



7th Composing Tourney of FRME,2021
Section S# – Selfmates

Final award

Organizers: The Royal Moroccan Chess Federation (FRME).

Tournament director: Vidadi Zamanov (Azerbaijan).

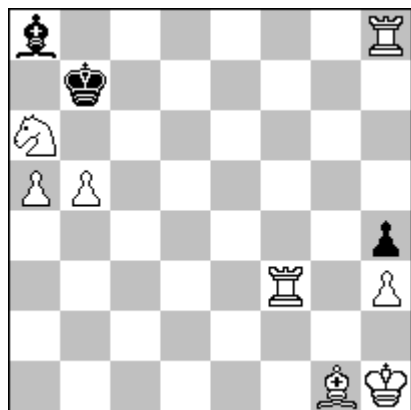
Judge: Mike Precic (USA)

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62 problems from 33 authors 13 countries: **Azerbaijan** -Salman Javadzade,Vidadi Zamanov, **Belarus**- Viktor Volchek, Mikhail Khramtsevich, **Bulgaria**- Ognian Dimitrov,**Czech Republic**-Fica Alexander, Miroslav Svitek, Vladislav Bunka, **Germany** -Marcin Banaszek, Marcel Tribowski, Gunter Jordan, **Hungary**-Béla Majoros, Kóczyán János, **Italy**-Daniele Gatti, Alberto Armeni,**Kazakhstan** -Nikolay Akimov, Sergey Smotrov, **Macedonia** - Bosko Miloseski, **Russia** -Alexey Popov, Aleksandr Pankratiev, Anatoly Steepochkin, Valery Kirillov, Aleksandr Kuzovkov, **Slovakia** -Zoltan Labai, Karol Mlynka, Jozef Holubec, **Ukraine**- Gennady Kozyura, Ivan Soroka, Viktor Yuzyuk, Igor Yarmonov, Valery Gorbunov, Evgeny Gavryliv, **USA**-Paul Muljadi

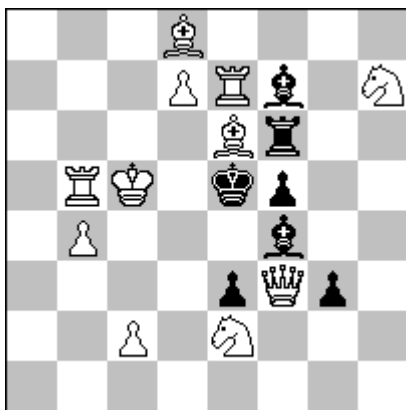
I reviewed sixty-two entries of average quality. Most of the entries were longer selfmates, a continuing trend in this genre. The most awarded problems belong to the longer selfmates, with a few shorter-length selfmates receiving distinction as well. Here is my decision:

44. Marcin Banaszek
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1st Prize



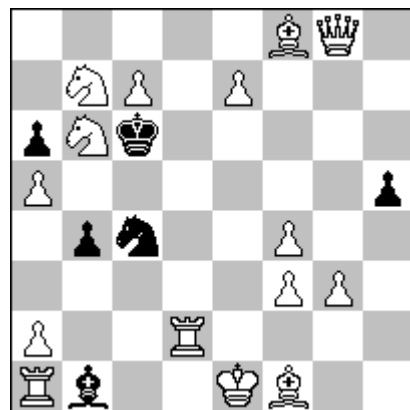
S#12 (8+3)

8. Gennady Kozyura (Ukraine)
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2nd Prize



S#4 (11+7)

27. Daniele Gatti (Italy)
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3rd Prize



S#8 (15+6)

№44. Marcin Banaszek (Germany) 1st Prize.

