

FIDE OLYMPIC TOURNEY – 2012

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Section Threemovers

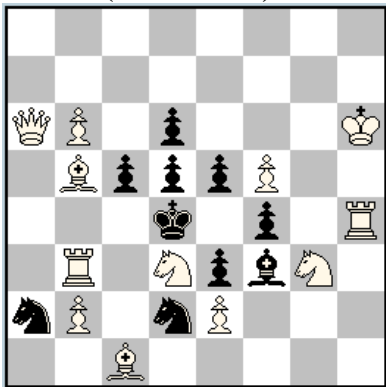
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From director I received 47 problems. There were four problems showing WCCT-9 theme (№4, №19, №30 & №31). I decided not to consider them for the award. In my opinion problems should not be sent to the tournament before WCCT-9 award is published. Unfortunately I had to eliminate very good problem №11 because of the major dual in variation (1...Ke6 2.Rf6+ & 2.Bd5+). I also decided to eliminate from the award N39 because of the dual after 1...Rd8 (2.Bxd8 & Bxf6#). In both problems the dual is not in thematic variations but defenses are very strong and it cannot be claimed that it's minor dual.

For the first time I ran into very unusual situation. Author of №29 claimed that his problem is "Probably one of the highest conceptions in orthodox threemover ever...". However in my opinion problem does not deserve more than commend. Originally I planned to rank this problem but when I thought more perhaps it's better to let author participate in some other tournament. Perhaps some other judge will award this problem prize. And most likely there would be disappointment with commend. So I decided not to rank this problem at all. I decided to rank the following problems:

Grigory Atajants (Russia)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
1st Prize (Gold Medal)



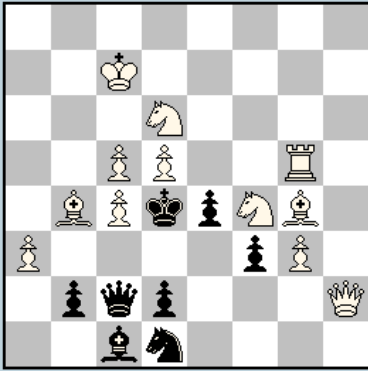
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(12+10)

Great problem showing Keller paradox and white play correction. Excellent variations with wS active sacrifices. Good tries too with few changed mates. Very original complex.

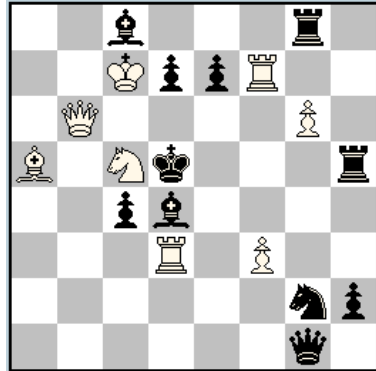
- 1. Qc8? ~ 2. Sxf4 ~ 3. Se6, Rd3#, 2... e5 ~ 3. Qh8#;
- 1... Sc4 2. Sxe5 ~ 3. Sc6, Sxf3#, 2... dxe5 3. Rd3#, 2... Sa5, Sb4 3. Sxf3#, 2... Sxe5 3. Bxe3#, 2... Sd2, Bf3 ~ 3. Sc6#, 2... Kxe5 3. Qh8#;
- 1... Se4 2. Sxc5 ~ 3. Se6, Rd3#, 2... dxc5 3. Rd3#;
- 2... Sxc5 3. Bxe3# but 1... c4!;
- 1. b7? ~ 2. Qxd6 ~ 3. Qxe5, Qxc5#, 2... Sc4 3. Qxc5#, 2... Se4/xb3 3. Qxe5#; 1... Se4 2. Sxc5 ~ 3. Se6#, 2... dxc5 3. Rd3#, 2... Kxc5 3. Qa7#, 2... Sxc5/g5/xg3 3. Bxe3# but 1... Sc4!;
- 1. Qa7! ~ 2. Sxf4! ~ 3. Se6, Rd3# or 2...e5 ~ 3.Qg7#,**
- 1...Sc4 2. Sxe5! (Sxc5?) ~ 3. Sc6, Sxf3#, 2...dxe5 3. Rd3#, 2... Sxe5 3. Bxe3#, 2...Kxe5 3. Qg7#;**
- 1...Se4 2. Sxc5! (Sxe5?) ~ 3. Se6#, 2... dxc5 3. Rd3#, 2...Kxc5 3. b7#, 2...Sxc5/g5/xg3 3. Bxe3#.**

Alexandr Kuzovkov (Russia)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
2nd Prize (Silver Medal)



#3 (12+8)

Mikhail Marandyuk (Ukraine)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
3rd Prize (Bronze Medal)



#3 (8+11)

Alexandr Kuzovkov (Russia)

Four fold cycle of white 2nd and 3rd moves is not a new achievement but this problem additionally combines this theme with three blocks by BQ in thematic variations. Construction is excellent.

