

Israel Ring Tourney Award: Studies 2013

Judge: *Luboš Kekely, Slovakia, International Judge (April 15, 2014)*

Many thanks to editors of Israeli chess magazin *Variantim* for opportunity of judging annual study tourney here.

I received from Mr. Ofer Comay **20 entries from year 2013** without names of authors. Level of this competition was satisfactory. At first I checked soundness. In nr. **2450** was no solution after 2.- Rc8! - this fact I sent to Mr. Comay and later he sent me author's correction.

Herein I want again to say thanks to **Siegfried Hornecker** for anticipation checking of 8 selected entries - candidates to award.

And here is my order of selected studies:

Prize: Vm. 2443 Peter Krug

Solution passes very naturally. Good insert is minor black promotion. And surprise at the end - ideal double pin stalemate - very good work!

1.♖b1+! (1.♖h6+? ♖d1 2.♖d7+ ♗xd7 3.♗b3+ ♖c2) **1...♗xb1 2.♗e3+ ♖b2+ 3.♗xb1 ♗g3+** (3...♗h3+ 4.♖e2 ♗g3+ 5.♖f2 ♖xe3! (5...h1=♖+ 6.♖g1 ♖xe3 draw e.g. 7.♖b4+ ♖b3 8.♖d2+ ♖xb1 9.♖d1+ ♖b2 10.♖d2+ ♖a1 11.♖d4+! ♖b2 12.♖a4+ ♖xa4 stalemate) 6.♖b4+! (6.♖xe3? ♖e5+ 7.♖f4 h1=♖ 8.♖xe5 ♖e1+ 9.♖f6 ♖c3+ 10.♖g6 ♗f1 11.♗f5 ♖g7+ 12.♖xg7 ♗xf5+) 6...♖b3 7.♖d2+! (7.♖xa5? h1=♖+! 8.♖g1 ♖xb1 9.♖d5 ♖c3 10.♖b5+ ♖c1 11.♖a5 ♖c8!) 7...♖xb1 8.♖e1+ ♖c2 9.♖d2+! (9.♖d1+ ♖c3) 9...♖xd2 stalemate) **4.♖f2 h1=♖+ 5.♖e1!** (5.♖g1? ♗e2+ 6.♖h2 (6.♖xh1 ♖h5) 6...♗b3 7.♗d4+ ♗xd4 8.♖xd4+ ♖xb1 9.♖d3+ ♗c2 10.♖f1+ ♖b2) **5...♖a1** (5...♗b3 6.♖d4+ ♖xb1 7.♖d3+ (7.♖c3 or) 7...♗c2 8.♖xc2+ ♖xc2) **6.♖b4+ ♗b3 7.♖c3+ ♖xc3** stalemate

1st Honorable Mention: Vm. 2407, Peter Krug

Unconventional play. After bishop sacrifice it goes unexpected 2.♗c6! and 4.♗g6+! Also black tries strong 5.- ♖f7! As result is original positional draw with bishop versus queen in which is important also black pawn c2 as king shield. It could not be prize cause white queen did not move.

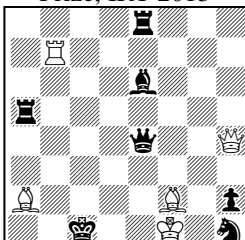
1.♗xh7+ ♗xh7 2.♗c6 bxc2 3.♗e7+ ♖h8 4.♗g6+ ♗xg6 5.hxg6 ♖f7 6.♖xh7+ ♖xh7 7.f7+ ♖g7 8.♗f6 (8.♗d4 d5 { zugzwang} 9.♗c3 ♖f5 10.♖b2 ♖f2 11.♖c1 ♖g1+ 12.♖xc2 ♖xg6+) **8...d5 9.♗d4 ♖f5 10.♖b2 ♖c8 11.♖c1** {zugzwang, draw}

2nd Honorable Mention: Vm. 2441 Andrzej Jasik

Pleasant play leads to pin stalemate.

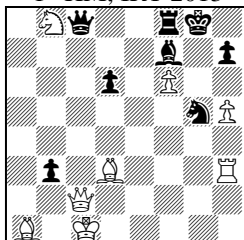
1.g6 (1.♖h7? ♗xh5) **1...♗d4+ 2.♖h7 ♗e2!** (2...bxa6 3.e7+ ♖xe7 4.♗xg4 ♖b8 5.g7 Kxf7 6.h6 a5 7.♗h5=; 2...♗d1 3.a7 ♖a4 4.h6 ♗c2 5.e7+ ♖xe7 6.♗f5! ♗b3 7.♗c2! ♗xc2 8.a8=♖ ♖xa8 stalemate, or: 4.♗xb7 ♖xa7 5.h6 ♗c2 6.e7+ ♖xe7 7.f8=♖+ ♖xf8 stalemate) **3.a7!** (3.♗xb7? ♗d3; 3.h6? ♗d3 4.e7+ ♖xe7 5.♖g8 ♗c4) **3...♖a4 4.♗xb7!** (4.h6? ♗d3 5.e7+ ♖xe7 6.♗f5 ♗c4! 7.♗d3 ♗xf7; or 5.♗d7 ♖xa7 6.♗b5 ♗xg6 7.♖xg6 ♖a3) **4...♖xa7 5.h6! ♗d3 6.e7+! ♖xe7 7.f8=♖+! ♖xf8** stalemate!

