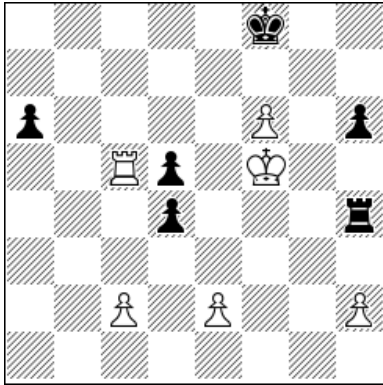


3) Velimir Kalandadze – Rook endgame studies

1st Prize

Jan Timman- (Nederland)



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1.♖c8+ ♔f7 2.♖c7+ ♔f8

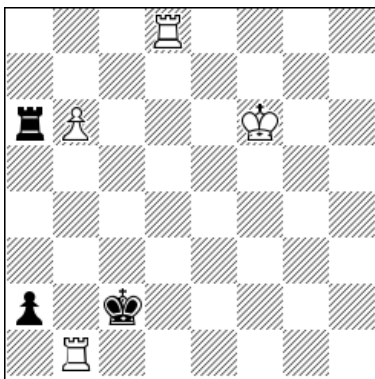
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3.h3! ♖xh3 4.c4! dxc4 5.e4! dxe3 6.♔e6 ♔g8 7.♖g7+ ♔h8 [7...♔f8 8.♖d7 ♔g8 9.f7+ ♔g7 10.♖d1 ♖f3 11.♖g1+ ♔h7 12.♔e7+-] 8.♖g1 e2 9.f7 ♖f3 10.♔e7 ♖e3+ 11.♔f6 ♖f3+ 12.♔g6 ♖f1 13.♖h1! e1♚ 14.♖xh6#

Beautiful example of endgame artistry. From the first move to the last the study utilizes and fully realizes one complete idea.

2nd Prize

Pavel Arestov (Russia)



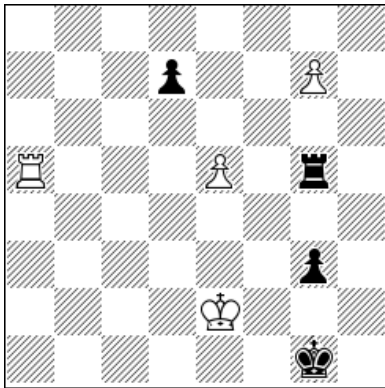
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1.♖g1 [1.♖h1 ♖xb6+ 2.♔f7 ♖b7+ 3.♔g8 ♖b1 4.♖h2+ ♔b3 5.♖b8+ ♔c3 6.♖c8+ ♔b3 7.♖h6 ♔b2 8.♖b6+ ♔a1 9.♖a6 ♖b6 10.♖a5 ♖b5 11.♖a4 ♖b4]

1...♖xb6+ 2.♔f7 ♖b1 3.♖g2+ ♔b3 4.♖b8+ ♔c3 5.♖c8+ ♔b3 6.♖g6 ♔b2 7.♖f6 ♔a1 8.♖a8 ♖b7+ 9.♔g6 ♖b6 10.♖xa2+ ♔xa2 11.♖xb6 win.

3rd Prize

Yochanan Afek-(Israel)

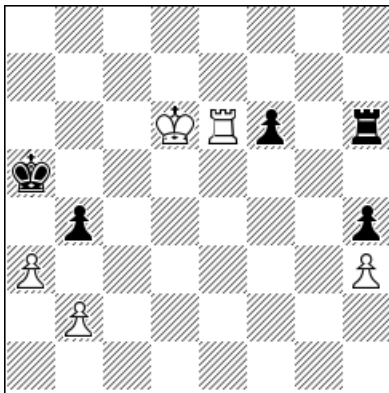


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1.e6! ♖xg7 2.♖a7! .g2 3.exd7 [3.♖xd7? ♖g6! 4.e7 ♖e6+ 5.♔f3 ♔h1-+]
3...♖g8 4.♖a5! [Switchback] [4.♖a6? ♔h2 5.♖h6+ ♔g3 6.♖g6+ ♖xg6 7.d8♚ g1♚-+]
4...♔h2 5.♖h5+ ♔g3 6.♖g5+! ♖xg5 7.d8♚ g1♚ 8.♚xg5+ ½-½

