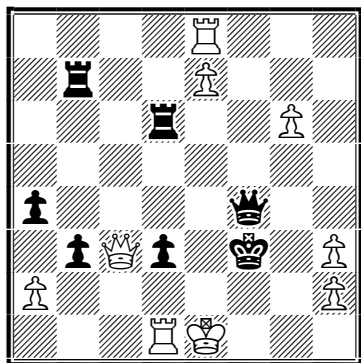


D197-2 Pervakov, Oleg – **10.5** points
Olympic Ty 2018
1st Prize



+ 9+7

1. ♖d2! Simple draw after 1. ♖:d3+ ♖:d3 2. ♖:d3+ ♖e3+ (2... ♔g2= also is possible) 3. ♖:e3+ ♔:e3 4.a:b3 a:b3 5. ♖c8 ♖:e7 6. ♖b8 ♔f4+ 7. ♔f2 ♔g5 8. ♖:b3 ♔:g6= **1... ♖:e7+!** Attracting the white rook on e7. 1... ♖e3+ 2. ♔f1+-; 1... ♖e6+ 2. ♔d1+-.

2. ♖:e7 ♖h4+ 3. ♔f1!! It is necessary to get rid of pawn h3! Logical try-1: 3. ♔d1? ♖:e7 4.g7 (4.a:b3 ♖e3!)= 4... ♖g5! 5. ♖:d3+ (5. ♔c1 b2+ 6. ♔b1 ♖g1+ 7. ♔b2 a3+! 8. ♔:a3 ♖a6+ 9. ♔b2 ♖b6+=; 5. ♖e2 b:a2! 6. ♖:a2 ♖g1+ 7. ♖e1 ♖g6=) 5... ♖e3! 6. ♖c6+!? ♔f2! 7. ♖g2+ ♔:g2 8.g8 ♖+ ♔:h2=, and the pawn h3 prevents white to carry out conceived. **3... ♖:h3+ 4. ♔e1** (4. ♔g1? ♖:g6+ 5. ♔h1 ♖f1#) **4... ♖h4+ 5. ♔d1 ♖:e7 6.g7!** It is necessary to win a tempo. After 6. ♖:d3+ ♖e3!-+ «the Maltese cross» conducts to a victory of black. The mate waits white after 6. ♖c5? ♖e2+! 7. ♖:e2 d:e2+ 8. ♔e1 ♖d1#. **6... ♖g5! 7. ♖:d3+ ♖e3!**

8. ♖c6+!! Correct «removal from a cross»! Logical try-2: 8. ♖f6+? ♖:f6! 9. ♖:e3+ ♔:e3 10.g8 ♖ ♖f1#! **8... ♔f2!** (8... ♖:c6 9. ♖:e3+ ♔:e3 10.g8 ♖+-)

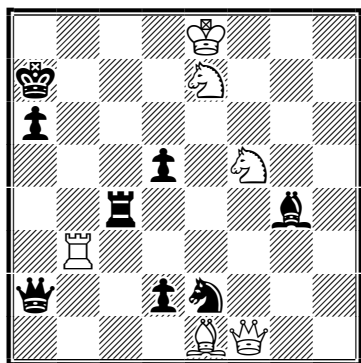
9. ♖g2+! (9. ♖:d6? ♖e1#) **9... ♔:g2 10.g8 ♖+ ♔h3!** Defence of black is based on win white rook d6 after capture black rook. ♔o, badly 10... ♔h1 11. ♖a8+ ♔g1 12. ♖:d6+-.

11. ♖h8+! And a problem of white – to force black to take also the second pawn «h». Early 11. ♖:d6? ♖f3+ 12. ♔c1 ♖c3+=; 11. ♖h7+? ♔g4! 12.h3+ ♔g3! 13. ♖:d6 ♖f3+=. **11... ♔g2!** (11... ♔g4 12.h3+! ♔g3 13. ♖e5+!+-) **12. ♖g7+!** No progress after 12. ♖a8+ ♔h3!, because 13. ♖h1 is not check. **12... ♔h2.** It is necessary. 12... ♔h3 13. ♖:d6 ♖f3+ 14. ♔c1! ♖f1+ 15. ♖d1! ♖c4+, and white is not necessary the rook any more: 16. ♔b2 ♖c2+ 17. ♔a3 ♖:d1 18. ♖g3#! **13. ♖h8+!** The pawn h2 is destroyed, and white realize the plan. But not 13. ♖h7+? ♖h6=; or 13. ♖:d6? ♖f3+ 14. ♔c1 ♖f1+! 15. ♔b2 ♖f2+ 16. ♔a3 ♖c5+ 17. ♔:a4 ♖:d6=.

13... ♔g2 (13... ♔g3 14. ♖e5+!+-; 13... ♖h6 14. ♖e5+!+-; 13... ♔g1 14. ♖:d6 ♖f3+ 15. ♔c1! ♖f4+ 16. ♖d2+-) **14. ♖a8+!** ♔h3. The white king easily escapes from checks after 14... ♔g3 15. ♖:d6 ♖g1+ 16. ♔d2 ♖f2+ 17. ♔d3 ♖c2+ 18. ♔d4+-; or 14... ♔h2 15. ♖:d6 ♖g1+ 16. ♔e2! ♖g4+ 17. ♖f3+-.

15. ♖h1+! with the decisive check and the subsequent capture of the black rook. The newborn white queen visited three corners of the board. 15. ♖:d6? ♖g1+ 16. ♔d2 ♖h2+=.