Peter Krug
Prize, IRT 2013



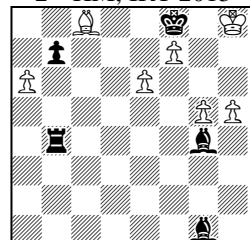
draw 5+7

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draw 8+8

Andrzej Jasik
2nd HM, IRT 2013



draw 7+5

3rd Hon. Mention: Vm. 2450 (correction) Gady Costeff

Original synthesis of two perpetual checks. Also good moment is bishop sacrifice 6.Bb8+ with switchback.

1.♔d1+ [1.♙xe5 ♚xa4 2.♚xg7 ♚h8 3.♚g6 ♚h7] 1...♜e4 2.♙c2+ ♜d5 3.♙b3+ ♜c4 4.♙xf4 with: 4...gxf6 5.♙xc4+ (5.♙e3 ♚c8 6.♙d4+ ♜e5 7.♚xc4 ♚xc4 8.♙xc4 ♜e4 9.♙d2 a2 10.♙c3 ♚c6 11.♙xa2 ♚xc3 wins DB) 5...♜xc4 6.♙xh6+ ♜d5 7.♚g5+ ♜e6 8.♚g6+ ♜f7 9.♚g7+ ♜f8 10.♚g6!!+ with perpetual check. 4...a2 5.♙xc4+ (5.♙f5 a1=♚ 6.♙xc4+ ♜c6 7.♚g6+ ♜c5 8.♙xa6 ♚xa6) 5...♜xc4 6.♙b8+!! (thematic try 6.♙c1+ ♜b3 7.♚g3+ ♜c2 8.♚g2+ ♜b1!! wins) 6...♜d5 7.♚g5+ ♜c6 8.♚g6+ ♜b7 9.♚xg7+ ♜xb8 10.♚g8+ with perpetual check.

4th Hon. Mention: Vm. 2442 Mario Guido Garcia & Peter Krug

Fight against material and also positional disadvantage. Point is zugzwang after 5.Ke3!

1.♜g2 (1.♙g7? ♙f6 2.♙f5 ♙e5 3.♜g2 ♜a4 wins) 1...b3 (1...bxc3 2.bxc3 ♙b4 3.a3! ♙xc3 4.♙d6 ♜a4 5.♙xc4 ♜b3 6.♙e3! =) 2.axb3 cxb3 3.♜xg3 ♙a3 4.♜f4 (4.♙f6? ♙xb2 5.♙xe4 ♙c1! wins) 4...♜b5 (4...♙xb2 5.♜xe4 ♙xc3 6.♙d6 b2 (6...♜b4 7.♙d3 =) 7.♙c4+ =) 5.♜e3! (Thematic try : 5.♜xe4? ♜c4 6.♜e3 ♙xb2 7.♙d2 ♙xc3+ 8.♜c1 ♙e5! Domination; or 5.c4+? ♜b4 6.c5 ♙xc5 7.♜xe4 ♜c4 wins) 5...♜c4 6.♜xe4 zz (Try : 6.♙d2? e3+! (not 6...♙xb2? 7.♙d6+ ♜d5 8.♙b5! e3+ 9.♙d3! ♙c1 10.♙d4! b2 11.♜c2 ♜e4 12.♙d2 ♙f3 13.♙d4+ =) 7.♜xe3 ♙xb2 8.♙d6+ ♙xc3 9.♙e4+ ♜c2 10.♙d2 ♙c1! wins) 6...♙xb2 7.♙d6+ ♜xc3 8.♙c8 ♙c1 9.♙b6 ♙d2 10.♙d5+! (10.♙a4+? ♜b4! 11.♙b2 ♙c1 12.♙d3+ ♜c4 13.♙e5+ ♜c3 14.♙d3 ♙a3! 15.♜e3 ♙d6 16.♜e2 ♙b4 17.♙f2 ♙c5 18.♙e4+ ♜c2 wins) 10...♜c2 11.♙b6 b2 12.♙c4 b1=♜ 13.♙a3+ =

Special Hon. Mention: Vm. 2404 Martin Minski & Gunter Sonntag

Various temporal queen blockade is known - therefore special award. Here blockade is reached by battery. After this white must play precisely - nice move is 8. Kf4!

