

HCCW 15 JT Final Award – Orthodox Section

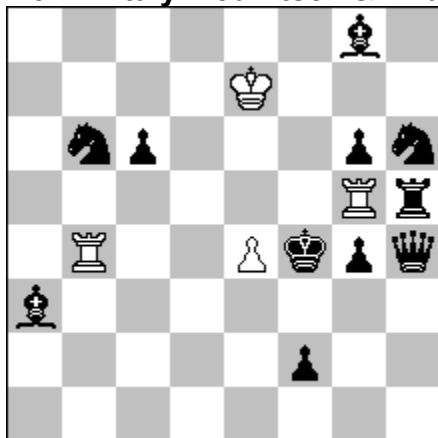
I thank János Mikitovics for the offer to judge this interesting tournament. I appreciate it especially because Hungary is the country that we can consider the cradle of the modern help mate and which gave the world many excellent composers in this genre.

A note to the chosen theme: at first glance it appears that it is strategically demanding and offers many rich opportunities for inclusion. But unfortunately that is not the case. A strict adherence to the theme has led to the usage of only a few mechanisms of creation of white batteries, I've counted 6 of them in the selection, the back piece of the battery is included as the first: R – B, B - R, B – S, R – S, R – P, B – P. Additionally the capture of the front thematic battery piece in the third phase was often added only as a “necessary evil”, as if the composers didn't even consider it as a component of the theme. I preferred the problems, which included the active sacrifice of such a piece, or at least the cancellation of its cover from the white side and I preferred quality of solutions before quantity. The highest awards were therefore given to the problems which managed to at least partially escape the delineated narrow frame and/or they contributed something extra to the theme.

The organizer provided me with 42 numbered problems in a unified anonymous form. I awarded the following problems:

1st Prize - 200 €

No. 4 Vitaly Medintsev & Anatoly Skripnik (Russia)



H#3

(4 + 11)

1.Qh4-g3 Rg5*h5 2.Sh6-f5 + e4*f5 + 3.Kf4-e5 f5*g6 #

1.Qh4-h3 Rg5-c5 2.Sb6-a8 e4-e5 + 3.Kf4-f5 e5-e6 #

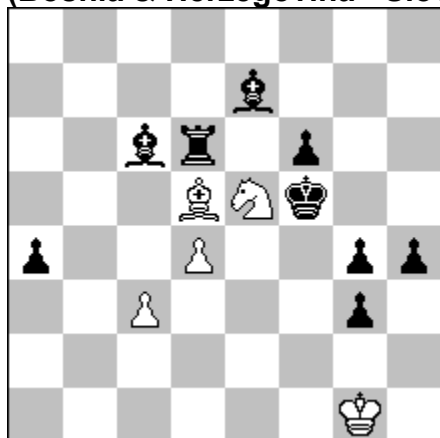
1.Sh6-f7 Ke7-e6 2.Qh4-h1 Rb4-b3 3.Kf4*e4 Rg5*g4 #

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Battery type P – R. Unlike the rest of the competing problems this one includes a hint black strategy – the black queen picks three times which field to move to when unpinning the white rook. There is a nice addition of three analogical mates, two of which in form a Chameleonecho.

2nd Prize - 150 €

**No. 15 Fadil Abdurahmanović & Marko Klasinc
(Bosnia & Herzegovina - Slovenia)**



H#2.5

(5 + 9)

1...Bd5-a2 2.Kf5-e4 Se5-c4 3.Ke4-d5 Sc4-d2 #

1...Bd5-g8 2.Bc6-d7 Se5-f7 3.Kf5-e6 Sf7-h6 #

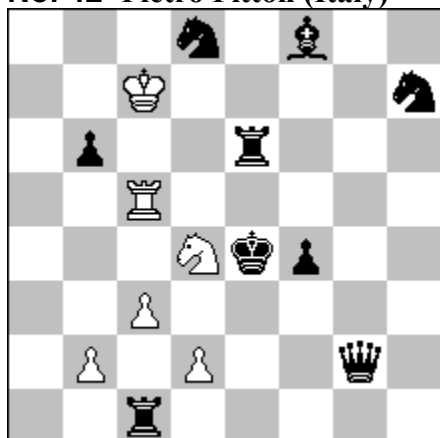
1...Se5*g4 2.Kf5*g4 Bd5-e4 3.Kg4-h3 Be4-f5 #

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Battery type P – B. Double critical move of white and an active sacrifice of the white knight in an economical position.