D197-3 Pervakov, Oleg – **11.5** points
JT EG-50 2016, 1st Prize



= 6+8

1. ♖f2+! Try 1. ♔f2+? ♔a8! 2. ♖b6 ♖a4+ 3. ♔d8 ♔:f5 4.N:f5 Nd4! 5. ♔:d4 (5.N:d4 d1 ♖ 6. ♖:d1 ♖:d1 7.Nc6 ♖:c6 8. ♖:c6 d4+-) 5...d1 ♖ 6. ♖f4 (6. ♖g2 ♖:d4! 7.N:d4 ♖a5! 8. ♔e8 ♖c8+ 9. ♔d7 ♖:b6 10. ♔:c8 ♖:d4+-) 6... ♖c8+! 7. ♔:c8 ♖e8+ 8. ♔c7 ♖c2+ 9. ♔d6 ♖cc8! 10. ♔:d5 ♖g8+ 11. ♔e4 ♖c2+ 12. ♔e5 ♖c7+ 13. ♔e4 ♖g2+ 14. ♖f3 ♖cc2+ 15. ♔e3+ ♖:f3+ 16. ♔:f3 ♖:f5+-+.

1...d4! (1... ♔a8 2. ♖b8+! ♔:b8 3. ♖b6+=) **2.Nc6+!** (2.N:d4? ♔d7+! 3. ♔:d7 ♖:d4+ 4. ♔e8 ♖:b3 5. ♔:d2 ♖b5+ 6. ♔f7 ♖c4+ 7. ♔f8 ♔b8+-) **2... ♖:c6** (2... ♔a8? 3. ♖b8#) **3.N:d4 ♔d7+!** Open counterplay. 3... ♔h5+? 4. ♔e7 N:d4 5. ♖:d4+ ♔a8 6. ♖h8+-+; 3...N:d4? 4. ♖f7+ +-.

4. ♔:d7 (4. ♔e7? N:d4 5. ♖:d4+ ♔a8 6. ♖h8+ ♔c8+-) **4...d1 ♖.** After 4...d1 ♖! white builds a new battery: 5. ♖f7! =.

5. ♔d2!! The echo-sacrifice! 5. ♔:c6? N:d4+ 6. ♖:d4+ ♖:d4+-, and no stalemate – bishop on the board!; 5. ♖f7? ♖a:b3+-.

5... ♖a:d2!

6. ♔:c6 ♖h1+. Main **6... ♖h6+ 7.Ne6+ Nd4+ 8. ♖:d4+!** ♖:d4 9. ♖b7+ ♔a8 10. ♖b8+! ♔:b8=.

The 1st mirror ideal stalemate with pin knight; Main **6... ♖1c1+ 7.Nc2+ Nd4+ 8. ♖:d4+!** ♖:d4 9. ♖b7+ ♔a8 10. ♖b8+! ♔:b8=.

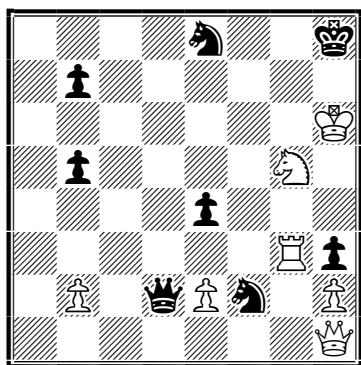
The 2nd mirror ideal stalemate with pin knight. **7.Nf3+ Nd4+** (7... ♖d4 8. ♖b7+ ♔a8 9. ♖b8+! ♔:b8 10. ♖g3+! =) **8. ♖:d4+!** ♖:d4 9. ♖b7+ ♔a8 10. ♖b8+! ♔:b8=.

And the 3rd mirror ideal stalemate with pin knight!

D197-4 Pervakov, Oleg – 9 points

JT JPA-85, 2017

1st Prize



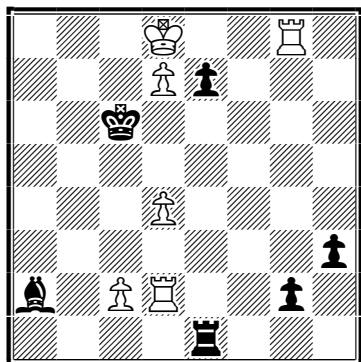
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D197-5 Pervakov, Oleg – 11.5 points

