



The 1st Youth Chess Composing Challenge Belgrade · 2016



One of the aims of the Belgrade World Congress of Chess Composition 2016 is to engage the youngest generation of chess composers. The concept of the 1st Youth Chess Composing Challenge (YCCC) is to offer young minds very concrete thematic conditions of a constructional kind, to bridge the lack of deeper theoretical knowledge.

Finally, we are proud to present the Gallery of participants, including their recent photos and selected compositions. We hope that connecting young composers all over the world will help them feel that they have their own generation in a field dominated by much older authors.

Gallery of the YCCC 2016 Participants

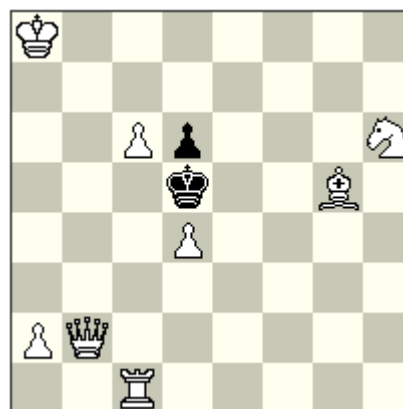
No.1



Glafira Kulish (Russia)
born 28.03.2008

Favourite published problem (the only one)

L.Kudryavceva, G.Kulish
ChessStar 2016



#2

(8+2)

1.Rd1
1...Kc4 2.Qb3#
1...Ke4 2.Qg2#
1...Ke6 2.d5#
1...Kxc6 2. Qb7#

Chess related successes:

Solving:

First place in the Volgograd region. Fifth place in Voronezh, and 4th place in the Kazan, the two phases of the Russian Cup.

Favorite genres in composition: Endgames.

School grade: Finished the 2nd class of elementary school.

No.2



Maksim Romanov (Russia)
born 16.09.2005

No published problem yet.

Chess related successes:

Solving:
Fifth in the Russian Championship.

School grade: Finished the 4th class of elementary school.

Hobbies and other interests: Gymnastics, breakdance.

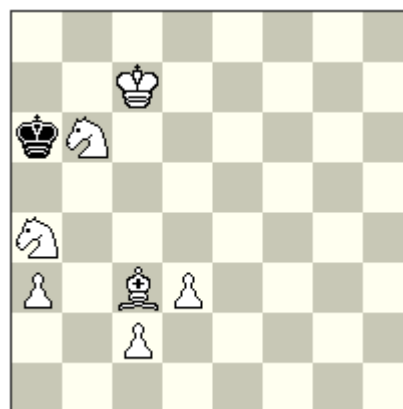
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Dušan Mijatović (Serbia)
born 17.11.2004

Favourite published problem

Dušan Mijatović
Politika 2015



#4 (7+1)

1.Sd5! Ka7 2.Kc8 Ka6/Ka8 3.Sc7+ Ka7 4.Bd4#,
1...Kb5 2.Kb7 K:a4 3.Bb4 Kb5 4.Sc3#

Number of published compositions: 2

Chess related successes:

Chess:

First category (2014). Fourth place on the U12 Serbian Championship, fourth place on the Blitz U14 Serbian Championship (2015).

Solving:

Fifth in the U14 Serbian Championship (my first solving competition, 2015). Eighth in the U14 European Championship (2015).

Favorite genres in composition: Endgames.

School grade: Finished the 5th class of elementary school OŠ “Kneginja Milica”.

Hobbies and other interests: Mathematics – Going to the “School of young mathematicians”. Among other results, shared 1st place in the field of over 400 participants of the “Olympiad of elementary school”, organized by the Russian school for talented kids. Informatics – being the youngest member of the “SystemPro” school. Have handled bases of the programs C++, C#, html, Visual studio, SQL server, etc. Aikido – training in the “Novi Beograd” club, wearing the 10th kyu belt.

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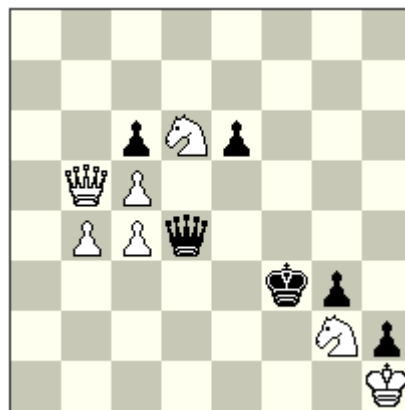


Ilija Serafimović (Serbia)
born 03.07.2004

Favourite published problem

Ilija Serafimović

1.Comm. SuperProblem TT-149



h#2 2 solutions (7+6)

1.Q:c5 Qa5 2.Qf2 Qh5 #

1.Q:c4 Qa6 2.Qg4 Qf1 #

Number of published/rewarded problems: 25/20

Chess related successes:

Chess:

Winner of the U8 (2012) and U10 (2014) Youth Championships of Vojvodina.