3rd Prize - 100 €

No. 42 Pietro Pitton (Italy)



H#2.5

(6 + 9)

1...Rc5-a5 2.b6-b5 Sd4*b5 3.Ke4-d5 Sb5-d6 #

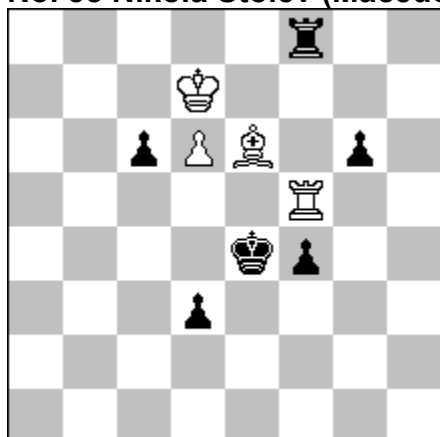
1...Rc5-g5 2.Sh7-f6 Sd4-f5 3.Ke4-e5 Sf5-g3 #

1...c3-c4 2.Ke4*d4 b2-b3 3.Re6-e4 Rc5-d5 #

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Battery type S – R. Also a double critical white move and a knight sacrifice after cancelling its cover.

1st Honorable Mention - 80 €
No. 38 Nikola Stolev (Macedonia)



H#2.5 (4 + 6)

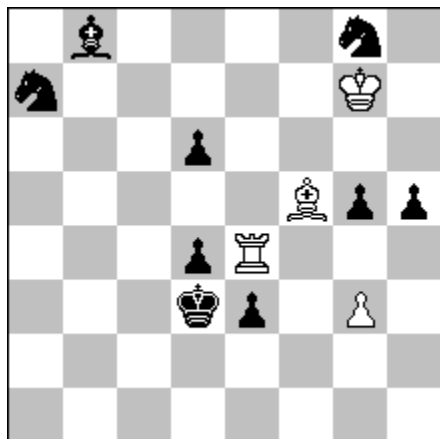
b) bRf8-->b4 c) bRf8-->f3

- a) 1...Rf5-c5 2.Rf8-f6 Be6-d5 + 3.Ke4-f5 Bd5-f3 #
 b) 1...Rf5-g5 2.Rb4-d4 Be6-f5 + 3.Ke4-d5 Bf5*d3 #
 c) 1...Be6-d5 + 2.c6*d5 Kd7-e6 3.d5-d4 Rf5-e5 #

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Battery type B – R, two critical moves of white and an active sacrifice of the white bishop in an economical position. The rating was reduced due to the existence of twins.

2nd Honorable Mention - 70 €
No. 14 Marko Klasinc & Fadil Abdurahmanović (Slovenia & Bosnia Herzegovina)



H#3 (4 + 9)

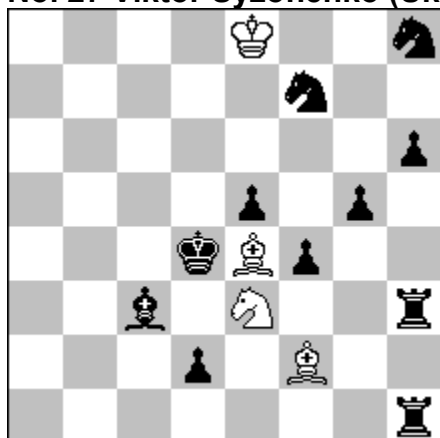
b) wPg3-->f6 c) wPg3-->g2

- a) 1.Kd3-e2 Bf5-d7 2.Ke2-f3 Re4-e6 3.Kf3-g4 Re6*e3 #
 b) 1.Kd3-c4 Bf5-h3 2.Kc4-d5 Re4-g4 3.Kd5-e6 Rg4*g5 #
 c) 1.d6-d5 Bf5-h7 2.Bb8-e5 + Kg7-g6 3.Kd3*e4 Kg6*g5 #

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Battery type R – B, two critical moves and the cancellation of the cover of the sacrificed piece. The supplementary third mate is also a battery mate. And again rating reduced because of twins...

3rd Honorable Mention - 60 €
No. 27 Viktor Syzonenko (Ukraine)



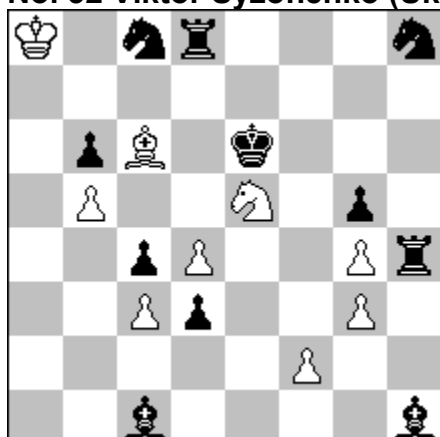
H#3 (4 + 11)

- 1.Rh1-e1 Be4-b1 2.Re1-e2 Se3-c2 + 3.Kd4-d3 Sc2-a3 #
- 1.Sh8-g6 Be4*g6 2.Rh3-f3 Se3-f5 + 3.Kd4-e4 Sf5-e7 #
- 1.Sf7-d6 + Ke8-d7 2.Sd6*e4 Se3-c4 + 3.Kd4-d5 Sc4-b6 #
- 1.Rh3*e3 Be4-f5 2.Kd4-d5 Ke8-d7 3.Re3-e4 Bf5-e6 #

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Battery type S – B. Two critical moves of white but only a passive capture of the white knight. As a bonus it includes the capture of the back battery piece, the white bishop.