1.Rb8?#; 1.Rg3? hxg3 2.Rc8 Kxc8?#, 2...g2+!; White must first guard the d-file and then maneuver its Knight to e6-square in order to guard c7-square. Only then can White sacrifice its Rook on g3-square and play 12.Rb8+ Kxb8. This is accomplished with a witty pendulum movement by the white Rook which represents a staircase Rundlauf by the same Rook. **Sol:1. Re3! Ka7+ 2.Re4+ Kb7 3.Rd4 Ka7+ 4.Rd5+ Kb7 5.Sc5+ Ka7,Kc7 6.Se6+ Kb7 7.Rd4 Ka7+ 8.Re4+ Kb7 9.Re3 Ka7+ 10.Rf3+ Kb7 11.Rg3 hxg3 12.Rb8+ Kxb8#.**

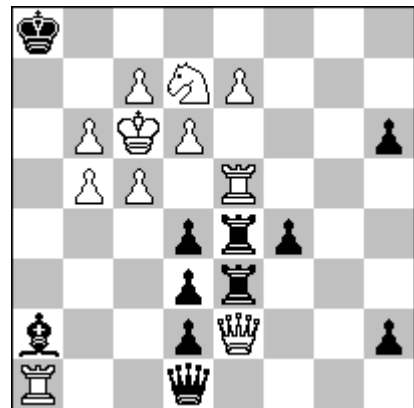
№8. Gennady Kozyura (Ukraine) 2nd Prize.

Sol:1.Sc3! (2.Bc4+ Be6 3.Rxe6+ Rxe6 4.Qxe3+ Bxe3#), 1...Rxe6 2.Kc4+ Kd6 3.Rd5+ Kc6 4.Rd3+ Re4#, 1...Bxe6 2.Kc6+ Kd4 3.Se2+! Kc4 4.Qd5+ Bxd5#. A good strategic selfmate showing Latvian Novotny. The white King is mated in the center of the board on three different squares, while the black King takes a position opposite the white King.

№27. Daniele Gatti (Italy) 3rd Prize.

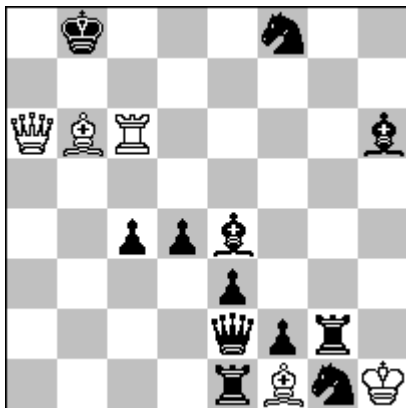
There were several Valladao tasks in this tourney. I like this one is the best. **Sol:1.c8Q+!** Kb5 2.Qg5+ Bf5 3.a4+ bxa3 e.p. 4.e8R a2! (4...h4? leads to selfmate in 7) 5.Re3! (5.0-0-0? a1S!) h4 6.0-0-0 hxg3 7.Rg2 a1S 8.Rb3+ Sxb3#; 7...a1B 9.Rb2 Bxb2#; 6...h3 7.Rh2 a1S 8.Rb3+ Sxb3#; 7...a1B 9. Rb2 Bxb2#. Here, the Valladao task is combined with bicolor AUW. There are some tries as well.

26. Daniele Gatti (Italy) 7th Tourney FRME, 2021 1st Honorable Mention



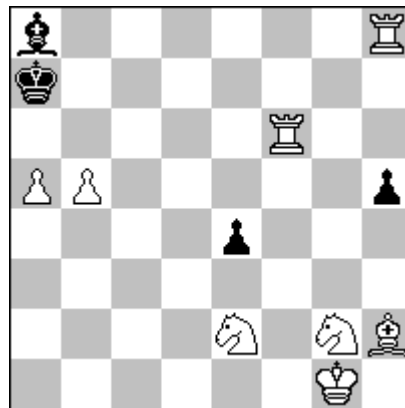
S#6 (11+11)

23. Daniele Gatti (Italy) 7th Tourney FRME, 2021 2nd Honorable Mention



S#19 (5+12)

6. Valery Kirillov & Igor Yarmonov 7th Tourney FRME, 2021 3rd Honorable Mention



S#11 (8+4)

№26. Daniele Gatti (Italy) 1st Honorable Mention.

