

Israel Ring Tourney: Three-movers 2018-2019

Judge: Jiri Jelinek – Prague, November 2020

Many thanks to the editors for the invitation to be a judge of the Variantim three-mover tourney, and thanks to 16 composers from 6 countries, as well, who decided to take part therein. In total, 22 compositions of good standard were published in this Israeli chess problem magazine during two years. It was a pleasant job to study plenty of their different ideas and themes. My ranking is following:

1st Prize: Var. 3310 Zoltan Labai & Miroslav Svitek

The problem contains synthesis of the spiral chain of mates (ABC-BCD) - formed by the mates in threats (after 1.- Sc3/Bc7), and after continuations 2.- Qxd6/Qxe4 - and the 11th WCCT theme, and, in addition, the semi-reciprocal change of mates (BC-CD) between the variations in question. The best composition in the tourney. **1.♙a5!** [2.♗c4+ (A) ♖xe4 3.♖b1#] 1...♗xd6 (a) 2.♗d4+ (B) ♖xe4 3.♖b1# 1...♗xe4 (b) 2.♗d4+ (B) ♗xd4 3.♗xd4# 1...♗c3 2.♗xc3 [3.♗c4# (A)] 2...♗xd6 (a) 3.♗d4# (B) 2...♗xe4 (b) 3.♖e6# (C) 1...♗c7 2.♗xc7 [3.♗d4# (B)] 2...♗xd6 (a) 3.♖e6# (C) 2...♗xe4 (b) 3.♖e7# (D)

2nd Prize: Var. 3114 Eugene Fomichev

Nice strategic contents offering the Adabashev's complex (2x2). WRc5 is to be sacrificed to enable an indirect unpin of the wQ in the first pair of variants (threat, 1.- Nxg6), whereas in the second pair, the unpinned wQe4 has to disappear from the battlefield after the bQ moves away from the controlled diagonal (1.- Qh5/Qh7). An unexpected key! 1...♗h5 2.♖b7 e5/♗xc5 3.♖d5/♗e4#

1.♙b7! [2.♖d5+ exd5 3.♖e7#] 1...♗xg6 2.♖c6+ dxc6 3.♖xe6#

1...♗h5 2.♖c6+ dxc6 3.♗e4# 1...♗h7 2.♖e5+ fxe5 3.♗e4#

3rd Prize: Var. 3161 Felix Rossomako

Synthesis of themes Umnov (2.-Nc6!/Nc4!) and pseudo le Grand with reciprocal change of the threat and sub-variant mate after defences 1.- Nd4/Rd4. A very good activity of the wQ.

1.♙f6! [2.♗xg3+ fxg3 3.♖e3#] 1...♗d4 2.♗c6! [3.♖e5#] 2...♗xc6,f5,f3,x2 3.♖f5#

1...♗d4 2.♗c4! [3.♖f5#] 2...♗e7/e5 3.♖e5# 2...♗xd5 3.♖xd5#

1st HM: Var. 3069 Yitzhak Nevo & Evgeni Bourd

Three different black defences on the square g5, after two of which (by the bRs) the wQ is sacrificed, closing and opening lines. **1.♖d3!** [2.♗d4 ~ 3.♗d3# 2...♗xe5 3.♖xe5#]

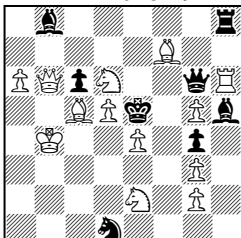
1...♗7g5 2.♖xe7+ ♗xe7 3.♗d7# 1...♗g5 2.♖d5+ cxd5 3.♗d3# 1...♗3g5 2.♖d4+ ♗xd4 3.♗d7#

1...♗b3 2.cxb3 [3.b4#] 2...♗xe5+ 3.♖xe5#

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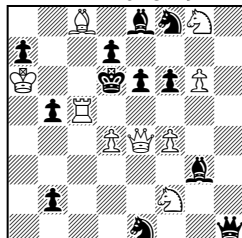
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Eugene Fomichev

2nd Prize

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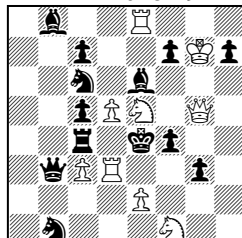
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Felix Rossomakho