Honourable Mention

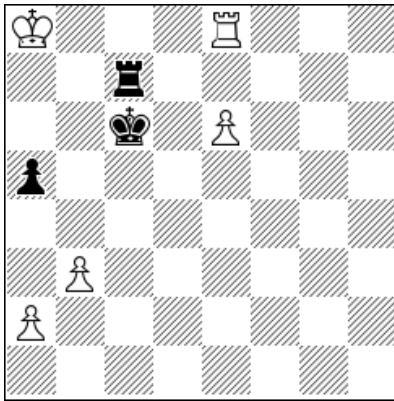
Jan Sprenger & Martin Minski (Germany)



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1.♔c5! ♖h5+ 2.♔c4 ♖b5 3.♖e8! bxa3!? 4.♖a8+ ♔b6 5.♖b8+ ♔a6 6.♖xb5 a2 7.♖b8!
[logical try: 7.♖b3? a1♚ 8.♖a3+ ♚xa3 9.bxa3 ♔a5 10.♔d5 ♔a4 11.♔e6 ♔xa3 12.♔xf6
♔b4 13.♔g5 ♔c5 14.♔xh4 position X with bKc5 14...♔d6 15.♔g5 ♔e7 16.♔g6 ♔f8
17.♔h7 ♔f7=]
7...♔a7 8.♖b3 a1♚ 9.♖a3+ ♚xa3 10.bxa3 ♔a6 11.♔d5 ♔a5 12.♔e6 ♔a4 13.♔xf6 ♔xa3
14.♔g5 ♔b4 15.♔xh4+- [position X with bKb4] 1-0

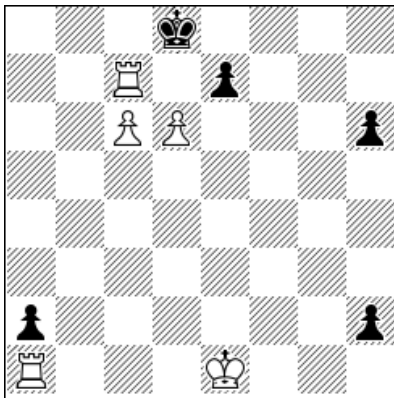
Honourable Mention
Richard Becker – (USA)



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1.e7! ♖c5 2.a3! ♖c6 3.a4! [zz][3.b4? a4! 4.b5+ (4.♞b8 ♞xe7 5.b5+ ♖c5 6.b6 ♖b5 7.b7 ♖a6=) 4...♖b6 5.♞b8+ ♖a5 6.♞b7 ♞c8+ 7.♖a7 ♞a8+ 8.♖xa8 stalemate] **3...♖b6 ♞b8+ ♖a6 5.♞d8!** [5.♞b6+? ♖xb6 6.e8♞ ♞c8+! 7.♞xc8 stalemate]
5...♞a7+ 6.♖b8 ♞b7+ 7.♖c8 ♞xe7 8.♞d6+ ♖a7 9.♞d7+ ♖a8 10.♞d5!+- [10.♞xe7? stalemate]1-0

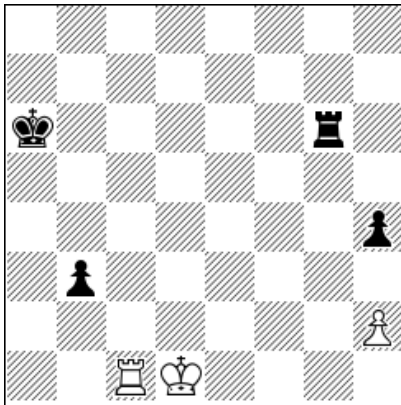
Honourable Mention
Ilham Aliev (Azerbaijan)



