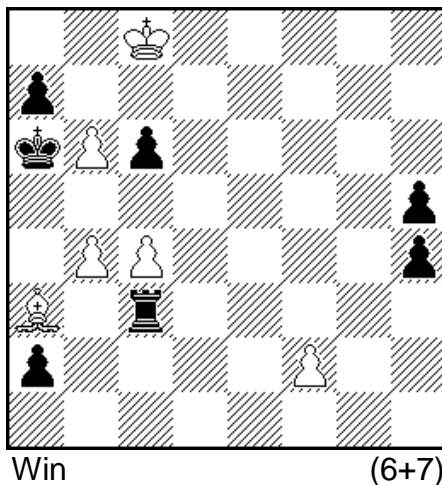
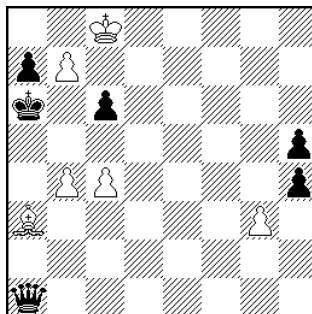


№1 Vladislav TARASIUK (UKRAINE)
5th FIDE World Cup, 2017 (version)
4th Prize

**1.b7 Rg3!!**

1...Rf3 2.b5+! Ka5 3.b8Q a1Q 4.Qxa7#;

1...a1Q 2.b8Q Rxa3 3.Qb7#

2.fxg3 a1Q**3.Bb2!!**

Try: 3.b8N+? Kb6 4.Nd7+ Ka6 5.Nc5+ Kb6 6.Na4+ Ka6, draw.

3...Qxb2

3...Qe1 4.b8N+! Kb6 5.Bd4+ c5 6.Bxc5#; 3...Qd1 4.Kc7, +/-.

4.b8N+!

4.b8Q? Qh8+, -+.

4...Kb6 5.Nd7+ Ka6 6.Nc5+ Kb6 7.Na4+ Ka6 8.Nxb2 hxg3 9.Na4!

9.Nd3? Kb6! =.

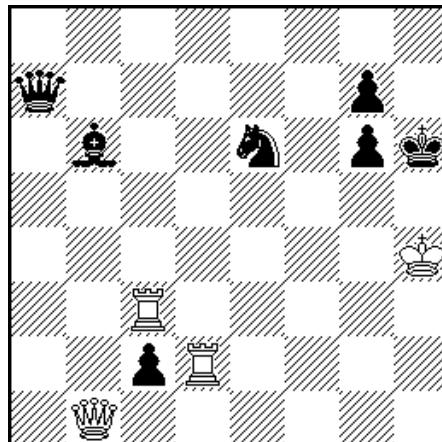
9...g2 10.Nc5+ Kb6 11.Nd7+ Ka6 12.Kc7 g1Q 13.Nb8#

The b7-passer lives up to White's hopes for success, promoting, quite unexpectedly, to knight! And the logical bishop sacrifice 5.Bb2!! (decoying the queen) are followed by the newly emerged rider's final 8-move-long journey ending with mate from the promotion square! – author.

№2 Vladislav TARASIUK (UKRAINE)

6th FIDE World Cup, 2018

1st Prize



Win

(4+7)

1.Qh1!

1.Rh2? Qb8 2.Qc1+ Kh7 3.Rcxc2 Qe5 4.Kg4+ Kg8 5.Rc8+ Kf7 6.Qf1+ Ke7, =.

1...Nf4 2.Rc8 Kh7!

2...Qe7+ 3.Kg4+ Nh5 4.Rh8#

3.Kg5+ Nh5 4.Rh8+! Kxh8 5.Kxg6 Qa5 6.Rh2!

Try: 6.Qe4? Qg5+! 7.Kxg5 c1Q 8.Qe8+ Kh7 9.Qxh5+ Kg8 10.Qe8+ Kh7 11.Qe4+ g6! 12.Qxg6+ Kh8, =;

6.Rxc2? Bd8! 7.Qxh5+ Qxh5+ 8.Kxh5 Kh7! draw.

6...c1Q! 7.Qxc1

7.Rxh5+? Qxh5+ 8.Qxh5+ Qh6+! =.

7...Qa6! 8.Rxh5+ Kg8 9.Rh8+!

9.Qc6? Qd3+ 10.Rf5 Qg3+ 11.Rg5 Qd3+, positional draw.

