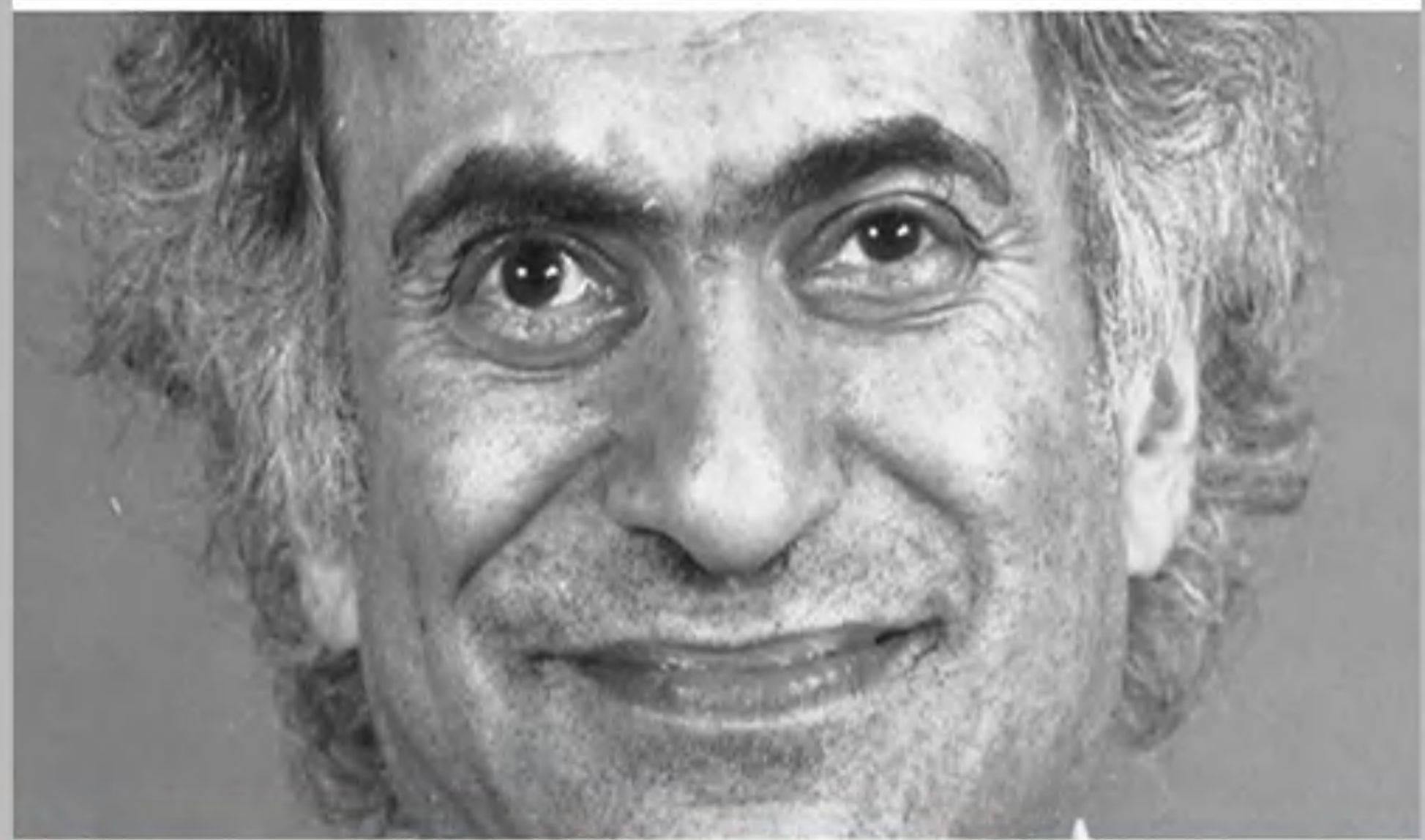


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Mikhail Tal

This tactics training book gives you the opportunity to get in the shoes of the most famous attacking player of all time. It offers one hundred training exercises in positions the former World Champion turned in his favour. Can you be as imaginative as Mikhail Tal was?

Mikhail Tal (1936-1992) was the 8th World Champion in the history of chess. In 1960 he defeated Mikhail Botvinnik in a World Championship match by 12,5-8,5. At that moment the 'Magician from Riga' was 23 years old, and he became the youngest World Champion ever.

Although Tal lost his world title one year later in a rematch against Botvinnik, every chess lover will remember him as a unique player. Not only because he won the Soviet Championship six times, but also due to his sensational attacking style. The chess wizard was never afraid to sacrifice material to bring fireworks to the board. Two

quotes of the former World Champion: 'There are two types of sacrifices: correct ones, and mine.' And: 'I will not hide the fact that I love to hear the spectators react after a sacrifice of a piece or pawn. I don't think that there is anything bad in such a feeling; no artist or musician is indifferent to the reactions of the public.'

Tal enjoyed chess as he enjoyed life. Unfortunately, his heavy drinking and chain smoking led to serious health problems. At the age of 55 the genius had to pay the price for his bohemian lifestyle. On 28 June 1992 he passed away. However, no true chess fan will ever forget this great tactician, because he played several immortal games.

EXCERCISE 1



SOLUTION 1



Mihail Tal (2570) - John A Grefe (2385)

San Francisco 1991

36. ♖a3!

EXERCISE 2



SOLUTION 2



Mihail Tal (2580) - Evgeny Sveshnikov (2520)

Moscow 1990

36. ♔h4+! ♚g7 37. ♖g8#

EXERCISE 3



SOLUTION 3



Mihail Tal - Eleazar Jimenez Zerquera

Moscow Alekhine Memorial 1963

31. ♘xd6!

EXCERCISE 4



SOLUTION 4



Mihail Tal (2565) - Alexander Shabalov (2200)

Jurmala 1985

26. ♖xe6! fxe6

26... ♜xd2 27. ♙xd2+-

27. ♜xd8 ♙xd8 28. ♚xd8 ♔f8 29. ♜d1

and White won.

SOLUTION 5



Mihail Tal (2525) - Francisco Jimenez Morales

Seville 1992

31. ♖ d5!

EXCERCISE 6



SOLUTION 6



Mihail Tal (2630) - Robert Huntington (1985)

Boston sim 1988

11. ♖xf6! ♖xf3 12. ♖xd8

and White won.

EXCERCISE 7



SOLUTION 7



Mihail Tal (2565) - Domingo Ramos (2330)

Germany Bundesliga 1991

29. ♔h8+!

29. ♔h8+ ♖d7 (29... ♖e7 30. ♗c5+ ♖xc5
 31. ♔d8#) 30. ♔d8+ ♖xd8 31. ♗f6+ ♖c8
 32. ♖d8#

EXERCISE 8



SOLUTION 8



Mihail Tal - Efim P Geller

Riga Championship 1958

26. ♖e7! ♚xd6+

26... ♚xe7 27. ♗g4++-

26... ♜xd6 27. ♗h4 ♚xe7 28. ♗xh7+ ♔f8

29. ♗h8#

27. ♗xd6 ♜xd6 28. ♜xe1

and White won.

