

Israel Ring Tourney Award: Two-movers – 2015

Judge: Vasil Dyachuk

In total 12 two-movers were published during 2015. Three problems were not included: **Var. 2683** (David Shtern, Evgeni Bourd): the basis of the mechanism with the moves of the queen and the knight and the change in the function of the white moves of was shown before. See **A** in the appendix as an example. **Var. 2728** (Pavel Murashev): improvement of the author's previously published problem (**B**). I think that in such cases the new edition is better published in the same publication as the original publication; **Var. 2730** (Evgeni Bourd): Anticipated by **C**. My award is as follows:

1st Prize: Var. 2682 Yossi Retter

The problem combines choice of key move, the Barnes theme and the pseudo-le Grand theme with the promotion of a white pawn into a knight and queen. There are also changed mates on the BK moves.

1...♙xc7 a 2.♙d8 **C** # 1...♙c5 b 2.♙c6 **D** # 1.♙c8 ? [2.e8=♙ **A**, e8=♘ **B** #] but 1...♙c5 ! 1.♙b5 ? [2.e8=♘ **B** #] 1...♙xb5 2.e8=♙ **A** # 1...♙c6 2.♙xc6# 1...♙xc7 a 2.♘e8 **E** # but 1...♘f4 !

1.♙b8 ! [2.e8=♙ **A** #] 1...♙xg7 2.e8=♘ **B** # 1...♙c5 b 2.♙b4 **F** #

2nd Prize: Var. 2632 Valery Shanshin

Tertiary threat correction with the Hannelius theme in the form of refutation-defense and change of play.

1...exd3+ 2.♙xd3# 1.♘c5? [2.♙c1 **A** #] 1...♘b5 x 2.♙xe4# 1...♙g1 a 2.♙xf2# but 1...♘c4 y ! 1.♘de5? [2.♙c1 **A** #] 1...♘c4 y 2.♘xc4# 1...♙g1 a 2.♙xf2# but 1...♘b5 x ! 1.♘b2!? [2.♘d1 **B** # (2.♙c1?)] 1...♘d4 2.♙d3#, but 1...♙xg6(b)! 1.♘xf2! [2.♙e1# (2.♙c1?, ♘d1?)] 1...♙xg6 b 2.♙c1 **A** # (2.♘d1?) 1...♙g1 a 2.♘d1 **B** # (2.♙c1?) 1...♙xf2+ 2.♙xf2#

3rd Prize: Var. 2680 Pavel Murashev

Half-battery play with the Salazar theme, Vladimirov paradox, secondary Dombrovskis in one variation and changed mates.

1...♙e ~ 2.♘xd5 **X** # but 1...♙e7 a ! 1.♙b3? [2.♙b4#] 1...♙e7 a, ♙e8 b 2.♘xd5 **X** # but 1...♙xa4! 1.♘a6? **A** [2.♙b4 **D** #] 1...♙e7 a 2.♘d7 **C** # 1...♙e8 b 2.♘xe8 **B** # but 1...♙b1! 1.♘e8? **B** [2.♘e6#] 1...♙xe8 b 2.♘xe8# 1...♙xd4 2.♙b4 **D** # but 1...♙e7! 1.♘d7! **C** [2.♘e6#] 1...♙e7 a 2.♘a6 **A** # 1...♙e8 b 2.♘xe8# 1...♙xd4 2.♙b4 **D** #

1st Honorable Mention: Var. 2729 Arieh Grinblat

Cyclic pseudo-le Grand with a cycle of square guarding by white and self-blocking them by black.

1.♘b4? [2.♙d2 **A** #] 1...♘e4 2.♘f5 **B** # 1...♘c5 2.♘c3# but 1...♘b2! 1.♙e7? [2.♘f5 **B** #] 1...♘d5 2.♘xb5 **C** # 1...♙f8 2.♙d7# but 1...♘e6! 1.♙f5! [2.♘xb5 **C** #] 1...♘c3 2.♙d2 **A** # 1...♙b8 2.♙d5#

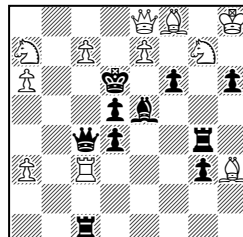
2nd Honorable Mention: Var. 2681 Youness BenJelloun & Paz Einat

Three-phase change of mates on two black defenses (Zagoruiko theme).