9...Kxh8 10.Qh1+ Kg8 11.Qd5+ Kh8

11...Kf8 12.Qf7#

12.Qd6!

12.Qe6? Qd3+, -+.

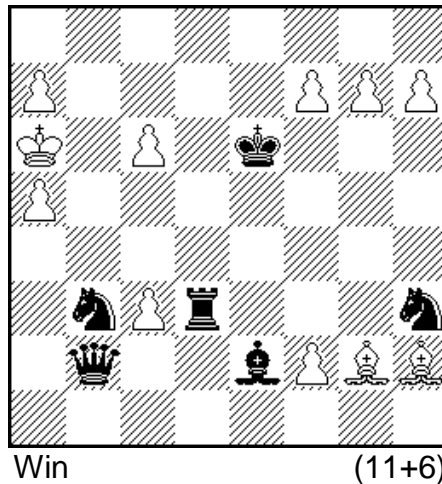
12...Qc8

12...Qa2 13.Qb8+! Qg8 14.Qh2+ Qh7+ 15.Qxh7#

13.Qh2+ Kg8 14.Qh7+ Kf8 15.Qh8+! wins.

“This is a very entertaining study. White must sacrifice both his rooks at h8. After one has recovered from the surprise, White finishes off by the excellent quiet move 12.Qd6! The inactive black Bb6 is a blemish, and also the initial position of the white Queen being attacked by the black pawn c2 is a pity” - judge Harold van der Heijden.

№3 Vladislav TARASIUK (UKRAINE)
 18th Championship of Ukraine, 2016
 1st Place



1.Kb7!! Maneuver the white king from under the battery B-R under another Q-N.
 1.f8N+? Kf6 2.g8N+ Kf7 3.Nh6+ Ke8 4.a8Q+ Rd8+ 5.Ka7 Rxa8+ 6.Kxa8 Qxc3 7.c7 Nxa5 8.Bb7 Bf3 9.Kb8 Bxb7 10.Ng6 Ba6 11.h8Q+ Qxh8 12.Nxh8 Nc6+, draw.

1...Nxa5+ 2.Ka8!

2.Kc7? Rd7+ 3.cxd7 Qxc3+ 4.Kd8 Qf6+ 5.Kc7 Qc3+, =.

2...Rd8+ 3.Bb8 Qb7+!!

3...Nc4 4.f8Q! Nb6+ 5.Kb7 Nd5+ 6.Qb4 Ba6+ 7.Kxa6 Nxb4+ 8.cxb4 Qa1+ 9.Kb5, +-.

4.cxb7 Nc4 Threat 5.Nb6#

5.Bxh3+

Try: 5.f8N+? Ke7! 6.Ng6+ Kf6 7.g8N+ Kg5! 8.f4+ Nxf4 9.h8Q Nb6#

5...Kd5 6.Bg2+ Bf3!

6...Ke6 7.f8N+! Ke7! 8.Ng6+ Kf6 9.g8N+! Kg5 10.f4+ Kxg6 11.Ne7+, +-.

7.Bxf3+ Ke6 8.Bg4+!!

Try: 8.f8N+? Ke7! 9.Ng6+ Kf6 10.g8N+ Kg5! *Position X with Bf3 - no moves* 11.f4+. 11.h8Q Nb6#

8...Kd5 9.Be6+! Kxe6 10.f8N+!

10.f8Q? Nb6#

10...Ke7!

10...Kf6 11.g8N+! Kg7 12.Nd7, +-.

11.Ng6+ Kf6 12.g8N+! Kg5 *Position X without Bf3.*

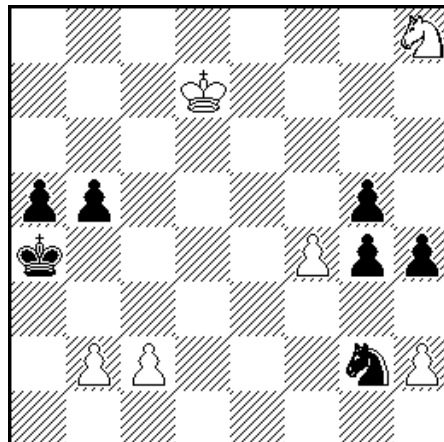
13.f4+ Kxg6 14.Ne7+ Kxh7 15.Nc8! wins.

Promotions of white pawns to knights to avoid smothered mate, with foresight by both sides of activation/deactivation of the white f2-pawn which decides the outcome of the encounter in the finale – author.

