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DRILL YOUR CHESS TACTICS!

**Reinforce tactical motifs,
improve intuitive thinking**



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PREFACE



Zoran Arsović and Teodora Injac

Tactics form the basis of chess. No matter the circumstances or technological advancements we keep on facing in chess world, tactics will remain essential and necessary for every upcoming generation of players. Even though we now have numerous resources with different kinds of tactics on the internet, I still tend to be rather picky when choosing training material, ensuring that the examples are carefully selected and genuinely challenging to set my brain on a serious test, as only then I do feel improvement.

As someone who has been closely working with Zoran since the very beginning of my chess journey, I can say that the examples in this book are, if we can say in chess terms, truly

hand – crafted. Zoran’s dedication and support were key to my later successes, while his training material has always been of the highest standard.

Sometimes we tend to see successes in chess as solely individual hard work, good mental strength and focus, but forget about the main characters behind the scenes – chess coaches. I would like to use this opportunity to express not only my personal gratitude and admiration to Zoran, but also to all the dedicated coaches around the globe whose willingness to share their knowledge has played a crucial role in reaching unimaginable quality of play that we witness nowadays.

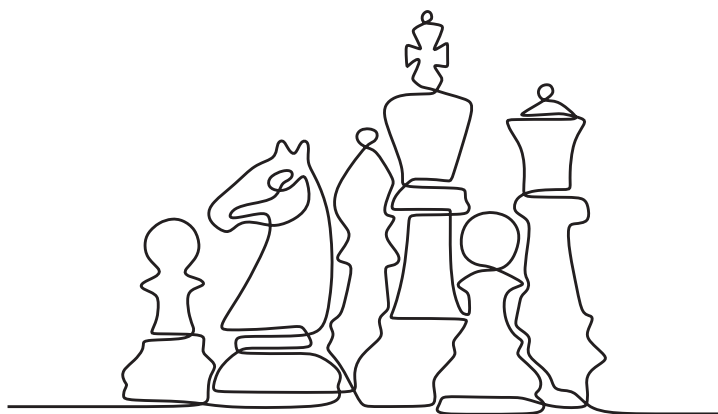
I have spent quality time with exercises from this book, knowing that it will boost my tactical awareness and bring more joyful moments in my games (and to Zoran too, as he follows them!).

I wish all readers to have fun while solving the examples, and to take this opportunity to give their eyes a break from laptops and monitors, while still improving at chess!

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IM and WGM Teodora Injac

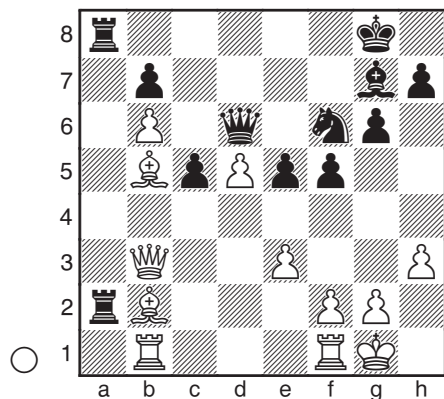
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M. Vlasenko 2381**

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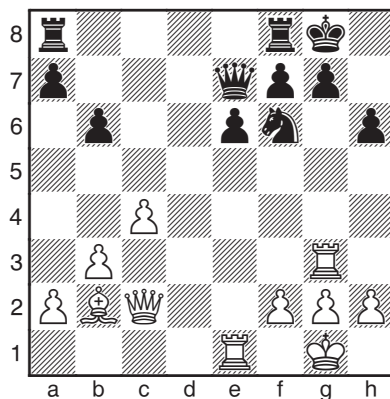
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**211. A. Motylev 2597 –
V. Finek 2409**

Prague 2023

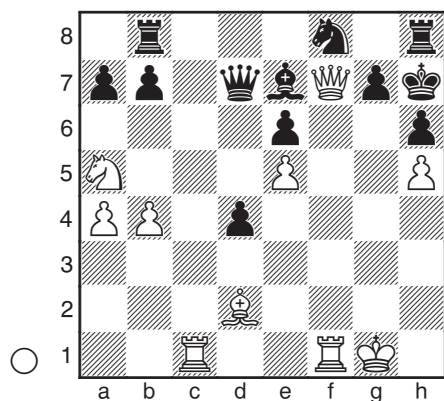
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I. Smirin 2599**

