

22nd International Solving Contest 2026 Cat 1

25.01.2026 - Round 1. (120')

1. [#2] Oskar Wielgos Deutsche Schachblätter, 1985 (mirrored)

1. ♖b6! [5]
 1. ♖f4? ♜xe3!
 1. ♖c3/♖b4? ♜xe3!
 1. ♖c7? ♜xe3!

2. [#3] Johan Scheel 6th HM De Maasbode, 1918

1. ♜g3! ~ 2. ♜f7+ [1.25]
 1... ♜d1 2. ♖xe3+ [1.25]
 1... h×g3 2. ♜h5+ [1.25]
 1... ♜c4 2. ♖e5+ [1.25]

3. [#4] Olivier Schmitt Probleemblad, 1994

1. ♖f7! ~ 2. ♖d6+ ♜×d5+ 3. ♖e4+ [1]
 1... ♖f2 2. ♖g5+ ♜×f4+ 3. ♖e4+ [1]
 1... ♜b1 2. ♜c4 ♜d3 3. ♜×d3 [1]
 1... ♖c5 2. d×c5 ♜e5 3. ♜e7 [0,5]
 2... ♜×d1 3. ♜e7+ [0,5]
 1... ♖b6 2. ♜d3+ ♜×d4+ 3. ♜e2+ [1]

4. [=] Günter Amann 1st HM Schach, 2013

1. ♖g3! [1]
 1... ♜g7+ 2. ♜h8 ♜h6 3. ♖f5+ [1.5]
 3... ♖xf5 4. ♜a6+ [2]
 4... ♜g6 5. ♜xa5 ♜e7 6. ♜b6 [3]
 6... ♜c6 7. ♜c7 [4]
 7... ♜g6 8. ♜b6 ♜h6 9. ♜c7 ♖g6+ 10. ♜g8 [5] ♜xc7 =
 7... ♖g6+ 8. ♜g8 also 5 pts. ♜xc7 =
 2. ♜f8? ♜h7 3. ♜c6 ♜aa7 - +
 4. ♜f8? ♜a8! 5. ♜xa8 ♜h7+ 6. ♜g8 ♜e7+ - +
 6. ♜a6? ♜c6 - +
 8. ♜d6+? ♜f7 - +

5. [H#3] Kıvanç Çefle Pat a Mat, 2018 (version)

1. ♜xd5 ♖xd5 2. ♜c1 ♜c3+ 3. ♜d1 ♖e3‡ @
 1. ♜a7 ♖xd1 2. ♜f2 ♖e3 3. b3 ♜c3‡ @
 1. ♜xe2 ♖xe2 2. ♜xf1 ♜d4 3. ♜e1 ♖g3‡ @

@	1	2	3
Pts.	1,5	3,5	5

6. [S#5] Camillo Gamnitzer 1st Comm. StrateGems, 2012

1. h5! ~ 2. ♜×b7+ ♜f5 3. ♜d7+
 3... ♜f6 4. ♜e7+ ♜f5 5. ♜×e5+ [1.5] ♜×e5‡
 3... ♜e4 4. ♜d5+ ♜f5 5. ♜×e5+ [1.5] ♜×e5‡
 1... b×a3 2. ♜g4+ ♜×g4 3. h×g4 ~ 4. ♖×f2+ ♜×f2‡
 3... ♜h3/♜g2 4. ♜c2+ ♜×c2+ 5. ♖c3+ [2] ♜×c3‡
 1. ♜h6? zz
 1... ♜h2 2. ♜xb7+ ♜f5 3. ♜xh7+ ♜f6
 4. ♜g7+ ♜f5 5. ♜xe5+ ♜xe5‡
 1... b×a3 2. ♜g4+ ♜×g4 3. h×g4 ~ 4. ♖×f2+ ♜×f2‡
 3... ♜h3/♜g2 4. ♜c2+ ♜×c2+ 5. ♖c3+ ♜×c3‡
 1... ♜g5!