EXERCISE 9



SOLUTION 9



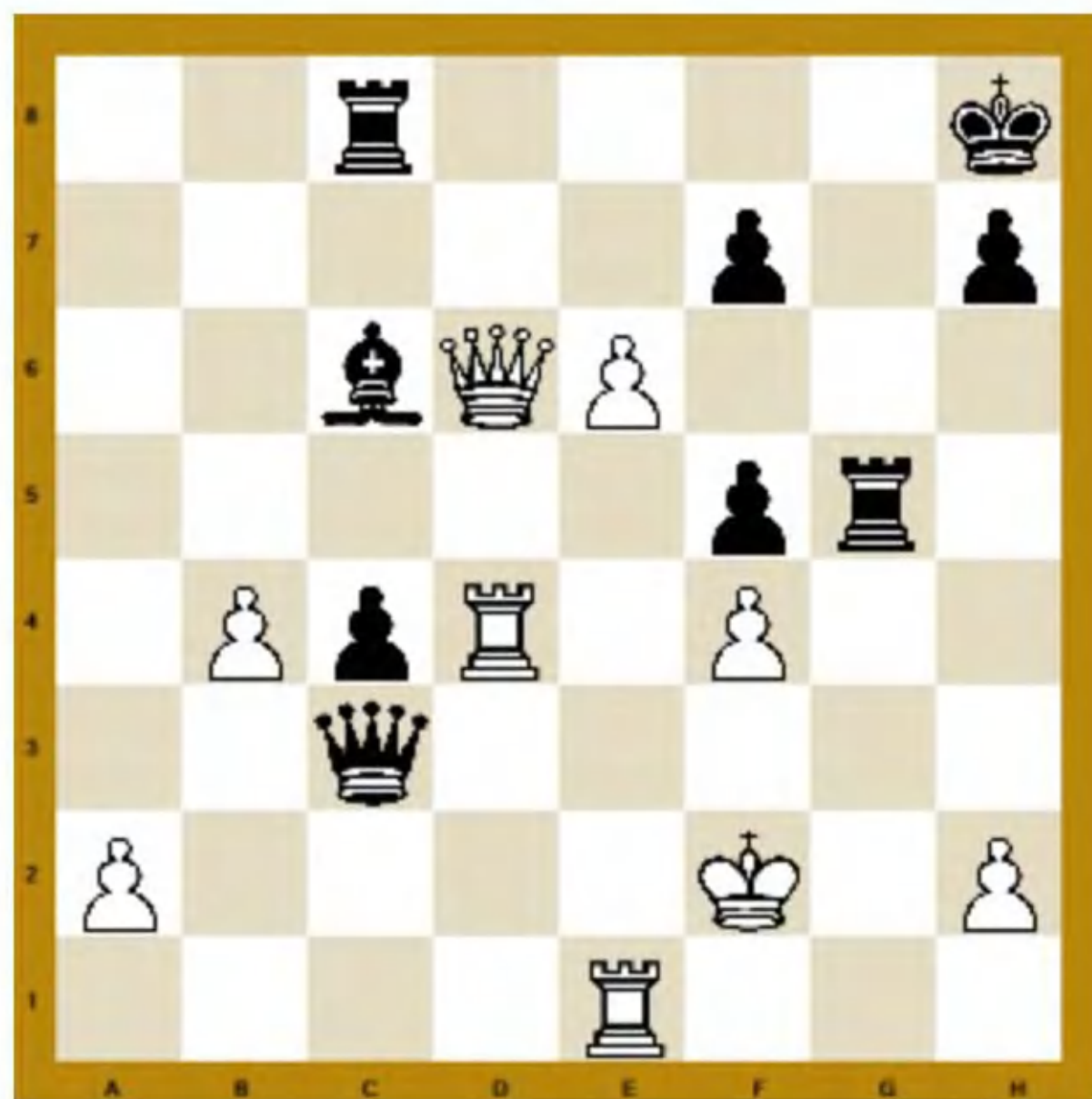
Mihail Tal - Pal C Benko

Bled/Zagreb/Belgrade Candidates 1959

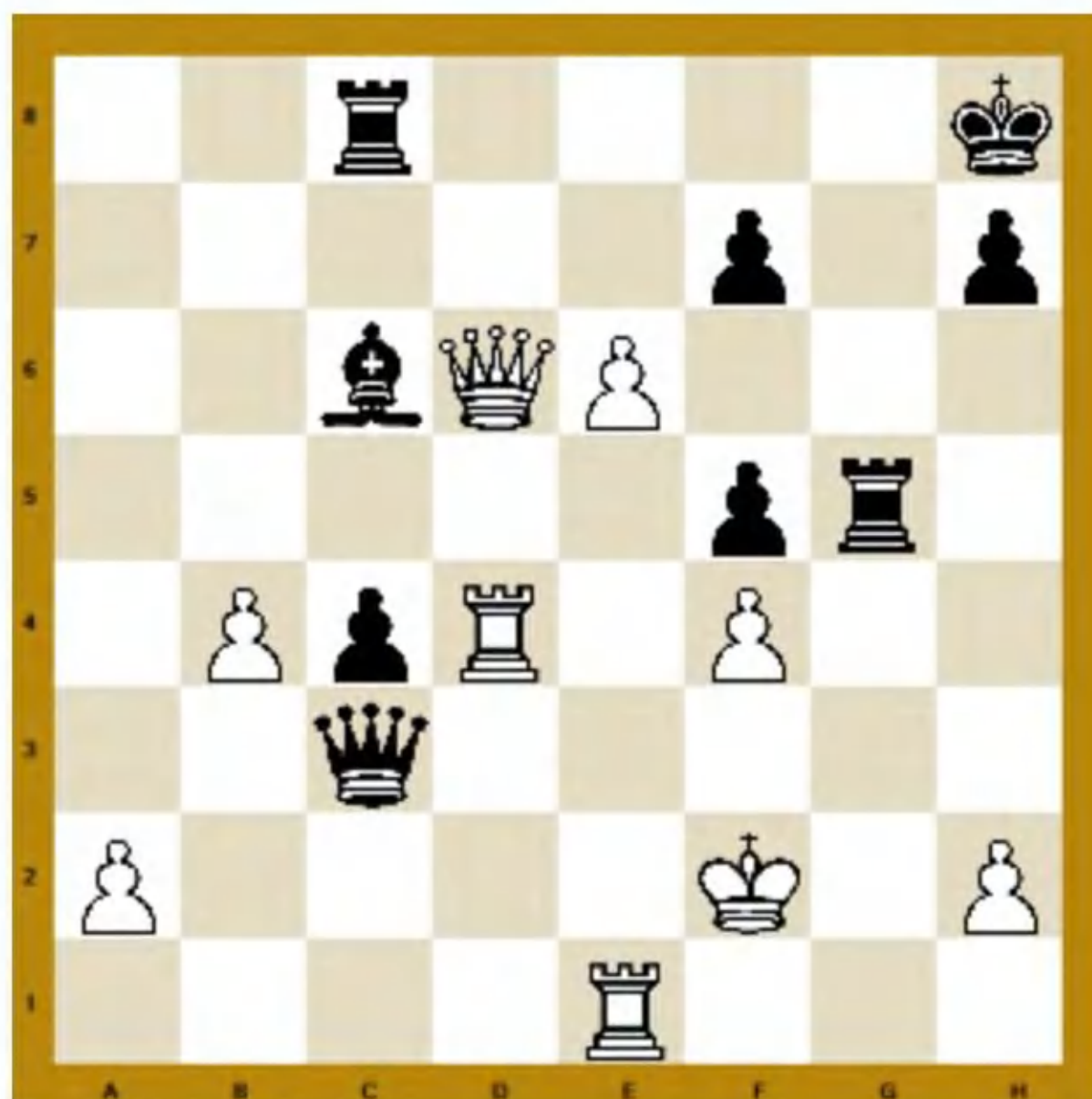
23. ♖f8! ♜xf8 24. ♔h6

and White won.

EXCERCISE 10



SOLUTION 10



Mihail Tal (2525) - Vladimir Akopian (2605)

Barcelona 1992

32. ♔e5+! ♖g7 33. ♖d8+ ♖xd8 34. ♕xc3

and White won.

EXERCISE 11



SOLUTION 11



Mihail Tal - Tigran V Petrosian

Soviet Union 1974

22. ♖xd7! ♙xd7

22... ♔xd7 23. ♔h4+-

23. ♙xf7+

23. ♙xf7+ ♖xf7 24. ♔xf7+ ♔h8 25. ♔xg6 ♙f5

26. ♘f7+ ♔g8 27. ♘h6++-

EXERCISE 12



SOLUTION 12



Mihail Tal - Mikhail Botvinnik

Moscow World Championship 1960

40. ♖xa6+! 🏆

40. ♖xa6+ ♔b8 (40...bxa6 41. ♕b6+ ♔a8
42. ♕xa6+ ♖a7 43. ♕xc8#) 41. ♕a4 and Black re-
signed. 41...♔c7 42. ♕a5+ ♔b8 43. ♖a8#

EXERCISE 13



SOLUTION 13



Mihail Tal - Lajos Portisch

Bled Candidates 1965

27. ♖xf6!

EXERCISE 14



SOLUTION 14



Mihail Tal - Ricardo Calvo Minguez

Havana Olympiad 1966

40.f7!

40.f7 ♖xe6 41. ♖xe6 ♖f5 42. ♖e5+! 🏆

EXCERCISE 15



SOLUTION 15



Mihail Tal - Petr Kiriakov

Riga Championship 1965

16. ♖xe6!

16. ♖xe6 fxe6 17. ♔xg6+ ♕f8 18. ♔xh6+ ♕g8
 19. ♔g6+ ♕f8 20. ♖g5 ♘g8 21. ♖h6+ ♘xh6
 22. ♔xh6+ ♕g8 (22... ♕f7 23. ♔h7+ ♕f8
 24. ♖g6) 23. ♖h7+ ♕h8 24. ♖f5+ ♕g8 25. ♖x-
 e6#

EXERCISE 16



SOLUTION 16



Mihail Tal - Nikolay Zhuravlev

Riga Championship 1965

30. ♖xd5! 🏆

30. ♖xd5! cxd5 31. ♔g2 (31. ♘e6+-is also good.)

31... ♔c5+ 32. ♖d4 and Black resigned.

EXERCISE 17



SOLUTION 17



Mihail Tal - Bent Larsen

Reykjavik World Championship Teams 1957

21. b4! ♔a4

21... ♔b5 22. c4 ♔xc4 23. ♖f6+ ♜xf6

24. ♜xd8++-

22. ♜a3 ♜xd5 23. exd5 e4 24. ♔c3 ♜f6 25. ♜xa4

EXERCISE 18



SOLUTION 18



Mihail Tal - Mikhail Botvinnik

Moscow World Championship 1961

29. ♖d7+!

29. ♖d7+ ♜xd7 (29...♔c7 30.b6+ ♔d8
31.cxb7+-) 30.cxd7 ♜d8 31.♜c8+ ♜xc8 32.♜a8+
♔xa8 33.dxc8=♚+ ♔a7 34.♚c5++-

EXERCISE 19



SOLUTION 19



Mihail Tal - Evgeni Vasiukov

Kharkov Championship 1967

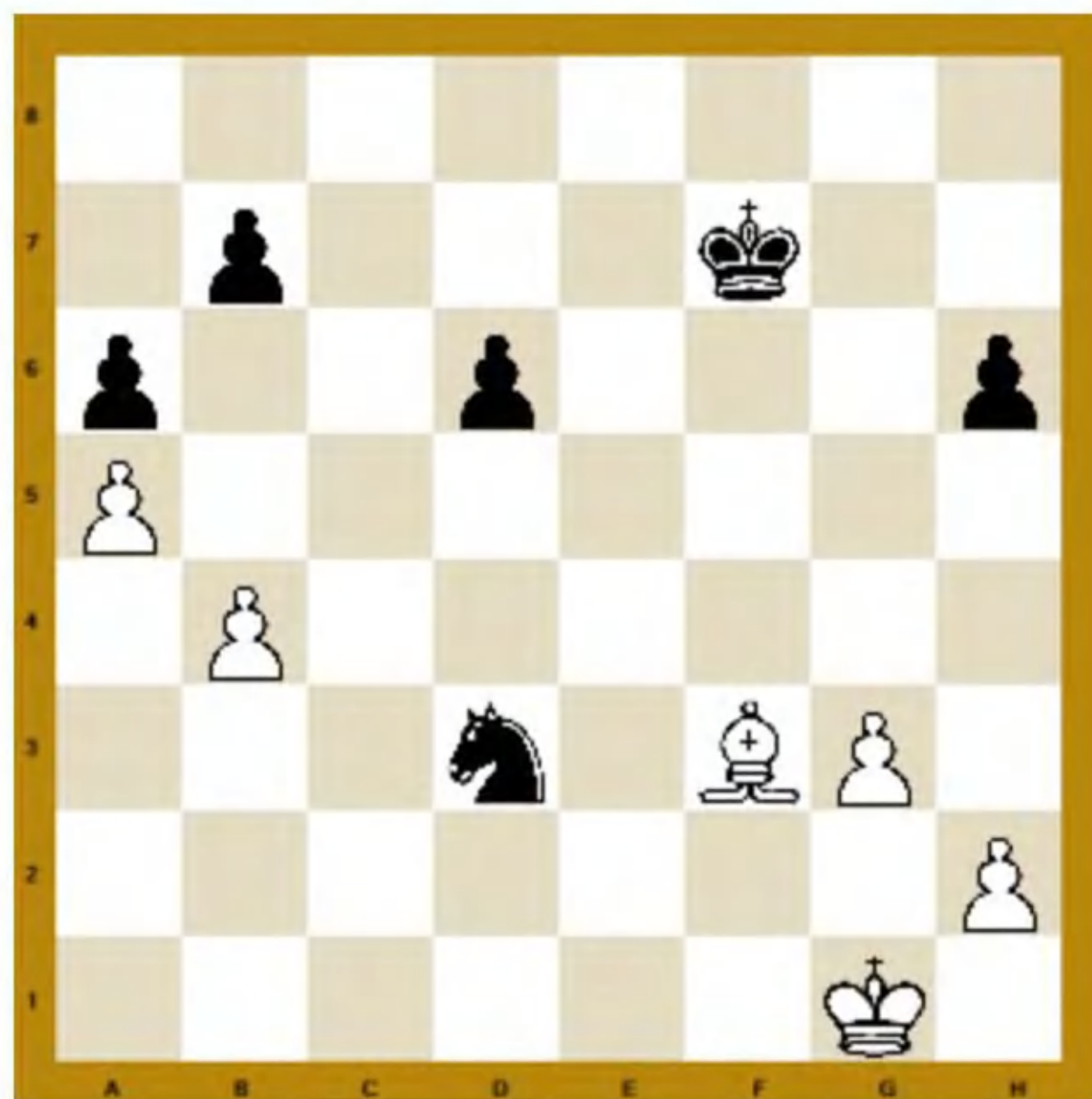
34.c7! ♖e8

34... ♜c8 35. ♜b8 ♘d6 36. ♙e6+-

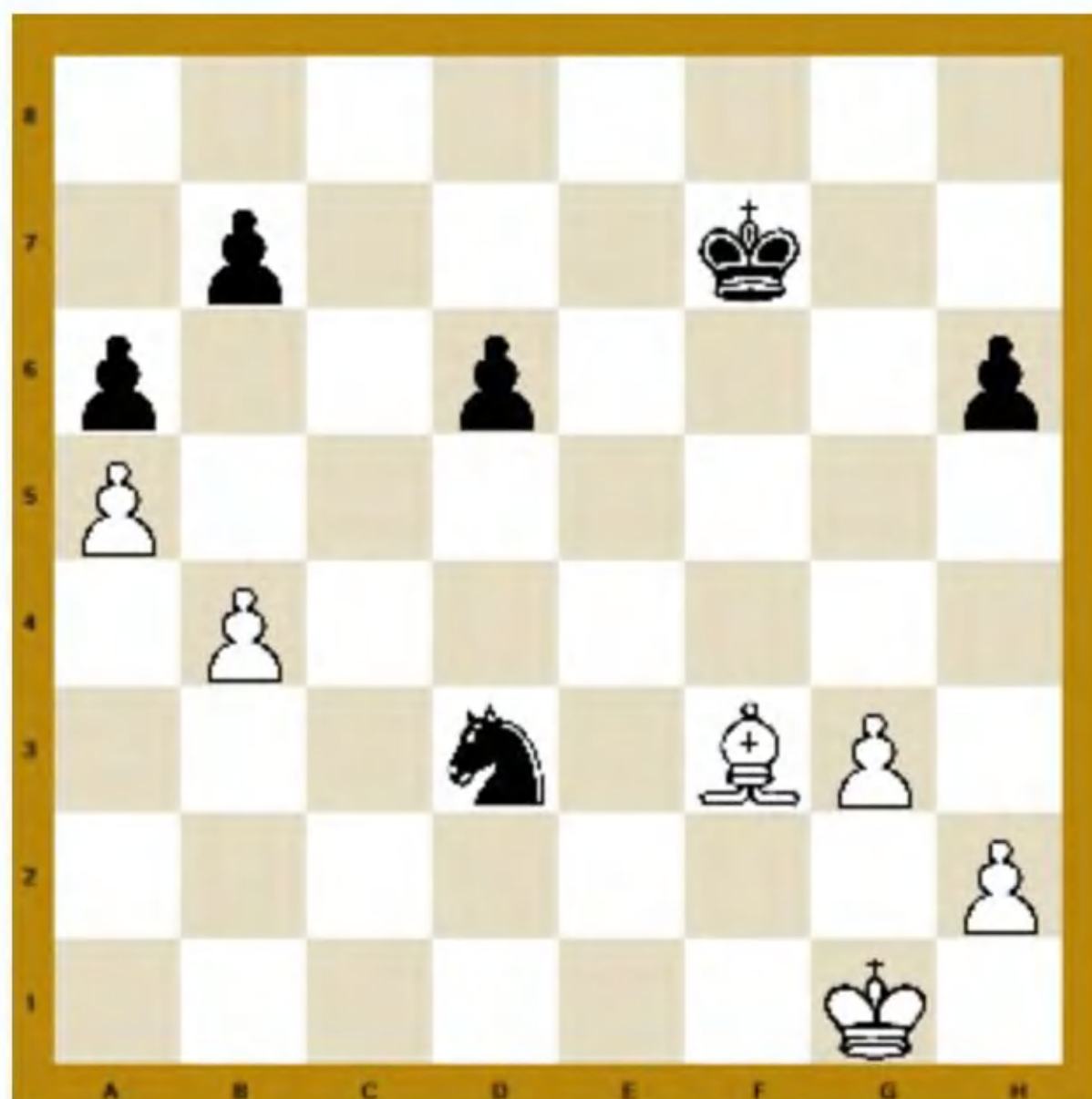
35. ♜b8 ♘b6 36. ♙a4! ♜c8 37. ♙d7

and White won.

