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All top chess players agree that to keep your tactical muscles in shape it's imperative to continue training, and the easiest and most fun way to do this is by performing tactical exercises. Even solving a few puzzles for ten minutes each day can be of the utmost benefit for the aspiring player. But where can one find the required number of suitable puzzles to satisfy this demand?

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Introduction

Spending as little as 10-15 minutes a day on one's tactical ability really can reap dividends. I can certainly testify to that myself and it's always very welcome to see a pupil regularly trying to solve a number of tactical exercises: not only do they become more tactically alert, but they also improve their clock handling and gain in confidence.

During the past decade some quite challenging puzzle books have appeared, aimed chiefly at the level of the stronger club player and above. These are a most welcome development, but are perhaps not the best tactical training for less experienced players or even average club players. Some attempted solving of very tough positions is a good thing, especially if the solution is then studied in some detail, but such works are unlikely to provide the budding student with a grounding in the fundamentals of tactical and attacking play.

Wanting to produce a book that would improve the tactical knowledge of the average player led me to drawing up categories of both the more common attacking motifs (bishop sacrifices on h7 and knight sacrifices on f7 being two main examples) and the less usual (such as a queen sacrifice on h6). Thus there are a number of examples of each key theme in this work which should, I hope, help to cement these important ideas into the reader's subconscious, thereby improving both their attacking and defensive ability.

One cannot, of course, blindly attack in every game: the right conditions to attack must be present, such as a chip in the opposition king's pawn wall or the ability to quickly transfer many of one's pieces to the attacking zone. Many of the puzzles in this work deal with attacking scenarios and should help the reader to further appreciate just when and why an attack is likely to work.

What, though, of the many games in which we don't get to attack? In these tactical play is no less likely to occur and it's important to always be alert to tactical opportunities. One very handy way of not letting these pass by is to keep in mind John Nunn's very useful mnemonic: LPDO ('loose pieces drop off'). Indeed, it's very noticeable just how many tactics are to do with a piece being undefended or poorly defended. The reader will become fully aware of the concept of LPs while working through the large chapter on attacking

motifs, but so important is the topic that I've also included a later chapter devoted to both it and the related theme of overloading a defensive piece.

To remind the reader that tactics are present throughout the game, there are also chapters devoted to tactics in both the opening and the endgame, while the fiendish puzzles of Chapter Six should challenge even the very tactically able. I've also aimed to make things a little trickier throughout for the reader by not following the common practice of sorting each chapter by difficulty. Instead the order is much more like the tactical opportunities that occur in our games, being random (sorting alphabetically by tournament location is about as random as one can get!) and thereby simple tactics follow quite challenging ones and vice versa. Do be aware too that by no means every combination mates in style or wins heavy material; just as in real life, many of the puzzles included here only lead to the win of a pawn, while a few even see the side to move scrambling a draw through some tactical device or other.

I couldn't resist including a few classic favourites among the 1,200 puzzles, but even those with an excellent knowledge of the classics should find the majority of the positions included new. No less than 585 of the puzzles are from games played in 2007 and I've also drawn heavily on unpublished games collections: chiefly my own I'm afraid, but I'm also very grateful to a number of people who sent or supplied games: Chris Duggan, Scott Fraser, Paul Hopwood, Neville Pearce, Kieran Smallbone, Norman Stephenson, Sean Terry (editor of the excellent Oxford City CC magazine, *DisInformator*), and Tim Turner.

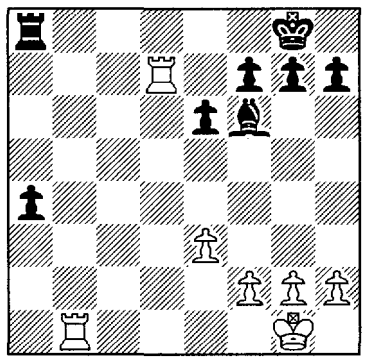
I hope that this work will improve the tactical eye of the reader, while also reminding them of the many beautiful possibilities thrown up by our favourite royal game.

Richard Palliser,
York,
September 2007

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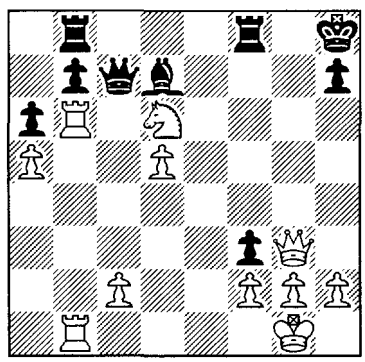
Even those fairly new to the game should find the following hundred puzzles quite solvable. Just remember that you're not always looking to force mate; quite often the solution is just a little tactic to pick up a pawn or two.

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Abierto 2006



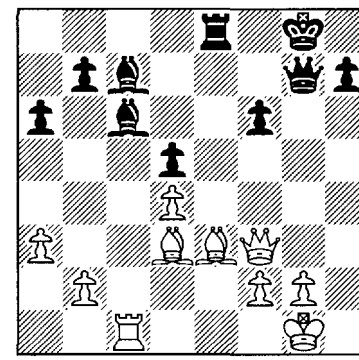
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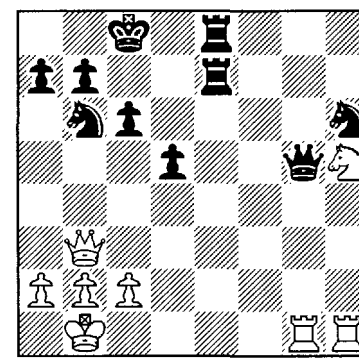
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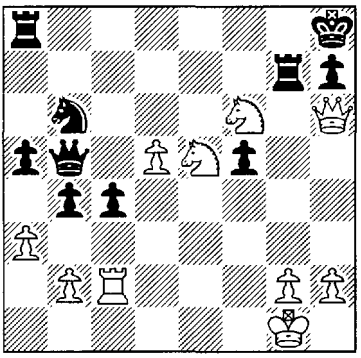
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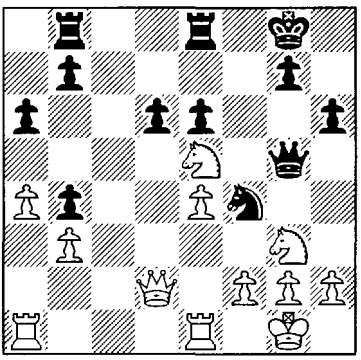
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Baku 2007



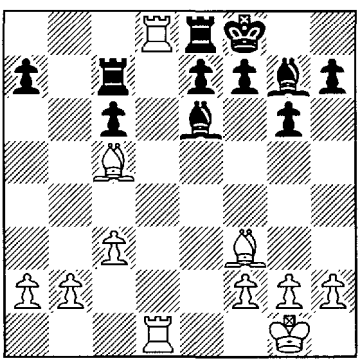
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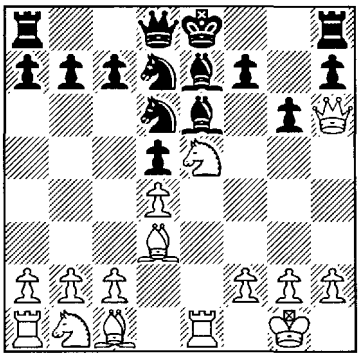
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Balagne 2007



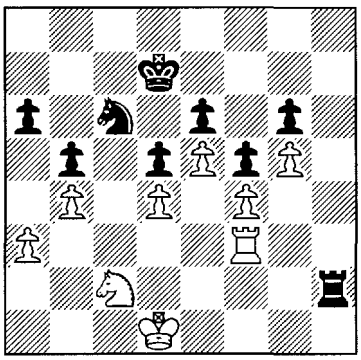
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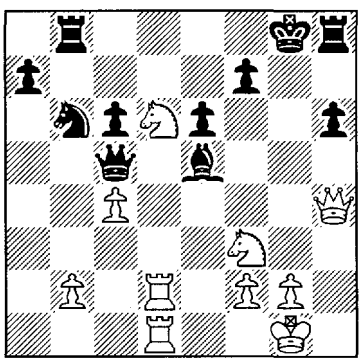
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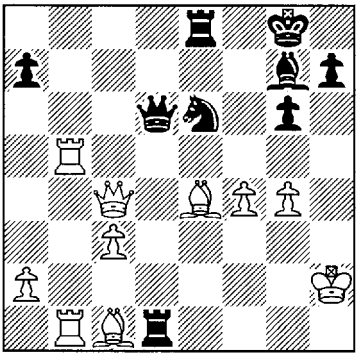
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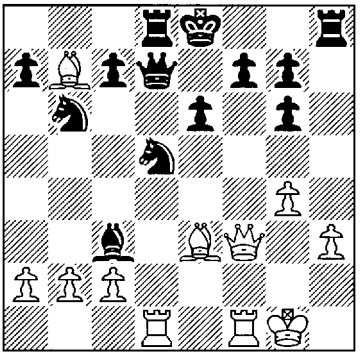
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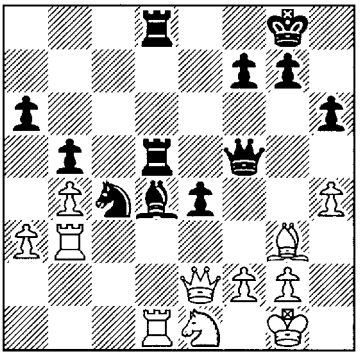
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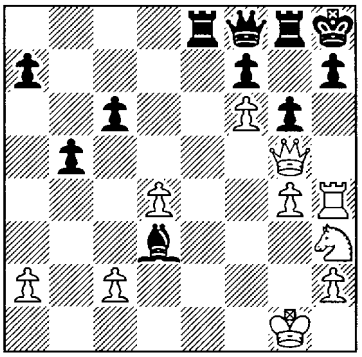
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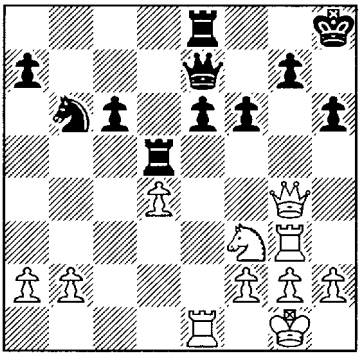
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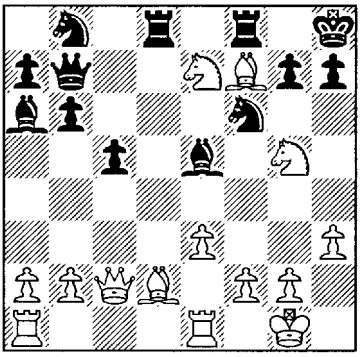
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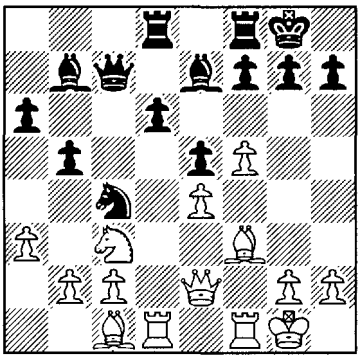
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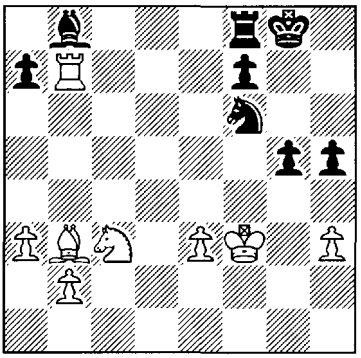
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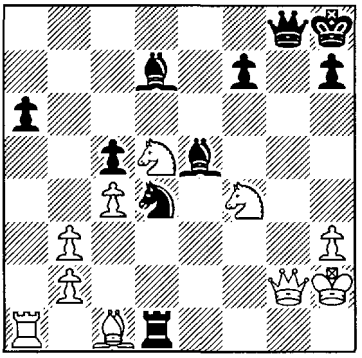
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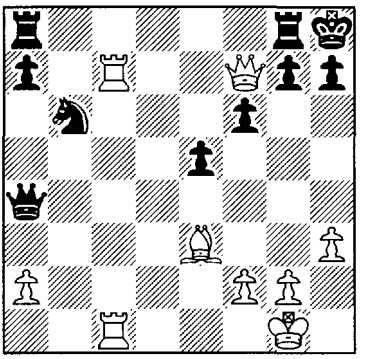
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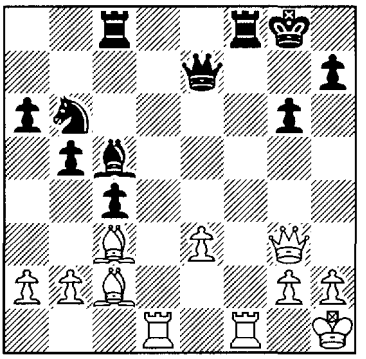
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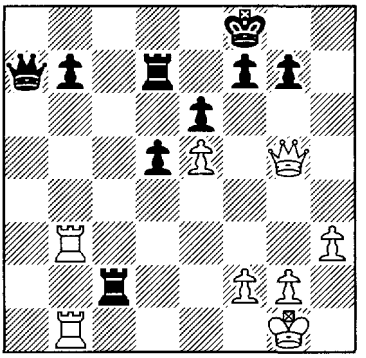
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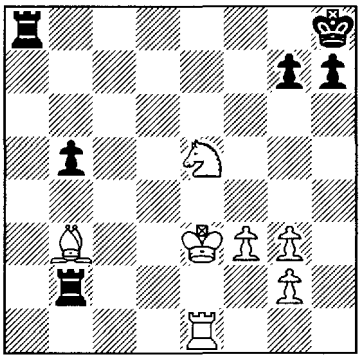
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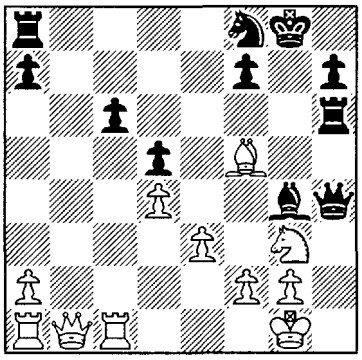
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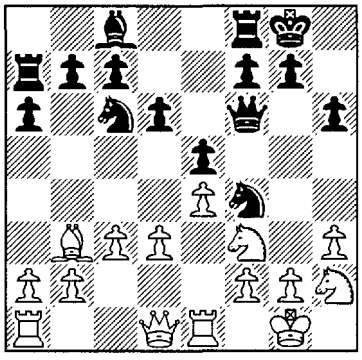
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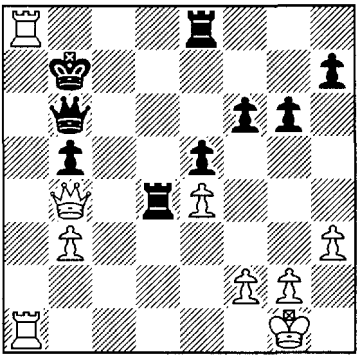
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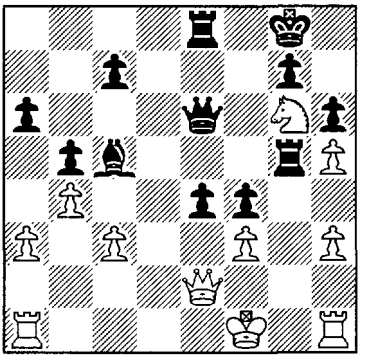
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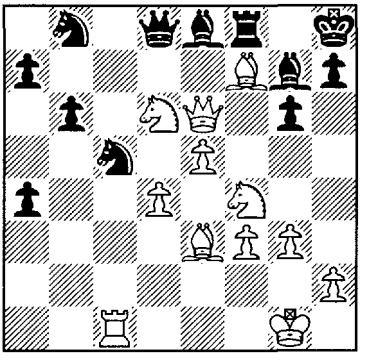
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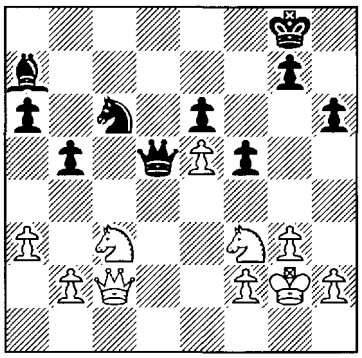
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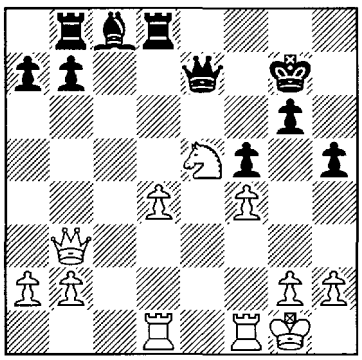
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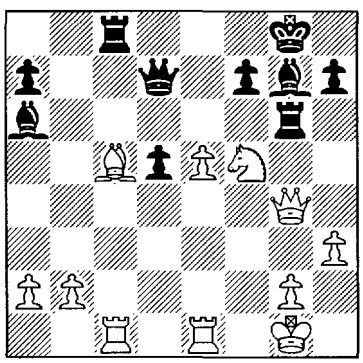
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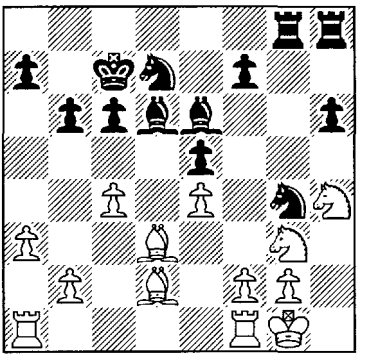
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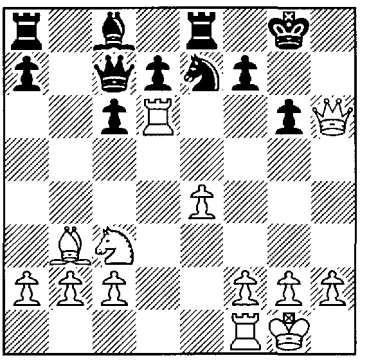
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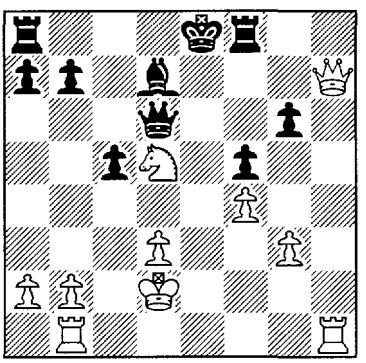
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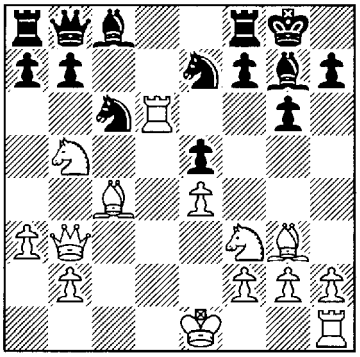
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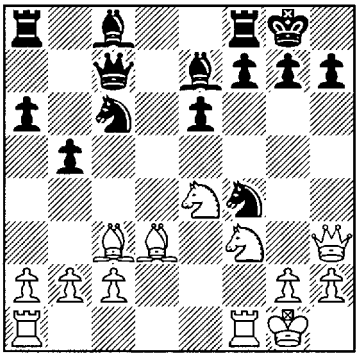
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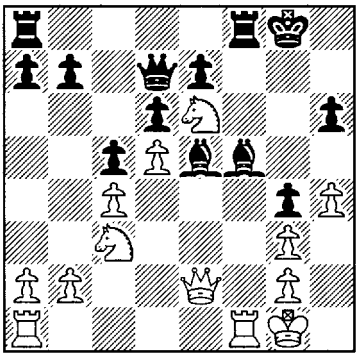
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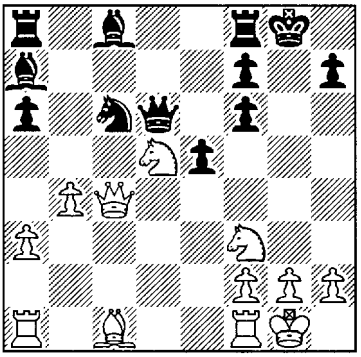
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37) ☐ **R.Westra** ■ **R.Palliser**
Goole (rapid) 1999



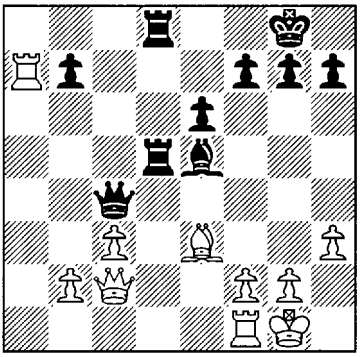
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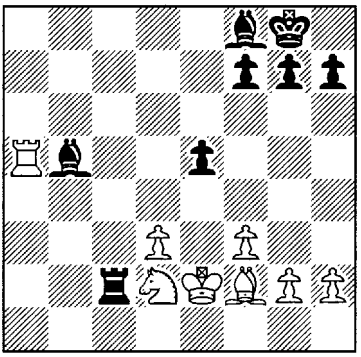
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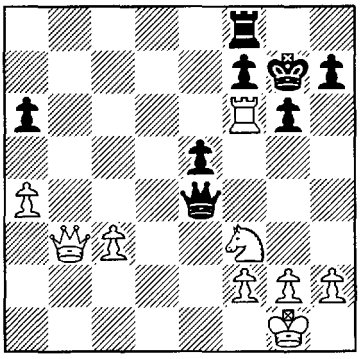
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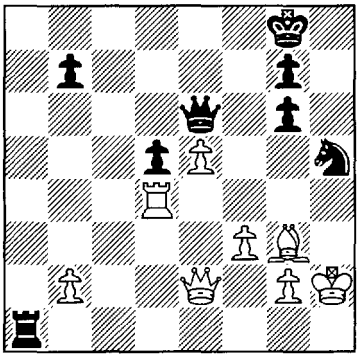
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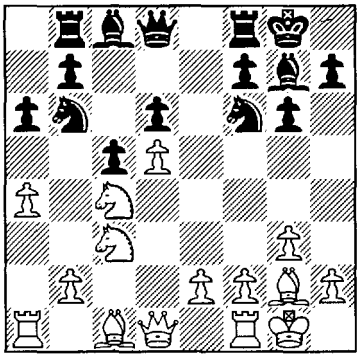
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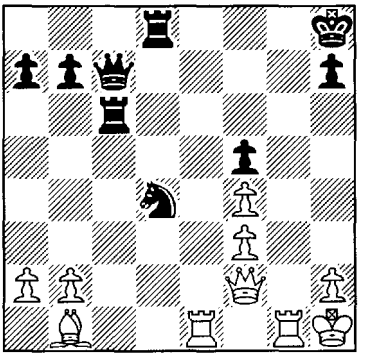
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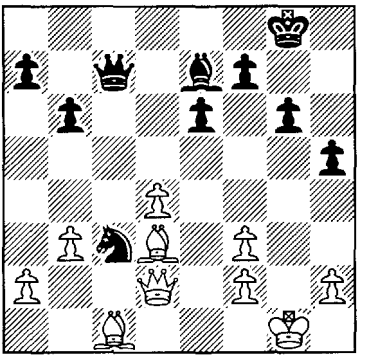
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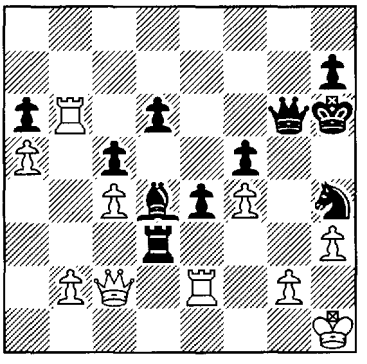
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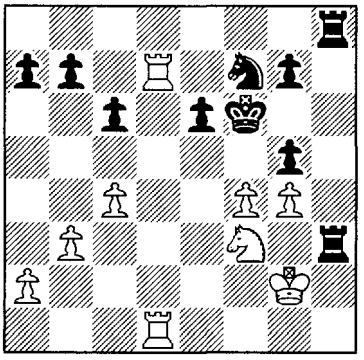
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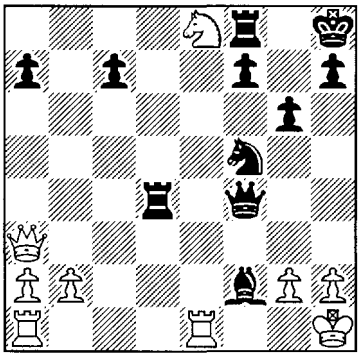
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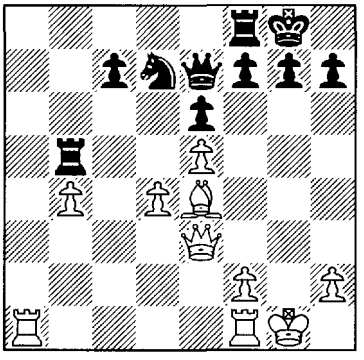
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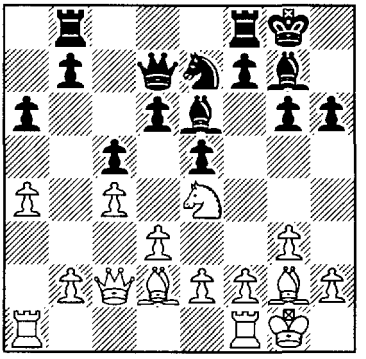
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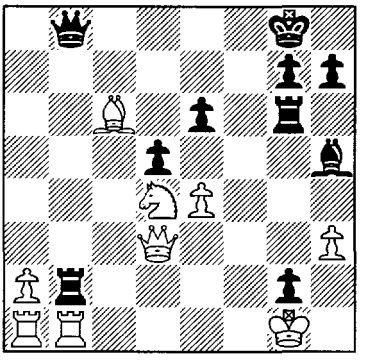
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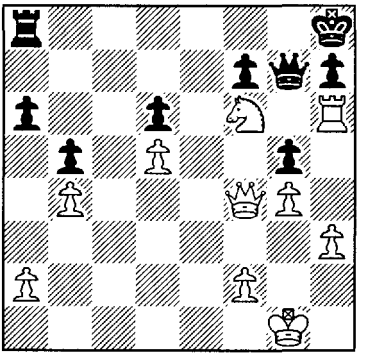
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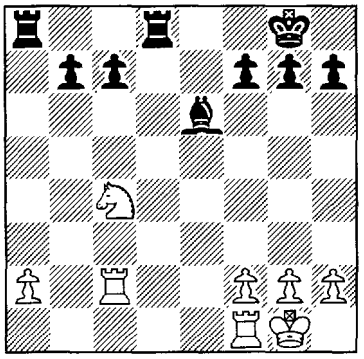
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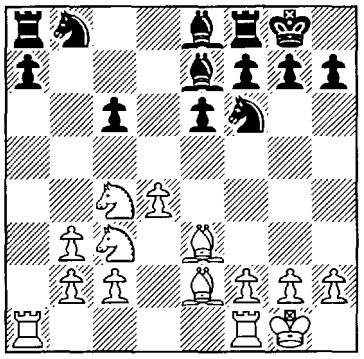
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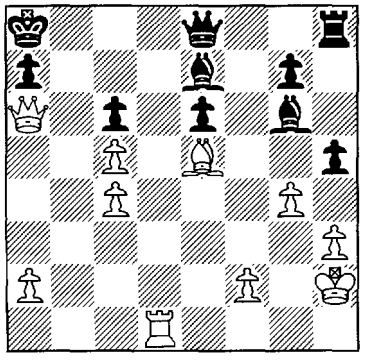
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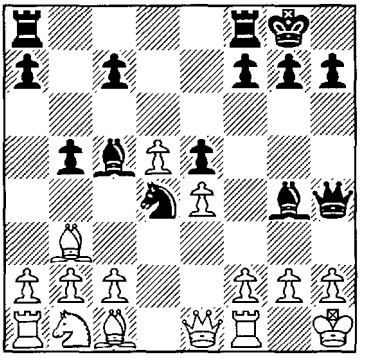
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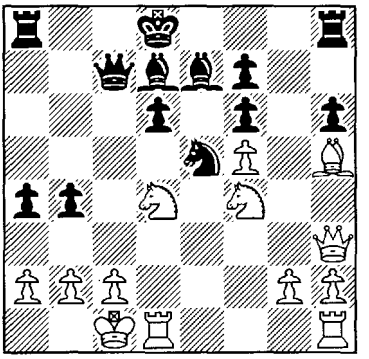
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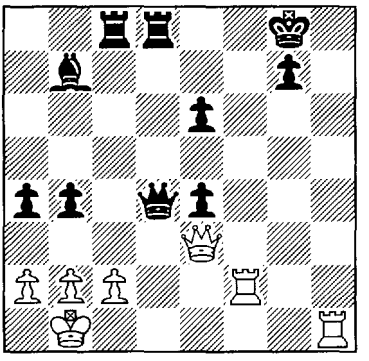
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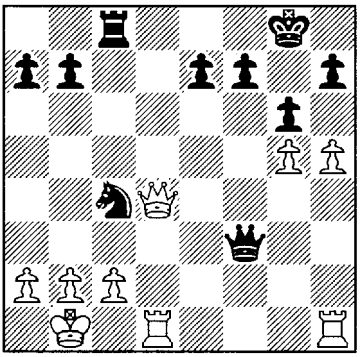
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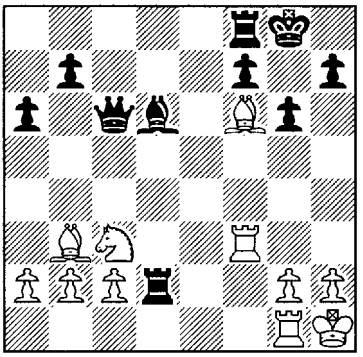
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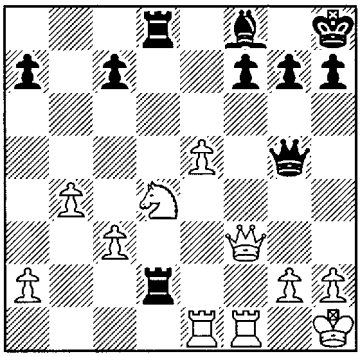
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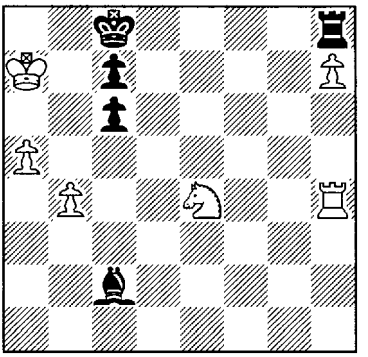
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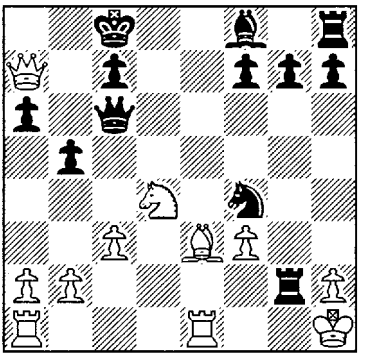
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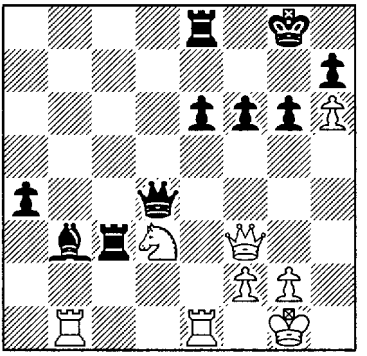
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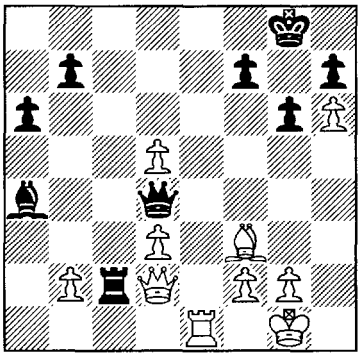
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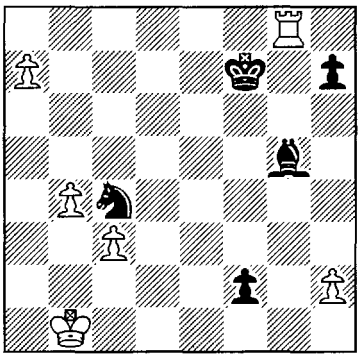
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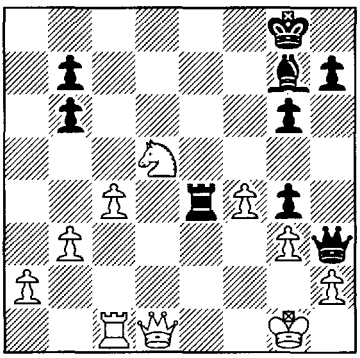
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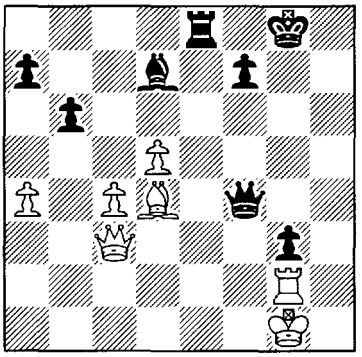
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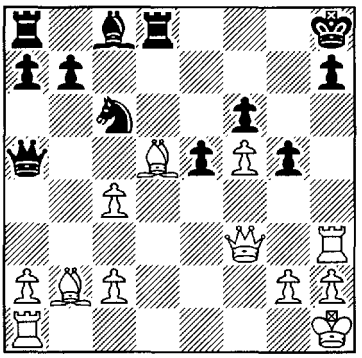
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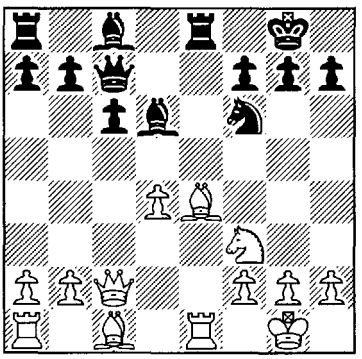
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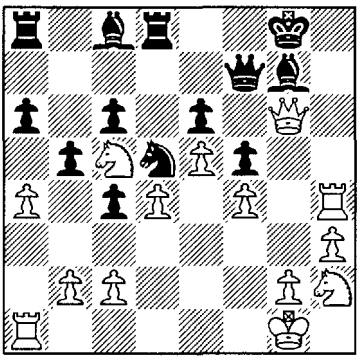
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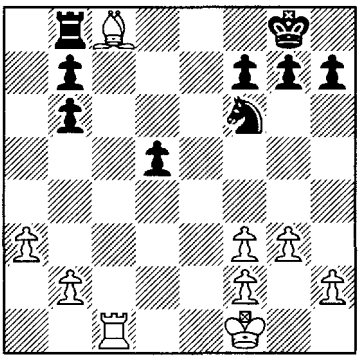
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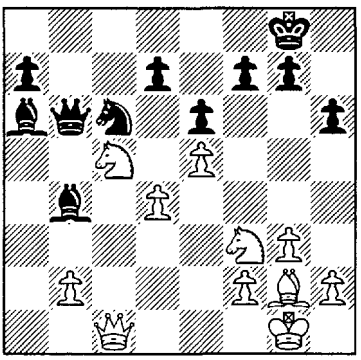
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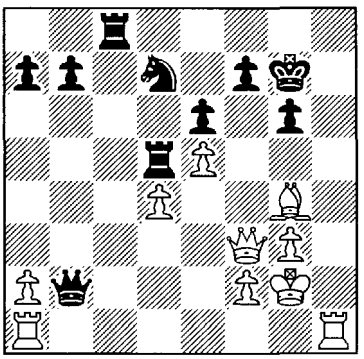
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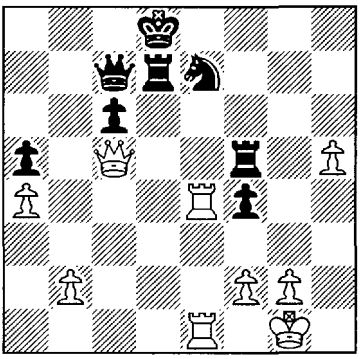
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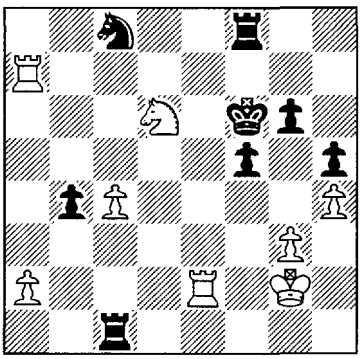
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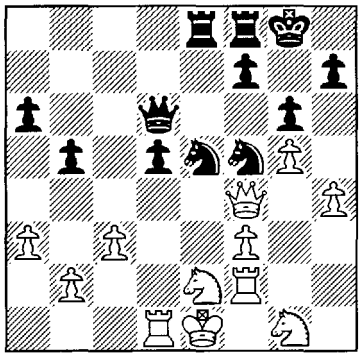
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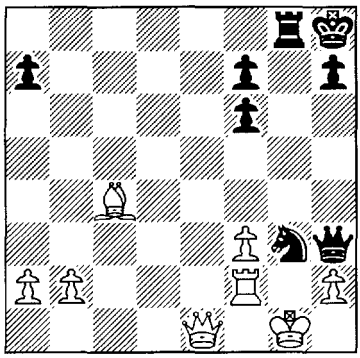
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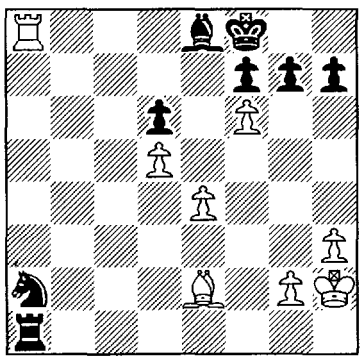
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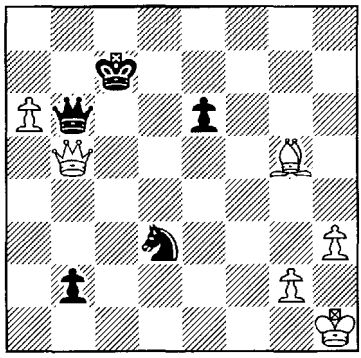
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Scarborough 2001



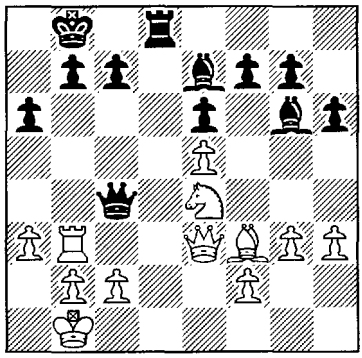
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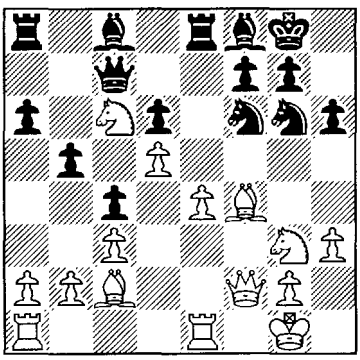
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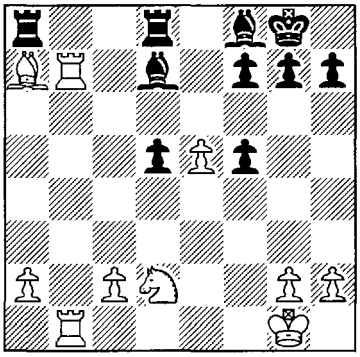
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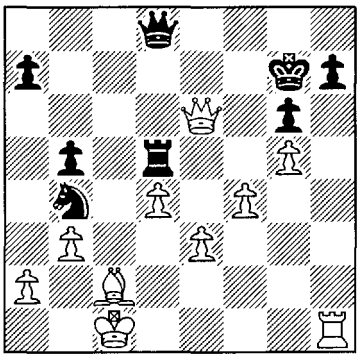
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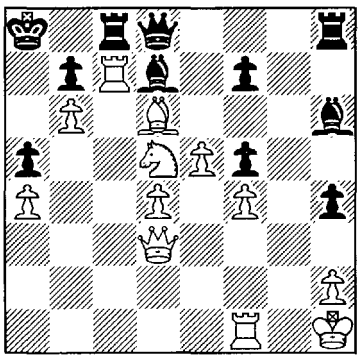
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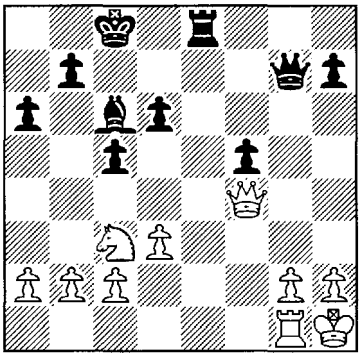
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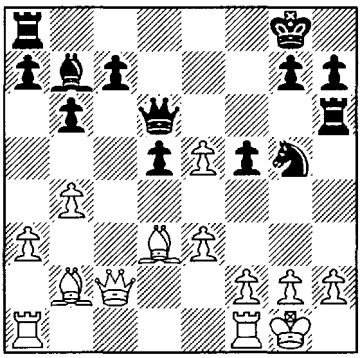
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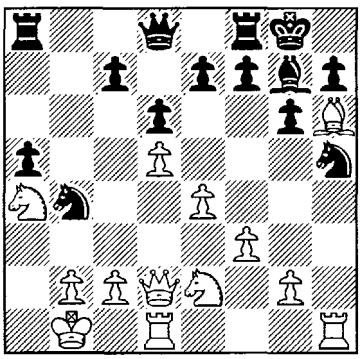
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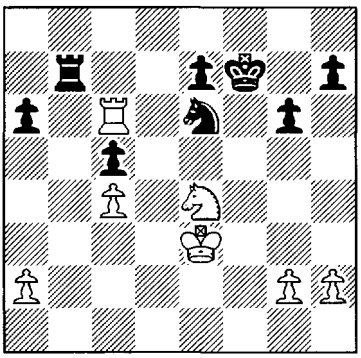
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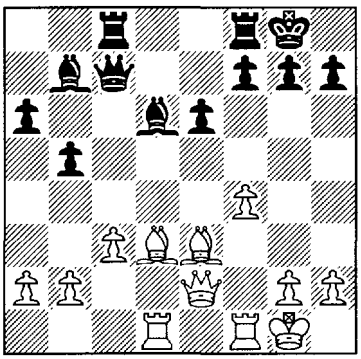
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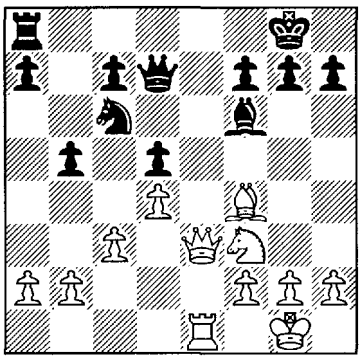
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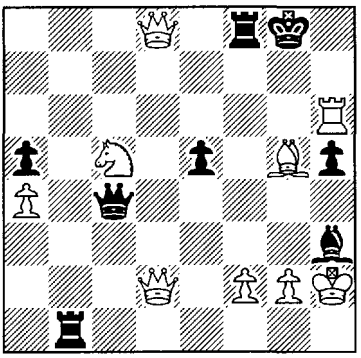
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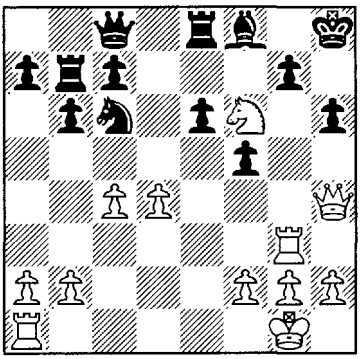
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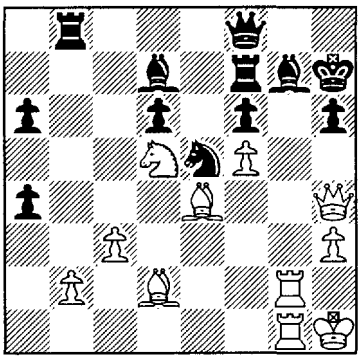
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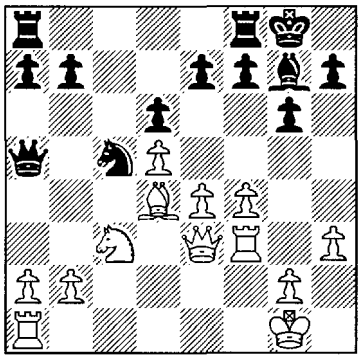
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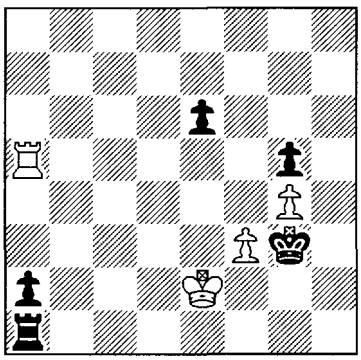
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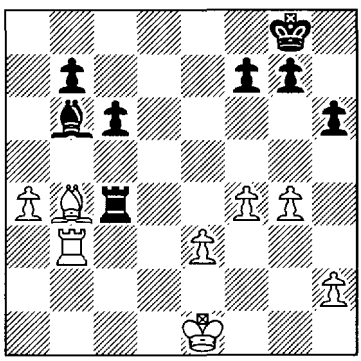
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96) ☐ **B.Rhodes** ■ **P.Hopwood**
York 1995



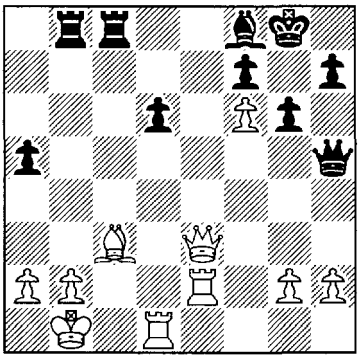
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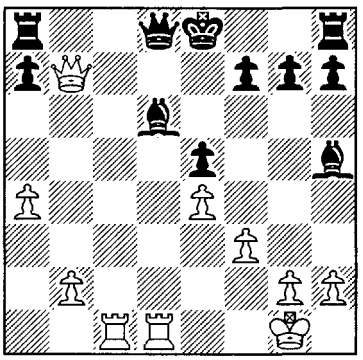
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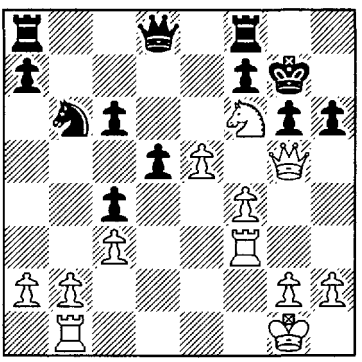
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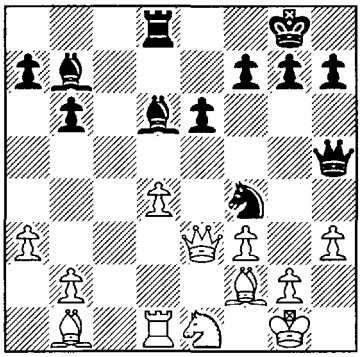


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2: Attack!

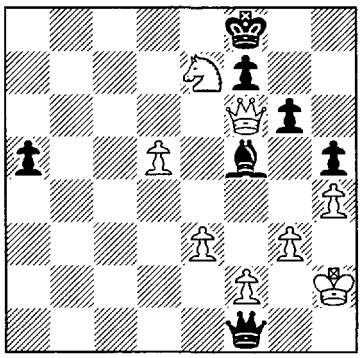
We now reach the meat and bones of this work. Most players love to attack, and solving the puzzles in this large chapter should help to hone both your attacking and defensive technique. I've tried to include several examples of all the main mating motifs to help fix these in the reader's mind, but once again do be aware that by no means every solution will force mate; quite often the defender can prevent your main attacking threats at the cost of a pawn or the exchange.

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Agoura Hills 2007



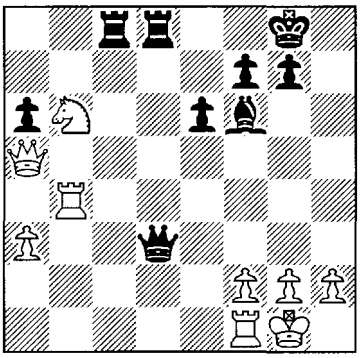
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Altenkirchen 2005



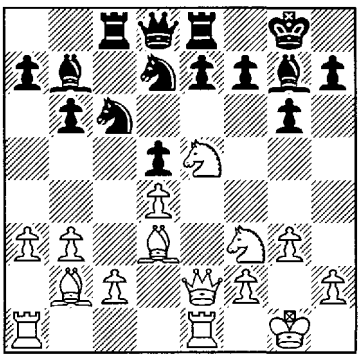
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Amsterdam 1939



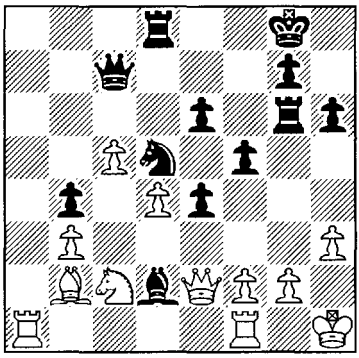
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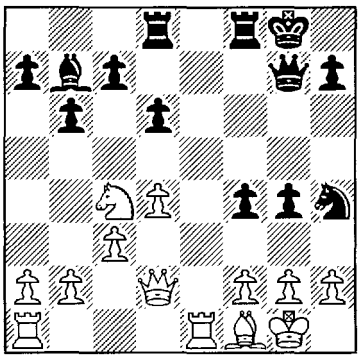
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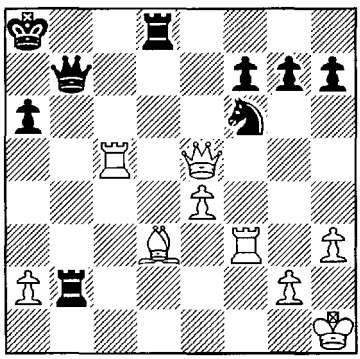
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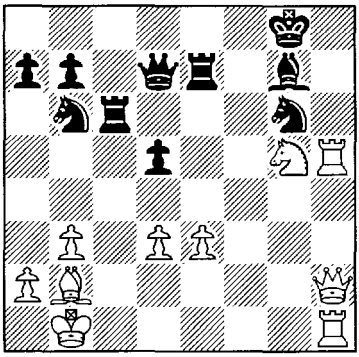
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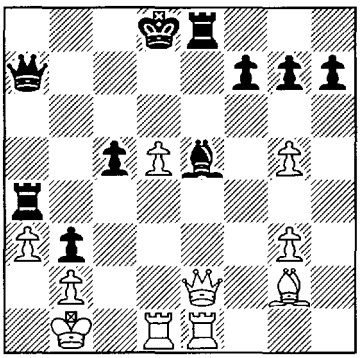
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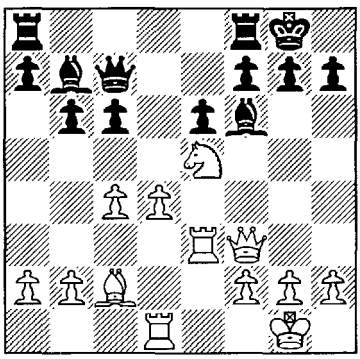
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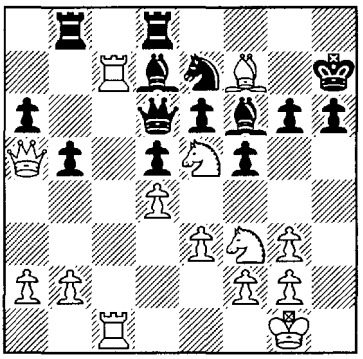
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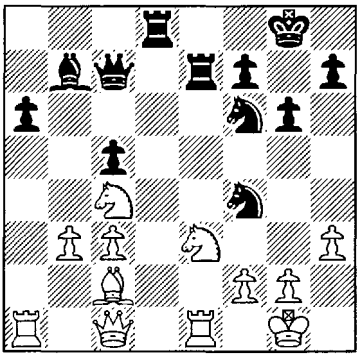
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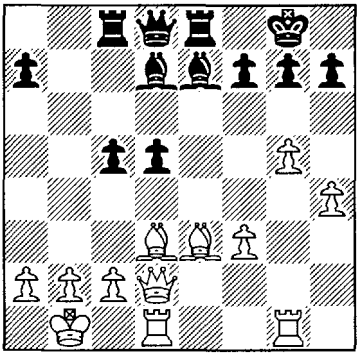
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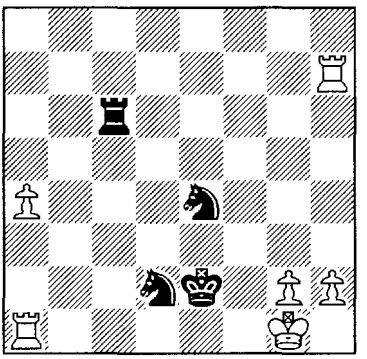
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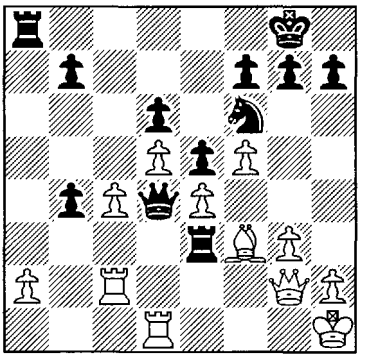
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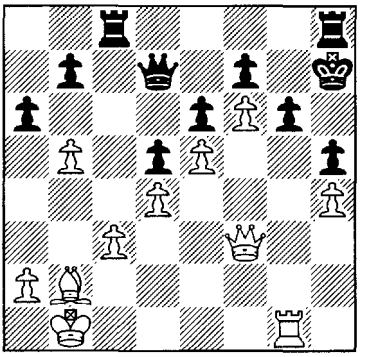
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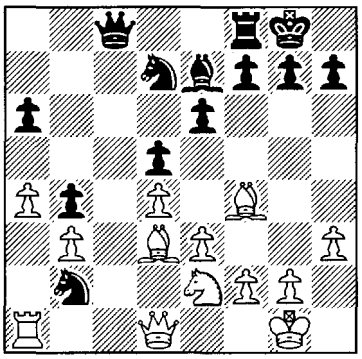
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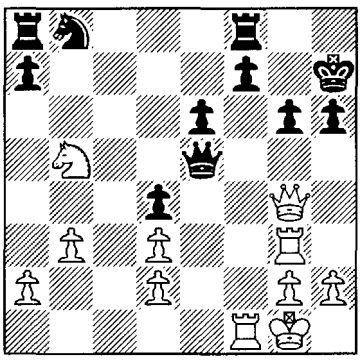
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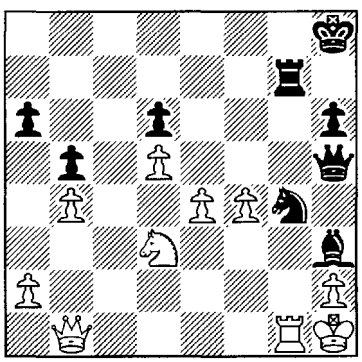
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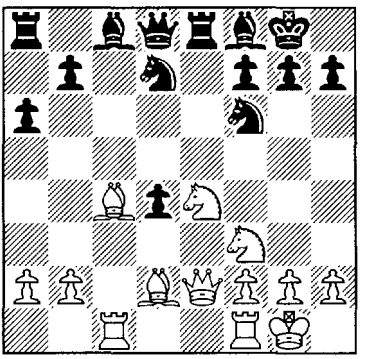
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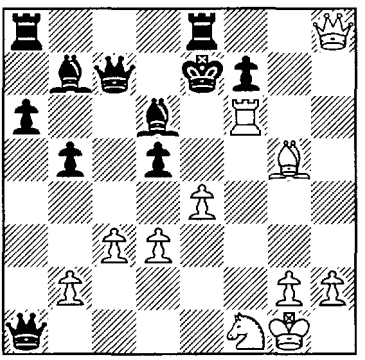
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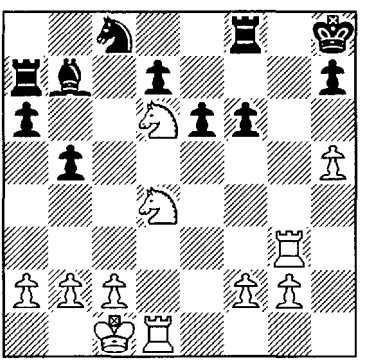
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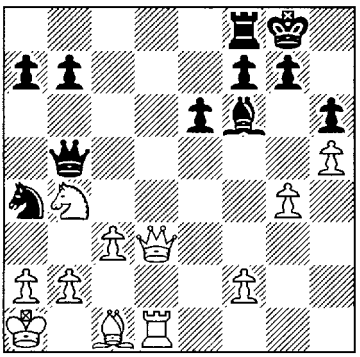
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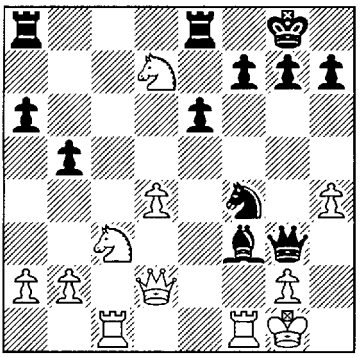
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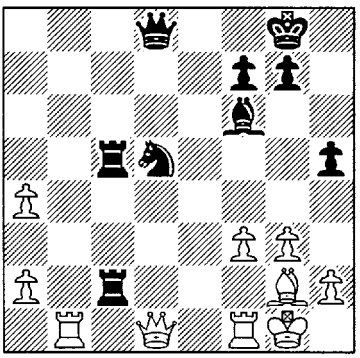
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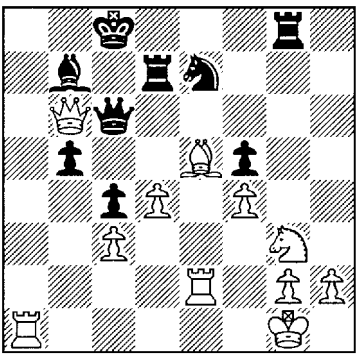
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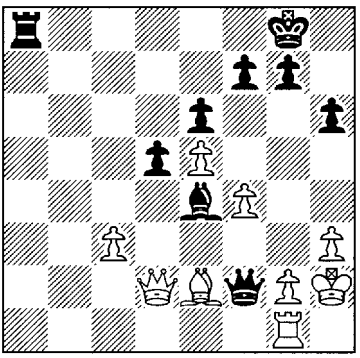
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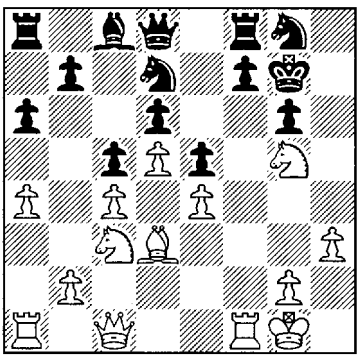
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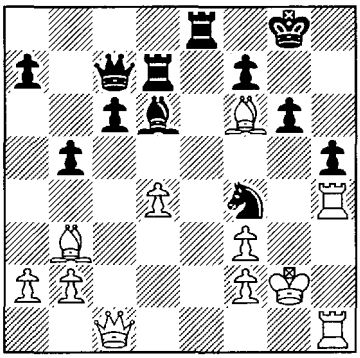
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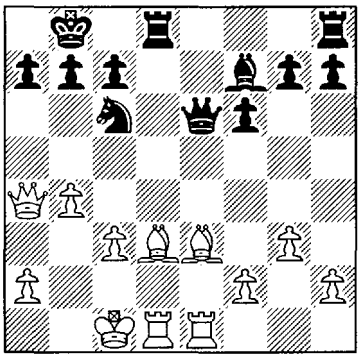
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Berlin 1881



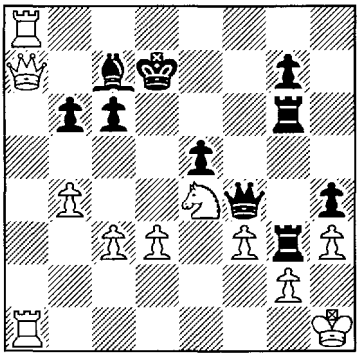
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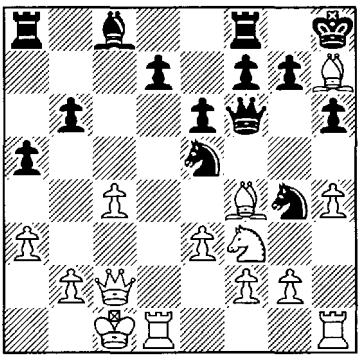
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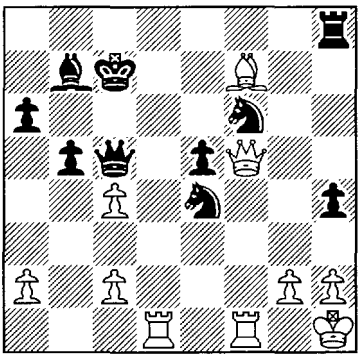
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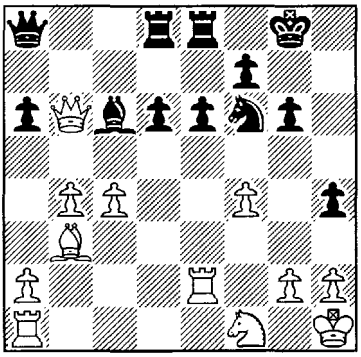
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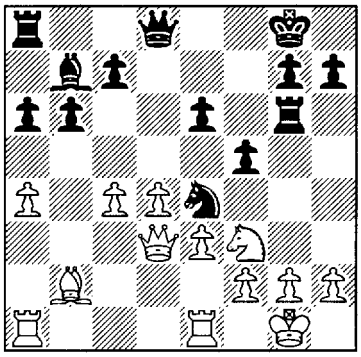
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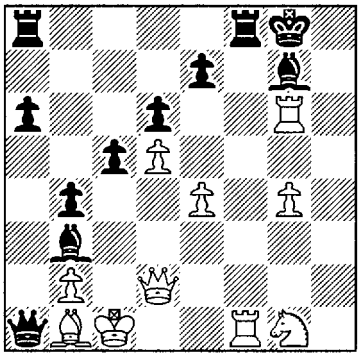
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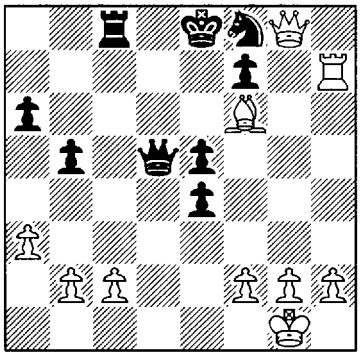
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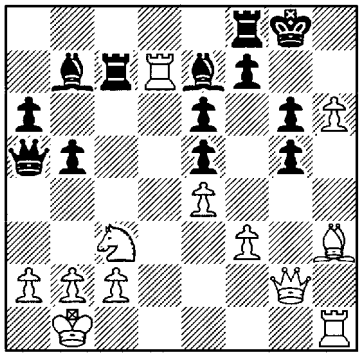
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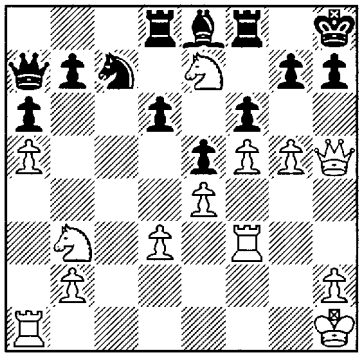
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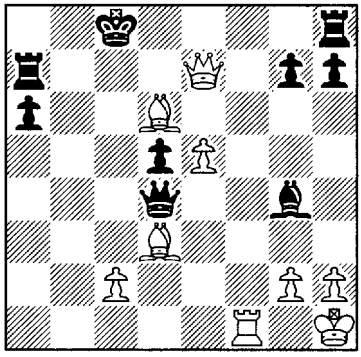
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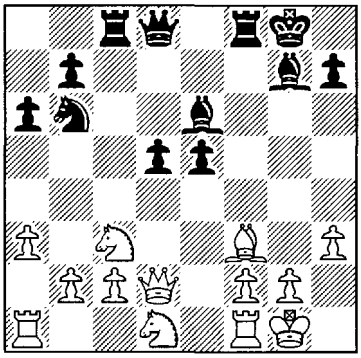
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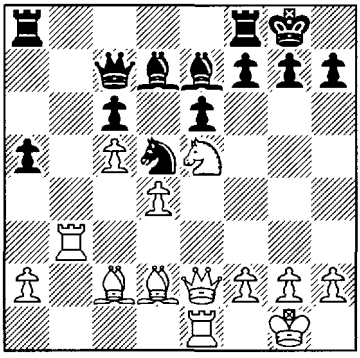
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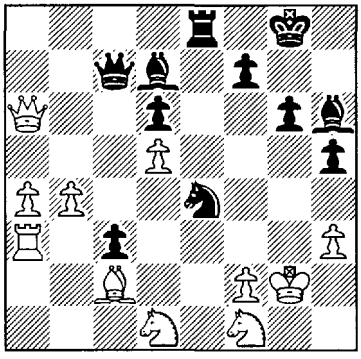
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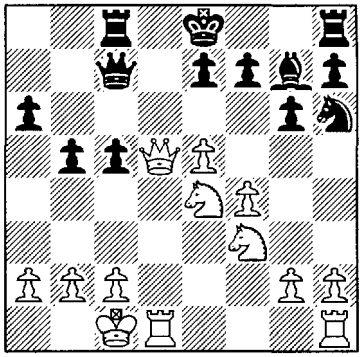
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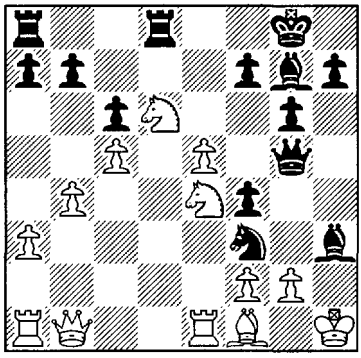
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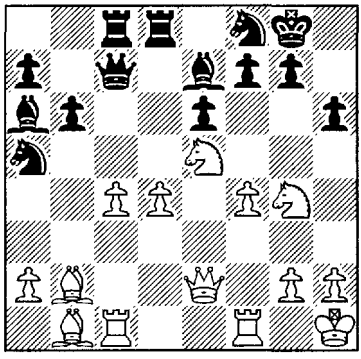
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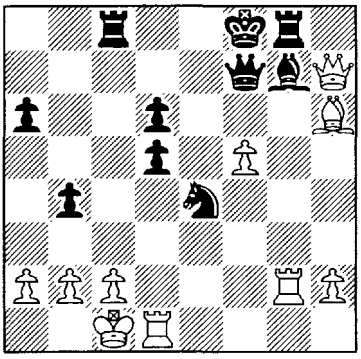
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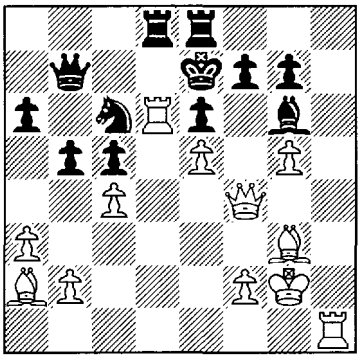
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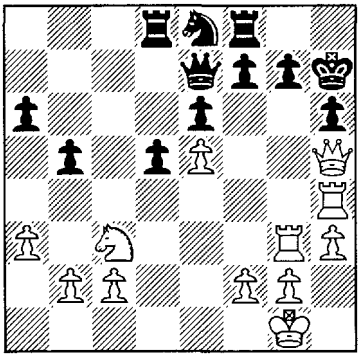
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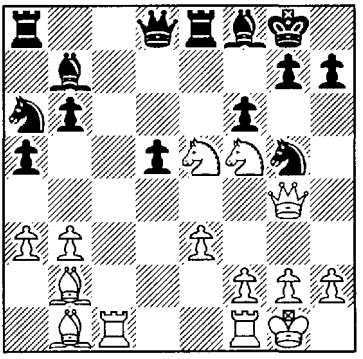
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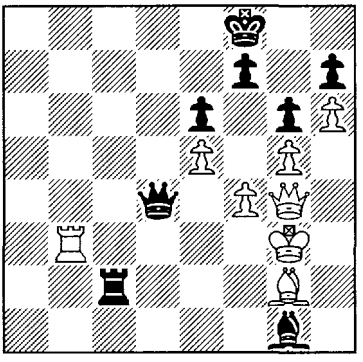
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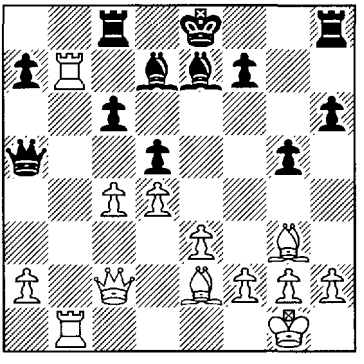
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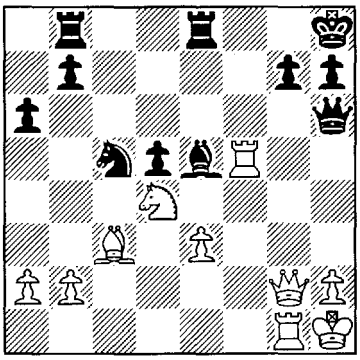
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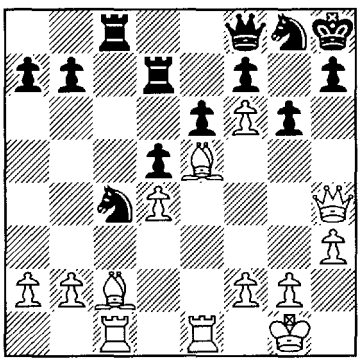
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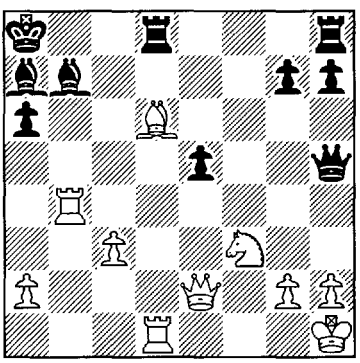
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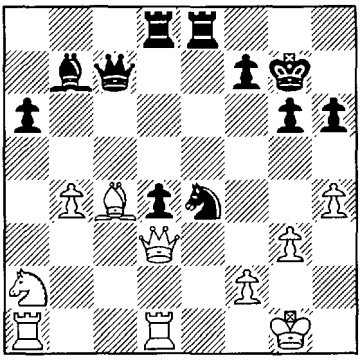
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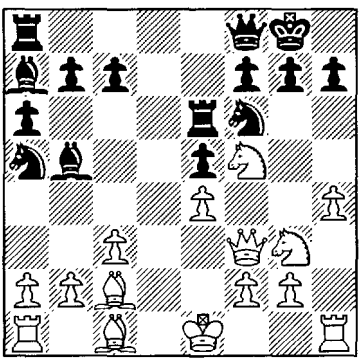
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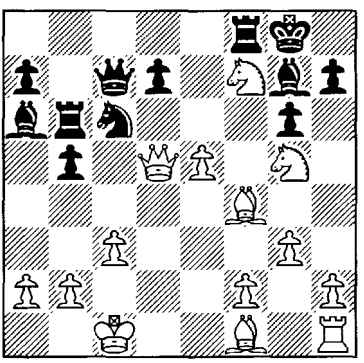
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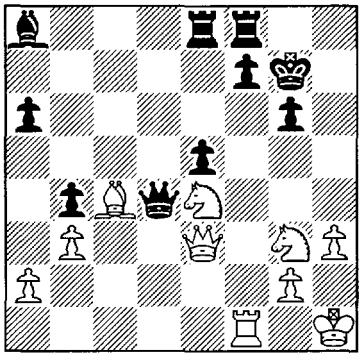
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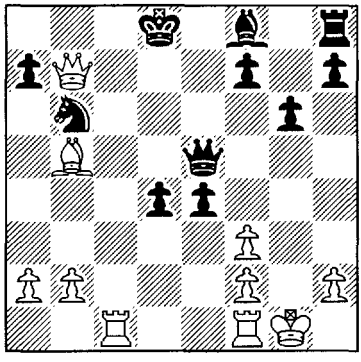
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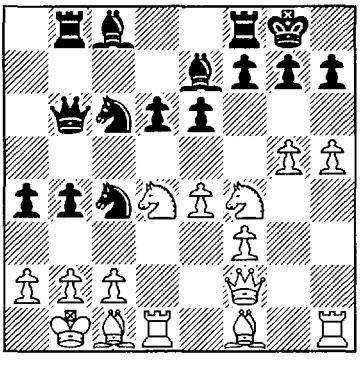
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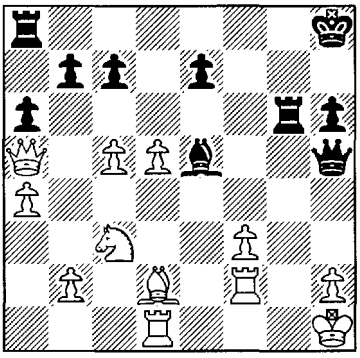
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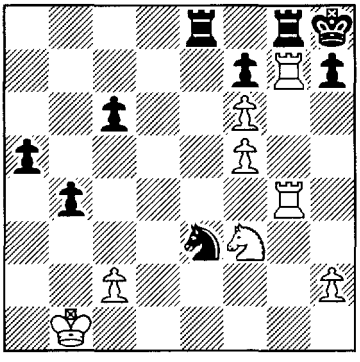
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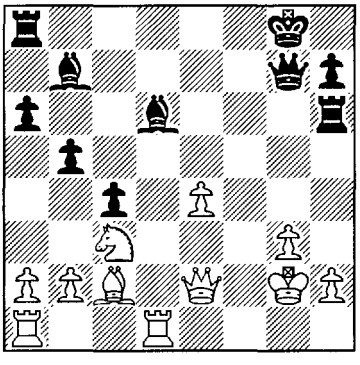
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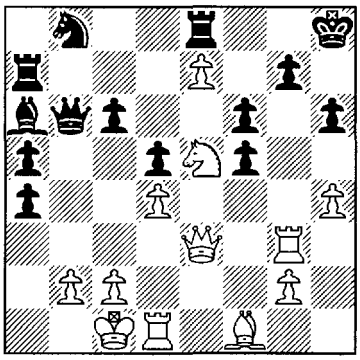
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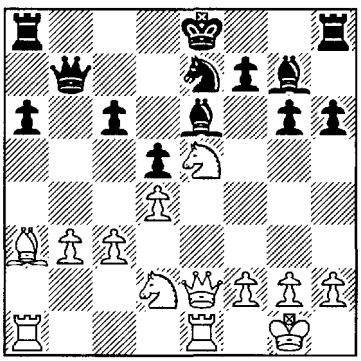
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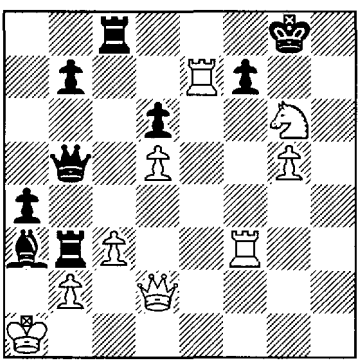
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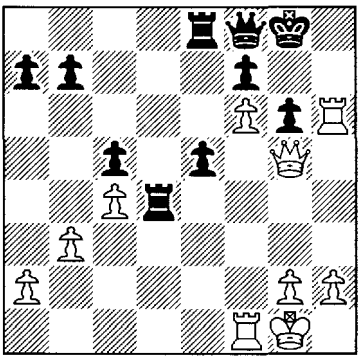
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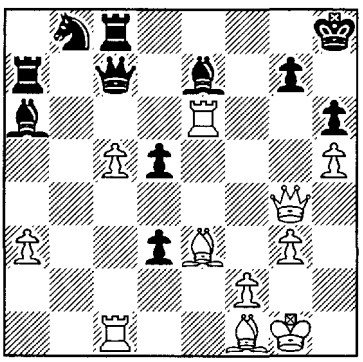
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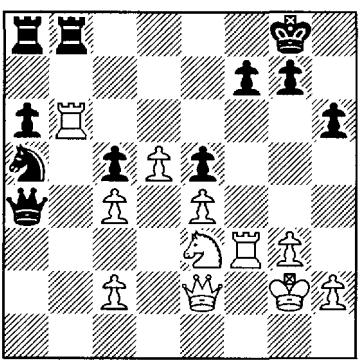
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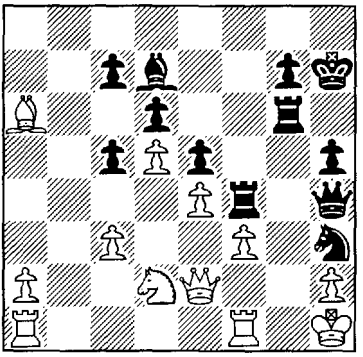
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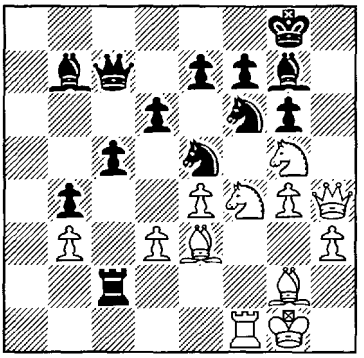
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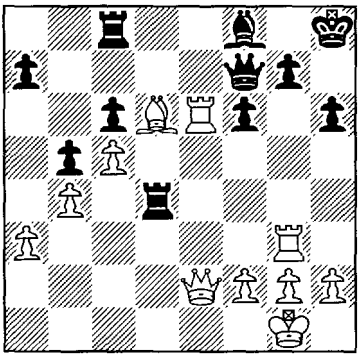
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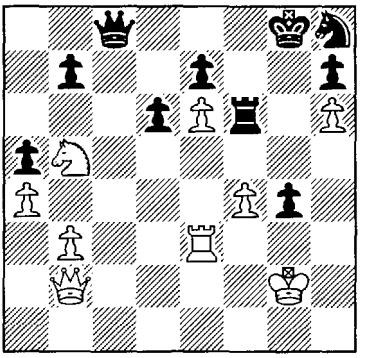
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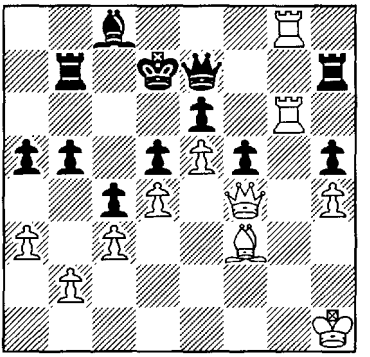
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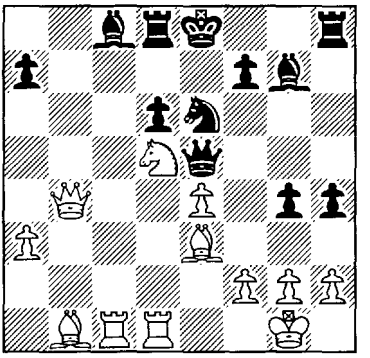
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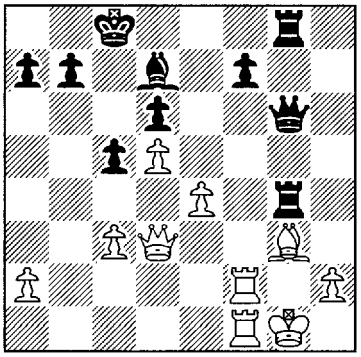
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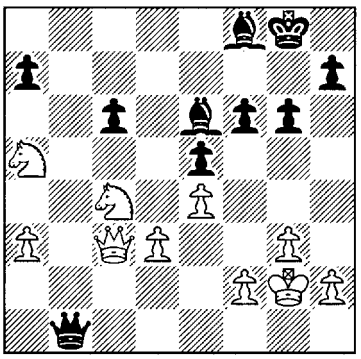
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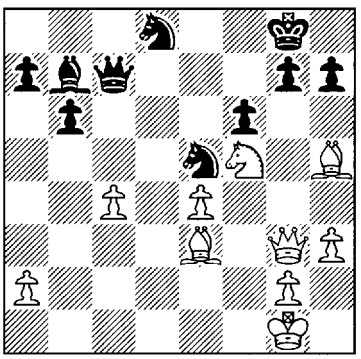
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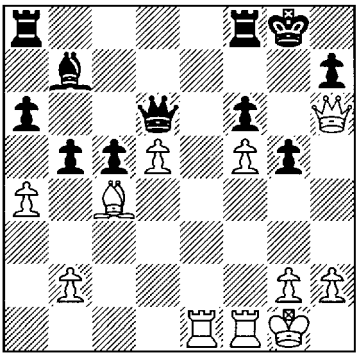
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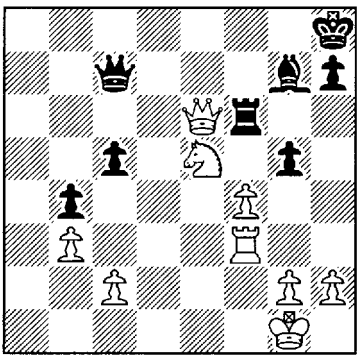
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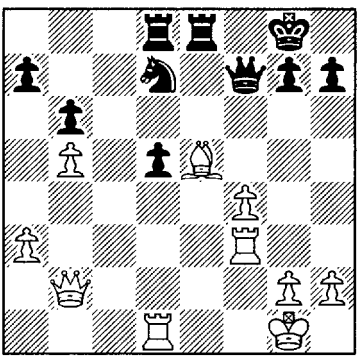
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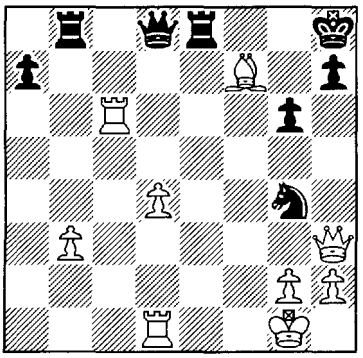
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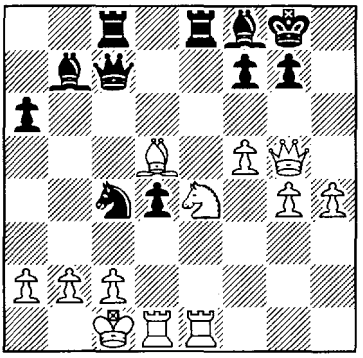
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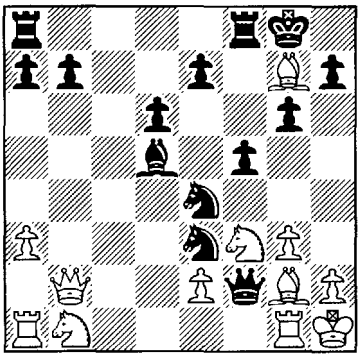
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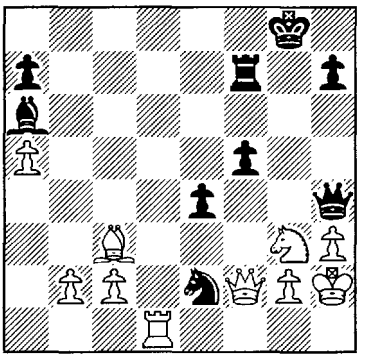
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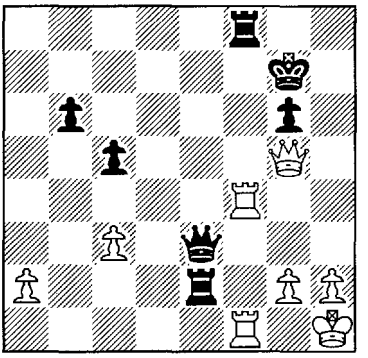
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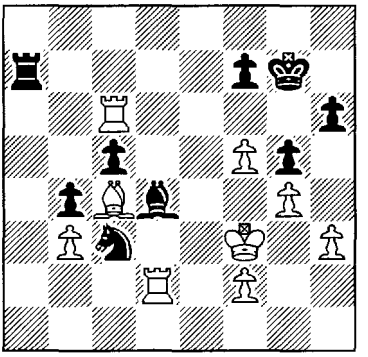
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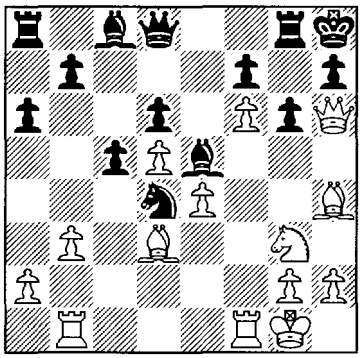
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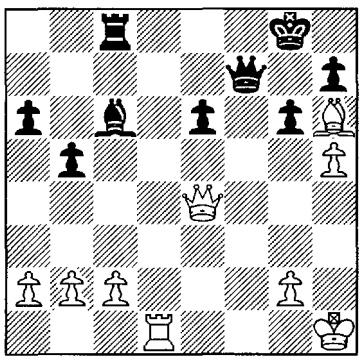
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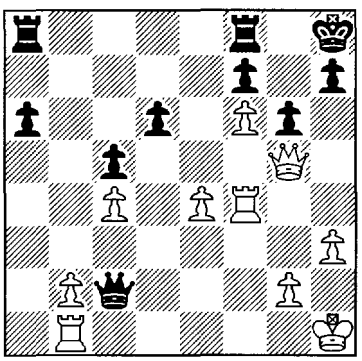
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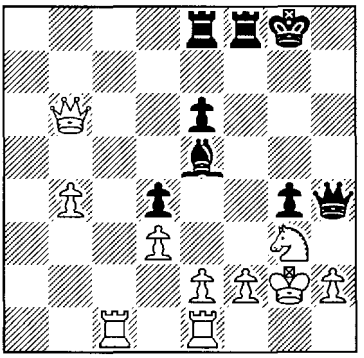
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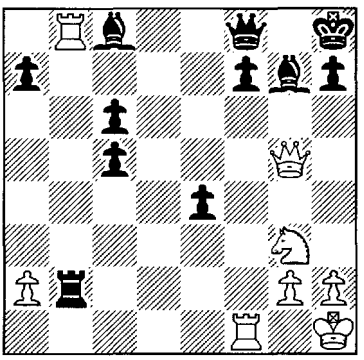
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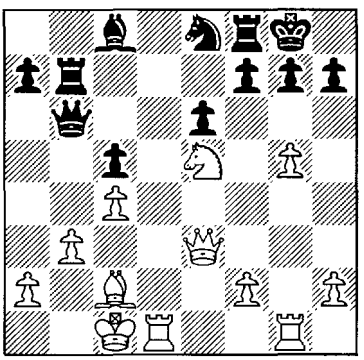
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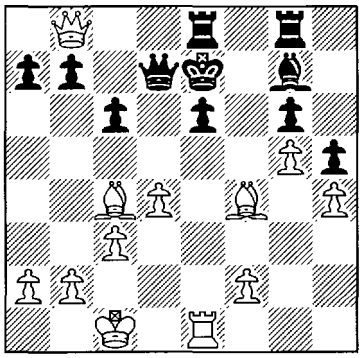
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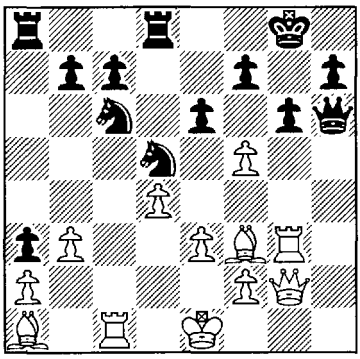
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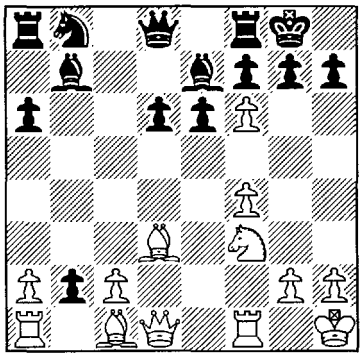
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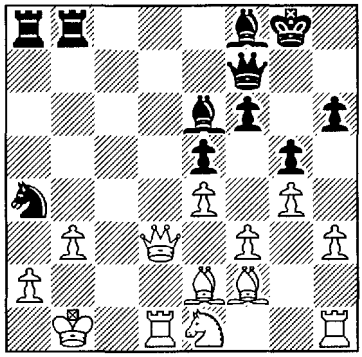
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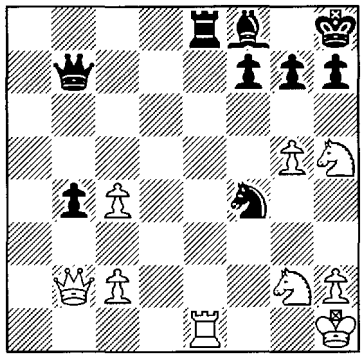
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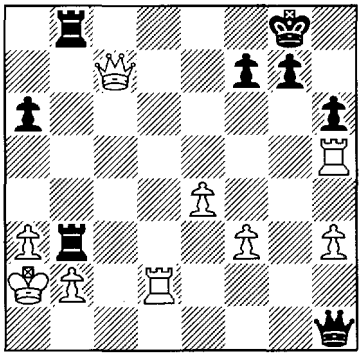
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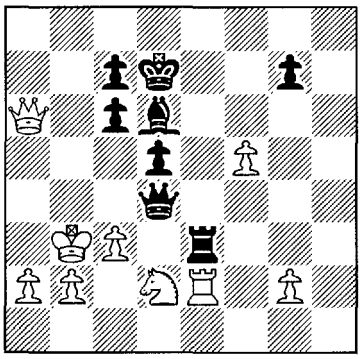
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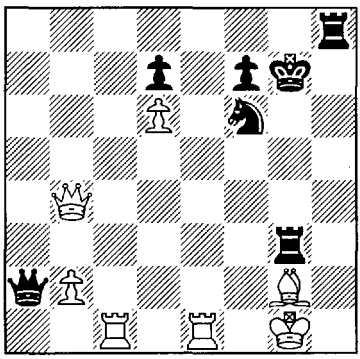
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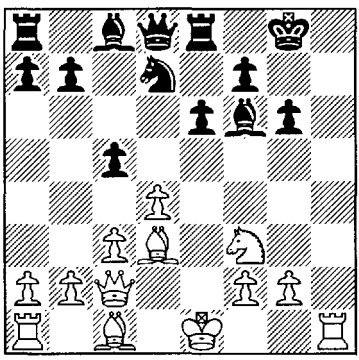
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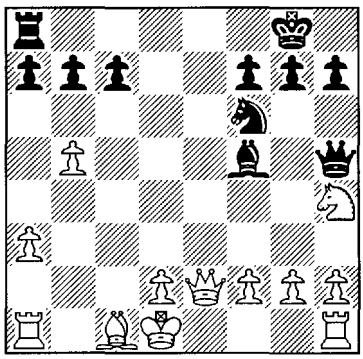
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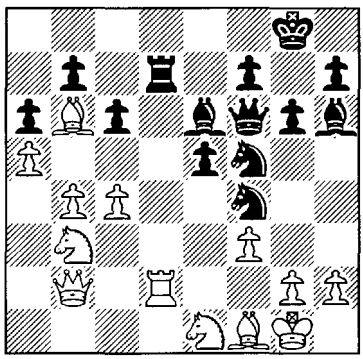
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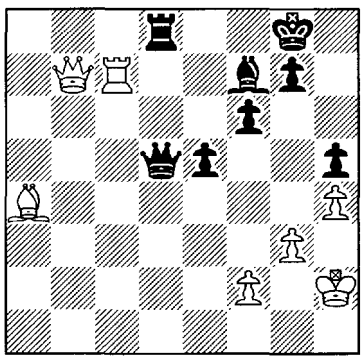
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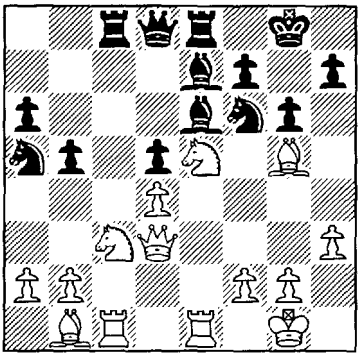
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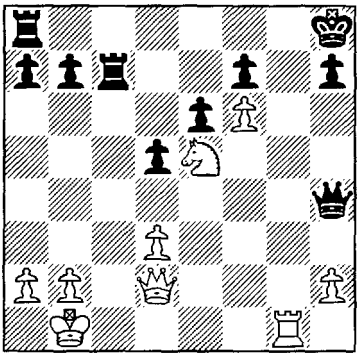
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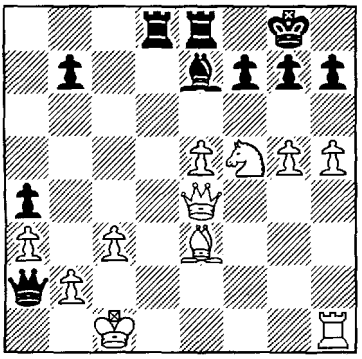
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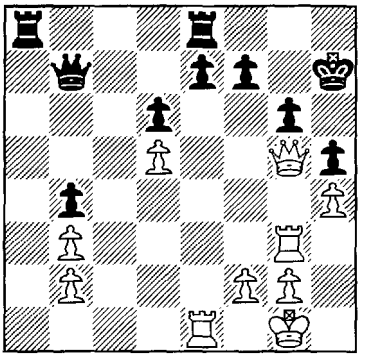
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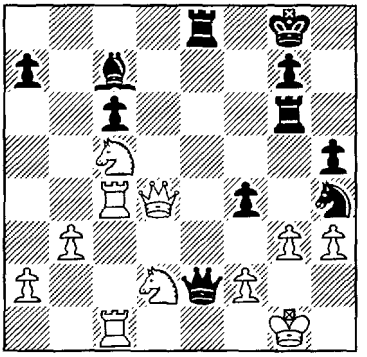
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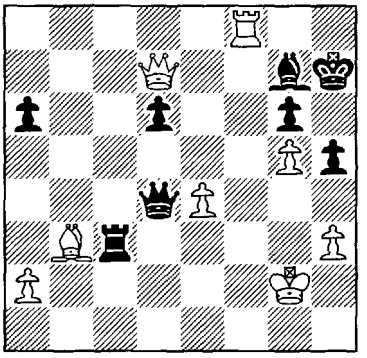
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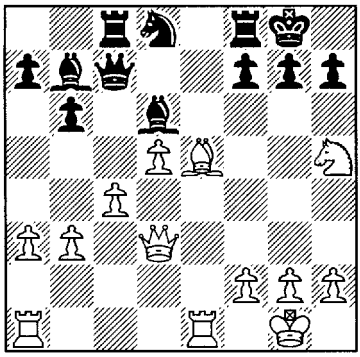
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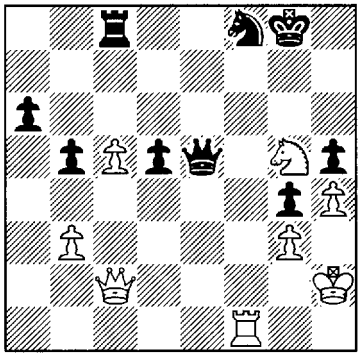
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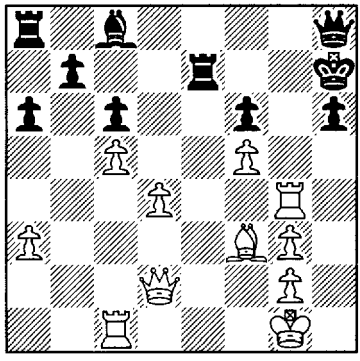
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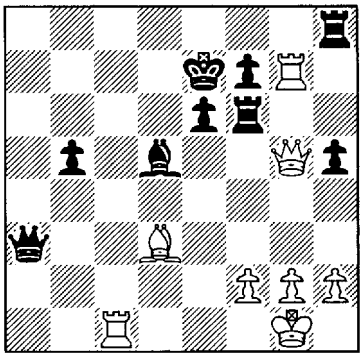
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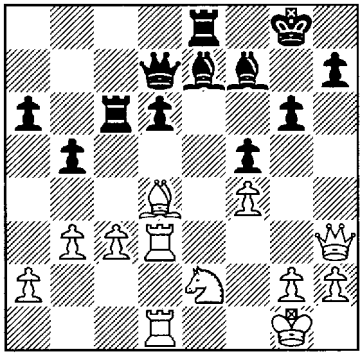
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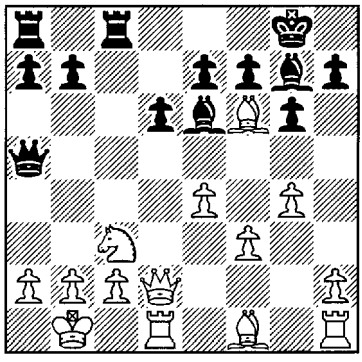
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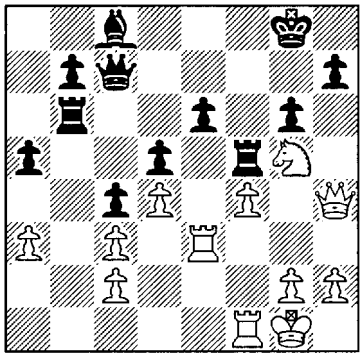
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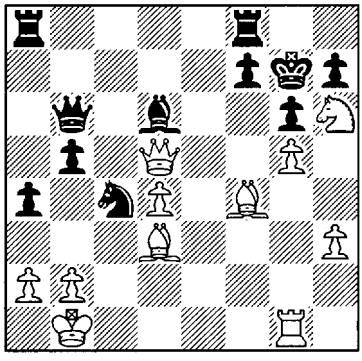
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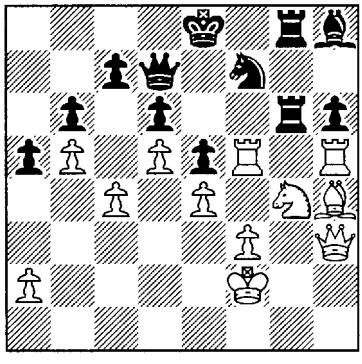
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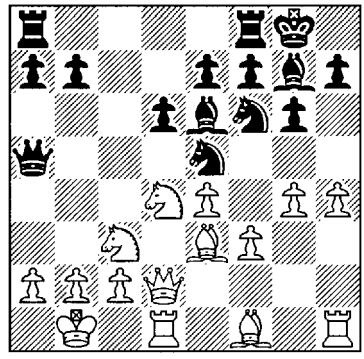
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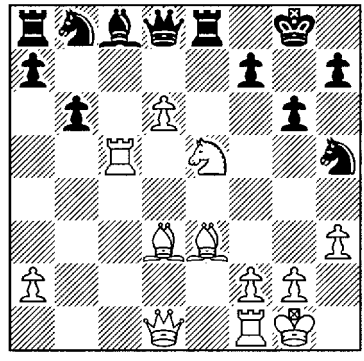
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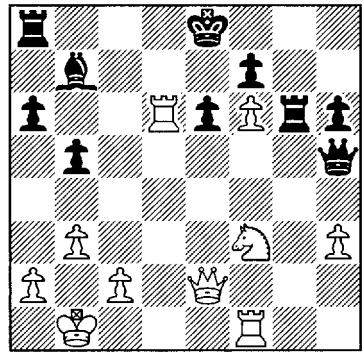
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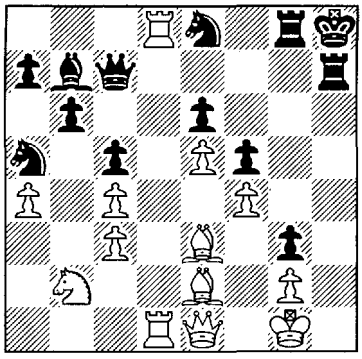
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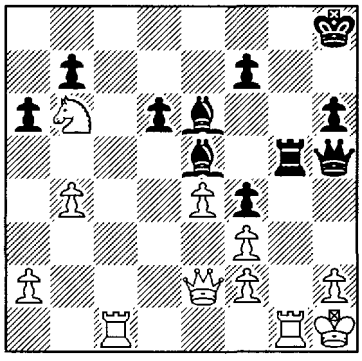
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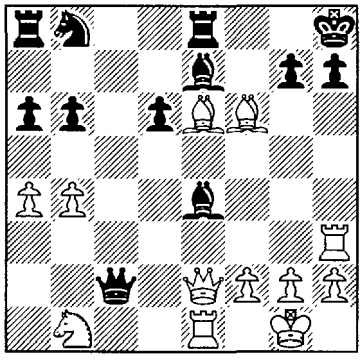
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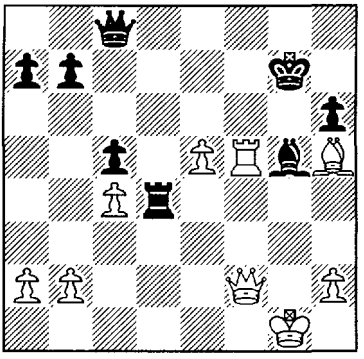
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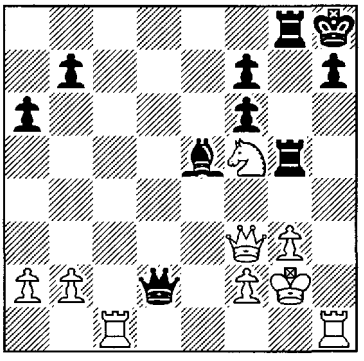
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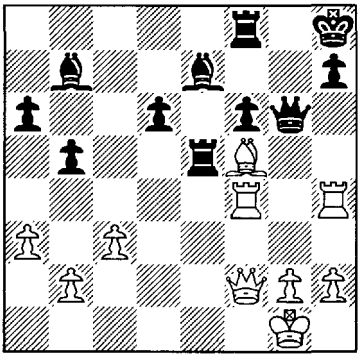
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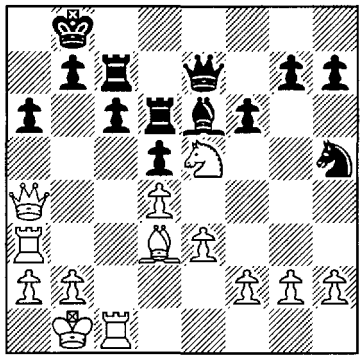
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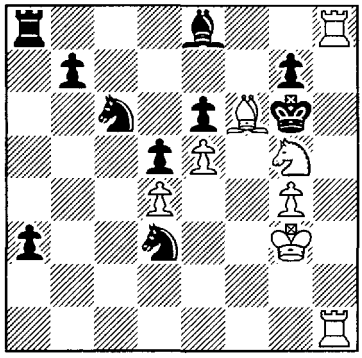
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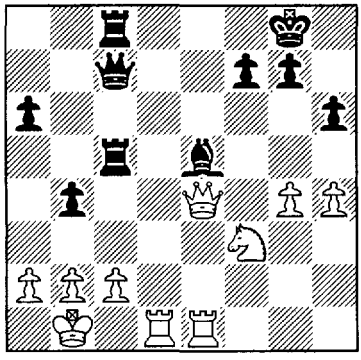
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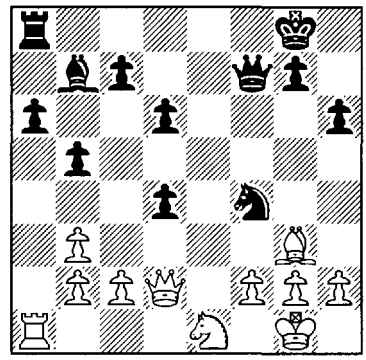
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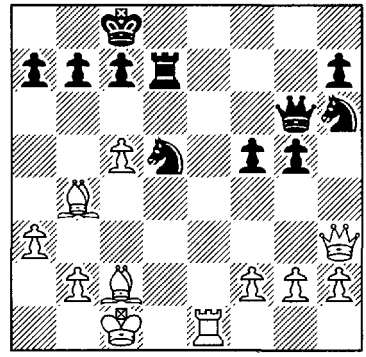
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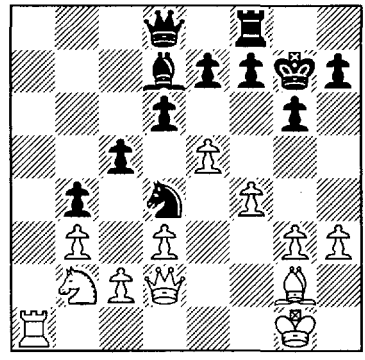
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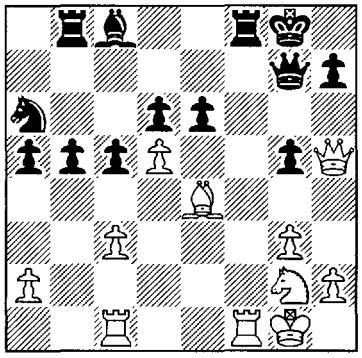
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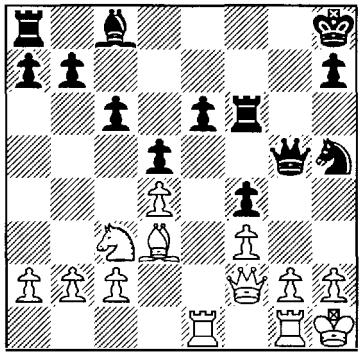
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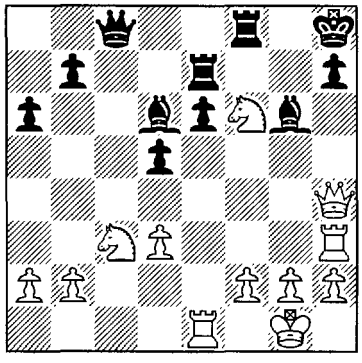
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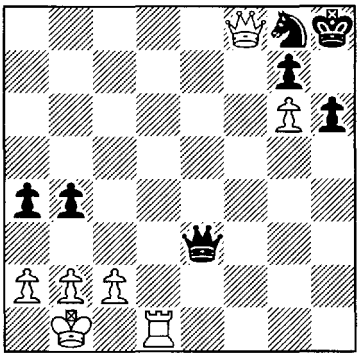
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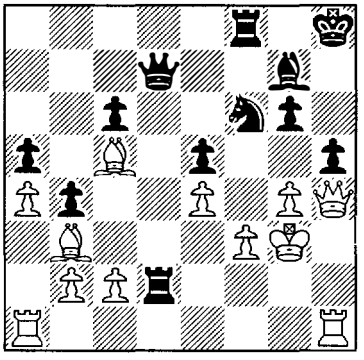
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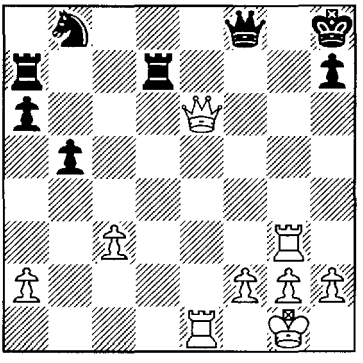
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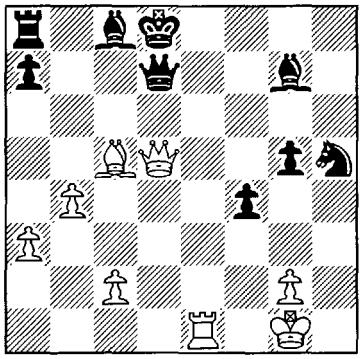
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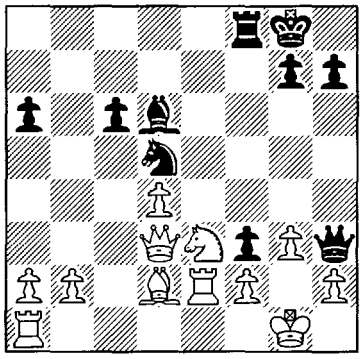
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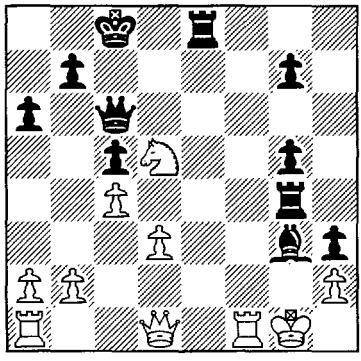
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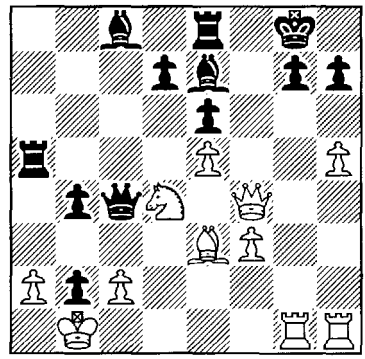
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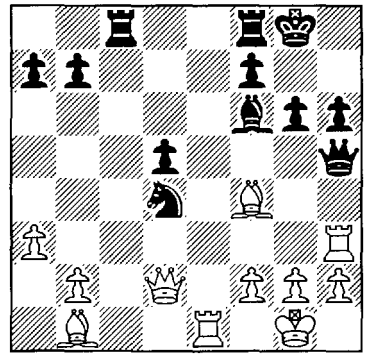
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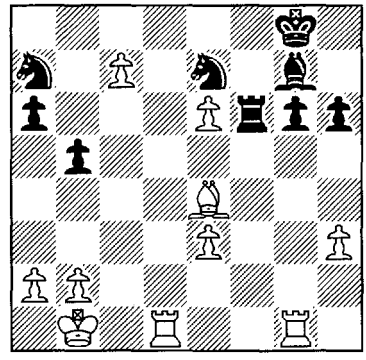
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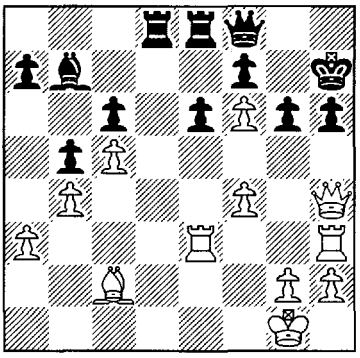
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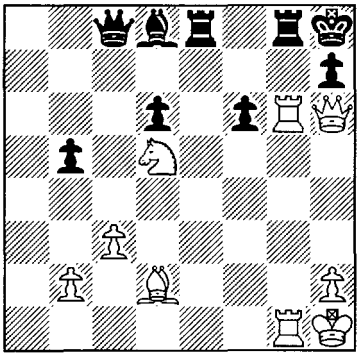
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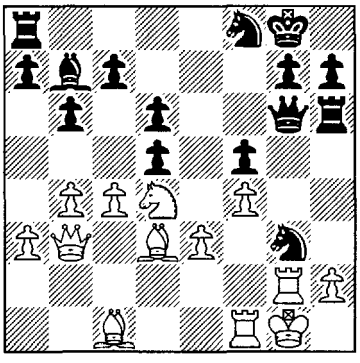
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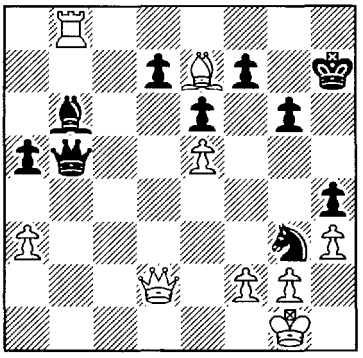
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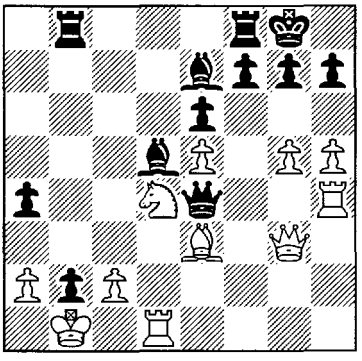
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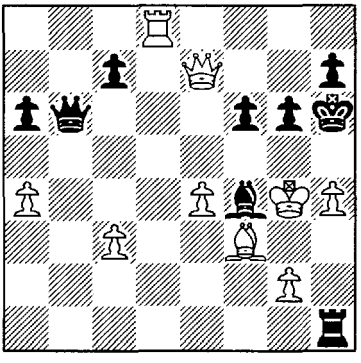
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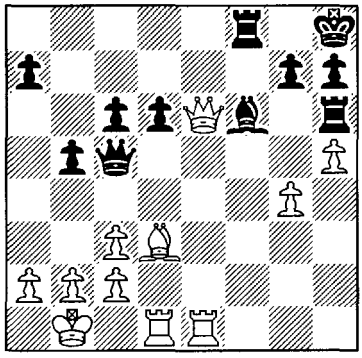
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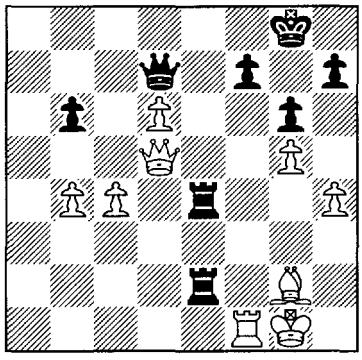
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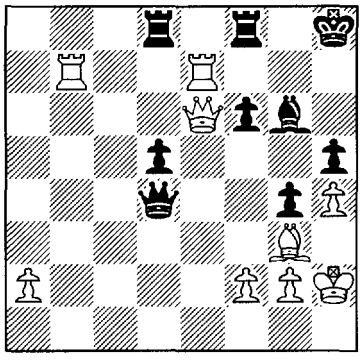
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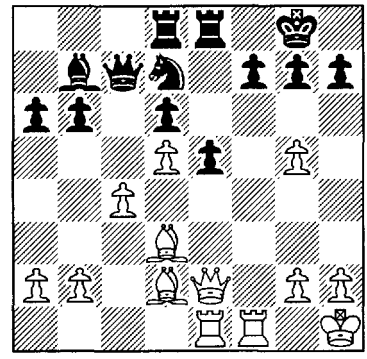
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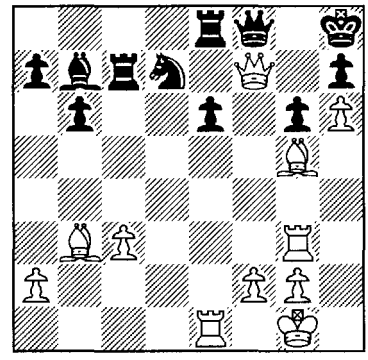
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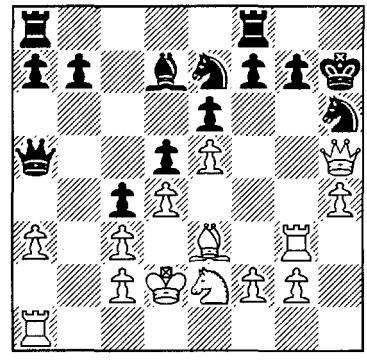
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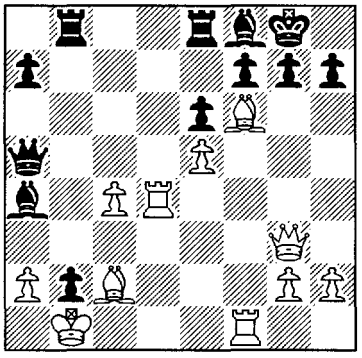
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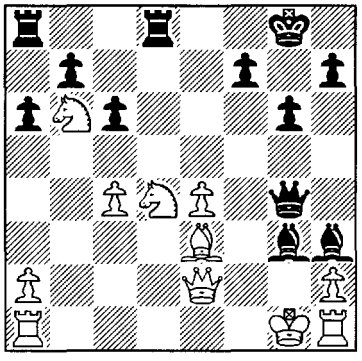
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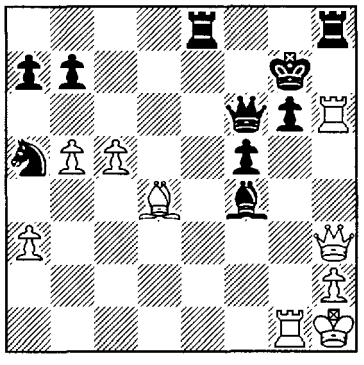
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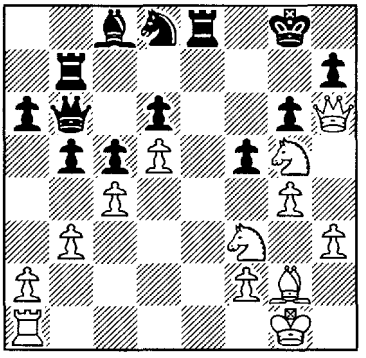
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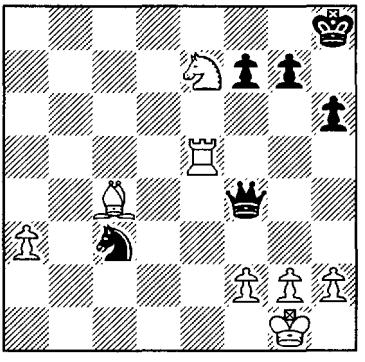
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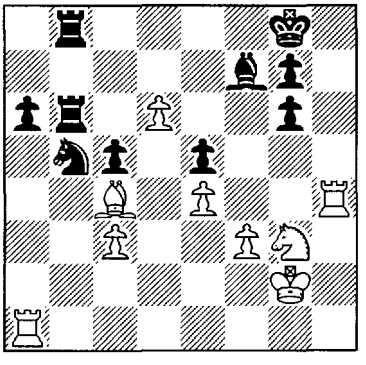
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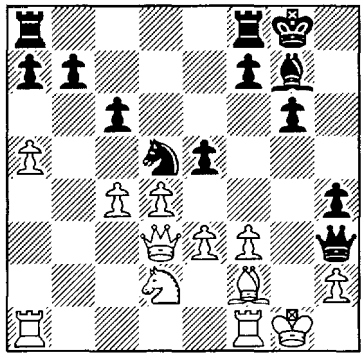
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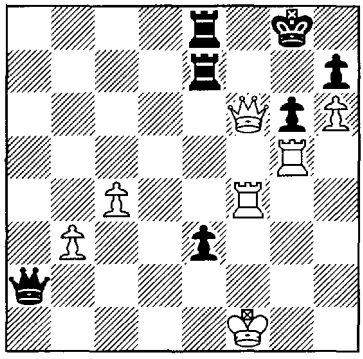
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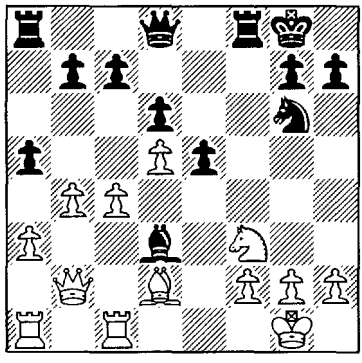
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Dubai 2004



