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$1^{\text {st }}$ H.M. $9^{\text {th }}$ FIDE World Cup 2021

1.Qg2? (2.Rf5+ Bf3 x 3.e6\#), 1...g:f3! y
1.Qh1! (2.Rf5 + Bf3 x 3.e6\#)
1...b:c5 2.Rd3+ Bf3 x 3.d:c5\#
1...Sc4 2.Rf6+ Bf3 x 3.Bc6\#
1...Sc6 2.Rc3+ Bf3 x 3.Bc4\#
1...e6 2.R:f7+ Bf3 x 3.Rd7\#
1...f:g6 2.Rf8+ Bf3 x 3.Rd8\#
1...B:f3 x 2.R:f3 (3.R~\#) g3/g:f3 y 3.R:g3\#/Q:f3\#
1...g:f3 y 2.Q:d1 ~ 3.Q:f3\#
"Threemover of the Future" (Adabashev synthesis) with four pairs of thematically connected variations:
I) Zabunov theme in the threat and after 1...b:c5 (wRf3 plays at the W 2 move as a front battery piece and then at the W3 move as a rear battery piece);
I) Self-blocks by b.Sa5 at B1 move, battery play at W2 move and mates by w. Bb 5 with exchange of squares of B1 \&W3 moves after 1...Sc4/Sc6 ... 3.Bc6\#/Bc4\#;
III) Line opening at B1 move, white battery play on the f-file and mates on the d-file after 1...e6/f:g6;
IV) Capture of wRf3 and quiet play after $1 . . . \mathrm{B}: \mathrm{f} 3 / \mathrm{g}: \mathrm{f} 3$.

Pairs I, II and III are connected by sixfold R/Q battery play and 6 different mates after the defence $1 \ldots . \mathrm{Bf} 3 \mathbf{x}$.

Change of functions of two black moves:
-x is a B 2 move in pairs I, II and III; and a B1 move in the $7^{\text {h }}$ variation;

- y is a try's refutation; a B2 move after 1...B:f3 in the $7^{\text {th }}$ variation and a B1 move in the last variation.

Note: The problem was the 4 best (there were 3 prizes).
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## 2. Zoran Gavrilovski

Die Schwalbe 2021 (18700, heft 311, Oct. 2021)

1.c6? A (2.Bc5\# C), 1...S:e4! x
1.e7? B (2.Se6\# D), 1...Q:e4! y
1.Qb3! (2.Bc3+ B:c3 3.Q:c3\#)
1...Q:e4 y 2.c6A (3.Bc5\# C) Q:e6+/Q:d5 3.S:e6\# D/Q:d3\# E
1...S:e4 x 2.e7 B (3.Se6\# D) S:c5/S:d2 3.B:c5\# C/Q:d3\# E

A rich combination of apphabetic pattern, logic and strategy:
I) Banny theme with pseudo le Grand:

- 1.A? x!; 1.B? y!,
- 1.Sol!, 1...y 2.A (3.C\#) m 3.D\#, 1...x $2 . B$ (3.D\#) n 3.C\#.
II) Brunner-Dresden after mutual self-obstruction of two black pieces (bQ/bS \& bS/bQ):
- The move 1...Q:e4 obstructs e4 and thus disables a move by bS on this square [2...Se4??] which has defeated the first main plan (1.c6? S:e4!), but in turn the bQ defends against the main plan $2 . c 6$ with two substitutes defences which are unsuccessful: 2...Q:e6+/Q:d5 3.S:e6\#/Q:d3\#;
- The move 1...S:e4 obstructs e4 and thus disables a move by bQ on this square [2...Qe4??] which has defeated the second main plan [1.e7? Q:e4!], but in turn the bS defends against the main plan $2 . \mathrm{e} 7$ with two substitutes defences which are unsuccessful: 2...S:c5/S:d2 3.B:c5\#/Q:d3\#.
III) Thematic threats of the main plans on squares c5 and e6 that have been vacated by the wPs (white Follow-myLeader), black sacrifices on these squares at B2 moves, and annihilation of wPe 4 resulting in a transferred mate: -1...Q:e4 2.c5-c6(3.Bc5\#) Q:e6+/Qe4-:d5 3.S:e6\#/Q:d3E\#; -1...S:e4 2.e6-e7 (3.Se6\#) S:c5/Se4-:d2 3.B:c5\#/Q:d3 E\#.

