

WOMEN'S WORLD TEAMS

WEDNESDAY WORKOUT ■ SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

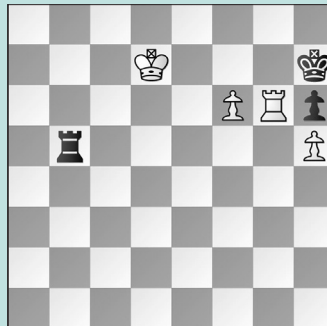
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PUZZLE 1.



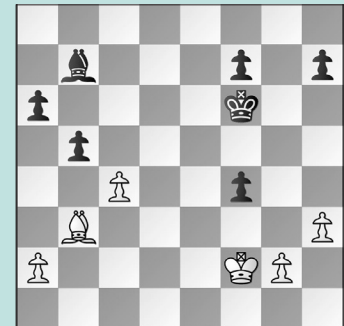
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PUZZLE 2.



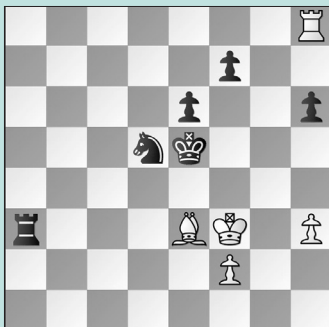
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PUZZLE 3.



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PUZZLE 4.



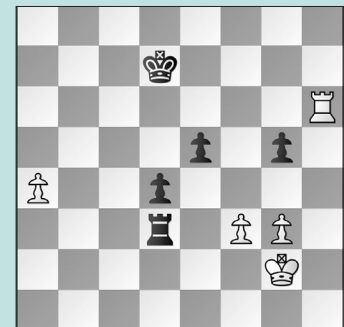
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PUZZLE 5.



WHITE TO MOVE

PUZZLE 6.



BLACK TO MOVE

SOLUTIONS

PUZZLE 1. 47. **Ra3 Rf1** 48. **Ke2!** Only give yourself full credit if you found this finesse, and didn't walk into 48. **Rxa2?? Rf2**. 48. ... **Ra1** 49. **Kf2!** And this one, not 49. **Bd5?? Nc1+**. Now, Black is powerless against **Be4-d5**. (Lee – Daulyte-Cornette, Bydogoszcz, 2023) **PUZZLE 2.** 60. ... **Rb7+!** This was simplest, but any move staying on the “long side” would hold. Instead, Black lost after 60. ... **Rxh5??** 61. **Rg7+ Kh8** when 62. **Rg1??** was played, allowing Black to return to the long side with 62. ... **Ra5** or even 62. ... **Rb5**. But after 62. ... **Rf5??**, White won with 63. **Ke6** (Pourkashiyani – Radeva, Bydogoszcz, 2023, analysis) **PUZZLE 3.** 46. ... **b4!** 47. **c5** Or 47. **Ba4** when

47. ... **Ke5** wins the c4-pawn. 47. ... **Bc6** Black prepares to advance ... a6-a5-a4 and create a passed pawn. 48. **g3 f3** 49. **g4 h6** 50. **h4 a5** 51. **Ke3 a4** 52. **Bc4** when Black won after 52. ... **Kg7**, but most concrete was 52. ... **b3** 53. **axb3 a3** 54. **b4 Ke5** 55. **Ba2 Bd5** 56. **Bb1 a2** winning. (Maltsevskaya – Abrahamyan, Bydogoszcz, 2023) **PUZZLE 4.** 40. ... **f5!** Black uses the threat of ... f5-f4 against the pin to transpose into a winning endgame. 41. **Ke2 Nxe3!** 42. **fxe3 Ke4!** 43. **Rxh6 Rxe3+** 44. **Kf2 e5** with a winning rook endgame. (Stefanova – Lee, Bydogoszcz, 2023) **PUZZLE 5.** 30. **Rg2!** White returns some of the material to freeze Black's attack. 30. ... **fxg3** 31. **Rxg3** Black denied the “offer,” but the damage is done: the g1-square

is cleared for the king and White is safe. 31. ... **Bg4+** 32. **Kg1** But not 32. **Kg2?** **Bxf3+** 33. **Rxf3 Qxf3+** 34. **Kh2 g4!** when Black has a perpetual check. 32. ... **Bxf3** 33. **Nf6+** **Rxf6** 34. **Bd3+** 34. **Qxf6** was played and White won after further complications on move 52. 34. ... **Rfg6** 35. **Bxg6+** **Rxg6** 36. **Qd7+** **Kg8** 37. **Qe8+** **Kh7** 38. **Qf7+** **Rg7** 39. **Qxf3** (Abrahamyan – Buksa, Bydogoszcz, 2023) **PUZZLE 6.** 49. ... **g4!** In the game, 49. ... **Ra3** allowed White a draw after 50. **g4!** (White instead went 50. **Ra6?? Ra2+** 51. **Kf1 d3** when 52. **Ke1** (in the game 52. **Ra5** was played) 52. ... **g4!** is the only winning move.) 50. ... **Ra2+** 51. **Kf1 d3** 52. **Ke1** holds. 50. **fxg4 e4** when the connected passers decide matters. (Hrebenshchkova – Pourkashiyani, Bydogoszcz, 2023)