

"Moskovskaya Matreshka"

Theme: Helpmate in 2

In the diagram position the solution ends with a mate by a linear piece (direct or battery). The twin is created from the mating position by adding a black unit between the mating unit and the black king. Sequential thematic twins are allowed, branching twins from a position with multiple solutions are also allowed.

Scope: Orthodox chess rules only

Judge: Valery Gurov

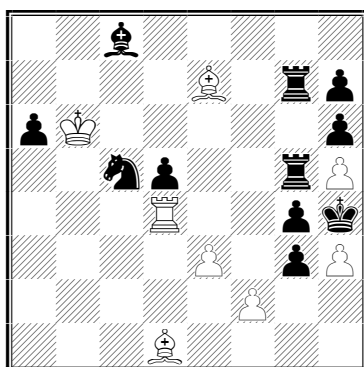
Prizes: Bottles of "Stolichnaya" and souvenirs "Matreshka"

Audience: Open to Congress Participants only

Deadline: August 27th (Wednesday) 9 p.m. in Berne to Valery Gurov or Georgy Evseev

15 problems were submitted, 5 prizes were awarded by the judge Valery Gurov:

Mark Erenburg, Ofer Comay & Paz Einat
1st Prize



h#2

8+11

a) 1. ♖b7 f4 2.g:h3 f5#

b) Mate in a) +bSe4

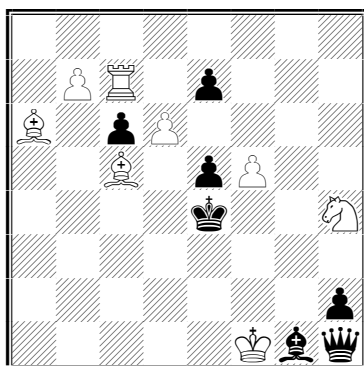
1. ♜g8 f6 2. ♜5g7 f:g7#

c) Mate in b) +bRg5

1. ♜f8 g:f8=♚ 2.g2 ♚f2#

White Excelsior and Switchback. Excellent problem.

Gerold Schaffner
2nd Prize



h#2

8+7

a) 1.e:d6 ♜g7 2.d5 ♜g4#

b) Mate in a) +bSf4

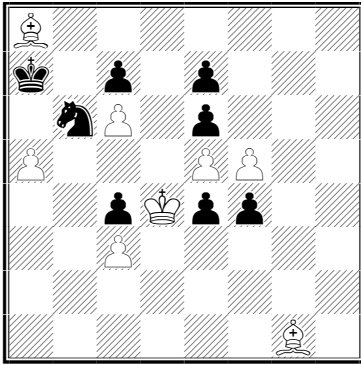
1.d4 ♜b5 2.d3 ♜:c6#

c) Mate in b) +bRd5

1.d2 b8=♚ 2.d1=♜ ♚b1#

Black Excelsior.

Valery Kopyl & Aleksandr Semenenko
3rd Prize



h#2

8+8

a) 1. ♖d7 ♜b7 2. ♖b8 ♚:e4#

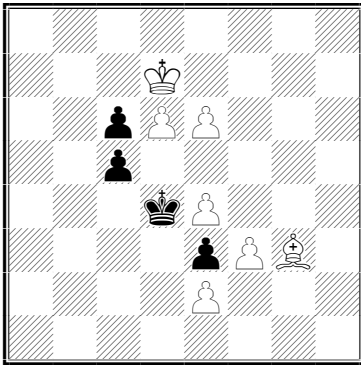
b) Mate in a) + bSb6
1.e:f5+ ♚d4 2. ♖d5 ♚:d5#

c) Mate in b) + bPb6
1.e6+ ♚d4 2.b:a5 ♚:c4#

d) Mate in c) + bPb6
1.a4 ♚d4 2.b5 ♚d3#

Cross of the white king. Very unexpected!

Diyan Kostadinov
4th Prize



h#2

7+4

a) 1.c4 ♜h4 2.c5 ♜f6#

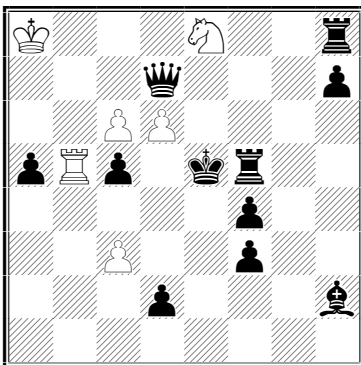
b) Mate in a) + bBe5
1.c3 ♜d8 2.c4 ♜b6#

c) Mate in b) + bRc5
1. ♜f4 ♜a5 2. ♚e5 ♜:c3#

d) Mate in b) + bSd4
1. ♜g5 ♜e1 2. ♜f6 ♜g3#

White bishop Rundlauf in a perfect setting.

Gerard Smits
5th Prize



h#2

6+11

a) 1.d1= ♚ b1 2. ♚d5 ♚e1#

b) Mate in a) + bPe4
1. ♚f6 ♚g1 2. ♚e6 ♚g5#

c) Mate in b) + bPf5
1. ♚g7 ♚:g7 2. ♚e7 ♚:e7#

d) Mate in b) + bPe6
1.c4 ♚b7 2. ♚b5 ♚:b5#

White rook Rundlauf.