

28th Sabra Composing Tourney – 67th WCCC, Alba-Iulia 2025

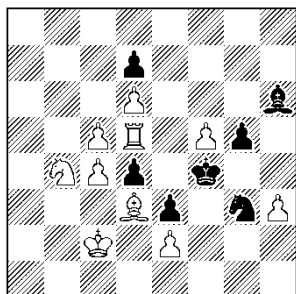
An orthodox H#2 is required with the following theme::

A white piece is actively sacrificed on an empty square (without capturing a black piece) combined with any additional element such as self-block, line closure, pin etc.

Judge: Menachem Witztum

Examples:

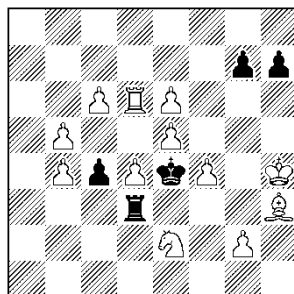
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H#2 b) b) b) h6 (C+) (10+7)

- a) 1. ♗g7 ♖e5 2. ♗xe5 ♜d5#
b) 1. ♖e6 ♗e4 2. ♖xe4 ♜d3#

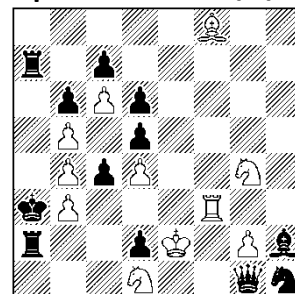
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H#2 b) b) d3 (C+) (12+5)

- a) 1. ♖xd4 ♖d5 2. ♗xd5 ♜c3#
b) 1. ♜xf4 ♗f5+ 2. ♗xf5 ♜g3#

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H#2 b) ♗d6→e3 (C+) (11+12)

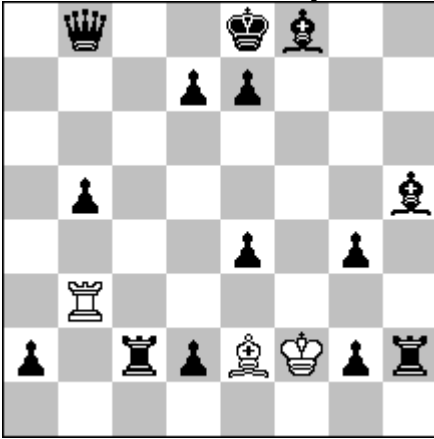
- a) 1. ♖a5 ♜e5 2. dxe5 bxa5#
b) 1. ♖a4 ♜f2 2. exf2 bxc4#

A total of 51 problems took part in the competition – I received them anonymously from the tourney director, **Paz Einat**. Anticipation search was done on all problems that were prize candidates. The overall level was high.

Participants list:

Pierre Tritten, János Csák, Kenan Velikhanov, Gábor Tar, Ofer Comay, Peter Zabiorkhin, Kostas Prentos, Pavel Murashev, Ovidiu Craciun, Vitaly Medintsev, Marco Guida, Emanuel Navon, Maryan Kerhuel, Paz Einat, Francesco Simoni, Johan de Boer, Hannu Harkola, Anatoly Stepanov, Dieter Mueller, Sven Trommler, Anatoly Vasylenko, Evgeny Gavryliv, Michael Barth, Franz Pachl, Vlaicu Crisan, Éric Huber, Stefan Parzuch, Chris Natsis, Dimitris Liakos, Ralf Danck, Pietro Pitton, Gennady Chumakov, Nikola Petkovic, Ricardo de Mattos Vieira, Marcos Roland, Marko Klasinc, Fadil Abdurahmanovic, Mario Parrinello, Anton Nasyrov, Zoran Gavrilovski, Manikumar S, Michel Caillaud, Vasil Dacuk, Jorma Paavilainen, Mark Erenburg, Ralf Krätschmer

Peter Zabiorkhin
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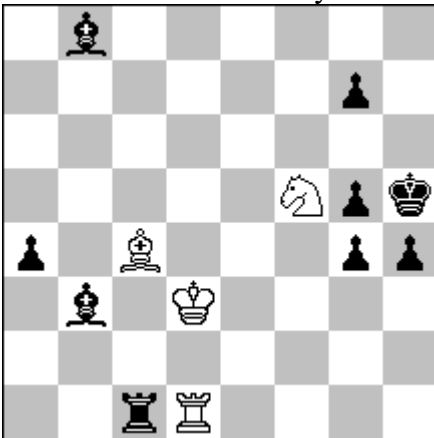
H#2 2.1.1.1 3+14

