

# Israel Ring Tourney Award: Studies 2011-2012

**Judge: Oleg Pervakov (Moscow, 14 December, 2013)**

20 studies participated in the Israeli Ring Tourney 2011-12. 11 problems were of good quality, however no. 2157 has a full anticipation, for example A.Gillberg, Chess Life, 1998. No. 2051 has no solution after 1...♙c7! 2.♙xc3 ♖xh2 3.♗c5 ♖a2 4.♗e8+ (or 4.♗d7 h2 5.b8♙+ ♙xd7 6.♙h8 ♙xd6=) 4...♙b8 5.♗f6 ♖a8!=. No. 2053 has a simple cook 1.b7+! ♙xb7 2.♖b1+ ♙a8 3.♖b8+.

## Prize: Vm. 2246 Richard Becker

An original mutual zugzwang position, based on the transition to the ♖ vs. ♗+♘ ending. A clear rook game which eventually leads to mate.

**1.♖g8+!** 1.♖xh8? ♙f7+ 2.♗d7 ♙xh8=; 1.♗d7 ♙f5+ 2.♗d8 c5! 3.♖xh8 (3.♖g8+ ♙xg8 4.e8=♙+ ♙f8=) 3...♙d5+ 4.♖d7 ♙a8+ 5.♙c7 ♙a7+ 6.♗d6 ♙a6+!= **1...♙xg8 2.e8=♙+ ♙f8 3.♙g6+** 3.♙xf8+? ♙xf8 4.♖c8+ ♙g7 5.♖a8 c5 6.♖c8 ♙h7 7.♙f7 ♗b2!= **3...♗g7 4.♖e7!** 4.♖d7? c5! zz 5.♖c7 c4 zz 6.♖xc4 ♙d8=; 4.♖a7? ♙h8! 5.♙h5+ ♙g8 6.♙g6 ♙h8 7.♖d7 ♙g8+ 8.♙f5 ♙f8+ 9.♙e6 ♙g8+ 10.♙f7 ♗a1= (10...♗h6=) **4...♙c8+ 5.♖d7 ♙f8 6.♖c7 c5** 6...♙h8 7.♙f7 ♙g8 8.♙xg8+ ♙xg8 9.♖c8+ ♙h7 10.♙f7 wins **7.♖d7!** zz c4 **8.♖c7!** zz ♙h8 8...c3 9.♖xc3 **9.♙f7 ♙g8 10.♖c5!** 10.♖xc4? ♙d8 11.♖c7 ♙g5=; 10.♙xg8+? ♙xg8 11.♖c8+ ♙h7 12.♙f7 ♗a1= (12...♗b2=) **10...♗h6 11.♖xc4 ♙b8 12.♙f6+ ♙h7 13.♙e7+ ♗g7 14.♖h4+ ♙g8 15.♙f7#**

## Special Prize: Vm. 2103 Daniel Keith

A well-known idea of the study I. Akobia (JT O. Pervakov-50, 4 prize) is shown in a pleasant miniature with rooks. The perpetual check in the corners is pleasing.

**1.f6** 1.♖f1+? ♙e3! **1...h2 2.♖d1!!** 2.♖b1?! ♖f2 3.f7 ♙g3 4.♙g6 b4 5.♖b3+ ♙g2 6.♖b2 ♖xb2 7.f8♙ h1♙ 8.♙a8+ ♙g1 9.♙a1+ ♙h2 10.♙xb2+ ♙g2+! 2.♖c1? **2...♖f2! 3.f7** 3.♙g6? ♖g2+ wins **3...♙g3 4.♙g6 b4 5.♖d3+ ♙g2 6.♖d2 ♖xd2 7.f8=♙ h1=♙ 8.♙a8+ ♙h2 9.♙h8+ ♙g1 10.♙a1+** perpetual check.

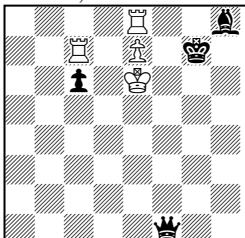
## 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Vm. 2199 Richard Becker

An accurate struggle in a classic material. White forces the black pawn to abandon control on d4 and subsequent precise maneuvers succeed. The whole idea is not new, but performed at a high technical level.