Sol:1. Rg5!(2.e8Q+ Rxe8 3.c8Q+ Rxc8#), **1...h1Q 2.Qg2!**(3.e8Q+ Rxe8 4.c8Q+ Rxc8#; 2.e8Q+? Rxe8+!) **2...Qf3 3.Qxf3!**(4.e8Q+ Rxe8 5.c8Q+ Rxc8#; 3.e8Q+? Rxe8+!; 3.Rd5? Qh4! 4.e8Q+ Qd8!)**3...Qxf3 4.Rg2!** (5.e8Q+ Rxe8#)(4.e8Q+? Rxe8+!; 4.Rd5? Rxe7!; 4.Rg4? 4.Rg6? 4.Rg7? Qh1!)**4...Qh5 5.e8Q+ Qxe8 6.c8Q+ Qxc8#; 5...Rxe8 6.c8Q+ Rxc8#; 3...Rxe7 4.Rg8+ Re8 5.Rxe8+ Rxe8 6.c8Q+ Rxc8#, 1...h1B 2.Qg2**(3.e8Q+ Rxe8 4.c8Q+ Rxc8#) (2.e8Q+? Rxe8+!) **2...Qf3 3.Rd5!** (4.e8Q+ Rxe8 5.c8Q+ Rxc8#)(3.e8Q+? Rxe8+!; 3.Qxf3?Bxf3! 4.Rg2 Bh5! 5.e8Q+ Bxe8!)**3...Rxe7 4.Qg8+ Re8 5.Qxe8+ Rxe8 6.c8Q+ Rxc8#; 2...Bxg2 3.Rxg2** (4.e8Q+ Rxe8 5.c8Q+ Rxc8#)(3.Rd5? Rxe7!)**3...Rxe7 4.Rg8+ Re8 5.Rxe8+ Rxe8 6.c8Q+ Rxc8#.** It takes close examination of both variations in order to see the subtlety of this problem. Excellent differentiation between two promotions (Rg2 vs Rd5).

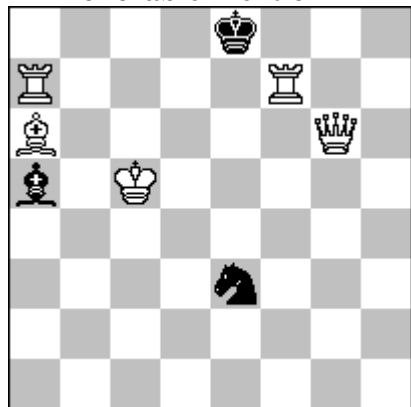
№23. Daniele Gatti (Italy) 2nd Honorable Mention.

Sol:1.Ba7+! Ka8 2.Bxd4+ Kb8 3.Qb6+! Ka8 4.Qd8+ Kb7 5.Rb6+ Ka7 6.Rxh6+ Kb7 7.Rb6+ Ka7 8.Rc6+ Kb7 9.Qb6+ Ka8 10.Qa6+ Qb8 11.Ba7+ Ka8 12.Bxe3+ Kb8 13.Ba7+ Ka8 14.Bxf2+ Kb8 15.Ba7+ Ka8 16.Bxg1+ Kb8 17.Ba7+ Ka8 18.Bf2+ Kb8 19.Bg3+ Rxg3#. Well-constructed sequence where the bBh6 must be removed first before the removal of other black pieces.

№6. Valery Kirillov & Igor Yarmonov (Russia/Ukraine) 3rd Honorable Mention.

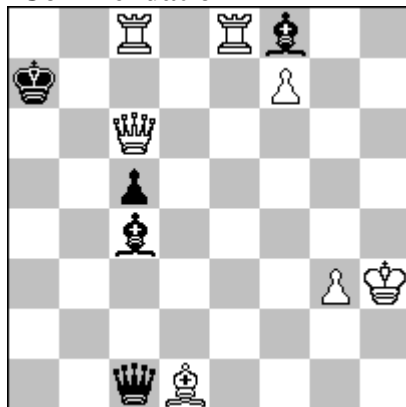
Main plan: 1.Rf7+? Bb7 2.Sh4 e3 3.Sg2 h4 4.Kh1 h3 5.Sg1 e2!; **Sol:1.Bb8+!** Kb7 2.Sh4 e3 3.Bf4 Ka7 4.Bxe3+ Kb7 5.Bf4 Ka7 6.Bb8+ Kb7 7.Bh2 Ka7, and Main plan: 8.Rf7+ Bb7 9.Sg2 h4 10.Kh1 h3 11.Sg1 hxg2#. White must first remove bPe3 before executing the Main plan. Good logical problem.

