

FIDE Olympic Tournament in Composing 2016
Devoted to the 42nd World Chess Olympiad 2016 (Baku, Azerbaijan, 1-14.09.2016)
Tournament director Ilham Aliev (Azerbaijan)



**Provisional study award of
Baku Chess Olympic Ty 2016**
Judge: Martin Minski (Germany)

I received 42 entries on anonymous diagrams from the tournament director Ilham Aliev (Azerbaijan). Many thanks to Klaus Rubin for checking the award candidates for soundness. I found no perfect masterpiece, but some good studies with interesting ideas.

Azerbaijan (Ilham Aliev), **Argentina** (Mario Guido García), **Georgia** (David Gurgendidze), **USA** (Richard Becker, Victor Aberman), **Slovakia** (Lubos Kekely, Michal Hlinka), **Ukraine** (Leonid Topko, Vladislav Tarasiuk, Aleksandr Tsaplin, Mikhail Zinar, Aleksandr Kamchatskij, Vladimir Samilo, Valery Vlasenko, Andrey Stetsenko, Bohdan Petryshyn), **Czech Republic** (Vladislav Bunka), **Russia** (Alexander Zhukov, Pavel Arestov, Evgeny Kopylov, Vladimir Bulanov, Valery Kalashnikov, Vladimir Kuzmichev, Aleksandr Stavrietskij, Valery Levinson, Oleg Pervakov), **Germany** (Gunter Sonntag, Jörg Gerhold), **Serbia** (Darko Hlebec), **Turkey** (Umut Sayman), **Iran** (Kamaledin Barikbin), **Italy** (Marco Campioli), **France** (Alain Pallier), **Denmark** (Steffen Slumstrup Nielsen), **New Zealand** (Emil Melnichenko), **Romania** (Arpad Ruzs), **Spain** (Luis Miguel González), **Lithuania** (Vidmantas Satkus), **Canada** (Charles Ouellet).

First some remarks about studies which are not included in the award:

I don't like computer studies with too many analytic variations. The authors of these studies have the second chance in other tournaments.

№4. Leonid Topko: Anticipated by Topko (HHdbV#26301).

№7. Alexander Zhukov: Anticipated by Korolkov (HHdbV#66604) and Herbstman & Korolkov (HHdbV#59270).

№9. Aleksandr Tsaplin: Duals 3.Be2 ; 3.Bd1; 3.Bg4; 3.Bh1; 3.Bg2; 3.Ba8; 3.Bb7; 3.Bc6 and 4.Be4.

№21. Ilham Aliev: Dual 6.b4!.

№28. David Gurgendidze: Anticipated by Gurgendidze (HHdbV#16066).

№31. Vladimir Kuzmichev: Complete anticipation: E. Pogosjants, Shakhmaty v SSSR, 1977.

№32. Aleksandr Stavrietskij: The Banny theme, but duals in the thematic try: 2.exf7? ... 5.Kb3 Rf6 dual 5...Rd3+!= and ... 5.Kb4 Rf6 dual 5...Rd4+!=. Duals in the solution: 2...Kg5 ... 7.f4+ dual 7.f8Q!+- and 2...Kg4 ... 7.f3+ dual 7.f8Q!+-.

№33. Kamaledin Barikbin: Unusual final, but the captures in the introduction are not good. I am sure that the author finds a better introduction. Dual 8.g5!

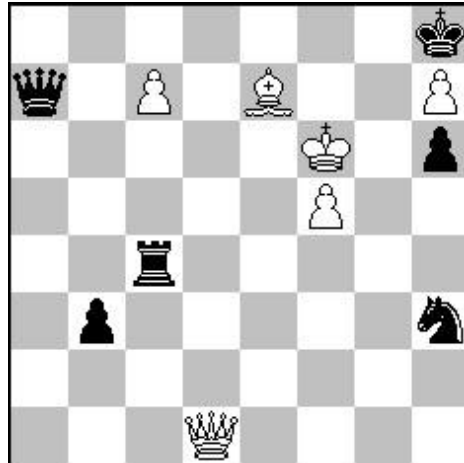
№38. Jörg Gerhold: Dual 2.a7! Bc6+ 3.Ke5 Bxf3 4.Kd6 Ba8 5.Rc7+ Kd8 6.Rf7+-.

