

Award JT-50° Marche Verte 2025-26
Section h# 3,5-n
Judge : Kenneth Solja
28.03.2026

I thank Abdelaziz Onkoud to invite me as the judge for long helpmates in Marchte Verte 50-tourney. I was very pleased with this honor, even though I haven't been very prominent in chess circles lately. Few words about the problems. I feel the level of the problems was quite good, although sometimes it is hard to compare single-liners with problems of many solutions. I got 56 problems from Abdelaziz to judge and have tried to do my best to judge them equally. Judgment is always one person's taste and view of the problems.

The tasks in my judgment, with a few exceptions, are multi-solution, which is because today's writers know how to make good multi-solution tasks.

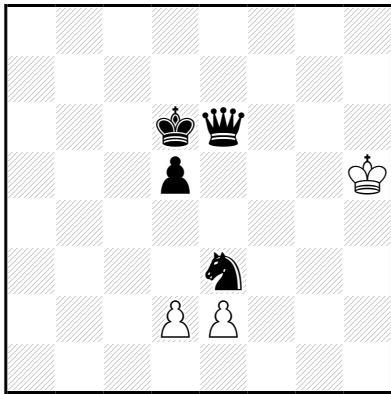
I won't make a list why some of the problems didn't make the award, but rather tell my views why some of the problems should be awarded.

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Novomeský Daniel : C2 ; Onkoud Abdelaziz : C9, C10, C44 ; Paliulionis Viktoras : C55, C56 ;
Tanner Henry : C54 ; Trommler Sven : C3, C4, C5, C6* ; Zamanov Vidadi : C41* ;
Александров Велко : C39, C40 ; Білий Анатолій : C46 ; Білокін Юрій В. : C36, C37, C38 ;
Васючко Микола Р. : C31* ; Гаврилів Євгеній : C7, C8 ; Гальма Михайло Т. : C31* ;
Ивунин Алексей В. : C15*, C16*, C17*, C18*, C19*, C26*, C27*, C28*, C29*, C30* ;
Колесник Микола І. : C50*, C52 ; Ластівка Володимир О. : C50* ; Мурашєв Павел А. : C13 ;
Панкратєв Александр Н. : C14, C15*, C16*, C17*, C18*, C19*, C20, C21, C22, C23, C24, C25, C26*, C27*, C28*, C29*, C30* ; Семененко Олександр : C53 ; Юзюк Віктор Я. : C47, C48, C49

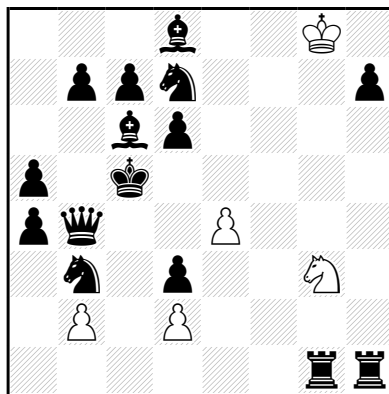
Here is my proposal for the award:

C2 - Daniel Novomeský
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1st Prize



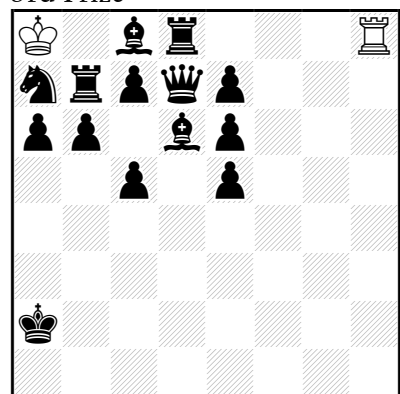
h‡5 2 solutions (3+4) C+

C44 - Abdelaziz Onkoud
Jubilé Marche Verte-50 2025-26
2nd Prize



h‡3,5 b) ♠a5→b6 (5+15) C+

C38 - Юрій БІЛОКІНЬ
Jubilé Marche Verte-50 2025-26
3rd Prize



h‡5,5 2 solutions (2+14) C+

C2 - Daniel Novomeský : 1st Prize

Here we have absolutely beautiful echo and only with two white pawns. And the result is two ideal mates. Black checks the white king on the appropriate square for checkmate. Very beautiful and interesting play from which everyone could learn. Absolute beauty! Hopefully there is no predecessors for this.