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7. [#2] Alessandro Fasano L'Italia Scacchistica, 2000 (mirrored, version)

1. ♖h5! [5]
 1.c8 ♖? ♜e1!
 1. ♜d5? ♘g3!
 1. ♖h4? ♖a4+!
 1. ♖e8/♖c8? ♜h8+!
 1. ♖e7? ♘g8+!
 1. ♖e6? ♖xg4+!

8. [#3] Joseph C. J. Wainwright The New Zealand Mail, 1882

1. ♙b1! zz
 1... ♜d6 2. ♜xd6+ @
 1... ♜xe7 2. ♜d6+ @
 1... ♜e5 2. ♜d6+ @
 1... ♜c6 2. ♖xc6+ @
 1... ♖e5 2. ♖a1+ @
 1...exd3 2. ♖f3+ @
 1... ♙xg2 2. ♖a1+ @
 1... ♙g4 2. ♙xg4+ @
 1... ♙f5 2. ♙d5+ @

@	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Pts.	1	1,5	2	2,5	3	3,5	4	4,5	5

9. [#5] Hans Peter Rehm 9th place 6th WCCT, 1996-2000

1. ♖g4! ~ 2. ♙d3 ♙xc5 3. ♘de3+ ♙xe3 4. ♜d6+ [1.25]
 1...d6 2. ♙b4+ axb4 3. ♙e3+ ♖xc5/♖d4 4. ♙c2+ [1.25]
 1... ♙c6 2. ♙xc3+ ♙xc3 3. ♙e3+ ♖xc5/♖d4 4. ♙d1+ [1.25]
 1... ♙b7 2. ♙de3+ ♖xc5 3. ♜b5+ ♖c6 4. ♙d5 [1.25]
- 1.c6? ~ 2. ♙xc3+ ♙xc3 3. ♙e3+ ♖~ 4. ♙d1+ ♖d5 5. ♙xc3‡
 1... ♙b4 2. ♙xb4+ ab 3. ♙e3+ ♖~ 4. ♙c2+ ♖d5 5. ♙xb4‡
 1... ♙c5!

10. [+] Emilian Dobrescu Gambit (Romania), 1996

1. ♙g6 [1]
 1... ♙xg6 2. ♜g2 [1.5]
 2... ♘f2+ 3. ♜xf2+ ♖xf2 4. ♜a2+ [2]
 4... ♖f1 5. ♜a1+ [2.5]
 5... ♖f2 6.e8= ♜ [3]
 6... ♙xe8 7.b8= ♘ [3.5]
 7... ♙g6 8.a8= ♙ [4]
 8... ♙d3 9. ♜a2+ ♙e2 10. ♙g2 [5] 1-0
- 2... ♙e4 3. ♜f5+ ♙xf5 4.b8= ♖ ♜xg2 5. ♖b5+ + -
 6.e8= ♖? ♙e4+ 7. ♖xe4 ♜g1+ 8. ♜xg1 stalemate =
 8.a8= ♖? ♙e4+ 9. ♖xe4 ♜g1+ 10. ♜xg1 stalemate =
 9. ♙c6? ♜g6 10. ♜a2+ ♖f1 =

11. [H#5] Ján Kozinka 1st-2nd Prize Pravda (Bratislava), 2004-2005

1. ♙h2 ♙f6 2. ♖g3 ♙d7 3. ♖a3 ♙b8
 4. ♙c7 ♙xa6 5. ♙a5 ♙xc5‡ [2.5]
 1. ♖d7 ♙e5 2. ♙c7 ♙xc6 3. ♙b6 ♙d8
 4. ♖a5 ♖h2 5. ♖a4 ♙b7‡ [2.5]

@	1	2
Pts.	2,5	5

12. [S#3] Neculai Chivu Kronika, 2006 (version for solving)

1. ♙d5! ~ 2. ♖xc7+ ♖xc7 3. ♜c6+ [1]
 1... ♖xc3 2. ♖xc3+ ♖d6 3. ♖c5+ [1]
 1... ♖xd5 2. ♜c4+ ♖d4 3. ♙xd4+ [1]
 1... ♘d5 2. ♘d7+ ♖xe4 3. ♜c4+ [1]
 1... ♘e8 2. ♜c5+ ♖c3 3. ♙b3+ [1]