Here is my selection:

№35. Steffen Slumstrup Nielsen (Denmark)

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1st Prize



Draw (=)

6+6

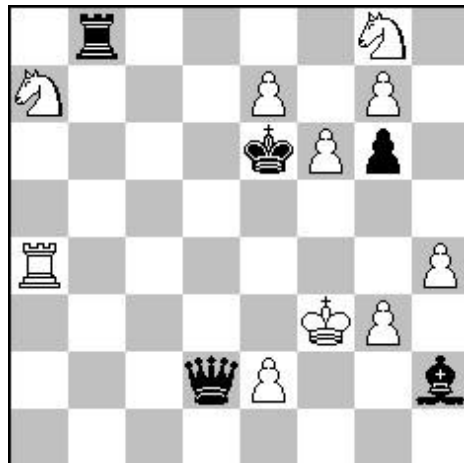
1.Kg6 Rc6+ [1...Nf4+ 2.Kxh6 Rc6+ 3.Qd6!+-] **2.Bd6** [2.f6? Qxc7; 2.Bf6+? Rxf6+ 3.Kxf6 Qb6+] **2...Nf4+** **3.Kxh6 Ne6!** [3...Ne2 4.c8Q+ Rxc8 5.Be5+ Qg7+ 6.Bxg7#; 3...Nd3 4.Qxd3 Qa1 eg 5.Kh5=] **4.Qxb3** [4.Be5+? Ng7+; 4.fxe6? Qe3+ 5.Kh5 Qxe6] **4...Qxc7 5.Bxc7 Nd4+** [or 5...Nc5+] **6.Qe6!** [6.f6? Nxb3 7.Be5 Nc5!-+] **6...Nxe6** [6...Nxf5+ 7.Kg6 (7.Kg5)] **7.Be5+ Ng7+** **8.f6 Ne6!** [8...Nf5+ 9.Kg5; 8...Ne8 9.Kg5; 8...Ra6 9.Kg6] **9.f7+** [9.Bb2? Nf8] **9...Ng7+** **10.Kg5 Kxh7 11.f8N+!** [11.f8Q? Ne6+ -+]=.

Impressive flow of black and white counterplay with spectacular Queen sacrifices, crosschecks and a Knight underpromotion. Autor: "At move eight piece A unpins piece B, which immediately unpins piece A." There is a study by Richter (HHdbV#40043), but I think that this is not a real anticipation.

№18. Evgeny Kopylov (Russia)

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2nd Prize

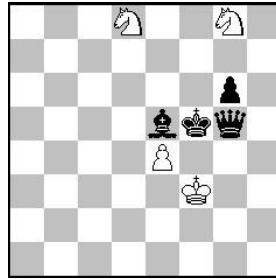


Win (+)

10+5

1.Re4+ [1.e8Q+? Rxe8 2.Re4+ Kf7 3.Re7+ Rxe7 4.Nxe7 Qc3+!]=] **1...Kf7!** [1...Kd5 2.e8Q Rxe8 3.Rxe8+-; 1...Kd7 2.f7 Rb3+ 3.Kg2+-] **2.Nh6+!** [2.Nc6? Qc3+ 3.e3 Rxc8+-; 2.e8Q+? Rxe8 3.Re7+ Rxe7 4.Nxe7 Qc3+=] **2...Qxh6** [2...Kxf6 3.g8Q+-] **3.Nc6!** [3.e8Q+? Rxe8 4.Rxe8 Qh5+ 5.Kg2 Qd5+ 6.Kxh2 Kxe8=] **3...Qh5+** [3...Re8 4.Ne5+ Kxf6 5.g8N+ Rxc8 6.Ng4+-] **4.g4** [4.Kg2? Re8+-] **4...Qxh4** [4...Qd5 5.Nxb8+-] **5.Nd8+ Rxd8** [5...Kxf6 6.e8N+!+- Another knight 6...Kg5 7.Nf7#] **6.exd8N+!** [6.exd8Q?? Qg3#] **6...Kxf6** [6...Kg8 7.Re8+-] **7.g5+!** **Qxg5**

