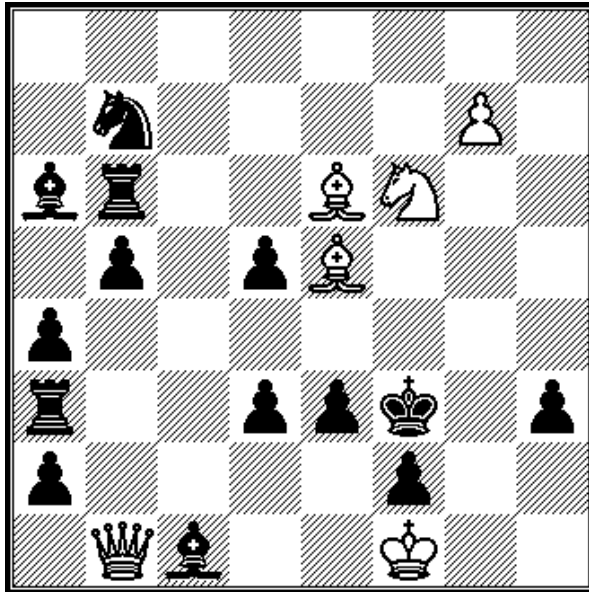


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s#3

C+, (6+14)

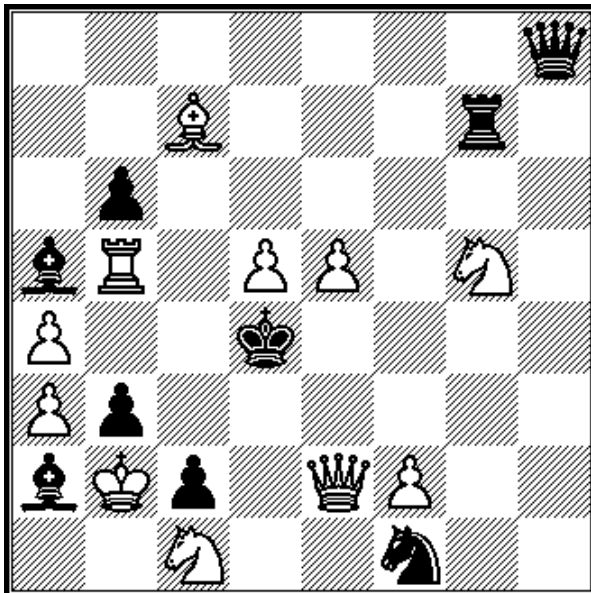
- 1.Lh2! (2.g8D ~ 3.Dg2+ h:g2#)
 1.- d2 2.D:b5! (3.De2+ L:e2#)
 2.- T:b5/Td3 3.**L:d5/D:d5+** Tb/Td:d5#
 1.- b4 2.D:d3! (3.De2+ L:e2#)
 2.- Tb5/T:d3 3.**D:d5/L:d5+** Tb/Td:d5#

Reciprocal change, theme 10. WCCT, quiet 2nd white moves in threat and solution, that use Black's defensive idea – destruction of the half battery a6-f1 (inversion of motifs)

FEN: 8/1n4P1/br2BN2/1p1pB3/p7/r2ppk1p/p4p2/1Qb2K2

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s#3

C+, (11+9)

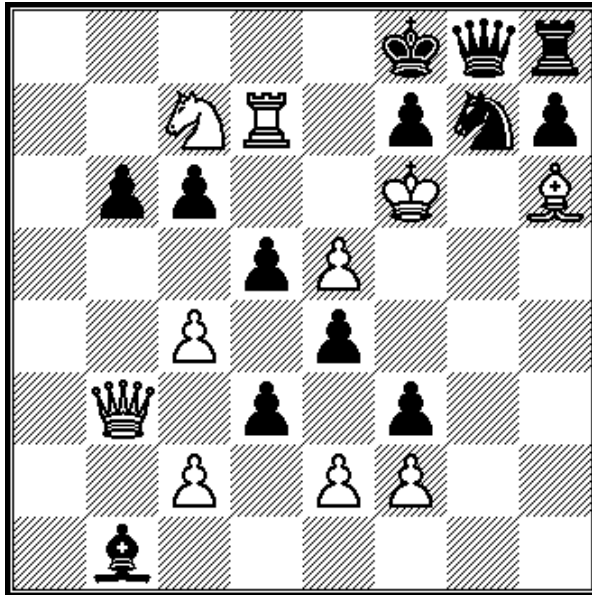
- 1.e6! (2.Qe5+ Kc4 3.Qc3+ B:c3#)
 1.- R~ 2.Be5+ Q:e5 3.Qc4+ K:c4#
 1.- R:g5! 2.B:b6+ B:b6 3.Qe4+ K:e4#
 1.- R:c7! 2.Qg4+ Ke5 3.Qf4+ K:f4#
 (1.- Se3 2.Q:e3+ Kc4 3.Qc3+ B:c3#)

Black correction with black half battery, in all thematic variants inversion of motifs, sacrifices of wQ and mating moves by the black royal battery on different squares

FEN: 7q/2B3r1/1p6/bR1PP1N1/P2k4/Pp6/bKp1QP2/2N2n2

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s#4

C+, (10+13)

1.R:f7+? Q:f7+ 2.Kg5!, 1.B:g7+? Q:g7+ 2.Kf5!

