

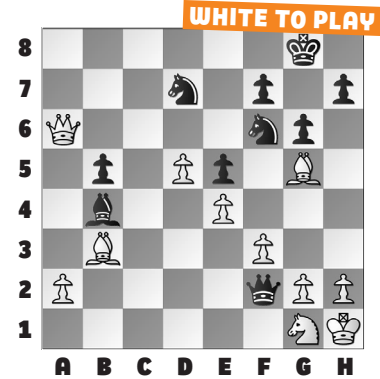
FIDE WORLD RAPID & BLITZ, PT. 11

Today's puzzles all feature games of **GM Alexander Lenderman**, a local New Yorker who had a strong **FIDE World Blitz Championship**, finishing

with an 8½/13 score and six wins against fellow GMs.

In our **example**, Lenderman avoided danger to preserve winning chances against world number six GM Nodirbek Abdusattorov. White avoided the poisoned pawn, choosing **39. Qc8+!** instead of 39. Qxb5?!, when 39. ... Bc5 wins for Black: 40. Nh3 Qe1+ 41. Ng1 Qxg1 mate. Note that 39. Bxf6 Bc5 40. Qc8+ Nf8 also wins for Black. After **39. ... Kg7 40. Qc2 Qa7 41. Qc1**

White is better. See next month's *Chess Life* to see how he converted.



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SOLUTIONS

1) 34. Rxc5+ and **Black resigned**, as **34. ... hxc5 35. Qxc5+ Kh7** Know your mating patterns: **35. ... Kf7 36. Qg7** mate. **36. Qg7** mate. (Lenderman – Raja, New York, 2024) **2) 32. e6!** A fatal discovery. **32. ... g5 33. Qxf5 Qxe6** We reach the previous puzzle. **3) 57. Bb5** A simple move, but an important principle. The greedy 57. Kc6? Nxa4 58. Kb5 also wins the b-pawn, but too slowly! **57. ... Ne6 58. Kc6 Nf4**

59. Bf1 Ke6 60. Kxb6 Kxe5 61. Kxa5 Kd6 62. Kb6 and White went on to win. (Lenderman – Sarana, New York, 2024) **4) 60. ... Qf4** Stunning counterplay. **61. b8=Q Qxh4+ 62. Kg2 Qh2+** The e4-bishop is poorly placed, so White resigned in light of **63. Kf3 Qf2** mate. (Lenderman – Sevian, New York, 2024) **5) 18. Bxa3** Patience! The fork is still there! **18. ... Be6?** This loses on the spot, but even the best move, 18. ... Bxe4 is met by 19. Nxe4 with a

bleak position for Black. **19. Nxe6 fxe6 20. exd5 exd5 21. Rad1** White continues to prey on the loose pieces. (Lenderman – Shankland, New York, 2024) **6) 21. Rxb7** These simplification tactics are key to smooth victories. White played 21. Rxc8+ and went on to win ... 106 moves later! **21. ... Rxb7 22. Ba6 Rbc7 23. Bxc8 Rxc8 24. Nb1** With the bishop pinned and Ke2-d3 next, White is winning. (Lenderman – Al-Tarboush, New York, 2024)