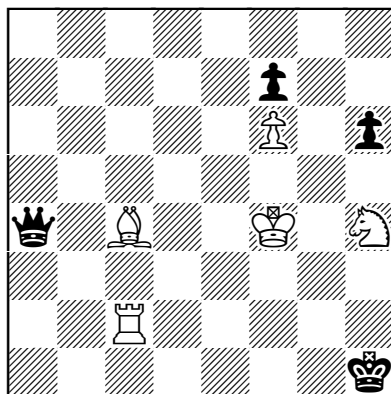


1) Richard Becker

1st Prize, Pat a Mat 2016-17

Pat a Mat No.95, Diagram 44, 03.2016



White: Kf4, Rc2, Bc4, Nh4. Pf6 (5). Black: Kh1 Qa4 Pf7, Ph6 (4)

#12

(5+3)

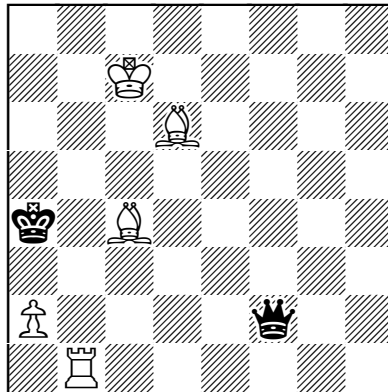
1.Rc1+? Kh2 zz

1.Rc3! Kh2 (1...Kg1 2.Kg3 Qd1 3.Nf3+) 2.Rc1 zz h5 3.Nf3+ Kg2 4.Rg1+ Kf2 5.Rf1+ Kg2 6.Nh4+ Kh2 7.Rc1 zz Qc6 8.Nf3+ Qxf3+ 9.Kxf3 h4 10.Bf1 h3 (10...Kg1 11.Bg2+ Kh2 12.Rh1#) 11.Bxh3 Kxh3 12.Rh1#. Tempo play.



3) Richard Becker

Seven Chess Notes no.124, Diagram 6205, 05.2016



White: Kc7, Rb1, Bc4, Be6, Pa2 (5). Black: Ka4, Qf2 (2).

#9

(5+2)

1.Rb8? Qa7+! 2.Kc8 Qxb8+

1.Rb7? Qd4! 2.Bb3+ Ka5

1.Rb6? Qxb6+! 2.Kxb6 stalemate

1.Rb4+! Ka5 2.Rb7 Qe3 (2...Qd4 3.Bb4+ Ka4 4.Bb3#) 3.Rb5+ Ka4 4.Rb4+ Ka5

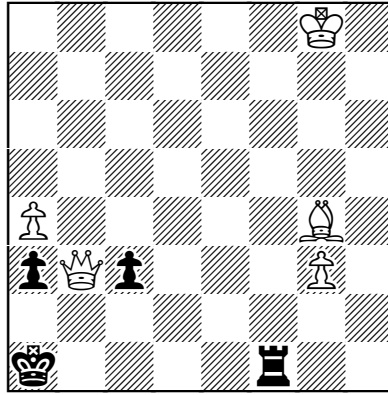
5.Rb7! zz Ka4 6.Bb3+ Qxb3 (6...Ka5 7.Bb4+ Ka6 8.Bc4#) 7.Rxb3 Ka5 8.Kc6 K~

9.Ra3#. Tempo play. Three tries along a line.

4) Richard Becker

3rd Prize, StrateGems 2016

StrateGems no.76, Diagram M1415, 10.2016



White: Kg8, Qb3, Bg4, Pa4, Pg3 (5). Black: Ka1, Rf1, Pa3, Pc3 (4).