Solving:

Winner of the U10 (2014) and U14 (2015) Serbian Championships. Third in the 11th International Solving Contest, Category 3 (U12), 2015. Winner of the 12th International Solving Contest, Category 3 (U12), 2016. Fifth in the U14 European Championship, 2015.

Favorite genres in composition: Helpmate in 2.

School grade: Finished the 5th class of elementary school “Miroslav Antić”, Pančevo.

Hobbies and other interests: Basketball: playing for the basketball team “Kris Kros” Pančevo, as a playmaker. Mathematics: I like math and participate in various competitions. Computer games: I like “Top eleven football manager” and “FIFA 15”.

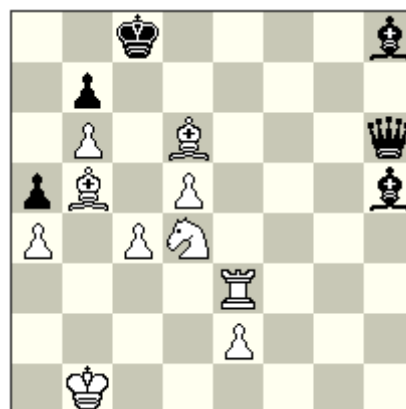
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Roy Ehrlich (Israel)
born 09.12.2003

Favourite published problem

Roy Ehrlich
Variantim 2015



Win (10+6)

1.Bd7+! (1.Sf5?! Qh7!) Kd8! (1...K:d7?! 2. Re7+ K:d6 3.Sf5+ Kc5 4.S:h6) 2.Sf5!! Bg6!? (2...Qg6 3.Ka2!! Bf6! 4.Be6! Qg1 5.Bc7+ Ke8 6.Bc8+! Kf7 7.Sh6+! Kf8 8.Bd6+ Kg7 9.Rg3+!) 3.Bc7+! K:d7 4.Re7+ Kc8 5.Re8+! B:e8 (Kd7 6.Rd8#) 6. S:h6.

Chess related successes:

Chess:

Won a few regional competitions. Likes to play Swedish chess (couples). Together with a good friend Iftah have won 3 competitions, including one in Kiryat Ono, against 22 couples.

Solving:

Two times winner of a competition during a chess summer course in the Tel Aviv chess center. This year third in the ISC 2016, Category 3 (U12).

Favourite genres in composition: Endgames.

School grade: Finished the 6th class of elementary school.

Hobbies and other interests: playing chess, composing chess problems, playing football, reading books, computer games, especially: “League of Legends”.

No.6



Alexei Abramenko (Russia)
born 03.03.2003

Favourite published problem

A. Abramenko
Volgograd Team ch.2012



#2 (10+2)

1.Re4? Ke4 2.Bf3# 1...Kc6!
1.Rc4? Kc4 2.Bb3# 1...Ke6!
1.Kc7? ~ 2.Bb3# 1...Ke6!
1.Ke7? ~ 2.Bf3# 1...Kc6!

1.Rg6!zz
1... Kc4 2.Bb3#
1...Ke4 2.Bf3#

Chess related successes:

Composing:

Won a competition in composing #1 problems, 2013 (theme No.5).

Chess:

Won a tourney dedicated to the Day of Fatherland Defenders, and the U14 Youth Chess Olympiad, organized by the newspaper “Arguments and Facts”, 2013.

Solving:

Second in the V. Vinokurov 60 JT, 2013. Best junior in the postal Championship of the Volgograd region, 2015. The best result in the 2nd All-Russian postal Championship, 2016.

Favourite genres in composition: Endgames.

School grade: Finished the 8th class of elementary school.

Hobbies and other interests: Parkour, football, checkers, fishing.

No.7



Danila Pavlov (Russia)
born 22.09.2002

No published problem yet.

Chess related successes:

Chess:

Bronze medalist of the U12 World Championship of schoolchildren (Greece, 2013). Silver medalist at the U14 European Team Championship (Estonia, 2014). Bronze medalist of the U15 Russian Team Championship (Sochi, 2016). Winner of the U10 Russian Cup 2012, and the U14 Russian Cup 2015. Winner of the international youth tournament Moscow Open 2015. Winner of the All-Russian tournament Belaya Ladya 2013 (Astrakhan).

Solving:

Winner of the U15 FIDE World Championship (Moscow, 2016). Silver medalist of the U17 FIDE World Championship (Moscow, 2016). Bronze medalist of the U14 European Championship (Tallinn, 2014). Three times Winner of the U15 Russian Championship (Sochi, 2014, 2015, 2016). Winner of the Russian Championship in solving endgames (Sochi, 2016).

Favourite genres in composition: Endgames.

School grade: Finished 8th class of Gimnaziya No 7, Volgograd.

Hobbies and other interests: I love sports. My favorite football clubs are Spartak (Moscow) and Barcelona (Spain). In the championship of Volgograd in football among school children in 2015, I was awarded a silver medal and a prize – best goalkeeper.

