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#6

Mate in 6

(C+)

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NUMBER 1

SPECIAL HONORABLE MENTION on [UAPA Horacio L. Musante MT 2016](#) (judge **Mario Guido Garcia**)

Solution: **1. Rf2!** [threat 2. Ra2#]

1. ... gxf2 2. exd8=S [threat 3. Sb7#]

2. ... f1=S+ 3. Ke2 [threat 4. Sb7#]

3. ... Sg3+ 4. Kd2 [threat 5. Sb7#]

4. ... e3+ 5. Kc2 [ad lib. 6. Sb7#]

4. ... Sf1+ 5. Kc1 [ad lib. 6. Sb7#]

(2. exd8=Q? [threat 3. Sa8/Sxd5/Se6#]

But 2. ... f1=S+! 3. Ke2 [threat 3. Sa8/Sxd5/Se6#]

3. ... Sg3+ 4. Kd2 [threat 3. Sa8/Sxd5/Se6#]

4. ... Sf1+ 5. Kc1 [threat 3. Sa8/Sxd5/Se6#]

5. ... Bg3! And no mate at 6th move, because of 6. ... Bc7)

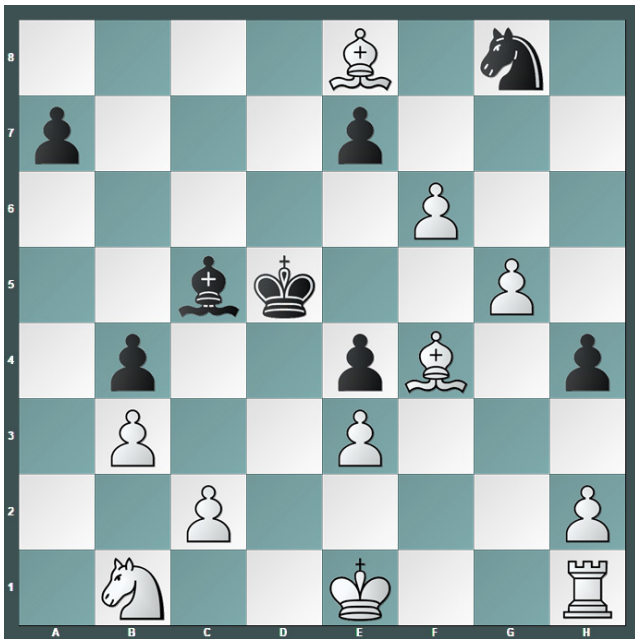
1. ... Qxe8 2. fxe8=Q [threat 3. Ra2#]

2. ... gxf2 3. Sb2 [threat 4. Qa4#]

3. ... f1=S+ 4. Ke2 [threat 5. Qa4#]

4. ... Sg3+ 5. Kd1 [ad lib. 6. Qa4#]

FEN: 3qB3/2N1PP2/p7/k1Pp1Rp1/2pPp1pb/2P1K1p1/6P1/3N4



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Mate in 7

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NUMBER 2

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Try: 1. c4+?

But 1. ... bxc3 e.p.!

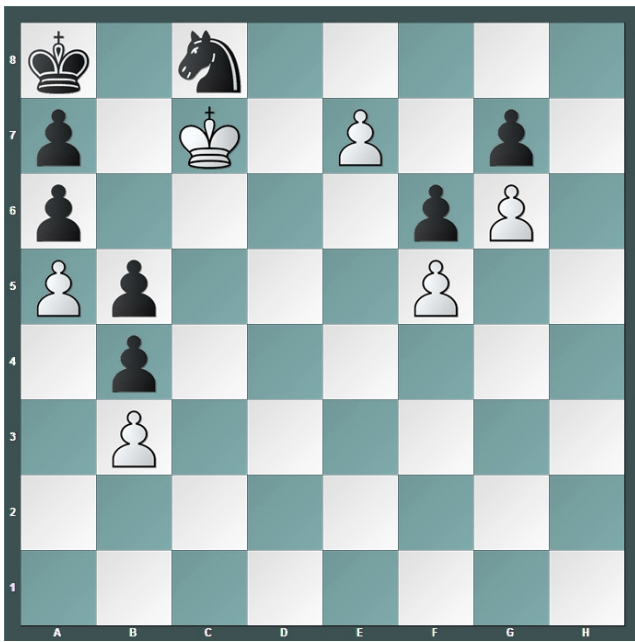
Solution: **1. f7!** [threat 2. fxg8=Q+ and mate in 2]

