

Award of the www.magysakkszerzok.com h#3 theme tourney

I should like to express my thanks to János Mikitovics for asking me to serve as judge, for providing such an excellent theme, and for the perfect organization. The 21 problems submitted demonstrated a good level of quality. Both as a judge and as a problem composer, I generally favour the presentation of complex ideas, rather than the assembly of thematic mates, but on this occasion I have attempted to view the problems from a different aspect. The unplaced problems are at the authors' free disposal. Remarks and claims should be sent to my email address janoscsak@freemail.hu by 22.09.2007.

My decision is as follows:

1st Prize Christer Jonsson
Sweden

	<p>a) 1. Kb4(T) Ra6 2. Qc5 Rxa3 3. Sc4 Sc2# b) 1. Kd5(T) Sc2 2. Qe5 Rc6 3. Sd4 Sb4#(T) c) 1. Re4(T) Rg5 2. Kd6 fxe4 3. Qc7 Rd5#(T) d) 1. Kxd4 Rg4 2. Ke3 Rxh4 3. Sd3 Re4#(T)</p> <p>A great achievement. It is particularly attractive that both the Knight and the Rook each give mate twice.</p>
<p>H#3 4 solutions (4+13)</p>	

2nd Prize Viktor Zaitsev
Belarus

	<p>a) Diagram 1. Sb6(T) Kc3 2. Kc6 Kb4 3. Bd5 Se5#(T) b) Sba4->g6 1. Se5(T) f6 2. Ke6 g4 3. Sd5 Sc5#(T) c) Bbf7->d1 1. Sc5(T) gxf4 2. Ba4 Ke3 3. Bc6 Sb6#(T)</p> <p>The value of this problem lies in the cycle of the two theme-pieces, which even justifies the distant twinnings.</p>
<p>H#3 b) Sba4->g6 c) Bbf7->d1 (5+9)</p>	

**Special Prize Menachem Witztum
Israel**

	<p>a) 1. Sg3(T) Rc4 2. Qf5 Rxc3 3. Qg5 e3#(T) b) 1. Be3(T) Ra1 2. Qd8 Rg1 3. Qg5 g3#(T)</p>
<p>H#3 2 solutions (10+10)</p>	<p>This would have been awarded a prize even if this had not been a thematic competition. A truly complex work of excellence.</p>

**1st Hon. Mention Rolf Wiehagen & Christer Jonsson
Germany - Sweden**

	<p>a) 1. Kd4(T) Se7 2. Qc4 Re3 3. Sd5 Sf5#(T) b) 1. Se3(T) Rf3 2. Kd3 Rxf4 3. Kd2 Rd4#(T) c) 1. Qf5(T) Se3 2. Rd7 Sxc2 3. Rd5 Re3#(T)</p>
<p>H#3 3 solutions (5+9)</p>	<p>A good cycle and an outstanding technique, with a twinned solution.</p>

**2nd Hon. Mention Árpád Molnár
Hungary**

	<p>a) Diagram 1. Kf4(T) Rxa2 2. Qg4 Rxe2 3. Rf5 Se6#(T) b) Swc7->f7 1. Ke6(T) Rb1 2. Rxc5 Rb5 3. Rc7 Re5#(T) c) Pwg2->f2 1. Ke5(T) Rxc1 2. Bb1 Rxc4 3. Bf5 f4#(T)</p>
<p>H#3 b) Swc7-> f7 c) Pwg2-> f2 (6+15)</p>	<p>Checkmate given with three different pieces.</p>

3rd Hon.Mention Valery Semenenko
Ukraine

	<p>a) 1. Kd4(T) d3 2. Be3 Sd2 3. c5 Sf3#(T) b) 1. Kf3(T) Sa3 2. S6e4 Sc4 3. Rf4 Se5#(T) c) 1. Ke5(T) Sxc3 2. S2e4 Sxe2 3. Qf5 d4#(T)</p>
<p>H#3 3 solutions (4+12)</p>	<p>It is unfortunate that the Knight gives mate only twice.</p>

