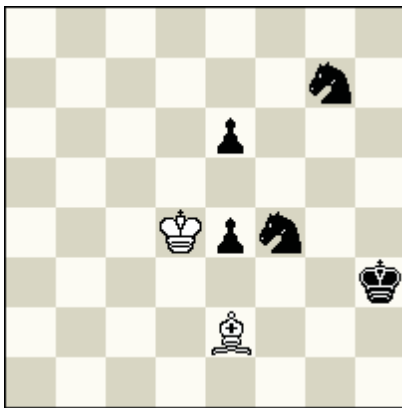


The Preliminary Award of Studies - Quartz 2005-07

by Iuri Akobia

Ten studies were to be judged: 602(Rossi & Campioli), 603(Afek), 604(Becker), 628(Bertoli), 651(Becker), 652(Răican), 675(Becker), 720(Pallier), 721(Murârasu), 722(Mikitovics). My classification is:

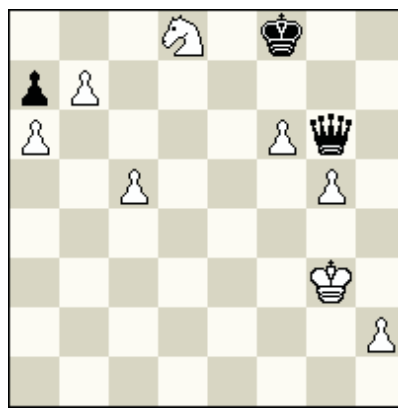
No. 604
R.Becker (USA)
Prize



(2+5)

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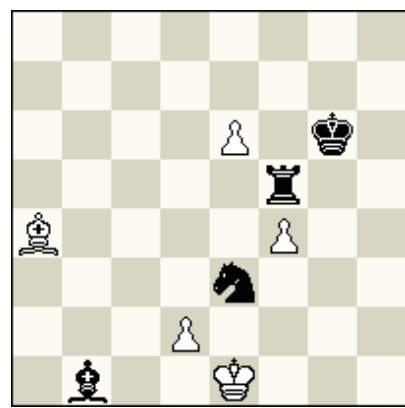
No. 652
P.Răican (Romania)
Spec. Prize



(8+3)

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No.603
Y.Afek (Israel/Neth.)
HM



(5+4)

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No.604 - R.Becker (USA) -Prize

1.Bf1+ Kg3 /i 2.Kxe4 Nf5 3.Ke5 with main thematic lines:

A) 3...Nh6 4.Be2 zz Nf7+ 5.Kf6 Nh6 6.Ke5 Ng4+ 7.Kd6 zz Kh3 8.Bf3! zz Kh4 9.Bd1! zz /ii Kh5 10.Bf3 zz Kg5 11.Be2 zz Ne3 12.Ke5 zz Ng4+ 13.Kd6 Kf5 14.Ba6 Kf6 15.Bc8 =;

B) 3...Nh4 4.Bd3 Nf3+ 5.Kd6! /iii Kg2 6.Be4! /iv Kf2 7.Bg6! zz /v Ng5 8.Bc2! /vi Nf7+ 9.Ke7 Ne5 10.Bf5! =, or also 5...Nd2 6.Ba6! Ne4+ 7.Ke5 Ng5 8.Kf6 Nh7+ 9.Kg7 Ng5 10.Kf6 Nf3 11.Bb7! zz Nh2 12.Bc8 Ng4+ 13.Kg5 Nh3+ 14.Kh5 Nf4+ 15.Kg5 =;

i) 1...Kg4 2.Kxe4 Nf5 3.Ke5 Nh4 4.Bd3 Kg5 5.Be4 zz 5...Nf5 6.Bd5! exd5 model stalemate;

ii) 9.Be2? Kg5 zz 10.Bd1 Kf5 11.Ba4 Nf6 -+;

