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The Problemist, May 2020



4+2

win

Solution:

1.Sc2+ Ke5 2.Se3 Sd2 3.Sg4+ Kf4 4.e5 Sc4 5.e6 Kxg4 6.Kf7!

(4.e7? Sd6!=) **6. ...Sb6** (6... Sd6+ 7.Ke7 Sb5 8.Kd7 Sc3 9.Kc6±) **7.Ke7!** (7.e7? Sc8 8.e8=Q

Sd6+) **7. ...Sd5+** (7. ...Kf4 8.Ba2!) **7.Kd6! Sf6 8.e7 Se8+ 9.Ke6 Sc7+ 10.Ke5!** (10.Kd7? Sd5

11.e8=Q Sf6+) **10. ...Kg5 11.Be4! Se8 12.Ke6 Sc7+/Sg7+ 13.Kd7/Kf7 wins.**

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2) P. Răican
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5+4

BTM

±

Sol: **1. ...Sf2+ 2.Kd2** (2.Kc2? Re2+ 3.Kc3 Se4+ 4.Kb3 Kxb6 5.cxd7 Sc5+ 6.Kc3 Sxd7=)
2. ...Se4+ 3.Kc2 (or 3.Kc1) **Rxc6 4.b7!** (4.Sxc6? Kxc6=, 4.Sxd7+ Kb5+ 5.Kb2 Rxb6=) **4. ...Rc7** (4. ...Kb6+ 5.Sxc6 Kxb7 6.Se5±) **5.Sxd7** (5.Sa6+ Kb6 6.Sxc7 Kxc7 7.Rxd7+ Kb8=) **Kb5+ 6.Sc5! Rxc5+ 7.Kb2 Kc6 8.Rb3 ±**

Checked by Stockfish

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3) P. Răican
Sinfonie Scacchistiche, 146/2021



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±

Sol: **1.Kg3 Ke1** [1... Qe1+ 2.Kf4 Qd2+ 3.Ke5 Qe1+ 4.Kf6] [1... Qd6+ 2.Re5 Qg6+ 3.Bg4 Qd3+ 4.Re3 Qg6 5.Rf3+ Ke1 6.Bc3+] [1... Qxd4 2.Rh1+ Qg1+ 3.Bg2+] **2.Be3! Qb8+ 3.Bf4 Qg8+ 4.Rg5 Qb3** [4... Qa2 5.Re5+ Kf1 6.Be3!] **5.Re5+ Kf1 6.Bd2!** [6.Be3? a4!]=] **6... Qg8+ 7.Bg4!** [7.Bg5 Qb3 8.Bd2 Qg8+] **7... Qb3+ 8.Be3!** [8.Kh2? Qb8 9.Bf4 (9.Bc3? c5!)=) 9...Qb2+ 10.Kh3 Qc2=] **8....a4 9.Rf5+ Ke1 10.Rf3** wins

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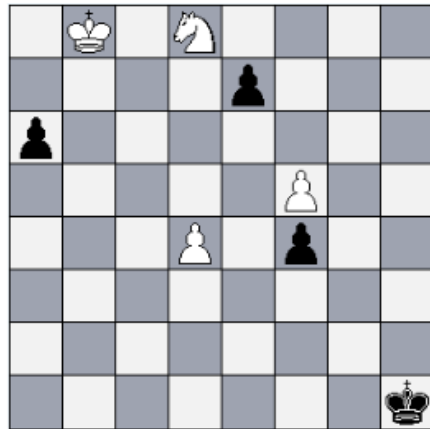
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1.d7 Sd4 2.Bd6+ [2...d8=Q? Bg5+ 3.Qxg5/Kxg5 **Sf3+ /Se6+** forks] 2... Sg3 3.Bxg3+ Kg2 4.Bf4! [4...Sf6? Sc6 5.Sxd5 Kf3! 6.Bc7 Ba3! 7.Kg5 Ke4=] 4... Ba6 5.Bd6! [5...d8=Q? Be7+ 6.Qxe7 **Sf5+** fork] 5... Bxd6 6.Sxd6 Sc6 7.Sf5! Kf3 **8.Sd4+** fork [if 7... Kf2 then 8.Kh5! Sd8 9.Kg5(6) Kf3 10.Kf6 wins]

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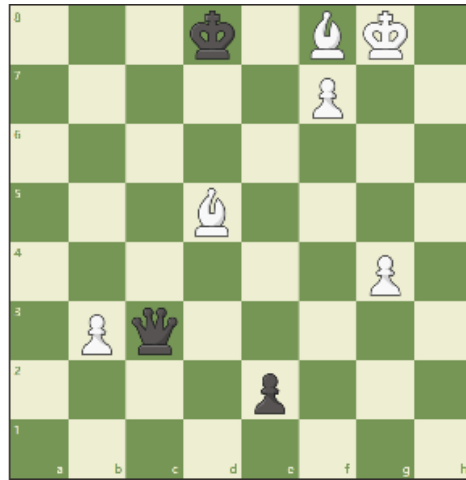
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Sol: **1.Se6!**(1.Sf7? a5!=) 1...f3 2.Sg5 f2 3.Ce4 **f1=S** [3...f1=Q 4.Sg3+] 4.d5 Se3 **5.d6!**
[**5.f6?** exf6 6.d6 Sc4! 7.d7 Se5 8.d8=Q Sc6+=] 5...exd6 6.f6 Sg4 7.Sf2+! Kg2 8.Sxg4 wins 7.f7?
Se5! 8.f8=Q Sd7+= echo theme

verified by Stockfish and syzygy-tables.

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6) P. Răican
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Sol: **1.Be7+ Kxe7 2.f8=Q+ Kd7 3.Qf7+ Kd8 4.Be6 Qd4**

4... Qd2 5.Qf8+Kc7 6.Qc5+ Kb8 (6... Kd8 7.Bf5!) 7.Qe5+! Ka7 8.Bd5! (8.Qc7+? Ka8 9.Bd7 Qg5+! 10.Kf7 Qe7+! 11.Kxe7 e1=Q+ eternal check) 8... e1=Q 9.Qc7+ Ka6 10.Bc4#

5.Qf8+ Kc7 6.Qc8+ Kb6

6... Kd6 7.Qa6+ K~ 8.Qxe2 wins

7.Qb8+!

7.Bc4? e1=Q! 8.Qb8+ Kc6 9.Bb5+ Kd5 10.Qb7+ Ke5 11.Qe7+ Kf4 12.Qxe1 Qd5+ =

7... Ka5 (7... Kc6 8.Qa8+ Kc7 9.Qa5+) **8.Qa8+Kb6**

8... Kb4 9.Qa4+ Kc3/Kc5 10.Qa1/Qa7+

9.b4! Qe5

9... e1=Q 10.Qa5+ Kb7 (10... Kc6 11.b5+ Kb7 12.Qxe1) 11.Bd5+ Kc8 12.Qa8+ Kd7 13.Qc6+ Kd8 14.Qd6+ Kc8 Be6+ wins

10.Qd8+ Ka7

10... Kc6 11.Bd7+ Kb7 12.Bc8+ Kc6 13.Qd7+ Kb6 14.Qb7#

12.Bc8! Qe4 13.Qc7+ Ka8 14.Bb7+! Qxb7 15.Qa5+ Qa7 (15... Kb8 16.Qe5+) **16.Qd5+ Qb7 17.Qa2+ Kb8 18.Qxe2 wins**

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