14. Ognian Dimitrov (Bulgaria)
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4th Honorable Mention



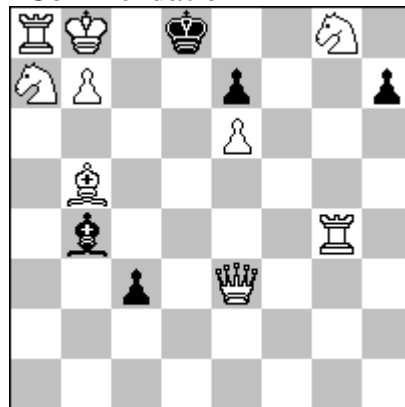
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30. Daniele Gatti (Italy)
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Commendation



S#19 (7+5)

34. Gunter Jordan (Germany)
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S#7 (9+5)

№14. Ognian Dimitrov (Bulgaria) 4th Honorable Mention.

Sol: 1.Bb5+! Kd8 2.Rfd7+ Kc8 3.Qa6+ Kb8 4.Rdb7+ Kc8 5.Qe6+ Kd8 6.Qd6+ Kc8 7.Bd7+ Kd8 8.Ba4+ Kc8 9.Qe6+ Kd8 10.Rd7+ Kc8 11.Qa6+ Kb8 12.Rdb7+ Kc8 13.Rb4+ Kd8 14.Qd6+ Kc8 15.Bd7+ Kd8 16.Bb5+ Kc8 17.Ra8+ Kb7 18.Qa6+ Kc7 19.Qb6+ Bxb6#. The mating picture is clear, but to bring the two white self-blocking pieces to b4- and b5-square takes precision.

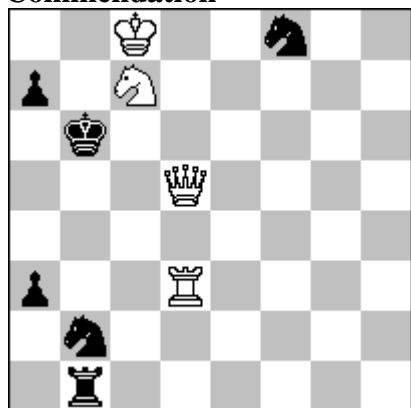
№30. Daniele Gatti (Italy) Commendation.

Sol: 1.Re7+! Bxe7 2.Rc7+ Kb8 3.Rb7+ Ka8 4.Rxe7+ Kb8 5.Rb7+ Ka8 6.Rb4+! Ka7 7.Qb6+ Ka8 8.Qd8+ Ka7 9.Qa5+ Ba6 10.Qb6+ Ka8 11.Bf3+ Bb7 12.Bxb7+ Kb8 13.Bh1+! Kc8 14.f8Q+ Kd7 15.Qa7+ Ke6 16.Re4+ Kd5 17.Qd8+ Kc6 18.Qa4+ Kb7 19.Rg4+ Qxh1#. The mating picture can be guessed, but to get there, there are many steps that must be precisely taken.

№34. Gunter Jordan (Germany) Commendation.

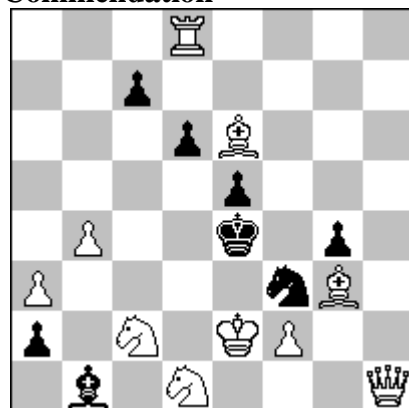
Sol: 1.Qh6! (2.Sc6+ Ke8 3.Sxe7+ Kd8 4.Sc6+ Ke8 5.Sa7+ Kd8 6.e7+ Bxe7 7.Qd6+ Bxd6#), 1...Ba5 2.Sc6+ Ke8 3.Sf6+ exf6 4.Qh5+ Kf8 5.Qc5+ Ke8 6.Sa7+ Kd8 7.Qc7+ Bxc7#. Two variations (including the threat) with clearances of 6th and 7th row