iii) [5.Kf6? Nh2 6.Ke5 Ng4+ 7.Kd6 Kh4 8.Be2 Kg5 zz-+;

iv) 6.Bg6? Kf2 zz 7.Bh5 Kg3 8.Bg6 Ng5 9.Be8 Ne4+ 10.Ke5 Nd2 11.Bc6 Nf3+ 12.Kd6 Kf2 13.Be4 Nd2 14.Bh7 Nc4+ 15.Kc5 Ne3 16.Kd6 Ng4 -+;

v) 7.Bc6? Ke2 8.Bb7Ke3 9.Bc6 Nd2 10.Bd7 Nc4+ 11.Kc5 Nd3+ 12.Kb5 Na3+ -+;

vi) 8.Be8? Nd3 9.Bd7 e5 10.Bf5 Ke3 11.Bxd3 Nf7+ -+; 8.Bb1? Nf7+ 9.Ke7 Nh6 10.Kd6 Ng4 -+.

The study is certainly the most substantial in the given tournament. At such light form the contents is very rich.

No. 652 - P.Răican (Romania) –Spec. Prize.

1.b8Q /i Qxg5+ 2.Kf3 Qd5+ 3.Ke3 /ii Qxc5+ 4.Kf4 Qc4+ 5.Kf5 Qd3+ 6.Kg4 Qg6+ /iii 7.Kf4 Qxf6+ 8.Ke4! Qg6+ 9.Kd4! Qg1+ 10.Kc4! [10.Kd5? Qg2+ 11.Kc5 Qc2+=] 10...Qf1+ the same position X without wPc5 11.Kc5! /iv Qc1+ 12.Kd5! /v Qh1+ 13.Ke6+-.

i) Thematic try 1.Ne6+? Kf7 2.b8Q Qd3+ 3.Kh4 Qh7+ 4.Kg3 Qd3+ 5.Kg4 (5.Kf4 Qc4+=) 5...Qf5+! 6.Kxf5 stalemate;

ii) Thematic try 3.Kf4? Qc4+ 4.Kf5 Qd3+ 5.Kg4 Qg6+ 6.Kf4 Qxf6+ 7.Ke4 Qg6+ 8.Kd4 Qg1+! 9.Kc4 Qf1+ is obtained a position X with bad wPc5 (the theme of wcct-7) 10.Kd5 Qg2+ (f3)= eternal check, wPc5 hinders 10.Kc5! win;

- iii) 6...Qe2+ 7.Kg5! Qd2+ 8.Qf4+-; 6...Qd1+ 7.Kh4 Qd4+ 8.Kh3 Qd7+ 9.Ne6+++;
- iv) 11.Kb3?? Qb1+-+;
- v) 12.Kd6?? Qf4+-+.

It is well developed an old position (see the diag.1). As a result, the study was “born” once again, but now with theme WCCT7.

[Editor’s note: the old study is found to be cooked]

No.603 - Y.Afek (Israel/Neth.) –HM.

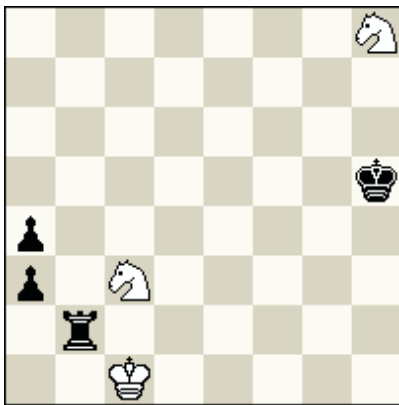
1.e7 Ng2+ 2.Kd1 Bc2+ 3.Kxc2 /i Rc5+ 4.Kd3 Rc8 5.e8Q+ Rxe8 6.Bxe8+ Kf5 7.Bd7+ Kxf4 8.Bc6 Nh4 /ii 9.Be4 Ke5 10.Ke3+-.

i) 3.Bxc2? Kf7 4.Bxf5 Nxf4=;

ii) 8...Ne1+ 9.Kc3+-.

