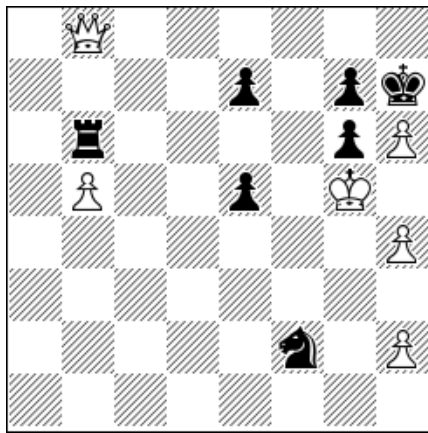




### 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize

Sergei Didukh (Ukraine)

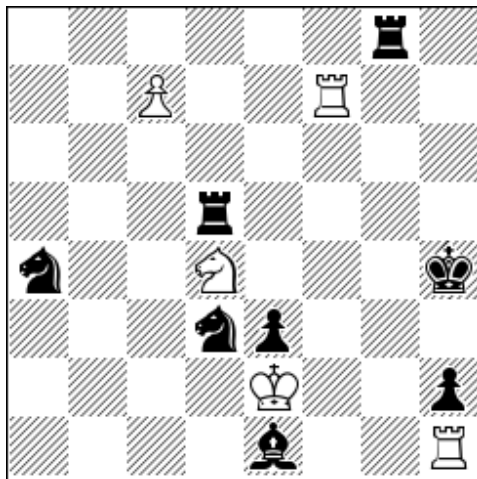


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1. ♔f8 gxh6+ 2. ♕xh6+ ♖g8 3. h3  
(3. h5 ♘e4+ 4. ♙g4 gxh5+ 5. ♚xh5 (5. ♜xh5 ♘f6+)  
3... ♜f6 4. b6 ♝xb6 5. h5 ♘e4+ 6. ♙g4 gxh5+ 7. ♚h4 ♝xh6 stalemate

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

Oleg Pervakov (Russia)



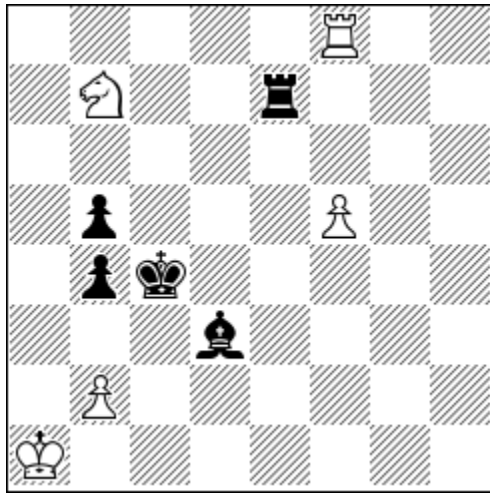
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1. ♜g7 ♝xg7 2. c8 ♜ ♘c1+ 3. ♕xc1 ♘c3+ 4. ♙f1 ♜g1+ 5. ♝xg1 ♘d2 6. ♘f3+ ♙h3 7. ♕c2  
e2+ 8. ♙f2 e1 ♕+ 9. ♘xe1 ♘d1+ 10. ♕xd1  
I) 10... ♘e3+ 11. ♙e2 hxg1 ♘+ 12. ♙f1 ♝xd1 stalemate  
II) 10... hxg1 ♕+ 11. ♙xg1 ♘e3+ 12. ♙h1 ♝xd1 stalemate

The ending of this exceptional study is unsurprisingly ambitious, but even Oleg Pervakov couldn't completely harmonize it with dense and bulky foundation.

