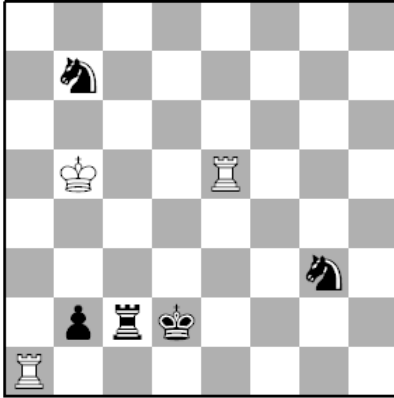


4) Vazha Neidze – Stalemate studies

1st Prize

Yuri Bazlov (Russia)



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1. ♖d5+ ♔e3 2. ♜b1 ♘e4 3. ♕a4 ♙d2 4. ♞b5 ♘xb1 5. ♞xb2 ♜c4+ [5... ♞xb2 first stalemate] 6. ♞b4

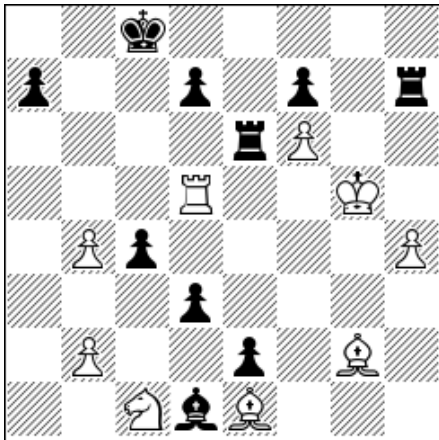
I) 6... ♘c3+ 7. ♕a3 ♜c7 8. ♞xb7 ♞xb7 second stalemate.

II) 6... ♙c5+ 7. ♕a5 ♜c1 8. ♞xb1 ♞xb1 and another stalemate.

I would like to congratulate Yuri Bazlov for this creative achievement.

2nd Prize

Jan Timman (Netherlands)

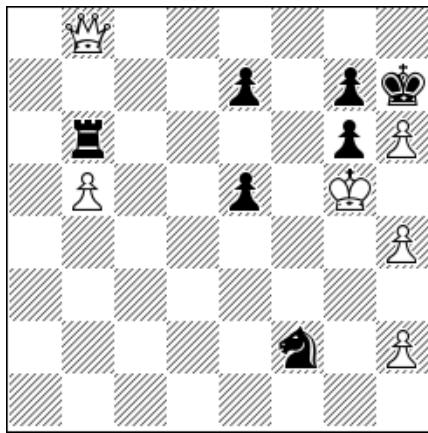


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1. ♕h3! ♜h5+! 2. ♕xh5 ♜e5+! 3. ♞xe5 d2 4. ♞e8+ ♔b7 5. ♕g2+ ♕a6 6. b5+! ♕xb5
7. ♞b8+ ♕a4 8. ♕c6+! dxc6 9. ♞b4+ ♕a5 10. ♘b3+! cxb3 11. ♕xd2 e1♚+ 12. ♞g4+! ♚xd2
Stalemate Immensely thrilling build-up that culminates in the sublime finale!

3rd Prize

Sergei Didukh (Ukraine)

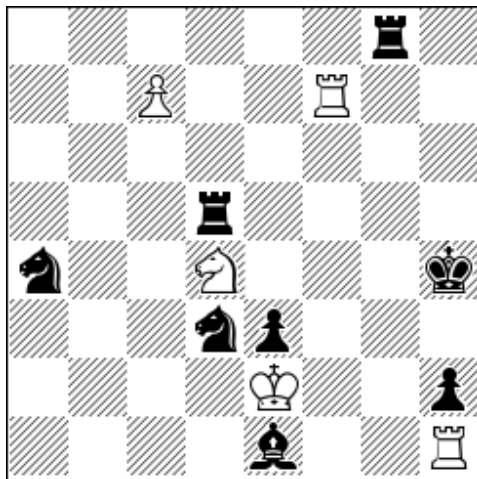


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1. ♖f8 gxh6+ 2. ♕xh6+ ♔g8 3. h3
(3. h5 ♘e4+ 4. ♙g4 gxh5+ 5. ♚xh5 (5. ♜xh5 ♘f6+)
3... ♜f6 4. b6 ♝xb6 5. h5 ♘e4+ 6. ♙g4 gxh5+ 7. ♚h4 ♝xh6 stalemate