Harmonious sacrifice and mating play by the wB and wR. The tries emphasize the need for the sacrifices. The bR has an option for an additional try using a bR instead of the bQ on b8 (see version in the annex)

1.Qd8 Rh3! (1...Bxg4? 2. ? Bxh5?) 2.gxh3 Bxh5#

1.Bf7 Bc4! (1...Rxb5? 2. ? Rxb8?) 2.bxc4 Rxb8#

Dieter Mueller & Sven Trommler
2nd Prize 28th Sabra Ty 2025



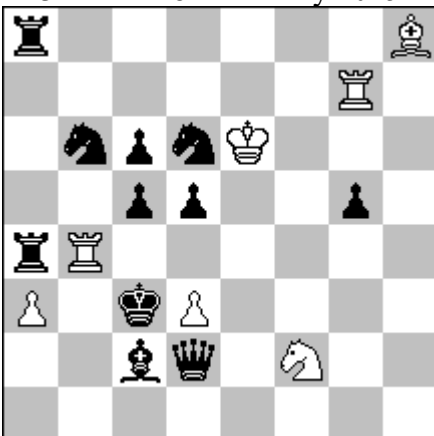
H#2 b) bPg7→g6 4+9

In the spirit of the theme, black captures a white piece on its first move. A harmonious and pleasant problem.

a) 1.Bb3*d1 Sf5-h6 2.g7*h6 Bc4-f7 #

b) 1.Rc1*c4 Sf5-g3 + 2.h4*g3 Rd1-h1 #

Stefan Parzuch
3rd Prize 28th Sabra Ty 2025



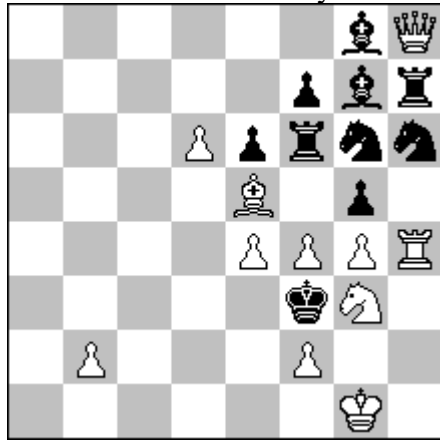
H#2 2.1.1.1 7+11

Black's first move performs an interference of the bR with a bS. White's sacrifices enable the opening of the "b" and "D" columns, respectively, enabling the wR battery mating move to guard squares along these lines. A complex realization of the theme.

1.Sbc8 Rc4+ (Se4?) 2.dxc4 Rb7#

1.Sdc8 Se4+ (Rc4?) 2.dxe4 Rd7#

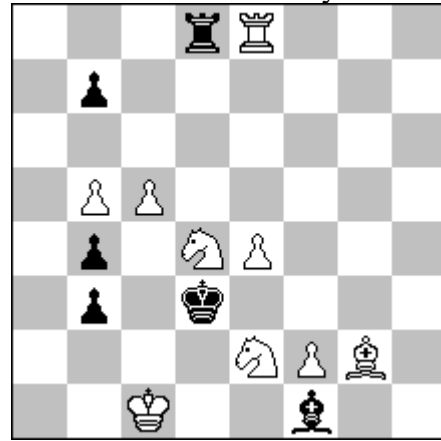
Marco Guida
4th Prize 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 2.1.1.1 11+10

1.Sh6*g4! (Sf5?) Rh4-h1 2.Rh7*h1 + Qh8*h1 #
1.Rf6*f4! (Rf5?) Be5-c3 2.Bg7*c3 Qh8*c3 #

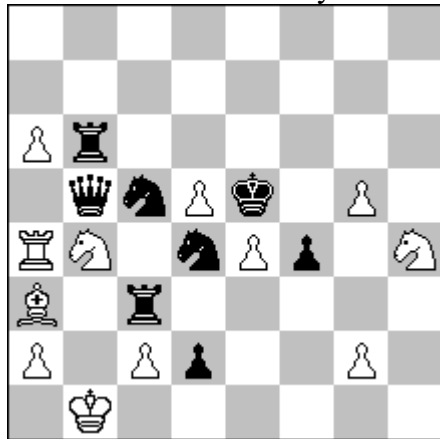
Franz Pachl
5th Prize 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 b) wKc1→b4 9 + 6

