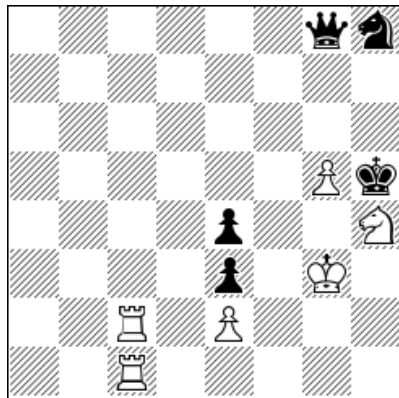


1. Gia Nadareishvili – Fight against black Queen

1st.-2nd Prize

Sergei Didukh (Ukraine)



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1.♖c5 ♜b8+ 2.♔h3! [2.♖c7? ♜g6 3.♜xg6 ♔xg6 4.♖1c5 (4.♔g4 ♜xc7! 5.♖xc7 model stalemate.) 4...♔h5! 5.♔h3 ♜g8 6.♖e5 (6.♖7c6 ♜e6+! 7.♖xe6 stalemate.) 6...♜h8 7.♖b5 ♔g6+ 8.♔g3 ♜h4+! 9.♔xh4 stalemate.]

2...♜g6! 3.♜xg6 ♜f8!! [3...♔xg6 4.♔g4 ♜h2 5.♖c6+ ♔f7 6.♖c7+ ♔e6 7.♖1c2+ -] **4.♖a5!!** [zz. Rook makes its choice: be captured on a5, not on b5.] [4.♜h4? ♜xc5 5.♖xc5 model stalemate.; 4.♖b1? ♜f2! 5.♖h1 ♔xg6=; Logical try 4.♖b5? ♜f7! (4...♜f2? 5.♖h1 ♔xg6 6.♖a1! see solution.) 5.♜h4 ♜d5! /c4! 6.♜g2 ♜xb5 7.♜f4+ ♔xg5 8.♖c5+ ♔xf4! 9.♖xb5 model stalemate.]

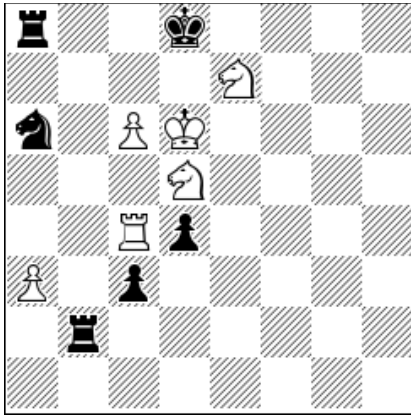
4...♜f7 [4...♜f2 5.♖h1! ♔xg6 (5...♜h4+ 6.♔g2!+-) 6.♖b1! (not 6.♖c1? ♔h5!= see the end of the line.) 6...♔h5 7.g6+ ♔h6 8.g7 ♔xg7 9.♖b7+ ♔f6 10.♖b6+ ♔e7 11.♖a7+ ♔d8 12.♖b8#] **5.♜h4 ♜c7! 6.♜g2!** [6.g6+? ♜xa5 7.g7 ♜g5 8.♖c5 ♜xc5 9.g8 ♜ ♜f5+! 10.♜xf5 stalemate.]

6...♜xa5 7.♖c5! [7.♜f4+? ♔xg5 8.♖c5+ ♔xf4! 9.♖xa5 model stalemate.]

7...♜xc5 8.♜f4+ ♔xg5 9.♜e6+ [win. Many stalemates, active q-sacrifices and refusals to capture. Logical choice of 'death' square by Rook.]

1st-2nd Prize

Yuri Bazlov – (Russia)



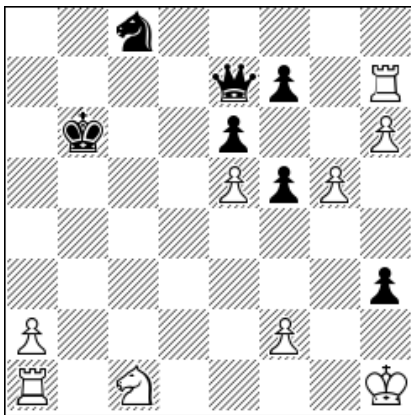
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1.c7+ ♘xc7 2.♘c6+ ♔c8 3.♘cb4 ♖a7 4.♘xc7 c2 5.♘b5+ ♔b7 6.♞c7+ ♔b6 7.♘xa7 ♞xb4 8.♞xc2 d3 9.♞c6+ ♔xa7 [9...♔b7 10.♞c7+ ♔a6 11.axb4 d2 12.♞c5 d1♚+ 13.♔c7 ♚a1 14.♔b8 ♚h8+ 15.♞c8 ♚e5+ 16.♔a8]