1. ... Sf6! 2. c4+
 2. ... bxc3 e.p. 3. Sxc3+
 3. ... Ke6 4. f8=S+
 4. ... Kf5 5. Bg6+
 5. ... Kg4 6. h3+
 6. ... Kf3 7. O-O#

2. ... Ke6 3. f8=S+
 3. ... Kf5 4. Bg6+
 4. ... Kg4 5. Rg1+
 5. ... Kh3 (5. ... Kf3? 6. Sd2#) 6. Bf5+
 6. ... Sg4 7. Bxg4#

COMMENT: Valladao Task – Presence of a Q promotion as threat, and S promotion in play – Presence of a R solo move in the second variation, instead of castling.

FEN: 4B1n1/p3p3/5P2/2bk2P1/1p2pB1p/1P2P3/2P4P/1N2K2R



6+8 #8

Mate in 8

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NUMBER 3

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Solution: **1. e8=B!** [threat 2. Bc6#]

1. ... Se7 2. Bf7 [threat 3. Be6 [zugzwang]
(2. Bd7? ... Sd5+!)]

2. ... Sc6 3. Bg8 [zugzwang]
(3. Be6? ... Se7!)
(3. Bd5? [threat 4. Bxc6#] ... stalemate!)]

3. ... Se7 4. Be6 [zugzwang]
(4. Bf7? ... Sc6!)]

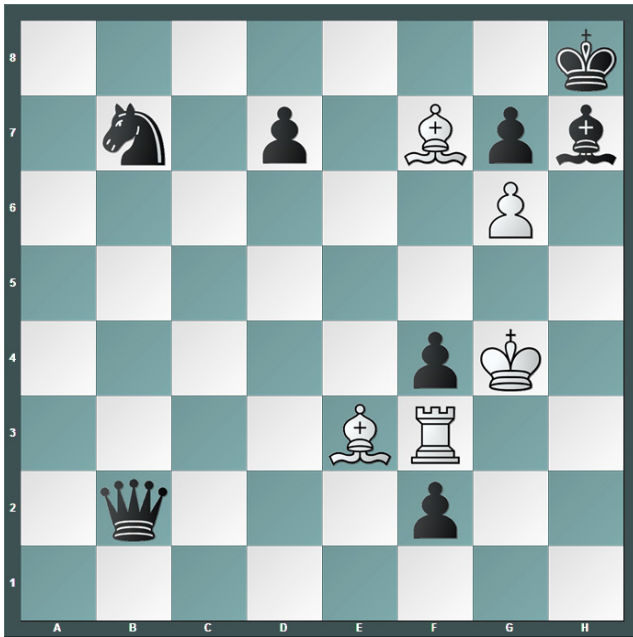
4. ... Sc6 5. Bc8 [threat 6. Bb7#]
(5. Bd7/f7/g8? [zugzwang] 5. ... Se7!)
(5. Bd5? [threat 6. Bxc6#] ... stalemate!)]

5. ... Sd8 6. Bxa6 [threat 7. Kc8 [zugzwang]
(6. Bd7? [zugzwang] 6. ... Sb7!)
(6. Kxd8? ... Kb8!)]

6. ... Se6+ 7. fxe6 [ad lib. 8. Bb7#]

COMMENT: Duel theme. Avoided stalemate.

FEN: k1n5/p1K1P1p1/p4pP1/Pp3P2/1p6/1P6/8/8



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#8

Mate in 8

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NUMBER 4

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Solution: **1. Rh3!** [threat 2. Rxh7#]

1. ... Qe2+ 2. Kg5 [threat 3. Rxh7#]

2. ... Qb5+ 3. Bc5! [threat 4. Rxh7#]

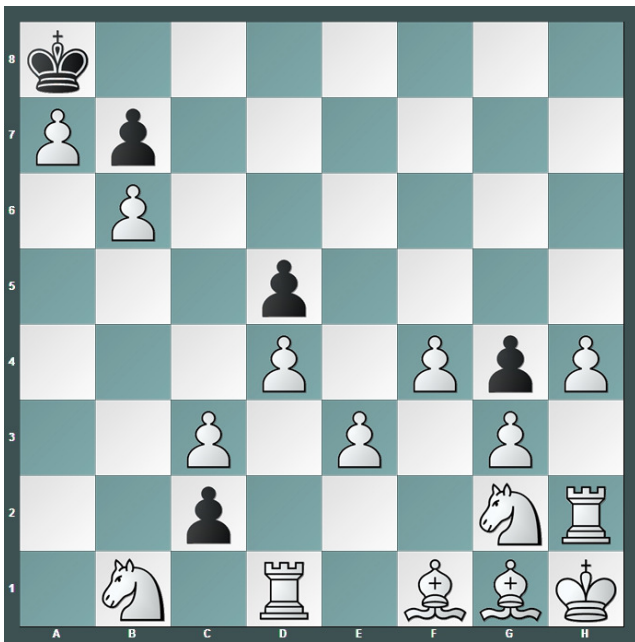
3. ... Qxc5+ 4. Kg4 [threat 5. Rxh7#]

