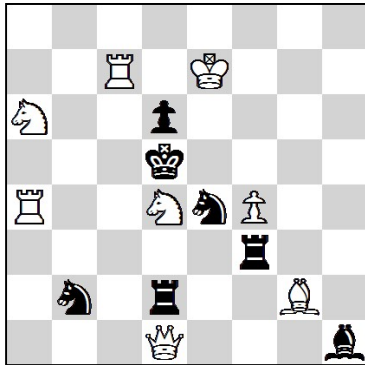


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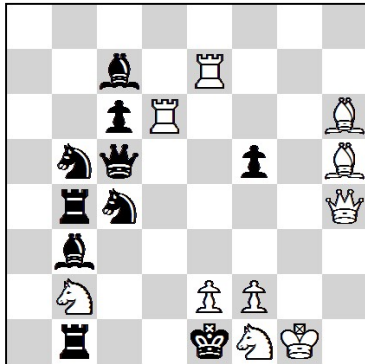
#2

8 + 7

Waclaw Hebelt, 2nd Pr. Zvyazda 1958

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|-------------|------------|----------|
| 1. ♖c2! | [5] | 2. ♖ab4‡ |
| 1. ... ♗d3 | | 2. ♜d4‡ |
| 1. ... ♜b3 | | 2. ♚h5‡ |
| 1. ... ♜xf4 | | 2. ♜a5‡ |
| 1. ... ♞e~ | | 2. ♞e3‡ |
| 1. ♞e2? | | ♜b3! |
| 1. ♞f5? | | ♜b3! |
| 1. ♞b5? | | ♜xf4! |

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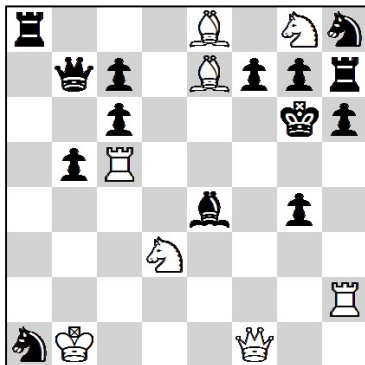
#2

10 + 10

Eric M. Hassberg,
1st Comm. British Chess Federation TT 1937 - 1938

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|---------|------------|---------|
| 1. ♞h2! | [5] | 2. ♞f3‡ |
| 1. ♞e3? | | ♚d5! |
| 1. ♞d2? | | ♞e5! |
| 1. e3? | | ♜xb2! |
| 1. ♞e3? | | f4! |
| 1. ♜e3? | | ♞d8! |

3.



#2

8 + 14

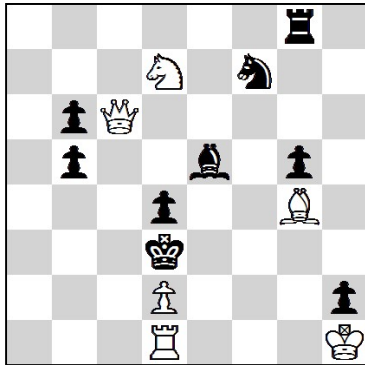
Daniel Papack, 6th Pr. Die Schwalbe 2015

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| 1. ♞d8! | [5] | 2. ♞e7‡ |
| 1. ... ♞xd3+ | | 2. ♚xd3‡ |
| 1. ... ♞f3 | | 2. ♞f4‡ |
| 1. ... ♞f5 | | 2. ♚xf5‡ |
| 1. ... ♞d5 | | 2. ♞e5‡ |
| 1. ... h5 | | 2. ♜g5‡ |
| 1. ♜hc2? | | ♞d5! |
| 1. ♜h4? | | ♚c8! |
| 1. ♜cc2? | | ♞f3! |
| 1. ♞f6? | | ♜xe8! |

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4.



#3 6 + 9

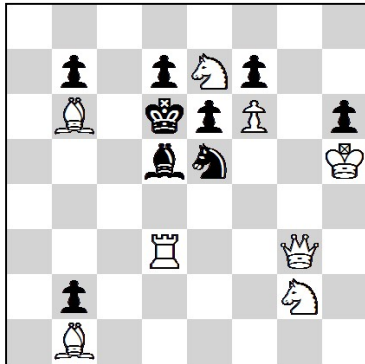
Eigil Pedersen Arbejder-Skak 1944 (v)

1. ♖xb6!