10.axb4 d2 11.♔c7 d1♚ 12.b5 ♚a1 13.b6+ ♔a6 14.b7+ ♔a5 15.b8♚ ♚e5+ 16.♞d6 win

3rd Prize

Jan Timman- (Nederland)



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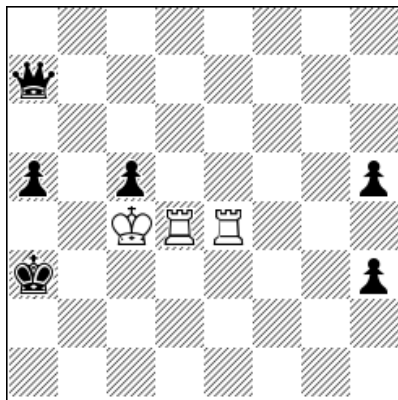
1.♞b1+ ♔a5 2.g6 ♚a7 3.♘b3+ ♔a4 [3...♔a6 4.♞f1! ♚b7+ 5.f3 ♚b5 6.♞f2 ♚xe5 7.♞c2 ♚e3 8.gxf7 ♚xf3+ 9.♔h2 ♚f4+ 10.♔xh3 ♚g4+ 11.♔h2 ♚f4+ 12.♔g2 ♚e4+ 13.♔f1 ♚xc2 14.f8♚+ - The White king can hide on a3.]

4.♔g1! [4.♞f1 ♚b7+ 5.f3 ♚b5! 6.♞f2 ♚xe5 7.♞c2 ♚e3 8.gxf7 ♚xf3+ 9.♔h2 ♚f4+

10.♔xh3 ♖g4+ 11.♔h2 ♜h4+ 12.♔g2 ♜e4+ 13.♔f1 ♜xc2 14.f8♜ ♜c4+=]
 4...♜e7 5.♘c5+! ♜xc5 6.g7 ♘e7 7.♞h8 ♘g8! 8.♞xg8 ♜c6 9.♞b4+! [9.♞a8+ ♜xa8
 10.♞b7 ♜d8! 11.♞b3 f4! 12.♞xh3 ♜g5+ 13.♔h2 f3 14.♞g3 ♜xh6+ 15.♔g1 ♜c1+=]
 9...♔a5 10.♞b5+! ♔a4 11.♞a8+! ♜xa8 12.♞d5! exd5 13.h7 d4 14.g8♜ win

4th Prize

Oleg Pervakov- (Russia)

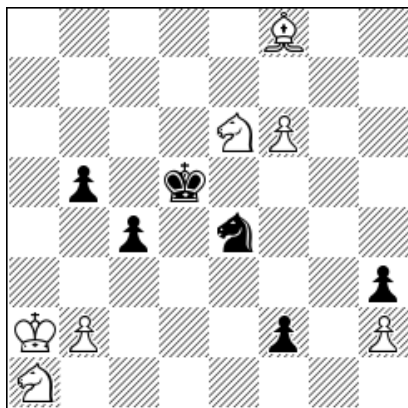


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1.♞e3+ ♔b2 2.♞b3+ ♔c2 3.♞c3+ ♔b1 4.♞d1+ ♔b2 5.♞d2+ ♔b1 6.♞f3 ♔c1 7.♞h2
 ♜a6+ 8.♔c3 ♔d1 9.♞ff2 ♔e1 10.♞c2 [10.♞b2 ♜f6+ 11.♔b3 ♜e6+ 12.♔a3 ♜e4
 13.♞xh3 ♔f1] 10...♜f6+ 11.♔b3 ♜e6+ 12.♔a3 ♔d1 13.♞b2 ♜e4 14.♞xh3 [14.♞h1+
 ♜xh1 15.♞b1+ ♔e2 16.♞xh1 ♔f3 17.♞xh3+ ♔g4] 14...♔c1 15.♞c3+ ♔d1 16.♞g3 ♜d4
 17.♞f3 [17.♞h3 ♜e4 18.♞h1+ ♜xh1 19.♞b1+ ♔e2 20.♞xh1]17...♜c4 18.♞h3 win

