

## Velimir Kalandadze MT

Chess Composition Committee of Georgian Chess Federation organized international competition in memory of famous Georgian chess composer and international master Velimir Kalandadze. Rook endgame study was chosen as the theme of the competition because of its importance in the works of Kalandadze. Composers from 13 countries have submitted 43 studies. In judging these studies I tried to view them with Velimir's perspective, whom I have known and shared friendship with for half of a century. He only said one phrase when he encountered study that he liked very much – “[composer] has closed a deal”, in other cases he would only emphasize that a study showed a lot of a promise.

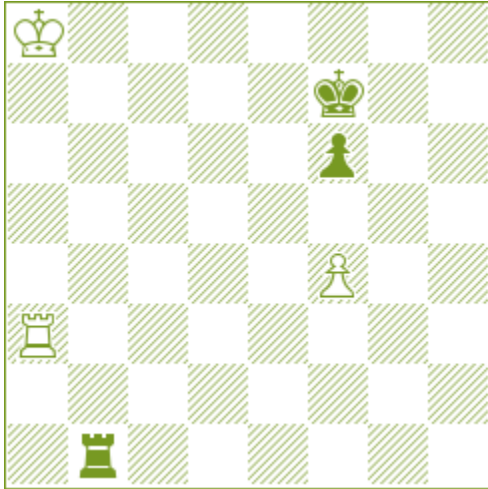
The deadline for sending notes is August 1.

International Judge in Chess Composition David Gurggenidze

06/03/2019

## 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Amos Gilboa & Yochanan Afek



**Draw**

**1.f5! ♖b5 2. ♖a7+! ♔g8!**

**3. ♖d7!!** [Thematic tries: 3. ♖c7? ♖xf5 4. ♔b7 ♖g5 5. ♔c6 ♖g7!-+; 3. ♖e7? ♖xf5 4. ♔b7 ♖e5! 5. ♖c7 ♖e6!-+]

**3... ♖xf5 4. ♔b7 ♖g5! 5. ♔c6 ♖g7**

**6. ♖d4!!**

[6. ♖d1? ♔f7 7. ♔d5 ♖g4! 8. ♖f1 ♔g6 9. ♔e6 ♖e4+-+]

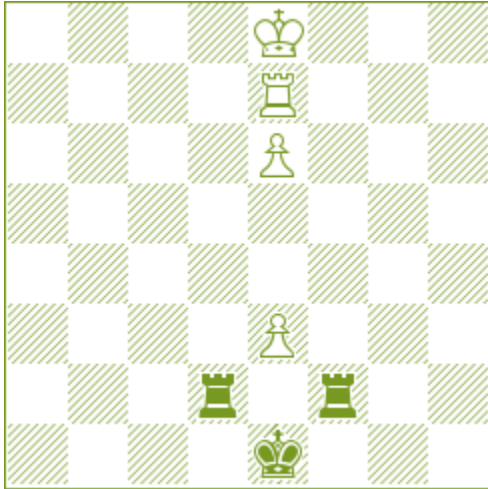
**6... ♔f7** [6... ♔h7 7. ♖f4! ♔g6 8. ♔d5 ♖e7 9. ♖f1! f5 10. ♔d4 ♔g5 11. ♖g1+ ♔h4 12. ♖f1 ♔g4 13. ♖g1+=] **7. ♔d5 ♖g5+ 8. ♔e4!**

[8. ♔c4? ♖g3! 9. ♖d1 ♔g6-+]

**8... ♖g4+ 9. ♔f5! ♖xd4** [Ideal stalemate!] ½-½

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

Luis Miguel González



**Draw**

**1. ♖f7!**

[1. ♖d7? ♖de2!! (but not 1... ♖a2 (b2)? 2. e7! ♖f5 3. ♖d6! ♖e5 4. ♔f7! ♖xe3 5. ♖d3! ♖f2+ 6. ♔e8!= symmetrical to the main line) 2. e7 ♖f5! 3. ♖d3 ♖e5! 4. ♔d7 ♖a2! 5. e8♗! ♖a7+ 6. ♗c7 ♖c5!-+]

**1... ♖h2!** [1... ♖fe2 2. e7 ♖d5 3. ♖f3! ♖e5 4. ♔f7 ♖h2 5. e8♘ ♖h7+ 6. ♔g6=]

**2. e7!** [2. ♖f4? ♖d5! 3. ♖e4 ♖h8+ 4. ♔f7 ♖f5+ 5. ♔e7 ♔e2 6. ♔d6 ♔d3! 7. ♖e5 ♖d8+ 8. ♔e7 ♖xe5 9. ♔xd8 ♖xe6-+]

**2... ♖d5!** [2... ♖d6 3. e4! ♖h8+ 4. ♖f8 ♖h7 5. ♖f7 ♖h5 6. ♖f5! =] **3. ♖f6!!** [3. e4? ♖e5! 4. ♔d7 ♖d2+ 5. ♔e8 ♖d6 6. ♔f8 ♖de6-+]