1.b7! [1.♙b1? axb6 2.♙g7 (2.♚h1 ♚xf8 =) 2...♚xa6 =] 1...h1=♜ [1...♚xf8 2.♙b1] 2.bxa8=♜ ♜xa8 [2...♜xh6+ 3.♜g4! (3.♙xh6? stalemate; 3.♜f5? ♙xf8+! 4.♜xf8 stalemate)] 3.♙b7+ ♜g8 4.h7+ [4.♙e7? ♜e8! =] 4...♜h8 5.♙g7+ [5.♙e7? ♙d8!/♙f8! 6.♙f6+ ♙xf6+ 7.♜xf6 stalemate; 5.♙d6? ♙d8+! =] 5...♜xh7 6.♙e5+ ♜g8 7.♙b8! [7.♙b8+? ♜h7! 8.♙xa8 stalemate; 7.♜f4? ♙f8+! =; 7.♚g7+? ♜f8 =] 7...♜f8 8.♜f4!! [8.♜f5? ♜e8 9.♙xa7 ♜c8+! =; 8.♜f6? ♜e8 9.♙xa7 ♙d8+! =; 8.♜g6? ♜e8 9.♙xa7 ♜c8! (9...♙d8? 10.♙b8 ♙d7 11.♙xd8+ ♜xd8 12.♙b8!) 10.♙b8 ♙d7! =; 8.♙xa7? ♙d8+! =; 8.♙d6+? ♜e8 9.♙b8+ ♜xb8 =] 8...♜e8 9.♙xa7 [9.♜e5? ♙d8 10.♙d6 ♜c8 11.♙xa7 ♜xb7 =] 9...♜c8 10.♙b8 1-0

Recommendation: Vm. 2444 Yochanan Afek

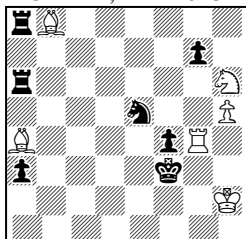
Known motives - in this two antistalemate minor promotions in miniature.

1.♜a3+! ♜b6 (1...♜b5 2.♜b3+ wins) 2.♜d6+ ♜a7 3.♜c5+ b6 and now:
a) 3...♜a6 4.c8=♙!! and wins b) 3...b6 4.c8=♙+! ♜b8 (4...♜b7 5.♙d6+ wins) 5.♙xb6 ♜xa2 6.♜c8+ ♜a7 7.♜a8+ ♜xb6 8.♜xa2 and wins

Gady Costeff

In Memoriam

Milan Velimirovic
3rd HM, IRT 2013

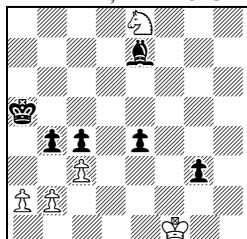


draw 6+7

Mario Guido Garcia

Peter Krug

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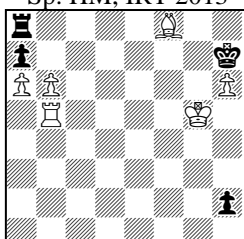


draw 5+6

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Gunter Sonntag

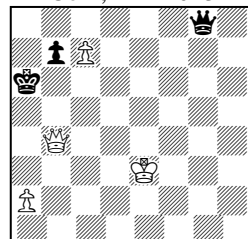
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win 6+4

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win 4+3

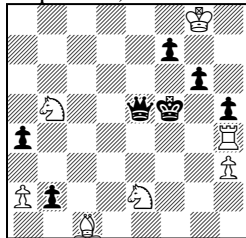
Special Recommendation: Vm. 2338 Peter Krug

Special award for intro to study - H. Rinck, L'Echiquier, 1928.mate.

1. ♖ed4+ 1. ♘bd4+? ♔f6 2. ♙xb2 ♚b8+ (2...g5 3. ♔h7) 3. ♔h7 ♚xb2.
1... ♔f6 2. ♙xb2 g5 3. ♔h7 gxh4 4. ♖c3 a3 5. ♙a1 ♚e8 5... ♚xd4
6. ♘e4+ ♔e5 7. ♙xd4+ ♔xd4 8. ♖d6 f5 9. ♖xf5 wins 6. ♖d5+ ♔g5
6... ♔e5 7. ♘b5+ (7. ♘e6+ ♔d6) 7... ♔xd5 8. ♖c7 wins 7. ♖f3+ ♔f5
8. ♖xh4+ ♔g5 9. ♙f6#

Peter Krug

Sp. Com, IRT 2013



win

7+7