

Award Problemaz 2026
section : HS#
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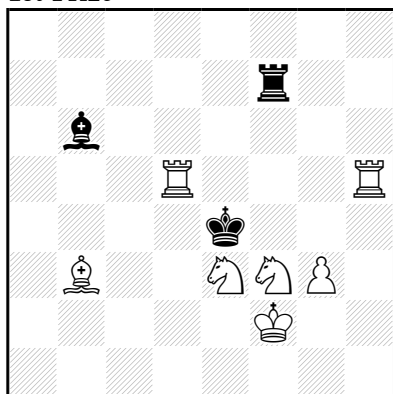
I have received 10 problems for judging from Abdelaziz Onkoud.
I didn't include following problems in this award:

- D2 (Kf1-Ka8). A play is not interesting enough to give a distinction;
- D3 (Ke5-Kc5). hs#2 with 4 twins is not bad but these twins are heterogeneous:
3 promotions in Queen and 1 – in Knight. And also there is a heterogeneity in White play:
in 3 twins Queen plays and in 1 – Knight. It would be nice to achieve harmony: 2+2 of full
the same play in all 4 twins;
- D8 (Kd3-Kc5). Too simple. Also there is some heterogeneity in captures and function
of pieces;
- D9 (Ke6-Ke4). Too simple. hs#2 with only two phases is too little in any case;
- D10 (Ke3-Kc8). The problem was eligible for a prize but unfortunately a very strong
anticipation was founded – <https://yacpdb.org/#654509> .

Participants :

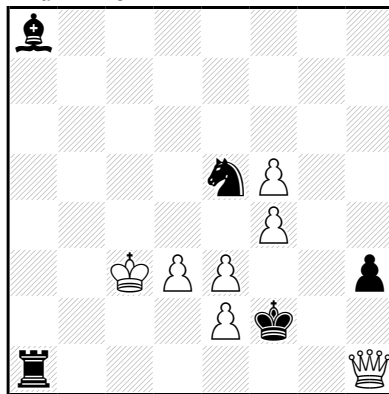
De Mattos Vieira Ricardo : D8 ; Dragoun Michal : D6 ; Linss Torsten : D4 ;
Novomeský Daniel : D2 ; Onkoud Abdelaziz : D5, D9, D10 ; Petković Nikola : D1 ;
Mikola Vasyuchko D7* , Mikhailo Galma D7* ; Menachem Witztum D3* & Emanuel Navon
D3*.

D6 - Michal Dragoun
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1st Prize



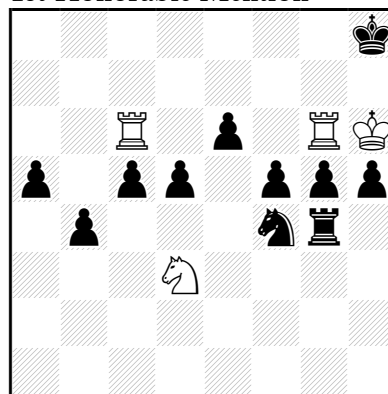
hs‡3,5 (7+3) C+
 b) ♖g3→e2

D1 - Nikola Petković
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2nd Prize



hs‡4 (7+5) C+
 b) ♜h3

D5 - Abdelaziz Onkoud
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1st Honorable Mention



hs‡3,5 (4+11) C+
 2 solutions

D6 - Michal Dragoun : 1st Prize

a) 1... ♜c7 2. ♘e1 ♜c5 3. ♘f1 ♙a7 (Tempo) 4. ♙c2+ ♜xc2‡
 b) 1... ♙d8 2. ♘g2 ♙f6 3. ♘g1 ♜f8 (Tempo) 4. ♜h4+ ♙xh4‡

Creation and play of black batteries with direct and indirect unpinning of wS's (that jump amusingly into neighboring fields near wK) and with tempo-moves. Function permutation between wBb3 and wRh5. All is done very clearly and economically. Deserve victory!

D1 - Nikola Petković : 2nd Prize

a) 1. ♙xa1 ♙h1 2. ♙d4 ♙g2 3. ♙e4 ♘c6 4. ♙g1+ ♙xg1‡
 b) 1. ♙xa8 ♜h1 2. ♙d2 ♙g1 3. ♙e1 ♘c4 4. ♙g2+ ♙xg2‡

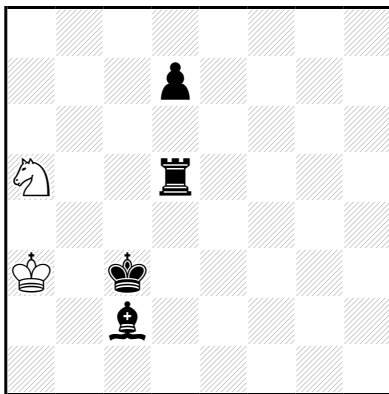
After wQ goes corner-to-corner and captures Black piece there, another Black piece goes corner-to-corner too on a place of departed wQ and creates a mating battery together with bK. Nice and very wide play!

D5 - Abdelaziz Onkoud : 1st Honorable Mention

1... ♜h4 2. ♜c×e6 ♘×e6 3. ♘e5 ♘d8 4. ♘f7+ ♘×f7‡
 1... ♘h3 2. ♘×b4 ♜×b4 3. ♜c7 ♜b7 4. ♜h7+ ♜×h7‡

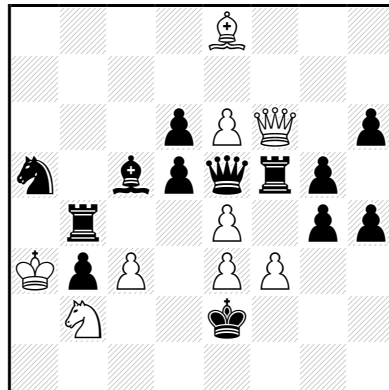
Interesting play with clear function permutation between either White or Black pieces. Needed full set of 8 Black Pawns slightly reduces an impression.

D4 - Torsten Linss
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2nd Honorable Mention



hs‡11 (2+4) C+

D7 - Mikola Vasyuchko & Mikhailo Galma
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Commendation



hs‡3,5 (9+13) C+
 b) ♖e4→f4

D4 - Torsten Linss : 2nd Honorable Mention

1. ♖a2 ♙a4 2. ♘b3 ♖a5 3. ♗b1 d5 4. ♗c1 d4 5. ♗d1 ♗b2
 6. ♗d2 d3 7. ♘d4 ♖a1 8. ♗c3 d2 9. ♗b4 d1=♖ 10. ♗a3 ♖b1
 11. ♘c2+ ♙×c2‡

wK rundlauf and Black excelsior with underpromotion. I have to take the author's word for it regarding «C+» because my rough estimate suggests that a full testing of this problem in the program "Gustav" will take more than a year...

D7 - Mikola Vasyuchko & Mikhailo Galma : Commendation

- a) 1... ♗×f3 2. é×d5 ♗é4 3. ♖×f5+ ♗×d5 4. é4+ ♖×é4‡
 b) 1... ♗×é3 2. f×g5 ♗f4 3. ♖×é5+ ♗×g5 4. f4+ ♖b×f4‡

An interesting and difficult concept. If it weren't for the same mates, a rank of distinction could have been higher.