

Is White's **57.b5!?** objectively good or only a cheap trick? Rustemov probably thought that the idea to exchange pawns is justified and played quickly **57...g3??**

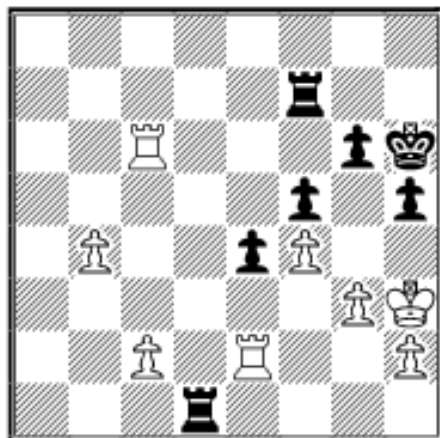
57...Rb1+ followed by Rxb5 was one practical chance, but theoretically drawn.

57...a5 58.Kc4 and 57...axb5 58.Kb4 g3 59.Kxb5 Kb8 60.Kb6 Kc8 61.Rg8+ Kd7 62.Kxb7 should also be tenable.

58.b6+ 1-0

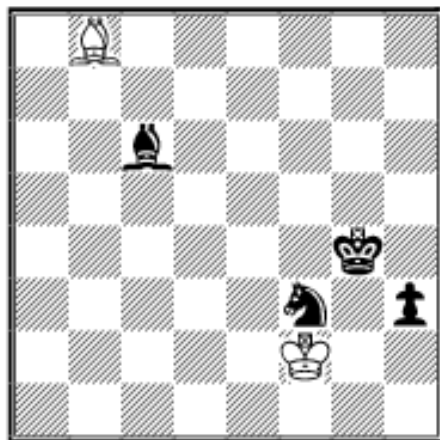
47.04 M.Rade (2411) - A.Brkić (2436)

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43...h4 setting a devilish trap. 43...Rb1 44.c3 Rd7 45.Kh4 should also be winning for White in the long run. **44.Kxh4??** 44.b5 was called for. **44...Rh7** and it is over: **45.g4** (45.Kh3 Rg1 46.Rg2 Kg7#) **45...Rg1 46.h3 Kg7+ 0-1** If 47.Kg5 Rh5#

The next example features a highly original attack with opposite colored bishops.



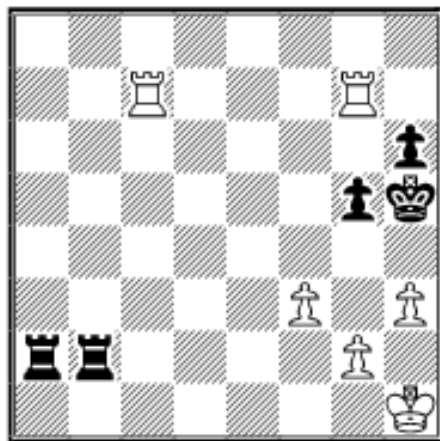
47.05 A.van de Oudeweetering (2369) - A.Kuzmin (2567)

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78...h2!? sacrificing the last pawn for the gallery. 78...Bb5 79.Bc7 h2 80.Kg2 Bf1+ 81.Kh1 Kh3 wins as well of course. **79.Kg2 h1Q+ 80.Kxh1 Kh3 81.Bc7 Bb5 82.Ba5 Bf1 83.Bc3 Bg2# 0-1**

47.06 S.Loeffler (2413) - D.Rogozenko (2531)

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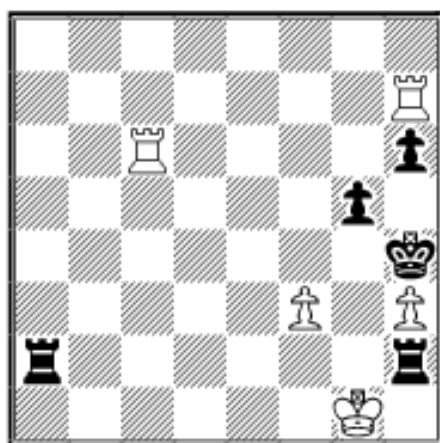
White must defend very carefully despite the reduced material: **45.Rc6?!**

45.f4 Rxc6 46.fxg5 draws much easier.