### 5th Prize

Yochanan Afek (Israel)

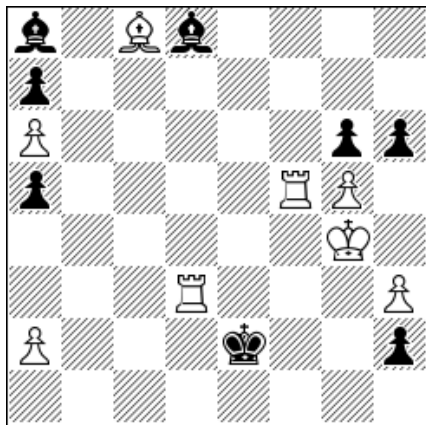


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1. ♖a5+ ♔c5 2. ♖b3+ ♔c6 3. ♜c8+ ♔b6 4. ♜b8+! ♔c7 5. ♜g8!! [Logical try: 5. ♜h8? ♜e1+ 6. ♔a2 ♜b1+ 7. ♔a1 ♜xf5+ 8. ♔a2 ♜e6 9. ♜h7+ ♔d6 10. ♜h6 ♜e3-+]  
5... ♜e1+ 6. ♔a2 ♜b1+ 7. ♔a1 ♜xf5+ 8. ♔a2 ♜b1+ 9. ♔a1 ♜h7+ 10. ♔a2 ♜xg8 [Model pin stalemate!]

### Honourable Mention

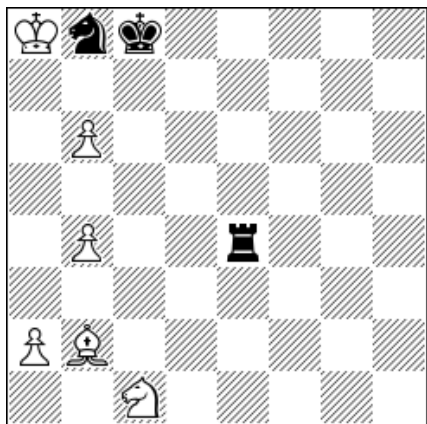
Martin Minski, Jan Sprenger (Germany)



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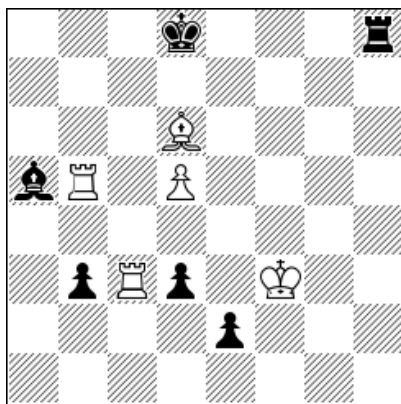
1. ♜f1! ♔xf1 2. ♜b7 ♜xb7 3. axb7 h5+ 4. ♔h4 ♜c7  
5. b8♚! ♜xb8 6. a4! ♜g3+! 7. ♜xg3 h1♚ 8. ♜g2!! a6! 9. ♜f2+! ♔e1 10. ♜g2! ♚f1 11. ♜g1!  
♚xg1 [stalemate]

Honourable Mention  
Petr Kiryakov (Russia)



1.b7+ ♔c7 2.b6+ ♔xb6 3.♖b3 ♗c6 4.♙d4+ ♔c7  
5.♙a7 ♖a4 6.♗a5 ♖xa5 7.b8♞+ ♗xb8 8.a4 ♖a6  
[8...♗a6 9.♙b6+ ♔xb6] stalemate; 9.a5

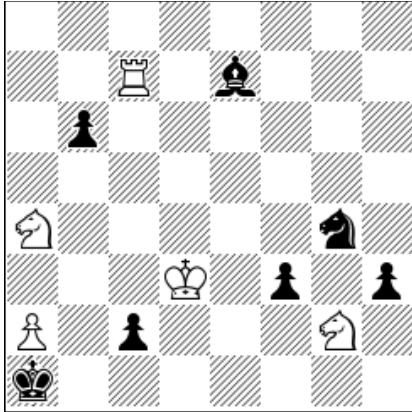
Honourable Mention  
Østmoe, Geir Sune Tallaksen (Finland)



1.♖c1 d2 2.♖c7! .e1♗+! 3.♔e2 ♙xc7  
4.♙xc7+ ♔xc7 5.d6+!  
[5.♖xb3? ♖h2+ 6.♔d1 ♔d6 wins, as the pawn on d5 prevents all stalemate ideas.;  
5.♔xd2? ♗f3+ 6.♔c3 ♖h3! wins.]  
5...♔xd6 6.♖xb3 ♖h2+ 7.♔d1 ♔e5 8.♖g3! ♔f4 9.♖g4+! ♔f3!  
10.♖d4! ♔e3 11.♖e4+! ♔xe4 [stalemate.]