**3... ♖e5** [3... ♖h7 4. ♖e6! =; 3... ♖h8+ 4. ♔f7 ♖h7+ 5. ♔e6 =]

**4. ♔d7 ♖xe3!** [4... ♖d2+ 5. ♖d6! =]

**5. ♖f3!** [5. ♖e6? ♖d2+! 6. ♖d6 ♖de2-+; 5. e8♗? ♖h7+! 6. ♔d8 ♖h8-+]

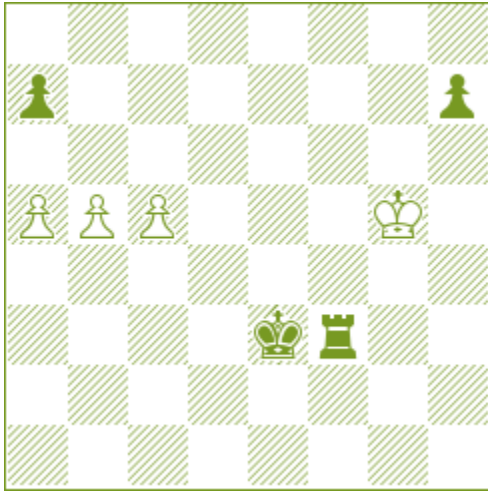
**5... ♖e4 6. ♖f4! ♖e5 7. ♖f5! ♖d2+ 8. ♔e8! ♖e6 9. ♖f6! ♖e5 10. ♖f5! ♖e4**

**11. ♖f4! ♖e3 12. ♖f3! ♖ee2** [12... ♖xf3 stalemate]

**13. ♔f8<sup>1/2</sup>-<sup>1/2</sup>**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

Oleg Pervakov



Win

### 1.b6!

Ложный след: [1.c6? h6+ 2.♔g6 ♔f4 3.c7 ♖c3 4.b6 h5 5.b7 ♜c6+ 6.♔xh5 ♜c5+ 7.♔h4 ♜c6 8.♔h3 ♔f3 9.♔h4 ♔f4 10.♔h5 ♜c5+ 11.♔g6 ♜c6+] Позиционная ничья.

### 1...h6+ 2.♔g6 axb6 3.cxb6

[3.axb6? ♔f4 4.b7 ♜b3 5.c6 ♜b6 6.♔h5 ♜b5+]

### 3...♜g3+

Тонко выигрывают белые после [3...♔f4 4.b7 ♜b3 5.a6 h5 6.♔g7 h4 7.♔g8 h3 8.a7 ♜xb7 9.a8 ♜ ♜b2 10.♜f8+]

### 4.♔f6!!

Логический ложный след- [4.♔xh6? ♔e4 5.b7 ♜h3+ 6.♔g6 ♜g3+ 7.♔f6 ♜f3+ 8.♔e6 ♜b3 9.a6 ♜b6+ 10.♔d7 ♔d5 11.♔c8 ♜c6+ 12.♔d8 ♜d6+ 13.♔e8 ♜e6+ 14.♔f8 ♜f6+ 15.♔g8 ♜g6+ 16.♔h8 ♜h6+]

### 4...♔e4 5.b7 ♜b3 6.a6 ♜b6+ 7.♔e7 ♔d5 8.♔d8!

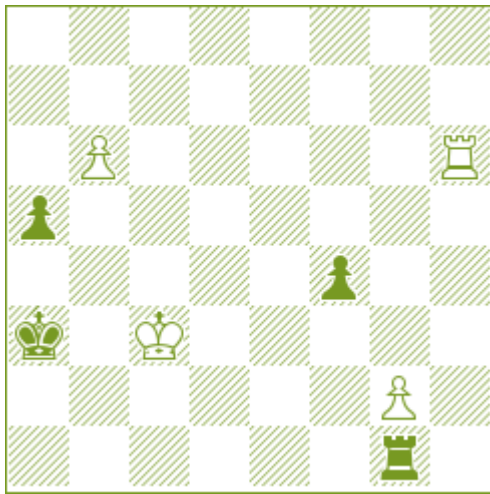
Логический ложный след-2: [8.♔d7? h5 9.♔c8 ♜c6+ 10.♔d8 ♜d6+ 11.♔e8 ♜e6+ 12.♔f8 ♜f6+ 13.♔g8 ♜g6+ 14.♔h8 ♜h6+]

8...♜d6+ 9.♔e8 ♜e6+ 10.♔f8 ♜f6+ 11.♔g8 ♜g6+ 12.♔h8! и пешка «h», выручавшая черных во многих вариантах, стала причиной их поражения.

1-0

## 4<sup>th</sup> Prize

Steffen Nielsen



Win

**1. R

##### !**

[1. b7? Rb1 2. Rh7 Rb4)

**1... Ka4** [1... a4 2. Rb5+- ] **2. b7** [2. Rb5? f3! 3. b7 fxg2=]

**2... Rb1 3. Rh7 Rb4** [Otherwise White plays 4. Kc4 or 4. Kd4 winning.]

**4. g4!** [4. g3? Rb3+=] **4... fxg3** [ 4... f3 5. Ka2 f2 6. Ka2+-]

**5. Rh4 Ka3** [5... R

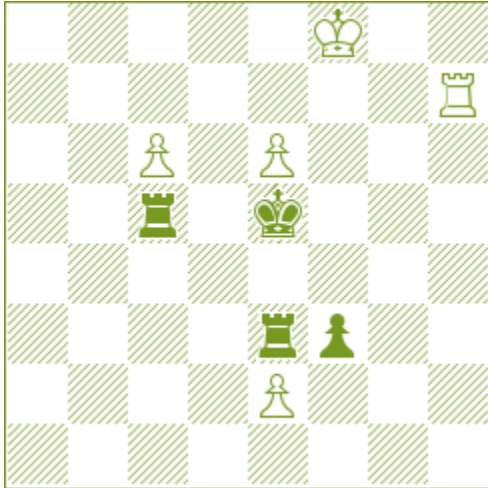
#### 6. b8R; 5... g2 6. b8R g1R 7. Rxb4+ axb4+ 8. Rxb4#]