The fresh idea of domination of a Knight is realized.

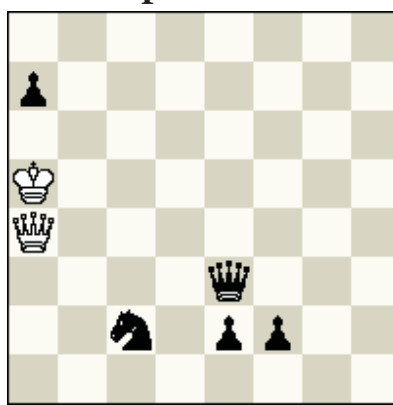
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J.Mikitovic (Hungary)
HM



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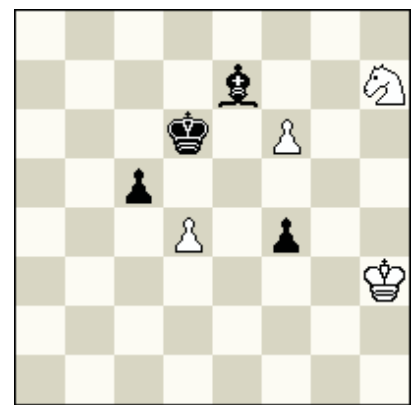
No.651
R.Becker (USA)
Spec. HM



(2+5)

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No.602
P.Rossi & M.Campioli (I)
Comm



(4+4)

BTM

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No.722 - J.Mikitovic (Hungary) – HM.

1.Nf7 /i Rf2 2.Ne5 /ii a2 3.Nxa2 Rxa2 4.Nd3! /iii a3 /iv 5.Kb1 Rd2 6.Ne5! Rb2+ 7.Ka1 Rc2 8.Nf7! /v Rc6 9.Ka2 Re6 10.Nd8! Rd6 11.Nb7 vi) Ra6 12.Nc5=.

i) 1.Nxa4? Rb8 2.Nf7 (2.Nc3 Rc8+-) 2...a2+-;

ii) 2.Nd6? a2 3.Nxa2 Rxa2 4.Kb1 (4.Nc4 Re2+-) 4...Re2+-;

iii) 4.Kb1!? Rd2! 5.Nc4 Rd4 6.Ne5 Rd5 7.Nc4 Rc5 8.Nb2 a3 9.Na4 Rc4 10.Nb6 Rb4+-+;

iv) 4...Rh2 5.Kb1 a3 6.Ne5 Rb2+ 7.Ka1 main line;

v) 8.Nd3? Kg4=;

vi) 11.Nf7? Rd5!+-.

Interesting non-standard movement of a Knight.

No.651 - R.Becker (USA) – Spec. HM.

1.Qe8+ Kd2 /i 2.Qd8+ Kc1 3.Qg5+ Kd1 4.Qd8+ Ke1 5.Qh4 Ne3 6.Ka4! /ii with:

A) 6...a6 7.Qg3! iii Ng2 8.Qc3+ Kf1 9.Qd3! Nf4 10.Qc4 zz 10...a5 11.Kb5 a4 12.Kxa4 Kg1 13.Qxf4 f1Q 14.Qg3+ =;

B) 6...Nf5 7.Qb4+ Kf1 8.Qc4! zz Ng3 9.Qa6! zz /iv Ke1 10.Qa5+ Kf1 11.Qa6 Kg1 12.Qd6 (Qg6) Kg2 13.Qc6+ Kh2 14.Qh6+ Kg2 15.Qc6+ Kf1 16.Qa6=.