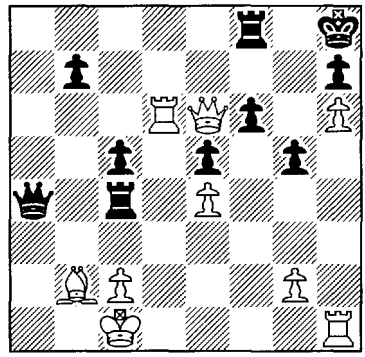
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269) ☐ **J.Burnett** ■ **R.Palliser**
Durham 2002



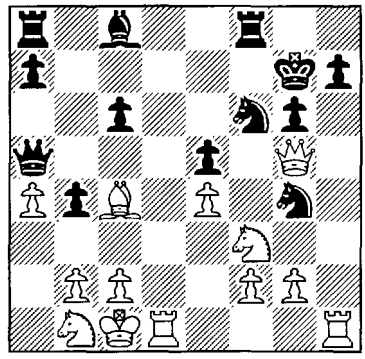
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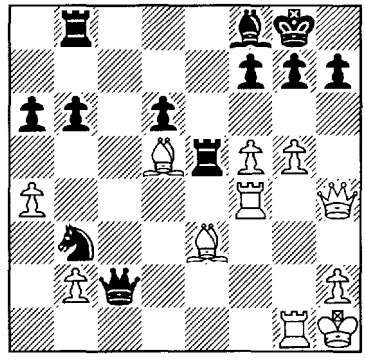
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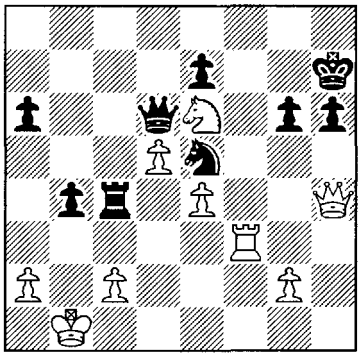
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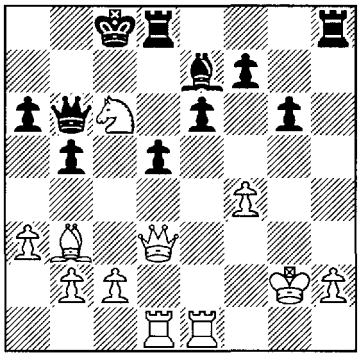
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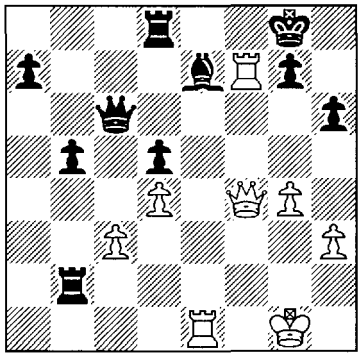
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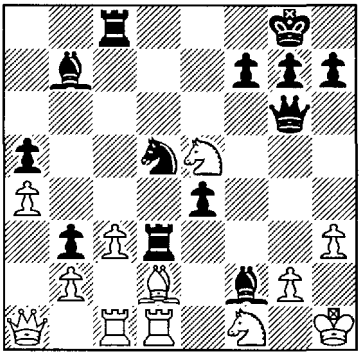
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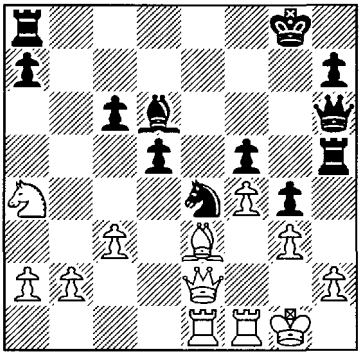
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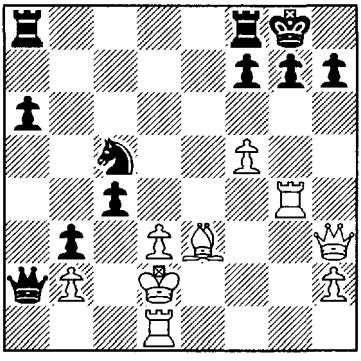
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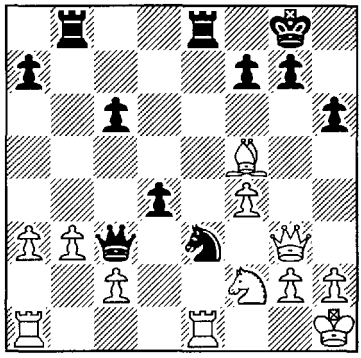
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Elgoibar 2006



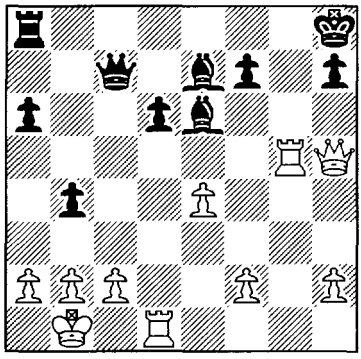
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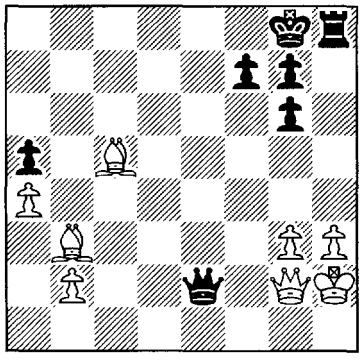
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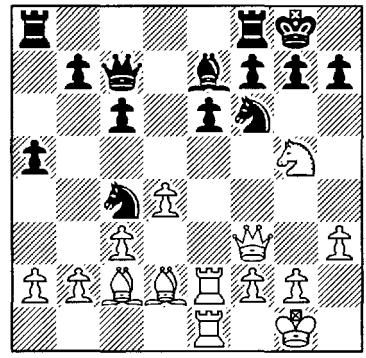
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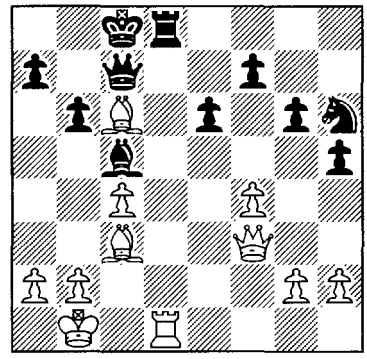
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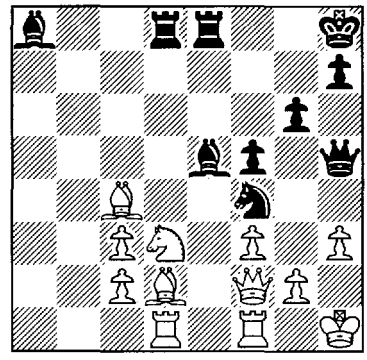
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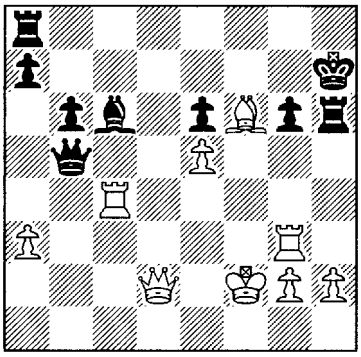
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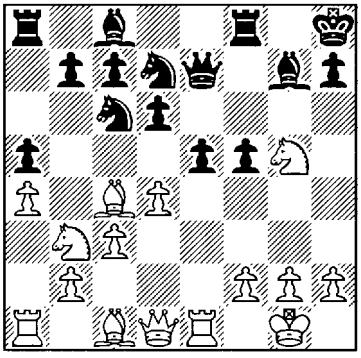
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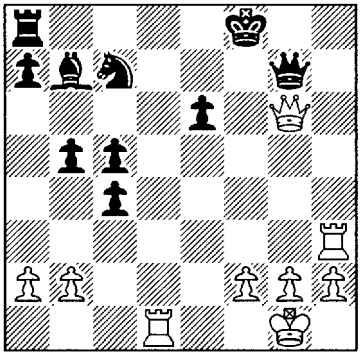
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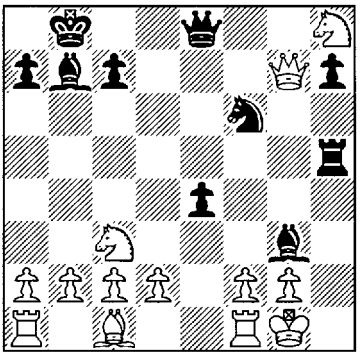
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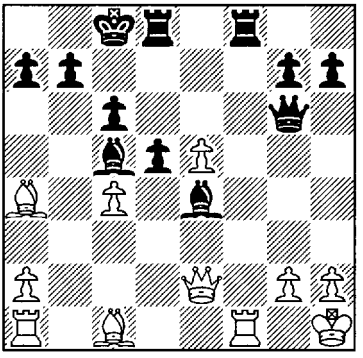
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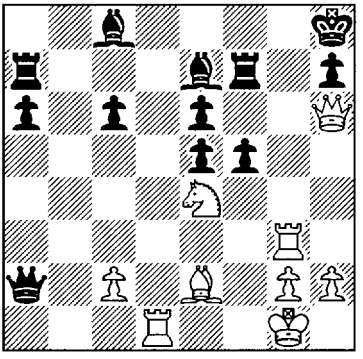
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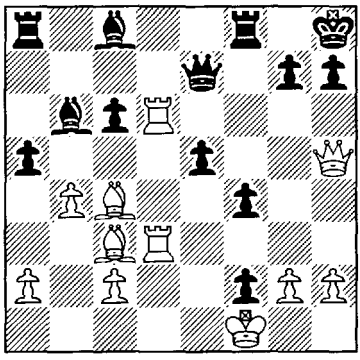
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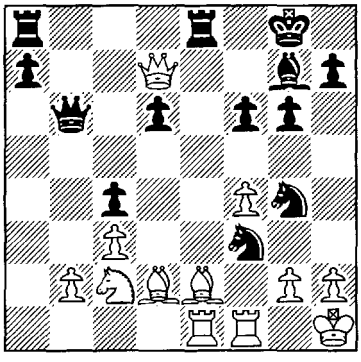
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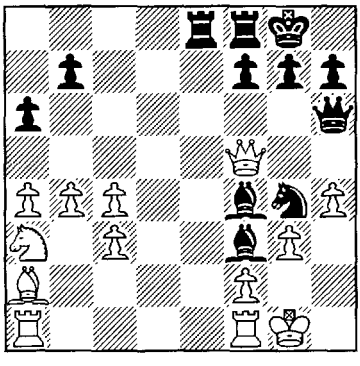
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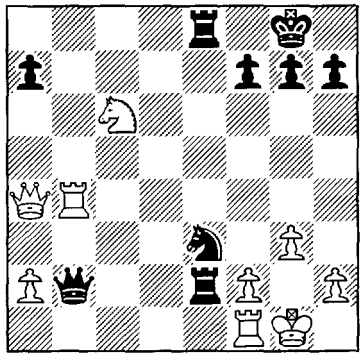
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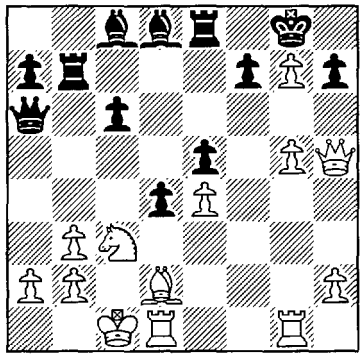
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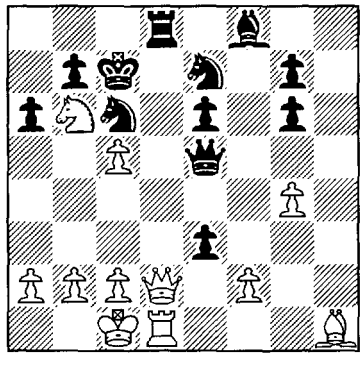
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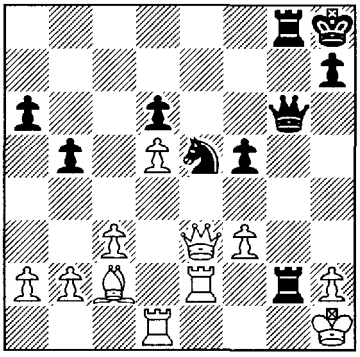
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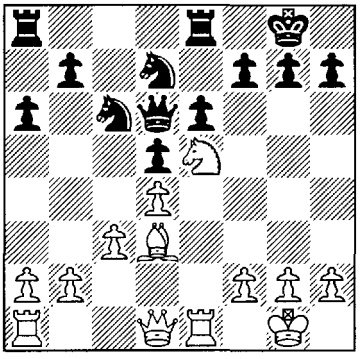
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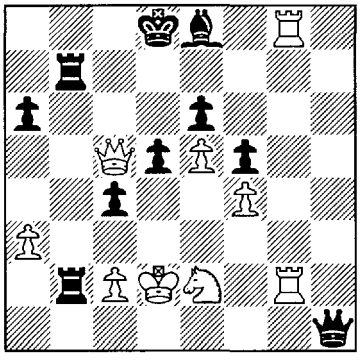
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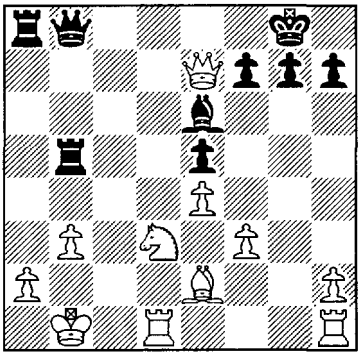
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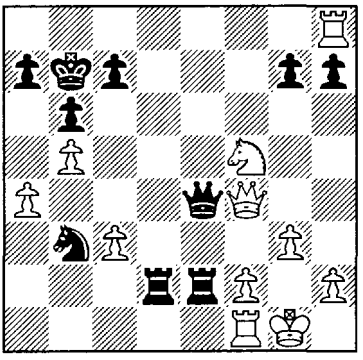
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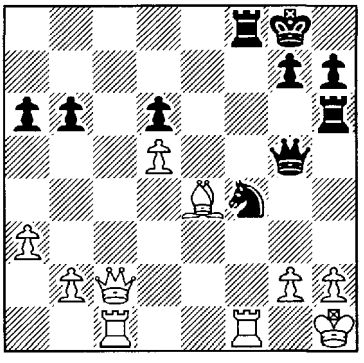
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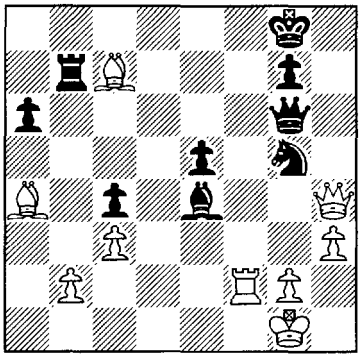
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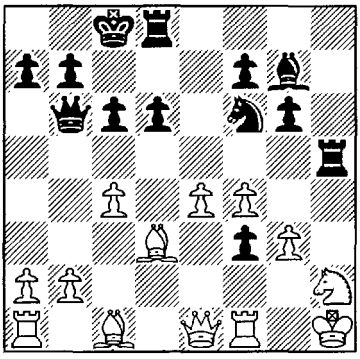
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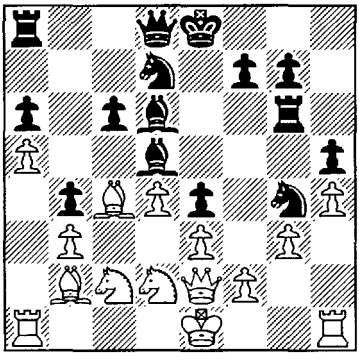
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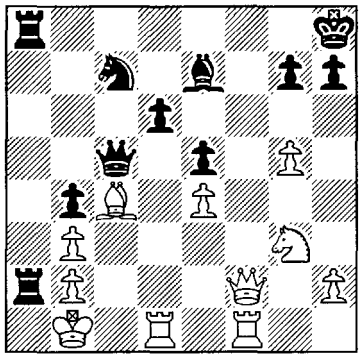
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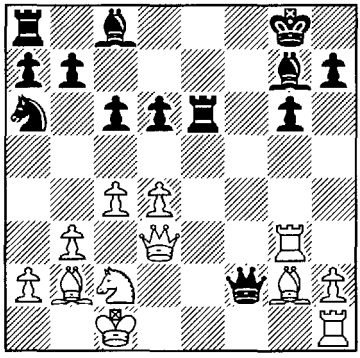
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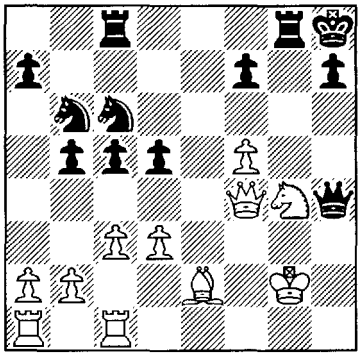
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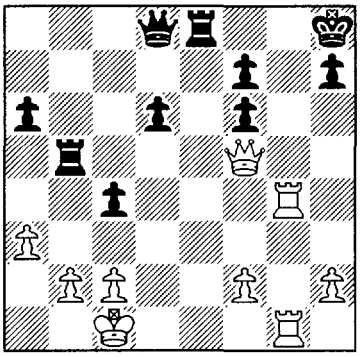
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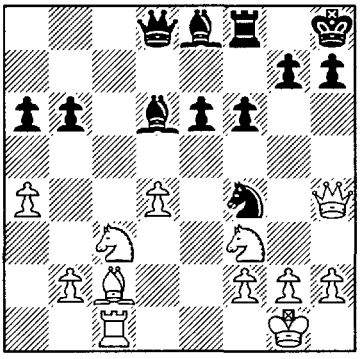
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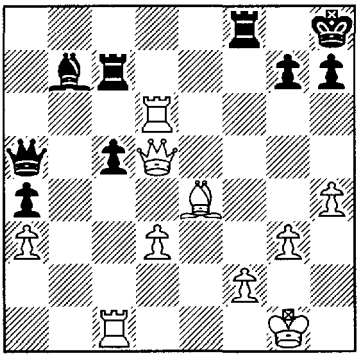
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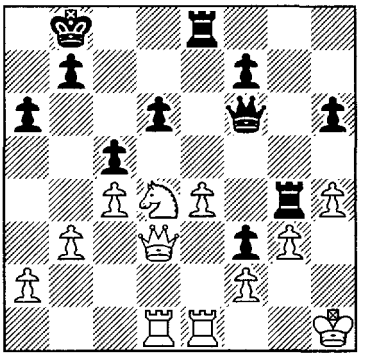
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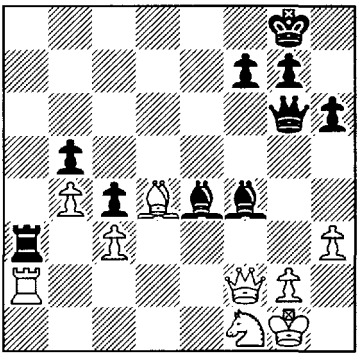
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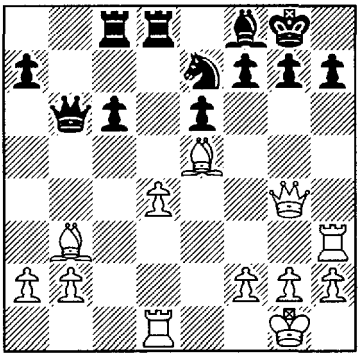
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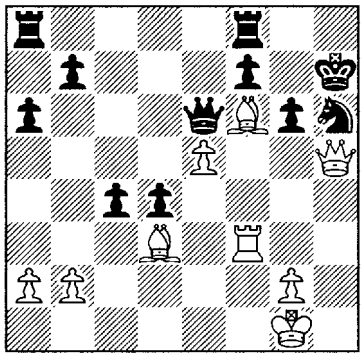
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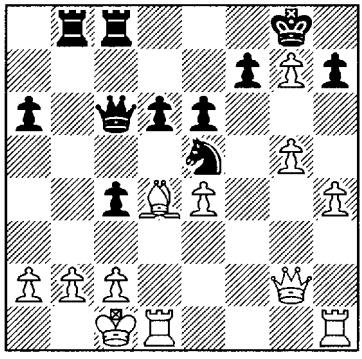
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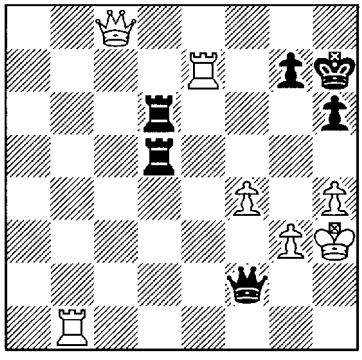
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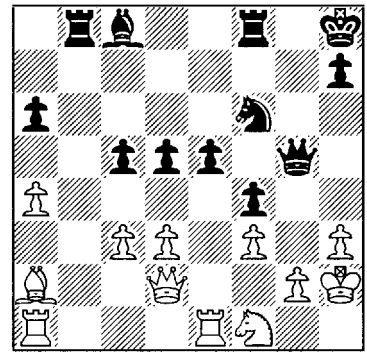
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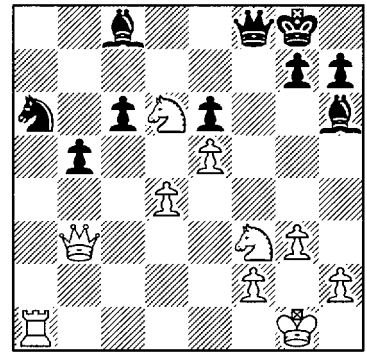
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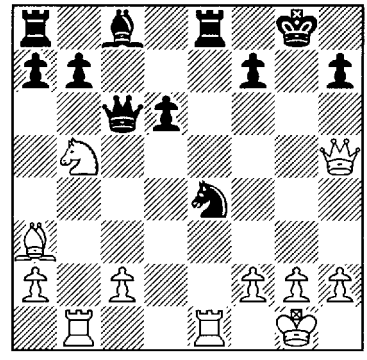
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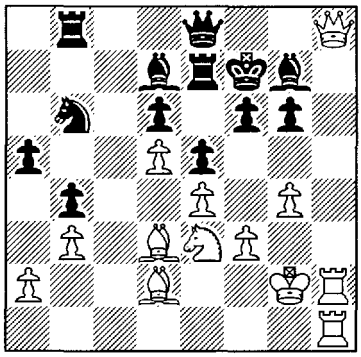
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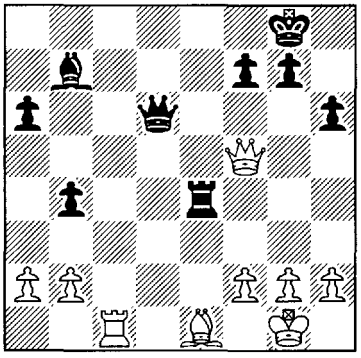
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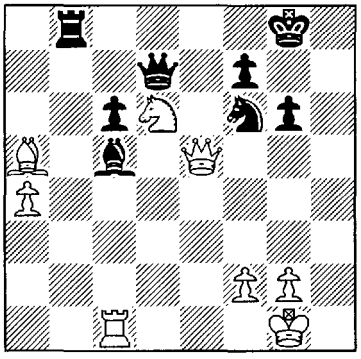
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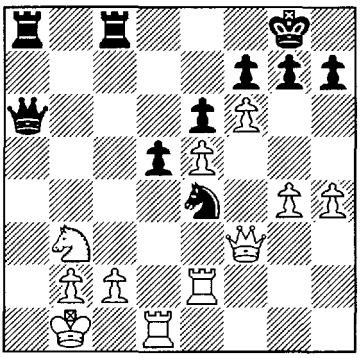
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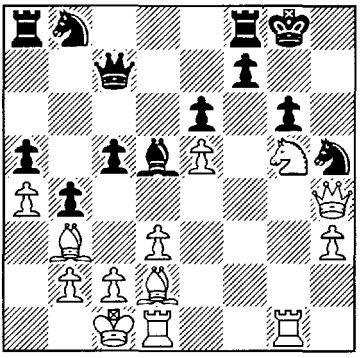
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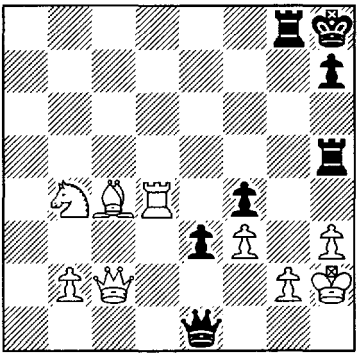
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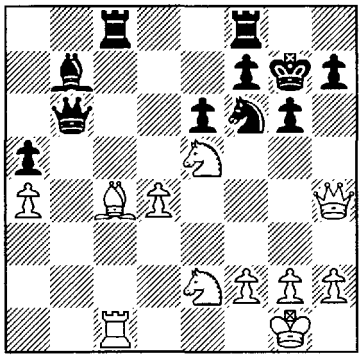
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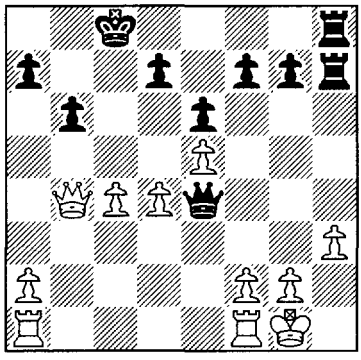
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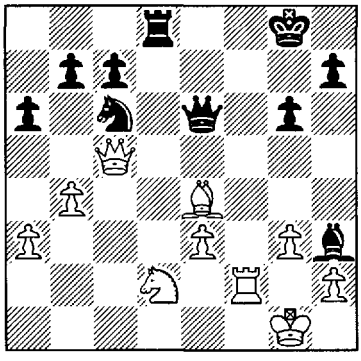
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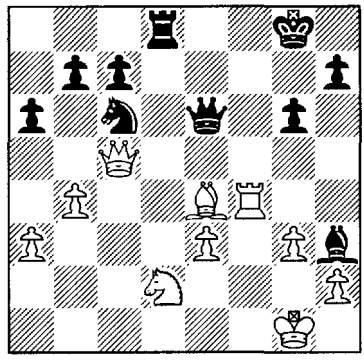
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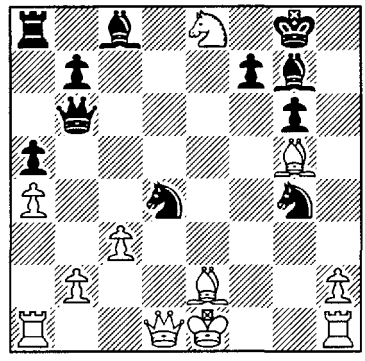
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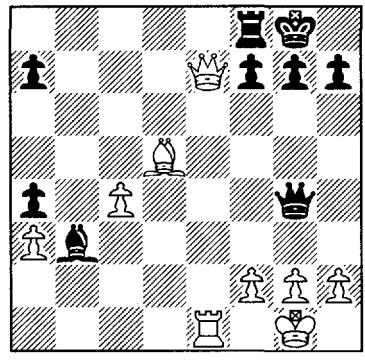
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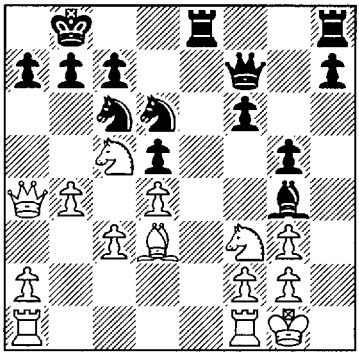
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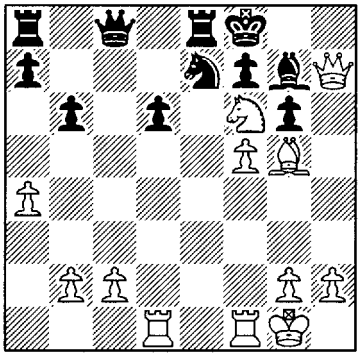
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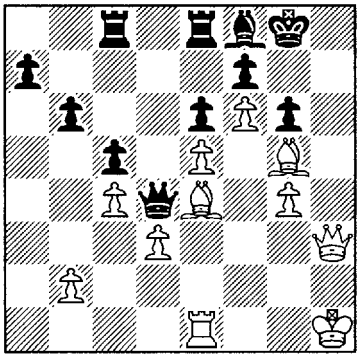
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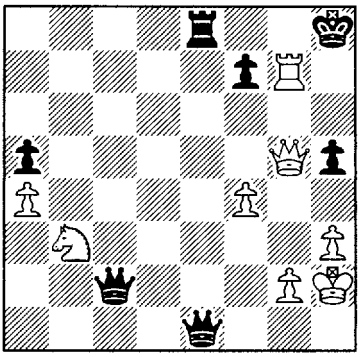
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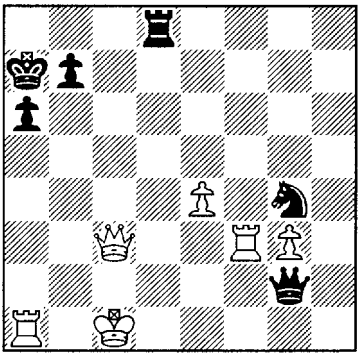
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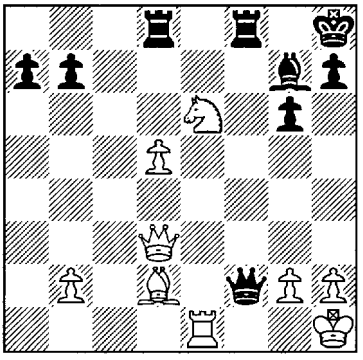
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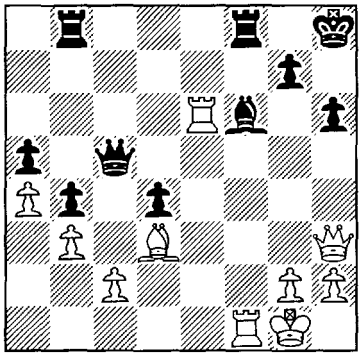
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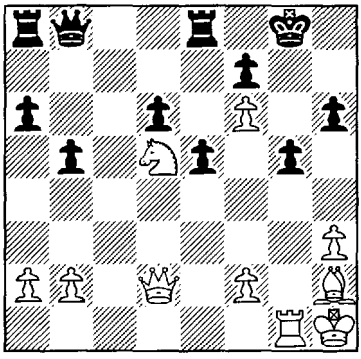
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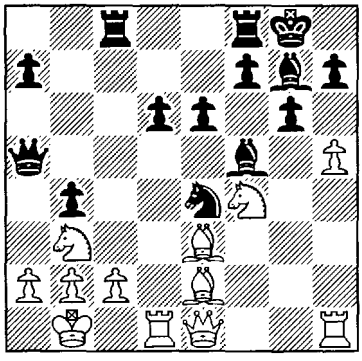
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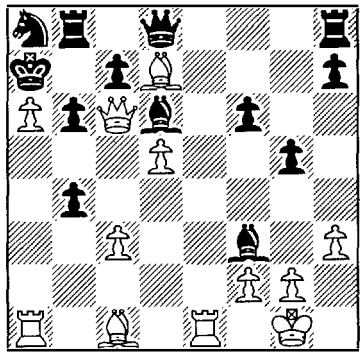
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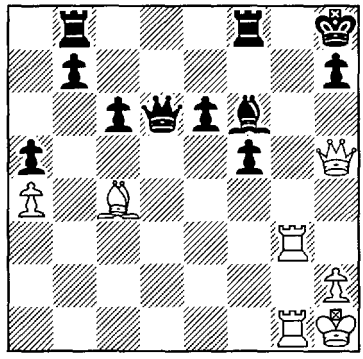
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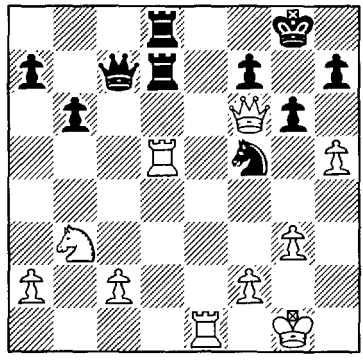
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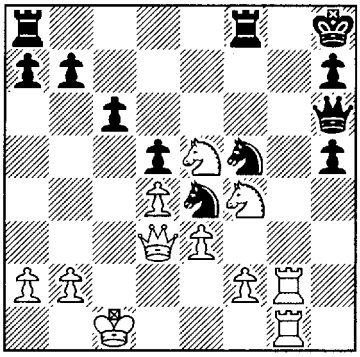
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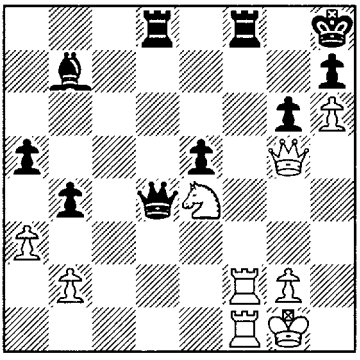
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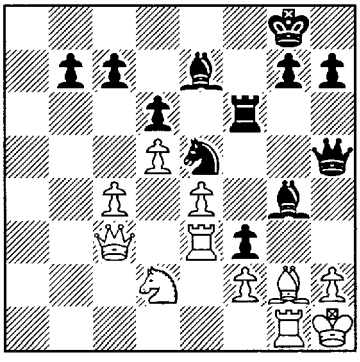
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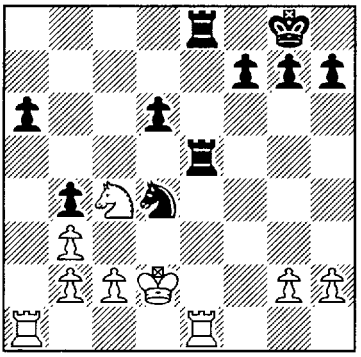
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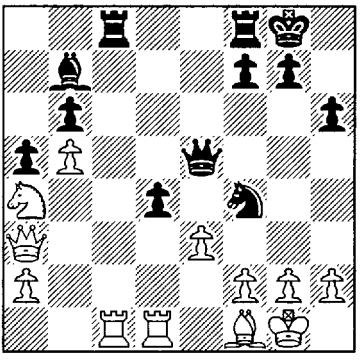
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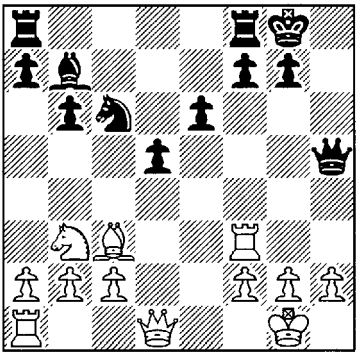
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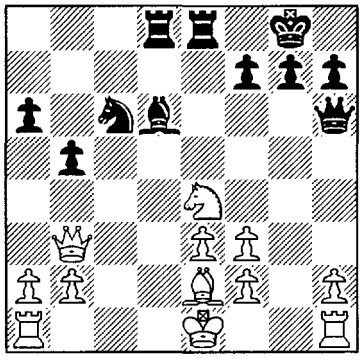
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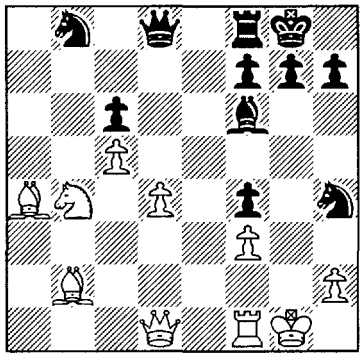
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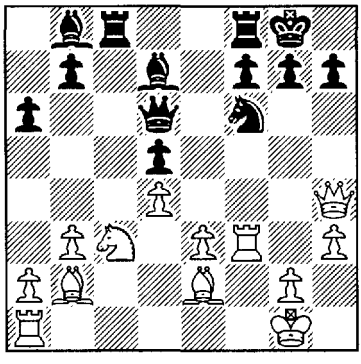
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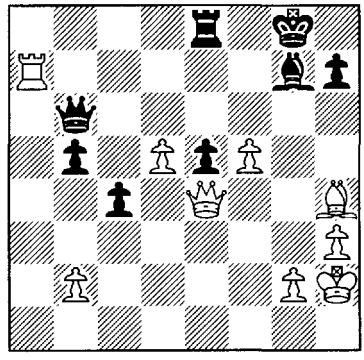
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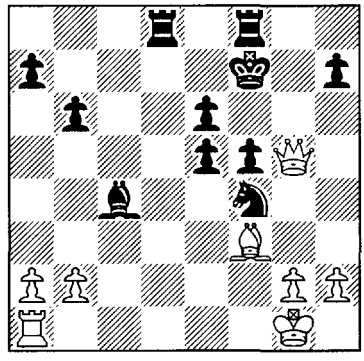
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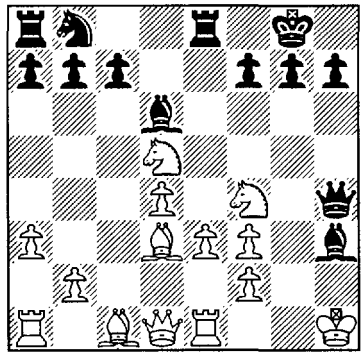
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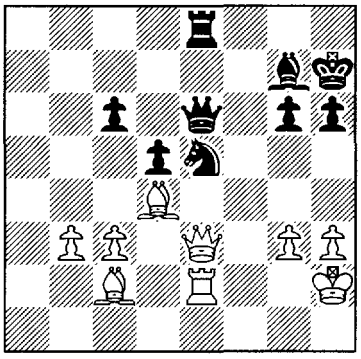
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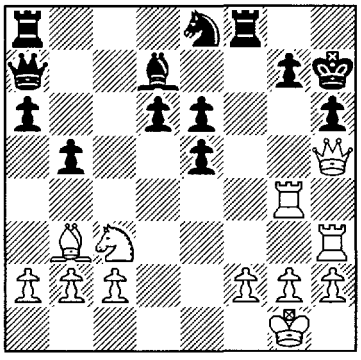
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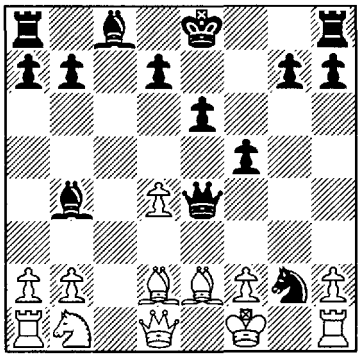
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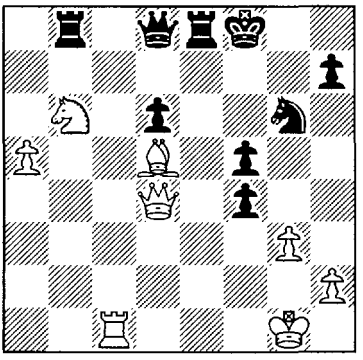
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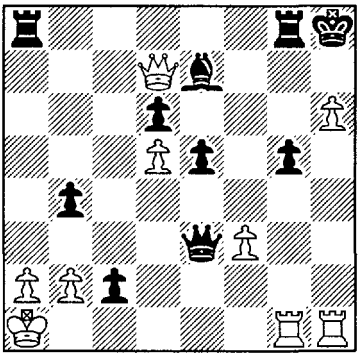
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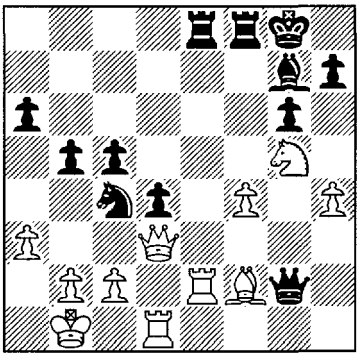
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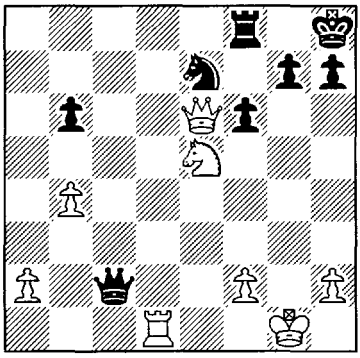
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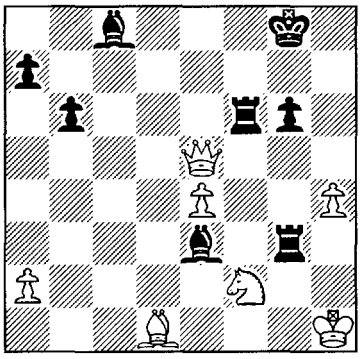
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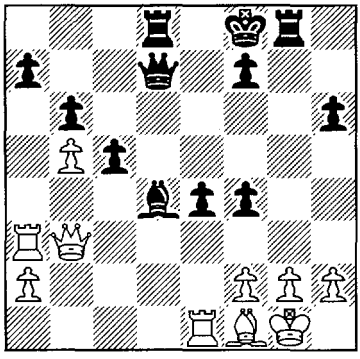
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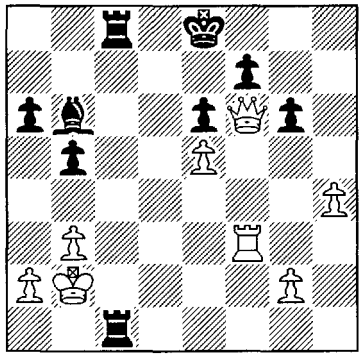
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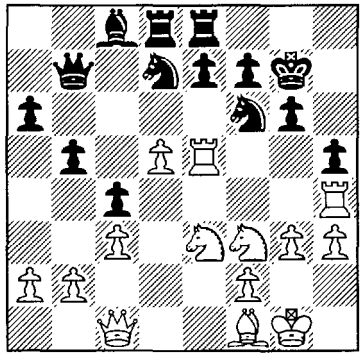
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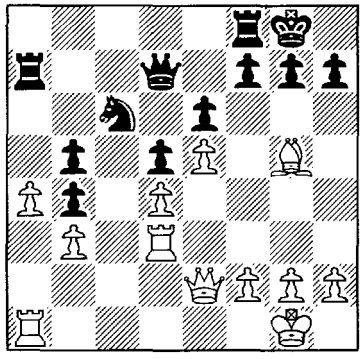
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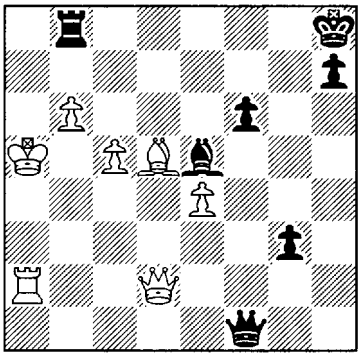
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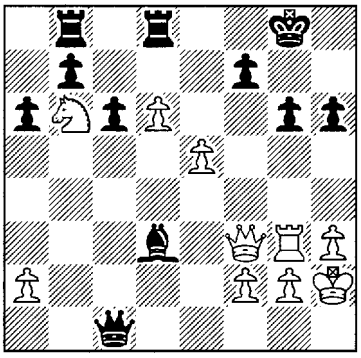
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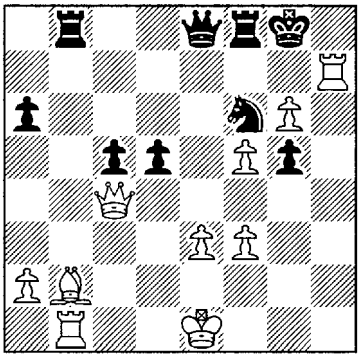
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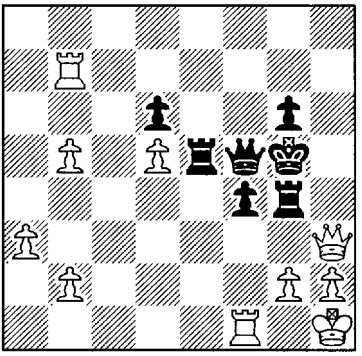
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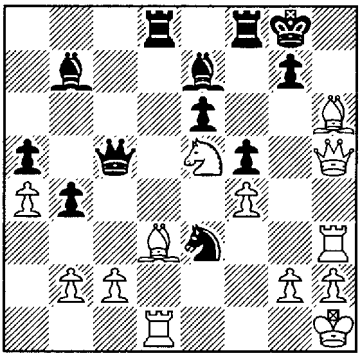
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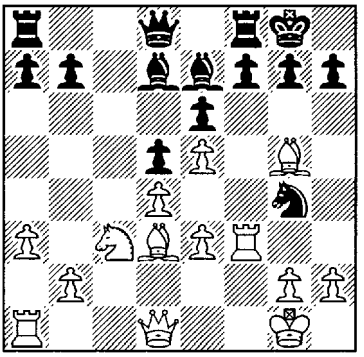
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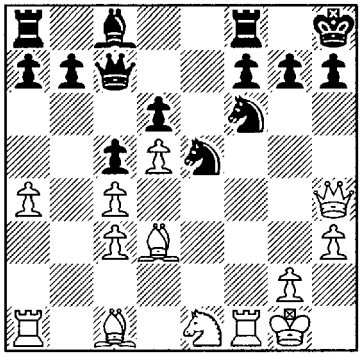
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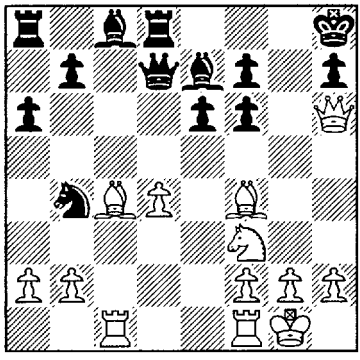
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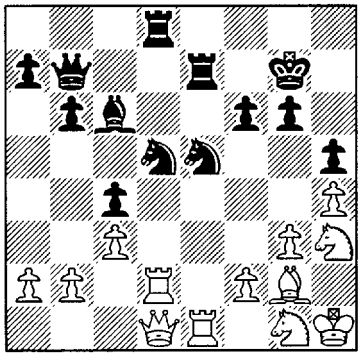
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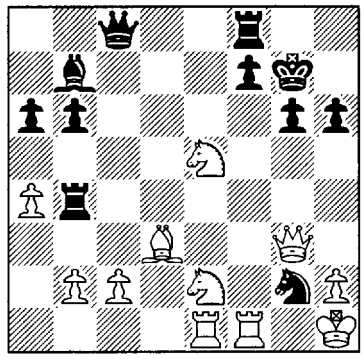
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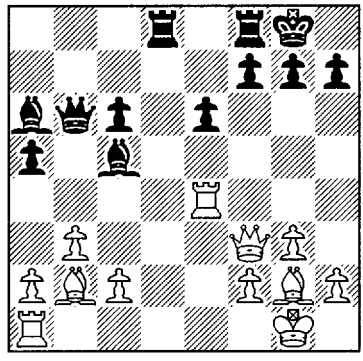
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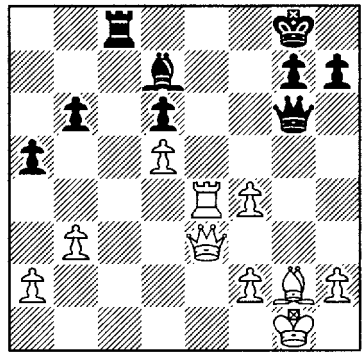
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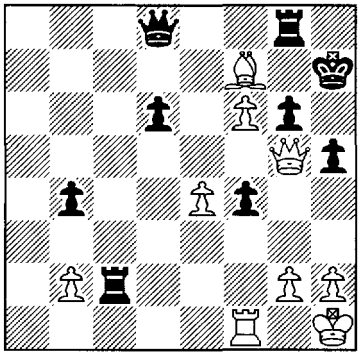
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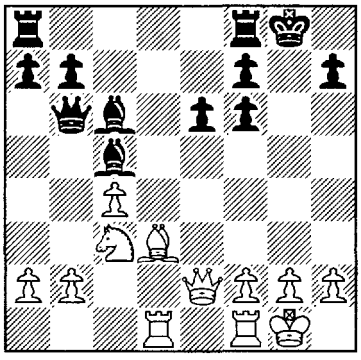
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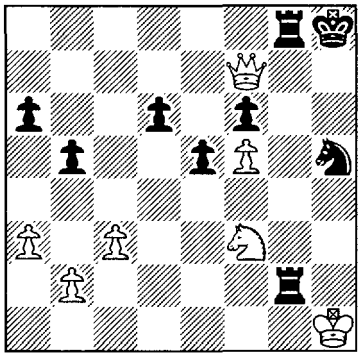
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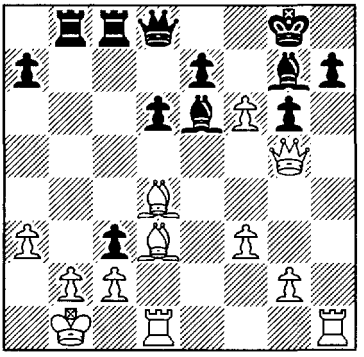
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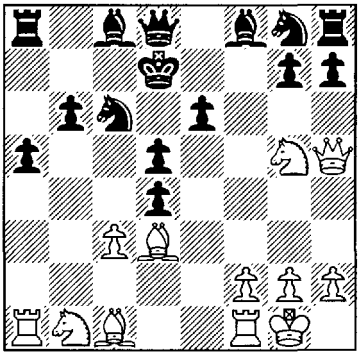
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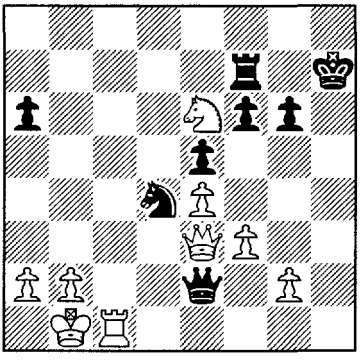
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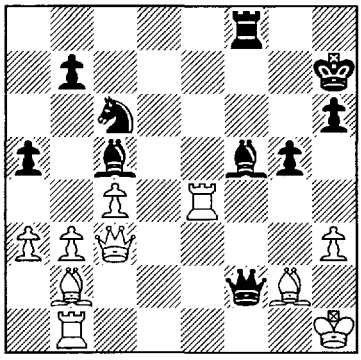
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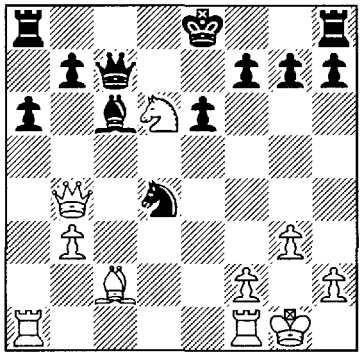
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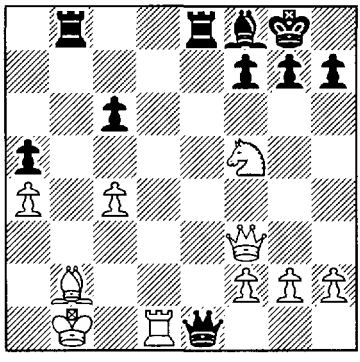
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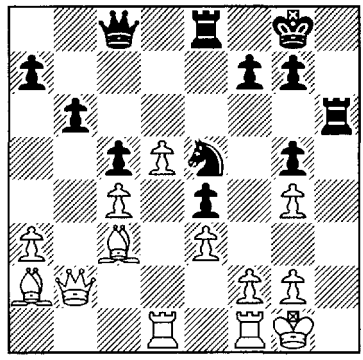
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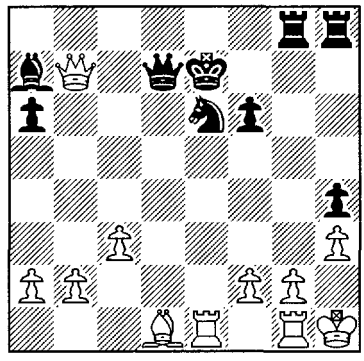
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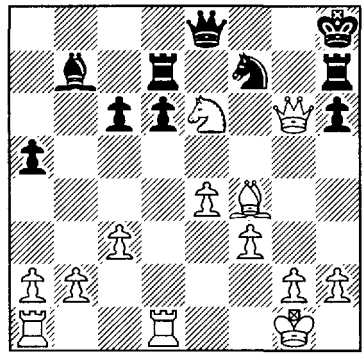
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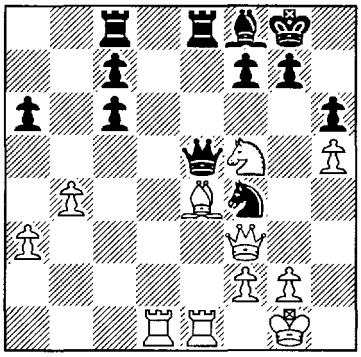
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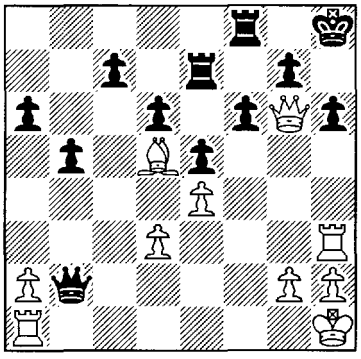
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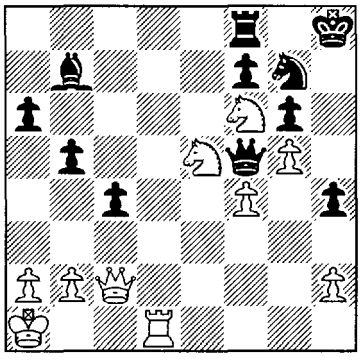
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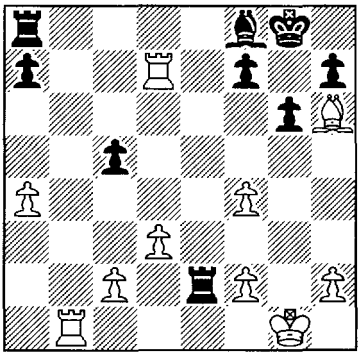
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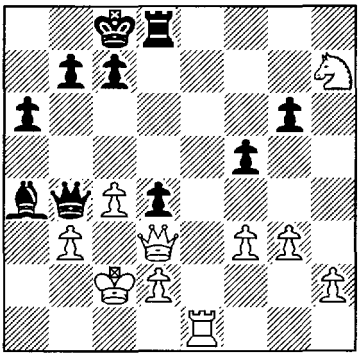
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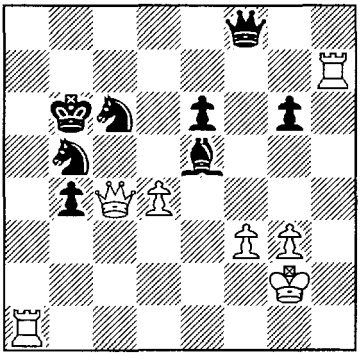
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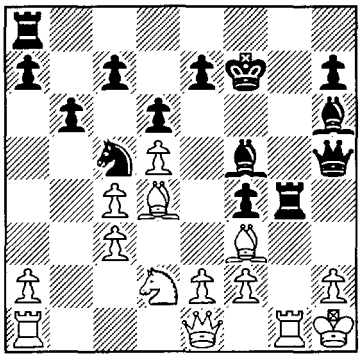
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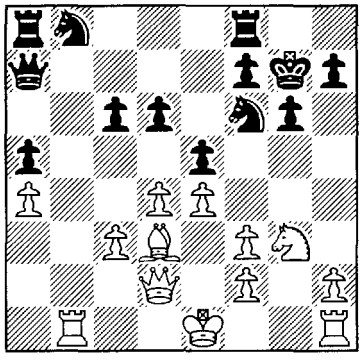
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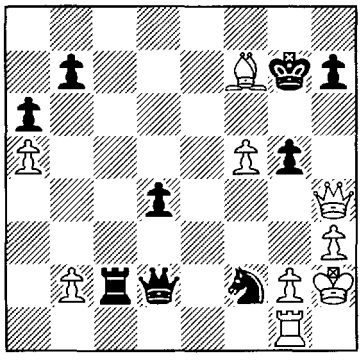
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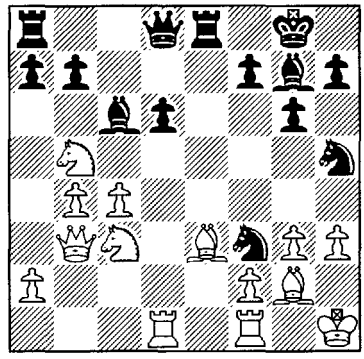
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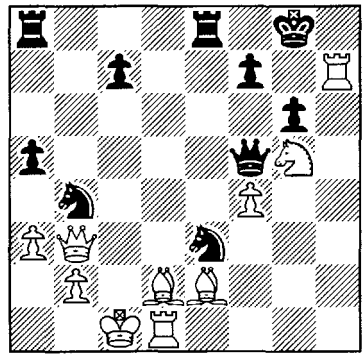
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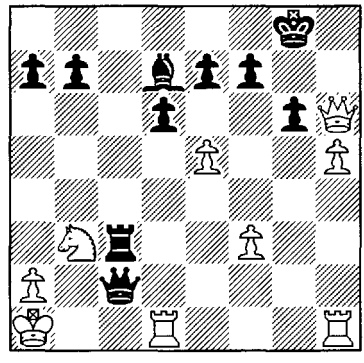
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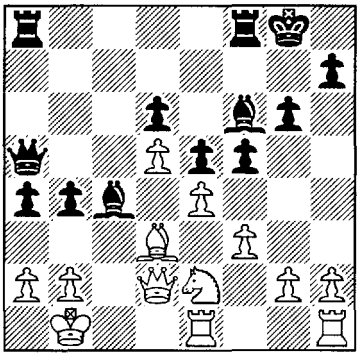
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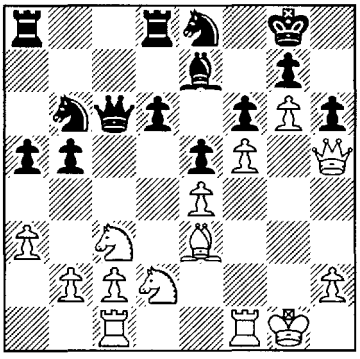
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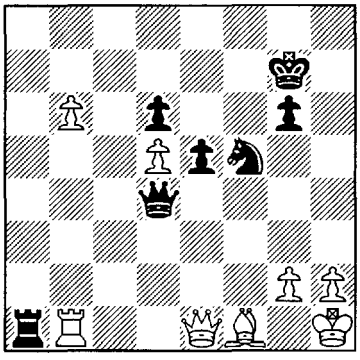
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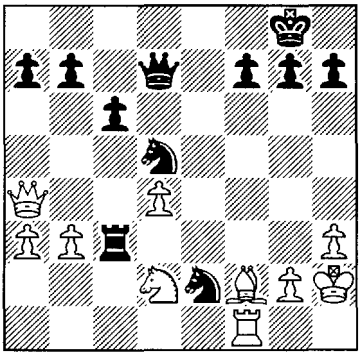
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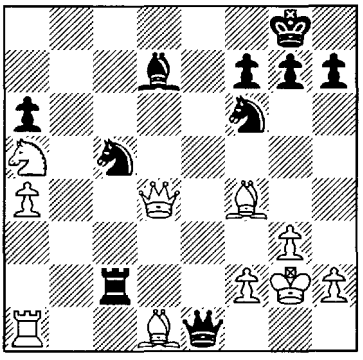
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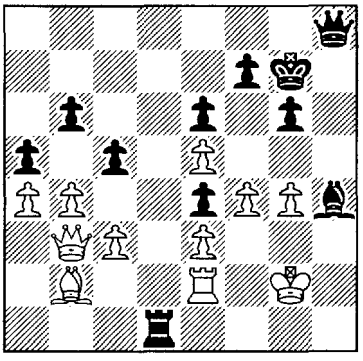
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Lenk 2007



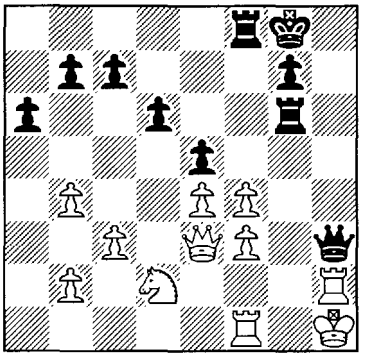
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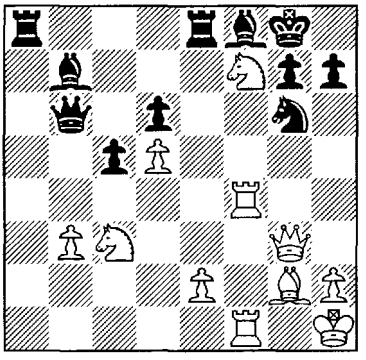
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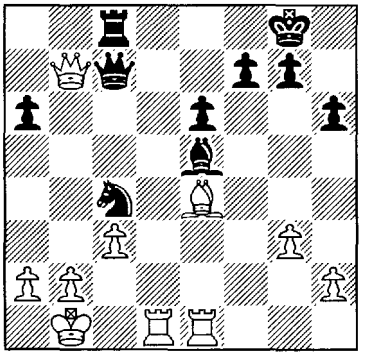
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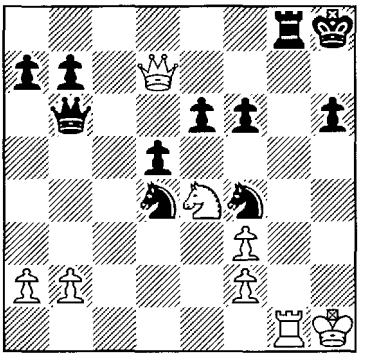
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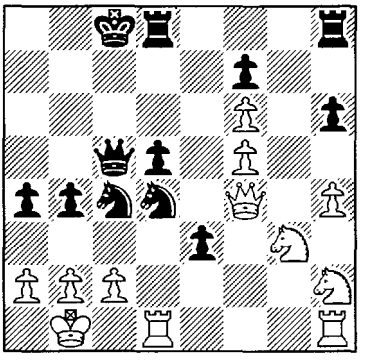
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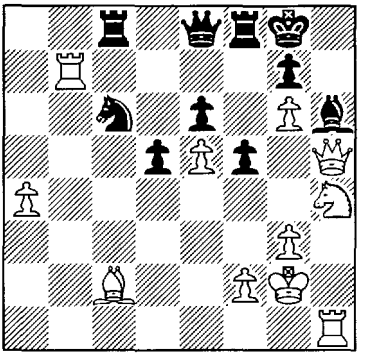
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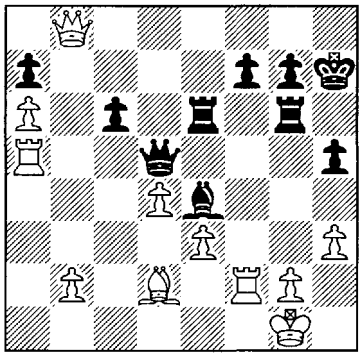
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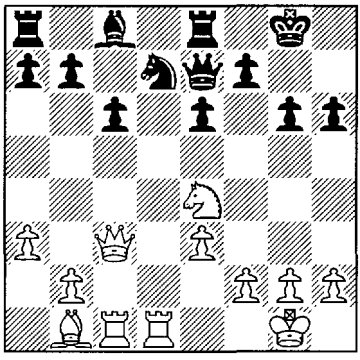
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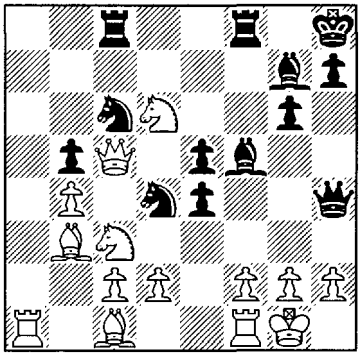
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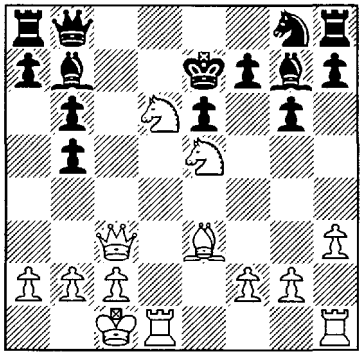
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London 1977



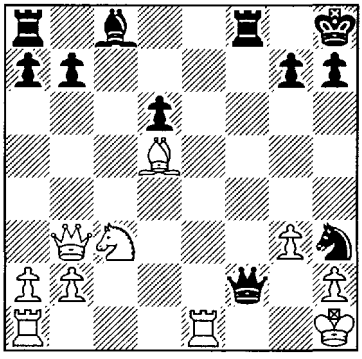
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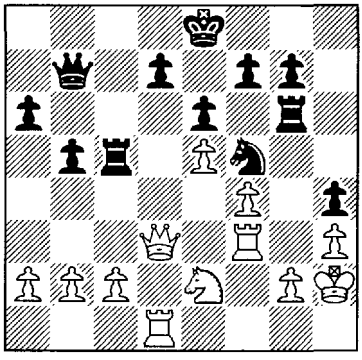
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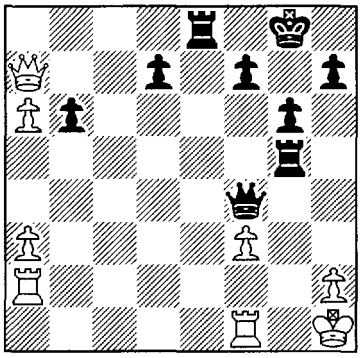
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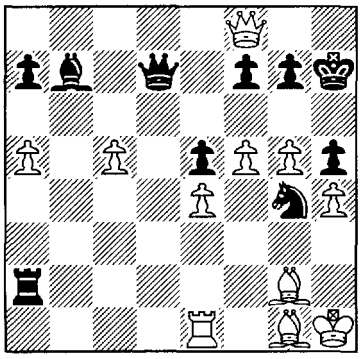
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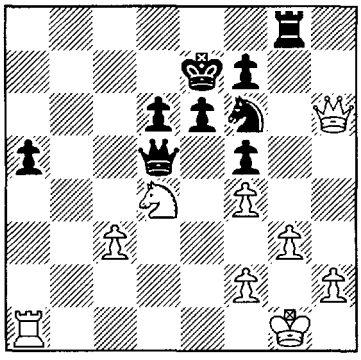
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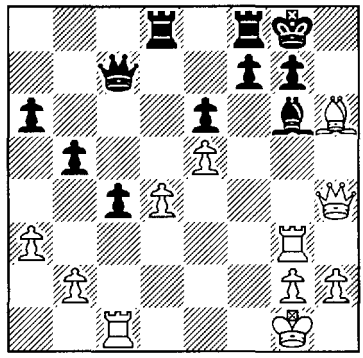
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London 1992



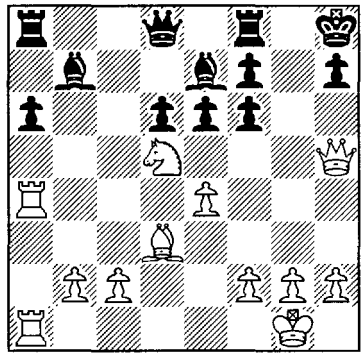
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London 2005



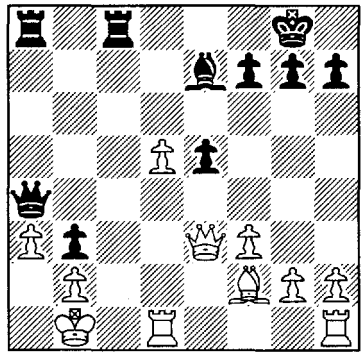
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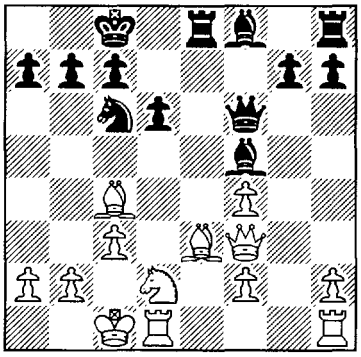
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London 2002



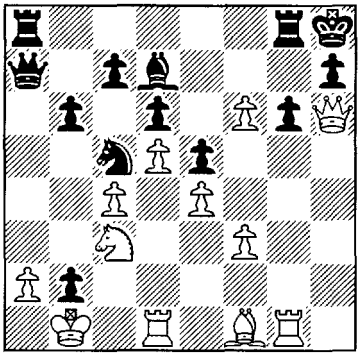
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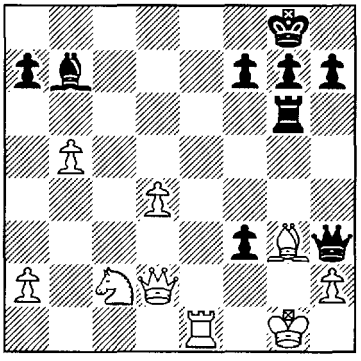
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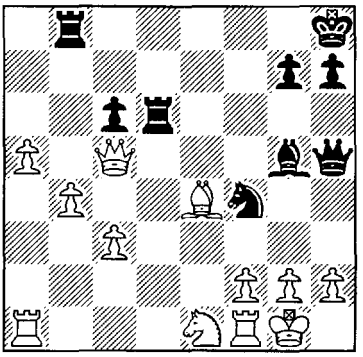
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431) ☐ **W.Steinitz** ■ **S.Rosenthal**
London 1883



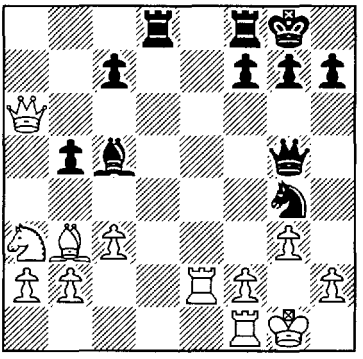
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Lviv 2007



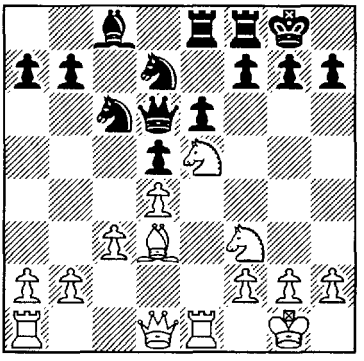
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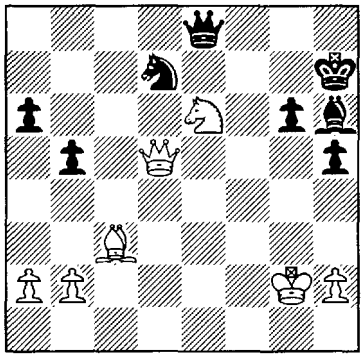
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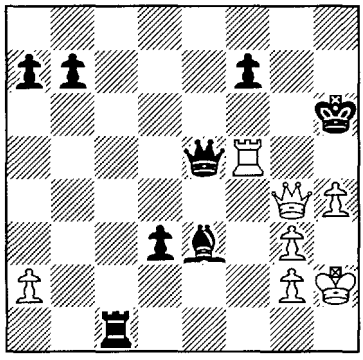
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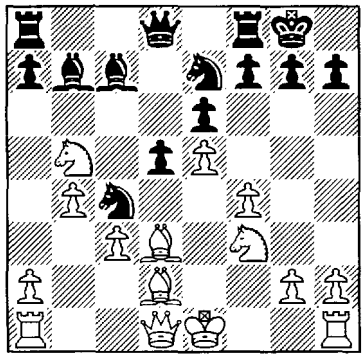
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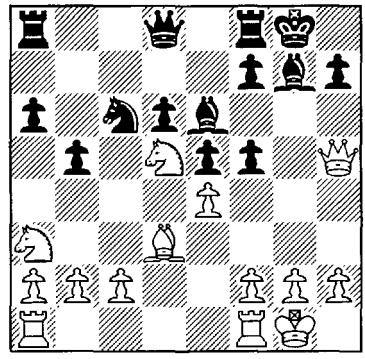
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437) ☐ **V.Knox** ■ **B.Pytel**
Manchester 1981



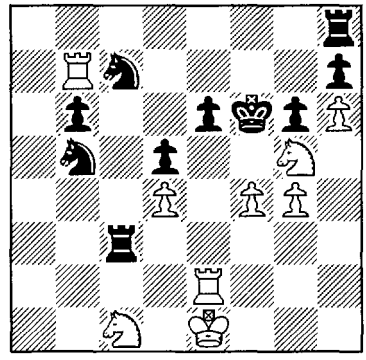
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Manresa 2004



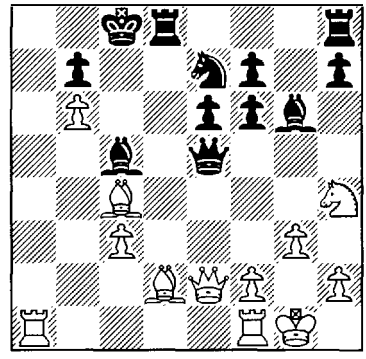
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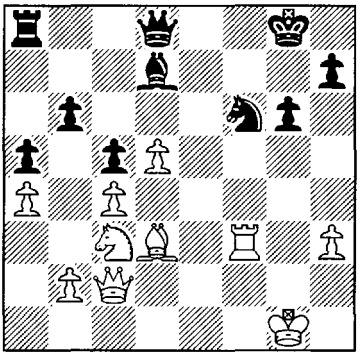
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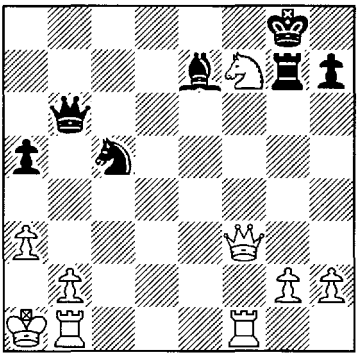
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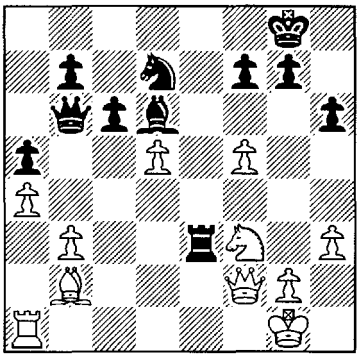
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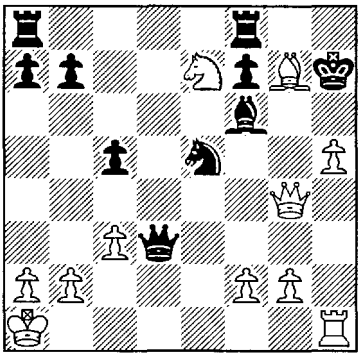
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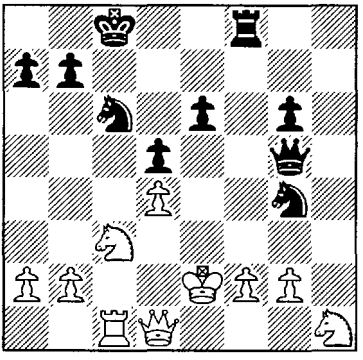
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Mashantucket 2005



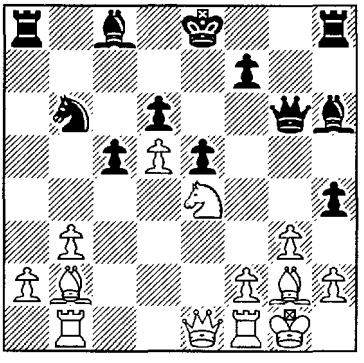
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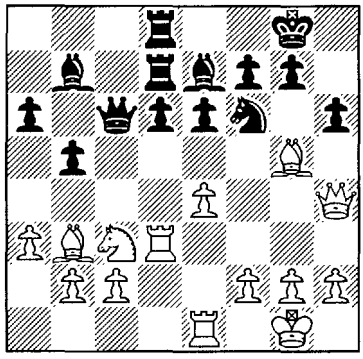
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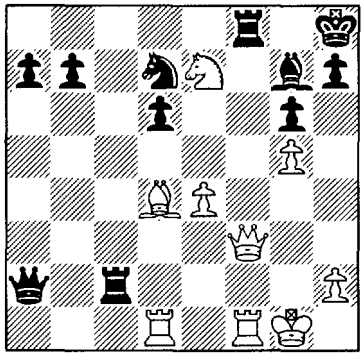
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Mexico City 2007



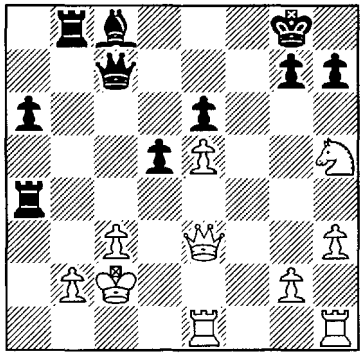
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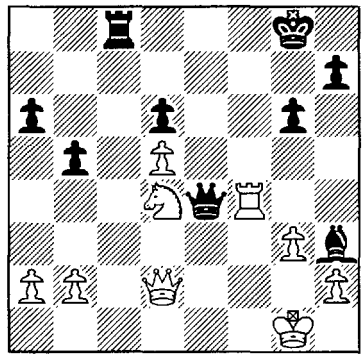
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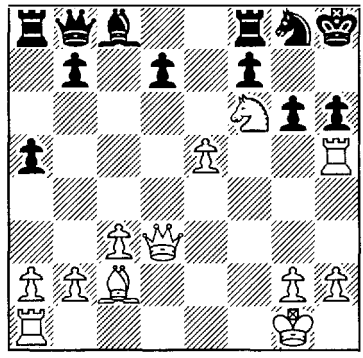
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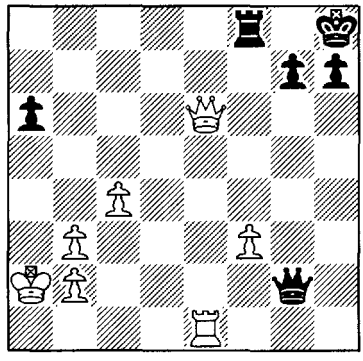
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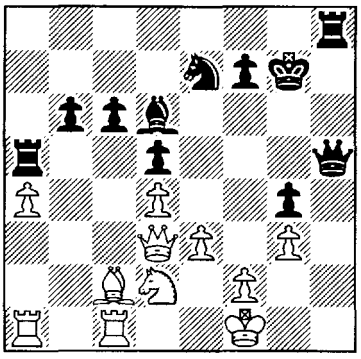
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Mineola 2006



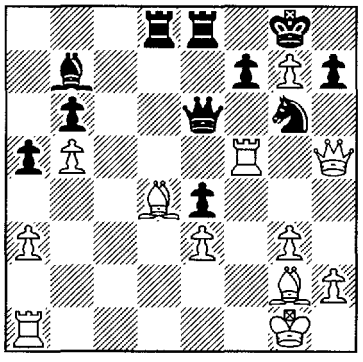
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Minsk 2007



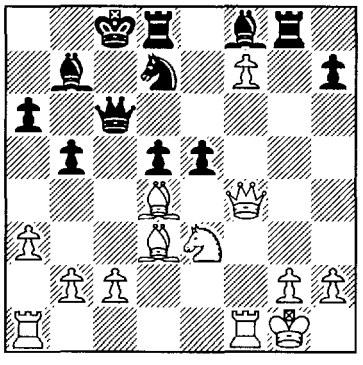
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Monaco 1969



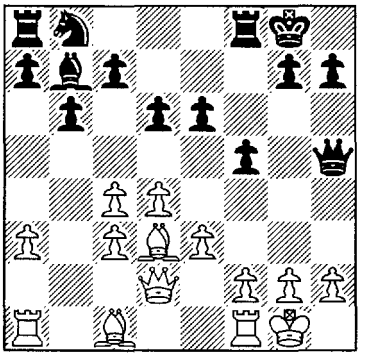
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Monaco (blindfold) 2007



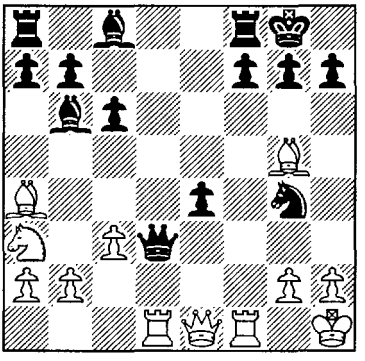
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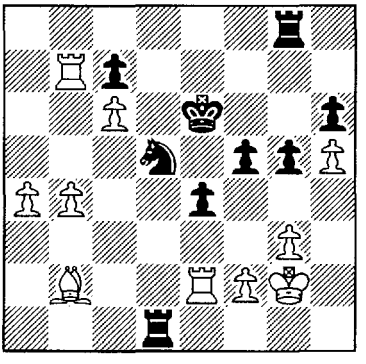
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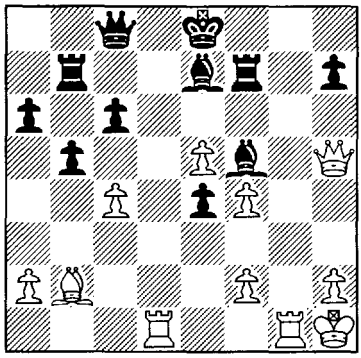
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458) ☐ **T.Roussel Roozmon** ■ **A.Moiseenko**
Montreal 2004



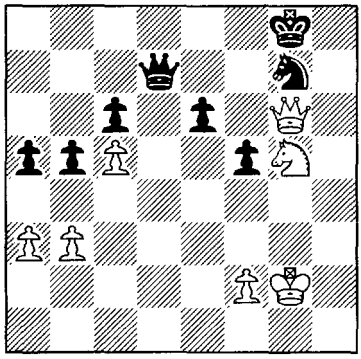
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Morelia 2007



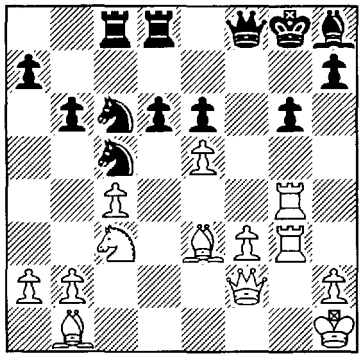
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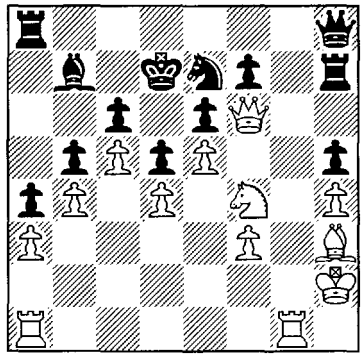
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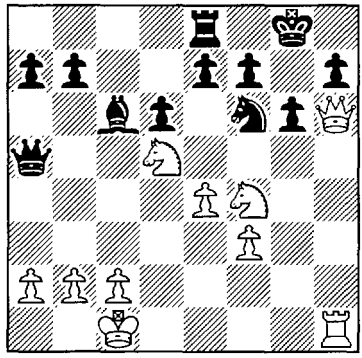
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Moscow 2007



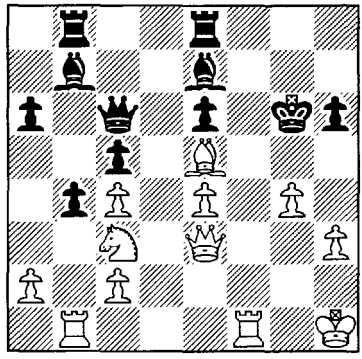
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463) ☐ **A.Karpov** ■ **V.Korchnoi**
Moscow 1974



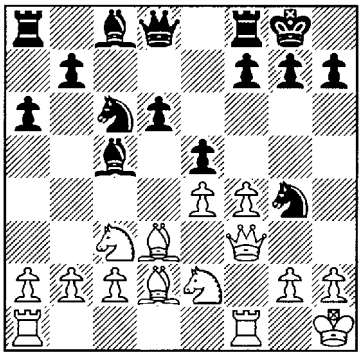
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464) ☐ **B.Jobava** ■ **J.Ehlvest**
Moscow 2007



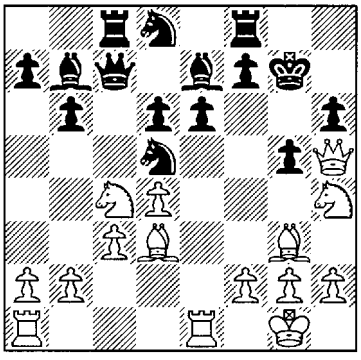
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465) ☐ **B.Savchenko** ■ **C.Balogh**
Moscow 2007



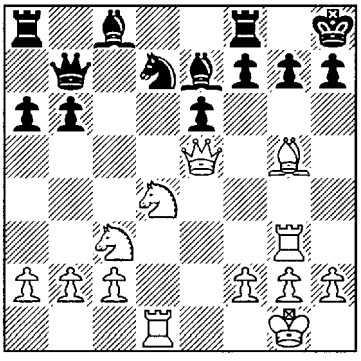
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466) ☐ **C.Torre Repetto** ■ **F.Sämisch**
Moscow 1925



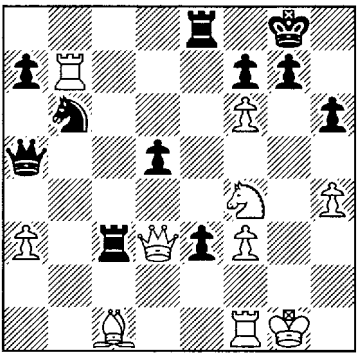
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467) ☐ **D.Bronstein** ■ **A.Kotov**
Moscow 1946



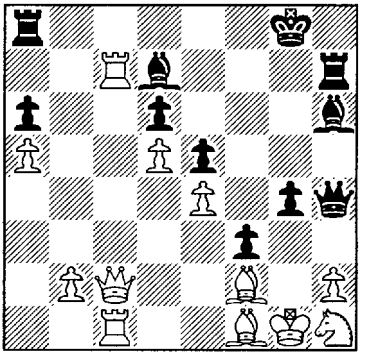
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468) ☐ **D.Bronstein** ■ **E.Geller**
Moscow 1961



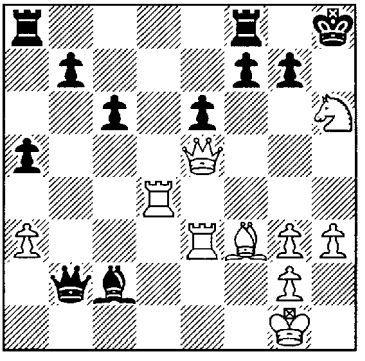
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Moscow 2006



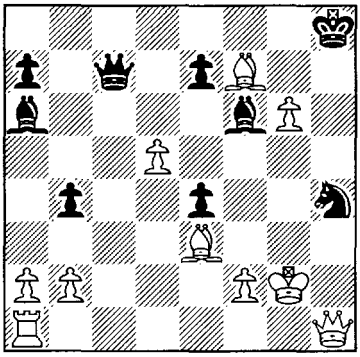
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Moscow 2007



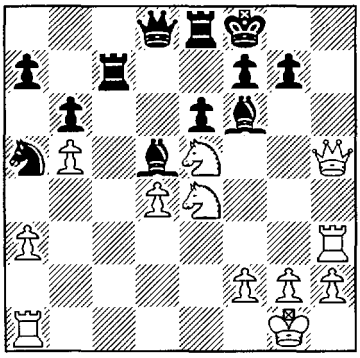
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Moscow 2007



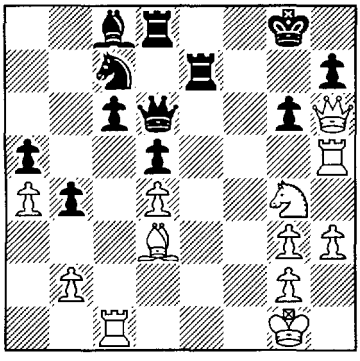
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472) ☐ **G.Kaidanov** ■ **V.Anand**
Moscow 1987



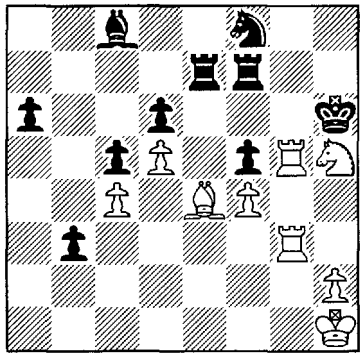
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473) ☐ **I.Khairullin** ■ **S.Vijayalakshmi**
Moscow 2007



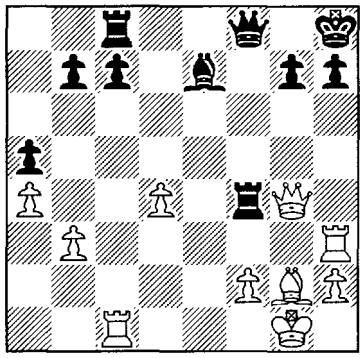
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Moscow 2007



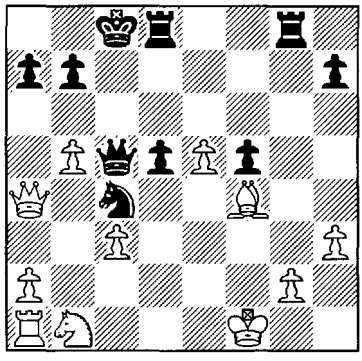
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Moscow 2007



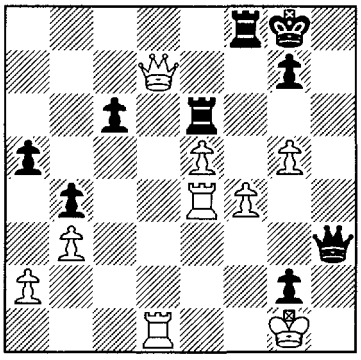
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476) ☐ **N.Kharmunova** ■ **A.Gavrilov**
Moscow 2007



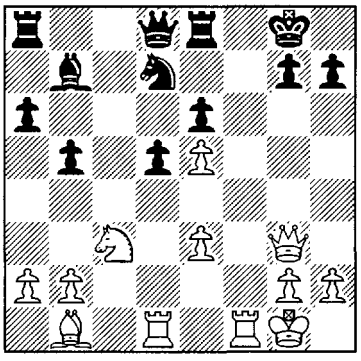
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477) ☐ **R.Vaganian** ■ **G.Sargissian**
Moscow 2005



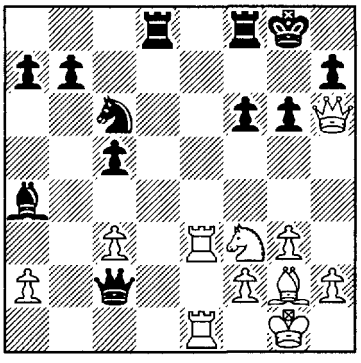
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Moscow 2007



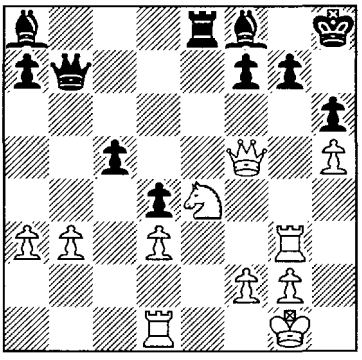
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479) ☐ **M.Botvinnik** ■ **V.Smyslov**
Moscow 1958



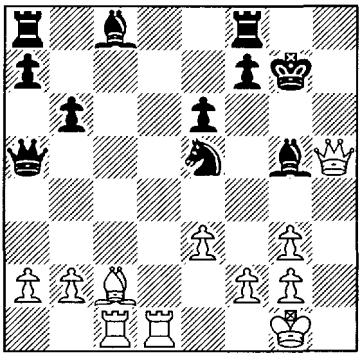
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Moscow 2007



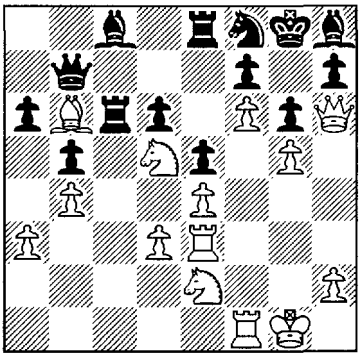
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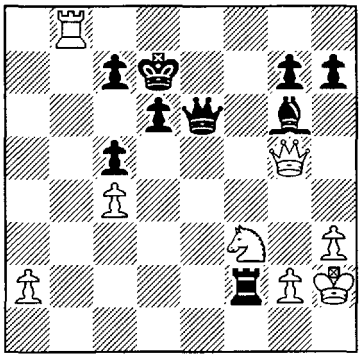
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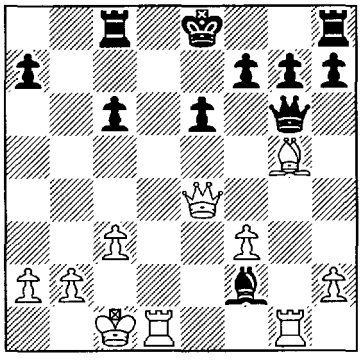
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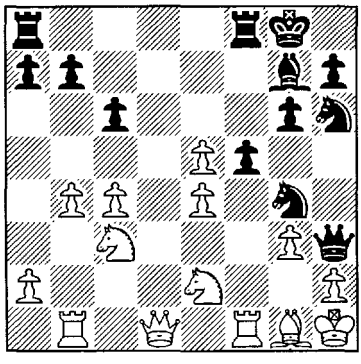
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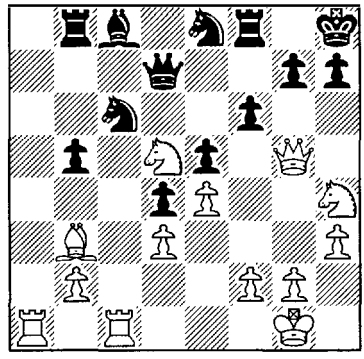
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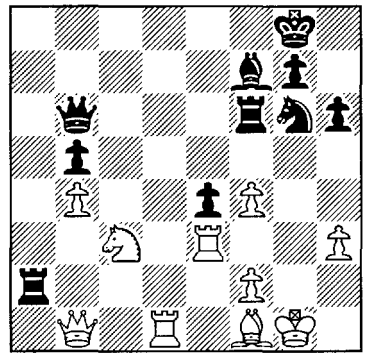
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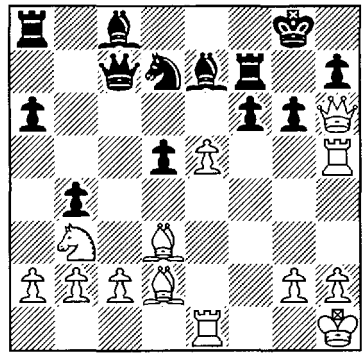
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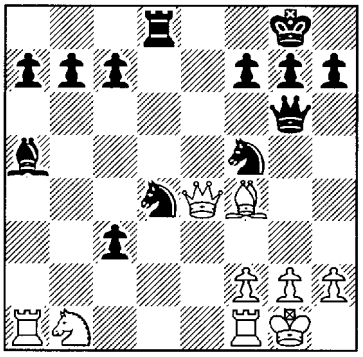
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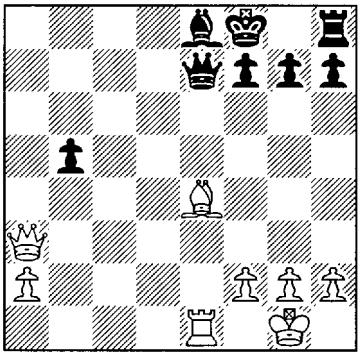
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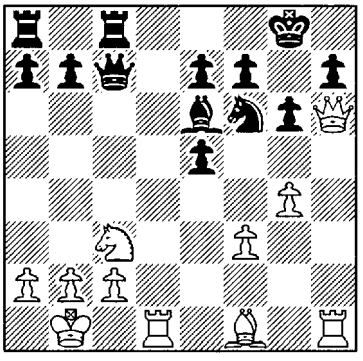
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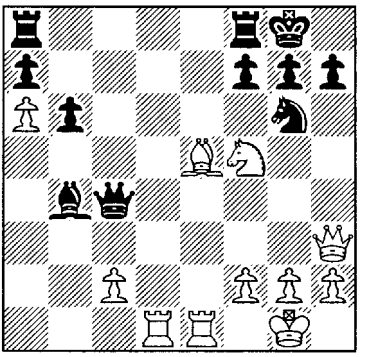
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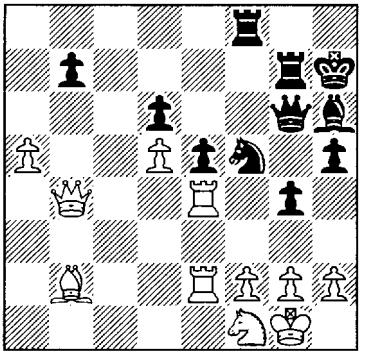
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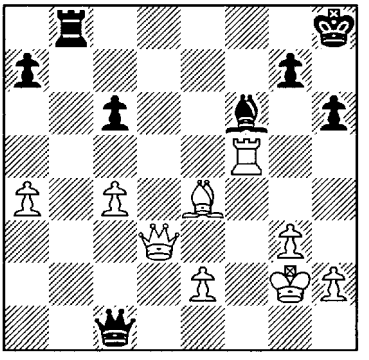
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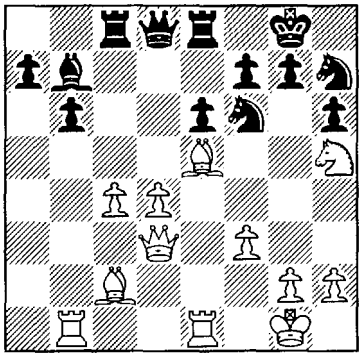
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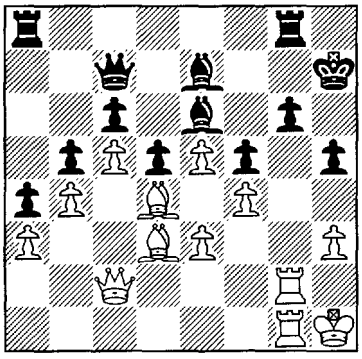
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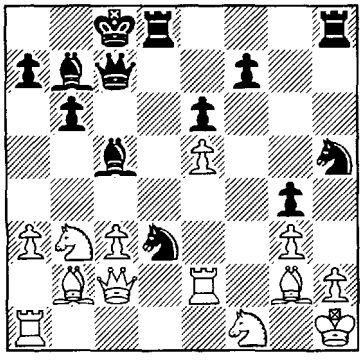
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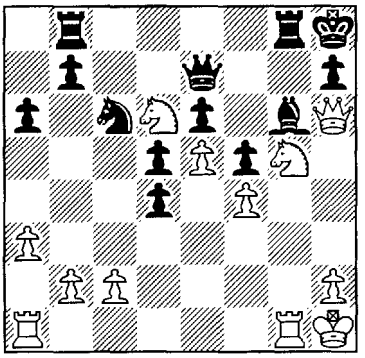
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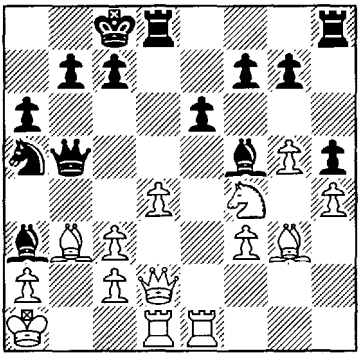
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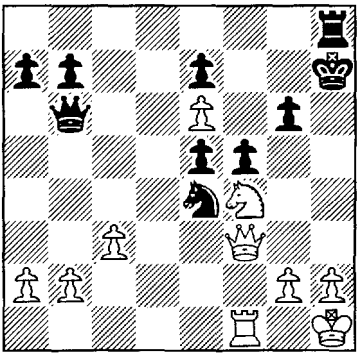
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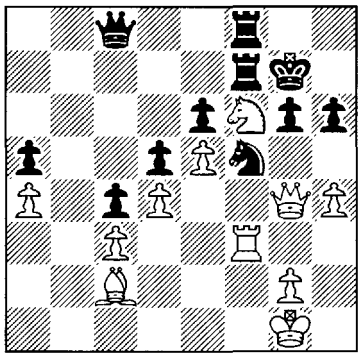
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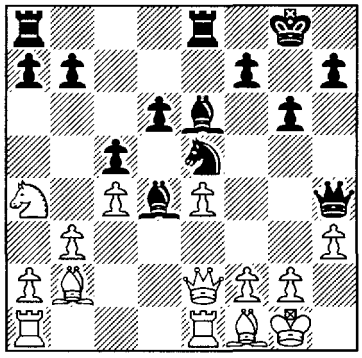
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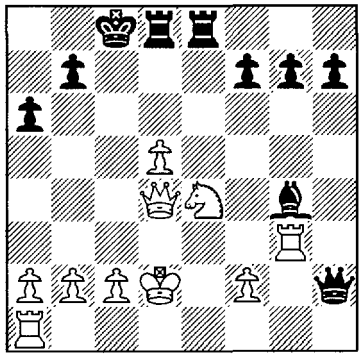
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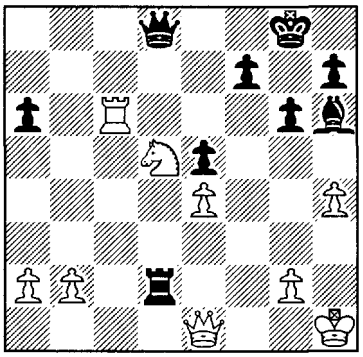
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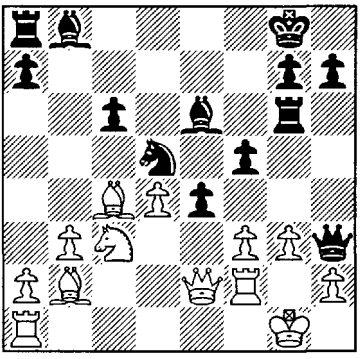
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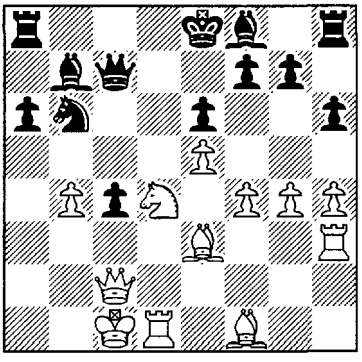
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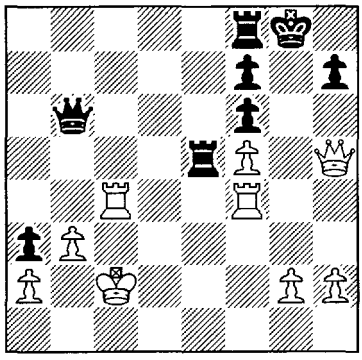
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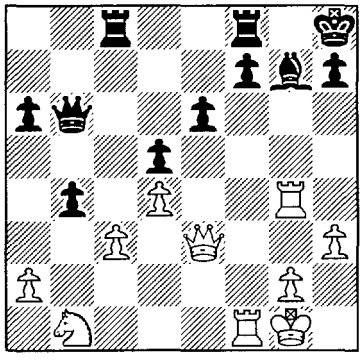
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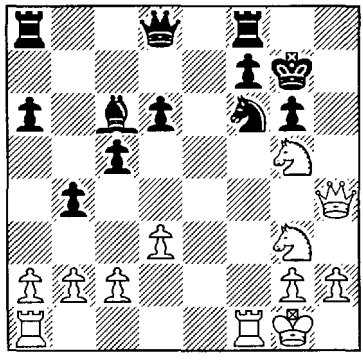
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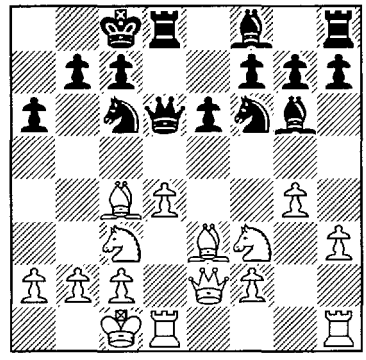
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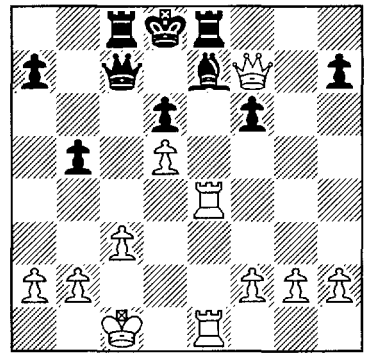
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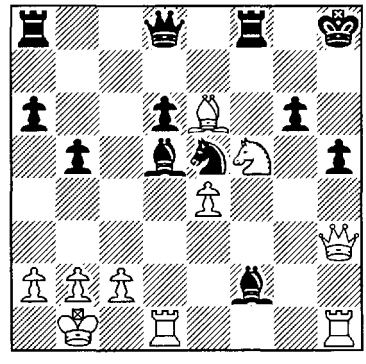
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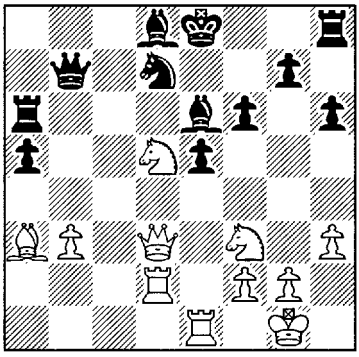
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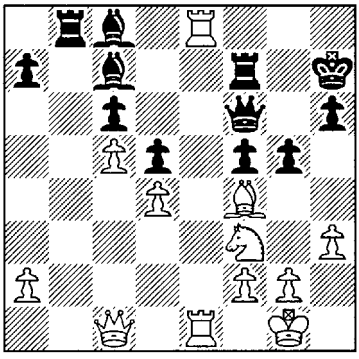
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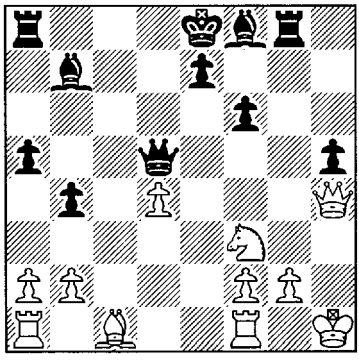
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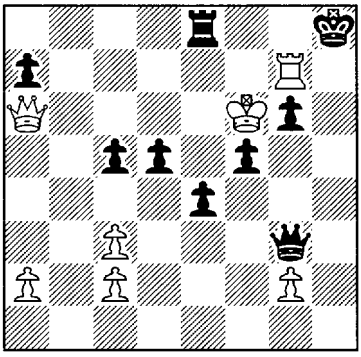
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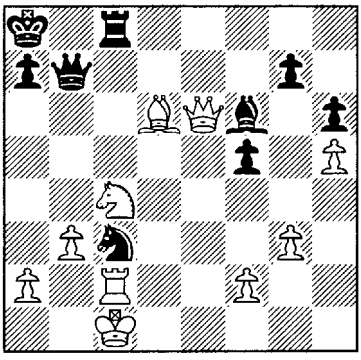
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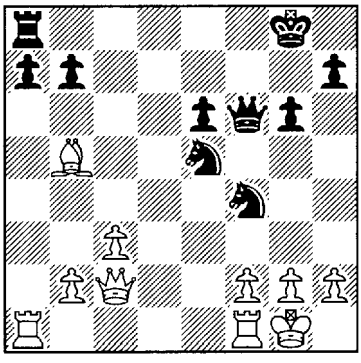
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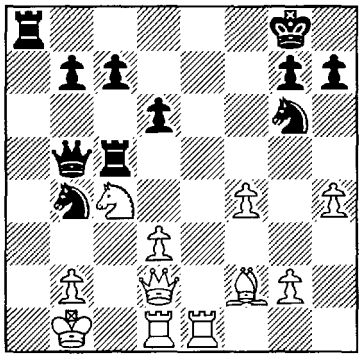
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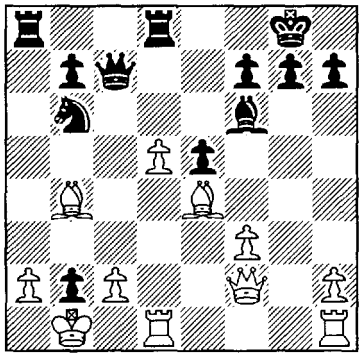
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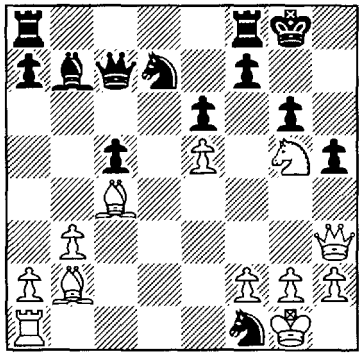
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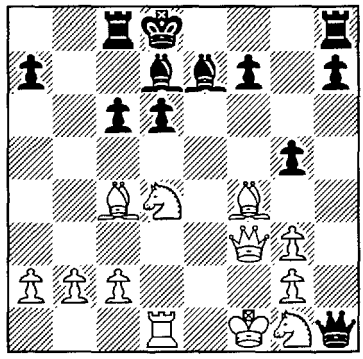
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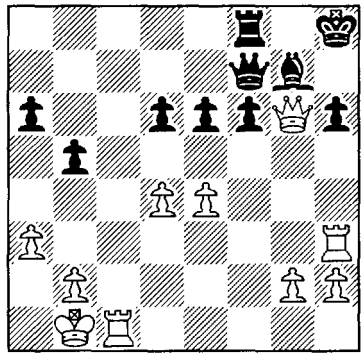
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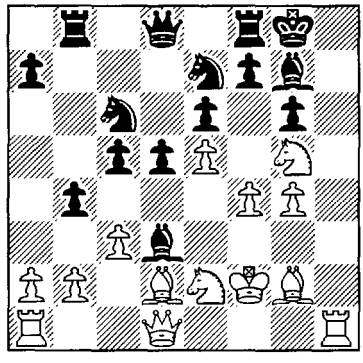
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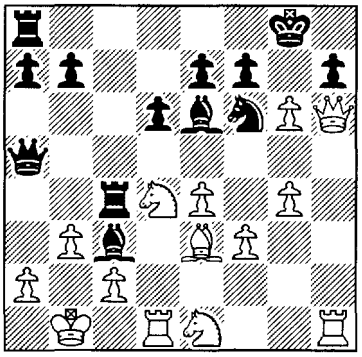
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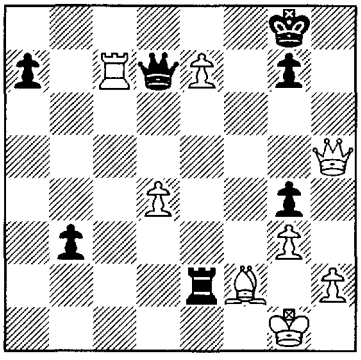
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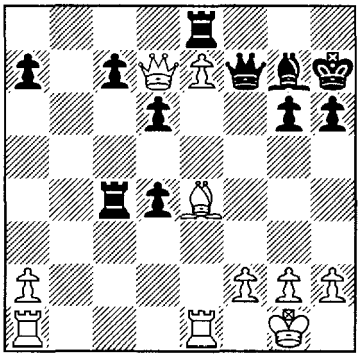
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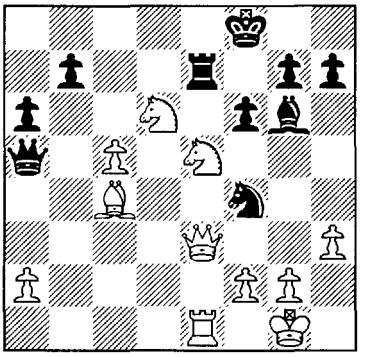
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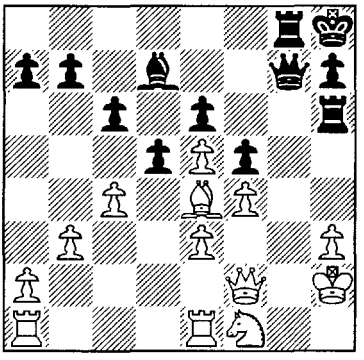
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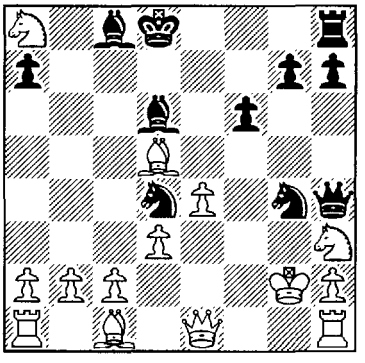
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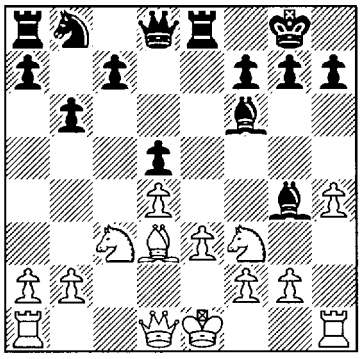
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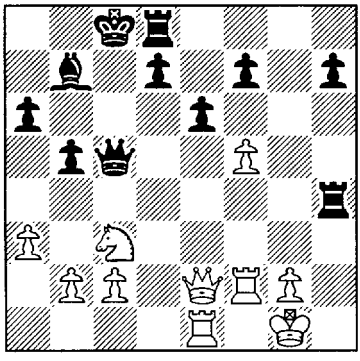
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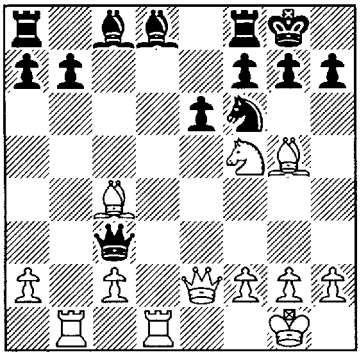
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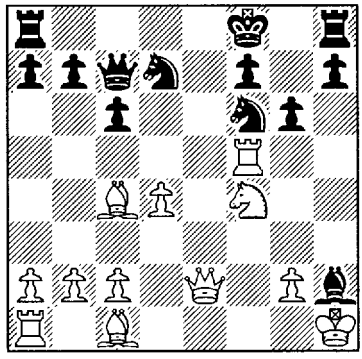
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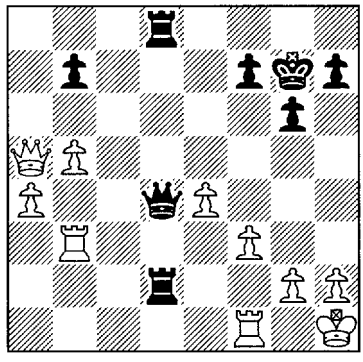
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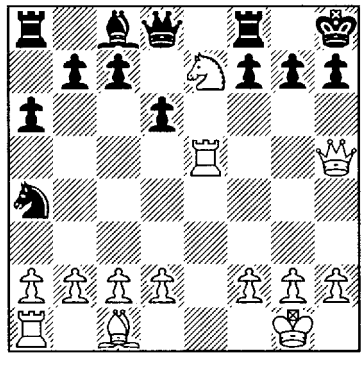
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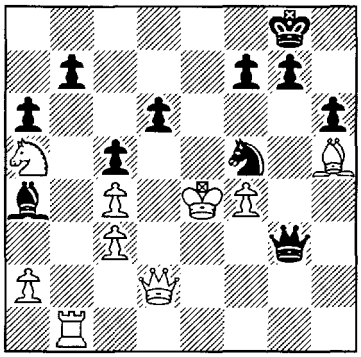
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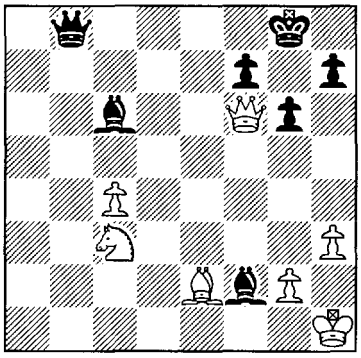
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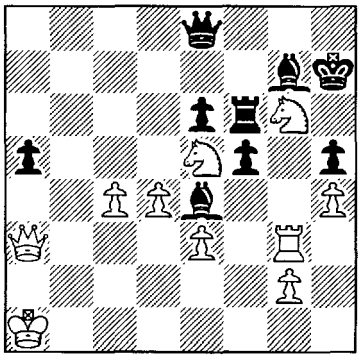
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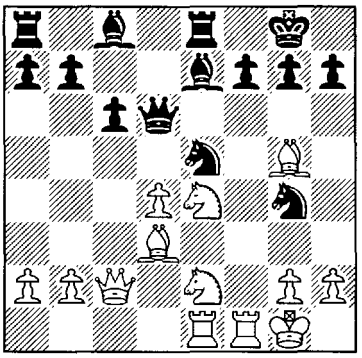
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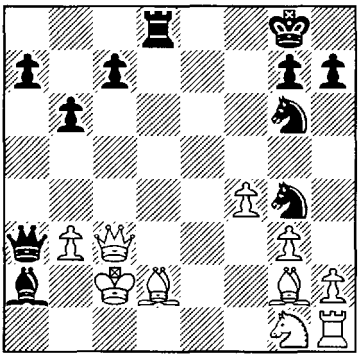
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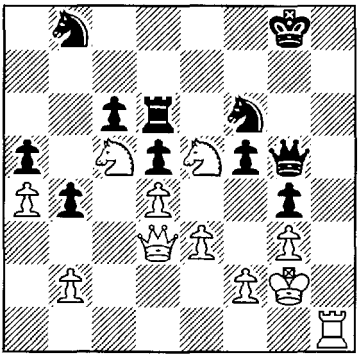
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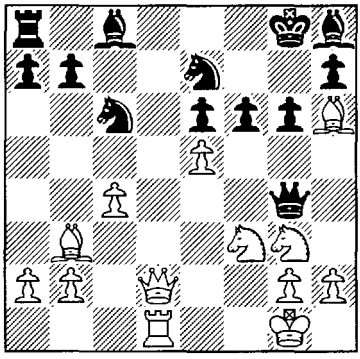
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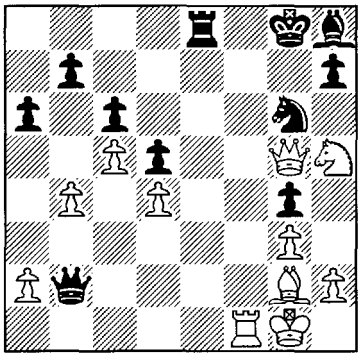
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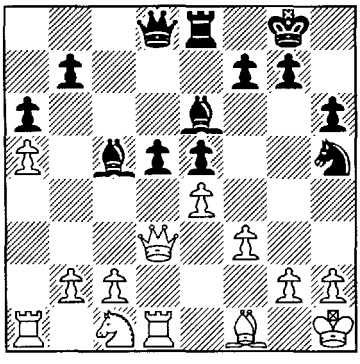
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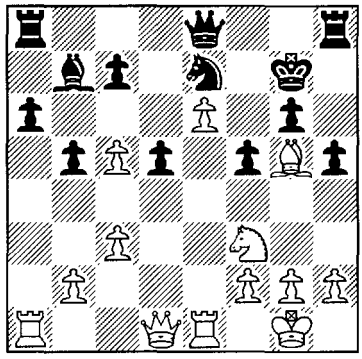
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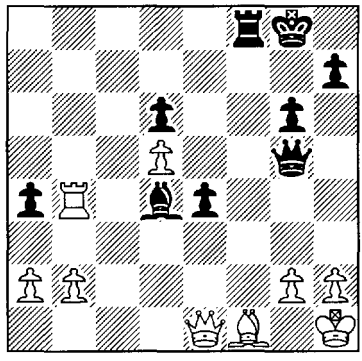
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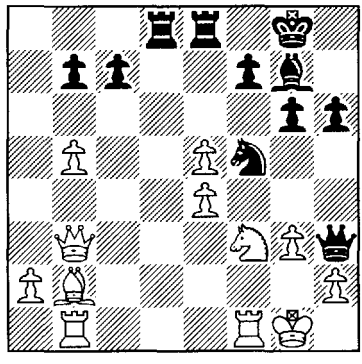
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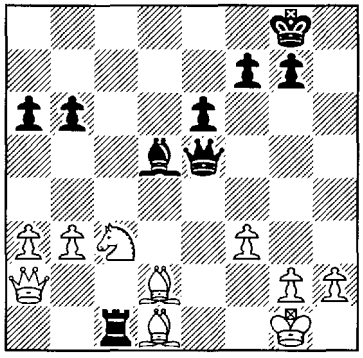
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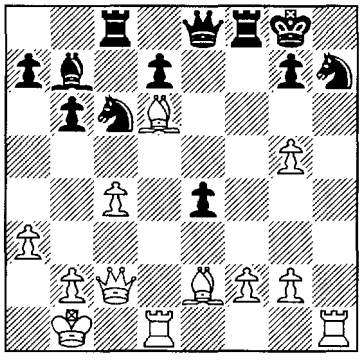
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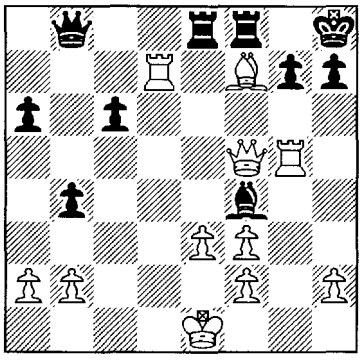
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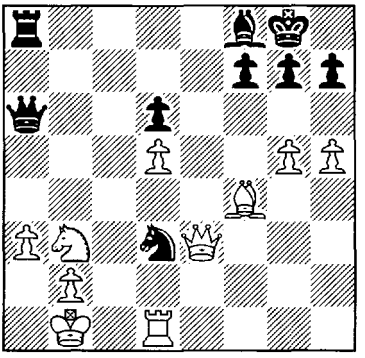
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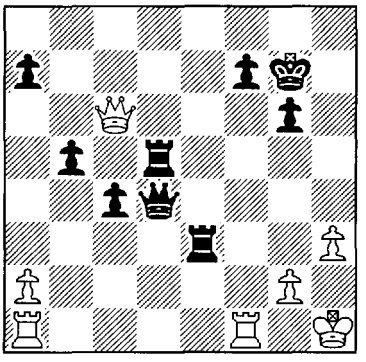
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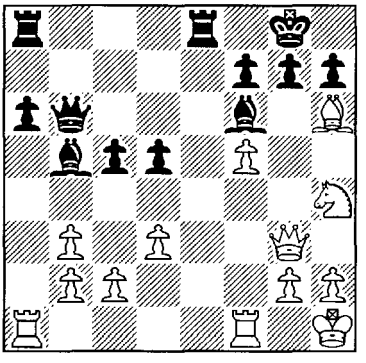
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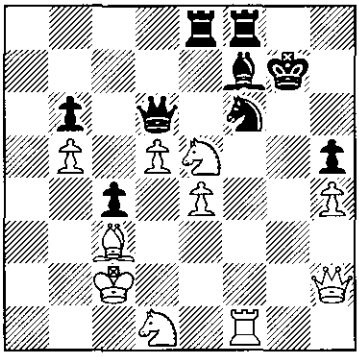
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Richmond (rapid) 2002



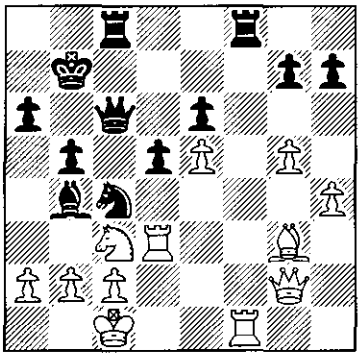
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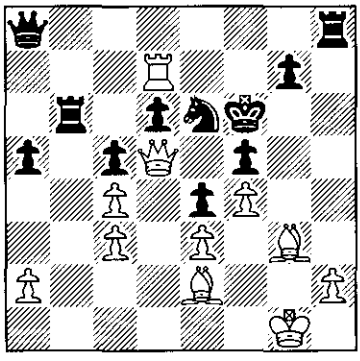
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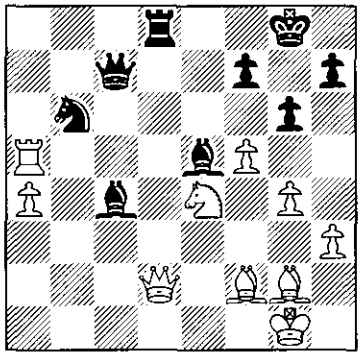
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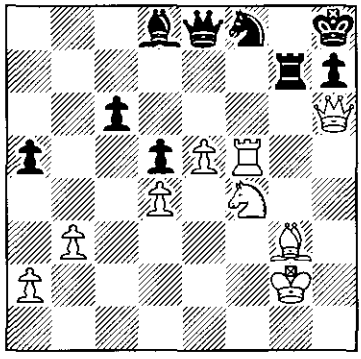
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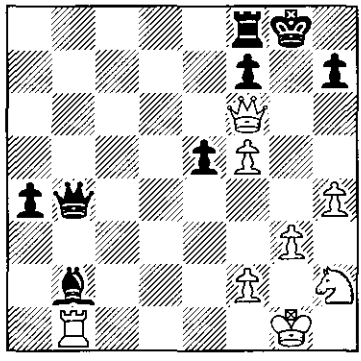
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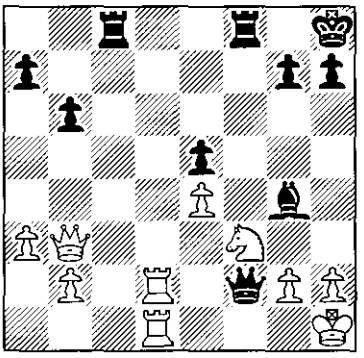
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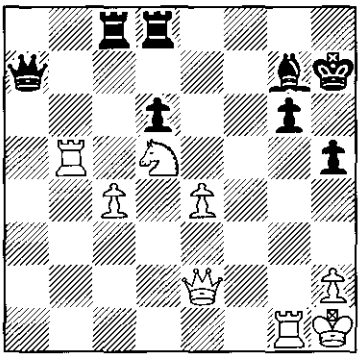
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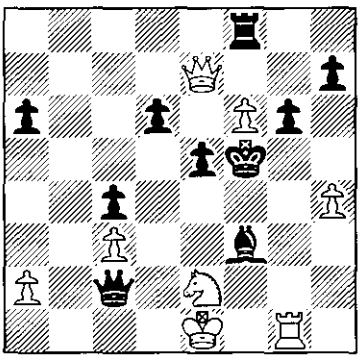
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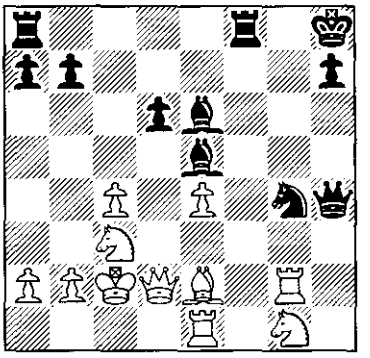
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San Diego 2004



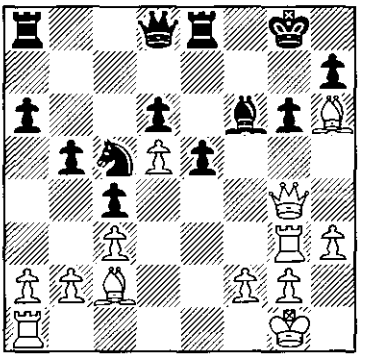
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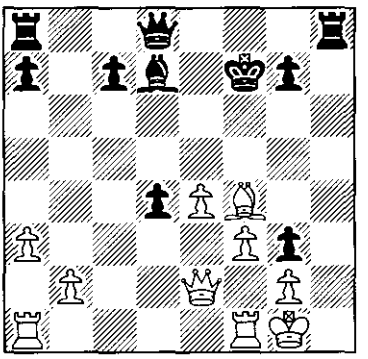
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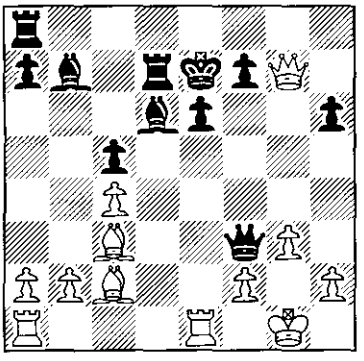
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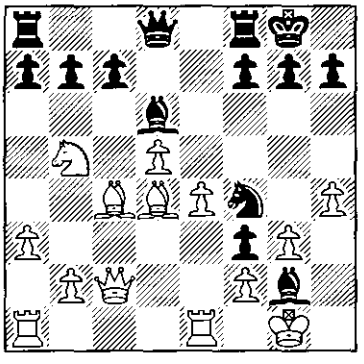
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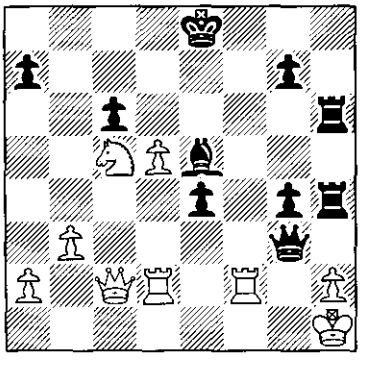
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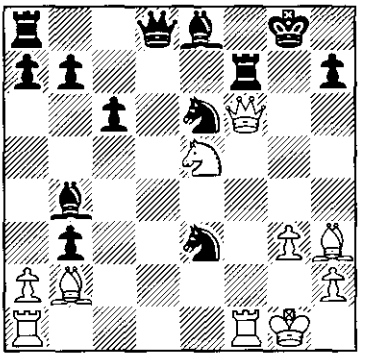
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Santo Domingo 2007



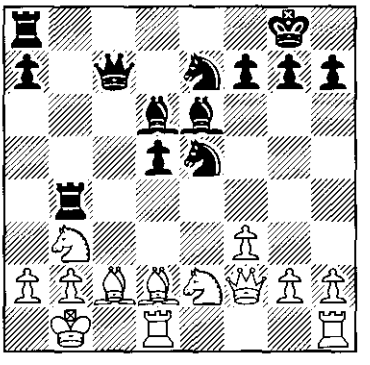
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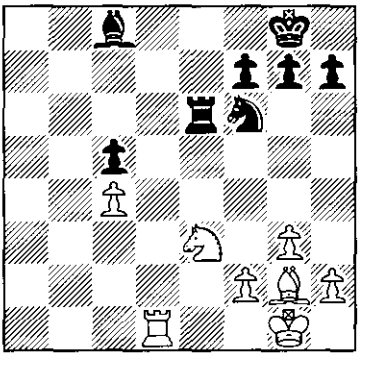
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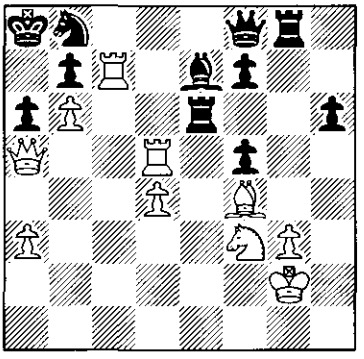
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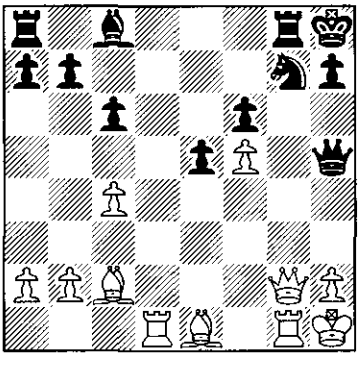
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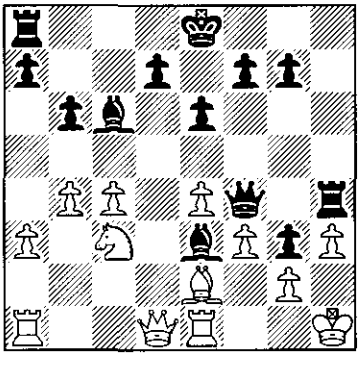
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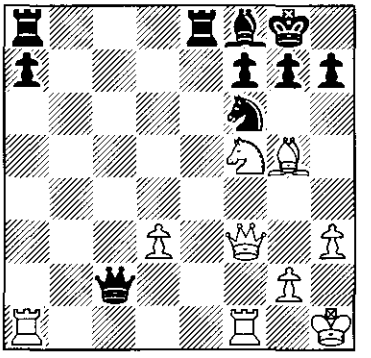
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Sas van Gent 1988



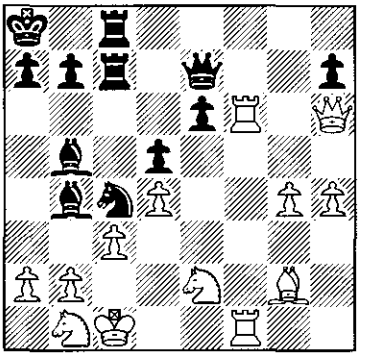
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Scarborough 2004



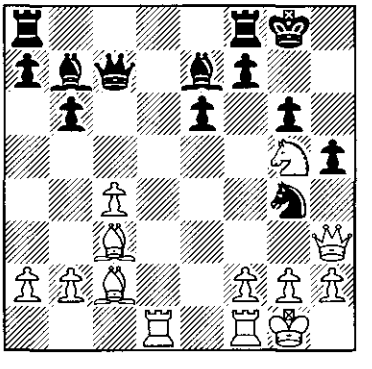
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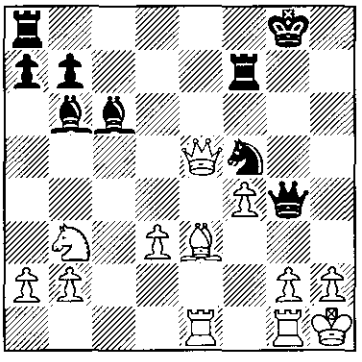
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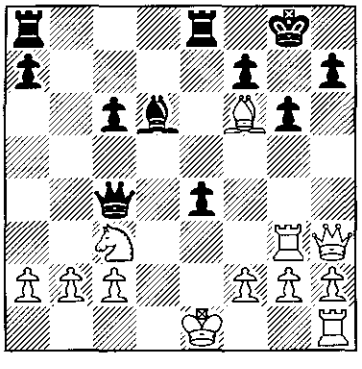
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Seville 2007



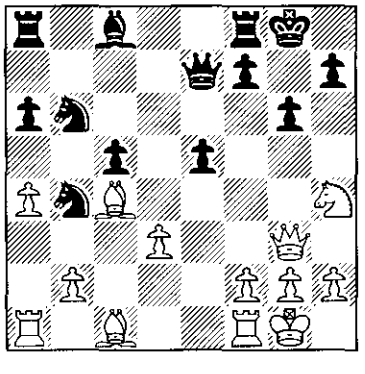
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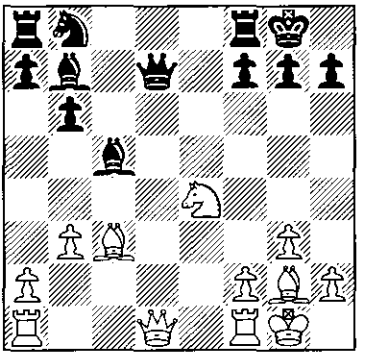
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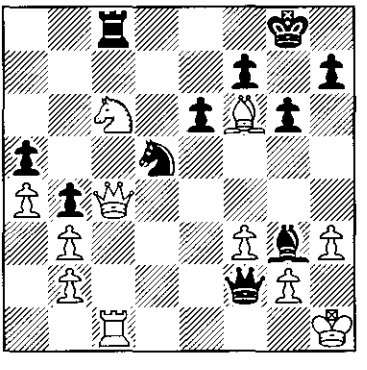
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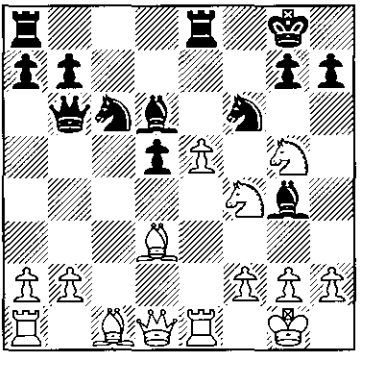
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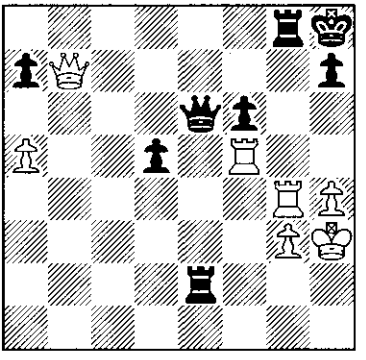
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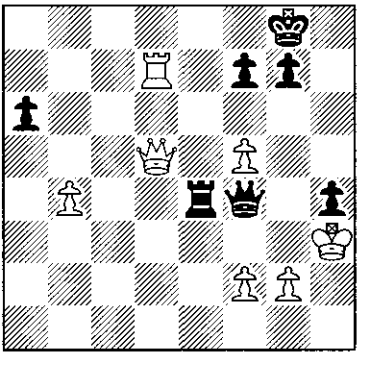
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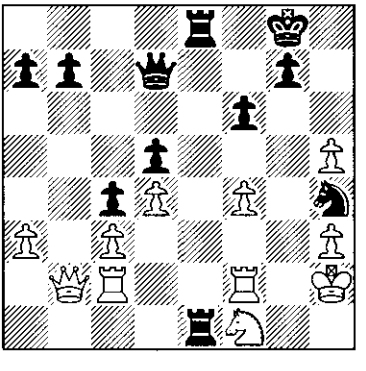
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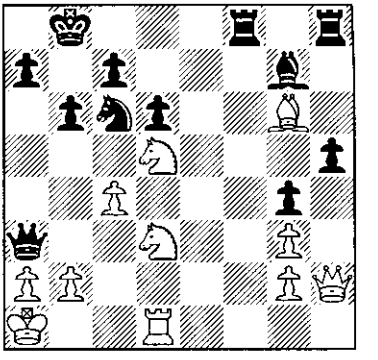
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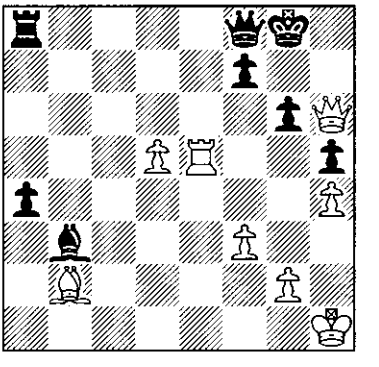
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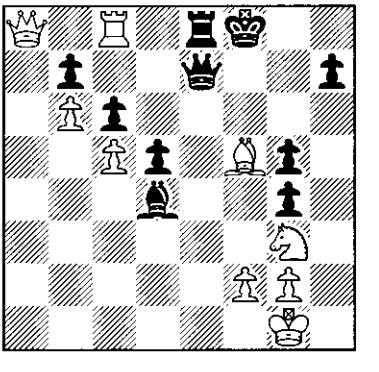
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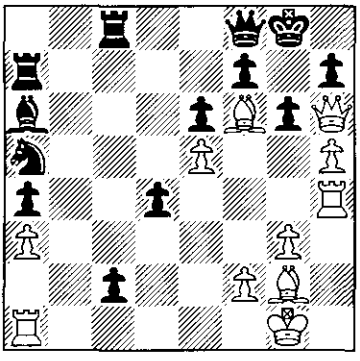
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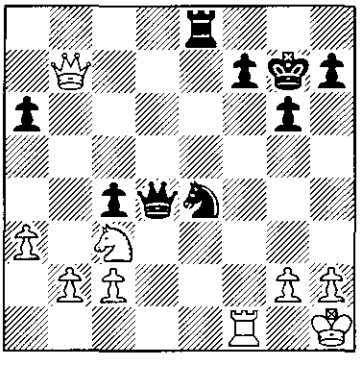
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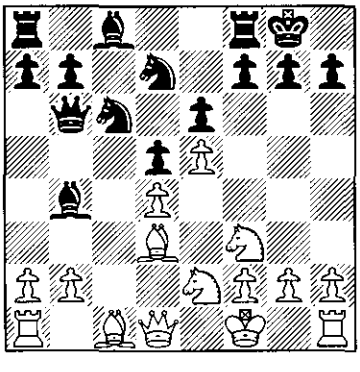
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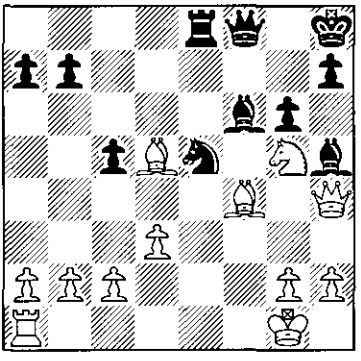
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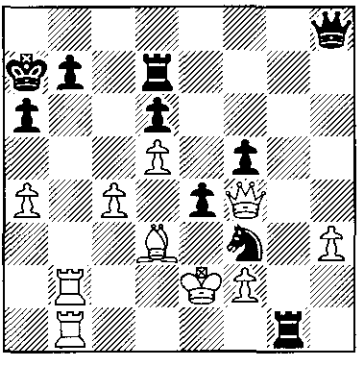
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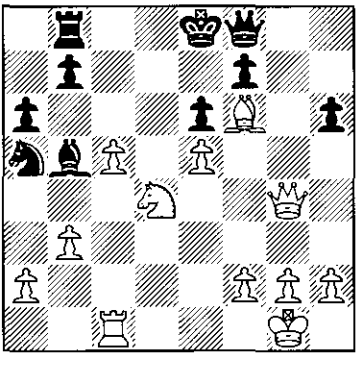
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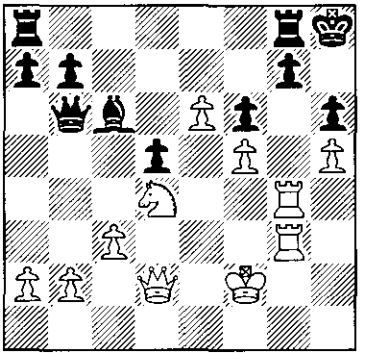
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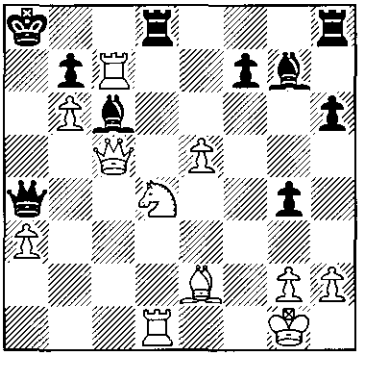
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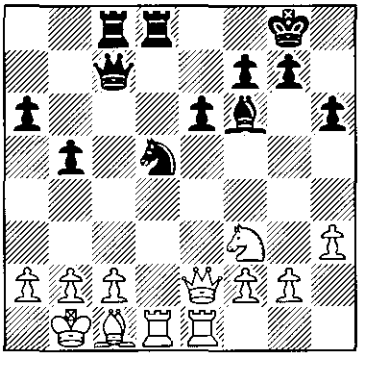
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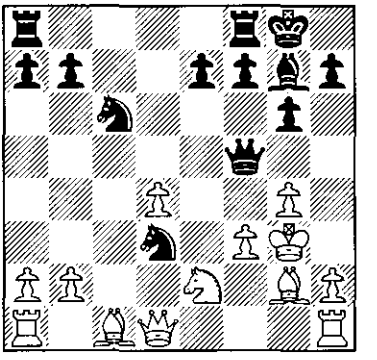
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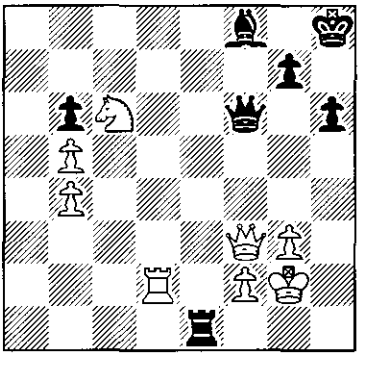
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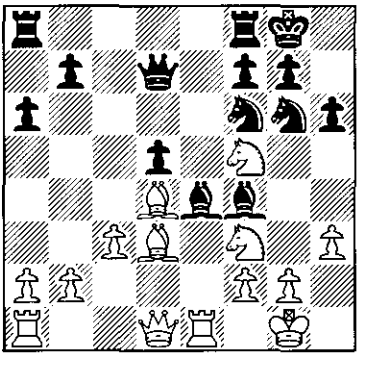
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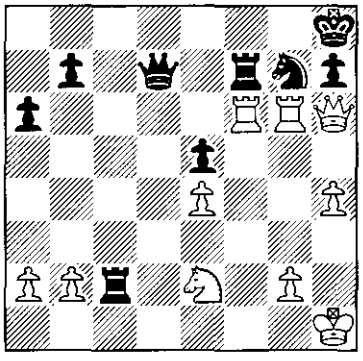
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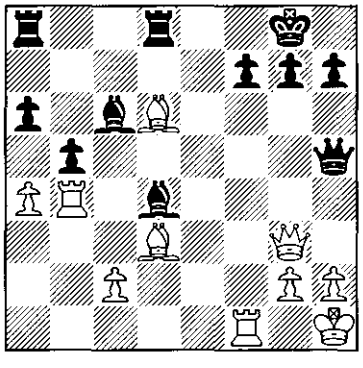
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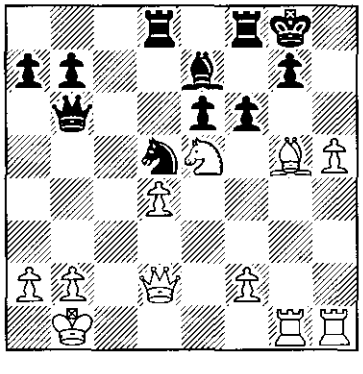
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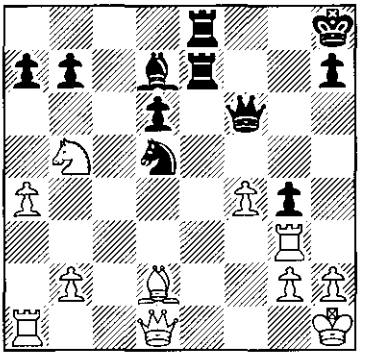
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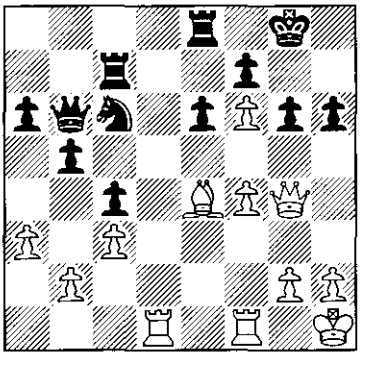
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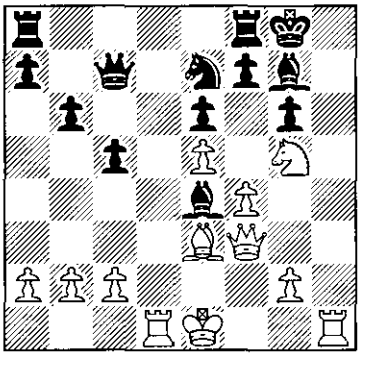
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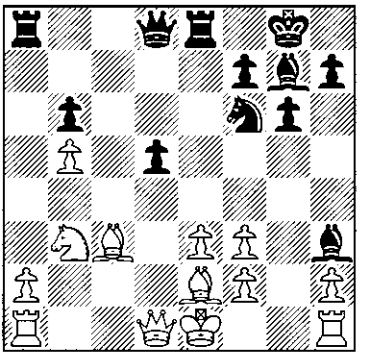
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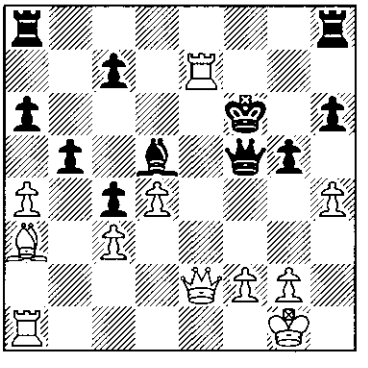
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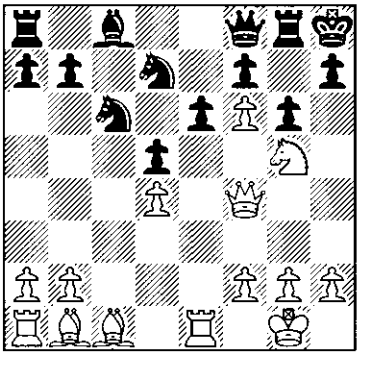
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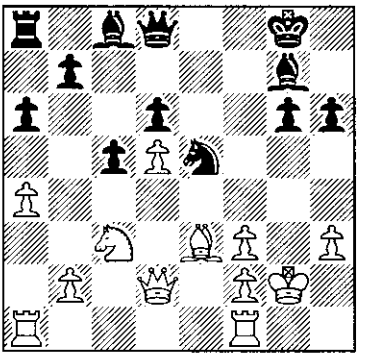
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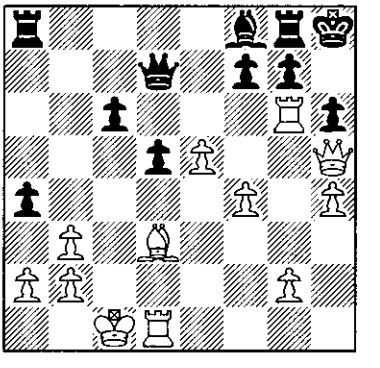
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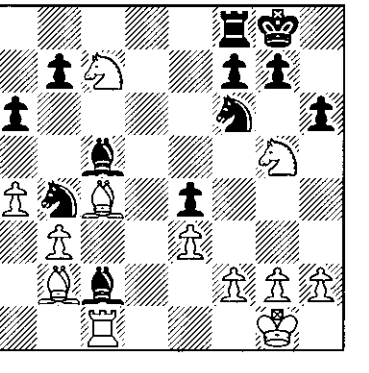
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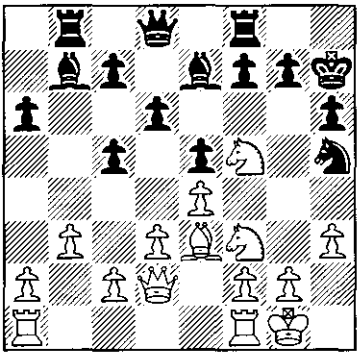
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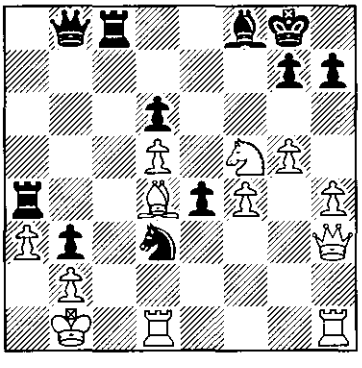
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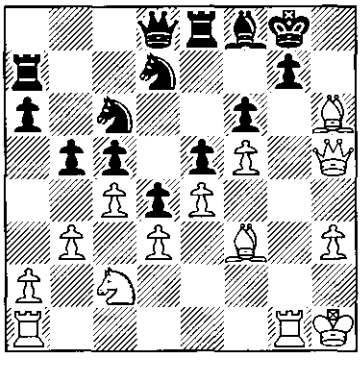
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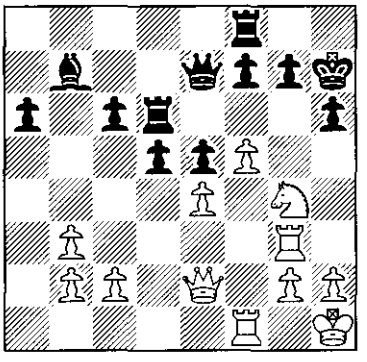
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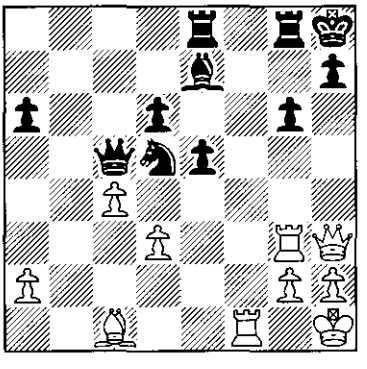
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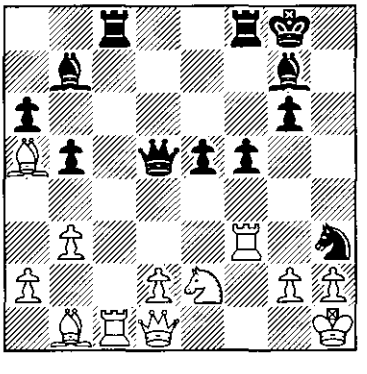
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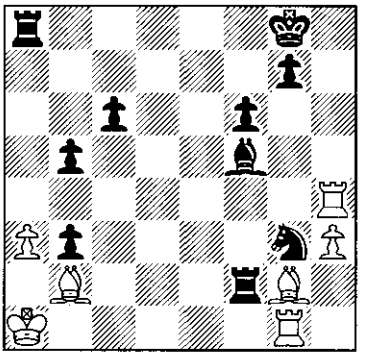
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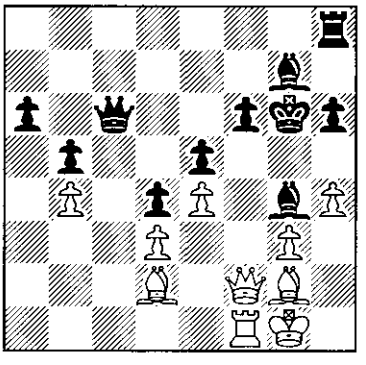
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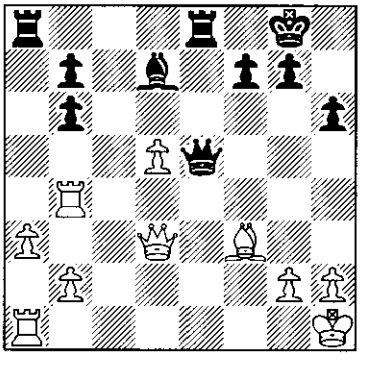
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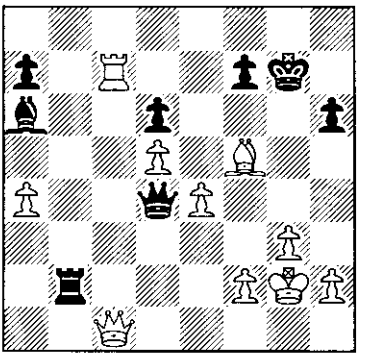
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Tallinn 1965



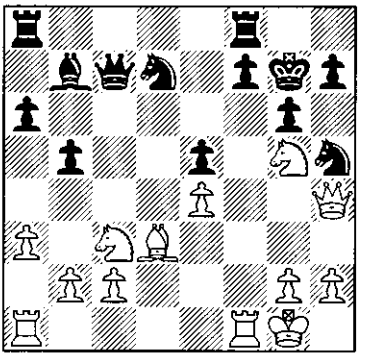
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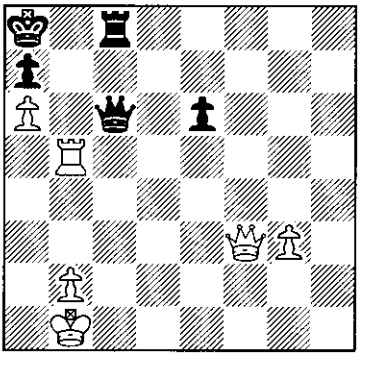
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Teeside 1966



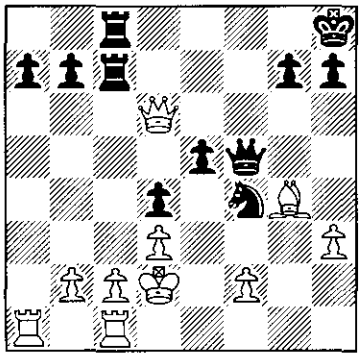
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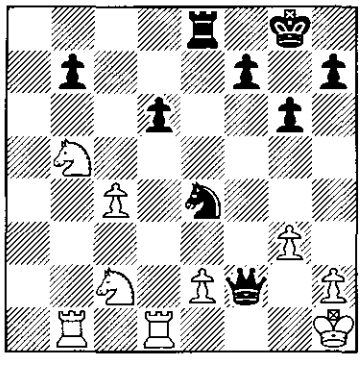
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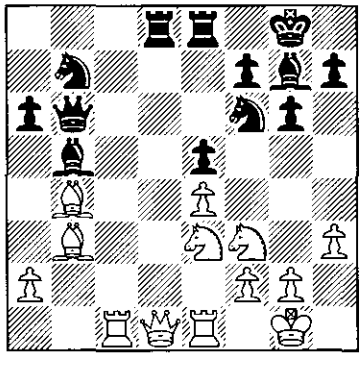
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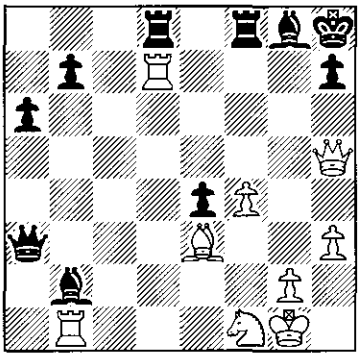
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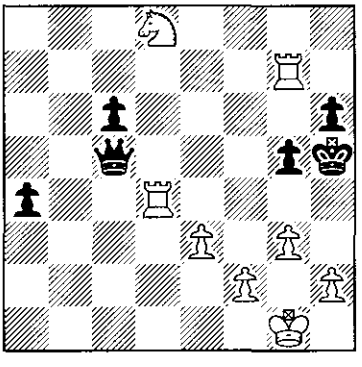
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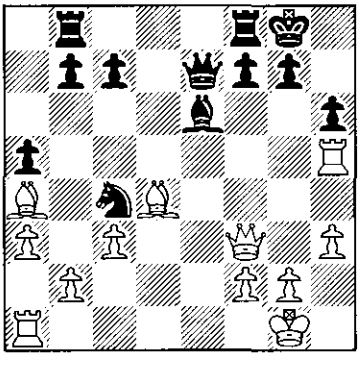
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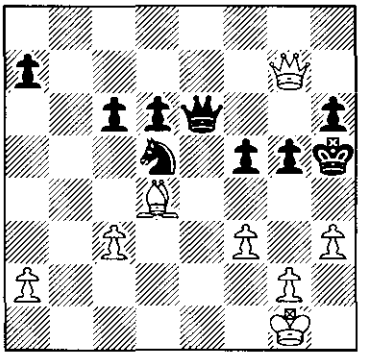
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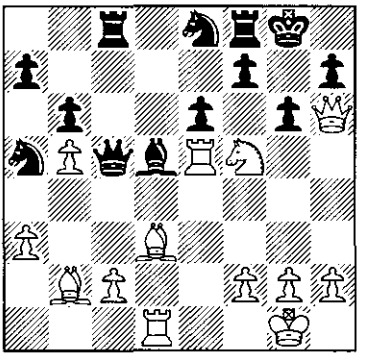
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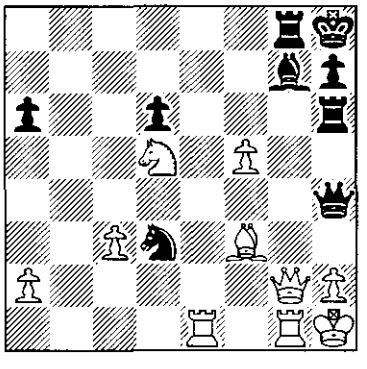
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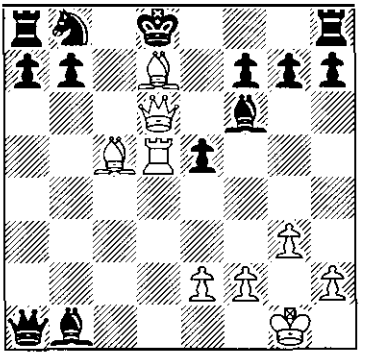
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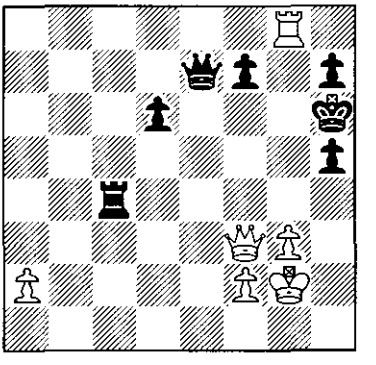
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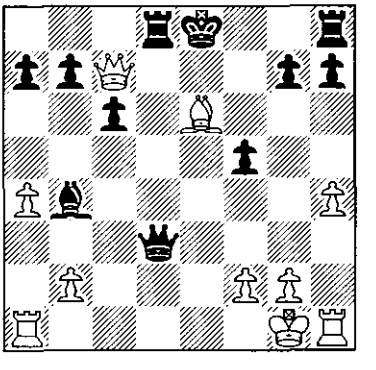
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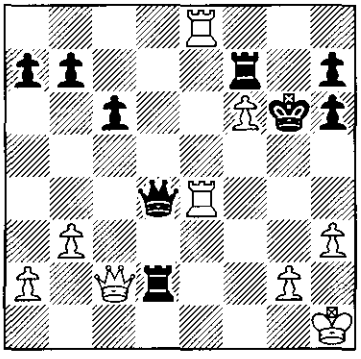
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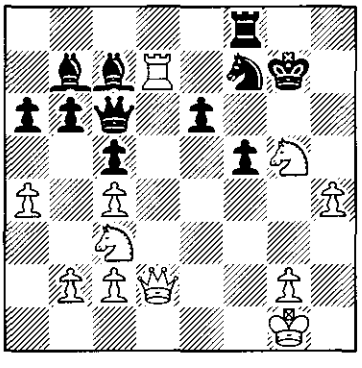
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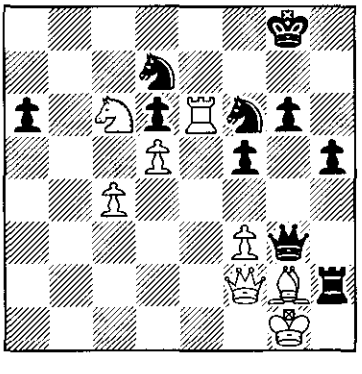
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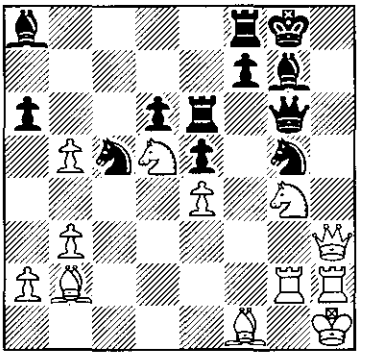
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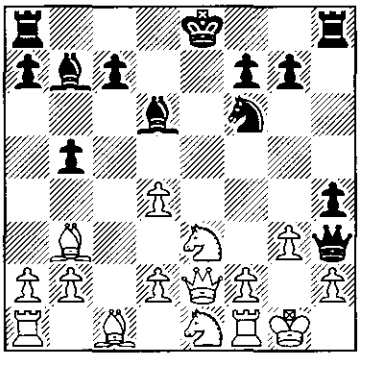
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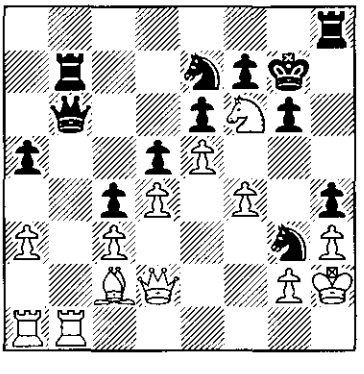
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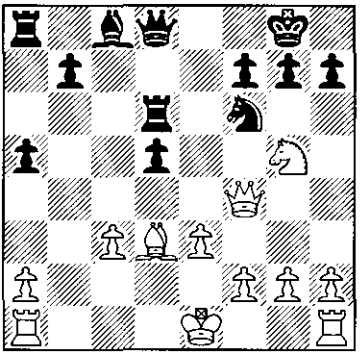
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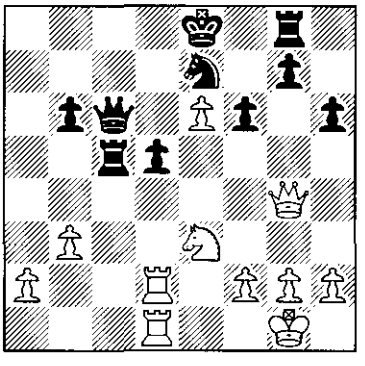
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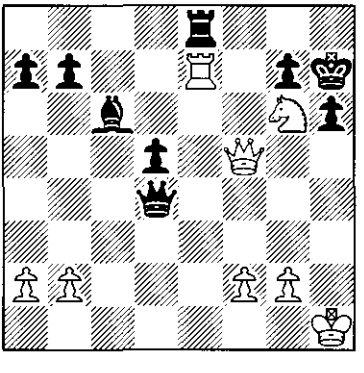
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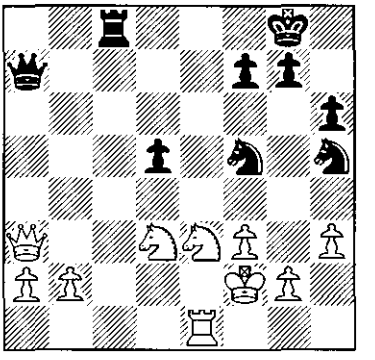
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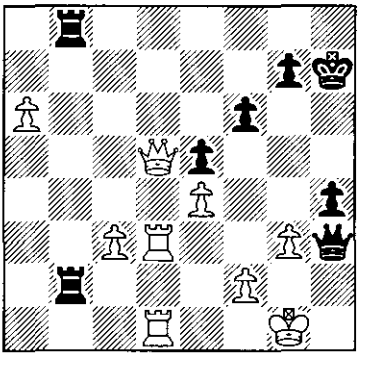
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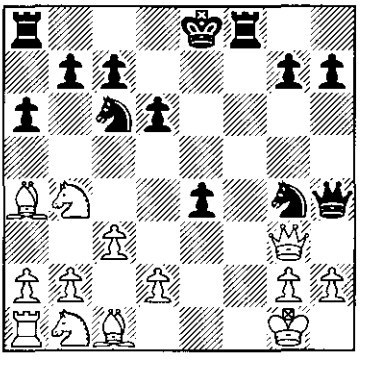
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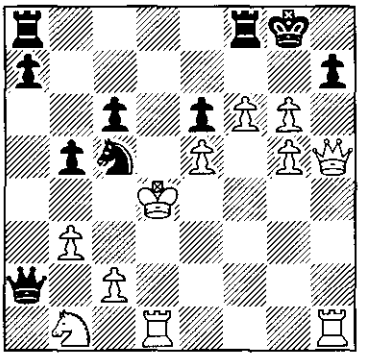
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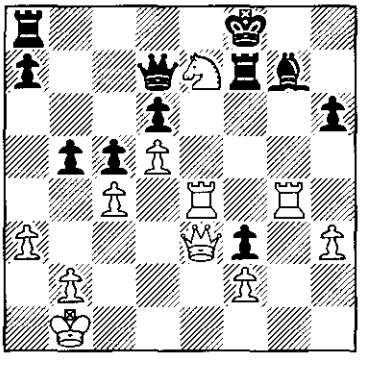
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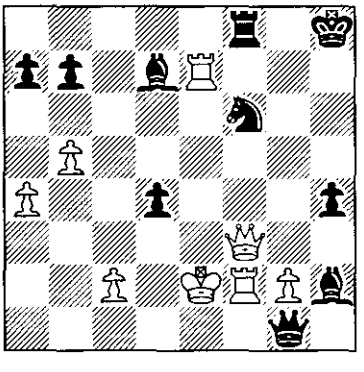
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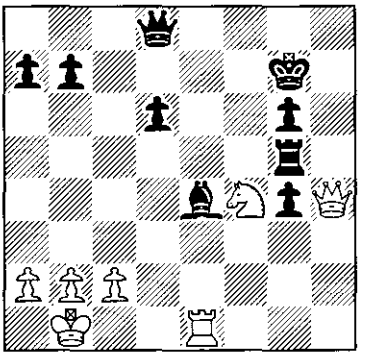
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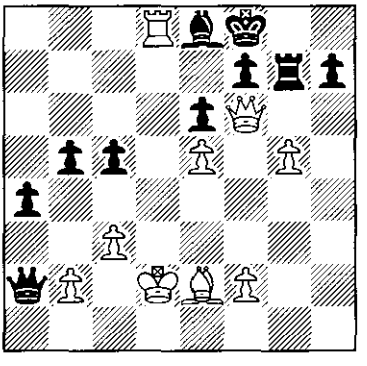
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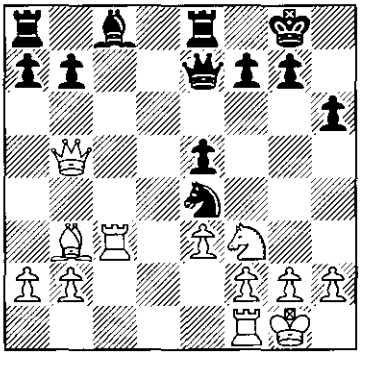
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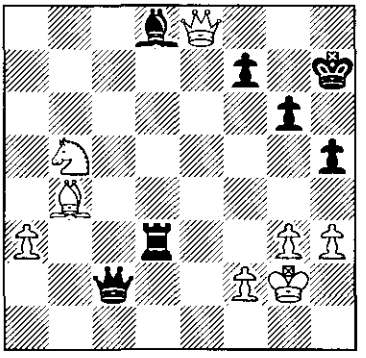
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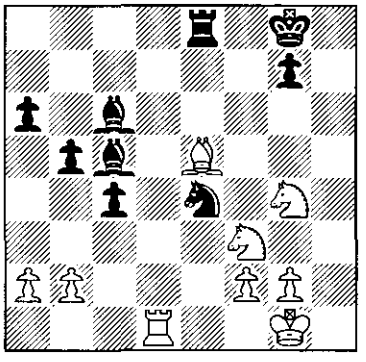
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Yerevan 1996



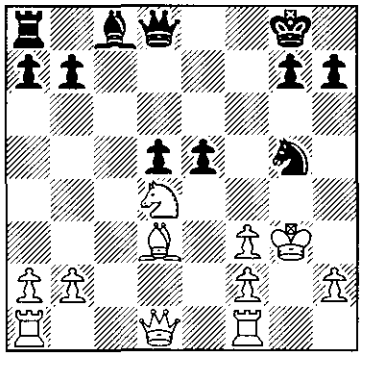
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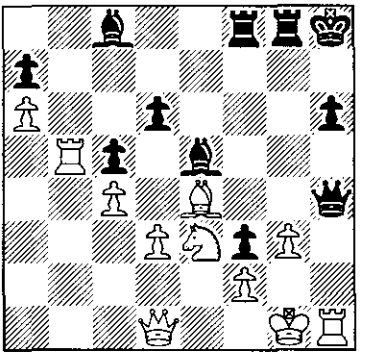
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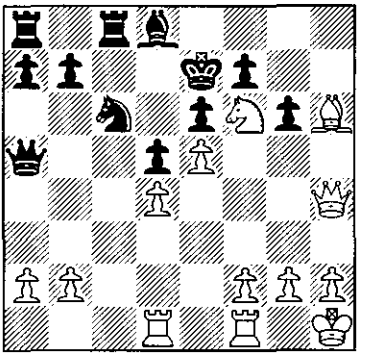
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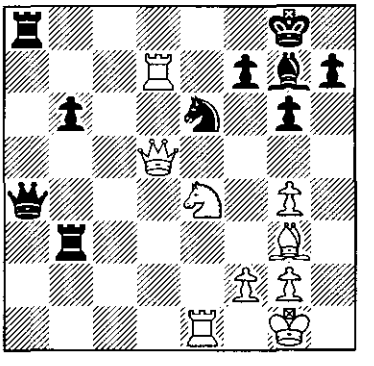
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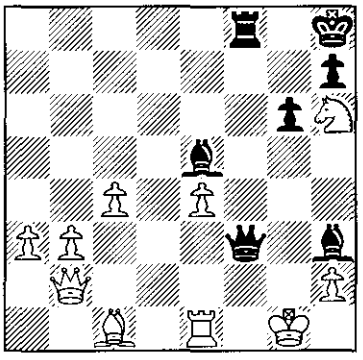
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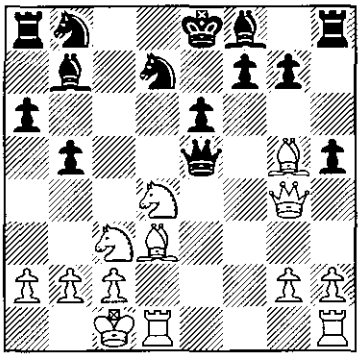
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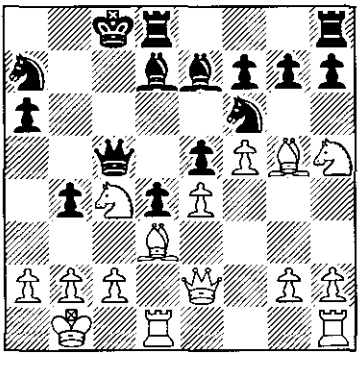
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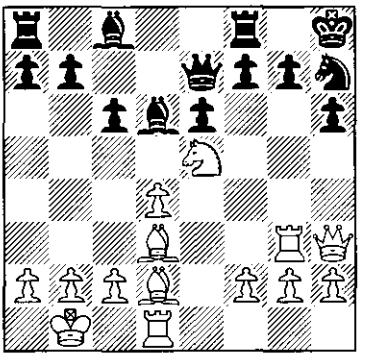
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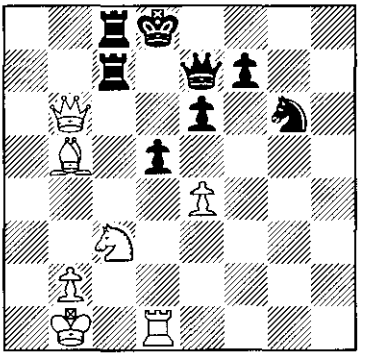
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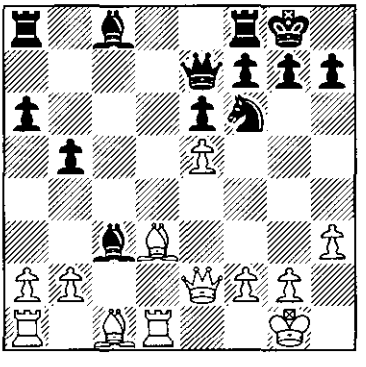
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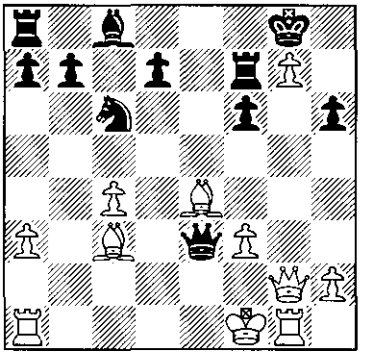
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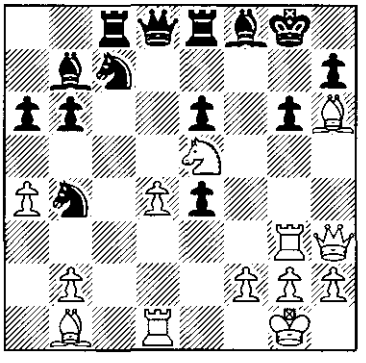
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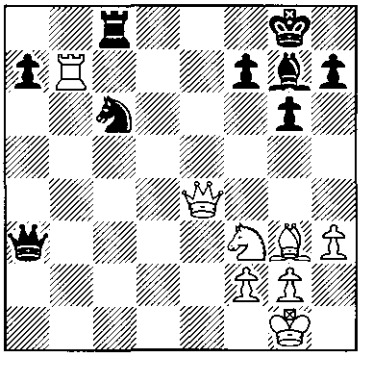
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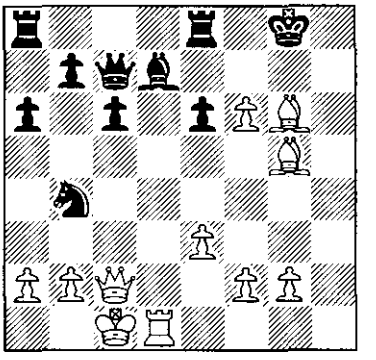
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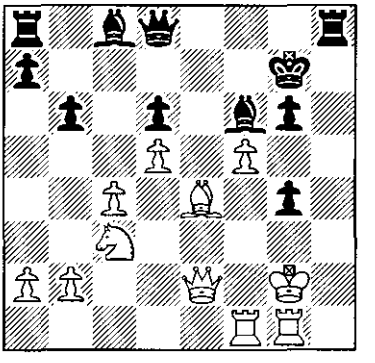
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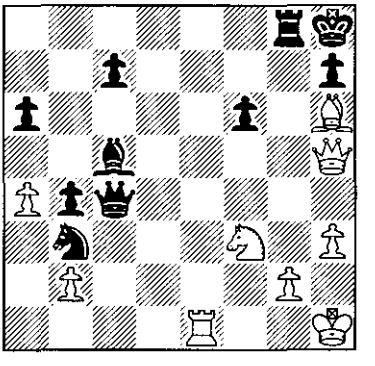
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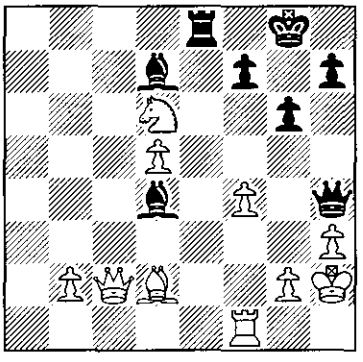
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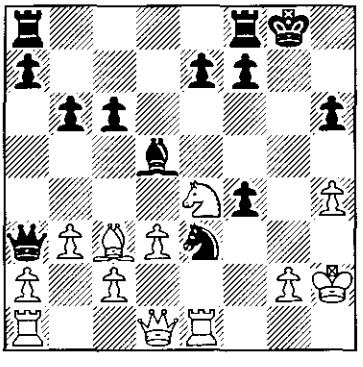
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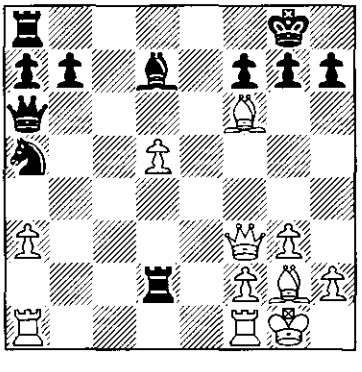
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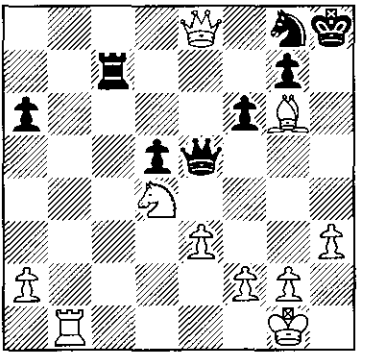
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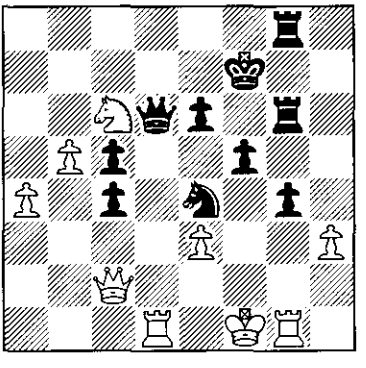
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678) ☐ **Z.Takac** ■ **M.Vucic**
Zagreb 2007



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679) ☐ **R.Krajewski** ■ **D.Ziolkowski**
Zakopane 2001

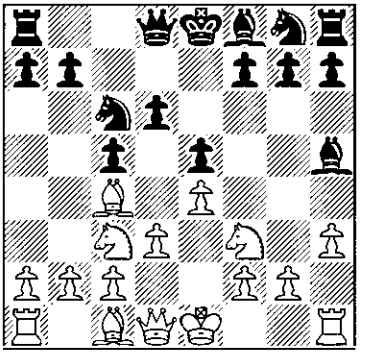


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3: Opening Tricks and Traps

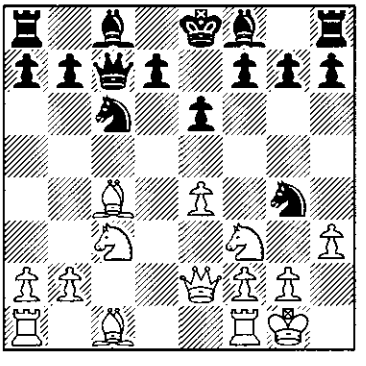
Tactics are a part of chess virtually right from the word go and we must all be careful even in the opening phase, especially when caught in an unfamiliar situation. Here I've included a number of the more common opening traps as well as a few favourites. This should help the reader to avoid falling for them ever again, as well as making you ready to pounce should your opponent slip up in the opening or very early middlegame phase.

680) ☐ **A.Genzling** ■ **J.Menendez Villar**
Aviles 2006



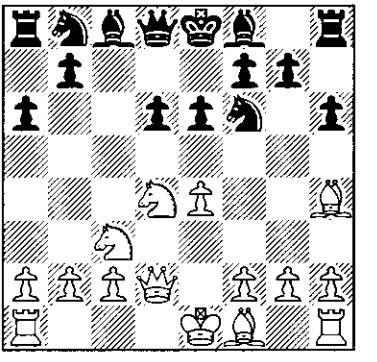
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Belgrade 2006



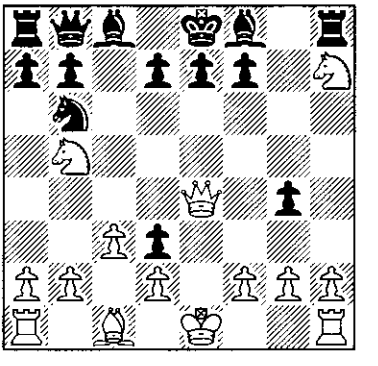
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682) ☐ **S.Ruzicic** ■ **P.Ljangov**
Belgrade 2006



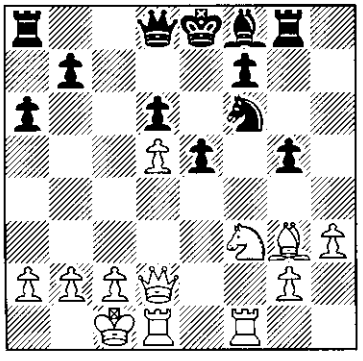
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683) ☐ **B.Budimir** ■ **V.Jakovljevic**
Bosnian Team Championship 2007



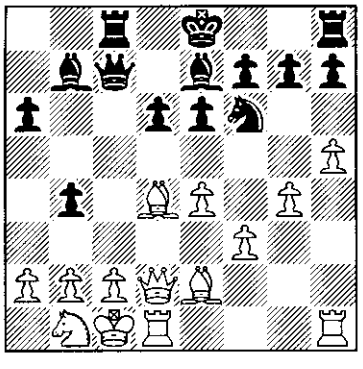
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684) ☐ **A.A.Smith** ■ **H.Hunt**
British League 2004



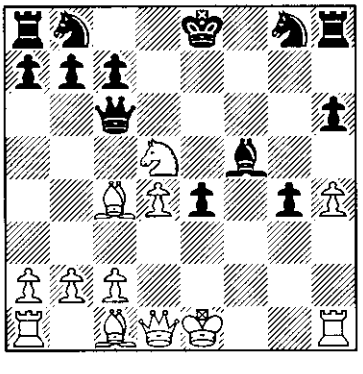
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British League 2006



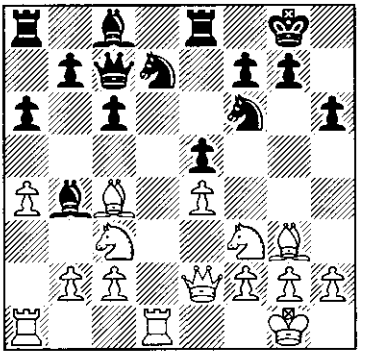
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British League 2005



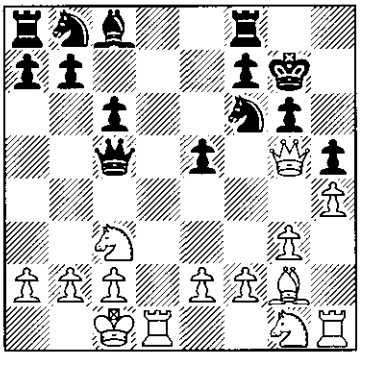
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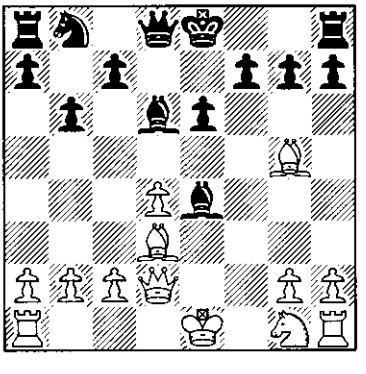
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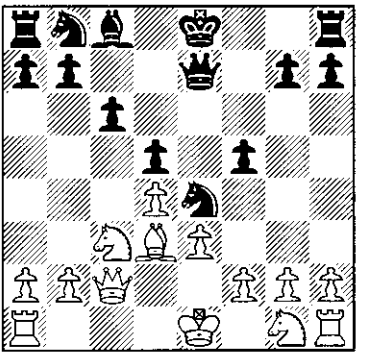
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Bunratty 2007



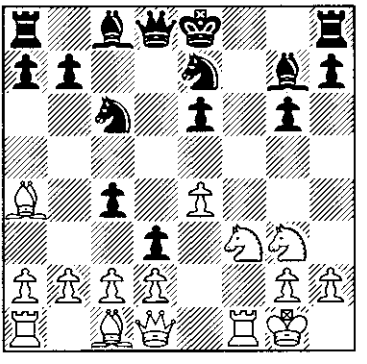
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Copenhagen 2006



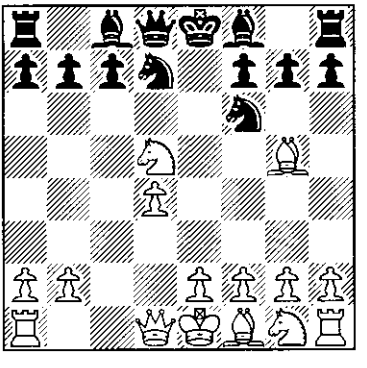
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Cork 2005



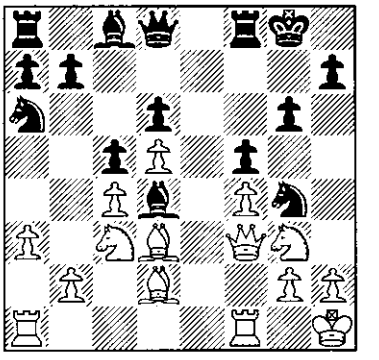
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d'Angers 2007



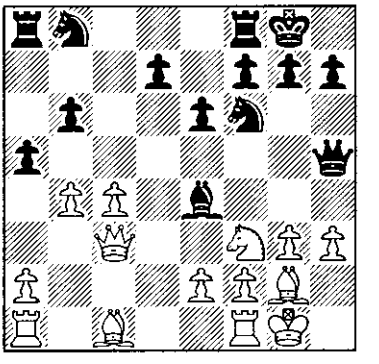
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Doncaster 2006



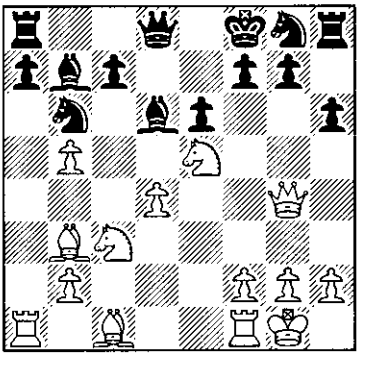
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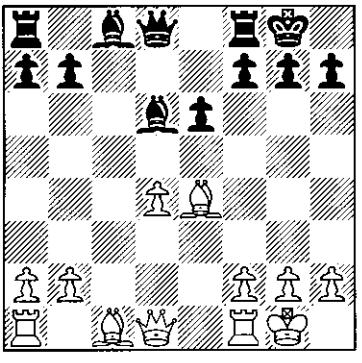
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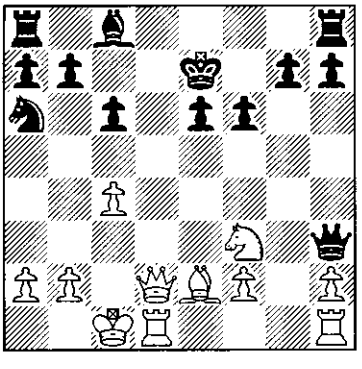
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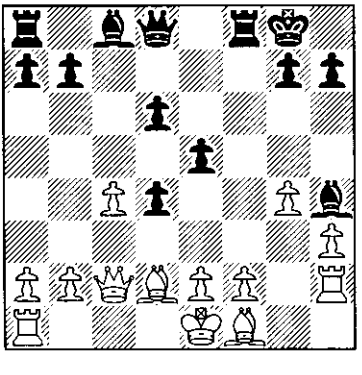
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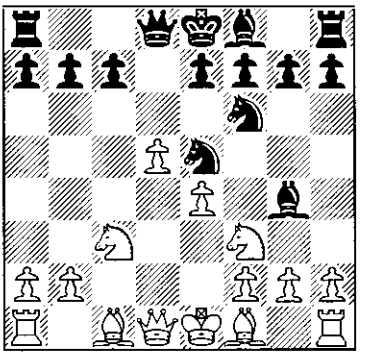
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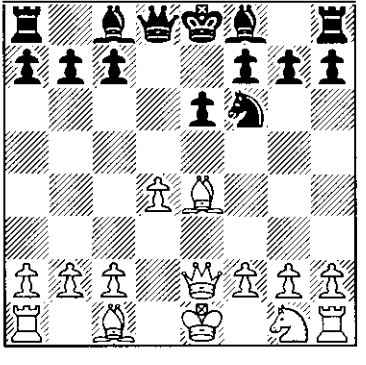
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Evora 2006



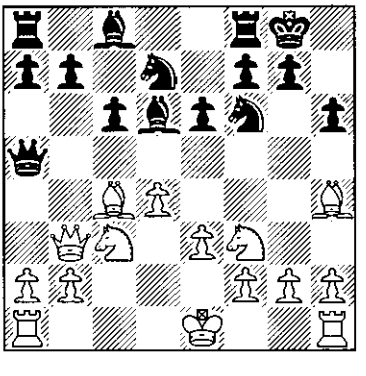
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French League 2007



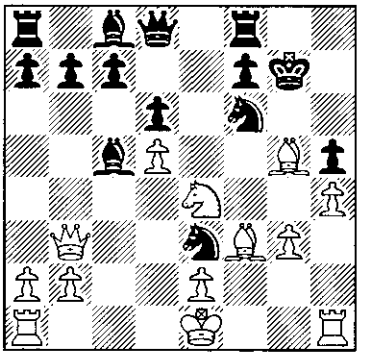
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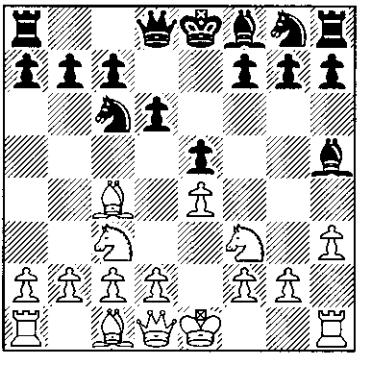
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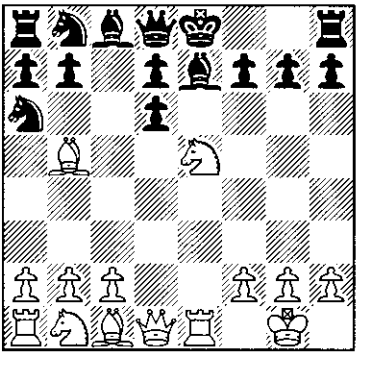
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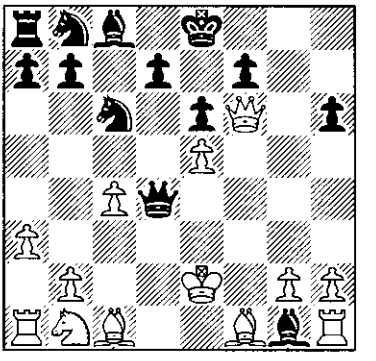
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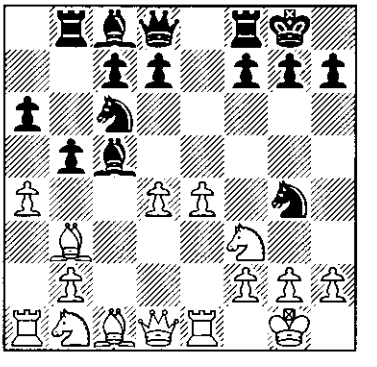
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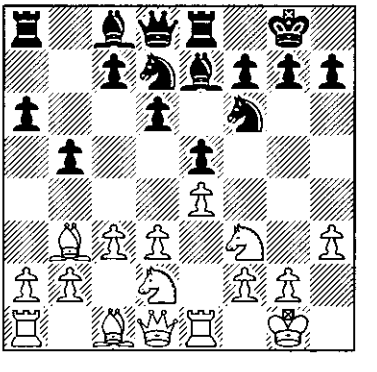
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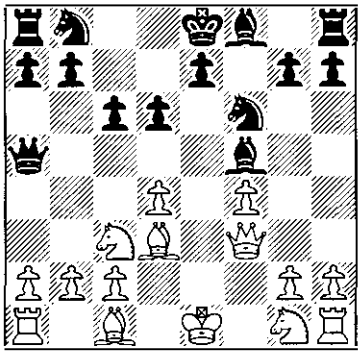
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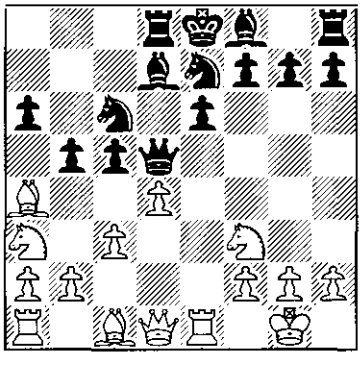
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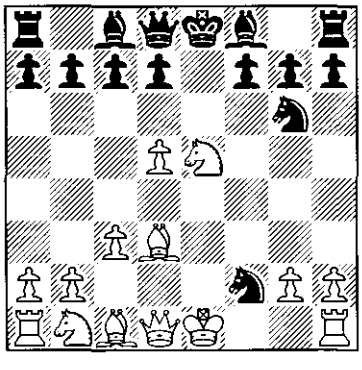
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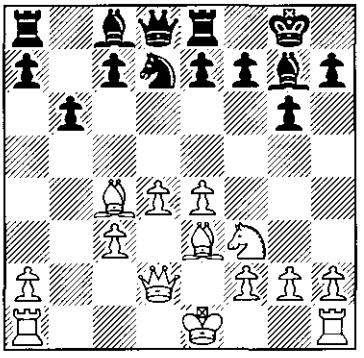
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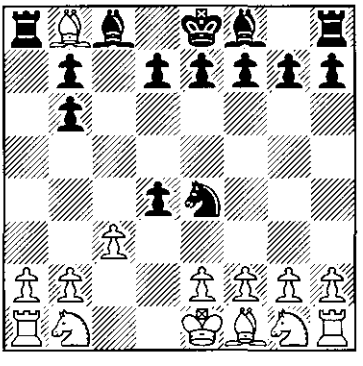
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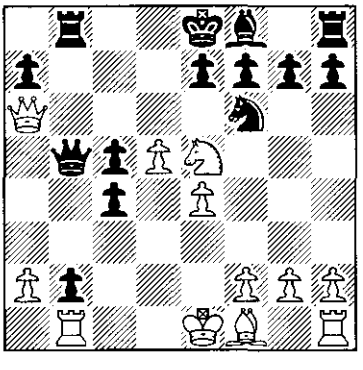
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Liechtenstein 1990



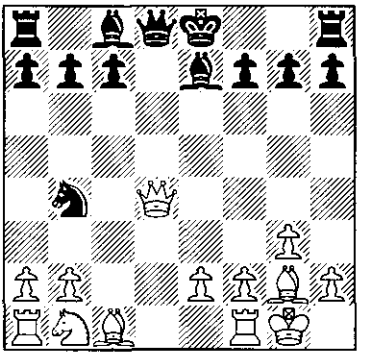
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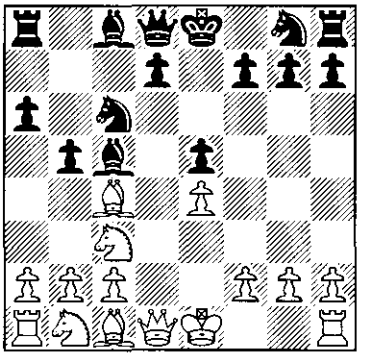
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London 2002



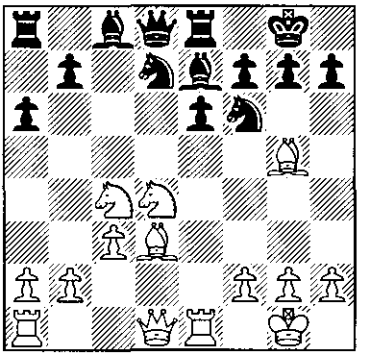
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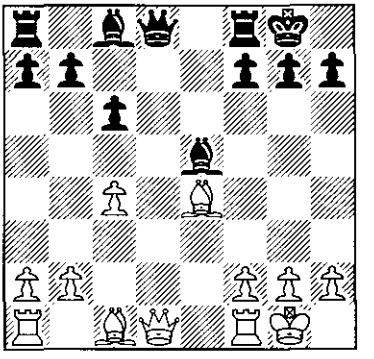
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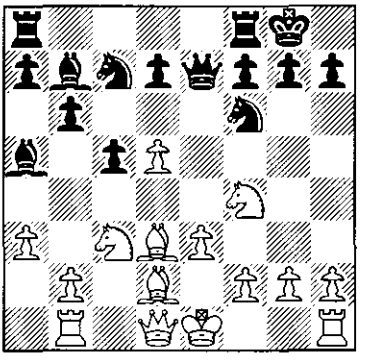
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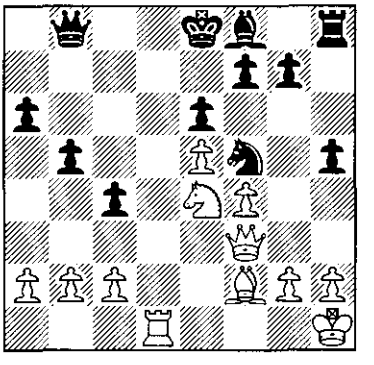
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online blitz 2007



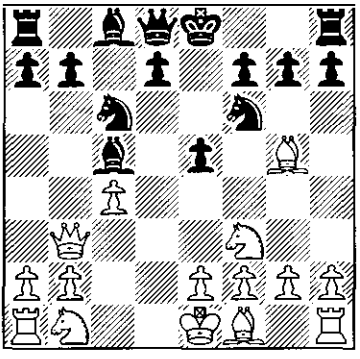
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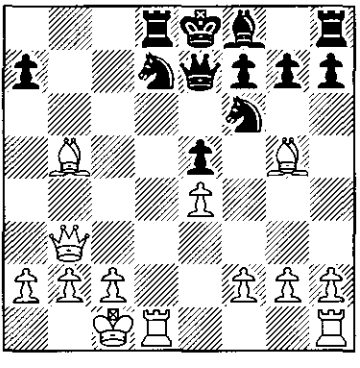
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Palermo 2007



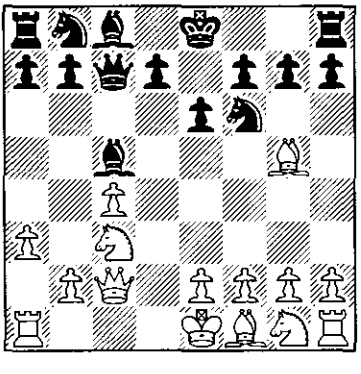
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Paris 1858



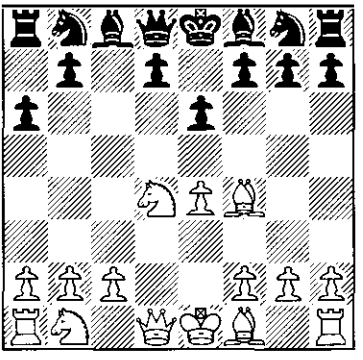
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Parnu 2002



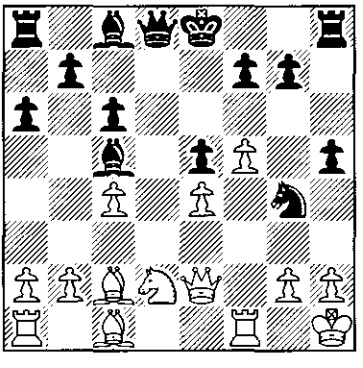
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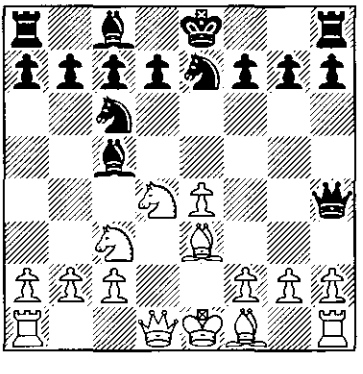
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Patras 2001



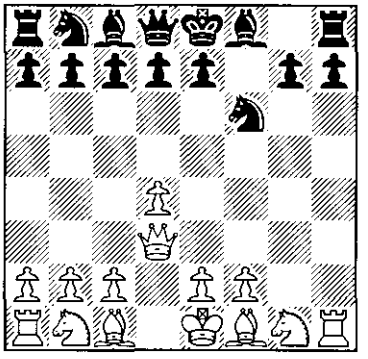
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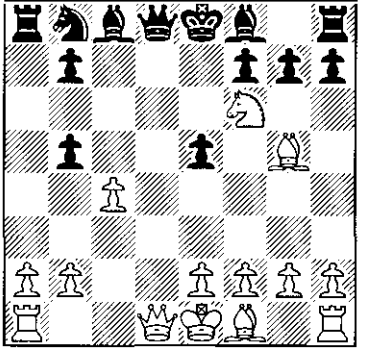
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Seefeld 2005



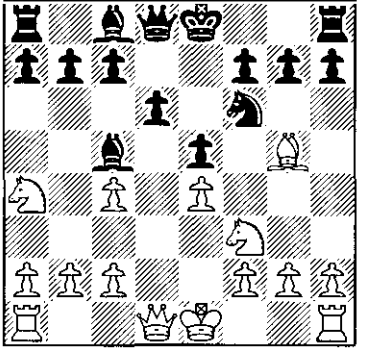
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Simferopol 1989



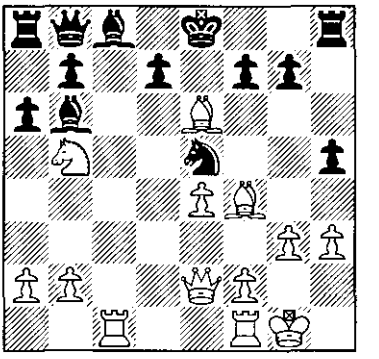
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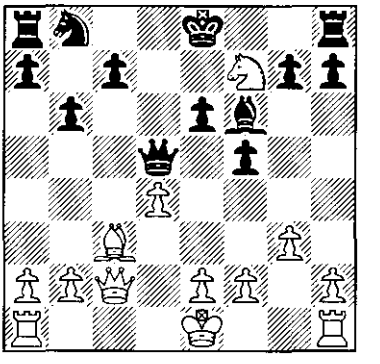
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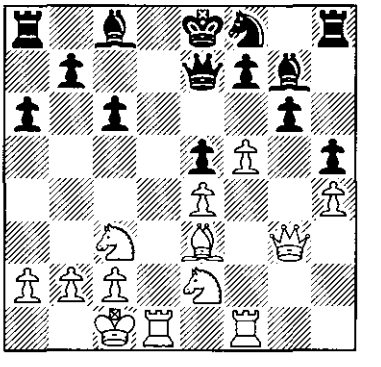
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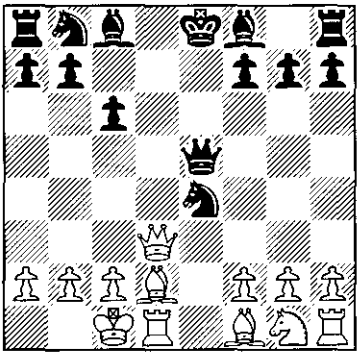
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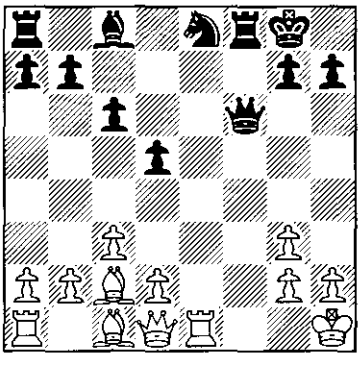
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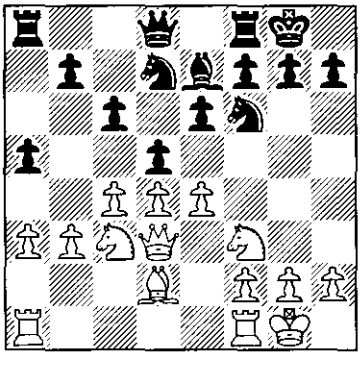
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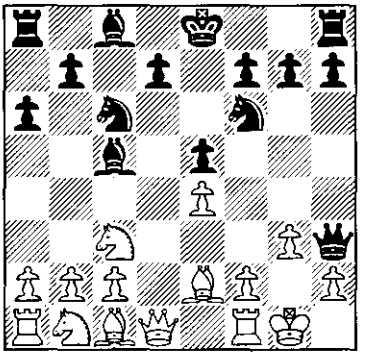
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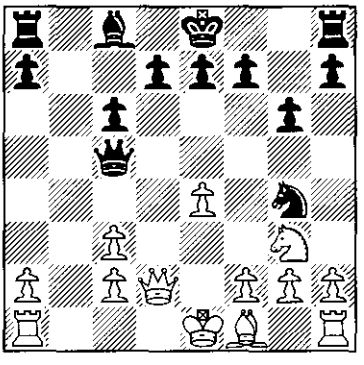
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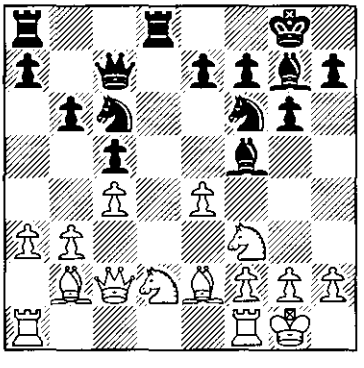
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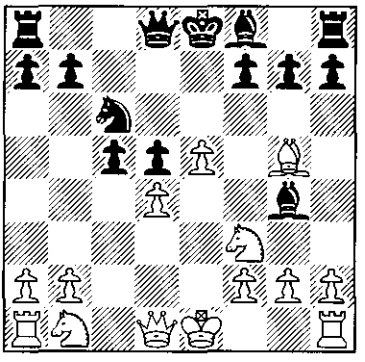
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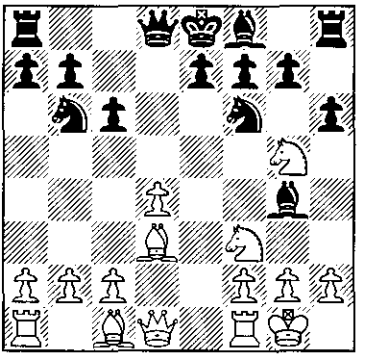
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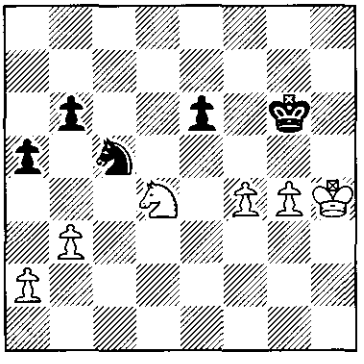


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4: Skill in the Endgame

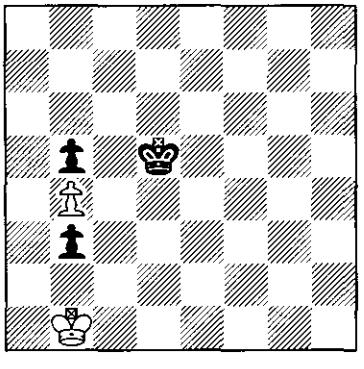
Studying the endgame is one of the best ways to improve and, while this isn't an endgame guide, it would have been remiss not to have featured this most rich part of the game. Many endgames are extremely tactical, while others are decided by some fundamental piece of knowledge and, as such, this chapter will test your calculation, tactical eye and general endgame understanding.

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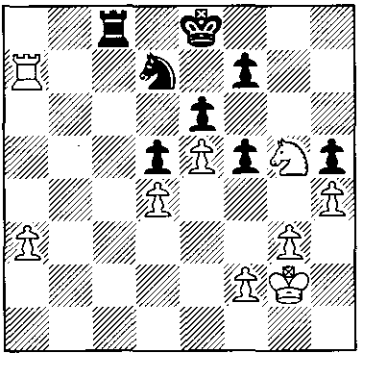
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Bad Homburg 1927



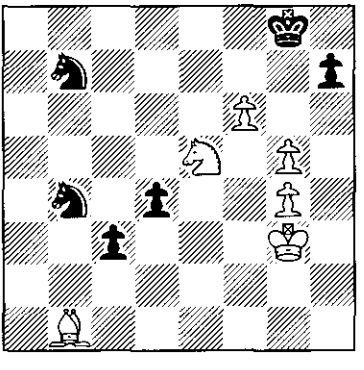
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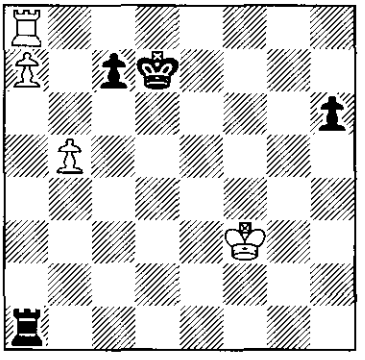
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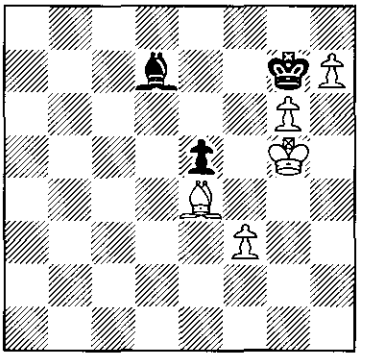
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Belgrade 1999



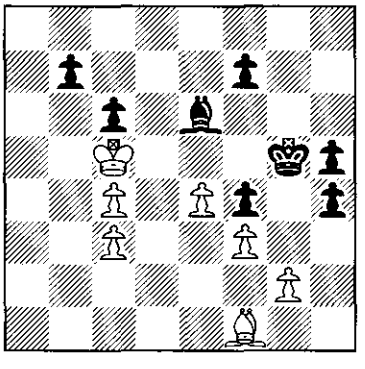
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Blackpool 2003



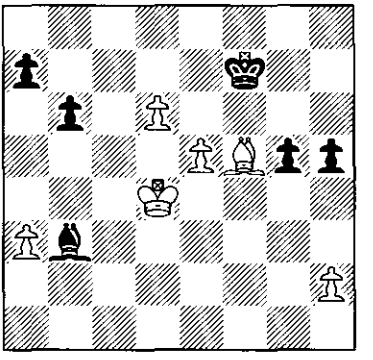
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Bolton 1998



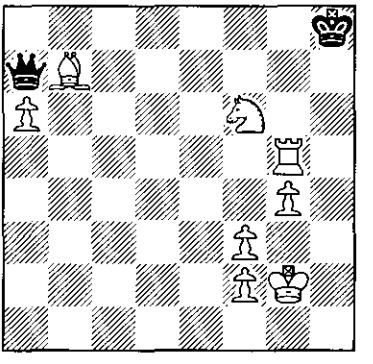
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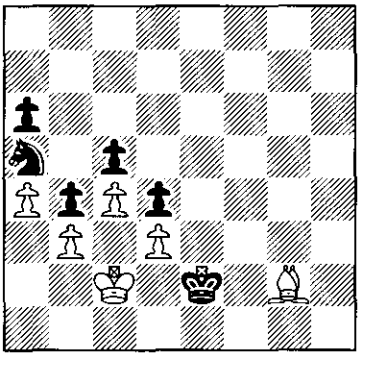
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Bradford 2000



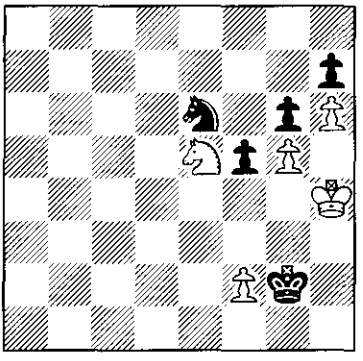
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British League 2004



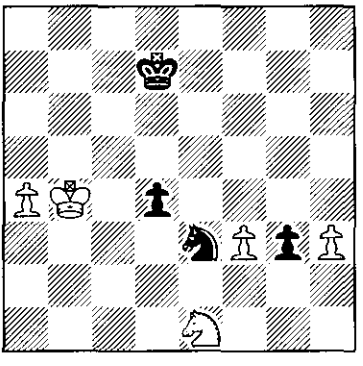
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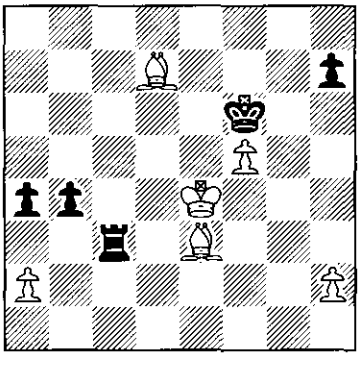
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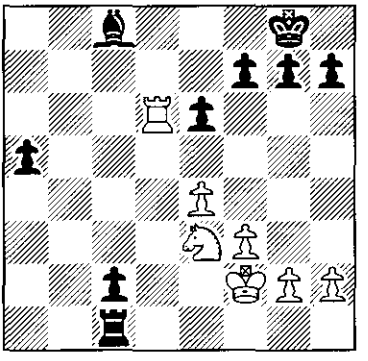
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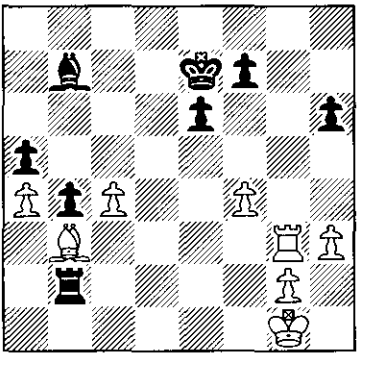
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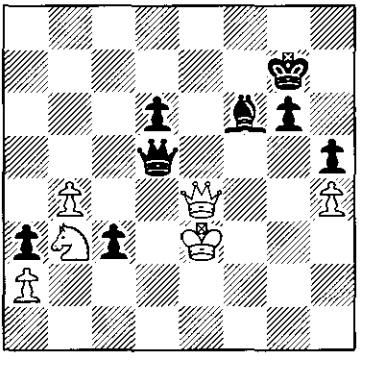
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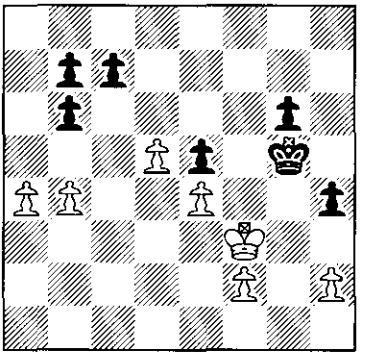
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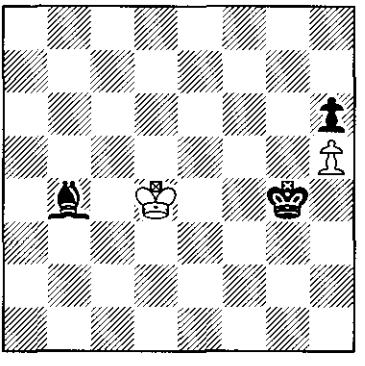
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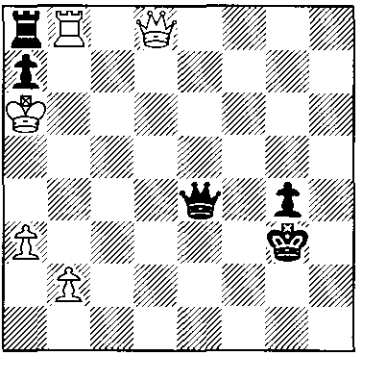
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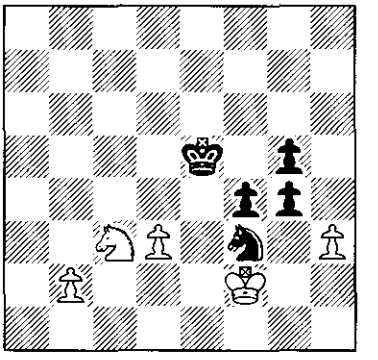
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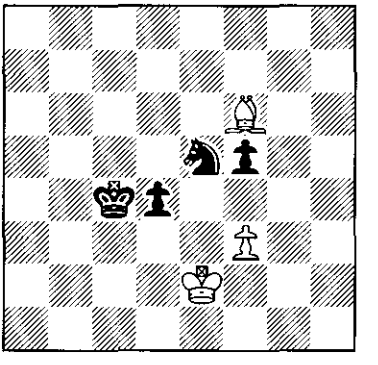
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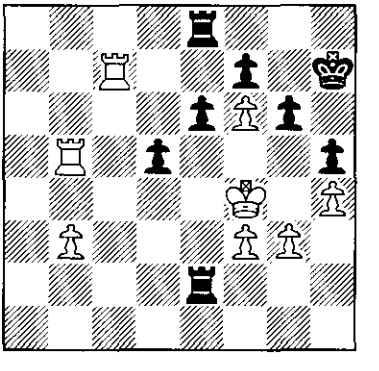
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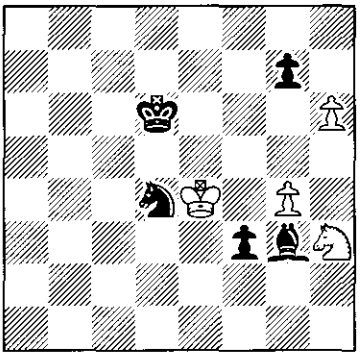
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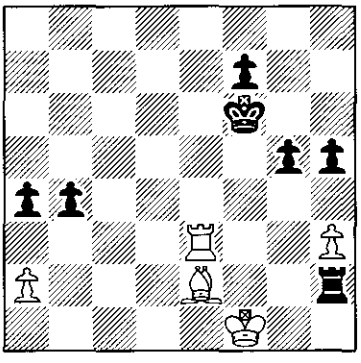
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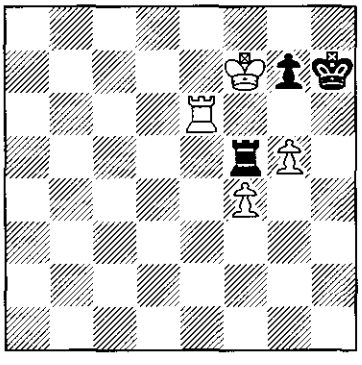
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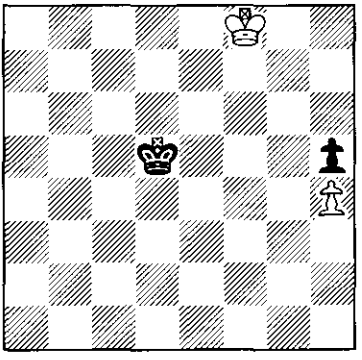
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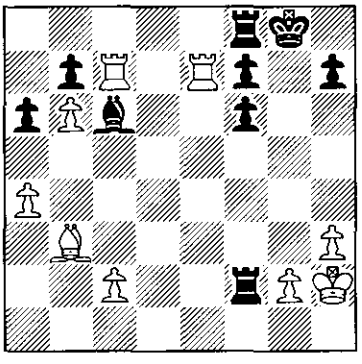
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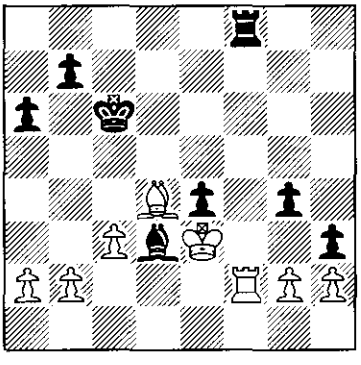
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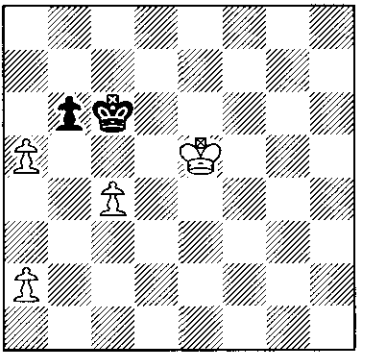
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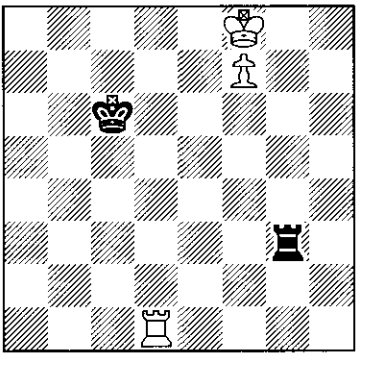
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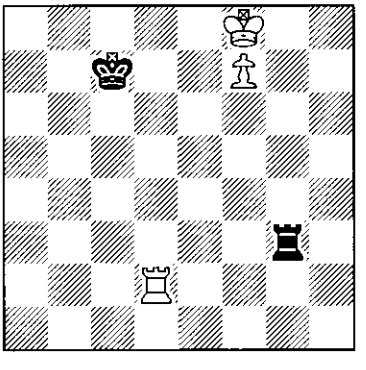
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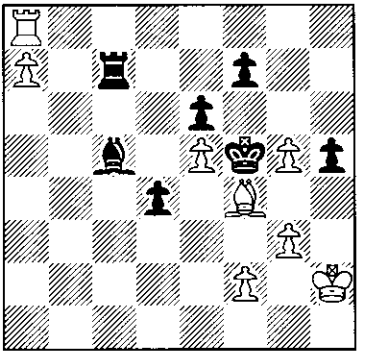
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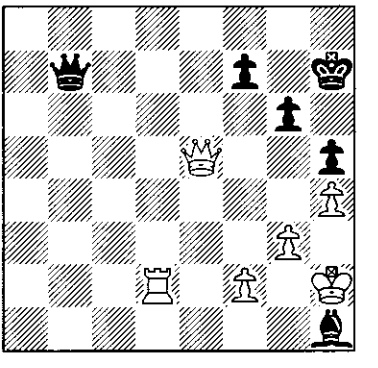
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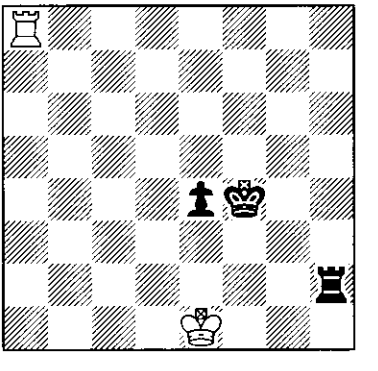
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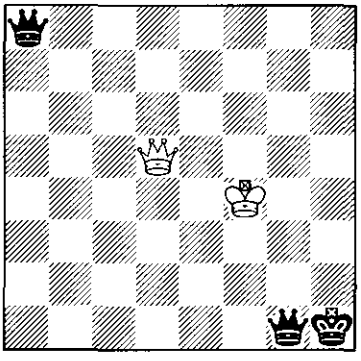
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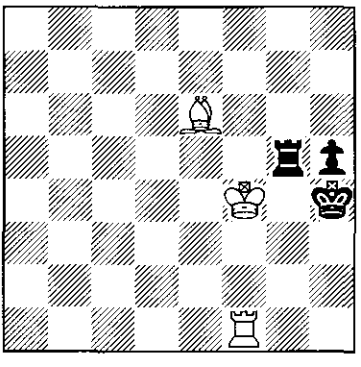
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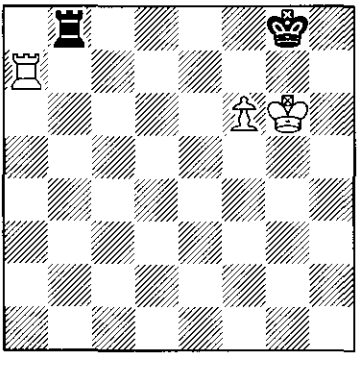
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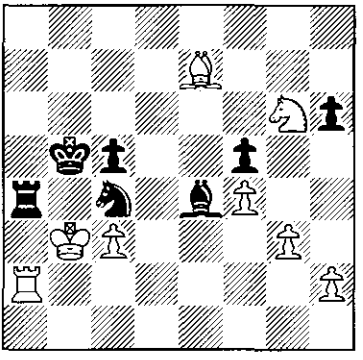
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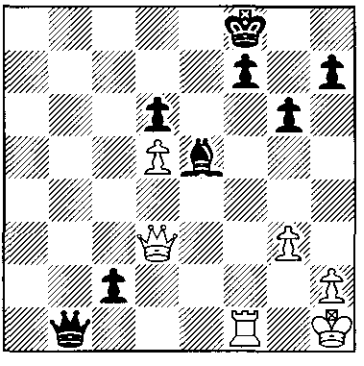
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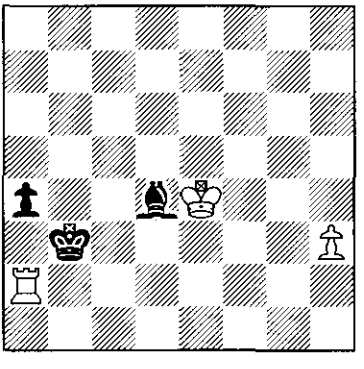
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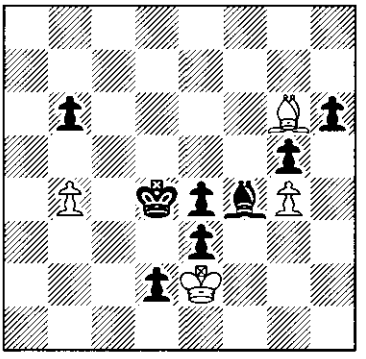
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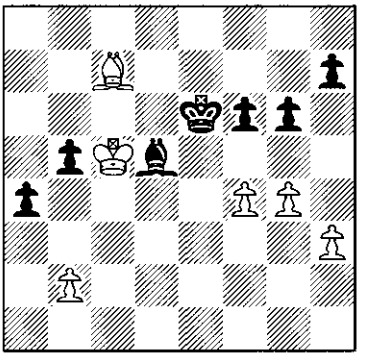
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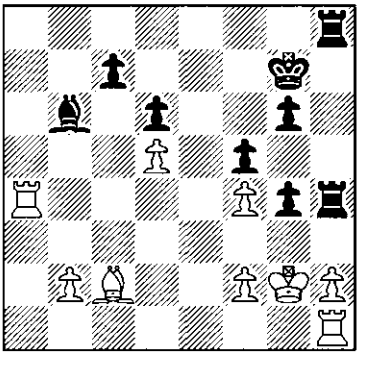
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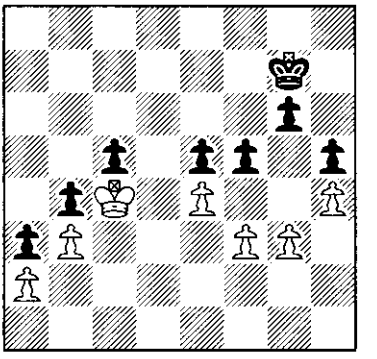
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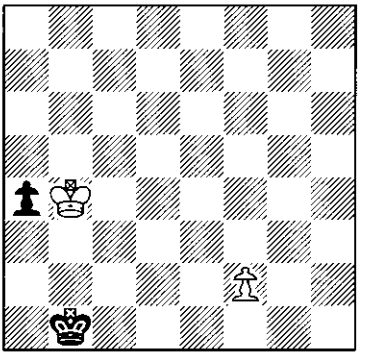
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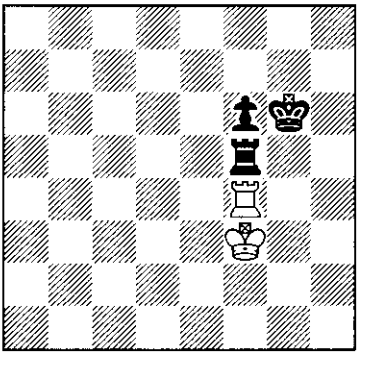
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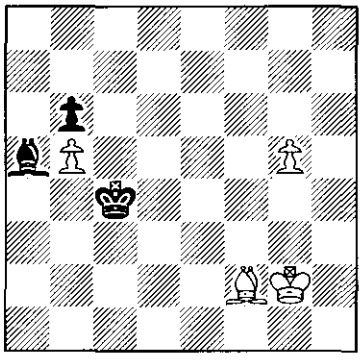
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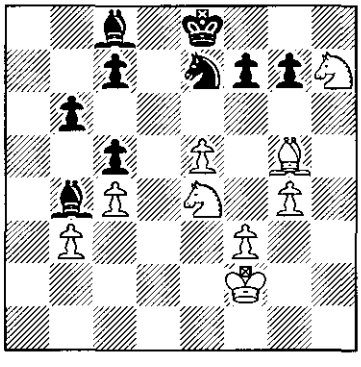
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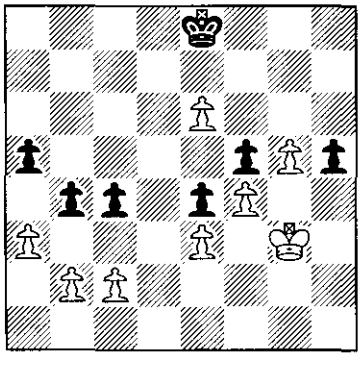
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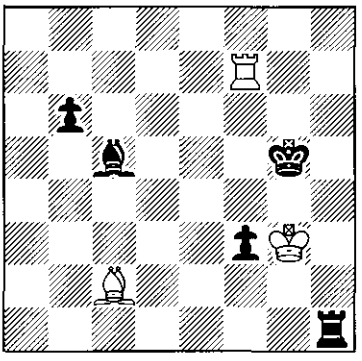
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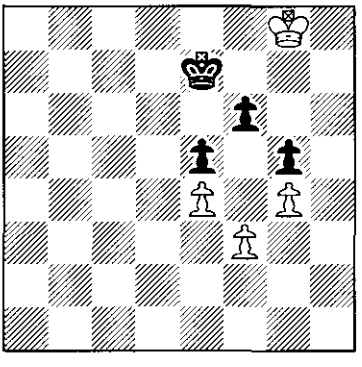
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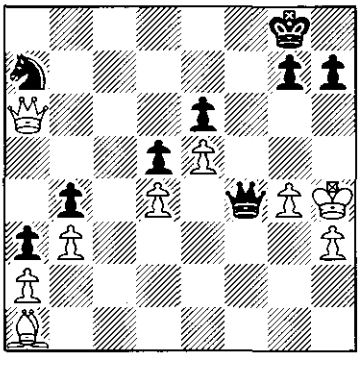
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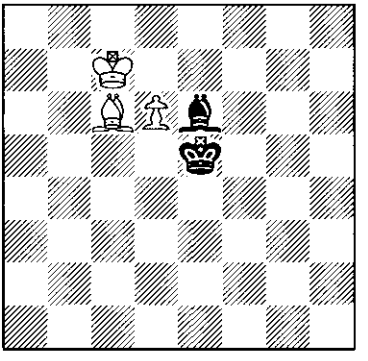
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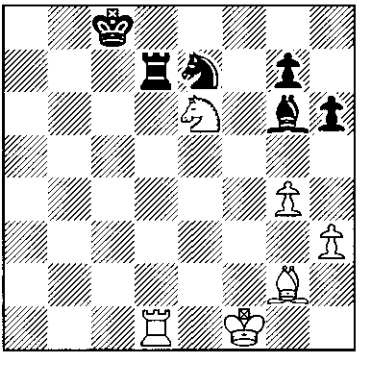
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Lisbon 2001



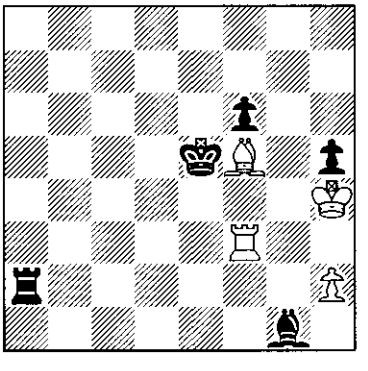
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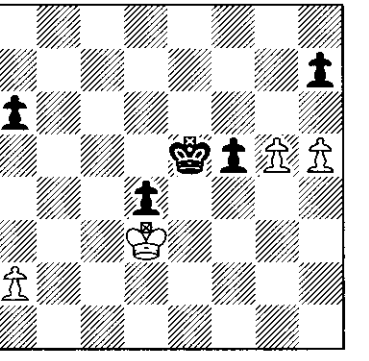
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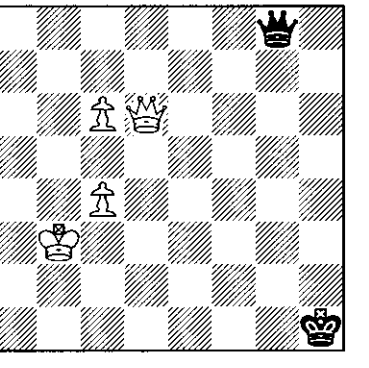
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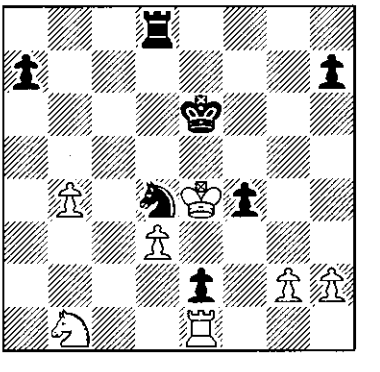
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Lugano 1968



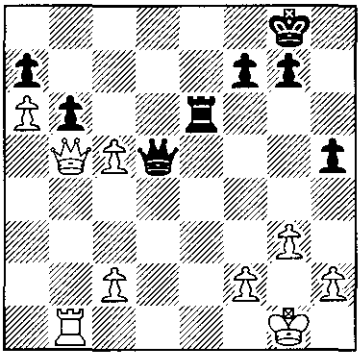
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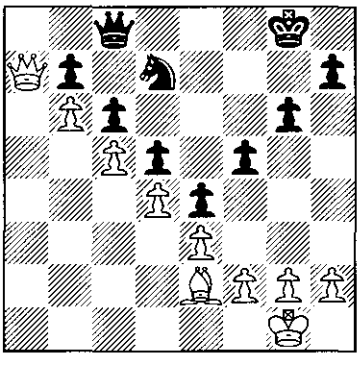
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Mar del Plata 1962



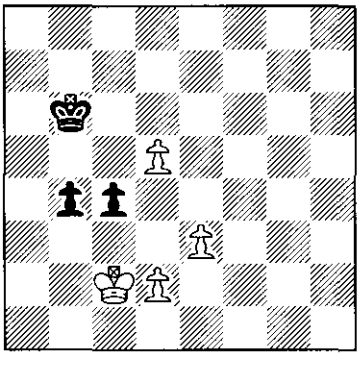
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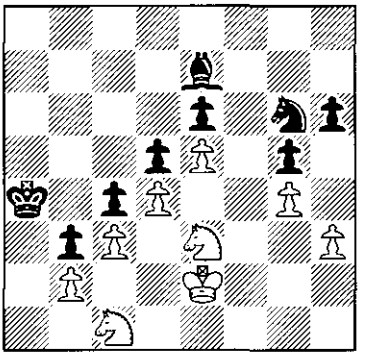
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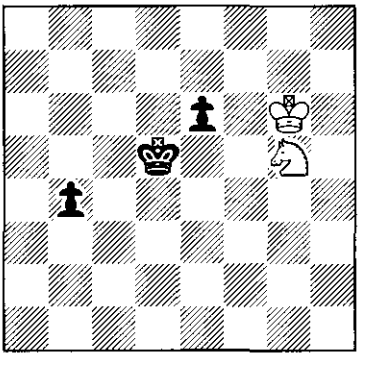
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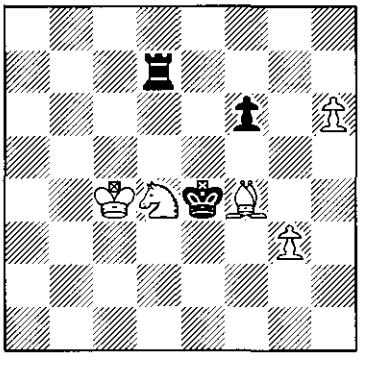
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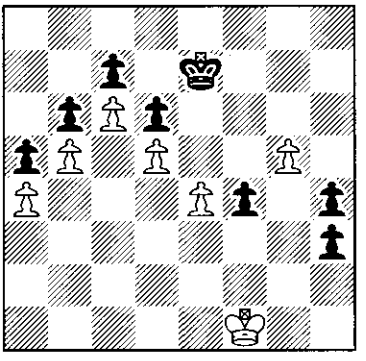
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Moscow 1944



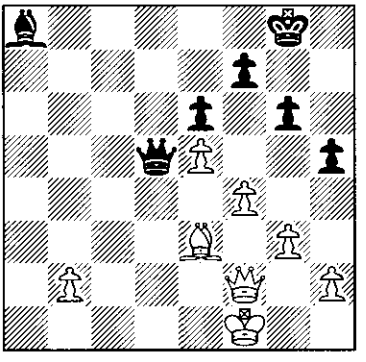
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Moscow 1982



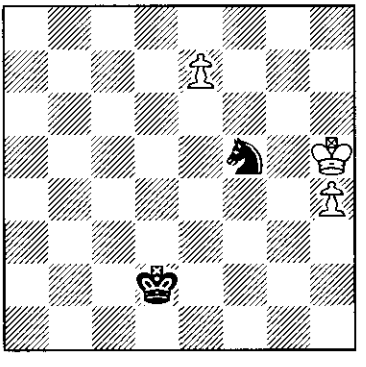
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Moscow 2006



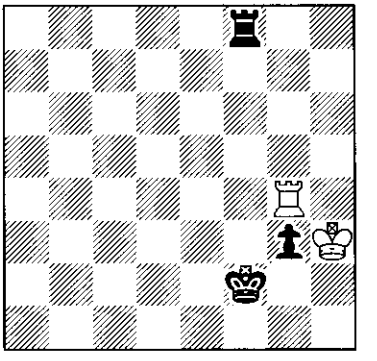
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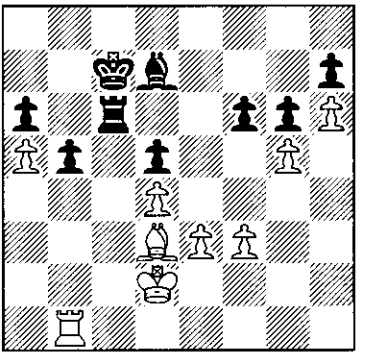
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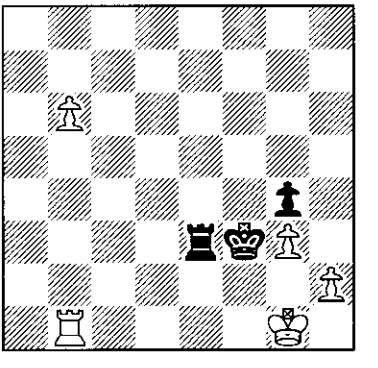
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New York 2003



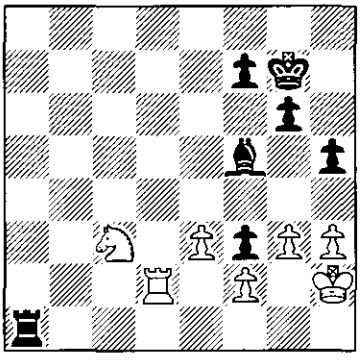
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Nuremberg 1906



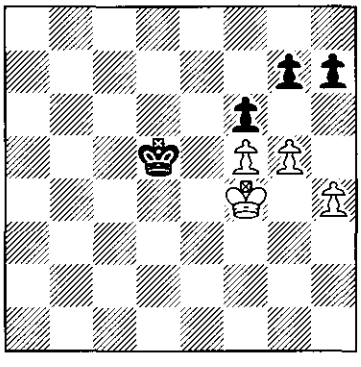
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online blitz 2007



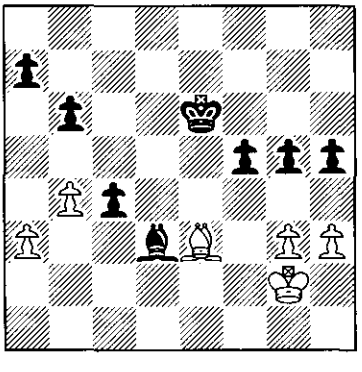
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Ostende 1905



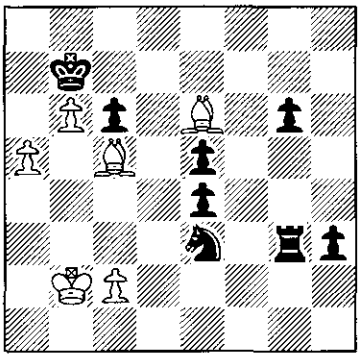
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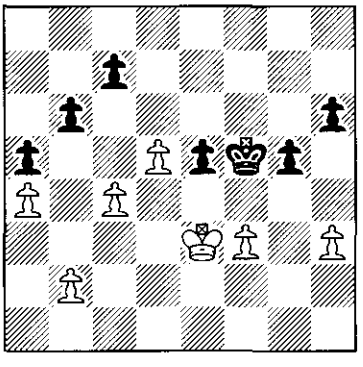
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Oxford 2000



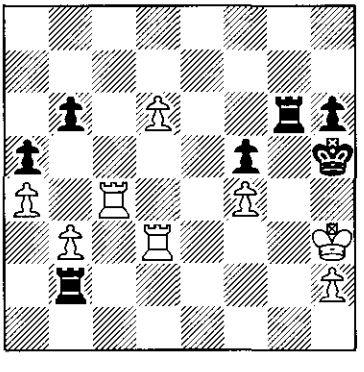
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Oxford 2002



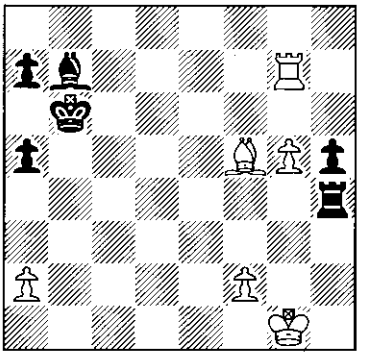
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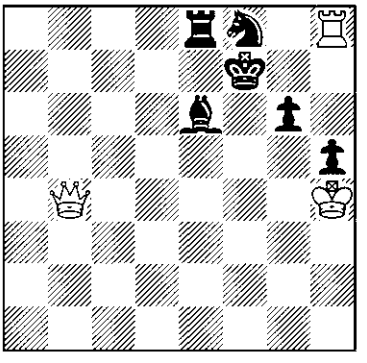
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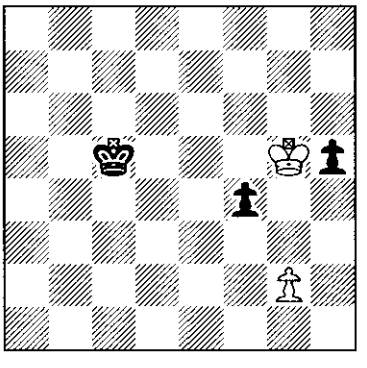
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Petropolis 1973



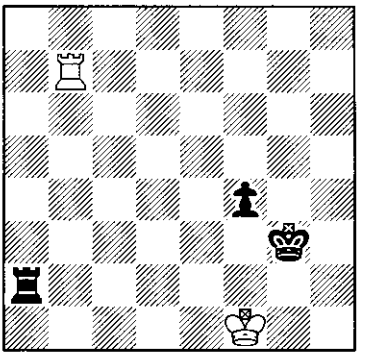
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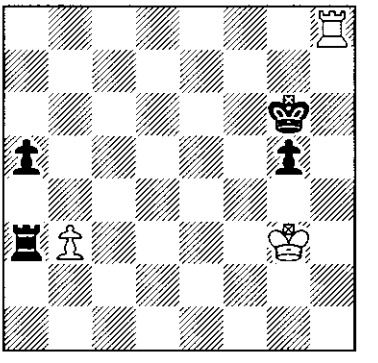
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Rijeka 2007



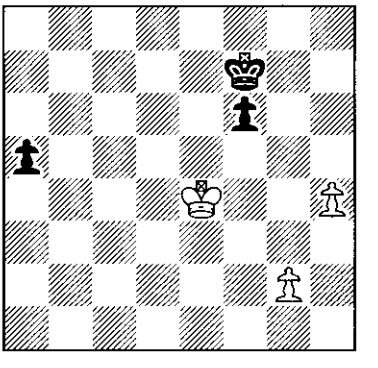
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Russian Team Championship 2007



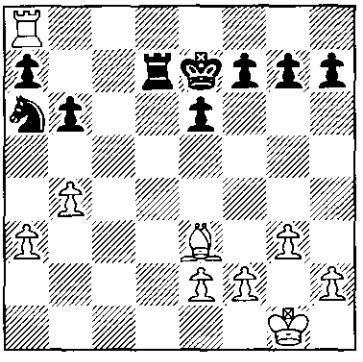
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San Sebastian 1911



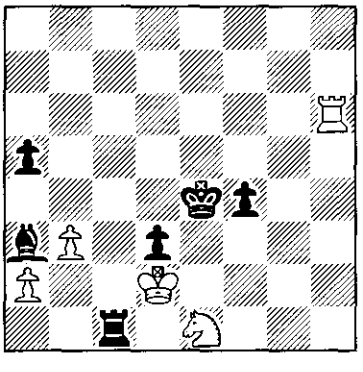
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St Petersburg 2007



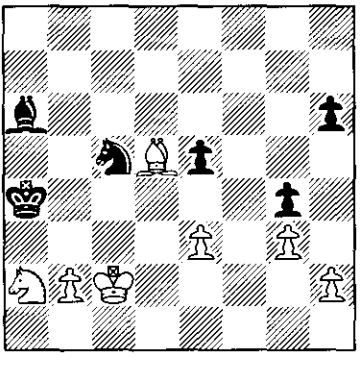
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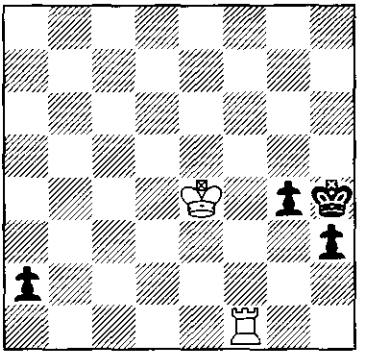
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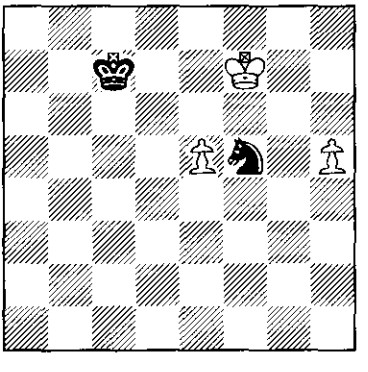
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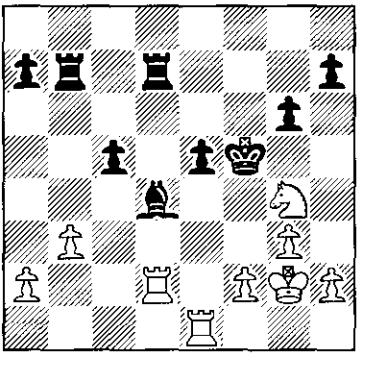
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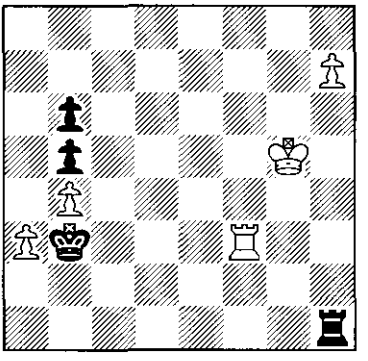
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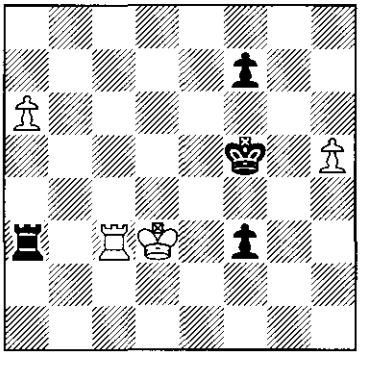
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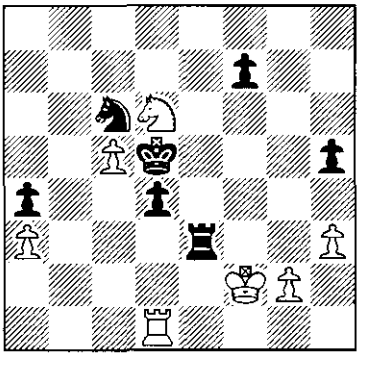
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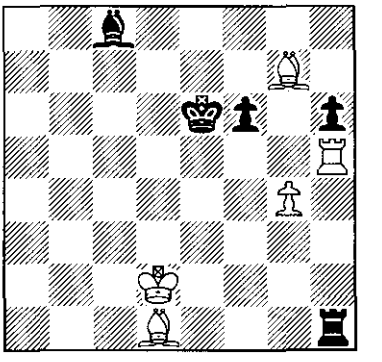
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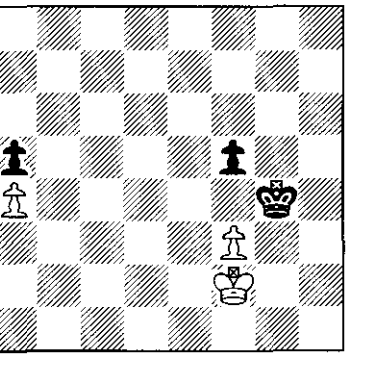
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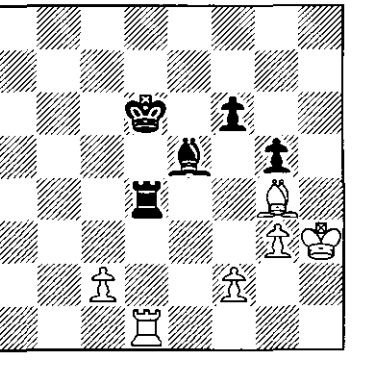
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832) ☐ **L.Winants** ■ **L.B.Hansen**
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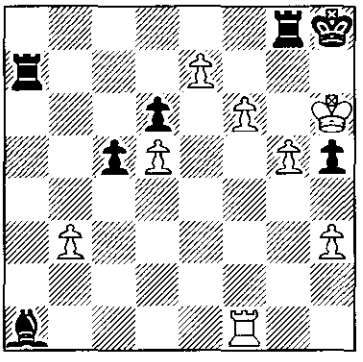
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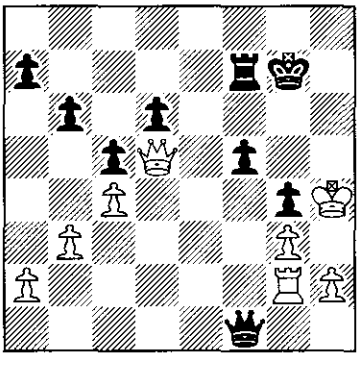
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834) ☐ **M.Carpenter** ■ **J.Wallace**
York 2006



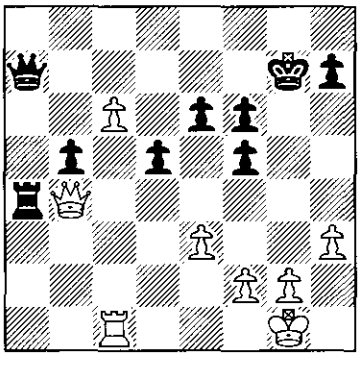
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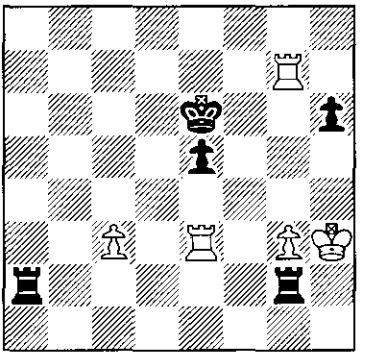
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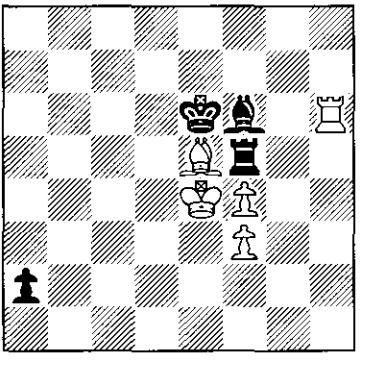
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837) ☐ **V.Krutti** ■ **R.Palliser**
York 2000



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838) ☐ **I.Sokolov** ■ **K.Sasikiran**
Zafra 2007

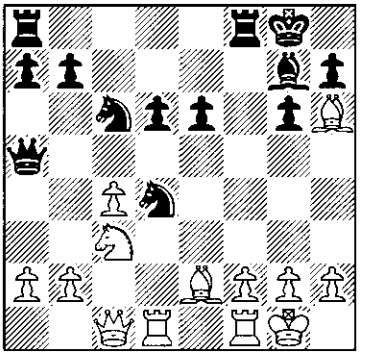


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5: Loose Pieces and Overloading

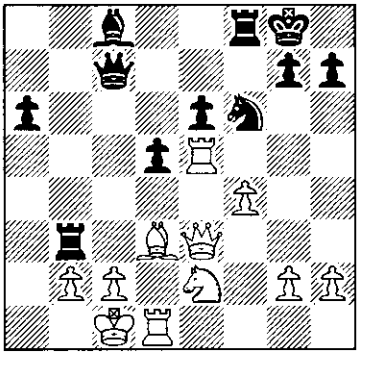
As several of the puzzles in the previous four chapters should have emphasized, whenever there's a loose piece on the board (remember LPDO!) make sure that there isn't a tactic available against that undefended piece. Solving the following puzzles should further emphasize that point, while also helping the reader to master how to give the enemy a loose piece: often by decoying a defender away or by overloading the defensive responsibilities of any covering piece.

839) ☐ **J.Lacasa Diaz** ■ **J.Moreno Ruiz**
Abierto 2007



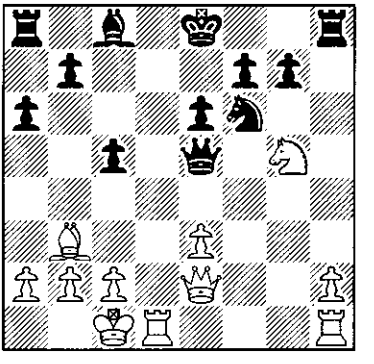
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Aguascalientes 2007



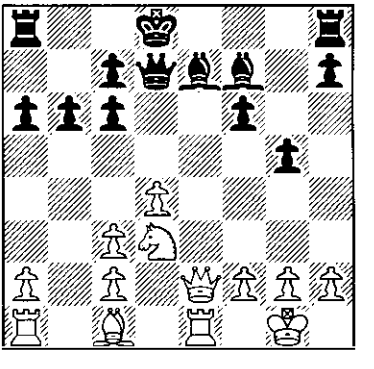
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841) ☐ **M.Tal** ■ **P.Benko**
Amsterdam 1964



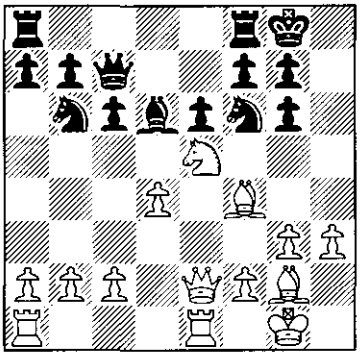
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842) ☐ **E.Can** ■ **M.Erdogdu**
Ankara 2007



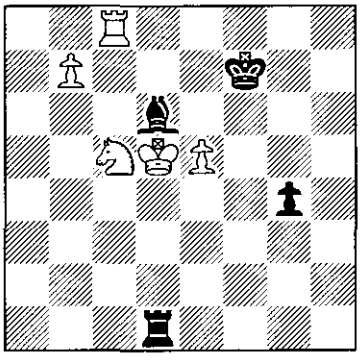
White to Play

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Arvier 2007



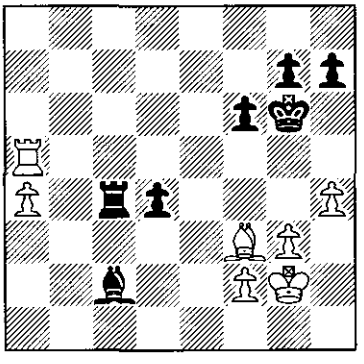
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Baguio City 1978



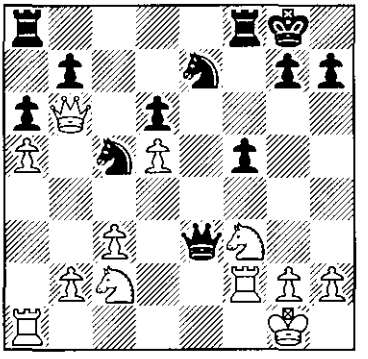
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845) ☐ **M.Narciso Dublan** ■ **J.Timman**
Barcelona 2006



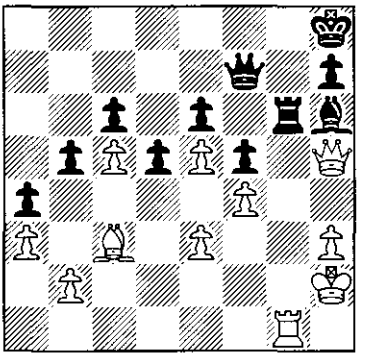
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Barlinek 2007



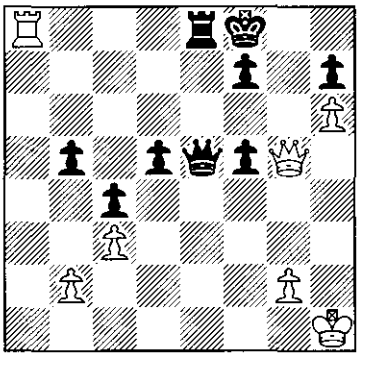
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Beirut 2007



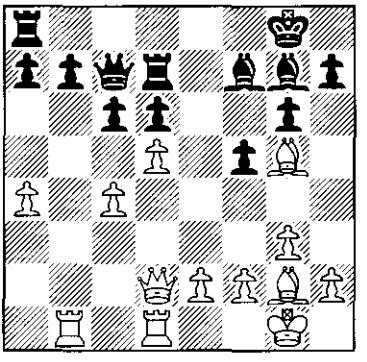
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Benidorm (rapid) 2006



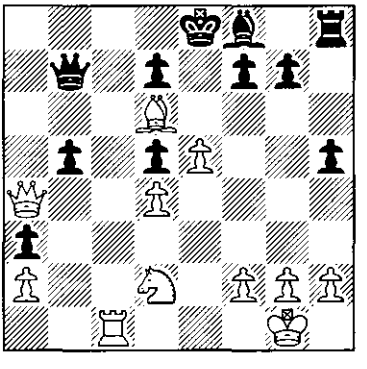
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Blackpool 1956



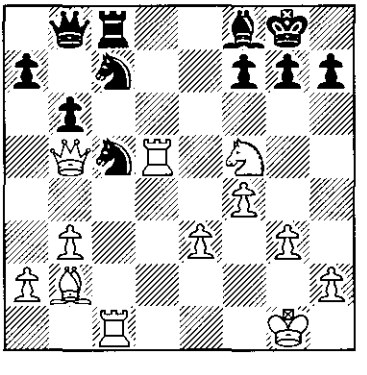
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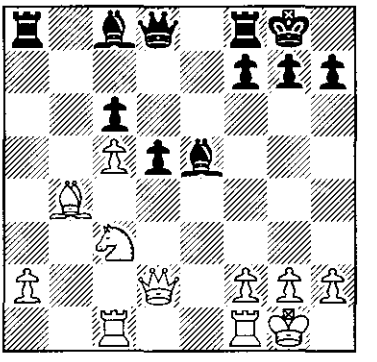
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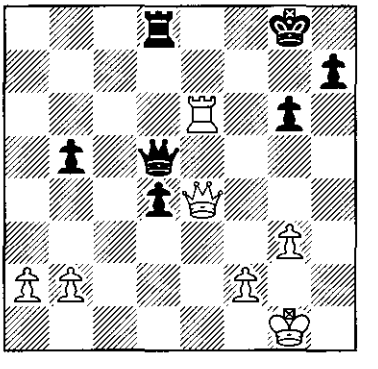
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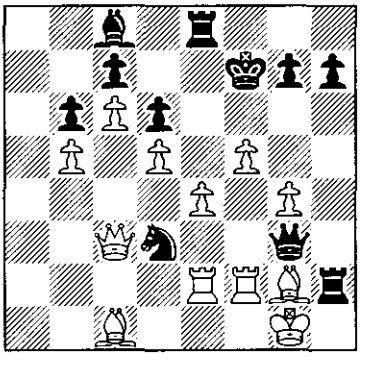
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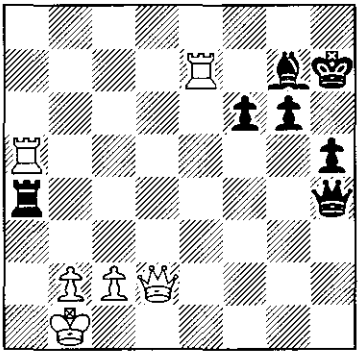
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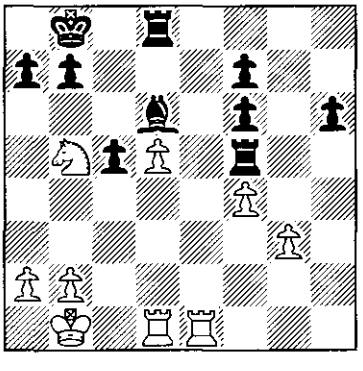
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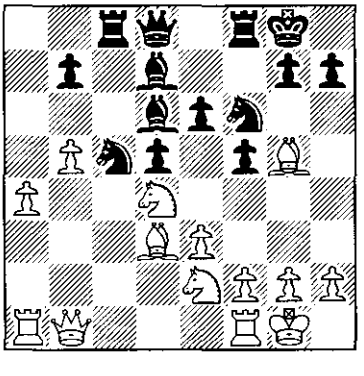
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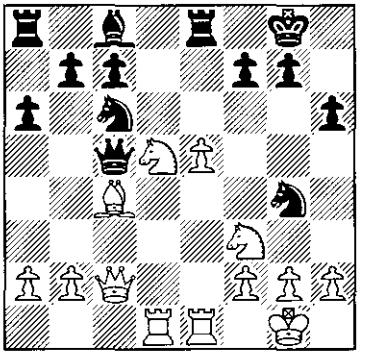
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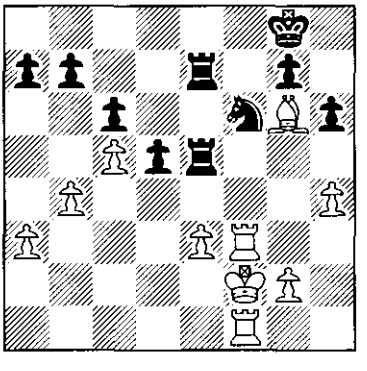
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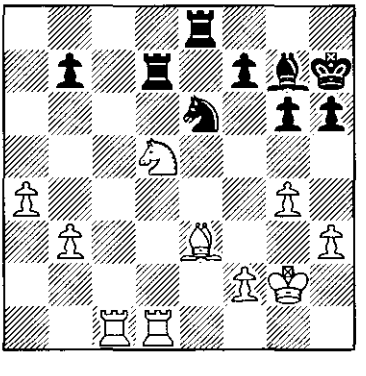
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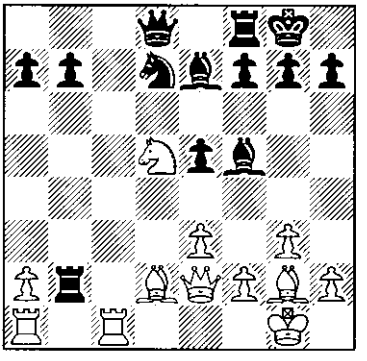
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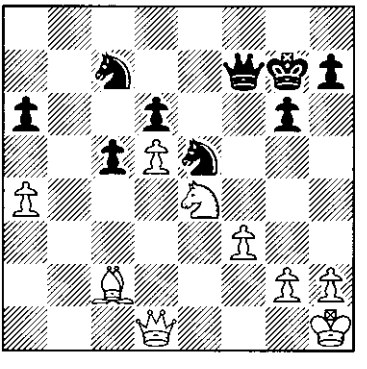
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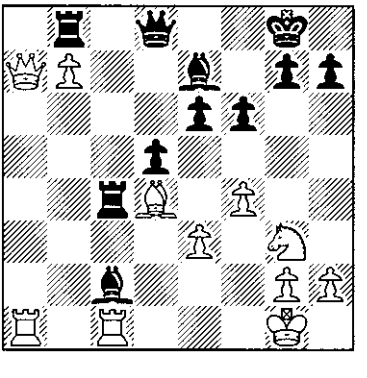
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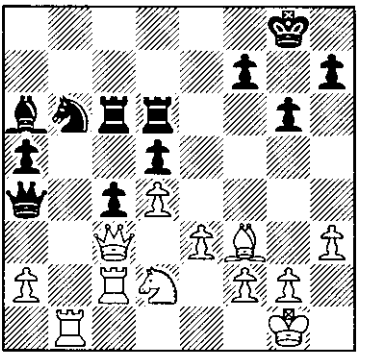
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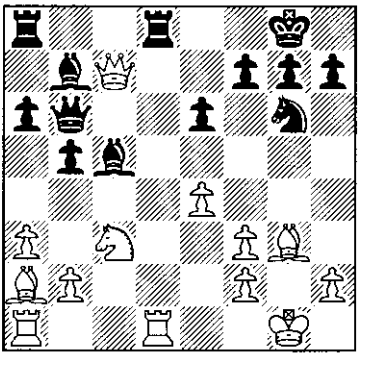
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British League 2005



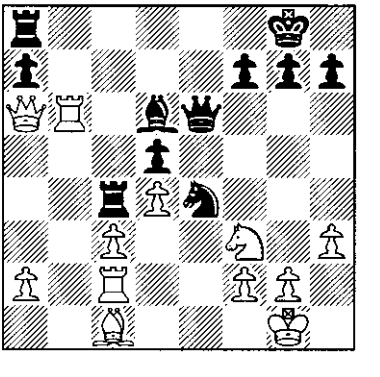
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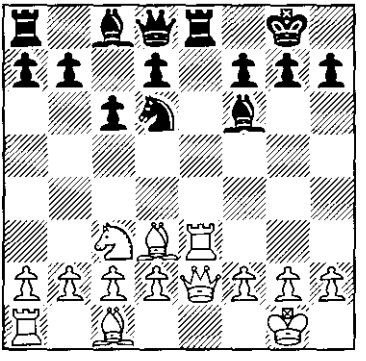
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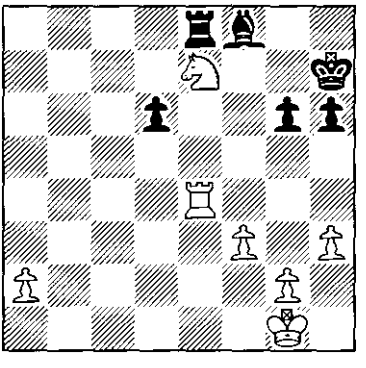
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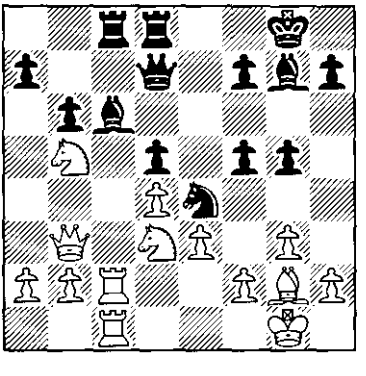
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Campillos 2007



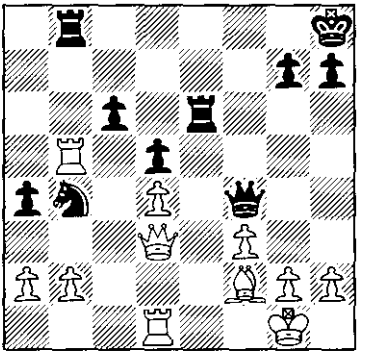
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Canberra 2007



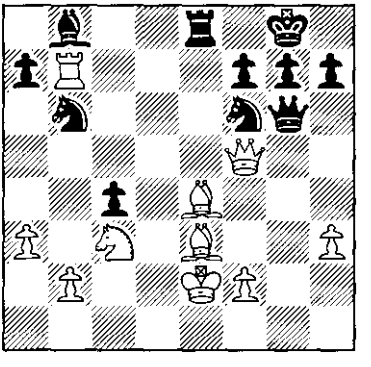
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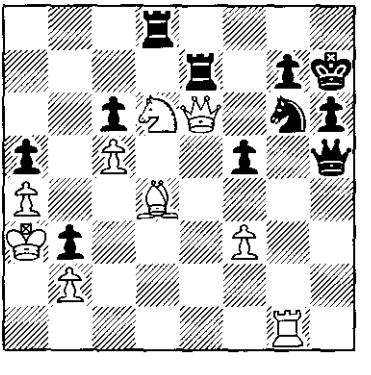
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Cappelle la Grande 2007



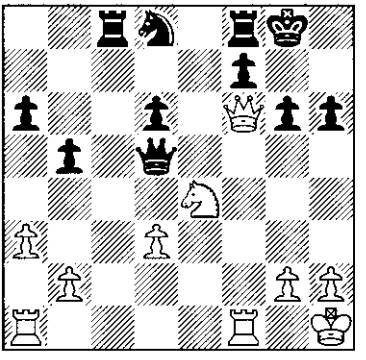
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Chelyabinsk 2007



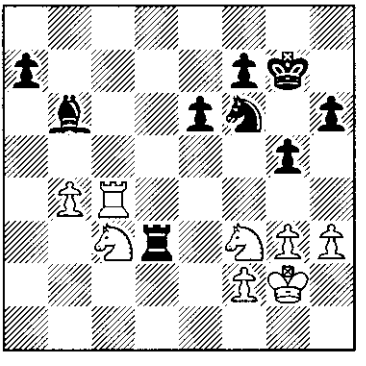
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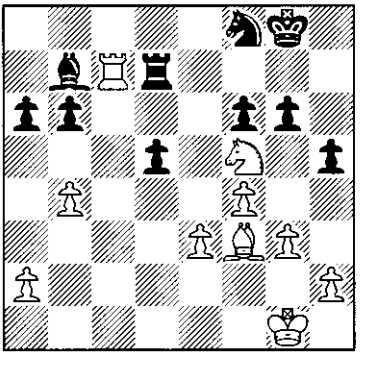
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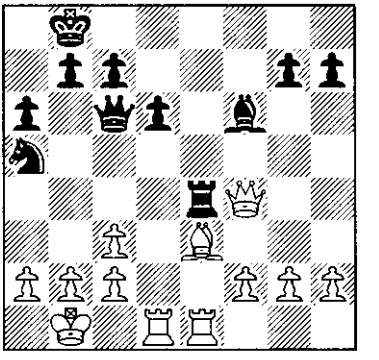
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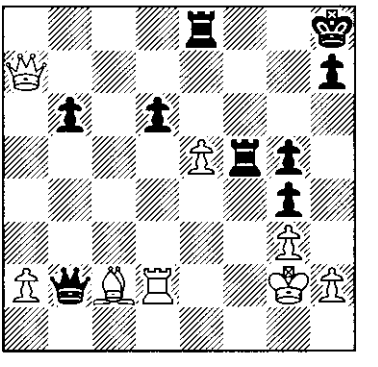
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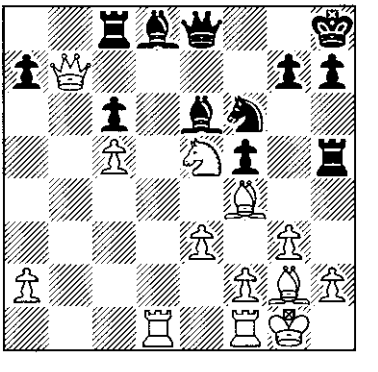
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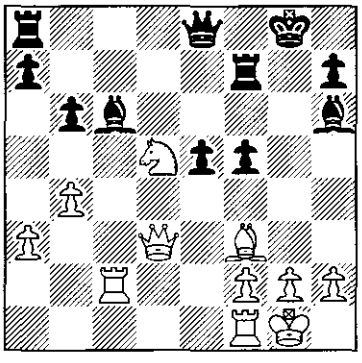
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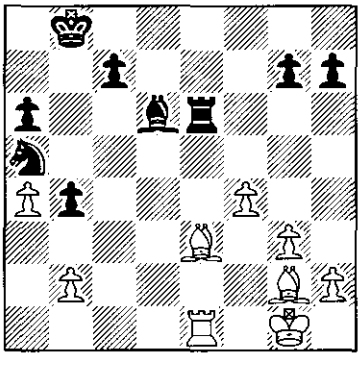
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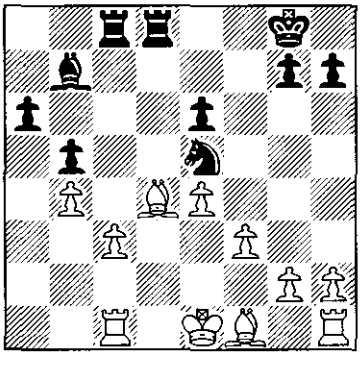
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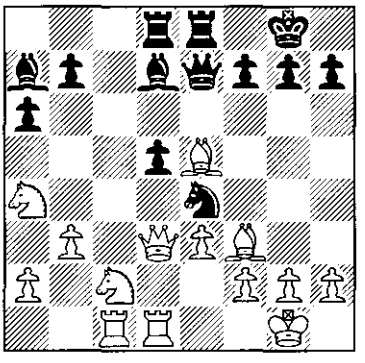
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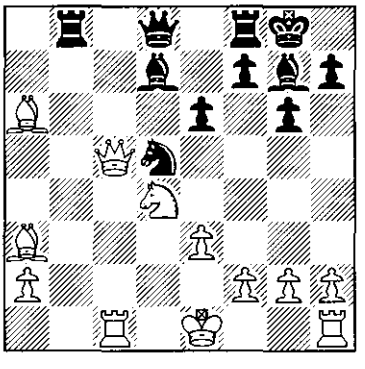
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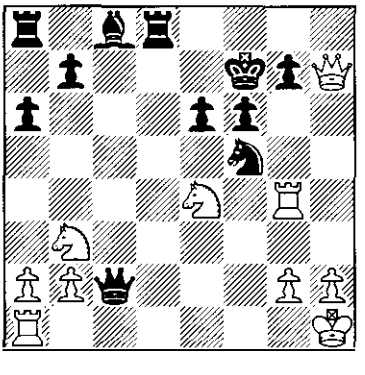
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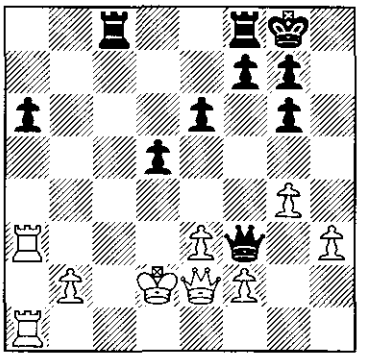
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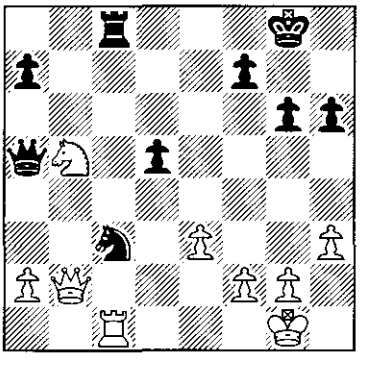
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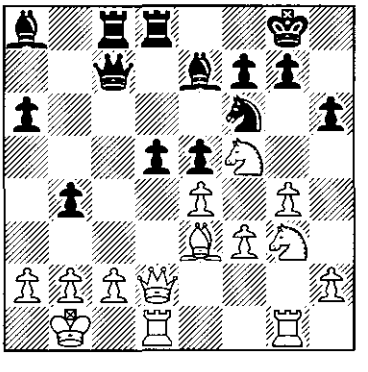
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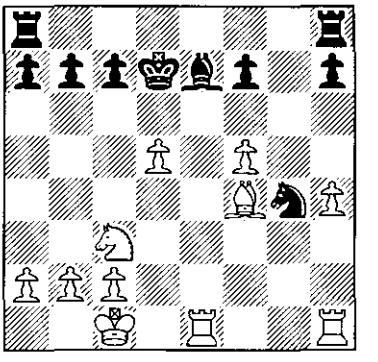
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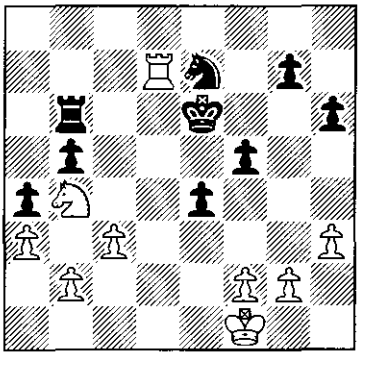
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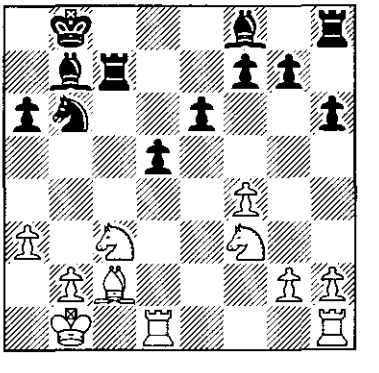
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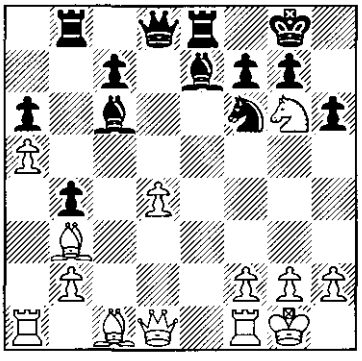
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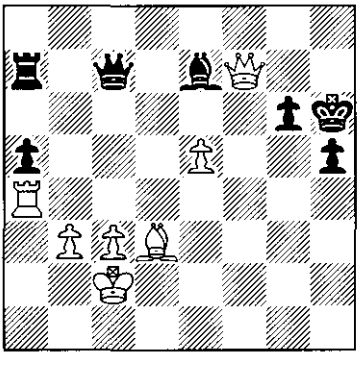
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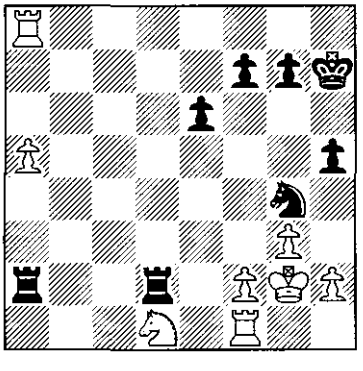
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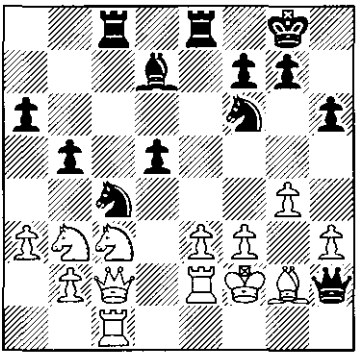
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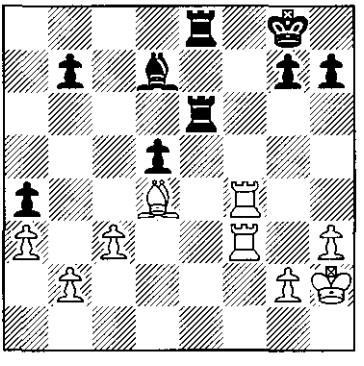
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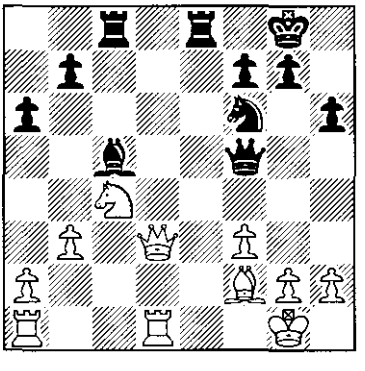
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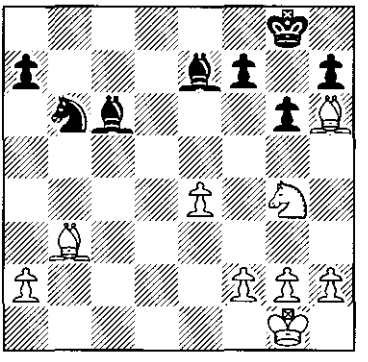
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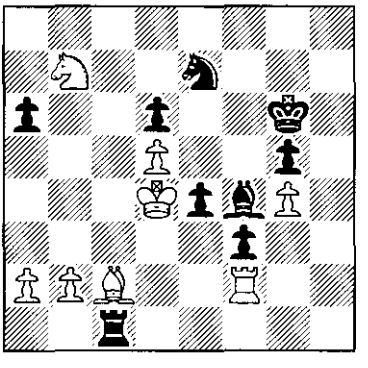
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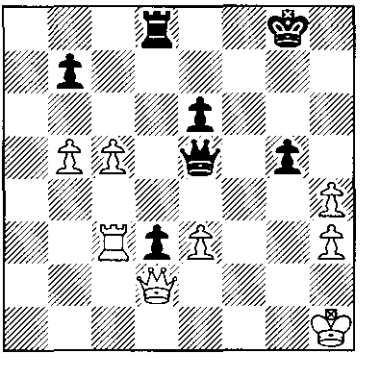
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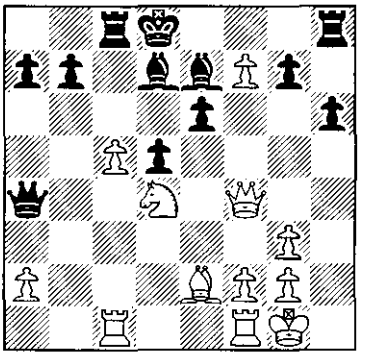
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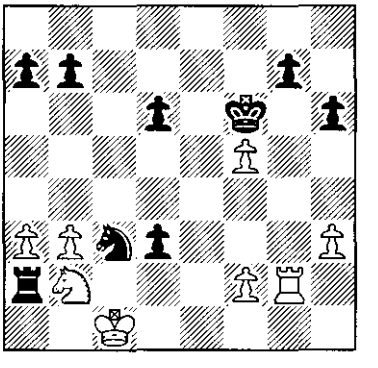
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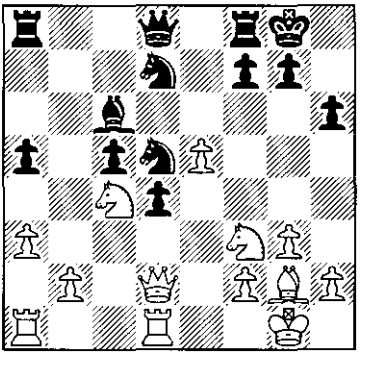
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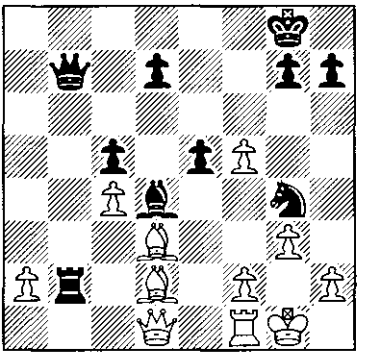
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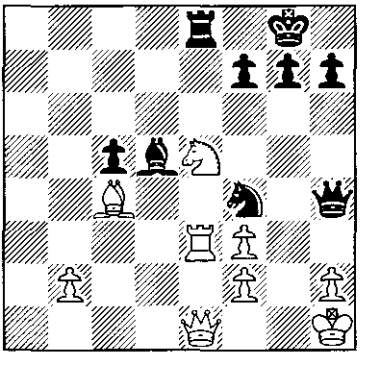
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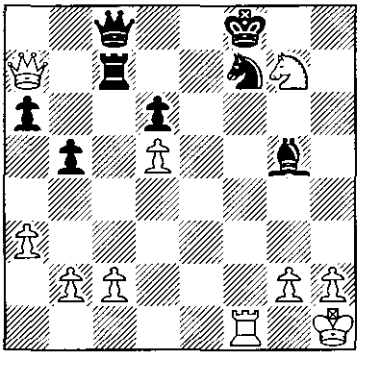
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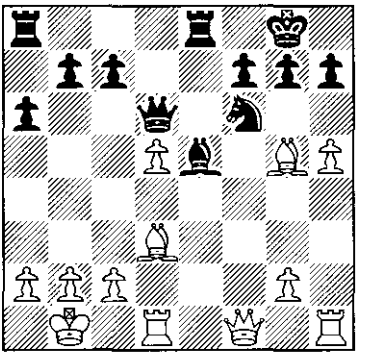
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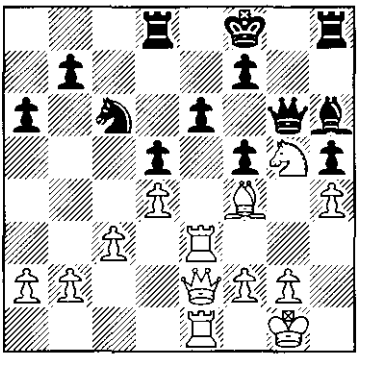
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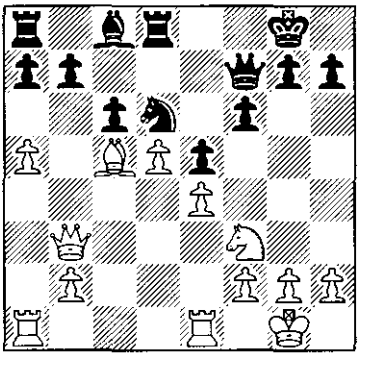
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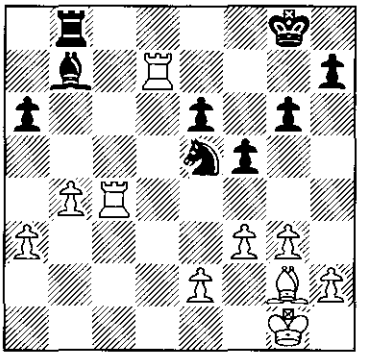
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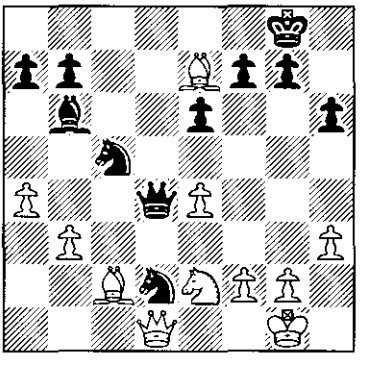
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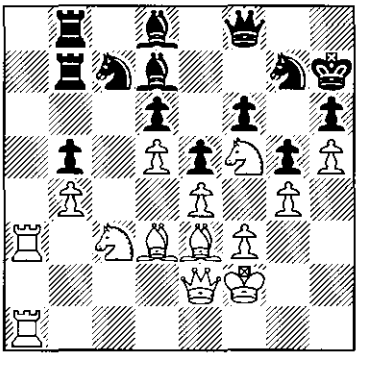
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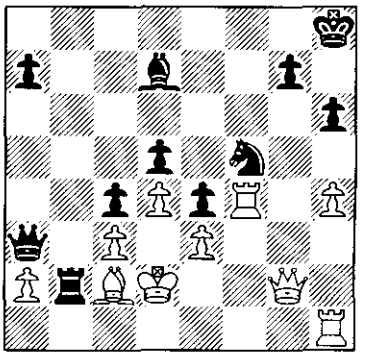
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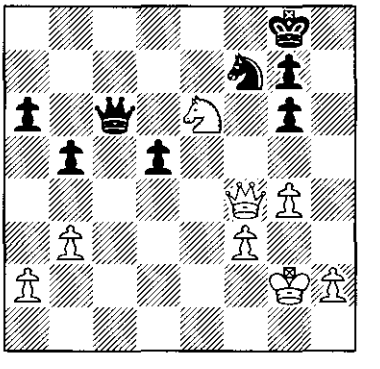
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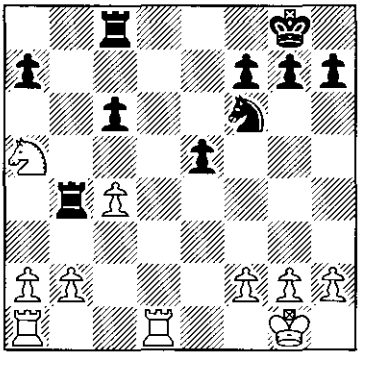
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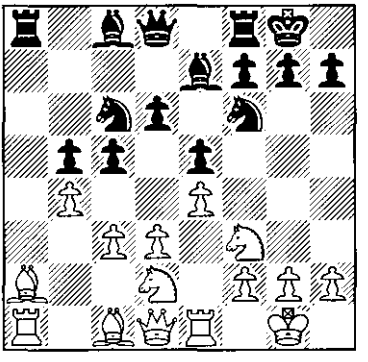
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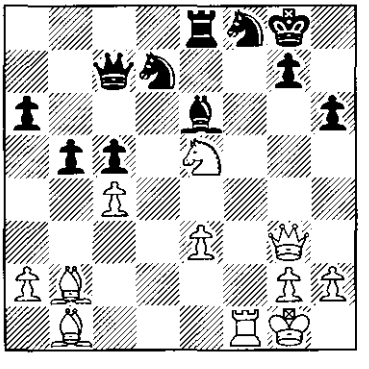
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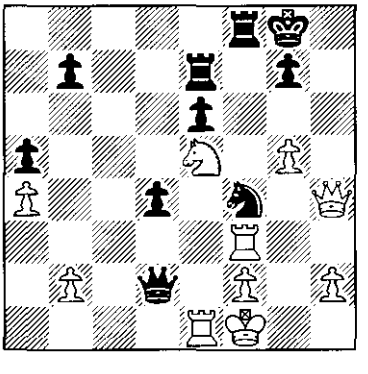
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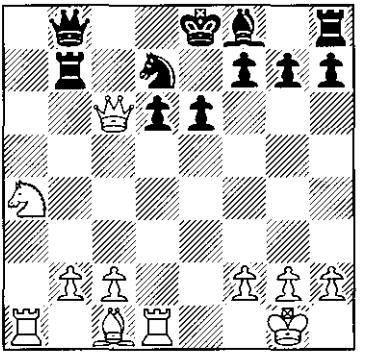
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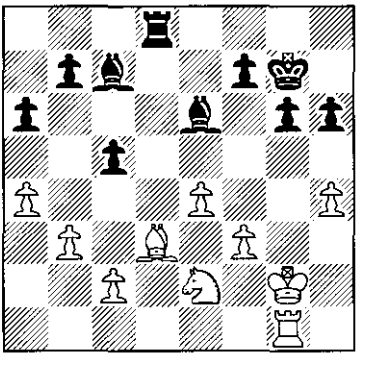
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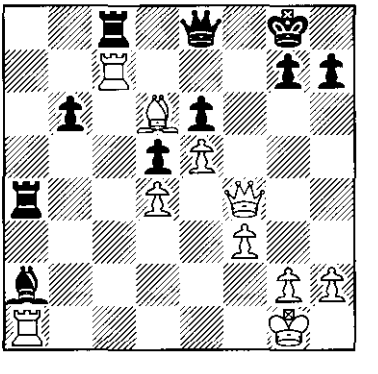
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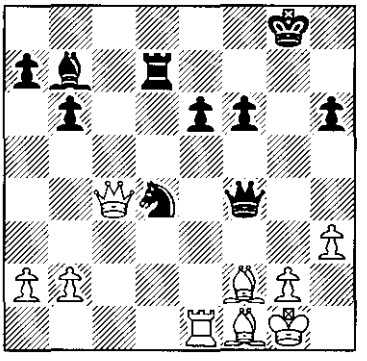
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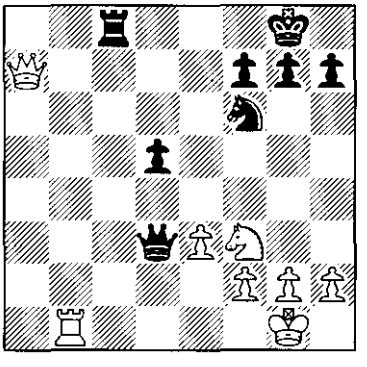
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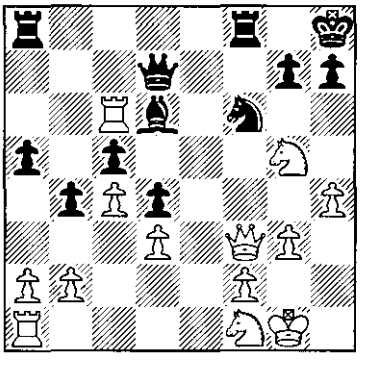
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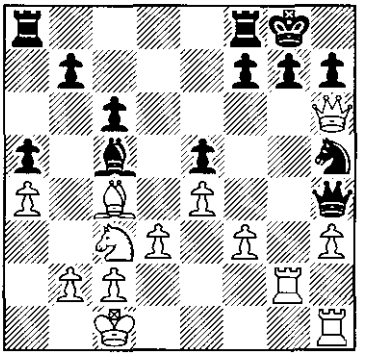
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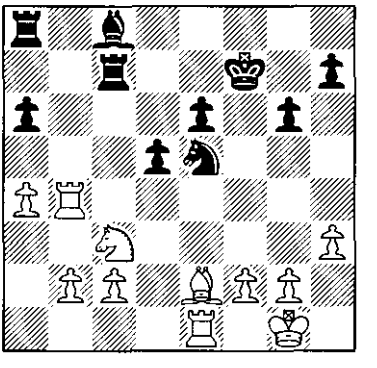
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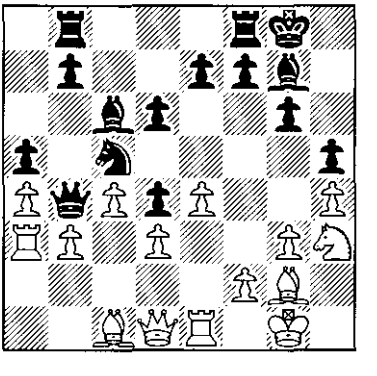
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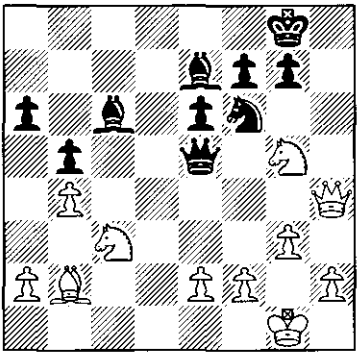
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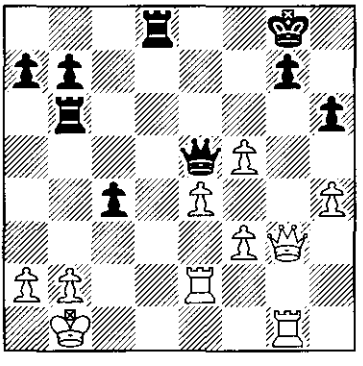
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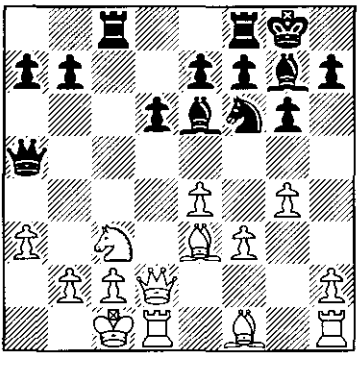
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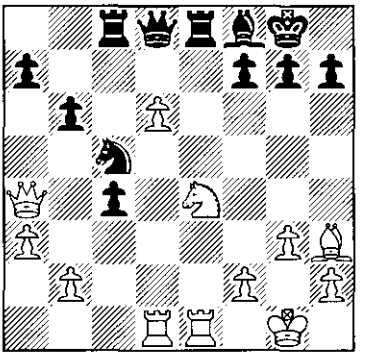
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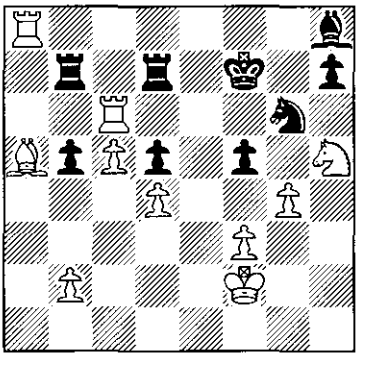
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Isle of Man 2005



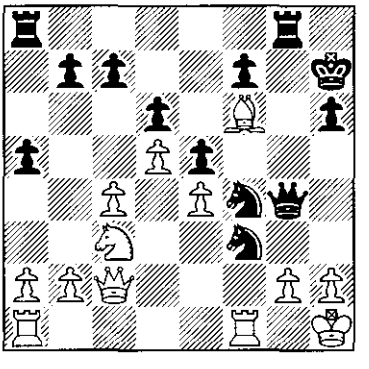
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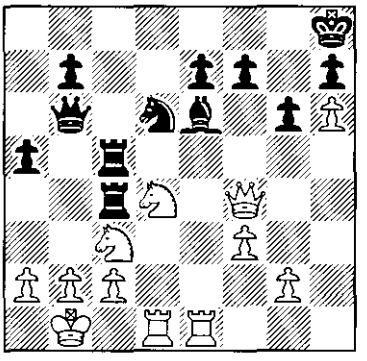
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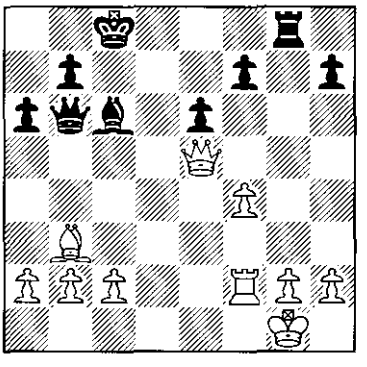
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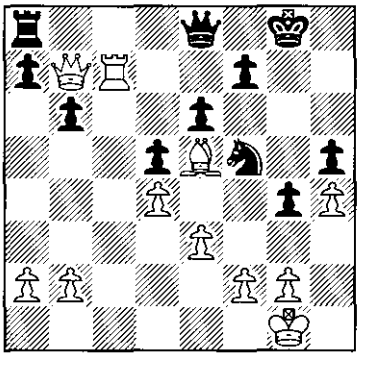
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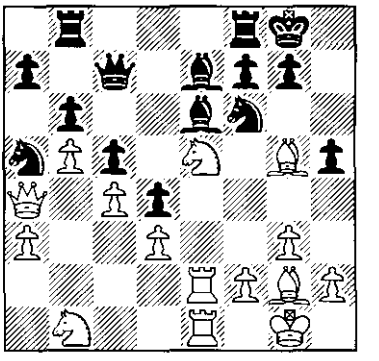
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Koenigshofen 2007



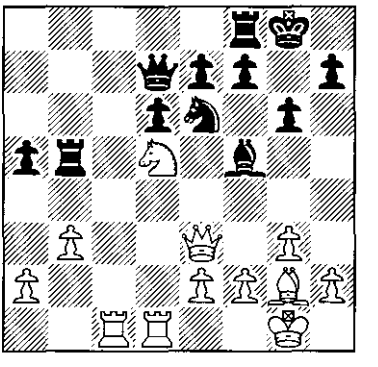
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La Laguna 2007



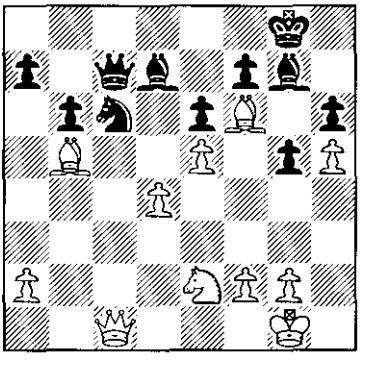
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Lima 2007



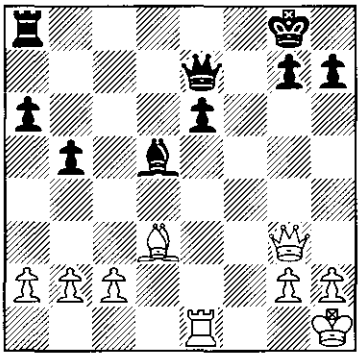
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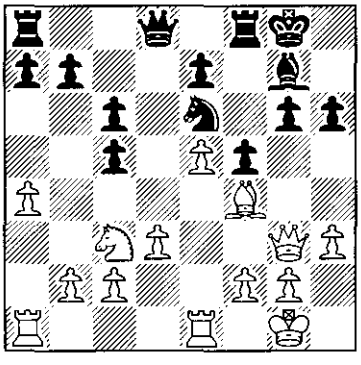
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London 1977



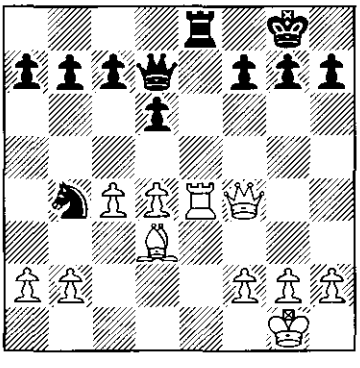
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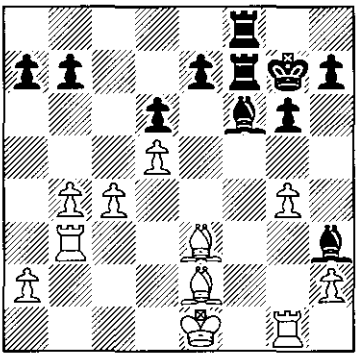
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London 1986



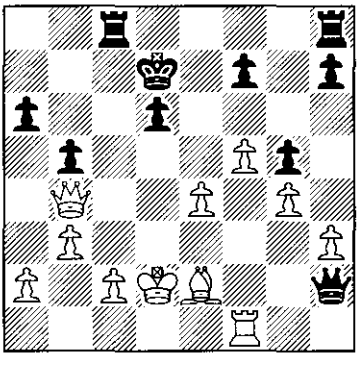
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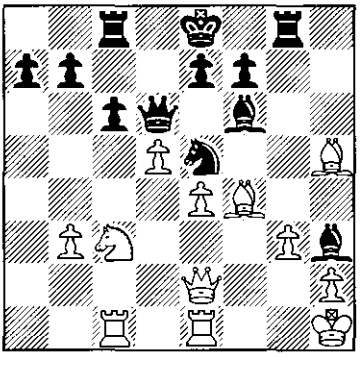
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London 1993



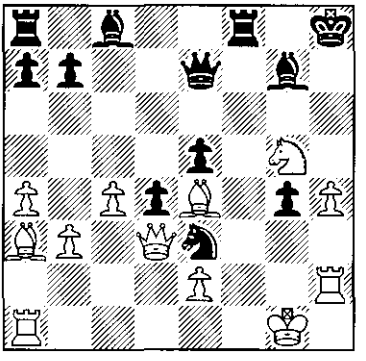
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London 1977



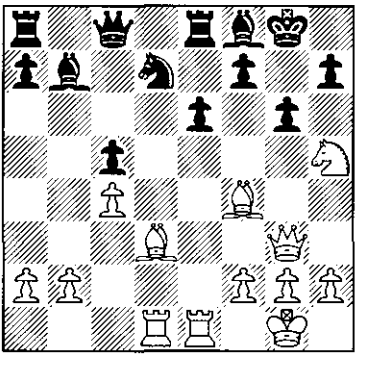
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Lviv 2007



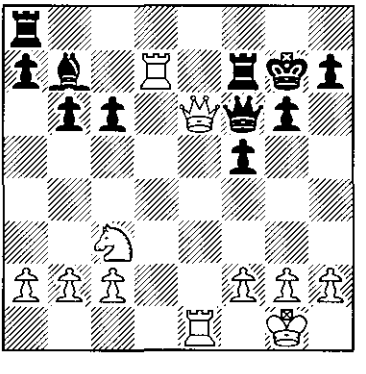
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Lviv 2007



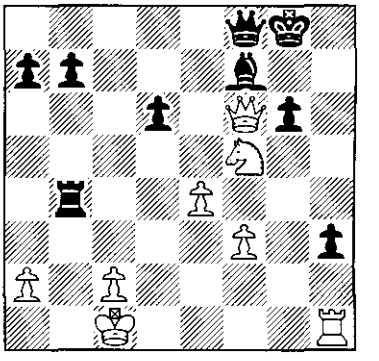
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Manchester 1890



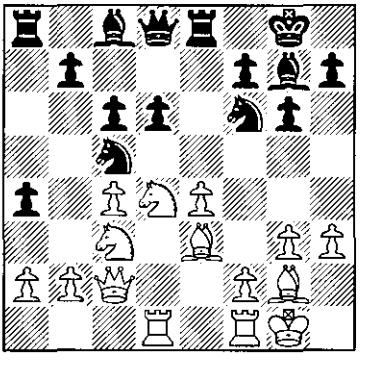
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Manila 2006



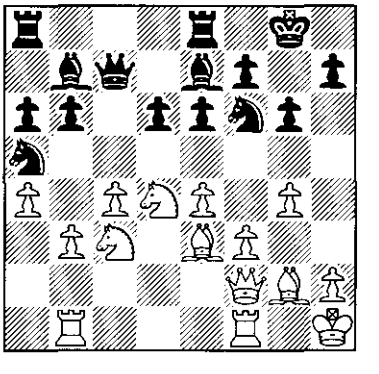
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Mar del Plata 1956



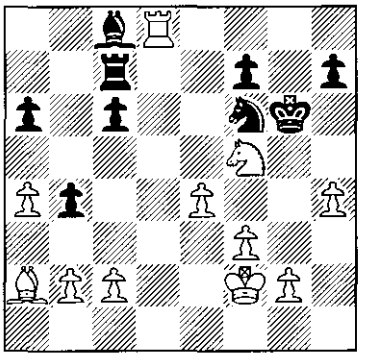
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Marianske Lazne 2007



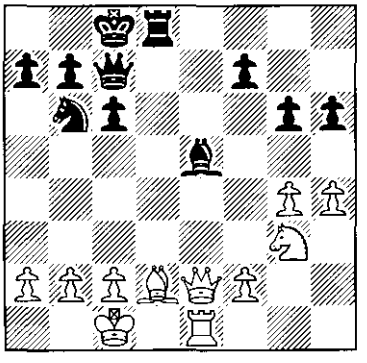
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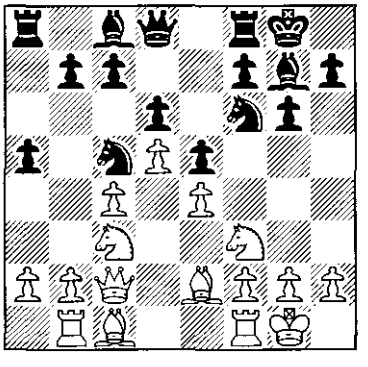
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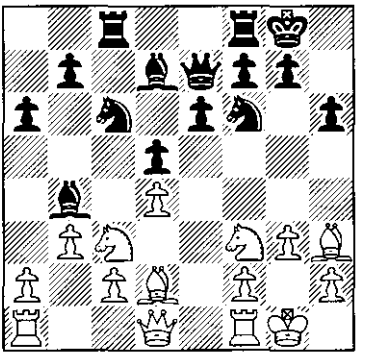
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Mislata 2001



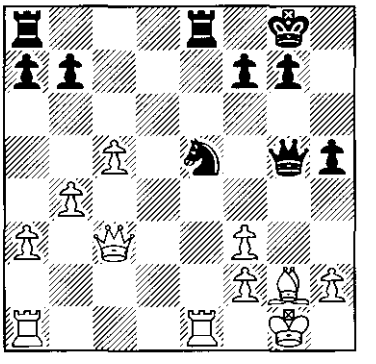
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Molescroft 1992



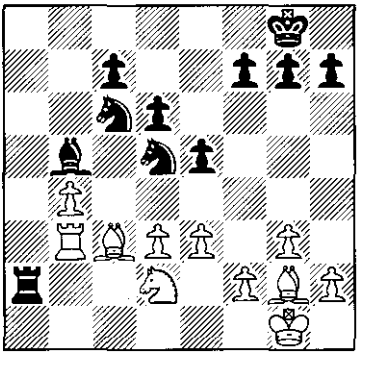
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Monaco (blindfold) 2007



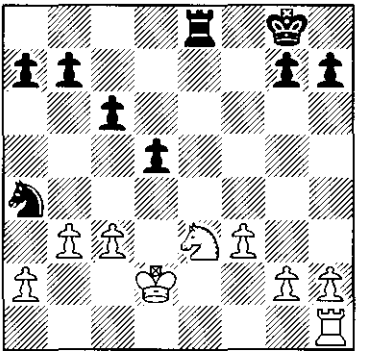
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Monaco (rapid) 2007



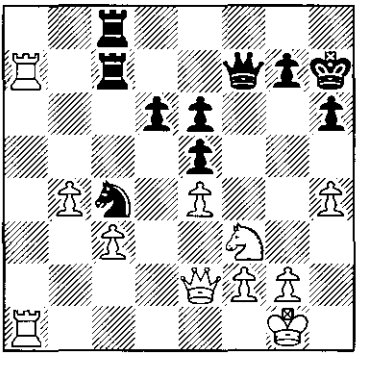
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Montevideo 2007



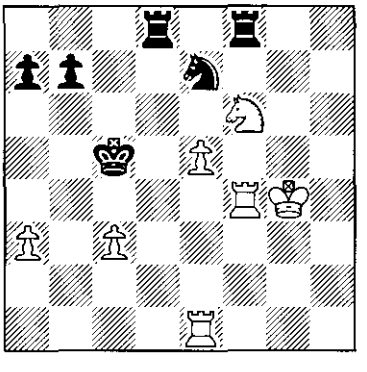
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Morelia 2007



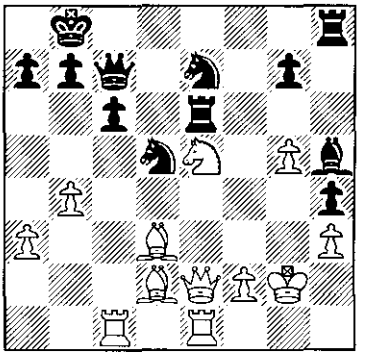
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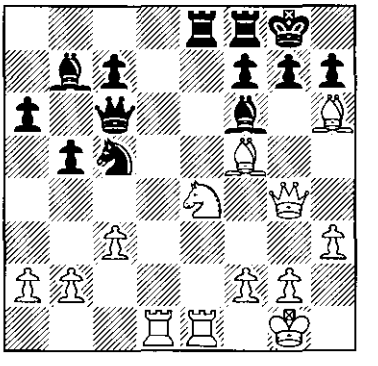
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Moscow 2007



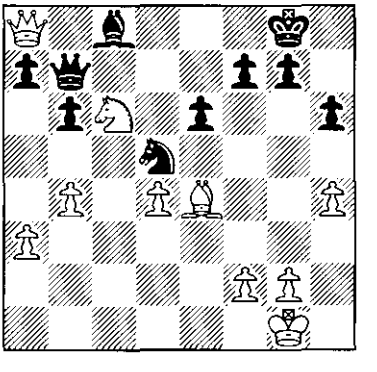
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Moscow 1964



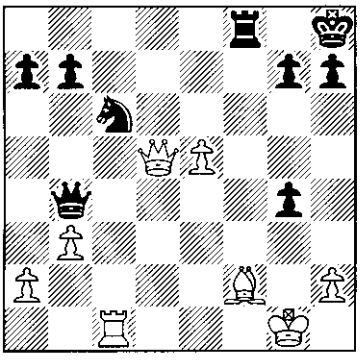
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962) ☐ **I.Kashdan** ■ **A.Kotov**
Moscow 1946



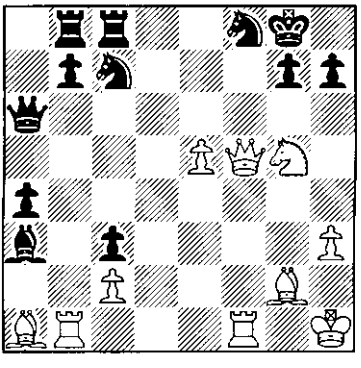
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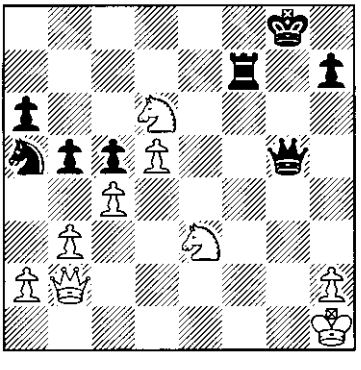
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964) ☐ **T.L.Petrosian** ■ **K.Lahno**
Moscow 2007



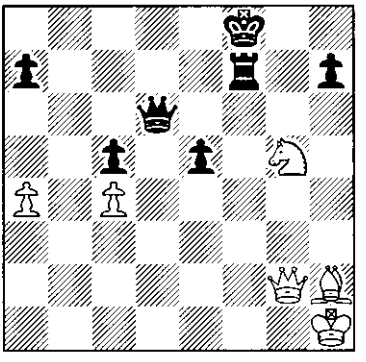
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Moscow 1966



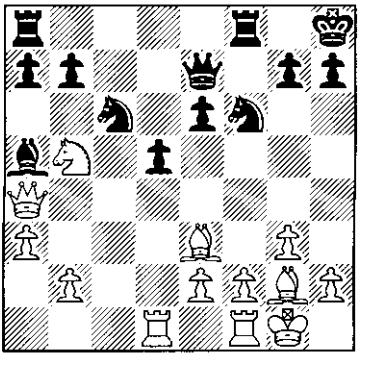
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966) ☐ **T.Petrosian** ■ **V.Simagin**
Moscow 1956



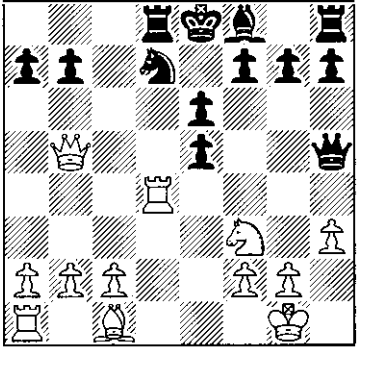
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Moscow 2007



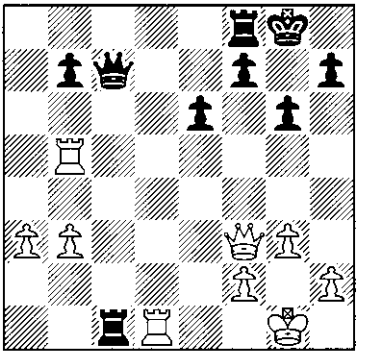
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968) ☐ **V.Malakhov** ■ **A.Areshchenko**
Moscow 2005



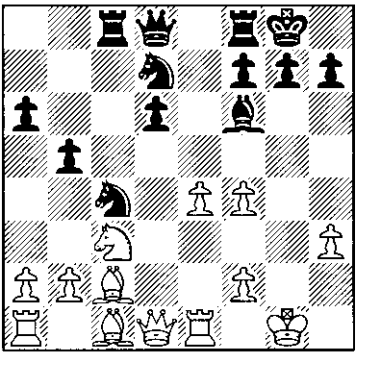
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969) ☐ **V.Ragozin** ■ **V.Panov**
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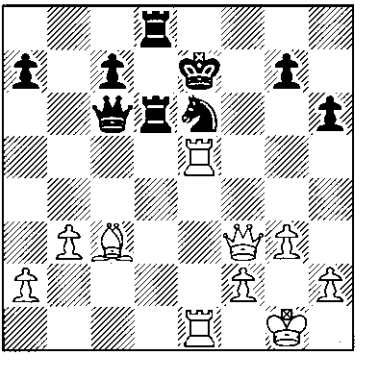
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Nancy 2007



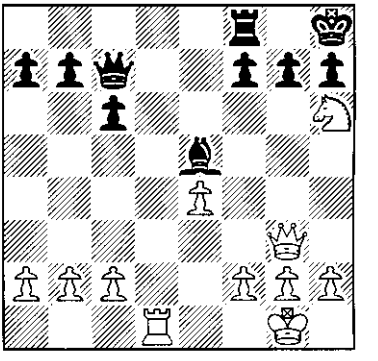
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971) ☐ **A.Saidy** ■ **A.Santasiere**
New York 1955



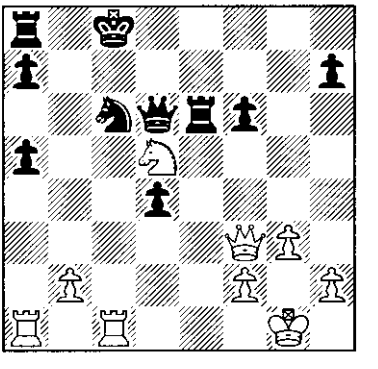
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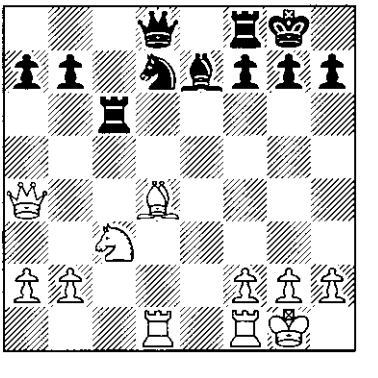
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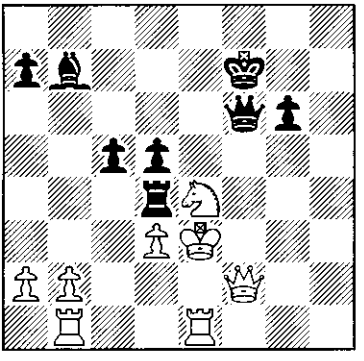
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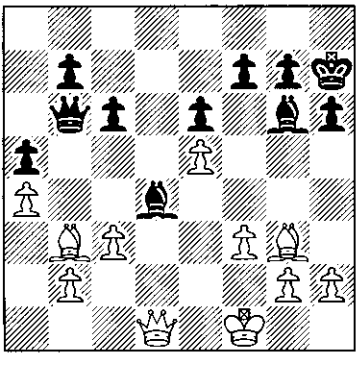
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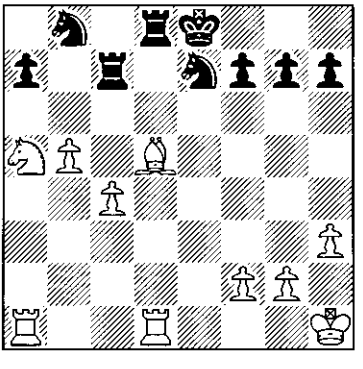
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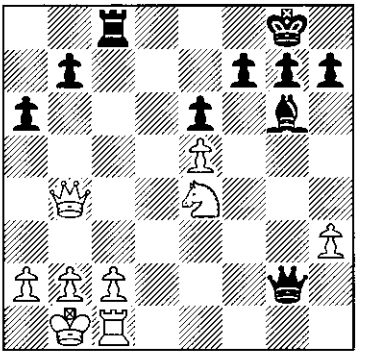
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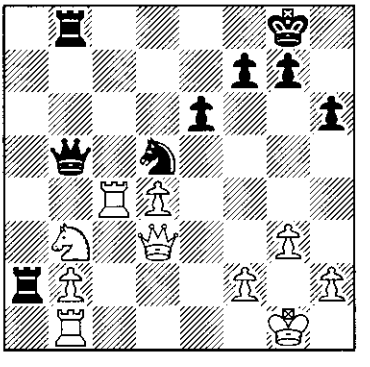
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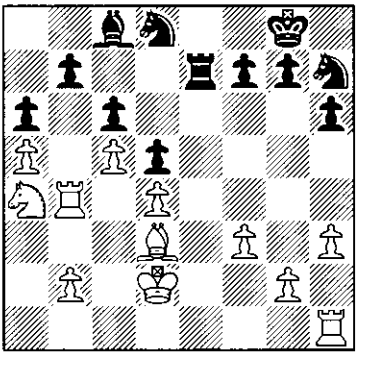
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online blitz 2007



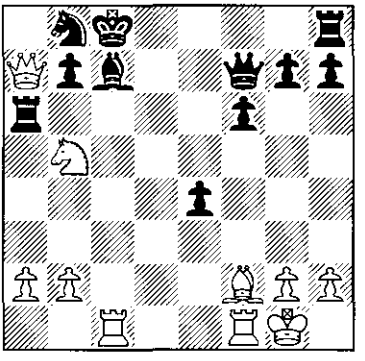
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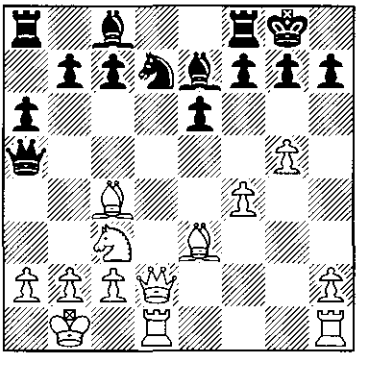
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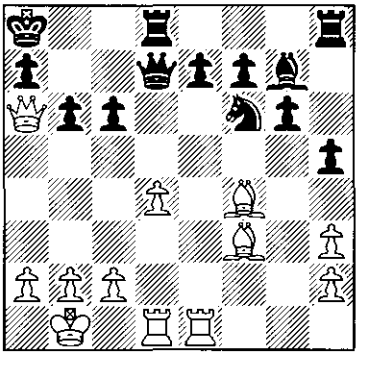
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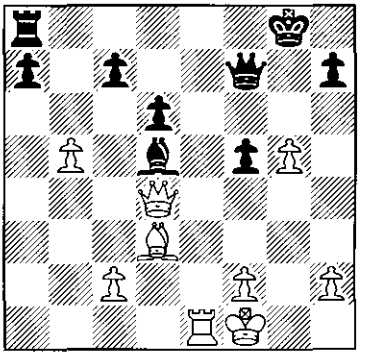
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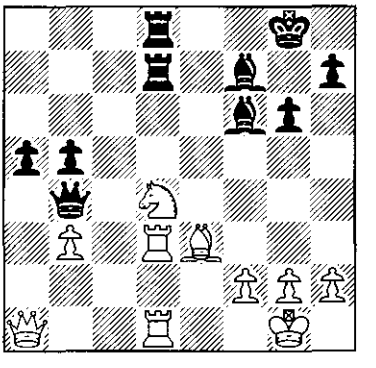
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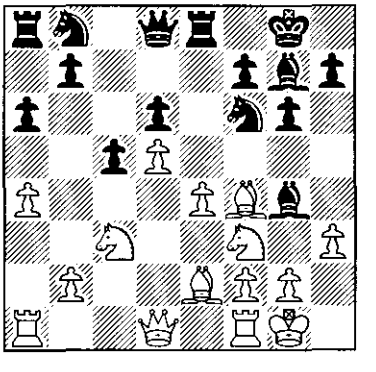
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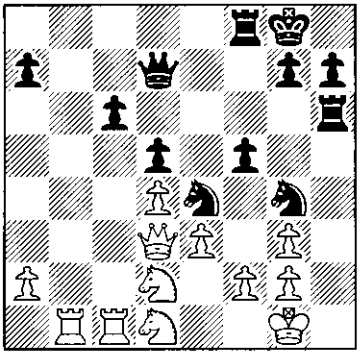
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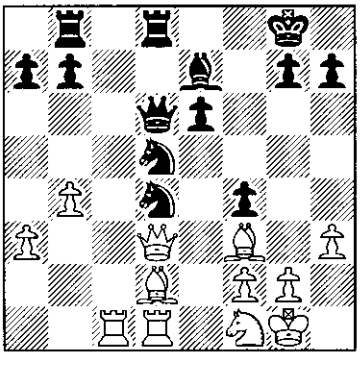
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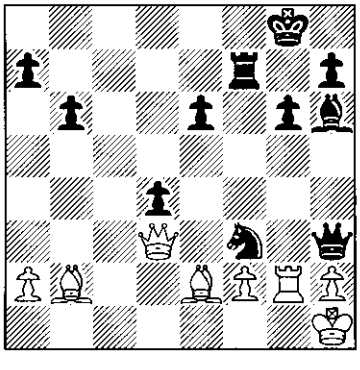
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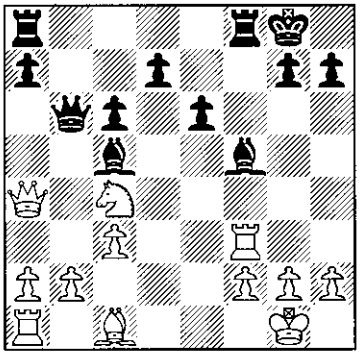
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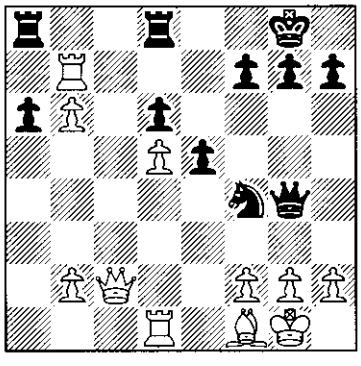
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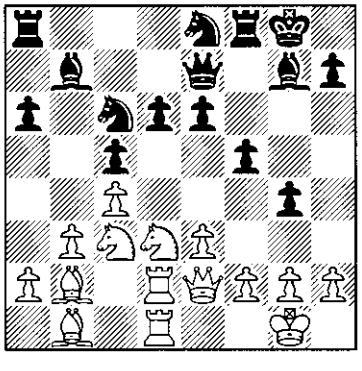
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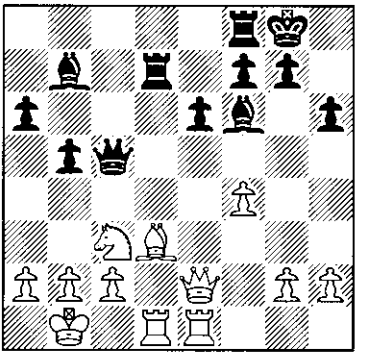
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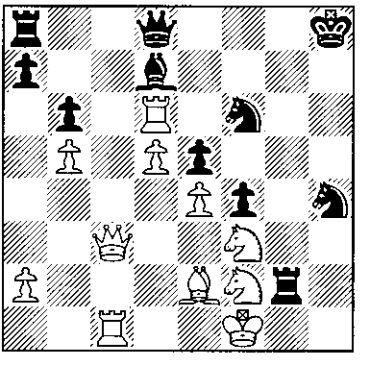
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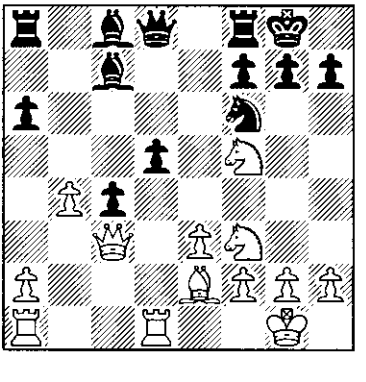
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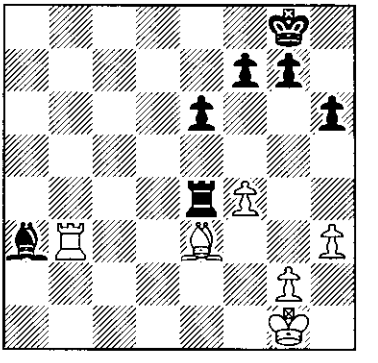
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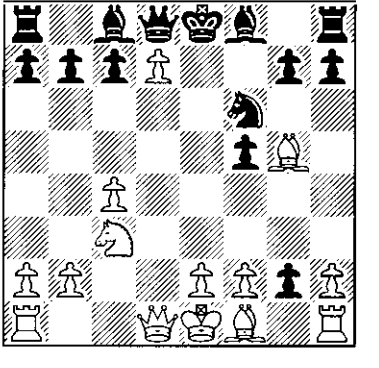
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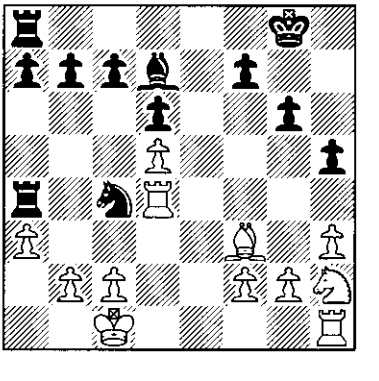
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Riga 1970



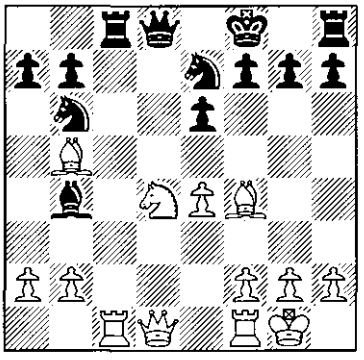
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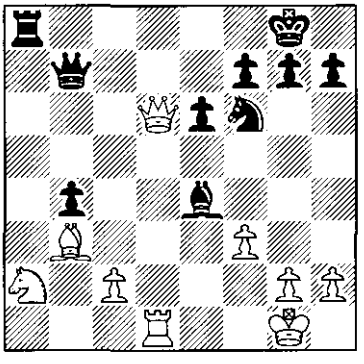
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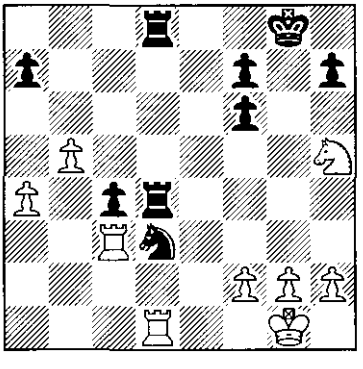
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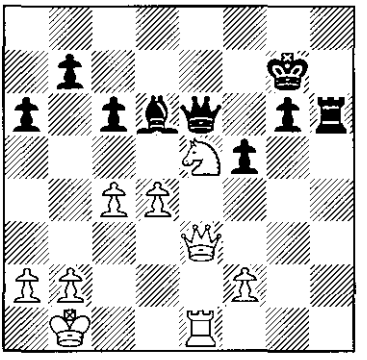
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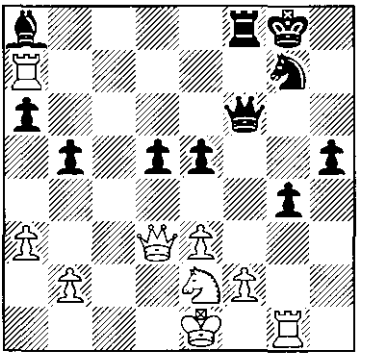
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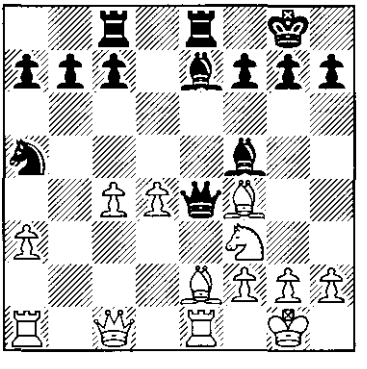
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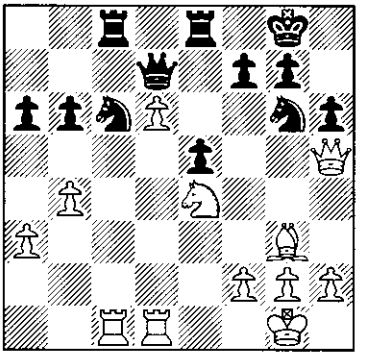
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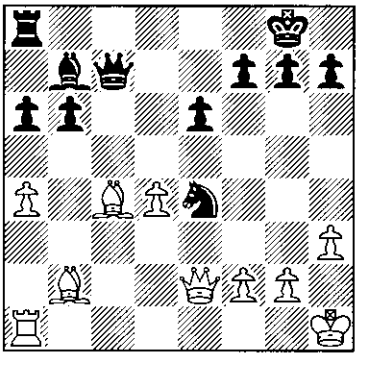
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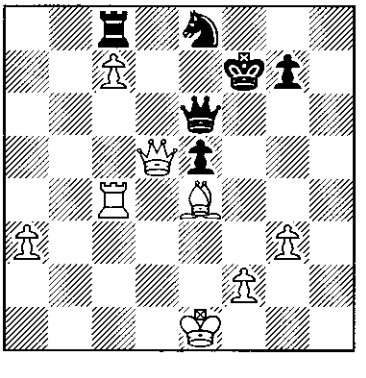
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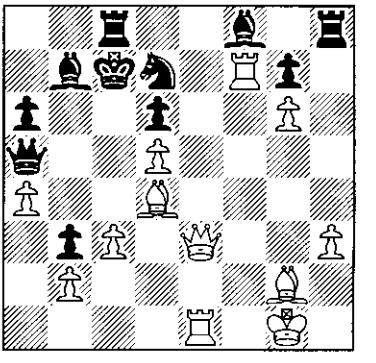
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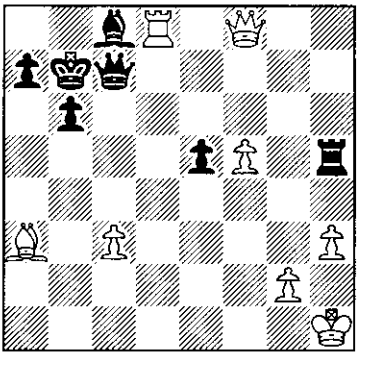
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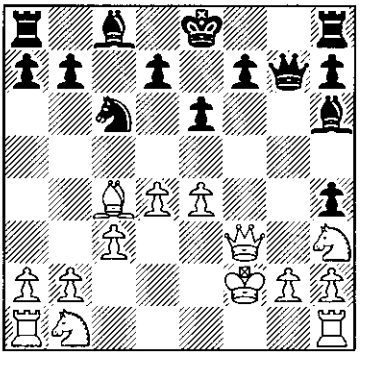
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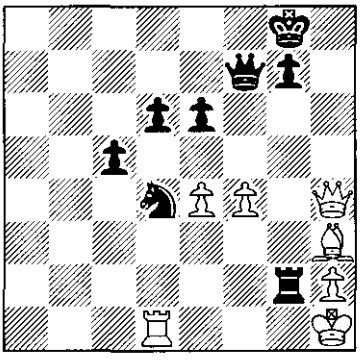
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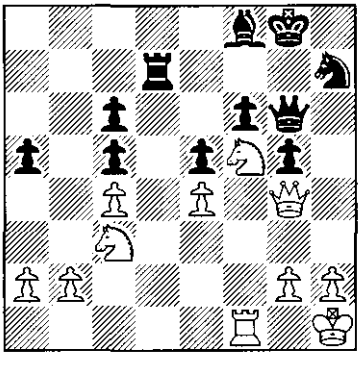
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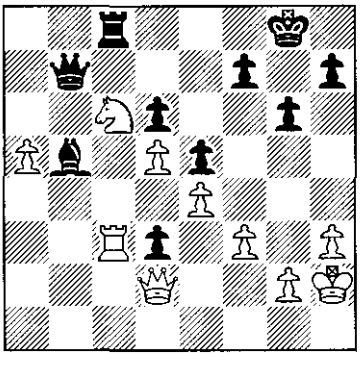
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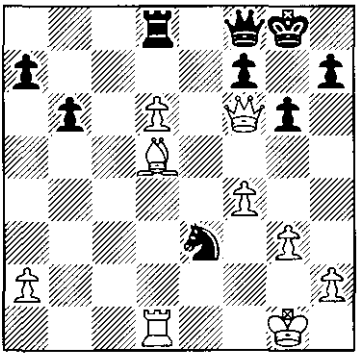
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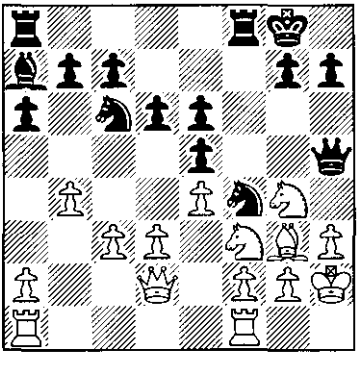
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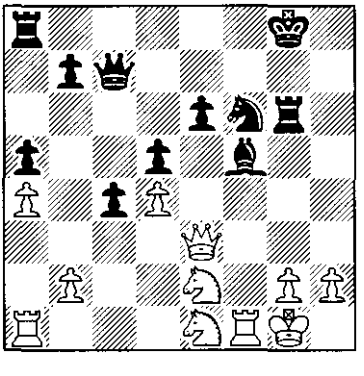
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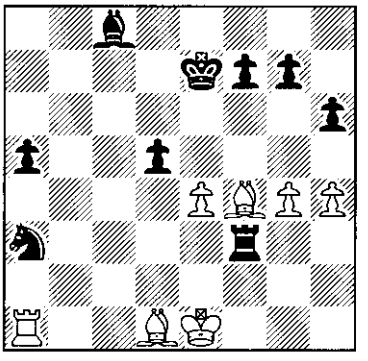
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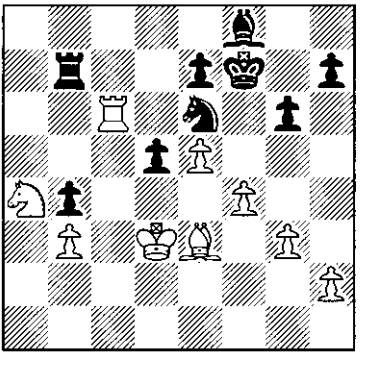
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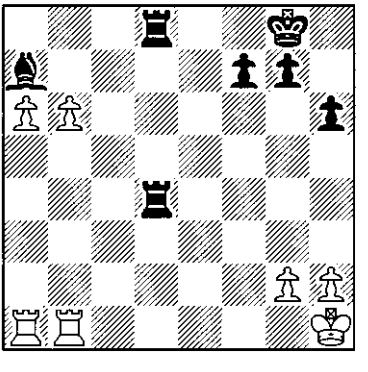
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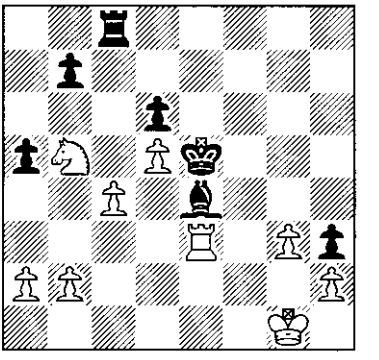
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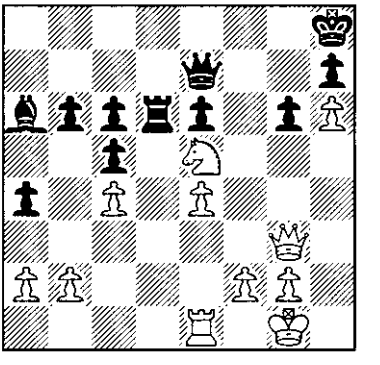
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Witley 1999



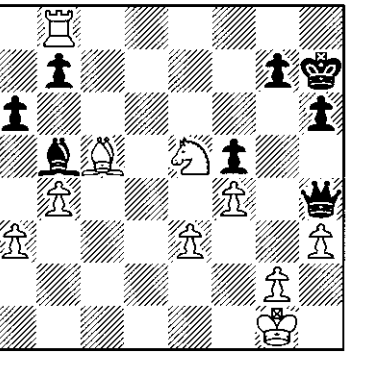
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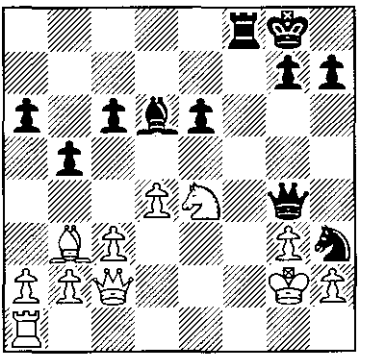
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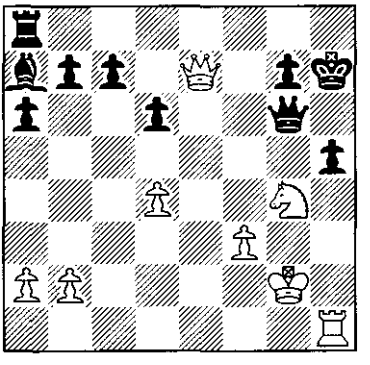
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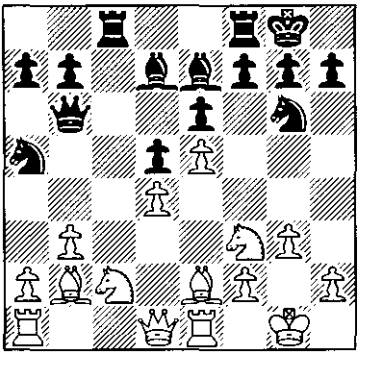
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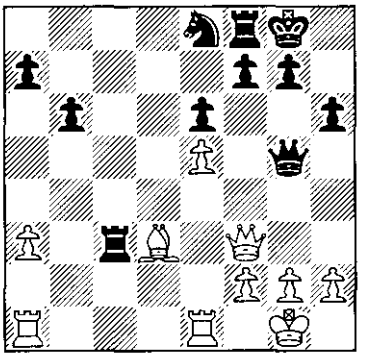
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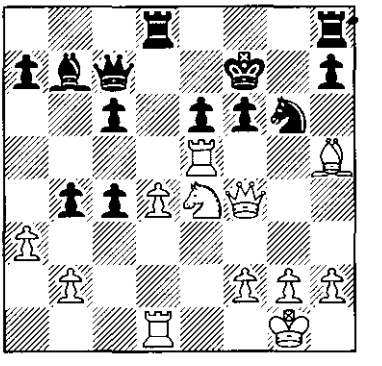
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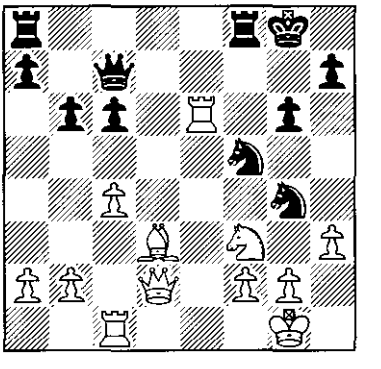
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York 2003



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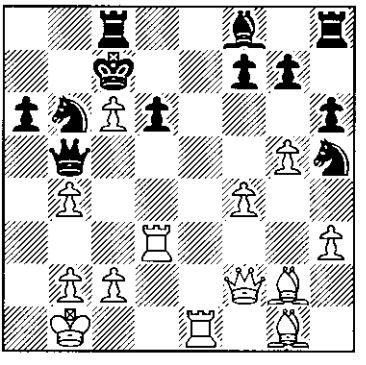


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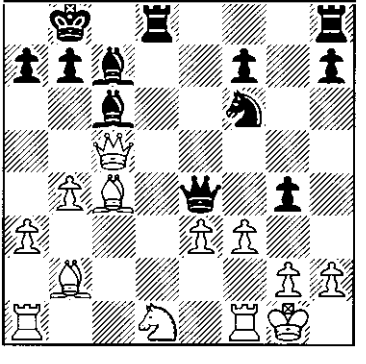
The main aim of this work has been to ensure that the reader is fully aware of the more important tactical motifs in all areas of the game. Working regularly through the previous five chapters should help to ensure that you rarely miss a common tactic ever again. However, it's also good to stretch ourselves from time to time and here are fifty puzzles to do just that: even the very strong club player should struggle with some of these!

1029) ☐ **D.Sadvakasov** ■ **G.Baladjaev**
Baku 2007



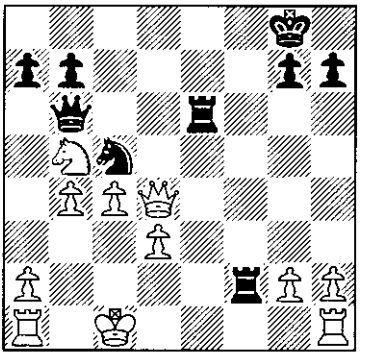
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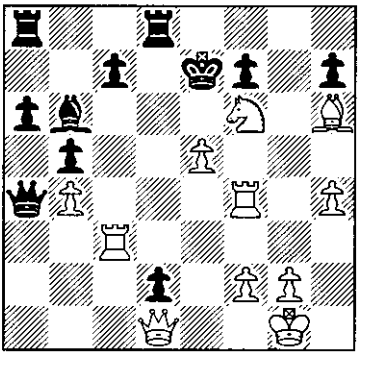
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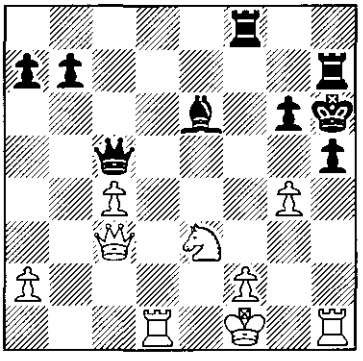
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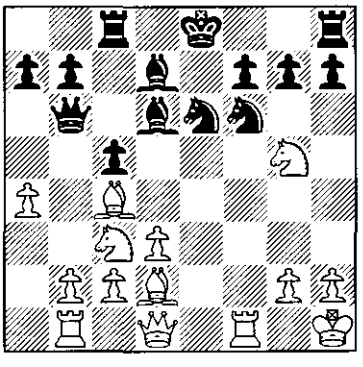
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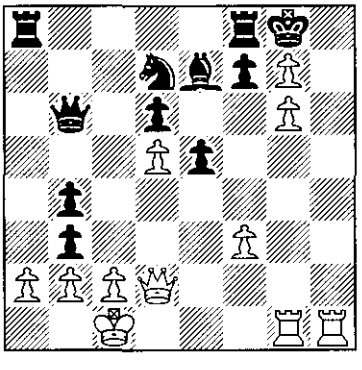
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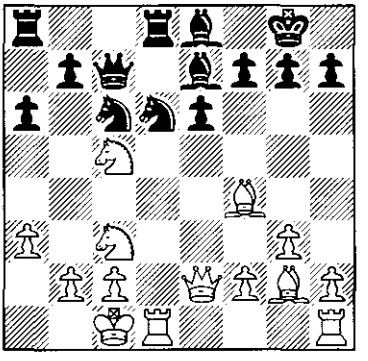
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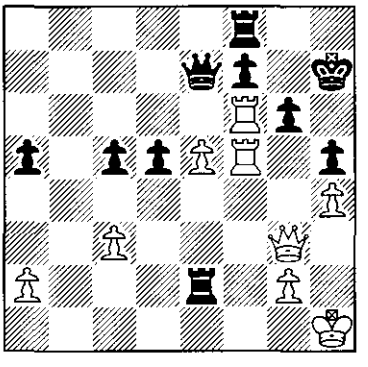
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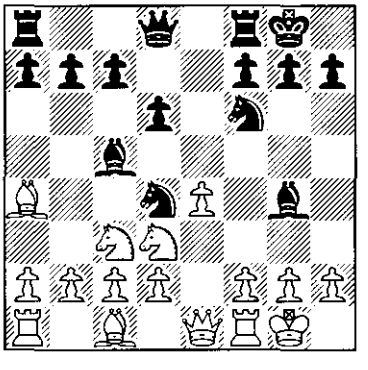
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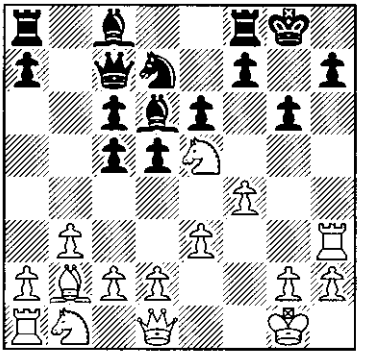
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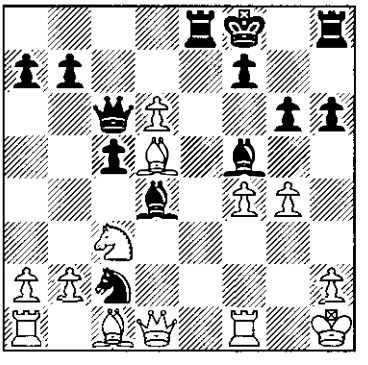
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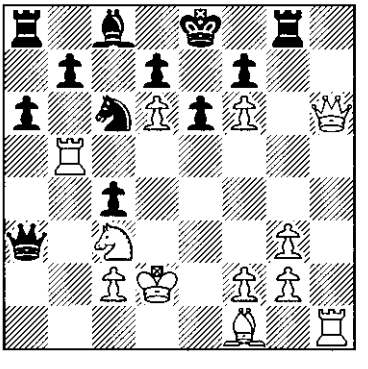
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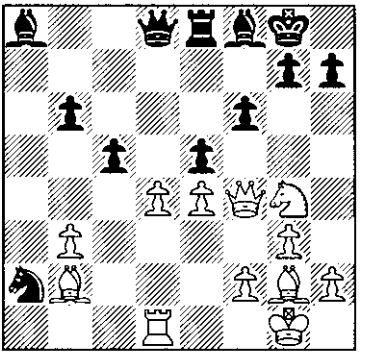
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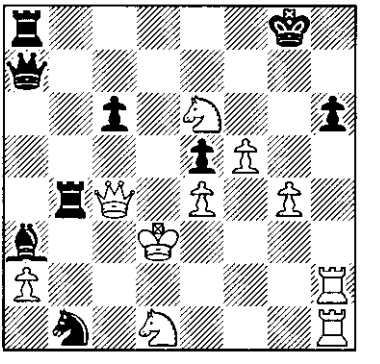
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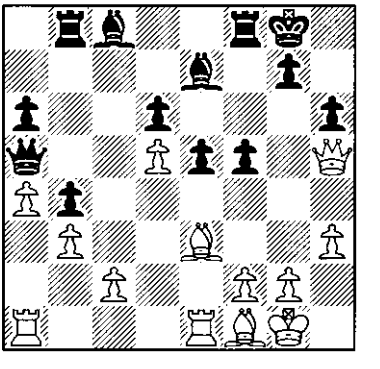
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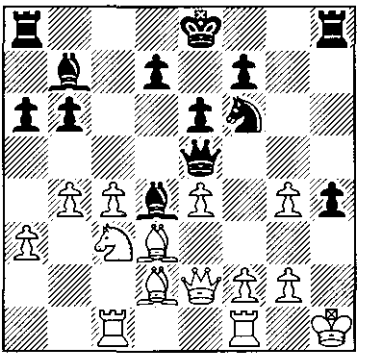
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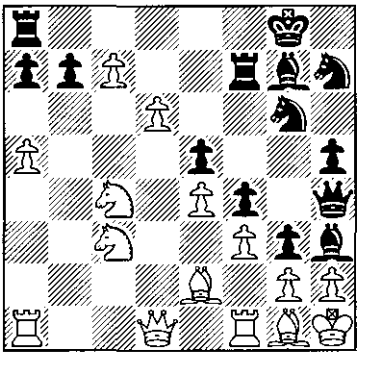
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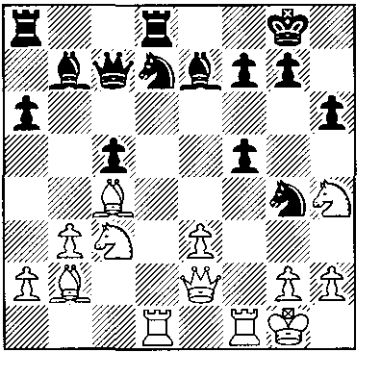
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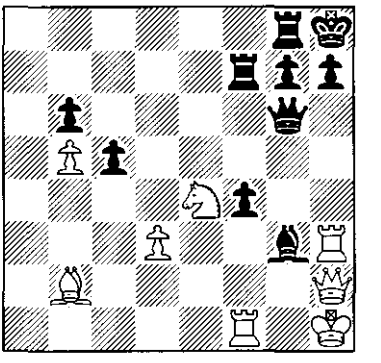
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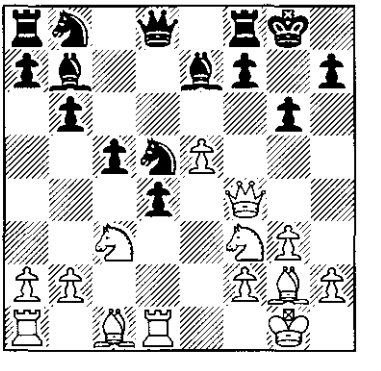
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Hastings 1989



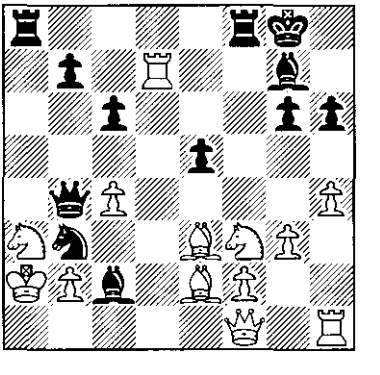
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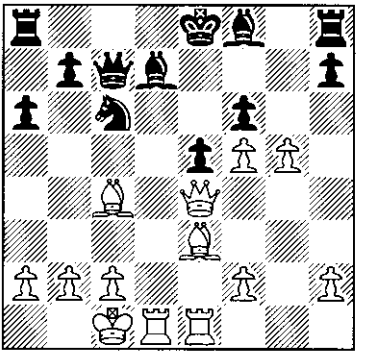
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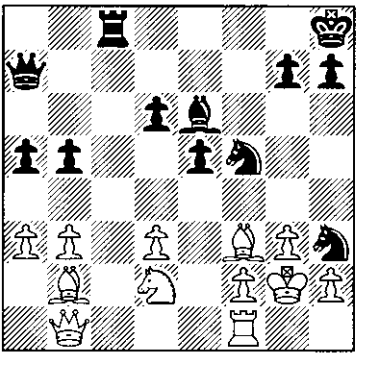
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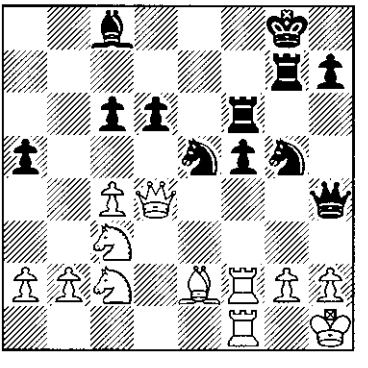
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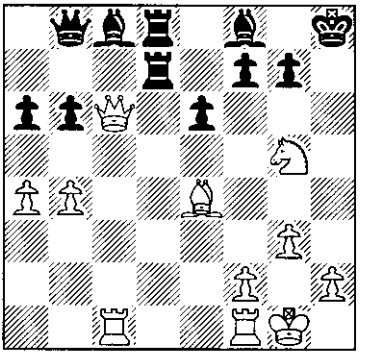
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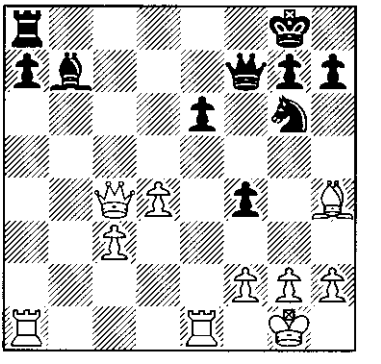
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Karlsbad 1923



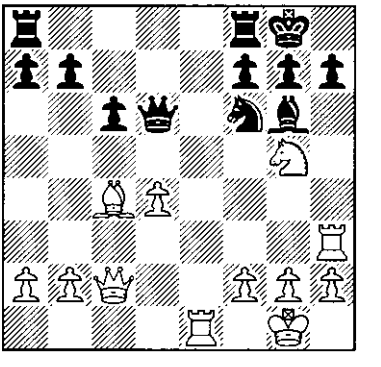
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Kenilworth 2001



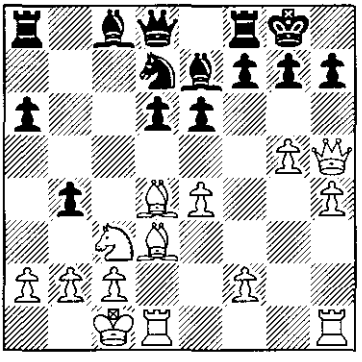
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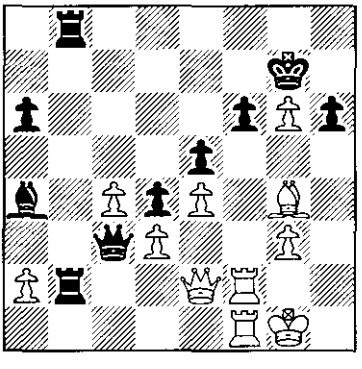
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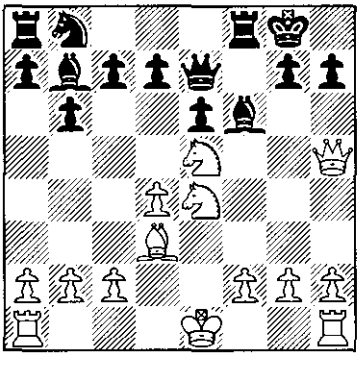
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London 2003



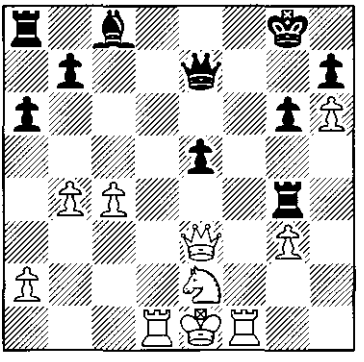
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London 1912



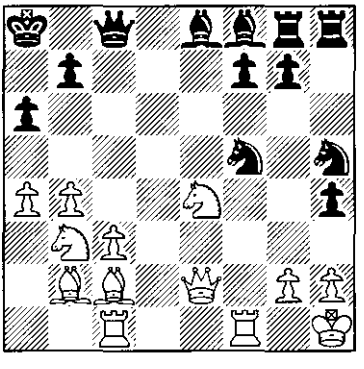
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London 1962



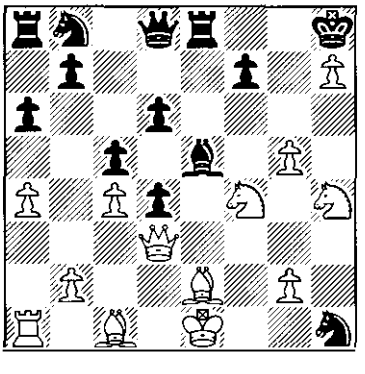
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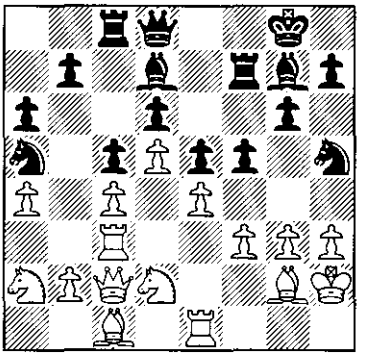
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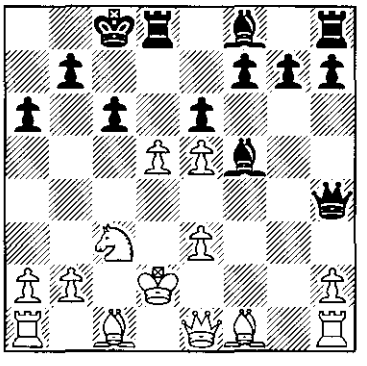
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Manila 1992



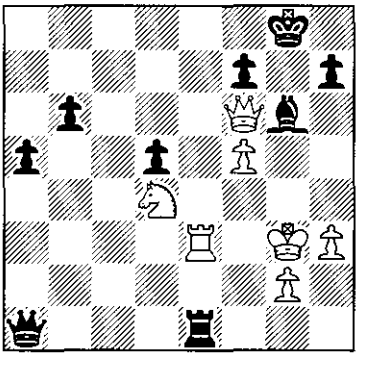
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Monaco (rapid) 2007



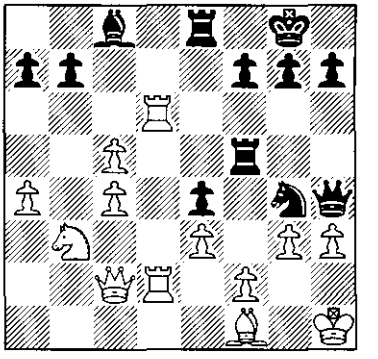
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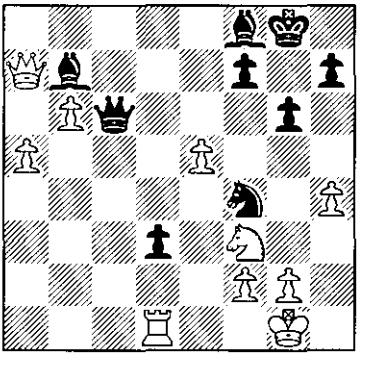
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Moscow 2005



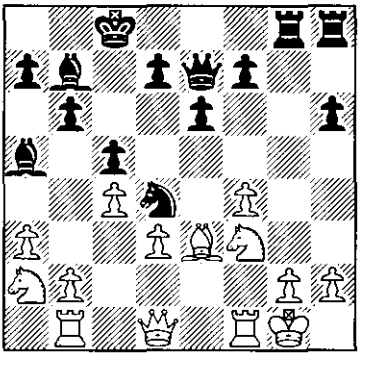
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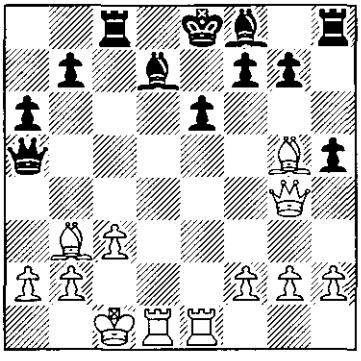
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Russian Team Championship 2002



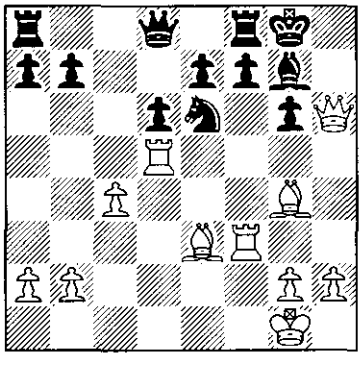
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1069) ☐ **S.Karjakin** ■ **A.Rychagov**
Russian Team Championship 2007



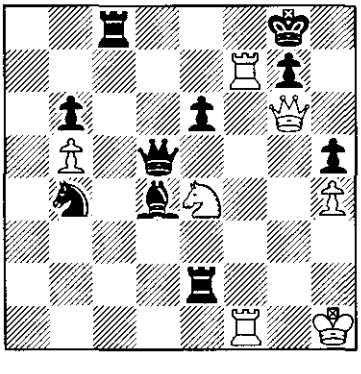
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Santa Monica 1966



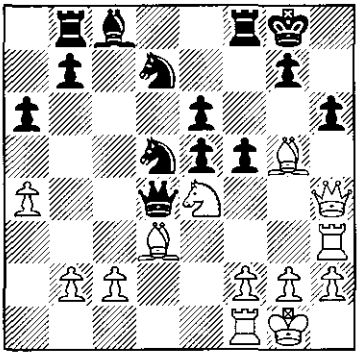
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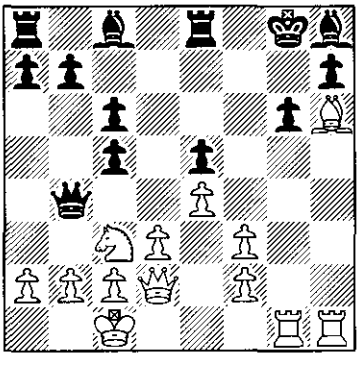
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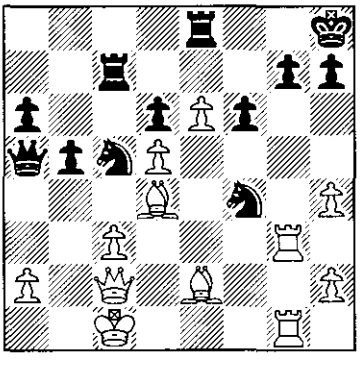
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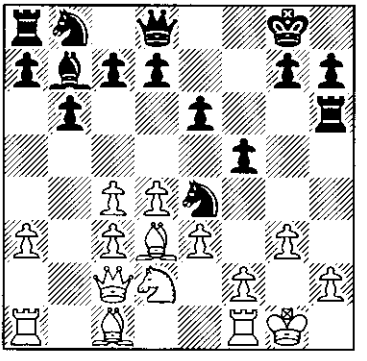
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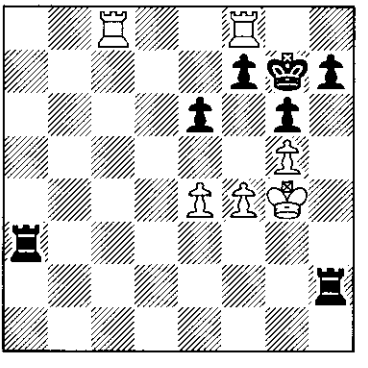
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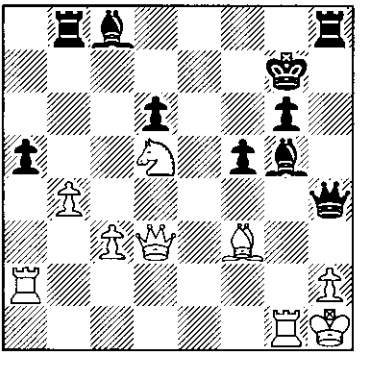
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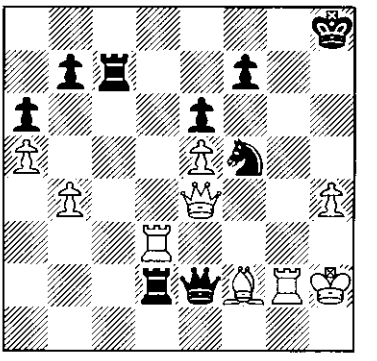
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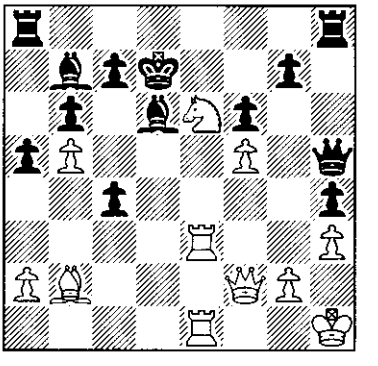
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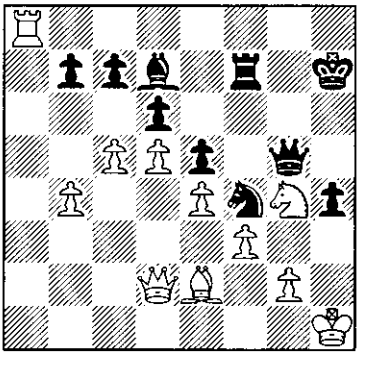
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1079) ☐ **T.L.Petrosian** ■ **Ara.Minasian**
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York 2002



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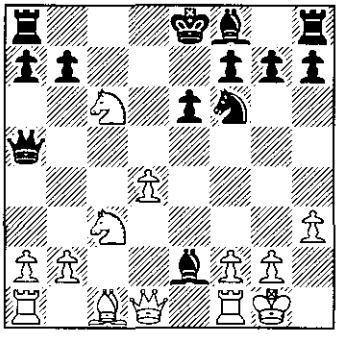
7: Ten tests

So has this work improved your tactical eye? I certainly believe that it should have done, but it's now time to check just how far you've advanced while reading (or rereading) this work. Ten tests now follow with points available for each position. Tot up your score as you work your way through each set of twelve puzzles and then compare your total with the table below.

20-22	Sure you're not a Grandmaster or International Master?
17-19	Strong club player.
14-16	Making progress towards the top end of your club.
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8-10	Starting to grasp some of the essentials.
5-7	Beginning to progress after recently taking up the game.
0-4	Reread this book!

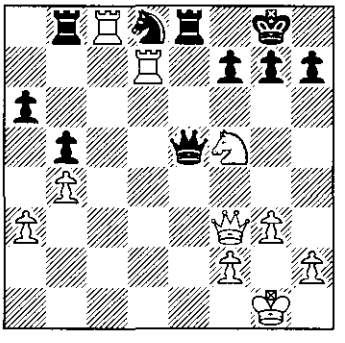
Test One

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Tunja 1989



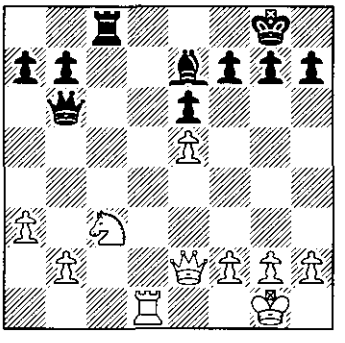
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Moscow 1948



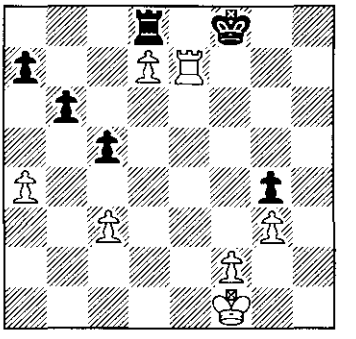
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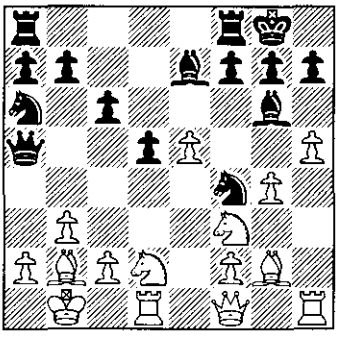
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British League 2004



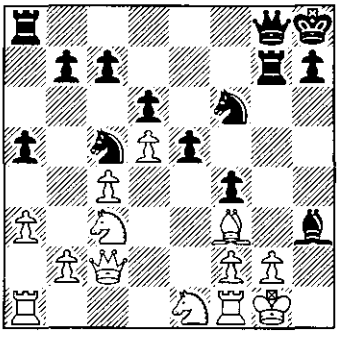
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Hull 1994



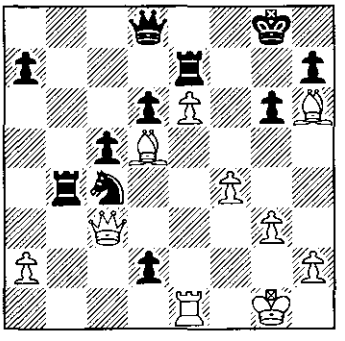
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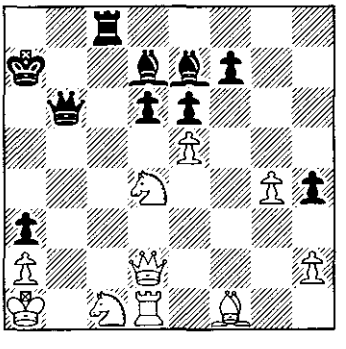
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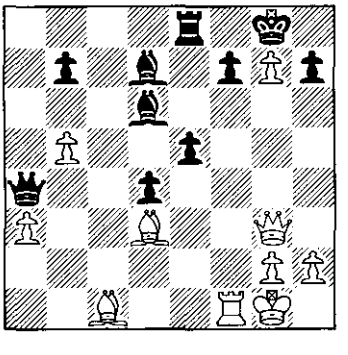
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Cork 2005



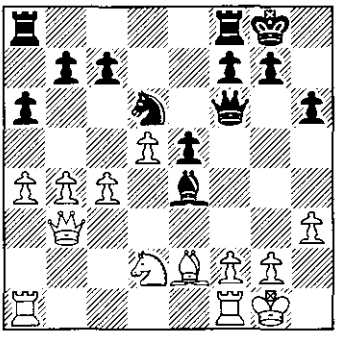
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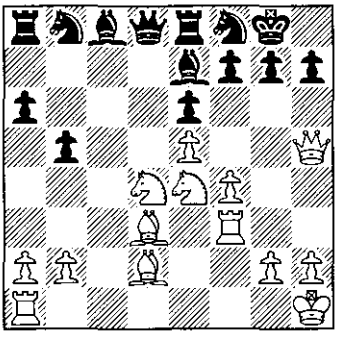
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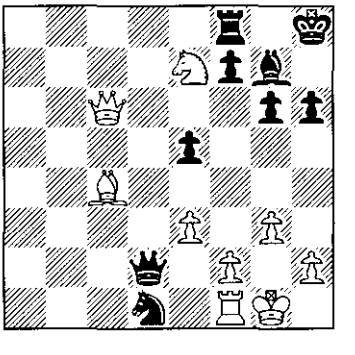
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St Petersburg 2002



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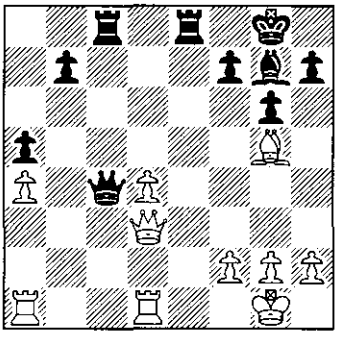
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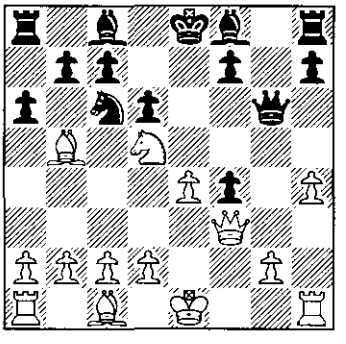
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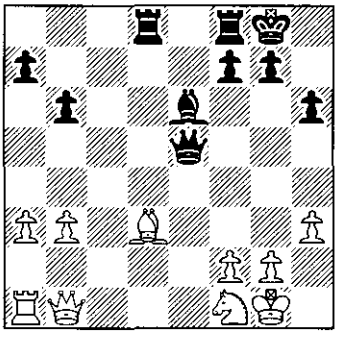
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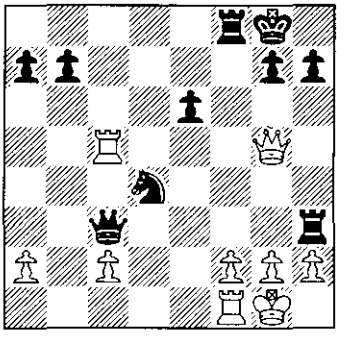
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London 1993



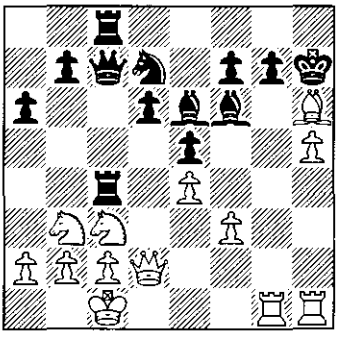
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Breslau 1912



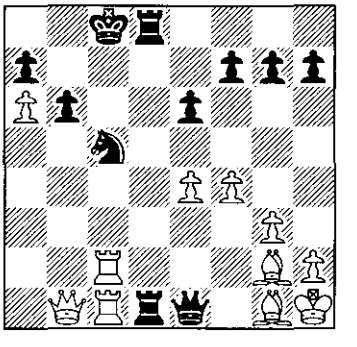
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Budapest 1979



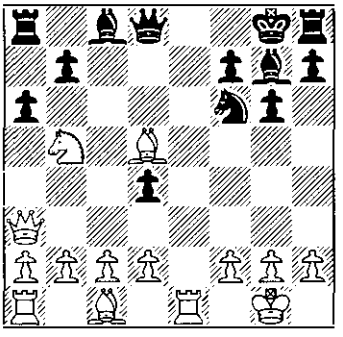
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British League 1999



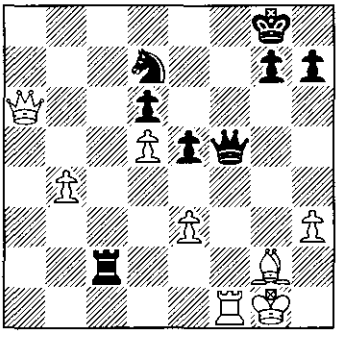
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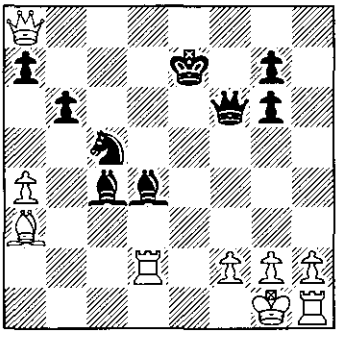
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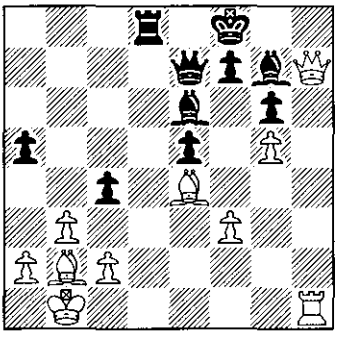
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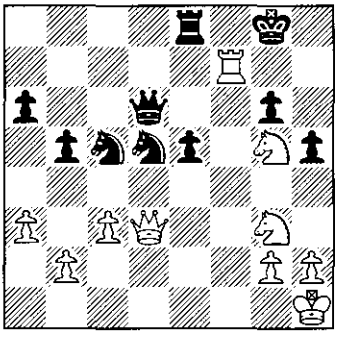
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Bradford 2006



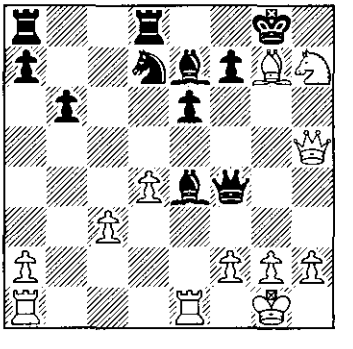
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Athens 2001



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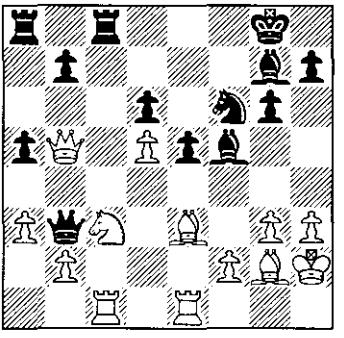
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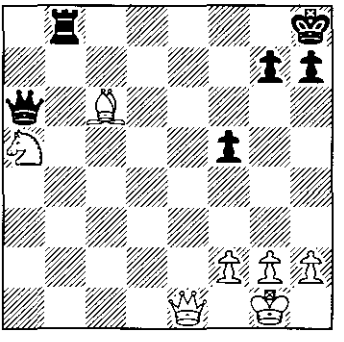
Test Three

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York 2000



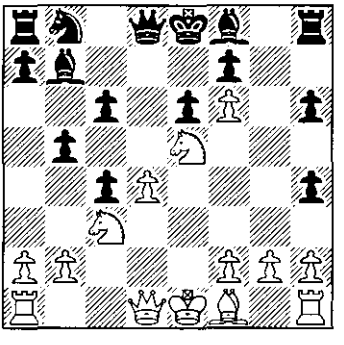
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Evpatoria 2007



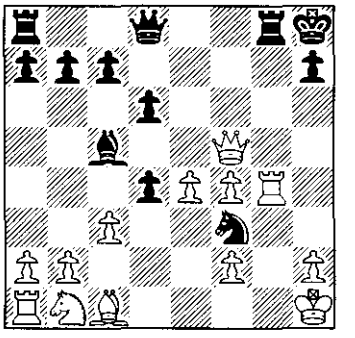
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Lorca 2005



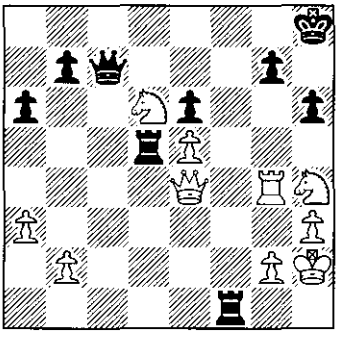
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Vienna 1860



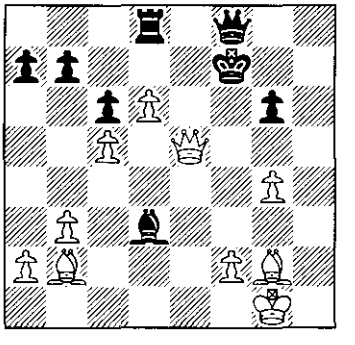
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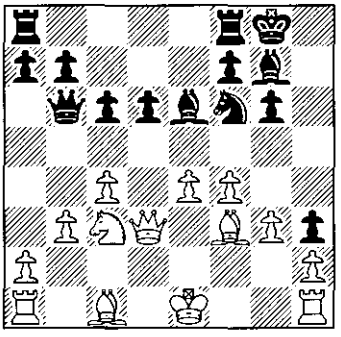
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Moscow 1988



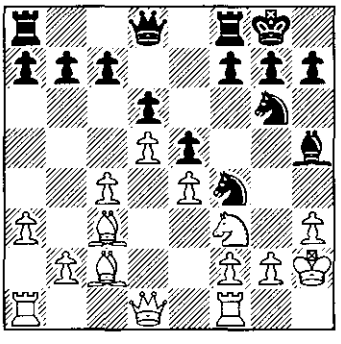
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British League 2000



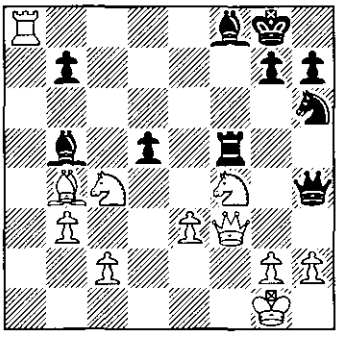
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Oxford 2003



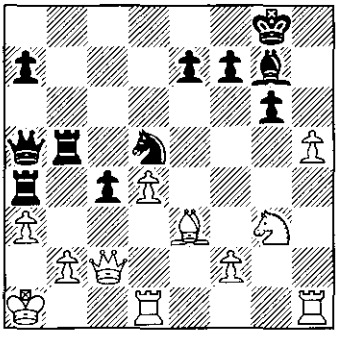
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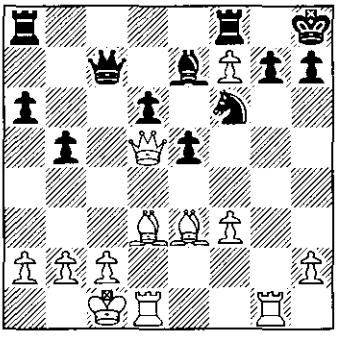
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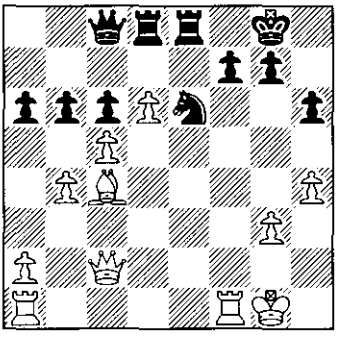
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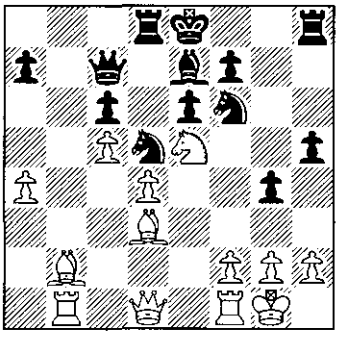
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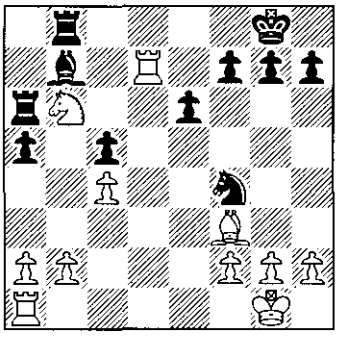
Test Four

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Tuggeranong 2006



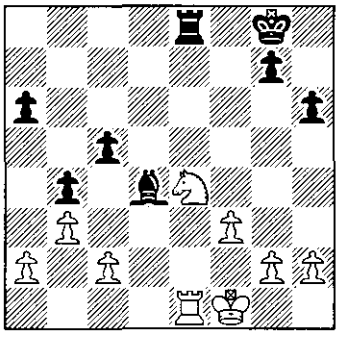
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Dallas 2004



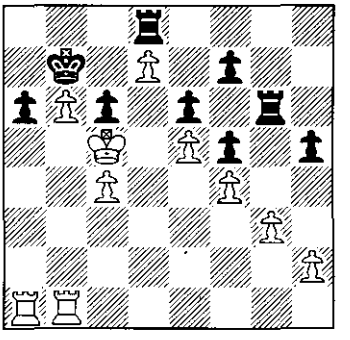
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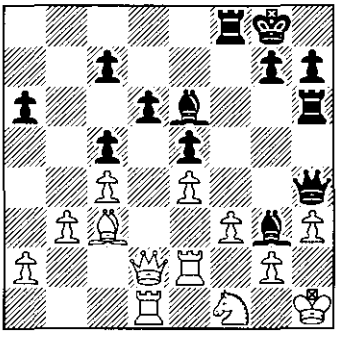
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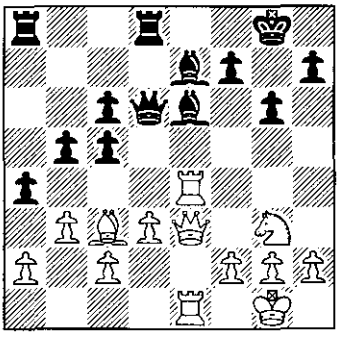
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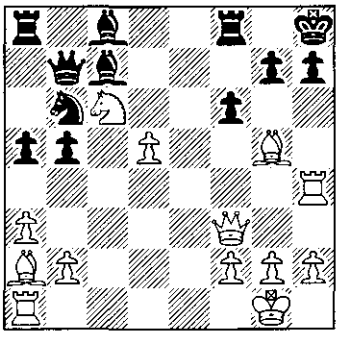
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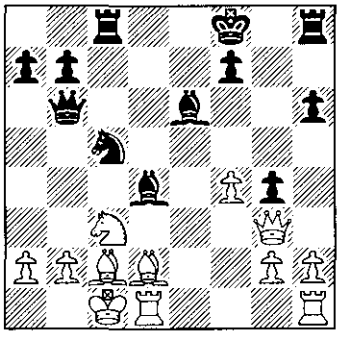
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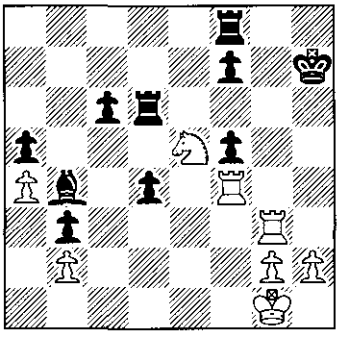
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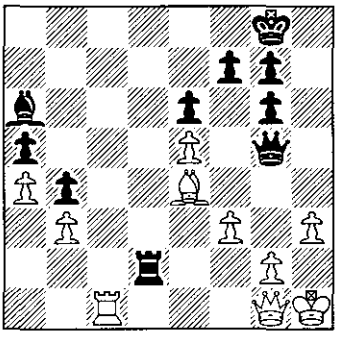
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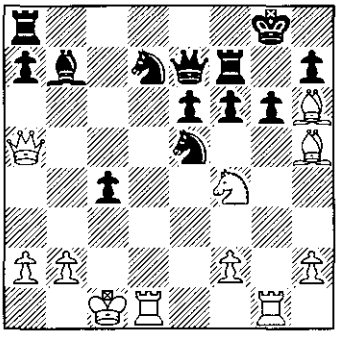
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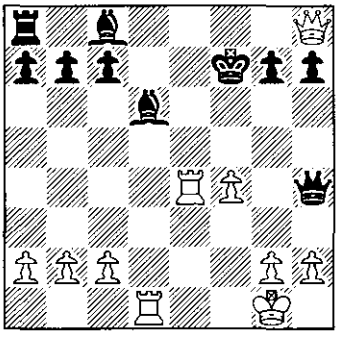
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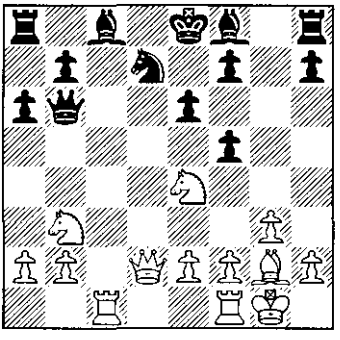
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Amsterdam 1920



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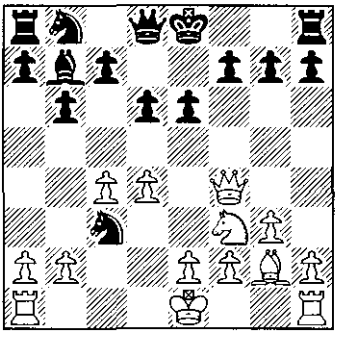
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Koenigshofen 2007



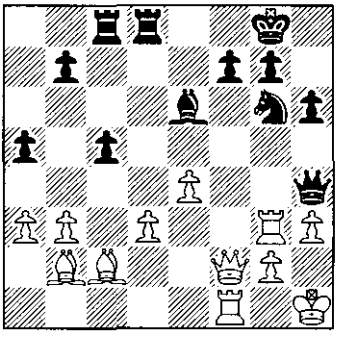
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Gothenburg 1971



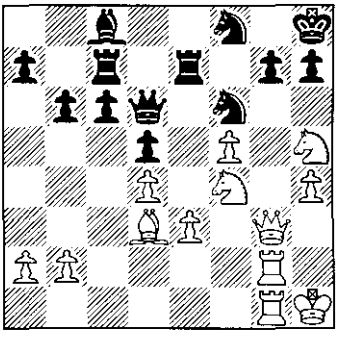
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British League 2005



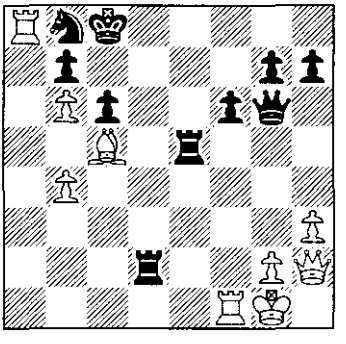
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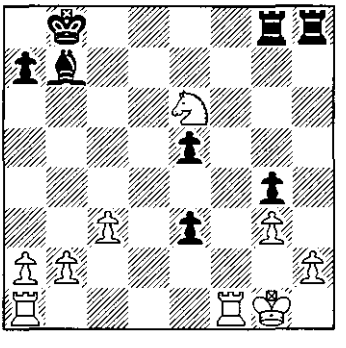
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Kemeri 1937



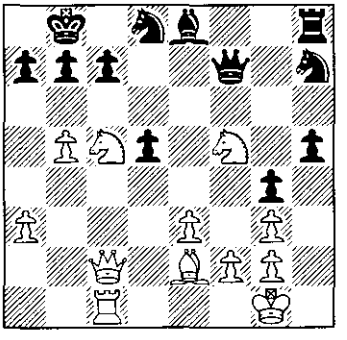
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Manchester 1981



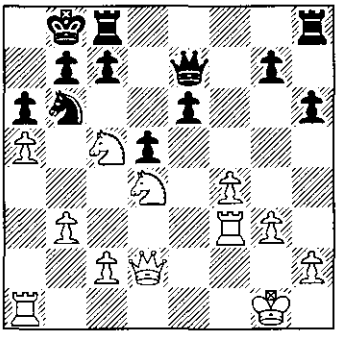
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Bizovac 2007



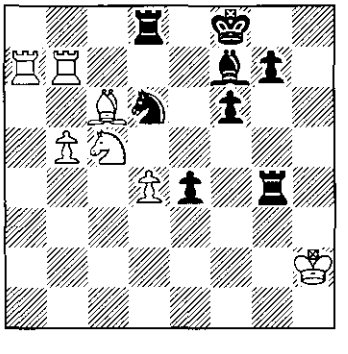
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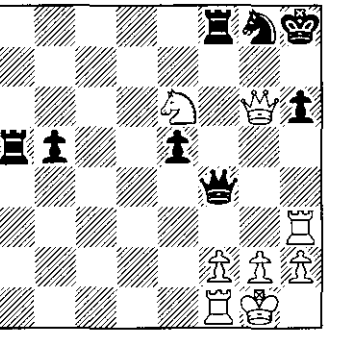
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Wijk aan Zee 2007



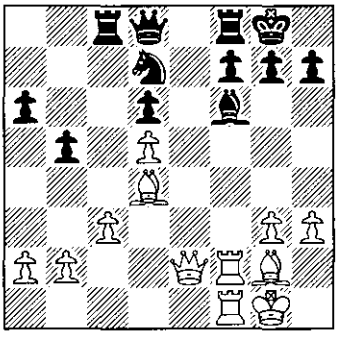
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Belgian League 2006



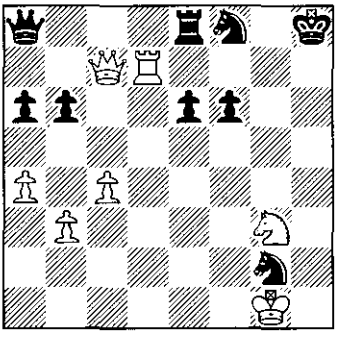
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Middlesbrough 1972



White to Play

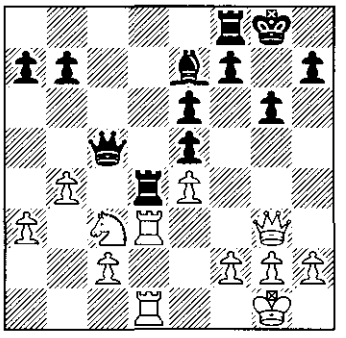
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Bad Lauterberg 1977



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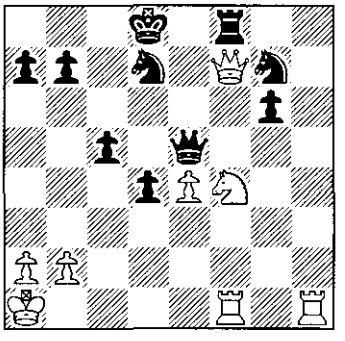
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Cannes 2007



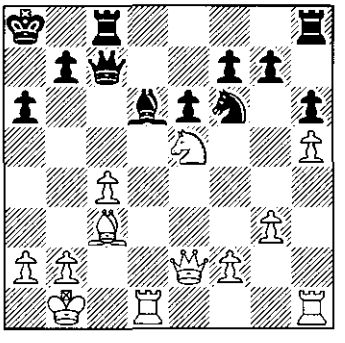
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Doncaster 2006



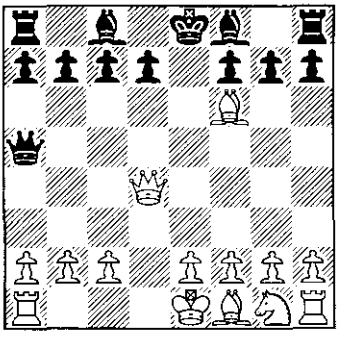
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Verona 2007



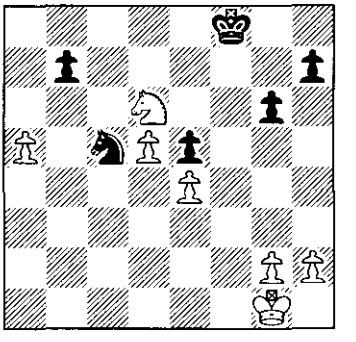
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Guernsey 2002



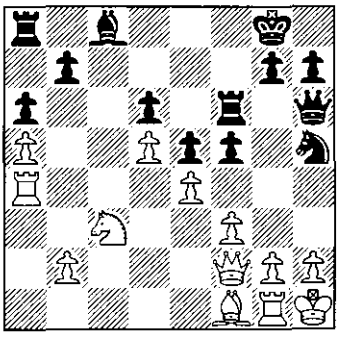
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British League 2006



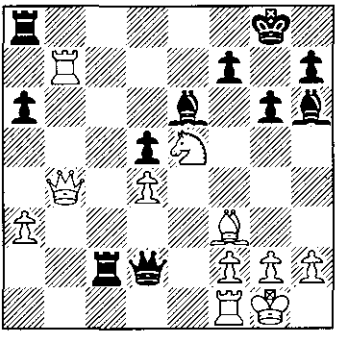
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Hastings 2006



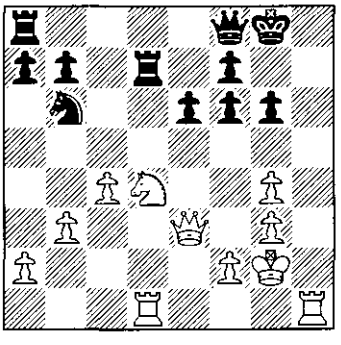
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Budapest 2006



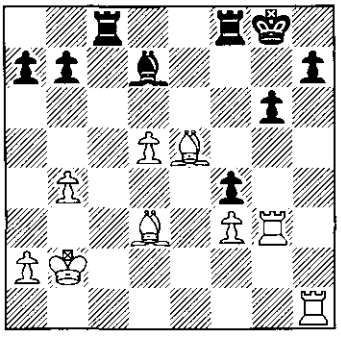
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Moscow 1945



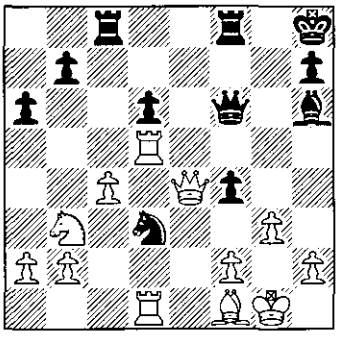
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British League 2002



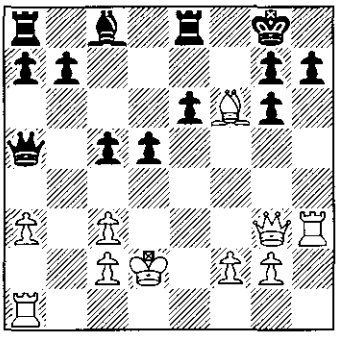
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Isle of Man 2005



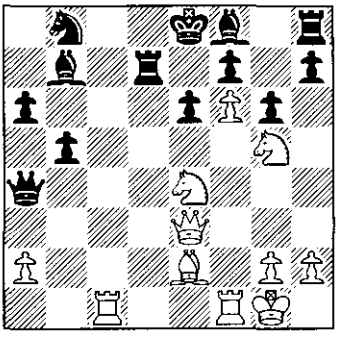
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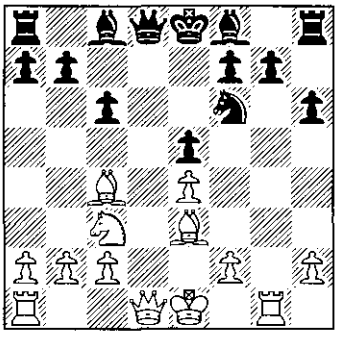
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Malmo 2007



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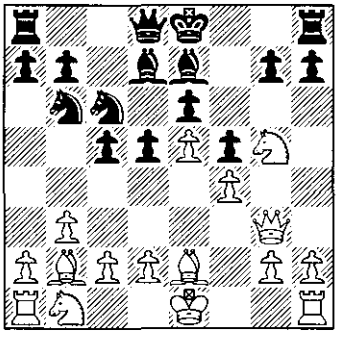
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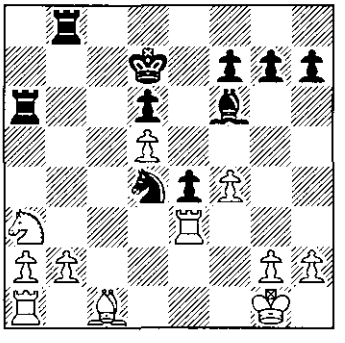
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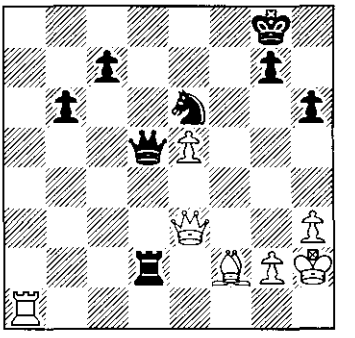
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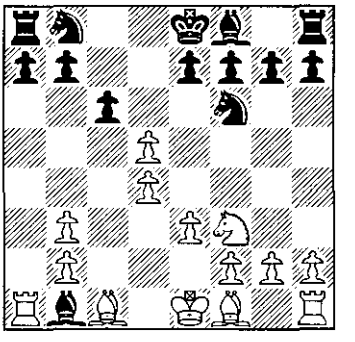
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Voronezh 2007



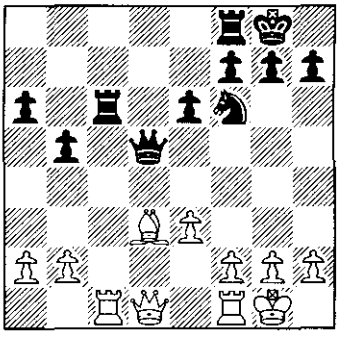
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Logrono 1991



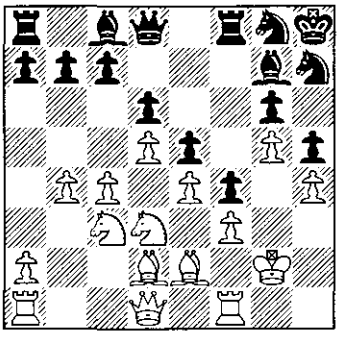
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British League 2007



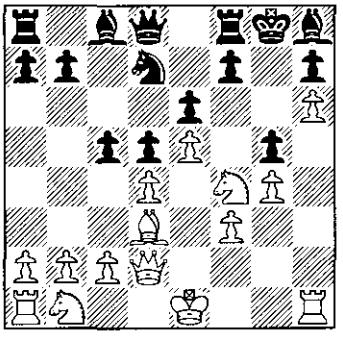
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Stoke on Trent 1994



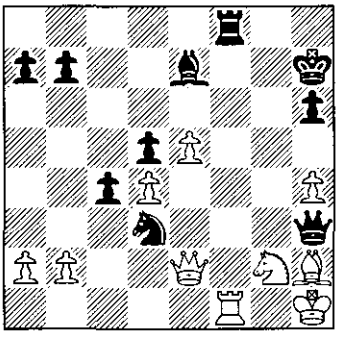
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Halifax (rapid) 2006



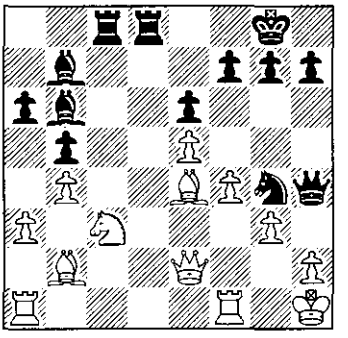
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Dresden 2007



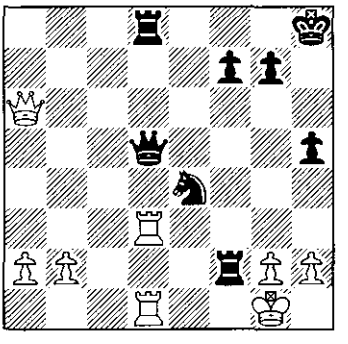
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Lodz 1907



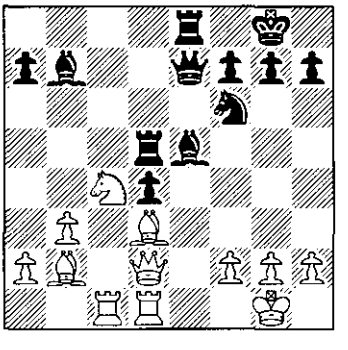
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1163) ☐ **L.Evans** ■ **B.Larsen**
Dallas 1957



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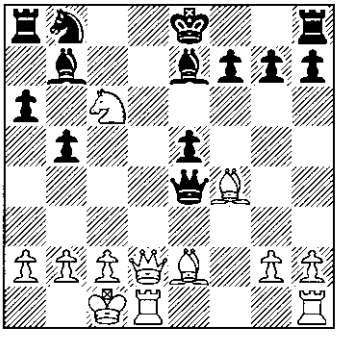
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Montreal 1979



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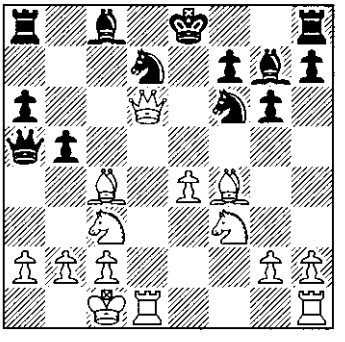
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Birmingham 1961



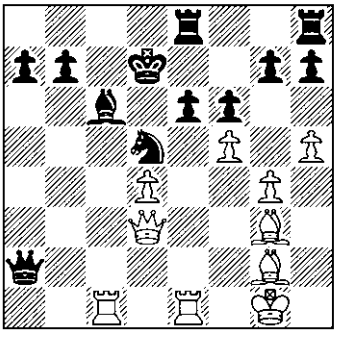
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Glenrothes 2005



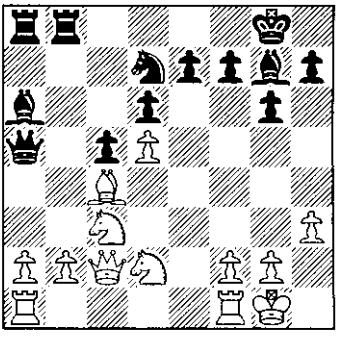
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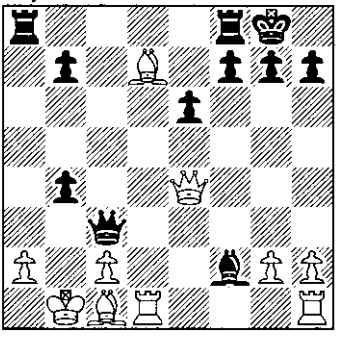
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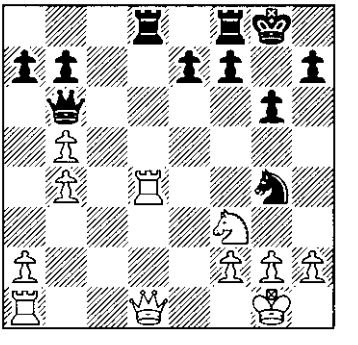
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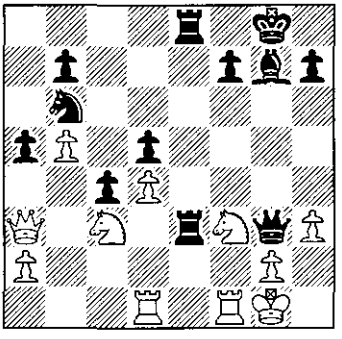
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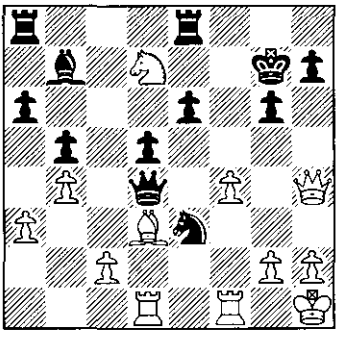
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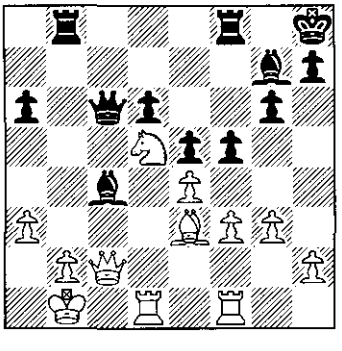
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Swansea 2006



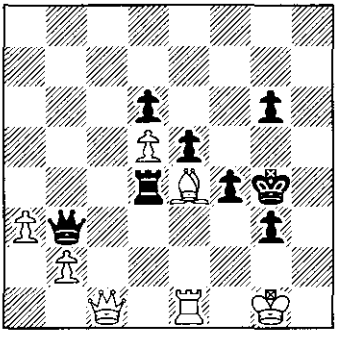
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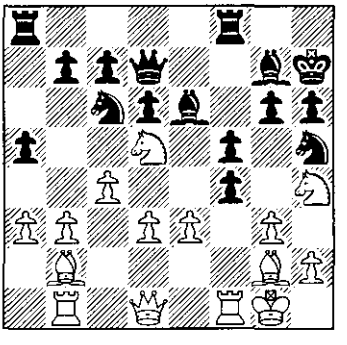
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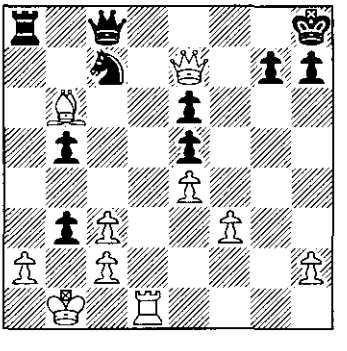
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San Sebastian 2007



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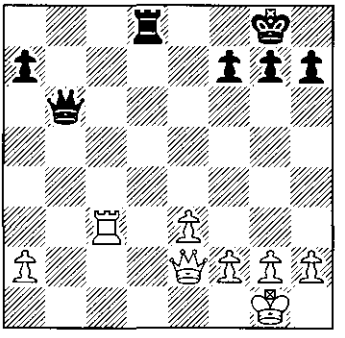
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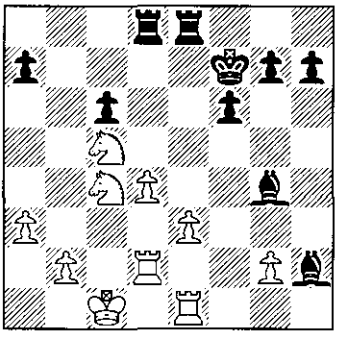
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Moscow 1914



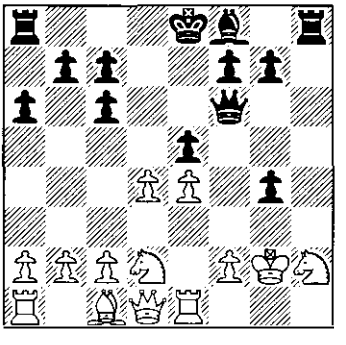
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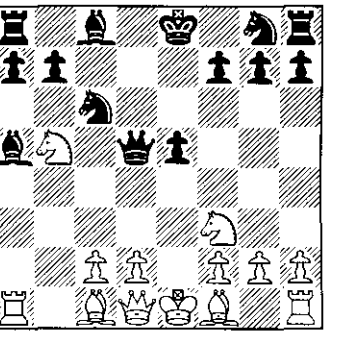
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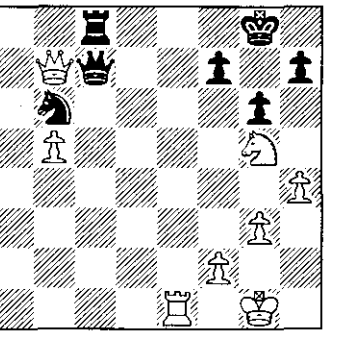
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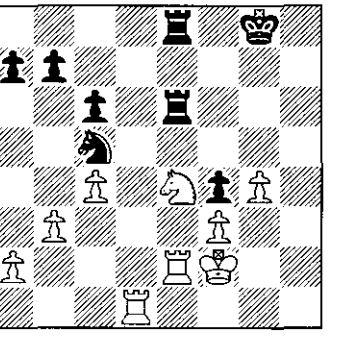
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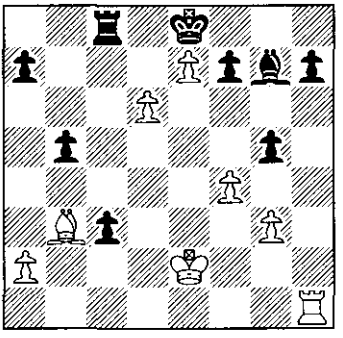
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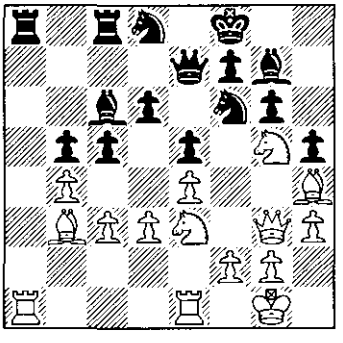
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Dortmund 1998



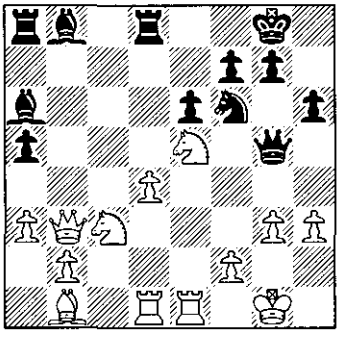
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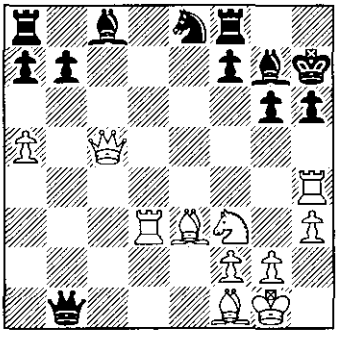
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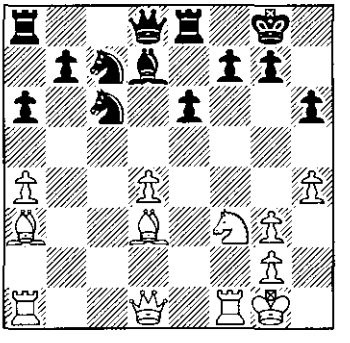
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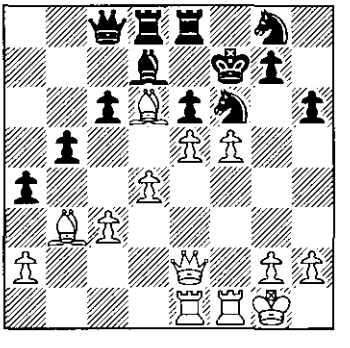
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1187) ☐ **G.Lisitsin** ■ **V.Ragozin**
Leningrad 1934



White to Play

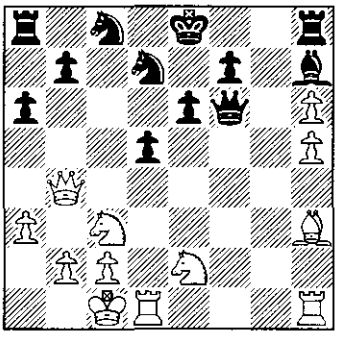
1188) ☐ **A.Alekhine** ■ **M.Prat**
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White to Play

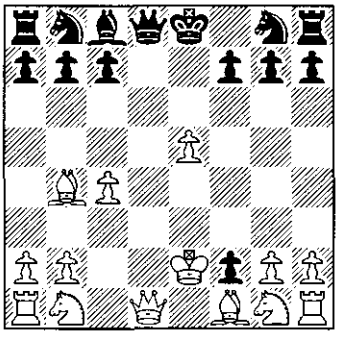
Test Ten

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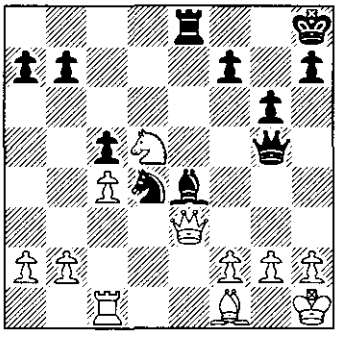
White to Play

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Bad Homburg 2005



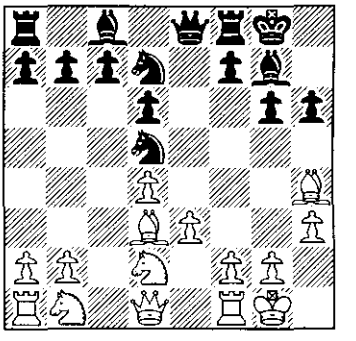
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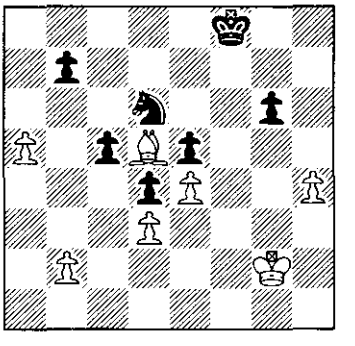
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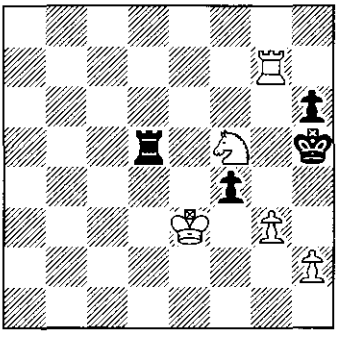
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Torrelavega 2007



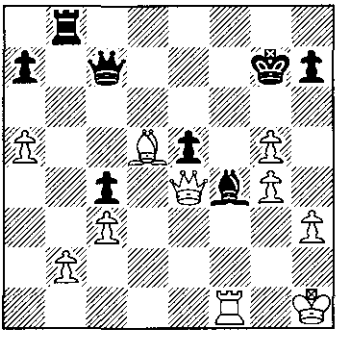
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Wijk aan Zee 2007



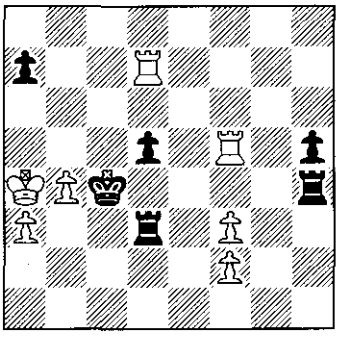
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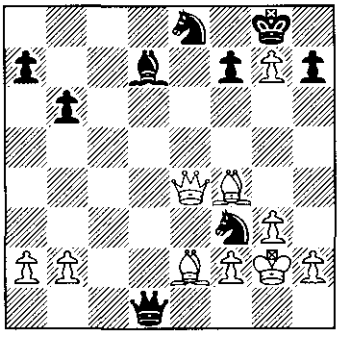
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German League 2007



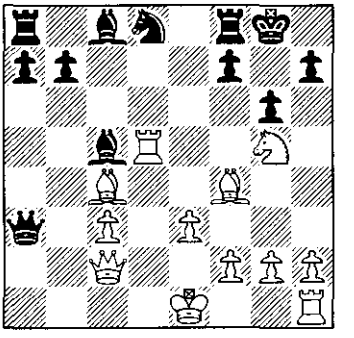
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Yerevan 2007



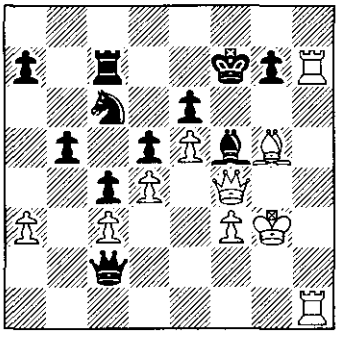
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Amsterdam 1964



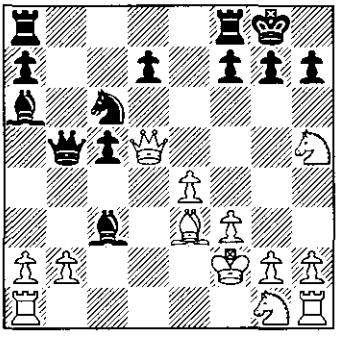
White to Play

1199) ☐ **T.Sammalvuo** ■ **J.Smeets**
Gausdal 2004



White to Play

1200) ☐ **R.Palliser** ■ **R.Dineley**
British League 2001



White to Play

8: Solutions

Chapter One

1) Andres Gonzalez-De la Villa Garcia
1 ♖a7! exploits the weakness of Black's back rank to pick up the a-pawn.

2) Yermolinsky-Kurosaki
1 ♘f7+! 1-0
Black's queen is lost after 1...♖xf7 2 ♕xc7.

3) Esen-Demirel
1 ♗xa6! exploits the pin down the c-file to win a pawn.

4) Mortola-Scanferla
1...♕xg1+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♖xg1 ♖e1+ 3 ♖xe1 ♖xe1#.

5) Fedorov-Mamedjarova
1 ♘g6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♖xg6 2 ♕xh7#.

6) Khudaverdieva-Miezis
1...♘h3+! 0-1
White's queen is lost.

7) Baudson-Gil
1 ♗xa7! netted a pawn in view of 1...♖xa7? 2 ♗xc6 after which Black must give up a piece on d7 since 2...♖xd8? fails to 3 ♖xd8#.

8) Damjanovic-Panic
1 ♘xg6! fxg6 2 ♖xe6 wins a pawn.

9) Mitrovic-Mihajlovic
1...♖xc2! sees Black win a piece in view of 2 ♔xc2 ♘xd4+ and 3...♘xf3.

10) Emms-Burgess
1 b4! 1-0
White wins a piece and gains a crushing attack after 1...♕xb4 2 ♘xe5.

11) Quinn-Lyell
Black wins a piece with **1...♖xc1! 2 ♖xc1 ♕xf4+ 3 ♔h3 ♕xc1 0-1**

12) Simons-Noyce
1 ♗c6! 1-0
White wins the queen in view of 1...♕xc6 2 ♕xf7#.

13) Soszynski-Stevenson
1...♗xf2+! 2 ♗xf2 ♖xd1 wins the exchange.

14) Ivanov-Sanduleac
1 ♖xh7+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♔xh7 2 ♕h4+ ♕h6 3 ♘g5+ ♔h8 4 ♕xh6#.

15) Vadja-K.Haznedaroglu
1 ♖xe6! 1-0
Black must give up his queen to keep g7 defended.

16) Galyas-Wilke
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♘xh7 2 ♘g6#.

17) Farago-Gretarsson
1...♘xa3! wins a pawn in view of 2 bxa3 ♕xc3.

18) Drozdovskij-V.Georgiev
1 ♗xf7+! ♖xf7 2 ♖xb8+ wins a pawn.

19) Rrhioua-Debray
1...♘f3+! 0-1
Mate follows with 2 ♕xf3 ♕g1#.

20) Hylands-Uddin
1 ♗h6! 1-0
It's mate on g7 or on h7 after 1...gxh6 2 ♕xh7#.

21) Riazantsev-Galstian
1 ♗xg6! 1-0
Mate follows.

22) Abdul-Murshed
1 ♖xb7! wins either a rook or queen for rook: **1...♕xf2+** (or 1...♖xb7 2 ♕d8#, while 1...♕a4 fails to the mating 2 ♖b8+) **2 ♔h2 1-0**

23) Reefat-Abdul
1 ♘g6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...hxg6 2 ♖h1#.

24) Graf-Gasthofer
1...♕h2+ 2 ♔f1 ♕h1+! 0-1
It's mate with 3 ♘xh1 ♖xh1#.

25) Hafenstein-Brunello
1...♗xh3! wins a key pawn since 2 gxh3 allows 2...♕g6+ 3 ♘g4 ♘xh3+ 4 ♔h2 ♕xg4.

26) Savickas-Hunt
1 ♖1a7+! ♕xa7 2 ♖xa7+ ♔xa7 3 ♕a5+ ♔b7 4 ♕xb5+ 1-0
White emerges queen for rook ahead.

27) Erdogdu-David
1...♕xh3+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♖xh3 ♖g1# and 2 ♔e1 ♕xh1+ 3 ♔d2 ♕xa1 only delays the inevitable.

28) Vaganian-Siebrecht
1 ♘xg6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...hxg6 2 ♕h3+ ♗h6 3 ♕xh6#.

29) Durarbeyli-Damljanovic
1...♕xf3+! 0-1
Black wins a piece after 2 ♔xf3 ♘d4+ and 3...♘xc2.

30) Shalimov-Bagrationi
1 ♘c6! bxc6 2 ♕xb8 wins the exchange.

31) Gozzoli-Reinhart
1 ♘h6+! 1-0
Black's queen is lost.

32) Holland-Rough
1...♘xf2! 2 ♔xf2 (or 2 ♖xf2 ♖xg3) **2...♗c5+ 3 ♗e3 ♗xe3+ 4 ♔xe3 ♖xg3+** wins a pawn.

33) Garcia-Strand
1 ♗xf7+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♔xf7 2 ♕h7+ ♔f8 3 ♖f6#.

34) Helin-Manetto
1 ♘c7+! wins a rook since 1...♕xc7? fails to 2 ♖be1+ ♔d8 3 ♕e7+ ♔c8 4 ♕xf8+.

35) Vea-Rasch
1 ♗xf7+! wins a pawn in view of 1...♖xf7? 2 ♘g5.

36) Wallace-Dekker
1 ♘f6+! ♗xf6 2 ♕xh7# 1-0

37) Westra-Palliser
1 ♖xf5! 1-0
White wins a rook after 1...♖xf5 2 ♕xg4+.

38) Wilman-Tate
1 ♕xc6! 1-0
White wins a piece in view of 1...♕xc6 2 ♘e7+ and 3 ♘xc6.

39) Salimbeni-Hutchinson
1...♗h2+! 2 ♔xh2 ♕xf1 wins the exchange.

40) Schut-Bensdorp
1...♖xd2+! 0-1
Black emerges a piece ahead after 2 ♔xd2 ♗b4+ and 3...♗xa5.

41) Bogorads-Jahr
1 ♖xf7+! 1-0
Black either loses his rook or emerges a piece down after 1...♖xf7 2 ♕xf7+ ♔xf7 3 ♘g5+ and 4 ♘xe4.

42) Gladyszev-Kidambi
1...♖h1+! 0-1
White cannot avoid losing his bishop and queen.

43) Siebrecht-Szieberth
1 ♘xd6! wins a clear pawn in view of the skewering 1...♕xd6? 2 ♗f4.

44) Zimmerman-Adams
1 ♕xd4+! 1-0
Mate follows with 1...♖xd4 2 ♖e8#.

45) May-Hecht
1...♘xa2! wins a pawn in view of 2 ♕xa2 ♕xc1+.

46) Nikolaeva-Vozovic
1...♖xh3+! 0-1
Mate follows with 2 gxh3 ♕g1#.

47) Vysochin-Sergeev
1 ♖xf7+! 1-0
White wins a piece after 1...♔xf7 2 ♘xg5+ ♔e7 3 ♘xh3.

48) Balanovskij-Kusnetsov
1...♘g3+! 0-1
White must give up his queen to avoid 2 hxg3 ♕h6#.

49) Kurajica-Schneider Sanchez
1 ♗xh7+! ♔h8? (better is 1...♔xh7, although after 2 ♕d3+ ♔g8 3 ♕xb5 White is the exchange ahead) **2 ♗d3 1-0**
Black cannot both save his rook and prevent mate.

50) Alonso Contreras-Trujillo Delgado
1 ♗xh6! wins a pawn in view of 1...♗xh6? 2 ♘f6+ and 3 ♘xd7.

51) Moreto Quintana-Koziak
1...♕h2+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♔xh2 g1♕#.

52) Hindle-Puig Puildo
1 ♕xg5! 1-0
White decisively threatens 2 ♕h4+ and 3 ♖xh7+ and, of course, 1...♕xg5 fails to 2 ♖xh7#.

53) Ficco-Godena
1...♖xa2! 0-1
Black picks up a second pawn and forks the white rooks after 2 ♖xa2 ♗xc4.

54) Martin del Campo-Alonso Arteaga
White wins the exchange: **1 ♞b6 1-0**

55) Kosten-Marchal
1 ♖d8+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♕xd8 2 ♕xc6# or 1...♗xd8 2 ♕c8#.

56) Touret-Petkov
1...♘f3! 0-1
It's mate after 2 gxf3 (or 2 h3 ♗xh3! 3 g3 ♕h5) 2...♗xf3+ 3 ♔g1 ♕g4#.

57) Guliyev-Schweitzer
1 ♗xf7! ♕a5 (the main point is that 1...♘xf7 2 ♘de6+ ♗xe6 3 ♞xe6+ wins the black queen) **2 ♗d5** saw White pick up a key pawn and gain a large advantage.

58) Chudinovskih-Nikolenko
1 ♖h8+! ♔xh8 2 ♕h3+ ♔g8 3 ♕xe6+ 1-0
It's mate with 3...♔h7 4 ♖h2#.

59) Okara-Yuganova
1 ♕d8+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♖xd8 2 ♖xd8+ ♔g7 3 h6#.

60) Venevtsev-Mozharov
1...♕xf3! 0-1
Black wins a rook since it's mate after 2 gxf3 ♖xh2#.

61) Bronstein-Koblencs
1 ♘e6! 1-0
Black must lose the exchange since 1...fxe6 2 ♕xf8+ mates.

62) Lasker-Steinitz
1 ♖g4! 1-0
White has an easy exchange-up win after 1...♖xh7 (or 1...♔d7 2 ♘f6+ ♔e6 3 ♖g8 ♔xf6 4 ♖xh8) 2 ♖g8+ ♔d7 3 ♘f6+ ♚d6 4 ♘xh7 ♗xh7 5 ♖d8+.

63) Aguilar-Leskovar
1...♖xh2+! 2 ♔xh2 ♕h6+ 3 ♔g1 ♕g5+ 0-1
It's mate on g2.

64) 'Andrei21'-Palliser
1 ♕b7! 1-0
Black can't prevent mate on g7 since 1...f5 2 ♖e5 is no help.

65) Palliser-'Perparim3'
1 ♕xc2! 1-0
White wins a rook in view of 1...♗xc2 2 ♖e8#.

66) Bruce-Palliser
1 ♖f8+! ♔xf8 2 a8♕+ ♔g7 and now the simplest win was 3 ♕b7+ ♔g6 4 ♕c6+ and 5 ♕xc4.

67) Smallbone-Terry
1 ♘f6+! 1-0
Black loses the exchange after 1...♗xf6 2 ♕d5+.

68) Chua-Izoria
1...♕xd4+! 0-1
Mate follows in view of 2 ♕xd4 ♖e1#.

69) Katz-Tomasko
1 ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♕h5+ ♔g7 3 ♕g6+ ♔h8 (or 3...♔f8 4 ♕f7#) **4 ♕h6# 1-0**

70) Hylapov-Lintchevski
1 ♗xh7+! ♔f8 (Black loses the exchange after 1...♘xh7 2 ♖xe8+) **2 ♖xe8+ ♘xe8 3 ♗f5** left White a pawn up.

71) Nickel-Deruda
1 ♖h8+! 1-0
Black loses his queen.

72) Markus-Doric
1 ♝xb7! wins a pawn in view of Black's vulnerable back rank.

73) Hempson-Palliser
1...♘xd4! 0-1
Black wins a second pawn after 2 ♘xd4 ♝xc5 3 ♘f3 ♝xf2+.

74) Volokitin-Bareev
1 ♖h7+! 1-0
Mate follows with 1...♔xh7 2 ♕xf7+ ♔h6 3 ♖h1+ ♔g5 4 ♕f4#.

75) Tyomkin-Gaprindashvili
1 ♕xf5! 1-0
White wins the rook since 1...♘xf5? allows 2 ♖e8#.

76) Rodriguez-Needleman
1 ♖f7+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♖xf7 2 ♘e8#.

77) Corrales-De la Paz
The pin down the e-file costs White his queen after **1...♘d3+! 0-1**

78) Morozevich-Movsesian
1...♘f1+! 2 ♔h1 ♘xh2 0-1
3...♘xf3+ is threatened and White can't avoid mate since 3 ♖xh2 fails to 3...♕xf3+.

79) Ward-Palliser
1 ♖xe8+! 1-0
White queens after 1...♔xe8 2 fxg7.

80) Palliser-Houska
1 ♗d8+! 1-0
Black loses her queen after 1...♔xd8 2 ♕xb6+.

81) Gavrilov-Perez Garcia
1 ♖xb7+! ♔c8 (and not 1...♔xb7? 2 ♘d6+ ♔b8 3 ♘xc4) **2 ♖b3** nets a key pawn.

82) Ambartsumova-Kochetkova
1 ♗xh6! wins a pawn in view of 1...gxh6 2 ♕xf6.

83) Bogdanov-Rodkin
1...♖xa7! 2 ♖xa7 ♗c5+ forks to win a piece.

84) Eliseev-Kurilov
1 ♖xh7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh7 2 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 3 ♕h7#.

85) Guzenko-Klobukov
1 ♕a6+! bxa6 2 ♖a7# 1-0

86) Lomako-Airapetian
1...♗xg2+! 0-1
It's mate on the back rank, although also good and actually mating a move faster is 1...♕xg2+! 2 ♖xg2 ♖e1+.

87) Vunder-Zacurdajev
1...♘f3+! 2 gxf3 ♕g6+ 3 ♔h1 ♕h5 0-1
Mate follows down the h-file.

88) Palliser-Seymour
1 ♖xh5! and White won a piece in view of 1...gxh5? 2 ♕g5 and 3 ♕xg7#.

89) Zimmermann-Lener
1 ♖xe6! wins a piece in view of 1...♔xe6 2 ♘xc5+ and 3 ♘xb7.

90) Mordue-Dilleigh
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♕d3+ ♔g8 3 ♕xd6 won a pawn.

91) Starostits-Bezler
1 ♗xc7! wins a pawn in view of Black's back-rank weakness.

92) San Segundo Carrillo-Wojtaszek
1...♖h1+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♔xh1 (or 2 ♔g3 ♕g4#) 2...♕f1+ 3 ♔h2 ♕xg2#.

93) Karpov-Stojanovic
1 ♕xh6+! gxh6 2 ♖g8# 1-0

94) Golovin-Ivanov
1 ♖xg7+! ♖xg7 2 ♘xf6+ 1-0
Black can only give up his queen to delay mate.

95) Walas-Gajewski
1...♗xd4 2 ♕xd4 ♘b3! wins the exchange on a1.

96) Rhodes-Hopwood
Black wins White's rook with a common and important tactic: **1...♖g1! 2 ♖xa2** (otherwise the pawn queens) **2...♖g2+ 3 ♔e3 ♖xa2**.

97) Rogerson-Palliser
1...♖xb4! 0-1
Black emerges a piece ahead after 2 ♖xb4 ♗a5 3 ♔e2 ♗xb4.

98) Cloudsdale-Hopwood
1...♖xc3! 0-1
Black wins a piece in view of 2 ♕xc3 ♕xe2.

99) Hopwood-Lockwood
1 ♖xd6! ♕b8 (capturing the rook costs Black material after 1...♕xd6 2 ♕xa8+ ♔e7 3 ♕xh8 and even the relatively best 1...0-0 2 ♖xd8 ♖fxd8 leaves White's extra queen and pawn somewhat superior to Black's rook and bishop) **2 ♕d7+ ♔f8 3 ♖dc6** and White won the black queen and shortly the game.

100) Pecnik-Galoic
1 ♕xh6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh6 2 ♖h3+ ♔g7 3 ♖h7#.

Chapter Two

101) Pupols-Adamson
1...♘xh3+! 2 gxh3? (or 2 ♔f1 ♘xf2 3 ♕xf2 ♖c8 with an extra pawn and some advantage) **2...♕xh3 3 ♕e2 ♗h2+ 4 ♔h1 ♗f4+ 5 ♔g1 ♖d5** gave Black an overwhelming attack.

102) Yusupov-Reuss
1 ♘xg6+! ♗xg6 2 d6 ♔g8 3 d7 1-0
The d-pawn costs Black his queen.

103) Fontein-Euwe
It's mate on the back rank: **1...♖c1! 0-1**

104) Campbell-Beggi
1 ♘xf7! 1-0
The threat of discovered check is rather powerful after 1...♕c7 (it's mate after 1...♔xf7? 2 ♕e6+ ♔f8 3 ♘g5 ♘ce5 4 ♘xh7#) 2 ♕e6.

105) De Marco-Bashkite
1...♖xg2! 2 ♕xd2 (or 2 ♔xg2 ♘f4+ winning White's queen) **2...♕h2# 0-1**

106) Moiseenko-Ismagambetov
1...♗xg2! 0-1
White must lose his queen after 2 ♗xg2 ♘f3+ since 3 ♗xf3 fails to 3...gxf3+ and 4...♕g2#.

107) Zacarias-Valiente
1 ♗xa6! removes a key pawn, after which **1...♖b1+** (or 1...♕xa6 2 ♕xb2 with an overwhelming attack and an extra exchange) **2 ♔h2 ♕b2 3 ♗b7+!** gave White a crushing attack.

108) Skalkotas-Kotrotsos
1 ♖h8+! 1-0
It's mate on h8: 1...♘xh8 2 ♕xh8+ ♗xh8 3 ♖xh8#.

109) Ni Hua-Palliser
Black can prise open the a-file with decisive effect: **1...♖xa3! 2 bxa3 ♕xa3 3 ♖d4 cxd4 4 ♕b2 ♕a5! 0-1**
5...d3 follows.

110) Hoelzl-Knoll
Black is defenceless down the h-file: **1 ♗xh7+! ♔h8** (or 1...♚xh7 2 ♕h5+ ♚g8 3 ♖h3 and mates) **2 ♕h5 1-0**

111) Teske-Stangl
1 ♗xg6+! ♘xg6 (or 1...♔g8 2 ♘f7 ♕b6 3 ♕xb6 ♖xb6 4 ♘xd8 ♞xg6 5 ♖xd7 with an extra rook) **2 ♘xd7 ♖xd7 3 ♖xd7+ 1-0**
Black's queen is lost after 3...♕xd7 4 ♖c7.

112) Popovic-Pinter
1...♗xg2! 2 ♘xg2 ♘xh3+ 3 ♔f1 ♕h2 0-1
It's mate after 4 ♖xe7 ♕g1+ 5 ♚e2 ♕xf2#.

113) Narciso Dublan-Mecking
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♕xd5 with two extra pawns) **2 ♕xd5 ♗d6** (Black loses his queen after both 2...♗e6 3 ♕e4+ and 2...♗c6 3 ♕f5+, while 2...♕b6 3 ♕xd7 leaves White two pawns ahead and still with a strong attack) **3 ♕xd6 ♖xe3 4 g6+ ♔h8 5 gxf7 ♕f8 6 ♕xd7** and White's extra pawns carried the day.

114) Korchnoi-Karpov
1...♘f3+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 gxf3 (or 2 ♔h1 ♘f2#) 2...♖g6+ 3 ♔h1 ♘f2#.

115) Mamedjarova-Naiditsch
1...♕xd1+! 2 ♗xd1 ♖e1+ 3 ♕g1 ♖xg1+ 4 ♔xg1 ♘xe4 left Black a pawn up in a highly favourable ending.

116) Horvath-Seres
1 ♕xh5+! ♔g8 (it's mate after 1...gxh5 2 ♖g7+ ♔h6 3 ♗c1#) **2 ♖xg6+! 1-0**
Mate follows after 2...fxg6 3 ♕xg6+ ♚f8 4 ♗a3+.

117) Berczes-Roussel Roozmon
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♕b1+ ♚g8 3 ♕xb2 wins a pawn.

118) Molano Lafuente-Conde Chijeb
1 ♖xf7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♖xf7 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♖h7+!) 2 ♕xg6+ ♚h8 3 ♕g8#.

119) Colom Andres-Zohaib Hassan
1...♘f2+! 0-1
Mate follows after 2 ♘xf2 ♕f3+.

120) Alshoha-El Kawabia
1 ♗xf7+! ♔h8 (1...♔xf7 2 ♘eg5+ ♔g8 3 ♕c4+ leads to a smothered mate) **2 ♗xe8** won the exchange.

121) Leenhouts-Sielecki
1 ♖xf7+! ♔xf7 2 ♕h7+ 1-0
Mate follows after 2...♔f8 (or 2...♔e6 3 ♕f5#) 3 ♗h6+.

122) Motwani-Wiersma
1 ♘xe6! 1-0
White wins the exchange on f8 since 1...dxe6? 2 ♘f7+! ♖xf7 3 ♖d8+ forces mate.

123) Hautot-Saltaev
1...♘xc3! 2 ♕xb5 (worse is 2 bxc3 ♕xb4) **2...♘xb5 3 ♖d7 ♖c8 4 ♔b1 ♖c7** saw Black pick up a pawn.

124) Radulovic-Lajthajm
1...♘e2+! forces White to give up his queen since 2 ♘xe2 allows 2...♕xg2#.

125) Rajkovic-Tadic
1...♖xg2+! 0-1
White loses his queen after 2 ♔xg2 (2 ♔h1 ♖cc2 is terminal too) 2...♘e3+.

126) Martic-Irizanin
1 ♖a8+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♗xa8 2 ♕b8#.

127) Vasic-Zivkovic
1...♖a1! overloads White's defence of g2: **2 ♕d4** (otherwise White loses his rook since 2 ♖xa1 allows 2...♕xg2#) **2...♕xe2 0-1**
Black wins a piece.

128) Ostojic-Conic
1 ♖xf7+! ♖xf7 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♖h7#) **2 ♘e6+ ♔h8 3 ♘xd8** wins Black's queen.

129) Blackburne-Schwarz
1 ♕xf4!! ♗xf4 2 ♖xh5! 1-0
Mate follows on h8.

130) Vadja-Ivkov
1 ♗xa7+! ♘xa7 2 ♖xe6 ♗xe6 gave White a near decisive advantage of queen and pawn against Black's extra rook and knight.

131) Marholev-Morelle
1 ♕xc7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xc7 (or 1...♔e6 2 ♖e8+ ♔f5 3 ♕d7+) 2 ♖1a7#.

132) Palliser-Callis
1 ♗g5! won the black queen since **1...hxg5 2 hxg5 ♕e7** failed to **3 ♗g8+ 1-0**
Mate follows on h7.

133) Matijasevic-Bender
1...♘g3+! 0-1
White can only prevent mate by giving up far too much material with 2 hxg3 hxg3+ 3 ♗h5 ♖xh5+ 4 ♕xh5 ♘xh5.

134) Prlac-Szakolczai
1...♗xg2+! 2 ♔g1 (White loses the exchange after 2 ♖xg2 h3) **2...♗f3** left Black with a strong attack and an extra pawn.

135) Rigg-Masters
1...♘d2! undermines White down the long diagonal: **2 ♘xd2** (Black gains a mating attack after 2 ♕xd2 ♖xg2+! 3 ♔xg2 ♕g5+ 4 ♔f1 ♗xf3, while 2 e4 ♘xf3+ 3 ♕xf3 ♗xe4 4 ♖xe4 fxe4 5 ♕xe4 sees White keep g2 covered but at the cost of the exchange) **2...♗xg2! 3 ♕c3** (trying to save the queen but now it's mate) **3...♗h3+ 4 ♔h1 ♕g5 5 ♖g1 ♗g2+ 6 ♖xg2 ♕xg2# 0-1**

136) Wheeler-Dore
1 ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 2 ♕g5+ ♔h8 3 ♕h6+ ♔g8 4 ♕g6+ ♔h8 5 ♘f3 1-0
Mate follows down the h-file.

137) Barden-Wood
1 ♕xf8+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♚xf8 2 ♖h8# or 1...♔d7 2 ♖xf7+ ♔e6 3 ♕e7+ ♚f5 4 ♗h4+ ♔g6 5 ♕f6+ ♔h5 6 ♕g5#.

138) Haslinger-Gormally
White gains a crushing attack with **1 ♖xe7!! ♖xe7 2 ♕xg5 f6** (the only defence) **3 ♕xg6+**:
3...♚h8 4 ♗xe6! ♕c7 5 ♘d5! ♗xd5 6 exd5 ♖h7 7 ♖g1 1-0
Mate is threatened and 7...♖e7 8 b3 ♕d8 9 ♕f5 ♖h7 10 ♖g6 leaves Black stuck in a horrible bind: White will advance his pawn to d7 and then look to break through with ♕g4 and ♖g8 or ♖g7.

139) Franco-Rodriguez
1 ♕xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♖h3+ ♗h5 3 ♖xh5# 1-0

140) Burt-Dennis
1 ♗xa6+! ♖xa6 2 ♕c7# 1-0

141) Ibbotson-Hopwood
1...♖xf3! 2 gxf3 ♗xh3 gives Black a crushing attack: **3 f4** (not the best defence, but 3 ♖e1 ♕f6 4 ♘e2 ♕xf3 5 ♘e3 d4 is horrendous too for White and even 3 ♞e2 ♕f6 4 ♕d3 leaves Black with superb attacking chances after 4...♗f5 5 ♕e3 ♗h6) **3...exf4 4 ♕xf4 ♖c4! 5 ♕f3** (White is also destroyed after 5 ♕e3 ♕h4 6 ♘e2 ♖g4+! 7 ♘g3 ♗d4 8 ♕e6+ ♔h8) **5...♕g5+ 6 ♔h1 ♖h4 0-1**

142) Byron-Hosken
1 ♗xh7+! ♔h8 (or 1...♚xh7 2 ♕h5+ ♚g8 3 ♖h3 followed by mate down the h-file) **2 ♖h3!** (much stronger than the also rather good 2 ♕h5 ♘f6 3 ♘xf7+ ♖xf7 4 ♕xf7 ♘xh7 5 ♕xe7)

2...♘f6 3 ♗g5 left White with a decisive attack.

143) Hagesaether-Greet
1...♗xh3+!! 2 ♔xh3 ♕d7+ 3 ♔g2 (or 3 ♔h2 ♗f4+ 4 ♘g3 ♘g5 5 ♕f1 ♖e1! and wins) **3...♕g4+ 4 ♘g3** (the main point of Black's combination is revealed after 4 ♔h1 ♖e5 when White is powerless against the threat of doubling on the g-file; for example, 5 ♘h2 ♘xf2+! 6 ♘xf2 ♖e1+ 7 ♘f1 ♕f3+ 8 ♔g1 ♗e3 forces mate) **4...♘xg3 5 fxg3 ♖e2+ 6 ♘f2 ♗e3 7 ♕c8+ ♕xc8 0-1**

144) Kosten-Hague
1 ♘d6+! exd6 2 exd6 ♕d7 (or 2...♕d8 3 d7+ ♔f8 4 ♖he1 with a crushing position) **3 ♘e5 1-0**
Black can't move his queen in view of 4 d7+ and 3...♗xe5 4 ♕xe5+ costs him the other rook.

145) Law-Gallagher
1...♗xg2+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♗xg2 ♕h4+ 3 ♗h3 ♕xh3#.

146) Waters-Richmond
1 ♘xh6+! gxh6 2 ♕g4+ 1-0
White has a decisive attack after 2...♘g6 (or 2...♗g5 3 fxg5 h5 4 ♕xh5 ♖d7 5 d5! – always try to invite as many pieces as possible to the party!) 3 ♗xg6 since 3...fxg6? 4 ♕xg6+ forces mate next move.

147) Coleman-D'Costa
Black collapses on g7: **1 ♖xg7! ♖xg7 2 ♖g1 ♖c7** (relatively best is 2...♘f6, although White is winning easily enough after 3 ♗xg7+ ♔e8 4 ♕g6) **3 ♖xg7 ♕xg7 4 ♕h8+ 1-0**

148) Ledger-Burnett
1 ♕f6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...gxf6 2 gxf6+ ♔f8 3 ♖h8#.

149) Shaw-Low Ying Min
1 ♖xg7+! 1-0
Mate follows with 2 ♕xh6+ and 3 ♕h8#.

150) Wise-Blackburn
1 ♘d7! (with various nasty kingside threats, including 2 ♘xf8 ♖xf8 3 ♘xg7! and 2 ♘h6+ gxh6 3 ♘xf6+) **1...h5** (White is also left with a very strong attack after 1...♗c8 2 ♘xf6+! gxf6 3 h4) **2 ♘h6+! gxh6 3 ♕f5 ♖e6** (or 3...♗g7 4 ♘xf6+ and Black must give up his queen because 4...♔h8 5 h4 ♗c8 6 ♕g6 is completely crushing) **4 ♘xf6+ ♔f7?** (relatively better is 4...♖xf6 5 ♗xf6 ♕e8 6 ♗xg5 when White is 'only' the exchange ahead while retaining attacking chances) **5 ♘h7+ ♔e8 6 ♘xg5 hxg5 7 ♕xe6+ ♕e7 8 ♗g6+ 1-0**

151) James-Anderton
1...♖xg2+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♔xg2 ♕f2+ 3 ♔h3 ♕h2#.

152) Buckley-Mitchem
1 ♖xd7! ♔xd7 2 ♕f5+ ♔d8 3 ♕xc8+! (even stronger than 3 ♖b7) **3...♔xc8 4 ♗g4+ 1-0**
The raking bishops force mate with 4...f5 5 ♗xf5+ ♔d8 6 ♖b8#.

153) Flear-Ansell
The forced **1 ♖xe5! ♖xe5 2 ♘f5 ♕f6 3 ♕xg7+ ♕xg7 4 ♖xg7** sees White win g7 while maintaining a decisive pin on the long diagonal: **4...♖be8 5 ♖c7 1-0**
Black will lose at least b7 before White regains the exchange, but actually even stronger was the fiendish 5 ♖g5! with the idea of 5...♘e4 6 ♘e7! ♘xg5 7 ♗xe5#.

154) Hoffmann-Munson
1 ♗xg6! wins a key pawn in view of 1...fxg6 2 ♖xc4 ♖xc4? 3 f7+.

155) Upton-Brown
1 ♖xb7! gives White a mating attack: **1...♔xb7 2 ♕e4+ 1-0**
Mate follows with 2...♔b6 3 ♖b1+ ♔a5 4 ♕b4#.

156) Bourne-Gregory
1...♘xf2! 0-1
There's no defence down the long diagonal since 2 ♔xf2 ♕c6 3 ♖g1 fails to 3...♕f6+.

157) Emms-Ledger
1 ♘xg7!! ♔xg7 (1...♕xg7 is a better try, but after 2 ♘f5 ♕f8 – 2...♘g4!? fails to 3 ♘xg7 ♗xf2+ 4 ♕xf2! ♘xf2 5 ♘xe6 ♘xh1 6 ♘xc7 with a substantial advantage – 3 ♗h6 Black is short of a good move; for example, 3...♕c5 4 ♕g3+ ♘g4 5 ♕xg4+ ♖g6 6 ♕f3 and White has by far the stronger attack or 3...♗xf2+ 4 ♔xf2 ♘xe4+ 5 ♕xe4 ♖xh6 6 a4 ♗d7 7 ♘xh6+ ♕xh6 8 ♖ad1 with an extra exchange and some advantage) **2 ♗h6+!** (now Black must either lose his queen or allow mate) **2...♔xh6 3 ♘f5+ ♔g6 4 ♕g3+ ♔h5 5 ♕g5# 1-0**

158) Foster-Parmar
1 ♞h6+ ♔h8 2 ♕g8+! 1-0
It's smothered mate with 2...♖xg8 3 ♘hf7# or 3 ♘gf7#.

159) Gilbert-Morris
1 ♘h5+! 1-0
Mate follows with 1...gxh5 (or 1...♔h7 2 ♘ef6+ ♔h8 3 ♕h6#) 2 ♕g5+ ♔h8 3 ♕h6+ ♔g8 4 ♘f6#.

160) Mestel-Hynes
1 ♖c8+! 1-0
Mate follows on d7.

161) Rudd-Arakhamia Grant
1...♘a3+! 2 bxa3 (2 ♔a1 ♘xd4 leads to disaster on c2 or down the b-file after 3 bxa3 bxa3) **2...bxa3+ 3 ♗b5 ♘xd4 4 c4 ♘xb5 5 ♕xb6 ♖xb6 6 cxb5 ♖xb5+ 7 ♔c2 ♗xg5** left Black three pawns ahead and still with the initiative.

162) Sherwin-Hague
1...♗xh2! 0-1
Mate is forced after 2 ♖g2 (or 2 ♖xh2 ♕xf3+) 2...♗f4+ 3 ♔g1 ♕h2+.

163) Smallbone-Gunter
1 ♖xh7+! 1-0
Mate follows on h4.

164) D'Costa-Wells
1...♖xh2+! 2 ♚xh2 ♕xg3+ 3 ♚h1 ♕h3+ 4 ♔g1 ♗c5+ 0-1
5 ♕f2 ♔h8! only delays the inevitable mate.

165) Trent-Tan
1 ♖xg7! (by far the most clinical, although 1 ♘g6+ ♔h7 2 ♕e6! should also do the business)
1...♔xg7 2 ♕g3+ ♔h8 3 ♘f7+ ♚h7 4 h5 ♖g8 5 e8♕! 1-0
Mate follows on g6, g8 or h8.

166) Adams-Hennigan
1 ♘xf7! 1-0
White wins a piece after 1...0-0 (or 1...♗xf7 2 ♕xe7+ ♕xe7 3 ♖xe7+ followed by capturing on f7 or a8) 2 ♘d6.

167) Adams-Bates
1 ♖fxf7! 1-0
Mate follows after 1...♗xb2+ 2 ♕xb2! ♖xb2 3 ♖g7#.

168) Rich-Barrett
1 ♖xg6+! fxg6 2 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 3 ♕h5+ 1-0
3...♔g8 4 f7+ decides

169) Simons-Richards
1 ♖xh6+! ♚g8 (or 1...gxh6 2 ♗d4+ ♗f6 3 ♗xf6+ and Black must give up her queen to avoid mate) **2 ♕e6+ 1-0**
Mate follows.

170) Povah-Sisask
1 ♖xh6!! gxh6 2 ♖f6 (threatening mate beginning with 3 ♕g4+ ♔f8 4 ♘f5) **2...♚f8** (or 2...♔g7 3 ♖xh6! – also rather effective is 3 ♕f3 ♖b7 4 ♖xh6! – 3...♖g8 4 ♕h5 ♔f8 5 ♖h7 ♖a7 6 ♕h6+ ♚e8 7 ♕d6 and White wins back his rook while maintaining a decisive attack) **3 ♕h5 ♕d7 4 ♘f5 ♔e8 5 ♕xh6 ♚d8 6 ♖d6 ♘b7 7 ♕f8+ 1-0**
Mate is forced, although 7 ♕f6+ ♔c7 8 ♖xd7+ ♔xd7 9 ♕e7+ ♔c8 10 d6 would have been even more clinical.

171) Cooley-Moore
Black gains a large advantage by winning the white queen with **1...♖g1+! 2 ♖xg1 ♘f2+ 3 ♕xf2** (and not 3 ♔g2?? ♗h3#) **3...♕xf2**.

172) Helbig-Palliser
1 ♘fe6! fxe6 2 ♖xf6! ♗h6! (the only try since both 2...exf6 3 ♕h7+ ♔f8 4 ♘xe6+ and 2...♗xf6 3 ♕h7+ ♔f8 4 ♘xe6+ cost Black his queen) **3 ♖xg6+! ♘xg6 4 ♕xh6 ♘f8** and now **5 ♕h5** (rather than the game's 5 ♘xe6? ♘xe6 6 ♕xe6+ ♔f8) **5...♕d8** (or 5...♕c8 6 ♕f7+ ♔h8 7 ♕xe7 ♔g8 8 ♘f7 and White's deadly attacking team of queen and knight decides) **6 ♘f7 ♕a8** (or 6...♖xg2+ 7 ♔xg2 ♕a8 8 ♘h6+ ♔h8 9 ♚g3! when one possible mating finish is 9...♕a2 10 ♘f5+ ♔g8 11 ♘xe7+ ♔g7 12 ♗h6+ ♔f6 13 ♘g8#) **7 ♘h6+ ♔h8 8 ♗f1!** would have left Black's king helpless.

173) Valden-Smallbone
1...♕xe6! wins a rook in view of the back rank mate after 2 ♕xe6 ♖d1+.

174) Bates-Mason
1 ♕xf6! 1-0
White will emerge a rook ahead after 1...exf6 2 e7 ♕e8 3 ♘xd6.

175) De Coverly-Frost
1 ♗xd5! exd5?? (capitulation, although otherwise White retreats his bishop and plays a crushing d4-d5; for example, 1...♔c7 2 ♗g2 ♖a7 3 ♕f2! ♔b8 4 d5 exd5? 5 ♕b6+ ♖b7 6 ♖xc8+! ♔xc8 7 ♖g8+ forcing mate) **2 ♕xf5+ 1-0**
Mate follows on c8.

176) Eames-Simmons
1 ♖xc8! ♖xc8 2 ♕b7 wins a piece in view of the mate threat: **2...0-0 3 ♘e7+ ♔h8 4 ♘xc8** and White went on to win.

177) Edwards-Lalic
1...♝b5! 0-1
White must lose the exchange on f1 since 1...♗b5 2 ♕xb5?? ♖xg3+! forces mate and 2 c4 ♗xc4! is no help.

178) Granat-Bentley
1...♗h3+! 2 ♔xh3 (or 2 ♔f3 ♕d1+ 3 ♔e3 ♗c5+) **2...♕f1+ 3 ♔g4 ♕g2** traps the white king in a mating net: **4 h3 h5+ 5 ♔h4 g5+ 6 ♚xh5 ♕xh3+ 7 ♔g6 ♗e7 0-1**
8...♕h7# is unstoppable.

179) Palliser-Hunt
Rather than the game's 1 ♗d4, **1 ♗f7+!!** gives White a decisive material advantage after **1...♕xf7** (capturing with either knight allows mate, while 1...♔xf7 2 ♕xg7+ ♔e8 3 ♕xc7 wins the queen for even less material) **2 ♘h6+ ♔f8 3 ♘xf7 ♘dxf7**.

180) Palliser-Broomfield
1 ♖e7! (1 ♖e6 ♕d8 2 ♖e7! ♕xe7 3 d6+ actually comes to the same thing) **1...♕xe7** (or 1...♖f7 2 ♖xf7 ♔xf7 3 ♕xh7+ ♚e8 4 ♖e1+ with an overwhelming attack) **2 d6+ ♕f7 3 ♗xf7+ ♖xf7 4 ♖e1** and White went on to convert his decisive advantage.

181) Webb-Townsend
White simplified to a winning ending with **1 ♘g6+! ♖xg6** (1...hxg6? 2 ♖h3+ forces mate) **2 ♕e8+ ♗f8 3 fxg5 1-0**
3...♖g8 4 ♖xf8 ♕g7 is forced but hopeless.

182) Willis-Twitchell
1 ♗xg7! wins a key pawn since 1...♕xg7? 2 ♖g3 costs Black his queen.

183) Bibby-Johnston
1...♕xd4+! 0-1
It's back-rank mate after 2 ♖xd4 ♖e1#.

184) Macak-Rowson
1...♖xe4! (preventing mate and beginning a decisive counterattack) **2 ♗xe4** (or 2 ♖xe4 ♘xb2! 3 ♖d2 ♗xd5 4 ♖exd4 ♕c3 with a gigantic attack) **2...♘xb2! 3 ♖d2** (desperately trying to cover c2 rather than get mated by 3 ♔xb2? ♗a3+! 4 ♔xa3 ♕c3+ 5 ♔a4 ♖c4#) **3...♗a3 4 f6 ♘a4+ 0-1**

Mate follows on c3 or b2.

185) Cox-Dickson
1...♕xg3!! 2 hxg3 ♘f2+ 3 ♔h2 ♘eg4# 0-1

186) Bologan-Lautier
1 ♘xf5! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♕xf2 2 ♖d8+ ♖f8 3 ♘h6#.

187) Smallbone-Cupal
1 ♖xf8! ♕xg5 2 ♖1f7+ 1-0
It's mate after 2...♔h6 3 ♖h8#.

188) Milanovic-Grigore
1 ♖xd4! 1-0
It's mate after 1...cxd4 2 f6+ ♔g8 (or 2...♔g6 3 ♗d3+) 3 ♖c8+ ♔h7 4 ♗d3+ ♘e4 5 ♗xe4#.

189) Barnaure-Nanu
1 ♕g7+! 1-0
White wins a rook with 1...♖xg7 2 fxg7+ ♔xg7 3 ♗xd8.

190) Lengyel-To Nhat Minh
1 ♕xc6 ♖xc6 2 ♖d8+ ♕e8 3 ♖xe8+ wins a piece.

191) Bronstein-Keres
1 ♕h6! 1-0
After 1...♕xb1+ 2 ♔h2 ♖g8 White mates with 3 ♕xh7+! ♔xh7 4 ♖h4#.

192) Ignacz-Niemi
1...♖xf2+! 2 ♔xf2 ♕xh2+ 0-1
It's mate down the f-file after 3 ♔f1 ♖f8+.

193) Collins-Illner
1 ♖xf7! 1-0
White wins a rook after 1...♕xf7 (neither does 1...♕g8 2 ♖xg7! help Black) 2 ♖xc8+ ♗f8 3 ♕e5+ ♔g8 4 ♕xb2.

194) Szabo-Bisguier
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♕h3+ ♔g8 3 ♖g4 1-0
It's mate on h8 after 3...f6 4 ♖h4 fxe5 5 g6.

195) Karpov-Hort
1 ♖xe6+!! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♕xe6 (or 1...♔f7 2 ♖f6+ ♔e7 3 ♖f7#) 2 ♕c7+ ♔f8 (more stubborn than 2...♕d7 3 ♗d6#) 3 ♗d6+ ♕e7 4 ♗xe7+ ♖xe7 5 ♕b8+! ♖e8 6 ♕f4+ ♔e7 7 ♕c7+ ♔f8 8 ♕f7#.

196) Mendelson-Quinn
1...♘xe3! 2 fxe3 (Black is two pawns up after 2 ♕h3 ♕xh3 3 ♖xh3 ♘xf5 4 ♗xc6 bxc6 5 ♖xc6 ♖d7) **2...♕xe3+ 3 ♔d1** (otherwise the rook on c1 falls) **3...♘xd4 4 ♗d5 ♘xf5** saw Black regain his material with interest in view of 5 ♖xe3 ♘xe3+ 6 ♔e2 ♘xg2 7 ♗xg2 c6 with five pawns and a rook for White's two extra minor pieces.

197) Peile-Miller
1 ♗xh7+!! ♔xh7 (White also has a winning attack after 1...♔h8 2 fxe7 bxa1♕ 3 exd8♕ ♖xd8 4 ♘g5 ♕f6 5 ♕h5 ♖d7 6 ♗b2!) **2 ♘g5+ ♔h6** (Black is mated after both 2...♔g8 3 ♕h5 ♗e4 4 f5! and 2...♔g6 3 ♕d3+) **3 ♕d3 ♖h8 4 ♘xf7+ ♔h5** and now White had a number of wins, including **5 f5! ♗xf6** (or 5...bxa1♕ 6 ♕h3#) **6 ♕d1+ ♗f3 7 ♕xf3+ ♔h4 8 ♕h3#**.

198) Sauvonnet-Ni Hua
1...♗xb3! 0-1
White is destroyed after 2 axb3 (or 2 ♔a1 ♞c3) 2...♖xb3+ 3 ♔c1 ♗a3+ 4 ♔d2 ♗b4+ 5 ♔c1 ♖c8+.

199) Kovalev-Stevic
1 ♕xg7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♗xg7 2 ♖xe8+ ♗f8 3 ♖xf8#.

200) Arlandi-Kveinys
1...♖xa3+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♔xa3 ♕a1# or 2 bxa3 ♕b1#.

201) Almasi-Winants
1...♕g4! 0-1
It's mate in the case of 2 ♖xe3 ♕d1#, while 2 ♘f3 costs White his rook after 2...♕c4+ 3 ♕xc4 dxc4+ 4 ♔xc4 ♖xe2.

202) Maz Machado-Fernandez Romero
1...♖xg2+! 2 ♔xg2 ♕d5+ 3 ♔f2 (or 3 ♔g3 ♕g5+ 4 ♔f2 ♖h2+ 5 ♔f3 ♕g2+ 6 ♔e3 ♖h3+ 7 ♔f4 ♕f2+ 8 ♔e5 ♖h5#) **3...♖h2+ 4 ♔e3 ♖h3+ 0-1**
It's mate after 5 ♔e2 (or 5 ♔f2 ♕f3+ 6 ♔g1 ♖h1#) 5...♕f3+ 6 ♔d2 ♕d3#.

203) Recuero Guerra-Valero Cano
1 ♗xg6! gives White a strong attack: **1...fxg6? 2 ♕xg6+ ♗g7 3 ♞g5 1-0**
It's mate after 3...♕e7 4 ♖h8+ ♔xh8 5 ♕h7#.

204) Tahirov-Shirov
1...♗c2+! 2 ♔e1 (or 2 ♔xc2 ♕xe2) **2...♖e8 3 ♕xe8+ ♘xe8 0-1**
White won't survive long after 4 ♘f3 ♗d3 5 ♗b2 ♕g4.

205) Guliyev-Mamedyarov
1...♘h3+! 2 gxh3 (or 2 ♔h1 ♗xd2 3 ♘xd2 ♕h4 4 g3 ♘xg3+ 5 hxg3 ♕xg3 6 ♘g2 ♘g5 with a rather powerful attack) **2...♗xd2** won the exchange in view of 3 ♘xd2 ♕g5+ 4 ♝g2 ♖xd2.

206) Gritsak-Bacrot
1 ♖xf7! 1-0
White is a piece up after 1...♕xb7 2 ♖xb7 and 1...♕xf7 fails to 2 ♗b3.

207) Smerdon-Cunanan
1 ♘xg6! hxg6 2 ♖xe6! ♘e4 (this fails to save Black, but 2...fxe6 3 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 4 ♗xf6+ would have led to mate) **3 ♘xe4 ♖xc1+** (White also wins a piece after 3...♗xg5 4 ♖xc8 ♕xc8 5 ♖xe8+ ♕xe8 6 ♘xg5) **4 ♗xc1 fxe6? 5 ♘d6! 1-0**

208) Saric-Gurevich
1 ♕c2! ♖e7 (not the best defence, but there was no way of saving the rook since 1...♖ac8 2 ♘xf7+! leads to mate and 1...♕d4 2 ♕g2 forces Black to part with his queen) **2 fxe7 ♕xe7 3 ♘xf7+! 1-0**
Mate follows down the long diagonal.

209) Libens-Fargere
1...♗xa3! 2 bxa3 (or 2 ♕b1 ♕d5 3 ♖e1 ♖xe5 with a decisive advantage) **2...♕xa3+ 3 ♔c2 ♕b3+ 4 ♔c1 ♕xc3+ 5 ♔b1 ♖xe5 0-1**
White cannot save all his loose pieces and his king.

210) Arsenault-Pepino
1 ♖e6! 1-0
White threatens 2 ♖xe6 and after 1...♖a1+ 2 ♔h2 ♖g8 3 ♖xe7 Black cannot both save his queen and prevent mate.

211) Van Hoolandt-El Gindy
1...♖xg3+! 2 ♔h2 (or 2 fxg3 ♕g2#) **2...♖xh3+! 0-1**
It's mate after 3 ♔xh3 ♕g4+ 4 ♔h2 ♕g2#.

212) Hrzica-Armas
1 ♖h8+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh8 2 ♕e8+ ♗f8 3 ♕xf8+ ♔h7 4 ♕g8#.

213) Collas-Lebel
1 ♘f6+! 1-0
Mate follows with 1...gxf6 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♕xh7#) 2 ♕g3+ ♔h8 3 ♗xf6#.

214) Zhao Xue-Karjakin
1 ♖xf8+! 1-0
Black loses his queen after 1...♔xf8 (or 1...♖xf8 2 ♕h7#) 2 ♕f2+ ♔e7 (it's mate after 2...♔g7 3 ♕f7+ ♔h6 4 ♕h7#) 3 ♕f7+ ♔d8 4 ♘e6+.

215) Arutinian-Danielian
1 ♕xh6+! ♔xh6 2 ♔f2 1-0
Mate follows after 2...♕e8 3 ♖h1+ ♕h5 4 ♖g6+ ♔h7 5 ♖xh5#.

216) Friedel-Cyborowski
1 ♖xf7+! ♔xf7 2 ♖c7+ ♕e7 3 ♖xe7+ ♔xe7 4 ♕g7+ 1-0
White emerges queen for rook ahead.

217) Keller-Slukova
1 ♕xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♖h3+ 1-0
It's mate on h8.

218) White-Curnow
1...♖xc3! 2 ♕xc3 (and not 2 ♗xc3? ♕xa2+ 3 ♔c1 ♕a1#) **2...♕xa2+ 3 ♔c1 ♗xf6 4 ♕e3?** (4 ♕a3 was essential, although after 4...♗g5+ 5 ♖d2 ♕xa3 6 bxa3 ♖c8 Black will emerge a pawn ahead with a good position), and now **4...♕xb2+** (even better than the game's also rather powerful 4...♗xb2+ 5 ♔d2 ♕a5+ 6 ♔e2 ♖c8) **5 ♔d2 ♗d4** would have forced resignation in view of **6 ♕d3** (or 6 ♕e2 ♕b4+ 7 ♔c1 ♗b2+ and mates) **6...♕b4+ 7 ♔e2** (it's mate

after 7 ♔c1 ♗b2+ 8 ♔b1 ♗c3+ 9 ♔c1 ♕b2#) **7...♗c4** winning White's queen.

219) Romanov-Mkrtchian
1 ♘xh7! gives White a winning attack: **1...♗d7** (the knight is immune due to 1...♕xh7 2 ♕d8+ ♖f8 3 ♕xb6 winning the exchange) **2 ♖h3 1-0**

220) Almeida Saenz-Gagunashvili
1 ♘f5+!! gxf5 (otherwise Black simply loses a piece on d6) **2 ♕xf5 ♖fd8** (or 2...♖h8 3 ♕f6+ ♔g8 4 g6 with a mating attack) **3 ♕xh7+** (also rather powerful is 3 g6) **3...♔f8 4 g6 ♖a7** (4...fxg6 allows mate: 5 ♗h6+ ♚e8 6 ♗xg6#) **5 g7+ ♔e7 6 ♗g5+ ♔d7 7 ♕f5+ ♔c6 8 ♗e4+ 1-0**

221) Bercys-Simutowe
1 ♖xf7! ♕xf7 (or 1...♔xf7 2 ♘xe5+ winning the queen) **2 ♘xe5 ♖g2+ 3 ♔e3** and White's double threat of 4 ♕c8# and 4 ♘xf7 was decisive.

222) Agustsson-Madland
1...♘xf3! 2 ♕g2 (wisely avoiding 2 ♘xf3? ♘xe4! with the point that 3 ♕d3 – or 3 ♘xe4 ♕xa2+ 4 ♔c1 ♗xb2# – 3...♘xc3+ 4 bxc3 ♗xc3 gives Black an overwhelming attack) **2...♘xd4** (quite possibly even stronger is 2...♘xe4!? 3 ♕xf3 ♘xc3+ 4 bxc3 ♕xa2+ 5 ♔c1 ♗d5) **3 ♗xd4 ♘xg4** saw Black net a couple of pawns, leaving him with some advantage.

223) Path-Rayner
1 ♘xf7!! ♔xf7 (Black is scarcely helped by 1...♕f6 2 ♘h6+ ♔h8 3 ♖c7) **2 ♖xh5! ♔g8** (mate is forced after 2...gxh5 3 ♕xh5+ ♔f8 4 ♗c4 ♖e6 5 ♗h6+) **3 d7! ♘xd7** (White's last was a lovely interference tactic: the point being 3...♗xd7 4 ♗c4+ ♗e6 5 ♗xe6+ ♖xe6 6 ♕xd8+) **4 ♗c4+** (even more clinical is 4 ♕b3+ ♔g7 5 ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 6 ♕f7+ ♔h8 7 ♗xg6 ♘f8 8 ♗h6) **4...♚g7 5 ♖d5** (or 5 ♗h6+ ♔h8 6 ♗g5 when Black must give up his queen, just as he shortly has to in the game) **5...♕e7 6 ♖xd7! ♗xd7 7 ♕a1+ 1-0**

224) Bartel-Cicak
1 ♖xe6+! ♔f8 (trying to flee, rather than be crushed by 1...fxe6 2 ♕xe6+ ♚f8 3 ♘e5) **2 ♘e5! ♖g5** (or 2...♕xe2 3 ♘xg6+ fxg6 4 ♖xe2 with an easy win) **3 ♘d7+ ♔g8 4 ♖e8+ ♔h7 5 ♕d3+ 1-0**
A deadly check follows on f8.

225) Cafolla-Socko
1...♖h1+! 2 ♔xh1 ♕h7+ 3 ♗h5 ♕xh5+ 4 ♔g1 ♕h2+ 5 ♔f1 ♕xg2# 0-1

226) Almond-Rossi
1...♕xh2+! 2 ♚xh2 ♖h5+ 3 ♔g2 ♗h3+ 0-1
Mate follows with 4 ♚h1 ♗f1#.

227) T.Hickey-N.Ahern
1 ♗xg7+! ♔xg7 2 ♖g3+ ♔h8 (or 2...♔f6 3 ♘d2 ♔xe6 4 ♕g4+ ♔d5 5 ♖c3! with an overwhelming attack in view of 5...♕xc3 6 ♕xe4# and 2...♔h6 3 ♕e3+ also forces mate) **3 ♕g4 ♗g6 4 ♕d4+ 1-0**

228) Cmilyte-Benjamin
Instead of the game's 1 h3?, White could have forced mate: **1 ♖xg5+! hxg5 2 ♕f6+ ♔h7** (or 2...♚g8 3 ♗f7+ ♔f8 4 ♗g6+ ♔g8 5 ♕f7+ ♔h8 6 ♕h7#) **3 ♗g6+ ♔h6 4 ♗f5+ ♔h5 5 ♕g6+ ♔h4 6 ♕h6#**.

229) Kotronias-Sarakauskas
1 ♖xh7+! 1-0
Mate follows with 1...♔xh7 2 ♖h1+ ♔g6 3 ♖h6#.

230) Kotronias-Benjamin
1...♖e1+! 0-1
It's mate on g2.

231) Gymesi-Fox
1 ♗xa6! fxe5 (or 1...bxa6 2 ♕xa6 ♖a7 3 ♘xc6+ ♖xc6 4 ♖b3+ ♖b7 5 ♖xc6 with a winning attack) **2 ♗d3 ♖c8 3 dxe5 ♖d7** (Black had to give up the rook, not that doing so would really have saved him) **4 ♕a7+ ♔c7 5 ♖xc6+! ♔d8 6 ♖xc8+ ♔xc8 7 ♖c3+ ♖c7 8 ♕a8+ 1-0**
Mate follows quickly after 8...♔d7 9 ♗b5+.

232) Rudd-Khantuev
1 ♖1h6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...gxh6 2 ♖g8#.

233) Tavoularis-Snape
1...♗xb2! won a key pawn in view of **2 ♔xb2 ♖xc2+ 3 ♔b1 ♕c3 4 ♖d8+** (or 4 ♕d4 ♕xf3 regaining the piece) **4...♖xd8 5 ♕xc2 ♕xf3** with a winning ending.

234) Ivic-Pavasovic
1...♘xg2! removes a key pawn: **2 ♘d3** (White cannot avoid heavy material losses after 2 ♘xg2 ♕f3 3 ♔f1 ♕xg2+ 4 ♔e2 ♖e8+) **2...♘h4! 0-1**
White is undone down the long diagonal.

235) Ivic-Medic
1 ♕xh6! 1-0
White wins a piece in view of 1...♕xh6? 2 ♖e8+ ♖d8 3 ♗xf5+ ♔b8 4 ♖xd8#.

236) Zovko-Mohr
1...♗xh3! wins a pawn in view of 2 ♗xh3? ♘f3+ and 3...♘xd2.

237) Naumkin-Abatino
1 ♗xh7+! 1-0
White is a queen up with a mating attack after 1...♕xh7 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♖xf8+ ♕xf8 3 ♗e4+ ♔g7 4 ♕g6+ ♔h8 5 ♕h7#) 2 ♖xf8+ ♔xf8 3 ♕xh7.

238) Cheval-Gerfault
After **1...♘g3+!** White must give up his queen since it was mate following **2 hxg3 ♖h6# 0-1**

239) Cooper-Scott
1 ♕g5! leaves Black unable to satisfactorily save his light-squared bishop: **1...♗f5** (or 1...♖g7 2 ♕xg6! since 2...♖xg6 fails to 3 ♖xh7#; relatively best might be 1...♖g8, but after 2 ♘xg8 ♕xg8 3 ♘xd5 White is the exchange up with a crushing position) **2 ♕xf5!** (the main point) **2...exf5 3 ♖xe7 ♖xf6** (the rook is immune in view of 3...♗xe7 4 ♖xh7#) **4 ♖exh7+ 1-0**
White emerges a rook ahead after 4...♔g8 5 ♖h8+ ♔g7 6 ♖xc8.

240) Megaranto-Batchuluun
1 ♕xg8+! 1-0

It's mate on the back rank after 1...♔xg8 2 ♖d8+.

241) Catt-Lockwood
1...♘xe4+!! 2 fxe4 ♖f4 3 ♕h3 (now it's mate, although otherwise White loses his queen) **3...♖xg4+ 4 ♔f3 ♕f5+! 5 exf5 e4+ 6 ♔e3 ♗h6# 0-1**

242) Topalov-Naiditsch
1 ♕f6+! 1-0
Mate follows on the back rank after 1...♕xf6 2 ♖e8+.

243) Ardeleanu-Kachieshvili
1 ♖e8+! ♔c7 (it's mate after 1...♔xe8 2 ♕g8+ ♗f8 3 ♕xf8#) **2 ♖e7 ♘g3** (2...♕xe7 3 ♗xe7 threatens both 4 ♗d8# and the rook on a8) **3 ♖xd7+** (plenty good enough, but instead 3 ♗d6+ leads to mate) **1-0**

244) Naiditsch-Gustafsson
1...♖f4! 0-1
There's no defence to the threat of 2...♖h4 since 2 gxf4 ♗xf4 also leads to mate on h1 (or g2 after 3 ♘f1).

245) Naiditsch-Sowray
Instead of the game's 1...♗f2+? 2 ♔h1 ♖g2? 3 ♕f3 when White had gained the upper hand, **1...♗xh2+!** would have given Black a crushing attack: **2 ♔xh2** (or 2 ♔h1 ♖g2 3 ♕h5 ♔b8! 4 ♖ae1 – 4 ♕xh3 ♖ge2 prepares to exploit the open h-file after 5...♗e5 – 4...♗e5 5 ♖f5 ♖h2+ 6 ♔g1 ♗d4+ 7 ♔xh2 ♖xe1 8 ♕xg5 ♕d6+ 9 ♕f4 ♗e5 winning material) **2...♕d6+ 3 ♔h1 ♖g2 4 ♘f4 ♖ee2!** and White is done for in view of 5 ♕xe2 (or 5 ♘xg2 hxg2+ 6 ♔g1 ♕d4+) 5...♖xe2 6 ♘xe2 ♕c6+ 7 ♔g1 ♕g2#.

246) Korbut-Javakhishvili
1 ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 3 ♕h6+ ♔g8 4 ♖g1+ ♔f7 5 ♕g7#) **2 ♘f5+! exf5 3 ♖g1+ ♔h8 4 ♕xc4** (White's extra queen and ongoing attack quickly decides) **4...♖f8 5 ♗h6 1-0**

247) Levushkina-Vogel
1...♕xh3 2 gxh3 ♘f3+ 3 ♔f1 ♘xd2+ 4 ♗xd2 saw Black pick up the exchange.

248) Najer-Neverov
1 ♗xg6! ♘xg6 (White's rooks outclass Black's minor pieces after 1...♖xg6 2 ♖xg6 ♔h7 3 ♖g2, while 1...♖f8 2 ♖d8 leaves Black pretty much in zugzwang) **2 ♖xg6! ♖xg6 3 ♖d8+ ♔h7 4 e7 1-0**
The pawns will cost Black all his pieces.

249) Zweschper-Hanemann
1 ♕xh6+! ♕xh6 2 ♖xh6+ 1-0
It's mate after 2...♔xh6 3 ♖h3# or 2...♔g8 3 ♖eh3 and ♖h8#.

250) Handke-Dinger
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh7 2 ♖h6#.

251) Beckhuis-Jakubowski
1...♞e2+! 2 ♗xe2 (2 ♞xe2 ♕xg2+! is the same motif, while 2 ♔h1 fails to 2...♖xh2+! 3 ♔xh2 – or 3 ♖xh2 dxc4+ – 3...♕h5#) **2...♕xg2+! 3 ♔xg2 dxc4+ 4 ♔g3 cxb3** won the exchange.

252) Zakurdjaeva-Paehtz
1 ♕h6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh6 2 ♖h8+ ♔g7 3 ♗f6#.

253) Geske-Ardeleanu
1...♗xa2+! 2 ♔xa2 ♕d5+ 3 ♔b1 a3 0-1
Black's queenside passers cannot be stopped.

254) Zawadzka-Stefanova
1...♖xh4+! 0-1
It's mate with 2 ♔xh4 ♕f2+ 3 ♔h3 ♕g3#.

255) Arakhamia Grant-Levushkina
1 ♕f7! d5 (mate follows after 1...♖xf7 2 ♖e8+, but there's no good defence in any case) **2 ♖e8 1-0**
The mate threat costs Black a huge amount of material after 2...♗e7 3 g5.

256) Roos-Stocek
1...♖xg2+! 2 ♔xg2 ♕g4+ 0-1
It's mate with 3 ♔h2 ♖e2+ 4 ♔h1 ♕h3+ 5 ♔g1 ♕h2#.

257) Schulz-Marville
1 ♖h7+! ♗xh7 2 ♕e7 1-0
Black cannot cover both g7 and h7.

258) Womacka-Kaphle
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 (or 1...♔f8 2 ♕h5 f6 3 ♕g6 and f6 collapses) **2 ♕h5+ ♔g8 3 ♕xf7+ ♔h8 4 ♖e3 1-0**
It's mate down the h-file.

259) Pert-Aleksandrov
1 ♗f6+! ♘xf6 2 ♕xc7 ♖e7 3 ♕e5 1-0
Black has lost the exchange and remains horribly tied down.

260) Bobras-Can
1 ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 2 ♗xh6+ 1-0
Mate follows on g7 after 2...♔h7 3 ♗g5+ ♔g8 4 ♗f6 ♘g6 5 ♕h6.

261) Azarov-Sanikidze
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♖h4+ (or 2 ♕d3+ ♔g8 3 ♖h4 transposing) **2...♔g8 1-0**
Mate follows down the h-file after 3 ♕d3.

262) Bakker-Gutman
1...♗f4+! 2 ♕xg4 (or 2 ♔f2 ♕g2+ 3 ♔e1 ♕xh1+ winning a large amount of material) **2...♗xe3# 0-1**

263) Neverov-Strohhaeker
1...♖xh6! 2 ♗xf6+ ♔xf6 0-1
Black recoups the queen leaving him a piece up after 3 ♕c3+ ♗e5 4 ♕c2 ♖xh2+ 5 ♕xh2 ♗xh2 6 ♔xh2.

264) Mamedjarova-Nemcova
1 ♘xh7! ♖f7 (or 1...♖xh7 2 ♕xg6+ winning one of the black rooks) **2 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 3 ♘f6 1-0**
White wins the exchange while retaining a strong attack.

265) Iljin-Sakaev
1 ♘g6+! fxg6 2 ♖e8+ ♔h7 3 ♗g8+ ♔h8 4 ♗f7+ ½-½
It's perpetual.

266) Georgiev-Socko
1 ♖h8+! ♔xh8 2 ♗xf7 1-0
3 ♖h1# follows.

267) Melkumyan-Petrosian
1...exd4! 2 cxd5 (White had to avoid 2 exd4? ♘f4 when he would have been unable to prevent mate, but there wasn't anything better than the text with both 2...♗e5 and 2...dxe3 threatened) **2...♗e5 3 f4 ♗xf4 4 ♘f3 ♕xf3 0-1**
Black threatens both 5...h3 and 5...♕h3, and emerges three pawns ahead after 5 ♕d1 ♕xd1 6 ♖fxd1 dxe3 7 ♗xh4 cxd5 8 ♖xd5 ♖ac8.

268) Mamedyarov-Al Modiahki
1 ♖xg6+! hxg6 2 h7+! 1-0
Mate follows with 2...♖xh7 (or 2...♔xh7 3 ♖h4+ ♔g8 4 ♖h8#) 3 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 4 ♕xe8+ ♔g7 5 ♕f8+ ♔g6 6 ♕f6+ ♔h5 7 ♖h4#.

269) Burnett-Palliser
1...♖xf3! 2 gxf3 ♘h4 3 ♕c3 (there's a nasty sting in the tail after this, but there wasn't a defence, partly because 3 ♔h1 fails to 3...♕f6) **3...♕d7! 0-1**
White can't cover g2 except with 4 ♔h1 ♕h3 5 ♖g1 which permits 5...♕xf3+ 6 ♖g2 ♕xg2#.

270) Stellwagen-Bosboom
1 ♕xf6+! 1-0
It's mate on the back rank after 1...♖xf6 2 ♖d8+.

271) Van Kerkhof-Piket
1 ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♖h1+ ♔g7 3 ♘h4 ♕c7 (or 3...♖g8 4 ♕xg6+ ♔f8 5 ♕f7#) **4 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 5 ♘f3+** (also rather good is 5 ♕g5) **5...♘h7 6 ♘g5 ♘gf6 7 ♗f7 1-0**
There's no good way to further defend h7.

272) Nijboer-Hoffmann
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh7 2 g6+ ♔h8 (or 2...♚g8 3 ♗xf7+ ♔h8 4 ♖h4#) 3 ♖h4+ ♔g8 4 gxf7#.

273) Winants-Okkes
1 ♕xh6+! 1-0
Mate follows after 1...♔xh6 2 ♖h3# or 1...♚g8 2 ♖f8#.

274) Ferry-Ruxton
1...♖xh2+! 2 ♔xh2 (or 2 ♔f3 ♕f2+ 3 ♔g4 ♖h4#) **2...♕f2+ 3 ♔h3 ♖h8+ 4 ♔g4 ♖h4# 0-1**

275) Brechin-Aagaard
1 ♖xg7+! ♔h8 (or 1...♔xg7 2 ♖xe7+ ♔h8 3 ♕e5+ followed by mate) **2 ♖h7+** (2 ♕f7 also does the business) **2...♔xh7 3 ♖xe7+ ♔h8 4 ♕e5+ ♔g8 5 ♕g7# 1-0**

276) Mudongo-Andriasian
1...♖xh3+! 2 ♘h2 (or 2 gxh3 ♕g1#) **2...♖xh2+! 0-1**
It's mate after 3 ♔xh2 ♕h5#.

277) Sabure-Danielian
Black wins the exchange with **1...♘xg3!** since 2 hxg3?? is impossible on account of 2...♖h1+ 3 ♔f2 ♕h2#.

278) Korneev-Landenbergue
1 ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 2 ♕h6+ 1-0
It's mate after 2...♔h8 3 ♕f6+ ♔g8 4 ♖g1#.

279) Rozentalis-Adams
1...♕xe1+! 0-1
White loses the exchange after 2 ♖xe1 ♘xf5 since he can't both save his queen and cover his back rank.

280) Sudakova-Guseva
1 ♖dg1!! ♗xa2+ (or 1...♗xg5 2 ♕xg5 followed by mate on g7 or f6) **2 ♔xa2 f5?** (a much better attempt is 2...♕c4+, although after 3 ♔a1 ♗xg5 4 ♕xg5 ♕d4 5 f4! there's no defence to the threat of 6 e5) **3 ♕xh7+! 1-0**
It's mate with 3...♔xh7 4 ♖h5#.

281) Garcia Ilundain-Miles
1...♖xh3+! 2 ♔g1 (or 2 ♔xh3 ♕h5#) **2...♕e1+ 0-1**
White's queen is lost after 3 ♕f1 ♖xg3+.

282) Gritsayeva-Kolomiets
1 ♘xh7! (or 1 ♗f4 ♕b6 2 ♘xh7!) **1...♘xh7** (Black also emerges a pawn down after 1...♘xd2 2 ♘xf6+ ♗xf6 3 ♖xd2) **2 ♕d3 ♞f6 3 ♕xc4** wins a pawn.

283) Golubka-Bagrationi
1 ♗b7+! ♔b8 (or 1...♕xb7 2 ♖xd8+ ♔c7 3 ♖d7+ winning the black queen) **2 ♖xd8+ ♕xd8 3 ♗e5+ ♗d6 4 ♗a6 1-0**
There's no defence to mate on b7.

284) Galakhov-Olishevsky
1...♘xh3! 2 gxh3 (it's also mate after 2 ♕a7 ♘f4+ 3 ♔g1 ♘e2+ 4 ♔f2 ♗g3#) **2...♕xh3+ 3 ♔g1 ♗xf3! 0-1**
There's no good way to cover h1 in view of 4 ♕xf3 ♕h2#.

285) Hall-Brusey
1 ♕xh6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh6 (or 1...♔g8 2 ♕g7#) 2 ♖h4#.

286) Mateuta-Iovan
1 ♘xh7! wins the exchange on f8 since it's mate after 1...♔xh7? 2 ♕h5+ ♗h6 3 ♕xh6#.

287) Ristic-Adam
1 ♖h8+! ♕xh8 2 ♖d7 ♕g8 3 ♕f6+ 1-0
It's mate after 3...♔e8 4 ♕e7#.

288) Marincas-Csilcser
1...♖h1+! 0-1
Mate follows with 2 ♔xh1 ♕h5+ 3 ♔g1 ♕h2#.

289) E.Hintikka-T.Paakkonen
1...♕xg2+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♕xg2 ♖xf1#.

290) Sammalvuo-Maki
1 ♘f6! 1-0
The threat is 2 ♖g8# and it's mate after 1...♗c5+ (or 1...♗xf6 2 ♕xf6+! ♖xf6 3 ♖d8+ ♖f8 4 ♖xf8#) 2 ♔h1 ♖f8 3 ♕xf8+! ♗xf8 4 ♖g8#.

291) Hindle-Van Oosterom
1 ♖h6! gxh6 (or 1...♗f5 2 ♖xh7+ ♗xh7 3 ♖h3 g6 4 ♗xe5+ and mate follows on h7) **2 ♕xe5+ 1-0**
The raking bishops force mate.

292) Taylor-Vavrak
1...♕g1+! 0-1
It's mate with 2 ♖xg1 ♞f2#.

293) Schukowski-Jacob
1...♕xh4! 0-1
It's mate after 2 gxh4 ♗h2#.

294) Wirig-Kazhgaleyev
1...♖xf2! 2 ♞e7+ (Black's queen is immune due to 2 ♖xb2 ♖xf1#, while 2 ♖xf2 fails to 2...♕c1+ and mate on the back rank) **2...♖xe7 0-1**
There's no way for White to prevent mate.

295) Nataf-Riff
1 g6! fxg6 2 ♖xg6! dxc3 3 ♗xc3 ♖f7 (the rook couldn't be touched in view of 3...hxg6 4 ♕h8+ ♔f7 5 ♕xe8+ ♚xe8 6 g8♕+, but Black might have tried 3...♗b6 4 ♖f6 ♖be7, although he is then very tied down and after 5 ♔b1 the threat of 6 ♖df1 is decisive) **4 ♖h6 ♗g5+** (a better defence was 4...♗g4 5 ♕xg4 ♖xg7, although after 6 ♕h5 ♗g5+ 7 ♔b1 ♕c8 8 ♖hd6 ♗f4 9 ♗a5 Black is becoming rather stretched) **5 ♕xg5 ♕xa2 6 ♖xh7! ♕a1+** (White mates after 6...♔xh7 7 g8♕+ ♖xg8 8 ♕h4+ ♔g7 9 ♖g1+) **7 ♚c2 ♕xd1+ 8 ♔xd1 ♔xh7 9 ♗xe5 1-0**
The threats created by the g7-pawn are crushing.

296) Apicella-Giffard
1 ♕xd8+! ♘xd8 2 ♖d7+ ♔b8 3 ♖xd8+ ♔c7 (or 3...♔a7 4 ♖a8#) **4 ♖d7+ ♔b8 5 ♖xb7# 1-0**

297) Pucher-Lautier
1...♘xf3! 0-1
Mate follows on g1 or h2 after 2 ♖ee1 ♖xh2#.

298) Pospisil-Mroziak
1 ♗xh7+! ♔f8 (or 1...♔xh7 2 ♕h5+ ♔g8 3 ♕xf7+ ♔h8 4 ♖e3 ♘f6 5 ♖h3+ ♘h7 6 ♘g6#) **2 ♕h5** leaves White a pawn up with an attack.

299) Motuz-Petran
1...♖xc2+! 2 ♔xc2 ♕b1+ 3 ♔d2 ♖b2+ 4 ♔e3 ♕e4+ 5 ♔f2 ♕xe2+ (even faster is 5...♕xf4+ 6 ♔e1 ♖b1+) **6 ♔g1 ♕e1+ 0-1**
It's mate after 7 ♔h2 ♕h4+ 8 ♔g1 ♖b1#.

300) Talla-Motuz
1...♖xb3+! 2 axb3 (or 2 ♔c1 ♖xa2 with an overwhelming attack) **2...♕xb3+ 3 ♘b2** (White is mated too after 3 ♔c1 ♕c3+ 4 ♔b1 ♗a2# or 4...♖a1#) **3...♖a1+! 0-1**
It's mate with 4 ♔xa1 ♕a2#.

301) Morozevich-Georgiev
White wins the exchange: **1 ♘d6+! cxd6** (similar is 1...♖xd6 2 ♕f8) **2 ♕f8 ♕e8** (otherwise it's mate on b8) **3 ♕xe8 1-0**

302) Naiditch-Mamedyarov
1...♖xh2+! 0-1
White loses his queen after 2 ♔xh2 (it's mate following 2 ♔g1? ♕h4) 2...♕h5+ 3 ♔g1 (or 3 ♔g3 ♘e2+) 3...♘e2+ 4 ♕xe2 ♕xe2.

303) Greet-Pitl
1 ♖f8+! ♔xf8 2 ♕h8+ ♔f7 (or 2...♔e7 3 ♕d8+ ♔f7 4 ♗e8+ ♔e6 5 ♕d6+ ♔f5 6 ♕xe5#) **3 ♕e8+ ♔f6 4 ♗xe5+ ♔f5 5 g4# 1-0**

304) Jagstaidt-Zozulia
1...♖xh2+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♔xh2 ♖h8#.

305) Gehringer-Rausis
1...♘xf2! wins a key pawn in view of 2 ♔xf2? (or 2 ♕xf2? ♗xg3) 2...♗xg3+ 3 ♔f1 (Black's attack is extremely powerful in the case of 3 ♔g2 ♗xh4+ 4 ♔h3 ♖g3+ 5 ♔h2 ♘f6) 3...♕f6+ regaining the piece with some advantage.

306) Baramidze-Nielsen
1...♕xc4! 0-1
Black's attack decides after 2 bxc4 b3 3 ♔c1 ♗xg5+.

307) Navara-Rabiega
1...♘b4!! 2 ♘xb4 ♗h6+ 3 ♔b1 ♖e1+ 4 ♖xe1 ♕xe1+ 5 ♔c2 ♗f5 6 ♕xf5 ♕d2+ 0-1
Mate follows with 7 ♔b1 ♕d1+ 8 ♗c1 ♕xc1#.

308) Fischer-Beim
1...♖xg4+! 2 ♗xg4 (White also loses his queen after 2 ♕xg4 ♖g8) **2...♖g8 3 ♔f3 ♖xg4! 0-1**
4 ♕xg4 ♘e5+ is a decisive fork.

309) Nunn-Pritchett
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh7 2 ♖h4+ ♖h5 3 ♖xh5#.

310) Werle-Mainka
1...h5! 2 ♘e5 (the queen is trapped in view of 2 ♕g3 ♘e2+ 3 ♘xe2 ♗xg3) **2...g5 0-1**
Black is simply a piece up after 3 ♕g3 fxe5.

311) Vogt-Teschke
1 ♕f5! 1-0
Black cannot prevent mate on both h7 and f8. He might try 1...♔g8 (White's main point is the back-ranker 1...♖xf5 2 ♖d8+), but after 2 ♕xh7+ ♔f7 3 ♕h5+ ♔g8 4 ♗h7+ mate follows in any case.

312) Zesch-Acs
1...♕xh4+! 0-1
Mate is forced: 2 gxh4 (or 2 ♔g1 ♖xg3+! 3 fxg3 ♕xg3+ 4 ♔f1 ♕g2#) 2...♖xh4+ 3 ♔g1 ♖g8+ 4 ♔f1 ♖h1#.

313) Borriss-Nisipeanu
1....♗xg2! 2 ♖xa3 (now Black's attack is decisive, but after 2 ♕xg2 ♖xa2 he wins the exchange) **2...♗e4+ 3 ♘g3 ♗xg3 4 ♕e2 ♗h2+! 0-1**
White loses his queen after 5 ♔xh2 ♕d6+ 6 ♔g1 ♕g3+ 7 ♔f1 ♗d3.

314) Hansen-Wintzer
1 ♗xe6! fxe6 (there isn't anything better, especially in view of the threatened 2 ♖xh7) **2 ♕xe6+ ♔h8 3 ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 4 ♖d3 ♘g8 5 ♖h3+ ♘h6 6 ♖xh6+! 1-0**
Mate follows with 6...gxh6 7 ♕f7+ ♗g7 8 ♕xg7#.

315) Ernst-Loeffler
1 ♖f4! (the cleanest finish; now Black cannot give up his queen for rook and bishop, unlike after 1 ♖h3, and 2 ♕xh6+ is threatened) **1...♕xf6 2 exf6 cxd3 3 ♕g5 d2 4 ♖h4! 1-0**
Even the new black queen is unable to prevent mate due to 4...d1♕+ 5 ♔h2 ♕h5 6 ♖xh5 gxh5 7 ♕g7#.

316) Luther-Sokolov
1...♘d3+! simplifies to a clearly better ending: **2 cxd3** (White is not helped by 2 ♔b1? ♞xb2!) **2...cxd3+ 3 ♗c3** (3 ♔b1? ♕c2+ 4 ♕xc2 dxc2+ wins the exchange) **3...♕xc3+! 4 bxc3 ♖xc3+ 5 ♔d2 ♖c2+ 6 ♔xd3 ♖xg2** and Black went on to convert.

317) Ribli-Muranyi
1 ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 2 ♖b7+ ♔g6 (now it's mate, but otherwise White simplifies and 2...♖d7 3 ♖xd7+ ♖xd7 4 ♕xd7+ should be winning easily enough) **3 ♕e8+ ♔f6 1-0**
It's mate next move, just as it is after 3...♔f5 4 ♖f7+ ♖f6 5 g4+! ♔xf4 6 ♖xf6+.

318) Caruana-Adams
1...♗xh3! obliterates White's defences. The game concluded **2 ♖e2** (the bishop was immune, of course, due to both 2 ♔xh3?? ♕h5# and 2 gxh3 ♖g8) **2...♖g8 3 ♖ae1? ♗xg2! 0-1**
Black wins the house after 4 ♖xg2 ♕h4+ 5 ♔g1 ♖xg2+ 6 ♕xg2 ♕xe1 and 7...♖g8.

319) Poggio-Livesey
1 ♖xa6! ♗xa6 2 ♕xe6+ ♔h8 3 ♘f7+ ♔g8 4 ♘xh6+ ♔h8 5 ♘f7+ gave White a crushing attack.

320) Rasch-Schiller
1 ♘xd6! ♘xd6 (Black's kingside is defenceless after 1...♖e7 2 ♖xe4) **2 ♕g5+ 1-0**
White's attack quickly leads to mate after 2...♔f8 3 ♕h6+! ♔g8 4 ♖xe8+ ♕xe8 (or 4...♘xe8 5 ♕f8#) 5 ♕g5+ ♔f8 6 ♗xd6+.

321) Krush-Ruxton
1 ♕xg7+! ♔xg7 2 ♖h7+ ♔g8 3 ♖h8+ ♔g7 4 ♖1h7# 1-0

322) Rogers-Ris
1...♕c6! 0-1
There's no satisfactory defence to the twin threats of 2...♕xc1+ and 2...♖xe1+ 3 ♖xe1 ♕xg2#.

323) Dworakowska-Cramling
1...♗xf2+! 2 ♔h1 (White's queen is lost after 2 ♔xf2 ♘g4+) **2...♘g4** gives Black a winning attack.

324) Hickman-Menon
1...♕a2+ 2 ♔c1 ♕a1+! 0-1
It's mate with 3 ♞xa1 ♖xa1#.

325) Lahno-Malmdin
1 ♕xh5! 1-0
White wins a piece after 1...gxh5 2 ♘xe6+ ♔h7 3 ♘xc7.

326) Arsenault-Ris
1...♖xh3+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♔xh3 (or 2 gxh3 ♕g1#) 2...♕h1#.

327) Wade-Horton
1 ♕xf6+! ♔xf6 2 ♘d7+ ♔e7 3 ♘xb6 ♖c6 4 ♖b1 wins a piece.

328) Kristjansson-Salgado Allaria
1...♖xh3! 2 gxh3 ♖xh3 3 f3 ♖g3+ 4 ♔f2 ♖xf3+ 0-1
Mate follows with 5 ♔g2 ♕g4+ 6 ♔h2 ♖h3#.

329) Korchnoi-Krush
Korchnoi actually resigned before Black could play **1...♕xe4!** winning a piece and the game in view of 2 ♘xe4? ♖d1+ 3 ♖f1 ♖xf1#.

330) Korchnoi-Krush
1 ♖f8+! ♔g7 (1...♖xf8 2 ♗d5 wins the queen) **2 ♖xd8 ♘xd8 3 ♕xc7+** picks up a clear pawn, but in the game Korchnoi actually blundered with 1 ♖f2?? (see the previous puzzle).

331) Popilski-Porat
1...♘f3+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♗xf3 ♕f2#.

332) Hopwood-Mackenzie
1 ♕xf7+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♖xf7 2 ♖e8#.

333) Robertson-Stokes
1 ♘xb7! ♘xb7 (or 1...♔xb7 2 ♕a6+ ♔b8 3 ♕xc6) **2 ♕xc6** wins an important pawn.

334) Bodnaruk-Gunina
1 ♕g8+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♘xg8 2 ♘h7#.

335) Seeman-Akesson
1 ♗xg6! fxg6 2 f7+ 1-0
Mate follows after 2...♔xf7 (or 2...♔g7 3 ♗f6+ ♔xf7 4 ♕h7+) 3 ♕h7+ ♗g7 4 ♖f1+.

336) Unzicker-Bronstein
1...♕xg2+! (just in time) **2 ♕xg2** (or 2 ♔xg2 ♖e2+ 3 ♔f3 ♕f2#) **2...♖e2 0-1**
The checks run out after 3 ♖g8+ ♔h7 4 ♖g7+ ♔h6.

337) McGowan-MacGregor
1 ♖xa6+! ♔xa6 (or 1...bxa6 2 ♕c7+ ♔a8 3 ♕c6+ ♔a7 4 ♖f7+ followed by mate) **2 ♕a3+ ♔b6 3 ♖b3+** (3 ♕b4+ is similar and a little faster) **3...♔c6 4 ♖c3+** (the computer points out that it was possible to mate by keeping checking: 4 ♕a4+ ♔d6 5 ♕d4+ ♔e6 6 ♖b6+ ♔f7 7 ♖xb7+ ♔e6 8 ♕c4+ ♔f6 9 ♖b6+ ♔e7 10 ♕c5+ ♔e8 11 ♖e6+ ♔f7 12 ♕e7+ ♔g8 13 ♖g6+ ♔h8 14 ♕g7#) **4...♔d7 5 ♖d3+ ♔e8 6 ♕a4+ ♔e7 7 ♕b4+ ♔e8 8 ♕b5+ ♔e7 9 ♕xb7+ ♔e8 10 ♕c6+ ♔e7 11 ♕c7+** and the black rook finally fell.

338) Adda-Janev
1...♖xd5 0-1
Black wins the bishop on d2 since 2 ♕xd5? allows 2...♕f1+ 3 ♖xf1 ♖xf1#.

339) Di Paolo-Olivier
1 ♖exf6! ♖xf6 2 ♖xf6 1-0
White wins a piece since 2...gxf6? 3 ♕xh6+ ♔g8 4 ♗c4+ forces Black to part with his queen.

340) Holt-Palliser
1 ♖xg5+! ♔f8 2 ♖g8+! 1-0
It's mate on g7 in any case after 2...♔xg8 3 ♕xh6.

341) Dorrington-Williams
1...♖xc2!! 2 ♘xa5 (or 2 ♔xc2 ♕xa2 3 ♗c1 ♖c8+ with a crushing attack and even 2 ♗d4 fails to save White in view of 2...♘c3+!) **2...♘d2+!** (now Black's raking bishops come into their own) **3 ♕xd2 ♖xb2+ 4 ♔c1 ♖b1# 0-1**

342) Slovineau-Rukminto
1 ♕b7+! ♖xb7 2 axb7+ 1-0
It's mate with 2...♔xb7 3 ♗c6+ ♔c8 4 ♖xa8#.

343) Rogerson-Palliser
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♔xh7 2 ♖h3+ ♗h4 3 ♖xh4#.

344) Smallbone-Brazier
1 ♖xf5! gxf5? (1...♖d6 prevents mate, but leaves Black a clear piece down after 2 ♕g5) **2 h6 1-0**

345) Taimanov-Persitz
1 ♖g8+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♖xg8 2 ♘f7#.

346) Short-Biyiasis
1 ♕xe5+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♕xe5 (or 1...♔g8 2 ♕xd4) 2 ♖xf8+ ♖xf8 3 ♖xf8#.

347) Mulligan-Foord
1...♕xh2+! 2 ♔xh2 ♖h6+ 3 ♔g3 ♗h4+ 0-1
It's mate after 4 ♔f4 (or 4 ♔h2 ♗xf2+ 5 ♗h3 ♖xh3#) 4...♖f6#.

348) Westerinen-Larsen
1...♘f3+! 0-1
Black wins a rook since it's mate after 2 gxf3 ♖d5+ 3 ♔c1 ♖xe1#.

349) Siebrecht-Diaz Diaz
1...♘h3+! 0-1
Black's attack becomes a mating one after 2 ♔h1 (or 2 gxh3 ♕g5+ 3 ♗g2 ♕xg2#) 2...♘xf2+ 3 ♔g1 ♘g4 4 g3 ♖c3! 5 ♖xc3 dxc3 6 ♕xc3 ♕e4.

350) Turner-Smallbone
1 ♗xg7! 1-0
Black loses his queen for insufficient compensation after 1...♔xg7 (or 1...♖fc8 when White has a pleasant choice between 2 ♕d2 and a strong attack after 2 ♗f6 ♔f8 3 ♕d2 ♔e8 4 ♖e1) 2 ♖g3+ ♔h6 3 ♕d2+ ♔h7 4 ♖h3.

351) Palliser-Horner
1...♖xe4! wins a piece since 2 fxe4 ♗b4+ 3 ♔f1 ♕h3+ 4 ♔g1 ♖d6 gives Black a crushing attack.

352) Otten-Bensdorp
1...♗xd4+! 2 ♕xd4 (it's mate down the e-file after 2 ♗xd4 ♕g5+ 3 ♔f2 ♕g2+ 4 ♔e1 ♖e8+) **2...♕g5+ 3 ♔f2 ♕g2+ 4 ♔e1 ♖e8+ 5 ♔d1 ♕xf1+** wins the exchange while retaining the initiative.

353) Grotenhuis-L'Ami
1...♖xc3! (or 1...♕h2+ 2 ♔f1 ♖xc3!) **2 ♖xf6** (Black has a winning attack after 2 ♗xc3 ♕h2+ 3 ♔f1 ♘e4; for example, 4 ♗d3 ♗b5! 5 ♗xb5 ♕h1+ 6 ♔e2 ♘xc3+ 7 ♔f2 ♕xa1 winning material) **2...♕h2+ 3 ♔f1 ♗g3 4 ♕xg3 ♕xg3 5 ♖f3 ♕c7 0-1**

354) Peng Zhaoqin-Van Nies
1 ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 2 f6+ ♔f8 (Black is defenceless too after both 2...♔h8 3 f7 and 2...♔h6 3 ♕g4) **3 ♕xh7 1-0**
White's queen and f-pawn force mate.

355) Schmoll-Giacomelli
1...♘h3+! 0-1
Black reaches a winning endgame after 2 gxh3 ♖g8 3 ♗h5+ ♔f8 4 ♕xg8+ ♔xg8.

356) Van Wely-Acs
1...♖e6! 2 ♘xe6 (there wasn't anything else to be done against the threat of 2...♖h6; even the computeristic 2 ♗g6 fails to save White after 2...♖xg6 3 ♘xg6 hxg6 4 ♘f4 ♕h6 followed by 5...g5) **2...♗f5+ 3 ♔g1 ♕h2+ 4 ♔f1 ♗g3 0-1**
It's mate on f2 or with 5 fxg3 ♗h3#.

357) Caveney-Tia
1...♘f3+! 2 ♔g2 (or 2 ♕xf3 ♕xe2+ 3 ♕g2 ♕xg2+ 4 ♔xg2 ♖e2+ 5 ♔f3 ♖xc2 with an extra rook) **2...♘xd4 3 ♗xg6+ ♕xg6 4 ♕xe8 ♘xe2 0-1**
Black emerges a piece ahead in the endgame.

358) Hunt-Palliser
1 ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 (or 1...♘xg7 2 ♕xh6+ ♔g8 3 ♕h7+ ♔f7 4 ♖f3+ ♔e8 5 ♕g6+ ♔d8 6 ♖xf8+ and Black is crushed) **2 ♕xh6+ ♔f7 3 ♖f3+ 1-0**
White recoups his material with an overwhelming advantage in the case of 3...♔e7 4 ♕xf8+ ♔d8 5 ♖f7.

359) Harper-Palliser
1...♘e3+! 0-1
Black wins the exchange while retaining the initiative after 2 fxe3 ♕xh1+.

360) Fomichenko-Anibar
1 ♘d7+! ♔e7 (or 1...♕xd7 2 ♕f6+ ♕f7 3 ♕xf7#) **2 ♕g7# 1-0**

361) Pruja-Muratet
1...♖xa2+! 0-1
It's mate down the a-file after 2 ♔xa2 ♖a8+.

362) Gerber-Bartel
1...♘xb2! 0-1
White loses the exchange since 2 ♔xb2? ♖xe2 is truly devastating.

363) Zapata-Welling
The immediate smothered mate fails as Black is covering f7 at the end, but White can prepare it with **1 ♖d8!! ♕c1+** (1...♖xd8 2 ♘f7+ ♔g8 3 ♘h6+ ♔h8 4 ♕g8+! and 5 ♘f7# is the main point of the combination; Black can try and check, but both in the game and after 1...♕b1+ 2 ♔g2 ♕e4+ 3 ♔h3 he quickly runs out of checks) **2 ♔g2 ♕g5+ 3 ♔f1 1-0**
After 3...♕c1+ 4 ♔e2 ♕c2+ 5 ♔f3 ♕c3+ 6 ♔g2 there's nothing to be done about White's back-rank threats.

364) Howell-Wells
1...♖xf2! 2 ♗b3+ (Black's main point is that 2 ♕xg3 ♖f1+ wins the queen after either 3 ♔g2 ♖g1+ or 3 ♔h2 ♗f4) **2...♔h7 3 ♕c7+ ♔h6 4 ♕xc8 ♖g1+! 0-1**
White's queen is lost.

365) Lutton-Palliser
1...♗xf2+! 0-1

Black wins the exchange while retaining a strong attack after 2 ♔xf2 ♕d4+ 3 ♖e3 (or 3 ♔e2 ♕d2#) 3...fxe3+.

366) Kritz-Kolbus

Black mistakenly forced a draw with 1...♖1c2+ 2 ♔b1 ♖c1+, missing **1...♖8c2+ 2 ♔a3 b4+!** which forces mate: 3 ♔a4 ♖xa2+ 4 ♔xb4 ♗a5# or 3 ♔xb4 ♗c5+ 4 ♔a4 ♖xa2#.

367) Devereaux-Lunn

1 ♖exh5! ♘xh5 (1...♖h8 also loses to 2 ♘f5+!, but Black could have put up some resistance with 1...♖g8 2 ♖h8! ♔f8!, if not 2...♖xh8? 3 ♘f5+!) **2 ♘f5+! ♔g8** (or 2...gxf5 3 ♕g5+ ♔f8 4 ♕h6+ ♔g8 5 ♖xh5 forcing mate) **3 ♖xh5 1-0**

Mate follows after 3...f6 (or 3...gxh5 4 ♕g5+ ♔h7 5 ♕g7#) 4 ♕h6 gxf5 5 ♕g6+ ♔f8 6 ♖h8#.

368) Ferguson-Eggleston

1 ♗f6!! ♘e7 (trying to shore up the kingside, rather than be mated after 1...gxf6 2 ♖g3+ ♔h8 3 ♕g4) **2 ♕h5** (threatening 3 ♖h3 h6 4 ♗xg7) **2...h6 3 ♖h3 ♘f5 4 g4! bxa4 5 gxf5 axb3 6 ♕xh6!** (not the only win, but by far the most aesthetic) **6...♖xa1+ 7 ♔g2 gxh6 8 ♖xh6 ♖g1+ 9 ♔xg1 b2 10 ♖h8# 1-0**

369) Korneev-Devereaux

Rather than the game's 1...♕g1 when White escaped with a draw, **1...g2!** would have decided proceedings since 2 ♕xg2 fails to 2...♗c3+ 3 ♔a4 ♕b1 when there's no good way to prevent mate on b4.

370) Palliser-Malakhatko

White levers open the black king's defences with **1 e6! ♕c5** (Black's king is ripped to shreds after 1...fxe6 2 ♕xd3 ♔h8 3 ♕xg6 ♖g8 4 ♕f6+ ♔h7 5 ♘d7!, while 1...♖xd6 loses to 2 ♕xf7+ ♔h8 3 e7) **2 ♕xf7+ ♔h8 3 ♕f6+ ♔h7 4 ♖xd3 ♕xb6** (or 4...♖g8 5 ♘d7 ♕c2 6 ♖f3 and wins) **5 ♕f7+ ♔h8 6 ♕xg6 ♕xf2 7 ♕xh6+ ♔g8 8 e7 ♖d7 1-0**

371) Van Kemenade-Dougherty

1 ♕xd5+! 1-0

1...♘xd5 2 ♖h8# is mate.

372) Ikonnikov-Palliser

1...♖e3! (the only move, but a good one) **2 ♕xe3** (White has nothing more than perpetual after 2 ♕h8 ♕xd5 3 ♕d8+ ♔f5!) **2...fxe3 3 ♖xf5+ ♔xf5 4 ♖e7** (there's no way for White to win; Black's passed e-pawn is fully the equal of the three extra white pawns: for example, 4 ♔g1 ♖c4! 5 ♖f7+ ♔e4 6 b6 ♔d3 forces White to take the draw with 7 b7 ♖c1+ 8 ♖f1 ♖xf1+ 9 ♔xf1 ♔d2 10 b8♕ e2+ 11 ♔f2 e1♕+ 12 ♔f3, because 7 ♖f1? loses to 7...e2 8 ♖e1 ♔d2 9 ♔f2 ♖f4+ 10 ♔g3 ♔xe1 11 ♔xf4 ♔f2 12 b7 e1♕ 13 b8♕ ♕e5+ 14 ♔g4 ♕f5+ 15 ♔h4 ♕h5#) **4...♖e4 5 g4+!** (prudent, whereas 5 ♖f7+? ♔e5 6 ♖f1 would have cost White the game after 6...e2 7 ♖e1 ♔f4) **5...♔f4 6 ♖xe4+ ♔xe4 7 ♔g2 ♔d3 8 b6 e2 9 b7 e1♕ 10 b8♕ ♕e2+ 11 ♔g3 ♕e3+ 12 ♔h4 ♕h6+ ½-½**

It's perpetual.

373) Sareen-Lohou

1 ♖xe3! ♕xe3 2 ♗xg7! gives White a winning attack: **2...♔xg7 3 ♕g6+ ♔h8 4 ♕h6+ ♔g8 5 ♕xe6+ ♔h7** (or 5...♔h8 6 ♘g6+ and 7 ♕xe3) **6 ♕xe7+** (even better is 6 ♗xf5+ forcing mate: 6...♖xf5 7 ♕xf5+ ♔h8 8 ♕h5+ ♔g8 9 ♕f7+ ♔h8 10 ♘g6#) **6...♔g8 7 ♗c4+ ♗d5 8 ♗xd5+ ♖xd5 9 ♕e6+ 1-0**

374) Kuzubov-Wademark
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♖h3+ ♘h6 (desperately trying to plug the h-file; Black also would have faced a rather grim future after 2...♔g8 3 ♗xe7 ♕xe7 4 ♕xg4 g6 5 e4) **3 ♕d3+ ♔g8 4 ♗xh6 f5** (not 4...gxh6? 5 ♖xh6 f5 6 exf6 when mate follows and neither would 4...♗h4 have saved Black in view of 5 g3 gxh6 6 ♖xh4 ♕g5 7 e4 ♗c6 8 exd5 exd5 9 ♖f1 with a huge attack) **5 exf6 ♗xf6** (5...♖xf6 6 ♗xg7! is rather strong too) **6 ♗xg7! ♔xg7? 7 ♕h7# 1-0**

375) Kuzubov-Palliser
1 ♖xf6! 1-0
1...♘xd3 2 ♘xd3 is crushing since the rook remains immune in view of 2...gxf6 3 ♕xf6+ ♔g8 4 ♗h6 and 5 ♕g7#.

376) Yakovich-Sarakauskas
1 ♘g5! fxg5 2 ♗e5+ f6 3 ♗xf6+ ♗xf6 4 ♕xf6+ ♔g8 (or 4...♕g7 5 ♕xd8+ ♕g8 6 ♕d6 with an extra exchange and the attack to boot) **5 ♗xe6+! ♕xe6 6 ♕xd8+ ♔f7 7 ♖c7+ ♔g6 8 ♖e7 ♕f6 9 ♕g8+ 1-0**

377) Dickson-Botterill
1...♘xc3! 2 bxc3 (White loses his queen after 2 ♗xc6 ♕xc6+) **2...♗xg2+ 3 ♔h2 ♖xd2 4 ♕xd2 ♘g4# 0-1**

378) Lambshire-Keely
1 ♖xf7+! ♖xf7 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♖h7+! ♔xh7 3 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 4 ♕h7#) **2 ♕xg6+ 1-0**
It's mate after 2...♔h8 (or 2...♔f8 3 ♕xf7#) 3 ♘xf7#.

379) Scott-Simonds
1 ♕f6! ♗xf2+ 2 ♔h1 1-0
White emerges a rook ahead after 2...♗d4 (2...gxf6 allows mate: 3 ♖g4+ ♔h8 4 ♗xf6#) 3 ♗xd4 ♖xd4 4 ♕xd4.

380) Webb-Bellin
1...♗h3! 0-1
Only a double sacrifice on e8 can avert mate since 2 ♕xh3 runs into 2...♖c1+.

381) Emms-Fressinet
Rather than the game's 1 h3, **1 ♗xg6+!** would have been all over since 1...♖xg6 2 ♕xh5+ forces mate after 2...♖h6 (or 2...♔g8 3 ♕xg6+ ♔f8 4 ♕g7+ ♔e8 5 f7+ ♔d7 6 f8♕+) 3 ♕f7+ ♔h8 4 ♕g7#.

382) Adams-Maki Uuro
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 (or 1...♔g7 2 ♕g4+ ♔h8 3 ♖d3 with a crushing attack) **2 ♕h5+ 1-0**
A decisive rook-lift follows with 2...♔g7 3 ♕g4+! ♔h6 4 ♖d3.

383) Lucey-Miller
Rather than the game's 1...♘f4 2 ♕xf6+ when it was perpetual, **1...♖2g7!** would have won since **2 ♕d5** (or 2 ♕xh5+ ♖h7 and the exchange-up ending is an easy win) **2...♖h7** leaves White defenceless: for example, **3 ♘h2** (3 ♕c6 e4 is similar) **3...e4 4 ♕c6 e3** and White can't stop the e-pawn without losing his queen to the black knight.

384) James-Lobo
1 ♖xh7! ♖xb2+ 2 ♔c1 ♖b1+ (desperately trying to avoid 2...♔xh7 3 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 4 ♕xg7#) **3**

♔xb1 ♖b8+ 4 ♔a1 exf6 5 ♖xg7+ (plenty good enough, but slightly more accurate was 5 ♕xg6 forcing mate in view of the threatened 6 ♖h8+!) **5...♔xg7 6 ♕xg6+ ♔f8 7 ♕xf6+ ♕xf6 8 ♗xf6 ♔f7 9 ♗xc3 1-0**

385) Burt-Dams
1 ♘xe6!! ♘**f6** (or 1...♔xe6 2 ♕f5+ ♔d6 3 ♗f4+ with a winning attack: for example, 3...♔c5 4 cxd4+ ♘xd4 5 ♖c1+ ♔b4 6 ♕e4! – by no means the only move, but by far the most attractive – 6...dxe4 7 ♗d2+ ♔b3 8 ♗c4+ ♔b2 9 ♖a2#) **2 ♕h3 ♕e7** (White emerges with an extra piece after 2...♔e8 3 ♘xd8 ♗xh3 4 ♘xc6) **3 ♗a3** (this wins the queen, but also rather good is 3 ♖e1) **3...♕xe6 4 ♗f5 1-0**

386) Spassky-Korchnoi
1 ♕h6+! 1-0
Mate follows after 1...♔xh6 (or 1...♔g8 2 ♖c8+) 2 ♖h1#.

387) Novik-Sakaev
1...♕xg2+! 2 ♔xg2 ♗xe4+ 3 ♔h2 (or 3 ♔g3 ♗d6+ 4 ♔g4 ♘d4! with an overwhelming attack in view of 5 ♕xd4 ♗f3#) **3...♖f2+ 0-1**
Black has far too many attacking pieces for the queen after 4 ♔g1 (or 4 ♔g3 ♖g2#) 4...♖xb2+ 5 ♔f1 ♖xb1+ 6 ♔e2 ♘d4+.

388) Darban-Paridar
1...♕xd6! wins a piece and gives Black a crushing attack: **2 ♕xd6 ♘e2# 0-1**

389) Schellmann-Kachiani
1...♖xb2+! 2 ♔xb2 (both 2 ♔c1 ♕b4 and 2 ♔a1 ♖d2! lead to mate) **2...♕b4+ 3 ♔c2 ♕xc4+ 0-1**
White loses his queen after 4 ♕c3 ♕a2+ 5 ♕b2 (or 5 ♔c1 ♗a3+) 5...♖e2+.

390) Henrichs-Prusikin
1...♘f3+! 2 gxf3 exf3 0-1
It's mate after 3 ♗e5 ♕xg4+ 4 ♗g3 ♖h1+ 5 ♔xh1 ♕h3+ 6 ♔g1 ♕g2#.

391) Malienko-Kruglyakov
1 ♖xe6+! ♔xe6 2 ♗b3+ ♔e7 3 ♖e1+ ♔d8 4 ♕a8+! 1-0
Black must give up a huge amount of material to delay mate after 4...♕c8 (or 4...♔c7 5 ♕xa7+ ♔c8 6 ♗e6) 5 ♕xa7.

392) Kovalenko-Chistiakov
1 ♗xh6! overloads Black's defence of g7: **1...♕g8** (or 1...♘xh6 2 ♕xe8+) **2 ♕f6+ 1-0**

393) Perez Celis-Mingorance Torres
1 ♘xh6+! gxh6 2 ♗h7+ ♔xh7 3 ♖xe5 ♖xe5 4 ♕xf4 left White with a near decisive material lead.

394) Damaso Tacoronte-Campos Vera
1 ♖xh6+! gxh6 2 ♕xh6+ ♖h7 3 ♕xf8# 1-0

395) Marrero Falcon-Vega Gutierrez
1 ♘xf7+! 1-0
Black's back-rank problems cost him far too much material after 1...♖xf7 2 ♖d8+.

396) Slaby-Mendoza
1 ♖xa7! ♖ae8 (and not 1...♖xa7? 2 ♖b8 followed by mate) **2 ♗xf8 ♖xf8 3 ♖c1** left White two pawns ahead.

397) Gimeno Higueras-Radulski
1...♗xb3+! 0-1
Following 2 ♕xb3 (or 2 ♔c1 ♗xc4 with an extra two pawns) 2...d3+ White must either give up his queen or lose his rook after 3 ♔b2 ♕xd2+.

398) Yermolinsky-Onyekwere
1 ♖a6+! ♔xa6 2 ♕xc6+ ♔a5 3 ♖b7 1-0
White's extra rook swiftly decides after 3...♔a4 4 ♕xb5+ ♔a3 5 dxe5.

399) Cottrell-Aigner
1...♕xh2+! 2 ♔xh2 ♖h4+ 3 ♔g2 ♗h3+ 0-1
It's mate with 4 ♔h1 ♗f1#.

400) Hopwood-Conroy
1 ♘f5+! ♔h8 (and not 1...gxf5? 2 ♕g5+ ♔h8 3 ♕xf6+ ♔g8 4 ♖g1#, while 1...♔g8 2 ♕h6 ♘e8 3 h4! gives White a rather powerful attack) and now, even stronger than the game's promising 2 ♘xd6, is **2 ♕h6! ♖g8 3 ♘xd6 ♕e7 4 dxe5 ♘bd7 5 ♖b7** leaving White two pawns up and with some advantage.

401) Palliser-Ansell
1 f6+! ♔xf7 2 ♕xh7+ ♔xf6 (and not 2...♔e6? 3 ♖e1+! when White wins) **3 ♕h8+** forces perpetual, although White must still be a little accurate: **3...♔f7 4 ♕h7+ ♔e6 5 ♕g8+ ♔d7 6 ♕g7+ ♔d8 7 ♕f6+ ♔c8 8 ♕h8+ ♔c7 9 ♕e5+** (preventing Black's king from hiding in the a8-corner) **9...♔c6 10 ♕f6+ ♔b5 11 ♕b6+ ♔c4 12 ♕e6+ ♔c5** (Black sensibly avoided 12...♔d3 on account of 13 ♕b3+ ♔e4 – and not 13...♔e2? 14 ♕f3# – 14 ♖e1+! ♕xe1 15 ♕e6+ ♔f4 16 ♕xe1 when White has at least a draw) **½-½**

402) Palliser-McNab
1...♖xe3! 2 ♖xd6 (2 fxe3 fails to 2...♘xg3#) **2...♕g5 0-1**
There's no defence on the kingside with 3...♕xg3 but one threat.

403) Van Wely-L'Ami
1...♘a2+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♕xa2 ♕c2#.

404) Palliser-Prole
Rather than the game's 1...♖xf3?, **1...♖xb3!** would have been fine for Black after **2 ♕c1** (or 2 axb3 ♕c3+ 3 ♔a2 ♗e6 when White must find 4 ♖b1! after which 4...♕a5+ 5 ♔b2 ♕xe5+ 6 ♔c1 ♕c3+ 7 ♔d1 ♕d3+ 8 ♔c1 ♕c3+ is perpetual) **2...♕xc1+ 3 ♖xc1 ♖xf3 4 ♖c7 ♗c6 5 hxg6 dxe5 6 ♖xe7 fxg6** with a likely draw.

405) Gordon-Hopwood
1...♗xa2+! 2 ♔a1 (the queen goes after 2 ♔xa2 b3+ 3 ♔b1 ♕xd2) **2... ♗b3** (preventing possible defences with b3, although 2...a3 3 b3 ♗xb3 is also good enough for Black) **3 exf5?** (not the best, but 3 ♘c1 a3! 4 ♔b1 axb2 5 ♕xb2 ♗xd5! leaves Black with a powerful attack and two extra pawns to boot) **3...a3 4 ♔b1 ♗a2+!** (also crushing was 4...axb2 5 ♕xb2 e4, but the second bishop sacrifice on a2 is more aesthetic and decisively rips open further lines) **0-1**

406) Bailey-Palliser
1 ♗xh6! d5 (Black is mated after 1...gxh6 2 ♕xh6) **2 ♗xg7! ♗c5+ 3 ♔h1 ♘xg7 4 ♕h7+ ♔f8 5 ♕h8+ ♔e7 6 ♕xg7+ ♔d6 7 ♕xf6+** and White's extra pawns romped home.

407) Karpov-Taimanov
1...♘g3+!! 0-1
It's mate down the h-file after 2 hxg3 (or 2 ♕xg3 ♖xb1 3 ♕f3 e4 4 ♕e2 ♕d3 5 ♕xd3 exd3 and the d-pawn queens) 2...♖a8.

408) Bondarevsky-Botvinnik
1...♖xh3+! 0-1
There's no way to defend h3 after 2 gxh3 ♘df4.

409) Miralles-Thesing
1...♖xf2+! 2 ♕xf2 ♗h3+ 3 ♔f3 (or 3 ♚xh3 ♕xf2 with an extra queen and a winning attack) **3...♕e4# 0-1**

410) Garcia Castro-Arizmendi Martinez
1...♗g3!! 2 ♔xg3 (or 2 ♕xd1 ♕h2+ 3 ♔f1 ♕h1#) **2...♖h1 3 f5 ♕h3+ 4 ♔f4 ♕f3+ 5 ♔g5 ♖h5+! 6 gxh5 0-1**
It's mate after 6...♕g3#.

411) Neiksans-Stefansson
1...♕xh2+! 2 ♔xh2 ♔f7 0-1
Mate follows after 3...♖h8+.

412) Karpov-Salov
1 ♕xg6! 1-0
White is a piece up with a crushing attack since the queen is immune in view of 1...hxg6 2 ♖h4 and 3 ♖h8#.

413) Shirov-Kramnik
1...♘a3+! 2 ♔c1 (White must avoid 2 bxa3? ♖b8 when Black's queen outclasses his rooks, while 2 ♚a1 ♘c2+ 3 ♔b1 ♘a3+ repeats) **2...♗f4+! 3 gxf4 ♕xf4+ 4 ♖d2 ♖d8 5 ♖ed1 ♖xd2 6 ♖xd2 ½-½**
It's perpetual with 6...♕f1+ 7 ♖d1 ♕f4+.

414) Kulovana-Berescu
1 ♕h7+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♔xh7 2 ♘xf6+ ♔h8 3 ♖xg8#.

415) Blecha-Berescu
1...♘a3+! 2 bxa3 (it's mate after 2 ♔a1 ♘dxc2#) **2...♕xc2+ 3 ♔a1 ♕c3+** (plenty good enough, but 3...b3! would actually have forced mate) **4 ♔b1 ♘c2 0-1**
White must give up his queen to prevent mate on a3.

416) Krupa-Giuriati
1 ♖xg7+! 1-0
It's mate down the h-file after 1...♚xg7 (or 1...♗xg7 2 ♕h7#) 2 ♘xf5+.

417) Addison-Palliser
1...♗xg2!! 2 ♖xd5 (White might try delaying this, but 2 ♔h2 ♕f3! 3 ♖xf3 ♗xf3 4 ♖xh5+ ♗xh5 5 ♕f4 ♗e2 is at least equal for Black, while 4 ♕f4 ♖g2+ 5 ♔h1 ♖g3+ forces perpetual) **2...♗xd5+ 3 ♔h2** (and not 3 ♔f1?? ♗c4+ 4 ♔e1 ♖g1+ when Black wins) **3...♖ef6!** (the point of the combination: White cannot avoid perpetual check) **4 ♖xf6** (4 ♖e2 also leads to a draw after either 4...♗f3 or 4...♖f1 5 e4 ♗xe4 6 ♖xe4 ♖f2+ 7 ♔h1 ♖f1+) **4...♖g2+ 5 ♔h1 ♖g6+ 6 ♔h2 ♖g2+ 7 ♔h1 ½-½**

418) Rubinstein-Hirschbein
1 ♖xd7! 1-0
Black must lose his queen after 1...♗xd7 2 ♘f6+ ♔f8 3 ♘d5! in view of the threat of 4 ♕h8#.

419) King-Crouch
1...♘f3+! 2 gxf3 ♘d4 3 ♕xd4 (otherwise 3...♘xf3+ leads to mate) **3...exd4 4 ♘cxe4 ♗e5 0-1**

420) Rowe-Boytsun
1 ♘xg6+! hxg6 2 ♕xg7 gave White an overwhelming attack.

421) Steinkuehler-Blackburne
1...♕g1+! 2 ♖xg1 ♘f2+ 3 ♔g2 ♗h3# 0-1

422) Leake-Emms
1...♖xc2! 2 ♕xc2? (White should restrict his losses to just a pawn with 2 ♖d2) **2...♖xg2+! 3 ♔h1?** (losing further material, but after 3 ♔xg2 ♘e3+ 4 ♔f2 ♘xc2 Black's queen is somewhat stronger than White's rooks, especially with White's king rather exposed) **3...♖xe2 4 ♕xe2 ♘g3+ 5 ♔g2 ♘xe2 6 ♔f2 ♘g3 0-1**

423) Mackinnen-Emms
1...♕xf3+! 0-1
It's back-rank mate after 2 ♖xf3 ♖e1+.

424) Spreeuw-Emms
1 g6+! fxg6 2 fxg6+ ♔h6 (now White's double threat wins a rook and the game, but 2...♔xg6 3 ♕f5+! ♕xf5 4 exf5+ ♔xf5 5 ♗xb7 would have left Black a piece in arrears) **3 ♕g8 ♔xg6 4 ♕xa2 ♕e7 5 ♗f2 1-0**

425) Adams-Hon
1 ♖xa5! ♕b7? (the rook was immune in view of 1...♕xa5? 2 ♘c6+, but even 1...♕e4 isn't much of an improvement since White has a winning attack after 2 ♖a7+ ♘d7 3 ♕h4+ ♔e8 4 ♘xe6!; for example, 4...♕b1+ 5 ♔g2 ♕e4+ 6 ♔h3 fxe6 7 ♕h7) **2 ♖a7! 1-0**
Black loses his queen after 2...♕xa7 3 ♘c6+ and 4 ♘xa7.

426) Cresswell-Wigbout
Rather than the game's 1 ♖h3 when 1...f5 would have been a good defence, **1 ♗xg7!** would have terminated proceedings in view of **1...♔xg7** (or 1...f5 2 ♖xg6 with a crushing attack) **2 ♕f6+ ♔g8 3 ♖h3 ♗h7 4 ♖xh7! ♔xh7 5 ♖c3** and mate down the h-file.

427) Bellin-Hanreck
1 ♘xf6! 1-0
There's no defence against mate after 1...♗xf6 2 e5.

428) Kieran-Smallbone
1...♗xa3! 2 ♕e4 (it's also mate down the a-file after 2 bxa3 ♕xa3) **2...♗b4 0-1**

429) Schulder-Boden
1...d5! wins a piece: **2 ♗xd5? ♕xc3+! 3 bxc3 ♗a3# 0-1**

430) Menchik-Thomas
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
Mate follows down the h-file.

431) Steinitz-Rosenthal
1...♖xg3+! 2 hxg3 f2+ 3 ♔xf2 (or 3 ♕xf2 ♕h1#) **3...♕g2+ 4 ♔e3 ♕f3# 0-1**

432) Andrenko-Kalinina
1...♘e2+ 2 ♔h1 ♕xh2+! 0-1
It's mate with 3 ♔xh2 ♖h6#.

433) Butkiewicz-Van der Veen
1...♘xh2! 2 ♔xh2 (otherwise 2...♕xg3+ occurs) **2...♕h5+ 3 ♔g1 ♕xe2** wins the exchange.

434) Saligo-Taverniers
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♘g5 ♘cxe5 3 dxe5 ♘xe5 4 ♕h5 g6 5 ♗xg6+ ♔g7 6 ♖xe5! fxg6 – 6...♕xe5 7 ♗xf7 ♕f5 8 g4 is crushing – 7 ♕h7+ ♔f6 8 ♖ae1 with a rather powerful attack) **2 ♘g5+ ♔g8 3 ♘xd7 e5** (or 3...f6 4 ♘xf8 fxg5 5 ♘h7 ♕e7 6 ♕h5 and wins) **4 ♘xf8 ♔xf8 5 ♕h5** and White's attack and extra exchange shortly prevailed.

435) Martinez Martin-Hernandez Carmenates
1 ♕d4! (threatening 2 ♘g5+ and of course the knight is immune in view of 1...♕xe6 2 ♕h8#) **1...g5** (or 1...♔g8 2 ♕h8+ ♔f7 3 ♘d8+! ♔e7 4 ♘c6+ ♔f7 5 ♕h7+ ♔e6 6 ♕xh6 with an extra piece) **2 ♘xg5+ ♔g6 3 ♕d3+! ♔xg5 4 h4+ ♔f4** (or 4...♔g4 5 ♕h3+ ♔f4 6 ♕f3#) **5 ♕f3# 1-0**

436) Mateo-Hernandez Carmenates
1...♖h1+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♔xh1 ♕a1+ 3 ♔h2 ♕g1+ 4 ♔h3 ♕h1#.

437) Knox-Pytel
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♘g5 g6 3 ♗xg6 fxg6 4 ♕g4 with a crushing attack) **2 ♘g5+ ♔g6** (neither 2...♔g8 3 ♕h5 ♖e8 4 ♕xf7+ ♔h8 5 ♘xe6 nor 2...♔h6 3 ♕g4 would have greatly helped Black) **3 ♕g4 f5 4 ♕g3** (rather strong too is 4 exf6 ♖xf6 5 ♘xc7) **4...♕d7?** (a blunder, although Black wouldn't have lasted long in the case of the slightly superior 4...♕c8 5 ♘xe6+ ♔f7 6 ♘bxc7) **5 ♘xe6+ ♔f7 6 ♕xg7+! ♔xe6 7 ♘d4# 1-0**

438) Konguvel-Del Valle Cirera
1 exf5! ♗xd5 2 f6 e4 (the inclusion of 2...h6 3 ♕f5 makes no real difference) **3 fxg7 ♔xg7 4 ♕xd5 exd3 5 ♕xc6** and White had won a piece.

439) Ripari-Cori
1 ♖xe6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♘xe6 2 ♖f7#.

440) Hungaski-Di Diego
1 ♗b5! ♘c6 (1...♕xe2 fails to, of course, 2 ♖a8#, but there was no defence in any case; for example, 1...♕b8 2 ♗f4 e5 3 ♕c4 is game over) **2 ♗xc6 1-0**
Black is crushed after 2...bxc6 3 ♕a6+ ♔d7 4 ♕b7+ ♔e8 5 ♕xc6+ ♔f8 (or 5...♖d7 6 ♖a8+ ♔e7 7 ♖xh8) 6 ♗h6+ ♔g8 7 ♖a8.

441) Frink-Horyna
1 ♗xg6! wins a pawn in view of 1...hxg6? 2 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 3 ♖xf6.

442) Stross-Benes
1 ♘h6+! ♔h8 (or 1...♕xh6 2 ♕a8+ ♗f8 3 ♖xf8#) **2 ♕f8+! 1-0**
Mate follows with 2...♗xf8 3 ♖xf8+ ♖g8 4 ♖xg8#.

443) Hruby-Baum
1...♗g3! wins White's queen: **2 ♕xg3 ♖xf3+ 0-1**

444) Milman-Fang
1 ♕g6+! fxg6 (the same finish occurs after 1...♘xg6 2 hxg6+ ♔xg7 3 ♖h7#) **2 hxg6+ ♔xg7 3 ♖h7# 1-0**

445) Zivkovic-Bodiroga
1...♖xf2+! 2 ♔e1 (or 2 ♘xf2 ♕e3+ 3 ♔f1 ♕xf2#) **2...♕e3+ 0-1**
White is defenceless after 3 ♘e2 ♖xg2 4 ♔f1 ♖h2.

446) Malakhatko-Hartmann
1 ♘xd6+! 1-0
White wins at least the exchange after 1...♕xd6 (or 1...♔f8 2 ♕xe5 with a crushing advantage) 2 ♗xe5 ♕e7 3 d6.

447) Leon Hoyes-Sanchez Enriquez
1 ♗xh6! removes a key pawn in view of 1...gxh6? 2 ♕xh6 ♘h7 3 ♖h3 with a crushing attack.

448) Stephenson-Rowntree
1 ♕xf8+! ♘xf8 2 ♖xf8+ ♕g8 3 ♖xg8# 1-0

449) Zakoscielna-Siembab
1...♖xb2+! 2 ♔xb2 ♕b7+ 0-1
It's mate after 3 ♔c1 (or 3 ♔c2 ♖a2+ 4 ♔d3 ♕b5+ 5 ♔d4 ♕c4#) 3...♖a1+ 4 ♔d2 ♖a2+ 5 ♔d1 ♕b3+ 6 ♔c1 ♕c2#.

450) Bobras-Kanarek
1...♖c1+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♕xc1 (or 2 ♔f2 ♖f1#) 2...♕g2#.

451) Stephenson-Greet
Rather than exchanging on g8 as in the game, **1 ♕d2!** would have forced resignation since White threatens to mate after taking on h6 and **1...gxh5** (or 1...♔g7 2 ♘xg8 gxh5 3 ♕xh6+!) fails to **2 ♕d3** followed by mate on h7.

452) Hellenschmidt-Sakayev
1 ♕f7! leaves no real defence to the threat of 2 ♖e8.

453) Maiorov-Aleksandrov
1...♗xg3! 2 ♔e2 (it's mate after 2 fxg3 ♕h1+ 3 ♔e2 ♖h2#) **2...♗xf2! 3 ♖h1** (3 ♔xf2 fails to 3...g3+! 4 ♔e1 – 4 ♔xg3 ♕h2+ 5 ♔g4 ♖h4+ 6 ♔g5 ♕g3# – 4...♕h1+ 5 ♘f1 g2) **3...♗h4** left Black two pawns ahead.

454) Botvinnik-Padevsky
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh7 2 ♖h5+ ♔g8 3 ♖h8+ ♘xh8 4 gxh8♕#.

455) Svidler-Morozevich
1...♖xg2+! 0-1
White has nowhere near enough for the queen after 2 ♘xg2 exf4.

456) Perez-Vallejo Pons
1...♗xg2! 2 ♔xg2 (White might restrict his losses to just an exchange with 2 f4) **2...♕g4+ 3 ♔h1 ♕f3+ 0-1**
The forthcoming rook lift is decisive after 4 ♔g1 ♖f6 5 ♖d1 ♕h3.

457) Handke-Kosten
1...♕xf1+! 2 ♕xf1 ♘f2+ 0-1
Black has far too much material for the queen after 3 ♔g1 ♘xd1+ 4 ♔h1 ♘f2+ 5 ♔g1 ♘h3+ 6 ♔h1 ♘xg5.

458) Roussel Roozmon-Moiseenko
1...♘f4+! 2 gxf4 (otherwise White loses his rook on e2) **2...gxf4+ 3 ♔h2 f3 0-1**
There's no defence against the threat of 4...♖g2+ 5 ♔h3 ♖h1#.

459) Aronian-Carlsen
1...♗g6! (not fearing the exchange sacrifice; instead the game ended 1...♖d7? 2 e6! ♗xe6 3 ♖g8+ ♗f8 4 ♖xf8+ ♔xf8 5 ♕h6+ ♔e7 and 1/2-1/2 as it's perpetual) **2 ♖xg6** (the only real try) **2...hxg6 3 ♕xg6 ♕h3!** and Black has a winning counterattack and one which prevents both 4 e6 (due to 4...♕f3+ and 5...♕xd1+) and 4 ♕xc6+ (in view of 4...♖d7 5 e6 ♕f3+ and again the white rook hangs).

460) Carlsen-Topalov
Topalov amazingly resigned here, presumably thinking his knight was lost, but Black can actually force a draw: **1...♕d5+ 2 ♔h2** (2 f3 e5 draws in similar fashion; the queen must cover g8) **2...e5 3 ♕h7+ ♔f8 4 ♕h8+ ♕g8** (the main point) **5 ♘h7+ ♔f7 6 ♘g5+ ♔f8** and White has nothing better than perpetual.

461) Capo Vidal-Magana
1 ♗xg6! hxg6 2 ♖xg6+ ♔f7 3 ♗h6 ♕e7 4 ♖g7+ ♗xg7 5 ♖xg7+ ♔e8 6 ♖xe7+ ♘xe7 7 ♗g5 saw White's queen comfortably outclass Black's rooks.

462) Gavrilov-Yuzhakov
1 ♘xe6! fxe6 (White wins the exchange after 1...♕xf6 2 ♘g5+ ♕f5 3 ♗xf5+ ♘xf5 4 ♘xh7) **2 ♕xe6+ ♔e8** (and not 2...♔c7? 3 ♕d6#) **3 ♕d7+ ♔f8 4 ♕xb7** picks up two pawns.

463) Karpov-Korchnoi
1 e5! (decisively cutting off the black queen) **1...♗xd5** (White's main idea is revealed by 1...dxe5 2 ♘xf6+ exf6 3 ♘h5! – there's no check on g5 and therefore mate is forced) **2 exf6 exf6 3 ♕xh7+ ♔f8 4 ♕h8+ 1-0**
4...♔e7 5 ♘xd5+ wins significant material in view of 5...♕xd5 6 ♖e1+.

464) Jobava-Ehlvest
1 ♖f7! 1-0
White's attack quickly assumes decisive proportions after 1...♔xf7 (or 1...♖g8 2 ♖xe7 with a crushing advantage) 2 ♕xh6 ♖g8 3 ♕h7+ ♔e8 4 ♕xg8+ ♚d7 5 ♖d1+.

465) Savchenko-Balogh
1...♘xh2! wins the exchange since the knight is immune in view of **2 ♔xh2?? ♕h4+** when White must give up his queen.

466) Torre Repetto-Sämisch
1 ♖xe6! ♘xe6 (it's mate after 1...fxe6 2 ♕g6+ ♔h8 3 ♕h7#, while 1...♖h8 2 ♘f5+ ♔f8 3 ♖xh6 gives White a crushing attack) **2 ♘f5+ ♔g8 3 ♘xh6+ 1-0**
White has a mating attack after 3...♔g7 4 ♘f5+ ♔g8 5 ♘xe7+ ♔g7 6 ♘f5+ ♔g8 7 ♘cxd6.

467) Bronstein-Kotov
1 ♗h6! 1-0
White mates with 1...♘xe5 2 ♗xg7+ ♔g8 3 ♗xe5+ ♗g5 4 ♖xg5#.

468) Bronstein-Geller
1 ♕g6! 1-0
1 ♖xf7 also wins, but Bronstein's choice is faster and more aesthetic: mate is threatened on g7 and occurs too after 1...fxg6 2 ♖xg7+ and 3 ♘xg6#.

469) Markosian-Bodnaruk
1...♕xh2+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♔xh2 ♗f4+ 3 ♚g1 ♗h2#.

470) Skurikhin-Samedov
1 ♖h4! ♕xe5 (or 1...♕c1+ 2 ♖e1 winning material) **2 ♘f5+ ♔g8 3 ♘e7# 1-0**

471) Alekseev-Novikov
1 ♕xh4+! ♗xh4 2 ♗d4+ (2 ♖h1 ♔g7 3 ♖xh4 is also more than good enough) **2...♗f6 3 ♗xf6+ exf6 4 ♖h1+ ♔g7 5 ♖h7+ ♔f8 6 g7+! 1-0**
White emerges the exchange ahead with an easy win after 6...♔xf7 7 g8♕+ ♔xg8 8 ♖xc7.

472) Kaidanov-Anand
1 ♕xf7+! 1-0
Mate follows with 1...♖xf7 2 ♘g6+ ♔g8 3 ♖h8#.

473) Khairullin-Vijayalakshmi
1 ♗xg6! ♔h8 (or 1...♕xg6 2 ♖g5 winning the black queen) **2 ♕xh7+! ♖xh7 3 ♖xh7+ ♔g8 4 ♘h6+ 1-0**
Mate follows down the f-file after 4...♔f8 5 ♖f1+.

474) Lysyj-Ehlvest
It's mate on the h-file: **1 ♘f6! 1-0**

475) Ulko-Zontakh
1 ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 (1...♔g8? 2 ♕h5 forces mate) **2 ♕h5+ ♔g8 3 ♗d5+ ♕f7** (or 3...♖f7 4 ♖c3 and the rook swings decisively into the attack) **4 ♗xf7+ ♖xf7 5 ♕g4** and White won shortly.

476) Kharmunova-Gavrilov
1...♖xg2! 2 ♔xg2 ♖g8+ 3 ♔f3 (or 3 ♗g3 ♕e3 and Black's attack is overwhelming) **3...♕g1 0-1**
Mate follows after 4 ♕c2 ♕f1+ 5 ♕f2 ♕d1+! 6 ♕e2 ♕h1+ 7 ♔f2 ♖g2+ 8 ♔f3 ♕xh3+.

477) Vaganian-Sargissian
1...♕h1+! 2 ♔f2 ♖xe5 3 ♖xe5 (White is mated after 3 ♖ed4: 3...g1♕+! 4 ♖xg1 ♕h2+ 5 ♔f3 – or 5 ♖g2 ♖xf4+ 6 ♖xf4 ♕xf4+ 7 ♔g1 ♖e1# – 5...♕e2+ 6 ♔g3 ♖e3+ 7 ♔h4 ♕h2+ 8 ♔g4 ♕h3#) **3...g1♕+!** (or 3...♖xf4+ 4 ♔e3 g1♕+ which transposes after 5 ♖xg1) **4 ♖xg1 ♖xf4+ 5 ♔e3 ♕f3+ 6 ♔d2 ♕c3+ 0-1**
Black emerges queen for rook ahead after 7 ♔d1 ♖d4+ 8 ♕xd4 ♕xd4+ 9 ♔c2 ♕xe5.

478) Ionov-Kremenietsky
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♖f7 ♖g8 3 ♕h3+ (3 ♖d4 is even more clinical) **3...♔g6 4 ♕xe6+ ♘f6 5 ♖xb7 ♖e8** (or 5...♕e8 6 ♖e7 ♕c8 7 ♕f7+ ♔h6 8 exf6 with a strong attack and an extra piece to boot) **6 ♕f7+ 1-0**

479) Botvinnik-Smyslov
Rather than the game's 1 ♗h3, **1 ♘d4!! ♘xd4** (it's mate after 1...cxd4 2 ♗d5+! ♖xd5 – or 2...♔h8 3 ♖e7! – 3 ♖e8, and 1...♕xa2 fails to 2 ♘e6 ♖f7 3 ♘xd8) **2 ♖e7 ♖f7** (or 2...♘e2+ 3 ♖1xe2 ♖f7 4 ♖xc2 ♖xe7 5 ♖d2 ♖e1+ 6 ♗f1 and White is queen for rook ahead) **3 ♗d5** would have been crushing, since 3...♖xd5 4 ♖e8+ forces mate.

480) Balashov-Ambartsumova
1 ♘f6! gxf6 (mate was threatened on h7 and 1...g6 2 hxg6 fxg6 3 ♕xg6 also leads to mate) **2 ♕g4 1-0**
Black's queen is lost due to the mate threat.

481) Yakovich-Naiditsch
1 b4!! 1-0
White has a mating attack after 1...♕xb4 2 ♕xg5+ ♘g6 3 ♗xg6 fxg6 4 ♖c7+ ♖f7 5 ♕e5+.

482) Kasparov-Anand
1 ♗d8! ♘e6 (Black must give up his queen after 1...♖xd8 2 ♘e7+, and the move 1...♕a7 is also insufficient due to 2 ♘e7+ ♖xe7 3 fxe7 ♕xe3+ 4 ♖f2 ♗g7 5 e8♕) **2 ♘e7+ ♖xe7 3 fxe7 ♕d7 4 ♖h3 1-0**
Mate follows.

483) Okhotnik-Marzolo
1 ♖d8+! 1-0
Black must either lose his queen after 1...♔c6 2 ♘d4+! or allow mate with 2...cxd4 3 ♕b5#.

484) Marciano-Prie
1 ♕xc6+! 1-0

It's mate after 1...♖xc6 2 ♖d8#.

485) Contin-Perdomo
1...♘xh2! wins the exchange: **2 ♘f4** (and not 2 ♗xh2?? ♘g4) **2...♕xf1 3 ♕xf1 ♘xf1 4 ♖xf1 ♗xe5** and Black won shortly.

486) Cubas-Shcherbine
1 ♘g6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...hxg6 2 ♕h4+ ♔g8 3 ♘e7# or 3 ♘xf6#.

487) Barua-Dreev
1...♖xf2!! 2 ♔xf2 ♖xf4+ 3 ♔e2 (or 3 ♔g2 ♕xe3 with an overwhelming attack) **3...♗c4+ 4 ♔d2 ♕d4+ 5 ♔c2 ♖f2+ 0-1**
White is crushed after 6 ♖e2 (or 6 ♗e2 ♕xe3) 6...♗d3+ 7 ♔b3 ♕c4+ 8 ♔b2 ♖xe2+ 9 ♗xe2 ♕xb4+ 10 ♔a1 ♗xb1.

488) Shashikant-Hossain
1 ♗xg6! ♖g7 (or 1...hxg6 2 ♕h8#) **2 ♗xh7+ ♔f8 3 ♗g6 1-0**
There's no good defence to the threat of 4 ♕h8+ ♖g8 5 ♗h6#.

489) Marache-Morphy
1...♘g3! 0-1
White must lose his queen in view of the threat of 2...♘de2+ and of course it's mate after 2 ♕xg6 ♘de2#.

490) Evans-Bisguier
1 ♗c6! 1-0
There's no defence in view of 1...♕xa3 2 ♖xe8#.

491) Evans-Zuckerman
1 g5 ♘h5 2 ♗d3 creates the decisive threat of capturing on h5: **2...e4 3 ♖xh5! gxh5 4 ♘xe4!** (even stronger than 4 ♗xe4 ♕e5 5 ♗xh7+ ♔h8 6 ♗f5+ ♔g8 7 ♕h7+ ♔f8 8 ♗xe6 fxe6 9 g6 ♕g7 10 ♕xh5) **4...♕f4** (or 4...f5 5 gxf6 exf6 6 ♖g1+ with a crushing attack) **5 ♘f6+ exf6 6 ♗xh7+ ♔h8 7 ♗f5+ ♔g8 8 ♕h7+ ♔f8 9 ♕h8+ 1-0**
It's mate with 9...♔e7 10 gxf6#.

492) Kotronias-King
1 ♕h6! 1-0
It's mate after 1...gxh6 2 ♘xh6#.

493) *X3D Fritz*-Kasparov
1 ♖xe5!! dxe5 (it's far from easy to prevent the exchange-winning threat of 2 ♖e6; 1...♘d4 2 ♗xd4 dxe5 3 ♕xf8 exd4 transposes to the game) **2 ♕xf8 ♘d4** (White is somewhat better after 2...♖d7 3 ♕b8, but this was probably a better try) **3 ♗xd4 exd4 4 ♖e8 ♖g8 5 ♕e7+!** (neat) **5...♖g7 6 ♕d8 ♖g8 7 ♕d7+ 1-0**
The a-pawn will queen after 7...♖g7 8 ♕c8 ♖g8 9 ♖xg8 ♕xg8 10 ♕xb7+.

494) Palliser-Eggleston
1 ♖xf6! gxf6 2 ♕d7 ♔g8 3 ♕h7+ (even more effective is 3 ♕e6+ ♔g7 4 ♕e7+ ♔g8 5 ♗h7+! ♔h8 6 ♗g6) **3...♔f8 4 ♕h8+ ♔e7 5 ♕xb8 1-0**

495) Gordon-Palliser
1 ♘xg7! 1-0
White wins a key pawn in view of 1...♔xg7? 2 ♕xh7+ ♔f8 3 ♕h8+ ♔e7 4 ♗xf6+.

496) Tomashevsky-Popov
1 ♖xg6! 1-0
White's attack crashes through after 1...♖xg6 2 ♗xf5 since 2...♗xf5? 3 ♕xf5 ♖ag8 4 ♕xh5+ ♖h6 5 ♕f7+ leads to mate.

497) Skoberne-Hari
1...♘xg3+! 2 ♘xg3 ♖xh2+! 3 ♔xh2 ♖h8+ 4 ♘h5 ♖xh5+ 5 ♔g3 ♗f2+! 6 ♔xg4 (or 6 ♖xf2 ♕xe5+ 7 ♔xg4 ♕g5#) **6...♖h4+ 7 ♔g5 ♕e7# 0-1**

498) Kokol-Varini
1 ♘df7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♕xf7 (or 1...♗xf7 2 ♕xh7#) 2 ♘xf7+ ♗xf7 3 ♕f6+ ♖g7 4 ♕xg7#.

499) Jeric-Gombac
1...♗b2+! 2 ♔b1 (or 2 ♔xb2 ♘c4+ winning the white queen) **2...♘xb3 3 axb3** (the inclusion of 3 ♕e2 ♕b6 makes no real difference) **3...♕xb3** gave Black a mating attack.

500) Radosavljevic-Marholev
1 ♘xg6! 1-0
White has an overwhelming attack after 1...♔xg6 (or 1...♖g8 2 ♕h5+ ♔g7 3 ♘xe7 ♕xe6 4 ♘xf5+ ♔f8 5 ♘d4+ winning the queen) 2 ♕xf5+ ♔h6 3 ♕xe4 ♕xe6 4 ♖f5.

501) Mason-Gunsberg
1 ♕xg6+! ♔h8 (or 1...♔xg6 2 ♖g3#) **2 ♗xf5 1-0**
There's no defence to 3 ♕xh6+ followed by mate.

502) Blagidze-Stein
1...♗g4! 2 ♕d2 (or 2 hxg4 ♘xg4 and 3...♕xh2#) **2...♘f3+! 3 gxf3 ♕g3+ 4 ♗g2 ♗xf3 0-1**
Mate follows.

503) 'Aak'-Palliser
Black simplifies to a winning ending with **1...♖xe4! 2 ♖c3+** (or 2 ♕xe4? ♕xf2+ and 3...♕xg3) **2...♔b8 3 ♕xe4 ♕xf2+ 4 ♔c1 ♕f1+ 5 ♔d2 ♖xd5+! 6 ♖d3** (and not 6 ♕xd5 ♕e2+ 7 ♔c1 ♕e1+ 8 ♕d1 ♕xd1#) **6...♖xd3+ 7 cxd3** (Black escapes the checks after 7 ♕xd3 ♕xa1 8 ♕d6+ ♔c8, such as with 9 ♕c5+ ♔d7 10 ♕d4+ ♔e7 11 ♕b4+ ♔f6) **7...♕xa1 8 ♕xg4 ♕xb2+**.

504) 'La_Vie_en_rose'-Palliser
White wins the queen with **1 ♖c8! ♖xd5** (or 1...♕xc8 2 ♘e7+ ♔g7 3 ♘xc8) **2 ♖xd8+ ♖xd8 3 ♕a5** when his queenside majority should carry the day.

505) Gamzardia-Palliser
1...♗xg3! 2 ♖g2 (or 2 hxg3 ♖xg3+ 3 ♖g2 ♘f4 4 ♗xe6+ ♔h8 5 ♖xg3 ♕xg3+ 6 ♔f1 ♘xe2 7 ♘xe2 ♕xf3+ 8 ♔e1 e3 with an extra queen and a crushing attack) **2...♗xh2+ 3 ♔f1** (mate follows after 3 ♔h1 ♗f4+ 4 ♔g1 ♗e3+) **3...exf3 0-1**

506) Nakamura-Har Zvi
1 ♘xe6! fxe6 (White wins a piece after 1...♕c6 2 ♘xf8 ♔xf8 3 ♖d6) **2 ♗xb6 ♕xb6** (or 2...♕e7

3 ♕a4+ ♔f7 4 ♖d7 winning the queen) **3 ♕g6+ ♔e7 4 f5** (the huge threat of 5 f6+ is decisive) **4...♗d5 5 ♖xd5! 1-0**

507) Sammour Hasbun-Petrosian
1 ♕xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♖h4+ ♔g7 3 ♖cg4# 1-0

508) Palliser-'Diliman12'
1 ♖xg7! ♔xg7 (now the rook-lift is decisive, but White also wins after 1...bxc3 2 ♖g4 ♕c7 3 ♞xc3!) **2 ♕g5+ ♔h8 3 ♕f6+ ♔g8 4 ♖f4 h5 5 ♕g5+ 1-0**

509) Palliser-'Maratonac'
1 ♖xf6! ♔xf6 (or 1...♕xf6 2 ♕h7#) **2 ♖e1** (2 ♖f1+ ♔e7 3 ♘xf7+ is more than sufficient too) **2...♖h8** and now I should have finished with 3 ♕f4+ ♔g7 4 ♕xf7+ ♔h6 5 ♘e6 (or even 5 ♘f5+! ♔xg5 6 ♖e6 ♖g8 7 h4+ leading to mate after 7...♔h5 8 g4+!).

510) Palliser-'NoMore'
1 ♗xa6! wins a pawn since 1...bxa6? 2 ♕xa6+ ♔d7 (or 2...♔b8 3 ♘b5 ♕d5 4 ♘e5! and wins) 3 ♘e5+ ♔e8 (3...♘xe5 4 dxe5 costs Black his queen) 4 ♘xc6 regains the piece with advantage.

511) Palliser-'Quike'
1 ♖xe7! ♖xe7? (losing a rook and getting mated in the bargain, although after 1...♕xe7 2 ♖xe7 ♖xe7 3 ♕xf6 ♔d7 4 ♕d4 White's queen and three extra pawns easily outclass the black rooks) **2 ♕f8+ 1-0**

512) Kochetkova-Lomako
1 ♕xh5+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...gxh5 2 ♖xh5#.

513) Reipsch-Zuse
1 ♘f4! sees the threat of 2 ♘xe6 fxe6 3 ♕g6# win material: **1...♗f7** (or 1...exf4 2 ♕g6#) **2 ♘xe5! 1-0**
It's mate after 2...fxe5 3 ♖xe5+ ♘xe5 4 ♕xd8#.

514) Henrichs-Namyslo
1 .♗xg5! hxg5 2 ♕xg5! ♗a5 (not the best defence, but White wins material after 2...♕xg5 3 ♘xg5+ ♔g6 4 ♞xf7 ♔xf7 5 ♖1e7+ ♔f6 6 ♖xc7 and even 2...♗d7 3 ♕h5+ ♔g7 4 ♕h8+ ♔g6 5 ♖xb8 ♗xb8 6 ♕xb8 leaves him with a crushing position) **3 ♕h5+ ♔g7 4 ♕h8+ ♔g6 5 ♘e5+ ♕xe5 6 ♖1xe5 ♖g7 7 ♖xc8 1-0**

515) Khantuev-Smallbone
1...♖xg2! 0-1
Disaster occurs on the long diagonal.

516) Timmins-Crouch
1 ♖h7+! ♔g8 (and not 1...♔xh7? when it's mate after 2 ♕b7+ ♔h6 3 ♕g7+ ♔h5 4 ♕h7+ ♔g4 5 ♕xg6+ ♔f4 – or 5...♔h4 6 ♕h6+ – 6 ♕h6+ ♔g4 7 ♕g5#) **2 ♖g7+ ½-½**
It's perpetual.

517) Bruce-Pafura
Instead of the game's 1...♕h1+? 2 ♔b2 ♘b5? 3 ♗e5 when Black had to resign, **1...♖xc4!! 2**

♕xc4 (and not 2 bxc4? when it's mate after 2...♕b1+ 3 ♔d2 ♕d1+ 4 ♔e3 ♗d4+ 5 ♔f4 ♕g4#) **2...♕h1+ 3 ♔b2** (3 ♔d2 fails to 3...♕d1+ 4 ♔e3 ♘d5+ when White must part with his queen) **3...♘b5+ 4 ♖c3 ♗xc3+ 5 ♔c2 ♘xd6** would have left Black a piece ahead in the endgame.

518) 5mallbone-Marshall
1...♘f3+!! 2 ♔h1 (it's mate even faster after 2 gxf3 ♕g5+) **2...♕h4 3 gxf3** (now White is mated on g2 or f3, but neither would 3 h3 have saved him in view of 3...♘xh3! 4 g3 ♕h5 5 ♔g2 ♘f4+! 6 gxf4 ♕g4+ 7 ♔h1 ♕h3#) **3...♕h3 0-1**

519) Podgornei-Burt
1...♖xc4! (removing the key defender) **2 dxc4 ♖a1+! 3 ♔xa1 ♕a4+ 4 ♔b1 ♕a2+ 0-1**

520) Perryman-Brown
1...♖xa2! 2 d6 (White is mated after 2 ♔xa2 ♕c4+ 3 ♔xb2 – or 3 ♔b1 ♖a8 – 3...♕xb4+ 4 ♔c1 ♖a8) **2...♕c4 3 ♕xb6 ♖da8 0-1**
It's mate down the a-file.

521) Palliser-5ummerscale
White smashes open the black king position with **1 ♘xe6! fxe6?** (Black could have limped on albeit in a somewhat worse position with 1...♕c6 2 ♘xf8 ♘xf8 3 ♖xf1 ♖d8) **2 ♕xe6+**: **2...♔h8 3 ♕xg6!** (even stronger than the also decisive 3 ♕e7 ♕d8 4 e6+ ♘f6 5 ♕xd8 ♖axd8 6 e7) **3...♘f6 4 exf6 ♕xh2+ 5 ♔xf1 ♕h1+** (or 5...♕xg2+ 6 ♕xg2 ♗xg2+ 7 ♔xg2 and White's bishops dominate proceedings – that's what I call a raking bishop-pair!) **6 ♔e2 ♖fe8+ 7 ♔d2 ♖ad8+ 8 ♔c3 1-0**

522) Burt-King
1 ♗xd6! ♗xd6 (or 1...♖e8 2 ♕xf7 ♗xd6 3 ♘e6+ ♖xe6 4 ♗xe6 with an overwhelming attack) **2 ♕f6+ ♔c7** (White forces mate after 2...♗e7 with 3 ♘xc6+ ♔c7 4 ♕e5+ ♔b7 5 ♖xd7+) **3 ♘b5+!** (the main point of the initial sacrifice) **3...cxb5 4 ♕xd6+ ♔b7 5 ♕xd7+ 1-0**
Black's king is finally trapped and then mated after 5...♖c7 6 ♗d5+ ♔b8 7 ♕xb5+ ♔c8 8 ♕a6+ ♔d8 9 ♗f3+ ♔e8 10 ♕d6.

523) Bruce-Palliser
1 ♖xh6+! ♗xh6 2 ♕xh6+ ♔g8 (or 2...♕h7 3 ♕xf8+) **3 ♖c3 1-0**
Black loses his queen.

524) Yates-Rose
1 ♖h8+! ♗xh8 (or 1...♔xh8 2 ♕h1+ ♔g8 3 ♕h7#) **2 ♕h1 ♖e8 3 ♕h7+ ♔f8 4 ♕xf7# 1-0**

525) Riley-Burt
1...♕xa2+! 2 ♔xa2 ♖a4+ 3 ♔b1 ♖a1# 0-1

526) 5peelman-Burt
1...b2! forces a draw: **2 ♖xd7 b1♕+ 3 ♔g2 ♕e4+ 4 ♔f1 ♖xf2+!** (it's perpetual) **5 ♔xf2 ♕f3+ 6 ♔e1 ♕e3+ ½-½**

527) Palliser-Henbest
1 ♗d5! ♕xd5 (or 1...♖xe7 2 ♖xe7 winning the queen in view of the mating 2...♕xd5 3 ♖xg7+) **2 ♕xe8 d3 3 ♕c8** and White's extra queen was sufficient for victory.

528) Palliser-Miller
1 ♘d7+! (by no means the only way to win, but by far the most clinical) **1...♖xd7 2 ♕e8+! ♗xe8 3 ♖xe8# 1-0**

529) Lostuzzi-Spada
1...♖xh3+! 0-1
Black forces mate after 2 ♔xh3 ♕g4+ 3 ♔h2 ♕h5+.

530) Schulten-Kieseritzky
1...♕xh3+!! 2 ♔xh3 ♘e3+ 3 ♔h4 ♘f3+ (another attractive finish is 3...g5+ 4 ♔h5 ♗g4+ 5 ♔h6 ♗f8#) **4 ♔h5 ♗g4# 0-1**

531) Margiotta-Chen
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♘g5+ ♗xg5 3 hxg5+ ♔g8 4 ♕xg4 left White a pawn ahead with a very strong attack.

532) Donskov-Prokuronov
1...♗xg2! 2 ♕e3 (White's king is eventually mated mid-board after 2 ♔xg2 ♖g8+ 3 ♔f3 ♖h3+ 4 ♔e4 – or 4 ♔f4 ♕xf5# – 4...d5+ 5 ♔e5 ♕c7+ 6 ♔d4 e5+ 7 ♔xd5 ♖d8+ 8 ♔e4 ♖d4#) **2...♗c6! 0-1**
Black has an overwhelming attack after 3 ♖g2 (or 3 ♕xc5 ♖h1#) 3...♕xf5.

533) Malofeev-Fedoseev
1 ♘xg7! removed a key pawn: **1...♔xg7 2 ♖b3 ♕a5 3 ♖g3 ♔h8 4 ♖xd8! ♕xd8 5 ♕e5 ♕d1+ 6 ♗f1 1-0**
Mate follows.

534) Mustaps-Somova
1 ♘e6+! fxe6 (otherwise the black queen is lost) **2 ♕xe6 1-0**
There's no defence to the mate threats on f7 and h6.

535) Fedoseev-Khamidulin
1...♕f2! 2 ♕c3+ (the queen is immune: 2 ♖xf2 ♖d1+ mates) **2...♔g8 3 ♖g1 ♖d1 0-1**
There's no defence along the first rank.

536) Strenzwilk-Thaler
1 ♕xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♖h5# 1-0

537) Dimitrov-Janev
1...♗c2+! 2 ♕xc2 (or 2 ♔d5 ♘e3+ 3 ♔xd6 ♕xf4+ 4 ♔e7 ♘f5+ 5 ♔e8 ♗a4+ winning a monstrous amount of material) **2...♕e3+ 0-1**
It's mate after 3 ♔xf5 ♕e6#.

538) Sokolov-Bologan
1...♗xg2+! 0-1
Mate follows with 2 ♔xg2 ♕g3+ 3 ♔f1 (or 3 ♔h1 ♕xh3#) 3...♕g1#.

539) Bologan-Jakovenko
1...♖xg6! 2 ♘xg6 (or 2 ♖xg6 ♝xe5 trapping the rook) **2...♕b8! 0-1**
White cannot both prevent mate and save his rook.

540) Brugo-Grosse Honebrink
1...♘f3+! 2 ♖xf3 ♕xh2+ 3 ♔f1 ♗xg5 4 ♘xg5 (or 4 ♘2g3 ♕h4 5 ♔g1 f5 with an extra pawn and some initiative) **4...♕h1+ 5 ♘g1 ♖xe1+ 6 ♔xe1 ♕xg1+** picks up the exchange.

541) Erneker-Meijers
1...♗xb3+! 0-1
1...♕xb3+! comes to the same thing: Black is two pawns up in the ending after 1...♗xb3+ 2 ♕xb3+ ♕xb3+ 3 ♔xb3 ♖xd2.

542) Babula-Blatny
1 ♖h8+! ♔g7 (and not 1...♔xh8? 2 ♘f7+ ♔g7 3 ♘xg5) **2 ♖xb8** wins a piece.

543) Padurariu-Tutulan
1 ♕d8+! 1-0
Mate follows with 1...♘xd8 2 ♖xd8+ ♔f7 3 ♖f8#.

544) Palliser-Ellison
1 ♗xd5+! 1-0
More aesthetic would have been 1...cxd5 2 ♗xd5+ ♖e6 3 ♗xe6#, although it's mate in three in either case.

545) Bak-Palliser
1...♘g3+! 0-1
White must give up his queen and the exchange on d4 to avoid mate after 2 hxg3 ♕g5 in view of 3 g4 ♕h4#.

546) Rogic-Bulatovic
1 ♗f6+! wins the exchange on h8 in view of 1...♔xf6? 2 ♕d4#.

547) Plenca-Saric
1...♕d2! 0-1
Black wins a rook since it's mate after 2 ♕xd2 ♖xf1#.

548) Vaganian-Gallagher
1...♘xg3! 2 hxg3 ♕xg3+ 3 ♔h1 ♖d3! ½-½
Now that ♘h2 defences have been negated, it's perpetual after 4 ♕xd3 ♕h3+ 5 ♔g1 ♕g3+.

549) Sandipan-Nisipeanu
1...♕d4+! (forcing the white king to a worse square and thereby making the tactics work) **2 ♔f1** (or 2 ♔h1 ♕xc3! 3 ♗xc3 ♖xd1+ 4 ♗e1 ♖xe1#) **2...♗xb3! 3 ♕xb3** (White is also defenceless after 3 ♕b2 ♗c4+) **3...♕xd2 4 ♕xb6 ♖xc3 0-1**

550) Kasparov-Chuchelov
1 ♖xh7! ♔xh7 (or 1...♕g6 2 ♖dh1 ♘d4 – 2...♕xd6 3 ♕xe4 is crushing – 3 c5! and White wins since 3...♘xc2? 4 ♗c4+ forces mate) **2 ♗xf8 ♕xf8?** (now White finishes with a flurry, although otherwise he is a pawn ahead and still with good attacking chances) **3 ♕xe4+ ♔g8 4 ♕d5+ 1-0**
4...♕f7 5 ♕xf7+ ♔xf7 6 ♖xd7+ ♔g6 7 ♖xb7 regains the piece with a trivially winning endgame.

551) Parker-Rasmussen
1 ♖xg7! forces mate: **1...♔xg7 2 ♗xe8+ ♔g8 3 ♕xh7# 1-0**

552) Borriss-Palliser
1...♘xb2! 2 ♔xb2 ♕xa3+ 3 ♔c3 (or 3 ♔c2 ♕a2+ 4 ♔d3 ♕xb3+ 5 ♔e2 ♖a2+ 6 ♖d2 ♕xd5 and two pawns ahead, Black should be winning) **3...♖b8!** (the most precise; 3...♖c8+ 4 ♔d2 ♕b4+ 5 ♔e2 ♖c3 6 ♕d4 enables White to put up some resistance) **4 ♕d4?** (not the best defence; instead 4 ♖b1 ♖c8+ 5 ♔d3 ♕a6+ reveals the main point of Black's combination, leaving White's king devoid of a good square; however, perhaps White might have tried 4 ♖d3, although Black can at least reach a two-pawn up ending with 4...♖xb3+ 5 ♔d2 ♕a2+ 6 ♔e1 ♖b1+ 7 ♖d1 ♖xd1+ 8 ♔xd1 ♕xd5+) **4...♕xb3+ 5 ♔d2 ♖b4 6 ♕e3 ♕xd5+ 7 ♔e2 ♕g2+ 0-1**

553) Palliser-Zhigalko
1...♖xh3+! 2 gxh3 ♕e4+ 0-1
White both loses his queen and will be mated after 3 ♔g1 (or 3 ♔h2 ♖d2+ 4 ♔g3 ♖g2#) 3...♖g5+ 4 ♔h2 ♖g2+ 5 ♔h1 ♕xc6.

554) Miller-Murray-Smith
1 ♗xg7! ♗xg7? (Black is also crushed after 1...♗xh4? 2 ♕g4! h5 3 ♕xh4 ♔xg7 4 f6+, but he might have restricted his losses to that of an exchange with 1...♖e3 2 ♕xe3 ♗xg7) **2 f6 ♕xf6 3 ♖xf6 ♖e6 4 ♘f5 1-0**

555) Bronstein-Krogius
1 ♖xf6! (not the only way to win, but by far the simplest as Black now loses his queen)
1...♕xf6 2 ♘d7 1-0

556) Voicu-Taras
1...♘xb2! 2 ♔xb2 ♗xc3+ removed a key defensive pawn.

557) Palliser-Surtees
Rather than the game's 1 ♕d1?, **1 ♗h4+! ♖xh4** (Black is mated after both 1...♔g6 2 ♕xe6+ ♔h7 3 ♕xf5+ ♔g8 4 ♕f7+ ♔h7 5 ♕xg7# and 1...g5 2 fxg5+ ♘xg5 3 ♕f7+ ♔e5 4 ♕e7+ ♘e6 5 ♗f6#) **2 ♕xa8** would have won the black queen with an overwhelming advantage.

558) Goloshchapov-Belov
1 ♖xe5! ♖xd2 (1...♕xe5 2 ♕xd8+ ♔g7 3 f6+ also leads to mate) **2 ♖e8+ ♔g7 3 f6+ ♔h6 4 g5+ 1-0**
It's mate with 4...♔h5 5 ♗f3#.

559) Bocharov-Babiy
1 ♖xf8+! ♕xf8 2 ♘g6+ 1-0
Black's queen is lost in view of 2...♖xg6 3 ♕xf8+.

560) Nepomniachtchi-Kurnosov
1 ♖xb2! ♕xb2 2 ♘g4 leaves Black unable to defend on the kingside: **2...♕c1+ 3 ♔h2 a3** (or 3...h5 4 ♘h6+ ♔h7 5 ♘xf7 ♖g8 6 ♘g5+ ♖xg5 7 hxg5 when the queen and pawns combine to force mate) **4 ♘h6+** (missing the even more precise 4 f4!) **4...♕xh6 5 ♕xh6 1-0**
White is winning easily after 5...f6 6 ♕e3 ♖a8 7 ♕b3+ ♔f8 8 ♕b7.

561) Rublevsky-Bologan
1...♖xf3! 2 ♕xf3 (White must give up his queen after 2 gxf3 ♗xf3+, while 2 ♖xf2 ♖xb3

leaves Black a clear piece ahead) **2...♕xd2! 3 ♕xg4** (Black again emerges a piece up after 3 ♖xd2 ♖c1+ 4 ♔d1 ♖xd1+ 5 ♕xd1 ♗xd1) **3...♖c1 0-1**
Serious material losses are unavoidable due to White's weak back rank.

562) Bologan-Van Haastert
1 ♕xh5+! gxh5 (or 1...♔g8 2 ♕xg6 with an overwhelming attack) **2 ♘f6+! ♗xf6 3 ♖xh5# 1-0**

563) Shabalov-Krush
1 ♘d4+! exd4 (now it's mate, but otherwise Black's queen is lost) **2 ♖g5+ ♔f4 3 ♕xd6+ ♔e3 4 ♕xd4# 1-0**

564) Colautti-Burijovich
1...♘e3+! 2 ♕xe3 ♕xe1 3 ♘f3 ♕h1 wins the exchange.

565) Garro Beraza-Estevez Pegenaute
1 ♗xg6! hxg6 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♗xe8 ♕xe8 3 ♗g7+ with an overwhelming attack) **2 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 3 ♗g7+ 1-0**
Now it's mate, but actually even faster is 3 ♗f8.

566) Garro Beraza-Kuende Gorostidi
1...♖h1+! 0-1
It's mate with 2 ♔xh1 ♕h4+ 3 ♔g1 ♕h2#.

567) Yrjola-Riesco Lekuona
1 ♖xe6+! 1-0
Mate follows with 1...♔xe6 (or 1...♔d8 2 ♕h8+ ♔c7 3 ♗a5+ ♔c6 4 ♗a4#) 2 ♖e1+ ♗e4 3 ♖xe4+ ♕xe4 4 ♕f6#.

568) Schrocker-Stahlberg
1...♕xh4! 0-1
It's mate after 2 gxh4 ♘h3#.

569) Dominguez-Iturrizaga
1...♖xh2+! 2 ♖xh2 ♕e1+ 0-1
Mate follows with 3 ♔g2 ♖xh2#.

570) Leon Hoyes-Dominguez
1 ♕h8+! ♔xh8 2 ♘xf7+ 1-0
It's mate with 2...♔g8 3 ♘h6#.

571) Rodrigues-Molina
1...♕xc2+! 2 ♔xc2 ♗f5+ 3 ♔c1 (or 3 ♔c3 ♖c4#) **3...♘d3+ 4 ♔b1 ♘xf2+** wins at least a piece.

572) Graf-Carlsen
1 ♗c6! 1-0
Black has no satisfactory defence to 2 ♖d8+ and cannot avoid losing a piece.

573) Reinaldo Castineira-Caselas Cabanas
1 ♖dd7! leaves Black defenceless: **1...♘xd7 2 ♕xa6+ 1-0**
It's mate with 2...bxa6 3 ♖a7#.

574) Santos-Navarrette
1 ♕xg7+! 1-0
Mate follows on the back rank after 1...♖xg7 2 ♖d8+.

575) Farago-Grooten
1...♖xh3+! 2 gxh3 g2+! 3 ♔xg2 ♕g5+ 0-1
It's mate after **4** ♔h2 (or 4 ♔h1 ♕g3) 4...♗f4+ 5 ♔h1 ♕g3 and ...♕h2#.

576) Arakhamia Grant-Hanley
1 ♘xg7! (those seeking something more flashy can be reassured that 1 ♘h6+! ♔h8 – 1...gxh6 2 ♗xf6 and mate down the g-file – 2 ♗xf6 gxf6 3 ♘xf7+ ♔g8 4 ♕d5 also does the business) **1...♗xg7 2 ♗xf6 ♗xf6 3 ♕xf6 ♕xd3** (or 3...♕b3 4 ♖a5 and a rook-lift decides in any case) **4 ♕xf7+ ♔h8 5 ♕f6+ ♔g8 6 ♖f5 1-0**

577) Sagalchik-Krush
1...♘xb2!! 2 ♖xe6 (an immediate 2 ♔xb2 loses to 2...♗xe2; for example, 3 ♖xe6 ♗xc3+ 4 ♔c2 ♕b4 5 ♖xe2 ♗e1+ 6 ♔d3 ♖c3+ 7 ♘xc3 ♖xc3# or 3 ♕d2 ♗xf1 4 ♖xf1 ♗xc3+ 5 ♘xc3 ♖xc3 6 ♕xc3 ♖xc3 7 ♔xc3 a5 with a winning ending) **2...♕d7 3 ♔xb2** (or 3 ♖f3 ♘a4 4 ♔d2 ♗xe2 5 ♔xe2 ♘xc3+ 6 ♞xc3 ♗xc3 7 ♔f2 ♗xd4+ 8 ♔g3 ♗g7 with some advantage for Black) **3...♗xe2 4 ♖xe2** (this loses, but improvements are hard to suggest; for example, 4 ♖c1 ♗d3 and Black retains a rather strong attack) **4...♕b5 5 ♖c2** (now White loses her queen, but 5 cxb4 ♕xe2+ 6 ♔a1 ♕xg2 7 ♖f8 ♕xg4 also wins) **5...♗f8+ 0-1**

578) Menchik-Graf
1 ♖d7! 1-0
After 1...♕xd7, 2 ♕xh5! forces mate in view of 2...gxh5 3 ♗h7#.

579) Cohen Gomez-Dizdar
1...♘g3+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 hxg3 ♕h3#.

580) Narciso Dublan-Lazaro Porta
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♔xh7 2 ♖h3+ ♔g8 3 ♖h8#.

581) Wan Yunguo-Liang Chong
1 ♘xg6! hxg6 (or 1...♕f6 2 ♘xf8+ ♔xf8 with an extra exchange) **2 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 3 ♕h6+ ♔g8 4 ♗g5 1-0**
Black must lose his queen in view of 5 ♗f6.

582) Xiu Deshun-Du Shan
1 ♘f6+! gxf6 2 ♗xb7 1-0
White wins the exchange on a8 in view of 2...♕xb7? 3 ♕g4+ ♔h8 4 ♗xf6#.

583) Allison-Hopwood
1 ♘e7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♘xe7 2 ♕xc8+ ♘xc8 3 ♖xc8#.

584) Hopwood-Newitt
1 ♗xh7+! (full marks too for 1 exf6 which wins a piece since 1....♗xd1? is mated by 2 ♗xh7+ and 3 ♘g6#) **1...♘xh7** and now White neglected to play **2 ♕xd5+** when Black is crushed

after **2....♗e6 3 ♘gxe6 ♘b4 4 ♕b3**.

585) Garma-Shanmugam
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♔xh7 2 ♖h5#.

586) Tarjan-Karpov
1...♖e3+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 fxe3 ♕g3#.

587) Ovod-Hou Yifan
1...♖8e3! 2 ♘xe3 ♖xe3 gives Black a winning attack: **3 ♖ce2 ♕xh3+ 4 ♔g1 ♖g3+ 5 ♖g2 ♞f3+ 6 ♔f1 ♕h1+ 7 ♔f2 ♕xg2+ 0-1**

588) Gunina-Zhao Xue
1...♖f2! overloads White's defence of b2: **2 ♖b1** (2 ♘xf2 fails to 2...♕xb2#) **2...♘a5 0-1**
The threat of 3...♘b3# is terminal (2...♘d4 comes to the same thing).

589) Nebolsina-Gromova
1 ♕h8+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♔xh8 2 ♖xh5+ ♔g8 3 ♖h8#, although this solution is sadly cooked: 1 ♖e8! also does the business.

590) Alsina Leal-Mirzoev
1...♗xf2+! 2 ♔h2 (or 2 ♔xf2 ♕e1#) **2...♗xg3+ 3 ♔xg3 ♕e1+** (even faster is 3...♕e5+ 4 ♔xg4 ♕f4+ 5 ♔h5 ♕h4#) **4 ♔h2 g3+ 0-1**
Mate follows with 5 ♔h3 ♕h1+ 6 ♔xg3 ♕h4+ 7 ♔f3 ♕f4#.

591) Fischer-Myagmarsuren
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh7 2 hxg6+ ♔xg6 (or 2...♔g8 3 ♖h8#) 3 ♗e4#.

592) Player-Fegan
1...♘f2+! 2 ♔g1 (or 2 ♖xf2 ♖e1+) **2...♘h3+ 3 ♔h1 ♕g1+! 4 ♖xg1 ♘f2# 0-1**

593) Plasgura-Feller
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♘g5+ ♔g8 (the best defence since both 2...♚g6? 3 ♕d3+ f5 4 ♘f4+! ♔xg5 5 ♕g3+ and 2...♚h6 3 ♕d3! quickly culminate in mate) **3 ♕d3 g6?** (a much better defence is 3...♖e8, although 4 ♕h7+ ♔f8 5 ♕h5! ♘d8 – or 5...♘dxe5 6 dxe5 ♘xe5 7 ♗e3 ♕b5 8 ♕h8+ ♔e7 9 ♕xg7 with strong attacking chances – 6 ♕h8+ ♚e7 7 ♕xg7 ♖f8 8 a3 ♕a5 9 ♘h7 ♔e8 10 ♗g5 leaves White with the initiative and some advantage, not least due to his passed h-pawn) **4 ♕h3 1-0**
Mate follows on h7 (or f7 should the f8-rook move).

594) Gantsevich-Smirnov
1 ♘f7+! ♘xf7 (or 1...♕xf7 2 ♗xf7 ♗xh4 3 ♗xe8 with an extra exchange) **2 ♕xf6+ ♔g8** (White wins a piece after 2...♕g7 3 ♕xf7) **3 ♗h6! 1-0**
Black loses his queen in view of 3...♕xh6 4 ♗xf7+ ♔f8 5 ♗e6#.

595) Glazov-Stroganov
1...♕xb2+! 0-1

It's mate after 2 ♖xb2 ♖e1#.

596) Kulikov-Gogin
1 ♘xe6! 1-0
Black's queen is lost since White threatens mate on c7 and 1...fxe6 fails to 2 ♕xe6+ followed by mate.

597) Malakhov-Nikiforov
1 ♖xg7! 1-0
Mate follows after 1...♖xg7 2 ♕xh6+ ♖h7 3 ♕xf6+.

598) Popov-Ponkratov
1 ♖xc6! bxc6 2 b7+ ♚xb7 (or 2...♚b8 3 ♘xc6+ ♔xb7 4 ♖b1+ ♔a8 5 ♕b6 followed by mate) **3 ♖b1+ ♚a8** (neither is Black's cause helped by either 3...♔c7 4 ♘b5+ ♔b7 5 ♕e7+ ♔b6 6 ♞c3+ or 3...♔c8 4 ♗xg4+ ♔c7 5 ♕b6#) **4 ♖b4 1-0**
Black can no longer defend c6.

599) Chadaev-Lanin
1...♘c3+! 2 bxc3 ♖xd1 3 ♕xd1 ♕xc3 4 ♘e5 ♗xe5 forced White to give up the exchange with **5 ♖xe5 ♕xe5**.

600) Potemkin-Alekhine
1...♘xd4! 2 gxf5 (White only chance was to try 2 f4, although Black retains a large advantage after 2...♕d7 in view of 3 ♕xd3? ♘f5+; as he does too after 2 ♘xd4 ♕e5+ 3 f4 ♕xd4) **2...♘xf5+ 0-1**
Mate follows with 3 ♔g4 h5+ 4 ♚h3 ♘f2#.

601) Airapetian-Burtasova
1...♖g1+! 2 ♔xg1 ♕xf3 and the extra queen prevailed.

602) Kurilov-Urjubdshzirov
1 ♘xg7! wins a pawn in view of 1...♚xg7 (or 1...♗xd3 2 ♕xd3 ♔xg7 3 ♗xf6+ ♔xf6 4 ♕d4+ regaining the piece with some advantage in view of 4...♔f5? 5 g4#) 2 ♗xe4 dxe4? 3 ♗xf6+ ♚xf6 4 ♕xd7.

603) Andreikin-Lanin
1 ♕xg7+! ♖xg7 2 ♖f8+ 1-0
It's mate next move.

604) Sevillano-Stripunsky
1...♖xd6! 2 ♕xd6 ♗e5 3 ♖h4 (desperately trying to avert mate on h2 and there was nothing better) **3...♗xg2+! 0-1**
White loses the exchange after 4 ♚g1 ♕xh4 5 ♕xe5 ♗xf1 6 ♗xf1 or his queen following 4 ♔xg2 ♕g5+ and 5...♗xd6.

605) Kaidanov-Ivanov
1 h6! fxe5 2 ♗xe7 ♘xe7 (or 2...♕xd4 3 hxg7 ♘xe7 4 gxf8♕+ ♔xf8 5 ♕h6+ with an overwhelming attack) **3 ♖xg7+ ♔h8 4 ♕g5 1-0**
White threatens 5 ♖h7# and after 4...♖g8 5 ♕xe7 the mate threat on h7 continues to decide.

606) Ehlvest-Pruess
1 ♘c7! costs Black at least an exchange in view of 1...♘xc7 2 ♗c3 winning the queen.

607) Anderson-Root
1 ♗xg6! fxg6 2 ♕xg6+ ♔f8 3 ♕xh6+ ♔g8 4 ♖f3 (White has a mating attack) **4...♖h7 5 ♕g6+ 1-0**

608) Plunkett-Latino
1 ♖h8+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♗xh8 2 ♕h3 ♖fd8 3 ♕h7+ ♔f8 4 ♕xf7#.

609) Akobian-Perelshteyn
1...♖xe3! 2 ♗d4 (White is crushed after 2 fxe3 ♘e4! since 3 fxe4 ♗xc3+ forces him to part with his queen as 4 ♔f2 allows mate: 4...♕h4+ 5 ♔g1 ♕g5+ 6 ♔f2 ♕g2#) **2...♖e8** and Black retained excellent attacking chances. The game concluding **3 ♖g1 ♘h5 4 ♕d2 ♖a4 5 0-0-0 ♕c8+ 6 ♔b1 ♗f5+ 7 ♔a1 ♕c2 0-1**

610) Shulman-Krush
1 g4! ♕f4 2 ♕e5+ ♕xe5 3 dxe5+ ♔g6 4 h5# 1-0

611) Bayaraa-Veal
1 ♘xh7! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh7 (or 1...♕b4 2 ♗d2 ♕xd4 3 ♕h6 when mate follows) 2 ♕h4+ ♕h6 3 ♕xh6#.

612) Pitson-Fraser
1...♗xh3+! 2 ♔xh3 (or 2 ♔g3 ♕d7!? – simple and strong is 2....♗xf1 – 3 ♕e2 ♘xf3! 4 ♕xf3 ♗e5+ 5 ♗f4 ♖f8 6 ♘e2 g5 with a strong attack which should at least regain the material with interest) **2...♘xf3** (now White can only avoid mate by giving up his queen) **3 ♕e2 ♕h4+ 4 ♔g2 ♕g4+ 0-1**

613) Bellon Lopez-Berg
1 e6! ♕e7 (mate occurs after both 1...fxg6 2 ♕xg6 and 1...fxe6 2 ♕e5!) **2 exf7 axb3 3 ♕xh6+! gxh6 4 ♖xg8# 1-0**

614) Gagarin-Andersson
1 ♘xf7! ♖xf7 (1...♔h7 2 ♘e6 ♖xf7 3 ♘xc5 ♖c7 4 ♗a3 and White emerges ahead on material because of 4...a5? 5 ♗xb4 axb4 6 ♖xc2 ♖xc5 7 ♗g8+!) and now White missed the cleanest continuation of **2 ♗c3** (the game's 2 ♗xf6 gxf6 3 ♘d5 b5! 4 ♘xf6+ would not have been so bad at all for Black after 4...♔g7 5 ♘e8+ ♔f8 6 ♗xf7 ♔xf7 7 ♘c7 bxa4 8 bxa4 a5) **2...♗d3** (the only way to save the bishop) **3 ♗xf7+ ♔xf7 4 ♗xf6 ♗d6!? 5 ♗d4 ♘a2 6 ♖a1 ♘b4 7 ♘a8** with a clear extra exchange.

615) Palliser-Cable
1 ♗xh6! wins a pawn: 1...gxh6? 2 ♕xh6+ ♔g8 3 ♕xh5 regains the piece, leaving White two pawns ahead and still with good attacking chances.

616) Jasny-Palliser
1 ♘h6+! ♔h8 (or 1...gxh6 2 ♕e6#) **2 ♕e6 1-0**
Even 2...♗e7 doesn't save Black in view of the smothered mate: 3 ♕g8+! ♖xg8 4 ♘f7#.

617) Bernardino-Dragicevic
1 ♗xg7! ♗xg7 (otherwise 2 ♗xf6+ or 2 ♕h8+ ♔f7 3 ♕h7 decides) **2 ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 3 ♖g1+ ♔f8 4 ♕h7 1-0**
Mate follows on g8.

618) Borosova-Newrkla
1 f6! gxf6? (or 1...♕e6 2 fxg7 ♖g8 3 ♖h3 and h6 decisively falls) **2 ♘xh6! 1-0**
It's mate after 2...♔xh6 3 ♖f5 or 3 ♖h3+.

619) Short-Ye Jiangchuan
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh7 2 ♖h3+ ♗h4 (or 2...♔g7 3 ♗h6+ ♔h8 4 ♗f8+ ♗h4 5 ♖xh4#) 3 ♖xh4+ ♔g7 4 ♗h6+ ♔h7 5 ♗f8#.

620) Sild-Piarnpuu
1...♕xf3! 0-1
It's mate after 2 gxf3 ♗xf3#.

621) Shvyrjov-Gansvind
1...♖xa3+! 0-1
Mate follows with 2 ♗xa3 ♖a2#.

622) Miezis-Lelumes
1 ♕f5+! 1-0
White wins a piece, either on g4 or after 1...♗xf5 2 exf5+ ♔f7 3 ♗xc6.

623) Mikenas-Bronstein
1...♖xa3! 0-1
White cannot both save his queen and prevent mate on the back rank.

624) Grabuzova-Batyte
1 ♖xf7+! ♔xf7 2 ♕c7+ 1-0
Mate is forced: 2...♔f6 (2...♔f8 3 ♕d8+ ♔f7 4 ♗e6+ transposes) 3 ♕d8+ ♔f7 4 ♗e6+ ♔g6 5 ♕e8+ ♔g5 6 ♕g8+ ♔f6 7 ♕f7+ ♔e5 8 ♕f5#.

625) Stephenson-Humphries
1 ♖xf7+! ♔g8 (Black loses his queen after 1...♖xf7 2 ♘e6+ and 3 ♘xc7) **2 ♖g7+!** (a nice touch) **2...♔h8** (2...♔xg7 3 ♘e6+ again wins the queen, while 2...♘xg7 fails to 3 ♕xh7#) **3 ♖xh7+ ♔g8 4 ♖g7+ ♔h8 5 ♖xg6 1-0**
White's attack is absolutely crushing after 5...♘df6 6 ♖f1.

626) Stisis-Lundvik
1 ♖c5! ♕xf3 2 ♖xc8# 1-0

627) Lener-Trapl
1...♖xc2+! 2 ♖xc2 (it's also mate after 2 ♔e1 ♘g2+ 3 ♔f1 – or 3 ♔d1 ♕xd3# – 3...♕xf2#)
2...♕xd3+ 3 ♔e1 ♘g2# 0-1

628) Svarc-Vokac
1...♘xg3+! 0-1
Mate follows after 2 hxg3 ♖xe2.

629) Geller-Langeweg
1 ♗xf7+! 1-0
White wins an exchange either on e8 or with 1...♔xf7 2 ♕b3+ ♖e6 3 ♘g5+.

630) Stephenson-Rayner
1 ♖xb2! ♖xd7 (or 1...♕xb2 2 ♗d4+ ♕xd4+ 3 ♖xd4 ♖xd4 4 ♕e5+ ♖f6 5 ♕xf6#) **2 ♗d4+! ♖g7** (the a1-h8 diagonal is also the deciding factor after 2...♖xd4 3 ♕e5+) **3 ♖xb7 ♗f7 4 ♖xf7 1-0**

631) Foisor-Pavlovic
1 ♖h4+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...gxh4 2 g4#.

632) Volokitin-Kravtsiv
1 ♗xg7! ♔xg7 (White has a winning attack after 1...♖fe8 2 ♗f6 and 1...f6 2 ♗xh6 ♖f7 3 ♗b3 is rather strong too) **2 ♕g3+ ♔h7 3 ♕f4 1-0**
It's mate after 3...f5 4 ♕xh6+ ♔g8 5 ♕h8+ ♔f7 6 ♖h7+ ♔g6 7 ♖h6+ ♔g5 (or 7...♔f7 8 ♕h7#) 8 h4+ ♔g4 9 ♗d1+ ♔f4 10 ♕d4#.

633) Schlechter-Meitner
1 g4+! fxg4 (or 1...♔h4 2 ♕xh6+! ♕xh6 3 ♔h2 fxg4 4 hxg4 transposing) **2 hxg4+ ♔h4 3 ♕xh6+! ♕xh6** (otherwise Black loses his queen) **4 ♔h2! 1-0**
There's no good defence to 5 ♗f2#.

634) Spielmann-Hoenninger
1 ♘e7+! ♕xe7 2 ♕xh7+! ♔xh7 3 ♖h5+ ♔g8 4 ♖h8# 1-0

635) Azarov-Zherebukh
It's back-rank mate: **1 ♕xg7+! ♖xg7 2 ♖e8+ 1-0**

636) Tadic-Solak
1 ♗b6+! axb6 2 ♕xb6+ ♔e7 3 ♕c5+ ♔d8 4 ♗b5+ ♘d7 5 ♖xd7+ ♔e8 6 ♖d1# 1-0

637) Solak-Arsovic
1 ♖e8! 1-0
The rook is immune due to 1...♕xe8 2 ♕f6#, while 1...♕g5 2 ♕xf7 is crushing.

638) Ivanisevic-Pikula
1...♕d1+! 0-1
Black emerges the exchange ahead after 2 ♖xd1 ♖xd1+ 3 ♔h2 ♗d6+ 4 ♕xd6 ♖xd6.

639) Pham Minh-Tran Quoc Ding
1 ♖f4+! ♖xc2 2 ♖g8+ ♔h5 3 ♖f5+ 1-0
Mate follows after 3...♔h4 4 g3+ ♔xh3 5 ♖h5+.

640) Spalding-Robertson
1 ♖xc7! ♖d8 (with the point that Black loses his queen after 1...♕xc7 2 ♘xe6+), and now the simplest win is **2 ♖xf7+ ♔g6 3 ♖f6+!**.

641) Naiditsch-Ftacnik
1...♖h1+! 0-1
White's queen is lost after 2 ♔xh1 ♕xf2.

642) Krasenkow-Markowski
1 ♘gf6+! ♗xf6 (it's immediate mate after 1...♖xf6 2 ♘e7#) **2 ♖xg5! 1-0**
Black loses his queen due to White's pressure down the h-file.

643) Belsitzman-Rubinstein
1...♕xh2+! 0-1
It's mate after 2 ♔xh2 hxg3+ 3 ♔g1 ♖h1#.

644) Leniart-Gdanski
1...♕xb1! 2 ♖xb1 ♖xb1 3 ♕f2 (now it's mate, but after 3 ♗xb1 ♘f1+ 4 ♔g1 ♘xd2 Black is a rook up) **3...♖h1# 0-1**

645) Gajewski-Aleksandrov
1 ♗xh7+! ♘xh7 (or 1...♔f8 2 ♗d3 with an extra pawn and a clear advantage) **2 ♕xf7+** (the choice of a human, although the machine points out that 2 ♘xf7!? ♕c7 3 ♘xd6 ♕xc3+ 4 ♔e2 ♕b2+ 5 ♔d3 might have been even stronger) **2...♔h8 3 ♕h5 ♖h6** (3...♕xg5 fails to 4 ♕e8+ ♘f8 5 ♕xf8+ ♔h7 6 ♕xd6) **4 ♘f7+ ♔g8 5 ♘xh6+ gxh6 6 ♕g6+ ♔h8 7 ♕xh6** left White better with a rook and three pawns for the two pieces.

646) L'Ami-Smeets
1 ♘xd5! ♘xd5 (or 1...♖xd5 2 ♖xd5 ♘xd5 3 ♕g6+ ♔d8 4 ♕f7 ♖e8 5 ♖xd5+! and wins as in the game) **2 ♕g6+ ♔d8 3 ♕f7 ♖e8** (Black also drops his queen after 3...♖h8 4 b4 ♖c1 – 4...♖b5 5 a4 – 5 b5 ♖xd1+ 6 ♖xd1 ♕xb5 7 ♖xd5+! ♕xd5 8 e7+) **4 ♖xd5+! 1-0**
Black loses heavy material after both 4...♖xd5 5 ♖xd5+ ♕xd5 6 e7+ ♖xe7 7 ♕xd5+ and 4...♔c8 5 ♖xc5 bxc5 6 ♕d7+.

647) Jonkman-Berg
1 ♘e5+ ♔h8 2 ♖xg7! 1-0
White forces mate in view of 2...♔xg7 (2...♕h4+ 3 ♔g1 changes little) 3 ♕g6+ ♔h8 (or 3...♔f8 4 ♕f7#) 4 ♘f7#.

648) Van der Wiel-Peng
1...♖c2+ 2 ♔g1 ♘xe3! would have forced resignation because of 3 ♕xa7 ♖xg2+ 4 ♔h1 ♘g3#.

649) Van Wely-Karjakin
1...♖xf2! forced perpetual: **2 ♔xf2 ♕h2+ 3 ♔f3 ♕xg3+ 4 ♔e2 ♕g2+ 5 ♔e1 ♕g1+ 6 ♔e2** (and not 6 ♔d2? ♕f2+ 7 ♔c1 ♕b2#) **½-½**

650) M.Adams-J.Piket
1...♖f1+! 2 ♔xf1 ♘xh2+ 3 ♕xh2 (the queen is lost too after 3 ♔f2 ♘g4+) **3...♕xh2 0-1**
Due to his exposed king and undeveloped queenside, White's three pieces are no match for Black's extra queen after 4 ♞xc6 b5.

651) Bosboom-Willemze
Rather than the game's 1...♘xb3+? 2 ♔e3 when Black had to resign, **1...♕b2+! 2 ♔e3** (White must avoid both 2 ♔xc5? ♕xe5+ 3 ♔b4 – or 3 ♔xc6 ♖ac8+ 4 ♔b7 ♕c7+ 5 ♔a6 ♕b6# – 3...a5+ 4 ♔a3 ♕a1# and 2 ♘c3? ♖fd8+ 3 ♔e3 ♕xc3+ 4 ♔f4 ♖d4+ 5 ♖xd4 ♕xd4+ 6 ♔g3 ♕xe5+ 7 ♔g2 ♕e4+ 8 ♔g3 ♕xg6) **2...♕xe5+ 3 ♔f3** (or 3 ♔d2 ♕f4+ 4 ♔c3 ♕e5+) **3...♕e4+ 4 ♔g3 ♕e3+ 5 ♔g2 ♕e4+** would have forced a repetition since 6 ♕f3? ♕xg6, while not fully clear, should favour Black.

652) Krasenkow-Van Haastert
1 ♖xg7! ♔xg7 (or 1...♖xg7 2 ♕xf3+ ♔e8 3 ♘c6+ winning serious material on e7) **2 ♖g4+ 1-0**
Black loses his queen after 2...♔h7 (or 2...♔h8 3 ♕xh6+ ♖h7 4 ♕f6+ followed by mate) 3 ♕e4+ ♔h8 4 ♘g6+ ♔g8 5 ♘e5+.

653) Kosintseva-Berg
1...♗g4! wins a further exchange and the game: **2 ♕xg4 ♕xf2+ 0-1**

654) 5poelman-Van Haastert
1...♗xc2+! 2 ♔c1 (2 ♔a1 ♖e5! 3 ♕g3 ♖xe1+ 4 ♕xe1 ♕f6 gives Black an easily winning end-game) and now Black missed **2....♗b3!** when he gets to consolidate all his extra pawns after **3 ♕f2** (3 axb3?? costs White his queen after 3...♖c5+) **3...♕c8+**.

655) Smallbone-Hackett
1 ♖xe8+! ♚xe8 2 ♗xb5+! 1-0
It's mate on d8.

656) Palliser-Headlong
1 ♖c7! 1-0
White enjoys a crushing attack after 1...♕xc7 2 ♕xe8+ ♔h7 3 ♗xf7.

657) Speelman-Peng Xiaomin
1...♖xg3+! 2 ♔xg3 ♗h4+! 3 ♔xh4 (or 3 ♔f4 ♕xf2+ 4 ♔e5 ♕e2+ winning White's queen)
3...♕xf2+ 4 ♔g5 f6# 0-1

658) Hambartsumian-Yegiazarian
1...♘xf2! 2 ♘xf2 ♗xf3 3 gxf3 ♖xe5 wins a pawn.

659) Moran-Turner
1...♘e4+! 2 ♔g2 (or 2 fxe4 ♕g5+ 3 ♔f3 ♗g4+ 4 ♔g2 ♗xd1+ picking up the white queen)
2...♕g5+ 3 ♔h1 ♗h3 0-1
It's mate after 4 ♖g1 ♞xf2#.

660) Costello-Palliser
1...♖xg3+! 2 fxg3 ♕xg3+ 3 ♔f1 ♗h3+ 4 ♖xh3 ♕xh3+ 5 ♔e1 ♗c3+ 6 ♔f2 ♕h2+ 7 ♔f1 ♖g8 8 ♘g4 ♕g2# 0-1

661) Adams-Braithwaite
1 ♗f8+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♚xf8 2 ♕h8+ ♔e7 3 ♕e8#.

662) Woolley-Tozer
1 ♖xf7! ♖e8 (smothered mate occurs after 1...♔xf7 2 ♞g5+ ♔g8 3 ♕xe6+) **2 ♘g5 ♖xg3 3 ♖xe6 ♖xg2+ 4 ♔h1 ♖xe6 5 ♕xe6 1-0**
Mate follows.

663) Bridger-Palliser
1...♕f1+! 2 ♖xf1 ♖xf1# 0-1

664) Barber-Marshall
1 ♕xe6+! ♕xe6 (Black has to avoid 1...fxe6? 2 ♗g6#, but he might try 1...♗e7 when he is

only clearly worse after 2 ♕xe7+ ♕xe7 3 ♗xe7 ♔xe7 4 ♖he1+ ♔f8 5 ♗e4) **2 ♘xe6 ♗d6 3 ♘xg7+ ♔f8 4 ♘f5** and a pawn ahead and with the initiative, White went on to win.

665) Hopwood-Cameron
1 ♘xe5!! ♗b5? (Black had to avoid 1...♕xe5? 2 ♗f4 when he must give up his queen in view of 2...♕c5? 3 ♗xa6#; the text, though, fails to offer any resistance, although even 1...♘xh5 2 ♗xa6+ ♔b8 3 ♘d3 ♕d6 4 ♗xe7 ♕xe7 5 ♕xh5 leaves White two pawns up and doing rather well) **2 ♘xf7 ♘xh5 3 ♕xh5 ♗e8 4 ♗xa6+ ♔d7 5 ♖xd4+ 1-0**

666) Hopwood-Bennett
1 ♖xg7! ♗xe5 (1...♔xg7 is mated by 2 ♕xh6+ ♔g8 3 ♕xh7# and there's no defence) **2 ♖xh7+ 1-0**
The attack is crushing, just as it is too after 2 ♕xh6.

667) Hopwood-Blacker
1 ♘xd5! 1-0
Due to the pin on his c7-rook, Black has no defence and is crushed. Indeed it's mate after 1...exd5 2 ♖xd5+ ♕d7 3 ♖xd7+ ♔e8 4 ♖d8+! ♔xd8 5 ♕f6+ ♘e7 6 ♕d6+ ♖d7 7 ♕xd7#.

668) Palliser-Baldwin
1 exf6 ♗xf6 2 ♕e4 and the fork wins a rook.

669) Palliser-Woolley
1 ♗h7+! 1-0
It's mate with 1...♔xh7 2 g8♕#.

670) Palliser-Rogerson
1 ♘xg6! hxg6 (Black is destroyed too after 1...♔f7 2 ♘xf8 ♖xf8 3 ♖g7+) **2 ♖xg6+ ♔f7 3 ♕h5 ♗xh6** (or 3...♔e7 4 ♗xf8+ ♔d7 5 ♖g7+ winning serious material) **4 ♖xh6+ 1-0**
It's mate after 4...♔f8 5 ♖h8+ ♔e7 6 ♖h7+ ♔d6 7 ♕e5+ ♔c6 8 ♖c1+ ♘c2 9 ♖xc2#.

671) Turner-Hopwood
1 ♖xf7!! nets an important pawn, thereby giving White excellent attacking chances: **1...♕b3** (capturing the rook leads to mate: 1...♔xf7 2 ♘g5+ ♔f8 – or 2...♔f6 3 ♕f4+ ♔e7 4 ♕f7+ ♔d8 5 ♘e6# – 3 ♕f4+ ♔g8 4 ♕c4+ ♔h8 5 ♘f7+ ♔g8 6 ♘h6+ ♔h8 7 ♕g8+ ♖xg8 8 ♘f7#) **2 ♖d7** (2 ♘g5 is also rather powerful) **2...♗f6?** (dropping a piece, but in any case Black was hard pressed to meet White's ideas of 3 ♘g5 and 3 ♘d2) **3 ♖d6 1-0**

672) Palliser-Mitchinson
1 ♗f7+! ♔xf7 (or 1...♔f8 2 ♗h6+ ♔xf7 3 ♕h7+ ♔xf6 4 ♕g7+ ♔f5 5 ♕g5+ ♔e4 6 ♖d4#) **2 ♕h7+ ♔f8 3 ♕g7# 1-0**

673) Franic-Zelcic
1...♖h2+! 2 ♔xh2 (or 2 ♔g3 ♗e5+ 3 ♔xg4 ♕h4+ 4 ♔f3 ♕f4#) **2...♕h8+ 0-1**
Mate follows with 3 ♔g3 ♕h3+ 4 ♔f2 (or 4 ♔f4 g5#) 4...♗h4+ 5 ♖g3 ♕xg3#.

674) Sasikiran-Ponomariov
1 ♘e5! 1-0
Black must give up his queen since it's mate after 1...fxe5 2 ♕xe5+.

675) Pavic-Petrovic
1...♗xh3! 2 ♗e1 (or 2 gxh3 ♖e2+ 3 ♔h1 ♕xh3#) **2...♖xe1 3 g3 ♕h5 4 ♖xe1 ♗f1# 0-1**

676) Mrdja-Vukusic
1 ♖xe3! wins a piece: **1...fxe3? 2 ♕g4+ 1-0**
It's mate on h7.

677) Kosanski-Lasic
1 ♗xg7! ♔xg7 (or 1...♖d3 2 ♕f6 ♕xf6 3 ♗xf6 with an extra pawn and a rather useful passed d-pawn) **2 ♕c3+ ♕f6 3 ♕xd2 ♘b3 4 ♕a2 ♘xa1 5 ♕xa1** left White a pawn up in the ending.

678) Takac-Vucic
1 ♕xg8+! 1-0
It's back-rank mate after 1...♔xg8 2 ♖b8+.

679) Krajewski-Ziolkowski
1...gxh3! 2 ♖xg6 (Black forces mate after 2 ♖xd6 ♖xg1+ 3 ♔e2 ♖8g2+ 4 ♔f3 ♖f1+) **2...h2! 3 ♖h6** (or 3 ♖xd6 h1♕+ 4 ♔e2 ♖xg6 5 ♖d7+ ♔f6 with an overwhelming attack) **3...♖g1+ 4 ♔e2 ♘c3+! 0-1**
It's mate after 5 ♕xc3 (or 5 ♔f2 ♕g3#) 5...♕xd1+ 6 ♔f2 ♕f1#.

Chapter Three

680) Genzling-Menendez Villar
1 ♘xe5! ♘xe5 (and not 1...♗xd1? 2 ♗xf7+ ♔e7 3 ♘d5#) **2 ♕xh5** sees White win an important pawn.

681) Jeremic-Nestorovic
1...♘d4! and the Siberian trap costs White his queen for two pieces since he has to avoid 2 ♘xd4 ♕h2#.

682) Ruzicic-Ljangov
1...♘xe4! 2 ♕f4 (the main point is that White emerges a pawn down too after 2 ♗xd8 ♘xd2 3 ♗h4 ♘xf1 4 ♖xf1 ♘c6) **2...♘f6** saw Black net a most useful central pawn.

683) Budimir-Jakovljevic
1...♖xh7! 0-1
Black wins a piece since it's mate after 2 ♕xh7 ♕e5+ 3 ♔f1 (or 3 ♔d1 ♕e2#) 3...♕e2+ 4 ♔g1 ♕e1#.

684) Smith-Hunt
1 ♘xe5! dxe5 (neither does declining the piece help Black; for example, 1...♗e7 2 ♘g4 ♘xg4 3 hxg4 ♕d7 4 ♖de1 with strong pressure down the central files) **2 ♗xe5 ♘d7** (or 2...♖g6 3 ♖de1 ♔d7 4 ♕d4 ♗g7 5 ♖xf6 ♗xf6 6 ♕g4+ and wins, as does 2...♗e7 3 d6) **3 ♖de1 ♘xe5 4 ♖xe5+ 1-0**
White wins the queen in style with 4...♔d7 5 ♖xf7+ ♔c8 6 ♖e8! ♕xe8 7 ♕c3+.

685) Cork-Morris
1...♘xe4! wins material: **2 ♕d3** (or 2 fxe4 ♗g5 and White loses his queen) **2...♗g5+ 3 ♘d2 ♘g3 4 ♖he1 ♘xe2+ 5 ♖xe2 ♗xf3!** and White finally loses the exchange.

686) Waterfield-Klein
1 ♗b5! wins the queen in view of 1...♕xb5 2 ♘xc7+ and 3 ♘xb5.

687) Williamson-Foster
1 ♝xf7+! ♔xf7 2 ♕c4+ ♔f8 3 ♕xb4+ wins a pawn.

688) Boguszlavszkij-Cherednichenko
1 ♕xf6+! 1-0
Black loses a piece in view of 1...♔xf6 2 ♘e4+ and 3 ♘xc5.

689) Mueller-Tidman
Here Black resigned, missing **1...♗b4!** (1...♝e7 also averts defeat, but in a far less effective manner) **2 c3** (or 2 ♕xb4 ♕xg5 3 ♗xe4 ♕h4+ 4 ♔f1 ♕xe4 with a clear advantage) **2...♕d5! 3 ♘f3** (White loses the exchange after 3 cxb4? ♗xg2) **3...♗d6** which would have seen Black maintain her extra pawn.

690) Albrecht-Bering
1 ♘xd5! cxd5 (or 1...♕d8 2 ♗xe4 0-0 3 ♗f3 cxd5 4 ♘e2 with an extra pawn and a large positional advantage) **2 ♕xc8+ ♔f7** (White picks up even more pawns after 2...♕d8 3 ♕xb7 ♘d7 4 ♕xd5) **3 ♕xf5+!** and White is two clear pawns up.

691) Young-Palliser
1...b5! 0-1
White's bishop is lost in view of 2 ♗xb5 ♕b6+ 3 ♔h1 ♕xb5.

692) Soufflet-Bellay
The classic trap **1...♘xd5!** wins a piece in view of 2 ♗xd8 ♗b4+ 3 ♕d2 ♗xd2+ 4 ♔xd2 ♔xd8.

693) Harvey-Palliser
1...♘xh2! 0-1
White loses a ruinous amount of material after 2 ♕e2 (or 2 ♔xh2 ♕h4#) 2...♕h4.

694) Rajlich-Schuurman
White wins a piece: **1 g4! axb4** (Black's queen is trapped after 1...♕g6 2 ♘h4) **2 ♕xf6! 1-0**

695) Kregelin-Kleinert
1 ♘xf7! 1-0
White wins the rook on h8 in view of 1...♔xf7 2 ♕xe6+ ♔f8 3 ♕f7#.

696) Johansen-Peterson
Black wins a pawn: **1...♗xh2+! 2 ♔xh2 ♕h4+ 3 ♔g1 ♕xe4 0-1**

697) Wells-Kharlov
1 ♘g5! (threatening both the queen and mate with 2 ♕d6+ ♔e8 3 ♕d8#) **1...fxg5 2 ♕xg5+ ♔f7 3 ♗g4 ♕xg4** (Black loses his queen too after 3...♕h6 4 ♗h5+) **4 ♕xg4** and White's extra queen was decisive.

698) Lopang-Sikorova
1...♗xf2+! 2 ♔d1? (or 2 ♖xf2 ♕h4 3 0-0-0 ♕xf2 with an extra exchange and pawn) **2...♗g1 0-1**

White must lose his rook.

699) Santos-Ferro
1 ♘xe5! ♗xd1 2 ♗b5+ c6 (or 2...♘d7 3 ♗xd7+ ♕xd7 4 ♘xd7 ♔xd7 5 ♔xd1 with an extra piece) **3 dxc6 ♗a4** (this fails to save Black, but there was no way to maintain the extra queen with 3...a6 insufficient too due to 4 c7+ axb5 5 cxd8♕+ ♖xd8 6 ♘xd1) **4 c7+ ♗xb5 5 cxd8♕+ ♖xd8 6 ♘xb5** and White went on to convert his extra piece.

700) Libiszewski-Roos
1 ♗xb7! wins a clear pawn in view of 1...♗xb7 2 ♕b5+ ♕d7 3 ♕xb7.

701) Khenkin-Vernay
1 ♗xe6! wins a pawn in view of 1...fxe6 (or 1...♘c5 2 ♗xf7+ ♖xf7 3 dxc5.) 2 ♕xe6+ ♔h8 3 ♕xd6.

702) Von Herman-Hausrath
1...♘xe4! 2 ♗xd8 (otherwise Black is just a piece up after 2 ♗xe4 ♕e8) **2...♗b4+! 3 ♕xb4 ♘c2+ 0-1**
White remains a piece in arrears.

703) Schudro-Schmeing
White wins a pawn: **1 ♘xe5! ♘xe5** (and not, of course, 1...♗xd1? falling into Legall's mate: 2 ♗xf7+ ♔e7 3 ♘d5#) **2 ♕xh5 ♘f6** (or 2...♘xc4 3 ♕b5+ ♕d7 4 ♕xc4 regaining the piece) **3 ♕e2**.

704) Jameson-Nyland
1 ♘xf7! ♔xf7 2 ♗c4+ ♔f8 (now it's mate, but 2...♔e8 3 ♕d5 ♖f8 4 ♕h5+ g6 5 ♕xh7 also would have been rather strong) and now **3 ♕d5!** (rather than the game's 3 ♕f3+) **3...♕e8 4 ♕f5+** would have led to a beautiful mate after **4...♗f6 5 ♕xf6+! gxf6 6 ♗h6#**.

705) Palliser-Taylor
1 ♖xg1! ♕xg1 2 ♗e3 ♕xh2 (or 2...♕h1 3 ♕h8+ ♔e7 4 ♗xh6 with decisive threats along the eighth, while 2...♘d4+ 3 ♔d3 reveals why White needs his queen on f6 to cover f1) **3 ♕h8+ ♔e7 4 ♗g5+! 1-0**
Black loses his queen down the h-file.

706) Wilson-Dickson
1...♘xd4! either wins a clear pawn or gives Black an extremely strong attack: **2 ♘xd4 ♕h4 3 ♘f3??** (3 ♗e3 was essential, although 3...♕xh2+ 4 ♔f1 ♕h1+ 5 ♔e2 ♕xg2 is rather dangerous for White after something like 6 ♘c3 ♘xe3 7 ♔xe3 ♕h3+ 8 ♔e2 d5!) **3...♕xf2+ 4 ♔h1 ♕g1+! 0-1**
Smothered mate follows on f2.

707) Mateo-Larduet Despaigne
1 ♗xf7+! wins the exchange and a pawn in view of 1...♔xf7? 2 ♘g5+ ♔g8 3 ♘e6 trapping the black queen.

708) Hanley-Hickman
1 b4! wins a piece since Black's queen cannot remain covering his f5-bishop.

709) Adams-Vitoux
1 ♗xb5!! axb5 (probably Black should settle for 1...cxd4 2 ♗xa6 ♘f5 with only a clear disadvantage) **2 ♘xb5 ♖c8 3 c4 ♕h5 4 ♘d6+ ♔d8 5 ♘g5 ♕xd1 6 ♘gxf7+ ♔c7 7 ♖xd1 ♖g8 8 ♘xc8** gave White a large advantage with a rook and three useful pawns for the two pieces.

710) Schmidt-Rohmann
1 ♗xg6!! ♘xd1? (Black doesn't really have anything for the piece after 1...hxg6? 2 ♔xf2, but he might try 1...♗c5 when 2 ♕e2! – 2 ♕f3!? ♕f6 3 ♗xf7+ ♔f8 4 ♕xf6 gxf6 5 ♖f1 fxe5 6 ♗h5 ♔g7 7 ♖xf2 ♗xf2+ 8 ♔xf2 is promising too – 2...♕e7 – 2...0-0 fails to 3 ♗xf7+ ♖xf7 4 ♘xf7 ♔xf7 5 0-0 – 3 ♗xf7+ ♔d8 4 ♖f1 ♕xe5 5 ♖xf2 ♗xf2+ 6 ♔xf2 leaves White's two extra pieces far superior to Black's extra rook) **2 ♗xf7+ ♔e7 3 ♗g5+ ♔d6 4 ♘c4+ ♔c5 5 ♗xd8** (threatening mate with 5 ♘ba3 is a decent alternative) **5...♔xc4 6 ♔xd1** and White's extra piece prevailed.

711) Palliser-Lim
Rather than the game's 1 0-0, **1 ♗xf7+! ♔xf7** (or 1...♔f8 2 ♘g5 e6 3 ♘xe6+ ♖xe6 4 ♝xe6 with an extra exchange) **2 ♘g5+ ♔g8** (2...♔f6 fails to 3 e5+) **3 ♞e6** would have trapped the black queen.

712) Terentiev-Gallagher
1...dxc3! 2 ♗e5? (White misses Black's idea; he would have done better to restrict his losses to just a pawn with 2 ♘xc3 ♘xc3 3 bxc3 ♖xb8) **2...♖xa2! 3 ♘xc3** (White's problem is that he cannot stop Black's c-pawn queening after 3 ♖xa2? c2) **3...♖xa1+ 4 ♘d1 ♘xf2 5 ♚xf2 ♖xd1** left Black the exchange and three pawns ahead.

713) Romanishin-Brenke
1 ♖xb2! 1-0
Black's queen is lost since it's mate after 1...♕xa6 (or 1...♕xb2 2 ♕c6+ ♔d8 3 ♘xf7#) 2 ♖xb8+ ♕c8 3 ♖xc8#.

714) Palliser-Smallbone
1 ♕xg7!! ♗f6 2 ♕h6 ♘c2 (otherwise White is just a pawn up with a good position) **3 ♘c3 ♘xa1** (Black might wish to trade off his bishop before its trapped, but 3...♗xc3 4 bxc3 ♘xa1 fails to 5 ♕g7 ♖f8 6 ♗a3) **4 ♖d1 ♗d7** (or 4...♗d4 5 ♗g5 ♕d6 6 ♕xd6 cxd6 7 ♖xd4 ♘c2 8 ♖xd6 with two raking bishops and a crushing position) **5 ♘d5 1-0**
The bishop lacks a good square since both 5...♗e5 6 ♝g5 ♕c8 7 ♘f6+ ♗xf6 8 ♕xf6 and 5...♗e7 6 ♗g5! ♗xg5 7 ♕g7 ♖f8 8 ♕e5+ ♗e6 9 ♘xc7+ ♔e7 10 ♕xg5+ f6 11 ♕c5+ are crushing.

715) Van Gool-Blijlevens
1 ♗xf7+! ♔xf7 2 ♕d5+ ♔e8 3 ♕xc5 wins a pawn.

716) Tiviakov-Rivera Rodriguez
1 ♖xe6! wins a pawn since 1...fxe6? 2 ♘xe6 traps the black queen.

717) Lahlum-Ulrichsen
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♕h5+ ♔g8 3 ♕xe5 saw White win a pawn.

718) 'Sofine'-R.Palliser
1 b4! cxb4 2 axb4 ♗xb4 3 ♖xb4! ♕xb4 4 ♘e4 ♕a3? (White wins back a piece after 4...♕e7? 5 d6 while retaining a large advantage, but Black should try 4...♕xe4! 5 ♗xe4 ♘xe4 chang-

ing White's task to one of a technical nature) **5 ♘xf6+ gxf6 6 ♕g4+ ♔h8 7 ♕f5 1-0**

719) Palliser-Semkov
1 ♘f6+! 1-0
It's mate after 1...gxf6 2 ♕c6+ ♔e7 3 ♕d7#.

720) Bianchini-Vitri
1...♗xf2+! wins a pawn in view of 2 ♔xf2 ♘e4+ and 3...♘xg5.

721) Morphy-Brunswick & Isouard
1 ♖xd7! ♖xd7 2 ♖d1 ♕e6 3 ♗xd7+ ♘xd7 (or 3...♔e7 4 ♕b4+ ♔d8 5 ♕b8+! ♔e7 6 ♕e8#) **4 ♕b8+! ♘xb8 5 ♖d8# 1-0**

722) Danilov-Tanav
1...♗xf2+! 2 ♔xf2 ♕c5+ wins a pawn since 3 ♗e3 fails to 3...♘g4+.

723) Pau-Farber
Black wins a piece with **1...e5!** in view of 2 ♗xe5 ♕a5+ 3 ♘c3 ♕xe5.

724) Yasin-Istratescu
1...♘xh2! forces White to give up the exchange, such as with 2 ♖d1 (and not 2 ♔xh2? ♕h4#) 2...♘g4 3 ♘f3 ♘f2+ 4 ♕xf2 ♕xd1+ 5 ♗xd1 ♗xf2.

725) Milov-Castro Acosta
1 ♘f3! ♕h5 2 g4! leaves Black unable to continue covering his c5-bishop.

726) Willin-Auschkalnis
1 ♖xh7! 1-0
Black must lose his rook in view of the threat of 2 ♕g6#.

727) Shakarova-Zankovich
1...♕xf6! wins a piece: **2 ♗xf6 ♗b4+ 3 ♕d2 ♗xd2+ 4 ♔xd2 gxf6 0-1**

728) Gibbons-Rej
1...♗xf2+! wins a pawn in view of 2 ♔xf2 ♘xe4+ and 3...♘xg5.

729) Flitney-Escribano
1 ♖xc8+! ♕xc8 2 ♘d6+ ♔e7 3 ♘xc8+ ♖axc8 4 ♗xe5 fxe6 5 ♕d2 1-0
White is a queen ahead and enjoys a powerful attack.

730) Aronian-Navara
White wins material on h8: **1 e4! fxe4 2 ♘xh8**.

731) Ola-Tia
1 f6! ♗xf6 2 ♖xf6 wins a piece in view of 2...♕xf6 3 ♗g5 ♕e6 4 ♖d8#.

732) Reti-Tartakower
1 ♕d8+!! ♔xd8 2 ♗g5+ ♔c7 (or 2...♔e8 3 ♖d8#) **3 ♗d8# 1-0**

733) Baramidze-Babuiian
1...♗g4! 0-1

White's queen is lost in view of 2 ♕xg4 (or 2 ♗xh7+ ♔h8 3 ♕c2 ♕f1+ 4 ♖xf1 ♖xf1#) 2...♕f1+ 3 ♖xf1 ♖xf1#.

734) Kozul-Illescas Cordoba
1...♘c5! 2 dxc5 (otherwise Black wins a pawn on e4) **2...dxe4 3 ♕xd8 ♖fxd8** and Black regains his piece with a large advantage, such as after 4 ♘g5 ♖xd2 5 ♘gxe4 ♘xe4 6 ♘xe4 ♖b2.

735) Nezis-Duggan
1...h5! 0-1
There's no defence to the threat of 2...♘g4 and 2 ♘d2 ♘g4 3 ♘f3 fails to the deflecting 3...♘d4.

736) Hurwitz-Hopwood
1...♘xf2! wins the exchange in view of 2 ♕xf2 ♕xc3+ 3 ♕d2 ♕xa1+ and 2 ♖g1 ♘d3+ 3 cxd3 ♕xg1.

737) Cornhill-Hopwood
1...♘xe4! wins a pawn after 2 ♘xe4 (even worse for White is 2 ♗xg7? ♘xd2 3 ♕b2 ♘xf1 4 ♖xf1 f6) 2...♗xe4 3 ♕xe4 ♗xb2.

738) Anderson-Palliser
1...♗xf3 0-1
Black wins a piece after 2 ♕xf3 (or 2 ♕d2 f6) 2...♕xg5.

739) Armanda-Sitnik
1 ♘xf7! ♗xf3 (or 1...♔xf7 2 ♘e5+ ♔g8 3 ♘xg4 with an extra pawn and excellent play on the light squares) **2 ♗g6!** threatens mate to win serious material.

Chapter Four

740) Walter-Hiermann
1 ♘xe6! wins a second pawn since 1...♘xe6 2 f5+ gives White a winning pawn endgame.

741) Yates-Tartakower
1 ♔b2 ♔c4 (or 1...♔d4 2 ♔xb3 ♔d3 when White draws by arranging to seize the opposition as soon as Black captures on b4, such as with 3 ♔a2 ♔c4 4 ♔b1 ♔xb4 5 ♔b2) **2 ♔a3! b2** (it's stalemate after 2...♔c3) **3 ♔a2! ½-½**
Following 3...♔c3 4 ♔b1 Black only has a choice between stalemate and giving White the opposition after 4...♔xb4 5 ♔xb2.

742) Balogh-Paichadze
1 ♘xf7! ♔xf7 2 ♖xd7+ wins a second pawn.

743) Van Wely-Guseinov
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 (Black isn't helped either by 1...♔f8 2 g6 when the pawn queens) **2 g6+ ♔h6** (the f-pawn is unstoppable too after 2...♔g8 3 f7+ ♔g7 4 ♘d7) **3 f7** (missing the more attractive and faster 3 ♔h4 followed by 4 g5#) **3...♔g7 1-0**
4 ♘d7 is game over.

744) Shirov-Kramnik
1 b6! cxb6 (or 1...♚c6 2 ♖b8 and the a-pawn queens) **2 ♖h8 1-0**
Black either loses his rook on a8 or after 2...♖xa7 3 ♖h7+ and 4 ♖xa7.

745) McNab-Kunte
1 h8♕+! ♔xh8 2 ♔h6 1-0
Black cannot prevent the g-pawn from queening.

746) Westra-Palliser
1...h3! 2 gxh3 ♔h4 3 ♔b6 ♗xh3 0-1
Black queens first and wins after both 4 ♗xh3 ♚xh3 5 ♚xb7 c5 6 ♔c6 ♔g3 7 ♚xc5 h4 and 4 ♗e2 ♗g2 5 ♔xb7 ♚g5 6 ♚xc6 h4.

747) Berkes-Tomic
1 ♗g6+! ♔f8 (the d-pawn slips home after 1...♔xg6? 2 d7) **2 ♗xh5** won a pawn, leaving White's connected passed pawns to decide.

748) Palliser-Round
1...♕xf2+! ½-½
There's no way to escape Black's checks and it's stalemate after 2 ♔xf2.

749) Collinson-King
1...♘xb3! creates a decisive passed b-pawn: **2 ♔xb3 ♔xd3 3 ♗f1+** (or 3 a5 ♔e2 4 ♗h3 d3 5 ♗f5 d2 6 ♗g4+ ♔e1 7 ♔c2 transposing) **3...♔d2 4 a5 d3 5 ♔b2 ♔e3 6 ♔b3** (6 ♔c1 b3 forces one of the pawns home) **6...d2 7 ♔c2 ♚f2 8 ♗h3 ♔e1 9 ♗g4 b3+!** (le point) **10 ♔xb3 d1♕+ 11 ♗xd1 ♔xd1 12 ♔c3 ♔e2 0-1**
After 13 ♔c2 ♔e3 14 ♔c3 ♔e4 Black has the opposition and c4 will fall.

750) Galliano-Smallbone
1...♘d4! leaves White in zugzwang: **2 ♘xg6** (or 2 f4 ♘f3+ 3 ♘xf3 ♔xf3 4 ♔h3 ♔xf4 with a trivial win in the pawn ending) **2...hxg6! 3 h7 ♘f3# 0-1**

751) Savage-Shikerov
Black queens his g-pawn with the deflecting **1...♞c2+!**.

752) Cobb-Duncan
1...♖xe3+! 0-1
The a-pawn queens after 2 ♔xe3 b3 3 axb3 a3!.

753) Ozeren-Clarke
Rather than the game's 1...g6??, Black can simplify to a very promising ending with a neat intermezzo: **1...♖d1! 2 ♘xd1** (or 2 ♖xd1 cxd1♕ 3 ♘xd1 with an extra pawn and bishop against knight) **2...g5!** (other kingside pawn moves lead to the same outcome) and Black either queens on c1 or with 3 ♖d8+ ♔g7 4 ♖xc8 cxd1♕.

754) Barrett-Taylor
1...♗xg2! 2 ♖xg2 ♖xb3 won a key pawn.

755) Haslinger-Bates
Black wins a piece and the game with **1...♕xb3! 2 axb3 a2 3 ♕h1 c2**.

756) Wade-Korchnoi
1 b5! ♔h5 (or 1...♔f6 2 ♔g4 g5 3 ♔h5 with an easy win) **2 a5! 1-0**
The d-pawn queens after 2...bxa5 3 b6 cxb6 4 d6.

757) Vovk-Bobras
1...♗c5+! 0-1
White's king cannot reach the corner: 2 ♔e4 (or 2 ♔xc5 ♔xh5 3 ♔d4 ♔g4 4 ♔e3 ♔g3 and the h-pawn queens) 2...♗b6 (zugzwang) 3 ♔d3 ♔xh5 4 ♔e2 ♔g4 5 ♔f1 ♔f3 and the h-pawn runs home.

758) Safronov-Lysyj
1...♕c6+! 2 ♔a5 ♕b6+! 0-1
Black wins a rook with 3 ♕xb6 (or 3 ♖xb6 axb6+ 4 ♔xb6 ♖xd8) 3...axb6+ 4 ♚xb6 ♖xb8+.

759) Jones-Dive
1...gxh3!! 2 ♔xf3 g4+ 3 ♔f2 g3+ 4 ♔g1 (or 4 ♔f3 h2 5 ♔g2 f3+ and one of the pawns will queen) **4...h2+ 5 ♔h1 f3 6 ♘e4 ♔f4 7 b4 ♔g4** (or immediately 7...f2) **8 b5 f2 9 ♘d2** (Black has a choice of which pawn to queen after 9 ♘xf2+ gxf2 10 ♔g2) **9...♚h3 10 b6 g2# 0-1**

760) Shaw-Paŧliser
1...d3+ 2 ♔e3 (2 ♔f2 ♔b3 3 ♗xe5 d2 4 ♔e2 ♔c2 is similarly hopeless for White and otherwise he loses his f-pawn) **2...♔c3! 3 ♗xe5+ ♔c2 0-1**
The d-pawn cannot be stopped.

761) Timofeev-Guseinov
1...g5+! 2 ♚xg5 (or 2 hxg5 ♔g6 and the threat of 3...e5# is decisive) **2...♖e5+ 3 ♔f4 ♖f5+ 4 ♔e3 d4+ 5 ♔xd4 ♖xb5 0-1**

762) Zelcic-Riazantsev
1...g6! (but not 1...gxh6? 2 ♚xd4 f2 3 ♘xf2 ♗xf2+ with a draw since Black is left with the wrong coloured rook's pawn) **2 h7** (this doesn't come close to saving White, but the win is quite straightforward too after 2 ♔xd4 f2 3 ♘xf2 ♗xf2+ 4 ♔e4 ♗g3) **2...♗e5 3 ♘g5 ♗g7 4 ♔e3 ♔e7 5 ♘e4 ♗e5 6 ♚f2 ♚f8 7 ♔e3 ♔g7 0-1**

763) Kotanijian-Pantsulaia
1...b3! 2 axb3 a3 3 ♗f3 (also hopeless for White is 3 b4 a2 4 ♖a3 a1♕+ 5 ♖xa1 ♖h1+ 6 ♔f2 ♖xa1, but perhaps he might have tried 3 ♔g1 a2 4 ♔xh2 a1♕ 5 ♗xh5 ♕b2+ 6 ♖e2 ♕d4 when Black still has some work to do) **3...♖xh3 4 b4 a2 5 ♖a3** and now I suspect that Black played **5...a1♕+** when 6 ♖xa1 ♖xf3+ is an easy win, rather than the gamescore's 5...♚e5? which allows White to mount a strong defence with 6 ♔g2 g4 7 ♖a5+ ♔f4 8 ♗d5.

764) Gustafsson-Pedersen
1 ♖f6! ♖a5 (White queens after 1...gxf6 2 g6+ ♔h6 3 g7, while the pure pawn ending is also an easy win with 1...♖xf6+ 2 gxf6 gxf6 3 ♔xf6 ♔g8 4 ♔e7) **2 ♖h6+! 1-0**
Mate follows.

765) Socko-Le Kieu Thien
1...♔e6! (and not 1...♔e5?? 2 ♔e7 ♔f5 3 ♔d6 ♔g4 4 ♔e5 ♔xh4 5 ♔f4 ♔h3 6 ♔f3 with a draw) **2 ♔e8 ♔f5 0-1**
White's king has been shouldered away, allowing Black to win with 3 ♚e7 ♚g4 4 ♚f6 ♔xh4 5 ♔f5 ♔g3.

766) Grischuk-Rublevsky
1 ♖xc6! bxc6 2 ♖xf7 ♖f4 (the main point is that the b-pawn runs home after 2...♖xf7 3 b7) **3 c3!** (now there's no defence) **3...♖e4 4 ♖e7+ 1-0**

767) Kreuscher-Sarthou
1...g3! 2 hxg3 (Black queens too after 2 ♖xf8 gxh2) **2...♖xf2 3 ♔xf2** (now the h-pawn runs home, but otherwise White is simply a rook down) **3...h2 0-1**

768) Borriss-Steingrimsson
After White's hideous 1 bxa5, **1...b5!** ensured he was left with only a useless extra a-pawn: **2 a4 bxc4! 3 a6 ♔b6 4 a7 ½-½**

769) Khenkin-Vuilleumier
The Lucena position: **1 ♖d4! ♔c5** (or 1...♖g1 2 ♔e7 ♖e1+ 3 ♔f6 ♖f1+ 4 ♔e6 ♖e1+ 5 ♔f5 ♖f1+ 6 ♖f4 and White's 'bridge-building' technique triumphs) **2 ♖d7** (2 ♖f4 ♖a3 3 ♖g4 also wins) **2...♔c6 3 ♔e8 ♖f3 4 ♖e7! 1-0**

770) E.Bacrot-P.Tregubov
The Lucena position is always a common guest in tournament practice: **1 ♖d4! ♖g1 2 ♔e7 1-0**
White has built a bridge as shown by 2...♖e1+ 3 ♔f6 ♖f1+ 4 ♔e6 ♖e1+ 5 ♔f5 ♖f1+ 6 ♖f4 when the checks have run out.

771) Glek-Roos
1 g6! 1-0
White threatens to queen the g-pawn and after 1...fxg6 (or 1...♔xg6 2 ♖g8+ and the a-pawn queens) 2 ♖f8+! ♗xf8 3 a8♕ his extra queen is decisive.

772) Timman-Baramidze
1 f3! 1-0
Black's bishop is trapped after 1...♕xf3 2 ♕e1, while 1...♗xf3 loses to 2 ♖d8 f6 3 ♕xf6 ♕g7 4 ♕xf3.

773) Quillan-Ansell
1 ♖a3! Philidor's third-rank defence. White draws in view of 1...e3 2 ♖a8 followed by a barrage of checks from behind.

774) Nakamura-Arakhamia Grant
Black avoids the stalemate trick to win trivially: **1...♕g2! 0-1**

775) Adams-Al Modiahki
1...♖g1! 2 ♖f3 (2 ♖xg1 is an immediate stalemate) **2...♖f1! 3 ♖xf1 ½-½**

776) Citak-Dimitrijevic
1 ♖g7+ ♔f8 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♖h7+ ♔g8 3 f7+ ♔f8 4 ♖h8+) **2 ♖h7! 1-0**
There's no defence in view of 2...♔g8 3 f7+.

777) Trevelyan-Jenni
1...♗c2+! 2 ♖xc2 (now it's mate, although after 2 ♔xc2 ♖xa2+ 3 ♔c1 ♖xh2 Black's extra exchange is decisive) **2...♖a3# 0-1**

778) Terrieux-Kryvoruchko
1...♕xf1+! 0-1
2 ♕xf1 ♗b2 forces the c-pawn home, leaving Black a piece ahead.

779) Arkell-Palliser
1 ♖xa4! 1-0
The h-pawn queens after 1...♔xa4 2 ♔xd4.

780) Wade-Palliser
1...d1♕+! 2 ♔xd1 ♔d3 0-1
The e-pawn is unstoppable.

781) Hunt-Hopwood
1 f5+! gxf5 2 gxf5+ ♔d7 (2...♔xf5 3 ♔xd5 costs Black a piece) **3 ♔xd5 ♔xc7 4 ♔c5** (the pawn ending is a trivial win) **4...h6 5 ♔xb5 ♚d6 6 ♔xa4 ♚e5 7 b4 1-0**
White wins in straightforward manner after 7...♔xf5 8 b5 ♚e6 9 ♔a5 ♔d7 10 ♔a6 ♔c8 11 ♔a7.

782) Linares Napoles-Gongora Reyes
1...♗xf2! wins a key pawn in view of 2 ♔xf2 ♖xh2+ 3 ♖xh2 ♖xh2+ and 4...♖xc2.

783) Mannion-Sareen
1...g5!! (much clearer than 1...f4 2 gxf4 exf4 3 ♔xc5 g5 4 e5 gxh4 5 ♔d6 h3 6 e6 h2 7 e7 h1♕ 8 e8♕) **2 exf5** (Black also wins after both 2 hxg5 f4 and 2 ♔xc5 f4) **2...g4 3 fxg4 e4 4 gxh5 e3 5 ♔d3 c4+! 0-1**
Black queens by force in view of 6 bxc4 b3 7 axb3 a2 when White is helpless despite his four extra pawns.

784) Yates-Marshall
1...♔b2! 2 ♔xa4 ♔c3 ½-½
Black's king is in time to both halt and win the f-pawn.

785) Spielmann-Duras
1...♔g5! 0-1
Black decisively seizes the opposition after 2 ♖xf5+ ♔xf5.

786) Bannik-Nikolaevsky
1 ♗xb6! 1-0
One of the pawns will queen after 1...♗xb6 (or 1...♗c3 2 ♗a5!) 2 g6 ♗d4 3 b6.

787) Djukic-Pavlovic
White wins a pawn: **1 ♘ef6+! gxf6** (1...♚d8? 2 ♘d5 costs Black a piece) **2 ♘xf6+ ♔d8** (and not 2...♔f8? 3 ♗h6#) **3 ♘d5 ♗e6 4 ♗xe7+ ♔d7 5 ♗g5** and White went on to convert this clearly better ending.

788) Davies-Morgan
Rather than the game's 1...♔e7, the breakthrough **1...c3!** would have won: **2 b3 bxa3 3 g6 ♔f8 4 ♔h4 a2 5 ♔g5 a1♕ 6 ♔f6 ♕g1** and the extra black queen decisively halts White's passed pawns.

789) Gourlay-Palliser
1...♗d6+ 0-1
White loses a rook after 2 ♔xf3 ♖f1+ and a piece after 2 ♔f2 ♖h2+.

790) Palliser-Hunt
1...♔e8! (and not the game's 1...♔e6?? 2 ♔f8 ♔d6 3 ♔f7 and 1-0) **2 ♔h7 ♔d7!** maintains the opposition and draws.

791) Palliser-Hodgson
1...♔f7! 0-1
White's cause is hopeless in view of his horribly exposed king after 2 ♕e2 (or 2 ♕xa7+ ♔g6 and there's no defence against 3...♕f2#) 2...♘c6.

792) Barata-Costa
Black draws by bringing his king to c5 to prevent ♗c6: **1...♔d4!** (the game actually ended 1...♗c8? 2 ♗d7 ♗a6 3 ♗g4! ♗b5 4 ♗f3 and 1-0 in view of 5 ♗c6; Black faces the same outcome after 1...♗g4 2 ♗d7 ♗e2 3 ♗h3 ♗b5 4 ♗g2 – he needs his king to be playing a much greater role) **2 ♗d7 ♗c4** (both 2...♗b3 and even 2...♗f7 – in view of 3 ♗f5 ♗e8 4 ♔d8 ♔e5! – are also sufficient to draw) **3 ♗c8** (3 ♗h3 ♗b5 4 ♗g2 ♔c5 comes to the same thing) **3...♗b5 4 ♗b7 ♔c5** and with 5 ♗c6 ruled out, White cannot make progress; for example, 5 ♗c8 ♔d4 6 ♗d7 ♗c4 7 ♗e8 ♗e6 8 ♔d8 ♔e5 9 ♔e7 ♗g4 10 ♗d7 ♗d1 11 ♗e6 ♗a4 and Black continues to defend without too much difficulty.

793) Savickas-Garnelis
1 ♗b7+! 1-0
The ending is an easy win after 1...♔xb7 (and not 1...♖xb7 2 ♖d8#) 2 ♖xd7+ ♔c6 3 ♖xe7 ♔d6 4 ♖xg7 ♗d3+ 5 ♔f2 ♔xe6 6 ♔f3.

794) Leko-Kramnik
1...♖f2! 0-1
White loses his bishop.

795) Capablanca-Lasker
1 h6! 1-0
There's no defence to the threat of 2 g6 followed by queening.

796) Bilek-Heidenfeld
1...♕g3+! ½-½
It's stalemate after 2 ♕xg3.

797) Rasmussen-Nunn
1...f3! 0-1
After 2 gxf3 (otherwise 2...f2 follows and 2 ♔e3 fails to 2...♘c2+) 2...♘c2 White loses his rook in view of 3 ♖xe2 ♖d4#.

798) Smyslov-Rossetto
1 cxb6! ♖**e1+** (or 1...♕xb5 2 ♖xb5 axb6 3 ♔g2 ♖e8 4 ♖xb6 with an easy win in the rook ending) **2 ♖xe1 ♕xb5 3 bxa7 ♕c6** (3...♕xa6 fails to 4 ♖e8+ ♔h7 5 a8♕) **4 ♖b1 ♔h7 5 ♖b8 1-0**
Black must give up his queen.

799) Stephenson-Spence
1 ♗a6! bxa6 2 ♕c7 ♕e8 (the only move, but now White's passed b- and c-pawns are decisive) **3 ♕xc6 ♔f8 4 ♕xd5 a5** (or 4...♘b8 5 ♕d6+ ♔f7 6 d5 ♕b5 7 h3 and White's pawn armada decides) **5 c6 ♘xb6 6 ♕c5+ ♔f7 7 ♕xb6 ♔e7 8 c7 ♕c8 9 ♕xa5** (the pawn ending is an easy win, but 9 d5 would have been even more clinical) **9...♔d7 10 ♕c5 1-0**

800) Stephenson-Wise
1 d3! (another move order is 1 e4 ♔c5 2 d3! – the key point in both cases is that White's rear d-pawn makes all the difference) **1...c3 2 e4 ♔c7 3 e5 ♔d7 4 d6 ♔e6 5 d4 ♔d7 6 d5 ♔e8 7 e6 ♔d8 8 d7 ♔e7 9 d6+ ♔d8 10 ♔b3** (having stalemated the black king, White now picks up the black pawns with a little care) **10...c2 11 ♔xc2 b3+ 12 ♔b1 b2 13 e7+ ♔xd7 14 ♔xb2 1-0**

801) Banach-Birjukov
1...♗a3! 2 ♘d1 (the b-pawn queens after 2 bxa3 b2) **2...♗xb2! 3 ♘xb2+ ♔a3 4 ♘d1 b2 5 ♞xb2 ♔xb2 6 ♔d2 ♘f4 0-1**
White is in zugzwang and c3 will decisively fall.

802) Volokitin-Ganguly
1 ♔f6! (and not the 1 ♘f3?? e5 2 ♔f5 e4 3 ♘g5 – crucially 3 ♘d2 e3 comes with tempo – 3...e3 4 ♔f4 e2 5 ♘f3 b3 and 0-1 of the game, although White can also begin with 1 ♔h5!) **1...b3** (1...e5 2 ♔f5 b3 3 ♘e4 b2 4 ♘d2 transposes) **2 ♘f3 e5 3 ♘d2 b2 4 ♔f5 ♔d4 5 ♘b1 e4 6 ♔f4 ♔d3 7 ♘a3 e3** (the only try; Black must keep both pawns) **8 ♔f3 e2 9 ♔f2** and Black cannot maintain his pawns in view of 9...♔d2 10 ♘c4+ ♔c1 11 ♘xb2.

803) Bronstein-Botvinnik
1 ♞e6! ♔f5 (after the continuation 1...♖h7 2 ♘g7 ♖h8 3 ♚c5, White wins due to his superior king) **2 ♘f8 1-0**
The h-pawn queens after 2...♖d8 3 ♗d6! ♖xd6 4 h7.

804) Garcia Gonzales-Quinteros
1 g6! f3 2 ♔g1 ♔f6 3 e5+! (forcing one of the pawns home) **3...dxe5 4 d6 e4 5 d7 1-0**
White queens first.

805) Movsesian-Kuzubov
1...♕d1+! 2 ♕e1 ♗g2+! 3 ♔f2 (now it's mate, but White loses his queen after 3 ♔xg2 ♕xe1) **3...♕f3+ 4 ♔g1 ♗h3 0-1**
Mate follows after 5 ♕f2 ♕d1+ or 5 ♕d2 ♕f1#.

806) Grigoriants-Shaposhnikov
1 e8♕! ♘g7+ 2 ♔g6 ♘xe8 3 h5 leaves the h-pawn unstoppable: **3...♘c7 4 ♔f7!** (and not 4 h6?? ♘e6 5 ♔f6 ♘f8 with a draw) **4...♘b5 5 h6 ♘d6+ 6 ♔g6 1-0**

807) Novikov-Jakovenko
White saves himself with a stalemate trick: **1 ♖f4+! ♖xf4 ½-½**

808) Ehlvest-Bluvshtein
1 ♗xg6! fxg5 (the pawn queens immediately in the case of 1...hxg6 2 h7) **2 ♖c1! 1-0**
The only way to halt White's h-pawn is 2...♖xc1 3 ♔xc1 ♚d6 4 ♗xh7 ♔e7 5 ♗e4 ♔f6, but after 6 ♗xd5 Black's cause is clearly completely hopeless.

809) Schlechter-Wolf
1...♖e1+! 2 ♖xe1 ½-½
It's stalemate.

810) Savchenko-Har Zvi
1...♗xh3! wins a pawn in view of 2 ♔xh3? ♖h1#.

811) Chigorin-Tarrasch
Rather than the game's 1 gxf6?, **1 ♔g4! ♔e4 2 g6 h6** (or 2...hxg6 3 fxg6 f5+ 4 ♔g5 f4 5 h5 f3 6 h6 and both sides queen with a draw) **3 ♔h5!** would have drawn since 3...♔xf5 is stalemate.

812) Michalczak-Schoene
As so often in opposite-coloured bishop endings, it is the number of passed pawns rather than the number of extra pawns which decides: **1...f4!** (creating a decisive second passed pawn) **2 gxf4** (or 2 ♗d2 ♗e4+ 3 ♔f2 fxg3+ 4 ♔xg3 ♔f5 5 ♗c3 h4+ 6 ♔h2 g4 7 hxg4+ ♔xg4 8 a4 ♗f5 9 ♗e5 a6 10 b5 axb5 11 axb5 ♗d7 12 ♗c7 ♗xb5 13 ♗xb6 ♗d7 14 ♗d4 ♔f3 15 ♔g1 ♔e2 and White will have to give up his bishop for the c-pawn) **2...g4 3 hxg4 hxg4 4 ♗d2 ♔f5 5 ♔g3 ♗c2** (now Black's king infiltrates with decisive effect) **6 ♗e3 ♗a4 7 ♗d4 ♗d7 8 ♗e5 ♔e4 0-1**
The black king and c-pawn decide.

813) Smallbone-Brown
1 a6+!! ♔**a8** (now it's mate, but it also is after 1...♔xa6 2 ♗c8+ ♔b5 3 ♗xe3 ♖xe3 – or 3...h2 4 b7 h1♕ 5 b8♕+ ♔a5 6 ♗d2+ followed by mate on b4 – 4 b7 h2 5 b8♕+ ♔c5 6 ♕a7+: for example, 6...♔d6 7 ♕d7+ ♔c5 8 ♗b7 h1♕ 9 ♕xc6+ ♔b4 10 ♕b6+ ♔c4 11 ♗a6+ ♔d5 12 c4# or 6...♔b5 7 ♗a6+ ♔a4 8 ♗d3+ ♔b4 9 ♕a3#) **2 b7+ ♔b8 3 ♗d6+ 1-0**

814) Palliser-Lappage
1 b4! axb4 (or 1...h5 2 bxa5 bxa5 3 c5 ♔f6 4 ♔e4 with a trivial win) **2 c5 1-0**
White queens first and wins with 2...b3 3 ♔d3 ♔f6 (or 3...h5 4 ♔c3! when Black is in zugzwang and lost, such as after 4...e4 5 fxe4+ ♔e5 6 d6 cxd6 7 cxb6) 4 d6 b2 5 ♔c2 ♔e6 6 dxc7 ♔d7 7 cxb6 h5 8 a5 g4 (very similar is 8...e4 9 fxe4 g4 10 a6 gxh3 11 a7 h2 12 c8♕+) 9 fxg4 e4 10 a6 e3 11 a7 e2 12 c8♕+.

815) Palliser-Lappage
1...♖g4! 2 d7 ♖h4+ 3 ♔g3 ♖bxh2 0-1
Mate follows with 4 d8♕ ♖4h3#.

816) Milovanovic-Jacobs
1 ♖xb7+! creates an unstoppable g-pawn: **1...♔xb7 2 g6 ♖d4 3 g7 ♖d8 4 ♗e6 1-0**

817) Bronstein-Panno
1 ♔**g5!** (Black is powerless against the advance of the king – always improve your worst-placed piece!) **1...♗f5 2 ♔h6 ♖e7 3 ♕b3+ ♖e6 4 ♕b2 1-0**
The knight is lost since 4...♖f6 fails to 5 ♖xf8+! ♔xf8 6 ♕xf6+.

818) Acs-Ivanchuk
Black only has one way to draw: **1...h4!** (White wins easily after both 1...♔d5 2 ♔xf4 ♔e6 3 ♔g5 ♔f7 4 ♔xh5 ♔g7 5 ♔g5 and 1...♔d4 2 ♔xf4 h4 3 ♔g4 ♔e4 4 ♔xh4 ♔f4 5 g4) **2** ♔**xf4** (or 2 ♔xh4 ♔d4 3 ♔g4 ♔e3 with a clear draw) **2...h3! 3 gxh3 ½-½**

The only way for White to prevent Black's king from reaching the corner is to allow his own king to become blocked in on the h-file.

819) Berke-Franciskovic
The game ended with the hideous 1 ♖b1 f3 2 ♖c1 ♖h2 0-1, but White should have held the draw with **1 ♖f7!**: 1...♔f3 (1...f3 2 ♖g7+ commences a barrage of checks and 1...♖a1+ 2 ♔e2 also sees Black failing to make progress) 2 ♔g1! (correctly heading for the short side) 2...♖a1+ 3 ♔h2 ♖f1 (or 3...♔e3 4 ♔g2 ♖a2+ 5 ♔f1 ♔f3 6 ♔g1 keeping Black at bay) 4 ♖a7 ♖e1 5 ♖f7 and Black can only go round in circles.

820) Bocharov-Roiz
Rather than the game's 1 ♖g8, **1 ♔g4! ♖xb3 2 ♖g8+ ♔f6 3 ♖g6+!** would have offered excellent chances to draw: for example, 3...♔e7 (and not 3...♔xg6? with stalemate) 4 ♖xg5 a4 5 ♖a5 a3 (or 5...♖b4+ 6 ♔f3 ♔d6 7 ♔e3 ♔c6 8 ♔d3 ♔b6 9 ♖a8 and the white king is again close enough to the a-pawn) 6 ♔f4 ♔d6 7 ♔e4 ♔c6 8 ♔d4 ♔b6 9 ♔c4 ♖h3 10 ♖a8 and White holds.

821) Nimzowitsch-Tarrasch
1...f5+! 0-1
It's an easy win after 2 ♔d4 (or 2 ♔xf5 a4 and the a-pawn queens) 2...f4! 3 ♔c5 ♔g6 4 ♔b5 ♔h5 5 ♔xa5 ♔xh4 6 ♔b4 ♔g3 7 ♔c3 ♔xg2.

822) Bystryakova-Airumian
1 ♗xb6! axb6 2 ♖xa6 wins a pawn.

823) Gunina-Dolgova
Black can queen the d-pawn: **1...♗b4+! 2 ♔xc1 d2+**.

824) Shabalov-Kaidanov
1 ♗c6+! ♔a5 2 b4+ ♔b6 3 bxc5+ 1-0
White's simplification leads to a winning pawn endgame after 3...♔xc6 4 ♘b4+ ♔b5 5 ♘xa6 ♔xa6 6 ♔d3.

825) Karlsson-Furhoff
1 ♖h1! ♔g3 (Black actually loses after 1...g3? 2 ♔f3 h2 – or 2...g2 3 ♖a1 – 3 ♔g2 ♔g4 4 ♖a1 when his pawns fall) **2 ♖g1+! ♔h2** (or 2...♔f2 3 ♖a1 h2 4 ♖xa2+ ♔g1 5 ♖a1+ ♔g2 6 ♖a2+ ♔h3 7 ♖a1 with a perpetual since 7...g3? forces Black to defend with knight against rook after 8 ♔f3 g2 9 ♖a8 g1N+ 10 ♔f2 ♘f3!? 11 ♖a1 ♘g1 12 ♖a3+ ♔g4 13 ♔g2) **3 ♖a1 g3 4 ♔f3 g2 5 ♔f2 g1♕+ 6 ♖xg1 a1♕ 7 ♖xa1 ½-½**
It's stalemate.

826) Onischuk-Timoshenko
1...♘h6+! (the only defence but a good one) **2 ♔e7** (the best try; 2 ♔g6 ♘g4 3 h6 ♘xh6 4 ♔xh6 ♔d7 is a simple draw) **2...♔c6 3 e6 ♔d5** (Black's king is just in time to halt the h-pawn) **4 ♔d7** (or 4 ♔f6 ♘g4+ 5 ♔g5 ♔xe6 with a draw) **4...♘g8 5 e7 ♘f6+ 6 ♔d8 ♔e6 7 h6 ♔f7 8 h7 ♔g7 ½-½**

827) Petrosian-Ivkov
1 ♖xd4! 1-0
It's mate after any capture of the rook: e.g. 1...♖xd4 2 ♖xe5+ ♔xg4 3 f3#.

828) Wall-Stephenson
Instead of the game's 1...♔b2, **1...♔a4!** draws since 2 ♔g6 ♖xh7! 3 ♔xh7 is stalemate and 2 ♖f7 ♔xa3 3 ♔g6 ♔xb4 4 ♖f5 ♖xh7 5 ♔xh7 ♔c4 6 ♔g6 b4 leaves White's king too far from the front b-pawn.

829) Arakhamia Grant-Baburin
1...f2! 0-1
Black either has an easy win with queen versus rook (due to his passed f-pawn) or wins White's rook.

830) Shirov-Aronian
1 ♖xd4+! ♔xd4 2 ♘f5+ ♔xc5 3 ♔xe3 sees White solve his problems by simplifying. Aronian's last chance was **3...♘e5,** but after **4 g4! hxg4 5 h4** (a key move to have seen at the beginning of the combination) **5...♔c4** (White also draws after the long forcing line 5...♘c4+ 6 ♔f4 ♘xa3 7 h5 ♘c4 8 h6 f6 9 h7 ♘e5 10 ♘e3 a3 11 ♔f5 ♘f7 12 ♔xg4 a2 13 ♘c2 ♔c4 14 ♔f5 ♔c3 15 ♘a1 ♘h8 16 ♔xf6 ♔b2 17 ♔g7) **6 h5 ♔b3 7 ♚d4 ♘f3+ 8 ♔d3 ♔xa3 9 ♔c3** progress was impossible with Black's king incarcerated and his kingside pawns stymied. **½-½**

831) Van Wely-Aronian
1...♖xd1+! 2 ♔xd1 ♔f7 leaves White unable to save both rook and bishop: **3 ♖xh6** (or 3 ♔e1 ♔xg7 4 ♖h4 f5 5 gxf5 ♗xf5 again with rook against bishop and pawn, and a complete draw) **3...♗xg4+ ½-½**

832) Winants-Hansen
1...♔h3! 0-1
Black is too far ahead after 2 ♔e3 ♚g3 3 f4 ♔g4 4 ♔e2 ♔xf4 5 ♔f2 ♔e4.

833) Warakomski-Baramidze
1 f4! 1-0
White wins a piece with 1...gxf4 2 gxf4 ♖xd1 3 fxe5+ ♔xe5 4 ♗xd1.

834) Carpenter-Wallace
1 ♖xa1! forces the pawns home with shades of McDonnell-De Labourdonnais: **1...♖xa1 2 f7 ♖aa8 3 g6! 1-0**

835) Round-Palliser
1...♕xg2! won a rook in view of 2 ♕xg2 ♔g6 followed by mated on h7.

836) Palliser-Gayson
The c-pawn decides: **1 ♕xa4! 1-0**

837) Krutti-Palliser
1...h5! (White escapes after 1...♔f6? 2 ♖g8 h5 3 ♖f3+ ♔e7 4 ♔h4) **2 ♔h4** (or 2 g4 ♖h2+ 3 ♔g3 h4+ 4 ♔f3 ♖h3+ 5 ♔e4 ♖a4+ 6 c4 – 6 ♔d3 e4+ 7 ♔d2 ♖a2+ wins the rook on e3 – 6...♖xc4+ 7 ♔d3 ♖d4+ 8 ♔e2 ♖h2+ 9 ♔e1 – 9 ♔f3 ♖f4# – 9...♖b4 and White must finally lose his rook with 10 ♖e2 ♖b1+ 11 ♚d2 ♖b2+ 12 ♔c3 ♖bxe2 to avert mate) **2...♚f6 0-1**
The mate threat costs White a rook.

838) Sokolov-Sasikiran
1 ♗a1! 1-0
The bishop has to retreat to a1 so that White can win the a-pawn at the end with 1...♔f7 2

♔xf5 ♗xa1 3 ♖a6.

Chapter Five

839) Lacasa Diaz-Moreno Ruiz
1...♕xc3! 0-1
Black emerges a piece ahead after 2 ♕xc3 ♘xe2+ 3 ♔h1 ♘xc3 4 ♗xg7 ♘xd1 5 ♗xf8 ♔xf8 6 ♖xd1.

840) Perez-Ramirez Garcia
1 ♗xh7+! ♘xh7 2 ♕xb3 ♖xf4 3 ♘xf4 ♕xe5 4 ♕g3 left White a clear exchange ahead.

841) Tal-Benko
1 ♖d8+! won the exchange on h8 in view of 1...♔xd8? 2 ♘xf7+ and 3 ♘xe5.

842) Can-Erdogdu
1 ♗xg5! wins a pawn: **1...fxg5 2 ♘e5 ♕e6 3 ♘xc6+! ♕xc6 4 ♕xe7+ ♚c8 5 ♕xf7 ♕xc3 6 ♕d5** left White clearly better.

843) Caruana-Majer
1 ♘xg6! wins a pawn in view of 1...fxg6? 2 ♕xe6+ ♖f7 3 ♗xd6.

844) Korchnoi-Karpov
White must keep e5 defended: **1 ♘d3! ♖xd3+ 2 ♔c4 1-0**
The b-pawn costs Black his remaining pieces.

845) Narciso Dublan-Timman
1 ♗h5+! ♔h6 2 ♗f7 1-0
White wins the rook on c4 in view of the threat of 3 ♖h5#.

846) Lundberg-Czerownski
1...♕xf2+! 2 ♔xf2 ♘xd5 trapped White's queen and saw Black emerge the exchange ahead after **3 ♕xc5** (or 3 ♕xd6 ♘e4+ and 4...♘xd6) **3...dxc5**.

847) Faranka-Al Aqrabi
Black wins queen for rook: **1...♖g2+! 2 ♖xg2 ♕xh5 0-1**

848) Damaso-Malakhov
1 ♕g7+! 1-0
The h-pawn queens after 1...♕xg7 2 ♖xe8+ ♔xe8 3 hxg7.

849) Parr-Collins
1 ♖xb7! 1-0
White wins significant material after 1...♕xb7 (or 1...♕c8 2 dxc6 ♖c7 3 ♕xd6) 2 dxc6 ♕b6 3 cxd7.

850) Heidenfeld-Franklin
1 ♕a7! 1-0
Black loses his queen in view of 1...♕xa7 2 ♖c8#.

851) Kosten-Taylor
White simplifies with **1 ♖dxc5! ♗xc5** (or 1...bxc5 2 ♕xb8 ♖xb8 3 ♗e5 ♖b7 – 3...♖c8 4 ♗xg7! – 4 ♘d6 ♗xd6 5 ♗xd6 ♘a6 6 ♗xc5 with a trivially winning ending) **2 ♕c6** (with the rather awkward thread of 3 ♖xc5 bxc5 4 ♘e7+ ♔h8 5 ♘xc8 ♕xc8 6 ♗e5) **2...♘e6** (there wasn't anything better; for instance 2...♖e8 3 b4 and White wins a piece) **3 ♘e7+! 1-0**

852) Rosen-Taylor
1...♗xh2+ 2 ♔xh2 ♕h4+ 3 ♔g1 ♕xb4 left Black a clear pawn ahead.

853) I.Thompson-B.Lund
1 ♖e8+! 1-0
Black loses his queen in view of 1...♔f7 2 ♕e7#.

854) Parker-Pert
1...♖h1+! 0-1
White loses his queen after 2 ♔xh1 ♘xf2+ 3 ♖xf2 ♕xc3.

855) Plaskett-Gallagher
1 ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 2 ♕d7+ 1-0
White wins a rook after 3 ♖xa4.

856) Shaw-Johannessen
1 ♖e8! ♗c7 (White wins a piece after 1...♖xe8 2 ♘xd6) **2 d6 ♗a5 3 d7 1-0**
There's no stopping the decisive threat of 4 ♘d6 and 5 ♘xf7.

857) Shepley-Rosen
1...♗xh2+! 2 ♔xh2 (or 2 ♔h1 ♗d6) **2...♘g4+ 3 ♔g3? ♕xg5** and Black was a pawn up with a rather strong attack.

858) Bhatia-Bentley
1 ♘f6+! gxf6 (or 1...♔f8 2 ♕h7 with a winning attack) **2 ♗xf7+! ♔xf7 3 ♕xc5** wins the black queen.

859) Richardson-Ozeren
1...♖xe3! saw Black win a pawn before favourably simplifying with **2 ♖xe3 ♘g4+ 3 ♔f3 ♘xe3 4 ♖e1 ♘f5 5 ♖xe7 ♘xe7**.

860) Davis-Rice
1 ♘f6+! 1-0
White wins the exchange with 1...♗xf6 2 ♖xd7.

861) Alfred-Smallbone
Black loses his queen: **1 ♖c8! 1-0**

862) Palliser-Brameld
Rather than the game's 1 ♗b3, **1 ♘xd6! ♕d7** (the main point is that 1...♕xd5? 2 ♘e8+! and 3 ♘xc7 wins a piece) **2 ♘e4 ♕xd5 3 ♕xd5 ♘xd5 4 ♘xc5** wins a pawn.

863) Palliser-Houska
1 ♕xb8! ♕xb8 2 ♖a8 ♗d6 3 ♗a7 1-0
The b-pawn costs Black a piece.

864) Hagesaether-Rabbitte
1 ♖cb2! 1-0
White wins the b6-knight since Black must move his c6-rook in order to give his queen an escape square against the threatened 2 ♗d1.

865) Salem-Doggers
1...♗xf2+! wins a pawn in view of 2 ♗xf2? ♕xc7.

866) Weiler-Toth
1...♗h2+! 0-1
Black wins the exchange with 2 ♔xh2 ♕xb6.

867) Cooper-Walsh
White wins a pawn with **1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♕d3+** (and not 2 ♕h5+?? ♔g8 3 ♖h3 ♖e1#) **2...♔g8 3 ♕xd6**.

868) Pilaj-Naranjo Moreno
1 ♘xg6! 1-0
White wins a second pawn in view of 1...♖xe4? 2 ♘xf8+ ♔g8 3 fxe4.

869) Rogers-Fitzpatrick
1 ♘xa7! ♕xa7 (or 1...♗a4 2 ♖xc8 ♗xb3 3 ♖xd8+ ♕xd8 4 ♖c8 – the key point: White regains the queen – 4...♕xc8 5 ♘xc8 ♗xa2 6 ♘xb6) **2 ♖xc6** wins a pawn.

870) Carlsen-Fressinet
1 ♕f5! 1-0
White wins a rook in view of 1...♕xf5 2 ♖xb8+ with mate on the back rank.

871) Drozdovskij-Georgiev
White missed the fork **1 ♖xb8! ♖xb8** (or 1...♕xf5 2 ♖xe8+ ♘xe8 3 ♗xf5) **2 ♕f4** winning a piece and the game.

872) Mkrtchian-Riazantsev
1 ♕xe7! (much better than 1 ♖xg6? ♖dd7!) **1...♖g8** (after 1...♘xe7 White picks up a piece with 2 ♖xg7+ ♔h8 3 ♖g5+ ♔h7 4 ♖xh5) **2 ♕f7 1-0**

873) Rendle-Arjun
1 ♕xd8! ♕xd3 (or 1...♖fxd8 2 ♘f6+ ♔g7 3 ♘xd5) **2 ♕e7** saw White win a piece.

874) Ferro-Rotstein
1...♗xf2! 2 ♔xf2 ♖xc3 3 ♖xc3 ♘e4+ 4 ♔e3 ♘xc3 left Black two pawns up in the endgame.

875) Krivoshey-Ferro
1 ♖xb7! ♖xb7 (or 1...gxf5 2 ♖xd7 ♘xd7 3 ♗xd5+ ♔g7 4 ♗e6 ♘b8 5 ♗xf5) **2 ♗xd5+ ♘e6 3 ♗xb7 gxf5 4 ♗xa6** forced a winning endgame.

876) Aoustin-Perez
1 ♕xe4! ♕xe4 2 ♗a7+ ♔xa7 3 ♖xe4 saw White pick up a second exchange.

877) Reefat-Hakki
1 ♕xh7+! 1-0

White is a piece up after 1...♔xh7 2 ♗xf5+ ♔g7 3 ♖xb2.

878) Palliser-Khandelwal
1 ♕xc8! 1-0
White wins a rook in view of 1...♗xc8 2 ♖xd8 ♕xd8 3 ♘f7+ ♔g8 4 ♘xd8.

879) Palliser-Hague
1 ♖xc6! 1-0
White wins a piece since 1...♕xc6? (or 1...e4 2 ♕c4 exf3? 3 ♘f6+) 2 ♘e7+ ♖xe7 3 ♗xc6 wins the black queen.

880) Beliavsky-Van den Doel
1 ♗a7+! ♔xa7 2 ♖xe6 wins the exchange.

881) Zweschper-Glantz
1...♖xd4 2 cxd4 ♘d3+! 0-1
Black is a piece ahead after 3 ♔d2 ♘xc1 or a rook ahead after 3 ♗xd3 ♖xc1+ **4** ♔f2 ♖xh1.

882) Jorczik-Gashimov
1...♗b5! traps the queen: **2 ♕xd5 ♖xd5 3 ♖xd5 ♗c6 4 ♖a5? ♕d8 0-1**

883) Georgiev-Holzke
1...♖e8! created the decisive threat of 2...♗f8, winning the b3-bishop or the queen, since 2 ♕c4 (or 2 ♕c2) runs into 2...♕a5+ and again White's dark-squared bishop is a goner.

884) Womacka-Kritz
1 ♖xg7+! 1-0
Black loses his queen after 1...♘xg7 2 ♘g5+ fxg5 3 ♕xc2.

885) Katte-Pert
Black wins queen for rook: **1...♖c2+! 0-1**

886) Ruck-Dreev
1...♘e2+! 2 ♕xe2 ♖xc1+ wins the exchange.

887) Zhigalko-Durarbayli
1 ♗b6! ♕xb6 (or 1...♕b7 2 ♗xd8) **2 ♘xe7+ ♔f8 3 ♘xc8** wins the exchange.

888) Burnett-Bucher
1 ♗xc7! wins a second pawn in view of 1...♔xc7 2 ♖xe7+.

889) Eggleston-Ramaswamy
1 ♖xe7+! 1-0
White wins a piece in view of 1...♔xe7 2 ♘d5+ and 3 ♘xb6.

890) Jones-Ruxton
1...♗xa3! 2 bxa3 ♖xc3 picks up a second pawn.

891) Kosintseva-Jackova
1 ♗xf7+! wins the exchange in view of 1...♔xf7 (or 1...♔h7 2 ♗xe8) 2 ♘e5+ ♔g8 3 ♘xc6 and 4 ♘xb8.

892) Jakovenko-Shirov
Black wins a pawn: **1...♕xc3+! 2 ♔xc3 ♗b4+ 3 ♔d4 ♖xf7** and Black's connected passed pawns carried the day.

893) Hess-Kamsky
1...♖xd1! 0-1
Black wins a piece in view of 2 ♖xd1 ♘e3+ 3 ♔g1 ♘xd1.

894) Wagner-Miralles
1...♖xe3! wins a pawn and leaves White in all sorts of trouble: **2 ♖xe3 ♕xg2+! 3 ♔xg2 ♘xe3+ 4 ♔f2 ♘xc2 5 ♖xc2** and now **5...b4!** (rather than the game's 5...g5) **6 axb4 ♗a4** would have won the exchange.

895) Tiviakov-Bunzmann
1 ♗xg7! netted a pawn in view of 1...♔xg7 2 ♖f7+ and 3 ♖xd7.

896) Thorfinnsson-Najer
1...♖e1+! 0-1
White's queen is lost in view of 2 ♖xe1 ♕xd3.

897) Porper-Mikkelsen
1 ♗xf7+! 1-0
White is two pawns up after 1...♔xf7 2 ♘e5+ and 3 ♘xc6.

898) Tallaksen-Lie
1...♖xc2 2 ♖xc2 e3 forces White to give up his rook to halt the pawns: **3 ♔d3 e2 4 ♖xe2 fxe2 5 ♔xe2 ♘xd5 0-1**

899) Reppen-Guddahl
1...♕xc3! 2 ♕xc3 d2 0-1
White can only stop the d-pawn by giving up his queen.

900) Cherniaev-Pauchard
1 ♘xe6+! 1-0
Black loses his queen after 1...♗xe6 2 ♕xa4.

901) Huss-Khenkin
1...♖xb2! (threatening mate on c2) **2 ♔xb2 d2 0-1**
White must give up his rook to stop the d-pawn.

902) Handke-Reuss
1 ♘xd4! 1-0
White emerges two pawns ahead after 1...cxd4 2 ♕xd4 ♕c7 (or 2...♘e7 3 ♗xc6 ♘xc6 4 ♕xd7) 3 ♗xd5 ♗xd5 4 ♕xd5.

903) Langheinrich-Pelletier
1...♗xf2+! 2 ♖xf2 ♕h1+! 0-1
Black emerges the exchange ahead after 3 ♔xh1 ♘xf2+ 4 ♔g1 ♘xd1.

904) Sargissian-Nisipeanu
1...♖xe5! 2 ♗xd5 (it's mate after 2 ♖xe5? ♗xf3+ 3 ♔g1 ♕g4+ 4 ♔f1 ♕g2#) **2...♕g5** (or

2...♕h3; the mate threat is decisive) **3 ♕g1 ♕xg1+ 0-1**
Black emerges a piece up after 4 ♔xg1 ♖xe3 5 fxe3 ♘xd5.

905) Firman-Sakaev
1 ♕xc7! 1-0
White emerges the exchange ahead after 1...♕xc7 2 ♘e6+ and 3 ♘xc7.

906) Kindermann-Schneider
1...♗xb2! 2 ♔xb2 ♕e5+ 3 ♔b1 ♕xg5 won a pawn.

907) Heinemann-Sarbok
1 ♘xe6+! fxe6 2 ♖xe6 1-0
Black cannot both cover e8 and defend his bishop on h6.

908) Ivanchuk-Gyimesi
1 ♗xa7! cxd5 (the main point is that 1...♖xa7? 2 ♕b6 forks Black's rooks) **2 ♗b6 ♖e8 3 exd5** won a pawn.

909) Ribli-Kalinitschew
1 ♖xb7! ♖xb7 2 ♖c8+ ♔g7 3 f4 wins a piece.

910) Butnorius-Cramling
1...♕xf2+! 2 ♔h1 (the main point is that 2 ♔xf2? runs into 2...♘cxe4+ 3 ♔e1 ♗f2#) **2...♘cxe4** picked up two important pawns.

911) Krush-Richardson
1 ♘xd6! wins either the exchange or Black's queen after 1...♕xd6 2 ♗c5.

912) Rashleigh-Bucknell
1...♖xc2+! 0-1
White loses his queen after 2 ♔xc2 ♕xa2+ and 3...♕xg2.

913) Sarkar-Obers
1 ♕xf7+! ♔xf7 2 ♘d8+ 1-0
White emerges a piece ahead after 3 ♘xc6.

914) Ramesh-Werner
1 ♘xc6! exploits Black's vulnerable back-rank and c8-rook to win a pawn.

915) Abergel-Wallace
1 ♗xf7+! ♖xf7 2 ♖xa8 won the exchange.

916) Keres-Spassky
1 ♕xg7+! 1-0
Black emerges a piece down with a hopeless position after 1...♔xg7 2 ♘xd7+ ♔g8 3 ♘f6+ ♔f7 (even worse is 3...♔h8 4 ♘xe8+ ♔g8 5 ♘xc7) 4 ♘d5+ ♔g8 5 ♘xc7.

917) Olivier-Adda
1...♕xe1+! 2 ♔xe1 ♘g2+ 3 ♔f1 ♘xh4 wins a rook.

918) Smyslov-Kottnauer
1 ♘c5! dxc5 (or 1...♖c7 2 ♘xd7 ♖xc6 3 ♘xb8 with an extra piece) **2 ♗f4 ♗d6** (White's main point is that 2...♕xf4 fails to 3 ♕c8+ ♔e7 4 ♕xb7 and 5 ♖xd7+) **3 ♗xd6♖b6 4 ♕xd7+! 1-0** White wins a piece.

919) Walton-Palliser
Black wins a crucial pawn: **1...♗xb3! 2 ♖b1 c4** and White's position collapsed.

920) Breutigam-Pajeken
1 ♕f7+! 1-0
White wins a rook with 1...♕xf7 2 ♖xc8+ ♕e8 3 ♖xe8+.

921) Palliser-Adrian
1...♘f3+! 0-1
White loses his queen after 2 gxf3 (or 2 ♔h1 ♕h2#) 2...♖g7+ 3 ♗g2 ♕xc4.

922) Greet-Grant
1 ♕xf7+! ♔xf7 2 ♘e5+ ♔e6 3 ♘xd3 wins a pawn.

923) Donovan-Webster
1 ♖xd6! wins a piece in view of the simplifying trick 1...♕xd6 2 ♕xa8 ♖xa8 3 ♘f7+ ♔g8 4 ♘xd6.

924) Bowers-Stewart
White wins the black queen: **1 ♖xg7+! ♘xg7 2 ♕xh4**.

925) Stellwagen-Bosboom
1 ♗xa6! decisively won a second pawn in view of 1...♗xa6 (or 1...♘c6 2 ♖f4+) 2 ♖xe5.

926) Kuznetsova-Bogorads
1...♘xd3! wins a pawn in view of 2 ♕xd3? ♕xe1+.

927) Alekhine-Euwe
Rather than the game's 1 a3, **1 ♕h8+! ♔xh8 2 ♘xf7+ ♔h7 3 ♘xe5** would have simplified to a winning endgame.

928) Palliser-Stalmans
1...♖d1+! 0-1
White loses his queen after 2 ♖xd1 (2 ♔c2 is mated by 2...♖xb2+ 3 ♔xd1 ♕d4+ 4 ♔c1 ♕c3+ 5 ♔d1 ♖b1#) 2...♕xg3.

929) Georgiou-Palliser
1...♘xg4! wins a pawn in view of 2 fxg4?! ♗xc3 (2...♖xc3!? is pretty reasonable too) 3 bxc3? ♕xa3+ 4 ♔b1 ♕a2+ 5 ♔c1 ♕a1#.

930) Ikonnikov-Negi
White wins material with **1 ♕xe8**: **1...♕xe8 2 ♘xc5 ♕c6 3 ♗xc8 1-0**
The d-pawn queens after 3...♕xc5 4 d7, while 3...♗xd6 fails to 4 ♖xd6!.

931) Malakhatko-Groffen
1 ♖xh8! 1-0

White wins a piece since 1...♘xh8 2 ♖f6+ ♔e8 3 c6 forks the black rooks.

932) Morris-Gilhespy
1...♘xh2! 2 ♖f2 (White's queen is lost after 2 ♔xh2 ♕h5+ 3 ♔g1 ♘h3+ 4 ♔h2 ♘f2+ 5 ♔g1 ♕h1+ 6 ♔xf2 ♕xg2+ 7 ♔e1 ♕xc2) **2...♕h5 0-1**
There's no good defence to the threats of 2...♘f3+ and 2...♘g4 since 3 ♔g1 ♘f3+ 4 ♖xf3 ♕xf3 leads to mate.

933) Gunnarsson-Iraheta
1 ♖xe6! ♖f5 (White mates after 1...♖xc3 2 ♖xe7 as, of course, he also does after 1...fxe6 2 ♕f8#) **2 ♕xd6! 1-0**
Black comes out a piece down in the ending after 2...♕xd6 3 ♖xd6 exd6 4 ♘xf5 gxf5 5 ♖xd6.

934) Rublevsky-Gurevich
1 ♗xe6+! 1-0
1...fxe6 2 ♕xe6+ costs Black the exchange and 1...♗d7 2 ♗xf7 is also crushing.

935) Meins-Abel
1 ♖xf7! ♕xf7 2 ♕xa8+ wins a pawn.

936) Morales-Heimbacher
1 ♘xf7! ♔xf7 (or 1...♗xf7 2 ♖xe7) **2 ♖xe6** wins a pawn.

937) Zapata-Moreno
1 ♘f6+! exf6 2 ♗c6 wins the exchange.

938) Carlsen-Ivanchuk
1 d5! exd5 2 ♘d4 wins a piece and the game.

939) Rayner-Vranesic
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♕d3+ ♔g8 3 ♕xd5 wins a pawn.

940) James-Waters
1 ♗xh6! wins a pawn since 1...♗xh6? 2 ♕xg6+ forks Black's minor pieces.

941) Nunn-Plaskett
1 ♕f5! ♖e6 (the queen is immune due to 1...♕xf5? 2 ♖xe8# and 1...♕d8? fails to 2 ♖e7! followed by mate) **2 d5 ♘xd3 3 dxe6 fxe6 4 ♕xe6+** and White had won the exchange. **1-0**

942) Large-Baker
1 ♗h6+! ♔xh6 (or 1...♔g8 2 ♗xf8 ♗h4+ 3 ♔d2 ♗f2 4 ♖d1 with an extra rook) **2 g5+ ♗xg5 3 ♖xh3+ ♔g7 4 ♖xg5** and White's extra piece proved decisive.

943) Hebbes-Palliser
1...♖xc2+! 2 ♔xc2 ♕xe2+ 3 ♕d2 and now **3...♖c8+** would have won White's queen.

944) Hartston-Basman
1 ♗xf7+! ♔xf7 (otherwise Black loses the exchange on g8) **2 ♕h5+ ♖g6 3 ♕xh3** wins a pawn.

945) Tsirulnik-Kosyachenko
1...♕xa3! wins a piece in view of 2 ♖xa3? ♖f1#.

946) Arutyunova-Maiko
1 ♗xg6! hxg6 2 ♖xd7! won a key pawn and gained White a decisive initiative in view of 2...♕xd7 3 ♘f6+ ♔g7 4 ♘xd7.

947) Blackburne-Owen
1 ♕xf7+! ♕xf7 2 ♖ee7 1-0
Black's bishop is lost in view of 2...♖f8 3 ♖xb7.

948) Ausan-Chan Wei Yi
1...♖b1+! 2 ♔xb1 (or 2 ♔d2 ♖xh1 with an extra rook) **2...♗xa2+ 3 ♔xa2 ♕xf6 0-1**
Black's extra queen and passed h-pawn decide.

949) Najdorf-Rossetto
1 ♘xc6! wins a pawn in view of 1...bxc6 2 ♗xc5.

950) Klima-Boros
1 ♘xe6! fxe6 (or 1...♕d7 2 ♗xb6 ♘xc4 3 ♘c7 picking up the exchange) **2 ♗xb6 ♕c8 3 ♗xa5** wins two pawns.

951) Markiewicz-Sokolowski
1 ♖xc8! 1-0
White wins a piece after 1...♖xc8 2 ♘e7+ ♚g7 3 ♞xc8.

952) Warakomski-Orzech
1...♗xb2+! 2 ♔xb2 ♖xd2 wins a pawn and seizes the initiative in view of 3 ♕xd2? ♘c4+ and 4...♘xd2.

953) Bergez-Vassallo Barroche
1...♘fxe4! wins a pawn in view of the skewer 2 ♘xe4 ♘xe4 3 ♕xe4 ♗f5.

954) Hodinott-Palliser
1...♘xd4! 2 ♘xd4 ♗xc3 3 ♗xc3 ♖xc3 wins a pawn.

955) Ivanchuk-Anand
1 f4! ♕xf4 2 ♖e4 1-0
The knight is lost after 2...♕f5 3 ♖ae1 f6 4 f4.

956) Kramnik-Ivanchuk
1...♘ce7! wins a clear piece in view of the threat of 2...♗a4, and if 3 ♖b2, then 3...♘xc3. Kramnik tried **2 ♗xd5 ♘xd5 3 ♗b2,** but this failed to save the piece after **3...♗a4 4 ♖a3 ♖xb2 5 ♖xa4 ♘b6** (the crucial sting in the tail) **6 ♖a7 ♖xd2** when he might as well have resigned.

957) Almada-Roselli Mailhe
1...♘xc3! wins a pawn in view of 2 ♔xc3 ♖xe3+.

958) Ivanchuk-Topalov
1 ♕xc4! 1-0

White wins a piece in view of both 1...♖xc4 2 ♖xf7 and 1...♖xa7 2 ♖xa7 ♕xa7 3 ♕xc8.

959) Milov-Akobian
1 ♘d7+! ♖xd7 2 ♖xf8 wins the exchange.

960) Chudinovskikh-Sitnikov
1 ♘d7+! ♕xd7 2 ♕xe6 wins the exchange.

961) Vasiukov-Kholmov
1 ♘xc5! ♕xc5 (the inclusion of 1...♖xe1+ 2 ♖xe1 ♕xc5 makes little difference) **2 ♗xg7! 1-0**
Black loses his queen after 2...♗xg7 3 ♕h5 h6 4 ♗h7+ ♔xh7 5 ♕xc5.

962) Kashdan-Kotov
1 ♘e7+! 1-0
After 1...♕xe7 2 ♕xc8+ ♕f8 Black loses his queen to 3 ♗h7+!.

963) Ambartsumova-Gunina
Black wins a piece: **1...♖xf2! 2 ♔xf2 ♕f4+ 3 ♔g2 ♕xc1 0-1**

964) Petrosian-Lahno
White missed **1 ♕f7+ ♔h8 2 ♕a2** winning the bishop in view of the threatened smothered mate.

965) Petrosian-Spassky
1 ♕h8+! 1-0
White is a piece up in the endgame after 1...♔xh8 2 ♘xf7+ ♔g7 3 ♘xg5.

966) Petrosian-Simagin
1 ♕a8+ ♔g7 2 ♗xe5+! (far simpler than 2 ♘xf7 ♕d1+) **2...♕xe5 3 ♕h8+! ♔xh8 4 ♘xf7+ 1-0**
White will be a piece up in the ending.

967) Burmakin-Burlov
1 ♘xa7! wins a pawn in view of 1...♘xa7 2 ♕xa5.

968) Malakhov-Areshchenko
1 ♖xd7! ♖xd7 2 g4 1-0
White wins the rook after 2...♕xh3 3 ♘xe5 or a piece following 2...a6 3 ♕xd7+! ♔xd7 4 gxh5.

969) Ragozin-Panov
1...♕c6! 0-1
White must lose a rook in view of 2 ♕xc6 ♖xd1+ 3 ♔g2 bxc6.

970) Sandipan-Nezar
1...♘xb2! 2 ♗xb2 ♗xc3 wins a pawn.

971) Saidy-Santasiere
1 ♖xe6+! 1-0
Black loses his queen after 1...♖xe6 2 ♕xc6.

972) Capablanca-Fonaroff
1 ♕xe5! ♕xe5 2 ♘xf7+ 1-0
White emerges a piece ahead after 2...♔g8 (and not 2...♖xf7? 3 ♖d8+ with back-rank mate) 3 ♘xe5.

973) Capablanca-Graham
1 ♖xc6+! 1-0
Black's queen is lost after 1...♕xc6 2 ♘e7+ in view of 2...♖xe7 3 ♕xc6+.

974) Maletin-Andreev
1 ♗xg7! ♔xg7 2 ♕g4+ ♖g6 3 ♕xd7 wins a pawn.

975) Palliser-Gallagher
1...♖xe4+! 2 dxe4 d4+ wins the white queen and with check in view of 3 ♔d3 ♗a6+.

976) Andrijevic-Grunberg
1...♗xe5! 2 ♗xe5 ♕e3 (threatening the queen-winning 3...♗d3+) **3 ♗c2 ♕xe5** wins a pawn.

977) Aagaard-Wiltshire
1 ♗xf7+! ♔xf7 2 ♖xd8 wins the exchange.

978) Rutkowski-Hilton
1 ♕xb7 leaves Black unable to save both his rook and queen: **1...♖f8 2 ♘f6+! 1-0**
3 ♕xg2 follows.

979) 'Erdnussbuddha'-Palliser
Black resigned before White won his queen with **1 ♖c8+!**.

980) Kamsky-Sher
1 ♗xa6! decisively opened the queenside in view of 1...bxa6 2 ♖b8 ♖c7 3 ♘b6 regaining the piece along the eighth.

981) Lappage-Smallbone
1 ♕xa6! ♘xa6 2 ♘d6+ 1-0
2...♔b8 3 ♘xf7 ♖f8 4 ♘g5 (or 4 ♖xc7 ♔xc7 5 ♖c1+ ♔d7 6 ♖d1+ ♔e6 7 ♘d8+) 4...fxg5 5 ♗a7+ ♔xa7 6 ♖xf8 is pretty hopeless for Black.

982) Smallbone-Lipman
1 ♘d5! wins either Black's queen or a clear piece after 1...♕xd2 2 ♘xe7+.

983) Burt-Smallbone
1 ♖xe7! 1-0
Black must give up his queen since 1...♕xe7 2 ♗xc6+ forces mate.

984) Burt-McIntosh
Rather than the game's 1 c4, **1 g6! hxg6 2 ♖e7! ♕xe7** (the inclusion of 2...♗g2+ 3 ♔xg2 ♕xe7 4 ♕d5+ makes little difference, while the reason for White's first becomes clear after 2...c5 3 ♕h4) **3 ♕xd5+ ♔g7 4 ♕xa8** would have won a piece.

985) Dervishi-Vallejo Pons
1...♗xb3! exploits all the pins to win a key pawn in view of 2 ♖xb3 ♕xb3.

986) Uhlmann-Fischer
1...♘xe4! 2 ♘xe4 (Black also wins a pawn after 2 hxg4 ♗xc3 in view of 3 bxc3 ♘xc3 and 4...♘xe2+) **2...♖xe4 3 ♗g5 ♕e8 4 ♗d3 ♗xf3 5 ♕xf3 ♖b4** leaves Black a pawn up and somewhat better.

987) Timofeev-Yevseev
1...♖h1+! 2 ♔xh1 ♘gxf2+ 3 ♘xf2 ♘xf2+ 4 ♔g1 ♘xd3 leaves Black queen for rook ahead.

988) Nguyen Thien Viet-Pham Duc Thang
1...♘e3! 0-1
White must give up the exchange on d1 since 2 ♗xe3 (2 fxe3? drops the queen to 2...♘xf3+ 3 gxf3 ♕xd3) 2...♘xf3+ 3 gxf3 ♕xd3 4 ♖xd3 ♖xd3 loses it under even more unfavourable circumstances.

989) Giani-Garofalo
1...♕xg2+! 2 ♔xg2 ♘e1+ 3 ♔g3 ♘xd3 4 ♗xd3 ♗f4+ saw Black pick up the exchange.

990) Gnetti-Orlov
1...♗xf2+! wins a pawn: **2 ♖xf2?** (now Black wins the exchange) **2...♕xf2+ 3 ♔xf2 ♗c2+ 4 ♔e2 ♗xa4 0-1**

991) Samuels-Miller
Rather than the game's 1...♖dc8, **1...♘h3+ 2 ♔h1 ♕xd1!** would have forced resignation in view of 3 ♕xd1 ♘xf2+ 4 ♔g1 ♘xd1.

992) Wegerer-Jankovic
1 ♘xc5! wins a pawn in view of 1...dxc5 2 ♖d7 ♕h4 (or 2...♘d4 3 ♖xe7 ♘xe2+ 4 ♘xe2 ♗xb2 5 ♖xb7) 3 ♖xb7.

993) Krstic-McPhillips
1 ♗h7+! ♔xh7 2 ♖xd7 ♗xc3 3 ♕d3+ ♔g8 4 ♕xc3 ♕xc3 5 bxc3 gave White a clearly better endgame.

994) Landa-Manca
1...♖xf2+! 2 ♔xf2 (or 2 ♔e1 ♕g8 with an overwhelming attack) **2...♞xe4+** wins the queen and the game.

995) Huzman-Kasparov
White wins two pawns: **1 ♖xd5 ♕e8** (Black loses his queen after 1...♕xd5 2 ♘e7+ and the f6-knight is, of course, pinned against mate) **2 ♗xc4 1-0**

996) Baldursson-Bjornsson
1...♖xe3! 2 ♖xe3 ♗c5 3 ♔f2 g5 4 ♔f3 ♗xe3 5 ♔xe3 ♔g7 simplified to a winning pawn ending.

997) Doroshkievich-Tukmakov
1...♞xd7! 0-1
Black wins a piece after 2 ♗xg2 ♕xg5 or a rook after 2 ♗xd8 gxh1♕.

998) Solovjov-Belozerov
1...♘xb2! 2 ♖xa4 ♘xa4 wins a pawn.

999) Vera Gonzalez Quevedo-Aguado Zabaleta
1 ♗c7! 1-0
Black loses his queen after 1...♖xc7 2 ♘xe6+ fxe6 3 ♕xd8+.

1000) Morales-Vera
1...♗xc2! 2 ♗xc2 ♕a7+ 3 ♕d4 (White would have had better chances to defend after 3 ♔h1 ♕xa2 4 ♗e4 ♘d5 5 ♗xd5 exd5 6 ♕xb4) **3...♕xa2 4 ♗e4 ♘d5! 5 ♗xd5 ♕xd5 6 ♕xd5 exd5 7 ♖xd5 ♖b8** simplified to a winning rook ending.

1001) Palliser-Dyce
1...♘f4! 0-1
The mate threat on d1 costs White a piece.

1002) Palliser-Hankinson
1 ♕xh6+! ♔xh6 2 ♘g4+ fxg4 3 ♖xe6 g3 4 fxg3 ♗xg3 5 ♔c2 and the extra exchange proved sufficient.

1003) Sadorra-Dao Thien Hai
1 ♖xa8 ♕xf2+ 2 ♔d2 ♖xa8 3 ♕xd5+ ♔h7 4 ♕xa8 1-0
Black's pawns are no match for White's extra rook.

1004) Anand-Kramnik
1 ♗d1! ♕d3 (White forks Black's pieces immediately in the case of 1...♕c6 2 ♖e5) **2 ♖e3! ♕xc4 3 ♖e5 1-0**
Black loses a piece along the fifth.

1005) Vujcic-Matas
1 ♕xh6! wins an important pawn in view of 1...gxh6? 2 ♘f6+ and 3 ♘xd7.

1006) Obiamiwe-Player
1...♘xf2+! 2 ♕xf2 ♕xc4 wins a second pawn.

1007) Yermolinsky-Stripunsky
1 ♗g6+! 1-0
Black loses a piece after 1...♔e7 (or 1...♔xg6 2 ♕xe6+) 2 ♕xe6+ ♔xe6 3 ♗xe8 in view of 3...♖xe8? 4 c8♕+.

1008) Kudrin-Robson
1 ♗b6+! ♕xb6 2 ♖xd7+ 1-0
White is a queen up with an overwhelming attack after 2...♔xd7 3 ♕xb6.

1009) Hanley-Jones
White wins a piece: **1 ♖xc8! ♕xc8 2 ♕f7+ 1-0**

1010) Gavriel-Palliser
1...♘xd4! wrecks the white position: **2 cxd4? ♕xd4+ 3 ♔e1 ♕xb2! 4 ♕c3 ♗g7 0-1**

1011) Mandla-Cunanan
1...♖xh2+! 0-1
White loses his queen after 2 ♔xh2 ♘f3+ and 3...♘xf3.

1012) Rogers-Ilic
1 ♘h6+! ♗xh6 2 ♕xd7 wins the exchange.

1013) Benidze-Magalashvili
1 ♘e7+! ♕xe7 2 ♖xc8+ wins the exchange.

1014) Torrecillas Martinez-Lezcano Jaen
White wins the exchange and the game: **1 ♗xf7+! ♕xf7 2 ♕xd8+ ♔g7 3 ♖e1 1-0**

1015) Garcia-Ghobrial
1...♘xh3! 2 gxh3 ♖xf3 wins a key pawn.

1016) Fedorov-Lastin
1...♕xh2+! 2 ♔xh2 ♘g4+ 3 ♔g1 ♘xe3 wins a pawn.

1017) Van Wely-Aronian
The overloading **1 ♗c1!** wins a piece after which White should have won, but he later returned the favour in the scramble – see Puzzle 831.

1018) Kramnik-Shirov
Black resigned before White picked up a piece with **1 ♖xe6!** in view of 1...♔xe6 2 ♘c5+ ♔f5 3 ♘xb7.

1019) Palliser-Tuplin
1...♗xb6! removes a dangerous pawn in view of White's vulnerable back rank.

1020) Palliser-Bekker Jensen
1 ♖xe4+! ♔xe4 2 ♘xd6+ 1-0
White emerges a piece ahead after 3 ♘xc8.

1021) A.Karpov-R.Bergmann
1 ♘f7+! 1-0
White wins the exchange and gains a crushing initiative after 1...♕xf7 2 ♕xd6.

1022) Grigoryan-Jessel
1 ♖h8+! 1-0
Black's queen is lost after 1...♔xh8 2 ♘g6+ and 3 ♘xh4.

1023) Kramnik-Aronian
1 ♗xe6+! ♕xe6 2 ♕b3 leaves Black unable to save both pieces and after **2...♘f4+ 3 gxf4 ♕xb3 4 axb3 ♗xf4 5 ♖xa6** White had reached a highly favourable endgame.

1024) Hopwood-Barber
1 ♖xh5+! ♔g8 (White wins the queen after 1...♕xh5 with 2 ♘f6+ ♔g6 3 ♘xh5 ♔xh5 4 ♕xg7 leading to an easy win) **2 ♖g5 ♕c2+ 3 ♔g3 ♗xd4 4 ♕e6+ ♔f8 5 ♖f5+** and the attack was crushing.

1025) Hopwood-Eggleston
Rather than the game's 1...♗b5, **1...♘xb3! 2 axb3 ♕xb3** would have seen Black emerge a pawn ahead, such as after 3 ♗a3 ♖xc2 4 ♖b1 ♕a4 5 ♗xe7 ♘xe7 6 ♖xb7 ♖fc8.

1026) Sriharan-Hopwood
White wins the exchange: **1 ♗h7+! ♔xh7 2 ♕xc3**.

1027) Watson-Lockwood
1...♕xe5! 2 dxe5 (or 2 ♕g4 ♕f5 and wins, but not 2...♖xd4?? due to 3 ♖xd4 ♕xd4?? 4 ♘g5+!) **2...♖xd1+ 3 ♗xd1 ♘xf4** and Black's extra material and potential passed c-pawn shortly prevailed.

1028) Ismail-Mitchinson
Black wins the exchange with **1...♘d4! 2 hxg4** (and not 2 ♘xd4? ♕h2+ 3 ♔f1 ♕h1+ 4 ♔e2 ♖xf2#) **2...♘xe6**.

Chapter Six

1029) Sadvakasov-Baladjaev
1 ♖e5!! d5 (the rook is immune due to 1...dxe5 2 ♖d7+ ♔b8 – it's mate even faster after 2...♘xd7 3 ♕a7+ – 3 ♖b7+ ♔a8 4 c7 with a crushing attack and 1...♕xb4 2 ♖b3 is also terminal) **2 ♖exd5! ♘xd5 3 ♖xd5** (an immediate 3 ♕a7+ is also rather powerful) **3...♕xc6 4 ♕a7+ 1-0**

1030) Trifunovic-Lalic
1...gxf3!! 2 ♗xf6 (or 2 ♖xf3 ♖hg8 3 ♗e2 ♖xg2+! 4 ♔xg2 ♕g4+ 5 ♔f2 ♗xf3 6 ♗xf3 ♘e4+! and mates) **2...♖hgB 3 ♖f2** (there's nothing better: 3 g3 f2+ forces mate and 3 ♖a2 f2+! 4 ♖fxf2 ♖xd1+ 5 ♗f1 ♕b1 is crushing) **3...♖xg2+ 4 ♖xg2** (or 4 ♔f1 ♗xh2 5 ♔e1 ♖g1+ 6 ♗f1 ♕d3 with the decisive threat of 7...♖xf1+ 8 ♖xf1 ♕d2#) **4...f2+!** (the star move in the combination; mate is now forced) **5 ♔xf2 ♕xg2+ 6 ♔e1 ♕d2+ 7 ♔f1 ♗g2+ 8 ♔g1 ♗xh2+! 9 ♔xh2 ♗f3+ 10 ♗e2 ♕xe2+ 11 ♘f2 ♕xf2+ 0-1**

1031) Wheeler-Emms
1...♘xd3+!! 2 ♕xd3 ♖ee2 (with a decisive threat of 3...♕h6+) **3 ♔d1 ♕f6 4 ♕d5+?** (a better defence is 4 ♕d4 ♖d2+ 5 ♕xd2 ♕xa1+ 6 ♕c1 ♕xa2 – threatening both 7...♕e2# and 7...♕b3 – 7 ♘c3 ♕b3+ 8 ♔e1 ♖c2 9 ♕e3 ♕xc3+ 10 ♕xc3 ♖xc3 when Black is only a pawn up in a rook ending) **4...♔h8 5 ♖c1** (or 5 ♘c3 ♖e8 when White can't avoid losing his queen down the d-file) and now, rather than Emms' 5...♖xg2, **5...♖xa2! 6 ♖e1** (or 6 ♕d3 ♕g5 and the check on d2 forces mate) **6...♖f1** would have been decisive since White has no good way to meet the threat of 7...♖xe1+ 8 ♔xe1 ♕f2+ 9 ♔d1 ♕f1#.

1032) Sutovsky-Sokolov
1 ♘d5+!! ♖xd5 2 ♖xf7+! ♔d8 (Black is also mated in style after 2...♔xf7 3 ♕f3+ ♔e6 4 ♕f6+ ♔d7 5 ♕f5+ ♔d8 6 ♗g5+ ♔e8 7 ♕e6+ ♔f8 8 ♗h6#, while 2...♔e8 3 ♖f8+ ♔e7 4 ♗g5+! transposes to the game) **3 ♖f8+ ♔e7 4 ♗g5+! 1-0**
It's mate after 4...♔xf8 5 ♕f3+ ♔g8 6 ♕xd5+ ♔g7 7 ♗h6+! ♔xh6 8 ♕e6+ ♔g7 9 ♕f6+ ♔g8 10 ♖g3#.

1033) Turner-Howell
1 ♖d5! (threatening both mate and the black queen) **1...♗xd5 2 g5+ ♔xg5 3 ♕e5+ ♖f5 4 f4+ 1-0**
It's mate after 4...♔h6 5 ♘g4#.

1034) Georghiou-Mogasha
1 ♘xf7!! ♔xf7 2 ♘d5 ♕d8 (or 2...♕c6 3 ♕h5+ ♔f8 – 3...♔g8 4 ♘xf6+ gxf6 5 ♖xf6 forces mate

– 4 ♖xf6+! gxf6 5 ♗h6+ ♘g7 6 ♘xf6 and Black is helpless) **3 ♖xf6+!** (very aesthetic and even stronger than 3 ♕h5+ g6 4 ♕h3) **3...gxf6 4 ♕h5+ ♔f8** (this is not the most testing defence, but 4...♔g8 5 ♗c3 ♗e7 6 ♖f1 also gives White a decisive attack) **5 ♖f1 ♗e7 6 ♗h6+ ♔g8 7 ♖f3 1-0**
The rook lift decides.

1035) Watson-Kuczynski
1...♕xg1+!! (the only winning try; 1...fxg6? would have led to a draw after 2 ♕h6! ♕xg1+! 3 ♖xg1 bxa2 4 gxf8♕+ ♘xf8 5 ♖xg6+ ♘xg6 6 ♕xg6+) **2 ♖xg1 bxa2 3 gxf7+** (perhaps a better try was 3 ♕h6!?, although after 3...a1♕+ 4 ♔d2 fxg6 5 ♕h8+ ♔f7 6 ♕h7 ♚e8 7 ♖xa1 ♖xa1 8 ♕xg6+ ♔d8 9 gxf8♕+ ♗xf8 Black again has more than enough for the queen) **3...♔xf7 4 ♕g2 a1♕+ 5 ♔d2 ♕xg1!** (very aesthetic; a second queen is sacrificed on g1) **6 gxf8♕+ ♘xf8 7 ♕xg1 ♖a5** and Black's rook and two minor pieces outpowered White's queen.

1036) Sakelsek-Rodriguez Lopez
1 ♘xe6!! fxe6 2 ♕xe6+ ♗f7 (White also emerges with sufficient extra pawns after 2...♚f8 3 ♗d5 ♗f7 4 ♕xf7+! ♘xf7 5 ♗xc7; probably the best defence was 2...♔h8!?, although 3 ♘d5 – 3 ♖he1!? is also possible – 3...♕c8 4 ♕xc8 ♘xc8 5 ♘c7 ♘b6 6 ♘xa8 ♖xa8 7 ♖he1 leaves White with somewhat the better ending) **3 ♘d5 ♗xe6** (White gains a decisive lead too after 3...♕d7 4 ♘xe7+ ♘xe7 5 ♕xd6) **4 ♘xc7 ♗g4 5 ♘xa8 ♗xd1 6 ♖xd1** and White's two extra pawns were decisive.

1037) Sokolov-Vovk
The former candidate missed **1 ♖xh5+!! gxh5** (or 1...♚g7 2 ♖g5 ♕e8 3 ♖gf5! ♔h7 4 ♕f4 and h5 will follow with decisive effect) **2 ♖f5 ♚h6 3 ♕f4+ ♚g7 4 ♖g5+ ♚h6 5 ♕f3 ♖e1+ 6 ♔h2** when Black must give up his queen to avert mate, but **6...♕xg5 7 hxg5+ ♚g7 8 ♕f6+ ♔g8 9 g6 fxg6 10 ♕xg6+ ♚h8 11 ♕xh5+ ♚g7 12 ♕g4+ ♔f7 13 ♕f3+ ♔e8 14 ♕xd5** sees White's queen triumph over the black rooks.

1038) Sott-Pokorny
1...♘f3+!! 2 gxf3 ♗xf3 leaves White unable to prevent Black's queen from decisively infiltrating his kingside: **3 ♘xc5** (a better defence is 3 h3, but Black is still winning after 3...♘g4! 4 ♘f4 ♕h4 5 ♘ce2 g5; for example, 6 ♗d7 gxf4 7 ♗xg4 ♗xg4 8 hxg4 f3 9 ♘f4 ♖fe8 10 d4 ♕xg4+ 11 ♔h1 ♖e6! and mate follows) **3...♘g4! 4 d4** (as 4 h3 is also mated by 4...♕h4, the only defence is 4 ♕e3, not that that really helps White after 4...♘xe3 5 fxe3 ♕g5+ 6 ♔f2 ♕g2+ 7 ♔e1 dxc5 when Black is winning quite straightforwardly) **4...♕h4** (now it's mate on h2 or g2) **5 ♗f4 ♕h3 0-1**

1039) Plachetka-Zinn
1 ♕h5! ♘f6 (the only try: 1...gxh5? is mated by 2 ♖g3+ ♔h8 3 ♘xf7#) **2 ♘g4!!** (the main point of White's play) **2...gxh5** (and not 2...♘xh5? 3 ♘h6#) **3 ♘xf6+ ♚h8** (again it's mate in the case of 3...♔g7 4 ♘e8+ ♔h6 5 ♗g7+! ♔g6 6 ♖g3+ ♔f5 7 ♖g5+ ♔e4 8 ♘f6# or 8 ♘c3#) **4 ♖xh5 h6 5 ♘xd5+ 1-0**
White is no less than three pawns up after 5...♔h7 6 ♘xc7 ♗xc7 7 ♖xc5.

1040) Tozer-Palliser
1...♕xd5+!! 2 ♘xd5 ♗e4+ 3 ♖f3 ♗xd5 (3...♞e1 is also pretty effective) **4 ♔g2** (the inclusion of 4 d7 ♖e1+ 5 ♔g2 – 5 ♕xe1 ♗xf3# – 5...♔g7 changes little) **4...♖e1 0-1**
White must give up his queen as 5 ♕xc2 ♖g1+ 6 ♔h3 ♗xf3 leads to mate.

1041) Grassie-Duke
Rather than the game's 1 ♖g5, **1 ♖d5!!** (preventing ...♕xd6+) would have left Black without a defence to the threat of 2 ♕g7; for example, **1...exd5 2 ♕g7 ♘e7** (or 2...♕xd6 3 ♕xg8+ ♕f8 4 ♕xf8+ ♔xf8 5 ♖h8#) **3 dxe7** and Black can resign.

1042) McNab-Brunello
1 ♘h6+!! gxh6 (or 1...♔h8 2 ♕g4 ♕c8 – 2...♕e7 3 dxe5 fxe5 4 ♗xe5 wins – 3 dxe5 ♕xg4 4 ♘xg4 fxe5 5 ♘xe5 with an extra pawn and the initiative) **2 ♕g4+ ♔h8** (White gains a crushing attack after 2...♗g7 3 dxe5 ♕c8 4 ♕xc8 ♖xc8 5 exf6 ♗h8 6 ♗h3 ♖e8 7 ♖d7) **3 dxe5 ♕c8 4 exf6!** (4 ♖d7 is also easily sufficient) **4...♕xg4 5 f7+ ♖e5 6 ♗xe5+ ♕g7 7 ♗xg7+ ♔xg7 8 ♖a1** and White emerges the exchange ahead.

1043) Trifunovic-Koch
1 ♖xh6! ♕d7+ (it's mate after 1...♖xc4 2 ♖h8+ ♔f7 3 ♖1h7+ ♔f6 4 g5#) **2 ♕d5! ♖d4+** (White retains a crushing advantage after 2...♕xd5+ 3 exd5 ♖xg4 4 ♖h8+ ♔f7 5 ♖xa8) **3 ♕xd4! exd4 4 ♖g6+ ♔f7 5 ♖h7+ 1-0**
Mate follows on the back rank.

1044) Karjakin-Van Wely
1 ♗xh6!! wins a pawn: **1...gxh6? 2 ♕g6+ ♔h8 3 ♕xh6+ ♔g8 4 ♕g6+ ♔h8 5 ♖e3** (threatening 6 ♖g3 followed by mate) **5...f4 6 ♖xe5! dxe5 7 ♕h6+ ♔g8 8 d6 ♖f7** (Black is defenceless: another winning line being 8...♕d8 9 ♗c4+ ♖f7 10 dxe7 ♕xe7 11 ♕g6+ ♔f8 12 ♗xf7 ♕xf7 13 ♕d6+ ♔g7 14 ♕xb8) **9 ♗c4 ♗f5 10 dxe7 1-0**
White has a crushing attack after 10...♖e8 11 ♕g5+ ♔h8 12 ♗xf7.

1045) Horvath-Kosten
1...♕g3! 2 ♗e3 (White had to of course avoid 2 fxg3? hxg3+, while he also loses the exchange in the case of 2 ♕f3 ♘xg4 3 ♗f4 ♘xf2+ 4 ♖xf2 ♕xf2) **2...♘xg4!** (le point) **3 fxg3 hxg3+ 4 ♔g1 ♘xe3! 5 ♖f2 ♘f5 6 exf5 gxf2+ 7 ♕xf2 ♗xf2+ 8 ♔xf2 ♔e7** and Black's extra exchange prevailed.

1046) Ftacnik-Cvitan
1...♗xg2+! 2 ♔xg2 ♕h3+! 3 ♔xh3 ♘g5+ 4 ♔g2 ♘h4+ 0-1
Mate follows with 5 ♔h1 g2#.

1047) Richter-Hertneck
1 ♕xg4!! fxg4 2 ♖xf7 gives White a decisive attack due to his raking bishops: **2...♕c6** (neither 2...♔h8 3 ♘d5, with the idea of 3...♗xd5 4 ♘g6+ ♔h7 5 ♖xg7#, nor 2...♔h7 3 ♖xe7 ♖g8 – desperately trying to cover g7 – 4 ♗d3+ ♔h8 5 ♘g6+ ♔h7 6 ♘e5+ ♔h8 7 ♘f7# helps Black) **3 ♖xe7+ ♔h8** and now **4 ♘e4! ♖g8** (Black is also crushed after both 4...♕xe4 5 ♗xg7+ ♔h7 6 ♗e5# and 4...♘e5 5 ♖xd8+ ♖xd8 6 ♗xe5 ♖d1+ 7 ♔f2) **5 ♘d6** would have been even stronger than the game's 4 ♘d5.

1048) Spraggett-Speelman
Instead of the game's 1 ♘xg3, **1 ♘g5!,** threatening to capture on h7 would have forced mate in view of 1...♗xh2 2 ♖xh7+! ♕xh7 3 ♘xf7#.

1049) Williams-Prosiriakov
1 ♕h6!! f5 (White's main point is that 1...dxc3 2 ♘g5 ♗xg5 3 ♗xg5 cxb2 4 ♖ab1 f6 5 ♗xf6 ♕c7 6 ♖xd5! is rather powerful, especially since 6...♘c6? fails to 7 ♖d7! ♕xd7 8 ♗d5+ followed by mate) **2 ♘g5 ♗xg5 3 ♗xg5 ♕d7 4 e6! ♕d6** (or 4...♕xe6 5 ♖e1 ♕f7 6 ♘xd5 ♗xd5 7

♖e7 winning material) **5 ♘xd5 ♗xd5 6 ♗f4** (6 e7 also does the trick) **6...♕xe6 7 ♖e1 ♗e4** (again 7...♕f7 is met by the decisive 8 ♖e7!) **8 f3** and White won a piece.

1050) Johnson-Palliser
1...♖xf3! 2 ♖xg7+ (White doesn't have to interpolate this, but he is mated in the same manner as in the game after 2 ♗xf3 ♘d2) **2...♔xg7 3 ♗xf3 ♘d2! 4 ♕c1** (Black's main point is revealed after 4 ♗xd2 ♕b3+ 5 ♔a1 ♖xa3+ 6 bxa3 ♕xa3#) **4...♕xc4+ 5 ♔a1 ♘b3+ 0-1**
It's mate after 6 ♔a2 ♘xc1+ 7 ♔a1 ♕a2#.

1051) Perenyi-Schneider
1 ♖xd7! ♕xd7 (or 1...♔xd7 2 ♗e6+ ♔e8 3 gxf6 ♘d8 4 ♕d5 ♗d6 5 ♖g1 with a ruinous attack) **2 gxf6** gives White a winning attack: **2...♗d6** (2...♕c7 3 ♖d1 ♗d6 4 f7+ ♔d8 5 ♗e6 leaves Black defenceless against the threat of 6 ♗c5 since it's mate after 5...♔e7 6 ♕h4+ ♔f8 7 ♗h6#) **3 ♗e6 ♕c7 4 f7+ ♔d8 5 ♖d1** (the simpler 5 ♗g5+ and if 5...♗e7, then 6 ♕d5+, is also crushing) **5...♖c8 6 ♕xe5!? 1-0**
White's f-pawn decides after 6...♘xe5 7 ♗g5+ ♕e7 8 ♖xd6+ ♔c7 9 ♗xe7 ♖a8 10 ♖d5, but no less stylish and even stronger is 6 ♗g5+ ♘e7 7 ♖xd6+! ♕xd6 8 ♕xb7.

1052) Fairbairn-Bobras
1...♖c2!! is a beautiful silent sacrifice which allows Black to force favourable simplification: **2 ♕xc2** (or 2 ♗c1 ♕c7 with serious pressure and after, for example, 3 ♗g4 ♘g5 4 ♘e4 ♘xe4 5 dxe4 ♕c6 6 ♗g5 ♘e3+! 7 ♗xe3 ♗xg4 Black is somewhat better) **2...♕xf2+! 3 ♖xf2** (3 ♔h1 ♘e3 4 ♖xf2 ♘xf2+ transposes) **3...♘e3+ 4 ♔h1 ♘xf2+ 5 ♔g1 ♘h3+ 6 ♔h1 ♘xc2** and Black went on to convert his extra pawn.

1053) Kantsler-Smirin
1...♕xh2+!! 2 ♔xh2 ♖h6+ 3 ♔g3 (it's mate after 3 ♔g1 ♘h3+ 4 ♔h1 ♘xf2+ 5 ♔g1 ♘h3+ 6 ♔h2 ♘f4+ 7 ♔g1 ♖xg2#) **3...♘e6+ 4 ♕g4** (Black wins material after 4 ♗g4? ♘xd4 since 5 ♘xd4 allows 5...♖xg4#) **4...♘xg4 5 ♗xg4 ♖xg4+ 6 ♔f3 ♖xc4** left Black two pawns up.

1054) Alekhine-Rubinstein
1 ♗g6!! ♕e5 (White threatens 2 ♕e4 and 1...fxg6 is mated by 2 ♕g2 ♔g8 3 ♕h3 ♗xb4 4 ♕h7+ ♔f8 5 ♕h8+ ♔e7 6 ♕xg7+ ♔e8 – or 6...♔d6 7 ♖fd1+ – 7 ♕g8+ ♗f8 8 ♕xe6+ ♖e7 9 ♕xg6+ ♖f7 10 ♕xf7#, while 1...♗b7 loses to 2 ♘xf7+! ♖xf7 3 ♕xe6 threatening both 4 ♕h3+ and the f7-rook) **2 ♘xf7+ ♖xf7 3 ♗xf7** and White's extra exchange soon proved decisive.

1055) Palliser-Eames
1 ♖xe6!! ♘xh4 (White's connected passed pawns will carry the day after 1...♖c8 2 ♕b3 ♘f8 3 ♖xa7! ♕xe6 4 ♖xb7 ♕xb3 5 ♖xb3, but Black might have tried 1...♘f8, although those central pawns should again eventually prove decisive after 2 ♖c6 ♗xc6 3 ♕xc6 ♖e8 4 f3) **2 ♖xa7! ♖c8** (White's main point is that it's mate after 2...♖xa7 3 ♖e8#) **3 ♕b3 1-0**
There's no defence along the seventh and 3...♘f5 4 ♖xb7 ♘xd4 fails to 5 ♖e8+! which forces mate.

1056) Marovic-Tsagan
1 ♕xg6! hxg6 2 ♗xf7+ ♖xf7 3 ♖h8+! ♔xh8 4 ♘xf7+ ♔h7 5 ♘xd6 ♖d8 6 ♖e6 and White went on to convert his extra pawn.

1057) Mastrovasilis-Savic
1 ♗xg7!! ♔xg7 (Black is crushed too after 1...bxc3 2 e5 and even 1...♘c5!? fails to save him after Movsesian's 2 ♕h6! ♖e8 3 ♘e2!) **2 ♕h6+ ♔g8?** (a tougher defence is 2...♔h8, although

3 e5 f5 4 g6! should be decisive, such as after 4...♖f7 5 gxf7 ♕f8 6 ♕xf8+ ♗xf8 7 ♖hg1 ♗h6+ 8 ♔b1 ♗b7 9 ♗c4! ♘xe5 10 ♗xe6 ♘xf7 11 ♗xf7 bxc3 12 ♖xd6 with an extra exchange in the ending) **3 e5 f5 4 gxf6 ♘xf6 5 ♖hg1+ 1-0**
Mate is forced after 5...♔f7 6 ♗g6+!.

1058) King-Emms
Rather than the game's 1 ♕f3, **1 ♖xf6!! ♖xe2 2 ♖f7+ ♔g8** (or 2...♔xg6 3 ♖1f6+ ♔g5 4 ♖f5+ and it's mate with either 4...♔xg4 5 ♖g7+ ♔h3 6 ♖h5# or 4...♔g6 5 ♗h5#; it's also mate after 2...♔h8 3 ♖h7+ ♔g8 4 ♗e6#) **3 ♗e6** is crushing: 4 ♖h7# is the threat and **3...♖g2+** (the bishop cannot be dislodged by Black's rook in view of both 3...♖e8 4 ♖e7+ ♔h8 5 ♖h7# and 3...♖b6 4 ♖f8+ ♔g7 5 ♖g8#) **4 ♔xg2 ♕b2+ 5 ♔h3 ♕b6** fails to defend in view of **6 ♖f8+! ♔g7 7 ♖1f7+ ♔xg6 8 ♗f5+ ♔h5 9 ♖g7 ♗d1 10 g4+ ♗xg4+ 11 ♗xg4#**.

1059) Lasker-Thomas
1 ♕xh7+!! ♔xh7 2 ♘xf6+ ♔h6 (it's also mate after 2...♔h8 3 ♘g6#) **3 ♘eg4+ ♔g5 4 h4+ ♔f4 5 g3+ ♔f3 6 ♗e2+** (even quicker is 6 ♔f1 followed by 7 ♘h2#) **6...♔g2 7 ♖h2+ ♔g1 8 ♔d2# 1-0**
A classic king-hunt.

1060) Stephenson-Blaine
1 ♖d8+!! ♕xd8 2 ♕xe5 ♕d7 (the only way to cover g7, but White can't be prevented from forcing a neat mate in any case) **3 ♕h8+! ♔xh8 4 ♖f8# 1-0**

1061) NN-Mason
1...♗b5!! 2 axb5 (both 2 ♗d3 ♘hg3+ and 2 c4 ♗xc4 3 ♗d3 ♘hg3+ make no difference to Black's beautiful idea) **2...♘hg3+! 3 ♘xg3** (or 3 hxg3 hxg3+ 4 ♔g1 ♗c5+ winning the queen or mating after 5 ♘f2? gxf2+ 6 ♖xf2 ♘g3) **3...♘xg3+ 4 hxg3** (essential to avoid losing the white queen, but now it's mate) **4...hxg3+ 5 ♔g1 ♖h1+!** (even more accurate is 5...♗c5+! 6 ♘xc5 ♖h1+, avoiding any ♖f2 defences) **6 ♔xh1 ♖h8+ 7 ♔g1 ♗c5+! 8 ♘xc5** (White is also unable to avoid mate after 8 ♖f2 gxf2+ 9 ♕xf2 ♖h1+ 10 ♔xh1 ♗xf2) **8...♖h1+!** (completing the back-rank clearance) **9 ♔xh1 ♕h8+ 10 ♔g1 ♕h2# 0-1**

1062) Williams-Palliser
1 ♘hg6+!! fxg6 (1...♔g7 2 ♘h5+ ♔xh7 3 ♘e7+! ♔h8 4 ♘f6 doesn't help matters) **2 ♘xg6+ ♔g7 3 ♕h3 ♗g3+** (there wasn't anything better: 3...♔xg6 4 ♕h6+ ♔f7 5 g6+ ♔e7 6 ♗g5+ is hopeless, as is 3...♕a5+ 4 ♗d2 ♗g3+ 5 ♔f1 ♕xd2 6 h8♕+ ♖xh8 7 ♕xh8+ ♔xg6 8 ♕f6+ ♔h7 9 g6+ ♔h6 10 g7+ ♔h7 11 ♕f8 ♕f4+ 12 ♗f3) **4 ♔f1 ♔xg6** (now it's mate, but 4...♗h4 5 ♘xh4 ♕d7 6 ♗g4 ♕f7+ 7 ♗f5 is crushing) **5 ♕h6+ ♔f5 6 ♗g4+ ♔e5 7 ♕g7+ ♔e4 8 ♕g6+ ♔e5 9 ♕f5# 1-0**

1063) Hsu Li Liang-Nunn
1...♘xg3! 2 ♔xg3 (otherwise White just loses a key kingside pawn) **2...♕h4+! 3 ♔h2** (Black's main point is revealed by 3 ♔xh4 f4 4 ♔g5 ♖ff8 followed by 5...h6+ 6 ♔h4 ♗f6# or 6 ♔xg6 ♗e8#) **3...♕xe1** and Black's extra exchange shortly made its presence felt.

1064) Leko-Carlsen
1...♖xd5+!! 2 ♘xd5 ♕d8!! (much stronger than Carlsen's 2...♕e4 when 3 ♔e2 would have led to an immediate perpetual or to one after 3...♕xh1 4 ♘b6+ ♔c7 5 ♕a5 since 3...exd5 4 ♕g3 doesn't give Black enough for the sacrificed rook) **3 ♕g3** (there's no good way to avoid the threats of 3...♗b4+ and 3...♕xd5+ followed by 4...♕xh1; White might try 3 ♔e2, but he loses his queen after 3...♗g4+ 4 ♔f2 ♕h4+ 5 ♔g1 ♕xe1) **3...♕xd5+ 4 ♔e2 ♕xh1 5**

♗**g2** ♕**g1** sees Black decisively emerge two pawns ahead.

1065) Morozevich-Aronian
1 ♕d8+! (White can also begin with 1 ♔h4!, but in the game he failed to find the correct idea: 1 ♖f3? ♖f1? 2 fxg6? – 2 ♕d8+ ♔g7 3 f6+ ♔h6 4 ♔h4 was still on – 2...♖xf3+ 3 ♕xf3 ♕e1+ 4 ♔f4 hxg6 5 ♕xd5 ♕f2+ 6 ♘f3 1/2-1/2) **1...♔g7 2 f6+ ♔h6 3 ♔h4!!** and the white king plays a decisive attacking role: **3...♕xd4+ 4 g4 ♕b4** (trying to prevent the mate on f8, but...) **5 ♕f8+! ♕xf8 6 g5#**.

1066) Volkov-Zvjaginsev
1...♕xg3!! 2 hxg4 (Black's extra e-pawn is decisive after 2 fxg3 ♖xf1+ 3 ♔g2 ♞xe3+ 4 ♔h2 ♘xc2 5 ♖xc2 ♖e1) **2...♕h4+ 3 ♔g1 ♕xg4+ 4 ♗g2 ♖g5 5 f4 exf3 6 ♖d8 f2+! 0-1**
Black is the exchange up and still attacking after 7 ♖xf2 (or 7 ♔xf2 ♕xg2+ 8 ♔e1 ♕g1+ 9 ♔e2 ♕xe3+ 10 ♔d1 ♖g1#) 7...♖xd8.

1067) Zhou Jianchao-Bocharov
1...♘xg2! 2 a6 (it's mate after 2 ♔xg2 ♕xf3+) **2...♕xf3 3 ♖xd3** (or 3 ♕xb7 ♕xd1+ 4 ♔xg2 ♕g4+ 5 ♔h2 d2 6 a7 d1♕ and again Black forces mate) **3...♕xd3 4 axb7 ♘f4 5 b8♕ ♕h3 0-1**
The double mate threat decides and 5...♕f3 would have also done the job.

1068) Sorokin-Nureev
1...♖xg2+!! 2 ♔xg2 ♖g8+ 3 ♔h3 (Black's attack is overwhelming after 3 ♔h1 ♘xf3 4 ♖xf3 ♕h4 followed by 5...♕h3 or 5...♕g4; likewise 3 ♔f2 ♗xf3 doesn't assist White's cause) **3...♕f6 4 ♘g5** (or 4 ♖g1 ♕f5+ 5 ♔h4 ♘xf3+ 6 ♕xf3 ♖xg1 7 ♕xb7+ ♔xb7 8 ♖xg1 ♕xd3 and Black's queen is far too powerful) **4...hxg5 5 fxg5 ♖h8+** (also rather effective is 5...♕h8+ 6 ♔g4 ♕xh2) **6 ♔g4 ♕g6 7 ♔f4 ♕f5+ 0-1**
It's mate with 8 ♔g3 ♖h3#.

1069) Karjakin-Rychagov
1 ♗xe6!! ♗a3 (White's pieces are immune in view of 1...hxg4 2 ♗xd7# and 1...fxe6 2 ♖xe6+ ♔f7 3 ♖xd7+ ♔g8 4 ♕f4 ♖h7 5 ♕f7+ ♔h8 6 ♗e7) **2 ♗xd7+ ♔f8 3 ♕g3** (3 ♕c4 ♕xg5+ 4 f4 also does the trick) **3...h4** (unfortunately for Black 3...♖xc3+ 4 ♔b1 ♖xg3 fails to mate in one with 5 ♖e8) **4 ♕e5 1-0**

1070) Larsen-Petrosian
1 ♕xg6!! ♘f4 (1...fxg6 fails to 2 ♗xe6+ ♔h7 3 ♖h3+ ♗h6 4 ♗xh6 with an overwhelming attack due to 4...♖f5 5 ♖xf5 gxf5 6 ♗f7!) **2 ♖xf4 fxg6 3 ♗e6+ ♖f7** (or 3...♔h7 4 ♖h4+ ♗h6 5 ♗xh6 ♕b6+ 6 c5 leaving Black defenceless) **4 ♖xf7 ♔h8** (4...♗e5 can be met by the cute 5 ♖d4! – 5 ♖f5+ ♔g7 6 ♖fxe5 dxe5 7 ♖xd8 ♖xd8 8 ♔f2 is simpler and also rather good – with the point that 5...♕b6 – or 5...♕e8 6 ♖f8+ ♔xf8 7 ♗h6+ ♗g7 8 ♖f4+ winning a piece – 6 ♖f3+ ♔g7 7 ♖g4 gives White a winning attack: for example, 7...♕xb2 8 ♖f7+ ♔g8 9 ♖f6+ ♔h7 10 ♖h4+ ♔g7 11 ♖f7+ ♔g8 12 ♖f2+ ♔g7 13 ♗h6+ ♔h7 14 ♗f8#) **5 ♖g5 b5 6 ♖g3 1-0**
There's no good defence to the threat of 7 ♖h3+.

1071) Miles-Nedobora
1 ♖f8+! ♖xf8 2 ♖xf8+ ♔xf8 3 ♕f7+! (3 ♕e8+! also forces stalemate) **3...♔xf7 ½-½**

1072) Ragger-Wirig
1 ♗xh6! fxe4 (Black is crushed after 1...gxh6? 2 ♖g3+ ♔h7 3 ♘g5+ ♔g6 4 ♞xe6+) **2 ♗xg7! ♘5f6** (another possible defence is 2...♔f7, but after 3 ♗e2 ♘7f6 4 ♕g5 ♖g8 5 ♖h7! White has a decisive attack in view of 5...♘xh7? 6 ♗h5#) **3 ♕h8+** (rather strong too is 3 ♕g5 ♔f7 4

♖h6) **3...♔f7 4 ♗xf8 ♘xf8 5 ♗e2 ♕d2** (Black is also defenceless following 5...♘g6 6 ♖h7+! ♘xh7 7 ♕xh7+ ♔f6 8 ♗h5 when one neat finish occurs after 8...♘f4 9 ♕f7+ ♔g5 10 h4+! ♔h6 11 g4) **6 ♖g3! ♕f4** (or 6...♕xe2 7 ♕g7+ ♔e8 8 ♕xf6 with a winning attack) **7 ♗h5+! ♘xh5 8 ♕xh5+ ♔e7 9 ♖g7+ 1-0**
White's final piece joins in the attack after 9...♔d8 10 ♖d1+ when 10...♗d7 11 ♖gxd7+! ♘xd7 12 ♕h7 is decisive.

1073) Aroshideze-Nigalidze
1 ♗f8!! ♖xf8 (White also wins after both 1...♔xf8 2 ♖xh7 ♗g7 3 ♖xg6 ♖e7 4 ♖gxg7! ♖xg7 5 ♕h6 and 1...♗f6 2 ♕h6 ♗e6 3 ♖xg6+! hxg6 4 ♕xg6+ ♔xf8 5 ♕xf6+ ♗f7 6 ♖h8#) **2 ♕h6 ♖f7** (or 2...♔f7 3 ♕xh7+ ♔e8 4 ♕xg6+ ♔d8 5 ♕d6+ ♔e8 6 ♖xh8! ♖xh8 7 ♖g7 and mate follows) **3 ♖xg6+!** (the killer follow-up, exploiting the fact that Black cannot capture due to mate on h8) **3...♗g7 4 ♕xh7+ ♔f8 5 ♖hg1** wins the bishop with a crushing attack.

1074) Cordova-Smirin
1 ♖xg7!! ♘xe2+ (White's main point is seen after 1...♖xg7 2 ♗xf6 ♖eg8? – 2...♘fxe6 3 dxe6 ♘xe6 is a better defence, although after 4 ♕e4! ♕a4 5 c4! White's initiative is too strong; for example, 5...bxc4 6 ♗xc4 ♖c8 7 ♖g4 (now everything amazingly holds together) 7...d5 8 ♕xd5 ♕a3+ 9 ♔d2 ♕b4+ 10 ♔e2 ♖e8 11 ♖e4 and Black is out of good moves – 3 ♖xg7 ♖xg7 4 e7 when his e-pawn decides) **2 ♕xe2 ♘b3+ 3 ♔b1! 1-0**
Mate follows after 3...♘xd4 4 ♕h5.

1075) Morell Gonzalez-Fernandez Juan
1...♕h4! 2 ♘f3 (the only try since 2 gxh4 is mated by 2...♖g6+ 3 ♔h1 ♘xf2#) **2...♘g5! 3 gxh4 ♘xf3+ 4 ♔g2?** (now it's mate, but even 4 ♔h1 ♖xh4 5 h3 would have left White two pawns down after 5...♘xd4+ 6 ♔h2 ♘xc2 7 ♗xc2 ♖xc4) **4...♘e1+ 5 ♔g3 ♖g6+ 0-1**
It's mate after 6 ♔f4 ♖g4+ 7 ♔e5 ♘f3# or 7...♘c6#.

1076) Georgiev-Jakovenko
1...f5+! 2 gxf6+ ♔h6 (with a deadly threat of 3...♖hh3 and...♖ag3#) **3 ♖c1?** (White is helpless after 3 ♖a8? ♖g2+ 4 ♔h4 ♖e3! because 5 ♖a1 ♖gg3 6 ♖h1 g5+ 7 fxg5+ ♖xg5 8 ♖f1 ♖xe4+ 9 ♔h3 ♔h5 forces mate on h4; a better defence was 3 ♖h8! ♖hh3 4 f5, but then 4...exf5+ – and not 4...g5? 5 ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 6 ♔xg5 with serious counterplay – 5 ♔f4 (now 5 exf5? g5 6 ♖xh7+ ♔xh7 7 ♔xg5 fails to 7...♖hg3+ 8 ♔f4 ♖gc3 9 ♖d8 ♖c4+ 10 ♔g5 ♖g3+ 11 ♔h5 ♖c1) 5...♖h4+ 6 ♔e5 ♖xe4+ 7 ♔d5 ♖d3+! 8 ♔c5 ♖d7 9 ♖hf8 f4 should still be winning for Black) **3...♖g2+ 4 ♔h4 e5! 5 f7** (not 5 fxe5 g5#, but White had to try 5 ♖g8 ♖f2 6 ♖g1, although after 6...♖xf4+ 7 ♖g4 ♖xf6 Black has an easy win) **5...♖f2! 0-1**
White cannot prevent mate on f4.

1077) Karatorossian-Nalbandian
1 ♖xg5! ♕xg5 2 ♕d4+ ♔g8 (or 2...♔h7 3 ♘f6+ – another crushing option is 3 ♖g2 ♕d8 4 ♗h5! – 3...♔h6 4 ♖g2 and White either wins the queen or mates with 4...♕c1+ 5 ♖g1 ♕c2 6 ♕h4+ ♔g7 7 ♘h5+! ♖xh5 8 ♕e7+ ♔h6 9 ♕f8+ ♔h7 10 ♕f7+ ♔h8 11 ♕f6+ ♔h7 12 ♕xg6+ ♔h8 13 ♕g7#) **3 ♖g2 ♖h4** (3...♕c1+ 4 ♖g1 ♕h6 5 ♖xg6+! wins the black queen) **4 ♘f6+ ♔f7 5 ♗d5+ ♔e7** and now White sadly missed the only, if straightforward, path to victory: **6 ♖e2+ ♔d8 7 ♖e8+ ♔c7 8 ♕a7+ ♖b7** (or 8...♗b7 9 ♕xa5#) **9 ♖xc8+! ♔xc8 10 ♕xb7+ ♔d8 11 ♕d7#**.

1078) Li Chao-Wang Hao
1 ♖d8+! ♔h7 (Black loses his queen after 1...♖xd8 2 ♕xe2) **2 ♖g7+! ♔xg7** (or 2...♔h6 3 ♕f4+ ♔xg7 4 ♕g5+ ♔h7 5 ♕g8+ transposing) **3 ♕g2+ ♔h7 4 ♕g8+ ♔h6 5 ♕h8+ ♔g6 6 ♕f6+ ♔h5 7 ♕g5# 1-0**

1079) Petrosian-Minasian
1 ♘xc7!! ♕f7 (Not the best defence. The main point of White's combination can be seen after 1...♔xc7 2 ♖e7+! ♗xe7 3 ♖xe7+ when Black is undone on the dark squares: 3...♔d8 – or 3...♔b8 4 ♕xb6 ♕d1+ 5 ♔h2 ♕d5 6 ♕c7+ ♔a7 7 ♗d4+! forcing mate – 4 ♕xb6+! ♔xe7 5 ♗a3+ ♔d7 6 ♕e6+ ♔c7 7 b6+ ♔d8 8 ♕e7+ ♔c8 9 ♕c7#. Very similar is 1...♗xc7 2 ♖e7+ ♔c8 3 ♖xc7+!, while 1...♖ac8 fails to 2 ♕d2. However, perhaps Black might have tried 1...♖ag8!?, not that this would have saved him in the event of 2 ♖e7+!! – 2 ♘e6 ♗d5 with the idea of ...g6 isn't so clear – 2...♗xe7 – or 2...♔c8 3 ♘d5 and wins after both 3...♗xd5 4 ♕xb6 and 3...♗xe7 4 ♘xe7+ ♔b8 5 ♕xb6 – 3 ♕xb6 with a crushing attack; for starters both 4 ♖xe7+ and 4 ♕xb7 are threatened.) **2 ♘e6!?** (there was nothing wrong with 2 ♘xa8 ♖xa8 3 ♖e6, but the young Armenian prefers to play for the attack) **2...♔c8 3 ♖c3 ♗d5? 4 ♕xb6 ♗b4! 5 ♖xc4+ ♗xc4 6 ♖c1** and the attack was decisive.

1080) Marshall-Hopwood
Rather than the game's 1...♖g7, **1...♗xg4 2 fxg4 h3!** gives Black a winning attack: **3 g3** (3 gxh3 ♕h4 also leaves White defenceless; for example, 4 ♗f3 ♘xh3 5 ♖a3 ♖xf3! 6 ♖xf3 ♘g5+ 7 ♔g2 ♕xg4+ 8 ♖g3 ♕xg3+! 9 ♔xg3 ♘xe4+ 10 ♔g4 ♘xd2 with an extra piece in the end-game) **3...♘xe2!!** is the main point when it's a picturesque mate after **4 ♕xg5** (or 4 ♕xe2 ♕c1+ 5 ♔h2 ♖f1, winning White's queen) **4...♖f1+ 5 ♔h2 ♖f2+ 6 ♔xh3** (or 6 ♔h1 ♘xg3+ 7 ♔g1 ♖g2#) **6...♘g1+ 7 ♔h4 ♖h2#**.

Chapter Seven

Test One

1081) Rodriguez-Polgar
The desperado **1...♕xc3! 2 ♕xe2** (or 2 bxc3 ♗xd1 3 ♖xd1 bxc6) **2...♕xc6** left Black a clear piece ahead. (*1 point*)

1082) Bronstein-Ilivitzki
1 ♖cxd8! (*1 point*) **1...♕e1+** (after 1...♖bxd8 or 1...♖exd8, with 2 ♘h6+ White either wins the black queen with 2...♔h8 3 ♘xf7+ or mates with 2...gxh6 3 ♕xf7+ ♔h8 4 ♕xh7#) **2 ♔g2 1-0** White emerges a piece ahead after 2...♖bxd8 3 ♘h6+ ♔h8 4 ♘xf7+ ♔g8 5 ♖xd8 (*take a second point for seeing this far*).

1083) Adams-Palliser
1...♗xa3! 2 bxa3 ♖xc3 wins a pawn. (*1 point*)

1084) Baburin-Palliser
1 ♖e8+! (*1 point*) **1...♖xe8 2 dxe8♕+ ♔xe8 3 f4** leads to an easily winning pawn ending due to White's outside passed pawn: **3...a6** (or 3...gxf3 4 ♔f2 c4 5 ♔xf3 ♔d7 6 g4 a6 – 6...♔e6 7 ♔e4 ♔f6 8 ♔d5 ♔g5 9 ♔c6! sees the a-pawn queen shortly – 7 ♔e4 b5 8 axb5 axb5 9 ♔d4 and White's soon to be passed c-pawn decides) **4 c4!** (*take a second point for seeing this useful follow-up*) **4...♔d7 5 ♔e2 ♔c6 6 ♔d3 b5** (Black cannot maintain the opposition in view of 6...♔d7 7 ♔e4 ♔e6 8 f5+ ♔d6 9 ♔f4 b5 10 axb5 axb5 11 cxb5 c4 12 f6 when White queens first) **7 cxb5+ axb5 8 a5 1-0**

1085) Palliser-Hotham
1...♗xc2+! (*1 point*) **2 ♔xc2 ♘b4+ 3 ♔c3** (or 3 ♔c1 ♘fd3+ when White must give up his queen to avoid 4 ♔b1 ♕xa2#) **3...♘xa2+ 4 ♔c2 ♘b4+ 5 ♔c3 ♕c5+** and Black regained his piece with a huge advantage (also rather effective would have been 5...♘bd3+ 6 ♔c2 ♕a2).

1086) Gower-Hopwood
1...♗xg2! 2 ♘xg2 (or 2 ♗xg2 ♖xg2+ 3 ♔h1 ♕g4 4 ♘xg2 f3 followed by mate) **2...♖xg2+ 3 ♔h1** (3 ♗xg2 f3 and mate on g2 is the main point of the combination) **3...♖g6 0-1** (*2 points*)

1087) McNab-Sherwin
1 ♕g7+! 1-0
White forces mate with 1...♖xg7 2 e7+. (*1 point*)

1088) Ziatdinov-Kotronias
1...♗g5! 2 ♘b5+ (the only real try with White's queen being tied to the defence of both b2 and d4) **2...♗xb5 3 ♕xg5 ♗e2** (the main point: White can't both prevent mate and save his rook) **4 ♕e7+ ♔b8 0-1**
Take 1 point for finding 1...♗g5 and a second if you saw 3...♗e2.

1089) Berzina-Ciuksyte
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 1-0
Mate follows with 2 g8♕+! ♖xg8 3 ♖xf7+ ♔h8 4 ♕h4#. (*2 points*)

1090) Schulz-Kulovana
1...♗xg2! 2 ♔xg2 ♕g5+ 3 ♔h2 ♕xd2 won a pawn. (*1 point*)

1091) Zakharevich-Ovod
1 ♘f6+!! ♗xf6 (or 1...gxf6 2 ♗xh7+! ♘xh7 3 ♖g3+ ♘g5 4 fxg5 fxg5 5 ♖h3 ♗f6 6 ♗b4 followed by mate) **2 ♗xh7+! ♘xh7 3 ♖h3 ♕xd4** (Black also can't escape from the white attack after 3...a5 4 ♕xh7+ ♔f8 5 ♗e3 ♔e7 6 ♖d1) **4 ♕xh7+ ♔f8 5 exf6 gxf6 6 ♗c3 ♕xf4 7 ♖f3 ♕xf3** (White mates too after 7...♕c4 8 ♗xf6 ♕g4 9 ♕h8+ ♕g8 10 ♕h6+) **8 ♗b4+ 1-0**
It's mate with 8...♖e7 9 ♕h8#.
Take two points for finding 1 ♘f6+ and a further two for seeing as far as 7 ♖f3.

1092) Cox-Trent
1 ♗xf7! wins a key pawn: **1...♖xf7 2 ♕e8+ ♖f8 3 ♘xg6+ ♔g8 4 ♘xf8 ♗xf8 5 ♕e6+ ♔h7** (or 5...♔h8 6 ♕xe5+ ♔g8 7 ♕e6+ ♔h8 8 ♕c8! ♕d6 9 ♕c2 trapping the black knight) **6 ♕f5+ 1-0**
Black loses his knight after 6...♔g8 7 ♕g4+.
Take one point for 1 ♗xf7 and a further two if you realised that the knight on d1 was trapped.

Test Two

1093) Aronian-Svidler
1...♖e1+! 0-1
White loses his queen after 2 ♖xe1 ♕xd3. (*1 point*)

1094) Bielby-Smith
1...axb5! 2 ♘xc7+ ♔e7 0-1
Black is a piece up for insufficient compensation after both 2...♔e7 3 ♘xa8 ♘d4 4 ♕xf4 ♗h6 5 ♕f2 ♘xc2+ 6 ♔f1 ♘xa1 and 3 ♘d5+ ♔d8 4 d3 ♕g3+.
Take 1 point for 1...axb5 and a further one if you saw as far as 4...♗h6.

1095) Parkin-Palliser
Black increases his advantage to an extra rook: **1...♖xd3 2 ♕xd3 ♕xa1** (*1 point*)

1096) Levitsky-Marshall
1...♕g3!! 0-1
Black emerges a piece ahead after 2 ♕xg3 (it's mate after both 2 hxg3 ♞e2# and 2 fxg3 ♘e2+ 3 ♔h1 ♖xf1 #) 2...♞e2+ 3 ♔h1 ♘xg3+ 4 ♔g1 ♘e2+.
Only 2 points I'm afraid as there were less attractive ways to win and because this position is rather well known.

1097) Adorjan-Ribli
1 ♗xg7! ♗xg7 2 h6 ♗f6 (it's also mate down the g-file after 2...♗f8 3 ♕g5 f6 4 ♕g6+ ♔h8 5 h7, while 2...♗h8 fails to either 3 ♕g5 or 3 ♖g7+) **3 ♕g2 1-0**
There's no defence to the threat of 4 ♕g7+!. (*2 points*)

1098) Lund-Rowson
White solves his back-rank difficulties in style by simplifying with **1 ♖xc5+! ♔b8** (or 1...bxc5 2 ♕b7#) **2 ♖c8+! 1-0** (*2 points*)

1099) Abergel-Tebb
1 ♗xf7+! ♔xf7 2 ♘d6+ 1-0
Black must give up his queen since 2...♔g8 3 ♕b3+ mates. (*1 point*)

1100) Frostick-Miller
1...♖xg2+! (*1 point*) forces perpetual: **2 ♔xg2 ♕g6+ 3 ♔h2** (or 3 ♔f2 ♕f5+ 4 ♔e1 ♕b1+ 5 ♔d2 ♕b2+ and the white king cannot escape) **3...♕c2+ 4 ♔g1 ♕g6+ 5 ♔h2 ½-½**

1101) Cullen-Varnam
1...♗xf2+! 0-1
It's mate on the back rank after 2 ♖xf2 ♕a1+. (*1 point*)

1102) Slinger-Rooney
1 ♕h8+! ♗xh8 2 ♖xh8+ ♔g7 3 ♗xe5+ f6 4 gxf6+ 1-0
White emerges a rook up. (*2 points*)

1103) Zhao-Markos
1 ♘xh5!! ♖d8 (giving the king an escape square, while preventing the other threat of 2 ♘f6+; White's queen was immune in view of 1...♘xd3? 2 ♖g7+ ♔f8 3 ♘h7# or 2...♔h8 3 ♘f7#) **2 ♕xd5! gxh5** (or 2...♕xd5 3 ♘f6+ ♔h8 4 ♖h7#) **3 ♖f8+! 1-0**
Mate follows with 3...♔g7 4 ♕g8+ ♔h6 5 ♘f7#.
2 points for 1 ♘xh5 and a further two if you found 2 ♕xd5.

1104) Cooley-Noden
1 ♖xe4! (*1 point*) **1...♕f5** (after 1...♕xe4, 2 ♘g5 wins Black's queen in view of the mate threat on h8) **2 ♘f6+!** (*a further 2 points are available for this*) **2...♔xg7 3 ♖g4+ ♕g6?** (now it's mate, although after 3...♕xg4 4 ♕xg4+ ♔xf6 5 ♕h4+ ♔g6 6 ♕xe7 White's extra queen and pawns should decide) **4 ♕h7+ ♔xf6 5 ♖f4+ ♕f5** (or 5...♔g5 6 ♕h4#) **6 ♕h6# 1-0**

Test Three

1105) O'Neill-Hopwood
1...♖xc3! removes the white queen's defender to net a piece. (*1 point*)

1106) Balbashova-Sulejmanova
1...♕xa5! wins a piece in view of White's vulnerable back rank. (*1 point*)

1107) Alonso-Claros Egea
1 ♘xf7! ♔xf7 (a much better defence is 1...♕xf6 2 ♘xh8 ♕xh8, although White is the exchange ahead and doing rather well after 3 ♕h5+) **2 ♕h5+ ♔xf6** (now Black loses his queen, but 2...♔g8 was impossible on account of 3 ♕g6+ ♗g7 4 ♕xg7#) **3 ♕xh4+ 1-0**
1 point for 1 ♘xf7 and a bonus point if you spotted then 3 ♕xh4+.

1108) Reiner-Steinitz
1...♕h4! (*1 point*) **2 ♖g2** (or 2 ♖xh4 ♖g1#) **2...♕xh2+!** (*and a second point for this*) **3 ♖xh2 ♖g1# 0-1**

1109) Bronstein-Kottnauer
1 ♘e8! 1-0
The most elegant way of preventing Black's idea of ...♕b6-g1+ with perpetual, although 1 ♘g6+ ♔g8 2 ♕a4 is also more than good enough. After 1 ♘e8, if 1...♕b6 then White has the pretty 2 ♕h7+! ♔xh7 3 ♖xg7+ ♔h8 4 ♘g6#.
1 point for 1 ♘g6+ or two if you found both 1 ♘e8 and the queen sacrifice.

1110) Karpov-Malaniuk
1 ♗d5+! 1-0
Mate follows after 1...cxd5 2 ♕xd5+ ♔e8 3 ♕e6+. (*1 point*)

1111) Turner-Mestel
1...♘xe4!! 2 ♗xe4 (or 2 ♘xe4 ♗xa1 3 ♗e3 ♕a5+ and Black is the exchange up) **2...d5 3 cxd5 cxd5 4 ♗f3** (neither does 4 ♗xg6 fxg6 5 ♗b2 ♖ae8 6 0-0-0 save White in view of 6...♖c8 followed by 7...d4) **4...♗f5** gives Black a winning attack: **5 ♕d2 ♖fe8+ 6 ♔d1** (or 6 ♗e2 ♗xc3 7 ♕xc3 ♗g4 when White must resign) **6...♗xc3 7 ♕xc3 ♖ac8 0-1**
8 ♕d2 ♗c2+ 9 ♕xc2 ♖xc2 10 ♔xc2 ♕f2+ is absolutely crushing.
2 points for 1...♘xe4 and a further one if you realised that the attack was immensely powerful.

1112) Sowray-Palliser
1...♘xg2! (*1 point*) **2 ♔xg2 ♕f6!?** (also rather good is 2...♘h4+, pretty much forcing 3 ♘xh4 ♗xd1 4 ♖axd1 ♕xh4) **3 ♔h2 ♕f4+ 4 ♔g1 ♝xf3 5 ♕d2 ♕h4 6 ♗d1 ♕xh3 7 ♗xf3 ♕xf3 8 ♕e3 ♕g4+ 9 ♕g3 ♕xe4** and Black's extra pawns carried the day.

1113) Potts-Rendle
1 ♕xd5+! 1-0
White forces mate after 1...♔h8 (or 1...♖xd5 2 ♖xf8#) 2 ♕xf5!.
1 point for each queen sacrifice.

1114) Jones-Gallagher
1...♖xa3+! 2 bxa3 ♕xa3+ 0-1
Mate follows after 3 ♕a2 ♕c3+. (*1 point*)

1115) Anand-Van Wely
1 ♖xg7!! (*3 points*) **1...♔xg7** (the queen is immune in view of 1...♘xd5? 2 ♖xh7#) **2 ♖g1+ ♔h8 3 ♗h6 ♘g4** (setting a cheapo and there was no good way to cover g7, especially since 3...♘h5 fails to 4 ♗xf8 ♖xf8 5 ♖g8+ ♖xg8 6 fxg8♕#) **4 ♖xg4 ♖xf7 5 ♕xa8+! 1-0**

1116) Aronian-Papp
1 ♖xf7!! ♔xf7 (now the attack is too strong, but neither was there a good way to decline the rook: for example, 1...b5 2 ♖c7 ♕a8 3 ♗xe6+ ♖xe6 4 ♕b3 and the e6-rook falls) **2 ♕h7 ♖xd6** (desperation in the face of 3 ♖f1#; mate would also have occurred after both 2...♖f8 3 ♖f1+ ♔e8 4 ♕g6+ ♔d7 5 ♗xe6# and 2...♔f6 3 ♖f1+ ♔e5 4 ♕f5+ ♔d4 5 ♕d3+ ♔e5 6 ♖f5#) **3 cxd6 ♔f6 4 ♖f1+ ♔e5 5 d7** (5 ♕d3 was even stronger, but we're rather splitting hairs) **5...♕xd7 6 ♕f5+ 1-0**
Black will lose his queen.
3 points for finding both the rook sacrifice and the all-important follow-up, 2 ♕h7.

Test Four

1117) Schon-Egan
1 ♘xc6! wins a key pawn in view of 1...♕xc6? 2 ♗b5. (*1 point*)

1118) Mahesh Chandran-Vavrak
1 ♘c8! 1-0
White threatens mate and after 1...♖xc8 2 ♗xb7 Black's rooks are skewered. (*1 point*)

1119) Lin Zhigen-Hvistendahl
1 ♘f6+! 1-0
White wins the exchange on e8. (*1 point*)

1120) Izoria-Heimann
1 ♖xa6! 1-0
White's pawns decide after 1...♔xa6 (or 1...♖xd7 2 ♖a7+ ♔c8 3 ♖a8+ ♔b7 4 ♖ba1 followed by mate down the a-file) 2 ♔xc6 (threatening 3 ♖a1#) 2...♔a5 3 ♔c7 ♖gg8 4 b7 ♖b8 5 c5 ♔a6 6 c6 h4 7 ♔d6. (*2 points*)

1121) Samedov-Kirikova
1...♗xh3! 2 gxh3 (or 2 ♔g1 ♗xg2 winning material) **2...♕xh3+ 3 ♘h2** (similar and rather effective is 3 ♖h2 ♗xh2 4 ♘xh2 ♕xf3+) **3...♗xh2 4 ♖xh2 ♕xf3+ 5 ♔g1 ♖g6+ 6 ♖g2 ♖xg2+ 7 ♕xg2 ♕xd1+ 8 ♔h2 ♖f6** gave Black an overwhelming attack.
2 points for 1...♗xh3 and a further one if you spotted that the d1-rook would become loose.

1122) Kolev-Hernando Rodrigo
1 ♘h5! ♗d5 (Black is crushed after 1...gxh5 2 ♕h6 f6 3 ♖xe6, but there's no satisfactory defence in any case with 1...♗f5 failing to 2 ♕h6 ♗f8 3 ♕g5) **2 ♕h6 ♗f8 3 ♕g5** and White's threats down the long diagonal are decisive: **3...♗xe4 4 ♘f6+ ♔h8 5 ♘xe4+ ♕d4 6 ♗xd4+ cxd4 7 ♕f6+ 1-0**
1 point for 1 ♘h5 and a further one for seeing up to 3 ♕g5.

1123) Grivas-Hrisostomidis
1 ♖xh7+! ♔xh7 (or 1...♔g8 2 d6+ ♘c4 3 ♕h5 followed by mate) **2 ♕h5+ ♔g8 3 ♘e7# 1-0** (*1 point*)

1124) Pitl-Savchenko
1...♗f2! trapped the white queen: **2 ♕xf2 ♘d3+ 3 ♗xd3 ♕xf2 0-1** (*1 point*)

1125) Sokolov-Saric
1 ♘d7! (*2 points*) **1...♖d8?** (Black had to give up the exchange with 1...♖g6, even though the

ending should be winning for White after 2 ♘xf8+ ♗xf8 3 ♖xf5) **2 ♖h4+ 1-0**
It's mate after 2...♖h6 3 ♘f6+ ♔h8 4 ♖xh6#.

1126) Pucher-Gerard
1...♖xg2! (*2 points*) **2 ♖c8+** (or 2 ♕xg2 ♕xc1+ 3 ♔h2 ♕e3 with an extra pawn and some advantage) **2...♗xc8 3 ♕xg2 ♕xe5** saw Black pick up two pawns.

1127) Palliser-Burnett
1 ♗xg6!! hxg6 (after 1...♘xg6 2 ♘xg6 Black has nothing better than to transpose with 2...hxg6) **2 ♘xg6 ♘xg6 3 ♖xg6+ ♔h8** (and not 3...♔h7? 4 ♗f8!) **4 ♕h5 ♖h7 5 ♖g7! ♖xg7** (the main point of White's whole combination is that 5...♕e8 fails to 6 ♖dxd7!: 6...♕xh5 7 ♖xh7+ ♔g8 8 ♖dg7+ ♔f8 9 ♖h8# or 6...♕xd7 7 ♖xd7 ♖xd7 8 ♗g5+ when White's queen and bishop combine with deadly effect; perhaps Black might have tried 5...♗e4, although after 6 ♖xe7 ♖xe7 7 ♗g7+ ♔g8 8 ♕g4 it's hard to believe that White's attack won't shortly net further material) **6 ♗xg7+ ♔g8 7 ♕h8+ ♔f7 8 ♕h5+ ♔g8** and now **9 ♗h6!** (rather than the game's horrible 9 ♖g1?) **9...♔h8 10 ♖g1** wins the black queen after **10...♕h7 11 ♗g7+ ♔g8 12 ♗xf6+**.
1 point for 1 ♗xg6, two more for 5 ♖g7 and a fourth point is available for seeing 9 ♗h6.

1128) Euwe-Reti
1...♗h3! (1...♗c5+ 2 ♔h1 ♗h3! also does the business) **2 ♕xa8 ♗c5+ 3 ♔h1** (or 3 ♖dd4 ♗xd4+ 4 ♖xd4 ♕e1#) **3...♗xg2+! 4 ♔xg2 ♕g4+ 5 ♔f1 ♕f3+ 6 ♔e1 ♕f2# 0-1** (*2 points*)

Test Five

1129) Von Herman-Tabatt
1 ♖fd1! ♕b5 (1...fxe4? fails to 2 ♖xc8+ ♖xc8 3 ♕xd7#) **2 ♘f6+! ♔e7 3 ♖xc8 ♖xc8 4 ♘xd7** gave White a crushing attack.
1 point for 1 ♖d1+ and a second for 3 ♖xc8.

1130) Pomar Salamanca-Liljedahl
1 ♘g5! (*1 point*) wins material down the long diagonal: **1...f6 2 ♗xb7 fxg5 3 ♕e3 ♘d7 4 ♕xe6+ ♔f8** (or 4...♕e7 5 ♕xe7+ ♔xe7 6 ♗xa8 ♖xa8 7 bxc3 with an extra exchange) **5 ♗xa8 ♕xa8 6 f3** and White went on to convert his extra exchange (Black cannot save both his knights).

1131) Ferguson-Wallace
1 ♖xg6! 1-0
White wins a piece in view of 1...♕xf2 2 ♖xg7+ and 3 ♖xf2. (*1 point*)

1132) Stadt-Roehr!
White wins Black's queen: **1 ♘g6+! ♘xg6 2 ♕xd6 1-0** (*1 point*)

1133) Alekhine-Reshevsky
1 ♖xb8+! ♔xb8 2 ♕xe5+! 1-0
Mate follows on the back rank after 2...fxe5 (or 2...♔a8 3 ♖a1+) 3 ♖f8+. (*2 points*)

1134) Morrison-Basman
1...♖xh2! 2 ♔xh2 ♖h8+ 3 ♔g1 ♖h1# 0-1 (*1 point*)

1135) Cebalo-Aleksic
1 ♘d6! ♕e7 (it's mate after 1...cxd6? 2 ♘a6+ bxa6 3 ♕c8#) **2 ♘dxb7 1-0**
Black swiftly finds himself defenceless on the queenside after 2...♘xb7 3 ♘a6+ ♔c8 (or 3...♔a8 4 ♕xc7! with a winning attack in view of 4...♕xc7 5 ♘xc7+ ♔b8 6 ♘a6+ ♔a8 7 ♖c8#) 4 ♘xc7.
1 point for 1 ♘d6 and a second if you realised just how fast the attack is after 2 ♘dxb7.

1136) Spraggett-Hernandez Garcia
1 ♘xa6+! *(1 point)* **1...♔a8** (or 1...bxa6 2 ♘c6+ and 3 ♘xc6 winning the black queen) **2 ♘xc7+ 1-0**
White's attack is overwhelming after 2...♖xc7 3 axb6+ ♔b8 4 ♕a5.

1137) Svidler-Tiviakov
1 ♖xf7+! ♘xf7 2 ♘e6+ ♔g8 3 ♘xd8 wins a piece in view of 3...♘xd8 4 ♖a8. (*2 points*)

1138) Cnossen-Regniers
1...♕xf2+! 0-1
Back-rank mate follows after 2 ♖xf2 ♖a1+. (*1 point*)

1139) F.N.Stephenson-K.Neat
1 ♖xf6! gxf6 (White was ready with a double exchange sacrifice: 1...♘xf6 2 ♖xf6! gxf6 3 ♕g4+ ♔h8 4 ♕g5 – shades of Lasker-Reshevsky) **2 ♕g4+ ♔h8 3 ♖xf6! ♘e5** (3...♘xf6 4 ♕g5 ♖g8 5 ♗xf6+ ♕xf6 6 ♕xf6+ ♖g7 7 ♕xd6 sees White's extra queen run amok) **4 ♕f5 ♖g8** (or 4...♕d7 5 ♕xd7 – 5 ♕h5 is a very reasonable alternative – 5...♘xd7 6 ♖xd6+ ♔g8 7 ♖xd7 and White's bishops and d-pawn are far too strong) **5 ♖xd6! 1-0**
2 points for each played exchange sacrifice on f6 and a bonus point if you spotted 5 ♖xd6.

1140) Karpov-Csom
1 ♘f5!! 1-0
2 ♖h7+ and 3 ♕g7# is threatened, and 1...♘xd7 fails to 2 ♕h2+ ♔g8 3 ♕g3+ ♔f7 4 ♕g7#. (*3 points*)

Test Six

1141) Vanderbeeken-Flear
1...♕xc3! 0-1
Black wins a piece due to the pin down the d-file. (*1 point*)

1142) Palliser-Westra
1 ♕xg7! (*1 point*) **1...♖xf4?** (a blunder, although after 1...♕xg7 2 ♘e6+ ♔e7 3 ♘xg7 ♖f7 4 ♖xf7+ ♔xf7 5 ♙f5 gxf5 6 ♖h7+ ♔e6 7 exf5+ ♔d6 8 ♔b1 White's extra exchange should prevail) **2 ♖h8+ 1-0**

1143) Dvirnyy-Pomaro
1 ♘xf7! ♕xf7 2 ♖xd6 wins a pawn. (*1 point*)

1144) Morris-Burton
1 b4! ensures that White remains a piece ahead after either 1...♕xb4+ 2 c3 ♕xd4 (2...♕b2? loses to 3 ♕e5+ ♗e7 4 ♕xe7#) 3 ♗xd4 or 1...♗xb4+ 2 c3 gxf6 3 cxb4.
2 points for finding 2 c3.

1145) Gibson-Cork
1 ♘xb7! wins a key pawn since the a-pawn is unstoppable after 1...♘xb7? 2 a6. (*1 point*)

1146) Narayanan-Ikonnikov
1...♘g3+! 2 ♕xg3 f4 forced **3 ♕h3** (3 ♕e1 or 3 ♕f2 would have allowed mate after 3...♕xh2+! 4 ♔xh2 ♖h6+ 5 ♕h4 ♖xh4#) **3...♗xh3** with an easy win for Black.
2 points for 1...♘g3 and a further point for the queen sacrifice on h2.

1147) Szakolczai-Okara
1...♕xf2+! 0-1
Mate follows with 2 ♖xf2 ♖c1+ 3 ♖f1 ♗e3+ 4 ♔h1 ♖xf1#. (*2 points*)

1148) Bronstein-Ratner
1 ♘xe6! (*1 point*) **1...♖xd1** (White wins easily after this, but he also would have done after both 1...fxe6 2 ♖xd7 ♘xd7 3 ♕xe6+ ♕f7 4 ♖h8+! – *a second point for seeing this important follow-up* – and 1...♕e7 2 ♖h8+ ♔xh8 3 ♕h6+ ♔g8 4 ♕g7#) **2 ♘xf8 ♖xh1 3 ♔xh1 ♖xf8 4 ♕e7 ♔g7 5 ♕xb7 ♘c8 6 ♕d7 1-0**

1149) McNab-Gayson
1 ♖xg6+! hxg6 (or 1...♔f7 2 ♖xh7+ ♔e8 3 ♖gg7 with a mating attack) **2 ♗xg6 1-0**
Mate follows on h8. (*2 points*)

1150) Sareen-Palliser
1...♘xf2! (*2 points*) wins the exchange since **2 ♔xf2** failed to **2...fxg3+ 3 ♔xg3** (or 3 ♔e2 ♕f2+ 4 ♔d3 ♖f3+) **3...♕f2+ 4 ♔g4 ♖f4+** both winning the queen and forcing mate.

1151) Bologan-Vaganian
1 ♖xh7! 1-0
It's mate after 1...♔xh7 (or 1...gxf6 2 ♕xg6+ ♔f8 3 ♕f7#) 2 ♖h1+ ♔g8 3 ♕xg6 ♖e7 4 ♗xg7! ♖xg7 5 ♕e8#.
2 points for 1 ♖xh7.

1152) Negi-Hermansson
1 ♘xe6!! fxe6 (1...♕xe4 fails to 2 ♕xe4 ♗xe4 3 ♖c8+ and mate) **2 f7+ ♔d8** (or 2...♖xf7 3 ♘d6+ ♗xd6 4 ♕xe6+ ♗e7 – 4...♖e7 5 ♖c8+! ♗xc8 6 ♕xc8# – 5 ♕xf7+ ♔d8 6 ♖fd1+ ♘d7 7 ♕e6 with a crushing attack) **3 ♕g5+ ♖e7** (now Black is crushed, but it's mate after 3...♗e7 4 f8♕+ ♖xf8 5 ♖xf8#) **4 ♕e5 1-0** (*3 points*)

Test Seven

1153) Berbatov-Suuronen
1 ♗xf7+! wins the black queen: **1...♔e7 2 ♗c5+ ♔xf7 3 ♕xd8 1-0** (*1 point*)

1154) Repkova-Vlkovic
1 ♘xh7! wins a pawn in view of 1...♖xh7? 2 ♕g6+ ♔f8 3 ♕xh7. (*1 point*)

1155) Akatova-Nebolsina
1...♖xa3! 2 ♖xa3 (White also loses a rook after 2 bxa3 ♘f5) **2...♘c2** forked White's rooks and left Black a piece ahead after **3 ♖a7+ ♔e8 4 ♖a4** (or 4 ♖b1 ♗d4+) **4...♘xa1**.
1 point for 1...♖xa3 and a second if you spotted the check on d4.

1156) Lukovnikov-Bezgodova
1...♖xf2! 0-1
Black emerges a piece ahead after 2 ♕xf2 ♕xe5+ 3 ♕g3 ♕xa1. (*1 point*)

1157) Ehlvest-Illescas Cordoba
1 dxc6! ♘xc6 (White's main point is that 1...♗e4 2 ♖xa7!! ♖xa7 3 c7 sees the c-pawn queen) **2 ♖xb1** and White went on to convert his extra pawn. (*1 point*)

1158) Brown-Hardman
1 ♗xh7+! 1-0
White emerges the exchange ahead in an ending after 1...♔xh7 2 ♕xd5 ♘xd5 3 ♖xc6. (*1 point*)

1159) Debbage-Palliser
1...♘xg5! (otherwise 2 ♖h1 paralyses Black on the kingside, leaving White with a free rein on the queenside) **2 hxg5 ♕xg5+ 3 ♔h1** (and not 3 ♔f2?? ♕g3#) **3...♕h4+ 4 ♔g1 ♕g3+ ½-½**
Neither side can avoid the perpetual. (*2 points*)

1160) Weller-Clarke
1 ♗xh7+! ♔xh7 2 ♕d3+ ♔g8 (the game's 2...f5 should have led to mate with 3 exf6+ ♔g8 4 h7+ ♔f7 5 ♕g6#) **3 ♘xe6** threatens 4 h7# and thereby forces Black to give up his queen, either immediately or after 3...♕a5+ 4 b4 ♕xb4+ 5 c3.
1 point for 1 ♗xh7+ and a second for 3 ♘xe6.

1161) Cmilyte-Atalik
1...♕g4! 2 ♕xg4 (or 2 ♖e1 ♘f2+ 3 ♔g1 ♕xe2 4 ♖xe2 ♘h3+ 5 ♔h1 ♖f1+ 6 ♗g1 ♘xg1 with an extra piece) **2...♖xf1+ 0-1**
Black is a rook up after 3 ♗g1 ♘f2+ 4 ♔h2 ♘xg4+. (*2 points*)

1162) Rotlewi-Rubinstein
1...♖xc3!! 2 gxh4 (neither would 2 ♗xb7 ♖xg3 3 ♖ac1 ♖h3 4 ♖c2 ♗f2! nor 2 ♗xc3 ♗xe4+ 3 ♕xe4 ♕xh2# have saved White) **2...♖d2! 3 ♕xd2 ♗xe4+ 4 ♕g2 ♖h3! 0-1**
Mate follows on h2. (*3 points*)

1163) Evans-Larsen
1...♖f1+! (*2 points*) **2 ♖xf1** (it's mate too after 2 ♔xf1 ♕f5+ 3 ♖f3 – or 3 ♔g1 ♕c5+ 4 ♔h1 ♘f2+ 5 ♔g1 ♘h3+ 6 ♔h1 ♕g1+ 7 ♖xg1 ♘f2# – 3...♖xd1+ 4 ♔e2 ♘c3+! (*a bonus point for this*) 5 bxc3 ♕c2+ 6 ♔e3 ♕d2+ 7 ♔e4 ♖e1+ 8 ♔f5 ♕d5+ 9 ♔f4 ♕e5#) **2...♕c5+ 0-1**
Black mates after 3 ♔h1 ♘f2+! 4 ♖xf2 ♕c1+.

1164) Spassky-Tal
1...♗xh2+! 2 ♔xh2 ♖h5+! (much stronger than 2...♘g4+ 3 ♔g3!) **3 ♔g1** (or 3 ♔g3 ♘e4+ 4 ♗xe4 ♕h4+ 5 ♔f3 ♕xe4+ 6 ♔g3 ♕h4#) **3...♘g4! 0-1**
There's no good defence to the mate threat (beginning 4...♖h1+ 5 ♔xh1 ♕h4+).
1 point for 1...♗xh2+ and a further two for 2...♖h5+.

Test Eight

1165) Hindle-Horton
1 ♕d8+! 1-0
Mate follows with 1...♗xd8 2 ♖xd8#. (*1 point*)

1166) Kynoch-Hogg
1 ♗xf7+! ♔xf7 (or 1...♔d8 2 ♘e5 followed by either a crushing 3 ♘c6+ or 2...♗b7 3 ♘xd7) **2 ♘g5+ ♔e8 3 ♕e6+ 1-0**
It's mate after 3...♔d8 4 ♘f7#.
1 point for 1 ♗xf7+ and a second if you spotted the mate.

1167) Neave-Bryson
1...♕xg2+! 2 ♔xg2 ♘f4+ 0-1
Black will emerge a rook ahead after 3 ♔g1 ♘xd3. (*1 point*)

1168) Ballon-Meenakshi
1...♖xb2! 2 ♕xb2 ♗xc3 3 ♕c2 ♗xd2 wins two very useful minor pieces for a rook. (*1 point*)

1169) Irizanin-Sarenac
1...♖xa2! 0-1
It's mate down the a-file. (*1 point*)

1170) Rozentalis-Preuss
1...♘xf2! (*1 point*) wins the exchange: **2 ♕d2** (or 2 ♔xf2 e5) **2...e5 0-1**

1171) Palliser-Howell
1...♖xc3! (*1 point*) **2 ♕xc3 ♖e2 0-1**
White can only avoid mate on g2 by giving up his queen.

1172) Valmana Canto-Eggleston
1 ♗xg6! hxg6 (or 1...♘xd1 2 ♕xh7#) **2 ♖xd4 ♘xf1 3 ♕f6+ 1-0**
Mate follows after 3...♔h7 4 ♖d3.
1 point for 1 ♗xg6 and a further one if you spotted 3 ♕f6+.

1173) Zheleznov-Vovk
1...♗a2+! 2 ♔c1 ♕xc2+ 3 ♔xc2 ♗b3+ 4 ♔b1 ♗xd1 5 ♖xd1 left Black the exchange ahead for insufficient compensation. (*2 points*)

1174) Hunt-Howell
1...♖xe4!! 2 ♖xe4 (or 2 ♕c8+ ♔f3 3 ♖f1+ ♔e2 and the f- and g-pawns decide) **2...♕b6+ 3 ♔h1 ♕f2 4 ♕g1 ♔h3! 0-1**
Mate follows after 5...g2+ or 5 ♕xf2 gxf2.
2 points for 1...♖xe4 and a further two if you saw through to 4...♔h3.

1175) Spraggett-Llaneza Vega
1 ♘xg6! ♔xg6 (otherwise White simply wins material, such as with 1...♖g8 2 ♕xh5 ♗f7 3 ♗xg7 ♔xg7 4 ♘dxf4) **2 ♕xh5+!** (*3 points*) **2...♔xh5?** (better is 2...♔h7 3 ♘xf4 with only an extra pawn and some attacking chances for White) **3 ♘xf4+ ♔g5 4 h4+ ♔g4 5 ♔h2 1-0**
Mate follows with 6 ♗h3#.

1176) Smeets-Bu Xiangzhi
1...♘d5! (or 1...bxc2+ 2 ♔xc2 ♘d5!, transposing after 3 exd5) **2 exd5 bxc2+ 3 ♔xc2 ♖xa2+** and Black's counterattack is strong enough to force a draw: **4 ♔b1 ♖a1+! 5 ♔xa1** (5 ♔c2 ♖a2+ repeats) **5...♕xc3+ 6 ♔b1 ♕b3+ 7 ♔c1 ♕c3+ 8 ♔b1 ♕b3+ 9 ♔a1 ♕c3+ ½-½**
2 points for 1...♘d5 and a bonus one for 4...♖a1+.

Test Nine

1177) Bernstein-Capablanca
1...♕b2! 0-1
White loses his rook after 2 ♕e1 (or 2 ♖c2 ♕b1+ 3 ♕f1 ♕xc2) 2...♕xc3. (*1 point*)

1178) Smallbone-Cliffe
1 g3! (*1 point*) **1...♗xg3 2 ♖g1** and White's extra piece was decisive.

1179) Donner-Stephenson
1...♖xh2+! 2 ♔xh2 ♕xf2+ 3 ♔h1 g3 0-1
It's either mate on h2 or with 4 ♘f3 g2+ 5 ♔h2 g1♕+ 6 ♔h3 ♕gg3#. (*2 points*)

1180) Cooper-Smith
1 ♖xa5! 1-0
With 1...♕e4+ Black attempts to avoid the check on c7, but after 2 ♗e2 he must remain a piece down in view of 2...♘xa5? 3 ♘d6+. (*1 point*)

1181) Ivanchuk-Van Wely
1 ♖e8+! ♔g7 (Black loses his queen immediately after 1...♖xe8 2 ♕xc7, but she cannot be saved in any case) **2 ♘e6+! 1-0**
In view of 2...fxe6 3 ♖e7+ winning the queen and the game. (*2 points*)

1182) Lehtinen-Kaiju
1 ♘f6+! 1-0
White wins the exchange on e8. (*1 point*)

1183) Kramnik-Svidler
1 ♗xf7+! 1-0
White's connected passed pawns decide after 1...♔xf7 (or 1...♔d7 2 e8♕+ ♖xe8+ 3 ♝xe8+ ♔xe8 4 ♖xh7 with an easy win) 2 d7. (*2 points*)

1184) Onischuk-Kravtsiv
1 ♘h7+! ♔e8 (Black's queen is lost after 1...♘xh7 2 ♗xe7+, while 1...♔g8 runs into 2 ♘f5 ♕b7 3 ♕xg6) **2 ♘f5! 1-0**
White wins at least a piece after 2...gxf5 3 ♕xg7.
1 point for 1 ♘h7+ and a second if you found 2 ♘f5.

1185) Coleman-Simms
1 ♘xf7! 1-0
White wins a rook in view of 1...♔xf7? 2 ♕xe6+ ♔f8 3 ♕e7+ ♔g8 4 ♕xd8+ ♔f7 5 ♖e7#. (*1 point*)

1186) Taylor-Mirabile
1 ♗xh6! ♔g8 (White forces mate after 1...♗xh6 with 2 ♕xf8 ♕c1 3 ♖e3 ♘g7 4 ♘g5#) **2 ♗xg7 ♔xg7** (or 2...♘xg7 3 ♖h8+!) **3 ♖h7+! ♔xh7 4 ♕xf8 ♘g7** (White has a mating attack too after 4...♕c1 5 ♖e3) **5 ♘g5+ ♔h6 6 ♘xf7+ 1-0**
Mate follows on h8.
1 point for 1 ♗xh6 and a further two if you found 3 ♖h7+.

1187) Lisitsin-Ragozin
1 ♗h7+!! ♔xh7 (Black's cause isn't helped by 1...♔h8 2 ♘g5) **2 ♘g5+! ♔g8** (after 2...hxg5 3 ♕h5+ ♔g8 4 ♕xf7+ ♔h7 5 ♕h5+ ♔g8 6 hxg5 Black must give up his queen to prevent mate with 7 g6 and 8 ♕h7#, while 2...♔g6 is swiftly mated by 3 h5+! ♔xg5 4 ♗c1#) **3 ♘xf7 ♕b8 4 ♘xh6+! gxh6 5 ♕g4+ ♔h8 6 ♖f7 1-0**
Mate follows after 6...♖g8 7 ♕h5.
2 points for 1 ♗h7+ and a further point for 4 ♘xh6+.

1188) Alekhine-Prat
1 ♕h5+!! ♘xh5 2 fxe6+ ♔g6 3 ♗c2+ ♔g5 4 ♖f5+ ♔g6 (or 4...♔h4 5 ♖e4+ ♘f4 6 ♖exf4#) **5 ♖f6+ ♔g5 6 ♖g6+ ♔h4 7 ♖e4+ ♘f4 8 ♖xf4+ ♔h5 9 g3 1-0**
There's no defence to 10 ♖h4#.
Just 1 point for 1 ♕h5+, but three if you calculated through to mate.

Test Ten

1189) Palliser-Davies
1 ♘xd5! (*1 point*) **1...♕d8** (not the best defence, but in the case of 1...exd5 2 ♗xd7+ and 3 ♕xb7 Black would have been quickly destroyed) **2 ♕c3** and the rook on h8 dropped off.

1190) Bonilla Guzman-Michelmann
1...fxg1♘+! 0-1
Black is a piece up with a crushing attack after 2 ♔e1 (the main point of this Albin trap is that 2 ♖xg1 ♗g4+ wins White's queen) 2...♕h4+ 3 ♔d2 ♘c6 4 ♗c3 ♗g4. (*1 point*)

1191) Arluck-Benjamin
1...♗xg2+! 2 ♗xg2 ♖xe3 3 fxe3 ♘f5 saw Black's extra queen shortly prove decisive. (*1 point*)

1192) Katte-Zweschper
1...♘xe3! picks up two pawns after **2 fxe3** (or 2 ♕b3 ♘xf1 winning the exchange) **2...♕xe3+** and 3...♕xd3. (*1 point*)

1193) Granados Gomez-Larino Nieto
1 ♗xb7! (*1 point*) wins a pawn since the a-pawn queens after 1...♘xb7? 2 a6.

1194) Navara-Ponomariov
1 ♔e4! 1-0 (*1 point*)
White just needs to avoid 1 ♔xf4?? because 1...♖xf5+! 2 ♔xf5 would be an embarrassing stalemate.

1195) Milman-Rukavina
1 ♖xf4! 1-0
After 1...exf4 Black loses his queen to 2 ♕d4+ ♔f8 3 ♕f6+! ♔e8 4 ♗c6+.
1 point for 1 ♖xf4 and take a second if you saw as far as 4 ♗c6+.

1196) Meier-Saltaev
1 ♖c7+! ♔d4 2 ♖c5 1-0
The threat to capture on d5 wins a rook. (*1 point*)

1197) Pashikian-Yegiazarian
1...♕g1+! 2 ♔xf3 ♗c6 0-1
White's queen is lost after 3 ♕xc6 ♕h1+. (*2 points*)

1198) Portisch-Berger
1 ♘xh7!! ♔xh7 2 ♖h5+ ♔g7 3 ♗e5+ f6 4 ♖g5! 1-0
The key sting in the tail. Black cannot satisfactorily defend g6.
3 points if you saw all the way through to 4 ♖g5.

1199) Sammalvuo-Smeets
1 ♗d8!! ♘xd8 (it's mate after 1...♖d7 2 ♖xg7+ ♔xg7 3 ♕g5+ ♗g6 4 ♕f6+ ♔g8 5 ♖h8#, while White wins further material in the event of 1...♔e8 2 ♖7h2) **2 ♖xg7+! ♔xg7 3 ♕g5+ ♔f7 4 ♖h8 1-0**
There's no defence to 5 ♕f6#.
2 points for 1 ♗d8 and take a further two if you found 4 ♖h8.

1200) Palliser-Dineley
1 bxc3! ♕b2+ 2 ♗d2! (the star move preventing Black's queen from escaping via c3)
2...♕xa1 3 ♕g5 g6 4 ♕f6! gxh5 5 ♗h6 ♕xa2+ 6 ♘e2! 1-0
Now it's mate after 6...♕xe2+ 7 ♔g3 h4+ 8 ♔h3, but White had to avoid 6 ♔g3? in view of 6...h4+! 7 ♔xh4 (or 7 ♕xh4 ♕e6) 7...♕xg2.
Take two points for 1 bxc3 and a further two if you initially found 6 ♘e2.