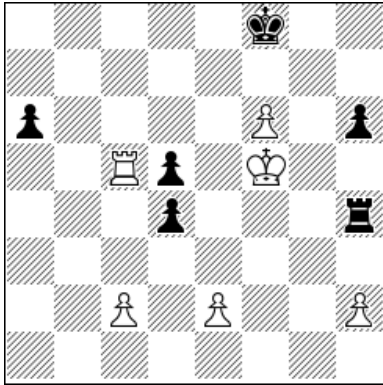


### 3) Velimir Kalandadze – Rook endgame studies

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

Jan Timman- (Nederland)



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**1.♖c8+ ♔f7 2.♖c7+ ♔f8**

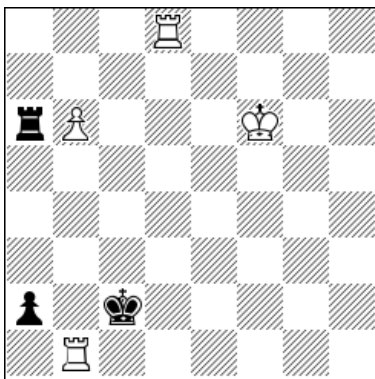
[2...♔g8 3.♔e6 ♖e4+ 4.♔xd5 ♖xe2 5.♔xd4 ♖d2+ 6.♔e5 ♖e2+ 7.♔d6 ♖d2+ 8.♔e7 ♖e2+ 9.♔d8 ♔f8 (9...a5 10.c4 a4 11.c5 a3 12.♖a7 a2 13.h4) 10.c4 ♖xh2 11.c5+]

**3.h3! ♖xh3 4.c4! dxc4 5.e4! dxe3 6.♔e6 ♔g8 7.♖g7+ ♔h8 [7...♔f8 8.♖d7 ♔g8 9.f7+ ♔g7 10.♖d1 ♖f3 11.♖g1+ ♔h7 12.♔e7+-] 8.♖g1 e2 9.f7 ♖f3 10.♔e7 ♖e3+ 11.♔f6 ♖f3+ 12.♔g6 ♖f1 13.♖h1! e1♚ 14.♖xh6#**

Beautiful example of endgame artistry. From the first move to the last the study utilizes and fully realizes one complete idea.

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

Pavel Arestov (Russia)



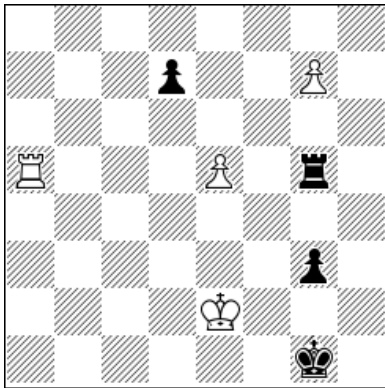
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**1.♖g1 [1.♖h1 ♖xb6+ 2.♔f7 ♖b7+ 3.♔g8 ♖b1 4.♖h2+ ♔b3 5.♖b8+ ♔c3 6.♖c8+ ♔b3 7.♖h6 ♔b2 8.♖b6+ ♔a1 9.♖a6 ♖b6 10.♖a5 ♖b5 11.♖a4 ♖b4]**

**1...♖xb6+ 2.♔f7 ♖b1 3.♖g2+ ♔b3 4.♖b8+ ♔c3 5.♖c8+ ♔b3 6.♖g6 ♔b2 7.♖f6 ♔a1 8.♖a8 ♖b7+ 9.♔g6 ♖b6 10.♖xa2+ ♔xa2 11.♖xb6 win.**

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

Yochanan Afek-(Israel)