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1.♞c8+! ♖xc8 2.d7+ ♖d8 3.c7+ ♖xc7
 [3...♖xd7 4.0-0-0+ ♞d2 (4...♖xc7 5.♖xb2) 5.♖xd2]
4.d8♞+ ♖xd8 5.0-0-0+! ♞d2 6.♖xd2 ♖d7 7.♖c2+ [(c3)] 7...♖e6 8.♞f1!
8...♖e5 9.♖b2 h5 10.♖xa2 ♖e4 11.♖b2 [(b1, b3)] 11...♖e3 12.♖c2 [(c1)]
12...h4 13.♖d1 h3 14.♖e1 e6 15.♖d1 e5 16.♖e1 e4 17.♖d1 h1♞ 18.♞xh1 ♖f2
19.♞xh3 win

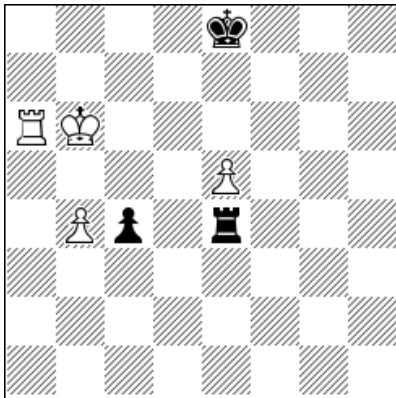
Honourable Mention
Yochanan Afek (Israel)



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1. Rc3! Rg1+ 2. Qd2 b2!
 [2... Rg2+ 3. Qc1 b2+ 4. Qb1 Rxb2 Positional draw EGTB]
3. Ra3+ Qb5 4. Rb3+ Qc4 5. Rxb2 Rg2+ 6. Qc1 h3! 7. Qb1! Qc3 8. Qa1! Rxb2 [Model Stalemate!]

Honourable Mention
Alon Greenfeld, Yochanan Afek (Israel)

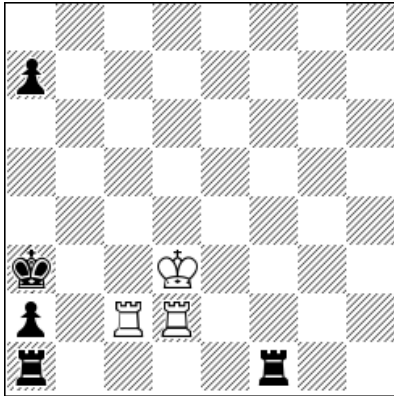


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1. b5! c3! 2. Ra8+ Qd7 3. Ra7+ Qc8 4. Rc7+ Qb8 5. Rf7!!
 [Logical try: 5. Rh7? Rc4! 6. e6 c2 7. e7 Rc8 8. Rh1 Re8 9. Rf1 c1Q! 10. Rxc1 Rxe7=]
5... Qc8 6. Rf8+! Qd7 7. Rf6!! Rc4 8. Rc6! Rxc6+ 9. bxc6+ Qc8 10. e6 c2 11. e7 c1Q
12. e8Q#

Honourable Mention

Vladislav Tarasiuk Ukraine

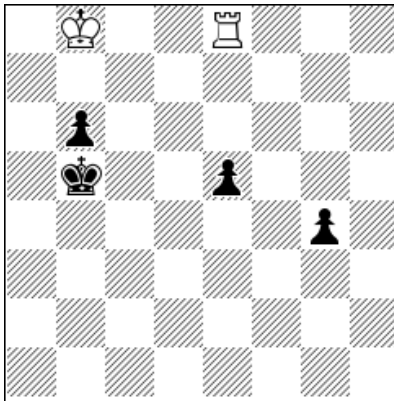


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1. ♖c3+ ♔b4 2. ♖c4+ ♔b5 3. ♖cc2 ♜f2 4. ♖b2+ ♔c5 5. ♖bc2+ ♔b4 6. ♖b2+ ♔a3 7. ♖xf2 ♜d1+ 8. ♔c2 a1♚ 9. ♖f3+ ♔a4 10. ♖f4+ ♔a5 11. ♖f5+ ♔a6 12. ♖f6+ 1/2-1/2

Commendation

Michael Pasman (Israel)



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1. ♖c8!!

