

SuperProblem AWARD: Helpmates in 2,5 - 3, 2016

First of all I would like to thank Vitaly Medintsev for his invitation to judge the tourney.

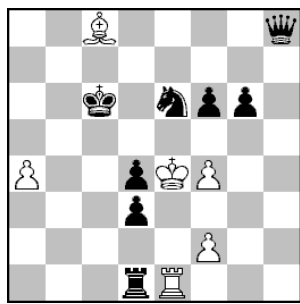
During 2016 28 originals h#2,5s and h#3s (including 3 versions) were published in *SuperProblem* web page. The level of the tourney is good. My main criteria in judging were originality, complexity, economy, and the overall artistic effect. I propose the following ranking.

1st Prize – no.E320 Anatoly Skripnik: An original combination of Zilahi paradox with complete White King's star play in an excellently constructed position. *I. 1.Kc7 Kd5 2.Kc8: Kc6 3.Sf8 Re8#; II. 1.Re1:+ Kf3 2.Kd5 Kg4 3.Ke4 Bb7#; III. 1.g5 Kf5 2.Rb1 Ke6: 3.Rb6 Rc1#; IV. 1.Rb1 Kd3: 2.Rb7 Kc4 3.Rc7 Re6:#; V. 1.Rc1 a5 2.Rc5 Rb1 3.Sc7 Rb6#.*

2nd Prize – no.E322a Pascale Piet & Vitaly Medintsev: A diagonal/orthogonal setting of double black reciprocal square vacation with white reciprocal battery creation by Grmshaw on c3, white square vacation, tempo play by the WK on the just vacated squares, double black self-blocks and black gate-opening. *I. 1.Bb5 Bc3 2.Kc4 Ka1! 3. Rd5 Be5:#; II. 1. Re4 Rc3 2.Kd4 Kc1! 3.Bd5 Rc6:#.*

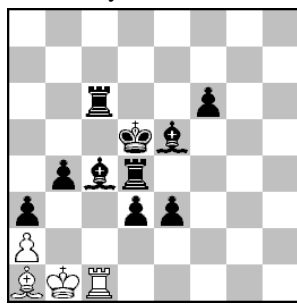
3rd Prize – no.E386 Rodolfo Riva: Combination of Chumakov and Zilahi theme with double self-blocks on e6, white self-unpin and model mates. *I. 1.Qc3:+ Kc3: 2.Bf5 Sf6 3.Be6 Sg8#; II. 1.Be4:+ Ke4: 2.Qb3 Ba5 3.Qe6 Bd8#.*

1. Pr. no.E320
Anatoly Skripnik



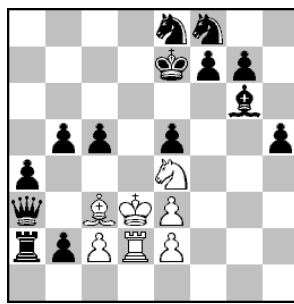
h#3 5 sols 6+8

2. Pr. no.E322a
Pascale Piet
& Vitaly Medintsev



h#3 2 sols - 4+10

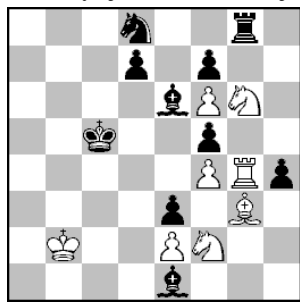
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Rodolfo Riva



h#3 2 sols 7+14

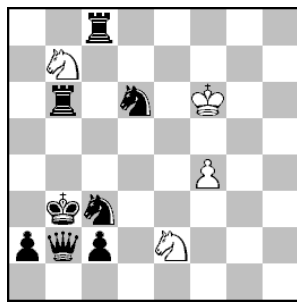
1st Honourable Mention – no.E302 Wasylij Krizhanovskij: A diagonal/orthogonal setting of Zilahi theme with reciprocal capturing of the white and black B & R, gate-opening, W1 and W2 reciprocal moves and mates on the just vacated same square (f4). *I. 1.Kd4 Sd3(A) (Se7?) 2.Bg3: Se7(B) 3.Bf4: Rf4:#; II. 1.Kd6 Se7(B) (Sd3?) 2.Rg4: Sd3(A) 3.Rf4: Bf4:#.*

