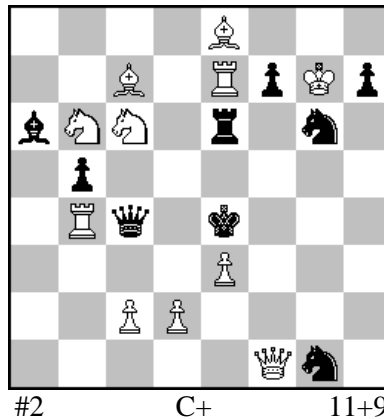


No. 1

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1st Prize

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Tries

1. ♖c moves? [2. ♙c6 (A) ≠]
1. ..., ♜f3 (x); 2. ♚d3 (B) ≠
1. ..., ♜xe7/e5/f4 (♚d4+); 2. ♚(x)f4 (♞xd4) ≠
But 1. ..., ♙b7!

1. ♖e5? [2. ♚d3 (B) ≠, NOT 2. ♙c6 (A)?]
1. ..., ♞xe5; 2. ♙c6 (A) ≠
1. ..., ♜e2 (y); 2. ♚f3 (X) ≠
1. ..., ♜xe5/f4; 2. ♚(x)f4 ≠
But 1. ..., ♞d6!

Solution

1. ♖d4! [2. ♚f5 (C) ≠, NOT 2. ♚d3 (B)? 2. ♙c6 (A)?]
1. ..., ♚xf1; 2. ♙c6 (A) ≠
1. ..., ♚c5/d5; 2. ♚d3 (B) ≠
1. ..., ♜f3 (x); 2. ♚xf3 (X) ≠
1. ..., ♜xe7/e5/f4 (♚d4+); 2. ♚(x)f4 (♞xd4) ≠

Thematic Highlights

- ✓ White Correction + 3rd Degree Threat Correction
- ✓ Schema based on un-pins of black pieces
- ✓ Pseudo Le Grand between 1st and 2nd Tries
- ✓ Changed mate after 1. ..., ♜f3 (1st Try & Solution)
- ✓ Transferred mate 2. ♚f3 between 2nd Try & Solution.
- ✓ Failing threat(s) return as variation mate(s) in 2nd Try and Solution

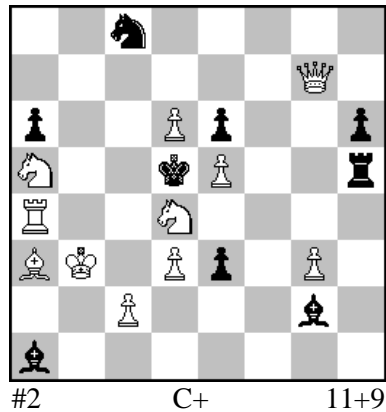
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Set Play

1. ..., ♖xe5 (a); 2. ♔b7 (A) ≠

1. ..., ♙xd4 (b); 2. c4 (B) ≠

Try

1. ♔g4? [2. ♔xe6 ≠]

1. ..., ♖xe5 (a); 2. c4 (B) ≠

1. ..., ♙xd4 (b); 2. ♔xd4 (C) ≠

1. ..., ♙xe5 (♙h3); 2. ♔xe6 (♔e4) ≠

But 1. ..., ♖f5 !

Solution

1. ♘c4! [2. ♘xe3 ≠]

1. ..., ♖xe5 (a); 2. ♔xe5 (D) ≠

1. ..., ♙xd4 (b); 2. ♔b7 (A) ≠

1. ..., ♙xd4; 2. ♘b6 ≠

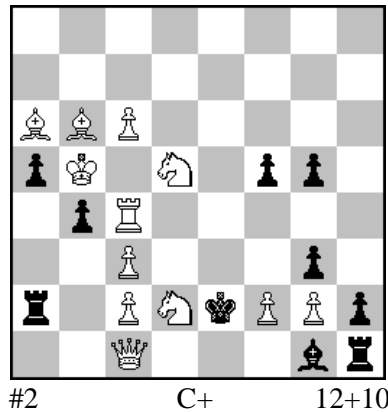
Thematic Highlights

- ✓ Zagoruiko
- ✓ Reciprocal Change of Mates across the three Phases
- ✓ Theme Bykos
- ✓ Flight-giving Keys (in both Try & Solution)
- ✓ A new battery mate in Solution after the King's flight

No. 3

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1st-2nd Prize ex-aequo

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Tries

1. ♖f4 (A)? [2. ♔c5 (B) ≠]
1. ..., gxf4; 2. ♗xf4≠
But 1. ..., ♕xf2 (x) !

