

# 45TH OLYMPIAD: MATING NETS

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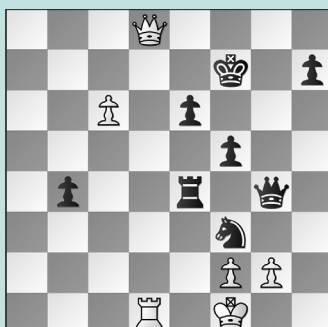
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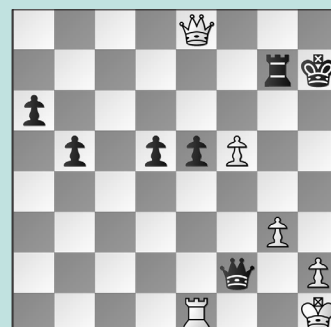
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PUZZLE 2.



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PUZZLE 3.



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PUZZLE 4.



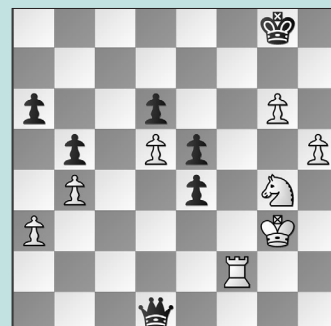
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PUZZLE 5.



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PUZZLE 6.



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## SOLUTIONS

**PUZZLE 1.** 31. Qh8+ Ke7 The key move is: 32. Rxe6+! fxe6 33. Rh7+ Kd6 34. Qe5 mate. (Saraci – Sihlongonyane, Budapest, 2024) **PUZZLE 2.** 46. ... Re1+ Another mating net! 47. Rxe1 Qc4+ 48. Re2 Forced. Now Black wins with: 48. ... Qc1+ 49. Qd1 Qxd1+ 50. Re1 Qxe1 mate. (Marcos – Vasquez Ramirez, Budapest, 2024) **PUZZLE 3.** 53. Qh5+ Kg8 54. Rc1! White breaks through, but you better have anticipated Black's "desperado" before now. 54. ... Rc7! 55. Qe8+ Not 55. Rxc7?? Qf1 mate. 55. ... Kg7 56. Rxc7+ when **Black resigned.** (Divya – Hejazipour, Budapest, 2024) **PUZZLE 4.** 20. Qg3! 20. ... Ne3 21. Nd4! Nxf5 22. Nxf5 The Exchange sac is sound and more, as

Black's pieces are unable to come to the king's defense. 22. ... g6 23. Rf1! You don't get full credit without this move, bringing your last piece into the attack, as 23. Nxb6+?! Kg7 24. Rf1 f6! is a stubborn resource. 23. ... Qd8 There was no adequate defense, and now Gledura's mate deserves to be published in full: 24. Nxb6+ Kg7 25. Rxf7+ Kxh6 26. Qh3+ Kg5 27. Qe3+ Kh5 28. Rh7+ Kg4 29. h3 mate. (Gledura – Blohberger, Budapest, 2024) **PUZZLE 5.** 17. d5! Bxd5 If 17. ... exd5, simplest is 18. Bxe7 removing the c6-knight's guard. 18. Bxe7 Bxe7 Now we see White's tactical point. In the game, Black instead played: 18. ... Qa5 19. c3 Bxe7 20. Bxc6+ Kf8 21. Bxd5 Rd8 Or 21. ... Qxd5 22. Qxd5 exd5 23. Rd1 Rd8 24. Nd4 is equally

hopeless. 22. Bxc4! Rxd1 23. Rxd1 g5 24. Rdd7 with a crushing attack. But now: 19. Bxc6+ Bxc6 20. Rxe7+! Kxe7 21. Qd6+ Ke8 22. Qxc6+ Ke7 23. Qb7+ wins by force. (Navara – Rodrigue-Lemieux, Budapest, 2024, analysis) **PUZZLE 6.** 56. ... Qe1! A prophylactic necessity that would hold the draw. Instead, 56. ... e3?? 57. Rf7! sees White win after 57. ... Qe1+ 58. Kg2 Qe2+ 59. Kh3 when Black had no more checks. 57. Kg2 Qd1! The point. 58. Kh3 Starting with the knight is too slow: 58. Nf6+ Kg7 59. Ne8+ Kg8 60. Rf7 Qg4+ holds. 58. ... Qh1+ 59. Kg3 Qe1! The last try with 60. h6 e3 61. Nf6+ Kf8 62. g7+ Ke7 63. g8=Q Qxf2+ allows a draw, as it took away the h6-square. (Tsolakidou – Khamdamova, Budapest, 2024, analysis)