**6. Rxb4 axb4+ 7. Ka2** [7. Ka4? g2 8. b8R g1R=]

**7... b3+ 8. Ka3 g2 9. b8R+-1-0**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Prize

Andrii Sergiienko & Vladimir Samilo



Draw

1.e7 ♔d6 2.e8 ♖+ ♜xe8+

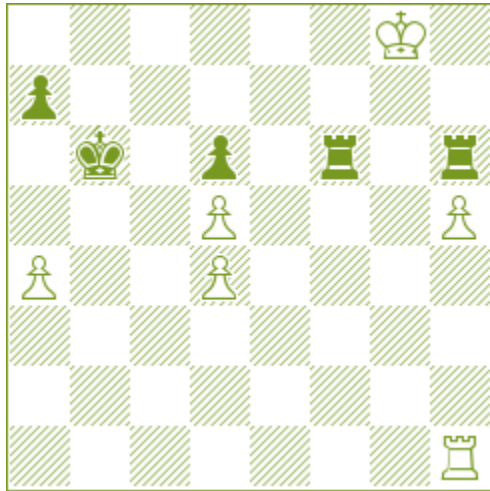
3.♔xe8 ♞e5+ 4.♔d8 fxe2

5.c7 ♞e8+ 6.♔xe8 e1♞+

7.♔d8 ♞e6 8.c8♖+

# 1<sup>st</sup> Honorary Mention

Poul Rewitz



Draw

**1. ♖b1+**

[1. ♔g7? ♜fg6+! 2. hxg6 ♞xh1 3. ♔f7 ♞f1+!-+ (or 3... ♔a5 4.g7 ♞f1+! 5. ♔e7 ♞g1-+)]

**1... ♔a5** [1... ♔a6?! 2. ♔g7= for instance 2... ♔a5 3. ♞b7 a6 4. ♞b1 ♔xa4 5. ♞b6! - main line.;] **2. ♔g7 ♔xa4** [2... a6?! 3. ♞b3 ♔xa4 4. ♞b6. a5 5. ♞b2! - main line.]

**3. ♞b7!** [3. ♞b8? ♞xh5 4. ♔xf6 ♞xd5-+; 3. ♞b2? a5!-+ for instance 4. ♞b1 ♔a3 zz 5. ♞b6 (5. ♞b5 a4 6. ♞b1 ♞xh5 7. ♔xf6 ♞xd5) 5... ♞xh5! 6. ♔xf6 ♞xd5]

**3... a5 4. ♞b2!** .♔a3 **5. ♞b1!** [zz] **5... a4** [5... ♞xh5 6. ♔xf6 ♞xd5 7. ♞d1 ♔b2 8. ♔e6 ♔c2 9. ♞a1=; 5... ♔a2 6. ♞b5! a4 - main line.]

**6. ♞b5!** ♔a2 **7. ♞b4!** [7. ♞b6? ♞xh5-+ ; 7. ♞b7? ♞xh5-+ ; 7. ♞b8? ♞xh5-+ ]

**7... a3 8. ♞b6!!** [8. ♞b8? ♞f8!!]

**a)** 8... ♞xh5? 9. ♔xf6 ♞xd5 10. ♞b4=; **b)** 8... ♞f3? 9. ♔xh6 ♞b3 10. ♞f8 ♔b2 11. ♞f2+=

9. ♞xf7 ♞xh5 10. ♞b7 ♞xd5 11. ♞b4 ♞f5!-+ for instance 12. ♔g6 ♞f1 13. ♞b6 d5 14. ♞b5 ♞d1

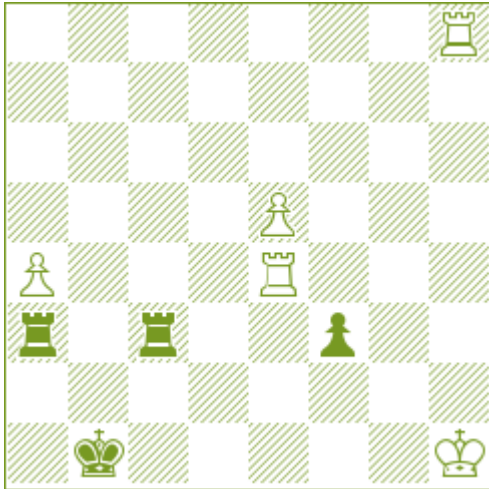
15. ♞xd5 ♔b3; 8. ♞b5 ♞f3! 9. ♔xh6 ♞b3 10. ♞a5 ♔b2 11. ♔g7 a2 12. h6 a1♞ 13. ♞xa1

♔xa1 14. h7 ♞h3 15. h8♞ ♞xh8 16. ♔xh8 ♔b2 17. ♔g7 ♔c3 18. ♔f6 ♔xd4 19. ♔e6 ♔c5-+]

