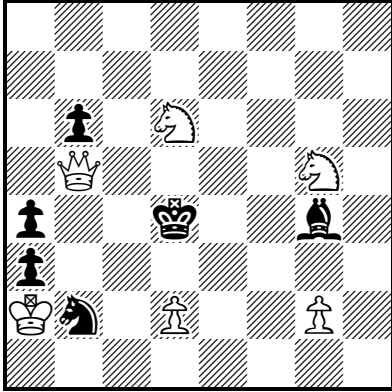
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ROUND 5: Moremovers – TIME: 50 minutes

SOLVER:

10) Vladimir Pachman

1st Prize, SVTVS, 1954(v)



Mate in 4 (6 + 6)

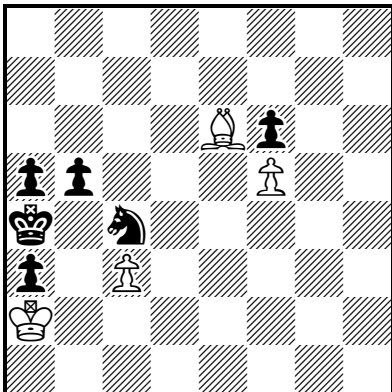
1.g3! ○

1...♗c4 2.♔xc4+ ♕e5 3.♗ge4 @ & 4.d4#
 1...♗d1 2.♗f3+ ♖xf3 3.♗f5+ @ ♕e4 4.d3#
 1...♗d3 2.♗f5+ ♖xf5 3.♗f3+ @ ♕e4 4.♔c6#

(@ 1.5 -> 3.5 -> 5)

11) Gerhard Kaiser

3rd Prize, Schach, 1951



Mate in 5 (4 + 6)

1.♗f7! ○

1...♗d2 2.♗d5 ♗c4 3.♗f3 (4.♗d1#)
 ♗b2 4.♗h5 @ b4 5.♗e8#
 ♗d2 4.♗d1+ @ ♗any 5.♗(x)d1#
 ♗e3 4.♗e4 @ ♗b3 5.♗xb3#
 ♗any 5.♗(x)c2#
 b4 5.♗c6#

(@ 1.5 -> 3.5 -> 5)

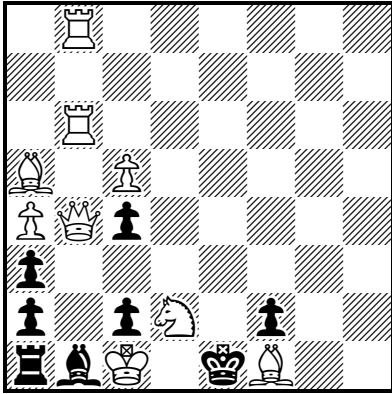
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ROUND 6: Selfmates – TIME: 30 minutes

SOLVER:

12) Florian J Kovacs

2nd Prize, *Magyar Sakkvilag*, 1925

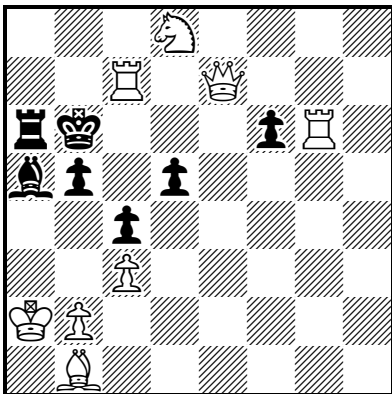


Selfmate in 2 (9 + 8)

- 1. ♖b3!** ○
- | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1...c3 | 2. ♖b4 | cxd2# | (2.5) |
| 1...cxb3 | 2. ♗b4 | b2# | (2.5) |

13) Frank Richter

StrateGems, 2004



Selfmate in 3 (8 + 7)

- 1. ♖c5!**
 (2. ♖xb5+ ♗xb5 3. ♗b4+ @ ♗xb4#)
- | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1...♖a8 | 2. ♗b7+ | ♗xc5 | 3. ♗c7+ @ | ♗xc7# |
| 1...♖a7 | 2. ♗xf6+ | ♗xc5 | 3. ♗b6+ @ | ♗xb6# |
- (@ 1.5 -> 3.5 -> 5)**

Problems Difficulty (16 Solvers)

ID	Tag	Difficulty	Average	5(Correct Solution)	0 < Pts. < 5	0 (Wrong Solution)	- (No Solution)
10	#4	832	0.84	2	1	12	1
2	#2	812	0.94	3	0	13	0
4	#3	812	0.94	2	2	11	1
13	S#3	812	0.94	3	0	11	2
11	#5	750	1.25	2	4	9	1
6	+	676	1.62	4	6	5	1
5	#3	650	1.75	4	3	7	2
3	#2	562	2.19	7	0	8	1
9	H#3	562	2.19	4	6	5	1
7	+	500	2.50	4	11	1	0
12	S#2	250	3.75	12	0	2	2
1	#2	124	4.38	14	0	2	0
8	H#2	124	4.38	12	4	0	0

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