1...♘~ a 2.♙xc5# 1...c4 b 2.♙xc4# 1.♙h2 ? zz 1...♘~ a 2.♙d2# 1...c4 b 2.♘d1# 1...dxc2 2.♙xc2# but 1...d2 ! 1.♙b7 ! [2.♙xb3#] 1...♘~ a 2.♙xb2# 1...c4 b 2.♙b4#

Yossi Retter

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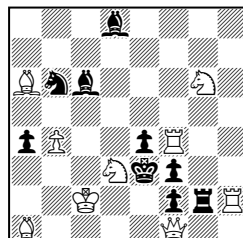


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Valery Shanshin

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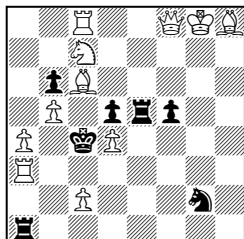


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Pavel Murashev

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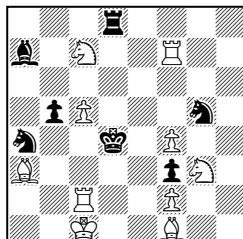


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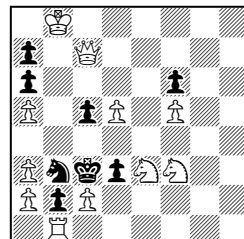


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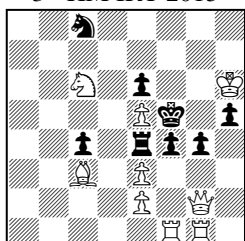
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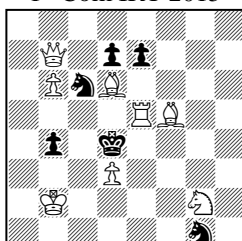
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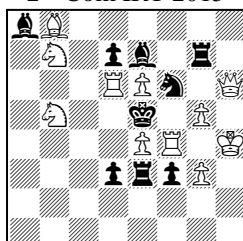
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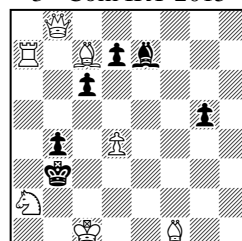
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Givi Mosiashvili
2nd Com IRT 2015



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Evgeni Bourd
3rd Com IRT 2015



#2 7+6

3rd Honorable Mention: Var. 2633 Pavel Murashev & Mykola Chernyavskyy

Mate changes and elements of black correction. Double line evacuation for pawn e2.

1. ♖g1? [2. ♖xh5#] 1... ♗xe5 2. ♖xf4# 1... ♗g3 2. ♖h3# but 1... h4! 1. ♖f3? zz 1... ♗xe5, ♗xe3 2. ♖xf4# 1... gxf3
2. ♖g5# 1... ♗g3 2. ♖xh5# but 1... ♗d4! **1. exf4!** zz 1... ♗xe5 2. fxe5# 1... ♖xf4 2. e4#
1... ♗d4, e3 2. ♖(x)d4# 1... ♖~ 2. ♖(x)e7# 1... h4 2. ♖xg4# 1... ♗g3 2. ♖h3#

1st Commendation: Var. 2684 Evgeni Bourd

Threat and mate on the same square in three phases with mate changes. The white knight g2, which is absolutely unnecessary in the solution, is unfortunate. 1. ♗e4? [2. ♗d5#] 1... ♖xe5 a 2. ♖d5 B # but 1... e6! 1. ♖f4? [2. ♗e4#] 1... ♖xe5 a 2. ♖e4 A # but 1... exd6! **1. ♖c7!** [2. ♗c5#] 1... ♖xe5 a 2. ♖c5 C #

2nd Commendation: Var. 2634 Givi Mosiashvili

Dombrovskis-Barnes with the le Grand theme and the changed mates. A well-known mechanism (See D in the appendix). 1. ♖c5? [2. ♗f5# & 2. ♗d5#] 1... ♖xe4/♗xe4 2. ♖d7/♖d3# but 1... ♗xe4! 1. ♖c3? [2. ♗f5#] 1... ♖xe4/♗g5 2. ♗d5/♖g5# but 1... ♗xe4! **1. ♖d4!** [2. ♗d5#] 1... ♖xe4/♗xe4/♗d6 2. ♗f5/♖f3/♖f6##

3rd Commendation: Var. 2635 Evgeni Bourd

Key move choice with Bristol and overlapping Pikabish. I found a predecessor of the mechanism (E). 1. ♖h8? [2. ♖h3#] but 1... ♗g4! 1. ♗d6? [2. ♖g8, ♖xb4#] but 1... c5! 1. ♗b6? [2. ♖g3#] but 1... d6! 1. ♗d8? [2. ♖g3#] but 1... ♗d6!
1. ♗h2! [2. ♖g3#] 1... d6 2. ♖xb4# 1... ♗d6 2. ♖g8#

