

Israel Ring Tourney: Twomovers 2007 Award

Judge: GM Udo Degener, Germany

20 twomovers participated, mostly of good quality. The problem by E. Petite (Vm1587, March 2007) is completely anticipated by A. Grin, Shakhmaty 1980 (identical position). The following problems are worthy of distinction:

1st Prize: Vm 1586, Aharon Hirschenson.

A Zagoruyko with direct and indirect unpin of the black bishop. A clear and straightforward setting. Surprisingly no forerunner has turned up.

1.Qa4? (2.Rde1)Bg3/Bc3 2.Qd4/Qf4 1...Rb4!; 1.Se4? (2.Rfe1) Bg3/Bc3/fe4 2.Sg3/Sc3/Sg4 1...hg3!; 1.Se6! (2.Rde1) Bg3/Bc3/Ke4 2.Sf4/Sd4/Rfe1.

2nd Prize: Vm 1678, Paz Einat & Ofer Comay (dedicated to Hillel and Yoel Aloni on their 70th jubilee).

Le Grand theme and two further changed mates. A successful setting.

1.Bg6? (2.Qd4) Ke3/Rd5/Rd6 2.Qe5/Qd5/f6 1...Rg2!; 1.Bc7! (2.Qe5) Ke3/Rd5/Rd6 2.Qd4/Sg3/Sd6.

3rd Prize: Vm 1628, Michael Keller (GER).

Combinations of Novotny, Grimshaw, the A-theme and threat recurrence are well known, but much rarer is the combination with a white Grimshaw and 2 black Grimshaws in the solution phase.

1.Rc4? (2.ed3,Sc5) Bf4!; 1.Bc4? Rf4!; 1.Bf4? (2.Re3,Qf5) cd5!; 1.Ke7! (2.Sd6) Rc4/Bc4 2.ed3/Sc5 1...Rf4/Bf4 2.Re3/Qf5.

1st Honourable Mention: Vm 1671, Aharon Hirschenson.

White correction, Barnes, Sushkov and pseudo-Le Grand. The knight sacrifices and the mates on e7 make this a very harmonious setting. Only the refutation 1...hg6 is rather crude.

1.Sd~? (2.e7,Se7) Ra7!; 1.Sde5? (2.e7) fe5/Ra7 2.Se7/fg4 1...hg6!; 1.Sf6! (2.Se7) Bf6/hg6/e4,Ra7/Re4+ 2.e7/Qg6/fg4/fe4.

2nd Honourable Mention: Vm 1632, Abdelaziz Onkoud (FRA) (dedicated to J.Rotenberg).

This likewise shows a Barnes/Sushkov/pseudo-Le Grand combination, with additional white self-obstruction in the tries.

1.Bd5? (2.Rd7,Be5) Bd4!; 1.Bd7? (2.Be5) Se6!; 1.Bc4? (2.Rd7) Sc5 2.Be5 1...Sc6!; 1.Bc8! (2.Be5) Bd4/Se6/Sc6 2.Qd4/Rd7/Rc6 1...f4/Bf4 2.Se4/Qf4.

3rd Honourable Mention: Vm 1672, Givi Mosiashvili (GEO).

Zagoruyko and Dombrovskis-paradox. Unfortunately the Sg2 remains idle in the solution.

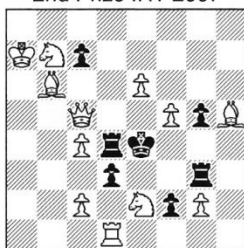
1.Rgc1? (2.Qf4) bc5/Sd3/Rf8 2.Qc5/R1c4/Qd7 1...Rd6!; 1.Sf4? (2.Sc2) Sd3 2.Rc4 1...Rd2!; 1.Se3? (2.Sf5) bc5/Sd3/fe3/Rf8 2.Qf4/Rc4/Rg4/Rd5 1...Rh5!; 1.Re1! (2.Re4) bc5/Sd3/Sg~ 2.Qd8/Sc2/Qe5.