### Honourable Mention

Luboš Kekely, Michal Hlinka, (Slovakia)

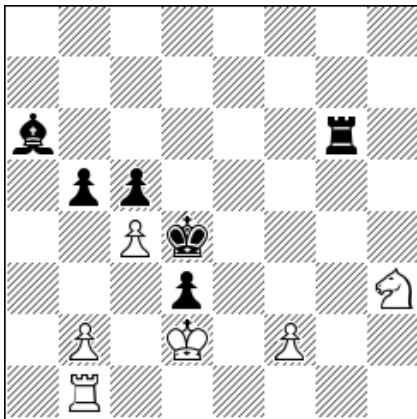


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1. ♖e1! ♜e5+ 2. ♔d4! ♚h2 3. ♞xc2 ♝c5+ 4. ♜xc5 ♞xc5+ 5. ♕c3! ♚h1 ♞  
[5...h1 ♞ 6. ♜d3! ♜xd3 7. ♕xd3 ♜b1 8. ♞f2=]  
6. ♞c1+! ♜xa2 7. ♜c2 ♞xc1 stalemate

### Honourable Mention

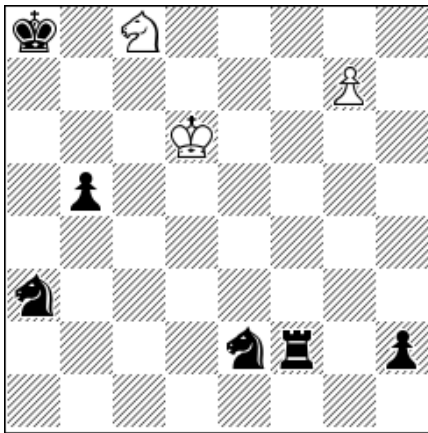
Petromir Panaiotov (Bulgaria)



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1. ♜f4 ♞f6! 2. ♜xd3 ♞xc4 3. ♜xc5!  
3... ♞xf2+ [3... ♜xc5 4. ♚b3 ♞d6+ 5. ♕c2! (5. ♕c3? ♞d3+ 6. ♕c2 ♚c3-+) 5... ♝c8! (5... ♝b7  
6. ♞e1=) 6. ♞a1! ♝f5+ 7. ♕c1 ♞xb3 8. ♞a5+ ♜b4 9. ♞xf5=]  
4. ♕e1 ♞h2 5. ♞a1!! [5. ♜xa6? ♞h1+ 6. ♕d2 ♞xb1 7. ♕c2 ♞h1-+]  
5... ♞h1+ 6. ♕d2 ♞xa1 7. ♜b3+! ♞xb3 stalemate

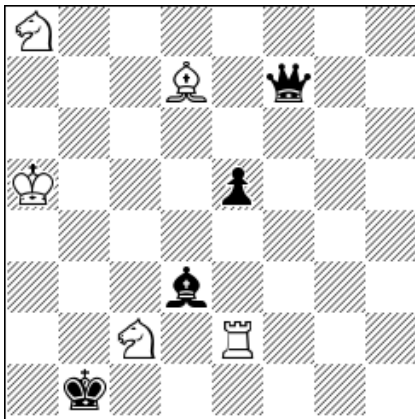
Honourable Mention  
Pavel Arestov (Russia)



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1.g8♔ h1♔ 2.♘e7+ ♔b7 3.♚c8+ ♔a7 4.♘c6+ ♚xc6+ 5.♔xc6 ♘d4+  
6.♔d5 ♘ac2 7.♔c5 ♚f7 8.♚d7+ ♚xd7 stalemate