Solutions:

1. ♠g4 é3 2. ♠f6+ ♚g6 3. ♚f5+ ♚f7 4. ♚é5 ♚é7 5. ♠é4 d4‡
1. ♚é5 ♚h4 2. ♚é4 ♚g5 3. ♚g4+ ♚f6 4. ♚f4+ ♚é6 5. d4 d3‡

C44 - Abdelaziz Onkoud : 2nd Prize

I like the composer's idea. Pinned white knight which is released by his own king. The first move of the white king also determines the moves of black and the square where the black king will be mated. The twin is acceptable. Black has to carefully choose which knight will go to c5 for blocking. Overall, very beautiful, purposeful and analogical.

Solutions:

- a) 1... ♚f7 2. ♚ç3 ♠f5 3. ♚b4 ♠×d6 4. ♠dc5 d×ç3‡
- b) 1... ♚h8 2. ♠d5 ♠é2 3. ♚ç6 ♠ç3 4. ♠bc5 é×d5‡

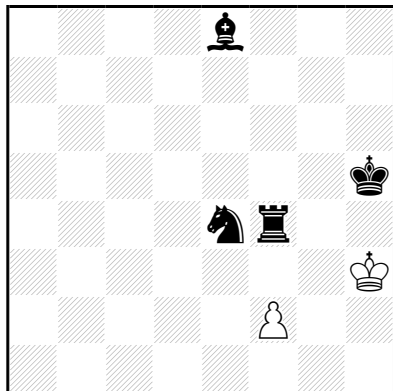
C38 - Юрій В. БІЛОКІНЬ : 3rd Prize

Two totally different solutions in this white minimal. They are so different that they could be presented separately in two different tasks. In both solutions white also his king for the mate, so it must get free from the corner. Lovely play with the king in the first and with the rook in the second solution.

Solutions:

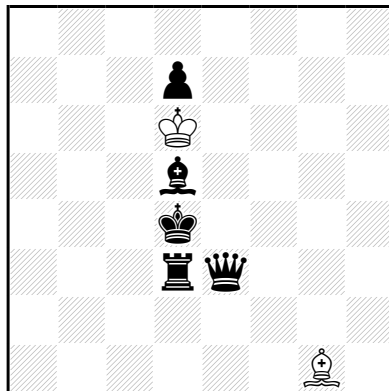
- 1... ♚h1 2. ♚b8+ ♚×a7 3. ♚b7+ ♚×a6 4. ♚b5+ ♚×b5 5. ♚a3 ♚ç4 6. ♚a4 ♚a1‡
- 1... ♚×d8 2. ♚b3 ♚×d7 3. ♚ç4 ♚×ç7 4. ♚d5 ♚×ç8 5. ♚b8 ♚×b7 6. ♚d6 ♚d8‡

C45 - Miroslav Bílý
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4th Prize



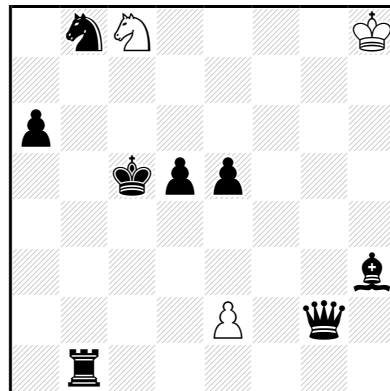
h♯5 b) ♖e8→e1 (2+4) C+

C25 – Александр ПАНКРАТЬЕВ
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1st Honorable Mention



h♯5 2 solutions (2+5) C+

C53 - Олександр СЕМЕНЕНКО
Jubilé Marche Verte-50 2025-26
2nd Honorable Mention



h♯5 (3+8) C+

C45 - Miroslav Bílý : 4th Prize

Here again very nice echo, but I must say this problem didn't give the wau-factor like the 1st Prize. All the same very good and accurate job from the composer. Everything moves smoothly to the right place. The move order is precise. A problem which everyone should study closely.