8.g8N+! Double Phoenix! [8.g8Q?? Qg3#] **8...Kf5** [8...Kg7 9.Ne6+-] **9.Re5+!!** [9.Ne7+? Kf6 10.Re6+ Kg7 11.Rxg6+ Qxg6 12.Nxg6 Kxg6=] **9...Bxe5** [9...Kxe5 10.Nf7+ Kf5 11.e4+ Ke6 12.Nxg5+-] **10.e4#!**

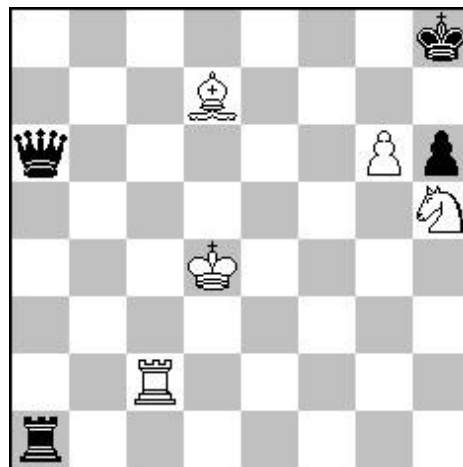


Ideal mate by pawn in the middle of the board with two self-blocks and two promoted Phoenix-Knights. In comparison to the 1st prize no black counterplay.

№37. Luis Miguel González (Spain)

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3rd Prize



Win (+)

5+4

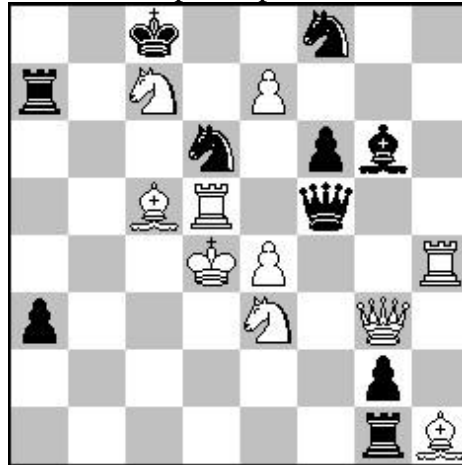
1.g7+ [1.Rc8+? Qxc8 2.g7+ Kh7 3.Bxc8 Rf1! 4.Bb7 Rf7 5.Be4+ Kg8 6.Bd5 Kh7 7.Bxf7 stalemate] **1...Kh7 2.Bf5+ Kg8 3.Rc8+ Qxc8 4.Bxc8 Rd1+ 5.Ke5** [5.Ke4? Re1+ 6.Kd5 Kf7] **5...Re1+ 6.Kf6!** [6.Kd6? Kf7 7.Bb7 Re6+ 8.Kc5 Re8 9.Bc6 Rd8 10.Bd5+ Kg6 11.Nf4+ Kh7 12.Be4+ Kg8 13.Nh5 Kf7 14.Bd5+ Kg6= positional draw] **6...Rf1+ 7.Bf5!** [7.Kg6? Rg1+ 8.Kxh6 Rg6+ 9.Kxg6 stalemate] **7...Rf2 8.Ke5 Re2+ 9.Be4!** [9.Kd6? Kf7!=] **9...Kf7 10.Kd4!** [loss of time 10.Kf4 Rd2! 11.Bg6+ Kg8 12.Bf5 Rf2+ 13.Ke5] **10...Rd2+ 11.Bd3!** [11.Kc5? Rd8=] **11...Rd1 12.Kc3! Rc1+ 13.Bc2! Rg1 14.Bb3+** wins.