45...Rxc6 46.Rh7 Rh2+

46...Kh4 47.Rc4+ g4 48.fxg4 leads to nothing. Of course not 48.Rxc4+?? Rxc4 49.fxg4 Kg3—.

47.Kg1 Kh4 (see next diagram)



48.Rc4+?

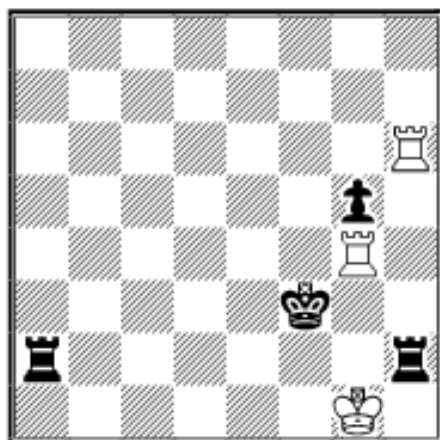
48.f4! was the last chance to save the game. For example: 48...Rhg2+ (48...Rag2+ 49.Kf1 Rf2+ 50.Kg1 Rhg2+ 51.Kh1 Rc2 52.Rhc7 Rh2+ 53.Kg1 Rcg2+ 54.Kf1 Rf2+ 55.Kg1 gxf4 56.Rg7=) 49.Kh1 Kg3 (49...Rgc2 50.Ra7 Rxc6 51.Rxa2 gxf4 52.Kg2=; 49...Kxh3 50.Rhxf6+ Kg3 51.Rc3+ Kf2 52.Rc1=) 50.Rc3+ Kf2 51.Rhc7 Re2 52.Rc2 Kg3 53.R7c3+ Kxf4

54.Rc4+=

48...Kxh3!

48...Kg3? 49.Rg4+ Kxf3 50.Rf7+ Ke3 51.Re7+=

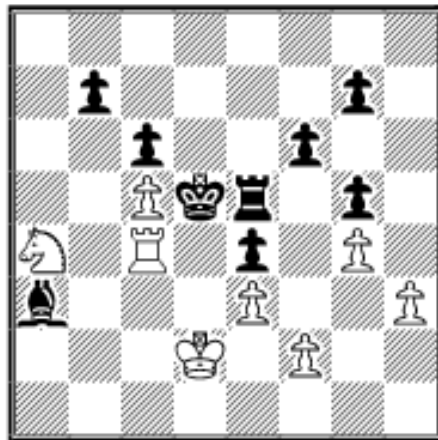
49.Rxh6+ Kg3 50.Rg4+ Kxf3



51.Ra4 (51.Rxh2? Ra1#) **51...Rag2+ 52.Kf1 Rf2+ 53.Kg1** (53.Ke1 Rxh6 54.Ra3+ Kg2—) **53...Rhg2+ 54.Kh1 Rf1# 0–1**

47.07 O.Cvitan (2532) - F.Volkman (2454)

36th Olympiad Calvia 2004



At the moment there does not look seem to be a strong attack against Black's monarch. But it is in the air: **48.Kc3! b5 49.cxb6 c5**

49...Re8? 50.Rd4+ Ke5 51.Kc4 Rb8 52.Nc5+-

50.Kb3 Bb4 51.b7 Re8 52.Nb6+ Kc6 53.Rxe4 Rb8?

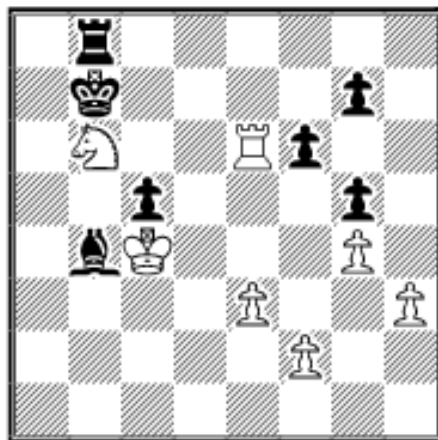
53...Rh8 was called for, but White's attack continues, e.g. 54.Re6+ Kxb7 55.Kc4 Rxh3

56.Nd5 Rf3 57.Kb5 Rxf2 58.Re7+ Kc8 59.Rxg7 Kd8 60.Kc6 (60.Rg6!?) 60...Ke8 61.Kd6 Kf8 62.Rc7

