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## A Preview of the Anthology of Chess Combinations, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

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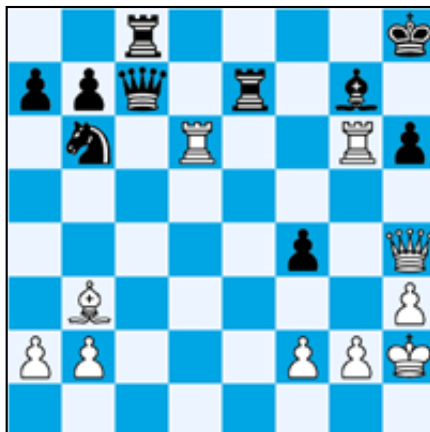
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In response to popular demand, the third edition of the *Anthology of Chess Combinations* is expected to appear later this year, both in print and electronic form. The Chess Informant Editorial Board decided to introduce several major changes into the new edition. The main one being that it has been divided into two main subunits. As a foundation for the first part, the previous edition of the *Anthology*, supplemented by numerous examples from the Informant's combinations section, has been used; the other part has been produced to incorporate the elements of a workbook. Some more recent examples have been added chronologically, without any classification keys, to make sure that the prospective solver cannot benefit from any hints.

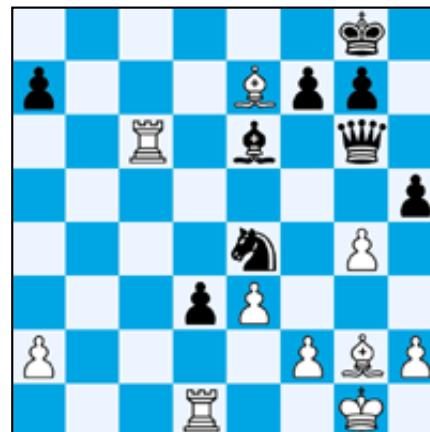
While a substantial increase of the material would naturally be considered a plus, our editors opted to omit a number of old examples for newer, more challenging brain teasers. It bears a certain similarity to cooking – the ingredients have to be finely balanced and meticulously selected; if they do not go together in the right mix and quantities, it is highly unlikely that the blend will stand serious scrutiny over a long period. The big names are included, of course, but even more interesting are their annotations to the games, as they produce an exemplary testimony to the depth of some extraordinary ideas that could otherwise have been left unnoticed. It is of the utmost importance when you pick examples for the final selection to choose the aesthetically pleasing ones, as a sense of delight will invariably put a smile on the faces of the solvers.

It is always a tad unfair to single out any of the examples, but it's even worse to exclude them, so we have chosen our six unanimous favorites derived from the grandmaster annotations as they had originally appeared in the Informants for this article.

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J. Van Mil 2416**  
*Belgium 2001*  
— 83/89\*



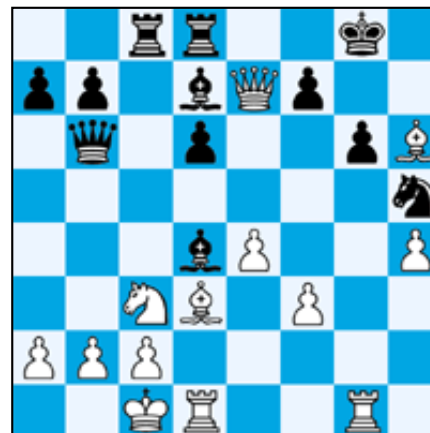
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A. Grischuk 2671**  
*Wijk aan Zee 2002*  
— 83/402\*



**3. T. Radjabov 2533 —  
N. De Firmian 2545**  
*Malmoe 2001*  
— 83/536\*



**4. A. Abreu 2480 —  
S. Del Rio Angelis 2495**  
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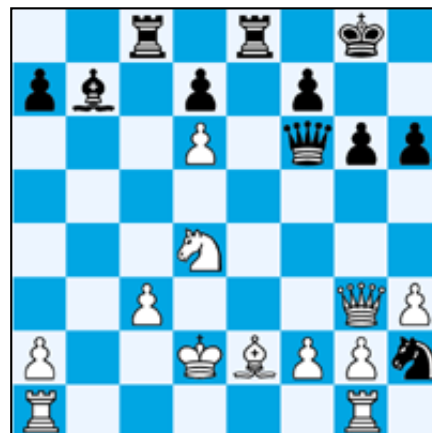