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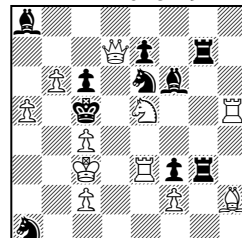
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Y. Nevo & E. Bourd

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2nd HM: Var. 3315 Gerard Doukhan

Tries 1.Rb5?/Bc5? are refuted by 1.- Bxd5!/Nxd4!, whereas, in the solution, quiet second white moves (keys from tries) follow after defences 1.- e5/Nf8, and refutations from tries do not work any more: 2.- Bxd5/Nxd4 3.Bxd5#/Rxf4#. Dombrovskis. 1...♙xd5 a 2.♙d3 A# 1...♗xd4 b 2.♗g5 B# 1.♗b5? [2.♙d3 A# 1...♗e5 2.♙xe5 [3.♙d3, ♗g5#] but 1...♙xd5 a ! 1.♙c5? [2.♗g5 B# but 1...♗xd4 b!

1.♙f6! [2.♙xe6+ ♗e5 3.♙xe5#] 1...e5 2.♙b5! [3.♙d3 A#] 2...♙xd5 a 3.♙xd5# 1...♗f8 2.♙c5 ! [3.♗g5 B# 2...♗xd4 b/♗h7/gxf6 3.♙xf4/♙xe6/♗xf6#

3rd HM: Var. 3316 Yosi Retter

Reciprocal change of white continuations between set plays and solution after defences on the same square f5.

1...♙xf5 a 2.♗d3 + A ♙xd3 3.♙a1# 1...♙xf5 b 2.♗f3 + B ♙xf3 3.♙a1#

1.♙xh7! [2.♙xf7]

1...♙xf5 a 2.♗f3+ B 2.♙xf3 3.♗d7# 1...♙xf5 b 2♗d3+ A ♙xd3 3.♗d7#

4th HM: Var. 3113 Karol Mlynka

Change of continuations (thanks to a twinning) after moves of the black men to the same square 1.- a6/Ka6. Miniature.

a) 1.♙h4? zz.a6 a 2.♙g4! E zz.f3 3.♙a4#, 1...♙a6!, 1.♙h6? f3 !

1.♙h7! D [2.♙xa7#] 1...a6 a 2.♙h4 A zz.f3 3.♙a4# 1...♙a6 b 2.♙e2+ ♙ ♙a5 3.♙xa7#

b) **1.♙xh2!** zz 1...a6 a 2.♙b3 C zz.d1=Q 3.♙a2# 1...♙a6 b 2.♙h7 D zz.♙a5 3.♙xa7#

Commendations without order

Var. 3066 Arieh Grinblat

Strategical play with defences on the same square d4 by the bB and the bR; quiet white continuations with black defences in sub-variants by bNs interrupting the lines to the square d4 as a harmful motif.

1.♗d8! [2.♙b7+ ♙c6 3.♙xc6#] 1...♙xd4 2.♗g4 [3.♗e3#] 2...e4~ 3.♙g2# 2...♗c4 3.♙xd4# 1...♙xd4 2.♙g2 [3.♙xe4#] 2...♗f6 3.♙xd4# 2...♙xf5 3.♙c6#

Var. 3160 Leonid Makaronez & Viktor Volchek

Interesting idea: three different quiet white moves to control the square e5 after defences by bRs.

1.♙xg7! [2.e4+ ♙xe4 3.fxe4#] 1...♙e2 2.♙c3! [3.♗f6#] 2...♗d6 3.♙xd6# 1...♙e1 2.♙e4! [3.♗f6#] 2...♙xe4 3.fxe4# 1...♙d4 2.exd4 [3.♗f6#] 2...♙e4 3.fxe4# 2...cxd4 3.♙xd4# 2...gxf4 3.♗xf4# 2...♗d6 3.♙xd6# 1...♙xf3 2.♙xf3+ ♙e4 3.♙xe4#