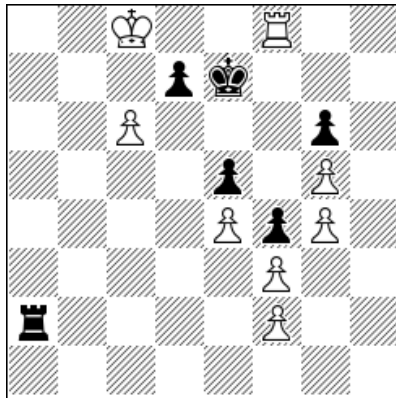
[Try : 1. ♖xe5+ ♔c4! 2. ♖e4+ ♔c3! 3. ♔b7 b5! 4. ♔b6 b4 5. ♔b5 b3 6. ♖e3+ ♔c2! 7. ♔c4 b2 8. ♖e2+ ♔c1! 9. ♔c3 b1♗+!=; 1. ♔c7 ♔c4 2. ♔d6 ♔d4! 3. ♖xe5 b5! 4. ♖g5 b4! 5. ♖xg4+ ♔c3 6. ♔c5 b3 7. ♖g3+ ♔c2 8. ♔c4 b2 9. ♖g2+ ♔c1 10. ♔c3 b1♗+]=]

1... ♔b4 2. ♖c6!! [Try : Much more natural 2. ♖c1 not works : 2...b5 3. ♔c7 ♔a3 4. ♔d6 b4= 5. ♔c5 b3 6. ♔c4 b2 ♖c1 is under attack 7. ♖e1 ♔a2=; 2. ♔b7 b5 3. ♖c1 ♔a3! 4. ♔c6 b4 5. ♔d5 b3]

2...g3 3. ♔c7!! ♔b3 4. ♔d6! g2 5. ♖c1 b5 6. ♔xe5 ♔b2 7. ♖g1! ♔c3! 8. ♔e4! b4 9. ♔e3! b3 10. ♖c1+! ♔b2 11. ♔d2! 1-0

Commendation

Darko Hlebec (Serbia)

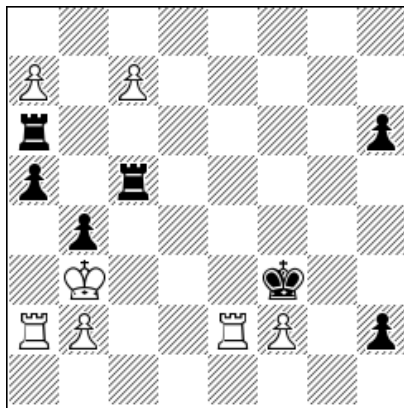


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1. ♖e8+ ♔d6 2. cxd7 ♜c2+ 3. ♕d8 ♞b2 4. ♞e6+ ♕xe6 5. ♕e8 ♞b1 6. d8♘+ [6. d8♚ ♞b8
7. ♚xb8]6... ♕d6 7. ♕f7 ♞b8 8. ♘e6 ♞b2 9. ♘g7 ♞xf2 10. ♘f5+ gxf5 11. g6 ♞a2 12. gxf5 win

Commendation

Leonard Katsnelson (Russia)