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|--------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. ... | ♖h6, ♖h8 | 2. ♗f3 | @ ~ | 3. ♔e4‡ |
| 1. ... | ♖d6 | 2. ♖d5 | @ ~/♗e4 | 3. ♖b4/d3‡ |
| 1. ... | ♖d8 | 2. ♔c1 | @ ~/♗e4 | 3. ♔b1/d3‡ |
| 1. ... | ♖g7 | 2. ♔c1 | @ ~/♗e4 | 3. ♔b1/d3‡ |
| 1. ... | ♗~ | 2. ♔xb5+ | @ ♔c2/♗e4 | 3. ♔b1/♗f5‡ |
| 1. ... | b4 | 2. ♖a4 | @ ~ | 3. ♖b2‡ |

@	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pts.	1	2	2.5	3	4	5

5.



#3 8 + 9

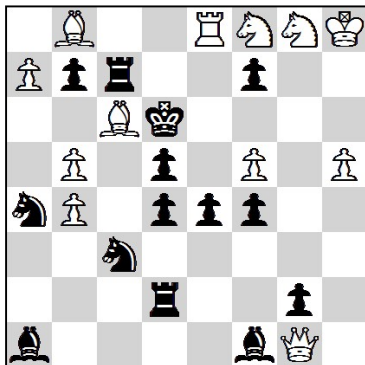
Carel Sammelius, 3rd Pr. Probleemblad 1962

1. ♖f3!

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|--------|-------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| 1. ... | ♗a2 | 2. ♖e3 | @ ♗~ | 3. ♔xe5‡ |
| 1. ... | ♗b3 | 2. ♖f1 | @ ♗~/♗d1+ | 3. ♔a3/♖xd1‡ |
| 1. ... | ♗c4 | 2. ♔f4 | @ ♗~ | 3. ♔b4‡ |
| 1. ... | ♗xf3+ | 2. ♔xh6 | @ ♗~ | 3. ♔a3‡ |
| 1. ... | ♗e4 | 2. ♗xe4 | @ b1~ | 3. ♖c8‡ |
| 1. ... | ♗c6 | 2. ♖c8+ | @ ♖d5 | 3. ♖e3‡ |

@	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pts.	1	2	2.5	3	4	5

6.



#3 12 + 14

Kiril N. Stoyanov, Die Schwalbe 2005

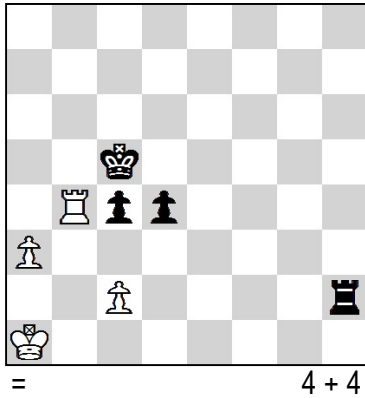
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|----------|------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. ♗xb7! | ~ | 2. ♖h6 | @ ~ | 3. ♖xf7‡ |
| 1. ... | ♗xb5 | 2. a8=♖ | @ ~ | 3. ♗xc7‡ |
| 1. ... | ♗e2 | 2. ♔h2 | @ ~ | 3. ♔xf4‡ |
| 1. ... | ♖b2 | 2. ♔xd4 | @ ~/♖c5, ♖b6 | 3. ♖d8/♔c5‡ |
| 1. ... | d3 | 2. ♔xd4 | @ ~/♖c5, ♖b6 | 3. ♖d8/♔c5‡ |
| 1. ... | ♖c~ | 2. ♖d8+ | @ ♔e5 | 3. ♖xd5‡ |

@	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pts.	1	2	2.5	3	4	5

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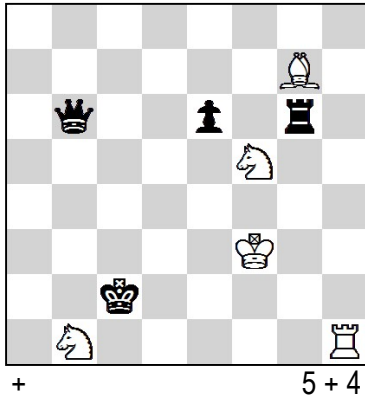
7.