**8... ♞xh5 9. ♔xf6 ♞xd5 10. ♞b4! =**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Honorary Mention

Martin Minski



Win

**1.♖e1+ ♔c2 2.e6** [2.♖h2+? ♔d3=; 2.♔g1? ♖e3 3.♖h2+ ♔d3=]

**2...♖e3** [2...♔d2 3.e7+-; 2...f2 3.♖e2+ ♔d1 4.♖xf2 ♖e3 5.♖b8!+-]

**3.♖h2+!** [White wins only with the paradoxical self-block (antizielelement).]

**3...♔d3 4.♖xe3+ ♔xe3** [position X]

**5.♖a2!** [logical try 5.e7? ♖a1#! model mate with self-block on h2]

**5...♖b3** [/Rc3] [5...♖xa2 6.e7 ♖a1+ 7.♔h2 ♖a2+ 8.♔h3+-; 5...♖d3 6.e7+-]

**6.♖a3! ♖xa3** [position X without the wRh2]

**7.e7 ♖xa4** [7...♖a1+ 8.♔h2 ♖a2+ 9.♔h3+-]

**8.e8♖+ ♖e4 9.♖h5!** [9.♖g6? ♖h4+ 10.♔g1 f2+ 11.♔g2 ♖h2+! 12.♔xh2 f1♖=; 9.♖h8? f2

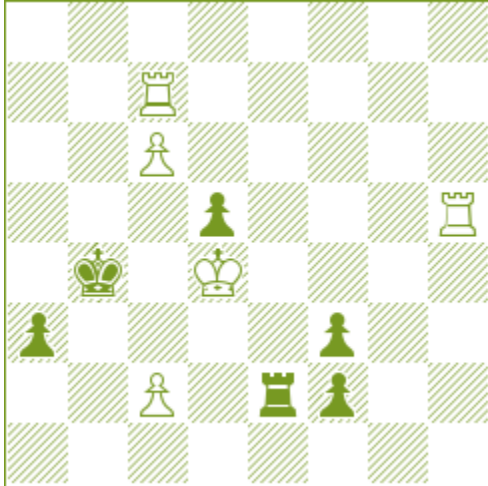
10.♔g2 ♖g4+ 11.♔h3=]

**9...f2 10.♔g2 ♖f4 11.♖e5+- 1-0**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Honorary Mention

Vladislav Tarasiuk



Win

**1.c3+!** [Try: 1.♖b7+? ♔c5! 2.c7 ♜e3+ 3.♔d2 ♜e2+ 4.♔d3 ♜e3+ positional draw]

**1...♔b3** [1...dxc3 2.♖b7+ ♔a5 3.♜h1 ♜e1 4.♖b1+-]

**2.♖b7+!** [Try: 2.♜h1? ♜e3+! 3.♔xd4 ♜e1 4.♖b7+ ♔c2! (4...♔a2? 5.♜h2 see main line)

5.♜h2 ♜e2 6.♜h1 ♜e1 – positional draw]

**2...♔a2!** 3.♜h1 ♜e1 4.♜h2 ♜e3+! 5.♔xd4 [5.♔c4? ♜e2 6.♖xf2 ♜xf2 7.c7 ♜c2 8.♔xd4 f2

9.c8♚ f1♚=] 5...♜e2 6.♖xf2! [6.♜h1? ♜e1=]

**6...♖xf2 7.c7 ♜d2+ 8.♔e3 ♜e2+!** 9.♔xf3 [9.♔d3? ♜e8 10.♖b8 f2! 11.♖xe8 f1♚+

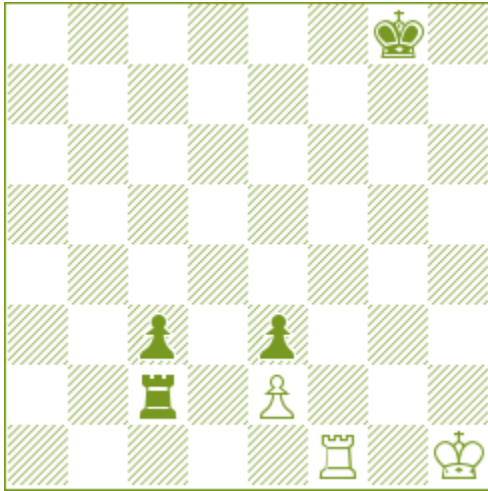
12.♜e2+ ♔b3! 13.c8♚ ♚f3+=]

**9...♜c2! 10.c8♜!** [win]

[10.c8♚? ♜xc3+! 11.♚xc3 – stalemate] **1-0**



5<sup>th</sup> Honorary Mention  
Branislav Djurasevic



**Draw**

**1.♖g1+!** [1.♞e1? ♔f7 2.♔g2 ♔e6 3.♔f3 ♔d5 4.♔xe3 ♞d2! 5.♔f4 c2 or 5. ...Kd4 6.e4 c2 moves inversion 6.e4+ ♔d4! 7.♞c1 ♞f2+!-+; ]

**1...♔f7 2.♔g2! ♔e6 3.♔f3 ♔d5! 4.♖g7!!** [Thematic try: 4.♞g8? ♞d2! 5.♞c8 ♔d4 6.♞c7 ♞b2 7.♞d7+ ♔c4 8.♔xe3 ♞b8!! 9.♞c7+ ♔b3!-+; 4.♔xe3? ♞d2! 5.♞g8 ♔c4-+]