EXCERCISE 20



SOLUTION 20



Mihail Tal (2580) - Jacob Murey (2530)

Tel Aviv 1990

40.b5! axb5

40... ♖c5 41. ♙xb7! 🏆

41. ♙xb7 ♖c5 42.a6 ♗xa6 43. ♙xa6

and White won.

EXERCISE 21



SOLUTION 21



Mihail Tal (2610) - Jan H Timman (2660)

Reykjavik World Cup 1988

20. ♖c1!

20. ♖c1 ♔xa3 21. ♖xc8+ ♕d7 22. ♖c7++-

EXCERCISE 22



SOLUTION 22



Mihail Tal (2615) - Joaquin Carlos Diaz (2385)

Biel Interzonal 1976

20. ♖xg5! ♞a3

20...hxc4 21. ♞xg5 f5 22. ♔xc4+-

21.bxa3 ♜xa1 22. ♖xa1 hxc4 23. ♞xg5 f5 24. ♔d3 e5
25.dxe6

and White won.

EXERCISE 23



SOLUTION 23



Mihail Tal - Georgi P Tringov

Amsterdam Interzonal 1964

15. ♖xf7+! ♔xf7 16. ♘g5+ ♔e8 17. ♚e6+
17. ♚e6+ ♔d8 18. ♘f7+ ♔c7 19. ♚d6#

EXCERCISE 24



SOLUTION 24



Mihail Tal - Augusto Menvielle Laccourreye

Havana Olympiad 1966

24. ♖xf6 exf6 25. ♔xf6+ ♔h6 26. ♖d5

26. ♖d5 ♕c7 27. ♖h5#

EXERCISE 25



SOLUTION 25



Mihail Tal - Martin Sr Johansson

Stockholm 1961

21. ♖xe6! fxe6 22. ♞xe6+ ♔g8 23. ♖d3

EXERCISE 26



SOLUTION 26



Mihail Tal - Anatoly Shmit

Riga Championship 1965

30. ♔h7! ♖h3 31. ♘d7+

31. ♘d7+ ♖xd7 32. ♖h6 ♖xh6 33. ♔h8#

EXERCISE 27



SOLUTION 27



Mihail Tal - William R Hartston

Hastings 1973

24. ♖xf7! ♖xf7 25. ♙xg6 ♘f5 26. ♙xf7+ ♔xf7

27. ♚h7+

27. ♚h7+ ♔f8 28. ♚h8+ ♔f7 29. ♚xc8+-

EXERCISE 28



SOLUTION 28



Mihail Tal (2625) - Paul Keres (2600)

Tallinn 1973

43. ♖hxh6! ♘e4

43...gxh6 44.h4 ♔g7 45.hxg5 h5 (45...♖g8 46.g6 ♔f8 47.♚c8+ ♔g7 48.♚f5 ♖f8 49.♚g4) 46.♚f5 ♚e8 47.♖h6 ♖g8 48.e6 ♔f8 49.g6 ♚xe6 50.g7++-

44. ♚h5 gxh6 45. ♖xh6

45. ♖xh6 ♔g7 46. ♖h7+ ♔g8 47. ♖h8+ ♔g7
48. ♔h6#

EXCERCISE 29



SOLUTION 29



Mihail Tal (2625) - Jan H Timman (2480)

Skopje Olympiad 1972

18. ♖xe5! fxe5 19. ♘g5 ♖f6 20. ♘xe6

EXCERCISE 30



SOLUTION 30



Mihail Tal (2625) - Leonid Shamkovich (2535)

Baku Championship 1972

25. ♖xf4! ♙xf4 26. ♔h6+ ♚e7 27. ♔f6+ ♚f8 28. g6
♙h6 29. ♖f1

29. ♖f1 ♖d8 30. ♔h8+ ♚e7 31. ♖xf7+ ♚d6
32. ♔d4+ ♚c6 33. ♔c5#

EXERCISE 31



SOLUTION 31



Mihail Tal (2565) - Marcel Sisniega (2470)

Taxco Interzonal 1985

19. ♖xe6! ♙xd7

19... ♜f6 20. ♙xc8 ♖xe6 21. ♙xb7 ♜a7
22. ♙c8`

19... ♖xe6 20. ♜xe6+ ♔d8 (20... ♔f8 21. ♜e8#)
21. ♙e8++-

20.  c7!  xa4 21.  xa8

and White won.

EXCERCISE 32



SOLUTION 32



Mihail Tal (2610) - Gennadi Zaichik (2510)

Tbilisi 1988

25. ♖xf6! ♖xe1

25...gxf6 26. ♖c1 ♔d6 27. ♔h5+-

26. ♔h5 gxf6 27. ♔xh7+ ♔f8 28. ♔h8+ ♔e7

29. ♔xa8

and White won.

EXERCISE 33



SOLUTION 33



Mihail Tal - Dieter Keller

Zuerich 1959

29. ♖b7+! ♔xb7 30. ♕d7+ ♔b8 31. e8=♕+ ♖xe8
 32. ♕xe8+ ♔b7 33. ♕d7+ ♔b8 34. ♕xc6

EXERCISE 34



SOLUTION 34



Mihail Tal - NN

Stuttgart sim 1958

16.gxf6! ♖xd1+ 17.♘xd1! ♔xd2 18.fxg7

EXERCISE 35



SOLUTION 35



Mihail Tal - Efim P Geller

Budva 1967

23. ♖xd5! ♖xd5 24. ♔f3

24. ♔f3 ♖exe5 (24... ♖dxe5 25. ♔xf7+ ♔h8

26. ♔g8+ ♖xg8 27. ♘f7#) 25. ♔xf7+ ♔h8 26. h3

♙b4 27. ♔h2 ♖xg5 28. ♗xd5 ♔f8 29. ♔xc7+-

EXERCISE 36



SOLUTION 36



Mihail Tal - Nikola Padevsky

Moscow Alekhine Memorial 1963

26.e6! dxc3 27.exd7 ♖g7 28.♘xc7

28.♘xc7 ♔f3 (28...a6 29.♘e8+) 29.♘d5+
 ♔xf4+ (29...♔a8 30.♖g2! ♔xg2 31.♘c7+ ♔b8
 32.♘e8+) 30.♘xf4 ♖f6 31.♘h5 ♖g5+ 32.f4
 ♖h4 33.♔d1 ♔c7 34.♖g2+-

EXERCISE 37



SOLUTION 37



Mihail Tal (2605) - Viktor Kortschnoj (2625)

Reykjavik 1987

42. ♔f2+! g3

42...♚h3 43. ♔h2#

42...♚g5 43. ♔xc5+ ♚h4 (43...♚h6 44. ♔c1+ g5
(44...♔g5 45. ♔h7+) 45. ♔xc7 ♔g6 46. ♔h2+
♔h5 47. ♔h7++-) 44. ♔f2+ ♚g5 (44...g3

45. ♖f4+ ♔g5 46. ♕xg3+ ♔h6 47. ♖h4)

45. ♕f4+ ♔h4 46. ♖h7 ♕xh7 47. ♕h2+ ♔g5

48. ♕xh7+-

43. ♖f4+ ♔g5 44. ♕xg3+ ♔h6 45. ♖h4

and White won.

EXCERCISE 38



SOLUTION 38



Mihail Tal (2620) - Wolfgang Uhlmann (2570)

Moscow 1971

15. ♖d2! ♔xc2 16. ♖b4 axb5 17. ♔f8+
and White won.

EXCERCISE 39



SOLUTION 39



Mihail Tal - Florencio Campomanes

Leipzig Olympiad 1960

23. ♖xd5! ♘xg5 24. ♔b5++-

24. ♔b5+ ♕f7 25. ♖f1+ ♕g6 (25... ♕g8 26. ♔xb7 ♖e8 27. ♔d7 ♖g6 (27... ♖b8 28. ♔d8+) 28. ♔xe8++-) 26. ♔d3+ ♕h6 27. ♖h1 and Black resigned.

EXCERCISE 40



SOLUTION 40



Mihail Tal - Wolfgang Unzicker

Stockholm 1960

23. ♖d2! b4

23... ♔a4 24. ♖b3 ♔xe4 25. ♘g5 ♔d3 26. ♘xf7+-

24. ♖xf7+! ♔xf7 25. ♔b3+ ♔f8

25... ♔f8 26. ♘g5 ♘d5 27. exd5+-

25... ♔g6 26. ♘h4+ ♔h5 27. ♔f3+ ♔xh4

28. ♔g3+ ♕h5 29. ♔g5#

EXERCISE 41



SOLUTION 41



Mihail Tal - Theodor Ghitescu

Miskolc Asztalos Memorial 1963

34. ♖f4! ♙xe5 35. ♙xg6+ ♔h8

35...fxg6 36. ♕xg6+ ♔h8 37. ♖xe5 ♖xe5

38. ♕f6++-

36. ♙xf7 ♙d4+

36...♕xf7 37. ♖xe5 ♖xe5 38. ♖g6+ ♔h7 39. ♖xe5+-

36... ♖xf4 37. ♖xe8+ ♖xe8 38. ♔xf4+-

37. ♖xd4 ♖xe1+ 38. ♔xe1 ♖xf7

38...cxd4 39. ♔e5+ ♔h7 40. ♔e4+ ♔h8 41. ♔g6

♖xd6 42. ♘e6+-

39. ♔e5+

and White won.

EXCERCISE 42



SOLUTION 42



Mihail Tal - Lozov

Riga Championship 1952

16. ♖xf7! ♔xf7 17. ♗xe6+ ♔e8 18.e5 ♗f8

18... ♗xe5 19. ♕xh7 ♗xf4 20. ♕g8+ ♔e7

21. ♕f7+ ♔d6 22. ♕xf4+ ♔e7 23. ♕xc7++-

19. ♕xh7

and White won.

EXCERCISE 43



SOLUTION 43



Mihail Tal - Konstantin Klamann

Moscow Championship 1957

24. ♖xe7+

24. ♖xe7+ ♔xe7 25. ♖e1+ (25. ♕h4+ is also good.)

25... ♔d8 26. ♕h4+ f6 27. ♕h6 ♕a5 28. ♘b3!

(28. ♕xf8+? ♔c7 29. ♘b3 (29. ♕xf6?? b3! 🌸)

29... ♕xa2+ 30. ♔xa2 ♖xf8) 28... ♕d5

29. ♕xf8+ ♔c7 30. ♕xf6 and White won.