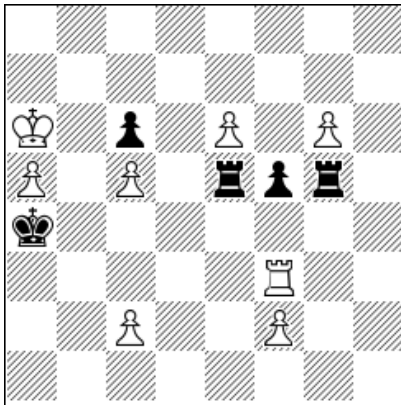


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1. ♖e3+ ♕xf2 2. ♞h3 ♕g2 3. ♞xh6 h1♚ 4. ♞xh1 ♕xh1
5. ♞xa5 ♞axa5 6. ♕xb4 ♞cb5+ 7. ♕c4 ♞c5+ 8. ♕b4 ♞xa7
9. ♕xc5 ♞xc7+ 10. ♕b6 ♞c4 11. ♕a5 ♕g2 12. b4 ♕f3 13. b5 ♕e4 14. b6 ♞c1 15. b7 ♞b1
16. ♕a6 ♕d5 17. ♕a7 ♕c6 18. b8♘+ 1/2-1/2

Commendation

Jasik, Andrzej (Poland)



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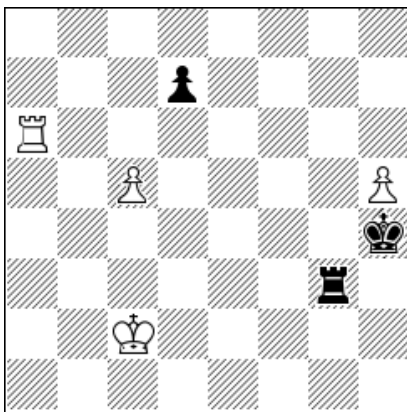
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1...♙a3 2.♖xf5! ♜xf5 [2...♞gxf5 3.g7 ♞g5 4.f4 ♞xg7 5.fxe5 ♞e7 6.♙b6 ♙b4 7.a6 ♞xe6 8.a7+-]

3.e7 ♞e5 4.f4 ♜xe7 5.fxg5 ♙b4 6.♙b6 ♞e8 7.a6 ♞b8+ 8.♙xc6 ♙a5 9.♙d5! win
[9.♙d6? ♞g8 10.a7 ♞xg6+=; 9.a7? ♞d8 10.g7 ♙a6=]

Commendation

Mihail Croitor (Moldova)



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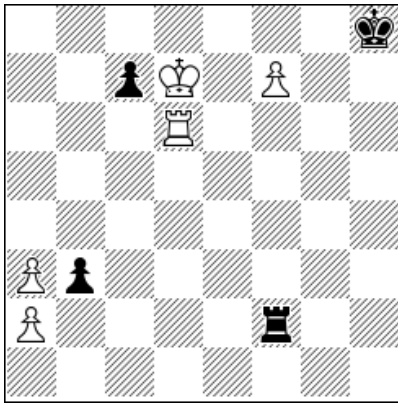
1.h6 ♞g5 2.c6! dxc6 [2...♞c5+ 3.♙d3 ♞d5+ 4.♙e4 dxc6 5.♞a1 ♙g5 6.h7 ♞d8 7.♞g1+ ♙h6 8.♞g8+-]

3.♞a1! ♞c5+ 4.♙d3 ♙g4 [4...♙g5 5.h7 ♞d5+ 6.♙e4 ♞d8 7.♞g1+ ♙f6 8.♞g8+-]

5.♞h1 ♞d5+ 6.♙e4 ♞d8 7.♞g1+ ♙h5 8.h7 ♞h8 9.♙f5 ♙h6 10.♙e6! [10.♙f6? ♞f8+ 11.♙e7 ♞a8=]

10...c5 11.♙f7 ♞xh7+ 12.♙f6 ♙h5 13.♞h1+ ♙g4 14.♞xh7 1-0

Special Prize
Marek Halski (Poland)