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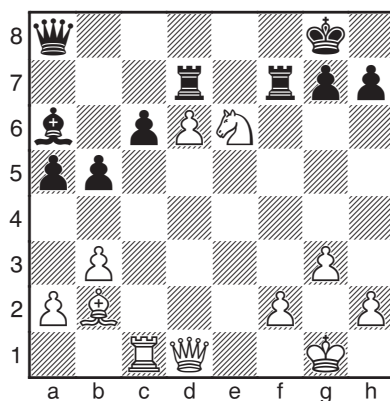
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**212. L. Mendonca 2623 –
M. Bluebaum 2672**

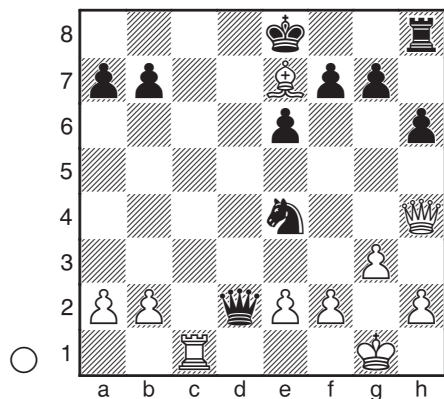
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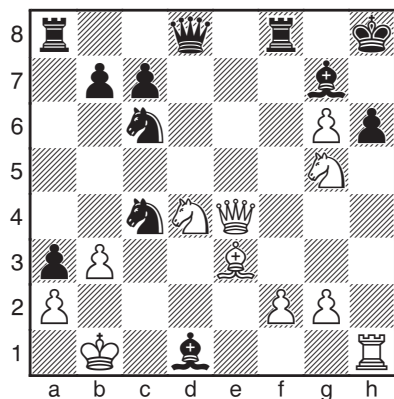
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J. Duda 2732
SuperUnited Zagreb Rapid 2023

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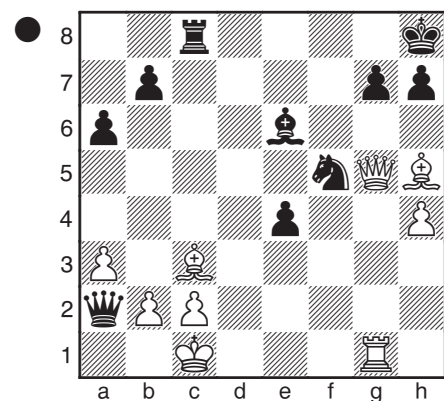
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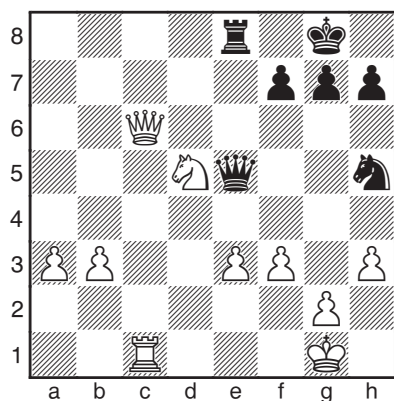
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272. M. Bryakin 2454 –
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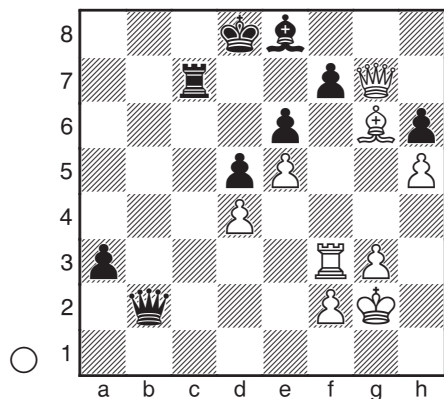
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- A. Korobov 2667

