

QUICK COMPOSING TOURNAY

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

Helpmate in two-movers, (h # 2), 2019

The tourney is a part of official composing events of 62nd World Congress of Chess Composition (Vilnius, 17 – 24 August 2019).

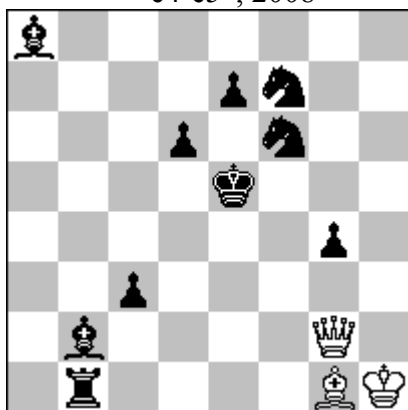
Theme: Reciprocal interchange of black and white moves.

The theme was not new and difficult enough. In the basis there are near 300 similar problems. We received 20 entries from 18 authors: Johan de Boer (Nederland) – 4, Michel Caillaud (France) - 7*, Vlaicu Crişan (Romania) – 6*,13*, Borislav Gadjanski (Serbia) – 9, Erik Huber (Romania) – 6*, 13*, Marko Klasinc (Slovenia) – 1, Valerij Kopyl (Ukraine) – 20, Mihailo Marandiuk (Ukraine) – 20, Michael McDowell (G.Britain) – 19, Abdelaziz Onkoud (Marocco, المغرب) - 7*,10*, Jorma Paavilainen (Finland) – 15, Viktoras Paliulionis (Lithuania) – 14, Mario Parrinello (Italy) – 17, 18, Danila Pavlov (Russia) – 8, Maksim Romanov (Russia) – 17, Dmitry Turevski (Russia) – 3, 5, Ricardo de Mattos Vieira (Brasil) – 10*, 11, Menachem Witztum (Israel) – 2, 10*, 12. We removed N.2 problem from M.Witztum as overlimited. The position of problem N.8 is illegal.

My verdict is:

Example for quick

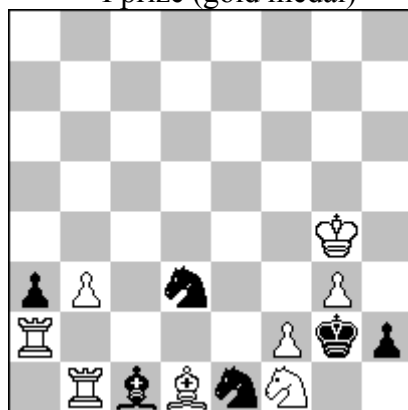
Mečislovas Rimkus,
“e4-e5”, 2008



h#2 b)Ke5→e6 (3 + 10)

N.7 M. Caillaud, A. Onkoud

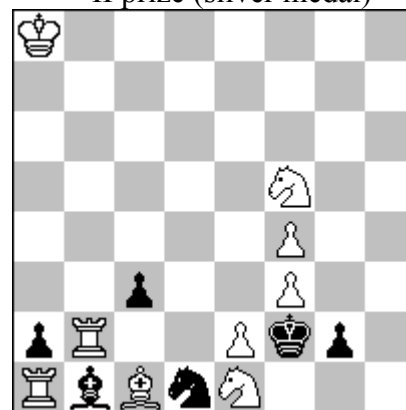
Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
I prize (gold medal)



h # 2 2.1.1.1 (8 + 6)

N.10 M. Witztum, R.Vieira, A.

Onkoud, Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
II prize (silver medal)



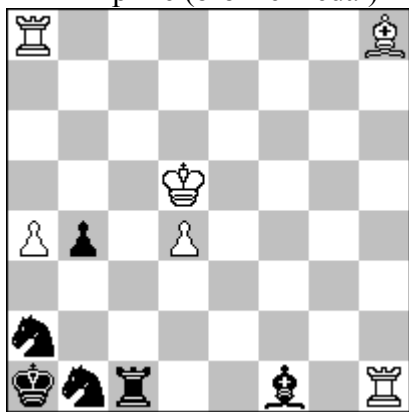
h # 2 2.1.1.1 (9 + 6)

Example: a) 1.Sd5 (A) Qxg4 (B) 2.Bc1 (C) Bd4 (D)#, b) 1.Bc1(C) Bd4 (D) 2.Sd5 (A) Qxg4 (B)#. In first phase a) ABCD#, second phase b) CDAB#.