JT The Ural Problemist-25, 2018

1st-2nd Prize



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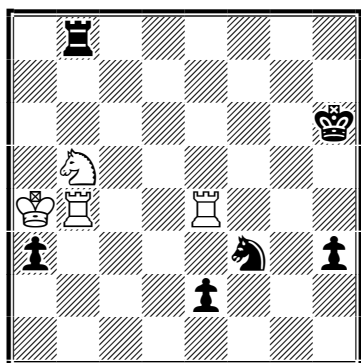
1. ♖e1! Look at c3 and h4 squares. 1... ♜d6+ (1... ♜:e1? 2.Nf7#) 2.Ne6! (2. ♘h5? Ng7+ 3. ♘h4 ♜h6#) 2... ♜:e6+ 3. ♖g6 Nf6! 3...Ng4+? 4. ♘g5! Nef6 (4... ♜e5+ 5. ♘:g4 ♘h7 6. ♖b6!+-) 5. ♜h4+ Nh7+ 6. ♜:h7+ ♘:h7 7. ♖:e6+- 4. ♜c3! Pin knight f6. 4. ♜:f2? Ng4+ 5. ♘g5 ♜:g6+ 6. ♘:g6 N:f2+- 4...N2g4+! 5. ♖:g4 (5. ♘g5? Ne5! – unpin knight f6, 6. ♖:f6 ♜g4+ 7. ♘h6 ♜h4#) 5... ♜f5! 6. ♖h4 (6. ♖g5? ♜h7#) 6...b4! Black begin counterplay. They want to close diagonal a1-d4 for white queen. 7. ♜d4 b3! (7...e3? 8.b3+-) 8. ♜c3! The 1st logical try: 8.e3?! (play for stalemate or perpetual check) 8...b6! 9. ♜c3 b5 10. ♜d4 b4 11. ♜d8+ Ng8+ 12. ♜:g8+ ♘:g8 13. ♖g4+ ♘f7 14. ♖g7+ ♘e6 15. ♖g6+ ♘d5! 16. ♖g5 ♜:g5+ 17. ♘:g5 ♘c4 18. ♘f4 ♘d3+- 8...e3! (8...b6? 9. ♖:h3+-) 9. ♜d4! The 2nd logical try: 9. ♜c4?! Ng8+ 10. ♜:g8+ ♘:g8 11. ♖g4+! ♘f8 12. ♖g8+! ♘e7 13. ♖g7+ ♘d6 14. ♖g6+ ♘c7 15. ♖g7+ ♘b8 16. ♖g8+ ♘a7!+- 9...b6! Lose a tempo. 10. ♜c3! The 3-rd logical try: 10. ♜d8+?! Ng8+ 11. ♜:g8+ ♘:g8 12. ♖g4+! ♘f7 13. ♖g7+ ♘e6 14. ♖g6+ ♘d7 15. ♖g7+ ♘c6 16. ♖g6+ ♘b7 17. ♖g7+ ♘a6!+- Try 10. ♖:h3? ♜:h3+ 11. ♘g5 ♜g2+! 12. ♘f5 (12. ♘:f6 ♜g7+-) 12... ♜d5+ 13. ♜:d5 N:d5 14. ♘e4 Nc3+!+- 10...b5 11. ♜d4 b4. White in zugzwang? But... 12. ♜d8+(c4) Ng8+ 13. ♜:g8+ ♘:g8 14. ♖g4+! ♘f8 (14... ♜:g4= stalemate) 15. ♖g8+! ♘e7 (15... ♘:g8= stalemate) 16. ♖g7+ ♘d6 (16... ♘f6 17. ♖f7+! ♘f7= stalemate) 17. ♖g6+ ♘e7 18. ♖g7+. Perpetual check or stalemate.

Pawn overlapping of diagonal a2-g8 arises – 1.d5. 1.c4!! Logical try: 1.d5+? ♘:d5 2. ♖:d5 h2 3. ♘c8 (or 3. ♖g6+ e6! 4. ♘c8 ♖a1 and so on) 3... ♖a1! 4. ♖g6+ e6! 5. ♖d6+ (5. ♖:e6+ ♘:d5 6. ♖a6! ♖:a6 7.d8 ♜+ ♘e4! 8. ♜h4+ ♘f3=) 5... ♘c5 6. ♖g5+ e5 7. ♖d5+ (7. ♖:e5+ ♘:d6 8. ♖a5! ♖:a5 9.d8 ♜+ ♘e6! 10. ♜g8+ ♘e5 11. ♜:g2 ♖c5+ 12. ♘d7 ♖:c2=) 7... ♘c4 8. ♖g4+ e4 9. ♖d4+ ♘c3 10. ♖g3+ e3! (10... ♘b2? 11. ♖b4+ ♘c1 12.d8 ♜ ♖a8+ 13. ♖b8 ♖:b8+ 14. ♘:b8 g1 ♜ 15. ♜g5+ +-) 11. ♖d3+ ♘b2! =, and the black king hid in a shadow of a pawn c2; 1. ♖g6+? ♖e6! =; 1. ♖d:g2? h:g2 2. ♖:g2 ♘e6 3. ♖g6 ♘d5= 1... ♘:c4. Rook ending after 1...g1 ♜ 2. ♖:g1 ♖:g1 3. ♖:a2 ♖g8+ 4. ♘:e7 ♘c7 5.c5+- is easy win for white. 2.d5+. The pin of bishop does not lead to success: 2. ♖c2? g1 ♜ 3. ♖:g1 ♖:g1 4. ♖:c4+ ♘d5! 5. ♖c5+ ♘:d4 6. ♖c1! ♖:c1 7. ♘e8 h2 8.d8 ♜+ ♘e4! 9. ♜:e7+ ♘f3=. 2... ♘:d5 (2... ♘c5 3. ♘c7 h2 4. ♖:g2 h1 ♜ 5.d8 ♜+-) 3. ♖:d5! (3. ♖g6+? ♖e6+-; 3. ♘e8? g1 ♜ =) 3...h2! The best chance. 3... ♘:d5 4. ♘e8 g1 ♜ 5.d8 ♜+ ♘e4 6. ♖:g1 ♖:g1 7. ♜d2 ♘f3 8. ♜h2!+-; 3...g1 ♜ 4. ♖:g1 ♖:g1 5. ♖d2 ♖g2 6. ♖d1!+- 4. ♘c8! Early 4. ♖g6+? ♘:d5! 5. ♘e8 g1 ♜ 6.d8 ♜+ ♘e5+- 4... ♖a1! Hopelessly 4...g1 ♜ 5.d8 ♜ ♜:g8 6. ♜:g8 h1 ♜ 7. ♖f5 e5 8. ♜c4+ +- 5. ♖g6+ e6! 6. ♖d6+! (6. ♖:e6+? ♘:d5 7. ♖a6 ♖:a6 8.d8 ♜+ ♘e4=) 6... ♘c5 7. ♖g5+ e5 8. ♖d5+. It is not possible to mate the black king after 8. ♖:g2? ♖a8+! 9. ♘c7 h1 ♜ 10. ♖c2+ ♘b4 11. ♖b6+ ♘a3= 8... ♘c4 (8... ♘c6 9. ♖g6+ ♘:d5 10.d8 ♜+ ♘e4 11. ♜h4+ +-; 8... ♘:d5 9.d8 ♜+ ♘e4 10. ♜d6+-) 9. ♖g4+ e4 10. ♖d4+ (10. ♖:g2? h1 ♜ 11. ♖c2+ ♘b3! =) 10... ♘c3 (10... ♘c5 11. ♖g5+ ♘:d4 12.d8 ♜+ ♘e3 13. ♜b6+ +-) 11. ♖g3+ e3 12. ♖d3+! For the 4-th time repeating a step of the systematic movement. 12... ♘c4! Alas, not to hide any more – a white pawn c2 is not on a board! 12... ♘c2 13. ♖:g2+ +- 13. ♖g4+ ♘:d3 14.d8 ♜+ ♘e2 15. ♖:g2+ ♘f1 16. ♜d5! (16. ♜f6+? ♘:g2 17. ♜b2+ e2=; 16. ♖:h2? ♖a8+ =) 16...h1 ♜ 17. ♜f3+. Logical dumping of a white pawn precedes the systematic movement of four pieces.

