

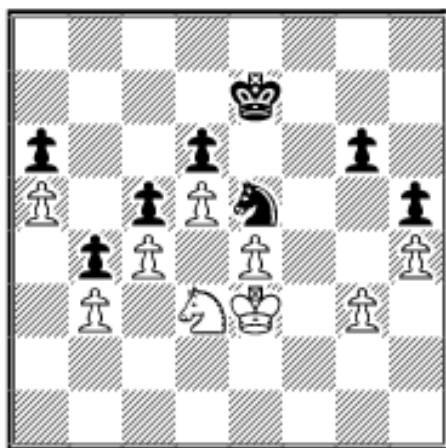


Storming the Barricades

It is often necessary to sacrifice material to breakthrough a fortress:

52.01 Y.Razuvaev (2535) - P.Ostojic (2395)

Berlin West 1988



54.g4!!

54.Nxe5? dxe5 is completely drawn as there is no inroad into Black's camp.

54.Nf2 Kf6 55.Kf4 Kf7 56.g4? is wrong because of 56...hxg4 57.Nxg4? Nxc4+.

54...Nxg4+ after 54...hxg4 55.Nxe5 dxe5 56.Kf2 the story is different, and White's king advances decisively. **55.Kf4 Nf6** (55...Kf6 56.e5+ Nxe5 57.Nxe5 dxe5+

58.Ke4 and Black is in a fatal zugzwang.) **56.e5 dxe5+ 57.Nxe5 Kd6 58.Nxg6 Nxd5+ 59.cxd5 c4 60.Ke4 1-0**

The next case is much more difficult:

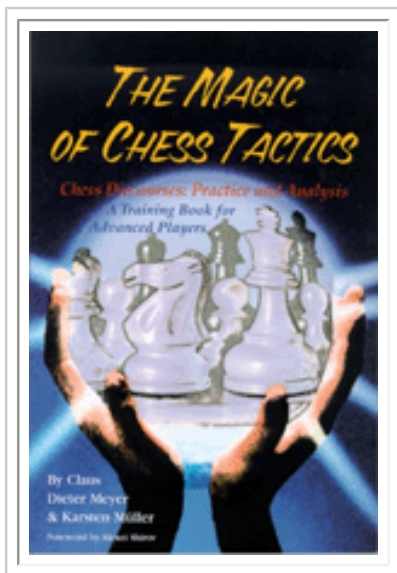
52.02 G.Arsovic (2419) - D.Antic (2488)

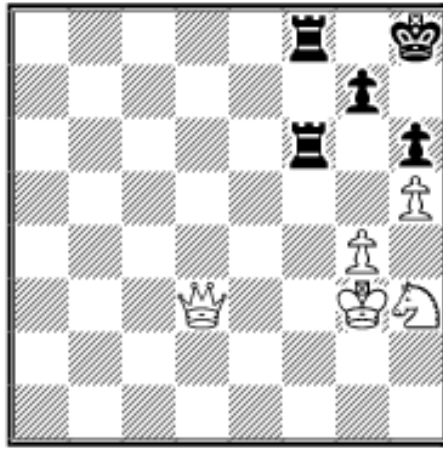
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Endgame Corner

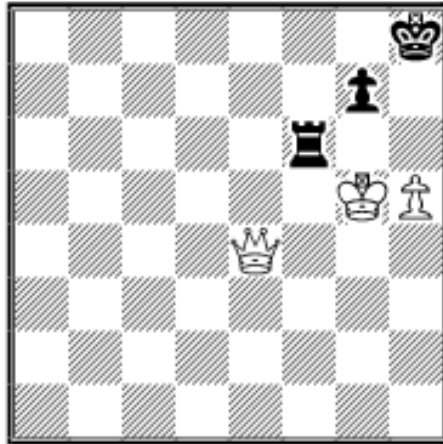
Karsten Müller





White's knight gives him hope to shatter the walls: **80...Rb6?!**

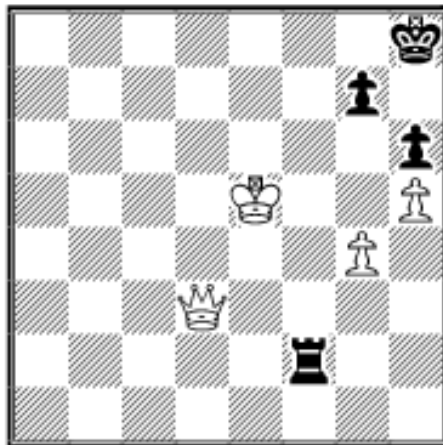
80...Rf1!? seems to be more precise
81.Qe4 R1f6 as 82.g5? hxg5 83.Nxg5 Rf5
84.Kg4 Rxc5+ 85.Kxc5 Rf6=,



which leads to a well known fortress.

81.Nf4 Rbf6? This exchange sacrifice loses.