a) 1.Rd8*d4 Se2-c3 2.b4*c3 Bg2*f1 #
b) 1.Bf1*e2 Sd4-c2 2.b3*c2 Re8*d8 #

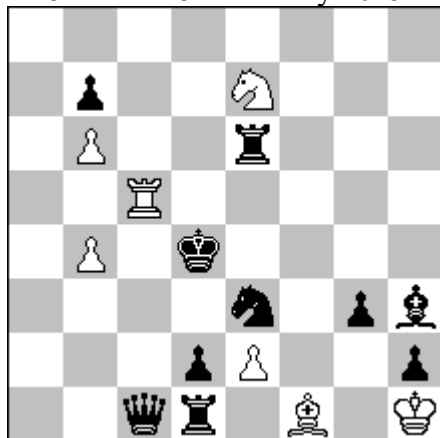
Ricardo de Mattos Vieira
6th Prize 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 2.1.1.1 12 + 8

1.Sdb3 Sd3+ (Sc6+?) 2.Sxd3 Sf3#
1.Scb3 Sc6+ (Sd3+?) 2.Sxc6 Sg6#

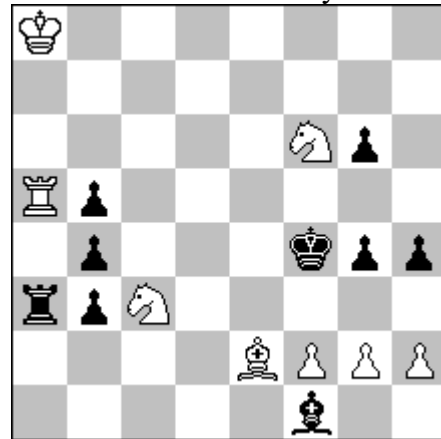
Ricardo de Mattos Vieira
8th Prize 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 b) wPb4→f4 7 + 10

a) 1.Se3-g4 e2-e4 2.Re6*e4 Se7-f5 #
b) 1.Se3-c2 e2-e3 + 2.Re6*e3 Rc5-c4 #

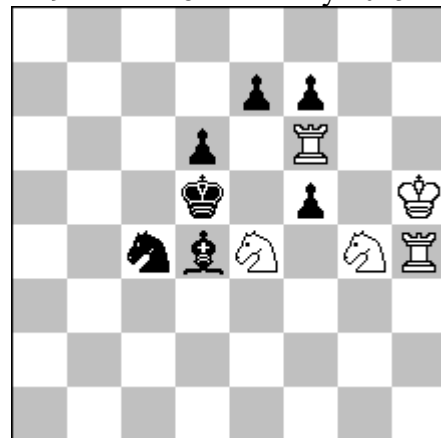
Maryan Kerhuel
7th Prize 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 2.1.1.1 8 + 9

1.h4-h3 Sc3-a4 2.b5*a4 g2-g3 #
1.g6-g5 Be2-c4 2.b5*c4 Sf6-h5 #

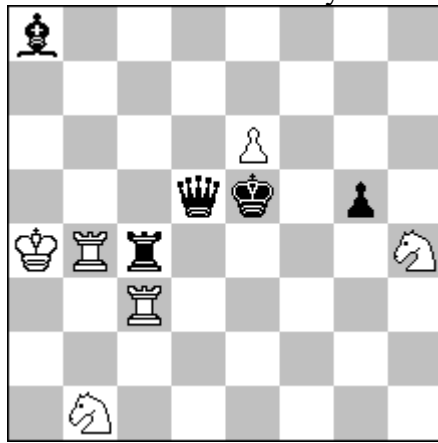
Zoran Gavrilovski
9th Prize 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 b) bSc4→b1 5 + 7

c) wRh4→a6
a) 1.Bd4-c5 Sg4-e5 2.d6*e5 Se4-c3 #
b) 1.Bd4-e5 Se4-c5 2.d6*c5 Sg4-e3 #
c) 1.e7-e5 Rf6-e6 2.f7*e6 Sg4-f6 #

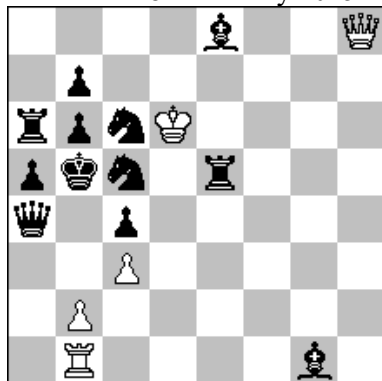
Mark Erenburg
10th Prize 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 b) Sb1→c2 6 + 5
c) Sb1→d6