54.Re6+ Kxb7

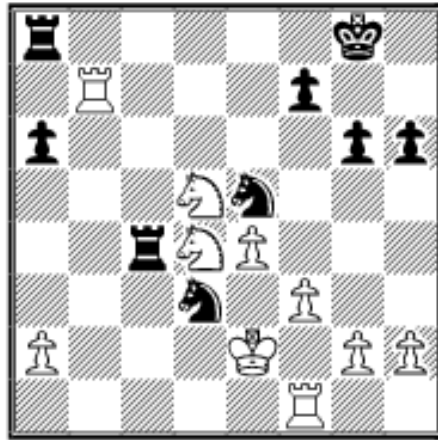
54...Kb5? 55.Nc4 Rxb7 (55...Ba5? 56.Na3#) 56.Nd6++-

55.Kc4



White's small army makes a mighty impression **55...Rh8?** leaves the king alone in the cold. 55...Ka7 was more tenacious.

56.Kb5 f5?! (56...Kc7 57.Rc6+ Kb8 58.Rd6+- followed by Rd7 and Ka6.) 57.Re7+ Kb8 58.Ka6 1-0

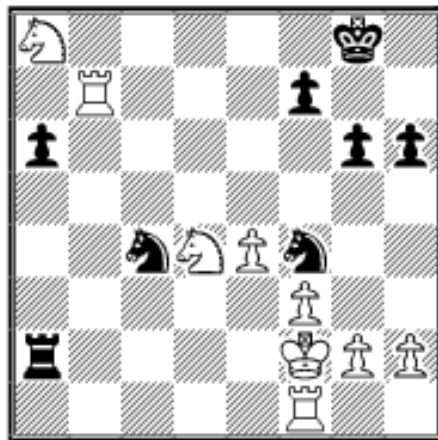


47.08 L.Seres (2497) - O.Jakobsen (2391)
Budapest First Saturday 2004

Black is completely lost, but successfully manages to muddy the water: **27.Ke3! Ra4 28.Nb6 Ra3?!** objectively bad, but quite tricky. 28...Nc5 29.Nxa4 Nxb7 30.Rc1+- **29.Nxa8?** White is too greedy. 29.Nc2 Rc3 30.Kd2 wins easily. **29...Nc4+ 30.Ke2 Nf4+ 31.Kf2**

31.Kd1 Ne3+ 32.Kc1 Nxf1=; 31.Ke1? Rxa2 even favors Black.

31...Rxa2+

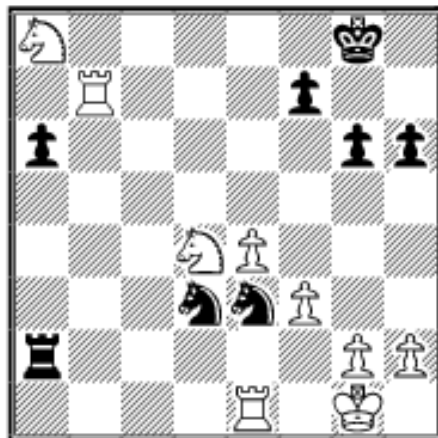


32.Kg1

It is also impossible to escape via 32.Kg3 Nh5+ 33.Kh3 Ne3 34.Rg1 Nf4+ 35.Kg3 Nh5+ 36.Kh4 Nf4=

32...Rd2?

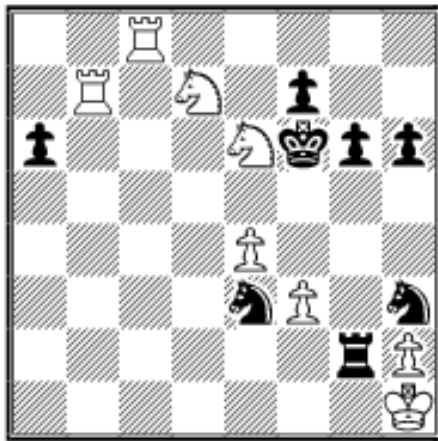
32...Ne3 33.Re1 Nd3 (see next diagram) draws immediately.



33.Rd7? White returns the favor.