4th Prize

Oleg Pervakov (Russia)



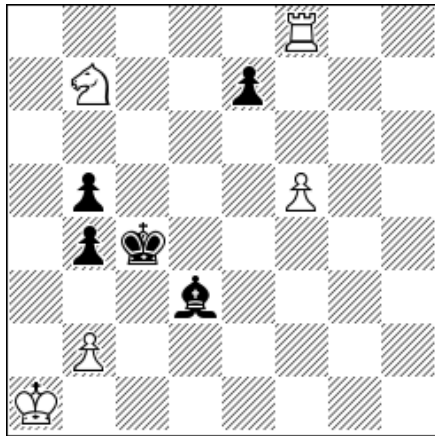
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1. ♜g7 ♝xg7 2. c8 ♖c1+ 3. ♕xc1 ♘c3+ 4. ♙f1 ♜g1+ 5. ♜xg1 ♘d2 6. ♘f3+ ♔h3 7. ♕c2
e2+ 8. ♙f2 e1 ♖+ 9. ♘xe1 ♘d1+ 10. ♕xd1
I) 10... ♘e3+ 11. ♙e2 hxg1 ♘+ 12. ♙f1 ♝xd1 stalemate
II) 10... hxg1 ♖+ 11. ♙xg1 ♘e3+ 12. ♙h1 ♝xd1 stalemate

The ending of this exceptional study is unsurprisingly ambitious, but even Oleg Pervakov couldn't completely harmonize it with dense and bulky foundation.

5th Prize

Yochanan Afek (Israel)

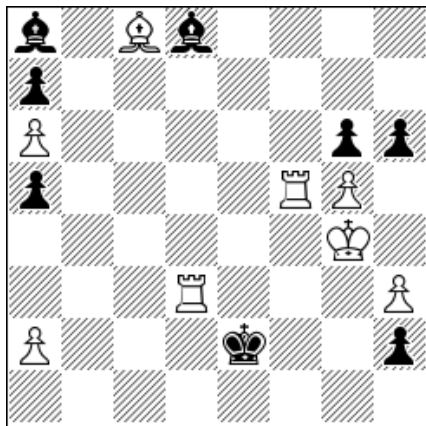


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1. ♖a5+ ♔c5 2. ♖b3+ ♔c6 3. ♖c8+ ♔b6 4. ♖b8+! ♔c7 5. ♖g8!! [Logical try: 5. ♖h8? ♔e1+ 6. ♖a2 ♕b1+ 7. ♖a1 ♕xf5+ 8. ♖a2 ♕e6 9. ♖h7+ ♔d6 10. ♖h6 ♖e3-+]
5... ♖e1+ 6. ♖a2 ♕b1+ 7. ♖a1 ♕xf5+ 8. ♖a2 ♕b1+ 9. ♖a1 ♕h7+ 10. ♖a2 ♕xg8 [Model pin stalemate!]

Honourable Mention

Martin Minski, Jan Sprenger (Germany)

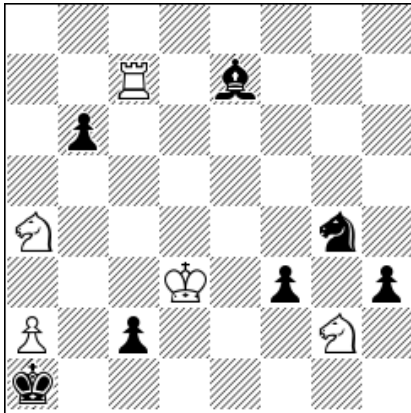


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1. ♖f1! ♔xf1 2. ♕b7 ♕xb7 3. axb7 h5+ 4. ♔h4 ♕c7
5. b8♖! ♕xb8 6. a4! ♕g3+! 7. ♖xg3 h1♖ 8. ♖g2!! a6! 9. ♖f2+! ♔e1 10. ♖g2! ♖f1 11. ♖g1!
♖xg1 [stalemate]

