

Israel Ring Tourney: Threemovers 2008

Judge: Abdelaziz Onkoud (Morocco) (from French: Jean Haymann)

I thank Uri Avner for inviting me to judge the threemover problems of Variantim for the year 2008. Fourteen problems participated. Some comments on the problems that didn't enter the award: **Vm 1722 (Keller)**: I would expect a defense leading to the pseudo-le-Grand theme. **Vm 1723 (Grinblat & Retter)**: I think the composers will agree with me that the additional threat in the second variation (1...♘b3 2.♗c6 [3.♙xe5 or ♗b4 #]) is, overall, harmful to the problem. The scheme is complex and I am sure the two composers will work more on this very nice idea. **Vm 1771 (Rosomakho)**: The third-pin is not exploited, see A. **Vm 1773 (Svitek)**: Unsolvable. The composer corrected in 2010. **Vm 1826 (Retter)**: The idea is partially taken from the WCCT8 theme. There is a dual 1...♖xd4 2.Rd3 or Rd2, see B. **Vm 1827 (Grinblat)**: see C.

Honorable mention: Vm 1724, Arieh Grinblat & Uri Avner

A neat and well orchestrated idea. The unpins of the White Knight with self blocks, are answered by interferences preparing flights for the Black King, and the unpinned Knight provides the mates.

1.♗d8! [2.♙d2 +] 1...♗c4/♗c6/♗g6/♙xd7 2.♗e4+/♗e6 + ♙h1+/♗e6 +

1st Commendation: Vm 1774, Evgeny Bourd & Arieh Grinblat

In contrast to the first impression the scheme looks original. In his second move White must be precise due to the opening of Black lines. The opposite is presented in D: the Black Knights interfere with Black lines instead of opening them.

1.♗d1! [2.♗xg4 +] 1...♙fxd3/♙scxd3 2.♗f4+/♗c5+

2nd Commendation: Vm 1829, Yosi Retter

The WCCT8 theme. Removal of three White Pawns by the Black Queen, Queen's pin and capture of the pinning pieces by the Queen while opening of White lines.

1.♙d1! [2.♗c2] 1...♙xd4/♙xe4/♙xc4/♙a8 2.♙d5/♗f5/♗b5/♗c1+

Solutions to additional problems:

A. 1.b7! [2.♗b6#] 1...♗c7/♙xe6/♙xd7 2.bxa8=Q/♙xf5/b5

B. 1...♙xd5/♗xd5 2.♙cd7/♙ed7 1.♗d2! [2.♙e3] 1...♙xd5/♗xd5 2.♙ed7/♙cd7

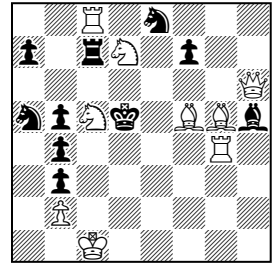
C. 1...c5/♗e5 2.♗f8+/♗b8+A 1.♙d4! [2.♙e8] 1...c5/♗e5 2.♗b8+/♗f8+

D. 1.♙d5 ! [2.♙xd4+] 1...♗b3/♗e6 2.♗d2+/♗g5+

Arieh Grinblat

Uri Avner

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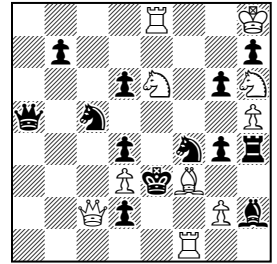
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Evgeny Bourd

Arieh Grinblat

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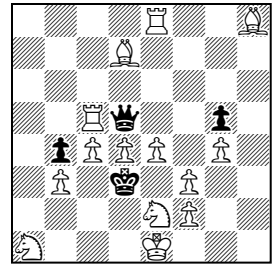


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Yosi Retter

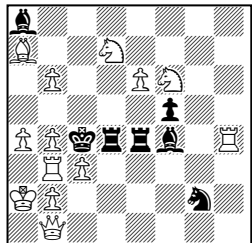
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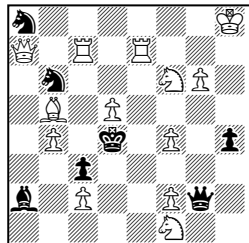
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1st Pr. Soviet T. 1931



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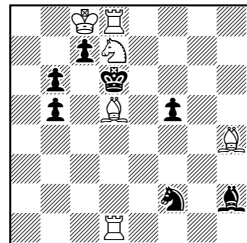
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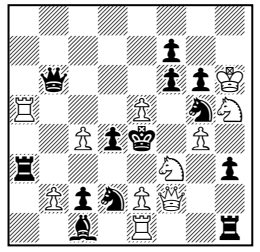
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D. Gorbatenko & Kopnin
2nd HM Problemblad 1989



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