Solutions:

- a) 1. ♜f7 f4 2. ♔h6 ♕g4 3. ♜h7 ♕f5 4. ♜g5 ♕f6 5. ♜h5 f×g5♯
- b) 1. ♜f6 f3 2. ♜f2+ ♕g3 3. ♜h6 ♕f4 4. ♜g4 ♕f5 5. ♜h4 f×g4♯

C25 - Александр ПАНКРАТЬЕВ : 1st Honorable Mention

Again here very accurate play and white king is chased to right square for the mate. Black pieces blocks squares around black king. It is a shame that first solution isn't ideal mate, otherwise this would have gone higher in the award. Second solution is however ideal mate.

Solutions:

1. ♕c3 ♜f2 2. ♜c5+ ♕e5 3. ♜c4+ ♕f4 4. d5 ♜h4 5. ♜d4 ♜f6♯
1. ♜e6 ♕c7 2. ♜d5 ♕b7 3. ♜e5 ♜e3 4. ♜d6 ♜h6 5. ♜d5 ♜f8♯

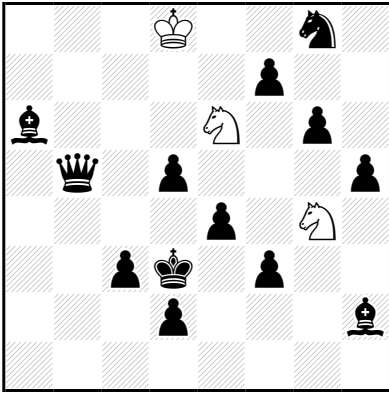
C53 - Олександр СЕМЕНЕНКО : 2nd Honorable Mention

This time a single-liner! In this only solution happens everything I think should be in good problem. White silent sacrifice, white excelsior, and white knight comes back to the board like a Phoenix to make the mate. With an another solution this would have won a prize.

Solution:

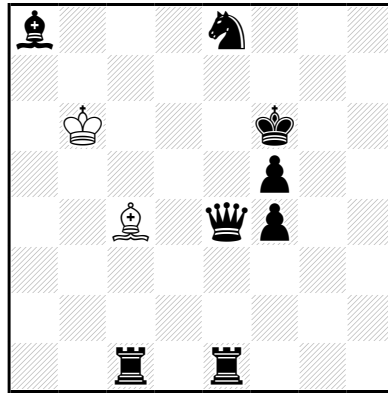
1. ♜×c8 e4 2. ♜b6 e×d5 3. ♜a7 d6 4. ♜a8 d7 5. ♜b7 d×c8=♜♯

C8 - Євгеній ГАВРИЛІВ
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3rd Honorable Mention



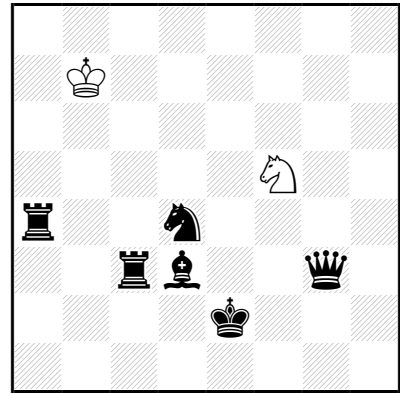
h♠3,5 2 solutions (3+13) C+

C55 - Viktoras Paliulionis
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4th-5th Honorable Mention



h♠6,5 2 solutions (2+8) C+

C56 - Viktoras Paliulionis
Jubilé Marche Verte-50 2025-26
4th-5th Honorable Mention



h♠5,5 2 solutions (2+6) C+

C8 - Євгеній ГАВРИЛІВ : 3rd Honorable Mention

This problem is nicely produced, but what drops it from prizes is that this construction has too many static black pieces guarding one or two squares and not really doing anything else. The only moving black pieces are the king, queen, and the white-squared bishop. However, the white play inspires me and I like the idea and I would like to do it with fewer black pieces. Also two switchbacks!