D023-1 Minski, Martin – **9.75** points

10th WCCT, 2016 - 2017

1st Place



= 4+6

1. ♖e6+! [Thematic try: 1. ♖:e2? ♜a8+ (or 1...a2 2. ♖:a2 ♜a8+) 2.Na7 (2. ♘b3 a2 3. ♖:a2 ♖:a2 4. ♘:a2 h2 5. ♖b1 Ng1 6.Nd4 h1 ♚-+ 2... ♖:a7+ 3. ♘b3 a2 4. ♖:a2 ♖:a2 5. ♘:a2 h2 6. ♖b1 Ng1 7. ♖b8 ♘g7 (7... ♘h7) 8. ♖b7+ ♘g6 9. ♖b6+ ♘g5 10. ♖b5+ ♘g4 11. ♖b4+ ♘g3 12. ♖b3+ ♘f2 13. ♖b2+ Ne2 14. ♖b1 Nc3--+)]

main **1... ♘h5** 2. ♖:e2 ♜a8+ **3.Na7!!** [Thematic try: 3. ♘b3? a2 4. ♖:a2 ♖:a2 5. ♘:a2 h2 6. ♖b1 Ng1 7.Nd4 h1 ♚-+] **3... ♖:a7+** 4. ♘b3 a2

5. ♖:a2 ♖:a2 6. ♘:a2 h2 7. ♖b1! [7. ♖b8? ♘g4! 8. ♖h8 Nh4-+] **7...Ng1** 8. ♖b8! ♘g4 [8... ♘g6 9. ♖h8=] **9. ♖g8+** [9. ♖h8? Nh3-+] main: **1... ♘g5** 2. ♖:e2 ♜a8+ **3. ♘b3!** [Thematic try: 3.Na7? ♖:a7+ 4. ♘b3 a2 5. ♖:a2 ♖:a2 6. ♘:a2 h2 7. ♖b1 Ng1-+] **3...a2** 4. ♖:a2 ♖:a2 5. ♘:a2 [5.Nd4? ♖f2!-+] **5...h2** 6. ♖b1 Ng1 7.Nd4! h1 ♚ 8. ♖:g1+! ♚:g1 9.Nf3+=

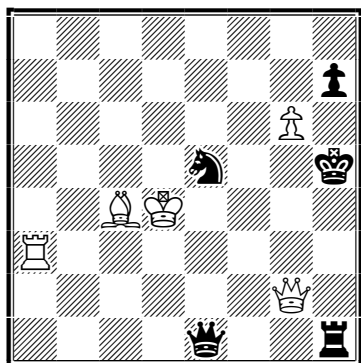
main: **1... ♘h7** 2. ♖e7+! [Thematic try: 2. ♖:e2? ♜a8+ (2...a2) 3. ♘b3 a2 4. ♖:a2 ♖:a2 5.Nd4 ♖f2! 6.N:f3 ♖:f3+ 7. ♘c2 7... ♘g6/♘h6-+] **2... ♘h8** 3. ♖:e2 ♜a8+ 4. ♘b3 a2 5. ♖:a2 ♖:a2 6.Nd4! ♖f2 [6...h2 7.N:f3 h1 ♚ 8. ♖h4+ ♚:h4 9.N:h4=] **7.N:f3** ♖:f3+ 8. ♘c2! =

"Splendid. Multiple thematic tries, with the play in each differentiated from the others by clever tactics; multiple echoes too. This is a fine study in any con text, but in this particular theme tournament it is outstanding, displaying the theme to maximum advantage. Rook studies tend to have difficult, if not obscure, supporting variations that are not to everyone's taste. However, one cannot but be impressed by the variety of pl ay following the three moves of the black Kh6 in reply to 1 Re6+." [Comment the by the GBR WCCT judging team]

D023-3 Minski, Martin – **10.5** points

MT Oleynik-82, 2017

1st Prize



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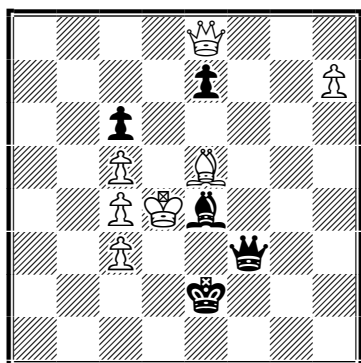
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Judge Sergiy Didukh: "Spectacular fight of heavy-weight boxers. White blocks Black's starting attack by sacrificing his bishop, then he repels the second wave of attack by a beautiful combination containing Q-sacrifice and knocking-out promotion to knight. Boxers must be very smart to fight like that!"