EXCERCISE 44



SOLUTION 44



Mihail Tal - Rene Letelier Martner

Havana Capablanca Memorial 1963

27. ♖e4! ♗d4+

27... ♕h8 28. ♕g6+ ♔e7 29. ♕e6++-

27... ♖d7 28. ♕h6+ ♔f7 29. ♖fe1 ♗d4+ 30. ♔h1

♕g8 31. ♕e6++-

27... ♖ad8 28. ♖g4 ♙d4+ 29. ♔h1 ♚f7

30. ♚h4+ ♔e5 31. ♖g6+-

28. ♔h1

28. ♔h1 ♚xe4 29. ♚g6+ ♔e7 30. f6++-

EXERCISE 45



SOLUTION 45



Mihail Tal (2615) - Yrjo A Rantanen (2460)

Tallinn Keres Memorial 1979

26. ♖h6! ♖xd1 27. ♖xg7+ ♔g8 28. ♖h8! ♔xf7
29. ♕xf6+ ♔g8 30. ♕g7#

EXERCISE 46



SOLUTION 46



Mihail Tal - Aleksandar Matanovic

Moscow Alekhine Memorial 1963

24. ♖xf7! ♜xf7

24... ♔xf7 25. ♙xg6+ ♔xg6 26. ♜xc7+-

25. ♙xg6 ♔d6

25... ♔xc1 26. ♙xf7+ ♔xf7 27. ♔h5++-

26. ♙xf7+ ♔xf7 27. ♜xc8 ♙xc8 28. ♔c2 ♙d7

29. ♔h7+ ♔f8 30. ♜e3

EXERCISE 47



SOLUTION 47



Mihail Tal (2565) - Roman Dzindzichashvili (2555)

New York blitz 1991

23. ♖xg7! ♔xg7 24. ♗xh6+ ♔h7

24... ♔xh6 25. ♘xf7+ ♔g7 26. ♘xd6 ♗xd6

25. ♘xf7!

25. ♔h3? was played in the game. 25... ♘g8?

(25... ♔b6!) 26. ♗f8+ and Black resigned.

25... ♔b4 26. ♔d3+ ♔g8 27. ♔g6#

EXERCISE 48



SOLUTION 48



Mihail Tal (2610) - Jonathan S Speelman (2645)

Reykjavik World Cup 1988

26. ♖xd6! ♞g8 27. ♖e3 ♖f6 28. ♖f3 ♔g7 29. ♖x-
e7! ♖xe7 30. ♖xe7+! 🏆

30. ♖xe7+ ♞xe7 31. ♔xf6+ ♔g8 32. ♔f7+ ♔h8
33. ♔xe7 ♔xd5 34. ♖f7 and Black resigned.

EXERCISE 49



SOLUTION 49



Mihail Tal - Alexander V Tolush

Moscow Championship 1957

30.e5! ♖xe5

30...fxg5 31. ♙xg6 hxg6 32. ♔h8+ ♕f7 33. ♖h7+
 ♘xh7 34. ♔xh7+ ♕f8 35. ♖f1++-

31. ♙xg6 ♖b7

31...hxg6 32. ♔h8+ ♕f7 33. ♖h7++-

32. ♘e4! fxg5 33. ♖f1!

and White won.

EXCERCISE 50



SOLUTION 50



Mihail Tal (2705) - Boris V Spassky (2615)

Tilburg Interpolis 1980

33. ♖f5! ♔e8

33... ♕g3 34. ♖f3 ♖a1+ 35. ♗d1+-

34.e5! dxe5

34... ♞xe5 35. ♗f6 ♞g6 36. ♖xh5 ♗xf6 37. ♕h6
♗g7 38. ♕h7#

34... ♖xe5 35. ♖f6!! ♖xf6 (35... ♘xf6 36. ♔g5+ ♕h8 37. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 38. ♔h6+ ♕g8 39. ♔h7#) 36. ♔h6+-

34... ♖c8 35. ♖h6 ♘xe5 36. ♖xg7 ♕xg7 37. ♖xh5 ♖h8 38. ♔g5+ ♘g6 39. ♖xg6 ♖xh5 40. ♖xh5++-

35. ♖h6 ♖a6

35...f6 36. ♖xg7 ♕xg7 37. ♖g5+! ♕h8 38. ♖g3+- 36. ♖xg7 ♕xg7 37.d6 f6 38. ♖g5+! ♕f7 38...fxg5 39. ♔xg5+ ♕h8 40. ♔h6+ ♕g8 41. ♔h7#

39. ♖g6+

and White won.

EXERCISE 51



SOLUTION 51



R. Gonzalez (2295) - Mihail Tal (2525)

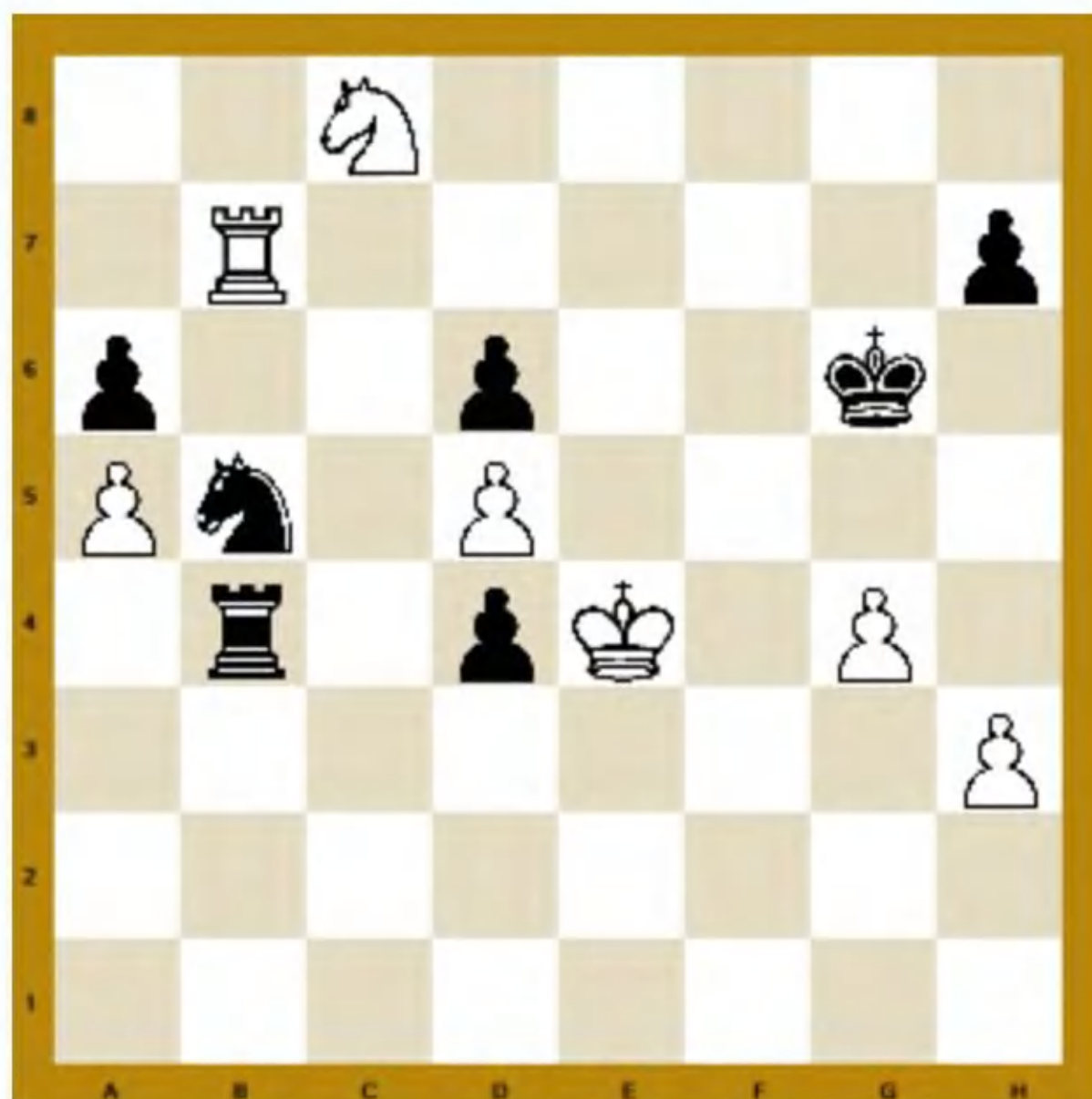
Seville 1992

26...h5!

EXERCISE 52



SOLUTION 52



Miguel Angel Quinteros (2490) - Mihail Tal (2605)

St del Esterol blitz 1987

41... ♞c3+! 42. ♔d3 ♖xb7

and Black won.

EXERCISE 53



SOLUTION 53



Lutz Espig (2470) - Mihail Tal (2605)

Yerevan 1982

36... ♔xb1+

EXERCISE 54



SOLUTION 54



Alexander G Beliavsky (2555) - Mihail Tal (2620)

Leningrad October Revolution 60 1977

23... ♔c6! 24.c3

24.c3 ♔e4+ 25.♖a1 ♘c2+ 26.♜b2 ♙a3+

27.♜b1 ♘e1+ 🌸

EXERCISE 55



SOLUTION 55



Soenke Maus (2440) - Mihail Tal (2580)

Germany Bundesliga 1990

28... ♖e1+

28... ♖e1+ 29. ♕h2 ♔xd4 30. ♖xd4 ♖xa1 🌸

EXERCISE 56



SOLUTION 56



Klaus Bischoff (2415) - Mihail Tal (2605)

Albena 1984

33... ♞c4!

EXERCISE 57



SOLUTION 57



Iivo Nei (2200) - Mihail Tal (2615)

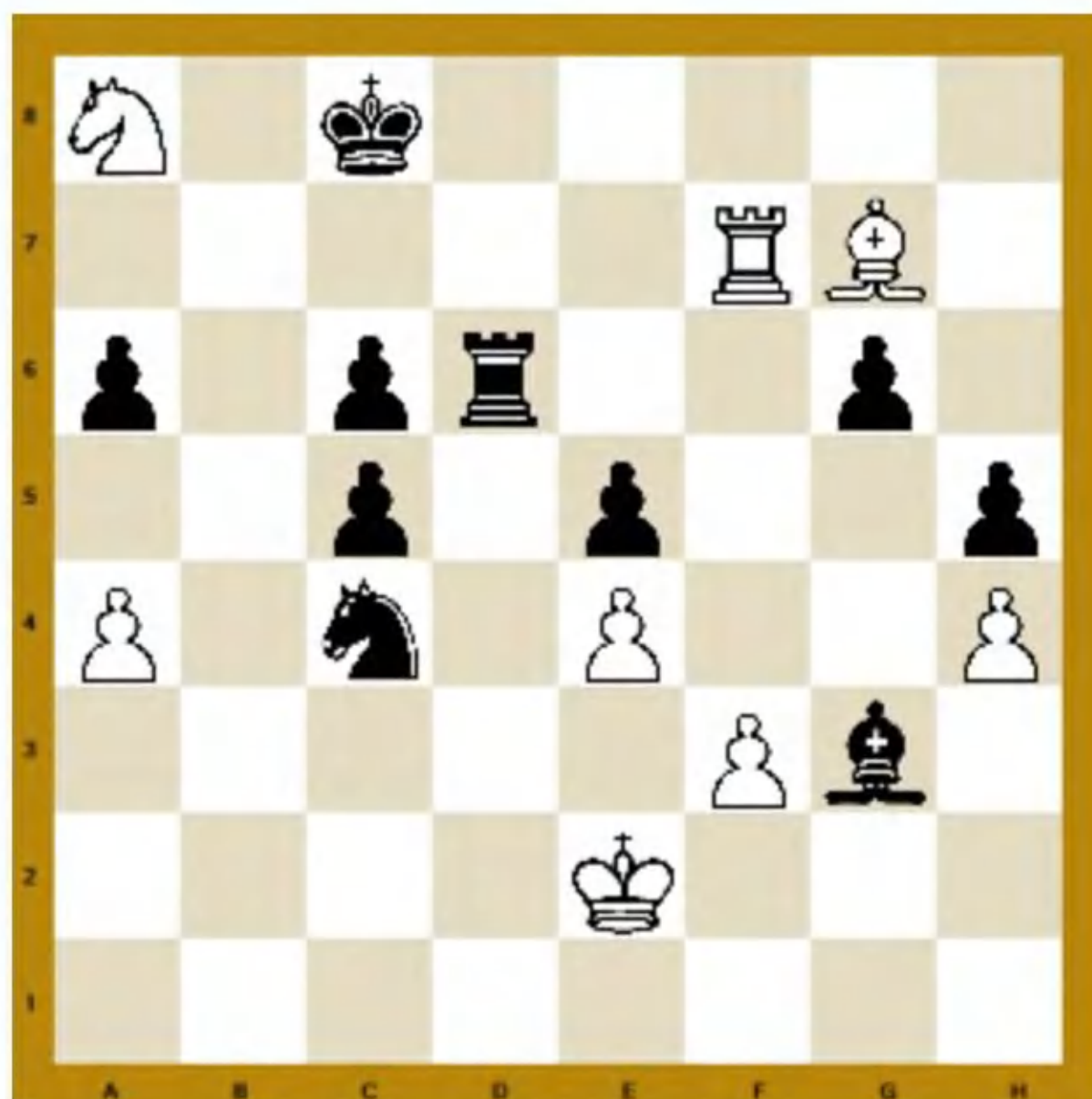
Moscow Spartakiad 1979

37... ♔h6!