I place (gold medal), I prize: N.7. 1.Bé3 (Bb2?) Bf3+ (Bc2?, Be2?) 2.S×f3 S×é3#, 1.Sf3 (Sc2?) Sé3+ (Sd2?) 2.B×é3 B×f3#. Active sacrifices, exchange of functions (line opening + active sacrifice / line opening, mate, magnet, reciprocal captures, Zilahi with dual-avoidance. There is tricky and lovely cleaning of the first line.

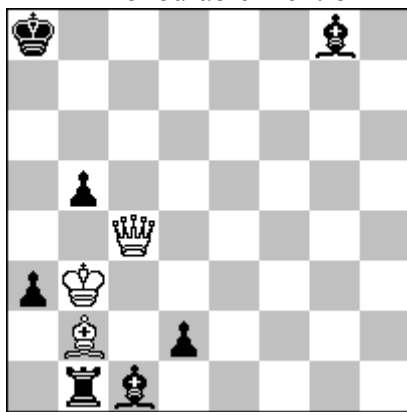
II place (silver medal), II prize: N.10. Under active influence of Abdelaziz there is almost identical version of the previous problem. One white knight more. Two medals for four experienced composes. 1.Bd3 Be3+ 2.Sxe3 Sxd3#, 1.Se3 Sd3+ 2.Bxd3 Bxe3#.

N.18. Mario Parrinello
Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
III prize (bronze medal)



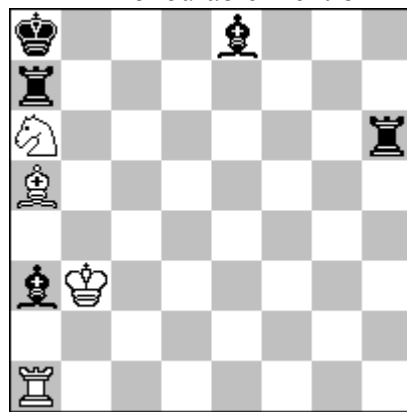
h # 2 b)Sa2→b2 (6 + 6)

N.17. Mario Parrinello
Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
I honourable mention



h # 2 b)Ka8→a7 (3 + 7)
c) Ka8→h1 d) Ka8→h2

N.12. Menachem Witztum
Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
II honourable mention



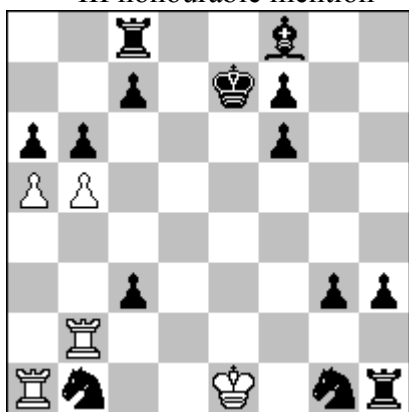
h # 2 2.1.1.1 (4 + 5)

III place (bronze medal), III prize: N.18. 1.Bb5 axb5 2.Rc5+ dxc5#, 1.Rc5+ dxc5 2.Bb5 axb5#. Active sacrifices, cross-checks, battery model mates with pins. The most attractive feature is orthogonal-diagonal transformation.

I honourable mention: N.17. a) 1.Ra1 Bd4 2.Bh7 Qc8#, b) 1.Bh7 Qc8 2.Ra1 Bd4#, c) 1.Ra1 Be5 2.Bh7 Qf1#, d) 1.Bh7 Qf1 2.Ra1 Be5#. Tricky black hideaway and constanta.

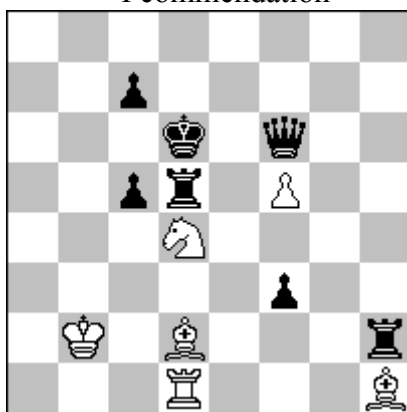
II honourable mention: N.12. 1.Bd6 Sc5! (Bc7?) 2.Rd7 Bc7#, 1.Rd7 Bc7! (Sc5?) 2.Bd6 Sc5#. A problem aristocrat. Nice play with interferences, critical effect, dual-avoidance and battery model mate.

