

22nd International Solving Contest 2026 Cat 2

25.01.2026 - Round 1. (120')

1. [#2] Arthur M. Sparke 2nd prize The Western Daily Mercury, 1915 (version)

1. ♖d1! [5]

1. ♖b3? ♗xf6!

1. ♖c4? d5!

2. [#2] György Bakcsi Schach, 1984

1. ♗h6! [5]

1. cb? ♗b3!

1. c6? ♗xa3!

3. [#3] Karl Skogsenden Het Parool, 1978

1. d4! ~ 2. ♗f3+ [1] ♖f1 3. ♗xg2‡
 1... ♖f1 2. ♗xg2+ [1] ♖e1 3. ♗f3‡
 1... ♗xc2 2. ♗b2+ [1] ♖f2 3. ♗d3‡
 1... ♗xe4 2. ♗xc3+ [1] ♖f2 3. ♗xe4‡
 1... ♗xg4 2. ♗xe3+ [1] ♖f2 3. ♗xg4‡

1. d3? ♗xc2!

1. dxe3? ♗xg4!

1. dxc3? ♗xe4!

4. [#6] Fritz Emil Giegold Deutsche Schachblätter, 1971

1. ♗f8 a4 2. ♗b4 a3 3. ♖c1 c2
 4. ♗e1 c3 5. ♖g2 [5] fxg2 6. f4‡

5. [+] Henri Rinck 3rd Prize Sydsvenska Dagbladet Snällposten, 1911-1912

1. f6 [1]
 1... exf6 2. ♗c5+ [2]
 2... ♖f5 3. ♖h5 [3]
 3... b1=♖ 4. ♗c1 [4]
 4... ♖xc1 5. e4+ ♖f4 6. ♗d3+ [5] 1-0
 2... ♖xd4 3. ♗b3+ ♖~ 4. ♗d2 +-
 2... ♖d5 3. ♗a4 b1=♖ 4. ♗c3+ +-
 2... ♖xf4 3. ♗d3+ ♖~ 4. ♗xb2 +-

6. [H#2] Alexander Pituk Umenie 64, 1997 (version for solving)

1. ♖e5 ♗d3+ 2. ♖d6 ♖d8‡ @
 1. a5 ♖xa5 2. ♗e6 ♗e4‡ @
 1. ♗d6 ♖h8 2. ♖xf2 ♖xh5‡ @

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Pts.	1,5	3,5	5

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7. [#2] Horacio Luis Musante Arbejder-Skak, 1950

1. ♖e2! [5]
 1. ♖a4? ♜b5!
 1. ♖b1? ♜e6!
 1. ♖xd5? ♜e5!
 1. ♖e4? ♜xb3!

8. [#3] Percy Klark Bowater Los Angeles Times, 1933

1. ♖h4! zz
 1... ♖c6 2. ♖e4+ [1.25] d5 3. e×d6 ep. †
 1...c5 2. ♖b5 [1.25] ~ 3. ♖c4†
 1...c6 2. ♜d6 [1.25] ~/c5 3. ♖c4†/♖e4†
 1...d6 2. e×d6 [1.25] ~ 3. ♖e4†

9. [#3] Wieland Bruch Neue Zürcher Zeitung, 1992

1. ♖h7! ~ 2. ♜f4+ [1] ♖e5 3. d4†
 1... ♖d5 2. ♖d7+ [1] ♖e4/♖xc5 3. ♖d3†/d4†
 1... ♖f5 2. ♖h5+ [1] ♖e4/♖e6 3. d3†/♜f8†
 1...f5 2. ♖g8+ [1] ♖d7/♖f6 3. ♜e5†/♜e7†
 1... ♜d5 2. ♜f8+ [1] ♖e5 3. d4†

10. [#4] Robert Hollstein Vasárnapi Újság, 1903

1. ♜a5! zz
 1... ♖e4 2. ♜×d6+
 2... ♖d4 3. ♜d1 [1.5] ♖d3 4. ♜d5†
 2... ♖f4 3. ♜h5 [1.5] g×h5 4. ♜f5†
 1...d5 2. ♜a4+ ♖c5 3. d4+ [2] ♖b6/♖c6 4. ♜a6†

11. [=] Ladislav Prokeš Tijdschrift van den Koninklijken Nederlandschen Schaakbond, 1947

1. ♜b8 [1]
 1...a2 2. ♜b4+ [2]
 2... ♖×a5 3. ♜b8 [3]
 3...b2 4. ♜a8+ ♖b6 5. ♜×a2 [4]
 5...b1=♖ 6. ♜b2+ [5] ♖×b2 stalemate
 1...b2? 2.a6 a2 3.a7 ~ 4. a8=♖†

12. [S#2] Zivko Janevski Novi Temi, 1982 (version)

1. ♜c5! ~ 2. ♖d1+ [1] ♜×d1†
 1... ♜×d3 2. ♜d2+ [1] ♜×d2†
 1... ♜×c4 2. ♖×e4+ [1] ♜×e4†
 1...e×d3 2. ♜×g3+ [1] ♖×g3†
 1... ♜×c4 2. ♖e2+ [1] ♜×e2†
 1. ♜a3/ ♜f8? ♜×d3!