Special Honorable Mention - 50 €
No. 32 Viktor Syzonenko (Ukraine)



H#3 (9 + 11)

- 1.Bc1-e3 d4-d5 + 2.Ke6*e5 f2-f4 + 3.Ke5-e4 d5-d6 #
- 1.Bc1-a3 Bc6-b7 2.Ba3-d6 Se5-c6 3.Ke6-d5 Sc6*d8 #

1.Bh1-f3 Bc6-d5 + 2.Ke6*d5 Se5-d7 3.Kd5-e4 Sd7-f6 #
 1.Bh1-g2 Bc6*g2 2.Rd8-d6 Se5-f3 3.Ke6-d5 Sf3*g5 #
 1.Rh4*g4 Bc6*h1 2.Ke6-f5 Se5-f3 3.Kf5-e4 Sf3-h4 #

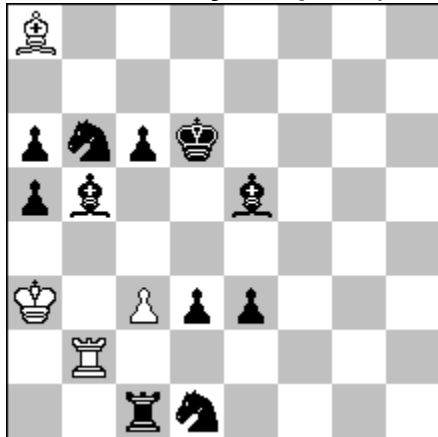
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Considering the number of solutions it is the richest problem of the tournament, battery type S – B. It even handles one P – B battery, but that cannot be included in the thematic content. It suffers from a monotonous black king play and multiple repetitions of his moves on d5 and e5.

Commendations without a specified order or comment:

Commendation - 40 €

No. 37 Anatoly Skripnik (Russia)



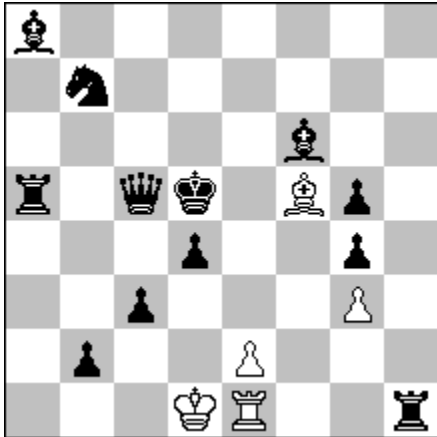
H#3 (4 + 11)

1.Bb5-c4 Rb2*b6 2.Kd6-d5 Rb6-b7 3.c6-c5 Rb7-b6 #
 1.c6-c5 Ba8-h1 2.Bb5-c4 Rb2-g2 3.Kd6-d5 Rg2-g6 #
 1.Kd6-c5 Rb2*b5 + 2.Kc5*b5 Ka3-a2 3.Kb5-a4 Ba8*c6 #

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Commendation - 40 €

No. 5 Anatoly Skripnik & Vitaly Medintsev (Russia)



H#3 (5 + 12)

1.Kd5-e5 Bf5-c2 2.d4-d3 e2*d3 + 3.Ke5-f5 d3-d4 #

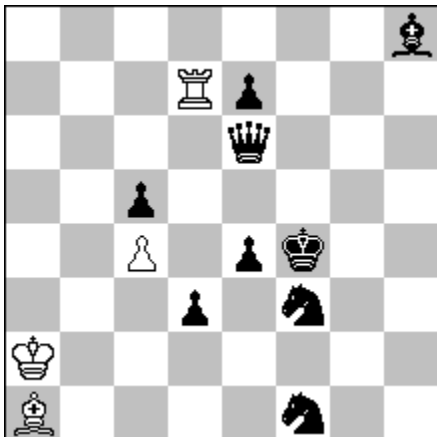
1.Kd5-c4 e2-e4 2.Kc4-d3 Bf5-g6 3.Qc5-c4 e4-e5 #

1.Sb7-d6 e2-e3 2.Ba8-c6 e3*d4 3.Bf6*d4 Bf5-e6 #

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Commendation - 40 €

No. 20 Aleksander Pankratiev (Russia)



H#3 (4 + 9)

1.Sf1-e3 Rd7-d4 2.Kf4-e5 Ka2-b2 3.Ke5*d4 Kb2-b3 #

1.Qe6-d6 Ba1*h8 2.e7-e6 Rd7-g7 3.Kf4-e5 Rg7-f7 #

1.Bh8-e5 Rd7*d3 2.Be5-d6 Rd3-c3 3.Kf4-e5 Rc3*f3 #

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