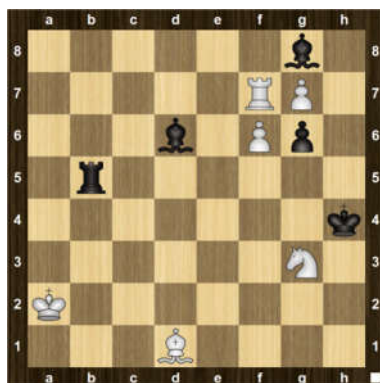


No. 1



Version, Skakbladet, 2013

1st prize, Jan Timman 60 JT, 2013

Draw

[FEN "6b1/5RP1/3b1Pp1/1r6/7k/6N1/K7/3B4 w - - 0 1"]

1. Bb3 Rxb3/i 2. Rf8 Bxf8/ii 3. Nf5+/iii gxf5/iv 4. f7 Rb2+ /v 5. Ka1 Ra2+ 6. Kb1 Ra1+ 7. Kc2 Rc1+ 8. Kd3 Rc3+ 9. Ke2 Rc2+ /vi 10. Kf1 /vii Rc1+ /viii 11. Ke2 /ix Re1+ 12. Kd3 /x Re3+ 13. Kc2 Rc3+ 14. Kd1 Rc1+ 15. Ke2 Re1+ 16. Kd3 Re3+ 17. Kc2 Re2+ 18. Kb1 /xi Rb2+ /xii 19. Ka1 /xiii Ra2+ 20. Kb1= draws /xiv

i) 1...Kxg3 2. Be6= or 1...Bxg3 Be6=

ii) 2...Rb8+ 3. f7 Bxf7+ 4. Rxf7 Kxg3 5. Rf6 g5 6. Rg6=, or 2...Bd5 (2...Be6) 3. Nf5+ gxf5 4. Rh8 Kg5 5. g8=Q+ Bxg8 6. Rxg8 Kxf6 7. Kxb3=

iii) Logical try 3. f7? Ra3+ 4. Kb1 Ra1+ 5. Kc2 Rc1+ 6. Kd3 Rc3+ 7. Ke2 Rc2+ 8. Kf1 Rf2+ 9. Kg1 Rxf7 (or 9...Bc5) and Black wins because the f-file is not blocked

iv) 3... Kg5 4. f7 Ra3+ 5. Kb1 Ra1+ 6. Kc2 Rc1+ 7. Kd3 Rc3+ 8. Ke2 Rc2+ 9. Kf1 Rc1+ 10. Kg2 (10. Ke2) =, or 3... Kh3 4. f7 Ra3+ 5. Kb1 Ra1+ 6. Kc2 Rc1+ 7. Kxc1 (7. Kd3)7... Ba3+ 8. Kc2 Bxf7 9. Nh6 Be6 10. g8=Q Bxg8 11. Nxc8 =

v) 4... Ra3+ 5. Kb1 Ra1+ transfers to the main line

vi) 9... Re3+ 10. Kd1 Rd3+ 11. Ke2 Rd2+ 12. Kf1 Rf2+ (12... Rd1+ 13. Ke2 Re1+ 14. Kd3)13. Kg1=

vii) 10. Kd1? Rd2+ 11. Ke1 Rd8 and Black wins, or 10. Kd3? Rd2+ and black wins, or 10. Kf3? Rf2+ (or 10... Bc5) and black wins

viii) 10... Rf2+ 11. Kg1 Bc5 12. fxg8=Q (12. f8=Q)= Due to White's knight sacrifice on the third move, the f-file is blocked so the black rook cannot reach f7 or f8 from f2.

ix) 11. Kg2? Rg1+

x) 12. Kf3? Re3+ (or 12... Rf1+ 13. Ke2 Rf2+ 14. Kd1 Rd2+ 15. Ke1 Rd8)13. Kf2 Bc5 14. f8=Q Re7+ +-

xi) 18. Kd1? Rd2+ 19. Ke1 Rd8 and Black wins

xii) 18... Re1+ 19. Kc2=

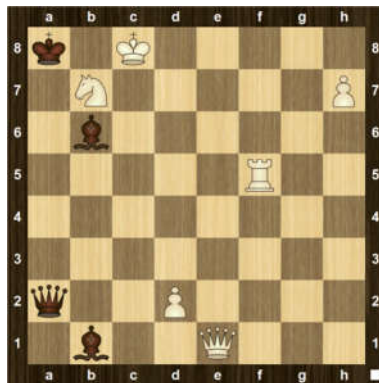
xiii) 19. Kc1? Rb8 and Black wins

xiv) The final position is identical to the one following White's 6th move.

