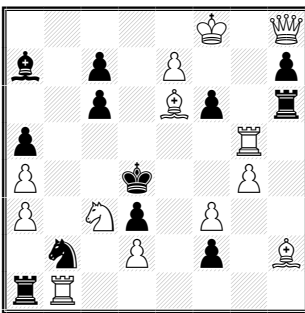


ChessStar #3 2020 Award
by A. Garofalo

This award è stato molto impegnativo; i problemi in 3 mosse sono un classico della composizione e hanno meritato tutta la mia attenzione. Ad alcuni lavori ho lasciato il commento dell'Autore, senza aggiungere nessun mio commento. Complimenti agli autori entrati in award e grazie a tutti i partecipanti.

Here the rank:

1st Prize 2597 - Miguel Uris
ChessStar 2020



5K1Q/b1p1P2p/2p1Bp1r/p5R1/P2k2P1/P1Np1P2/1n1P1p1B/rR6

#3 (13+12) C+

1...f1=S **d** 2.Bg1+ Se3 3.Bxe3# **D**

1.Se4? **C** [2.Be5+ **B** fxe5 3.Qxe5# **Y**]
1...Sc4! **a**

1.Bg3? [2.Bxf2#]
1...f1=S **d** 2.Bf2+ Se3 3.Bxe3# **D**
1...f1=Q!

1.Bf4? [2.Be3# **D**]
1...Sc4 **a** 2.Sb5+ **A** cxb5 3.Rd5# **X**
1...Sd1 **c** 2.Be5+ **B** fxe5 3.Qxe5# **Y**
2...Kc5 3.Se4# **C**

1...f1=S! **d**

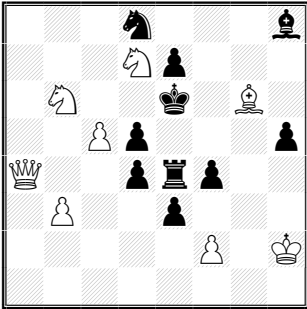
1.Bb3? [2.Sb5+ **A** cxb5 3.Rxd5# **X**]
1...Sc4! **a**

1.Rxa5? [2.Be5+ **B** fxe5 3.Qxe5# **Y**]
1...Sc4 **a** 2.Rb4 **E** ~ 3.Rxc4# **Z**
1...Bc5! **b**

1.Kf7! [2.Qd8#]
1...Sc4 **a** 2.Sb5+ **A** cxb5 3.Rd5# **X**
1...Bc5 **b** 2.Be5+ **B** fxe5 3.Qxe5# **Y**

- Theme Dombrovskis (ab/AB)
- Theme Kharkov 2 (1...Sc4! **a** / 1...Sc4 **a** 2.Sb5+ **A** / 1...Sc4 **a** 2.Rb4 **E**)
- Theme Ropke (refutations, 1...f1=Q!, 1...f1=S!)
- Dombrovskis paradox (1...f1=S **d** 3.Bxe3# **D** - [2.Bxe3# **D**] 1...f1=S! **d**)
- Somov B2 (1...Sc4 **a** / 1...Bc5 **b**)
- Changed mate (1...a 2.A, 3.X# / 2.E, 3.Z#)
- Transferred mate (1...c, 1...b / 2.B 3.Y#)
- Selfblock (c4, c5)
- Inversion Key/Mate (1.C? 2.B - 2.B 3.C#)

2nd Prize 2491 - Rauf Aliovsadzade
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3n3b/3Np3/1N2k1B1/2Pp3p/Q2prp2/1P2p3/5P1K/8

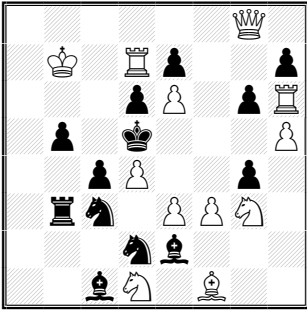
#3 (8+10) C+

1.Qa8? A (2.Qxd5#), 1...Re5! a,
 1.Sa8? B (2.Sc7#), 1...Be5! b.

