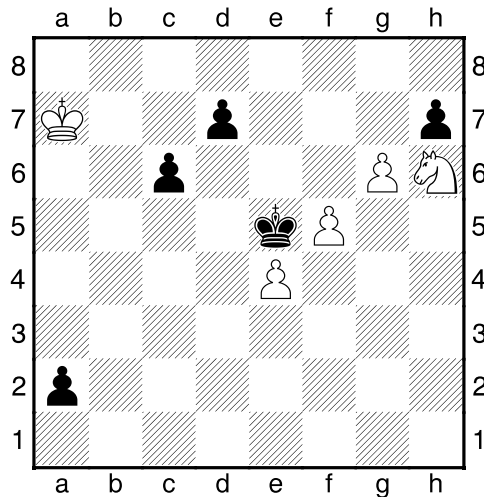


1. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
Troizky-150 MT, 2017
1st Prize



Win

5+5

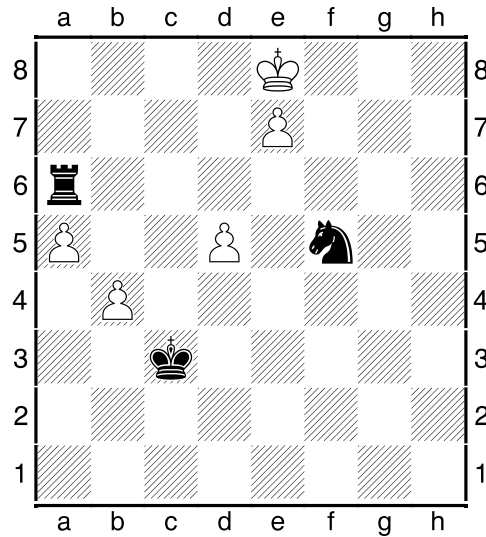
1.g7 a1Q+ 2.Kb8!! ...

Logical try: 2.Kb7? Qg1 3.g8Q Qxg8 4.Nxg8 d5! 5.f6 Ke6 6.e5 d4 7.Nh6 d3 8.f7! Ke7 9.e6 d2 10.Ng8+! Kf8 11.Nf6 d1Q 12.Nxh7+! Ke7! 13.f8Q+ Kxe6 14.Qf6+ Kd7 15.Nf8+ Ke8 16.Ne6 Qd6!! **ZZ** 17.Kc8 ... [17.Nc7+ Kd7 18.Qf7+ Qe7 19.Qf5+ Kd6 20.Qd3+ Ke5 21.Qe3+ Kf6; 17.Ng7+ Kd7 18.Qf7+ Qe7 19.Qf4 Kd8+]=] 17...Qd7+ 18.Kb8 Qe7!! (The only way! It would be easy to make a mistake: 18...Qd6+? 19.Kb7!! ZZ etc. as in the main solution) 19.Nc7+ ... (19.Ng7+ Kd7 20.Qf5+ Kd6 21.Qd3+ Ke5 22.Qe3+ Kf6 23.Nh5+ Kf7=) 19...Kd7!! (19...Kd8? 20.Qf4!! etc. as in the main solution) 20.Qd4+ Qd6 21.Qg7+ Kd8! 22.Qg8+ Ke7! 23.Qg7+ Kd8 24.Qg5+ Kd7!= positional draw.