Comments:

Initial sacrifice of all three white pieces. Foresight (3. Nf5+). The version was published in Skakbladet 4/2013: <http://www.skak.dk/images/skakbladet/2013/2013-04.pdf>

No. 2



2nd prize, Arves 25th AT 2014
Win

[FEN "k1K5/1N5P/1b6/5R2/8/8/q2P4/1b2Q3 w - - 0 1"]

1. d3 /i Bxd3 2. Rf8 Bf5+ /ii 3. Rxf5 Qc2+ /iii 4. Rc5 Bxc5 5. Qa5+ /iv Ba7+ 6. Nc5 /v Qxh7 /vi 7. Qd8 Bxc5 /vii 8. Qa5+Qa7 /viii 9. Qb5 Qb6 10. Qa4+ and mates.

i) 1. Rf8? Qd5 -+

ii) 2... Qc2+ 3. Kd7+ Kxb7 4. Rb8+ Kxb8 5. h8=Q+ wins; 2...Qd5 3. Qa1+ wins

iii) 3... Qc4+ 4. Nc5 (4. Kd7+) wins

iv) 5. h8=Q? 5... Bd4+=; 5. Qa1+ Ba7+/Ba3+=

v) 6.Qc7? Qf5+ 7. Qd7 (7. Kd8 eg 7... Qf8+=)7... Qc2+ 8. Kd8 Bb6+ 9. Ke8 eg Qg6+ =

vi) 6... Qf5+ 7. Nd7! Qxa5 (7... Qc2+ 8. Kd8 (or 8. Qc7) Qc8+ (8... Qxh7 9. Qd5#) 9. Ke7 wins (9. Kxc8 stalemate; 7... Qf8+ 8. Qd8 (or 8. Kc7) wins (8. Nxf8? stalemate)) 8. h8=Q Qa1 (8... Qd5 9. Kc7+ +-)-9. Nb6+ wins

vii) A) 7... Qf7 8. Qh8 Bxc5 (8... Bb6 9. Qh1+ (9. Qa1+ ? Ba5)9... Ka7 10. Qa1+)9. Qa1+ Ba7 (9... Qa7 10. Qh1+)(9... Ba3 10. Qxa3+ Qa7 11. Qf3+)10. Qh1+ wins

B) 7... Bb8 8. Qd5+ Ka7 9. Qa2+ Kb6 10. Nd7+ Kb5 (10... Kc6 eg 11. Qc4+)11. Qb3+ Kc6 eg 12. Qc4+ Kd6 13. Qc5+ Ke6 14. Nf8+ wins

viii)8...Ba7 9. Qd5+

No. 3



Die Schwalbe, June 2013

Win

(no award yet)

[FEN "1RB3Q1/8/1b5B/1br5/1r6/4K3/P3p3/2N4k w - - 0 1"]

1. Bb7+ /i Rc6+ ii/ 2. Kf3 iii/ Rc3+ 3. Nd3 Rxd3+ 4. Kxe2+ Rd5+ 5. Kf3 /iv Rd3+ 6. Be3 Rxe3+ 7. Kf2+ Ree4+ 8. Kg3 Bc7+ 9. Kf3 /v Be2+ 10. Kf2 Bb6+ 11. Ke1 Ba5 /vi 12. Bxe4+ /vii Rxe4+ 13. Kf2 Be1+ 14. Kxe1 Bc4+ 15. Kf2 Bxg8 16. Rxg8 Rf4+ /viii 17. Kg3 Ra4 /ix 18. Rb8 /x Ra3+ 19. Rb3 Rxa2 20. Rb1#