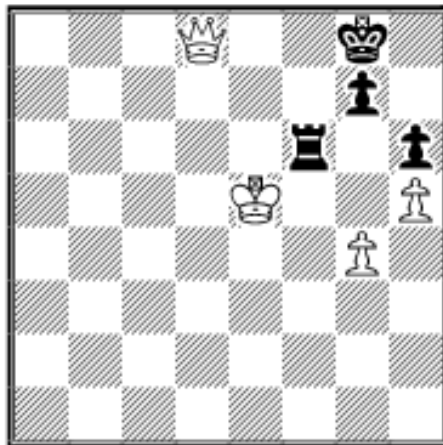
81...Rxf4? is also insufficient: 82.Kxf4 Rf6+ 83.Ke5 Rf2,



and now White wins by sacrificing his pawns to destroy the anchor squares of the rook: 84.g5 hxg5 85.h6 gxh6 86.Ke6 Rf4 87.Qg6 Rh4 88.Qe8+ Kg7 89.Qe7+ Kg8 90.Kf6+-.

83...Rc6 84.Qd7+-.

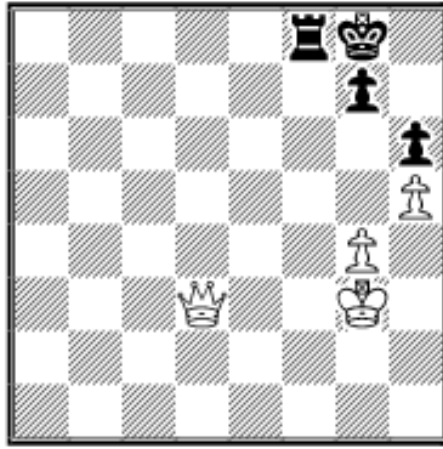
83...Kg8 84.Qd8+,



and now 84...Rf8 (84...Kf7 85.Qxf6+ gxf6+ 86.Kf5+-) 85.Qd6 Rf2 86.g5 hxg5 87.h6 Rf6 88.Qd8+ Kh7 89.hxg7+-.

81...Rfb8! was called for.

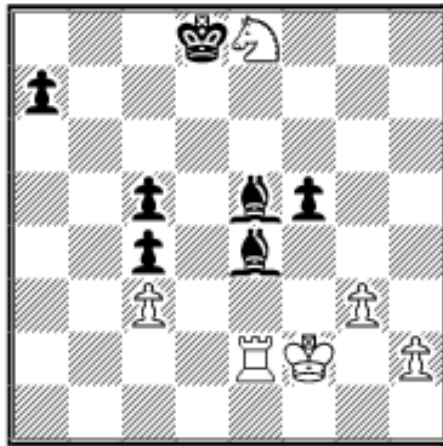
82.Ng6+ Kg8 (82...Rxc6 83.hxc6 Rb8 84.Qd6 Ra8 85.g5+-) **83.Nxf8 Rxf8**



(83...Kxf8 84.Qd5 Ke7 85.Qg8 Rf7 86.Kh4 Kf6 87.g5+ hxg5+ 88.Kg4 Rd7 89.Qf8+ Ke6 90.h6+-)

Now White could win with **84.g5 hxg5 85.h6+-**, but he spoiled it and only drew.

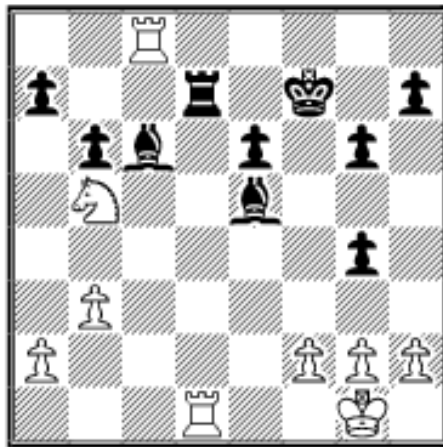
Solutions to last month's exercises



A51.01 S.Volkov (2558) - R.Ponomarev (2673)

EU-ch 2nd Ohrid 2001

Ponomarev uncorked the amazing **35...Kd7!!** leaving Black defenseless. 35...Kxe8? is wrong as 36.g4! wins a bishop. **36.g4 Bxc3 37.gxf5 Bxf5 38.h4 Bd3 39.Ra2 Kxe8 40.Ke3 Bd4+ 41.Kd2 Bb1 42.Rxa7 c3+ 43.Kc1 Be4 0-1**

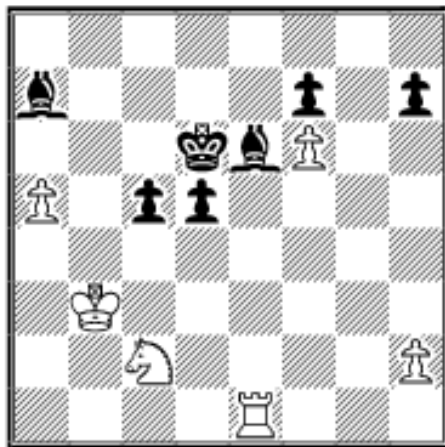


A51.02 S.Kindermann (2519) - A.Reuss (2368)