EXERCISE 58



SOLUTION 58



John Van der Wiel (2590) - Mihail Tal (2605)

Brussels World Championship blitz 1987

42... ♖d2+! 43. ♔f1 ♞e3+ 44. ♔g1 ♖d1#

EXERCISE 59



SOLUTION 59



Kalle Kiik (2200) - Mihail Tal (2565)

Tallinn 1985

38... ♖c7!

EXERCISE 60



SOLUTION 60



Peter Ostermeyer (2410) - Mihail Tal (2605)

Porz 1981

28...c4!

28...c4 29.dxc4 ♞xe7 30.c5+ ♞f7 🌸

EXERCISE 61



SOLUTION 61



Boris Rytov (2400) - Mihail Tal (2615)

Tallinn Keres Memorial 1979

34... ♖f1!

EXERCISE 62



SOLUTION 62



Kick Langeweg (2450) - Mihail Tal (2615)

Wijk aan Zee Hoogovens 1976

48... ♖d1!

EXCERCISE 63



SOLUTION 63



Vladimir Raicevic - Mihail Tal

Novi Sad 1974

54...♔d4! 55. ♖xf5

55. ♖c7 ♘d2+ 🌸

55...♔xc4 56. ♔f2

56. ♖f4+ ♔d3 57. ♖xg4 ♘h2+ 🌸

56...♔d3

EXERCISE 64



SOLUTION 64



Efim Narodizki - Mihail Tal (2565)

Moscow 1991

32... ♖xg2! 33. ♖xg2

33. ♔xg2 ♖e1+ 34. ♖f1 ♖xf1+ 35. ♔xf1 ♔xf4+ 🌸

33... ♔xf4 34. ♔d1

EXERCISE 65



SOLUTION 65



Gedeon Barcza - Mihail Tal

Tallinn 1971

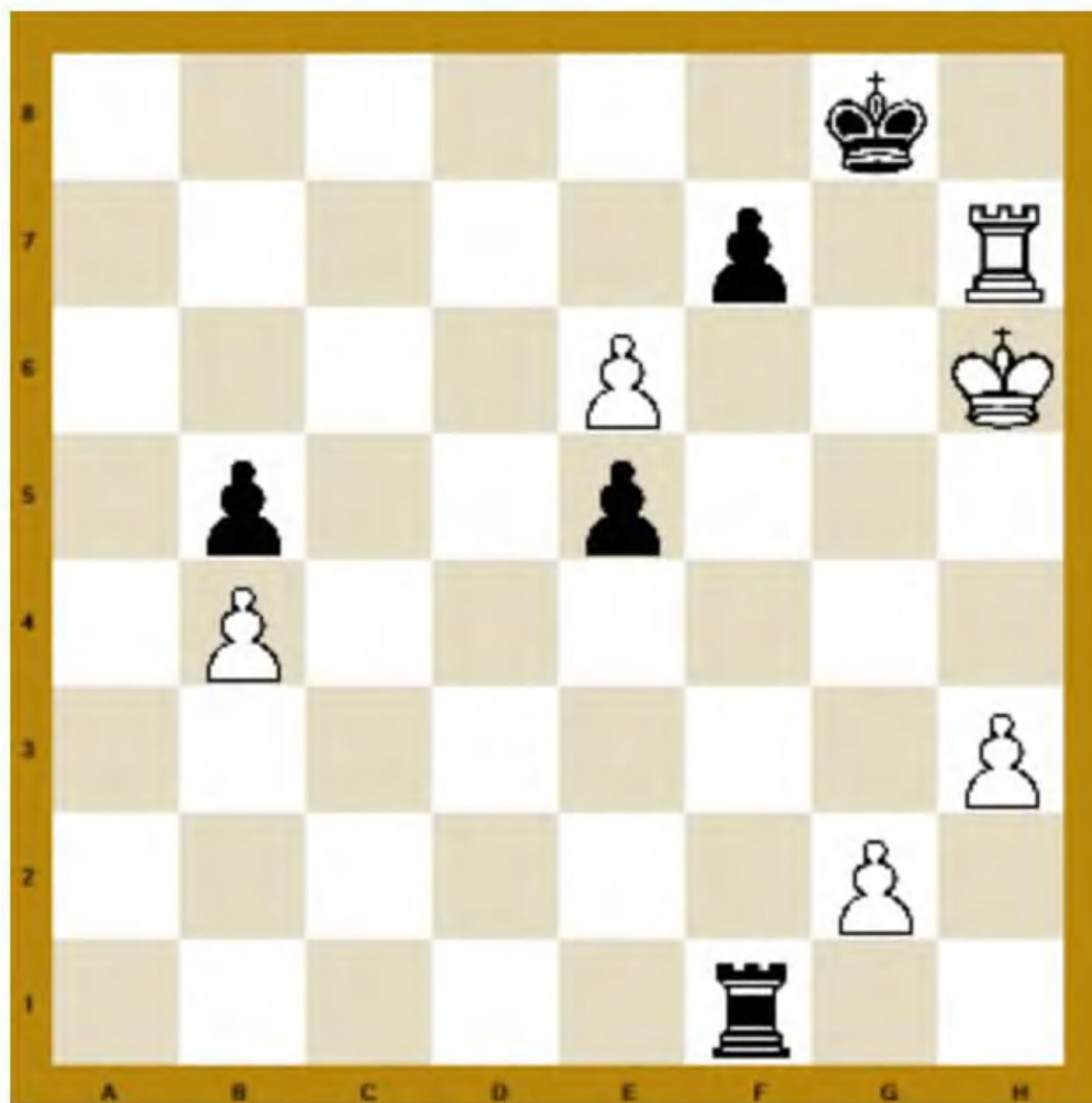
21... ♖d8! 22. ♕e3 ♕xc2! 23. ♔f1

23. ♕xf3 ♕xc1+ 24. ♔e2 ♖d2+ 25. ♔e3 ♖d1+

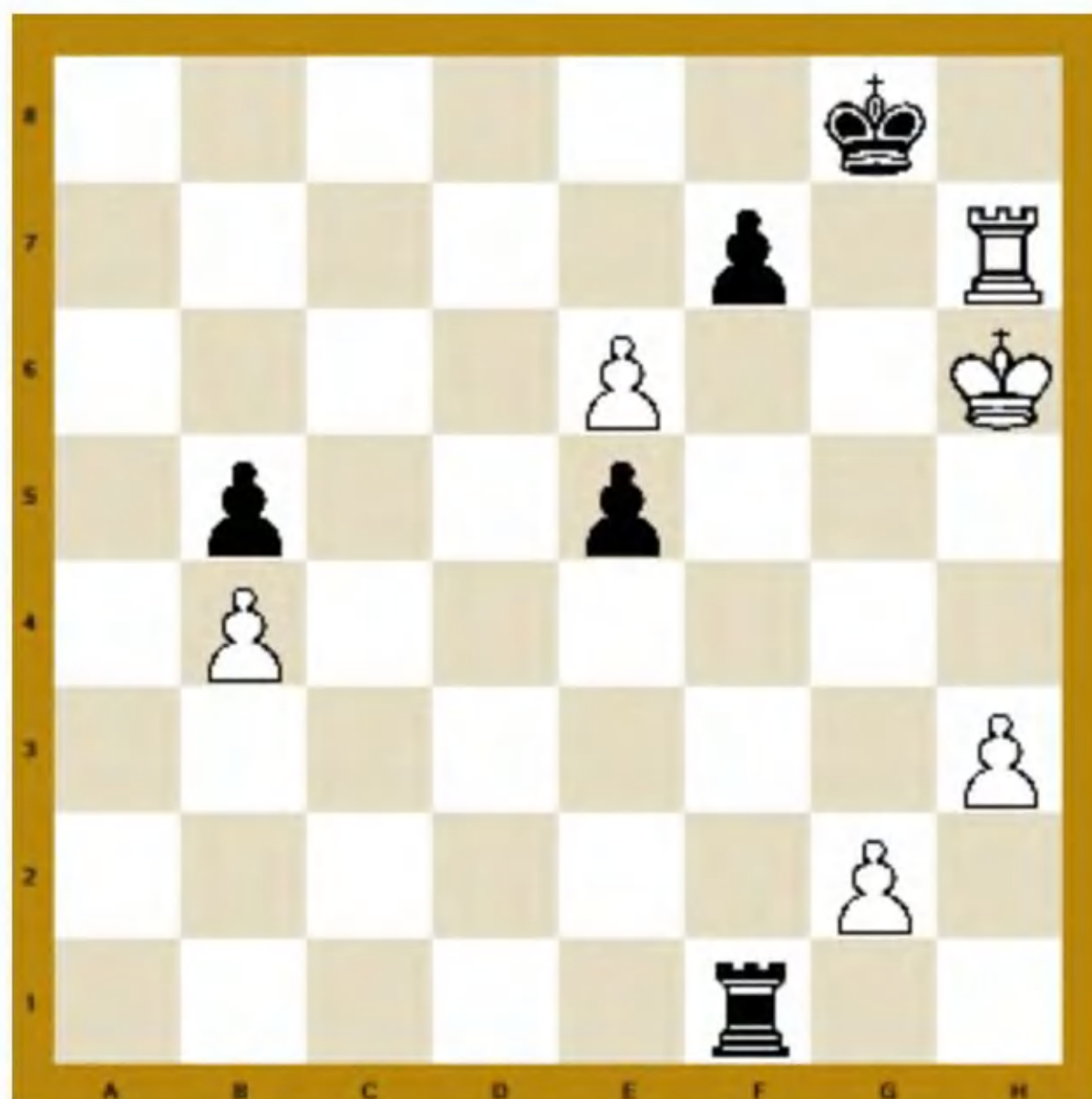
26. ♔e2 ♕d2#

23... ♖d1+

EXCERCISE 66



SOLUTION 66



Vitaly Tseshkovsky - Mihail Tal

Sochi 1970

45... ♖f6+! 46. ♔g5 ♖g6+ 47. ♔f5 ♔xh7 48. exf7
♔g7

48... ♔g7 49. f8=♚+ ♔xf8 50. ♔xg6 e4 🌸

EXERCISE 67



SOLUTION 67



Vladimir A Muratov (2215) - Mihail Tal (2630)

Tallinn Cup rapid 1988

31... ♔xg3!

EXERCISE 68



SOLUTION 68



Eduard Meduna (2485) - Mihail Tal (2600)

Sochi Chigorin Memorial 1986

31... ♖xc3! 32. ♖xc3 ♔a1+ 33. ♔g2 ♕xc3
and Black won.