Honourable Mention

Luboš Kekely, Michal Hlinka,(Slovakia)

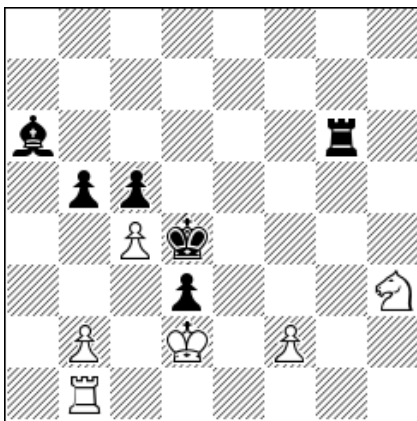


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1. ♘e1! ♘e5+ 2. ♕d4! h2 3. ♖xc2 ♕c5+ 4. ♘xc5 bxc5+ 5. ♖c3! h1♚
[5...h1♚ 6. ♘d3! ♘xd3 7. ♕xd3 ♖b1 8. ♖f2=]
6. ♖c1+! ♕xa2 7. ♘c2 ♚xc1 stalemate

Honourable Mention

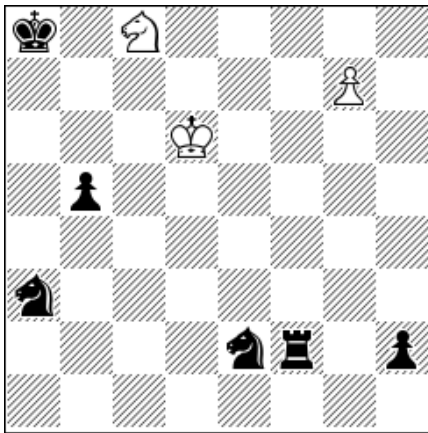
Petromir Panaiotov (Bulgaria)



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1. ♘f4 ♖f6! 2. ♘xd3 bxc4 3. ♘xc5!
3...♖xf2+ [3...♕xc5 4.b3 ♖d6+ 5.♕c2! (5.♕c3? ♖d3+ 6.♕c2 c3-+) 5...♕c8! (5...♕b7 6.♖e1=) 6.♖a1! ♕f5+ 7.♕c1 cxb3 8.♖a5+ ♖b4 9.♖xf5=]
4.♕e1 ♖h2 5.♖a1!! [5.♘xa6? ♖h1+ 6.♕d2 ♖xb1 7.♕c2 ♖h1-+]
5...♖h1+ 6.♕d2 ♖xa1 7.♘b3+! cxb3 stalemate

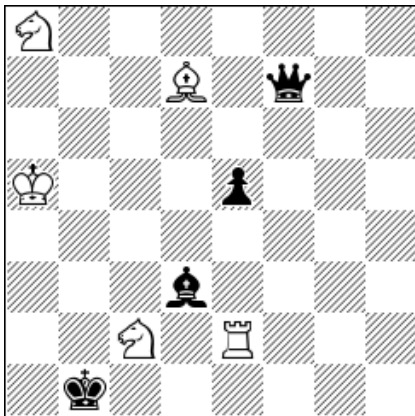
Honourable Mention
Pavel Arestov (Russia)



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1.g8♔ h1♔ 2.♘e7+ ♔b7 3.♙c8+ ♔a7 4.♘c6+ ♚xc6+ 5.♔xc6 ♘d4+
6.♔d5 ♘ac2 7.♔c5 ♚f7 8.♙d7+ ♚xd7 stalemate

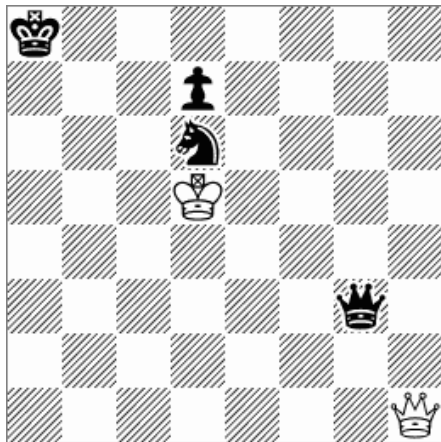
Special Honourable Mention
Michael Pasman (Israel)