Volker Hergert, Original for ECSC 2025

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|---------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|-----|--------|--|-----|
| 1. ♖b1! | ♜h1+ | 2. ♖a2 | | | | | | [1] |
| 2. ... | ♜c1 | 3. ♖b2 | ♜e1! | 4. ♜b8! | | | | [2] |
| 4. ... | c3+ | 5. ♖a2 | ♜c1! | 6. ♜c8+ | ♜b5 | 7. a4+ | | [1] |
| 7. ... | ♜b4(!) | 8. ♜b8+ | ♜xa4 | 9. ♜b4+! | | | | [1] |
| 9. ... | ♜xb4 | | stalemate | | | | | |
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|----------|--------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|--|
| 1. ... | d3 (?) | 2. cxd3 | cx d3 | 3. ♖c1 | = | | | |
| 1. ... | c3 | 2. ♜b8 | ♜h1+ | 3. ♖a2 | ♜c1 | 4. ♜c8+ | main line | |
| 2. ♖b2? | c3+ | 3. ♖a2 | ♜c1 | -+ | | | | |
| 3. ... | ♜~1(?) | 4. ♖a2 | d3 | 5. cxd3 | cx d3 | 6. ♜b1! | = | |
| 4. ♖a2? | d3 | 5. cxd3 | cx d3 | 6. ♜b1 | d2! | -+ | | |
| 7. ♜b8+? | ♜c6 | -+ | | | | | | |
| 7. ... | ♜xa4 | 8. ♜c4+ | or | 8. ♜xc3 | = | | | |

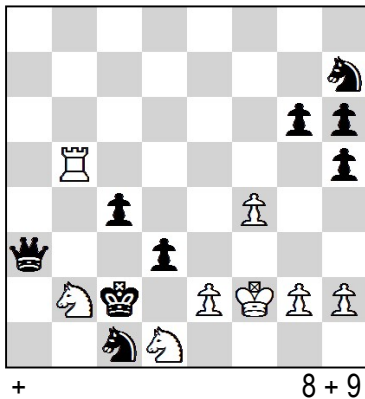
8.



Charles Michael Bent, British Chess Magazine 1981

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|----------|------|---------|-------|---------|--|--|--|-----|
| 1. ♘a3+! | ♜d2 | 2. ♘c4+ | | | | | | [1] |
| 2. ... | ♜d3 | 3. ♘xb6 | ex f5 | 4. ♘f6! | | | | [1] |
| 4. ... | ♜xf6 | 5. ♘d7! | | win | | | | [3] |
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|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----|---------|-----|--------|--|
| 1. ♘d4+? | ♜b2! | | | | | | | |
| 1. ♘e3+? | ♜xe3+! | 2. ♖xe3 | ♜xg7= | | | | | |
| 1... ♖b3 | 2. ♜b1+ | ♜xa3 | 3. ♜xb6 | ♜g5 | 4. ♘b2+ | ♜a4 | 5. ♘g7 | |
| 1... ♖d3 | 2. ♜d1‡ | | | | | | | |

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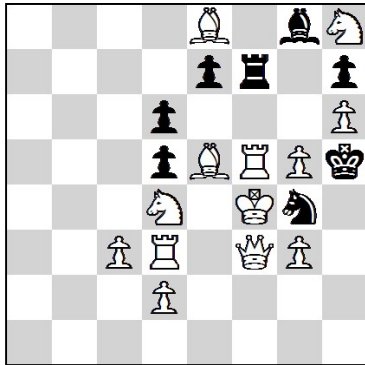
Gerhard W. Jensch, Welt am Montag 1961

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|---------|------|----------|------|----------|-----|---------|--|-----|
| 1. ♘e3+ | ♜c3 | 2. ♘bd1+ | ♜d4 | 3. ♘f5+ | | | | [1] |
| 3. ... | ♜e4! | 4. ♘c3+! | ♜xc3 | 5. ♘d6+ | | | | [1] |
| 5. ... | ♜xf4 | 6. g3+ | ♜g4 | 7. ♖g2 | ♜g5 | 8. ♘f7! | | [1] |
| 8. ... | ♜g7 | 9. ♜xg5+ | hg5 | 10. ♘h6+ | | | | [1] |
| 10. ... | ♜xh6 | 11. e4 | | | | | | [1] |
| 11. ... | h4 | 12. h3+ | ♜h5 | 13. g4‡ | | | | |
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|--------|-------|--------|-----|---------|-----|---------|--|--|
| 3. ... | gxf5? | 4. e3+ | ♜e4 | 5. ♜e5‡ | | | | |
| 4. ... | ♜xf4 | 5. e3+ | ♜g4 | 6. h3+ | ♜g5 | 7. ♘e4‡ | | |

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10.



S#2

13 + 8

Georg Thomas, 2nd Prize Israel Ring Tourney,
Al Hamishmar, 1958

1. ♖f6!

