



5th Sant'Ambrogio Chess Problems Meeting

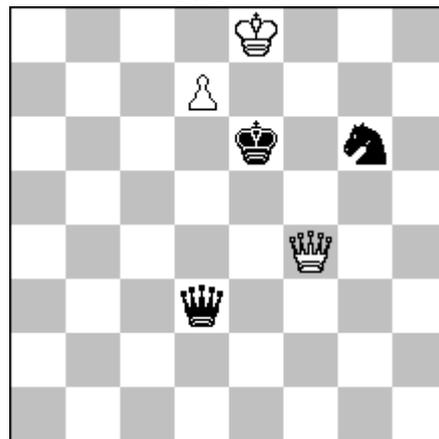
Quick Fairy Tourney award

The proposed theme was: help-selfmates in 2-3 moves with the PWC condition.
 I received 6 problems (and two versions) of good quality; I appreciated problems showing intensive use of the PWC condition.

Some remarks on not placed problems: Agostini: the PWC condition has not been interestingly exploited; Rallo: the wBa7 can be removed.

M.Caillaud

1st Prize



hs#2 B) Sg6 to h5 (3+3)

C) Sg6 to b5

D) Sg6 to e7

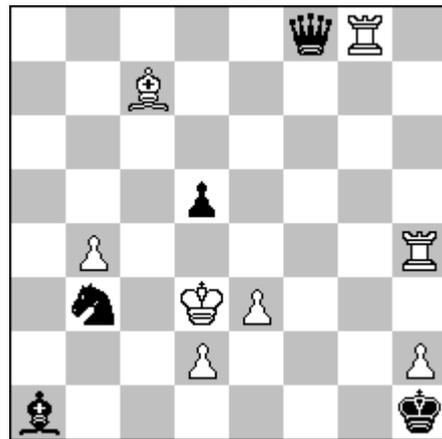
PWC

- A) 1.d8=Q Qd5 2.Qc8 + Qd7 #
- B) 1.d8=R Qa3 2.Qf6 + Sxf6 [+wQh5] #
- C) 1.d8=B Qf5 2.Qd6 + Sxd6 [+wQb5] #
- D) 1.Qg5 Qd6 2.d8=S + Qxd8 [+wSd6] #

1st Prize M.Caillaud: an amazing AUW in miniature showing interesting and specific PWC strategy.

G.Brunori & M.Guida

2nd Prize



hs#2 B) -wPe3 (8+5)

PWC

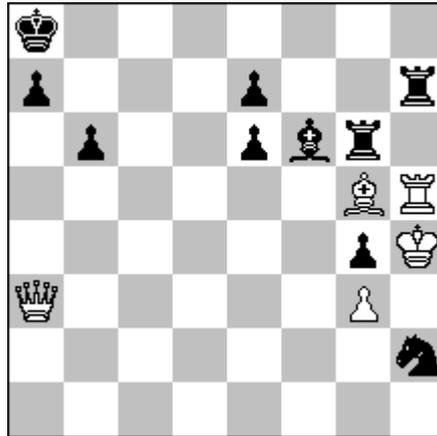
A) 1.Rd4 Sxd4 [+wRb3] 2.Rxb1 + Qf1 #

B) 1.Ba5 Sxa5 [+wBb3] 2.Bxd5 [+bPb3] + Qf3 #

2nd Prize G.Brunori & M.Guida: another excellent strategy with nice exchange of function between the thematic white pieces and very spectacular and specific PWC mates.

G.Brunori

3rd Prize



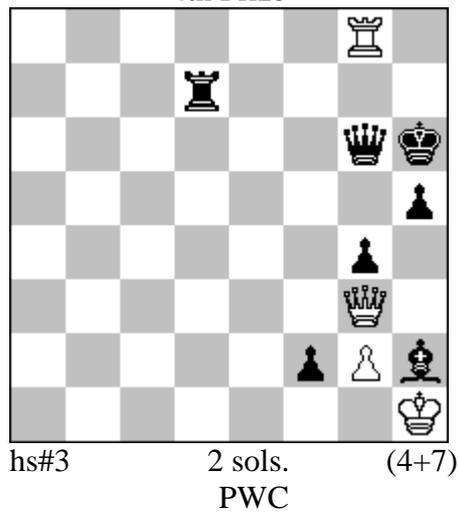
hs#2 B) bRg6=bBg6 (5+10)
PWC

A) 1.Qd6 Rxd5 [+wBg6] 2.Be4 + Rd5 #

B) 1.Qa6 Bxd5 [+wRg6] 2.Rg8 + Be8 #

3rd Prize G.Brunori: creation of different black batteries from pinned white pieces in both phases; the pin mates emphasize the fairy strategy and the exchange of function of black and white pieces.

R.Riva
4th Prize



1.Qh4 Rd8 2.Qxd8 [+bRh4] Qh7 3.Qd2 + Bf4 #
1.Qh3 Qd3 2.Qxd3 [+bQh3] Rh7 3.Qa6 + Bd6 #

4th Prize R.Riva: this is the only problem in three moves in the tourney. The strategy is based on creation of black batteries which depends on two different square occupied by the wQ and on the interchange of functions between the thematic black pieces (active sacrifice/rebirth and selfblocks).

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