Note: bPg5 prevents a dual defence after 1...S:e4 2.e7 [Sg5??].
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## 3. Zoran Gavrilovski

$1^{\text {st }}$ Pl. "The Macedonian Problemist" League 2021
(supplement to The Macedonian Problemist issue 66, September-December 2021)

1.Ree7? (2.K:e3\# B, 2.K:f4\# D), 1...c3!
1.Rfe7! (2.R4e5+A B:e5 3.K:e3\# B)
1...Qc7 2.K:e3 B (3.Re4~\#) Bd4+ 3.R:d4\# C
2...Qe5/Qf4+ 3.R4:e5\# A/R:f4\#
1...Qb3 2.Rd4+ C c:d4, B:d4 3.Kf4\# D
1...g:f6 2.Kf4 D (3.Re4~\#) Be5+ 3.R4:e5\#A
1...Qb8 2.S:e3+ Kd6 3.B:b8\#

A "Theme of the Future" \#3 (Adabashev synthesis) with:

- Sacrifices by wRe4 at the W2 moves, and wK battery play at the W3 moves in the threat and after 1...Qb3; and
- quiet play by the wK at the W2 moves, checks to the wK at the B2 moves and capture of bBb 2 with double check battery mates at the W3 moves after 1...Qc7 and 1...g:f6.

The threat and thematic variations are connected by:

- cycle of W2 and W3 moves A-B/B-C/C-D/D-A;
- 4 battery mates ( $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{A}$ )

The threat and the variation 1...Qc7 show exchange of white moves $\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{B} / \mathbf{B}-\mathbf{A}$.
"Play by a two-stage $K$-R battery with a white moves" cycle $\boldsymbol{A}-\boldsymbol{B} / \boldsymbol{B}-\boldsymbol{C} / \boldsymbol{C}-\boldsymbol{D} / \boldsymbol{D}-\boldsymbol{A}$ creates a beautiful tactical complex. A top problem!'" (Judge Oleg Efrosinin)

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$1 . . \mathrm{R}: \underline{\mathrm{b} 5} \mathbf{x} 2 . \mathrm{Qb} 3+\mathrm{R}: \mathrm{b} 3 / \mathrm{Qc} 43 . \mathrm{Sc} 7 \# \mathrm{~A} / \mathrm{Q}: \mathrm{c} 4 \#$
$1 . . \mathrm{Q}: \underline{\mathrm{b} 5} \mathbf{y} 2 . \mathrm{Qd} 3+\mathrm{Q}: \mathrm{d} 3$ 3.Sc7\# A
1.Sb3? B (2.Sc7\# A), 1...R:e4! z
1...R:b3 2.Q:b3+ Qc4 3.Q:c4\#
1.Sd3? C (2.Sc7\# A), 1...R:e4! z
1.Qg6! (2.Sc7+A K:c5 3.Q:c6\#)
$1 . . \mathrm{R}: \underline{\mathrm{b} 5} \mathbf{x} 2 . \mathrm{Sb} 3 \mathrm{~B}(3 . \mathrm{Sc} 7 \#$ A) R:e4 z 3.Q:e4\#
$1 . . \mathrm{Q}: \underline{b 5} \mathbf{y} 2 . S \mathrm{~d} 3 \mathrm{C}$ (3.Sc7\# A) R:e4 z 3.Q:e4\#
1...Bc6~ 2.Sc7+ K:c5 3.Qd6\#

Changed continuations on the same squares (b3 and d3) after defences on the same square (b5)
Change of effects, with annihilation of wPb5 in the set play and masked self-pin in the solution.
Change of functions of moves:

- Sc7 A is a set and actual mate, and a $2^{\text {nd }}$ move in the tries' threat and the solution's threat;
$-\mathrm{Sb} 3 \mathrm{~B} \& \mathrm{Sd} 3 \mathrm{C}$ are white $1^{\text {st }}$ moves in the logical tries and white $2^{\text {nd }}$ moves in the solution; and
- R:e4 z refutes the tries and appears as a black $2^{\text {nd }}$ move in the solution.
"White plays different units on the same square. This must score highly for originality - make a note of it." (James Quah, "Selected problems", The Problemist, Vol 27 No. 12, November 2020, page 493).