Bayern-ch Bank Hofmann 6th Bad Wiessee 2002

Kindermann found **29.Nc3!** (29.Nd6+? Bxd6 30.Rxc6 Bxh2+-) **29...Rxd1+** (29...Bxc3? 30.Rxd7+ Bxd7 31.Rxc3+-) **30.Nxd1 Bb7 31.Rc1 Ke7 32.Ne3 h5 33.Kf1 Bf4** and now he should have played **34.g3** instead of 34.Ke2?? after

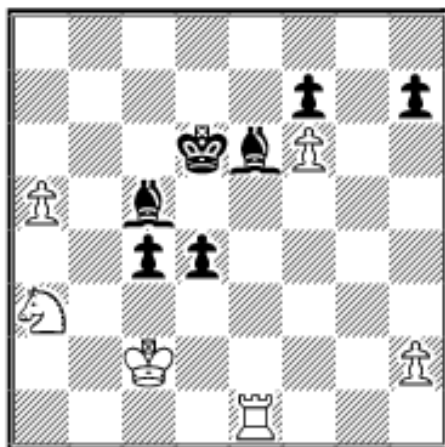
which he even lost in the end.



A51.03 I.Khenkin (2610) - A.Motylev (2680)

TCh-RUS Sochi 2005

White had to find 43.Kb2!! to establish a blockade: 43...c4 (43...d4 44.Na3) 44.Kc3 Bf2 45.Rf1 Bc5 46.Nd4 when he has very good winning chances. The game went **43.Na3? c4+ 44.Kc3 d4+ 45.Kc2 Bc5** and now we come to the next exercise.



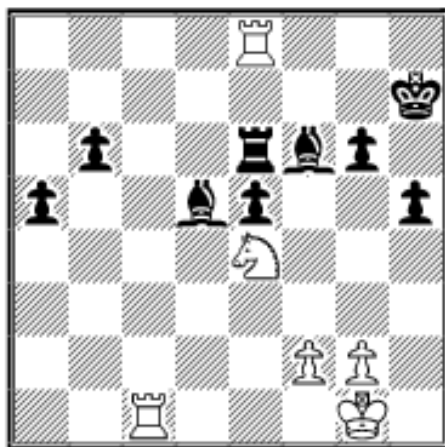
A51.04 I.Khenkin (2610) - A.Motylev (2680)

TCh-RUS Sochi 2005

White drew easily with **46.Rxe6+!** 1/2-1/2 A possible finish is 46...Kxe6 47.Nxc4 Kxf6 48.Kd3 Ke6 49.Nd2=.

46.a6?! is playing with fire, but probably draws as well e.g. 46...d3+ 47.Kb2 Bd5 48.Nb5+ Kc6 49.Nc3 Bd4 50.Ra1 Kb6

51.a7 Ba8 52.Rf1.

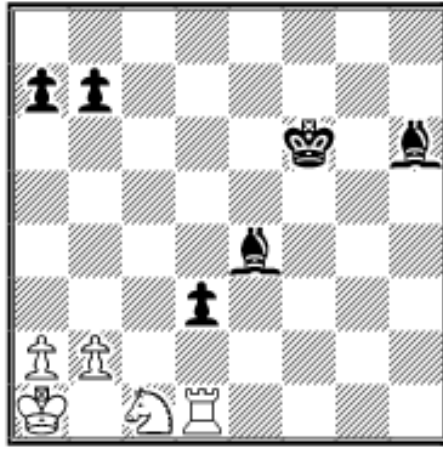


A51.05 M.Kobalija (2618) - T.Vakhidov (2504)

Abu Dhabi op 14th 2004

Black missed the amazing **32...Bd8!!** and chose 32...Be7? instead: 33.Rxe7+ Rxe7 34.Nf6+ Kg7 35.Nxd5 Rb7 36.Kf1 b5 37.Ra1 a4 38.Ke2 Kf7 39.Nc3 Ke6= Black lost here, probably on time. **33.Ng5+! Bxg5 34.Rc7+ Be7 35.Rcxe7+ Rxe7 36.Rxe7+ Kh6 37.Rxe5 Bc4** (Krasenkov

in CBM 103) and Black's passed pawns give him good chances to prevail.



A51.06 After *I.Nataf* (2553) -

***M.Bluvshstein* (2462)**

Canadian op Kapuskasing 2004

In the game Black's king was on f7 and it was soon drawn. But as matters stand Black wins easily: **41...Bxc1 42.Rxc1 Ke5** (42...Bf3? 43.Rf1+-) **43.b4 Bf3--+**

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