

In **15152** Sc6, Re8 and Bb7 are captured and mate.

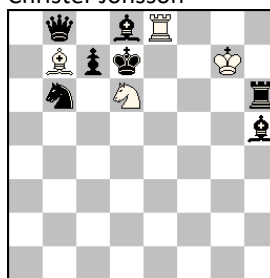
1.c×d6 Ba6 2.Bc7 Bb5#
 1.B×e8 Bc8+ 2.Ke7 Sf5#
 1.Q×b7 Sf7 2.Kc8 R×d8#

3rd Commendation: 15153v
 by Vladimir Koci & Dmitri Grintjenko

The improvement has been successful. Nice Meredith with two model mates and a pinned black queen.

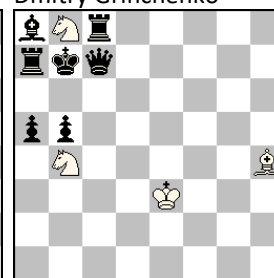
1.Kb6 Bd8 2.Bb7 Sd7#
 1.Kxb8 Bg3 2.Rb7 Sc6#

1-2 Omn 15152
 Kaj Engström &
 Christer Jonsson



h#2 3 lösn

3 Omn 15153v
 Vladimir Koci &
 Dmitry Grinchenko



h#2 2 lösn

I would like to thank Kjell Widlert and Christer Jonsson for their confidence and to assign to me the job as Judge, and I congratulate all those honoured.

Rainer Kuhn, Germany, April 2024

Dom Springaren h#n 2022

In the period 2022, 39 problems by 15 composers from 13 countries were published.

I would like to thank Rolf Wiehagen for checking the award-worthy tasks for predecessors and Franz Pachl for his help in the decision-making process.

The improvement of **15163** by Carlos de la Fé Dahlin by Indrek Aunver was not considered.

The Original by Indrek Aunver in connection with **15170** (Carlos de la Fé Dahlin) was not considered because it was not described as part of the tournament. Also there exist similar problems.

Predecessors were involved in the following problems:

15110 by Kaj Engström & Carlos de la Fé Dahlin is anticipated by Josef Kricheli, 1435 Diagramme und Figuren, 29.12.1965, H#5, 2 Solutions, wKg3, wBd5, sKe5, sBb6.

15057 by Zlatko Mihajloski. P0500122 by Leon Loewenton. 191 Die Schwalbe 7, p. 101, 01/1960, P0503825 by Yuri Bilokin, 1361 The Problemist 07/1989 and P1074323, by Leon Loewenton (4) feenschach, p. 399, 10-12/2000 uses the same scheme.

15169 by Zlatko Mihajloski is essentially an economisation of P1394398 by the same author, 3618 Variantim 83, 04/2021 and a move shorter.

I have chosen the following ranking:

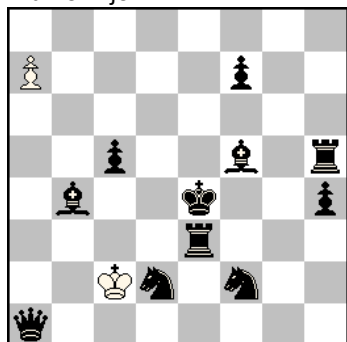
1st Prize: 15166 by Marko Ylijoki

A great dedication problem with promotions in wQ/wR/wB and an amazingly clear position. The three solutions are creatively invented, with the two tempo moves of the pinned wQ standing out. Of the black officers, only the bSf2 exclusively prevents cooks.