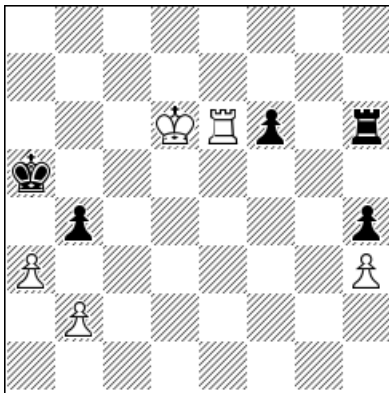


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1.e6! ♖xg7 2.♖a7! .g2 3.exd7 [3.♖xd7? ♖g6! 4.e7 ♖e6+ 5.♔f3 ♔h1-+]  
3...♖g8 4.♖a5! [Switchback] [4.♖a6? ♔h2 5.♖h6+ ♔g3 6.♖g6+ ♖xg6 7.d8♖ g1♖-+]  
4...♔h2 5.♖h5+ ♔g3 6.♖g5+! ♖xg5 7.d8♖ g1♖ 8.♖xg5+ 1/2-1/2

### Honourable Mention

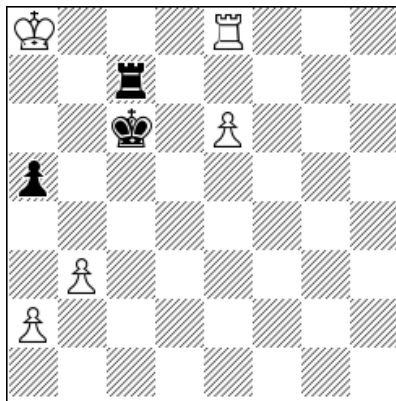
Jan Sprenger & Martin Minski (Germany)



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1.♔c5! ♖h5+ 2.♔c4 ♖b5 3.♖e8! bxa3!? 4.♖a8+ ♔b6 5.♖b8+ ♔a6 6.♖xb5 a2 7.♖b8!  
[logical try: 7.♖b3? a1♖ 8.♖a3+ ♖xa3 9.bxa3 ♔a5 10.♔d5 ♔a4 11.♔e6 ♔xa3 12.♔xf6  
♔b4 13.♔g5 ♔c5 14.♔xh4 position X with bKc5 14...♔d6 15.♔g5 ♔e7 16.♔g6 ♔f8  
17.♔h7 ♔f7=]  
7...♔a7 8.♖b3 a1♖ 9.♖a3+ ♖xa3 10.bxa3 ♔a6 11.♔d5 ♔a5 12.♔e6 ♔a4 13.♔xf6 ♔xa3  
14.♔g5 ♔b4 15.♔xh4+- [position X with bKb4] 1-0

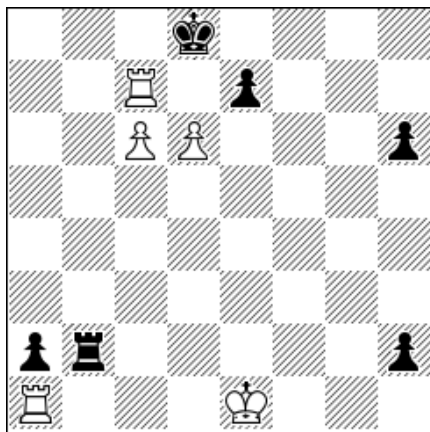
Honourable Mention  
Richard Becker – (USA)



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**1.e7! ♔c5 2.a3! ♔c6 3.a4!** [zz][3.b4? a4! 4.b5+ (4.♞b8 ♞xe7 5.b5+ ♔c5 6.b6 ♔b5 7.b7 ♔a6=) 4...♔b6 5.♞b8+ ♔a5 6.♞b7 ♞c8+ 7.♔a7 ♞a8+ 8.♔xa8 stalemate] **3...♔b6 ♞b8+ ♔a6 5.♞d8!** [5.♞b6+? ♔xb6 6.e8♞ ♞c8+! 7.♞xc8 stalemate]  
**5...♞a7+ 6.♔b8 ♞b7+ 7.♔c8 ♞xe7 8.♞d6+ ♔a7 9.♞d7+ ♔a8 10.♞d5!+-** [10.♞xe7? stalemate]1-0