№4 Vladislav TARASIUK (UKRAINE)

A.Malyshko-105 MT, 2017

1st Prize



Draw

(6+7)

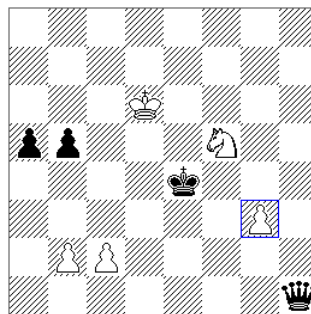
1.f5 g3! 1...Ne3 2.f6 Nd5. No moves 2...Ng4. 3.f7 Nf6+ 4.Ke7 Nh7 5.Ng6, =.

2.hxg3 Ne3

2...h3 3.f6 h2 4.f7 h1Q 5.f8Q Qd1+ 6.Qd6 Qxd6+ 7.Kxd6 Ne3 8.Nf7 g4 9.Ne5 b4 10.Kc5 Nxc2 11.Nxg4 Kb3 12.Ne5, =.

3.gxh4!!

Logical try: 3.f6? Ng4! 4.f7 Ne5+ 5.Kd6 Nxf7+ 6.Nxf7 h3! 7.Nxg5 h2 8.Ne4 h1Q 9.Nc3+ Kb4 10.Nd5+ Kc4 11.Ne3+ Kd4 12.Nf5+ Ke4, wins. No moves 13. Ng3+.



(Position X with pg3)

3...gxh4 4.f6 Ng4! 5.f7 Ne5+

5...Nf6+ 6.Kd6 Nh7 7.Ng6, =.

6.Kd6! 6.Ke6? Nxf7 7.Nxf7 h3 8.Ng5 h2, -+.

6...Nxf7+ 7.Nxf7 h3 8.Ng5 h2 9.Ne4 h1Q 10.Nc3+!

Try: 10.Nc5+? Kb4 11.Nd3+ Kc4 12.Ne5+ Kd4, wins.

10...Kb4 11.Nd5+ Kc4 12.Ne3+ Kd4 13.Nf5+ Ke4 Position X without pg3.

13...Kc4 14.Ne3+ Kb4 15.Nd5+, positional draw.

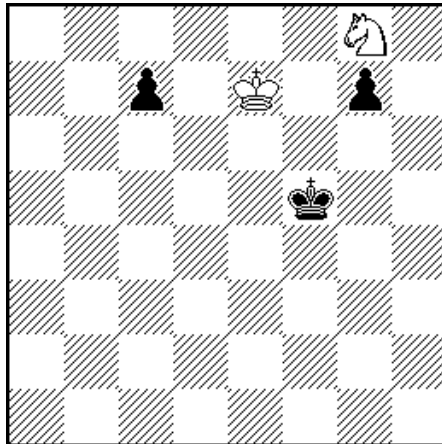
14.Ng3+, draw.

“A look ten moves ahead. Black providently gets rid of his pawn, so that his knight has the time to eliminate the white passer. And then, from the faraway corner, HE enters the play – a Cossack knight with speedy hooves! He runs at full speed towards the black king on the other edge of the board and ensnares him into the center, so as to catch the crowned runaway in the bottom corner. His own pawn doesn’t prevent him from forking – White made it disappear by waving a magic wand on the third move. On the whole, nothing but magic!” - judge Sergiy Didukh.

№5 Vladislav TARASIUK (UKRAINE)

J.Stigter-64 JT, 2018

1st - 2nd Prize

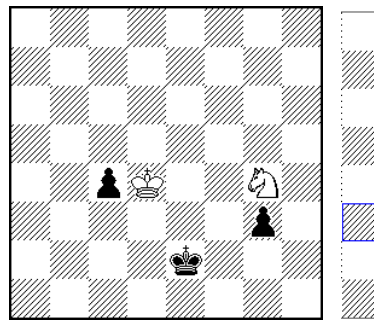


Draw

(2+3)

1.Kf7!!

Thematic try: 1.Kd7? c5 2.Ne7+ Ke4 3.Kd6 c4 4.Nd5 Kd4! 5.Nb4 g5 6.Nc2+ Kd3 7.Nb4+ Ke3! 8.Ke5 g4 9.Nd5+ Kf3 10.Kd4 g3 11.Ne3 Kf2! 12.Ng4+ Ke2! wins.