35. S.Smotrov & J. Holubec
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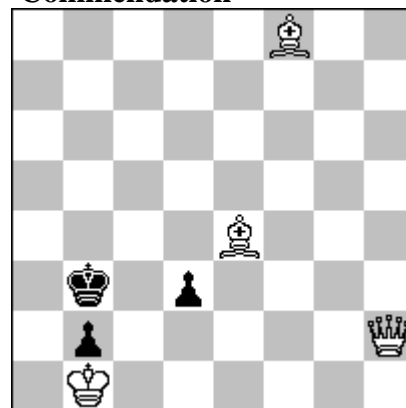
S#17 (4+6)

37. Anatoly Steepochkin (Russia)
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S#12 (10+8)

39. Anatoly Steepochkin (Russia)
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Commendation



S#8 (4+3)

№35. Sergey Smotrov & Jozef Holubec (Kazakhstan/ Slovakia) Commendation.

Main Plan: 1.Qb5#? Ka7? 2.Rxa3+ Sa4 3.Qb8+ Rxb8#. **Sol: 1.Sa8+!** Ka6 2.Qc6+ Ka5 3.Rd5+ Kb4 4.Rb5+ Ka4 5.Rb6+ Ka5 6.Qc3+ Ka4 7.Rb4+ Ka5 8.Rd4+ K~9.Sc7+ Kb6 10.Qb4+ Kc6 11.Qb7+ Kc5 12.Qxa7+! Kc6 13.Qb7+ Kc5 14.Qd5+ Kb6, and Main Plan 15.Qb5+ Ka7 16.Ra4+ Sxa4 17.Qb8+ Rxb8#. Good logical problem where, if not for bPa7, there would be s#3. White must first remove this Pawn.

№37. Anatoly Steepochkin (Russia) Commendation.

Without Sc2; 1.Qh7+ Kd4 2.Qd3+ Bxd3#. **Sol: 1.Sa1!** (2.Qh7+ Kd4 3.Qd3 Bxd3#), 1...Kd4 2.Sb3+ Ke4 3.Sa5 Kd4 4.Sc6+ Ke4 5.Sa7 Kd4 6.Sb5+ Ke4 7.Sxd6+ Kd4 8.Sb5+ Ke4 9.Rd4+! exd4 10.Sbc3+! dxc3 11.Qh7+ Kd4 12.Qd3+

Bxd3#. Logical problem where the Main plan fails, but reappears after successful maneuvering by the white Knight and sacrifice by the white Rook.

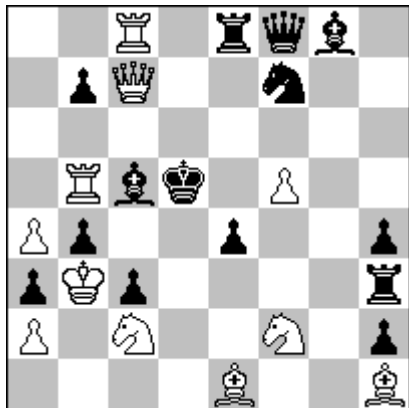
№39. Anatoly Stepochkin (Russia) Commendation.

1.Qc2+? dxc2!+ 2.Bxc2+. The white Bishop must move away from defending c2-square. **Sol:1.Qd2! Kc4(a4) 2.Bc6 Kd4 3.Qf4+ Kc3 4.Qe3 Kb3(c4) 5.Bb5 Kc3 6.Bc4! Kxc4 7.Qc5+ Kb3 8.Qc2+ dxc2#**