1.- a8=R 2.Rg3 Ra2 3.Sf3 Kb3 4.Rg4 Kc4 5.Rf4 Re2#

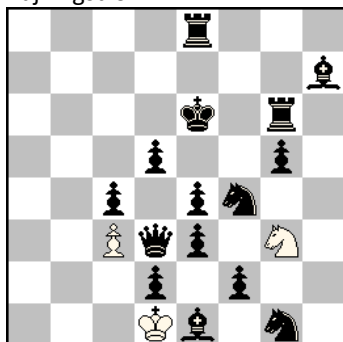
1.- a8=Q+ 2.Kf4+ Qe4+ 3.Kg5 Qd3 4.Rh6 Qe4 5.Kh5 Qxf5#
 1.- a8=B+ 2.Kd4+ Be4 3.Kc4 Bxf5 4.Qd4 Bc8 5.Rd5 Ba6#

1 Pr 15166
 Marko Ylijoki



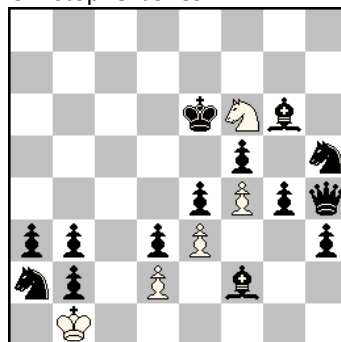
h#4,5 3 lösn

2 Pr 14999
 Kaj Engström



h#4 B-C: vLg3, vTg3

3 Pr 15106
 Christopher Jones



h#4,5 *

2nd Prize: 14999 by Kaj Engström

This is apparently only the 3rd example with roundtrips of rook, bishop and knight in a Forsberg-twin (see P0503959 and P0579709). An excellent achievement, even if there is no model mate with the white rook.

- a) 1.Sf3 Sxe4 2.Kf5 Sf6 3.Re5 Sh5 4.Ke4 Sg3#
 b) 1.Rf6 Bxf4 2.Bf5 Bxg5 3.Ke5 Bh4 4.Ree6 Bg3#
 c) 1.Kf5 Rxe3 2.Kg4 Rxe1 3.Kf3 Rxe1 4.Ke3 Rg3#

3rd Prize: 15106 by Christopher Jones

In the solution there is a roundtrip of the wS with clearing of the e4 square for the bK (Kniest-Thema), in the setplay the three white pawns move diagonally upwards one square, very original. A "White to play" helpmate with coloured solutions at any time.

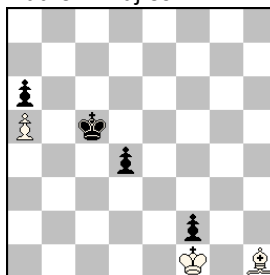
1. - Sxh5 2.Qg5 fxg5 3.f4 exf4 4.Le3 dxe3 5.Kf5 Sg7#
 1.Qg3 Sxe4 2.Qf3 Sg3 3.Kd5 Sxh5 4.Ke4 Sf6#

1st Honourable Mention: 15169 by Zlatko Mihajloski

Fine miniature with activation of the wPa5 by white's bishop sacrifice and black's rook sacrifice. A rarely shown wP/wB Anderssen in the 2nd solution.

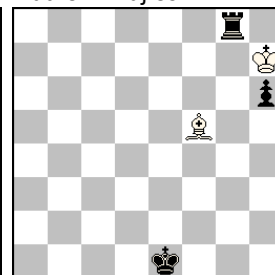
- 1.Kd6 Bc6 2.Ke5 Bb5 3.axb5 a6 4.Kf4 a7 5.Kg3 a8=Q 6.Kh2 Qg2#
 1.Kb5 Ke2 2.f1=R Bb7 3.Rf6 Bc8 4.Rb6 axb6 5.a5 b7 6.Ka6 b8=Q#

1 HO 15169
 Zlatko Mihajloski



h#6 2 lösn

2 HO 15168
 Zlatko Mihajloski



h#6

2nd Honourable Mention: 15168 by Zlatko Mihajloski

Mixed- coloured Indian with intermediate exchange of places wB/wK.
 1.Rg4 Bg6 2.Kf2 Kg7 3.Kg3 Kf6 4.Kh4 Bh7 5.Kh5 Kf5 6.Rh4 Bg6#

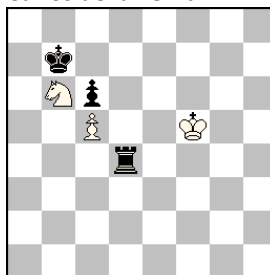
3rd Honourable Mention: 15052 by Carlos de la Fé Dahlin

Three mates by the promoted white queen on adjacent squares and model mates. It's amazing, that the white knight is sacrificed twice.