**1.♙e4+!** 1.♙xe2? ♙g1= 1.♙h4+? ♙g2 2.♙h2+ ♙f3 3.♙f2+ ♙g4 4.♙f4+ ♙h3 5.♙h4+ ♙g2= **1...♙g1 2.♙xe2** 2.♙e3+? ♙g2 3.♙f2+ ♙h3 4.♙h2+ ♙g4 5.♙h4+ ♙f3 6.♙f4+ ♙g2 7.♙f2+ ♙h3= **2...♙d4 3.♗h2+ ♙h1 4.♗d6!** 4.♗e5? ♙g1 5.♙f3+ ♙g2 6.♙h5+ ♙g1= **4...♙g1 4...♙g1 5.♙f3+ ♙g2 6.♙h5+ ♙g1 7.♗xc5+ ♙f1 8.♗d1# 5.♗g3! c4 6.♗h2+ ♙h1 7.♗e5 ♙b6+ 8.♙f5 ♙b1+ 8...♙g1 9.♙g4+ ♙f1 10.♙xc4+ ♙g2 (10...♙e1 11.♗c3+ ♙d1 12.♙d3+ ♙c1 13.♙d2+ ♙b1 14.♙d1+ wins) 11.♙e4+ ♙f1 12.♙d3+ ♙g2 13.♗d4! ♙d6 13...♙a5+ 14.♙g4 or 14.♙e2+ **9.♙g5** 9.♙f6? ♙b6+ 10.♙f5 ♙b1+ **9...♙g1+ 10.♙h6!** 10.♙h4? ♙g2= 10.♙h5? ♙g2 11.♙e1+ ♙g1 12.♙h4+ ♙g2 13.♙g4+ ♙f1 14.♙xc4+ ♙g2 15.♙e4+ (or ♙d5+) ♙f1 16.♙d3+ ♙g2 17.♙g4 ♙a7= **10...♙b6+** 10...♙c1+ 11.♙h7 ♙b1+ 12.♙h8 wins **11.♙h5 ♙g1** 11...♙g1 12.♙g4+ ♙f1 13.♙xc4+ ♙g2 14.♙d5+ ♙f1 15.♗d4! ♙c7 16.♙f3+ wins) **12.♗f4!** ♙g2 12...c3 13.♙e4+ ♙g2 14.♙e1+ ♙g1 15.♙h4+ ♙g2 16.♙g3+ ♙f1 17.♙d3+ ♙g2 18.♙g4 etc. **13.♙e1+ ♙g1 14.♙h4+ ♙g2 15.♙g4+ ♙f1 16.♙d1+ ♙g2 17.♙d5+ ♙f1 18.♙xc4+ ♙g2 19.♙e4+ (or ♙d5+) ♙f1 20.♙d3+ ♙g2 21.♙g4! ♙a7** 21...♙f2+ 22.♗g3+ wins **22.♙f3+ ♙g1 23.♗e3+** wins.**

**Richard Becker**

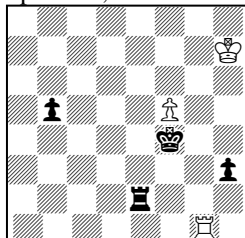
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win 4+4

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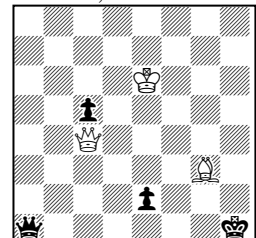
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draw 3+4

**Richard Becker**

1<sup>st</sup> HM, IRT 2011-12



win 3+4

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Vm. 2243 Yochanan Afek

Excellent fore-play with the white knight, and then the white king, achieving a victory in a pawn ending.

1. ♖b6+ 1.f7? ♕d6+ 2. ♖a4 ♖d7 3. ♖b6+ ♖e6 4. ♖c4 ♕f8 5. ♖b5 ♖xf7 6. ♖b6 ♕b4 7. ♖xb7 ♕xa5 8. ♖xa5 ♖g6= 1... ♖d8 2.f7 ♖e7! 2... ♕d6+ 3. ♖a4! ♕f8 (3... ♖c7 4. ♖b5 wins) 4. ♖d5 ♖d7 5. ♖f6+ wins 3.f8=♖+! ♖xf8 4. ♖d7+ ♖e7 5. ♖xb8 ♖d6 6. ♖b4! 6.a6 bxa6 7. ♖xa6 ♖e5= 6... ♖c7 7. ♖a6+! bxa6 8. ♖c5 ♖d7 9. ♖d5! 9. ♖b6? ♖d6 10. ♖xa6 ♖c6= 9... ♖e7 10. ♖e5 ♖f7 11. ♖f5 ♖g7 12. ♖g5! h6+ 13. ♖f5! wins

## Special Hon. Mention: Vm. 2050 Harrie Grondijs & Hillel Aloni

Heroic battle which ends in Saavedra. I had to correct the author's line after the interesting try 4.Rxc1+?