i) 1...Kd3 2.Qg6+ Kd2 3.Qd6+ Ke1 4.Qg3 =;

ii) 6.Qg3? Kf1 7.Qh3+ Kg1 8.Qg3+ Ng2 -+; 6.Qb4+? Kf1 7.Qb5 Nf5 8.Ka6 Ng3 9.Kxa7 Kg1 10.Qg5 Kg2 11.Qd5+ Kh2 -+; 6.Ka6? Nf5 7.Qb4+ Kf1 8.Qc4 Ng3 9.Kxa7 Kg1 10.Qg8 Kg2 11.Qa8+ Kf1 -+;

iii) 7.Ka5? Nf5 8.Qb4+ Kf1 9.Qc4 Ng3 10.Ka4 a5 11.Qa6 Ne4 12.Qc4 Nd2 13.Qd3 Ke1 14.Qg3 Ne4 15.Qh4 Nc5+ 16.Kb5 Nd3 17.Kc4 Kd2 18.Qd4 f1Q -+; 7.Ka3? (Kb3?) 7...Nf5 8.Qb4+ Kf1 9.Qc4 Ng3 10.Kb2 Kg1 11.Qg8 e1N 12.Qxg3+ Ng2 -+;

iv) 9.Qb5? Kg1 10.Qb8 Kh2 11.Qh8+ Kg2 12.Qa8+ Kf1 -+;

The given work much more surpasses an earlier version (see the diag.2).

No.602 - P.Rossi & M.Campioli (Italy) – Comm.

1...c4! 2.Ng5 /i Bxf6 3.Ne4+ Kd5 /ii 4.Nxf6+ Kxd4 5.Nh5 Ke3 6.Nf6 Ke2 /iii 7.Ne4 f3 8.Kg3 f2 9.Nxf2 c3 10.Ne4 c2 11.Nc3+ Kd2 12.Na2=.

- I) 2.fxe7? Kxe7 3.Kg2 c3-+;
- ii) 3...Ke6 4.Kg4 Bxd4 5.Kxf4;
- iii) 6...Kf2 7.Nd5=.

Not bad maneuvers of the Knight saves the White. Of course, the idea is not fresh.

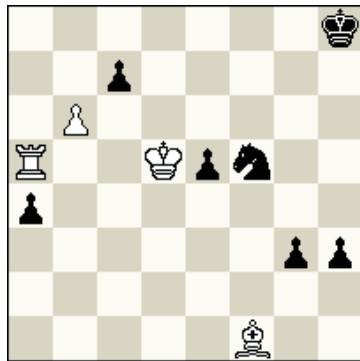
No.721 - I.Murãrasu (Romania) – Spec. Comm.

1...g2 /i 2.Bxg2 hxg2 3.b7 Ne7+ 4.Ke6! Nc6! /ii 5.Rxe5! g1Q 6.b8Q+ Nxb8 7.Rh5+ Kg7 8.Rg5+! Qxg5 stalemate.

- i) 1...cxb6 2.Ra8+ Kg7 3.Bxh3=; 1...Ne7+ 2.Ke6 g2 3.Bxg2 hxg2 4.b7=;
- ii) 4...g1Q 5.b8Q+=.

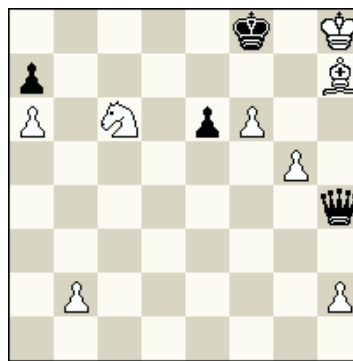
The stalemate position (unfortunately not model) reminds me of my own work (see the diag.3). However, I see there are some fresh moments.