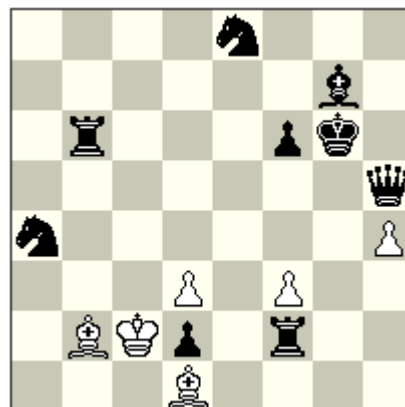
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Azer Abbasov (Azerbaijan)
born 22.05.1999

Favourite published problem

Azer Abbasov
Kobulchess-2013, No.398



h#3 2 solutions (6+9)

1.Kf7 Ba3 2.Rb1 Kxb1 3.Qg6 Bb3 #
1.Qg4 Bxf6 2.Kh5 Bg5 3.Rg6 fxg4 #

Number of published compositions: 4, 3 of them helpmates.

Chess related successes:

Chess:

The third in the in Azerbaijan zonal chess tournament.

Favourite genres in composition: Helpmates

School grade: Finished 11th class of elementary school.

Hobbies and other interests: I love to play football.

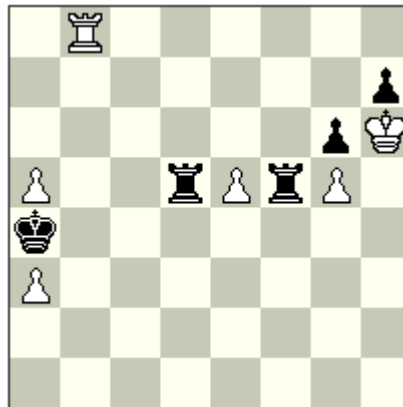
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Alexey Popov (Russia)
born 23.11.1998

Favourite published problem

Alexey Popov
2.Pr. Azat Sadikov 80 MT



Draw (6+5)

1. a6! Ra5 2. e6 Rfe5 3. e7! (3. a7? R:a7 4. e7 Ra:e7! -+) R:e7 4. a7 Ra:a7 5. Rb7! Ka5 6. a4 Ka6! 7. a5! *with two thematic lines:*

a) 7...Re8 8. Rb6+ K:a5 9. Rb5+ Ka4 10. Rb4+ Ka3 11. Rb3+ Ka2 12. Rb2+ Ka1 13. Rb1+ K:b1=

б) 7...Re6! 8.Re7! Rd6 9. Rd7! Rc6 10. Rc7 Ra:c7=

Number of published problems: 12

Number of rewarded problems: 9

Chess related successes:

Chess:

1st category player.

Solving:

Bronze medal in the FIDE world championship U19, 2016, 7th place in Helsinki WSC phase, and 9th place in Pardubice WSC phase, 2016.

Favourite genres in composition: Endgames.

School grade: Finished the 1st course of St.Petersburg Mining University.

Hobbies and other interests: Solving sudokus, crosswords, scanwords, etc. Table tennis.

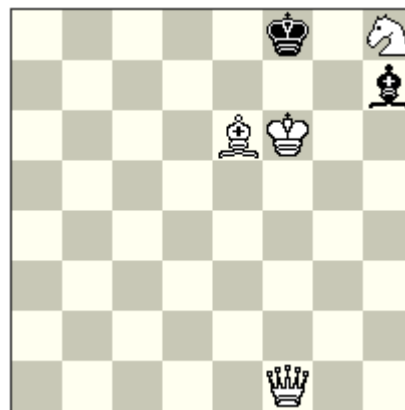
No.9



Marko Ložajić (Serbia)
19.07.1998

Favourite published problem

Marko Ložajić
4.HM SuperProblem TT-133 2015



#2 (4+2)
b) -Sh8; c) =b) -Be6; d) =c) -Bh7

- a) diagram: 1.Qb5 – 2.Qb8#, 1...Bg6 2.Sxg6#
 b) -Sh8: 1.Qh1! – 2.Qa8#, 1...Be4/Bg6 2.Qh8#
 c) = b) -Be6: 1.Qh3! – 2.Qc8#, 1...Bf5/Bg6 2.Qh8#
 d) = c) -Bh7: 1.Qc4 Ke8 2.Qc8#

Number of published/rewarded problems: 5/5.

Chess related successes:

Chess:

2nd place in U14 (2011) and U18 (2014) Belgrade Championships.

Solving:

2nd place in the 9th International Solving Contest 2013 (Category 2), the best junior and 6th overall in Serbian Solvers' League 2014.

Favourite genres in composition: Endgames, helpmates.

School grade: Gimnazija Crnjanski, year 12

Hobbies and other interests:

Listening to electronic music, playing tennis, football, table tennis, skiing, learning languages (I speak English and French, currently learning German), and theatre.