i) 1. Rxb6? e1=D+; 1. Nxe2? Rxc8+ 2. Kf3 Rxg8 3. Rxg8 Bxe2+ 4. Kxe2 Rb2+ 5. Kf3 Rxa2 =

ii) 1... Rd5+ 2. Kf3 e1=N+ 3. Kg3 Bc7+ eg 4. Bf4 Bxf4+ (4... Rxf4 5. Qh7+ Rh4+ 6. Qxc7) 5. Kf2 Rb2+ 6. Kxe1 Bd2+ 7. Kd1 Ba4+ 8. Nb3

iii) 2. Kd2? Rb2+ 3. Ke1 Ba5+ -+

iv) 5. Ke1? Rb1+ mates.

v) The king triangulation is necessary in order to hide on e1. 9. Kf2? Bb6+ is useless.

vi) 11... Bf3+ 12. Bxe4 Rxe4+ 13. Kd2 Re2+ 14. Kd3 Re3+ 15. Kc4 Re4+ 16. Kb5 and White wins.

vii) 12. Qh8+? Kg1 13. Rg8+ Bg4+ 14. Kd2 and Black at least has a perpetual, for instance 14...Rbd4+ 15. Kc1 Re1+ 16. Kc2 Re2+ 17. Kc1 Re1+

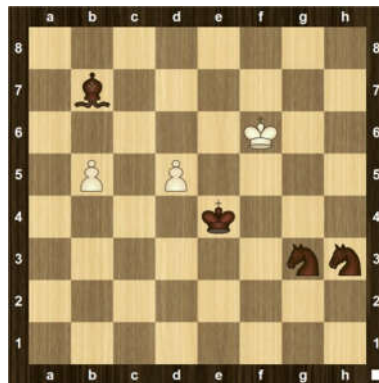
viii) 16... Ra4 17. Rh8+ and mate

ix) 17... Rc4 (or other moves along the fourth rank) 18. Ra8 wins for White. The position is a general win, if White holds on to the a-pawn.

x) 18. Rf8? (or 18. Rh8+?) 18...Kg1 19. Rb8 Kf1 20. Kf3 (20. Rb2 Ke1 draws) Ke1 21. Ke3 Kd1 22. Kd3 Kc1 =

Comments: 7 discovered checks from 7 batteries. 4 crosschecks. Triangulation manoeuvre by the white king on an open board.

No. 4



3+4

2.-3. Prize, Shakhmatnaya Kompositsia, 2014

Draw

[FEN "8/1b6/5K2/1P1P4/4k3/6nn/8/8 w - - 0 1"]

1. d6 Nh5+ /i 2. Ke7 N5f4 3. d7 Nd5+ 4. Kd6 /ii Ng5 5. d8=N /iii Ba8 /iv 6. b6 Nxb6 7. Kc7 Nc4 /v 8. Nb7 Kd5 /vi 9. Kb8 Nb6 10. Kc7 /vii Nd7 11. Nd8 /viii Nc5 12. Kb8 =

i) 1... Nf4 2. d7 Ngh5+ (2... Nfh5+ 3. Kg5) 3. Ke7 Ng6+ 4. Kd6 Ne5 eg 5. Kc7 =

ii) 4. Kf8? Ng5 5. d8=N Bc8 -+ (or 5... Ba8 -+)

iii) 5. d8=Q? Nf7+ -+

iv) 5... Bc8 6. b6 Nxb6 7. Kc7=

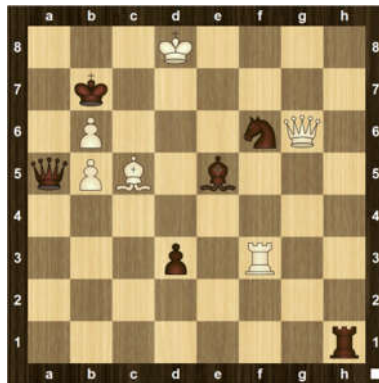
v) 7... Na4 8. Nb7 Kd5 9. Kb8 Nb6 transfers to the main line.

vi) 8... Ne6+ 9. Kb8 Nb6 10. Ka7= or 10. Nd6+ Kd5 11. Nc8=

vii) 10. Ka7? Kc6 and Black wins

viii) But not 11. Na5? Ke6 and Black wins.