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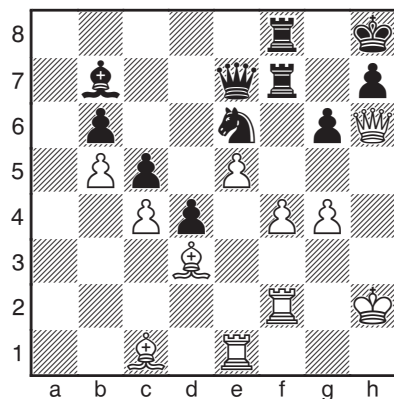
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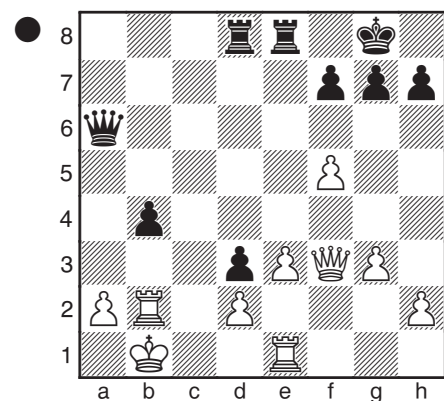
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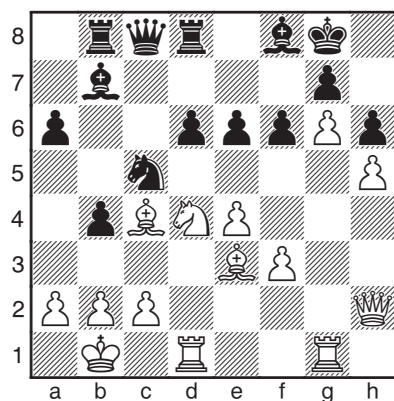
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296. L. Dominguez Perez 2739
- V. Baklan 2550

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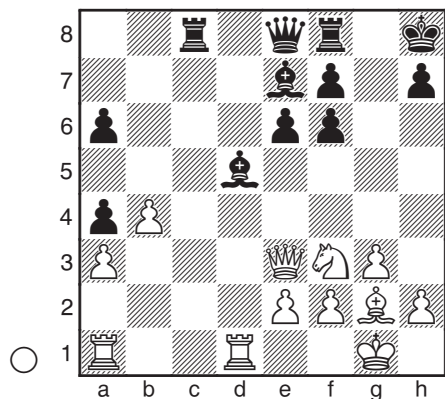
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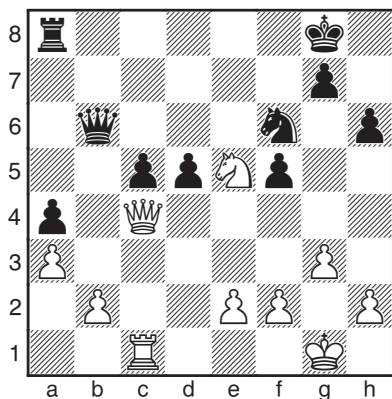
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T. Heinemann 2438**

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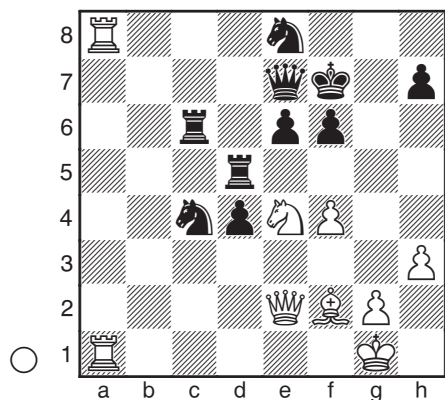
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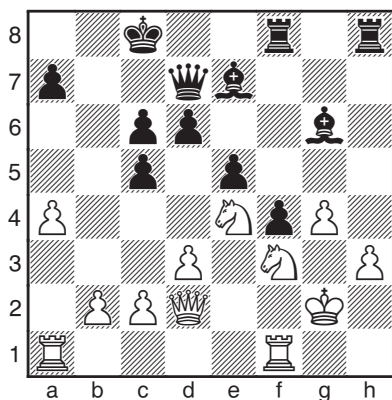
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M. Manakova 2109**

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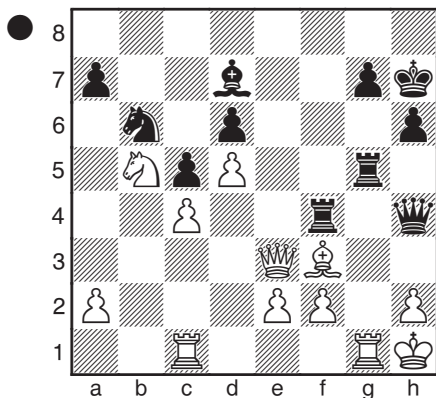
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A. Erigaisi 2712**