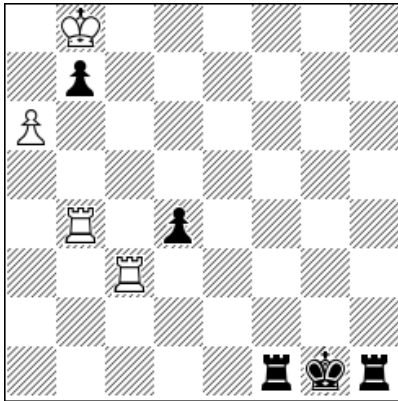


1.f8♚+ [Thematic try: 1.♖d1? ♜xf7+ 2.♔e6! ♜f3! 3.axb3 ♜e3+!! A subtle move, forcing White to choose where to go: d5 or d7? (It would be wrong immediately: 3...♜xb3? because 4.♖a1! and now 4...♔g7 (or 4...c5 5.a4 c4 6.a5 c3 7.a6 c2 8.a7 ♜b1 position A1 (wK on e6) – there is no Rb7+ 9.a8♚++-;

1...♜xf8 2.♖d2 b2 3.♜xb2 ♜a8 4.♖g2!

[Thematic try: 4.♔xc7? ♔g7!! 5.♜f2! ♜xa3! 6.♔b6 ♜a8!! 7.♔b5 ♜b8+! 8.♔c6 ♜a8! 9.♔b7 ♜a3 10.♔b6 ♜a8! positional draw; **4...c5! 5.♔c7 ♜xa3 6.♔b6 c4 7.♔b5 c3 8.♔b4 ♜a8 9.♔xc3 ♔h7! 10.♔b2! ♜b8+ 11.♔a1! ♜a8 12.♜g1! ♔h6 13.♔b2! ♜b8+ 14.♔c3 ♜c8+ 15.♔b4 ♜b8+ 16.♔c5 ♜c8+ 17.♔b6 ♜b8+ 18.♔c6!** [Thematic try: 18.♔a7? ♜b4!! 19.♜g2 ♜a4+! 20.♔b6 ♜a8!! 21.♔b5! ♜b8+! 22.♔c6 ♜a8! 23.♔b6 ♔h5!! 24.♔b5 ♜b8+ 25.♔a5 ♜a8+ 26.♔b5 ♜b8+ 27.♔c6 ♜a8 positional draw; **18...♜a8 19.♜a1! ♜a3! 20.♔b5 ♔g5 21.♔b4 ♜f3 22.a4! ♜f4+ 23.♔b5 ♜f5+ 24.♔c6 ♜f6+ 25.♔d7 ♜f7+ 26.♔d8!!1-0**

Special Honourable Mention
Oleg Pervakov (Russia)



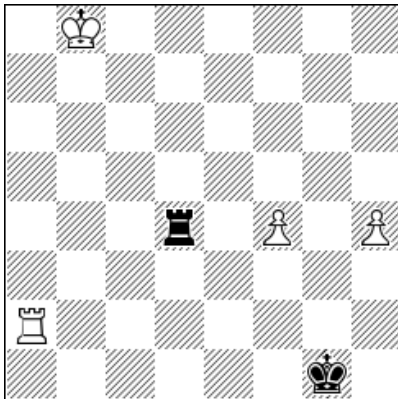
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1. Rg3+ Qf2 2. Ra3 d3 3. Rxd3 [3...axb7 d2 4. Ra2 Rh8+ 5. Qa7 Qe3 6. Rbb2 (6...Rb3+ Qe2 7. Rbb2 Rd8 8. b8 Rf7+ 9. Qa8 Rxb8+ 10. Qxb8 Rd7)]

3...bxa6 4. Rb2+ Qe1 5. Rd8 Rh3 6. Qa8 a5 7. Ra2 a4 8. Rb8 Qd1 9. Rb1#

The study is influenced by the works of P. Benko.