5th Prize

Vladislav Tarasiuk (Ukraine)

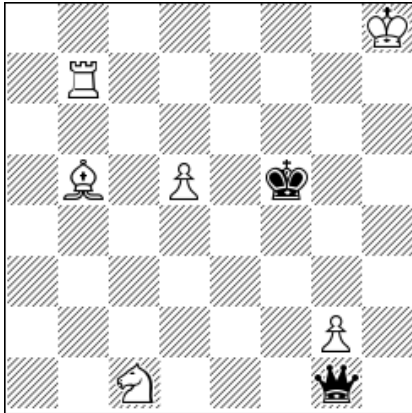


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1. ♖f4+ ♔c6 2. f7 f1 ♚ 3. ♗b4 ♘c3+ 4. bxc3 ♚f2+ 5. ♘c2 [5. ♔b1 ♚g1+ 6. ♔c2 ♚xh2+]
 5... ♚xc2+ 6. ♔a1 ♚c1+ 7. ♔a2 ♚d2+ 8. ♔b1 ♚e1+ 9. ♔c2 ♚f2+ 10. ♔d1 ♚f1+ 11. ♔c2
 ♚f2+ 12. ♔d1 draw

Honourable Mention

Pavel Arestov (Russia)

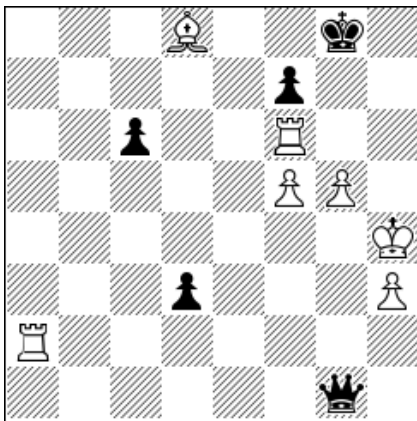


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1. ♖e2 ♚h2+ 2. ♔g8 ♚xg2+ 3. ♔f8 ♚xd5 4. ♗d7+ ♔g5 5. ♖b5 ♔h4 6. ♖b4+ [6. ♖xd5?
 Stalemate) 6... ♔g5 7. ♖g4+ ...
 I) 7... ♔f6 8. ♖g6+ ♔xg6 9. ♖f4+
 II) 7... ♔h6 8. ♖h4+ ♔g5 9. ♖h5+ ♔xh5 10. ♖f4+ win

Honourable Mention

Jasik, Andrzej- (Poland)

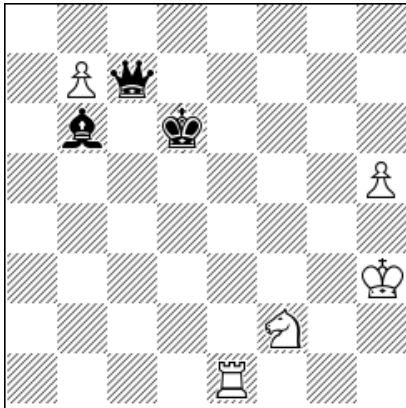


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1.♙e7! [1.♙c7? ♖d4+ 2.♗h5 d2=; 1.♖a8? ♗e1+ 2.♗h5 ♗e8=]
1...♗e1+ [1...♗d4+ 2.♗h5 d2 3.♖a8+ ♔g7 4.♙f8+-]
2.♗h5 ♗xe7 3.♖a8+ ♔g7 4.♖e6!! d2! 5.f6+! [5.♖xe7? d1♗+ 6.♗h4 ♗d4+=]
5...♗h7! 6.♖h8+! ♗xh8 7.fxe7 d1♗+ 8.♗h6! fxe6 9.e8♗#

Honourable Mention

Sprenger Jan, Minski Martin (Germany)