5. V. Milov 2595 —  
P. Varga 2484  
France 2002  
— 84/366\*



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6. G. Kacheishvili 2584  
— I. Glek 2605  
Chicago 2002  
— 85/37\*



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### Answers:

#### 1. I. Glek — J. Van Mil

1. **Rdf6!! f3** 2. **g3 Nc4** [2...Qc1 3. Rh6 Bh6 4. Rh6 Qh6 5. Qh6 and White is winning] 3. **Rh6 Kg8** [3...Bh6 4. Qh6 Kg8 (4...Rh7 5. Rf8 Rf8 6. Qf8 mate) 5. Rg6 Kf7 6. Qh7 Ke8 7. Ba4 and White is winning] 4. **Rfg6 Qe5** [4...b5 5. Qh5! Qe5 6. Rh8 Kf7 7. Rg5 and White is winning] 5. **Rh8 Kf7** 6. **Rg7 Qg7** 7. **Rc8** (and White is winning) [I. Glek]

#### 2. J. Lautier — A. Grischuk

1...**f6!!** [1...hg4 2. Rd3 Qf5 3. Rd8 Kh7 4. Bh4 g5 5. Bg3 equal] 2. **gh5** [2. Rd3 Bg4 with attack (weak point Be7) RR 3. Rd8 Kh7 4. f4 a) 4...Nc3! 5. e4 (5. Rc3 Qb1 6. Kf2 Qb2 and Black is winning) Ne2 6. Kf2 Nf4 and Black is winning; b) 4...h4 5. Bf8 h3 6. Rc7 Bd7! 7. Rc2 Bc6 (7...Ng5!? 8. Rd7 Qc2 9. Bd5 Ne6! 10. Ba3 Qe2 and Black is winning) 8. Rc8 Ng5 9. fg5 Qc2 10. Bc6 Qb1 11. Kf2 Qf5 and Black is winning; 2. f3 Ng5 3. gh5 Qh5 4. Re6 Nf3! 5. Bf3 Qf3 6. Rd3 Qg4 and Black is winning; RR 5. Kf2 a) 5...Nh4 6. Rd3 Qf5 7. Ke2 Qg4 (7...Qe6?? 8. Bd5 and White is winning) 8. Kd2 Qg2 9. Kc3 Kf7! and Black is winning; b) 5...Ne5!? 6. Re5 only move Qd1 and Black is winning, with the idea Qe2, passed d-pawn] **Qh5** 3. **Rd3 Qe2** 4. **Be4** [RR 4. Rd8 Kf7 5. Rf8 Ke7 6. Re6 Ke6 7. Re8 Kf7 8. Re4 Qa2 and Black is winning, passed a-pawn] **Bh3** 5. **Bd5 Kh7** 6. **Rc1 Qd3** 7. **Bc6 Qd2** 8. **Ba3 Qa2** (and Black is winning) [A. Grischuk]

#### 3. T. Radjabov — N. De Firmian

1. **Bh7! Nh6** 2. **Bg6!! Bd7** 3. **Bf7! Be6** 4. **de6! Qf7** [4...Nf7 5. e7 Qe7 6. Rg8! Kg8 7. fe7 and White is winning; 4...a4 5. Bh5! a3 6. e7 Qe7 7. fe7 Ke7 8. Rg7

Kd8 9. Ra7 and White is winning] **5. e7 Kf7** [5...Nf7 6. Rh5 a4 7. Kf2 and White is winning] **6. Rh5 Kg6 7. Rh2** (and White is winning) [T. Radjabov]

