

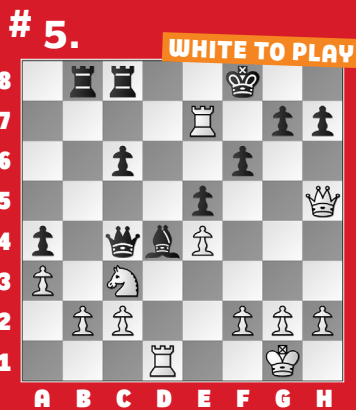
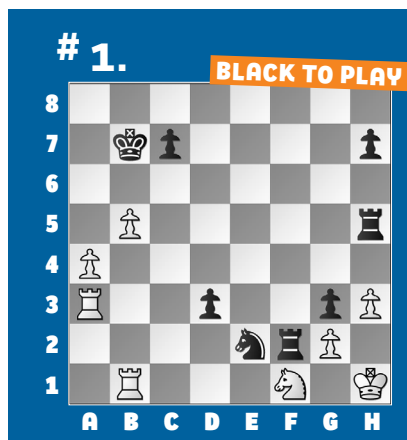
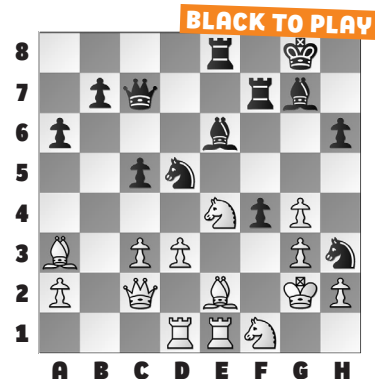
## US CADETS: TANI REPEATS

This week's puzzles come from the **2025 US Cadet (U-16) Championship**, where 14-year-old IM-elect **Tanitoluwa "Tani"**

**Adewumi** took first for a second straight year, again going an undefeated 6/7 score to win another \$10,000 dollar scholarship (provided half by the Dewain Barber Foundation and half by US Chess)

In our **example**, Black won with **32. ... f3+ 33. Bxf3** Or **33. Kxh3 Bxg4+** is similar. But now **33. ... Rxf3 34. Kxf3 Bxg4+** wins after **35. Kg2**, as seen in Deng – Adewumi. But what was Black's response to **35. Kxg4?** The fantastic **35. ...**

**Ng1!** when White's king loses both emergency exits.



## SOLUTIONS

**1) 41. ... Rxh3+!** and **White resigned** in light of **42. gxh3 g2+ 43. Kh2 g1=Q** mate. (Lin – Jiang, Schaumburg, 2025) **2) 20. Bxd5** White wins an Exchange. **20. ... Qxd5 21. Nb6 Qc6 22. Nxa8** White's f2-f3 is enough to stop ... Bh7-f5-h3, so has nothing to show for the Exchange. (Jiang – Zhu, Schaumburg, 2025) **3) 33. Nxe6** White crashes through. **33. ... gxf3+** If **33. ... fxe6 34. Qxg6+ Qg7** (or **34. ... Kf8 35. Rf4+ Ke7 36. Rf7+** wins

the queen) **35. Qxe6+ Kh7 36. Rxd4** leads to mate. **34. Kf1** A fun aside: **34. Kh3?** allows **34. ... fxe6 35. Qxg6+ Qg7 36. Qxe6+ Kh7 37. Rg4 Rf8!** and White has no blockader. **34. ... fxe6 35. Qxg6+ Qg7 36. Qxe6+ Kh7 37. Rg4** White's attack is fatal. (Zhu – Colville, Schaumburg, 2025) **4) 26. Rfe1! Rxd2** The game continued **26. ... R2e6 27. Rxe6 Rxe6 28. Re1 Kf7 29. Rxe6 Kxe6** when the d6-pawn gave winning chances. **27. Rxe8+ Kf7 28. Re7+ Kf8 29. Rxd2** With

the d6-pawn supported, White's material plus is just a bonus. (Colville – Deng, Schaumburg, 2025, variation) **5) 28. Nd5!** Defending the e7-rook while creating interference on the a2-g8 diagonal. **28. ... Qxd5** Black had nothing better. **29. exd5 Kxe7 30. d6+!** White is winning. (Colville – Lin, Schaumburg, 2025) **6) 42. ... Qxf5 43. Qxc5** Otherwise, Black is just ahead two pawns. **43. ... Ra2!** and **White resigned**. (Rao – Jiang, Schaumburg, 2025)