2...Qg1! [2...Kxe4 3.g8Q Qf6 4.Qxh7 d5 5.Qg6 Qd8+ 6.Kb7 Qd7+ 7.Kb6 Qd8+ 8.Kxc6+-; 2...Qa6 3.g8Q Qb6+ 4.Kc8 Qa6+ 5.Kxd7+-] **3.g8Q Qxg8+ 4.Nxg8 d5!** [4...c5 5.Nh6 c4 6.Ng4+ Kxe4 7.f6 c3 8.Ne3! Kxe3 9.f7 c2 10.f8Q c1Q 11.Qh6+-; 4...h5 5.Kc7 h4 6.Nh6 h3 7.Ng4+ Kf4 8.Nh2+-] **5.f6 Ke6 6.e5 d4 7.Nh6 d3 8.f7!** .. [8.Ng4? h5 9.Nf2 d2 10.Kc7 h4! 11.f7 Kxf7 12.Kd7 h3 13.e6+ Kg7 14.e7 h2=] **8...Ke7 9.e6 d2 Systematic movement. 10.Ng8+!** ... [10.Nf5+? Kxe6 11.f8Q d1Q 12.Ng7+ Ke5 13.Qf5+ Kd6 14.Qf8+ Ke5! 15.Qf5+ Kd6= positional draw] **10...Kf8** [10...Kxe6 11.f8Q d1Q 12.Qf6+ Kd5 13.Qd8+-] **11.Nf6 d1Q Black excelsior! 12.Nxh7+!** ... [12.Nd7+? Ke7 13.f8Q+ Kxe6 14.Nc5+ Ke5 15.Qe7+ Kf4(f5)=] **12...Ke7!** [12...Kg7 13.f8Q+ Kxh7 14.Qf7+ Kh6 15.e7+-] **13.f8Q+ Kxe6 14.Qf6+ Kd7 15.Nf8+ Ke8 16.Ne6! Qd6+** [16...Qb3+ 17.Kc8+-] **17.Kb7!! ZZ** **17...Qe7+! 18.Nc7+! Kd8** [if 18 ... Kd7, then 19. Qxc6 + With a king on b7, this is both possible and necessary. 19 ... Kd8 20. Qd5 + with a quick mate] **19.Qf4!** ... [19.Qh8+? Kd7 20.Qd4+ Qd6 21.Qg7+ Kd8! 22.Qg8+ Ke7 23.Qg7+ Kd8 24.Qg5+ Kd7!= positional draw, as in Logical try.] **19. ... Qa3 20.Qd4(g5)+ Ke7 21.Qg7+ Kd8 22.Ne6+ Ke8 23.Qg8+ Kd7 24.Qc8+ Kd6 25.Qf8+-.**

Judge Yuri Bazlov: "Large-scale study of the grandmaster level with a record range effect of foresight, original systematic movement, mutual tricks and bright finale".

2. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
Troizky-150 MT, 2017
Special Prize



Draw

5+3

1.b5 Ra7! [1...Ra8+ 2.Kd7! Ra7+ 3.Ke6 Nxe7 4.b6 Rxa5 5.b7!=; 1...Rxa5 2.Kf8! Nd6 3.e8Q Nxe8 4.Kxe8 Rxb5 5.d6=] **2.Kd8! Nxe7!** [2...Rxe7 3.a6 Rh7 4.b6=] **3.b6 Rxa5 4.d6! Nc6+ 5.Kc7 Rc5 6.d7! ...**

Thematic try: 6.b7? Nb4+! 7.Kb6 Kc4! 8.b8N! Rb5+ [8...Rh5 9.d7 Nd5+ 10.Kb7 Rh7 11.Kc6 Rh8 12.Na6 Rh6+ 13.Kb7 Rb6+ 14.Kc8 Ne7+ 15.Kc7 Nd5+ 16.Kc8=] 9.Kc7 Nd5+ 10.Kc8 Rc5+ 11.Kb7 Nf4 12.d7 Ne6 13.Nc6 Rd5 14.Kc8 Rd6 15.Nd8!! ... (The only way! Unlike the main solution 15.d8N? Nf8→) 15...Nc5 16.Nf7! Rc6+ 17.Kd8 Kd5 18.Ke8 Re6+ 19.Kd8 Kd4 20.Kc8 positional draw.

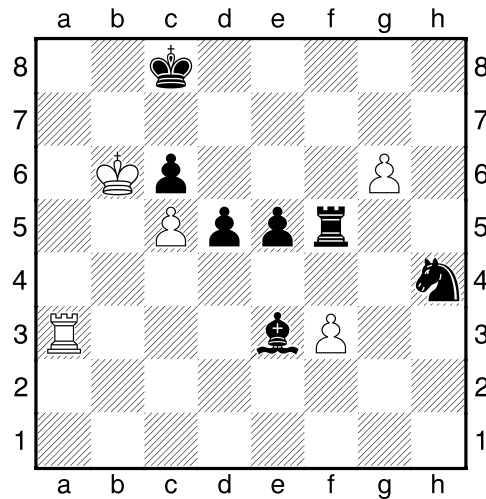
But ... 8. ... Rc8!! 9.Kb7 Rh8 →.

