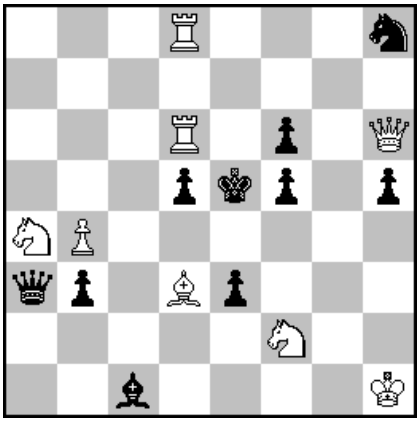

≠2 C+ 8 + 10

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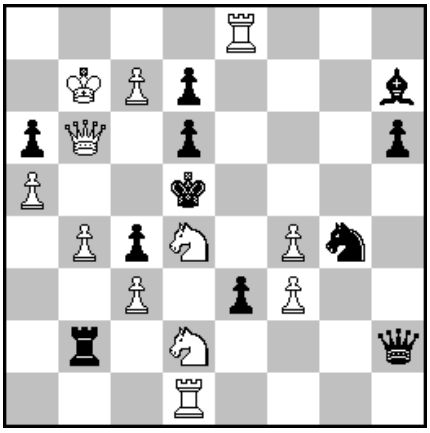
Setplay
1. ..., ♚d4 (a); 2. ♕xf6 (A), ♕f4 (B), ♖xd5 (C)≠

Tries
1. ♘h3? [2. ♕xf6 (A), ♕f4 (B)≠]
1. ..., ♚d4 (a); 2. ♖xd5 (C)≠
But 1. ..., ♞g6!

1. ♘c5? [2. ♖xd5 (C)≠]
1. ..,. ♚d4 (a); 2. ♕xf6 (A)≠ (NOT 2. ♕f4 (B)?)
But 1. ..., ♕a8!

Solution
1. ♗xf5! [2. ♖xd5 (C)≠]
1. ..., ♚d4 (a); 2. ♕f4 (B)≠ (NOT 2. ♕xf6 (A)?)
1. ..., ♚xf5 (x); 2. ♕xf6 (A)≠

Thematic Highlights
- ✓ Burmistrov combination (2x Le Grand using double-threat in try play)
- ✓ Makihovi (3 thematic mates) after the Kings' flight to square d4
- ✓ Mechanism based on all keys anticipatorily giving flights in the extended King's field: 1.♘h3? - square d3; 1.♘c5? - square c3; 1.♗xf5! - square c4.
- ✓ A flight-giving Key in Solution triggers 1x transfer of mate (A) between Try2 and Solution, with both thematic mates (A) and (B) re-appearing as variation mates, and introducing 1x Pseudo Le Grand (Try1-Solution: AaC-CxA).



≠2 C+ 12 + 11

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Tries

1. ♘b5? [2. ♕xd6 (F), ♕d4 (G)≠]
   But 1. ..., ♕xf4 (a)!

1. ♘c2 (A)? [2. ♕d4 (G)≠]
   1. ..., ♕xf4 (a); 2. ♘e4 (C)≠
   1. ..., ♖xb4 (b); 2. ♘xb4 (D)≠
   But 1. ..., ♕xd2!

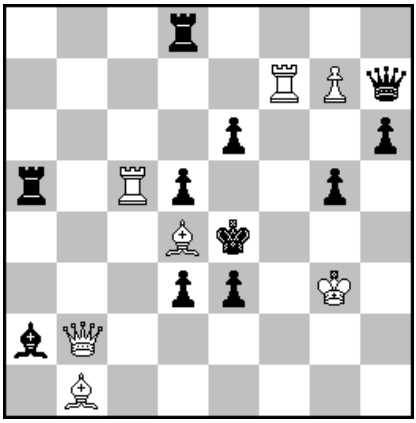
1. ♘e2 (B) ? [2. ♕d4 (G)≠]
   1. ..., ♕xf4 (a); 2. ♘xf4 (E)≠
   1. ..., ♖xb4 (b); 2. ♘e4 (C)≠
   But 1. ..., ♖xd2!

Solution

1. ♘e4(C)! [2. ♕xd6 (F)≠]
   1. ..., ♕xf4 (a); 2. ♘c2 (A)≠
   1. ..., ♖xb4 (b); 2. ♘e2 (B)≠
   1. ..., ♗xe4; 2. fxe4≠

Thematic Highlights

- ✓ Zagoruiko 3x2
- ✓ 2x Vladimirov Paradox (Try2: Aa; Try3: Bb; Sol.: a/b-A/B)
- ✓ Banny in the form of defenses (Try2: Ab; Try3: Ba; Sol.: a/b-A/B)
- ✓ Barnes
- ✓ 2x Reversal Key-Mate (Try2-Sol.: AaC-CaA; Try3-Sol.: BbC-CbB)
- ✓ Half-Battery play
- ✓ 1x transfer of mate: mate (C) transferred across Try2 and Try3
- ✓ NOTES: refutations by capture of ♘d2 may seem brutal, but they are not: motivation of the defenses is NOT to capture the ♘, but to occupy square d2 by either ♕ or ♖ to control mating square d4. BPh6 serves only to make more precise the execution, avoiding the spurious defense 1…, ♕h6 in the solution that would be met by the thematic mate (B).



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April-June 2021

Tries

1. ♗c3? [2. ♕g2(A)≠]
   1. ..., e2; 2. ♕xe2≠
   But 1. ..., ♕f5 (a)!

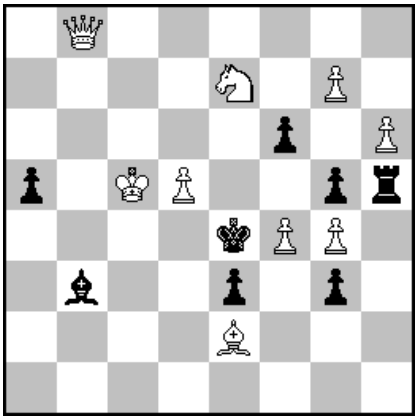
1. ♗e5? [2. ♕d4 (B)≠ (2. ♕g2(A)?)]
   1. ..., d4 (b); 2. ♕g2 (A)≠
   But 1. ..., ♖a4!

Solution

1. ♗f6! [2. ♕e5 (C)≠ (2. ♕g2(A)?, 2. ♕d4 (B)?)]
   1. ..., ♕f5 (a); 2. ♕d4 (B)≠
   1. ..., d4 (b); 2. ♕g2 (A)≠
   1. ..., ♔f5; 2. ♗xd3≠

Thematic Highlights

- ✓ Fusion of 3rd Degree Threat Correction and Bristol (vs. mates B and C); **new idea, realized for the 1st time**.
- ✓ Anti-Bristol in the 1st Try
- ✓ Hannelius (Try1: Aa!; Try2: Bb; Solution: a/b-B/A)
- ✓ Flight-giving key, with new mate after King's flight



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Tries

1. g8=♕? [2. ♕e6≠]
   1. ..., ♗xd5 (a); 2. ♕xd5 (A)≠
   But 1. ..., gxf4 (b)!

1. ♘g6 (G)? [2. ♕e8 (B)≠]
   1. ..., ♗xd5 (a); 2. ♕b1 (C)≠
   1. ..., gxf4 (b); 2. ♕xf4 (D)≠
   But 1. ..., ♗a4 (x)!

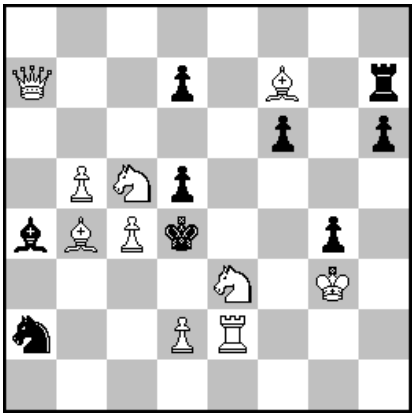
1. ♘f5 (F)? [2. ♘xg3≠]
   1. ..., gxf4 (b); 2. ♕e8 (B)≠
   But 1. ..., ♖h3!

Solution

1. ♕e8 (B)! [2. ♘g6 (G)≠]
   1. ..., ♗xd5 (a); 2. ♘xd5 (E)≠
   1. ..., gxf4 (b); 2. ♘f5 (F)≠
   1. ..., ♗a4 (x); 2. ♕xa4≠
   1. ..., ♔xf4; 2. ♘g6 (G)≠

Thematic Highlights

- ✓ Zagoruiko 1122 (3 different mates after each of defenses (a) and (b)).
- ✓ 1x Dombrovskis paradox (Try3: Bb; Try2: bB)
- ✓ 1x Vladimirov paradox (Try2: Fb; Solution: bF)
- ✓ Reversal Key-Threat (Try3 and Solution)
- ✓ Reversal Key-Mate (Try2-Solution: FbB-BbF)
- ✓ 3 battery mates by Queen-Knight battery in Solution (threat + 2 variations).
- ✓ Flight-giving key



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Tries

1. ♗g6? [2. ♘xd7 (A), ♘d3 (B)≠]
   1. ..., ♚e5 (x); 2. ♘f5 (C)≠
   But 1. ..., f5!

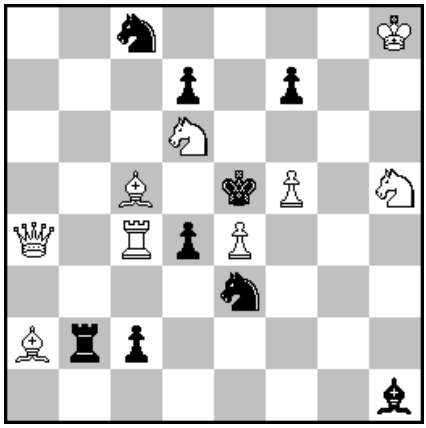
1. d3? [2. ♘f5 (C)≠]
   1. ..., ♚e5 (x); 2. ♘xd7 (A)≠
   But 1. ..., ♞xb4!

Solution

1. ♗xd5? [2. ♘f5 (C)≠]
   1. ..., ♚e5 (x); 2. ♘d3 (B)≠
   1. ..., ♗c2; 2. ♘xc2≠

Thematic Highlights

- ✓ 2x Le Grand using the Burmistrov combination mechanism
- ✓ **New rendering** with all thematic mates by batteries and **with 2 distinct batteries** (one in charge of mates A/B, the other in charge of mates C, respectively ♕-♘ and ♖-♘) acting in turn as direct and indirect battery across threats and mates, with a reciprocal exchange of direct and indirect function:
  - ♕-♘ as direct battery in threat (Try1) and indirect battery in variation mates after King's flight (Try2 and Solution); moves of ♘c5 in variation mates fire also a 2nd indirect battery ♗-♘ pointing to square d6.
  - ♖-♘ as indirect battery in threats (Try2 and Solution) and direct battery in variation mate after king's flight (Try1).
- ✓ Nice by-play in Solution with another, non-thematic indirect battery mate by the ♖-♘ battery.



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Tries

1. ♕a8? [2. ♘xf7 (A) ≠]
   1. ..., ♗xe4 (a); 2. ♕xe4 (C) ≠
   1. ..., ♞xd6 (b); 2. ♗xd4 (B) ≠
   1. ..., ♞xf5 (x) (♞d5); 2. ♕(x)d5 (G)≠
   But 1. ... ♖b7!

1.♕xd7? [2. ♗xd4 (B) ≠]
   1. ..., ♗xe4 (a); 2. ♘xf7 (A) ≠
   1. ..., ♞xd6 (b); 2. ♕e7 (D) ≠
   1. ..., ♞xf5 (x); 2. ♕xf5 (H) ≠
   But 1. ..., ♞xc4!

Solution

1. ♖xd4! [2. ♘xf7 (A) ≠]
   1. ..., ♗xe4 (a); 2. ♖xe4 (E) ≠
   1. ..., ♞xd6 (b); 2. ♗xd6 (F) ≠

Thematic Highlights

- ✓ Zagoruiko 3x2
- ✓ Pseudo Le Grand (Try 1: AbB; Try 2: BaA)
- ✓ 2 x Dombrovskis paradox (Try1: Aa–Try2: aA; Try2: Bb–Try1: bB)
- ✓ 1x change of mate in Tries after 1…, ♞xf5 (x)