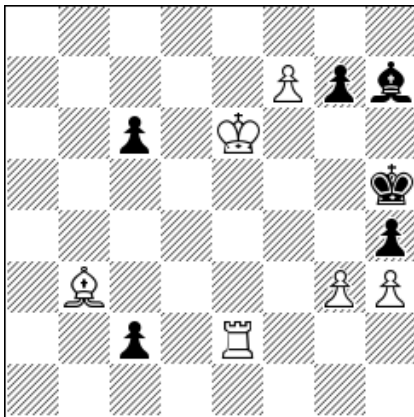


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1.♗e4+ ♔e5 [1...♗c6 2.♖c1+= skewer; 1...♗d5? 2.♗f6+! ♔d4 3.♖d1+-]
2.♗c3+! ♔f5 3.♗b5! ♗d8 4.b8♗!! [thematic try 4.♖e8? ♗d3+]
4...♗xb8 5.♖e8! [domination] **5...♙d8 6.♗d4+ ♔f6** [6...♔g5 7.♖xd8! ♗xd8 8.♗e6+= fork;
 6...♔f4 7.♖xd8! ♗xd8 (7...♗e5 8.♖f8+=) 8.♗e6+= fork]
7.♖f8+ ♔g7 8.♖xd8! ♗xd8 9.♗e6+ ♔h6 10.♗xd8=

Honourable Mention

Luboš Kekely, Michal Hlinka (Slovakia)

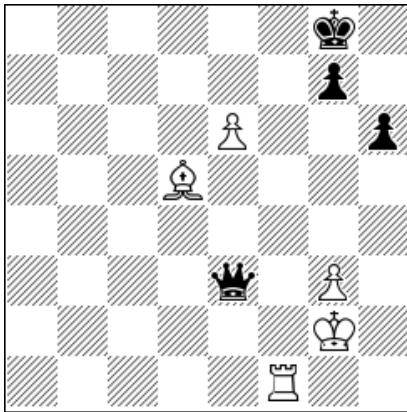


Black move +

1...♙f5+! 2.♔xf5 c1♚ 3.g4+ ♔h6 4.♖e6+ ♔h7 [4...g6+ 5.♖xg6+ ♔h7 6.f8♘+ ♔h8 7.♖g8#] 5.f8♘+! ♔h8 6.♘g6+ ♔h7 7.♖xc6! ♚xc6 [7...♚g5+ 8.♔e4!+- (8.♔xg5? stalemate) ; 7...♚f1+ 8.♘f4 ♚b1+ 9.♙c2 ♚b5+ 10.♔e6+-; 7...♚b1+ 8.♙c2 ♚b5+ 9.♘e5+-; 7...♚e3 8.♙g8+ ♔xg8 9.♖c8+ ♔f7 10.♖f8#] 8.♙g8+! [try 8.♘f8+? ♔h8 9.♘g6+ ♚xg6+! 10.♔xg6 stalemate] 8...♔xg8 9.♘e7+ ♔f7 10.♘xc6 1-0

Commendation

Ilham Aliev (Azerbaijan)

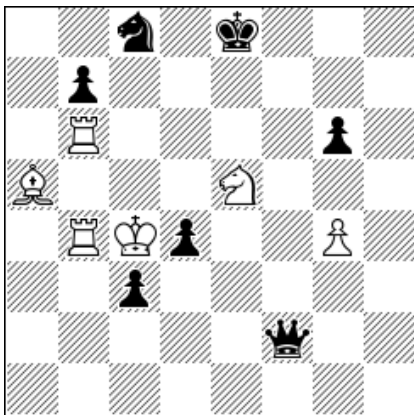


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1.e7+ ♔h7 2.♙g8+! ♔h8 3.♙e6! ♚e4+ 4.♖f3! ♚e2+ 5.♖f2 ♚e4+ 6.♔h2! ♚xe6 7.♖f8+ ♔h7 8.e8♚ win

Commendation

Alexey Gasparyan (ARMENIA)

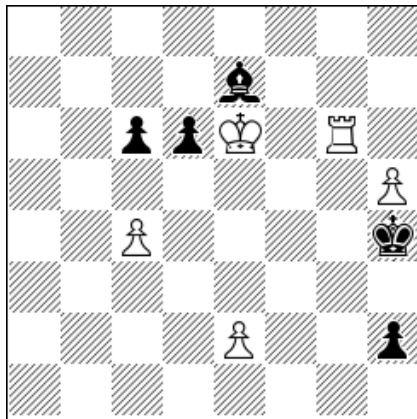


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1. ♖e6+ ♔f8 2. ♖f6+ ♚xf6 3. ♘d7+ ♔f7 4. ♘xf6 c2 5. ♖xb7+ ♔xf6 6. ♔d5 ♘e7+ 7. ♖xe7 c1♚ 8. ♙d8 ♚h1+ 9. ♔d6 ♚h2+ 10. ♔d7 ♚b8 11. ♖h7+ ♔e5 12. ♙c7+ win