**4...♞d2! 5.♞c7! ♔d4 6.♞c8!! ♞b2 7.♞d8+ ♔c4 8.♔xe3 ♞b7! 9.♞c8+ ♔b3 10.♔d4! c2**

[Main variation B: 10...♞d7+ 11.♔e5! ♞e7+ 12.♔d4! ♞d7+ 13.♔e5 c2 threat Rd1

14.♞b8+! ♔c3 15.♞c8+ ♔b2 16.♞b8+! ♔c1 17.e4! Now it works. 17...♔d2 (17...♔d1 18.♞h8=; 17...♞c7 18.♞h8=) 18.♞b2! ♔d1 19.♞xc2=]

**11.♞c3+!** [11.♞xc2? ♞d7+! 12.♔c5 ♞c7+! 13.♔d6 ♞xc2 14.e4 ♞d2+! 15.♔c5 ♞e2!-+]

**11...♔b2 12.♞xc2+! ♔xc2 13.e4 ♞b4+** [13...♞d7+ 14.♔c5 ♔d3 15.e5 ♔e4 16.e6! ♞a7 17.♔d6=; 13...♞b1 14.e5! ♞e1 15.♔d5 ♔d3 16.e6! =]

**14.♔d5 ♔d3 15.e5 ♞b5+ 16.♔d6 ♔d4 17.e6 ♞b6+ 18.♔d7 ♔d5 19.e7 ♞b7+ 20.♔d8 ♔d6 21.e8♔+! = 1/2-1/2**

## Commendation

Borislav Ilincic & Branislav Djurasevic



Win

**1.cxd7!** [Thematic try: 1.♖xd7+? ♖xd7 (1...♔xc6? 2.♖xc7+ ♔xc7 3.♖f5+- (or 3.gxf3) )  
2.cxd7 ♔xd7! (2...fxg2+? 3.♔xh2! ♔xd7 4.♖b7+! ♔e8 5.♖a7+-; 2...♖c1+? 3.♔xh2+-)  
3.f7 fxg2+ (or 3...♔e7 4.♖f5 fxg2+) 4.♔xh2 ♔e7 5.♖f5 ♔f8 6.a5 position B1 6...♖g4!  
7.♔g1 ♖g6! =]

**1...♖xd7** [1...fxg2+ 2.♔xh2+- (2.♔xg2? ♖xd7=) ]

**2.♖b6+!!** [2.♖xd7+? ♔xd7=]

**2...♔c7 3.♖xd7+ ♔xd7** [3...♔xb6? 4.f7 fxg2+ 5.♔xh2!+- (5.♔xg2? ♖c2+ 6.♔h1 ♖f2! =) ]

**4.f7!** [4.gxf3? ♖xa4=]

**4...fxg2+** [4...♔e7 5.♖f6! (5.♖b7+? ♔f8 6.gxf3 ♖xa4=) 5...fxg2+ 6.♔xh2 main] **5.♔xh2!**

[5.♔xg2? ♔e7 6.♖f6 ♔f8 7.a5 ♖c2+ 8.♔h1 ♖b2 (8...♖a2? 9.a6+- zz) 9.♖f4 (9.♖f5 ♖a2=;  
9.a6 ♖a2!= position B2) 9...♖b5! (9...♖a2? 10.♖f5+- zz) 10.a6 ♖a5 11.♖f6 ♖a2= zz]

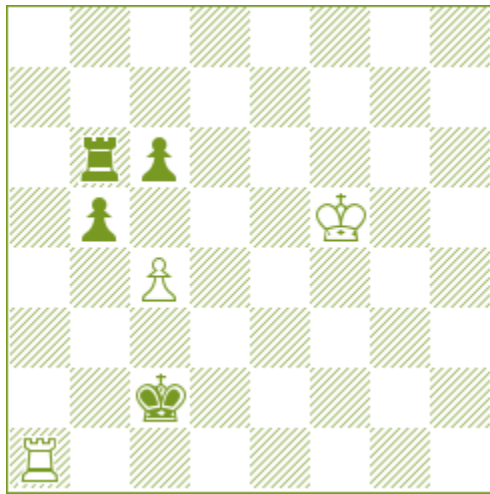
**5...♔e7 6.♖f6! ♔f8 7.a5** [position A1] **7...♖a4** [7...♖g4 8.♔g1!+-]

**8.a6!** ♖a2 [position A2] **9.♔g1!** ♖c2 **10.a7** [or 10.♖h6 ♔xf7 11.♖h8 ♖a2 12.a7]

**10...♖a2 11.♖h6 ♔xf7 12.♖h8 ♖xa7 13.♖h7+ 1-0**

## Commendation

Yochanan Afek & Martin Minski



Draw

**1.c5!** [1.cxb5? cxb5-+]

**1...♖b7!** [1...♖b8 2.♔e6! ♖h8 3.♔d7! ♖h6 4.♖a6 b4 5.♖xc6 ♖xc6 6.♔xc6 b3 7.♔d7 /Kd6 7...b2 8.c6 b1♙ 9.c7=] **2.♖a6!** [2.♔e6? ♖h7! 3.♖a6 (3.♔d6 ♖h6+!-+) 3...♔c3 /Kb3/Kd3 4.♖xc6 ♔c4 /Kd4 5.♖c8 (5.♔d6 ♖h5 6.♖c8 ♖d5+ 7.♔e6 ♖xc5-+) 5...♖h6+ 6.♔e5 ♖h5+ 7.♔d6 ♖d5+ 8.♔e6 ♖xc5+]