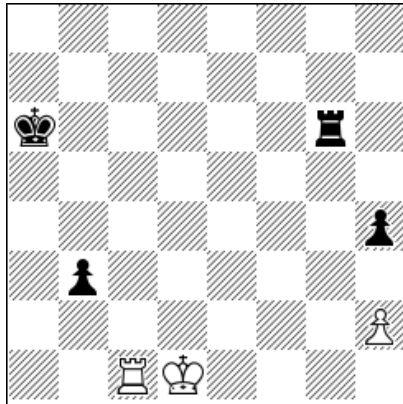
Honourable Mention  
Ilham Aliev (Azerbaijan)



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**1.♞c8+! ♔xc8 2.d7+ ♔d8 3.c7+ ♔xc7**  
 [3...♔xd7 4.0-0-0+ ♞d2 (4...♔xc7 5.♔xb2) 5.♔xd2]  
**4.d8♞+ ♔xd8 5.0-0-0+! ♞d2 6.♔xd2 ♔d7 7.♔c2+ [(c3)] 7...♔e6 8.♞f1!**  
**8...♔e5 9.♔b2 h5 10.♔xa2 ♔e4 11.♔b2 [(b1, b3)] 11...♔e3 12.♔c2 [(c1)]**  
**12...h4 13.♔d1 h3 14.♔e1 e6 15.♔d1 e5 16.♔e1 e4 17.♔d1 h1♞ 18.♞xh1 ♔f2**  
**19.♞xh3 win**

Honourable Mention  
Yochanan Afek (Israel)



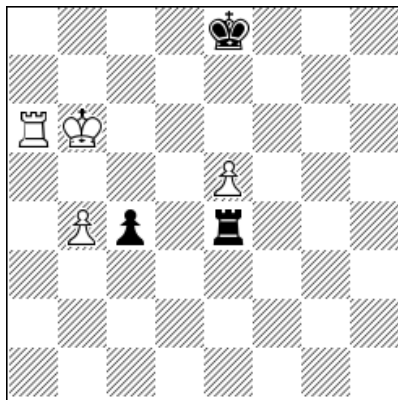
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**1. Rxc3! Rg1+ 2. Qd2 b2!**

[2... Rg2+ 3. Qc1 b2+ 4. Qb1 Rxc2 Positional draw EGTB]

**3. Ra3+ Qb5 4. Rb3+ Qc4 5. Rxb2 Rg2+ 6. Qc1 h3! 7. Qb1! Qc3 8. Qa1! Rxb2 [Model Stalemate!]**

Honourable Mention  
Alon Greenfeld, Yochanan Afek (Israel)



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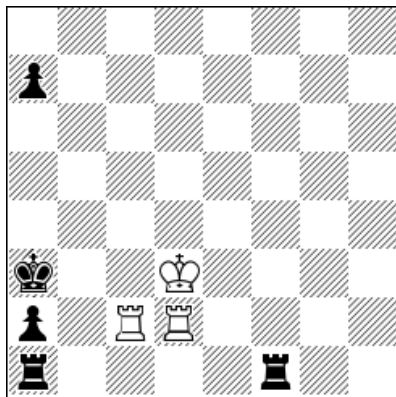
**1. b5! c3! 2. Ra8+ Qd7 3. Ra7+ Qc8 4. Rc7+ Qb8 5. Rf7!!**

[Logical try: 5. Rh7? Rc4! 6. e6 c2 7. e7 Rc8 8. Rh1 Re8 9. Rf1 c1Q! 10. Rxc1 Rxe7=]

**5... Qc8 6. Rf8+! Qd7 7. Rf6!! Rc4 8. Rc6! Rxc6+ 9. bxc6+ Qc8 10. e6 c2 11. e7 c1Q 12. e8Q#**

## Honourable Mention

Vladislav Tarasiuk Ukraine

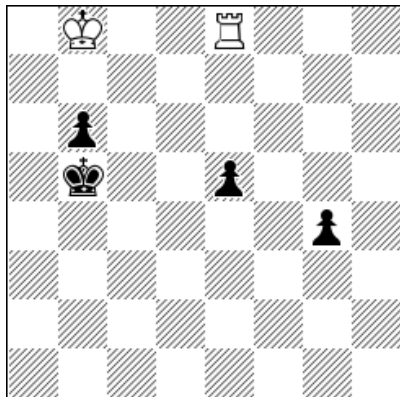


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1. ♖c3+ ♔b4 2. ♖c4+ ♔b5 3. ♖cc2 ♖f2 4. ♖b2+ ♔c5 5. ♖bc2+ ♔b4 6. ♖b2+ ♔a3 7. ♖xf2 ♖d1+ 8. ♔c2 a1♚ 9. ♖f3+ ♔a4 10. ♖f4+ ♔a5 11. ♖f5+ ♔a6 12. ♖f6+ 1/2-1/2

## Commendation

Michael Pasma (Israel)



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1. ♖c8!!