Commendation

Leonard Katsnelson, Vladimir Katsnelson (Russia)

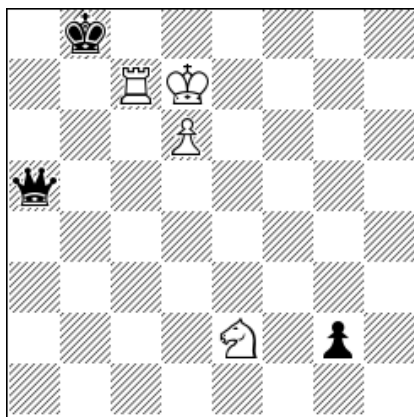


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1. h6 h1♚ 2. h7 ♚e4+ 3. ♔f7 ♙f6 4. ♔xf6 ♚e5+ 5. ♔f7 ♚h8 6. ♖g7 ♔h5 7. e3 c5 8. e4 ♔h6 9. ♖g6+ ♔h5 10. ♖g7 Draw

Special Commendation

Darko Hlebec- (Serbia)



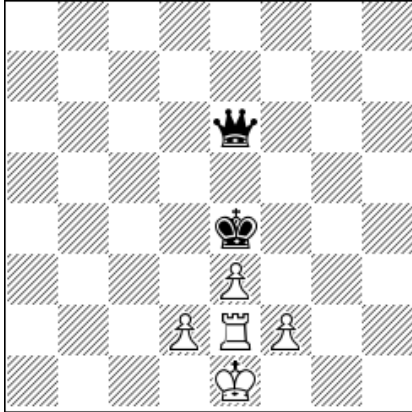
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1. ♘d4 ♚a6 2. ♘c6+ ♔a8 3. ♖c8+ ♚xc8+ 4. ♔xc8 g1♚ 5. d7 ♚b6 6. d8♘ Draw.
Two Knights against Queen was Gia Nadareishvili's favourite theme.

Computer Studies

Special Commendation

González, Luis Miguel – (Spain)

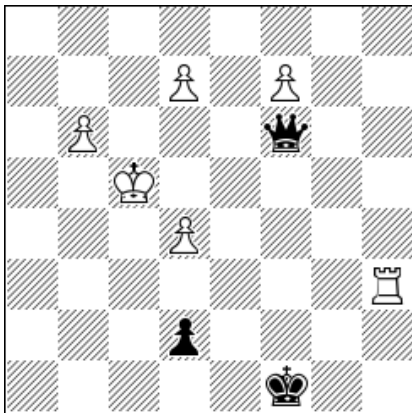


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1.f3+! [Thematic try, symmetrical line: 1.d3+? ♔xd3 2.♞d2+ (2.e4 ♜h6! 3.♞e3+ ♔c2!-) 2...♔e4! 3.♞d8 ♔f3! 4.♞f8+ There is not an i-file! 4...♔g2! winning e.g. 5.♞f4 ♜c8 6.♔e2 ♜h3! 7.♔e1 ♜h5 8.♔d2 ♔f1!-) +] **1...♔xf3 2.♞f2+ ♔e4 3.♞f8! ♔d3! 4.♞a8! ♜c6! 5.♞a3+! ♔e4 6.♞a5! ♜c1+ 7.♔e2 ♜c4+ 8.♔e1! ♜b4! 9.♞a7! ♜b3! 10.♞a8! ♜b1+ 11.♔e2! ♜b5+ 12.♔e1! ♜h5! 13.♞a4+! ♔f3 14.♞f4+ 1/2-1/2**

Special Commendation

Rusz, Árpád – (Romania)



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1.b7 d1♜ 2.♞h1+ ♔e2 3.♞xd1 ♜d8! 4.♔c6!! [Thematic try: 4.♔d6? ♔xd1 mutual zugzwang 5.b8 ♜xb8+ 6.♔e7 ♜b4+ 7.♔e8 ♜e1+! =] **4...♔xd1 5.♔d6! ♔c2 [5...♔e2 6.b8♜! ♜xb8+ 7.♔e7 ♜b4+ 8.♔e8+- There are no more checks because the e-file is blocked.; 5...♜b6+ 6.♔e7 ♜b4+ 7.♔e8 ♜e1+ 8.♔f8 ♜b4+ 9.♔g8+-;] 6.f8♜! ♜xf8+ 7.♔c7 ♜f4+ 8.♔c8 1-0**