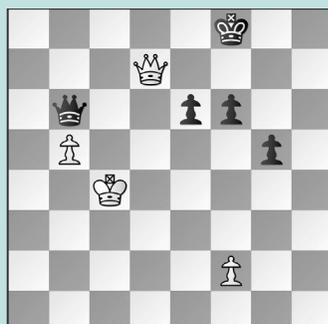


FIDE WOMEN'S GRAND SWISS

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PUZZLE 1.



WHITE TO MOVE

PUZZLE 2.



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PUZZLE 3.



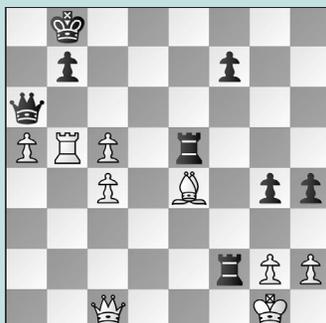
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PUZZLE 4.



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PUZZLE 6.



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SOLUTIONS

PUZZLE 1. 52. Qd4! White uses the newly created weakness on f6 to forcibly remove Black's blockade. concession. **52. ... Qa5** No better is 52. ... Qxd4+ 53. Kxd4 Ke7 54. Kc5 (but not 54. b6?? Kd6 when Black wins) 54. ... Kd7 55. Kb6 winning. **53. Qxf6+** and White went on to collect the remaining pawns with check and win from there. (Muzychuk, A – Assaubayeva, Douglas, 2023) **PUZZLE 2. 40. ... Rd5!** Winning the bishop after 41. Rxd5 Bxd5+ (or 41. ... cxd5+) and 42. ... Rxd8. **White resigned**, as **41. Bc7 Bg4+** mates, but there is no other way to defend both the bishop and rook. (Bulmaga – Muzychuk, A, Douglas, 2023) **PUZZLE 3. 36. ... Bd4 37. Kf2 b4!** It is easy to go on

“autopilot” and only calculate capturing the knight here. But this *intermezzo* is fatal. **38. Bh3+ Kf7 39. Ke2 b3 40. Nc4 b2 41. Nxb2** No better was 41. Nd2 Nb5 42. Nb1 (or 42. Bd7 Nc3+ 43. Kf3 b1=Q 44. Nxb1 Nxb1 winning) 42. ... Nc3+ winning. **41. ... Bxb2** and Black won in 38 more moves. (Assaubayeva – Vaishali, Douglas, 2023) **PUZZLE 4. 23. Nxc5!** A nice combination of calculation and evaluation. **23. ... fxg5 24. Rxe7 Rxe7 25. Qxg5+ Kf7 26. Rxe7+ Qxe7 27. Qxf5+ Qf6 28. Qxd5+** White has three pawns for the Exchange, and clearly the knight is powerful here as well. (Milliet – Efroimski, Douglas, 2023) **PUZZLE 5. 39. ... Rxe4!** Without the threat of Rb5xb7+, White is helpless. There was no time for 39. ... Re2?! 40. Rxb7+ Qxb7 41. Bxb7 Re1+ 42.

Qxe1 Rxe1+ 43. Kf2 Ra1 44. Be4 with an unclear position. **40. Kxf2 Qf6+ 41. Kg1 Re2 42. Qf1 Qd4+! 43. Kh1 Qe4 44. a6 h3 and White resigned.** (Roebers – Injac, Douglas, 2023) **PUZZLE 6.** Black is in dire straits, but the only way to avoid the mating net is **28. ... Kg7!** In the game, **28. ... Be7??** lost to **29. Bd3 f5 30. Qxe7 Bxg2 31. Rc7 Rg8 32. Qf6+ Rg7 33. Rxf7** with a fatal attack. **29. Qg4+** White can cause problems here, but nothing as severe as winning the piece by force. Another try is 29. d5!? Bxd5 30. Bc4! Bc5 when White still enjoys an initiative. **29. ... Kf8 30. Qh4 Ke7** when White is still for choice, but much more accurate play was and still is required to convert the position. (Tan – Stefanova, Douglas, 2023, analysis)