6...Nd4+ 7.Kd6 Kc4! 8.d8N! Rd5+ [8...Rc8 9.Kd7! Rb8! 10.Kc7 Ra8 11.Kd7!! Rb8 12.Kc7 Ra8 13.Kd7!= positional draw. Unlike the Thematic try of the 8th line is not enough; 8...Nb5+ 9.Kd7 Kd5 10.Ne6! Rc6 11.Nc7+! ... (but not 11.b7? Rd6+ 12.Kc8 Na7+ 13.Kc7 Nc6 14.Nd4!? Nb4! 15.b8N Rh6→) 11...Kc5 12.Nxb5=] **9.Kc7 Nb5+ 10.Kc8 Nd6+ 11.Kc7 Ne8+ 12.Kc8 Rc5+ 13.Kd7 Nf6+ 14.Kd6 ...**

A. 14...Rd5+ 15.Kc7 Rd1 16.b7 Nd5+ 17.Kd7!! ... [Loses 17.Kc8? Nb6+ 18.Kc7 Kb5! 19.b8N ... (19.b8Q? Rd7#) 19. ... Nd5+ →; or 17.Kc6(d6)? Nb4+ 18.Kc7 Na6+ 19.Kb6 Nc5 20.Kc7 Kd5 21.b8N Rh1→] **17...Nb4+ 18.Kc8! Na6 19.Nc6 Rd6 20.b8N! Nc5 21.Na5+! Kd5 22.Nb7!=** and as a result, a pair of knights are exchanged.

B. 14. ... Ne4+ 15.Kd7 Rb5! 16.b7 Nc5+ 17.Kc8! Na6 18.Nc6 Rc5 [18...Rb6 19.b8N!=] **19.Kd7 Rd5+ 20.Kc8 ...** [20. ... Rd6 21.b8N! Nc5 22.Na5+! Kd5 23.Nb7!=] **20. ... Rc5 21.Kd7 Rb5+ 22.Kc8 positional draw.**

3. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
I. Akobia–80 MT, 2017 (Section–C)
2nd Prize



Draw

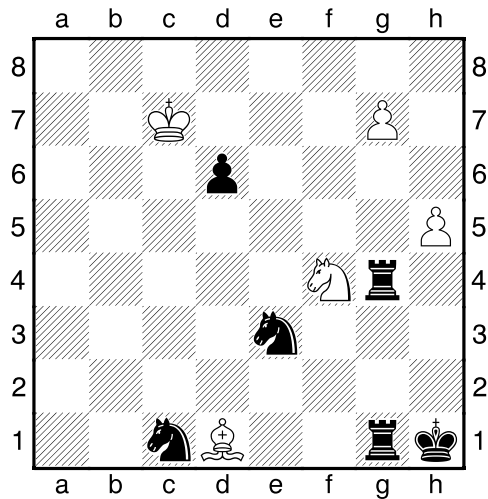
5+7

1.g7 ... [1.Rxe3? Kd7 2.g7 Rg5 3.Rxe5 Rxc7--+]
1...Rg5 2.Kxc6 Rg6+ [2...Kd8 3.Kxd5=]
3.Kxd5 Nf5! 4.g8Q+! ... [4.Kxe5? Nxc7! 5.Rxe3 Re6+ 6.Kf4 Nh5+!--+; 4.Ke4? Rxc7! 5.Kxf5 Bxc5 6.Rc3 Rc7 7.Ke6 Bd6 8.Rb3 Rc6--+]
4...Rxc7 5.Kxe5! ... [5.Ra8+? Kb7 6.Rxc7 Ne7+!--+]
5...Rg5 6.Kf6 Rh5 7.Kg6 Rg5+ 8.Kf6 Rh5 [8...Bf4 9.Ra4 (or 9.Ra8+ Kc7 10.Ra7+ Kc6 11.Ra4 Bd2 12.Ra2 Bf4=) 9...Bd2 10.Ra2 Bf4 11.Ra4 Bd2=]
9.Kg6 Bxc5!! 10.Ra2! ... [10.Rc3? Ng3 11.f4 Ne4--+]
10...Ng3 11.Rg2 Rh8 [11...Bd6 12.Rxc3=]
12.Rc2 Rg8+ 13.Kh6! ... [13.Kf6? Rf8+ 14.Kg5 Rf5+ 15.Kg4 Nf1!! 16.Kxf5 Ne3+--+]
13...Rh8+ [13...Nf5+ 14.Kh5 Ng7+ 15.Kg6! Ne8+ 16.Kh6!]=]
14.Kg6 Rh5 15.Rg2 Rh3 16.Rc2 Rh5 17.Rg2!= positional draw.