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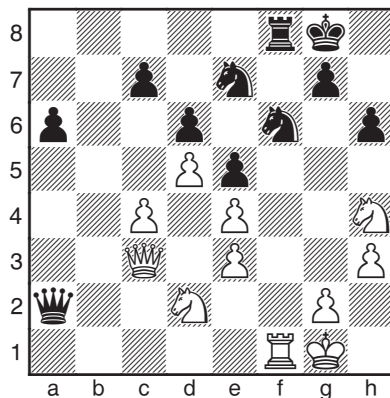
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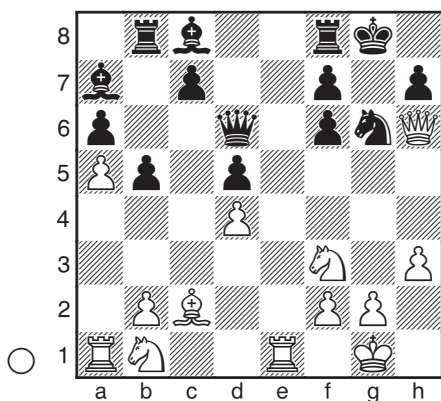
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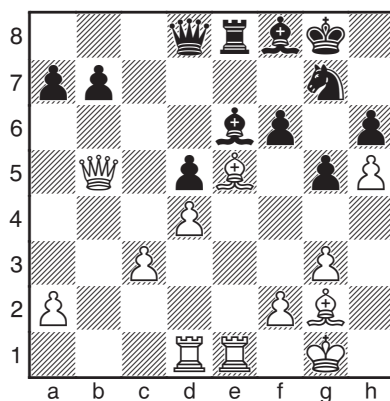
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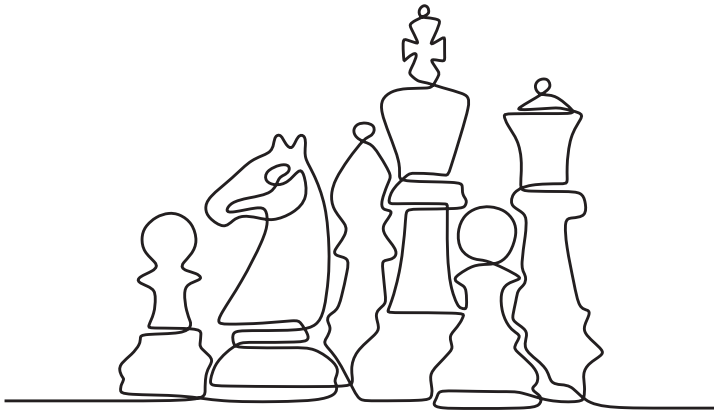
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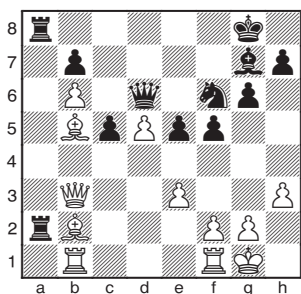
SOLUTIONS





**209. A. Nesterov 2558 -
M. Vlasenko 2381**

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White proves the strength of his pawn on the 6th rank!

1. ♖c6! ♜2a6

**1... ♘e4 2. ♜a1 ♘d2 3. ♜xa2 ♘xb3
4. ♜xa8+ ♙f8 5. ♜e8! bxc6 6. b7+-**

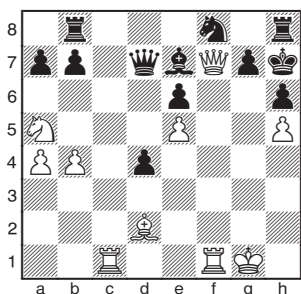
2. ♙xb7 ♜xb6 3. ♙xe5!

**3... ♜xb3 4. ♙xd6 ♜xb1 5. ♜xb1
♜a5 6. ♙c8 ♜a8 7. ♙e6+ ♚h8 8.
♙xc5+-** **1 : 0**



**210. V. Murzin 2604 -
I. Smirin 2599**

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The talented youngster Murzin finds a cunning resource and scores a full point! He conducts a deadly attack inspired by a powerful deflection motif.

1. ♜c7! Magnificent! All the alternatives favour Black.

1... ♙xc7 2. ♜f6! The right timing for this move! The black queen is not defended on c7.

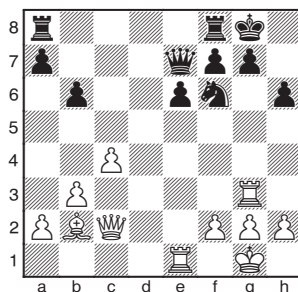
**2... ♙xf6 3. ♙xc7 ♜d8 4. exf6 ♜d7
5. ♙f4 ♙g8 6. ♘c4 gxf6 7. ♙xf6
♜hh7 8. ♘e5 ♜d5 9. ♙xh6**

1 : 0



**211. A. Motylev 2597 -
V. Finek 2409**

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Motylev spots a powerful dual threat that secures him a brilliant victory!

