

the U-10 and U-12 Open and Girls section, including mating nets, decoys, and deflections.

In our **example**, Black played **39. ... Qe1+** to meet **40. Rd1** with the tempting **40. ... Qxd1+?! 41. Kxd1 f2+** earning a new queen after **42. Kd2 f1=Q**. However, he is still down a pawn, and now it's White's turn to take over. After **43. Qe5+ Kh7 44. Nf6+ Kh6**, the game went on for 38 more moves before a draw was agreed in Anetov – Shangin.

As a **bonus**, can you find Black's winning move after White's 40. Rd1?

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This week, we go back to Italy for the **2024 FIDE World Cadet Championship**. We focus on positions from American players in

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SOLUTIONS

1) 35. Rxh7+ With mate next move, **Black resigned**. (Shangin – Todmunkh, Italy, 2024) **2) 23. Rh7+** White gets the queen into the attack with tempo! **23. ... Kxh7 24. Qh2+ Kg7 25. Qh6+ Kg8** Here, the fastest mate began with **26. Rh1** but 26. Bxg6 still won after 26. ... fxg6 27. Qxg6+ Kh8 28. Rh1 mate. (Liu – Bocquenet, Italy, 2024) **3) 43. Bd3+** White refocuses onto the b1-h7 diagonal. **43. ... Kh8** Or 43. ... g6 44.

Qxg6+ Kh8 45. Qh7 mate. **44. Qg6 Kg8 45. Bc4+!** Here, **Black resigned** due to **45. ... Kh8 46. Qxh5** mate. (Xia – Cao, Italy, 2024) **4) 34. ... Rh2+** Black missed this deadly deflection! **35. Rxh2** Or else 35. Kg3 Qg2 mate. **35. ... Qxc1** Black wins the queen. (Iliev – Ling, Italy, 2024, analysis) **5) 20. ... g5** Did you notice that White's bishop was out of squares? **21. Be5 f6** traps the bishop in the center! (Li – Yang, Italy, 2024) **6) 41. Rd1** White uses the pin against Black's hanging

queen to win material. **41. ... Rd6** Black can break the pin while defending her queen, and it would be tempting to end calculations here. **42. Qxe6!** Tactics involving an equal trade are often easy to miss. **42. ... Rxe6 43. Rd8+** It was a back rank problem! Black resigned, as after **43. ... Bf8 44. Rxf8+**, White is up a piece. (Meng – Tykalova, Italy, 2024) **Bonus) 40. ... f2!** White has no useful checks, and Black promotes while maintaining his attack.