

WCCC 2024 Jūrmala, Quick Composing Tourney, Group B: Reflexmates

Theme: In a r#2, tries are refuted by blocking the black King, forcing checkmate to Black. Fairy pieces and conditions are not allowed.

Deadline: Sunday 28 July, 18:00 hrs.

Judge: Ilja Ketris

Director: Kostas Prentos

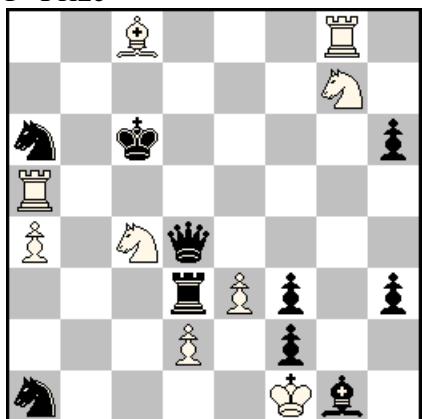
Judgement results:

We have received 4 problems for the r#2 section of the Quick Composing Ty. The following distribution is offered:

No.3 - Juraj Lörinc

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1st Prize



r#2

(9+10) C+

The black king has a flight on c7; so White cannot immediately checkmate him.

1.Sg7~ [2.Rg2 hxg2#]

However, specific tries have some negative motivation for White:

1.Se8? [2.Rg2 hxg2#], but it guards the original flight c7 and additionally d6, allowing the refutation 1...Qb6! (selfblock of b6 and unguarding of e5), forcing 2.Se5#

1.Se6? [2.Rg2 hxg2#], but it guards the original flight c7 and additionally c5, allowing the refutation 1...Qd5! (selfblock of d5 and unguarding of a6-c6), forcing 2.Rxa6#

1.Sf5? [2.Rg2 hxg2#], avoids guarding the original flight c7, but gives the wS access to e7, allowing the refutation 1...Sc7! (selfblock of c7), forcing 2.Se7#

Solution:

1.Sh5! [2.Rg2 hxg2#]

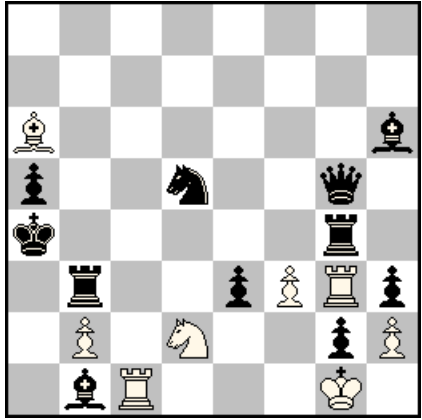
1...Bh2 2.Rxg1 fxg1=Q#

1...h2 2.Rxg1 fxg1=Q,hxg1=Q#

1...Qg4,Qg7 2.R~8 Qg2#

With three thematic variations, this is a clear winner.

No.4 - Andy Ooms
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2nd Prize



r#2 (8+11) C+

Thematic Tries:

1.Rc3? [2.Rxe3 Qxe3#] but 1...Rbb4! (2.Ra3#)

1.Sc4? [2.Sxe3 Qxe3#] but 1...Sb4! (2.Sb6#)

Non-thematic try:

1.fxg4? [2.Rxe3 Qxe3#] but 1...Kb4! (2.Rc4#)

Solution:

1.Re1! [2.Rxe3 Qxe3#]

1...Sf4 2.Rxh3 Sxh3#

1...Rf4 2.Rxg2 Qxg2#

Two thematic variations are cleanly shown in a compact setting.

Of those outside the award, one problem (No.1, Ke3/Kc6) features just one thematic variation, while another (No.2, Kd3/Kd5) presents a symmetric position with Zugzwang key, which was deemed non-thematic.