**1. ♙c1! ♙h7 2. ♙a3 ♙c7 3.
♙xf8+-**



ing full advantage of the fact that the black king is still in the centre.

1. ♖xc5!!

1. gxf3 ♖bd7±

1.. ♖c8

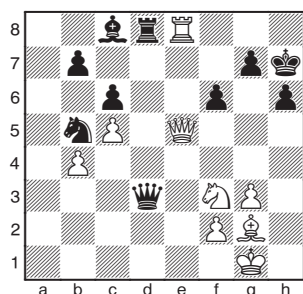
1... ♖xc5 2. ♖xc5 ♖e6 3. ♖a3 ♖d8 4. b6! axb6 5. ♖d6+ ♖d7 6. ♖xb6+ ♖e8 7. ♖b5 ♖xa3 8. ♖xd7+ ♖fxd7 9. ♖d6+-

2. gxf3+-

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267. B. Damljanovic 2422 - N. Abdinova 2110

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Damljanovic wins in a truly outstanding fashion! He exploits the black king's vulnerability and generates a winning attack. Also, the black queen is poorly positioned and cannot hinder White's action.

1. ♖g5+! hxc5 2. ♖e4+ ♖h6 3. ♖xd3 ♖xd3

3... fxe5 4. ♖xd8+-

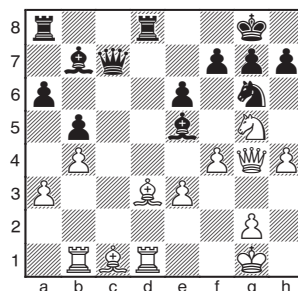
4. ♖h8+

1 : 0

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268. B. Cheng 2572 - L. Vrolijk 2517

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In this sharp, double-edged position Black is quicker and scores a full point after a series of precise moves. The white rooks are not connected and that factor proves to be of paramount importance.

1... ♖xd3! 2. ♖xd3 ♖c2 3. ♖bb3 h5! The strongest move!

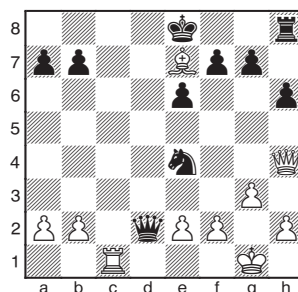
3... ♖xc1+ 4. ♖d1 ♖c2+-

4. ♖g3 ♖xc1+ 5. ♖h2 ♖xf4 0 : 1

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269. M. Carlsen 2835 - J. Duda 2732

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Carlsen goes for a surprising move and wins the game in his usual, supreme style! He manages to find a

spectacular, yet unique path to the victory.

1.♔g5!! The only winning path for White! All the alternatives are winning for Black.

1...♘g5

1...♔d7 2.♙e3 ♘f6 3.♙c5 ♘d5
4.♙a3 g5 5.♔d4 ♔g8 6.e4+-

2.♖c8+ ♔e7 3.♖xh8 ♔xe2

3...b5 4.♔g2 ♔d5+ 5.f3+-

4.♔b4+

4.♔g2?? ♔f3+ 5.♔f1 ♔d1+=

4...♔f6 5.♔f4+

5.h4? ♘f3+ 6.♔g2 ♘e1+=

5...♔g6 6.♔g2 e5

6...♔xb2 7.h4+-;

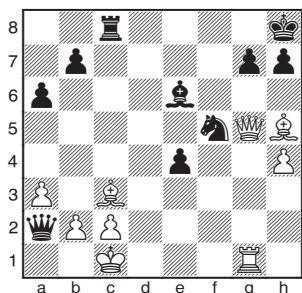
6...♘e4 7.h4 f5 8.♖e8 ♔c4 9.g4
♔c6 10.gxf5+ exf5 11.♖e5 ♘f6+
12.♔f3+-

7.♔e3 ♔xb2 8.h4+-

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**270. N. Buksa 2365 -
A. Nurmanova 2183**

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In a typical double-edged Sicilian position Black notices that only a bishop is protecting its king.