- a) 1.Re4 Rd4 2.Kxd4 Sf3#
b) 1.Rf4 Re4+ 2.Kxe4 Re3#
c) 1.Rg4 Rf4 2.Kxf4 Sg6#

Francesco Simoni
Marco Guida
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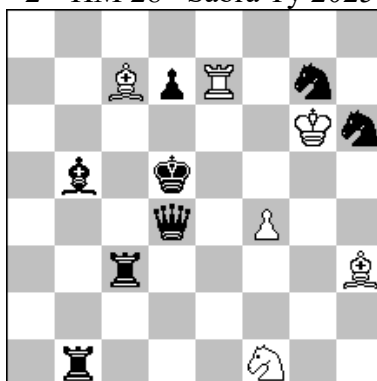


H#2 2.1.1.1 5+12

**See suggested improvement
in the annex**

- 1.Sc6-d4 b2-b3 2.Sc5*b3
Qh8*e5 #
1.Sc5-e6 b2-b4 2.Sc6*b4
Qh8*e8 #

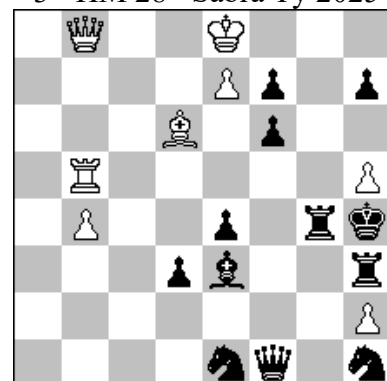
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2nd HM 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 b) Sf1→a6 6+8

- a)
Try: 1.Rd3? Re7~ 2.Ke4 Bg2#?
3.Rf3!
Sol: 1.Bd3+! Re4! 2.Kxe4 Bg2#
b)
Try: 1.Bc6? Bc7~ 2.Kd6
Rxd7#? 3.Bxd7!
Sol: 1.Rc6+! Bd6! 2.Kxd6
Rxd7#

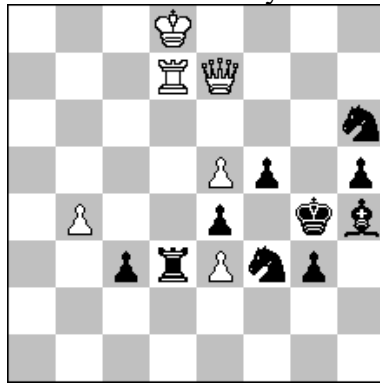
Emanuel Navon
3rd HM 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 b) Ph2→g5 8+12

- a)
1.Bf2(Rf4?) Bf4(Bc5?) 2.Rxf4
Qxf4#
Try (Non thematic): 1. Bh6 Bc5
2. Kg5 Bf2#? (3.Pf5!)
b)
1.Sg2(Rh2?) Bh2(Bc5?)
2.Rxh2 Qxh2#

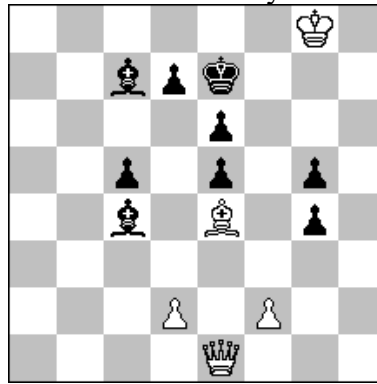
Marko Klasinc
Fadil Abdurahmanovic
HM 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 b) bKg4→e3 6+10

- a)
1.Sf3-d4 Qe7-g5 + 2.Kg4*g5
Rd7-g7#
b)
1.Sf3-g5 Rd7-d4 2.Ke3*d4 Qe7-
c5 #

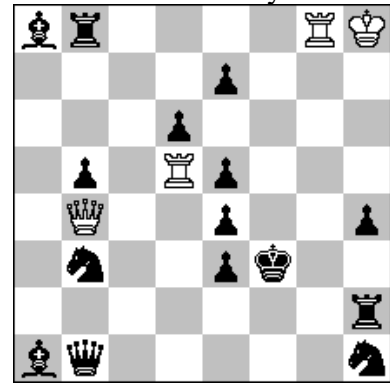
Anton Nasyrov
HM 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 3.1.1.1 5+9

