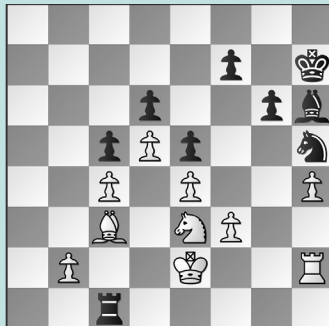


2024 WORLD SENIOR TEAMS

WEDNESDAY WORKOUT ■ JULY 24, 2024

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PUZZLE 1.



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PUZZLE 2.



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PUZZLE 3.



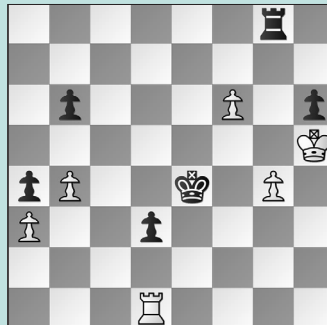
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PUZZLE 4.



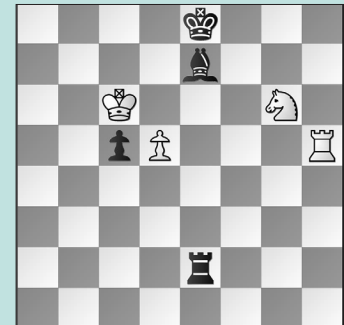
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PUZZLE 5.



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PUZZLE 6.



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SOLUTIONS

PUZZLE 1. 62. ... Ng3+ White has several replies, but the h2-rook is misplaced after all of them. Instead, Black played **62. ... Bf4?** and eventually lost from this equal position (see Puzzle 6). **63. Kf2** Or 63. Kd2 is no different: 63. ... Bxe3+ 64. Kxe3 Nf1+ still wins. **63. ... Bxe3+** **64. Kxg3** Or 64. Kxe3 Nf1+ still nabs the rook. **64. ... Bf4+** wins the rook. (Paschall – Dettmann, Krakow, 2024, analysis) **PUZZLE 2. 24. ... Ra4!** **25. Bd2** Although **25. Nc7?** was played, after **25. ... Rxa5 26. Nxd5 Ne5!** Black was winning. **25. ... Nb4** allows Black to untangle, thanks to the tempo on the loose dark-squared bishop. (Hulme – Marinello, Krakow, 2024) **PUZZLE 3. 21. c5!** Defending the

d3-pawn with **21. Be4? Bxh3** favored Black. **21. ... Qxc5** Note that 21. ... Qa5 does get out of danger, either: 22. Nc4 Qxc5 23. Rxe5! equalizes after 23. ... Rxe5 24. Rxe5 Rxe5 25. Nxe5 Qxe5 26. Qxb4, regaining the piece! **22. Rc1** White can force a repetition: **22. ... Qd6 23. Nc4 Qc5 24. Na3** with a draw. (Koganov – Townsend, Krakow, 2024, analysis) **PUZZLE 4. 38. ... Rd7!** Prophylaxis! In the game, Black was in for a cold shower after **38. ... d3? 39. Rxa7 d2 40. Rcc7!** when there is no way to stop a perpetual check along the seventh rank. **39. Rxf6** What else? **39. ... d3** White can call it a day. (Lampe – Paschall, Krakow, 2024, analysis) **PUZZLE 5. 45. ... Rg5+** This counterintuitive check is the only drawing move. **46. Kxh6** Or 46. Kh4 Rg8!

with the point that Kh4-h5 is best. **46. ... Rxg4 47. f7 Rf4 48. Kg7 Ke3** and White must return his own rook: **49. f8=Q Rxf8 50. Kxf8 Ke2 51. Ra1 d2** with a draw. (Baliuniene – R. Jhunjhnuwala, Krakow, 2024, analysis) **PUZZLE 6. 100. ... Bf6** The only saving move. Black's attempt at activity with **100. ... c4** was swiftly rebuked by **101. Rh8+ Kf7 102. Nxe7! c3 103. d6 c2 104. Rh1 Rd2 105. Rc1 Ke6 106. Nc8** winning. **101. d6 Kf7!** Stepping away from the d-pawn, as 101. ... Kd8?? 102. Rf5 Bg7 103. Rf7 wins. **102. Nf4 Re5** Defending the c-pawn. **103. Rh7+ Kg8!** Not 103. ... Ke8?? 104. d7+ Kd8 105. Rf7 Be7 when 106. Rg7 wins. **104. Rh1 Be7! 105. d7 Kg7** When Black has managed to hold. (Paschall – Dettman, Krakow, 2024, analysis)