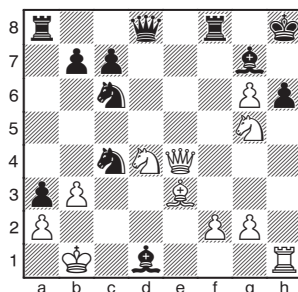
**1...♖xc3! 2.bxc3 e3! 3.♔d1
♔b1+ 4.♔e2 ♔xc2+ 5.♔f3
♙d5+ 6.♔g4 ♔f2 7.♔h3 e2 8.
♙xe2 ♔xe2 9.♔d8+ ♙g8+- 10.
♔c7 ♔f2 11.♖b1 ♔xh4+ 12.♔g2
♔e4+**

0 : 1

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**271. A. Budzisz 2037 -
A. Czerwonski 2326**

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White's well-organised pieces are attacking the vulnerable black king. Next, Budzisz finds a sequence of moves which will force Black to lay his arms.

1.♖xh6+! ♙xh6 2.g7+!

**2...♔xg7 3.♔h7+ ♔f6 4.♔xh6+
♙e5 5.♔e6#**

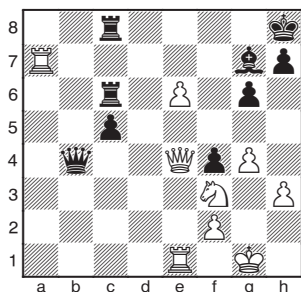
1 : 0

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291. A. Korobov 2663 -
A. Pasti 2354

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The e6-pawn is pretty dangerous and is crucial for the Korobov's winning combination!

1. ♖xc6! ♜xc6 2. ♖a8+

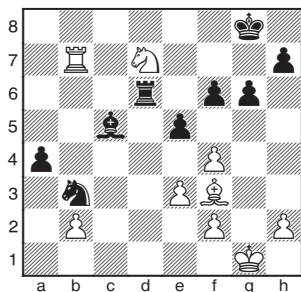
2... ♘f8 3. e7+-

1 : 0



292. R. Jumabayev 2589 -
L. Paichadze 2501

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Jumabayev scores a full point after finding a beautiful geometry in this position!

1. ♙d5+! Magnificent!

1... ♔h8

1... ♜xd5 2. ♘xf6+

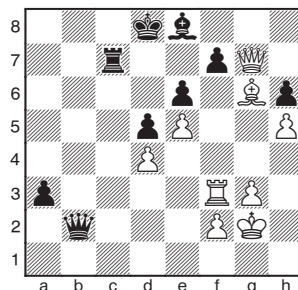
2. ♙xb3

1 : 0



293. E. Iturrizaga Bonelli 2617
- A. Korobov 2667

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The black a-pawn is a far advanced passer. Nevertheless, White finds a splendid winning move! Iturrizaga punishes Black for having a weak king and scores the victory.

1. ♙f8!! The only winning move!

1. ♙f6+ ♜e7 2. ♙b1! ♙b5 3. ♙h8+ ♔d7 4. ♙a8 ♙xb1 5. ♙a7+ ♔e8 6. ♙b8+=

1... fxg6

1... a2 2. ♙xf7 ♙b5 3. ♙xe8 ♙xe8 4. ♙d6+ ♔c8 5. ♙a6+ ♔d8 6. ♙xa2+-

2. ♜xa3 Now the white rook takes an even more active role in the on-going attack.

2... ♙b7

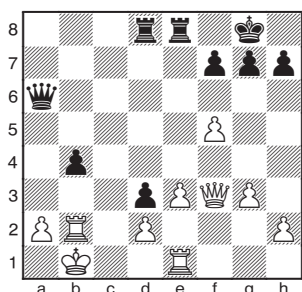
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♘xg6 5.♙f8+-

3.hxg6 ♖e7 4.♙f6 ♔d7 5.g7 ♘f7
6.♙xf7! ♖xf7 7.g8♙ ♖xf2+ 8.
♔h3 ♔e7 9.♖a8 ♙d7 10.♙g7+
♖f7 11.♙xh6 1 : 0

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294. J. Ferreira 2529 -
L. Krysa 2542

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In the position with castles on the opposite sides of the board, where each tempo matters a great deal, the situation is always delicate. Usually, the first who strikes comes on top! Black plays wisely and weakens White's castle.

