

Theme

All kinds of problems in 2 moves (#2, =2, H#2, S#2, etc...). Twins, more solutions, promoted pieces and also all kinds of fairy pieces and/or conditions are allowed.

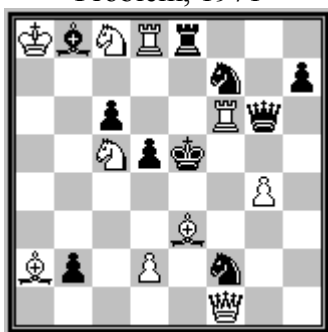
The problem must show one of the CYCLONE themes: see the book CYCLONE by Peter Gvozdják or visit: <http://members.tripod.com/~JurajLorinc/chess/cyclone.htm>

In addition, key must take at least one flight. (Nothing is said about possible flight giving.)

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Problem, 1971



#2 C+

(10+10)

1...Sd3 a 2.Rxe8# A

1...d4 b 2.Bxd4# B

1...Qe4 c 2.Sd7# C

1.Rf4! [2.d4#]

1...Sd3 a 2.Bd4# B

1...d4 b 2.Sd7# C

1...Qe4 c 2.Rxe8# A

Judge Comments

After the last-year-20th-anniversary tourney, I was quite happy to have six completely new authors in the history of this tourney this year. On the other hand, regrettably, there were several non-thematic entries (Packa Kd1-Ke7 (002): even if trying hardly, I could not find any Cyclone theme here, Mihalčo Ke4-Kc4 (005) or Kf2-Ke4 (005A): just "pseudo"-Cyclone, Murashev Kb1-Ke3 (008): gives a flight instead of taking one). The other positions (Svítek Kh2-Ke5 (006), Ka5-Ke5 (006A), Ka5-Ke5 (007), Kg3-Ke5 (007A)) used, at least for me, completely confused twins.

Very specific situation occurred at the Rio congress. Having the deadline on Friday 9:30 AM, I completed the problems just at the beginning of the delegates' closing meeting (which I have been a part this year) that started at the very time. Normally, if it took some two hours, I would have had enough time to make the ranking. However, the meeting finished just at 3:00 PM which was the exact time of starting the official award ceremony! Which is why I had exactly 0 (zero) minutes to prepare it.

Fortunately, according to the rule that anybody may participate and win, but only congress participants will be given bottle and books, I happily recognized that of the authors of thematic entries the only one was present at the congress, so I simply gave the bottle and book to Valery Kopyl of Ukraine. And finished the award later at home. (I was thinking to do so in the plane to London, but there I fell asleep for some 10 hours...)

So, here we go (counted-down, as usually):

Valery KOPYL (Ukraine)
 Commendation
 Rio de Janeiro 2009



#2 C+ (11+11)
 Super-Transmuting
 King
 Grasshoppers
 Lion

Václav KOTĚŠOVEC (Czech Republic)
 Honourable mention
 Rio de Janeiro 2009



#2 C+ (13+11)
 Vertical cylinder
 a) Orthodox
 b) Madrasi

Philippe ROBERT (France)
 Prize
 Rio de Janeiro 2009



#2 C+ (12+8)

Commendation: Valery KOPYL (Ukraine)

1.Ke6? (2.Sc2# A)
 1...Qc5 2.Sef5# B
 1...Qxe5+ 2.Kd5[=wQd5]# C
 1...Qa2!
1.Kxc6! (2.Sef5# B)
 1...Qc5+ 2.Kd5[=wQd5]# C
 1...Qxe5 2.Sc2# A

Shedey cycle with some typical white-King's wizardly.

Honourable Mention: Václav KOTĚŠOVEC (Czech Republic)

a)
1.Ra1! [2.Rxf2#]
 1...Qh8 2.Rd7# A
 1...Be3 2.Qxe3# B
 1...Rh7 2.Ba5# C
 (1...Bxg3 2.Qe3#)
 b)
1.Ra1! [2.Rxf2#]
 1...Qh8 2.Qe3# B
 1...Be3 2.Ba5# C
 1...Rh7 2.Rd7# A

Lačný in hybrid form. I like the way how madrasi condition changes everything.

Prize: Philippe ROBERT (France)

1.b8=Q? [2.Sc8# A]
1...B×e7 2.Qf4# B
1...B×c7 2.d8=Q# C
1...K×e7 2.Qc5#
but 1...Q×c7!

1.f8=Q? [2.Qf4# B]
1...B×e7 2.d8=Q# C
1...B×c7 2.Sc8# A
1...Q×c7 2.Sc8#
but 1...K×c7!

1.f8=S! [2.Qf4#
2.Rc6#]
1...Q×c7 2.Qf4#
1...K×c7 2.Qf4#
1...B×e7 2.Rc6#
1...B×c7 2.Qf4#
 2.Sc8#
1...Qb6 2.Qf4#
1...S×f8 2.Qf4#

Shedey in tries, with solution as extra phase. Very nice touch to some existing mechanism, only pity that the real phase does not show really changed mates.

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