33.Nb6?! Ne3

A) After 34.Rc1? Black has the following fairy tale line: 34...Rxc2+ 35.Kh1 Nh3 36.Rc8+ Kg7 37.Ne6+ Kf6 38.Nd7+ (see next diagram)

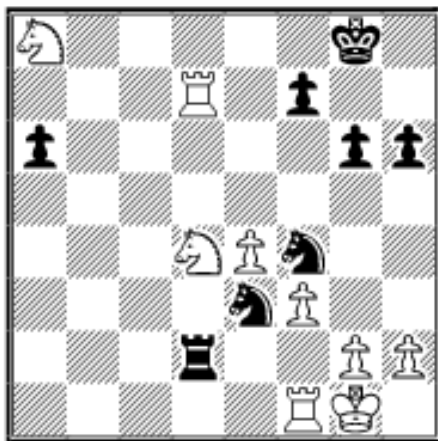


A nice position, isn't it? 38...Ke7
 (38...Kxe6? 39.Rc6+ Ke7 40.Nf6+ Kf8
 41.Rb8+ Ke7 42.Re8#) 39.Re8+ Kd6
 (39...Kxe8? 40.Nf6#) 40.e5+ Kc6 41.Rc7+
 Kb5 42.Nd4+ Ka4 43.Rc4+ Ka3 44.Rc3+
 Ka2 45.Rc2+ Rxc2 46.Nxc2 Nf2+ 47.Kg1
 Nh3+=

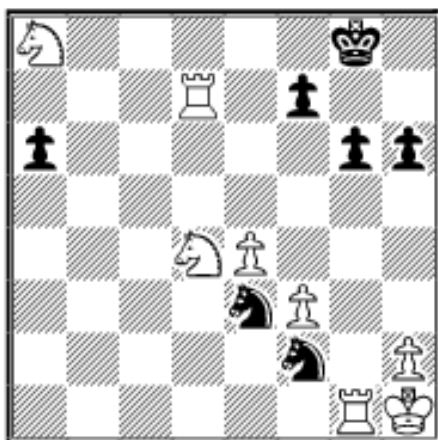
B) 34.Nd5 Nfxd5 35.Re1 Nxd2 36.Re2
 Rxd4 37.exd5 is better for White, but Black
 still has some drawing chances.

33.Ra1! was the right choice: 33...Rxd4 34.Nb6 Ne3 35.Rd7+-

33...Ne3

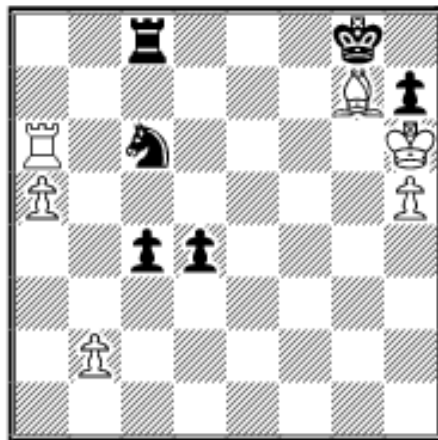


34.Re1? White completely loses control.
 But it was already difficult to reach a draw:
 34.Nc7 Rxd2+ 35.Kh1 Nh3 36.Ne2 Rxe2
 37.Rb1 Nf2+= **34...Rxd2+ 35.Kh1 Nh3!!**
36.Rf1 Rg1+ 37.Rxd2 Nf2# (see next
 diagram)



A pleasing picture to end this column, don't
 you agree?

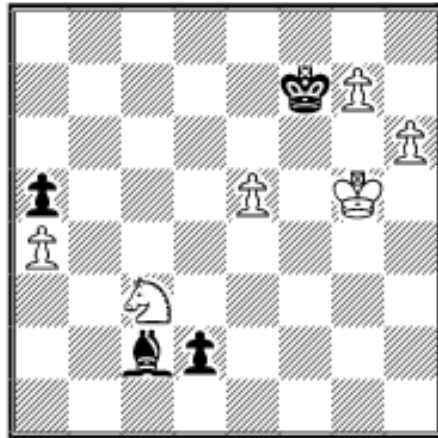
Exercises (Solutions next month)



E47.01 J.Maiwald (2543) - R.Felgaer (2592)

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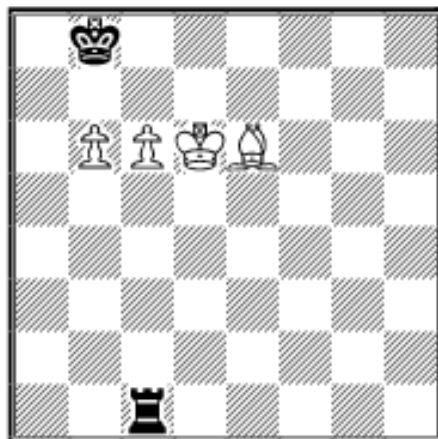
How did Black capitalize on White's lack of coordination?