1.c6! - 2.Qh8+ (A) Ke3 3. Bc5# (B);
 1...Qc3 2. Bc5+ (B) Kc5 3. Se6# (C),
 1...Qd3 2.Se6+ (C) Ke3 3.Sf5x (D),
 1... Qc4 2.Sf5+ (D) Se5 3) Qh8# (A).

Mikhail Marandyuk (Ukraine)

Zagoruiko in three variations by WQ. This is nothing new but composer additionally added three WS Siers variations where WS plays on the same squares where WQ played. Basically there are 6 variations where two different white pieces are playing to the same squares three times.

Very nice combination.

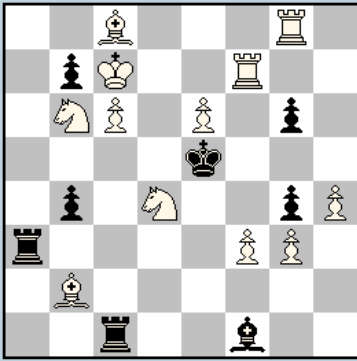
1.Qb5! ~ 2.Sxd7+ Ke6 3.Qc6#;
 1...Rxc6 2.Sb7+ Ke6 3.Sd8#;
 1...Qb12.Sb3+ Ke6 3.Sxd4#;
 1...Ba6 2.Qxd7+Kxc5 (a) 3.Qc6#, 2...Ke5 (b) 3.Qe6#,
 1...Bb7 2.Qxb7+ Kxc5 (a) 3.Bb4# - 2...Ke5 (b) 3.Qe4#;
 1...cxd3 2.Qb3+ Kxc5 (a) 3.Bb6# - 2...Ke5 (b) 3.Sxd3#.
 (1...d6 2.Qc6+).

Srečko Radović

(Serbia)

FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012

1st Honorable Mention



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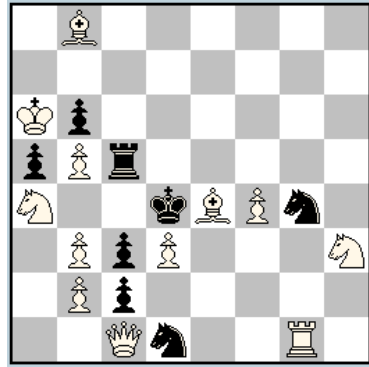
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Viktor Volček

(Belarus)

FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012

2nd Honorable Mention



#3

(12+8)

Srečko Radović (Serbia)

Two beautiful analog variations ending in white battery mates.

Black bishop is closing lines of rooks just moved along the line.

Very original play.

1.Rf4! ~ 2.Re4+ Kf6 3.Sd5#; 1...Bd3 2.fxg4! ~ 3.Sf3#;

1...Bc4 2.cxb7! ~ 3.Sc6#; 1...Re3 2.Rxg6! ~ 3.Rf5/Rg5# - 2... Bd3 3.Sc2#;

1...Rc5 2.e7! ~ 3.e8Q/R# - 2...Bc4 3.Sb3#.

Viktor Volček (Belarus)

Nice problem with a good try and nice play in solution. This problem presents Keller theme but not in very original matrix. The three squares (c3, e3 & e5) are guarded by two black pieces. In three thematic variations once black piece is abandoning control of two squares. This triggers white sacrifice on the square that is still guarded twice. If this is a new complex this problem would get a prize. However since it's been shown before rank of this problem had to be downgraded. 1 Rg3? cxb2!

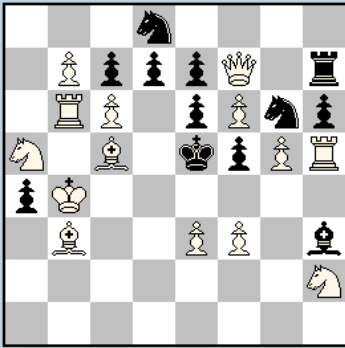
1. Re1! - 2.Sg1! Sh2 3.Se2#; - 1...S1f2 2.Be5+A (2.bxc3? B Rxc3? a / 2.Qe3+? C S4xe3! b) 2...Rxe5 3.bxc3# B , 2...S4xe5 3.Qe3# C; 1...Sf6(f2) 2.bxc3+ B (2.Qe3+? C S1xe3! b / 2.Be5+? A Rxe5! c) 2...S1xc3 3.Qe3# C 2...Rxc3 3.Be5# A, 1...Re5 2.Qe3+ C (2.Bxe5+? A S4xe5! c / 2.bxc3+? B S1xc3! a) 2...S4xe3 3 Bxe5# A 2...S1xe3 3.bxc3# B. (1...Rc4 2.Sg5! Rxa4 3.Se6#; 1...Rc7 2.Bxc7! ~ 3.Bxb6#).

