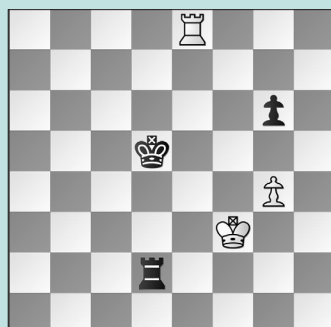


FIDE WOMEN'S WORLD CUP, PT. 3

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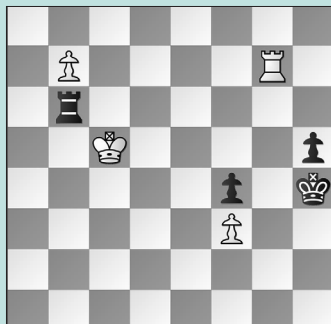
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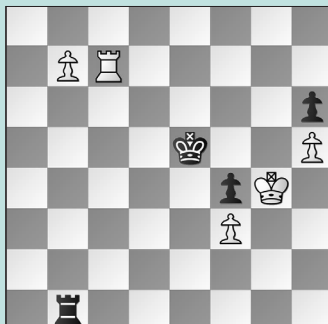
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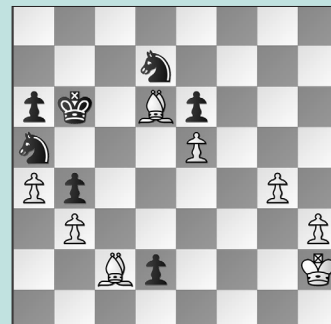
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PUZZLE 6.



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SOLUTIONS

PUZZLE 1. 46. ... Kc6! After 46. ... Rb2?? 47. Kf4 White reached a Lucena. 47. Kf4 After 47. Re6+ Rd6 Black holds. 47. ... Kd7 With ... Rd2-d5 to follow, or 47. ... Rd5 straight-away. (Osmak – Wang, Batumi, 2025, analysis) **PUZZLE 2.** 26. Qd3! The a6-knight is almost trapped! 26. ... Nd4 The best try, as 26. ... Nb8 allows 27. f4! trapping the queen! 27. f4 Not 27. ... Qxa6?? Nxf3+ with a mate threat on the h2-square. 27. ... Qd6 28. Bxd4 cxd4 29. e5 Qe6 If Black tried to defend the a6-knight this way, then... 30. Rc8+! Qxc8 31. Ne7+ White wins. (Tan – Kirtadze, Batumi, 2025) **PUZZLE 3.** 22. Qd1! White played the inferior 22. Qd2?? Nb6 23. Re5 when 23. Nxf5?! wouldn't work as 23. ... gxf5

24. Rdx5 Rxf5 25. Rxf5 Rf8 holds! 22. ... Nb6? If Black plays as she did in the game, now this loses! Best is 22. ... Rad8, but 23. Nxf5 gxf5 24. Rxf5 Rxf5 25. Rxf5 is still promising. 23. Nxf5 Rxf5 24. Rxf5 gxf5 25. Rxf5 With Qd1-g4 next, winning. (Khotenashvili – Muzychuk, M., Batumi, 2025, analysis) **PUZZLE 4.** 91. ... Rb3! The only way to draw. 92. Kc6 Rc3+! 93. Kb6 White angles towards the b8-square. Or 93. Kd5 Rb3 94. Ke4 Rb4+ 95. Ke5 is White's other try, but Black holds with 95. ... Kh3! 96. Kf5 h4 when White is unable to combat the slow march along the h-file. 93. ... Rb3+ 94. Ka7 Ra3+ Black's counterplay is fast enough! 95. Kb8 Rxf3! 96. Kc8 Rb3 97. b8=Q Rxb8+ 98. Kxb8 f3 White has nothing better than forcing a

draw. (Divya – Tan, Batumi, 2025) **PUZZLE 5.** 79. Re7+! The game's 79. Rh7?? allowed 79. ... Rg1+ 80. Kh3 Rh1+ 81. Kg4 Rg1+ 82. Kh3 Rh1+ 83. Kg2 Rb1 when Black still holds. 79. ... Kf6 80. Rh7 Black's king no longer defends the f4-pawn! 80. ... Ke5 81. Rxb6 Rxb7 With White's king on g4, not g2, Tablebase confirms the win. (Divya – Tan, Batumi, 2025, analysis) **PUZZLE 6.** 53. ... Nc5! Black lost with 53. ... Nc6?? 54. Kg3 when White's king gains time. 54. Bxc5+ Or 54. g5 Naxb3! 55. g6 Nd4! 56. g7 Nxc2 57. g8=Q d1=Q draws. 54. ... Kxc5 55. g5 Kd4 56. g6 Nc6! 57. g7 Ne7 58. Kg2 Kxe5 59. Kf2 Kf6 60. Ke2 Kxg7 61. Kxd2 Nf5! The last finesse, angling for d4 to pacify White's bishop! (Lei – Dzagnidze, Batumi, 2025, analysis)