Special Hon. Mention Béla Majoros
Hungary

	<p>a) 1. Sf6(T) Bxf4 2. Kd4 Kf5 3. Sxd5 Be5#(T) b) 1. Bxe5(T) Kxh5 2. Bd4 Kg4 3. e5 Sf6#(T)</p>
<p>H#3 2 solutions (5+5)</p>	<p>Harmonic play with the exchange of functions, demonstrated economically.</p>

Commendations (without sequence):

Commendation 1/6 József Mihalkó
Hungary

	<p>a) Diagram 1. Rd8(T) d3 2. Rd5 Rc8 3. Qe3 Bc3#(T) b) -Pw2 (4+7) 1. Rc3(T) Sg4 2. Rc4 Bb4 3. Re4 Rd8#(T)</p>
<p>H#3 b) -Pw2 (5+7)</p>	

**Commendation 2/6 Tibor Érsek
Hungary**

	<p>a) Diagram</p> <p>1. Qe2+(T) Kb1 2. Qe8 Bxd5 3. Qh5 Be6#</p> <p>b) Pbf3->f5</p> <p>1. Se3+ Kd2 2. Qf1 Bc4 3. Qh3 Be2#(T)</p>
<p>H#3 b) Pbf3->f5 (4+10)</p>	

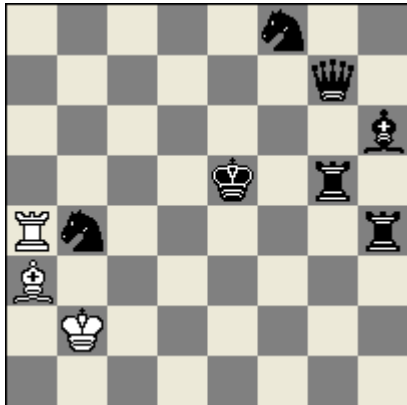
**Commendation 3/6 Béla Majoros
Hungary**

	<p>a) 1. Rd5(T) Kg7 2. Ke6 Sf7 3. Rd7 Re5#(T)</p> <p>b) 1. Ke5(T) Sg6 2. Kd6 Se7 3. Rc7 Rd5#(T)</p>
<p>H#3 2 solutions (4+5)</p>	

Commendation 4/6 Aleksandr Semenko Ukraine

	<p>a) 1. Kf4(T) Sa4 2. Be5 Sc5 3. Re4 Se6#(T)</p> <p>b) 1. Ke6(T) Sd3 2. Se5 Rc7 3. Qd6 Sf4#(T)</p>
<p>H#3 2 solutions (3+8)</p>	

Commendation 5/6 Aleksandr N. Pankratiev Russia



H#3 b) Kwb2->a8 (3+7)

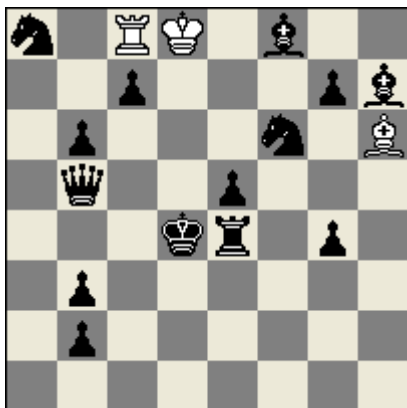
a) Diagram

1. Kd4(T) Bxb4 2. Rd5 Kc2 3. Be3 Bd6#(T)

b) Kwb2->a8

1. Kd6(T) Rxb4 2. Qe5 Kb7 3. Se6 Rd4#(T)

Commendation 6/6 Aleksandr N. Pankratiev Russia



H#3 b) Pbc7-> d3 (3+14)

a) Diagram

1. Kc3(T) Rxc7 2. Rc4 Rd7 3. Bc2 Bd2#(T)

b) Pbc7->d3

1. d2(T) Bf4 2. Qe2 Bxe5 3. Kd3 Rc3#(T)

János Csák (tourney judge)

Gyula, 22 July 2007, Hungary