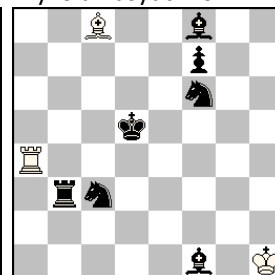
1.Ra4 Sd5 2.cxd5 c6+ 3.Ka8 c7 4.Ra7 c8=Q#
 1.Rb4 Ke6 2.Rxb6 cxb6 3.Kc8 b7+ 4.Kd8 b8=Q#
 1.Rd6 cxd6 2.Kb8 d7 3.Kc7 Sa4 4.Kd6 d8=Q#

3 HO 15052
 Carlos de la Fé Dahlin

1 Omn 14998
 Mykola Vasyuchko



h#4 3 lösn



h#3,5 2 lösn

1st Commendation: 14998 by Mykola Vasyuchko

There are many reciprocal Indians after critical moves with double checkmates, but with a tempo move by the wK there were only two comparative problems (PDB: P1355861 and P1274268). In the airy 14998, the knight blocks with dual avoidance are pleasing and secure the commendation. Unfortunately, nothing more was possible. Incidentally, the bRb3 can be replaced by a black Pawn.

1.- Rh4 2.Bc5 Bg4 3.Kc4 Kh2 4.Sfd5 Be2#
 1.- Bh3 2.Bd6 Rg4 3.Ke6 Kg1 4.Scd5 Re4#

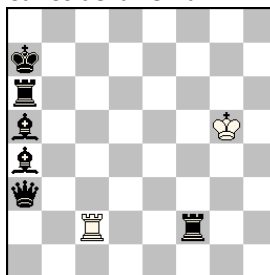
2nd Commendation: 15167 by Carlos de la Fé Dahlin

We see five black force sacrifices in the 1st solution and a black and white/black interference in the 2nd solution, which I find more subtle, although the bBa4 doesn't play along. The bQa3 provides the mixed- coloured interference.

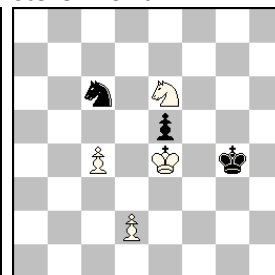
1.Rf5+ Kxf5 2.Re6 Kxe6 3.Bd7+ Kxd7 4.Bc7 Kxc7 5.Qa2 Rxa2#
 1.Bb6 Rc5 2.Rb2 Kf6 3.Kb8 Ke7 4.Ba7 Kd8 5.Rb7 Rc8#

2 Omn 15167
 Carlos de la Fé Dahlin

3 Omn 15053
 Steven Dowd



h#5 2 lösn



h#4 2 lösn

3rd Commendation: 15053 by Steven B. Dowd

Two ideal mates, with the bK getting to e4 on different routes and swapping places with the wK once.

1.Se7 Ke3 2.Kf5 Kf2 3.Ke4 Ke2 4.Sf5 d3#
 1.Kg3 Kf5 2.Kf3 Kg5 3.Ke4 Kg4 4.Sd4 Sc5#

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What can AI do ?

Blir problemredaktörer och kanske även -komponister arbetslösa när AI slår igenom ?
 I danska *Problemskak* hösten 2023 undersökte redaktören Bjørn Enemark saken genom att be ChatGPT att skriva en artikel om h# med allförvandling, med några illustrerande exempel. Resultatet är sorglustigt : texten är vackert och korrekt formulerad, men de givna exemplen innehåller inga spår av någon allförvandling och de angivna lösningarna har inget som helst samband med diagramställningarna.

Bjørns slutsats : än är han inte arbetslös !