1. H.M. no.E302
Wasylij Krizhanovskij



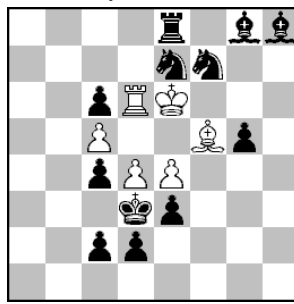
h#3 2 sols 8+10

2. H.M. no.E353
Nikola Stolev



h#3 b) Pc2→a5 4+8

3. H.M. no.E333
Vitaly Medintsev

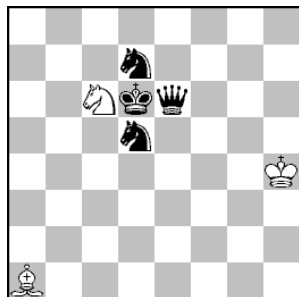


h#3 2 sols 6+12

2nd Honourable Mention – no.E353 Nikola Stolev: A diagonal/orthogonal setting of Brede cross-check with Umnov effects and model-mates in an economical Meredith position. *a) 1.Sa4+ Sc3 2.Qa3 Sd1 3.Rb4 Sa5#; b) 1.Sc4+ Sd6 2.Rb4 Sb5 3.a4 Sed4#.*

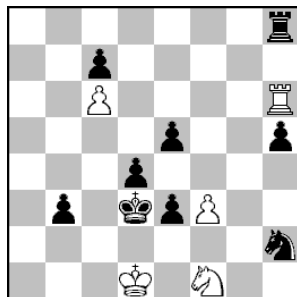
3rd Honourable Mention – no.E333 Vitaly Medintsev: (After Michal Dragoun 9763, 1. Com. Feenschach, 2008). Presentation of black and white battery destruction with alternate capturing of the black and white front battery pieces. Black ambush play, consecutive white line-opening by the White King and black piece and model mates. *I. 1.Rd8 Ke7: 2.e2 Rh6 3.Rd4: Rh3#; II. 1.Bh7 Kf7: 2.c3 Bc8 3.Be4: Ba6#.*

1. Comm. no.E358
Aleksej Ivunin



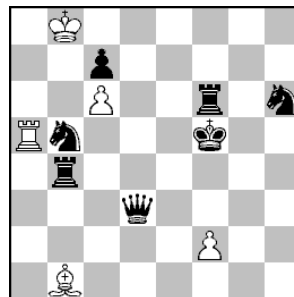
h#3 b) Kh4→a3 3+4

2. Comm. no.E355
Rodolfo Riva



h#3 2 sols 5+9

3. Comm. no.E318
Christopher Jones



h#3 2 sols 5+7

1st Commendation – no.E358 Aleksej Ivunin: (Dedicated to Igor Agapov). Presentation of the double black Platzweschel (Q/K & Q/S) with ideal mates in an excellently constructed aristocratic miniature. *a) 1.Qe7+ Bf6 2.Ke6 Kg5 3.Qd6 Sd8#; b) 1.Sf8 Ka4 2.Qd7 Kb5 3.Se6 Be5#.*

2nd Commendation – no.E355 Rodolfo Riva: (After Wasylj Krizhanovskij E066v, Super Problem, 2014). Combination of Zilahi and Chumakov themes with reciprocal capture of two pairs of white and black pieces (BS/WS & BR WR). *I. 1.Sf1: Rh8: 2.Sd2 Rb8 3.Sc4 Rb3:#; II. 1.Rh6: Sh2: 2.Rc6: Sg4 3.Rc3 Se5:#.*

3rd Commendation – no.E318 Christopher Jones: A diagonal/ orthogonal setting of Chumakov theme with white Pawn's one-two play, direct black unpin and model mates in an economical Meredith position. *I. 1.Rg4 Ra4 2.Sd4 f4 3.Se6 Bd3:#; II. 1.Rf4 Ba2 2.Qg3 f3 3.Qg6 Rb5:#.*

Thank all the participants in the tourney and congratulations to the authors of the honoured problems.

Gevgelija, 21.09.2017

International Judge of FIDE, Živko Janevski

The award will become final after one month period for claims of anticipations. Send your claims to the judge of the section Zivko Janevski zivko@t.mk not later than October 22, 2017.

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