43. Aleksandr Kuzovkov (Russia)

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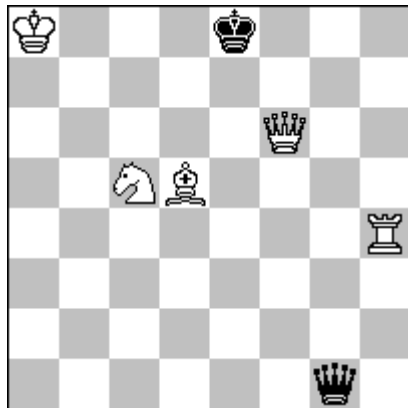


S#3 (11+14)

47. Jozef Holubec (Slovakia)

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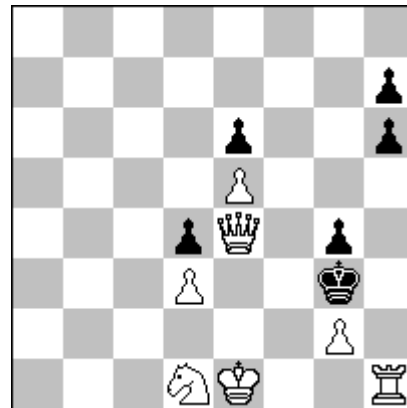


S#9 2 solutions (5+2)

53. Viktor Yuzyuk (Ukraine)

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Commendation



S#8 (7+6)

№43. Aleksandr Kuzovkov (Russia) Commendation.

Sol:1.Sg4! (2.Sb4+ Kd4 3.Bc3+ Rc3#), 1...S~ 2.Qd7+ Qd6 3.Qd6+ Kd6#, 1...Sd6!? 2.Qc6+ bxc6 3.Rc5+ Kc5#, 1...Se5!? 2.Qd6+ Qd6 3.Be4+ Ke4#. Correction by bS resulting in two self-blocks.

№47. Jozef Holubec (Slovakia) Commendation.

1.) 1.Qf7+ Kd8 2.Sb7+ Kc8 3.Qe6+ Kc7 4.Rh7+ Qg7 5.Qd6+ Kc8 6.Be6+ Qd7 7.Qb6 Qxe6 8.Sd6+ Qxd6 9.Qb8+ Qxb8#; 2.) 1.Bf7+ Kf8 2.Bb3+ Ke8 3.Qf7+ Kd8 4.Se6+ Kc8 5.Qf8+ Kd7 6.Qd8+ Kc6 7.Qc7+ Kb5 8.Ba4+ Ka6 9.Qa7+ Qxa7#. Mates on two different squares next to the white King.

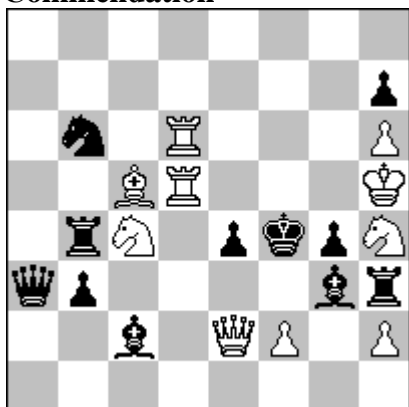
№53. Viktor Yuzyuk (Ukraine) Commendation.

Sol:1.Ke2! h5 2.Rxh5 h6 3.Rh1 h5 4.Kf1 h4 5.Rh3+ gxh3 6.Kg1 hxg2 7.Sf2 h3 8.Sd1 h2#; 6...h2 7.Kh1 h3 8.Qxd4 hxg2#. Nice tempo moves and switchbacks.

56. Aleksandr Pankratiev (Russia)

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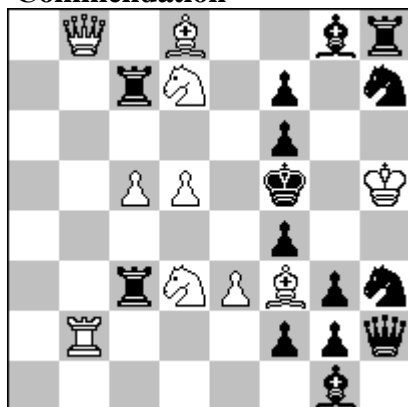


S#4 (10+11)

