

Preliminary award of the ty ChessStar – 2013

(Threemovers)

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I would like to thank Ferhat for entrusting me to judge this tourney.

Twenty-five threemovers were published in 2013. The content was very light which is not surprising since sixteen of them were miniatures. My decision is as follows:

№ 618

1st-3rd Prize

Григорий Атаянц (Россия)



1st-3rd Prize - (Grigory Atayanz No.618)

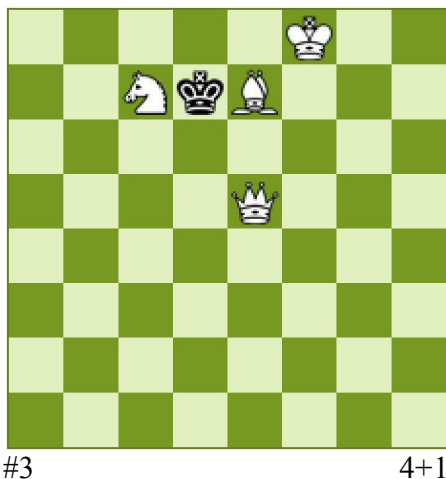
White's second and third move are exchanged in two thematic variations.

1.Bc2! (2.Qe3 and 3.Bb3#), 1...Bd4[a] 2.Qg8+[A] d5 3.cxd6 e.p.[B]#; 2...Bd5 3.Qxd5#, 1...d5 2.cxd6 e.p.[B] and 3.Rxc6#; 2...Bd4[a] 3.Qg8[A]#, 1...Bxe4 2.cxb6+ Kd5 3.Bb3#; 2...Bc6 3.Qc5#.

№ 580

1st-3rd Prize

Ferhat Karmil (Turkey)



1st-3rd Prize - (Ferhat Karmil No.580)

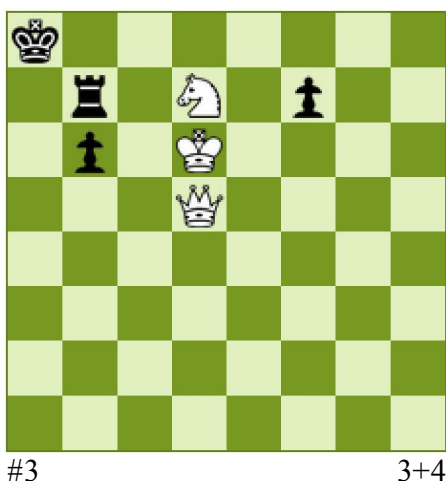
Three variations with model mates and flight-giving Bishop sacrifice as a key. In two variations, white second moves are quiet.

1.Bd8! (zz), 1...Kxd8 2.Sb5! Kc8 3.Qc7#; 2...Kd7 3.Qe8#, 1...Kc8 2.Qd5! Kb8 3.Qa8#, 1...Kc6 2.Qb5+ Kd6 3.Qd5#.

№ 617

1st-3rd Prize

Владимир Шумарин (Россия)



1st-3rd Prize - (Vladimir Shumarin No.617)

There is lots of action in this miniature including two good tries, two model mates, pinning of the black Rook and a good waiting key.

1.Ke7? (zz), 1...f5 2.Qg8+ Ka7 3.Qa2#, 1...b5![a], 1.Qh1!? (2.Qh8+ Ka7 3.Qa1#; 2...Rb8 3.Qxb8# (model mate), 1...f6![b], 1.Sxb6+? Ka7 2.Qa5+ Kb8[c] 3.Qa8#, 1...K b8![c];
1.Qg2! (zz), 1...b5[a] 2.Sc5 Kb8[c]/Ka7 3.Qxb7#, 1...f6[b] 2.Qg8+ Ka7 3.Qa2#; 2...R b8 3.Qxb8# (model mate).

№ 536

1st Honorable Mention

Leonid Makaronez (Izrail)



1st Honorable Mention - (Leonid Makaronez No.536)

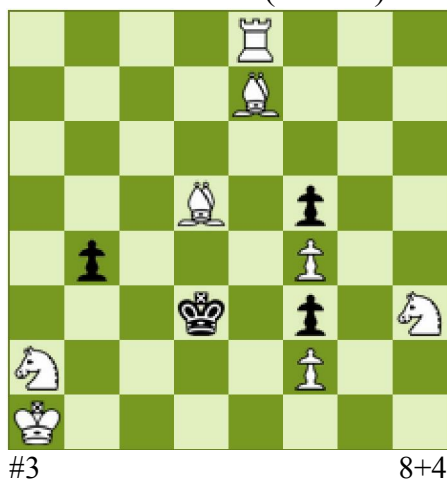
After two tries, 1.Se3? fxe3! and 1.Qh3? Rf8!, the white Queen finds the right square:

1.Qh2! (2.Qxf4+ gxf4 3.Rh5#). In the first variation, 1...Rb4 2.Qh3 & 3.Qf5#, the black Rook leaves its defensive post and cannot return in time to defend the f5-square. In the second variation, 1...Bf6 2.Se3 and 3.Sg4#, the black Bishop blocks the escape square for the black King.