Special Honourable Mention
Jarl H Ulrichsen (Norway)



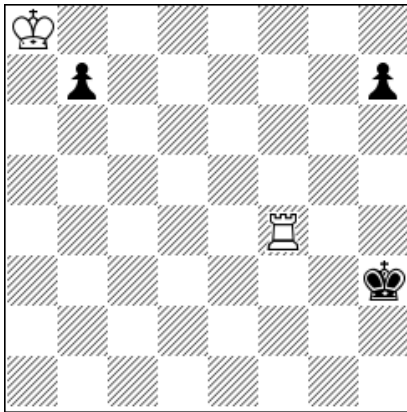
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1. f5 Bd5 2. f6 Bd6 3. f7 Bd8+ 4. Qc7 Bf8 5. Qd6 Bxf7 6. Qe5

6...Bb7 7. Bd2 Bh7 [7...Bb4 8. Bd4 Bb5+ 9. Bd5 Bb4 10. h5 wins.; 7...Bb8 8. Qf6 Bh8 9. Bd4 Qg2 10. Qg7 Ba8 11. Bd6 Ba5 12. Qg6 wins.; 7...Qf1 8. h5 Bh7 9. Bh2 Qg1 10. Bh4 Qg2 11. h6 Qg3 12. Bh1 Qg2 13. Bh5 wins.;

8. Qf4 Bxh4+ 9. Qg3 Ba4 10. Bd1#

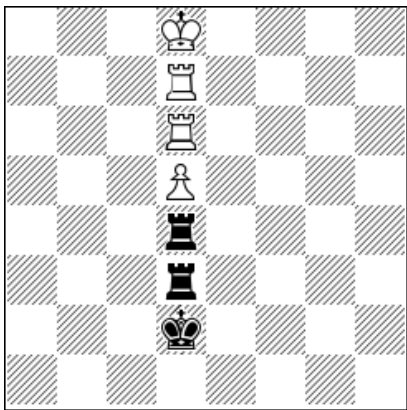
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1.♖f1 [1.♖f7 ?..h5 2.♖g7 b5 3.♔b7 b4 4.♔c6 b3 5.♔d5 b2 6.♖b7 h4 7.♔e4 ♔g4 8.♖xb2 h3 1...h5 2.♖g1 h4 3.♔b8 3...♔h2 4.♖g8 4...b5 5.♔c7 b4 6.♔d6 b3 7.♔e5 b2 8.♖b8 ♔g3 9.♔f5 h3 10.♖b3+ ♔h4 11.♖xb2 ♔g3 12.♖b3+ ♔h4 13.♔f4 h2 14.♖b1 win

Special Honourable Mention
 González, Luis Miguel (Spain)



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1.♔c7! [1.♔c8? ♔e3! 2.♖e6+ ♔f4 3.d6 ♔f5 4.♖h6 ♔g5!]=]
1...♖a4! 2.♔b7! [2.♖b6? ♖a7+! 3.♖b7 ♖a6 4.♖d8 ♖c3+! 5.♔b8 ♖ca3 6.d6 ♖d3 7.d7 ♖ad6 8.♔c8 ♖c6+ 9.♖c7 ♖xc7+ 10.♔xc7 ♖c3+=]
2...♖a5! 3.♔b6 ♖da3 4.♖c6! ♔d3! 5.d6 ♖a6+ 6.♔c7 ♖a8! 7.♖b6! ♔d4 8.♖h7! [Thematic try 8.♖g7? ♖c3+! 9.♔b7 ♖cc8! 10.♖g4+ ♔d5! 11.d7 ♖ab8+ 12.♔a6 ♖a8+ 13.♔b5 ♖c5+ 14.♔b4 ♖c7! 15.♖g5+ ♔e4 16.♖e6+ ♔f4=]
8...♖c3+ 9.♔b7 ♖cc8! 10.♖h4+! ♔d5 11.d7 ♖ab8+ 12.♔a6 ♖a8+ 13.♔b5 ♖c5+ 14.♔b4 ♖c1 15.♖h5+! 1-0

It can't be denied that starting position is very pleasing to the eye, but its solution leaves much to be desired.