1.f3! -2.fxe4 ~ 3.exd5#,
 2...dxe4 3.Qc4#,
 1...Re5 a 2.Sa8 B ~ 3.Sc7#, 2...Sc6 3.Qxc6#,
 1...Be5 b 2.Qa8 A ~ 3.Qxd5#, 2...Sc6 3.Qg8#.

Logic, Banny

3rd Prize 2508 - Rauf Aliovsadzade
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6Q1/1K1Rp2p/3pP1pR/1p1k3P/2pP2p1/1rn1PPN1/3nb3/2bN1B2

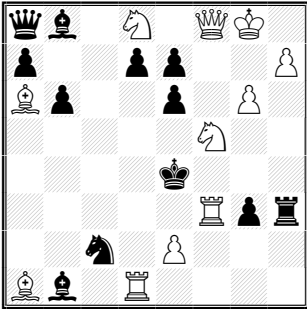
#3 (12+13) C+

- 1.Kc7! (2.Rxd6+ exd6 3.e7#),
 1...Sce4 2.Sxe2! ~ 3.Sf4#,
 2...g5 3.Qa8# A,2...Rxe3 3.Sdxe3# B,
 1...Sde4 2.Sf5! ~ 3.Sxe7#,
 2...gxf5 3.Qa8# A,2...Bxe3 3.Sdxe3# B.

Visserman with mate transference in sub-variations.

Fringe var.:1...Ba3 2.Rxe7 ~ 3.Qa8#.

4th Prize 2794 - Igor A. Agapov
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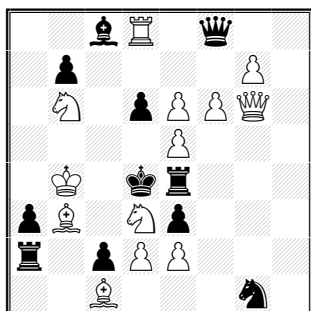


qb1N1QK1/p2pp2P/Bp2p1P1/5N2/4k3/5Rpr/2n1P3/Bb1R4

#3 (11+12) C+

- 1.Sb7! [2.Bd3+ Kd5 3.Sxe7‡]
 1...Rxh7 2.Sbd6+ exd6 **a** 3.Sxg3‡ **A**
 2...Bxd6 **b** 3.Qxa8‡ **B**
 1...Qxb7 2.Sd6+ exd6 **a** 3.Qf4‡ **C**
 2...Bxd6 **b** 3.Bxb7‡ **D**
- 1...Sc~ 2.Rd4+ Ke5 3.Qg7‡
 1...e5 2.Sxg3+ Rxg3 3.Qf5‡
 1...Bd6 2.Sfxd6+ exd6 3.Sxd6‡
 2.Sbxd6+ exd6 3.Sxd6‡
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1st Hon. Ment. 2598 - José Antonio Garzon
ChessStar 2020



2bR1q2/1p4P1/1N1pPPQ1/4P3/1K1kr3/pB1Np3/r1pPP3/2B3n1

#3 (13+11) C+

Soliloquy Theme

Unpin key—Image Pacioli’s mate—Crossing checks—Changed mate—3 different mates in e3—Separation of threats

*1...d5+ (a) 2.gxf8=Q [3.Qc5, Rd5#]

2...Sxe2 3. Rd5#

2... Bd7/Bxe6/exd2/Rxe5 (b) 3.Qc5#

*1...Rxe5 (b) 2.Qg4+ Re4 3.dxe3# (A)

1.Qxg1? [2.dxe3+ (A) Rxe3(c) 3.Qxe3# (B)]

1...d5+! (a) (2.gxf8=Q Rxe5! (b) 3.Qc5#??)

1.Bd5? 1...dxe5+! (d)

1.Sd5! [2.dxe3+ (A) Rxe3(c) 3.Bxe3# (C)]

1...dxe5+ (d) 2.Se7+ Qxd8 3.Sf5# Knight’s soliloquy.