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1.♘a3+ ♔a1 2.♚xe5 ♚f8! 3.♘c4! [Thematic try : 3.♘b5 ♚xa8+ 4.♔b4 ♚b7 5.♔b3! ♔b1!-
+ 6.♔e8 and Black wins for example by 6...♚g7 7.♚e2 ♚g8+ 8.♔c3 ♚g3+ 9.♔b4 ♚g4+;
3.♔c6 ♚xa3+ 4.♔b6 ♚b2+ losing also the Rook;
3...♔xc4 4.♘b6! ♚f4! 5.♚e1+! ♔b2 6.♚e3!!] ♔b1!? 7.♚e1+! ♔b2 8.♚e3! ♚c7!
9.♔b5!! ♚a7+ 10.♔b4 ♚xb6 11.♚b3+! ♔a2 12.♚a3+ ♔b2 13.♚b3+! ♔xb3 stalemate

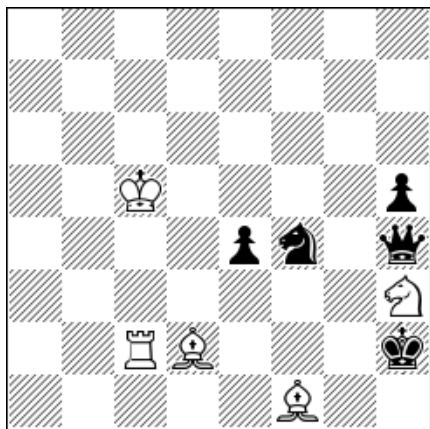
Commendation
Ivan Malyi (Ukraine)



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1. ♖h8+ ♔b7 2. ♜b2+ ♔c8 3. ♜h8+ ♔b7 [3... ♔c7 4. ♜c3+ ♜xc3]
4. ♜b2+ ♔a7 5. ♜d4+ ♔b8 6. ♜b4+ ♞b7 7. ♜f4+ ♜xf4 stalemate

Commendation
Michal Hlinka (Slovakia), Jaroslav Polasek (Czech Republic)

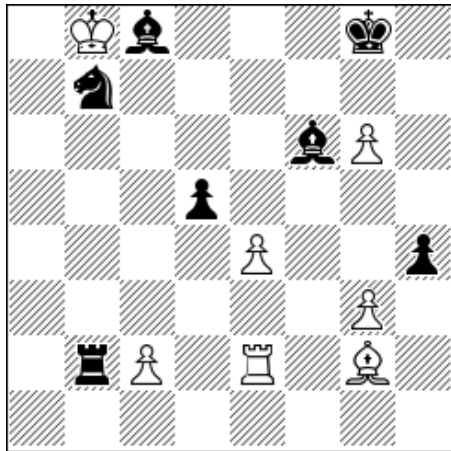


Black move =

1... ♜e7+ 2. ♔d4! ♜g7+! 3. ♔xe4! [3. ♔e3? ♞d5+ 4. ♔e2 ♜g4+ 5. ♔e1 ♜g3+ 6. ♔d1 ♜f3+ 7. ♔e1 ♔g3-+ 8. ♞c5 e3 9. ♞xd5 ♜xd5 10. ♞xe3-+ Nalimov] 3... ♜h7+ [3... ♜g6+ 4. ♔f3 ♜g3+ 5. ♔e4 ♜g6+ 6. ♔f3 ♜xc2 7. ♞xf4+ ♔h1=] 4. ♔f3 ♞xh3 [4... ♜xc2 5. ♞xf4+=] 5. ♞f4+ ♔g1 6. ♞d3! ♜xd3+ 7. ♞e3+ ♔h1 8. ♞h2+! [8. ♞c1+? ♔h2-+] 8... ♔xh2 stalemate