Solutions:

1... ♖f6 2. ♔é3 ♗×h5 3. ♕é2 ♗f6 4. ♙d3 ♗g4♠
1... ♗g5 2. ♔d4 ♗×f7 3. ♕d3 ♗g5 4. ♙ç4 ♗é6♠

C55 - Viktoras Paliulionis : 4th-5th Honorable Mention

White bishop has multitask here; in the first solution he opens the line for black in f5, make a switchback to let his king over threatened line and finally make a mate, in the second solution he makes a rundlauf and mate. What is funny in this problem is that there is only one capture, because black almost all his pieces for blocking his king. Still very nice play!

Solutions:

1... ♙é6 2. ♚g1 ♙×f5 3. ♚g5 ♙é6 4. ♕g6 ♙ç4 5. ♔f5+ ♔ç5 6. ♗f6 ♔d6 7. ♙é4 ♙é6♠
1... ♔ç5 2. ♕é7+ ♔d4 3. ♚é4+ ♔d3 4. ♔é5 ♙f7 5. ♚d4+ ♔é2 6. ♔é4 ♙h5 7. ♕é5 ♙f3♠

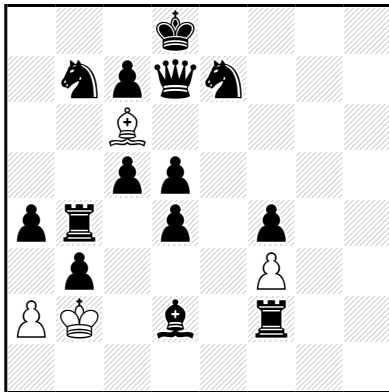
C56 - Viktoras Paliulionis : 4th-5th Honorable Mention

Here we have two nicely produced solutions. In this white minimal we have two ideal mates. With exact play black blocks with all his pieces his kings squares. Play goes smoothly. I think that these kind of problems have been done quite a lot, but let's hope there is no predecessor.

Solutions:

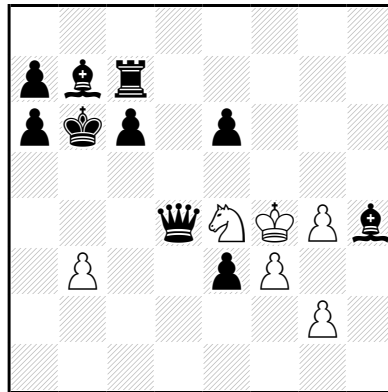
1... ♗é7 2. ♙b5 ♗ç6 3. ♔d3 ♔ç8 4. ♔ç4 ♔d7 5. ♕d3 ♔d6 6. ♚b4 ♗a5♠
1... ♗×d4+ 2. ♔é3 ♗ç6 3. ♕g8 ♔ç7 4. ♚é4 ♔d6 5. ♕ç4 ♗é7 6. ♔d4 ♗f5♠

C32 - János Csák
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 Commendation



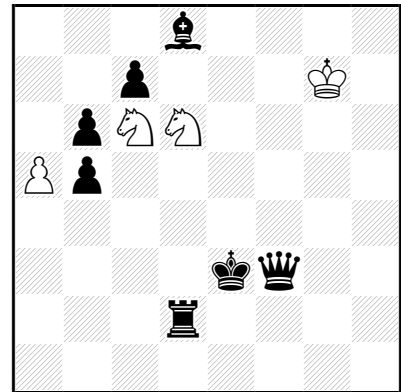
h‡4,5 b) ♖c6→d6 (4+14) C+

C33 - János Csák
 Jubilé Marche Verte-50 2025-26
 Commendation



h‡3,5 2 solutions (6+10) C+

C34 - János Csák
 Jubilé Marche Verte-50 2025-26
 Commendation



h‡3,5 2 solutions (4+7) C+

C32 - János Csák : Commendation

Solutions:

- a) 1... ♖×a4 2. ♚d6 ♖×b3 3. ♚d7 a4 4. ♚c6 a5 5. ♚a4 ♖×a4‡
 b) 1... ♖×f4 2. ♚c6 ♖×d2 3. ♚c7 f4 4. ♚d6 f5 5. ♚f4 ♖×f4‡

C33 - János Csák : Commendation

Solutions:

- 1... g3 2. ♚a4 b×a4 3. ♖é7 ♖d2 4. ♖ç5 ♖ç4‡
 1... g5 2. ♚ç4 b×ç4 3. ♖é1 ♖ç5 4. ♖a5 ♖a4‡

C34 - János Csák : Commendation

Solutions:

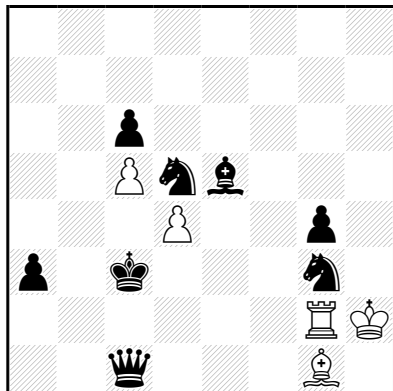
- 1... a6 2. ♚×ç6 a7 3. ♚f3 a8=♚ 4. ♚f2 ♚é4‡
 1... a×b6 2. ♚×d6 b×ç7 3. ♚d2 ç×d8=♚ 4. ♚é2 ♚d4‡

C41 - Christer Jonsson

Vidadi Zamanov

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Commendation



h‡3,5

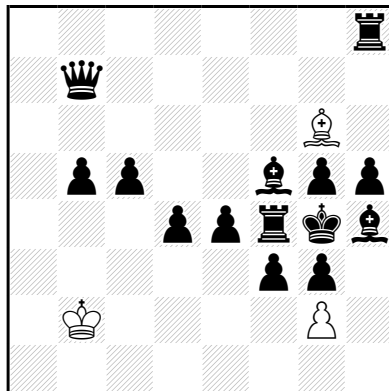
(5+8) C+

a) ♖a3 ; b) ♗d4→a2

C43 - Ralf Krätschmer

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Commendation



h‡4

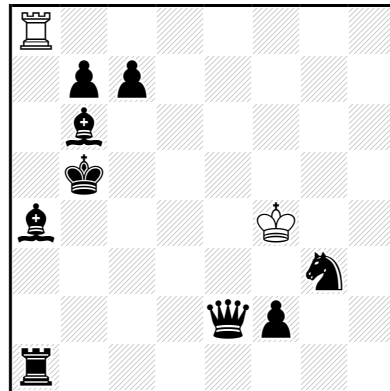
2 solutions

(3+14) C+

C49 - Віктор ЮЗЮК

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Commendation



h‡4

2 solutions

(2+9) C+

C41 - Christer Jonsson & Vidadi Zamanov : Commendation

Solutions:

a) 1... ♖f2 2. ♔×d4 ♕g2 3. ♚d3 ♖h2 4. ♚c3 ♖f4‡

b) 1... ♗f2 2. ♔b2 ♖g1 3. ♘c3 ♖g2 4. ♘b1 ♗d4‡

C43 - Ralf Krätschmer : Commendation

Solutions :

1.d3 ♕c3 2.c4 ♕d4 3.é3+ ♕é5 4. ♚d4 ♗×f5‡

1. ♚a8 ♗f7 2. ♚a1 ♗c4 3. ♚h1 ♗f1 4. ♚h3 g×h3‡

C49 - Віктор Я. ЮЗЮК : Commendation

2 solutions

1. ♚é5+ ♕×é5 2. ♗a7 ♕d5 3. ♔a5 ♕c4 4.b6 ♖×a7‡

1. ♕c6 ♖h8 2. ♕d7 ♖h1 3. ♕c8 ♖×a1 4. ♗d7 ♖a8‡