Amazing systematic movement. Compare with Dobrescu (HHdbV#36369) and Krug & Garcia (HHdbV#01318), but this is not the same pattern.

№13. Darko Hlebec (Serbia)

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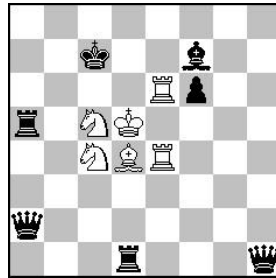
Special prize



BTM, Draw (=)

10+10

1...Ne6+! [1...Ra4+ 2.Bb4! Rxb4+ 3.Kc3 a2 4.exf8Q+ Be8 5.Qxe8+! Nxe8 6.exf5=] **2.Nxe6 Qxe4+!** **3.Rxe4 a2 4.e8Q+** [4.Rxd6? a1Q+—+ 5.Kd5 Bxe4+—+] **4...Bxe8 5.Rxd6 a1Q+** Phoenix **6.Kd5 Qa2+ 7.Nc4 Rd1+ 8.Bd4** [8.Nd4? Bf7+ 9.Rde6 gxh1Q—+] **8...Ra5+ 9.Nc5 Bf7+ 10.Rde6** [10.Kc6? Rxc5+!—+] **10...gxh1Q** [10...Bxe6+ 11.Kxe6 Qxc4+ 12.Kxf6 Ra6+ 13.Nxa6 Qxa6+ 14.Kg7 Qb7+ 15.Kf8 Qxe4 16.Qh3+=; 10...gxh1R 11.Kd6 Ra6+ 12.Nxa6 Qxa6+ 13.Ke7 Qb7+ 14.Kxf6 Rh6+ 15.Kg5 Rxe6 16.Nd6+ Rxd6 17.Qxd6 Qxe4 18.Qc5+!]=] **11.Qc7+!! Kxc7** stalemate.

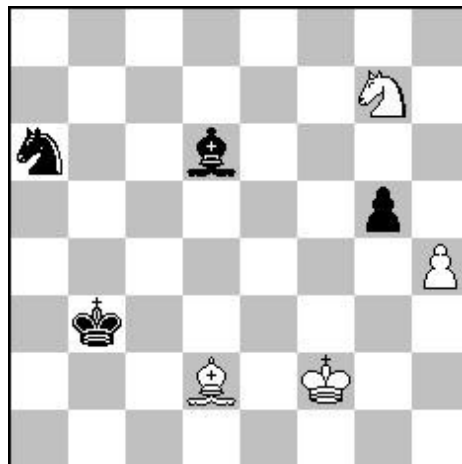


Ideal stalemate on five pinned pieces. An impressive task record. Unfortunately, the play is not optimum. Is there really no better introduction?

№14. Victor Aberman (USA)

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1st honourable mention



Win (+)