Commendation

Alexey Gasparyan (Armenia)

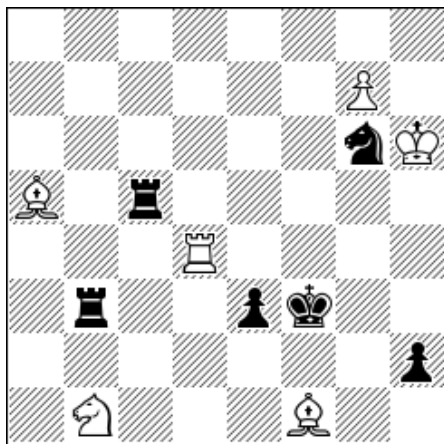


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1.e5 ♕xe5+ 2.♖xe5 ♕e6 3.gxh4 ♘a5+ 4.♔c7 ♖xc2+ 5.♔d6 ♘c4+ 6.♔xe6 ♘xe5
7.♕xd5 ♘xg6 8.♖f6+ ♔h7 9.♕e4 ♖f2+ 10.♖g5 ♔g7 11.♕xg6 ♖g2+ 12.♖h5 ♖xg6
stalemate

Commendation

Darko Hlebec (Serbia)

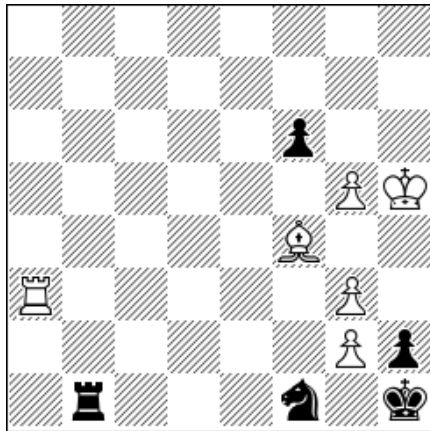


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1.♘d2+ exd2 2.♕g2+ ♔xg2 3.♖xd2+ ♔h3 4.♖xh2+ ♔xh2
5.g8 ♖h3+ 6.♖g7 ♖g3 7.♕e1 ♖g2 8.♖h6 ♖h5+ 9.♖xh5 ♘f4+
10.♖h4 ♖xg8 11.♕g3+

Commendation

Vladislav Tarasiuk (Ukraine)

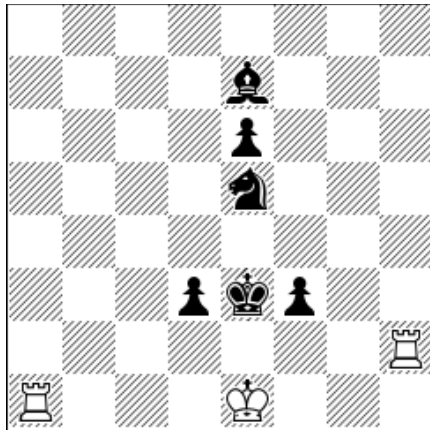


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1.g4 ♖b5 2.♙xh2 ♜xh2 3.♚h4 fxg5+ 4.♚h3 ♞f1 5.g3 ♞b8 6.♞a8 ♞b7 7.♞a7 ♞b6 8.♞a6 ♞b5 9.♞a5 ♞b4 10.♞a4 ♞b2 11.♞a2 ♞xa2

Commendation

Peter Krug (Austria), Mario Garcia (Argentina)



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1.♞h6! d2+ 2.♚f1! [with two lines :]
 2...♙c5 [B] 2...♙b4 3.♞xe6 ♚f4 4.♞e8! ♜g4 5.♞d8 ♙c3 6.♞b1 ♚e4 7.♞e8+ ♚d3 8.♞g8 ♚c2 9.♞xg4 ♚xb1 10.♞d4 ♙xd4= stalemate]
 3.♞xe6 ♚f4 4.♞ea6 ♚g3 5.♞6a4! ♜g4 6.♞xg4+ ♚xg4 7.♞a4+ ♚f5 8.♞d4! ♙xd4= stalemate