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1° HonourableMention
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Try: 1. Sf6? [2. Be6 ... dxe6#]
But 1. ... Sf3!

Try: 1. Sg6? [2. Be6 ... dxe6#]
But 1. ... Sxf2!

Solution: 1. Rh7! [2. Be6 ... dxe6#]
1. ... Sd3~ 2. Qxe4 [A] ... Sxe4#
1. ... Sxf2! 2. Qe5 [B] ... Qxe5#

1. ... Sd2~ 2. Qe5 [B] ... Sxe5#
1. ... Sf3! 2. Qxe4 [A] ... Qxe4#

Original Feldman presentation in a selfmate. Four different mates in the thematic play. Thematic tries refuted by black unpins due to accidental guard of e5 and e4.

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Solution: 1. Re4! [2. Qc4+
2. ... Kc6 3. Re6 ... Se4#]

1. ... c1=Q 2. Qb7+
2. ... Kxc5 3. Sb3 ... Bxb3#

1. ... c1=R! 2. Rb2+
2. ... Kxa5 3. Qa2 ... Ba4#

1. ... dxc5 2. Re5 [3. Qxd3 ...
Sxd3#]

2. ... c1=Q/R! 3. Qb3 ... Bxb3#

Underpromotions create a battery.

Correction by a pawn promoting to a rook.

Additional battery creation of the same pawn after the defense dxc5

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Try: 1.Qg3? [2.Qd3 Bxd3#]
but 1...Sf3!

Try: 1.Qf3? [2.Qd3 Bxd3#]
but 1...e1=S!

Solution: 1.Qg1! [2.Qxd4 Bd3#]
1. ...Sc4~ 2.Qe3 Rxe3#
1. ...Se5! 2.Sde4! Bxe4#

1. ...Sd4~ 2.R1c2 Bxc2#
1. ...Sf5! 2.Sge4! Rxe4#

1. ... e1~ 2. Qxe1 ... Rxe1#

Black as a correction closes his own battery line. White uses this defense as a weakness and allows one of his knights to arrive on e4.

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WCCI-10
Place 34-35
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- Solution: 1. Rb4! [2. Rxc5+
2. ... dxc5 3. Qd4 ... cxd4#]
1. ... Be3 2. Qg8+
2. ... Qxg8 3. Rd4 ... Bxd4#
1. ... Qh4! 2. Qe4+
2. ... Qxe4 3. Rd4 ... Qxd4#
1. ... fxg1=Q!? 2. Sf4+
2. ... Bxf4 3. Rd4 ... Qxd4#
1. ... fxg1=B! 2. Qg2+
2. ... Rxg2 3. Rd4 ... Bxd4#
1. ... Bf4 2. Sxf6+
2. ... Qxf6+ 3. Rd4 ... Qxd4#

Black tries to stop the threat by putting an extra guard on d4 in many ways. White uses this defense and forces the defending piece to mate.

5 different pieces (two promotions) mate on d4.

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WCCI-10
Place 15-16
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Solution: 1. Rh6! [2. Rd6+
2. ... cxd6 3. Rxd2 ... Rxd2#]
1. ... cxb1=S 2. Se5+
2. ... Ke3 3. Bxd2 ... Sxd2#
1. ... dxc1=B 2. Qd7+
2. ... Ke4 3. Sbd2 ... Bxd2#

Black tries to stop the threat by putting an extra guard on d2 by promoting. White uses this defense and forces the defending piece to mate.

Underpromotions.
3 Mates on the same square.
Pin mates.

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Try: 1. Sc8? [2. Bd5 ... Bxd5#]
But 1. ... dxc5!

Try: 1. Sc4? [2. Bd5 ... Bxd5#]
But 1. ... dxe5!

Solution: 1. Sa8! [2. Bd5 ... Bxd5#]
1. ... dxe5 2. Bc4 ... Be6#
1. ... dxc5 2. Bc8 ... Be6#
1. ... d5 2. Bf5 ... Be6#
1. ... gxh4 2. Bf7! ... Bxf7#

5 continuations by a white bishop.

Tries block a potential square for the white bishop.