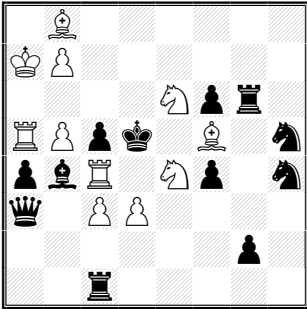
2...Bd7 3.Rxd7#

1...exd2 2.Qxg1+ Re3(c) 3.Qxe3# (B)

1...Sxe2 2.dxe3+ Kxd3+ 3.Bc4+ (image Pacioli’s mate)

2...Rxe3 (c) 3.Bxe3# (C)

2nd Hon. Ment. 2813 - Alexandre Pankratiev
ChessStar 2020



1B6/KP6/4Npr1/RPpk1B1n/pbR1Np1n/q1PP4/6p1/2r5

#3 (11+12) C+

1.Sd4? [2.Be6‡]

1...Sg7 2.Sxf6+ Rxf6 3.Be4‡ but 1...Sxf5! a

1.Ra6! [2.Sxf6+ A Sxf6 3.Sxf4‡ B 2...Rxf6 3.Be4‡]

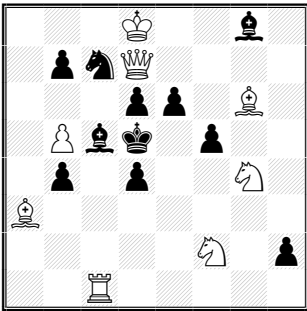
1...Rg4 2.Sxf4+ B Sxf4 3.Sxf6‡ A 2...Rxf4 3.Be6‡

1...Sxf5 a 2.Sc7+ Ke5 3.Re6‡

1...Re1 2.Rd4+ cxd4 3.c4‡

1...Rf1 2.Rd4+ cxd4 3.c4‡

3rd Hon. Ment. 2509 - Rauf Aliovsadzade
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3K2b1/1pnQ4/3pp1B1/1Pbk1p2/1p1p2N1/B7/5N1p/2R5

#3 (8+11) C+

1.Ke7! (2.Sf6+A Ke5 3.Sd3# B),
 1...d3 2.Bb2! ~ 3.Sf6# A,
 2...Se8 3.Qxb7# C, 2...Bd4 3.Qxd6# D, 2...fxg4 3.Be4#,
 1...fxg4 2.Sd3! B ~ 3.Rxc5#,
 2...Sa6 3.Qxb7# C, 2...B~ 3.Qxd6# D, 2...b6 3.Qc6#.

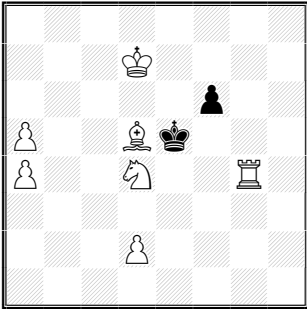
In three sub-variations, Visserman with mate transference plus random change in one variation.

Also threats' 2nd and 3rd moves pop up as 3rd and 2nd, respectfully.

Non-thematic try:

1.Qe7? (2.Sf6+ A Ke5 3.Sd3# B),
 1...fxg4 2.Be4+ Ke5 3.Qg5#),
 1...d3! changes the reply to 1...fxg4, compared with the solution.

4th Hon. Ment. 2653 - Alexandre Pankratiev
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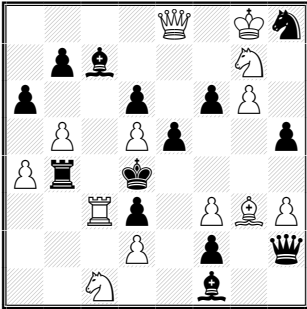


8/3K4/5p2/P2Bk3/P2N2R1/8/3P4/8

#3 (7+2) C+

- 1.Sf5! [2.d4+ **A** Kxd5 3.Se3‡ **B**
 2...Kxf5 3.Be6‡ **C**]
 1...Kxd5 2.Se3+ **B** 2...Ke5 3.d4‡ **A**
 2...Kc5 3.Rc4‡
 1...Kxf5 2.Be6+ **C** Ke5 3.d4‡ **A**