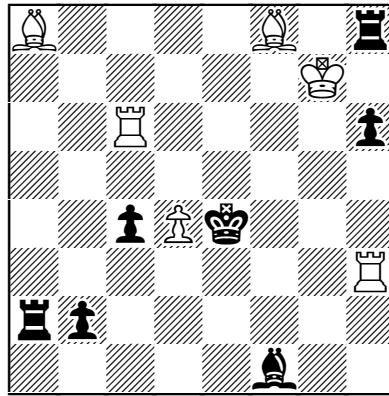
#9

(5+4)

1.Qxc3+? Kb1 2.Be2 (2.Qd2 Rf6!) 2...Rf2 3.Bd3+ Ka2 4.Qb4 Rb2! 5.Qc4+ Ka1  
1.Qc2! a2 2.Bf3 (2.Bf5? Rb1! 3.Bc8 Rf1 4.Bf5 Rb1 5.Qxc3+ Rb2 6.Qd4 stalemate )  
2...Re1 3.Be2 (3.Be4? Rb1! 4.Bb7 Re1) 3...Rd1 4.Bd3 (4.Qxc3+? Kb1 5.Bxd1 a1N!)  
4...Rb1 5.Bb5 (5.Qxc3+ Rb2 6.Qd4 stalemate) 5...Rd1 (5...Rxb5 6.Qc1+ Rb1 7.Qxc3+  
Rb2 8.Qd4 Kb1 9.Qd1#) 6.Be8 Rb1 (6...Re1 7.Qxc3+ Kb1 8.Bg6+ Re4 Bxe4#)  
7.Qxc3+ Rb2 8.Qd4 Kb1 9.Qd1#. Bishop duel with mad Rook.

5) Richard Becker

StrateGems no.81, Diagram 1514, 01.2018



White: Kg7, Rc6, Rh3, Ba8, Bf8, Pd4 (6). Black: Ke4, Ra2, Rh8, Bf1, Pb2, Pc4, Ph6 (7).

#19

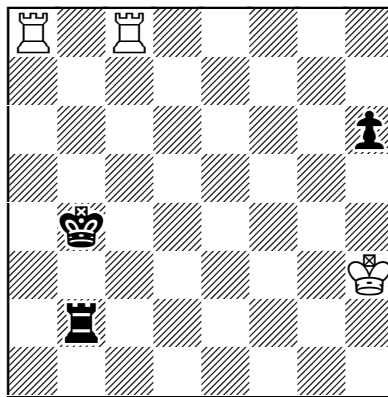
(6+7)

1.Re6+? Kf5 2.Rf6+ Kg4

1.Ra6+! Kxd4 2.Rd6+ Kc5 3.Rc6+ Kd5 (3...Kb5 4.Rh5+ Ka4 5.Rb6; 3...Kd4 4.Bc5+ Kd5  
5.Rh5+ Ke4 6.Re6+ Kf4 7.Re4+ Kf3 8.Re3+ Kg4 9.Bf3+ Kf4 10.Rh4+) 4.Rc5+ Kd4  
5.Rd5+ Ke4 6.Ra5+ Kd4 7.Bc5+ Ke5 8.Ba3+ Kd4 9.Rd5+ Ke4 10.Rd8+ Ke5 11.Re3+  
Kf5 12.Rf3+ Ke6 13.Rd6+ (13.Rf6+? Ke5 14.Rd5+ Ke4 15.Re6+ Kf3 16.Rd3+ Kf4  
17.Re4+ Kf5) 13...Ke5 14.Rd5+ Ke4 15.Rd8+ Ke5 16.Bd6+ Kd4 17.Bf8+ Ke5 18.Re8+  
Kd4 19.Re4#. The batteries fire eight times.

6) Richard Becker

ChessStar.com, Diagram 2244, 12.2018



White: Kh3, Ra8, Rc8 (3). Black: Kb4, Rb2. Ph6 (3).

#7

(3+3)

1.Ra7? Rb3+! 2.Kg4 h5+ 3.Kh4 Rh3+ 4.Kxh3 Kb5 5.Ra1 Kb6 6.Rb1+ Ka7

1.Rc7! Rb3+ 2.Kg4 (2.Kh4? h5! zz) 2...h5+ 3.Kh4 zz Rh3+ 4.Kxh3 Kb5 5.Rb8+ Ka6

6.Kh4 Ka5 7.Ra7#

1...Kb3 2.Ra6! (2.Rc6? h5! zz 3.Rc7 (3.Ra7 Rh2+ 4.Kxh2 Kb4 6.Rb7+ Ka5) 3...h4 zz

4.Rc6 Rh2+ 5.Kxh2 Kb4 6.Rb8+ Ka5) 2...h5 3.Rc8 zz h4 4.Ra7 zz Rh2+ 5.Kxh2 Kb4

6.Rb7+ Ka5 7.Ra8#. Tempo play in two variations.