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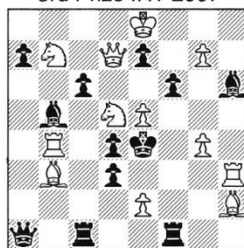
#2 vv (9+8)

Paz Einat & Ofer Comay
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#2 v (12+7)

Michael Keller
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#2 vvv (12+12)

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#2 vv (10+10)

4th Honourable Mention: Vm 1630, Aharon Hirschenson.

Secondary indirect unpin of the Pf3 after black correction. The nimble Se4 and the good key are pleasing features.

1.Seg3? (2.f4) g5!; 1.Sf2? (2.Sg4) gf6!; 1.Sc5? (2.Sd7) Rd8!; 1.Sg5? (2.Sf7) Rf8!; 1.Sd2! (2.Sc4) B~/Bd3/Bd5/Kd4 2.Re4/f4/Qd5/Sc4.

1st Commendation: Vm 1629, Emanuel Navon.

Reciprocal mate change with a give-and-take key. A set mate after 1...Kd6 would have been a nice addition.

1...Qd6/Bd5 2.Qf6/Sf7; 1.B~? (2.Qe6) Bd5 2.Qf6 1...Qd6!; 1.Bf5! (2.Qe6) Qd6/Bd5 2.Sf7/Qf6.

2nd Commendation: Vm 1676, Yosi Retter.

A nice crosscheck show, although the unfortunate Be8 gives away the solution and the position is a rather heavy one.

1.Bg1? (2.Rb5) Sf~/Bb3 2.Bd4/ef5, 1...a1Q!; 1.Be3? (2.Bf4) Ke4+/fe4/Sg5 2.Bd4/Rb5/Bd4 1...f4!; 1.Bb6! (2.Bc7) Ke6+/Re6/Sg5 2.Bd4/Rb5/Bd4.

3rd Commendation: Vm 1585, Emanuel Navon.

A Dombrovskis-Paradox with changes of mates and defences. However the dual mates after 1...Qe4 (2.Re4 & c3) spoil the effect considerably.

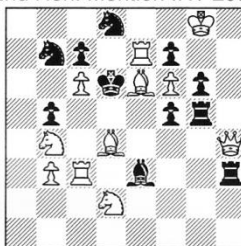
1.Ba7? (2.c6) Qe3/Qc4/Qf5 2.Rd6/Re4/c3 1...Be5!; 1.Rg3? (2.Rd6) Sf3!; 1.Re7? (2.Qd5) Be5!; 1.Qf2! (2.Rd6) Qe3/Qc4 2.Re4/Sf5 1...Qf5/Be5/Qe4 2.c3/Be5/Re4,c3.

My congratulations to the authors featured in the award and my thanks for the invitation to act as judge.

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Abdelaziz Onkoud

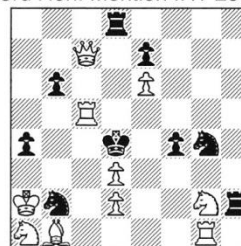
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Givi Mosiashvili

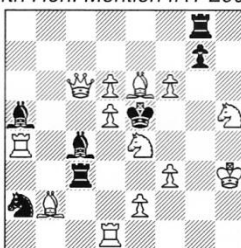
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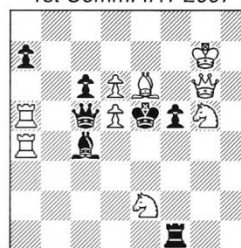
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Emanuel Navon

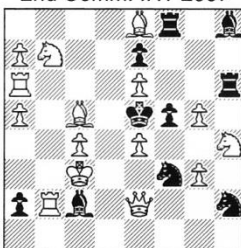
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Yosi Retter

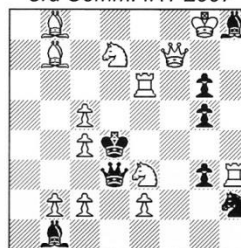
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#2 vv (15+10)

Emanuel Navon

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#2 vvv (13+8)