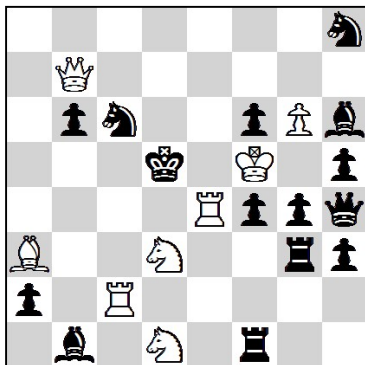
1. ... e5+ 2. ♖xe5 @ dxe5‡

1. ... e6 2. ♖e5 @ dxe5‡

1. ... exf6 2. ♖e3 @ fxg5‡

@	1	2	3
Pts.	1.5	3.5	5

11.



S#3

8 + 15

Vukota Nikoletic, The Problemist 2002

1. ♖cc4! ~ 2. ♘b4+ ♙d6 3. ♚e7+ @ ♘xe7‡

1. ... ♗xd3 2. ♚f7+ ♘xf7 3. ♖d4+ @ ♘xd4‡

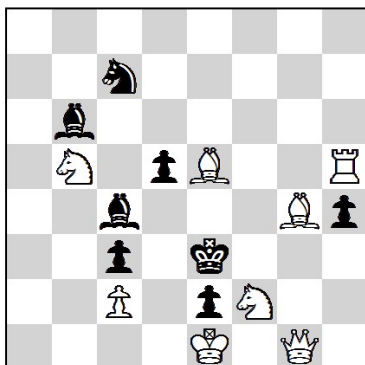
1. ... ♖xd3 2. ♖cd4+ ♖xd4 3. ♘e3+ @ fe3‡

1. ... ♗f8 2. ♚d7+ ♗d6 3. ♘xf4+ @ ♖xf4‡

1. ♖c3? ♗xd3!

@	1	2	3	4
Pts.	1.25	2.5	3.75	5

12.



S#4

8 + 8

Leonid Makaronez, 2nd HM Suomen Shakki 2003

1. ♗d6! ~ 2. ♘e4+ ♖xe4 3. ♗f5+ ♖f3 4. ♚f2+ @ ♗xf2‡

1. ... d4 2. ♘d1+ ♖e4 3. ♚e3+ dxe3 4. ♘f2+ @ exf2‡

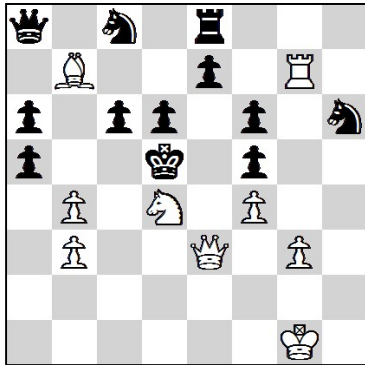
1. ... ♗a5 2. ♘h1+ ♖e4 3. ♘g3+ hxg3 4. ♘xc3+ @ ♗xc3‡

@	1	2	3
Pts.	1.5	3.5	5

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13.



#4

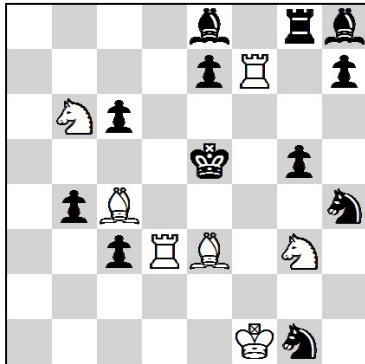
9 + 12

Leonid Lyubashevsky, Leonid Makaronez,
1st Prize Mario Guido García – 65 JT 2013

1. ♔d3! ~ 2. ♔c4+ ♔e4 3. ♘c2+ @ ♔f3 4. ♔d3‡
 1... ♘g4 2. ♘xc6+ ♔e6 3. ♔xf5+ @ ♔xf5 4. ♘d4‡
 1... ♘b6 2. ♘b5+ ♔e6 3. ♔xd6+ @ exd6 4. ♘c7‡

@	1	2	3
Pts.	1.5	3.5	5

14.