#### 4. A. Abreu — S. Del Rio Angelis

**1. Bc4!! d5** [1...Rc4 2. Rd4!! Rd4 (2...Qd4 3. Qd8 Kh7 4. Rd1 Qf6 5. Qf6 Nf6 6. Be3 and White is winning) 3. Be3! Re4 4. Qe4 and White is winning, with the idea Rg6] **2. Bd5 Bg1 3. Bf7! Kh8** [3...Kh7 4. Bg6 Kg6 5. Rd6 Qd6 6. Qd6 and White is winning] **4. Qe5 Kh7** [4...Qf6 5. Qf6 Nf6 6. Rg1 and White is winning] **5. Rd6 Be3 6. Kb1 Kh6** [6...Qd6 7. Qd6 Bf5 8. Qb4 and White is winning] **7. Bg6! Bf5** [7...Qd6 8. Qh5!! Kg7 9. Qh7 Kf6 10. e5! Ke5 (10...Qe5? 11. Qf7 mate) 11. Qh5 Kf6 (11...Kf4 12. Ne2 mate) 12. Ne4 and White is winning] **8. Rb6 Bg6 9. Rb7** (and White is winning) [Iv. Markovic]

#### 5. V. Milov — P. Varga

**1. Rc7!!** [1. Qe6 Qe6 2. Re6 Rd3 3. Re7 Bd5 4. Rg7 Kh8 unclear] **Qc7** [1...Bf8 2. Bh7! Kh8 (2...Nh7 3. Qg4 Kh8 4. Bg7 and White is winning) 3. Qe5 a) 3...Qc7 4. Qc7 Bh6 (4...Rd7 5. Qe5 and White is winning) 5. Qb7 Nh7 6. Re6 and White is winning; b) 3...Qd4 4. Bf4!! (4. Qd4 Rd4 5. Bf8 Rf8 6. Rb7 Nh7 7. Re6 Nf6 unclear) Bg7 5. Rb7 Kh7 6. h6 Nd7 7. Qg7 and White is winning] **2. Qe6 Kh8 3. Qf7 Rg8 4. Re7 Rg2 5. Kf1 Rf2** (only move) **6. Kf2 Qh2** [6...Ng4 7. Ke1 Qg3 8. Kd2 and White is winning] **7. Ke1 Qg3 8. Kd2 Qf2 9. Kc1** [9. Re2?? Ne4 and Black is winning] **Rc8 10. Rc7 Qg1 11. Kc2 Qh2** [11...Qg2 12. Kb1 and White is winning] **12. Kb1 Qg1 13. Bc1 Rc7 14. Qf6 Qg7 15. Qd8** (and White is winning) [V. Milov]

#### 6. G. Kacheishvili — I. Glek

**1...Nf3!! 2. gf3** [2. Bf3 Rc3! 3. Kc3 Rc8 4. Kd3 (RR 4. Kb3 Qd4 5. Bb7 Qb6 6. Ka3 Rc5 7. Qb3 Ra5 8. Kb2 Qf2 9. Kc3 Qe3 10. Kb2 Qd4 11. Qc3 Rb5 12. Kc2 Rc5 13. Qc5 Qc5 14. Kb3 Qb6 15. Kc2 Qb7 16. Rad1 Qe4 17. Kc1 Qe3 18. Kb1 Qb6 19. Ka1 Qf2 and Black is winning, with the idea a5-a4-a3) Ba6 5. Ke4 Rc4 6. Qe5 Bb7 7. Kd3 Qe5 8. Kc4 Ba6 9. Kb3 Qd4 and Black is superior] **Rc3! 3. Kc3 Rc8 4. Kd3** [4. Bc4 Bd5 5. Rgd1 Rc4 6. Kd2 Rd4 7. Ke1 Rf4 8. Rac1 Bc4 and Black is superior] **Ba6 5. Ke4 Re8 6. Kd5 Re5! 7. Qe5 Bb7 8. Kc4 Qe5 9. Rge1 Ba6 10. Kc3 Qc5 11. Kb3 Qd4 12. Ba6 Qb6 13. Kc3 Qa6** (and Black is superior) [I. Glek]



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