**No.721
I.Murãrasu (Romania)
Spec. Comm.**



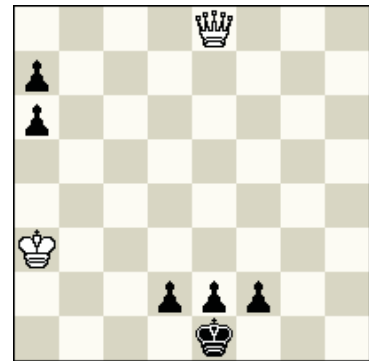
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**No.1
P.Răican
EG 1984**



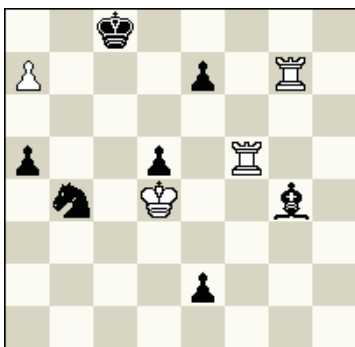
(8+4) ±

**No.2
R.Becker
5HM, Chess Life 1997-2000**



(2+6) =

**No.3
I.Akobias
5HM - Trans-Ural Ty, 1984**



(4+7) BTM =

No.1 (Răican) Intention:

1.Nd8 e5 /i 2.b4 e4 /ii 3.b5 e3 4.b6 e2 5.b7 /iii e1Q 6.b8Q Qxh7+ 7.Kxh7 Qh4+ 8.Kg6 Qe4+ 9.Kh5 Qf3+ 10.Kh4 Qe4+ 11.Kg3 Qe3+ 12.Kg4 Qe2+ 13.Kh3 Qh5+ 14.Kg3 Qxg5+ 15.Kf3 Qh5+ 16.Ke3 Qc5+ 17.Kf4 /iv Qd4+ 18.Kf5 /v Qd3+ 19.Kg4 Qg6+ 20.Kf4 Qxf6+ 21.Ke4 Qg6+ 22.Kd4 Qg1+ 23.Kc4 Qf1+ 24.Kc5 Qe1+ 25.Kd5 Qh1+ 26.Ke6+-

- i) 1...Ke8 2.Kg7 Qxg5+ 3.Bg6+ Kxd8 4.f7 Qe7 5.Kg8+-;
- ii) 2...Ke8 3.f7+ Kf8 4.b5 e4 5.b6 e3 6.Ne6+ Kxf7 7.bxa7 e2 8.a8Q e1Q 9.g6+ Kxe6 10.g7 Qa1 11.Qc6+ Ke7 12.Qc7+ Ke6 13.a7+-;
- iii) 5.bxa7? e1Q 6.a8Q Qxh7+ 7.Kxh7 Qe4+ 8.Qxe4=;
- iv) 17.Kd3? Qd5+ 18.Kc3 Qc5+ 19.Kb2 Qd4+ 20.Ka2 Qa4+=;
- v) 18.Kg5? Qd5+ 19.Kh6 Qd2+ 20.Kh5 Qd5+ 21.Kg4 Qg8+ 22.Kf5 Qh7+ 23.Ke6 Qh3+=. This study is cooked.

No.2 (Becker) 1.Qh8! d1N 2.Qh4 Ne3 3.Qg3! a5 4.Kb3! Ng2 5.Qc3+ Kf1 6.Qc4 Ne3 7.Qd3 (Qb5) Ng2 8.Qc4 a6 9.Ka3 10.Kb4 Ne3 11.Qd3 Nd5+ 12.Kxa4 Nf4 13.Qc4 zz a5 14.Kb5 a4 15.Kxa4 Kg1 16.Qxf4 f1Q 17.Qg3+ = .

No.3 – I.Akobias

1...Nc6+ 2.Kxd5 Kb7 3.a8Q+! /i Kxa8 4.Kxc6 e1Q /ii 5.Rg8+ Ka7 6.Rxa5+! /iii Qxa5 7.Ra8+ Kxa8 model stalemate. i) 3.Rg8!? Kxa7 4.Kxc6 Bxf5 5.Rg1 Bc2 6.Kb5 a4 7.Kc4 Bd1-+;

- ii) 4...Bxf5 5.Rxe7=;
- iii) 6.Ra8+!? Kxa8 7.Rxa5+ Kb8! (7...Qxa5 stalemate).