1...b3! 2.♔a1

2.♖xb3 ♖a8 3.a3 ♖eb8+-

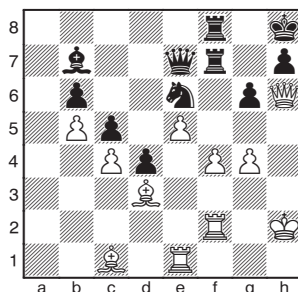
2.axb3 ♖a8+-

2...♙f6 3.e4 bxa2 4.♙f4 ♖b8 5.
e5 ♖xb2 6.♔xb2 ♙b6+ 7.♔c3
♙b1 0 : 1

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295. V. Durarbayli 2631 -
J. Moussard 2654

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In the diagram position it looks like White has a quick attack in hands. However, Moussard exploits all the weaknesses in the white camp and wins the game in superb manner!

1...♘xf4! 2.e6

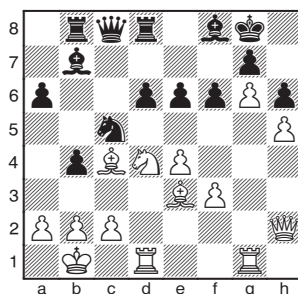
2.♘xf4 ♖xf4 3.♖xf4 ♖xf4 4.♙xf4
♙h4+ 5.♔g1 ♙h1+ 6.♔f2 ♙g2#

2...♘h5 0 : 1

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296. L. Dominguez Perez 2739
- V. Baklan 2550

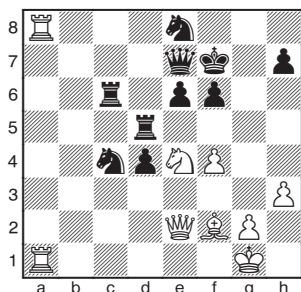
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Dominguez shows his exceptional class by executing a series of highly precise moves, securing a winning position in the most remarkable

406. Hi. Nakamura 2780 - V. Pranav 2579

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Even though Black has an extra pawn, it is White who is in full control. Nakamura options for an unexpected solution and destroys the vulnerable black king!

1. ♕xd4!+- ♖cd6

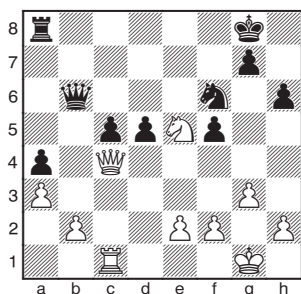
1... ♖xd4 2. ♕h5+ ♔f8 3. ♕h6+ ♔f7 4. ♕xh7+ ♖g7 (4... ♔f8 5. ♕h8+ ♔f7 6. ♖xe8 ♕xe8 7. ♖a7+ ♖d7 8. ♖xd7+ ♕xd7 9. ♕h7+ ♔e8 10. ♖xf6+-) 5. ♖g8 e5 6. f5

2. ♖a7 ♖b7 3. ♖xb7 ♕xb7 4. ♖a7 1 : 0

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407. E. Bacrot 2669 - T. Heinemann 2438

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The black queen is being attacked. Also, the b2♗ is hanging. However, Black must pay extreme price for having his piece unprotected!

1. ♖d7!+- Geometric motif decides the result!

1... ♕d6

1... dxc4 2. ♖xb6 ♖a6 3. ♖xc4 ♖e6 4. ♔f1 ♔f7 5. ♖e3+-;

1... ♖xd7 2. ♕xd5+ ♔h7 3. ♕xa8+-

2. ♖xf6+ gxf6 3. ♕xc5 ♕xc5

3... ♕e5 4. ♖d1 ♖d8 5. ♕a5+-

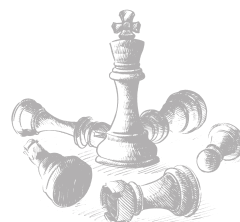
4. ♖xc5 ♖b8 5. ♖xd5 ♖xb2 6. ♖xf5 ♔g7 7. ♔f1 ♖b1+

7... ♖a2 8. ♖f3 ♔g6 9. ♖e3 h5 10. h4 ♔f5 11. ♔g2 ♖b2 12. ♔f3 ♖b3 13. ♖d3+-

8. ♔g2 ♖e1

8... ♖b3 9. ♖f3+-

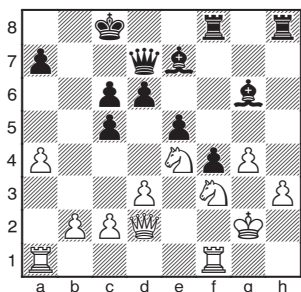
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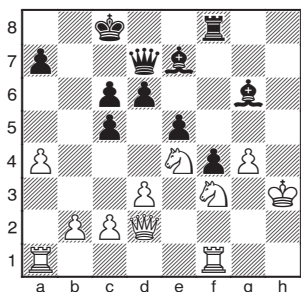
**408. Kr. Brankov 1846 –
M. Manakova 2109**

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In general, Manakova enjoys positions which allow her to conclude her games by tactical means. Here, she finds a complete series of excellent moves and converts in superb style!