**2...♔c3** [2...b4 3.♖b6! ♖xb6 4.cxb6 b3 5.b7=; 2...♖c7 3.♔e5 /Ke6 3...♔c3 4.♔d6=]

**3.♖xc6 ♔c4 4.♖c8!** [4.♔e6? ♖h7! 5.♖c8 (5.♔d6 ♖h5 6.♖c8 ♖d5+ 7.♔e6 ♖xc5-+) 5...♖h6+ 6.♔e5 ♖h5+ 7.♔d6 ♖d5+ 8.♔e6 ♖xc5-+]

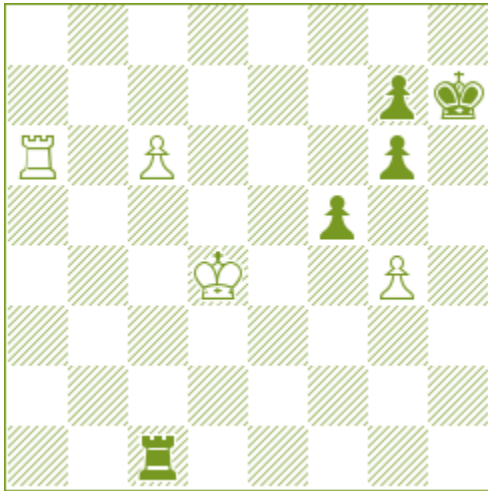
**4...b4 5.c6** [5.♔e6? b3 6.c6 .♖b6 7.♔d7 b2-+; 5.♔f4? is too early 5...♖b5 /b3-+]

**5...♖b6! 6.♔f4!!** [the point] [logical try 6.♔e5? b3! 7.c7 ♖c6 zugzwang for White 8.♔e4 ♖c5! 9.♔e3 ♔c3 10.♖b8 ♖xc7-+; logical try 6.c7? ♖c6! zugzwang for White 7.♔e5 (7.♔e4 ♖c5! 8.♔e3 ♔c3 9.♔e2 b3-+) 7...b3-+ zugzwang for White; 6.♔e4? b3! 7.c7 b2 8.♖d8 b1♙+-+; 6.♔e6? b3 7.♔d7 b2-+]

**6...b3 7.c7 ♖c6 8.♔e5!** [zugzwang for Black] **8...♔c3** [8...b2 9.♖b8=]

**9.♔d5 ♖c4 10.♔d6 b2 11.♖b8=** ½-½

**Commendation**  
Sergei Kaspariani

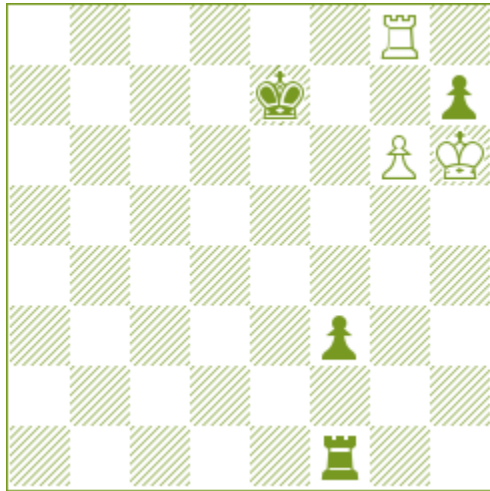


Win

- 1.g5 ♖g8 2.♔d5 ♖f7**  
**3.♞a7+ ♕f8 4.♞d7 ♞d1+**  
**5.♔e6 ♞e1+ 6.♔d6 ♞d1+ 7.♔c7 ♞c1**  
**8.♔b7 ♞b1+ 9.♔c8 f4**  
**10.c7 f3 11.♔d8 f2 12.c8♞ f1♞**  
**13.♔c7#**

## Commendation

Valery Kalashnikov



Draw

**1.♖g7+!** [1.gxh7? ♜h1+ 2.♔g6 f2 3.♞g7+ ♔e6 4.♞f7 ♞g1+-+; 1.g7? ♜h1+ 2.♔g5 ♞g1+ 3.♔h6 f2 4.♞f8 ♜h1+ 5.♔g5 f1♚ 6.♞xf1 ♞xf1 7.g8♚ ♞g1+-+]

**1...♔e8 2.♞g8+** [2.gxh7? ♜h1+ 3.♔g5 f2 4.♞g8+ ♔f7 5.h8♚ ♞xh8 6.♞xh8 f1♚-+]

**2...♔e7 3.♞g7+!** ♔e6 [3...♔e8 4.♞g8+ eternal check Rook]

**4.gxh7 ♜h1+ 5.♔g5!** [5.♔g6? f2 6.♞f7 ♞g1+ 7.♔h6 ♔xf7-+]

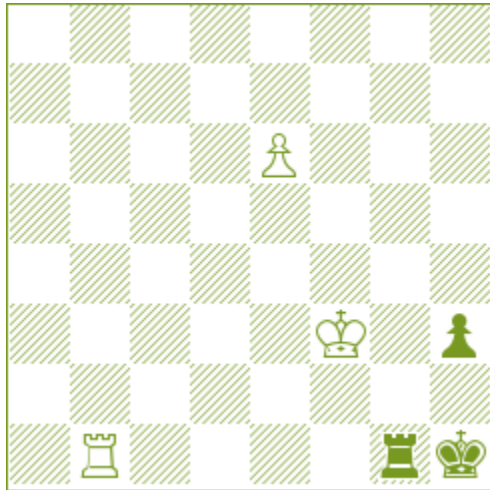
**5...f2 6.♞g6+ ♔e7 7.♞f6 ♞g1+ 8.♔h6!** [8.♔h5? f1♚ 9.♞xf1 ♞xf1 10.h8♚ ♜h1+-+]