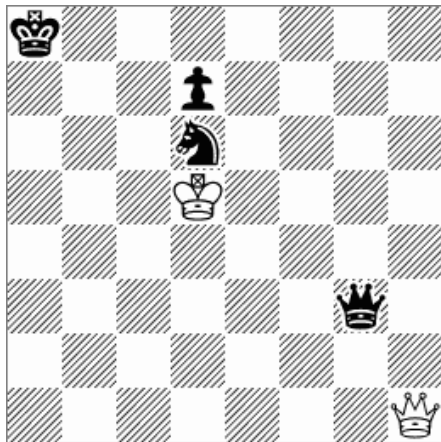
Special Honourable Mention  
Michael Pasman (Israel)



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1.♘a3+ ♔a1 2.♚xe5 ♚f8! 3.♘c4! [Thematic try : 3.♘b5 ♚xa8+ 4.♔b4 ♚b7 5.♔b3! ♔b1!-  
+ 6.♔e8 and Black wins for example by 6...♚g7 7.♚e2 ♚g8+ 8.♔c3 ♚g3+ 9.♔b4 ♚g4+;  
3.♔c6 ♚xa3+ 4.♔b6 ♚b2+ losing also the Rook;  
3...♔xc4 4.♘b6! ♚f4! 5.♚e1+! ♔b2 6.♚e3!!] ♔b1!? 7.♚e1+! ♔b2 8.♚e3! ♚c7!  
9.♔b5!! ♚a7+ 10.♔b4 ♚xb6 11.♚b3+! ♔a2 12.♚a3+ ♔b2 13.♚b3+! ♔xb3 stalemate

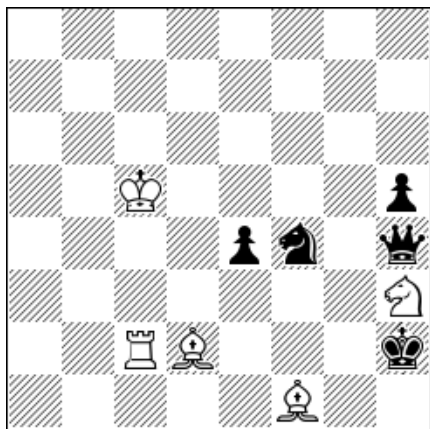
Commendation  
Ivan Malyi (Ukraine)



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1. ♖h8+ ♔b7 2. ♜b2+ ♔c8 3. ♜h8+ ♔b7 [3... ♔c7 4. ♜c3+ ♜xc3]  
4. ♜b2+ ♔a7 5. ♜d4+ ♔b8 6. ♜b4+ ♘b7 7. ♜f4+ ♜xf4 stalemate

Commendation  
Michal Hlinka (Slovakia), Jaroslav Polasek (Czech Republic)

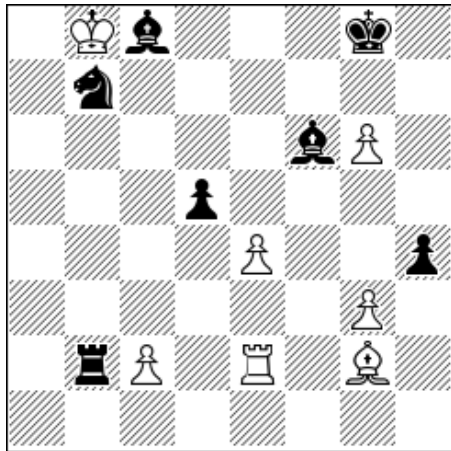


Black move =

1... ♜e7+ 2. ♔d4! ♜g7+! 3. ♔xe4! [3. ♔e3? ♘d5+ 4. ♔e2 ♜g4+ 5. ♔e1 ♜g3+ 6. ♔d1 ♜f3+ 7. ♔e1 ♔g3-+ 8. ♖c5 e3 9. ♖xd5 ♜xd5 10. ♙xe3-+ Nalimov] 3... ♜h7+ [3... ♜g6+ 4. ♔f3 ♜g3+ 5. ♔e4 ♜g6+ 6. ♔f3 ♜xc2 7. ♙xf4+ ♔h1=] 4. ♔f3 ♘xh3 [4... ♜xc2 5. ♙xf4+=] 5. ♙f4+ ♔g1 6. ♙d3! ♜xd3+ 7. ♙e3+ ♔h1 8. ♖h2+! [8. ♖c1+? ♔h2-+] 8... ♔xh2 stalemate