59. Kóczyán János (Hungary)

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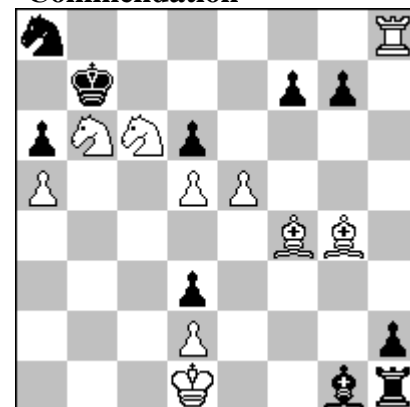


S#2 B) wQb8 - a1 (10+15)

61. Alexey Popov (Russia)

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Commendation



S#3 (10+10)

№56. Aleksandr Pankratiev (Russia) Commendation.

Sol:1.Re6! (2.Rxe4+ Bxe4 3.Rf5+[A] Bxf5 4.Qxg4+[B]Bxg4#), 1...Sxc4 2.Be3+ Sxe3 3.Qxg4+[B] Sxg4 4.Rf6+[C] Sxf6#, 1...Rxc4 2.Bd6+ Qxd6 3.Rf6+[C] Qxf6 4.Rf5+[A] Qxf5#. Cycle of 3rd and 4th moves: AB-BC-CA.

№59. Kóczyán János (Hungary) Commendation.

A) 1.R6! (2.Rxf6+ Sxf6#), 1...Rc6 2.Qxf4+ Sxf4#; B) 1.Rb4! (2.Rxf4+ Sxf4#), 1...Rc4 2.Qxf6+ Sxf6#. A clever twin resulting in reciprocal mates.

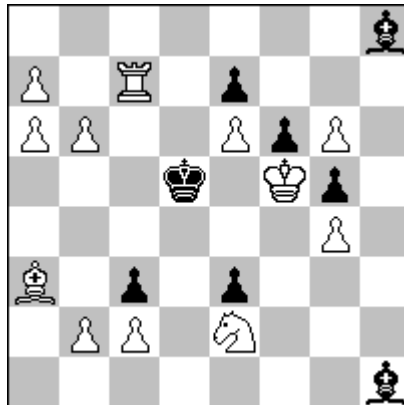
№61. Alexey Popov (Russia) Commendation.

1. Sd7? (2.exd6 & 3.Sc5+ Bxc5#), 1...dxe5 2.Bxe5 ~ 3.Sc5+ Bxc5#, 1...Sb6 2.Rb8+ Kc7 3.axb6+ Bxb6#, 1...Sc7!
Sol: 1. Sa4! (2.exd6 & 3.Sc5+ Bxc5#), 1...dxe5 2.Bxe5 ~ 3.Sc5+ Bxc5#, 1...Sb6 2.Rb8+ Kc7 3.axb6+ Bxb6#, 1...Sc7
2.Bc8+ Ka8 3.Sb6+ Bxb6#. Two variations with checks on b6 by two different white pieces. Switchback by the white knight.

62. Ivan Soroka (Ukraine)

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Commendation



S#13

(12+8)

№62. Ivan Soroka (Ukraine) Commendation.

Main plan: 1.a8Q+? (mate) Kd4? 2.Qe4+ Bxe4#; **Sol: 1.Sc1!** (2.a8Q+ Kd4 3.Qe4+ Bxe4#) **Kd42.Sb3+ Kd53.Sa5!**
(4.a8Q+ Kd4 5.Qe4+ Bxe4#) **Kd44.Bc5+ Kd55.Bxe7** (6.a8Q+ Kd4 7.Qe4+ Bxe4#) **Kd46.Bc5+ Kd57.Bf8** (8.a8Q+ Kd4
9.Qe4+ Bxe4#) **Kd48.bxc3+ Kd59.e7!** (10.a8Q+ Kd4 11.Qe4+ Bxe4#) **Lg2 (~)** And now the Main plan is
changed: **10.a8Q+ Kd611.Qc6+ Bxc612.e8S+! Kd513.Rd7+ Bxd7#**. Solid logical problem, but there is no relation to
the Main plan.

International Judge of FIDE: Mike Prcic(USA)