4+4

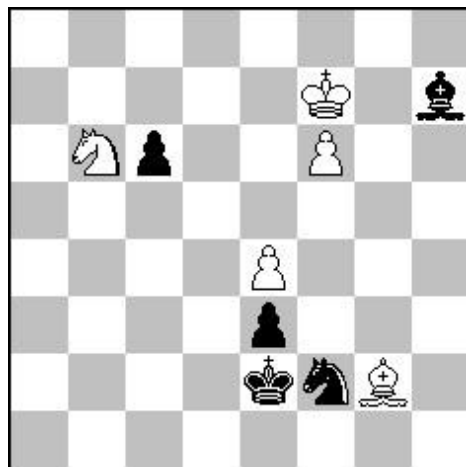
1.h5 Nc5 2.Kf3 [2.h6? Ne4+ 3.Kg2 Be5 4.Be3 Nf6 5.Bxg5 Ng4 =] **2...Bf8!** [2...Be5 3.h6 Kc4 4.Kg4! 4...Kd5 5.Kf5! (5.Bxg5? 5...Ne6 6.Ne8 Nxf5=) 5...g4 6.Nh5 Nd7 (6...Ne4 7.Nf4+ Kd6 8.Ng6! +-) 7.Nf4+ Kd6 8.Bb4+ Kc7 9.Ne6+ Kc6 10.Kxg4 Nf6+ 11.Kf5 Kd7 12.Bf8 Bc3 13.Bg7! 13...Ke7 14.Ng5 Bd4 15.Kg6 Bb2 16.Ne4 +-] **3.h6 Ne6!** [3...Nd7 4.Kg4! Ne5+ 5.Kf5! Nf7 6.h7!! Bxg7 7.Kg6 Bh8 8.Kxf7 g4 9.Be1 Kc4 10.Bh4 Kd3 11.Bf6 g3 12.Bxh8 g2 13.Bd4! +-] **4.Nxe6 Bxh6 5.Kg4 Kc4 6.Bc1!** [6.Kh5? Kd5=; 6.Kf5? Kd3 ! 7.Bc1 Kc2 8.Be3 Kd3 =] **6...Kd5 7.Kf5 Kd6 8.Kf6 Kd5** zz WTM **9.Bd2!!** [9.Kf7 Ke4 zz WTM 10.Nc5+ Kf3 11.Ne6 (11.Nd7? Ke2 12.Kg6 g4! 13.Kxh6 g3 =) 11...Ke4 12.Kg6 Ke5 13.Kf7 Ke4 14.Kf6 Kd5 waste of time] **9...Ke4 10.Kg6 Kd5** [10...Ke5 11.Kf7 zz BTM 11...Kd5 12.Be3 +- see main] **11.Kf5! Kd6** [11...Kc6 12.Kf6 Kd6 13.Be3 Kc6 14.Ke7 Kd5 15.Kf7+- see main] **12.Kf6 Kc6!** [12...Kd5 13.Bc1 Ke4 14.Kf7 +-] **13.Kf7** [13.Be3? Kd6! 14.Bd2 (14.Kf7 Kd5! zz WTM 15.Bd2 Ke5! zz WTM 16.Bc1 Ke4! 17.Kf6 Kd5) 14...Kc6 waste of time] **13...Kd5 14.Be3!** zz BTM **14...Ke4** [14...Ke5 15.Nc5 Kd5 16.Nd7 Ke4 17.Bc1 Kf5 18.Bd2 +-; 14...Kc6 15.Bc1 Kd6 16.Nd4 Ke5 17.Ne2 Ke4 18.Ng3+ Ke5 19.Bd2 +-] **15.Bc1** zz BTM **15...Kd5** [15...Kd3 16.Kg6 +-] **16.Nc7+ Ke4 17.Ne8 Kf5 18.Bd2!** [18.Nf6? Bf8! =] **18...Ke4 19.Nf6+ Kd3 20.Bc1 Kc2 21.Be3 Kd3 22.Ng4** wins.

Triangular manoeuvre of both Kings in the fight of reciprocal zugzwang. I'm dizzy!

№6. Vladislav Tarasiuk (Ukraine)

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2nd honourable mention

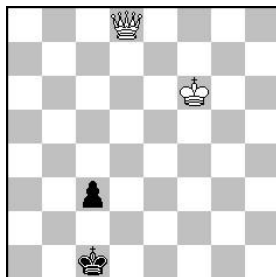


Win (+)

5+5

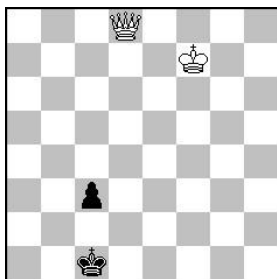
1.Kg7 Bg8! [1...Nxe4 2.Bxe4 Bxe4 3.f7 Kd1 4.Na4 (4.f8Q e2 5.Qd6+ Bd5 6.Nxd5 e1Q) 4...e2 5.Nc3+-] **2.Kxg8 Ng4 3.f7!!**

[Thematic try 3.Kg7? Nxf6! 4.Kxf6 Kf2 5.Bf1 Kxf1 6.Nc4 Kf2! 7.Nxe3 Kxe3 8.e5 c5 9.e6 c4 10.e7 c3 11.e8Q+ Kd2! 12.Qd8+ Kc1=]