1...♖xh3! 2.♔xh3



2.♘xd6+ ♕xd6 3.♔xh3 ♖xg4+ 4.♔xg4 ♕f5+ 5.♔g5 ♕e7+ 6.♔h6 ♕f6 7.♘g5 ♖h8+ 8.♘h7 ♖xh7#

2...♖xg4+!! Amazing move!

3.♔xg4

3.♔h2 ♖h8++

3...♕f5+!

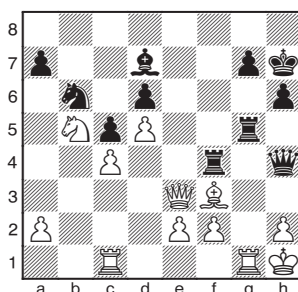
4.♔h5 ♖h8#

0 : 1 White has created a really powerful



**409. T. Tran 2483 –
A. Erigaisi 2712**

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All the black pieces are targeting the enemy king and will decide the final outcome! Of course, Erigaisi does not miss the right moment to strike and force resignation.

1...♕xh2+!

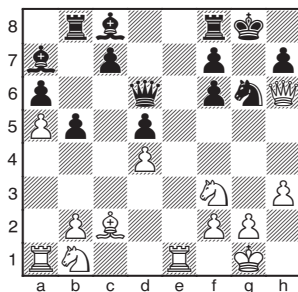
2.♔xh2 ♖h4#

0 : 1



**410. I. Godzwon 2411 –
L. Suvorov 2324**

★★★★



0 : 1 White has created a really powerful

attack on the black king. For the time being the black g6♘ defends the kingside, but Godzwon brings another piece in action and puts opponent in totally hopeless position.

1.♖e5! A truly astounding, winning move!

1...♖d8

1...fxe5? 2.♘g5+-

2.♖h5 ♘f8

2...f5 3.♙xh7+ ♔f8 4.♙h6+ ♔e7 5.♘c3 ♙e6 6.♖e1+-

3.♙xh7+ ♘xh7 4.♙xh7+ ♔f8 5.♘c3 ♙e6 6.♖e1

6.♘xd5 ♙xd5 (6...♙xd5 7.♖xd5 ♖xd5 8.♖c1+-) 7.♖xd5 ♙xd5 8.♖e1+-

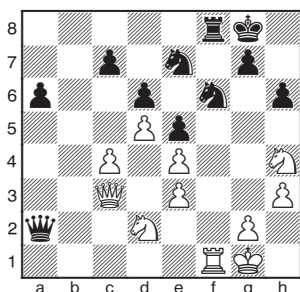
6...c6 7.♘h4+- ♔e8 8.♘f5

1 : 0

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411. N. Grandelius 2689 - N. Yakubboev 2616

★ ★



Yakubboev finds a brilliant dual threat and forces his top class rival to surrender!

1...♘xe4! 2.♘xe4

2.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 3.♘xe4 ♙b1+-+

2...♖xf1+ 3.♔xf1 ♙b1+ 4.♔f2 ♙xe4 5.♘f3 ♙b1

5...a5 6.♙xa5 ♙xc4+-

6.♙a5 ♙c2+ 7.♘d2 ♔h7

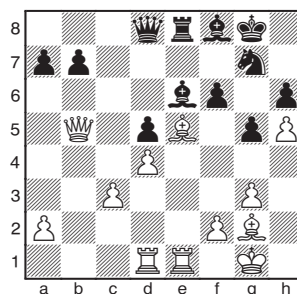
7...e4+-

8.♔e2 e4 9.♙a3 ♘f5+-

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412. I. Cheparinov 2658 - A. Tari 2619

★ ★ ★ ★



White has some material plus, but it looks like Black has managed to entrap White's ♙ with the f6-move. However, Cheparinov finds a series of excellent moves and puts Tari in totally desperate situation!

1.♙xf6! Splendid start of a wonderful combination!

1...♙xf6