4. ... Qf5+ 5. Kxf5 [threat 6. Rxh7#]

5. ... Sd6+ 6. Kg4 [threat 7. Rxh7#]

6. ... Sxf7 7. exf7 [threat 8. f8=Q#]

FEN: 7k/1n1p1Bpb/6P1/8/5pK1/4BR2/1q3p2/8



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NUMBER 5

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Waiting for verdict

Solution: **1. Sa3!** [threat 2. Sb5 [threat 3. Sc7#]

1. ... cxd1=S 2. Se1 [threat 3. Sb5 [threat 4. Sc7#]

2. ... Sf2+ 3. Kg2 [threat 4. Sb5 [ad lib. 5. Sc7#]

3. ... Sd3 4. Sb5 [threat 5. Sc7#]

4. ... Sxf4+ 5. gxf4 (*exf4?*) [ad lib. 6. Sc7#]

4. ... Sxe1+ 5. Kh1 [ad lib. 6. Sc7#]

3. ... Sh3 4. Sb5 [threat 5. Sc7#]

4. ... Sxf4+ 5. gxf4 (*exf4?*) [ad lib. 6. Sc7#]

3. ... Sd1 4. Sb5 [threat 5. Sc7#]

4. ... Sxe3+ 5. Kh1 [ad lib. 6. Sc7#]

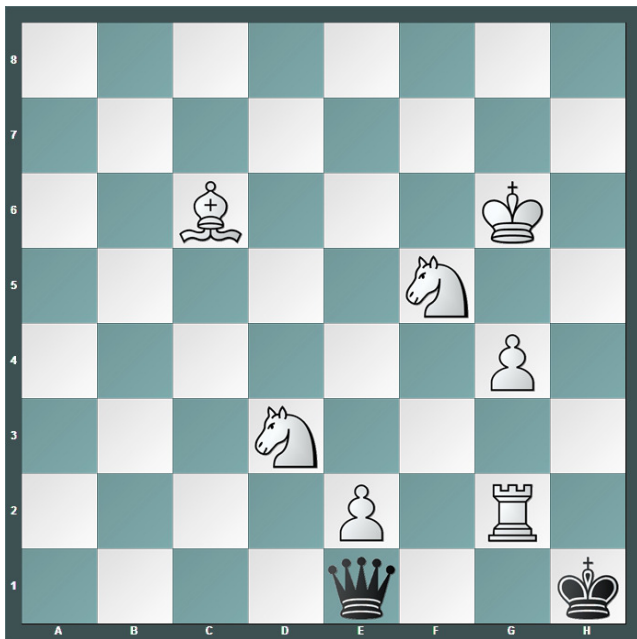
1. ... c1=Q 2. Sb5 [threat 3. Sc7#]

2. ... Qxc3 3. Ra1 [threat 4. Sc7+

4. ... Qxc7 5. bxc7 [threat 6. c8=Q, c8=R#]

5. ... b6/b5 6. c8=Q#]

FEN: k7/Pp6/1P6/3p4/3P1PpP/2P1P1P1/2p3NR/1N1R1BBK



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#4

Mate in 4

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NUMBER 6

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Waiting for verdict

Try: 1. e3? [threat 2. Re2+
2. ... Kg1 3. Rxe1+
3. ... Kh2 4. Rh1#]

1. ... Qh4 2. Re2+
2. ... Kg1 3. Sxh4 [zugzwang]
3. ... Kf1 4. Re1#

But 1. ... Qxe3!

Solution: 1. g5! [threat 2. Rg4+
2. ... Kh2 3. Sxe1 [zugzwang]
3. ... Kh3 4. Rh4#]

1. ... Qh4 2. Rg4+
2. ... Kh2 3. Rxh4+
3. ... Kg1 4. Rh1#

FEN: 8/8/2B3K1/5N2/6P1/3N4/4P1R1/4q2k