1. ♖d4 (C) ? [2. ♖f1 (D) ≠]
1. ..., ♕xf2 (x); 2. ♔c5 (B)≠
But 1. ..., ♖a1!

Solution

1. ♔c5 (B) ! [2. ♖f4 (A) ≠]
1. ..., ♕xf2+ (x); 2. ♖d4 (C)≠
1. ..., ♖xf2; 2. ♖f1 (D) ≠

Thematic Highlights

- ✓ Urania (key/threat/mate B)
- ✓ 1 x Dombvroskis (threat/mate B, across 1st & 2nd Try)
- ✓ 1 x Vladimirov effect (key/mate C across 2nd Try & Solution)
- ✓ Key-Threat Reversal (A & B, across 1st Try & Solution)
- ✓ Key-Mate Reversal (C & B across 2nd Try & Solution)
- ✓ Threat D in second Try returns as a mate in Solution after the flight of the King.
- ✓ Changed mates after thematic defense (x).
- ✓ Flight-giving keys in Try2 and Solution
- ✓ Half-battery play

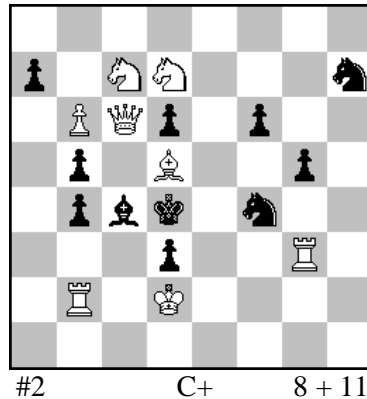
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3rd Prize

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Set Play

1. ..., ♔~; 2. ♖xb5 (A) ≠, but 1. ..., ♕xd5 (a) !
1. ..., ♜f~; 2. ♗(x)e6 (B) ≠, but 1. ..., ♝xd5 (b) !

Tries

1. ♜xb4 (C)? [2. ♖xb5 (A) ≠]
1. ..., ♝xd5 (b); 2. ♕xd5 (E) ≠
But 1. ..., a6!
1. ♜g4 (D) ? [2. ♗e6 (B) ≠]
1. ..., ♕xd5 (a); 2. ♕xd5 (E) ≠
But 1. ..., ♜f8!
1. ♜e3? [2. ♜e4≠]
1. ..., ♕xd5 (a); 2. ♖xb5 (A) ≠
1. ..., ♝xd5 (b); 2. ♗e6 (B) ≠
But 1. ..., f5!

Solution

1. ♕xd6! [2. ♕c5 (X) ≠]
1. ..., ♕xd5 (a); 2. ♜xb4 (C) ≠
1. ..., ♝xd5 (b); 2. ♜g4 (D) ≠
1. ..., ♜e6 (axb6); 2. ♗xe6 (♕xb6)

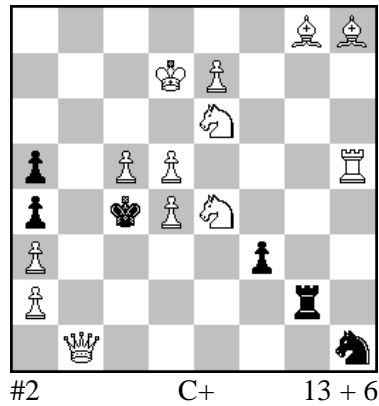
Thematic Highlights

- ✓ Zagoruijko over 4 phases (Tries + Solution)
- ✓ Bannyi (versus threats/mates C & D, and respectively defenses (b) and (a))
- ✓ Hannelius (versus Mates A & B)
- ✓ 2 x Dombrovskis “pattern” across Set Play and Solution: in Set Play the specific moves of the 2 thematic black pieces (Knight & Bishop) do not allow the respective thematic mates that, in the 3rd Try, appear after the thematic defenses.
- ✓ Black Correction matrix, with transferred Mates A & B across Set Play (after generic moves of black Knight/Bishop) & Solution (after specific moves of the Knight/Bishop).
- ✓ Pinning play