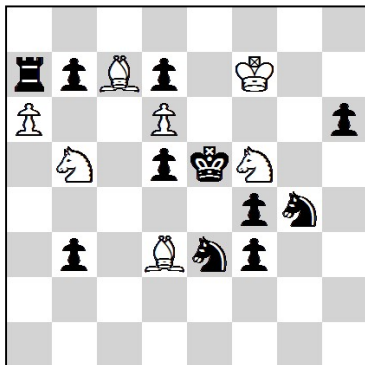
#5

7 + 12

Evgen O. Reitsen, Valentin F. Rudenko,
Prize, Problemist Ukraine 2004-06

1. ♘b3! ~ 2. ♖d4 ~ 3. ♘c4+ ♔e6 4. ♘b2+ [0.5]
 1. 2. ... c5 3. ♖d5+ ♔e6 4. ♖xc5+ [0.5]
 1. ... c2 2. ♘c1 ♘gf3, ♘e2, ♘f6 3. ♘c4+ ♔e6 4. ♘e3+ [1]
 1. ... ♖g7 2. ♘d7+ ♘xd7 3. ♘d4+ ♔d6 4. ♘b6+ [1]
 1. ... ♖f8 2. ♘f4+ gxf4 3. ♘c4+ ♔e6 4. ♘e3+ [1]
 1. ... ♘g~ 2. ♘c4+ ♔e6 3. ♘d2+ ♔e5 4. ♘f3+ [1]

15.



#6

7 + 11

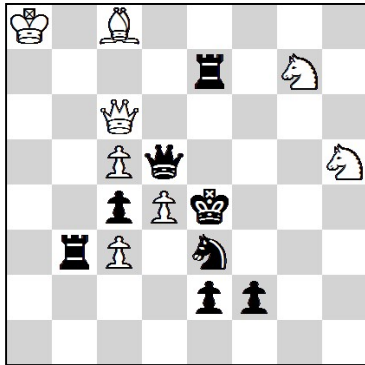
Uwe Karbowski, Original for ECSC 2025

1. ♘fd4! ♘h2 2. ♘d8 ♘eg4 3. ♘b6 bxa6
 4. ♘f5 d4 5. ♘xd4+ [5] ♔d5 6. ♘e7‡
 2. ♘b6? bxa6!
 4. ♘c6+? dxc6+!
 4. ♘xa7? axb5!
 1. ♘e7? d4 2. ♘b6? ♘c2!

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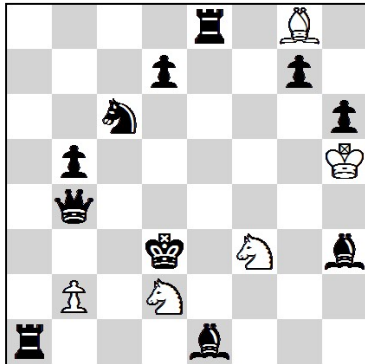
Bernhard Schauer, Stella Polaris 1972

1. e1 ♘ ♘ e6 2. ♘ d3 ♘ g5 † @
 1. ♖ f3 ♘ f5 2. ♚ e4 ♘ h4 † @
 1. ♚ xc6+ ♗ b7 2. ♖ d5 ♘ f6 † @

@	1	2	3
Pts.	1.5	3.5	5

H#2 3 Solutions 8 + 8

17.



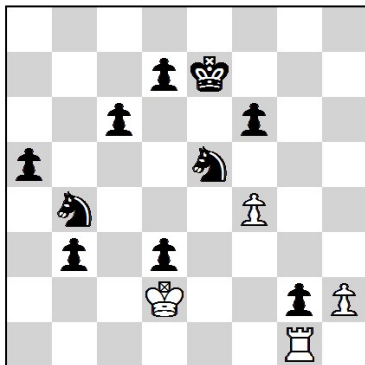
Valciņš, Eduards Frizis, Comm. Magyar Sakkélet 1988

1. ♘ e5 ♘ xe1+ 2. ♚ d4 ♗ c4 3. ♚ c5 ♘ c2 † @
 1. ♘ e7 ♗ a2 2. d5 ♘ b3 3. ♚ c4 ♘ e5 † @
 1. ♖ e3 ♘ e4 2. ♚ d2 ♗ b3 3. ♚ e2 ♘ c5 † @

@	1	2	3
Pts.	1.5	3.5	5

H#3 3 Solutions 5 + 11

18.



Zdeněk Meergans, Rex Multiplex 1986

Version for ECSC 2025 by BG

1. ♘ d5 ♖ a1 2. ♘ b6 ♖ c3 3. ♚ d6 fxe5+ 4. ♖ c5 ♖ xa5 † @
 1. ♖ d8 ♖ h1 2. g1 ♗ fxe5 3. ♗ xh2 exf6 4. ♗ c7 ♖ h8 † @
 1. ♖ f7 h3 2. ♚ g6 ♖ xg2+ 3. ♚ h5 ♖ g7 4. ♘ g6 ♖ h7 † @

@	1	2	3
Pts.	1.5	3.5	5

H#4 3 Solutions 4 + 10