D023-4 Minski, Martin – **11.25** points

Olympic Ty 2018

2nd Prize (draws section)



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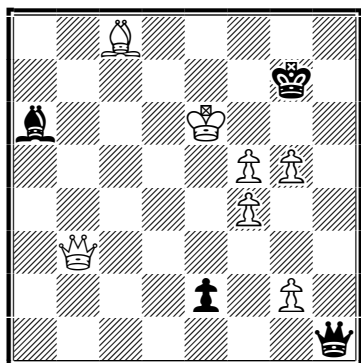
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 3. ♗f4 ♘f2! [3... ♘f3/♘d1 4. ♜e5=] 4. ♜f8! battery [4. ♜e5? ♜d1+ 5. ♗d2 ♜:d2# mate with self-block on e5; 4. ♜f6?? e:f6-+ no stalemate] 4... ♜g4 5. ♜f6!! [5. ♘e5? ♜e2+ 6. ♗e3+ ♘:e3-+] 5... ♘f1! [5... ♗b1 6. ♜g5 ♜d1+ 7. ♗d2=] 6. ♜f8! [logical try 6. ♜f7? ♗g6! 7. ♜f8 ♘f2! 8. ♜f6! ♜d1+! 9. ♗d2+ ♘e2! 10. ♜:e7+ (10. ♜:g6 ♜:d2+ 11. ♘e5 ♜e3+ 12. ♜e4 ♜:e4+ 13. ♘:e4 ♘d2 14. ♘d4 ♘c2-+) 10... ♘:d2-+ position X with b ♗g6] 6... ♘f2 [6... ♗b1 7. ♘e5 ♜e2+ 8. ♗e3+=; 6... ♘g2 7. ♜h6! ♜d7+ 8. ♗d6! e5+! 9. ♘e3!]=]
 7. ♜f6! [7. ♜h6? ♜d7+ 8. ♗d6 e5+! 9. ♘:e5 ♜f5+ 10. ♘d4 ♜e4#]
 7... e:f6 first ideal pin stalemate
 7... ♜d7+ 8. ♗d6+ e:f6 second ideal pin stalemate
 7... ♜d1+ 8. ♗d2+ e:f6 third ideal pin stalemate
 [8... ♘e2 9. ♜:e7+ ♘:d2 position X with b ♗h7 10. ♜:h7 ♜g1+ 11. ♘e5 ♜:c5+ 12. ♘e6=]

Judge David Gurgenzidze: "German chess composer has once again crafted immaculate study with masterful design."

D023-6 Minski, Martin – **9.75** points

Chess Informant-50 AT, 2016

2nd Prize



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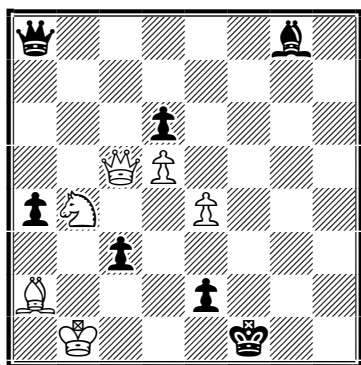
1. f6+ [1. ♜c3+? ♘g8 2. ♘d6 e1 ♜ 3. ♗e6+ ♜:e6+ 4. ♘:e6 (4.f:e6 ♜:g2=) 4... ♜:g2 5. ♜c7 ♜a8 6. ♜f7+ ♘h8=] 1... ♘h8 2. g6! e1 ♜+ [2... ♗c4+! 3. ♜:c4 e1 ♜+ 4. ♘f7+- see mainline] 3. ♘f7 ♗c4+! [3... ♜h5 4. ♜b8+-] 4. ♜:c4 ♜e8+! [4... ♜h5 5. ♗e6!+-] 5. ♘:e8 ♜e1+ 6. ♜e2!! [6. ♜e6? ♜:e6+! 7. ♗:e6 stalemate; 6. ♗e6? ♜:e6+! 7. ♜:e6 stalemate; 6. ♘f7? ♜e8+/♜e7+! 7. ♘:♜ stalemate] 6... ♜:e2+ 7. ♘f8 ♜:g2 8. g7+ ♘h7 9. ♗b7! [9. ♗f5+? ♘h6 10. g8 ♜ ♜a8+ 11. ♘e7! ♜a3+!= (11... ♜:g8? 12.f7+-); 9. ♗e6? ♜a8+=] 9... ♜g1 [9... ♜g6 10. ♗e4! ♜:e4 11.g8 ♜++-; 9... ♜:b7 10.g8 ♜++-; 9... ♜g4 10. ♗e4+ ♘h6 11.g8 ♜ ♜c8+ 12. ♘e7!+- see mainline] 10. ♗e4+ ♘h6 11.g8 ♜ ♜c5+ 12. ♘e8 [12. ♘f7? ♜c4+! 13. ♘e7 ♜:e4+= (13... ♜:g8? 14.f7+-)] 12... ♜c8+ 13. ♘e7!! [13. ♘f7? ♜d7+/♜c4+=] 13... ♜:g8 [13... ♜c7+ 14. ♘e6 ♜c4+ (14... ♜f7+ 15. ♘:f7+- (15. ♜:f7? stalemate)) 15. ♗d5+-] 14.f7 ♜g7 15. ♘e8+-

Judge Yochanan Afek: "In the heat of the battle each side promotes a second queen; however the side that sacrifices both his queens is the one to emerge the eventual winner against the remaining enemy queen. A breathtaking battle with plenty of quiet moves and subtle finesses."