N.13. V. Crişan, E. Huber
Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
III honourable mention



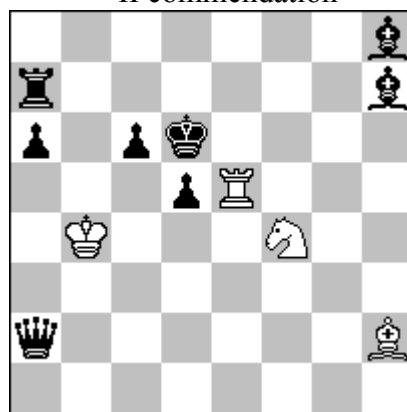
h # 2 b)Ke7→h1 (5 + 14)
c) Ke7→a8 d) Ke7→b8

N.15. Jorma Paavilainen
Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
I commendation



h # 2 2.1.1.1 (6 + 7)

N.1. Marko Klasinc,
Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
II commendation



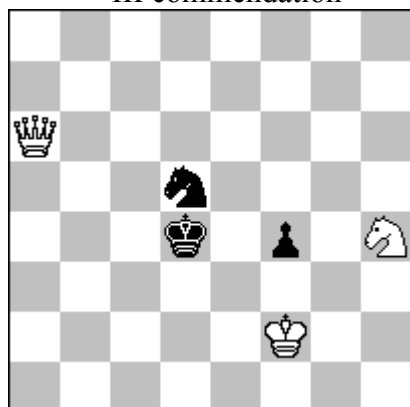
h # 2 2.1.1.1 (4 + 8)

III honourable mention: N.13. a)1.Sa3 0-0-0 2.Se2+ Rxe2# , b)1.Se2 Rxe2 2.Sa3 0-0-0#, c)1.axb5 Rxb5 2.bxa5 Raxa5#, d)1.bxa5 Rxa5 2.axb5 Rbxb5#. Twice the rooks move in two different directions. Nothing very exiting after problem by M.Parrinello, special prize from Super problem TT N.224.

I commendation: N.15. 1.Re5 Bf4 2.f2 Sc6#, 1.f2 Sc6 2.Re5 Bf4#. Black self-interferences with unpinning of white pieces for battery pin-mate. Half-battery with two solutions.

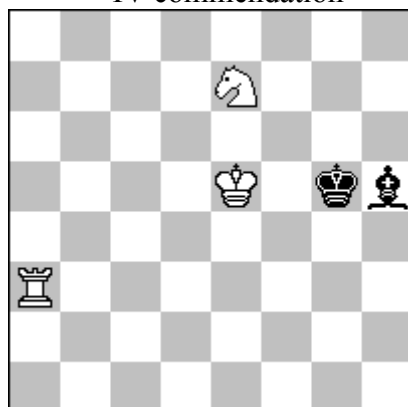
II commendation: N.1. 1.Rg7 Re7 2.Bc2 Sg6#, 1.Bc2 Sg6 2.Rg7 Re7#. Two interferences with critical effect and half battery play.

N.14. Viktoras Paliulionis,
Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
III commendation



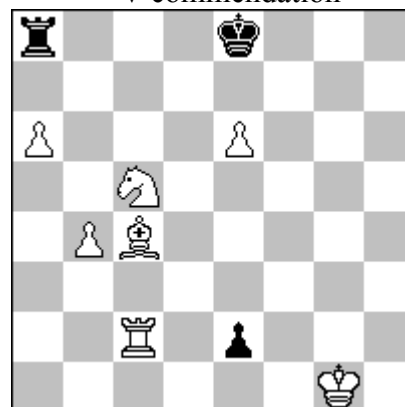
h # 2 2.1.1.1 (3 + 3)

N.3. Dmitrij Turevskij,
Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
IV commendation



h # 2 2.1.1.1 (3 + 2)

N.19. Michael McDowell,
Quick, Vilnius, 2019,
V commendation



h # 2 2.1.1.1 (6 + 3)

III commendation: N.14. 1.Ke5 Sf3+ 2.Ke4 Qg6#, 1.Ke4 Qg6+ 2.Ke5 Sf3#. Good example of extreme economy. Ideal mates, tempo moves, miniature.

IV commendation: N.3. 1.Kh4 Sf5+ 2.Kg4 Rg3#, 1.Kg4 Rg3+ 2.Kh4 Sf5#. The author shows a peak of economy. Tricky, tanagra with tempo effect and model mates.

V commendation: N.19. 1.e1=R + Bf1 2.0-0-0 Sd7#, 1.0-0-0 Sd7 2.e1=R + Bf1#. There is incomplete Vallodao, with castling and under-promotion gem.

The results are open until 23:00, 22 nd of August, 2019.

Judge Vilimantas Satkus (Lithuania)