E47.02 Ni Hua (2587) - E.Vladimirov (2621)

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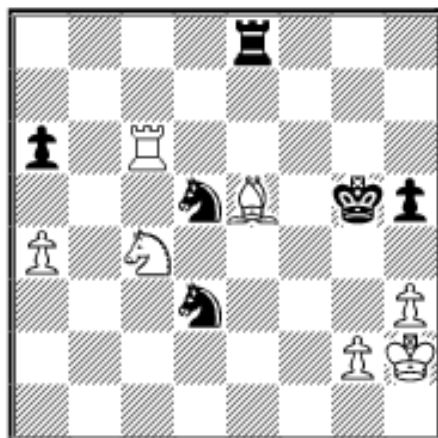
Black played **67...Bxa4** and was punished. How? What about **67...d1Q** ?



E47.03 Z.Kozul (2640) - K.Haznedaroglu (2394)

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Can Black to move save himself?

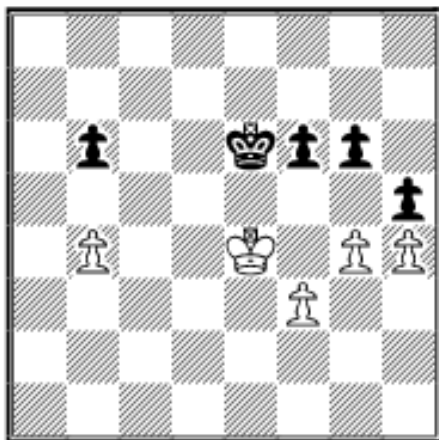


E47.04 A.Belozerov (2548) - N.Coenen (2389)

20th ECC Izmir 2004

Find White's best move!

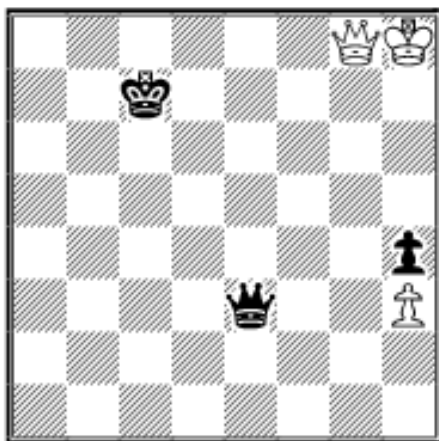
Solutions to last month exercises

**E46.01 A.Raetsky (2430) - M.Santo Roman (2394)**

4th Rohde Open Sautron 2004

Black was probably in time pressure, otherwise he would certainly have found the way to the safe harbor: **46...g5?** (46...b5! 47.gxh5 gxh5 48.Kf4 (48.Kd4 Kd6 49.f4 f5=) 48...Kd5 49.Kf5 Kc4 50.Kxf6 Kxb4 51.f4 Kc4=) **47.hxg5 h4** (47...hxg4 48.fxg4 fxg5 49.b5+-) **48.f4 fxg5 49.fxg5 Kf7**

50.b5! and Black resigned because of **50...Kg7 51.Kf3 Kf7 52.Kg2 Kg6 53.Kh2! Kxg5 54.Kh3+-**

**E46.02 G.Garcia (2461) - V.Mikhalevski (2551)**

Montreal-B 5th 2004

Black has to exchange the queens on his terms: **68...Qe5+!** (68...Qxh3? 69.Qc4+ and 68...Qh6+? 69.Qh7+ are easy draws.) **69.Kh7** (69.Qg7+ is met by 69...Kd6! 70.Kh7 Qxg7+ 71.Kxg7 Ke5+- (Mikhalevski in CBM 101 extra)) **69...Qh5+** and Garcia resigned because of **70.Kg7**

Qg5+ 71.Kh7 Qxg8+ 72.Kxg8 Kd6 73.Kf7 Ke5+-

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