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Tries

1. ♖6g5 (D) ? [2. d6 (C) ≠]

1. ... ♜xg5; 2. ♕f1 ≠

But 1. ..., ♜c2 (a) ! ♜b2 (b) !

1. ♖c7 (A) ? [2. ♕b5 ≠]

1. ... ♜b2 (a); 2. d6 (C) ≠

But 1. ..., ♜g7!

1. ♖f4 (B) ? [2. ♕d3 ≠]

1. ... ♜c2 (b) (♜d2); 2. d6 (C) ≠

But 1. ..., ♜f2!

Solution

1. d6 (C) ! [2. ♖6g5 (D) ≠]

1. ..., ♜b2 (a); 2. ♖c7 (A) ≠

1. ..., ♜c2 (b); 2. ♖f4 (B) ≠

1. ..., ♜g6 (♜g7, ♜xg8); 2. ♕f1 ≠

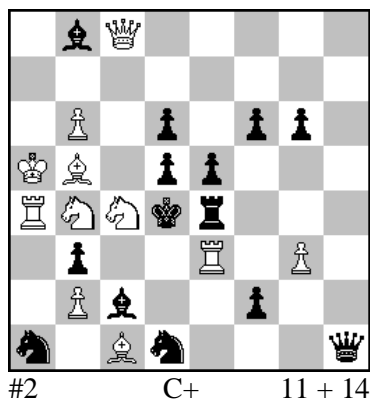
Thematic Highlights

- ✓ 2 x Vladimirov
- ✓ 2 x Dombrovskis obtained exploiting a double-refutation to the 1st Try (Threat/Mate (C); Refutations/Defences (a) & (b))
- ✓ 2 x Key-Mate Reversal
- ✓ Key-Threat Reversal
- ✓ Half-Battery

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Tries

1. ♖c~? [2. ♜b~ (A)≠ (NOT 2.♜c6 (B)? 2.♜d5 (C)?)]
 But 1. ..., ♔e1!

Try: 1. ♜d2? [2. ♜xc2 ≠ (NOT ♜xd5 (C)? 2.♜b~ (A)?)]
 1. ..., ♔xe3; 2. ♜xd5 (C) ≠
 But 1. ... ♜c7!

Solution

1. ♜xe5! [2. ♜bd3 ≠ (NOT 2.♜b~ (A)? 2.♜c6 (B)?)]
 1. ..., ♔xe5; 2. ♜bc6 (B) ≠
 1. ..., ♜d~; 2. ♔(x)c3 ≠
 1. ..., ♔e1; 2. ♜f3 ≠

Thematic Highlights

- ✓ White Correction & Threat Correction: the generic move of ♜c4 introduces a generic-move threat by ♜b4 (but not the 2 specific thematic mates). Correction moves of ♜c4 precise the threat by ♜b4.
- ✓ Half-battery matrix, with flight-giving keys in Try2 & Solution.
- ✓ Across the 3 phases, a cycle of “non effective” threats by ♜b4 develops, with two specific non-effective mates in Try2 and Solution (respectively 2.♜xd5 and 2.♜c6) returning as mates after the flights of the King.
- ✓ Reciprocal change of effects of the White Knights moves across Ty2 & Solution:
 - In Try2 the Key interferes a white-line, and the threat 2.♜xd5 is ineffective, since it will give a flight to the King due to capture of a Black Pawn.
 - In Solution the Key gives a flight by capturing Black Pawn, and the threat 2.♜b4 is ineffective, since it will interfere a white line.