1.e:f3! (2.f4 ~ 3.f5 ~ 4.B:g7+ Q:g7#)

1.- d:c2 2.Qe3! (3.Qg5 ~ 4.R:f7+) c1Q! (guarding g5 indirectly)

3.Qc5+! b:c5 4.R:f7+ Q:f7# (using the guard)

1.- e:f3 2.Q:d3! (3.Qf5 ~ 4.B:g7+) B:c2! (guarding f5 indirectly)

3.Qa3+! c5 4.B:g7+ Q:g7# (using the guard)

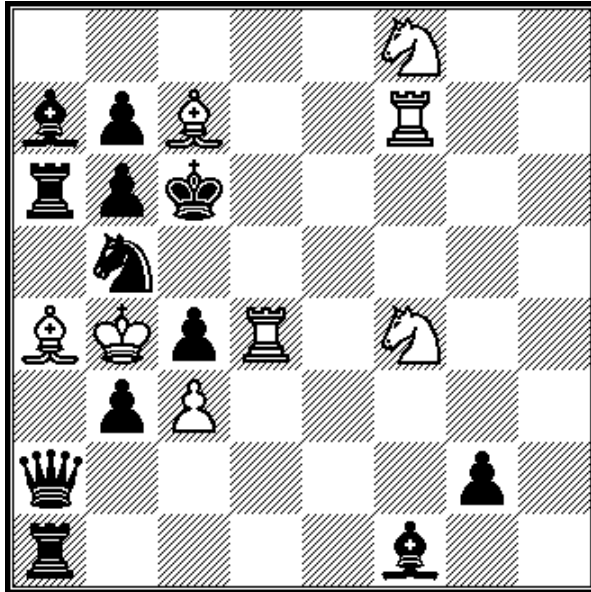
(1.- d2 2.f4 d1R 3.f5 Rg1 4.R:f7+); 1.Q:b1? f:e2!

Fight for blocking resp. guarding the fields f5,g5 with quiet threats and specific use of Black's defences. (Remark: Pawn f2 is not necessary for soundness, but preferable to avoid Black's possibility f2-f1 in diagram position)

FEN: 5kqr/2NR1pnp/1p3K1B/1p1pP3/2P1p3/1Q1p1p2/2P1PP2/1b6

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s#10

C+, (8+12)

1.Rf5? Ra5? 2.Bb8! etc., but 1.- K:c7!

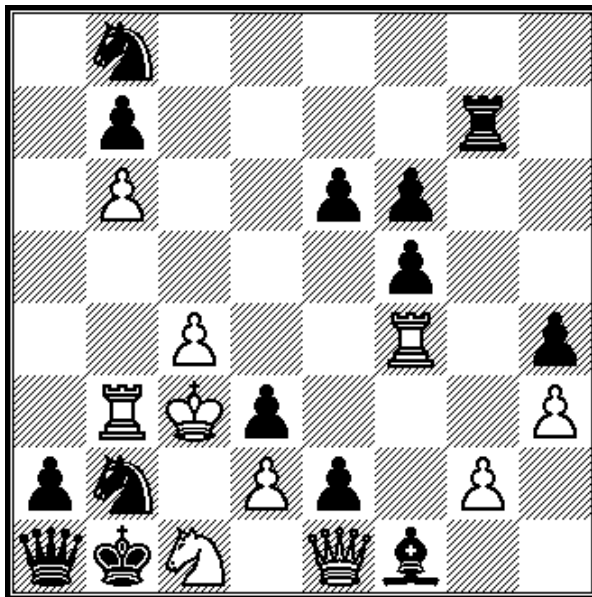
1.Rd5! (2.Rc5+ b:c5#) Ra5 2.Rdd7! (3.B:b5+ R:b5#) Ra6
 3.Rf5 Ra5 4. Be5 Ra6 5.Rdd5 Ra5 6.Rd4 Ra6 7.Bb8 Ra5
 8.R:c4+ B:c4 9.Rf6+ Be6 10.B:b5+ R:b5#

Multiple foreplans to improve White's position (Bc7 to b8, Rf7 to f5), pendulum manoeuvres with switchbacks

FEN: 5N2/bpB2R2/rpk5/1n6/BKpR1N2/1pP5/q5p1/r4b2

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s#10

C+, (10+14)

1.R:b2+?? Q:b2+ 2.K:d3!

1.S:a2+? K:a2 2.Ra3+ K:a3! 3.RaX+??, 1.R:f5??

1.Rd4! (2.R:d3 ~ 3.R:b2+ Q:b2#, tries to block d3) **Rd7!** (2.R:d3? R:d3+!!, defends by masked guard of d3) **2.Re4!** (3.R:b2+ Q:b2#, possible now due to Black's guard) **Rg7!** (unguards d3 and keeps an eye on g3) **3.Re3! Rg3 4.R:e6 Rg7 5.Re3 Rg3 6.Re5 Rg7 7.Rd5!**

Rd7 8.S:a2+ K:a2 9.Ra3+ K:a3 10.Ra5+ Sa4#

(6.- Rg5 7.Rd5 f4 8.R:d3 Rb5 9.R:b5~ 10.R:b2+ Q:b2#)

Logical moreover – „swinging rooks“-foreplan with very specific and original motivation (attempt to block vs. guard/unguard) to improve White's rook position for the surprising final play with battery mate

FEN: 1n6/1p4r1/1P2pp2/5p2/2P2R1p/1RKp3P/pn1Pp1P1/qkN1Qb2