**8...♔xf6** [8...♜h1+ 9.♔g5 (9.♔g6) 9...♞g1+ 10.♔h6! eternal check white]

**9.h8♚+ ♔f7 10.♚h7+ ♔f6 11.♚h8+** [eternal check Queen]

## Special Honorary Mention

Leonard Katsnelson & Vladimir Katsnelson



Win

**1. ♖b7** миную ложные следы

[1.e7? ♜xb1 2.e8♞ ♜g1; возврат черной ладьи;

1. ♖b2? ♜f1+ 2. ♔g3 ♜e1 3.e7 ♜e3+;

1. ♖b3? ♔h2 2.e7 (2. ♖b2+ ♜g2 3. ♜f2 ♔g1 4. ♖xg2+ hxg2 5.e7 ♔h1) 2... ♖g3+ 3. ♔f4 ♜xb3

4.e8♞ ♜g3 возврат черной ладьи;

**A. 1... ♜e1 2.e7 ♔g1 3. ♖b1**(теперь белая ладья эффектно возвращается на место) ♔h2!

**4. ♖b2+!** ♔g1 5. ♜e2 ♜xe2 6. ♔xe2 h2 7.e8♞ h1♞ 8. ♞e3+

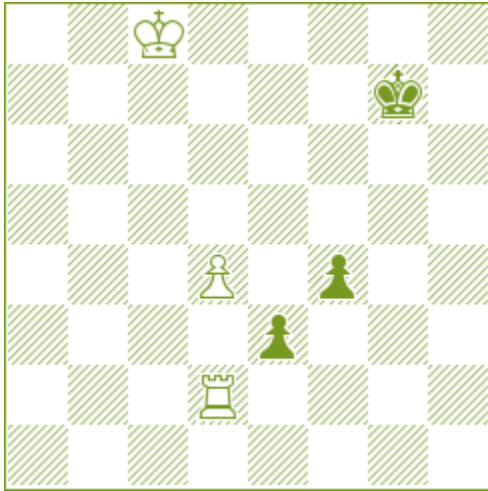
**B. 1... ♜g6 2.e7 ♜e6 3. ♔g3 ♜e3+ 4. ♔f2 ♜e6 5. ♖b3 ♔h2 6. ♜e3 ♜xe3 7. ♔xe3 ♔g1 8.e8♞]**

Тема возврата белой ладьи сочетается возвратами черной ладьи в ложных следах.



## Special Honorary Mention

Misratdin Iskandarov & Ilham Aliev



Win

**1.♖e2! ♔f6 2.♕b7!! ♔f5 3.d5 [MAIN A]**

**3...♕e5 [MAIN C 3...♔g4 4.d6 f3 5.♖xe3 f2 6.d7 (vaxt itkisi 6.♖e4+ ♔g3 7.♖e3+ ♔g4)**

**6...f1♖ 7.d8♗ ♖b5+ 8.♗b6 (vaxt itkisi 8.♔a7 ♗a4+ 9.♔b7 ♗b5+); MAIN B 3...♔e4 4.d6 f3 5.♖b2!! (5.♖a2? f2! 6.d7 f1♖ 7.♖a4+ (7.d8♗ ♖b1+) 7...♔f3! 8.d8♗ ♖b5+) 5...e2 6.d7 e1♖ 7.d8♗+]**

**4.♕c6 ♔e4 5.♖a2!! [5.d6? f3 6.♖a2 e2 7.d7 e1♖ 8.d8♗ ♖c3+=]**

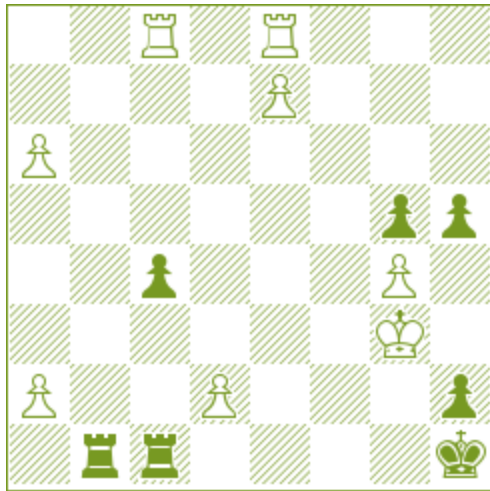
**5...f3 6.♖a4+!! [6.d6? e2 7.d7 e1♖ 8.d8♗ ♖c3+=]**

**6...♔f5 7.d6 e2 8.d7 e1♖ 9.d8♗+**

[Etud sostavlen po motivam partii M.Iskandarov-a (IM, FIDE rating-2495).] **1-0**

## Special Honorary Mention

Martin Minski



Win

**1.a7 h4+**

[1...♔g1 2.a8♖ h4+ 3.♔h3 see mainline; 1...♖g1+ 2.♔f3 ♖gf1+ 3.♔e3 ♖fe1+ 4.♔d4 ♔g1 5.a8♖ h1♖ 6.♖xh1+ ♔xh1 7.gxh5+-] **2.♔h3** [2.♔f2? ♖f1+=]