1. ♖b3! ♖d4+! 2.cxd4 ♖dxc7! 3. ♖d1+! 3. ♖g1+? ♖c1 4. ♖xc1+ ♖xc1 5.d6 ♖f5 !=; 3. ♖xc8? ♖b7+ 4. ♖c4 ♖xc8= 3... ♖c1 4. ♖xc8! 4. ♖xc1+? ♖xc1 5. ♖a8+ ♖b1 6.d6 ♖f5 7.d7 ♖xd4+ 8. ♖a4! ♖e6 9. ♖b8+ ♖c2! (but not as the author gives 9... ♖a2? 10. ♖c8 ♖d1 11.d8 ♖ ♖xd8 12. ♖xd8 ♖b2 13. ♖b4! wins) 10. ♖c8+ ♖b2! 11. ♖b4 ♖a1 12.d4 (12.d8 ♖ ♖xd8 13. ♖xd8 ♖c2! 14.d4 ♖d3=) 12... ♖d1! 13.d8 ♖ ♖xd4+ 14. ♖xd4+ ♖xd4= 4... ♖xd1 5.d6! 5. ♖c2? ♖xc8=; 5. ♖c5? ♖b1+ 6. ♖c2 ♖b2+ 7. ♖c3 ♖b6 =; 5. ♖a8+? ♖b1 6.d6! ♖f5 7.d7 (7. ♖b8!? ♖xd3+ 8. ♖c4+ ♖c2=) 7... ♖xd3+ = 5... ♖xc8 5... ♖b1+ 6. ♖c2! (6. ♖a3? ♖xc8 7.d7 ♖d6 8.d8 ♖ ♖b5+ 9. ♖a4 ♖c3+ 10. ♖a5 ♖b5+ 11. ♖a6 ♖b2 12. ♖e8 ♖d5! =) 6... ♖b2+ 7. ♖d1 wins 6.d7 ♖xd3+ 7. ♖c2 ♖xd4 8.dxc8=♖!! ♖a4 9. ♖b3! wins.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Recommendation: Vm. 2052 Siegfried Hornceker

After achieving control on the "mad" queen the study ends with a minor promotion.

1... ♖a1! 1... ♖xh1? 2.f6 ±; 1... ♖h6!? 2. ♖d1! ♖xe6+ 3. ♖d7 ♖a2 4. ♖e7+ ♖f8 5. ♖e3+ ♖f7 6. ♖xc7 ±; 1... ♖d4? 2. ♖h7 ♖d8+ 3. ♖b7 ♖c8+! ♖a7 ± 2. ♖h3! ♖c3! 3. ♖c5!! for 3. ♖b4!? see main line ahead 3... ♖xc5 4. ♖h8+ 4.f6? ♖f8! 5. ♖f3 ♖d6 etc 4... ♖e7 5. ♖h7+ ♖f6 5... ♖d6? 6. ♖d7+ ♖e5 7.e7 ±; now, if 3. ♖b4!? above, then: 5... ♖d6! 6. ♖d7+ ♖xc6 = 6.e7 ♖c4! 6... ♖e3(5)? 7. ♖h6+ with 8. ♖e6+ ± 7.e8=♖+! wins 7.e8=♖, ♖ ? ♖a6+ 8. ♖d7! ♖xc6+! ♖d8 ♖a8+ =; 7.e8=♖? ♖xg4

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Recommendation: Vm. 2288 Vitaly Kovalenko

Surprisingly, this amusing final position has no anticipation.

1. ♖f3+! ♖h4 1... ♖h2 2.d7+ ♖h1 3. ♖h3+ ♖g1 4.d8=♖ wins 2.d7! 2. ♕d8+? ♖f6 3. ♕xf6+ ♖g4 4. ♖d3 g1=♖ 5.d7 d1=♖ 6. ♖xd1 ♖xd1= 2... d1=♖ 3.d8=♖+ ♖xd8 4. ♕xd8+ ♖f6+! 5. ♖xf6! 5. ♕xf6+ ♖g4= 5... g1=♖ 6. ♖f1+! 6. ♖g6+ ♖h5 7. ♖h6+ ♖g4 8. ♖g6+ ♖h5 9. ♖xg1 stalemate 6... ♖h5! 7. ♖f5+! 7. ♖xg1 stalemate 7... ♖g4 8. ♖g5+ wins.

**Yochanan Afek**  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM, IRT 2011-12

win 5+4

H. Grondijs & H. Aloni  
Sp. HM, IRT 2011-12

win 7+5

Siegfried Hornceker  
1<sup>st</sup> Com, IRT 2011-12

win B → 7+4

Vitaly Kovalenko  
2<sup>nd</sup> Com, IRT 2011-12

win 4+4

Vitaly Kovalenko  
Sp. Com, IRT 2011-12

win 6+6

## Special Recommendation: Vm. 2289 Vitaly Kovalenko

The final maneuver with a similar stalemate is well-known but here there is an additional pawn mate.

1. ♖b1! ♖c5! 1... ♖a5 2.h3! ♖a1 3. ♖h2! wins; 1...g4 2. ♕f6+ ♖h5 3. ♖f1 2.h3! ♖c1+ 3. ♖h2 ♖xb1 4.g3+ ♖h5 5.g4+ ♖h4 .♕xe5! ♖h1+! 7. ♖xh1 b1=♖+ 8. ♖h2 ♖b8! 9. ♕g3+ 9. ♖xb8? stalemate 9... ♖xg3+ 10.fxg3#.