

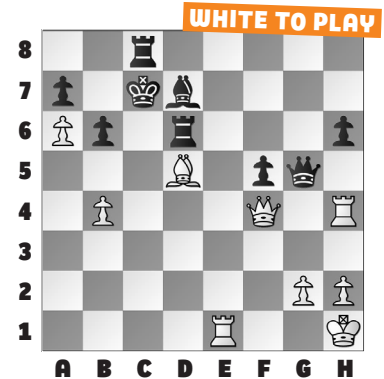
45TH FIDE OLYMPIAD, PT. 3

This week's exercises once again come from the **45th FIDE Olympiad** held last month in Budapest, Hungary. Just like last week, all

of these exercises come down to identifying loose pieces!

In our **example**, Black has three loose pieces. Something's got to give! **41. Rc1+ Kd8** Other moves allow a piece to be taken with check. **42. Qxg5+ hxxg5** **43. Rh8+ Ke7** Or **43. ... Be8** **44. Rxc8+ Kxc8** **45. Rxe8+** nabs a bishop. **44. Re1+!** Spectacular. All eyes were on the c8-rook, but White refocuses. **44. ... Be6** Or **44. ... Kf6** when **45. Rh6+** wins a full rook. **45. Rxc8 Rxd5** **46.**

Rc6 Rd6! **47. Rc7+** and White won in Beydullayeva – Nomin-Erdene.



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SOLUTIONS

1) 37. Qxf7+ The king and queen will now be on light squares, just like White's knight. **37. ... Kxf7**
38. Nxe5+ White goes up a knight! (Balabayeva – Arribas, Budapest, 2024) **2) 32. ... Rxc3+** Black removes the sole defender of the b1-rook with check! **33. Kxc3 Rxb1**
34. Rxh7 Kg6 Down two pawns, White was lucky to escape with a draw. (Bulmaga – Kashlinskaya, Budapest, 2024) **3) 41. ... Rxe2+**

Black removes the defender of the f3-square and creates a hanging piece to force mate. **White resigned** in light of **42. Rxe2 Qf3+** **43. Kg1 Nxe2** mate. (Frayna – Bulmaga, Budapest, 2024) **4) 37. ... Qh6!** The threat on the h-file is obvious, but can't be stopped without losing the d6-knight! **38. Kh2 Qxd6** With no problems. (Munguntuul – Fataliyeva, Budapest, 2024) **5) 20. Nxc6** A satisfying tactic from a legend. The d8-rook hangs with

check, but trading rooks leaves Black with back rank issues after **20. ... Rxd1+** **21. Rxd1 bxc6** **22. Rd8+ Bf8** **23. Qc3!** White's advantage is huge. (Cramling, P. – Goossens, Budapest, 2024) **6) 22. ... Nxe5** With so much action in the center, it's hard to believe that White loses this position because of the b3-bishop. **23. Bxe5 Rf3!** White's queen is overloaded! **24. Qd4 Bxe5** **25. Qxe5 Rxb3** Black emerges piece-up. (Van Foreest, J. – Kacharava, Budapest, 2024)