- 1.Bd8 Bd5 2.exd5 Qxe5 # MM
1.Kd6 d4 2.cxd4 Qb4 # MM
1.Kf6 f4 2.gxf4 Qh4 # MM

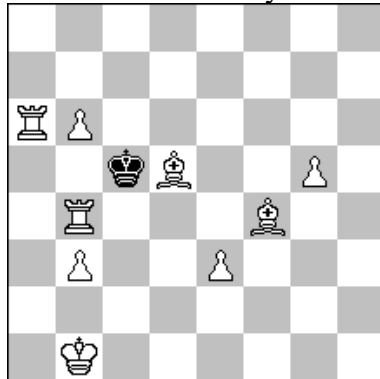
Gennady Chumakov
HM 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 2.1.1.1 4+15

- 1.Rh2-e2 Qb4-d4 2.e5*d4
Rd5-f5 # MM
1.Rh2-f2 Rd5-d3 2.e4*d3
Qb4-g4 # MM

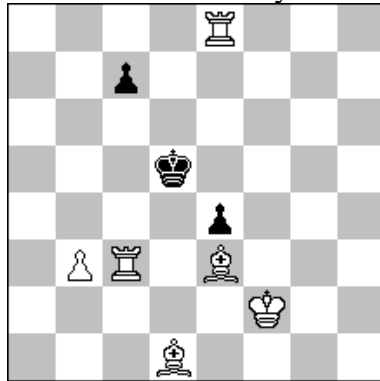
János Csák
HM 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 b) wKb1→e7 9+1

- a)
1.Kc5*b4 Ra6-a3 2.Kb4*a3
Bf4-d6 #
b)
1.Kc5*d5 Bf4-e5 2.Kd5*e5
Ra6-a5 #

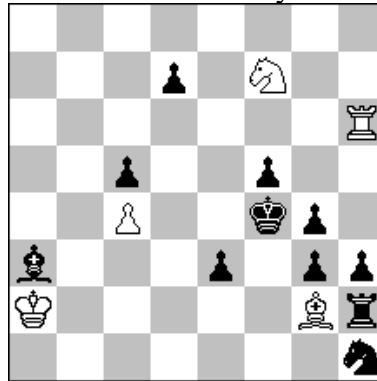
Gábor Tar
Com. 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 b) bPc7→d7 6+3

- a)
1.c7-c6 Bd1-f3 2.e4*f3 Rc3-d3 #
b)
1.d7-d6 Rc3-d3 + 2.e4*d3 Bd1-f3 #

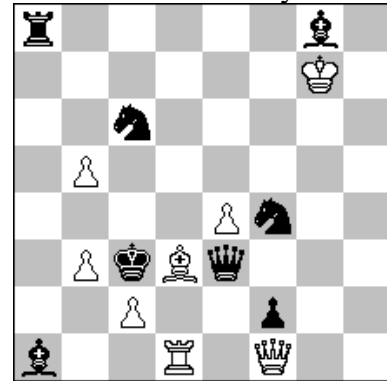
Paz Einat
Com. 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 2.1.1.1 5+11

- 1.Sh1-f2 Bg2-e4 (Bf3?)
2.f5*e4 Rh6-f6 #
1.Ba3-b2 Bg2-f3 (Be4?)
2.g4*f3 Rh6-h4 #

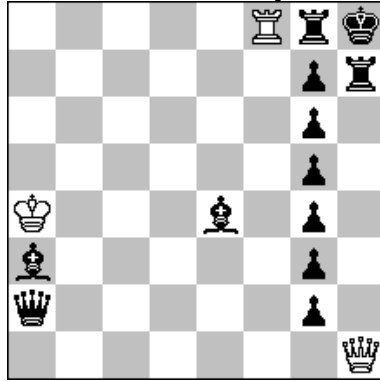
Johan de Boer
Com. 28th Sabra Ty 2025



H#2 b) bBa1→d2 8+8

- a) 1.Ba1-b2 Bd3-c4 2.Bg8*c4
Qf1*c4#
b) 1.Sc6-b4 Rd1-a1 2.Ra8*a1
Qf1*a1#

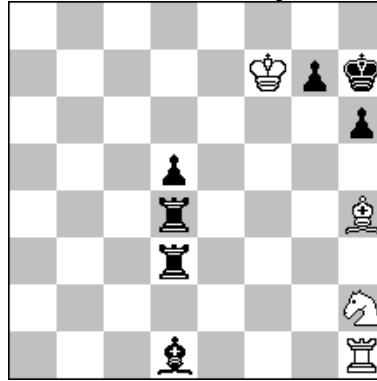
Anatoly Vasylenko
Evgeny Gavryliv
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H#2 5.1.1.1 3+12