Var. 3208 Alexandr Pankratiev

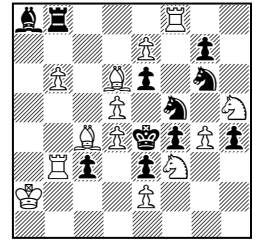
A spiral chain (AB..DE) of white second and third moves. Solution offers two wQ sacrifices and a very busy bK. **1.♙g4!** [2.♙xe6 A + ♙xe6 3.♙c4 B #] 1...♙xc6 2.♙c4 B + ♙xc4 3.♙xe4 C #

1...♗e3 2.♙xe4 C + ♙xe4 3.♗f6 D # 1...♙xc5 2.♗f6 D + ♙d6 3.♙d7 E #

Gerard Doukhan

2nd HM

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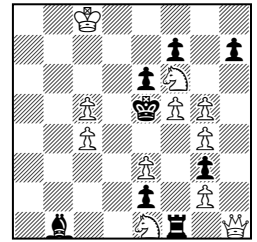


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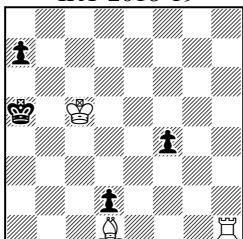


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Karol Mlynka

4th HM

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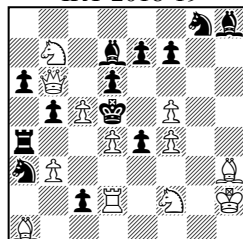


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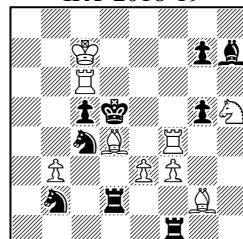
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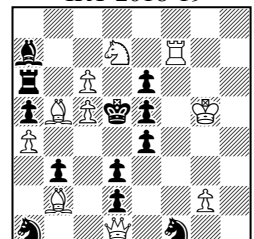


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Alexandr Pankratiev

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#3 10+12

Var. 3209 Semion Shifrin

Reciprocal change of second white continuations (AB-BA) between the try and the play with unexpected pin-mates (3.Ng3#/Rf4#) in the solution. 1.♖d2 ? [2.♗c4#] 1...f5 2.♗c6 + ♖f6 3.♞f8# but 1...♞xd3 ! 1.♔a8 ? [2.♚e4#] 1...♞xd3 a 2.♗g6 A+ ♗xg6/♚f5 3.♚e4/♞xf4# 1...♞e3 b 2.♗c6 B+ ♚f5 3.♗xe3# 1...f5 2.♗c6 + ♖f6 3.♞f8# 1...c6 2.♚b8 + ♗c7 3.♚xc7# but 1...♗c3 ! 1.♚b1 ! [2.d4 + cxd4 3.♗c6#] 1...♞xd3 a 2.♗c6 B+ ♚e4/♚f5 3.♚xd3/♗g3# 1...♗xd3 c 2.♗g6 A+ ♚f5 3.♞f4# 1...f5 2.♗c6 + ♖f6 3.♞f8#

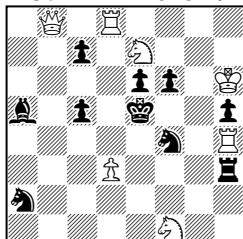
Var. 3253 Yitzhak Nevo

Zugzwang position contains repeated Grimshaw in first and second moves.

1.♗c5 ! zz 1...h2 2.♗d3 zz 2...♞g4 3.♗xf3# 2...♗g4 3.♞f4# 2...♞h3/♞f4/♗g6 3.♞f4/♞xf4/♗xf3# 1...♗g4 2.♞f4 + ♚xe5 3.♗d3# 1...♞g4 2.♗xf3 + ♚xe5 + 3.♗d4# 1...♚xe5+ 2.♗d4+ ♚e4 3.♞e5# 1...♞f4 2.♞xf4+ ♚xe5 3.♗d3# 1...♗g6 2.♗xf3+ ♚xe5+ 3.♗d4#

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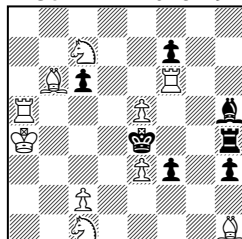


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