D186-1 Nielsen, Steffen Slumstrup - **10.5** points

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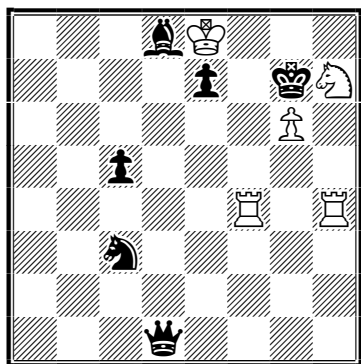


= 6+7

White is on the defensive, his biggest worry being the pawn on e2. It is not yet time for active counterplay. **1. ♖b5!** [1. ♖c4? loses after 1... ♗h7 or 1... ♕e8. The c4 square is needed for the bishop.] **1... ♕e8!** [White is not given time for 2. ♗c4] [1... ♗h7 2. ♗c4=; 1... ♕a7 2. ♗c4=] **2. ♕d3** [Necessary retreat, the first of many.] [2. ♕:e8? e1 ♖+ 3. ♗c2 ♕d2+--+] **2... ♕:e4!** [There is no time to rest for White.] [2... ♗f2 3. ♕d4+] **3. ♕:e4 ♗h7** [The point. White must retreat, keeping an eye on the pawn.] **4. ♕d3** [4. ♕:h7? e1 ♖+ 5. ♗c2 ♕d2+ mating] **4... ♗f2** [Unpinning the pawn. White must take one further step into his cave.] [4... ♗:d3+ 5. ♗:d3+-; 4... ♗g1 5. ♗c1 e1 ♖+ 6. ♕d1=] **5. ♕c2 ♗e3** [Now the promotion cannot be stopped. Time to go on the counter-offensive for White?] [5... ♗:c2+?? 6. ♗:c2 (6. ♗:c2)] **6. ♗a1!** [Well, not exactly.] [6. ♗c1? e1 ♖+ 7. ♕d1 ♕d2+ (7... ♕f2); 6. ♕:h7] **6... e1 ♖+ 7. ♗b1** [Luckily for White ♕c2 is still immune, as Black has placed his king and queen conveniently within forking distance] **7... ♕d2!** **8. ♕a2!** [Perhaps not the active counterplay White had been hoping for. But the only way to cover b2.] [8. ♕:d2+ c:d2 leaves no hope; 8. ♕:h7 ♕b2#] **8... ♕c1** [Fighting for the c2 square.] **9. ♗c2+!** [Burying ♗b1 and ♕a2 even further.] **9... ♗d2!** [When White now saves his knight, Black will play c3-c2 and have a win after the general exchange] **10. ♗d4+** [Finally time to break out. 10. ♕a3? ♗:c2+-] **10...c2 11. ♗b3+** [Not too late to go wrong: After the fancy 11. ♕:c2+? ♗:c2 12. ♗b3+, Black wins with 12... ♕d1! (12... ♗:b3; 12... a:b3=) 13. ♗:c1 ♗:c1 14. ♗a2 ♗d2 15. ♗b2 (15. ♗c4 ♗d3) 15... ♗d3 16. ♗a3 ♗c3 and White is in zugzwang; Also 11. ♗:c2? ♗:c2 12. ♕:c2+ ♕:c2 13. ♗:c2 ♗:c2-- fails] **11...a:b3** [11... ♗c3 12. ♗:c1=] **12. ♕a5+ ♗d1 13. ♕e1+ ♗:e1** stalemate

D186-2 Nielsen, Steffen Slumstrup - **9** points

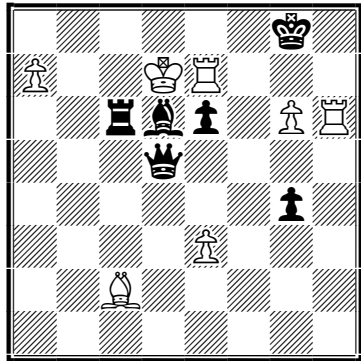
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+ 5+6