13.Qg5+ impossible]

3...Nh6+ 4.Kg7 Nxf7 5.Kxf7 Kf2 6.Bf1! [6.Nc4? e2—+] **6...Kxf1 7.Nc4 Kf2!** [7...e2 8.Ne3+ Kf2 9.Nc2 e1Q 10.Nxe1 Kxe1 11.Ke6+-] **8.Nxe3! Kxe3 9.e5 c5 10.e6 c4 11.e7 c3 12.e8Q+ Kd2! 13.Qd8+!** [13.Qd7+? Kc1! 14.Qd3 c2=] **13...Kc1**



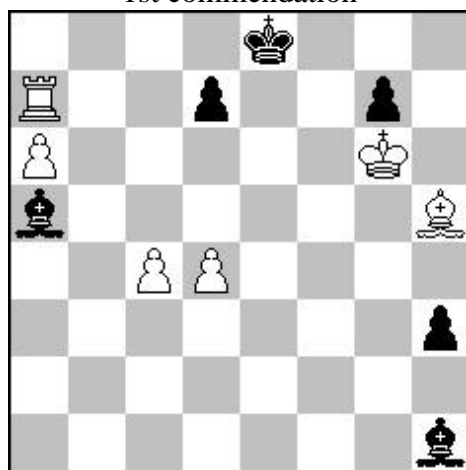
14.Qg5+ wins.

Good logical study with foresight effect and analogous play of Bishops and Knights. The final position is anticipated by Moravec (HHdbV#59734) and Pospisil (HHdbV#11104), but here there is a thematic try.

№11. Gunter Sonntag (Germany)

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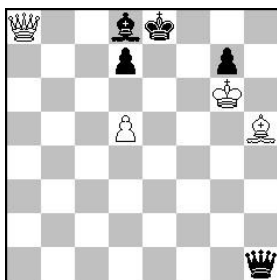
1st commendation



Win (+)

6+6

1.d5 h2 2.Ra8+ Ke7 3.Re8+! [3.a7? Be4+ 4.Kxg7 Bc3+ 5.Kh6 h1Q] **3...Kxe8** [3...Kd6 4.a7 Be4+ 5.Kxg7 (5.Rxe4? h1Q 6.c5+ Kxc5) 5...Bc3+ 6.Kf8 h1Q 7.a8Q Qf1+ 8.Bf7] **4.a7 Bxd5** [4...Ke7 5.a8Q Be4+ 6.Kxg7 Bc3+ 7.Kg8 Bh7+ 8.Kxh7 h1Q 9.d6+] **5.cxd5 h1Q 6.a8Q+ Bd8**

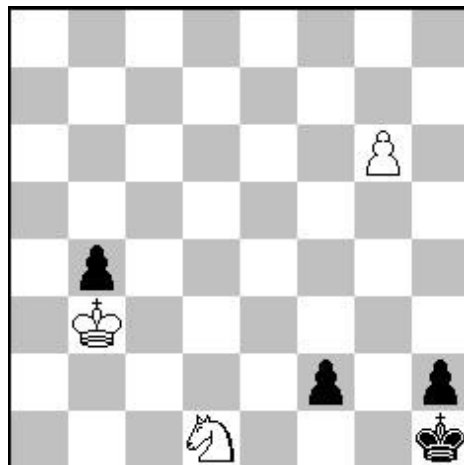


7.d6!! [loss of time 7.Qa3 Be7 8.Qa8+ Bd8] **7...Qxa8 8.Kxg7#.** 7.d6!! is a nice idea.