Zoltan Labai

(Slovakia)

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3rd Honorable Mention



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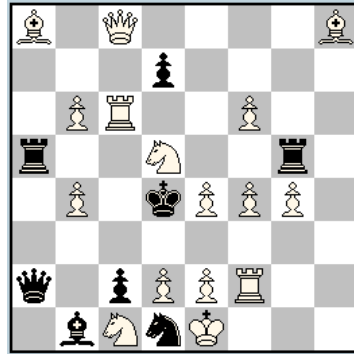
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Sergej Abramenko

(Russia)

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4th Honorable Mention



#3

(16+8)

Zoltan Labai (Slovakia)

Triple cycle of white second and third move (AB-BA, CD-DC, EF-FE). Very nice variations. Unfortunately key is very bad and it downgrades overall quality of this problem.

1.Rb5! 2.Bxe7+ A – d5 3.Sc4# B 1...d5 2.Sc4+ B – dxc4 3.Bxe7# A 1...f4 2.gxh6+ C - Bf5 3.Sg4# D 1...Bf1 2.Sg4+ D - fxg4 3.gxh6# C 1...Sxc6+ 2.Sxc6+ E –dxc6 3.Qxe6# F 1...dxc6 2.Qxe6+ F – Sxe6 3.Sxc6# E 1...Sf4 2.Bd4+ - Kd6 3.Be5# 1...Sb7 2.Sxb7 [3.Bd4# ,Bd6#] – b5 3.Bd4#.

Sergej Abramenko (Russia)

In one variation there are three different white mates after black defenses on the second black move. The same white moves are appearing as a white second move in three thematic variations. Additionally all white mates are pin mates. However key is very bad. Besides abandoning guarded square c6 wR creates battery and opens line a8-e4. Very strong key that downgrades value of this problem.

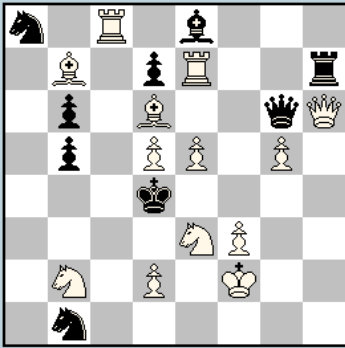
1.Rd6! ~ 2.Sc3+ Qd5 3.Sb3# or 2...Rad5 3.Qc5# or 2...Rgd5 3.f7#, 1...Qxd5 2.Sb3+ Ke4 3.Qc4#; 1...Raxd5 2.Qc5+ Ke4 3.d3#; 1...Rgxd5 2.f7+ Ke4 3.Qe8#; (1...Qc4 2.Se3+ Qd5 3.Qc4#).

Zivko Janevski

(Macedonia)

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5th Honorable Mention



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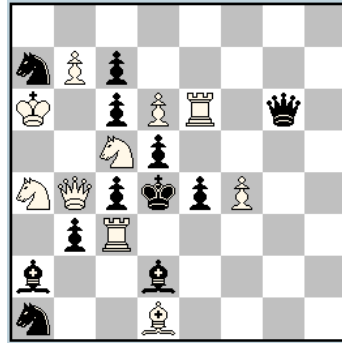
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Alexandr Feoktistov

(Russia)

FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012

1st Commendation



#3

(10+12)

Zivko Janevski (Macedonia)

Two nice mixed Bristol variations ending with a pin mate.

1.Bb4! (2.Bc3+ Sxc3 3.dxc3#) - 1...Qe6 2.Sc2+ Kxe5 3.Qf6#;

1...Qc6 2.Sf5+ Kxd5 3.Qd6#; 1...Qd3 2.Qxb6+ Sxb6 3.Bc5#,

1...Rxe7 2.Qh4+ Kxe5 3.d4#, 2...Qe4 3.Qxe4#;

1...Sc7 2.Sf5+ Qxf5 3.Qxb6#.

Alexandr Feoktistov (Russia)

Creation of white batteries in two variations. Several white moves are changing functions between variations. Nice problem.