White must keep the pawn on g6 to create threats. **1. ♗f8 ♗d5** [1... ♗b5 2. ♖h7+ ♗g8 3. ♖h8+ ♗:h8 4. ♗e6 with a deadly double threat.; After 1... ♕d6 White has a long forced win: 2. ♖f7+ ♗g8 3.g7 ♕c6+ 4. ♗d7 ♕:d7+ 5. ♗:d7 ♗:f7 6. ♖g4 ♗g8 7. ♗:d8 e5 8. ♗:e7 e4 9. ♗f6 e3 10. ♗g6 e2 11. ♖f4 (or 11. ♖h4) and mate on the next move.; 1... ♗e4 2. ♗e6+ (or 2. ♖:e4) ♗:g6 3. ♖:e4 ♗a5 4. ♗:e7] **2. ♖h7+ ♗g8 3. ♖h8+! ♗:h8** [3... ♗g7 4. ♗e6+ ♗:g6 (4... ♗:h8 5. ♖f8#) 5. ♖g8+ ♗h7 6. ♖g7+ ♗h6 7. ♖h4+-] **4. ♗f7** [Threat 5. g7#] **4... ♕h5** [pin] **5. ♖h4** [and counter pin] **5... ♗f6** [5... ♗f4 6. ♗e6 ♗a5 7. ♗:f4 ♕:h4 8.g7+ ♗h7 9.g8 ♕+ ♗h6 10. ♕g6# (10. ♕g7#)] [The charged key position. White has to find the right plan. He wants to play ♗f8-d7 at the correct time. Now is too early, as Black responds 6. ♗d7 ♕:h4 7. g7+ ♗h7 8. ♗:f6 ♕:f6+] **6. ♖h1!** [Threatening 7. ♗d7 ♕:h1 8. g7+ ♗h7 9. ♗:f6+ ♗h6 10.g8= ♕ and inescapable mate.] [6. ♖h2? Threatening 7. ♗d7 ♕:h2 8. g7+ ♗h7 9. ♗:f6+ ♗h6 10. ♗g4+ winning. Black defends with a surprising manoeuvre 6... ♗c7 7. ♖h1 ♗f4 8. ♗d7 ♗h6 !; 6. ♖h3 ? No threat. Black defends by 6... ♗c7 (6... ♗b6; 6... ♗a5)] **6...e6!** [Subtle defense, opening the line b7-f7 (but closing b3-f7)] [6...e5 7. ♖h2 with a quicker white win.] **7. ♖h3!** [White now threatens 8. ♗d7 ♕:h3 9. g7+ ♗h7 10. ♗:f6+ ♗h6 11. g8= ♕, as Black has no check on b3.] [7. ♗d7? ♕:h1 8.g7+ ♗h7 9. ♗:f6+ ♗h6 10.g8 ♕ ♕b7+! This was the point of 6...e6!] **7...e5!** [Opening the line b3-f7 (but closing c7-h2)] **8. ♖h2!** [8. ♗d7? 8... ♕:h3 9.g7+ ♗h7 10. ♗:f6+ ♗h6 11.g8 ♕ ♕b3+] **8...e4** [8... ♗a5 9. ♗d7 ♕:h2 10.g7+ ♗h7 11. ♗:f6+ ♗h6 12. ♗g4+! (12.g8 ♕?? ♕a2+); 8... ♗c7 9. ♗d7 e4 transfers;)] **9. ♗d7 ♗c7 10. ♖h1** [! Now this is (again) the right square, as Black will not have ♕b7+.] [10. ♖h3 ? 10... ♕:h3 11.g7+ ♗h7 12. ♗:f6+ ♗h6 13.g8 ♕ ♕b3+; 10. ♗:f6? ♗:h2 11. ♗:h5 ♗e5=] **10... ♕:h1 11.g7+ ♗h7 12. ♗:f6+ ♗h6 13.g8 ♕** [+ - There is no defence against mate on g6 or g7.]

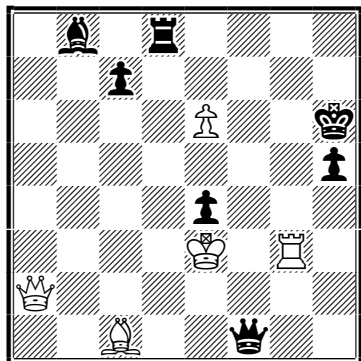
D186-3 Nielsen, Steffen Slumstrup - **9.75** points
 Shakhmatnaya Kompozitsia, 2016
 1st Prize



+ 7+6

[Initially all action is on the 8th rank. 9 out of the first 10 half moves are made there.] **1. ♖h8+** [1.a8 ♖? ♜b8+ 2. ♚e8 ♜c8#. White must free f7 for his king] **1... ♜:h8 2.a8 ♖+ ♜b8+ 3. ♚e8 ♜c8+** [3...e5 4.g7+ ♜g8 5. ♖b7] **4. ♚f7 ♜f8+** [4... ♖:a8 5.g7#] **5. ♚:f8 ♖d8+ 6. ♚f7** [6. ♜e8 ♖f6#] **6... ♖g8+ 7. ♚f6 ♜e5+** [7... ♖f8+ 8. ♚:e6] **8. ♚:e5 ♖:a8** [The Merry-go-round comes to a standstill. Time for a breath. White's advanced pawn gives him chances.] **9.g7+ ♚g8 10. ♚f6** [White has various plans, for instance 11. ♜f7 followed by 12. ♜f8+ winning.] **10... ♖f3+** [10...g3 11. ♜e4! 11... ♖d8 12. ♜g6 g2 (12... ♖:e7+ 13. ♚:e7 g2 14. ♚f6 g1 ♖ 15. ♜f7+ ♚h7 16.g8 ♖+ ♖:g8 17. ♜:g8+-) 13. ♜f7+ ♚h7 14.g8 ♖+ ♖:g8 15. ♜:g8+ ♚:g8 16. ♜g7+; 10... ♖c6 11. ♜e4! (11. ♜b1 ♖b5! 12. ♜e4 ♖h5)] **11. ♚g6 ♖c6 12. ♜b1!** [12. ♜e4? is not possible as Black takes with check. This was the point of 10... ♖f3+.] [12. ♜d3? e5+= White has no check on the a2-g8 diagonal.] [12. ♚h6? ♖h1+] **12...g3** [12...e5+ 13. ♚g5 ♖a6 14. ♜f5 (or 14. ♜c2 ♖b6 15. ♜f5) 14...g3 15. ♜e6+ ♖:e6 16. ♜:e6 g2 17. ♚f6 g1 ♖ 18. ♜e8+-; 12... ♖b5 is now ineffective as White controls h5. White wins by for instance 13. ♚h6] **13. ♜f7!** [Walking into the pin.] **13... ♖e8** [13...e5+ 14. ♜f6+-] **14. ♚h6!** [And abandoning the rook.] **14...g2** [14... ♖:f7 15. ♜h7#; 14... ♚:f7 15. ♜g6+ ♚g8 16. ♜:e8 g2 17. ♜d7 (17. ♜g6)] **15. ♜f6!** [A precise choice of squares, foreseeing the sacrifices on h7 and g8.] [15. ♜f3?; 15. ♜f4?; 15. ♜f2?; 15. ♜e7?; 15. ♜d7?; 15. ♜c7?; 15. ♜b7?; 15. ♜a7? are all met by 15... ♖h5+] **15... ♖h5+** [15...g1 ♖ 16. ♜h7#] **16. ♚:h5 g1 ♖** [Finally everything becomes clear. Black is about to give that perpetual he has been hoping for.] **17. ♜h7+!** **♚:h7 18.g8 ♖+! ♖:g8** [18... ♚:g8 19. ♜g6+ ♖:g6+ 20. ♚:g6+-] **19. ♜h6+ ♚g7 20. ♜g6+ ♚f7 21. ♜:g8 ♚:g8 22. ♚g6 ♚f8 23. ♚f6 ♚e8 24. ♚:e6** [24.e4?? e5!]