(Position X) – black wins

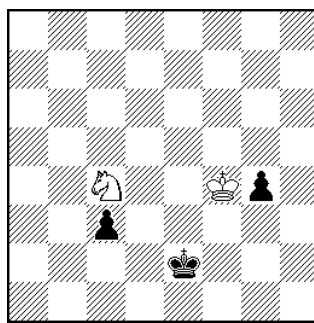
1...g5 2.Ne7+!

Try: 2.Nh6+? Ke4! 3.Kf6 c5 4.Kxg5 c4 5.Ng4 (5.Nf5 c3 6.Nd6+ Kd3! -+) 5...c3 6.Nf2+ Kd4! wins.

2...Ke4 3.Kf6! g4 4.Nf5 Kf4! 4...c5 5.Kg5 c4 6.Nd6+ Kd3 7.Nxc4! =.

5.Nh4 c5 5...g3 6.Ng2+ Kf3 7.Nh4+ Ke4 8.Kg5 c5 9.Kg4 c4 10.Kxg3 c3 11.Nf3 c2 12.Nd2+ Kd3 13.Nb3, =. 6.Ng2+ Kf3 7.Nh4+! 7.Kf5? c4! 8.Nh4+ Ke3 9.Kxg4 c3 10.Ng2+ Kd2! -+.

7...Ke3 8.Ke5 c4 9.Nf5+ Kd3 10.Kf4 c3 11.Ne3 Kd2! 12.Nc4+! Ke2

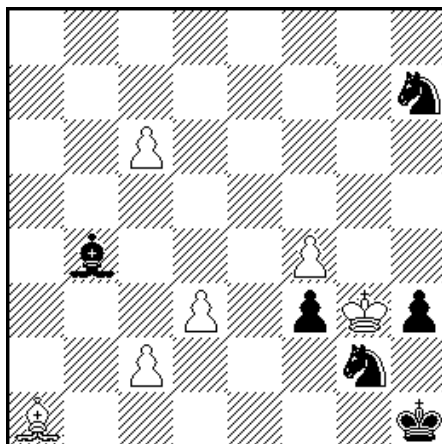


(Echo-symmetry of position X)

13.Na3(a5), draw.

“This stunning logical malyutka (a 5 men baby study) is based on the asymmetry of the chessboard. The solution, just like the logical try, is surprisingly accurate despite the length of the main line. A most remarkable discovery!” - judge Yochanan Afek.

№6 Vladislav TARASIUK (UKRAINE)
 19th Championship of Ukraine, 2018 (version)
 1st Place



Win

(6+6)

1.c7 Ng5! 2.fxg5!

2.c8Q? Be1+ 3.Kg4 f2, –+;

2.Bd4? Ne6! 3.c8Q Nxd4 4.Qxh3+ Kg1 5.Qh2+ Kf1 6.Qh1+ Ke2, –+.

2...Bd6+ 3.Kf2 Bxc7 4.g6 Bb6+ 5.d4 Ne3! 6.Kxe3

6.g7? Ng4+ 7.Kxf3 Nf6(h6), =.

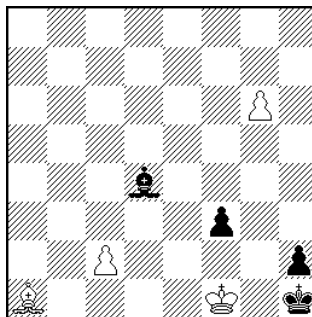
6...h2

6...Bxd4+ 7.Bxd4 h2 8.Kf4! +-.

7.Kf2!

Try: 7.g7? Bxd4+! 8.Bxd4 (8.Kxd4 f2! 9.g8Q f1Q, =) 8...f2 9.Ke2 f1Q+! 10.Kxf1 – stalemate.

7...Bxd4+! 8.Kf1! 8.Bxd4? – stalemate.



8...Bc3! 9.Bb2!!

9.Bxc3? f2 10.Kxf2 – stalemate.

9...Bxb2 10.c4 Bd4 11.c5! Bg1!

11...Bxc5 12.g7, +-.

12.g7 f2 13.Ke2! wins. 13.g8Q? – stalemate.

An encounter of the two sides in which the queening of white pawns is associated with Black's stalemate idea. To that end, Black sacrifices all of his officers, but White twice avoids capturing the last piece, bishop. Then Black attempts to self-stalemate that piece. However, his hopes are doomed to failure: the white king is precise both in the middle of the play – 7.Kf2! 8.Kf1! – and on the final move 13.Ke2! – author.