1.Bc2! ~ 2.Sxe4! cxd6 (a) 3.Rd3# (B), 2... bxc2 (b) 3.Qc5# (C),

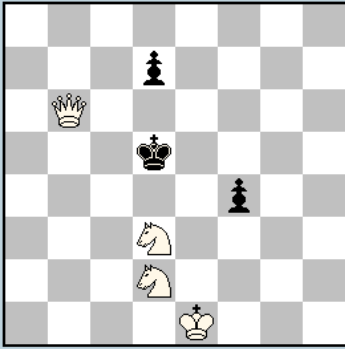
1...cxd6 (a) 2.Qb6! ~ 2.Sxb3# (A), 2...dxc5 3.Qxc5# (C),

1...bxc2 (b) 2.Qb2! ~ 3.Rd3# (B), 2... Bxc3 3.Qxc3# (D),

1...Sxc2 2.Sxb3+! (A) Bxb3 3.Qc5# (C),

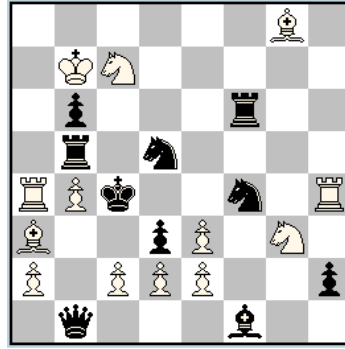
1... Bxf4 2.Rd3+! (B) exd3 3.Qc3#(D); (1...Qg3 2.Rxe4+!dxe4 3.Qxc4#)

Jury Alexeev (Russia)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
2nd Commendation



#3 (4+3)

Alexandr Pankratiev (Russia)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
3rd Commendation



#3 (13+10)

Jury Alexeev (Russia)

There were several miniatures participating in this tournament. However this is the only one that deserves its place in this award. Nice flight giving key and good play.

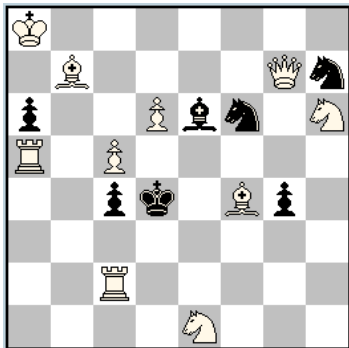
- 1.Kf2? (A) – zz 1...f3 2.Qa6! (B) ~ 3.Qc4# but 1...d6!;
 1.Qg6? - zz ; 1...Kd4 2.Qe4+(C) Kc3 3.Qc4 (D) but 1...f3!;
1.Qa6! (B) zz – 1...f3 2.Kf2 (A) Kd4(d6) 3.Qc4#;
 1...Kd4 2.Qc4+(C) Ke3 3.Qe4# (D).

Alexandr Pankratiev (Russia)

Reciprocal changes after nice key by WS (unpins BSf4). It's bad that there is a double threat after the key. Also matrix is not completely new but overall problem deserves commend.

- 1...Qxb4 2.cxd3+Kxc5 3.Se4#, 1...Rxb4 2.Bxd5+Rxd5 3.Se4#,
 1...Qxa2 2.Bxd5+ Rxd5 3.b5#, 1...Ra5 2.cxd3+ Qxd3 3.bxa5#,
 1...dxc2 2.d3+ Kc3 3.Se4#.
1.Se4 ! - h1Q! 2.Rxf4 ! Qxb4 (Rxb4,Qxe4) 3.cxd3#; (Bxd5#,Rxe4#) -
 1...Qxb4 2.Bxd5+ Rxd5 (Sxd5) 3.Rxb4# (3.cxd3#);
 1...Rxb4 2.cxd3+ Qxd3 (Sxd3) 3.Rxb4# (3.Bxd5 #).

Kenan Velikhanov
 (Azerbaijan)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
4th Commendation



#3

(10+7)

Kenan Velikhanov (Azerbaijan)
 Nice unpinning key. Two sacrifices of WQ. Although matrix is simple excellent construction. Nice problem.

1. Qg6! (2. Qf5 ~ 3. Qe5# - 2... c3 3.Qd3#; 2... Sd7 3. Qe4#; 2. ... Bxf5 3. Sxf5#) - 1... Bc8 2. Qd3+! cxd3 3. Ra4#; 1... Sd5 2. Qe4+! Kxe4 3. Rxc4#; 1... Bd5 2.Sf5+! Ke4 3.Rc4#.

Judge: Miodrag Mladenović
 (Serbia)