

Final award of 4th Jenever theme tourney (ARVES)

The theme was: White and Black underpromotion to bishop

The judges Marcel Van Herck (Belgium) and Harold van der Heijden (the Netherlands) received 9 studies. It was remarkable that a new idea for a reciprocal bishop promotion was found, but it was even more surprising that this idea had been found by 3 composers working independently. By far the best study submitted unfortunately was non-thematic. The composer asked beforehand if the bishop promotion was allowed in a variation, and we allowed it. However, the white Bishop promotion occurred in a try, while we believe that it is only thematic in a line with black deviation (i.e. second main line). After long hesitation, we decided to return this excellent composition to the composer and think that he will be successful with it in another endgame study tourney.

The prize of the tourney traditionally is a bottle of old jenever.

1st prize

David Gurgendize & Iuri Akobia (Georgia)



Win

1.Re8+ Kf1 2.Ng3+ Kf2 3.Ne4+ Ke2 4.Nxd2+ Kxd2 5.Bc3+ Kxc3 6.Rc6+ Kd2 7.Rd8+ Kc1 8.Rxh6 g1B (g1Q 9.Rh1 Qxh1 10.h8Q+ wins, but not here 9.h8B? Qg7+ 10.Rf6 Qxf6+ 11.Bxf6 stalemate) 9.h8B (9.Rh1? stalemate, 9.h8Q? Bd4+ 10.Rxd4 (Qxd4) stalemate) 9...Bxd4+ 10.Bxd4 wins.

2nd prize

Yochanan Afek (Israel/the Netherlands)



Win

1.Ne4! fxe4 2.Ra5! exf3! 3.Rxa8 Be4 4.Re8 f2+ 5.Rxe4 b1B! (b1Q 6.Ra1) **6.a8B!** (6.Ra1? stalemate, 6.a8Q? Bxe4+ 7.Qxe4 stalemate) **6...Bxe4 7.Bxe4** wins.

3rd prize
Andrzej Jasik (Poland)



Win

1.Nd4! f2+ 2.Nf3+ Bxf3+ 3.Rxf3 b2 4.Nd3+! Rxd3 5.Re8+! Kf1 6.a7 Ra3 7.Rxa3! (7.Ref8? Rxf3 8.a8Q Rxf8 9.Qa2 Re8 10.Qxb2 Ke1) **7...b1B!** (b1Q 8.Ra1 Qxa1 9.a8Q) **8.a8B!** [8.Ra1? stalemate, 8.a8Q? Be4+ 9.Qxe4 stalemate) **8...Be4+ 9.Bxe4** wins.

1st Honourable Mention
Jan Timman (the Netherlands)



Win

1.f6 Ng7 2.fxg7+ Kg8 3.b7 a1B 4.bxa8B (4.bxa8Q? stalemate, 4.bxa8N? Bc7 5.Nxc7 stalemate) **4...Bc7 5.Bc6** (5.Bb7? Ba5 and Black mates) **5...dxc6 6.dxc6 d5 7.Ba2 b1Q 8.Bxd5** mate.

2nd Honourable Mention
David Gurgendze (Georgia)



Win

1.g7 Qe6+ 2.b6 f1B+ 3.c4 Qxc4+ 4.Nxc4 Bxc4+ 5.b5 Bg8 6.gxh8B (6.gxh8Q? stalemate) wins.

Commendation

Yochanan Afek (Israel/the Netherlands)



Win

1.g8Q+! Kxg8 2.Kg6! Bxb5 3.h7+ Kh8 4.b7 Be8+ 5.Kh6 a1B! (5...a1Q 6.b8Q Qa4 7.Qg3!) 6.b8B! (6.b8Q? and Black is stalemated while possessing three bishops and a rook) 6...Bd7 7.Bd6! Bxf5 8.Bf8 (8.Be7? Bxh7 9.Bxf6+ Kg8 10.Bb3+ Kf8 11.Kxh7 d1Q) 8...Bxh7 9.Bg7+ Kg8 10.Bb3 mate.