EXERCISE 69



SOLUTION 69



Stefan Djuric (2490) - Mihail Tal (2605)

Titograd 1984

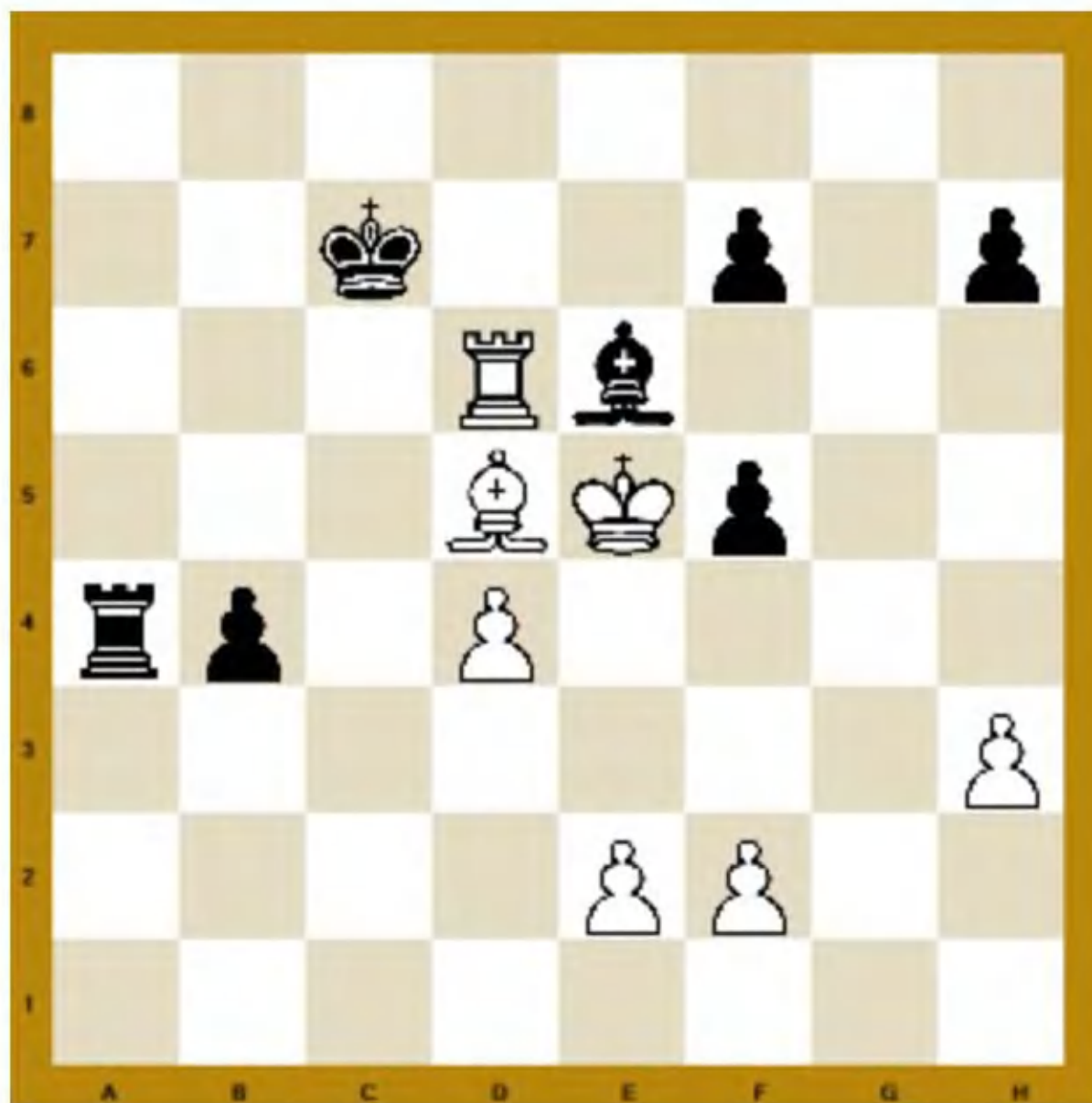
16...g5!

and Black won.

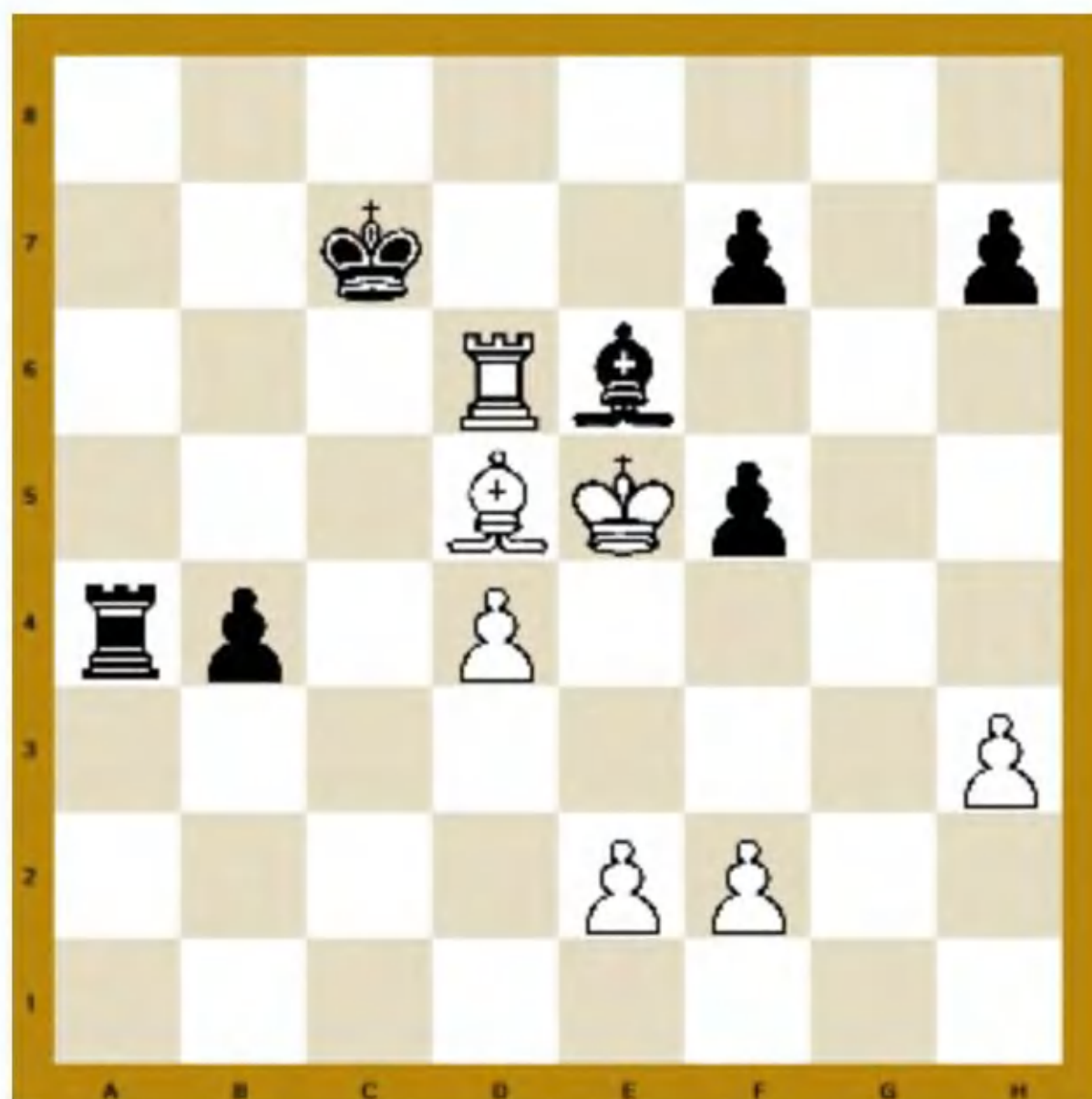
16...g5! 17. ♖f5 (17. ♘f3 ♚g7 18. ♖f5 ♙xe4 🌸)

17... ♚g7 18. ♖xc5 (18. ♘f3 ♙xe4 🌸) 18...bxc5 🌸

EXERCISE 70



SOLUTION 70



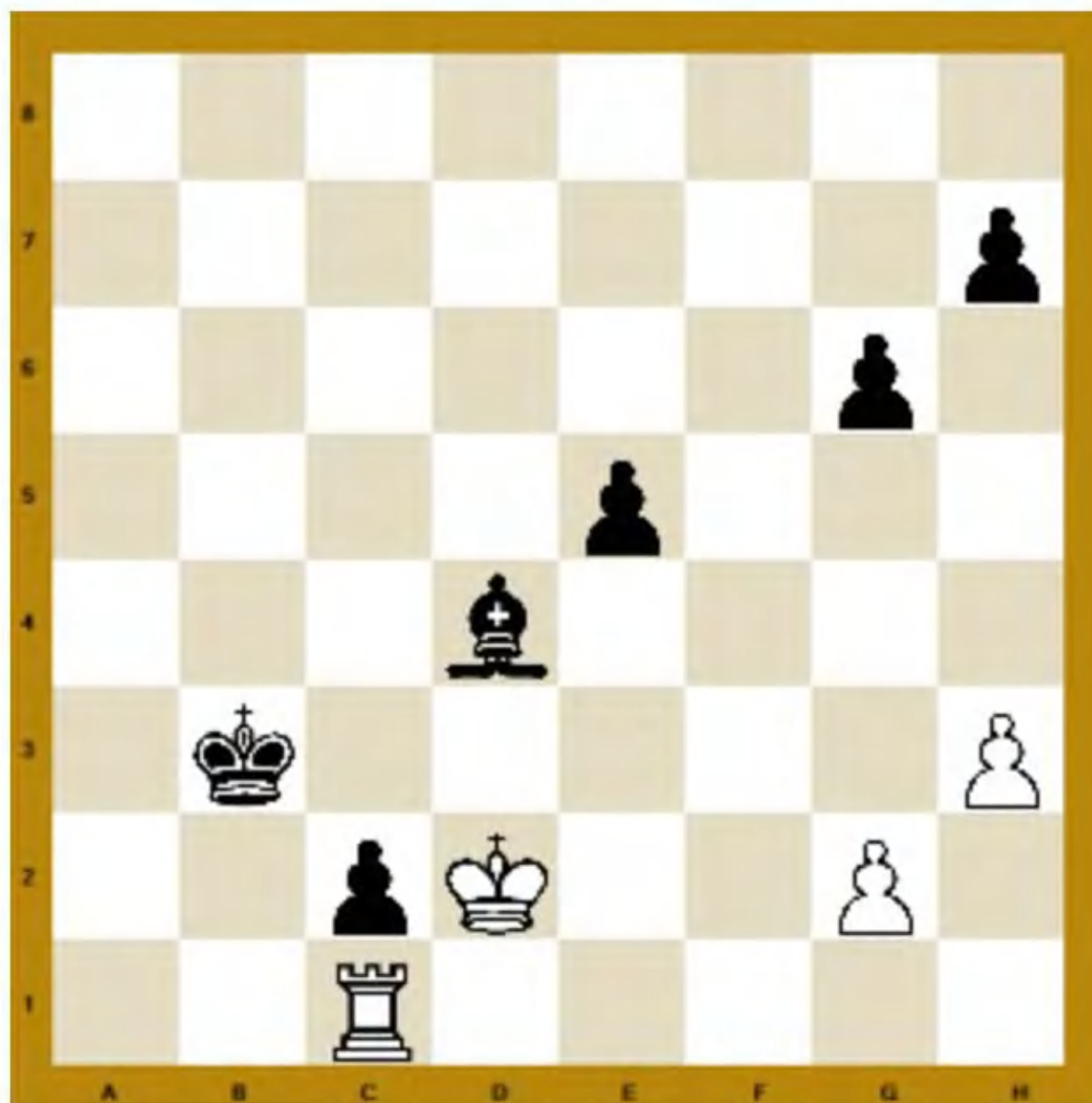
Josef Augustin (2445) - Mihail Tal (2620)