No. 5



Javier Rodriguez Ibran 80 JT, 2015

4th prize

Win

[FEN "3K4/1k6/1P3nQ1/qPB1b3/8/3p1R2/8/7r w - - 0 1"]

1. Qg7+ Kb8 /i 2. Bd4 Rh8+ /ii 3. Qxh8 Bxd4 4. Qh2+ /iv Ka8 5. Kc8 /v Qxb6 /vi 6. Qa2+ Qa7 7. Rf2 Bxf2 /vii 8. b6 Qxa2 /viii 9. b7+ Ka7 10. b8=Q+ Ka6 11. Qa8+ /ix Kb5 12. Qxa2 wins /x

i) 1... Ka8 2. Rxf6 (2. Rxd3)+-

ii) 2... Bxd4 3. Qc7+ +-, 2...Rh7 3. Bxe5+ Ka8 4. Qxf6 +-, 2...Bd6 3. Rxf6 +-

iii) 3... Bc7+ 4. Ke7+ +-

iv) 4. Rxf6? Bxf6+ 5. Qxf6 Qxb5 6. Qd6+ Ka8 7. Qa3+ Kb7 8. Qa7+ Kc6 9. Qc7+ Kd5 10. b7 d2=

v) 5. Rxf6? Bxf6+ 6. Kc8 Qc3+ 7. Qc7 Qxc7+ 8. bxc7 d2 9. b6 d1=Q 10. b7+ Ka7 11. b8=Q+ Ka6=

vi) 5... Qc3+ 6. Qc7 Qxc7+ 7. bxc7 d2 eg 8. Ra3+

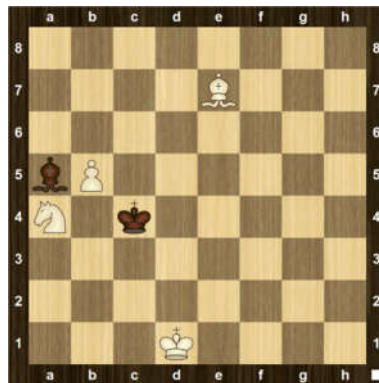
vii) 7... Bc5 8. Qxa7+ Kxa7/Bxa7 9. Rxf6 +-

viii) 8... Bxb6 9. Qg2+ +-

ix) 11. Qb7+? Ka5 12. Qa8+ Kb4 13. Qxa2 Ne4=

x) For instance 12...Ne4 13. Qb3+ Kc5 14. Qxd3 +-

No. 6



Olimpiya Dunyasi 2015

(no award yet)

Win

[FEN "8/4B3/8/bP6/N1k5/8/8/3K4 w - - 0 1"]

1. b6 Kb5 2. b7 /i Bc7 3. Nc5 Kb6 /ii 4. Ke2 /iii

MAIN A:

4... Bb8 5. Kd3 Ba7 /iv 6. Kc4 Kc7 7. Kb5 /v Bxc5 8. Ka6 Bxe7 /vi 9. Ka7 Bc5+ 10. Ka8 +-

MAIN B:

4... Ka7 5. Kf3! Bb6 6. Bd6 Bc7 7. Bf4/Bg3 +- (7. Bxc7? Stalemate)

i) 2. Bd8? Bb4 3. b7 (3. Nb2 Bc5 4. b7 Bd6 5. Be7 Bb8) Bd6 4. Be7 Bb8 5. Nc5 Kb6 (5... Kc6)6. Kc2 Ba7 7. Kc3 Kc7 8. Kc4 Bxc5=

ii) 3... Kc6 4. Kc2/4. Kd2/4. Ke2 +-

iii) 4. Kc2/4. Kd2? Ka7 5. Kd3 Bb6 6. Bd6 Bc7 7. Bxc7 Stalemate

iv) 5... Kc7 eg 6. Bg5 +-

v) 7. Bd8+? Kxd8=

vi) 8... Bd4 eg 9. Bd6+ +-

Comments: White's Reti-like 4. Ke2 takes into consideration both of Black's defensive plans; 4...Bb8 and 4...Ka7.