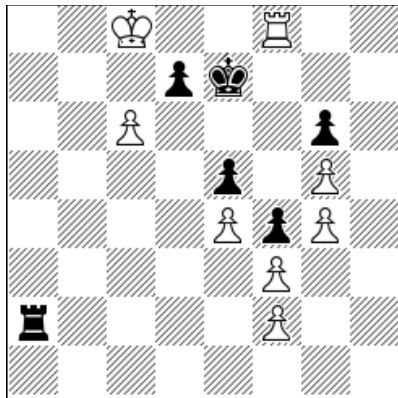
[Try : 1. ♖xe5+ ♔c4! 2. ♖e4+ ♔c3! 3. ♔b7 b5! 4. ♔b6 b4 5. ♔b5 b3 6. ♖e3+ ♔c2! 7. ♔c4 b2 8. ♖e2+ ♔c1! 9. ♔c3 b1♗+!=; 1. ♔c7 ♔c4 2. ♔d6 ♔d4! 3. ♖xe5 b5! 4. ♖g5 b4! 5. ♖xg4+ ♔c3 6. ♔c5 b3 7. ♖g3+ ♔c2 8. ♔c4 b2 9. ♖g2+ ♔c1 10. ♔c3 b1♗+=]

1... ♔b4 2. ♖c6!! [Try : Much more natural 2. ♖c1 not works : 2...b5 3. ♔c7 ♔a3 4. ♔d6 b4= 5. ♔c5 b3 6. ♔c4 b2 Rc1 is under attack 7. ♖e1 ♔a2=; 2. ♔b7 b5 3. ♖c1 ♔a3! 4. ♔c6 b4 5. ♔d5 b3]

2...g3 3. ♔c7!! ♔b3 4. ♔d6! g2 5. ♖c1 b5 6. ♔xe5 ♔b2 7. ♖g1! ♔c3! 8. ♔e4! b4 9. ♔e3! b3 10. ♖c1+! ♔b2 11. ♔d2! 1-0

### Commendation

Darko Hlebec (Serbia)

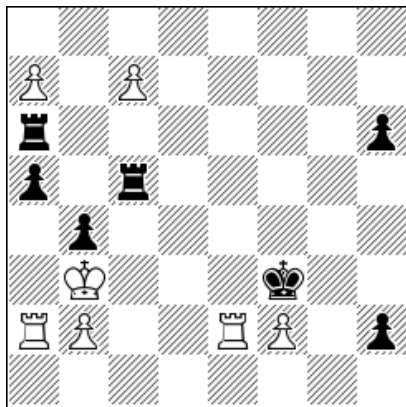


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1. ♖e8+ ♔d6 2. cxd7 ♜c2+ 3. ♕d8 ♞b2 4. ♜e6+ ♕xe6 5. ♕e8 ♞b1 6. d8♘+ [6. d8♙ ♞b8 7. ♙xb8]6... ♕d6 7. ♕f7 ♞b8 8. ♘e6 ♞b2 9. ♘g7 ♜xf2 10. ♘f5+ gxf5 11. g6 ♞a2 12. gxf5 win

### Commendation

Leonard Katsnelson (Russia)