Appendix

A: 1. ♖b8 ? [2. ♗b3#] 1... ♗xc3 2. ♖a3# but 1... cxb5 ! 1. ♖h8 ? [2. ♖a3#] 1... cxb5
2. ♗b3# but 1... ♗xc3 ! 1. ♖xc6 ? [2. ♗d5# 2. ♗b3#] 1... ♖e3 2. ♖xe4# 2. ♗b3# but
1... ♗xc3 ! 1. ♖xc6 ? [2. ♖e6#] 1... ♖e3 2. ♖xe4# but 1... ♖d5 ! 1. ♖d5 ! [2. ♖b6#]
1... ♗xc3/♖xd5/cxd5, cxb5 2. ♖a3/♖e6/♗b3#

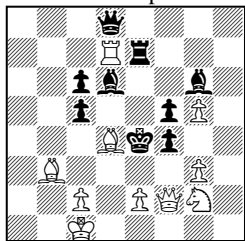
B: 1. ♗f6 ? [2. ♖f3#] 1... ♗e5 2. ♖xf4# but 1... ♖h5 ! 1. ♗xc5 ? [2. ♖d4#] 1... ♗xc5
2. ♖xf4# 1... ♗e5 2. ♖f3# but 1... ♖h8 ! 1. gxf4 ? [2. ♖e3#] 1... cxd4 2. ♖f3# 1... ♗xf4 +
2. ♖xf4# but 1... c4 ! 1. ♗e5 ! [2. ♖xf4#] 1... f3 2. ♖e3# 1... c4 2. ♖d4# 1... ♗xe5 2. ♖f3#

C: 1. ♖c2 ? [2. ♖xd3#] 1... ♖d~/♖c5 2. ♖xe4/♖d2# but 1... ♖c5 ! 1. ♖d7 ? [2. ♖xd4#] 1... ♖~ 2. ♖xd3# but 1... ♖d6!
1. ♖f5 ? [2. ♖xe4#] 1... ♖c5/♖e~ 2. ♖f4/♖xd3# but 1... ♖c5 ! 1. ♖g4 ! [2. ♖xe4#] 1... ♖e~/♖df4, c5 2. ♖xd4/♖xf4#

D: 1. ♖c7 ? [2. ♗b5# 2. ♗c4#] 1... ♖xd5/♗e2 2. ♖a6/♗xe7# but 1... ♗xc8 ! 1. ♖xe7 ? [2. ♗c4#] 1... ♖xd5/♗e2
2. ♗b5/♖g8# but 1... ♗e4 ! 1. ♖d6 ! [2. ♗b5#] 1... ♖xd5/♗e2/♗c3/♖xc6+/exd6 2. ♗c4/♖e4/♖xc3/♗xc6/♗xd6#

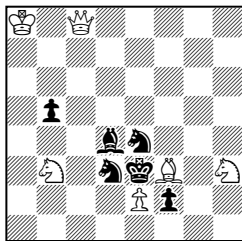
E: 1. ♗e6 ? [2. ♗c4, ♖c2#] 1... ♗xe6 2. ♖h8# but 1... ♖c1 ! 1. ♗e8 ? [2. ♖g4#] but 1... ♗e6 ! 1. ♖c2 ? [2. ♖c3#]
1... ♗c4 2. ♖, ♗xc4# but 1... ♗a3 ! 1. ♖h3 ! [2. ♖g4#] 1... e5/e6/♗e6 2. ♖c1/♗c4/♖h8#

B Pavel Murashev
Shach. Komp. 2007



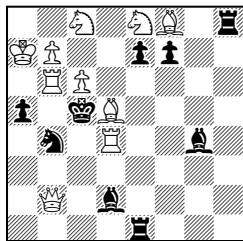
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C M. Myllyniemi
4th C. Die Schwalbe 1963



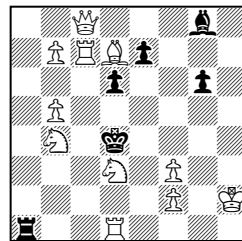
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D Rudenko & Shanshin
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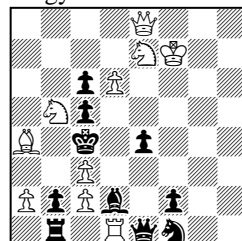
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E Ed. Bernard
Geneve-Home Inf. 1981



#2 11+6

A Waldemar Mazul
1st Prize
Magyar Sakkelet 1997



#2 10+10