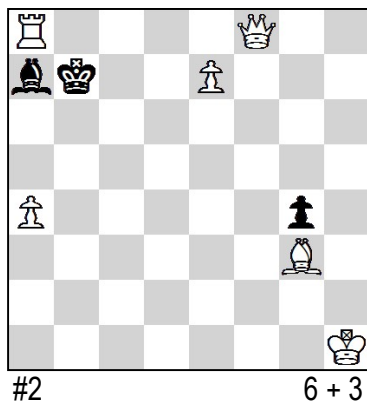


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1.



Yu. Zelensky
64 — Shakhmatnoe obozrenie

1. ♔f6? ♖b6!

1. ♔f1! [5]

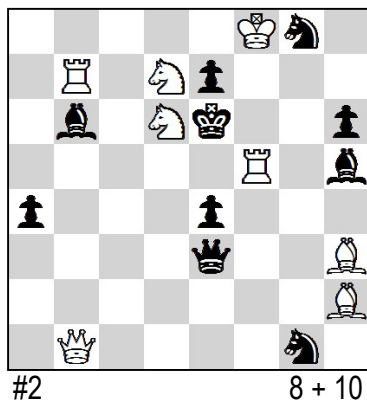
1... ♖b6 ~ 2. ♔a6†

1... ♖b6 2. ♔g2†

1... ♔xa8 2. ♔g2†

1... ♔c6, ♔b6 2. ♔b5†

2.



Franz Pachl
5th Prize Sächsische Zeitung 1982-1983

1. ♘xe4? > 2. ♔e5† but 1... ♔f2! [2. ♔xe4†??]

1. ♘b5? > 2. ♔e5† but 1... ♔f3! [2. ♔xb6†??]

1. ♘c4? > 2. ♔e5† but 1... ♔f4! [2. ♔a2†??]

1. ♘e8? > 2. ♔e5† but 1... ♖xe8!

1. ♘f7? > 2. ♔e5† but 1... ♖xf7!

1. ♘c8! [5] > 2. ♔e5†

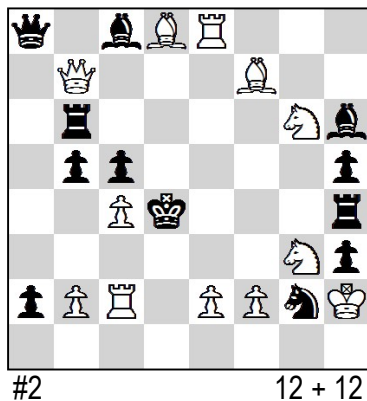
1... ♔f2 2. ♔xe4†

1... ♔f3 2. ♔xb6†

1... ♔f4 2. ♔a2†

White combinations
with 3 thematic tries

3.



Hendrik Prins
1st Prize Probleemblad 1981

1. ♘f4? > 2. ♔e4† / ♔d2† 1... ♖e6 2. ♖f6† but 1... ♔e6!

1.f4? > 2. ♔e4† / ♔d2† 1... ♔e6 2. ♘f5† but 1... ♖e6!

1. ♔e6? > 2. ♖f6† / ♘f5† 1... ♖f4 2. ♔e4† but 1... ♔f4!

1. ♖e6? > 2. ♖f6† / ♘f5† 1... ♔f4 2. ♔d2† but 1... ♖f4!

1.cxb5! [5] > 2. ♔c4†

1... ♔e6 2. ♘f5†

1... ♖e6 2. ♖f6†

1... ♘e3 2. ♔d2†

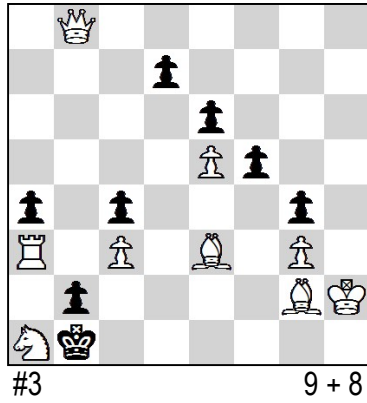
1... ♔a4 2. ♔d5†

Novotny, White Grimshaw
and White Novotny
in the virtual play;
Grimshaw in the solution

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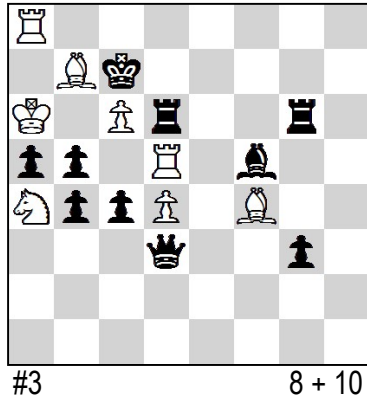
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Johann H. Koers
Schach-Delikatessen 1961

1. ♖c6! > 2. ♖xa4 [2.5] > 3. ♖c2†
1... dxc6 2. ♙b7! [2.5] f4 3. ♙h7†
c5 3. ♙h1†

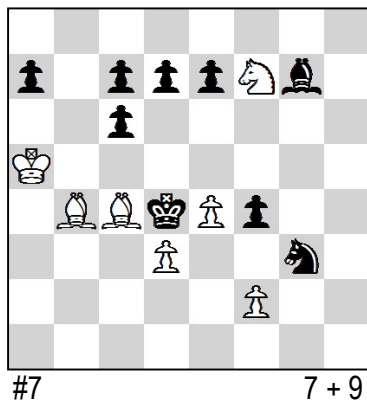
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Cor Goldschmeding
1st Honorable Mention
145th Theme Tourney Probleemblad

1. ♖c5! > 2. ♖e6+ [1] 2... ♖xe6 3. ♖xd6†
2... ♖xe6 3. ♖c8†
1... ♙e2 2. ♙a7! [1] > 3. ♖a6† 2... ♖c8 3. ♖xc8†
[2. ♖xb5? c3+! / 2. ♖xa5? ♙a2+!]
1... ♙e3 2. ♙xb5! [1] > 3. ♖a6† 2... ♖c8 3. ♖xc8†
[2. ♖xa5? ♙a3+! / 2. ♖a7? ♙xd4!]
1... ♙e4 2. ♙xa5! [1] > 3. ♖a6† 2... ♖c8 3. ♖xc8†
[2. ♖a7? ♙xd4! / 2. ♖xb5? ♙xd5!]
1... ♖d7 2. ♖xd7 [1] > 3. ♖c8† 2... ♖g8 3. ♖xd6†

6.



Petro A. Novitsky
2nd Prize Troll 1999-2000

1. ♖g5! [> 2. ♖f3†] ♙e5
2. ♖c3+ ♙d6
3. e5+! ♙xe5
4. ♖f7+ ♙c5
5. ♖b4+ ♙d4
6. ♖g5! [5] > 7. ♖f3†