Judge Mario Guido Garcia:

“Entertaining game, with subtle movements to arrive on various positions culminating in the equality. All this complemented with appropriate tests”.

4. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
Mark Dvoretzky–70 MT, 2017
4th Prize



Draw

5+6

1.Bf3+!! ...

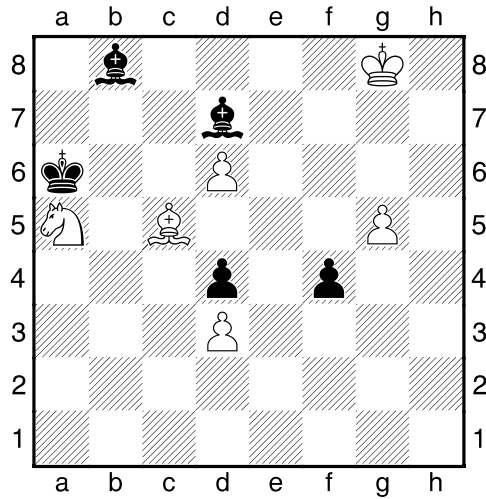
Logical try: 1.Bxg4? Rxg4 2.Ng6 Nd5+ 3.Kxd6 Nf6 4.Ke7 Ng8+ 5.Kf8 Nh6 6.g8Q Nxc8 7.Kxc8 Rg5! (7...Rg2? 8.Kf7! Rh2 9.Nf4 Rh4 10.Kg7 Rg4+ 11.Ng6!=) 8.h6! Rxc6+ 9.Kh7 Rg2!! 10.Kh8 Ne2 11.h7 Ng3! 12.Kg7 Nf5+! 13.Kf8 (f6) 13...Rh2—+

1...Kh2 2.Bxg4 Rxc4 3.Ng6 ... [3.h6? Nf5 4.h7 Rxc7+—+] 3. ... Nd5+ 4.Kxd6 Nf6 5.Ke7! Ng8+ 6.Kf8 Nh6 7.g8Q Nxc8 8.Kxc8 Rg5! [8...Ne2 (d3,b2) 9.Kf7! Nd4 10.h6=] 9.h6! Rxc6+ 10.Kh7 Rg2 [10...Rg3 11.Kh8 Ne2 12.h7 Nf4 stalemate.] 11.Kh8 Ne2 12.h7 Ng3 13.Kg7 Ne4+ [13...Nh5+ 14.Kh6=, 13. ... Nf5 14.Kf6(f8)=] 14.Kf8=. And it turns out that the "h" line is not available to the black rook because of the far-sighted 1.Bf3+!!

Judge A.Ysupov,V.Barskij, O.Pervakov:

“Another great logical study with foresight for 13 moves. It is a pity that the black rook g4 essentially did not take part in the game”.

5. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
“6th FIDE World Cup”, 2018
3rd Prize



Win **6+5**

1.Nc4 .. [1.Nb3? Bxd6 2.Bxd6 Be6+ 3.Kf8 Bxb3 4.g6 Kb5! 5.Be5 Kc5 6.Bxf4 Kb4 7.Bd2+ Ka3 8.Bc1+ Ka2=] **1...Be6+** [1...Kb5 2.Bxd4 Be6+ (2...Kc6 3.Ne5+-) 3.Kf8 Kc6 4.g6 Bxd6+ 5.Nxd6+-] **2.Kh7!** ...