5th Hon. Ment. 2447 - Leonid Makaronez & Rauf Aliovsadzade
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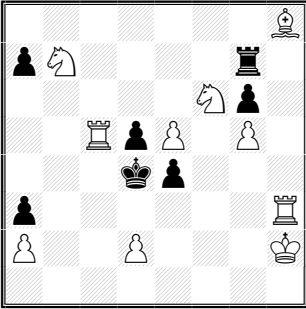
#3 (13+14) C+

- 1.Qd7! -2.Se6+ (A) Kxd5 3.Rc5#,
 1...Bb6 2.Sf5+ (B) Kxd5 3.Qxd6#,
 1...b6 2.Qc6 -3.Se6# (A) ,Sf5# (B),
 2... Bxh3 3.Rxd3# (C),
 2...Qxh3 3.Bxf2# (D),
 1...Rxb5 2.Qf5 ~ 3.Qe4#,
 1...Rc4 2.Sb3+ Kxd5 3.Qe6# (E),
 1...Kxd5 2.Qe6+ (E) Kd4 3.Sf5# (B),
 1...Bxh3 2.Rxd3+ (C) K~ 3.Qxc7#,
 1...Qxh3 2.Bxf2+ (D) Kxd5 3.Rc5#.

Babushka Theme Task: Five White's moves Se6,Sf5,Rxd3,Bxf2&Qe6 show up as second and third.

Commendation in cronological order:

Comm. 2468 - Rauf Aliovsadzade
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7B/pN4r1/5Np1/2RpP1P1/3kp3/p6R/P2P3K/8

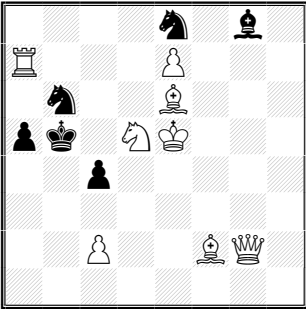
#3 (10+7) C+

Set: 1...e3 2.Rxd5+ Kc4 3.Rh4#.

1.Re3! - 2.Rxd5+ (A) Kc4 3.Rxe4# (B),
1...Kxe5 2.Rxe4+ (B) Kf5 3.Rxd5# (A).

1...Rd7 2.Sxd7 ~ 3.e6#,
1...Rh7+ 2.Sxh7 ~ 3.e6#.

Comm. 2554 - Alexandre Shpakovsky
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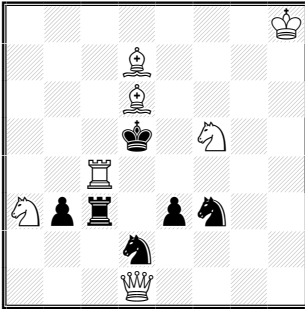


4n1b1/R3P3/1n2B3/pk1NK3/2p5/8/2P2BQ1/8

#3 (8+6) C+

- 1.Qh1! [2.Qb1+ Ka4 3.Qb4♯
2...Kc6 3.Qxb6♯]
1...Sxd5 2.Qxd5+ Ka4 3.Qxa5♯
2...Kb4 3.Qxa5♯
1...Ka4 2.Bxb6 [3.Rxa5♯] Ka3 3.Qa1♯
2...Kb5 3.Bd7♯

Comm. 2629 - Alexandre Shpakovsky
ChessStar 2020



7K/3B4/3B4/3k1N2/2R5/Npr1pn2/3n4/3Q4

#3 (7+6) C+

1.Sb5! [2.Sc7+ Kxc4 3.Bb5♯]
1...Kxc4 2.Qe2+ Kd5 3.Sxc3♯
2...Rd3 3.Sxe3♯
1...Rxc4 2.Se7+ Ke4 3.Bf5♯
1...Rd3 2.Rc5+ Ke4 3.Sg3♯

Flight giving key, passive sacrifice of WR, changed mate, pin mate, no white pawns.

April 2021, International Judge Antonio Garofalo