Commendation

Alexey Gasparyan (Armenia)



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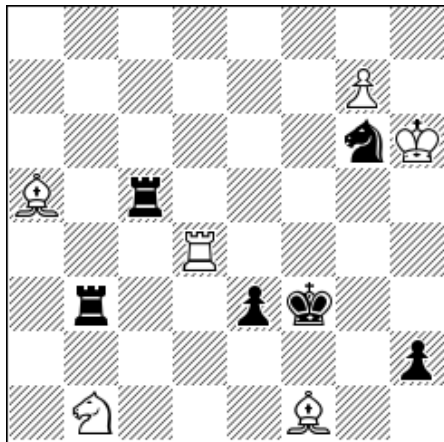
1.e5 ♕xe5+ 2.♖xe5 ♕e6 3.gxh4 ♘a5+ 4.♔c7 ♖xc2+ 5.♔d6 ♘c4+ 6.♔xe6 ♘xe5

7.♕xd5 ♘xg6 8.♔f6+ ♔h7 9.♕e4 ♖f2+ 10.♔g5 ♔g7 11.♕xg6 ♖g2+ 12.♔h5 ♖xg6

stalemate

Commendation

Darko Hlebec (Serbia)



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1.♘d2+ exd2 2.♕g2+ ♔xg2 3.♖xd2+ ♔h3 4.♖xh2+ ♔xh2

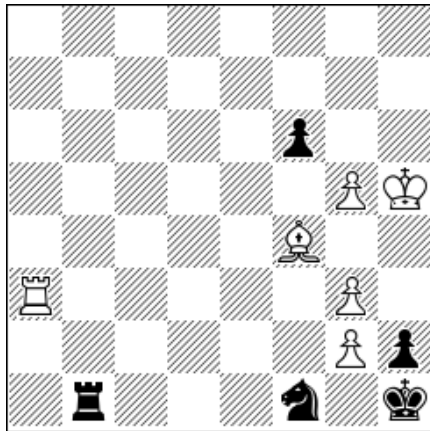
5.g8♚ ♖h3+ 6.♔g7 ♖g3 7.♕e1 ♖g2 8.♔h6 ♖h5+ 9.♔xh5 ♘f4+

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Commendation

Vladislav Tarasiuk (Ukraine)

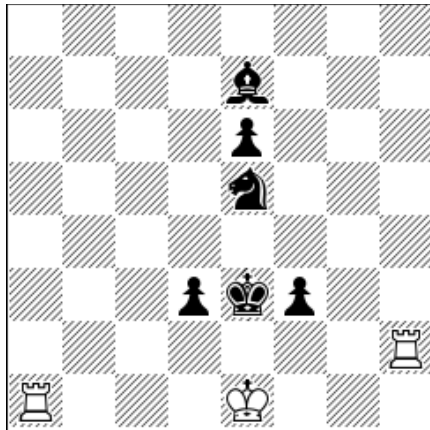


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1.g4 ♖b5 2.♙xh2 ♜xh2 3.♚h4 fxg5+ 4.♚h3 ♞f1 5.g3 ♞b8 6.♞a8 ♞b7 7.♞a7 ♞b6 8.♞a6 ♞b5 9.♞a5 ♞b4 10.♞a4 ♞b2 11.♞a2 ♞xa2

Commendation

Peter Krug (Austria), Mario Garcia (Argentina)



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1.♞h6! d2+ 2.♚f1! [with two lines :]  
 2...♙c5 [B] 2...♙b4 3.♞xe6 ♚f4 4.♞e8! ♜g4 5.♞d8 ♙c3 6.♞b1 ♚e4 7.♞e8+ ♚d3 8.♞g8 ♚c2 9.♞xg4 ♚xb1 10.♞d4 ♙xd4= stalemate]  
 3.♞xe6 ♚f4 4.♞ea6 ♚g3 5.♞6a4! ♜g4 6.♞xg4+ ♚xg4 7.♞a4+ ♚f5 8.♞d4! ♙xd4= stalemate