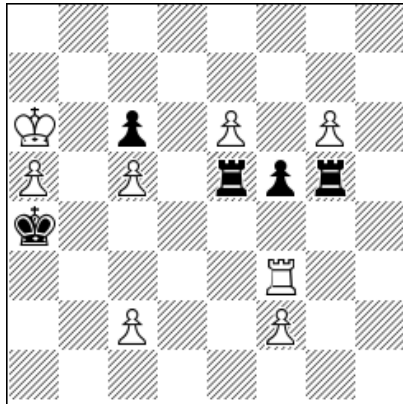


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1. ♖e3+ ♕xf2 2. ♜h3 ♕g2 3. ♜xh6 h1♙ 4. ♜xh1 ♕xh1  
5. ♜xa5 ♜axa5 6. ♕xb4 ♞cb5+ 7. ♕c4 ♞c5+ 8. ♕b4 ♞xa7  
9. ♕xc5 ♞xc7+ 10. ♕b6 ♞c4 11. ♕a5 ♕g2 12. b4 ♕f3 13. b5 ♕e4 14. b6 ♞c1 15. b7 ♞b1  
16. ♕a6 ♕d5 17. ♕a7 ♕c6 18. b8♘+ 1/2-1/2

### Commendation

Jasik, Andrzej (Poland)



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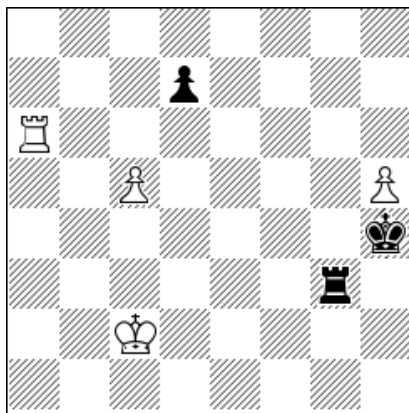
**1. ♖f4+!** [Try: 1. ♖xf5? ♜exf5 2. e7 ♜e5 3. f4 ♜xe7 4. fxc5 ♜e5 5. ♔b6 ♜xg5 6. a6 ♜xg6 7. a7 ♜g8 8. ♔xc6 ♔a5=]

**1... ♔a3 2. ♖xf5! ♜exf5** [2... ♜gxf5 3. g7 ♜g5 4. f4 ♜xg7 5. fxe5 ♜e7 6. ♔b6 ♔b4 7. a6 ♜xe6 8. a7+-]

**3. e7 ♜e5 4. f4 ♜xe7 5. fxc5 ♔b4 6. ♔b6 ♜e8 7. a6 ♜b8+ 8. ♔xc6 ♔a5 9. ♔d5! win**  
[9. ♔d6? ♜g8 10. a7 ♜xg6+=; 9. a7? ♜d8 10. g7 ♔a6=]

### Commendation

Mihail Croitor (Moldova)



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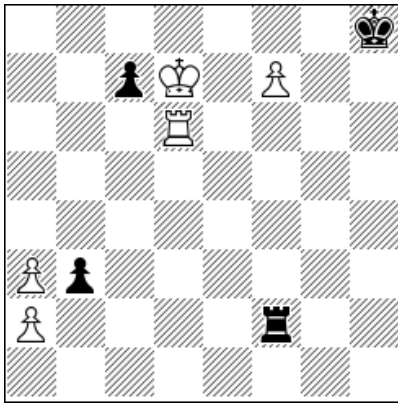
**1. h6 ♜g5 2. c6! dxc6** [2... ♜c5+ 3. ♔d3 ♜d5+ 4. ♔e4 dxc6 5. ♜a1 ♔g5 6. h7 ♜d8 7. ♜g1+ ♔h6 8. ♜g8+-]