**2...♔g1 3.a8♖ h1♖+** ["black humor"]

**4.♖xh1+ ♔xh1 5.♖b8** [5.♖h8?? ♖b2! 6.♖xh4 ♖xd2 7.♔g3+ ♔g1!+-; 5.♖g8?? /Rc5?? 5...♖c3+! 6.dxc3 ♖b2 7.♖xg5 ♖h2#]

**5...♖c3+!** [5...♖a1 6.♖b5 ♖xa2 7.♖xg5 ♖xd2 8.♔xh4 ♖h2+ 9.♔g3 ♖g1+ 10.♔f4 ♖f1+ 11.♔e5 ♖e2+ 12.♔d6+-; 5...♖xb8 6.♖xb8 ♖g1 7.♖b1! ♖xb1 8.e8♖+-; 5...♖g1 6.♖xb1+- no stalemate trap]

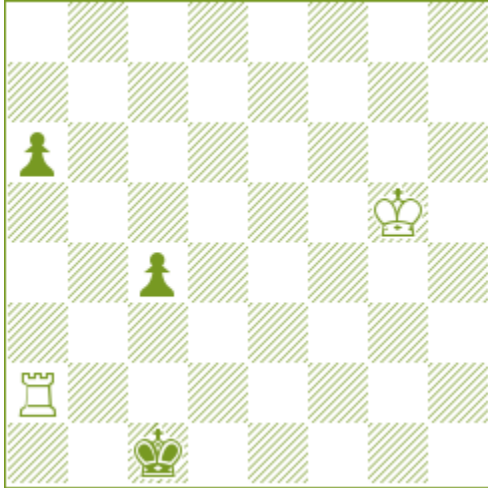
**6.dxc3 ♖g1 7.♖b1! ♖xb1 8.♖f8** [8.♖g8? ♖b2 9.♖xg5 ♖h2#; 8.♖d8? ♖g1 9.♖d1 ♖xd1 10.e8♖ ♖d3+ 11.♖e3 ♖xe3#] **8...♖e1** [8...♖g1 9.♖f3+-; 8...♖b2 9.♖f1#]

**9.e8♖!** [the "serious" white answer] [9.e8♖? ♖e3+! 10.♖xe3 stalemate; 9.♖f3?? ♔g1!+-]

**9...♖e3+ 10.♖xe3+-** [no stalemate]

## Special Commendation

Jarl Henning Ulrichsen



**Win**

**1.♔f4** [1.♖xa6 ? 1...c3 2.♔f4 c2 3.♔e3 ♔d1 4.♞d6+ ♔e1 draws.]

**1...c3 2.♔e3 ♔b1 3.♞a4** [!]

[3.♖xa6 ? 3...c2 4.♞b6+ ♔c1 5.♔d3 (or 5.♔e2 stalemate) 5...♔d1 6.♞h6 c1♗+ draws]

**3...a5 4.♞c4 a4** [4...c2 5.♔d2] **5.♞xc3** [5.♖xa4 ? 5...c2 draws.]

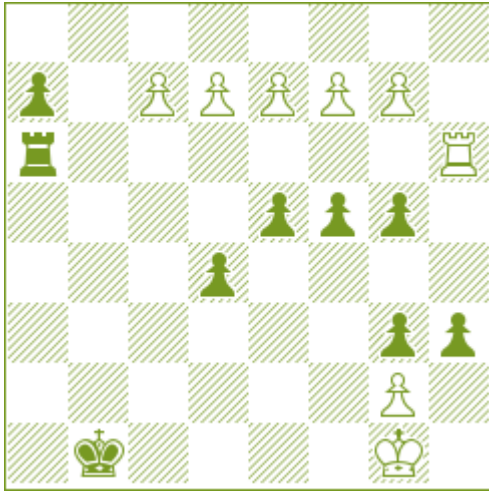
**5...♔b2 6.♔d2** [!] [6.♔d3 ? 6...a3 7.♞c2+ ♔b3 8.♞c8 ♔b2 9.♞b8+ ♔c1 draws.]

**6...a3 7.♞c2+** [!] [7.♞c8 ? 7...a2 draws.]

**7...♔b1 8.♔c3** [!]

**8...a2 9.♞b2+** [Inspired by Josif Krikheli, 1995. Krikheli's study Kh5, Rb2 / Kd1, Pb7, Pd4 is incorrect. White also wins after 1.Kg4 c3 2.Kf3 Kb1 with 3.Ra2 instead of 3.Rb5. In my study the position is moved one file to the left and the solution is not the same.]

Special Commendation  
Mikhail Zinar



**Draw**

Black to move

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**1...h2+ 2.Kph1** [2.Kpf1? Л:h6—+; 2.Л:h2? Ла1 3.Kpf1 d3—+]

**2...Ла1 3.Ла6! Л:a6 4.c8Ф! Ла1**

**5.Фа6!** Раз. **5...Л:a6 6.d8Ф! Ла1 7.Фа5!** Два.

**7...Л:a5 8.e8Ф! Ла1**

[Идейный вариант: **8...Крс2 9.Фс6+ (9.Фс8+)** 9...Kpd2 10.Фс1+! Кр:c1 11.f8Ф! Ла1 12.Фа3+!

Л:a3 13.g8Ф Ла1 14.Фа2! Пять. 14...Л:a2=]

**9.Фа4!** Три. **9...Л:a4 10.f8Ф! Ла1 11.Фа3! Л:a3 12.g8Ф Ла1 13.Фb3+**