Moscow EU Championship Teams 1977

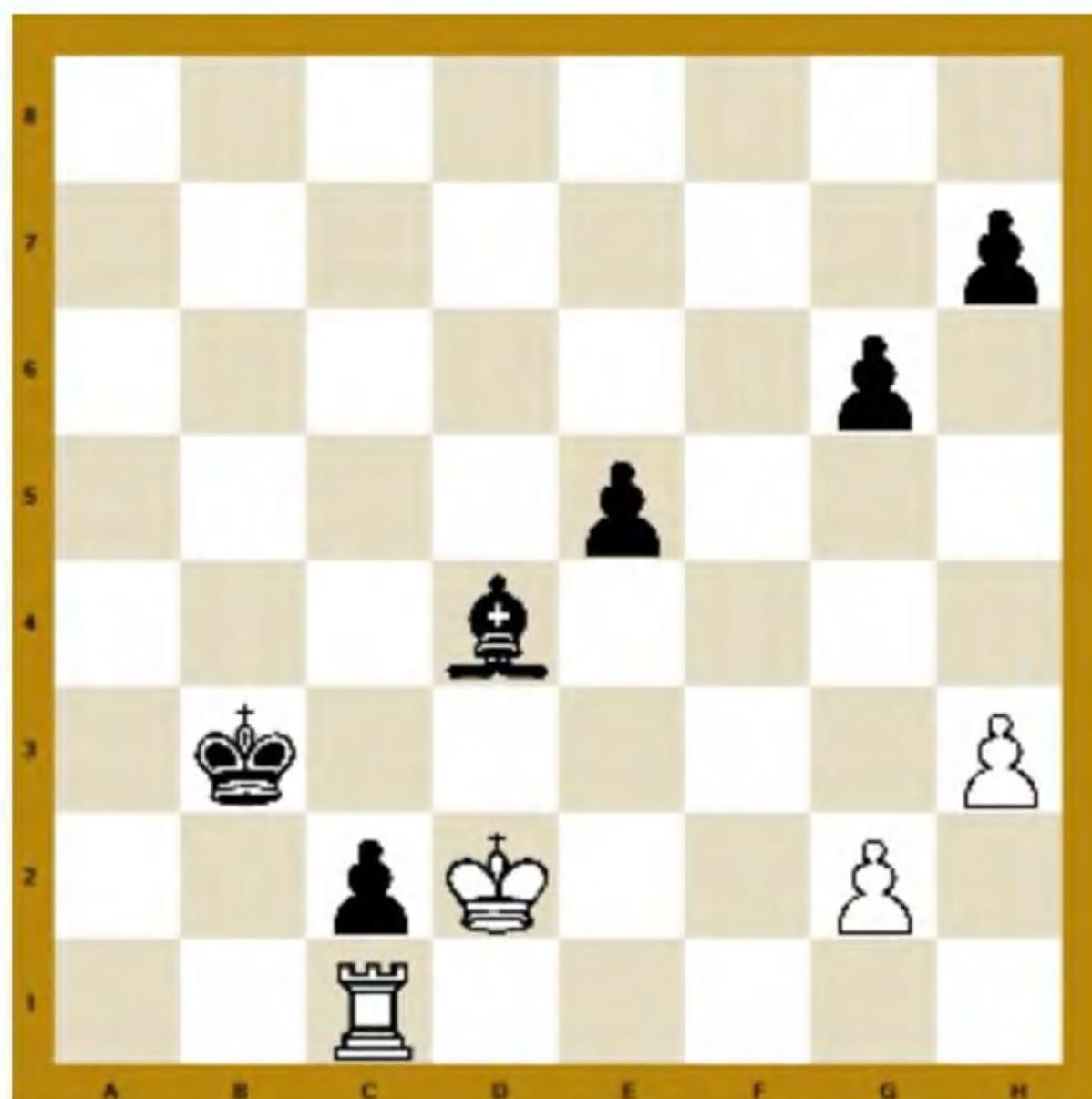
47... ♖a5! 48. ♖c6+ ♔d7

48... ♔d7 49. ♖c5 ♖xc5 50. dxc5 ♗xd5 51. ♔xd5
b3 🌸

EXERCISE 71



SOLUTION 71

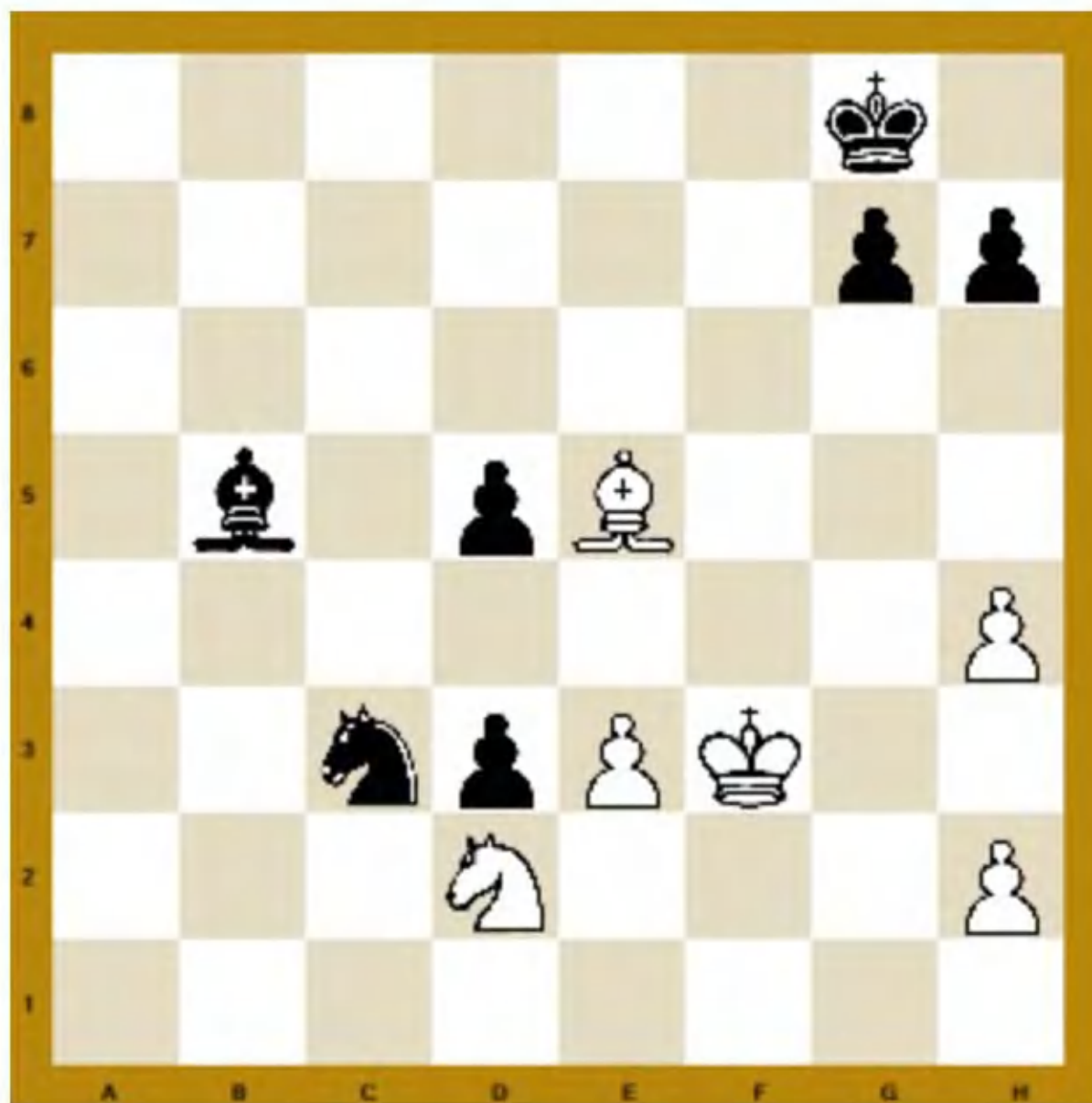


Andre Lombard (2420) - Mihail Tal (2615)

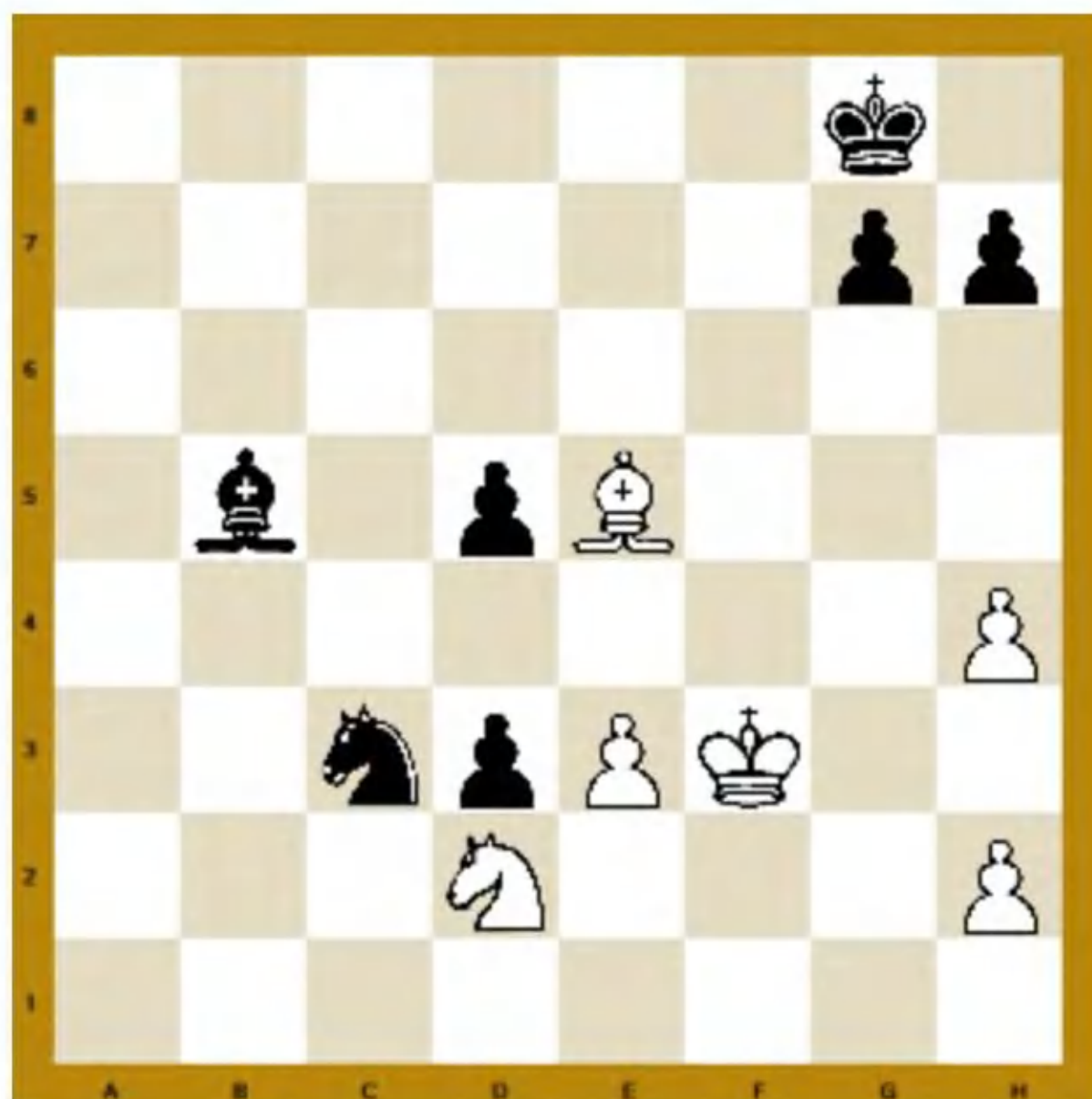
Biel Interzonal 1976

52... ♖c3+! 53. ♔d3 e4+ 54. ♔xe4 ♔b2
and Black won.

EXERCISE 72



SOLUTION 72



Semen Abramovich Furman (2560) - Mihail Tal (2645)

Yerevan Championship 1975

46... ♞e4!

