

Study of the Year 2010

During the WFCC meeting in Jesi, Italy, the endgame study subcommittee members almost unanimously selected the following study from 2010 as the best one for promoting endgame studies to a general chess public.

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Draw

1.g6! hxc6 2.bxa3 g5 3.a4 g4 4.a5 g3 5.a6 g2 6.a7 g1Q 7.a8Q Qg8+ 8.Kb7! Qxa8+ 9.Kxa8 Kc6 10.Ka7! (10.a4? Kb6 11.a5+ Ka6 12.Kb8 h5 13.Kc7 h4 14.Kc6 h3 15.b5+ Kxa5 16.b6 h2 17.b7 h1Q+) 10...Kb5



11.a4+! Kxa4 (11...Kxb4 12.Kb6 Kxa4 13.Kc5) 12.Kb6! Kxb4 13.Kc6 Kc4 14.Kd6 Kd4 15.Ke6 Ke4 16.Kf6 Kf4 17.Kg6 Kg4 18.Kxh6 draw.

The thematic try of this study is: 1.bxa3? hxc5 2.a4 g4 3.a5 g3 4.a6 g2 5.a7 g1Q 6.a8Q Qg8+ 7.Kb7 Qxa8+ 8.Kxa8 Kc6 9.Ka7 Kb5 10.a4+ Kxa4 11.Kb6 Kxb4 12.Kc6 Kc4 13.Kd6 Kd4 14.Ke6 Ke4 15.Kf6 Kf4 and now we see the big difference with the solution. Since the black pawn is at h7, 16.Kg6 is not possible, therefore 16.Kg7 h5 and wins.

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