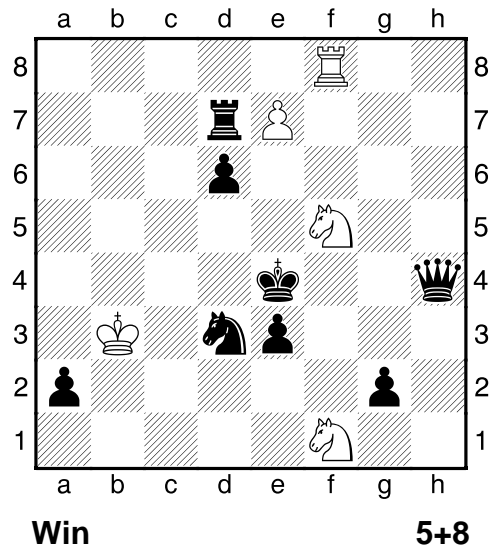
Logical try: 2.Kh8? Bxc4 (2...Kb5? 3.Bxd4 Kc6 4.g6+-) 3.dxc4 d3! 4.d7 Bc7 (4...Be5+? 5.Kh7 Bc7 6.Bd6 d2 7.Bxc7+-) 5.Bd6! d2! 6.Bxc7 d1Q 7.d8Q Qxd8+ 8.Bxd8 f3 9.g6 f2 10.g7 f1Q 11.g8Q Qf7!! ZZ 12.Qxf7 – stalemate.

2.Kf8? Bxc4 3.d7 Bc7 4.dxc4 d3 5.g6 d2 6.g7 d1Q 7.g8Q Qxd7=.

2...Bxc4 [2...Kb5? 3.Bxd4 Kc6 4.g6 Bf5 (4...Bxd6 5.Nxd6 Kxd6 6.g7+-) 5.Kh6 Be6 6.g7 Bg8 7.Be5+-] **3.dxc4 d3!** [3...Bxd6!? 4.Bxd4!+-] **4.d7 Bc7 5.Bd6! d2!** [5...Kb7!? 6.Bxf4! Kc6 7.g6 Kxd7 8.g7 Bxf4 9.g8Q+-] **6.Bxc7 d1Q 7.d8Q Qxd8! 8.Bxd8 f3 9.g6 f2 10.g7 f1Q 11.g8Q Qf7+! 12.Kh8!!** ZZ [12.Qxf7? - stalemate.] **12...Qh5+ 13.Kg7 Qg4+ 14.Kf8+-**

Judge Harold van der Heijden: “This shows us a good construction of a (non)-obvious stalemate, which surprisingly seems to be original. The zugzwang position is remarkable. It is a pity that the less obvious move (2.Kh8?) is the thematic try. The bKa6 does not play”.

6. Alexey SOCHNEV (Russia)
Ural Problemist 25 JT, 2018
1st-2nd Prize



1.e8Q+ Ne5 [1...Qe7? 2.N1g3+ Ke5 3.Nxe7 Rb7+ 4.Kxa2+-]

2.Qa8+ d5 3.Nxh4 ... [3.Qa4+? Kd3 4.Nxh4 a1Q! 5.Qxa1 Rb7+ 6.Ka2 Ra7+ 7.Kb3 Rb7+=; 3.N1g3+? Kd3 4.Nxh4 a1Q 5.Qxa1 Rb7+ 6.Ka2 Ra7+=]

3...a1N+! [Only the transformation in the knight! 3...g1Q 4.Qa4+! d4! 5.Qa8+ Kd3 (5...Rd5 6.Nf5! Qg6 7.N5g3+ Kd3 8.Qxd5 a1N+ 9.Ka2 Qa6+ 10.Kb1+-) 6.Ng2! a1N+! 7.Kb2! Nc4+ 8.Kb1! Kc3 9.Qxa1+ Kb4 10.Ne1! Qg6+ (10...Nd2+ 11.Kb2 Nc4+ 12.Kc1 d3 13.Nxd3+-) 11.Nc2+ Kb5 12.Rb8+ Nb6 13.Qb2+ Ka6 14.Qa2+ Kb5 15.Ng3 Rc7 16.Ne2+-;

Or even easier ... 3...a1Q? 4.Rf4+! Kxf4 5.Nxg2+ Kf3 6.Qxa1+-]

4.Qxa1 ... [4.Ka2? g1Q 5.Qb8 Qg7 6.Qb1+ ... (6.Qb4+ d4 7.Qb1+ Kd5 8.Qb5+ Ke4=) 6...Nd3 7.Re8+ ... (7.Ng3+ Qxg3 8.Re8+ Kd4 9.Nf5+ Kc3 10.Qxa1+ Kd2 11.Nxg3 Ra7+ 12.Kb1 Rb7+=) 7...Kf4 8.Qb8+ Kg4 9.Rg8 Ra7+ 10.Qxa7 Qxg8=]

4...Rb7+! 5.Kc2!! ...