D186-4 Nielsen, Steffen Slumstrup - **11.25** points
 Chessstar, 2018
 1st Prize



= 4+6

At first some precision. White needs to find the right square for the queen, covering ♜c1 as well as creating threats against the black king. **1. ♖a1!** [1. ♖c2? ♖e1+ 2. ♚f4 c6+! 3. ♚f5+ ♚h7 4. ♜g7+ ♚:g7 5. ♖b2+ ♚g8 6. ♚g6 ♖g3+ 7. ♜g5 ♜e5 8. ♖b7 ♜c7 9. ♖b2 ♜d7 10.e:d7 ♖d6+ 11. ♚:h5 ♖:d7 12. ♖f6 ♖f7+ 13. ♖g6+ ♖:g6+ 14. ♚:g6 ♜b6!+- and Black keeps both his pawns.; 1. ♖b2? ♖e1+ 2. ♚f4 ♜f8+ 3. ♚e5+ e3 4. ♜:e3+ (4. ♜:e3 ♖a5+ 5. ♚d4 ♜a7+) 4... ♚h7 5. ♖c2+ ♚h8 6. ♜h3 c6+ 7. ♚e4 ♜f4+ 8. ♚d3 ♖f1+ 9. ♚d2 ♖g2+ 10. ♚d3 ♖:h3-+; 1. ♖a3? c5 2. ♚:e4+ ♚h7 3. ♖:c5 ♖e1+ 4. ♜e3 ♖h1+ 5. ♜f3 ♖h4+ 6. ♜f4 ♖e1+ 7. ♖e3 ♖b4+ 8. ♚f3 ♜:f4] [After 1. ♖a1 White is almost winning, but a non standard combination tips the scale in Black's favour.] **1... ♖e1+ 2. ♚f4 ♜f8+ 3. ♚e5+ e3!** [3... ♚h7 4. ♜g7+ ♚:g7 5. ♜h6+ ♚:h6 6. ♖:e1+- This variation shows why 1. ♖a1! was better than 1. ♖b2?] **4. ♜:e3+** [4. ♜:e3? c6+ 5. ♚e4 ♜f4+ (5... ♖h1+) 6. ♚d3 ♖d1+] **4... ♜f4!! 5. ♖b2!** [Try 5. ♚:f4? ♖:a1 6.e7 ♖a4+ and White gets no time for 7. ♜g8.; 5. ♖:e1? c6#; 5. ♖a8? ♖a5+ (5... ♖a1+) 6. ♚:f4 ♖:a8 7.e7 ♖a4+] **5... ♖c3+ 6. ♚:f4 ♖:b2 7.e7** [Now, compared to the try 5. ♚:f4?, Black has no winning check on a4.] [7. ♚f5+? ♚h7-+] **7... ♖h8 8. ♚f5+** [Logical try 8. ♚e4+? ♚h7 9. ♜g7+ ♚:g7 (9... ♖:g7? 10.e8 ♖ ♖g6+ 11. ♖:g6+ ♚:g6 12. ♜f4!)= 10. ♜d4+ ♚f7 11. ♜:h8 c6! and Black ends up with two extra pawns as White has not the possibility to play the king the g5.] **8... ♚h7 9. ♜g7+! ♚:g7** [9... ♖:g7 10.e8 ♖=] **10. ♜d4+ ♚f7 11. ♜:h8 c5** [11...c6 12. ♚g5= (or 12.e8 ♖+ ♚:e8 13. ♚g5=)] **12. ♜f6** [12. ♚g5? ♚:e7 13. ♚:h5 ♚e6 14. ♚g4 (14. ♜c3 ♜e5 (14... ♚f5)) 14... ♜e5-+] **12... ♜d6** [12... ♜g3 eg 13. ♜g5] **13. ♚e4! ♜:e7** [In the end, White is saved by Black having the wrong bishop for the h1 square] **14. ♜d4! c:d4** [14...c4 15. ♚d5 h4 16. ♚:c4 h3 17. ♜g1 (17. ♜e5? ♚e6 18. ♜h2 ♜d6-+) 17... ♚e6 (17... ♚f6 18. ♚d3 ♚g5 (18... ♜d6)) 18. ♚d3=] **15. ♚:d4 h4 16. ♚e3!** [16. ♚e4? h3 17. ♚f3 ♜h4-+] **16...h3 17. ♚f2 h2 18. ♚g2=**