**3. ♜a1! ♜c5+ 4. ♔d3 ♔g4** [4... ♔g5 5. h7 ♜d5+ 6. ♔e4 ♜d8 7. ♜g1+ ♔f6 8. ♜g8+-]

**5. ♜h1 ♜d5+ 6. ♔e4 ♜d8 7. ♜g1+ ♔h5 8. h7 ♜h8 9. ♔f5 ♔h6 10. ♔e6!** [10. ♔f6? ♜f8+ 11. ♔e7 ♜a8=]

**10... c5 11. ♔f7 ♜xh7+ 12. ♔f6 ♔h5 13. ♜h1+ ♔g4 14. ♜xh7 1-0**

**Special Prize**  
**Marek Halski (Poland)**



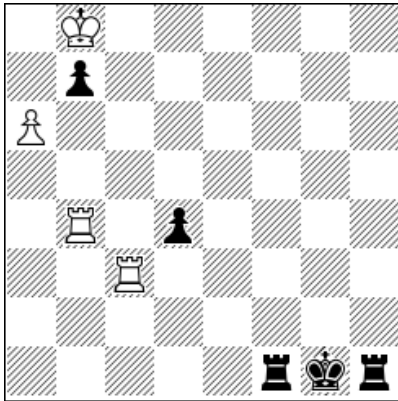
**1.f8♚+** [Thematic try: 1.♖d1? ♜xf7+ 2.♔e6! ♜f3! 3.axb3 ♜e3+!! A subtle move, forcing White to choose where to go: d5 or d7? (It would be wrong immediately: 3...♜xb3? because 4.♖a1! and now 4...♔g7 (or 4...c5 5.a4 c4 6.a5 c3 7.a6 c2 8.a7 ♜b1 position A1 (wK on e6) – there is no Rb7+ 9.a8♚++-;

**1...♜xf8 2.♖d2 b2 3.♜xb2 ♜a8 4.♖g2!**

[Thematic try: 4.♔xc7? ♔g7!! 5.♜f2! ♜xa3! 6.♔b6 ♜a8!! 7.♔b5 ♜b8+! 8.♔c6 ♜a8! 9.♔b7 ♜a3 10.♔b6 ♜a8! positional draw; **4...c5! 5.♔c7 ♜xa3 6.♔b6 c4 7.♔b5 c3 8.♔b4 ♜a8 9.♔xc3 ♔h7! 10.♔b2! ♜b8+ 11.♔a1! ♜a8 12.♜g1! ♔h6 13.♔b2! ♜b8+ 14.♔c3 ♜c8+ 15.♔b4 ♜b8+ 16.♔c5 ♜c8+ 17.♔b6 ♜b8+ 18.♔c6!** [Thematic try: 18.♔a7? ♜b4!! 19.♜g2 ♜a4+! 20.♔b6 ♜a8!! 21.♔b5! ♜b8+! 22.♔c6 ♜a8! 23.♔b6 ♔h5!! 24.♔b5 ♜b8+ 25.♔a5 ♜a8+ 26.♔b5 ♜b8+ 27.♔c6 ♜a8 positional draw; **18...♜a8 19.♜a1! ♜a3! 20.♔b5 ♔g5 21.♔b4 ♜f3 22.a4! ♜f4+ 23.♔b5 ♜f5+ 24.♔c6 ♜f6+ 25.♔d7 ♜f7+ 26.♔d8!!1-0**



Special Honourable Mention  
Oleg Pervakov (Russia)



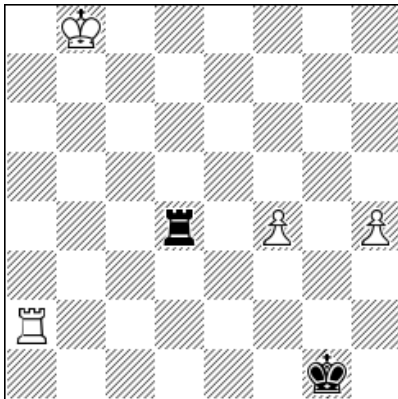
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**1. Rg3+ Qf2 2. Ra3 d3 3. Rxd3 [3... axb7 d2 4. Ra2 Rh8+ 5. Qa7 Qe3 6. Rbb2 (6... Rb3+ Qe2 7. Rbb2 Rd8 8. b8 Rf7+ 9. Qa8 Rxb8+ 10. Qxb8 Rd7) ]**

**3... bxa6 4. Rb2+ Qe1 5. Rd8 Rh3 6. Qa8 a5 7. Ra2 a4 8. Rb8 Qd1 9. Rb1#**

The study is influenced by the works of P. Benko.