Logical try N 1: 5.Kc3!? d4+! 6.Kc2 Rc7+! (6...d3+? 7.Kc3! Rc7+ 8.Kb4 Rb7+ 9.Kc5!+-) 7.Kd1 g1Q 8.Rf4+! Kxf4 (8...Kd5 9.Qa2+ Rc4 10.Nf5! e2+ 11.Qxe2+-) 9.Qxd4+ Kg5 10.Qxe5+ Kg4 11.Qe6+ Kh5 12.Qe8+ Kxh4 13.Qh8+ Kg4 14.Qg8+ Kf3! 15.Qxg1 e2+ 16.Kd2 Rd7+!!= no the d5 pawn and the line is open.(16...Rc2+? 17.Kxc2!+-)

5...Rc7+ 6.Kd1 ... [6.Kb1 Rb7+ 7.Kc1 Rc7+ 8.Kd1 and etc]

6...g1Q 7.Rf4+! ... the sacrifice of the rook!

Try: 7.Qb1+!? Nd3 8.Re8+ Kf4 9.Rf8+ ... (9.Qxd3!? Qg4+! 10.Qe2 Rc1+!! 11.Kxc1 Qxe2 12.Nxe3=) 9...Ke4 10.Ke2!? ... otherwise perpetual check 10...Qg4+! 11.Rf3 Rc3! 12.Ng3+ Kd4 13.Nhf5+ Kc5 14.Nxe3 Nf4(c1)+ 15.Kf2 Nd3+= perpetual check.;

Try: Queen sacrifice does not pass 7.Qxe5+!? Kxe5 8.Nf3+ Ke6 9.Nxg1 Rf7! 10.Re8+ Kd7! =

7...Kxf4 8.Qd4+ Kg5 9.Qxe5+ Kg4 [shortens solution 9...Kxh4 10.Qh8+] **10.Qe6+ Kh5 11.Qe8+! Kxh4** [11...Kh6 12.Qh8+ Rh7 13.Nf5+ Kg5 14.Qg8+-] **12.Qh8+ Kg4**

13.Qg8+ ... domination queen N 2

13...Kf3! 14.Qxg1 e2+ 15.Kd2! ... And the d5-pawn, black prevents. Remains ...
15...Rc2+! response sacrifice of the rook **16.Kd3!!** ...

Logical try N 2: 16.Kxc2? e1Q 17.Nd2+ Ke2 18.Qg4+ Kf2 19.Qh4+ Ke2 20.Qh5+ Kf2
21.Qh2+ Ke3! ZZ 22.Qe5+ Kf2 23.Qh2+ Ke3! - positional draw.

16...Rc3+! 17.Kxc3! ... in check!

17...e1Q+ 18.Nd2+! Ke2 19.Qg4+ Kf2 20.Qh4+ Ke2 21.Qh5+ Kf2 22.Qh2+ Ke3 23.Kc2!! ZZ
23...d4 [23...Qe2 24.Qg3+ Kd4 25.Qc3#; 23...Qf2 24.Qe5#]
24.Nc4+ Kf3 25.Ne5+ Ke4 26.Qh7+ Ke3 27.Qh6+ Ke4 [27...Ke2 28.Qh5+ Ke3 29.Qf3#]
28.Qc6+ Kf5 29.Qg6+ Kxe5 30.Qe8+ +- domination queen N 2.

White wins thanks to the pawn promoted Queen, who for 30 moves walked almost the entire chess Board and returned a winner in the original position!

Judge Sergei Osintsev: "Grand idea! Two consecutive 'foresight effects'! The turned Queen walked almost the entire chess Board and returned to the starting position, dominating along the way over the two turned black queens! Perhaps this nuance was decisive in the choice of the author of the opening game, despite the capture of the knight non-playing black Queen. But both knights became playing - black and white. But nonetheless..."