- 1.Rh2 Rf2 2.gxf2 Qxh2# (MM)
1.Rh3 Rf3 2.gxf3 Qxh3# (MM)
1.Rh4 Rf4 2.gxf4 Qxh4# (MM)
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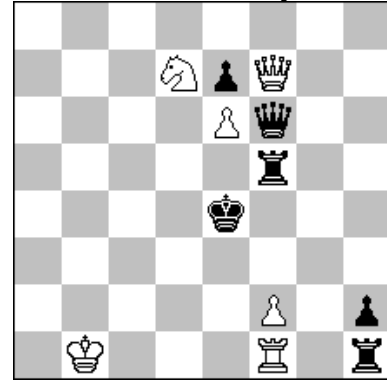
Vlaicu Crisan
Éric Huber
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H#2 b) bRd4→d2 4+7

- a)
1.h6-h5 Sh2-g4 2.h5*g4 Bh4-g3 #
b)
1.Bd1-e2 Bh4-g5 2.h6*g5 Sh2-f3 #

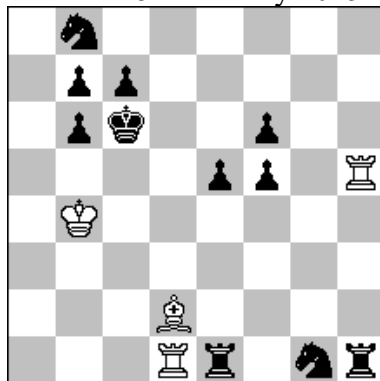
Nikola Petkovic
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H#2 b) wSd7→b2 6+6

- a)
1.Qf6-d4 f2-f3 + 2.Rf5*f3 Qf7*f3 #
b)
1.Rf5-d5 f2-f4 2.Qf6*f4 Qf7*f4 #

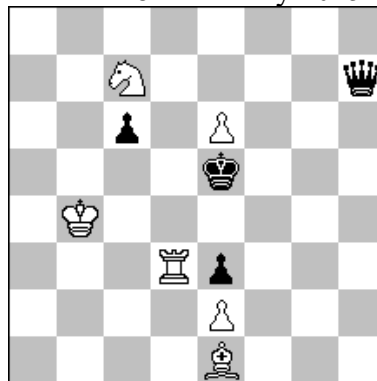
Ricardo de Mattos Vieira
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H#2 b) wBh5 4+11

- a)
1.Sg1-h3 Bd2-g5 2.f6*g5 Rh5-h6 #
b)
1.Sg1-e2 Bd2-f4 2.e5*f4 Bh5-f3 #

Mark Erenburg
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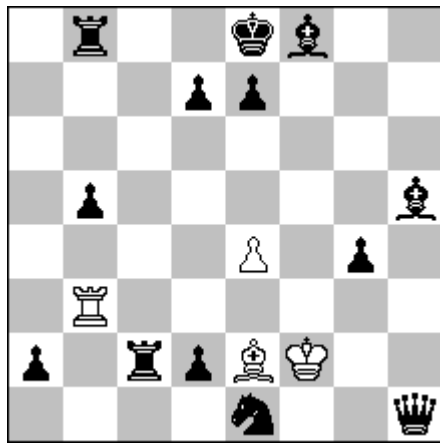


H#2 2.1.1.1 6+4

- 1.Qe4+ Rd4 2.Kxd4 Bc3 #
1.Qe7+ Rd6 2.Kxd6 Bg3 #

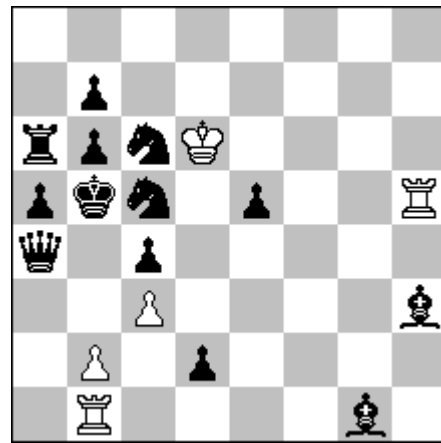
Annex

Version of 1st Prize



1.Bh5-f7 Be2-c4 2.b5*c4 Rb3*b8 #
1.Rb8-d8 Rb3-h3 2.g4*h3 Be2*h5 #

Version of 1st HM



a) 1.Sc6-d4 b2-b3 2.Sc5*b3 Rh5*e5 #
b) 1.Sc5-e6 b2-b4 2.Sc6*b4 Bh5-e8 #