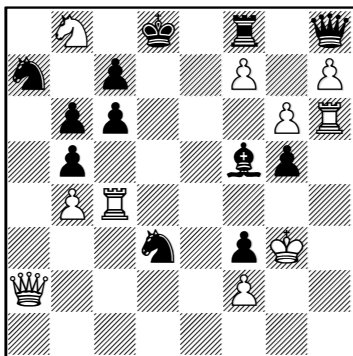


Commendation
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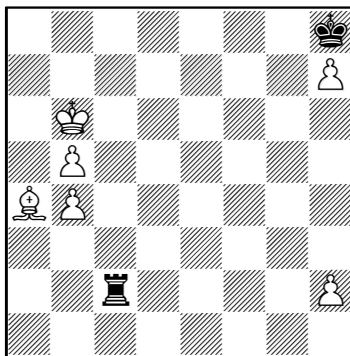
Win

1. ♖e4!/i ♙xe4 2. ♖e6 ♘e5/ii
 3. ♖h1/iii ♘c8 4. g7 ♖xg7
 5. h8 ♖ ♖xh8 6. ♖h7 ♙xh7/iv
 7. ♖d7+ ♘xd7 8. ♘xc6 mate.

- i) threatens 2. ♖e8.
- ii) 2... ♖d4 3. ♖d7+!
- iii) threatens 4. ♖d2.
- iv) 6... ♖xh7 7. ♖f6+ ♘e7
 8. f8 ♖+ ♖xf8 9. ♖xf8 mate,
 6... ♖xh7 7. ♖e8 mate.

In street soccer you used to get a penalty for three corners. This study starts with three almost quiet moves and as a reward we have the ♘xc6! penalty.

5th Honourable Mention
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Black to move, White wins

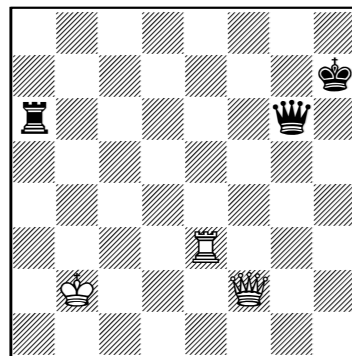
1... ♖c8!/i 2. ♙b3!/ii ♘g7!/iii
 3. h3!/iv ♘h8 4. h4 ♘g7 5. h5
 ♘h8 6. h6! ♖c3!/v 7. ♘a5! ♖xb3
 8. b6 ♖a3+ 9. ♘b5 ♖f3 10. b7
 wins.

- i) 1... ♖xh2 2. ♙b3! ♖xh7 3. ♘c6
 ♖h3 4. b6 ♖xb3 5. ♘b5 wins.
- ii) 2. ♙d1? ♖b8+ 3. ♘a6 ♖a8+
 4. ♘b7 ♖d8 5. b6 ♖d4 6. b5 ♖xd1
 draws, or here 3. ♘c6 ♖c8+
 4. ♘d5 ♖d8+ 5. ♘c4 ♖xd1 6. b6
 ♖d7 draws, or 2. ♘a6? ♖a8+
 3. ♘b6 ♖xa4 4. ♘c5 ♖a7 5. b6
 ♖xh7 draws.
- iii) 2... ♘xh7 3. ♘b7 ♖c3 4. ♙d5
 ♖c1 5. b6 ♖b1 6. ♙e4+ wins.
- iv) 3. h4? ♘h8 4. h5 ♘g7 5. h6+
 ♘h8! zugzwang, e.g. 6. ♘a6
 ♖a8+ 7. ♘b7 ♖a3 8. ♙d1 ♖a1
 9. ♘c6 ♖c1+, or 6. ♙d5 ♖c1
 7. ♙c4 ♖xc4 8. ♘a5 ♖c7, or
 6. ♘b7 ♖c3 7. ♙d5 ♖c1 8. ♘a6
 ♖a1+ 9. ♘b6 ♖c1! 10. ♙e6 ♖c3!
 11. ♙d5 ♖c1 12. ♙b3 ♖c8 draw.
- v) 6... ♖b8+ 7. ♘c6 ♖c8+ 8. ♘d7
 ♖c3 9. ♙d5 ♖c2 10. ♘d6, or
 6... ♘xh7 7. ♘b7 ♖c3 8. ♙d5
 ♘xh6 9. b6.

Black only needs to give his Rook in return for the two b-pawns, which seems to be possible. Only by the very

small but crucial move 3.h3!
White succeeds in winning.

4th Honourable Mention
Mario Matous
 Czech Republic



Win

1. ♖h2+!/i ♖h6/ii 2. ♖c2+!/iii
 ♖g6!/iv 3. ♖e7+ ♘h8
 4. ♖c8+!/v ♖g8 5. ♖c3+ ♖g7
 6. ♖e8+ ♘h7 7. ♖d3+ ♖g6
 8. ♖e7+ ♘h8 9. ♖d4+/vi
 ♖g7/vii 10. ♖e8+ ♘h7 11. ♖e4+
 ♖g6 12. ♘b1!! wins, e.g.
 12... ♖h2/viii 13. ♖e7+ ♘h6
 14. ♖e3+ ♖g5 15. ♖e6+ ♘h5
 16. ♖f3+ wins/ix.

- i) 1. ♖h3+? ♘g7 2. ♖g3 ♖b6+
 3. ♘c3 ♖c6+; 1. ♖h4+? ♖h6
 2. ♖e4+ ♖g6, or 2. ♖e7+ ♘h8
 3. ♖e8+ ♘h7 4. ♖e4+ ♖g6!
 5. ♖e7+ ♘h8 6. ♖h1+ ♖h6
 7. ♖e8+ ♘h7 draw.
- ii) 1... ♘g7 2. ♖g3 ♖b6+ 3. ♘c3
 ♖c6+ 4. ♘d4 ♖d6+ 5. ♘e5 ♖e6+
 6. ♘f4 ♖f6+ 7. ♘e3 ♖e6+ 8. ♘f2
 ♖f6+ 9. ♘g2! wins.
- iii) 2. ♖e7+? ♘g8 3. ♖b8+ ♖f8
 4. ♖e8 ♖b6+, or here: 4. ♖g3+
 ♘h8 5. ♖h4+ ♖h6; 2. ♖h3?
 ♖b6+ 3. ♘c3 ♖c6+ 4. ♘d4 ♖d6+
 5. ♘e5 ♖e6+ 6. ♘f5 ♖f6+ 7. ♘g4
 ♖g6+ 8. ♘f3 ♖f6+ 9. ♘g2 ♖g6+
 10. ♘h1 ♖xh3! draws.
- iv) 2... ♖g6 3. ♖e7+ ♘h6
 4. ♖h2+ ♘g5 5. ♖g3+ ♘f5
 6. ♖e5+ ♘g4 7. ♖g7, or here: