

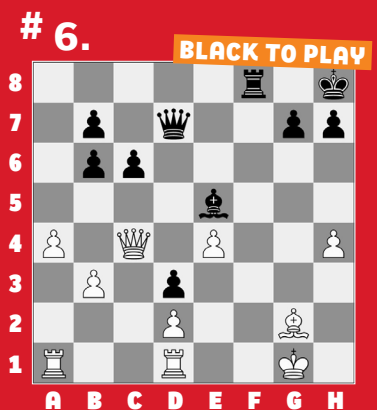
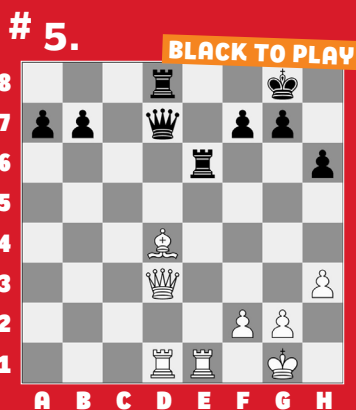
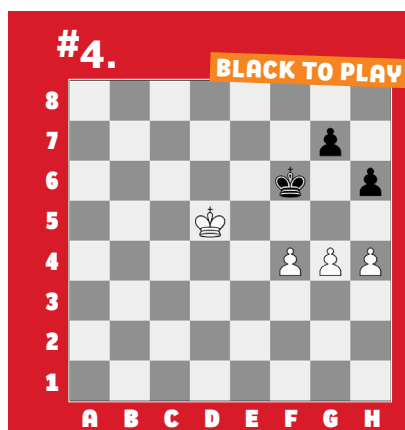
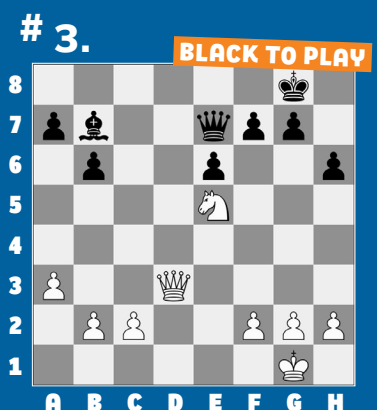
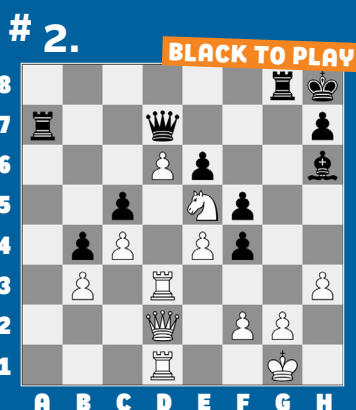
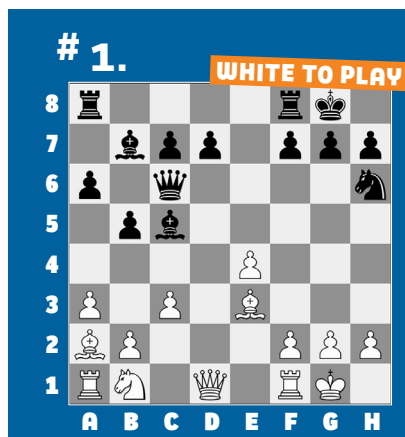
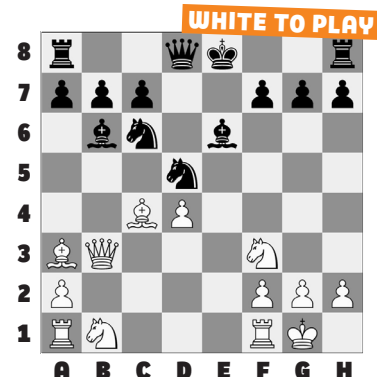
U7-U17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

This week begins a series on the **FIDE World U7-U17 World Championships**, which concluded in Spain last week. International

youth tournaments often provide a treasure trove of tactical examples and training positions, so enjoy!

In our **example**, White missed an opportunity to prioritize development with **12. Nc3**. Now, **12. ... Na5** Or **12. ... Nxc3** **13. Bxe6** is strong. **13. Qa4+ c6** **14. Bxd5!** **Bxd5** **15. Rae1+ Be6** **16. d5** rips open Black's center with *Morphyesque* urgency. Instead, **12. Rd1 Na5** **13. Qa4+ c6** **14. Bxd5 Qxd5** allowed Black's queen to chase White's

attackers away, castling queenside to win in *Abaikyzy – Bayasgalan*.



SOLUTIONS

1) 12. Bd5 The queen will be overloaded. **12. ... Qb6** **13. Bxc5 Qxc5** **14. Bxb7 Rab8** **15. Bd5** White went on to win. (Fang – Baasansuren, Spain, 2026) **2) 36. ... Qg7** A double attack! **37. f3 Qxe5** and Black went on to win. (Bayasgalan – Aldazharova) **3) 25. ... Qg5** Another double attack, threatening mate and the knight! **26. Nf3 Bxf3** **27. g3** If **27. Qxf3??** **Qc1+** forces mate as White no

longer has the **Qd3-f1** resource. **27. ... Qc1+** and Black went on to win. (Wilczynska – Fang) **4) 59. ... h5!!** A miracle save after White's king drifted with **58. Ke4-d5**. Instead, **59. ... g5??** **60. fxe5+ hxe5** **61. h5 Kg7** **62. Ke5 Kh6** **63. Kf6** won. **60. g5+ Kf5** White's king is not close enough to Black's g-pawn. **61. Kd6 Kxf4** **62. Ke7 Kg4** **63. Kf7 Kxh4** **64. g6** Note: **64. Kxg7??** **Kxg5** wins for Black! **64. ... Kg3!** Black's king must stay close to the pawn. **65. Kxg7 h4** **66. Kf7 h3**

67. g7 h2 **68. g8=Q+ Kf2** Reaching a textbook draw, as White's king is too far. (Fang – Pichler, analysis) **5) 29. ... Qxd4** The right way to overload. In the game, **29. ... Rxe1??** allowed **30. Rxe1 Qxd4**, but **31. Re8+!** **Rxe8** **32. Qxd4** won Black's queen. **30. Qxd4 Rxd4** **31. Rxd4 Rxe1+** Black wins the endgame. (Fang – Pichler, analysis) **6) 30. ... Bd4+** After **30. ... Bxa1??** **31. Rxa1**, White won. **31. Kh1 Rf4** Dark-squared domination! (Pichler – Aldazharova, analysis)