Special Honourable Mention  
Jarl H Ulrichsen (Norway)



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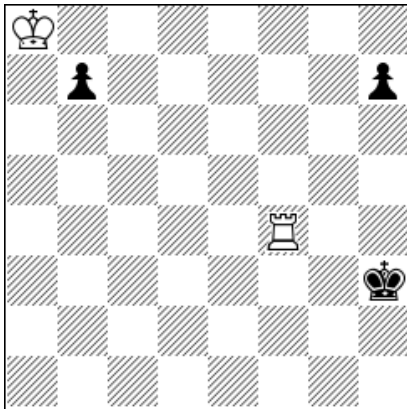
**1. f5 Rd5 2. f6 Rd6 3. f7 Rd8+ 4. Qc7 Rf8 5. Qd6 Rxf7 6. Qe5**

**6... Rb7 7. Rd2 Rh7 [7... Rb4 8. Rd4 Rb5+ 9. Rd5 Rb4 10. h5 wins.; 7... Rb8 8. Qf6 Rh8 9. Rd4 Qg2 10. Qg7 Ra8 11. Rd6 Ra5 12. Qg6 wins.; 7... Qf1 8. h5 Rh7 9. Rh2 Qg1 10. Rh4 Qg2 11. h6 Qg3 12. Rh1 Qg2 13. Rh5 wins.;**

**8. Qf4 Rxb4+ 9. Qg3 Ra4 10. Rd1#**

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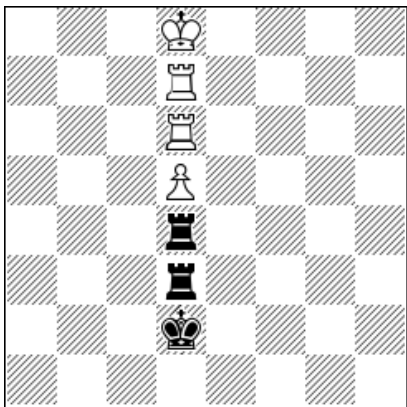
Jarl H Ulrichsen (Norway)



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**1.♖f1** [1.♖f7 ? .h5 2.♖g7 b5 3.♙b7 b4 4.♙c6 b3 5.♙d5 b2 6.♖b7 h4 7.♙e4 ♙g4 8.♖xb2 h3 1...h5 2.♖g1 h4 3.♙b8 3...♙h2 4.♖g8 4...b5 5.♙c7 b4 6.♙d6 b3 7.♙e5 b2 8.♖b8 ♙g3 9.♙f5 h3 10.♖b3+ ♙h4 11.♖xb2 ♙g3 12.♖b3+ ♙h4 13.♙f4 h2 14.♖b1 win

Special Honourable Mention  
González, Luis Miguel (Spain)



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**1.♙c7!** [1.♙c8? ♙e3! 2.♖e6+ ♙f4 3.d6 ♙f5 4.♖h6 ♙g5! =]  
**1...♖a4! 2.♙b7!** [2.♖b6? ♖a7+! 3.♖b7 ♖a6 4.♖d8 ♖c3+! 5.♙b8 ♖ca3 6.d6 ♖d3 7.d7 ♖ad6 8.♙c8 ♖c6+ 9.♖c7 ♖xc7+ 10.♙xc7 ♖c3+ =]  
**2...♖a5! 3.♙b6 ♖da3 4.♖c6! ♙d3! 5.d6 ♖a6+ 6.♙c7 ♖a8! 7.♖b6! ♙d4 8.♖h7!** [Thematic try 8.♖g7? ♖c3+! 9.♙b7 ♖cc8! 10.♖g4+ ♙d5! 11.d7 ♖ab8+ 12.♙a6 ♖a8+ 13.♙b5 ♖c5+ 14.♙b4 ♖c7! 15.♖g5+ ♙e4 16.♖e6+ ♙f4 =]  
**8...♖c3+ 9.♙b7 ♖cc8! 10.♖h4+! ♙d5 11.d7 ♖ab8+ 12.♙a6 ♖a8+ 13.♙b5 ♖c5+ 14.♙b4 ♖c1 15.♖h5+! 1-0**

It can't be denied that starting position is very pleasing to the eye, but its solution leaves much to be desired.