EXERCISE 73



SOLUTION 73



Bent Larsen (2625) - Mihail Tal (2645)

Milan 1975

37... ♖d1+! 38. ♔h2 ♕e5+ 39. g3 ♕xe4 40. g4 ♖h1+
 40... ♖h1+ 41. ♔g3 ♖g1+ 42. ♔h4 g5+ 43. ♔h5
 ♕g6#

EXERCISE 74



SOLUTION 74



Victor Ciocaltea (2470) - Mihail Tal (2635)

Halle DSV 1974

22... ♔d7! 23. ♖d2

23. ♙e3 ♔d1+ 24. ♘xd1 ♖xd1+ 25. ♖f1 ♖xf1#

23... ♙c5 24. ♙xc5 ♔xd2

and Black won.

EXERCISE 75



SOLUTION 75



Zoltan Ribli (2605) - Mihail Tal (2565)

Montpellier Candidates Tournament 1985

26... ♖xf3! 27. ♘xf3

27. ♕xf3 ♔d3+ 28. ♕g2 (28. ♔e3 fxe4+ 🌸)

(28. ♕f2 fxe4+ 29. ♕g1 ♔xg3+ 30. ♕h1 ♖f2 🌸)

28... ♔e2+ 🌸

27... ♔xd1 28. ♘g5

EXERCISE 76



SOLUTION 76



Anatoly Ufimtsev - Mihail Tal

Soviet Union Championship Teams 1967

27... ♖h3+! 28. ♔xh3

28. ♔g1 ♘f3+ 29. ♔h1 ♘f2#

28... ♘g5+

28... ♘g5+ 29. ♔g2 ♔e4+ 30. ♔f2 ♘h3+ 31. ♔f1
♔f3#

EXCERCISE 77



SOLUTION 77



Karoly Honfi (2440) - Mihail Tal (2625)

Sukhumi 1972

30... ♖xc3+! 31. ♔xc3 ♗b4+! 32. ♔xb4 ♕a5+ 33. ♔c4
 ♕a6+

EXERCISE 78



SOLUTION 78



Krzysztof Pytel (2035) - Mihail Tal (2620)

Jurmala 1983

21... ♖xf1+ 22. ♔xf1 ♖f8+ 23. ♗f3

23. ♔g1 ♔e1+ 24. ♔h2 ♗e5+ 🌸

23... ♗c4+

23... ♗c4+ 24. ♔g1 ♔e1+ 25. ♔h2 ♗e5+ 🌸

EXERCISE 79



SOLUTION 79



Thomas Ernst (2465) - Mihail Tal (2605)

Subotica Interzonal 1987

57...♔d6! 58.♖d4 ♔c5🌸

58...♔c5 59.♘c2 ♘c3+and White resigned.
(59...♖xc2? 60.♖xe4) 60.♔c1 ♖xc2+ 61.♔xc2
♔xd4🌸

EXERCISE 80



SOLUTION 80



Michal Konopka (2305) - Mihail Tal (2600)

Yerevan 1986

38... ♖d3+! 39. ♖xd3 ♖xe1 40. ♔xe1 ♖c1+ 41. ♔e2
♖xa1

and Black won.

EXERCISE 81



SOLUTION 81



Mark E Taimanov (2515) - Mihail Tal (2620)

Moscow Spartakiad 1983

21... ♘b4! 22. ♘e5

22. ♖b2 ♘xd3 23. ♕xd3 ♖a6 24. b4 c4 25. ♕f3

♕e4 26. ♕c3 ♕xg2+ 27. ♔xg2 d4+ 🌸

22... ♖6c7

and Black won.

22... ♖6c7 23. ♖b2 d4 🌸

EXERCISE 82



SOLUTION 82



Smbat G Lputian (2440) - Mihail Tal (2605)

Yerevan 1982

24...e5! 25. ♖xd5

25. ♖e4 ♞c3 🌸

25. ♖h4 ♞f4 26. ♙c2 g5 27. ♖g4 h5 🌸

25... ♙xd5 26. ♞b6 ♙b3!

EXERCISE 83



SOLUTION 83



Janis Klovans (2455) - Mihail Tal (2560)

Riga 1981

28...d3! 29.cxd3 ♔d4 30.♖c3 b4 31.♖b3 ♗d5

EXCERCISE 84



SOLUTION 84



Karlis Klasups - Mihail Tal

Riga Championship 1952

24... ♗h3! 25. ♗xg7+

25.gxh3 ♔e4+ 26. ♖f3 ♔xf3#

25... ♔xg7 26. ♗d5 cxd5

and Black won.

EXCERCISE 85



SOLUTION 85



Neibults - Mihail Tal

Riga Championship 1954

18... ♖xg3+! 19.hxg3 fxg3 20.♔g1 ♕h4 21.♖e1

♕h2+ 22.♔f1 ♖h3 23.♔e2

23.♕e2 ♕h1#

23... ♕xg2+

and Black won.

EXERCISE 86



SOLUTION 86



Ilena Krasenkova - Mihail Tal (2565)

Moscow 1991

28... ♖c1+ 29. ♔g2 ♘e1+ 30. ♔h3

30. ♔f1 ♘f3+ 31. ♔g2 ♖g1+ 32. ♔h3 g5 33. g4
fxg4#

30... ♘f3 31. ♔g2 ♖g1+ 32. ♔h3 g5

EXCERCISE 87



SOLUTION 87



Heikki MJ Westerinen (2440) - Mihail Tal (2605)

Moscow 1982

35... ♖dd2! 36. ♙xa6

36. ♖f2 ♖xf3 🌸

36... ♖xg2+ 37. ♙h1 ♖xh2+

EXCERCISE 88



SOLUTION 88



Renato Naranja (2395) - Mihail Tal (2635)

Nice Olympiad 1974

40... ♖xg3! 41.hxg3 ♖xg3 42. ♔xe4 ♖xg2+ 43. ♔xg2
 ♔xe3+
 43... ♔xe3+ 44. ♔f2 ♔xf2+ 45. ♖xf2 c2 46. ♖f1
 ♖d5 🌸

SOLUTION 89



Miroslav Filip (2510) - Mihail Tal (2655)

Sochi Chigorin Memorial 1973

33... ♔h2+! 34. ♖g2 ♙xg3+ 35. ♔f3 ♔h3! 36. ♖xg3
♙f1+ 37. ♔g4 ♙f5+
37... ♙f5+ 38. ♔h4 ♙h5#

EXCERCISE 90



SOLUTION 90



Matthias Niesel (2285) - Mihail Tal (2565)

Porz 1991

36... ♖f1! 37.h4

37. ♖c2 g6 38.h4 h6 39.h5 (39. ♖b1 ♖g2

40. ♔e2 ♔c3 🌸) 39...gxh5 40.gxh5 ♖b5 🌸

37... ♖d3 38. ♖e2 ♖b1 39. ♖c4 ♖xa2

and Black won.

EXCERCISE 91



SOLUTION 91



Uwe Boensch (2360) - Mihail Tal (2635)

Halle DSV 1974

29... ♖xb2+! 30. ♔a1

30. ♔xb2 dxe3+ 31. ♔c1 ♕c7+ 32. ♔d1 ♕c2+

33. ♔e1 ♕d2+ 34. ♔f1 ♕f2#

30... ♖b1+ 31. ♔xb1 bxa2+ 32. ♔c2 ♕c7+ 33. ♔d2

♕c3+ 34. ♔e2 ♕c2+ 35. ♖d2 ♖e8+ 36. ♔f2 ♕xd2+

37. ♔g3 ♖e5+

EXCERCISE 92



SOLUTION 92



Boris V Spassky (2640) - Mihail Tal (2615)

Montreal 1979

20... ♖xh2+ 21. ♔xh2 ♜h5+! 22. ♔g1

22. ♔g3 ♞e4+ 23. ♖xe4 ♚h4+ 24. ♔f3 ♚xe4+
25. ♔g3 ♚h4#

22... ♞g4

22... ♞g4 23. ♜e1 ♜h1+ 24. ♔xh1 ♚h4+ 25. ♔g1
♚h2+ 26. ♔f1 ♚xg2#

EXERCISE 93



SOLUTION 93



Gunnar Uusi (2370) - Mihail Tal (2555)

Tallinn 1981

34...d1=♔! 35. ♖xd1 ♘f2+ 36. ♔g3 ♘xd1 37.e4
♖d3+!

EXCERCISE 94



SOLUTION 94



Evgeny Sveshnikov (2520) - Mihail Tal (2620)

Leningrad Championship 1977

48... ♖d3+! 49. ♔g4 ♕d7+

49... ♕d7+ 50. f5 (50. ♔h4 g5+ 51. fxg5 (51. ♔h5 ♖h3+ 52. gxh3 ♕xh3#) 51... ♖d4+ 52. ♔g3 ♕g4+ 53. ♔f2 ♕f4+ 54. ♔e2 ♖d2+ 55. ♔e1 ♕f2#) 50... ♕xa4+ 51. ♔h5 ♕d1+ 52. ♔h4 ♖d4+ 53. ♔g3 ♕d3+ 54. ♔f2 ♖f4+ 55. ♔e1 ♖f1#

EXCERCISE 95



SOLUTION 95



Freysteinn Thorbergsson - Mihail Tal

Reykjavik 1964

27... ♖xf4+! 28.gxf4 ♖xe1 29. ♖xe1 ♔h4 30. ♗c1
♔xe1

and Black won.

EXERCISE 96



SOLUTION 96



George Steven Botterill (2410) - Mihail Tal (2660)

Bath EU Championship Teams 1973

42... ♖e3! 43. ♔g3

43. ♖f4+ g3 44. ♚h1#

43. ♖a1 ♖g1+ 44. ♔g3 ♚xa1 🌸

43... ♖g5! 44. ♚c4

44. ♚g4 h5! 45. ♚d4 ♚e1+ 46. ♔h2 ♖e3 47. ♚a1

♙ f4+ 48.g3 ♔xg3#

44. ♔f2 ♙h4+! 🌸

44... ♔e3+

and Black won.

44... ♔e3+ 45. ♔g4 exf5+ 46. ♙xf5 h5+ 47. ♔xh5
g6+ 48. ♔g4 gxf5+ 49. ♔h5 ♙d8 50. ♙h6
♔g3 🌸

EXERCISE 97



SOLUTION 97



Mark E Taimanov - Mihail Tal

Moscow Championship 1957

19... ♖h3! 20. ♔a3?

20.bxc6 ♖xd6 📝

20... ♖xd1+ 21. ♖xd1 ♔g4 22. ♞e1 ♖xd1 23.gxh3

♔xe1+

and Black won.

EXERCISE 98



SOLUTION 98



Johann Hjartarson (2520) - Mihail Tal (2580)

Manila Interzonal 1990

31... ♖xa3! 32.bxa3 ♔xa3+ 33.♔d2

33.♔b1 ♔b3+ 34.♔a1 ♔a3+ 35.♔b1 ♖xc3

36.♔xe5+ f6 37.gxf6 ♔b4+ 38.♔a2 ♖a3#

33... ♖fd8+ 34.♔e1

34.♔e2 ♔b2+ 35.♔e1 ♖xd1+ 36.♔xd1 ♖d8+

37.♔e1 ♔c1+ 38.♔f2 ♖d2+ 39.♔f3 ♔xh1+ 🌸

34... ♖xd1+ 35. ♔xd1 ♕a4+

35... ♕a4+ 36. ♗c2 ♕a1+ 🌸

EXERCISE 99



SOLUTION 99



Robert Huebner (2585) - Mihail Tal (2615)

Biel Interzonal 1976

29... ♔e2!

29... gxf6 30. ♔xf6 ♔c2 31. ♖f5 🌸

29... ♔c2 30. ♖xg7 ♔xg7 31. ♔g5+ ♔h8

32. ♖f5 🌸

30. ♔g5 ♔e4+ 31. ♖f3 ♔h7 32. ♖xg7 ♔xg7

33. ♔xg7+ ♕xg7
and Black won.

EXCERCISE 100



SOLUTION 100



Romuald Grabczewski (2425) - Mihail Tal (2635)

Lublin 1974

24... ♖xe4! 25. ♔b5+ ♖c6!

25... ♔c6? 26. ♔b8 ♔a8 27. ♔c7 ♔c6

28. ♔b8 🌸

26. ♔b8 ♘d3+ 27. ♖b1

27. ♖d1 ♖f3#

27... ♔b2+! 28. ♔xb2 ♘xb2 29. ♖g1 ♘c4

and Black won.

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