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## 5. Zoran Gavrilovski

"The Problemist" 2021
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1.R:e5? A (2.R:c5\#), 1...c:d6! x
1...f4 2.Qg7 (3.Qd7\#) Sb6/Qf7(Qh7)/B:g7(Be7)
3.Q:c7\#/R:c5\#/Sg(:)e7\#

1. Qd2? B (2.Qd5\#), 1...Rd1!
1.Qg7? C (2.Qd7\#), 1...Qe8!
1...Qf7 2.Q:f7 (3.Qd7\#/Qe8\#) Sb6 3.Q:c7\#
1...Qh7 2.Q:h7 (3.Qd7\#) Sb6/Bg7(Be7)
3.Q:c7\#/Sg(:)e7\#
1.f4! (2.R:e5+ A Rf3 y/Qf3 z 3.R:c5\#/R:c5\#)
1...c:d6x 2.Rd4+ Rf3 y/Qf3 z/d5 3.R:d6\#/R:d6\#/Q:d5\#
1...Rf3 y 2.Qd2 B (3.Qd5\#) Sb6 n 3.Sa7\#
$1 . . . Q f 3$ z $2 . Q g 7$ C (3.Qd7\#) Sb6n 3.Q:c7\#
2...Bg7(B:e7) 3.Sg(:)e7\#

Two pairs of thematically conected variations with:
I) strategic play (checks and mates by the front battery piece Re4 in the threat and after 1...c:d6);
II) logical play (the main plans $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$ become possible in the solution after decoy of the black line pieces to f 3 , and there is a changed play after $2 . . . \mathrm{n}$ ).

The two pairs of variations are connected by means of Babushka theme - time shifted change of white play after the defences $y$ and $z$.

Change of functions of three white moves ( $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ ) and three black moves ( $\mathbf{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}$ ).

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## 6. Zoran Gavrilovski

$3^{\text {rd }}$ Pl. "The Macedonian Problemist" League 2019 (supplement to The Macedonian Problemist issue 58-60, January-December 2019)

1.B:f6? (2.Se7+ B:e7 3.Rd5\#), 1...c6! x [2.Rf6??]
1.Bg3? (2.Se7+ B:e7 3.Rd5\#), 1...Bb3! y [2.Sg3??]
1.Bf4? (2.Se7+ B:e7 3.Rd5\#), 1...B:e4! z [2.Qf4??]
1.Bh2! (2.Se7+ B:e7 3.Rd5\#)
1...c6 x 2.R:f6+ g:f6(B:f6) 3.Sd6\#

1 ...Bb3 y 2.Sg3+ Q:g3 3.Qd3\#
1...B:e4 z 2.Qf4+ S:f4 3.Se3\#
1...g3 2.Q:f3+ Qf4(Sf4) 3.Se3\#

Cyclic Zilahi (cycle of pieces sacrificing at W2 move and mating) with an evacuation purpose of the sacrifices at W2 moves (Raumungsöpfer):

- in the threat the Sd5 evacuates with a sacrifice (a) for a mate by the $\operatorname{Rd6}$ (b);
- after 1...c6 the Rd6 evacuates with a sacrifice (b) for a mate by the Se 4 (c);
- after 1...Bb3 the Se4 evacuates with a sacrifice (c) for a mate by the Qe3 (d);
- after 1...B:e4 the Qe3 evacuates with a sacrifice (d) for a mate by the $\operatorname{Sd5}(a)$.

Three thematic tries by the key piece fail due to self-obstruction of a square ( $\underline{f 6}, \mathrm{~g} 3$ or $\underline{\mathrm{f} 4 \text {; thus }}$ 2.Rf6??, 2.Sg3??, Qf4??) and are refuted by black moves which appear as defences in the solution $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})$, which thus change their functions.

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