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2nd Honorable Mention

Marcel Doré (France)



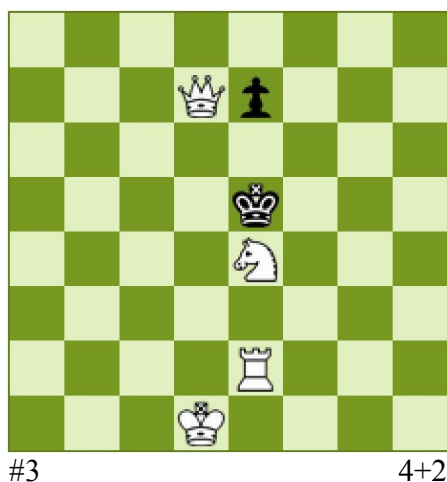
2nd Honorable Mention - (Marcel Doré No.666) After a failed try, White creates a Bishop/Rook battery which fires in three thematic variations.

1.Bxb4? Kc2 2.Re3 Kd1 3.Bb3#, 1...Kd4!;

1.Rd8! (zz), 1...Kd4 2.Bb3+ Ke4 3.Bc2#, 1...Kd2 2.Bxf3+ Kc2 3.Bd1# model mate; 2...Ke1 3.Rd1# model mate, 1...b3 2.Bxf3+ Kc4 3.Be2# (self-block on b3), (1...Kc2 2.Be6 b3 3.Bxf5 # self-block on b3, 1...Ke2 2.Bc4+ Ke1 3.Bxb4#).

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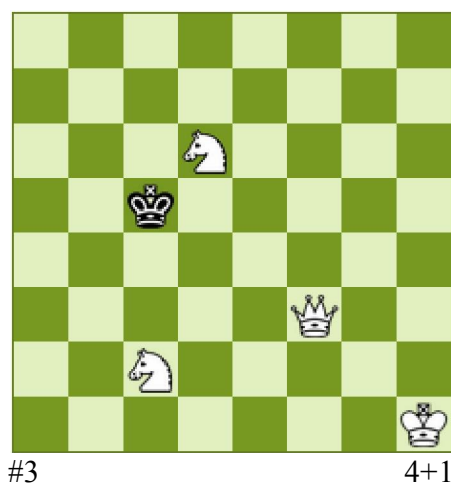
1st Commendation
Mikhail Croitor (Moldova)



1st Commendation - (Mikhail Croitor No.551) After two failed attempts, 1. Kd2? e6! and 1. Kc2? Kf4!, the white King finds the correct square **1.Ke1!** (zz). In the subsequent play, both White's second moves are quiet, 1...e6 2.Qd2 zz Kf5 3.Qg5# and 1...Kf4 2.Qe6 zz Kf3 3.Qf5#

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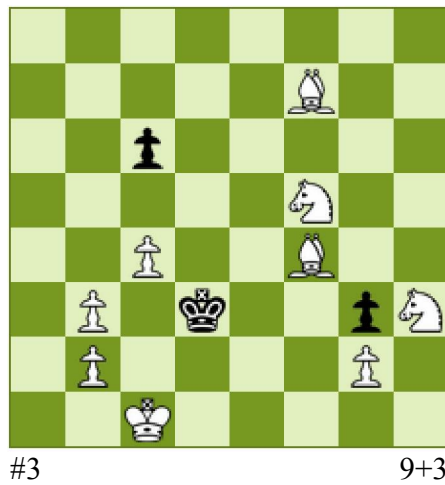
2nd Commendation
Carlo de Grandi (Greece)



2nd Commendation - (Carlo de Grandi No.567) Nice and clean.
1.Qb7? (zz) Kxd6!, 1.Qc6+? Kxc6!;
1.Sc8! (zz), 1...Kc4 2.Sa7 (zz) Kc5 3.Qc6#, 1...Kb5 2.Qd5+ Ka6 3.Sb4#, 1...Kb5 2.Qd5+ Ka4 3.Sb6#.

№ 583

3rd Commendation
Marcel Doré (France)



3rd Commendation - (Marcel Doré No.583) After two tries, the key creates a S/B battery which fires in two variations.

1.c5? (zz) Ke4! (1...Ke2? 2.Bc4+! Ke1 3. Bd2/Bxg3#), 1.Bh5? Ke4! (1...c5? 2.Bd1! Ke4 3.Bc2#);

1. Bg6! (zz), 1...c5 2. Sxg3+ Kd4 3.Se2# (self-block on c5), 1...Ke4 2.Sg7+ Kd4 3.Se6# (model mate). (1...Ke2 2.Sxg3+ Ke1 3.Bd2 (model mate)).