№8. Pavel Arestov (Russia)

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2nd commendation



Win (+)

3+4

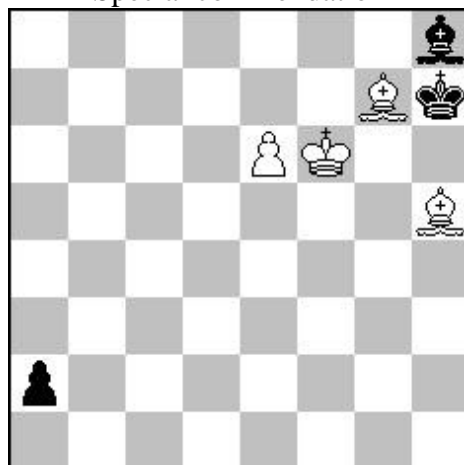
1.Ne3!! [Try: 1.Nxf2+? Kg1!! (1...Kg2? 2.Nh1! zz 2...Kxh1 (2...Kg1 3.Ng3! Kg2 4.g7 Kxg3 5.g8Q++-) 3.g7 Kg2 4.g8Q++-) 2.Nh1 Kg2!! zz,wtm 3.g7 Kxh1 4.Kb2 b3! 5.Kb1 b2! 6.g8Q - stalemate.] **1...Kg1 2.g7 f1Q!** [2...h1Q 3.g8Q+ Kh2 4.Qh7+ Kg1 5.Qg7+ Kh2 6.Qe5+ Kg1 7.Qg3+--] **3.g8Q+** [3.Nxf1? h1Q=] **3...Kh1!** [3...Kf2 4.Qf7+ Kxe3 5.Qxf1+-] **4.Qh7!!** [4.Nxf1? - stalemate.; 4.Qa8+? Kg1 5.Qg8+ Kh1 - loss of time.; 4.Qd5+? Kg1 5.Qg5+ Kh1 6.Qd5+ Kg1 7.Qg8+ Kh1 - loss of time.] **4...Kg1** [4...Qf3 5.Qb1+;; 4...Qc1 5.Qe4+ Kg1 6.Qg2#] **5.Qg6+** [5.Qg7+ (Qg8) 5...Kh1 6.Qh7 Kg1 - loss of time.] **5...Kh1 6.Qe4+** [6.Qc6+? Kg1 7.Qg6+ Kh1 - loss of time.] **6...Kg1 7.Qg4+! Kh1 8.Kc2!!** [8.Nxf1? - stalemate] **8...b3+!** [8...Qf2+ 9.Kd3+-] **9.Kd2!** [9.Kxb3? Qd3+=; 9.Kb2? Qf2+=] **9...Qf2+** [9...b2 10.Nxf1 b1Q 11.Ng3+ Kg2 12.Ne2+ Kf2 13.Qg3+ Kf1 14.Qf3#; 9...Qc1+!? 10.Kxc1 b2+ 11.Kd2! b1Q 12.Qg2#] **10.Kd3! b2** [10...Qc2+!? 11.Nxc2 bxc2 12.Qg5! c1Q 13.Qxc1+--] **11.Qd1+!** [11.Qe4+? Kg1 12.Qg4+ Kh1 - loss of time.] **11...Qg1 12.Qf3+ Qg2 13.Qxg2#** [13.Nxg2? b1Q+=].

A miniature with a good key and rich content: zugzwang, stalemate in the tries and a classical mate finale. Partially anticipated by Werner (HHdbV#23179).

№26. Vladimir Bulanov (Russia)

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Special commendation



Win (+)

4+3

1.Bg6+ Kg8 2.Bf7+ [2.Kf5? Kxg7] 2...Kh7 3.Bg8+! [3.Kf5? Kxg7] 3...Kxg8 4.Kg6 a1Q!
[4...Bxg7 5.e7] **5.Bxa1 Bg7 6.e7 [6.Bxg7? stalemate] 6...Bf8 7.e8B! [7.e8Q?; 7.e8R? stalemate;**
7.e8N Ba3 (7...Bb4) 8.Bg7 Be7 9.Nc7 Bf8 10.Be5 Bg7=] **7...Bg7 [7...Bb4 8.Bg7] 8.Bf7+ Kh8**
9.Bxg7#.

Excellent introduction of the famous Bishop underpromotion à la Centurini.



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