

2025 FIDE GRAND SWISS, PT. 1

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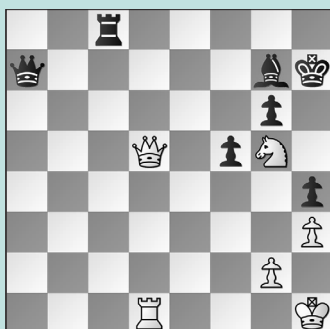
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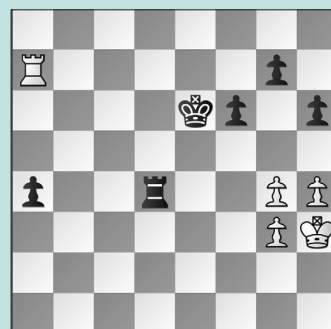
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PUZZLE 2.



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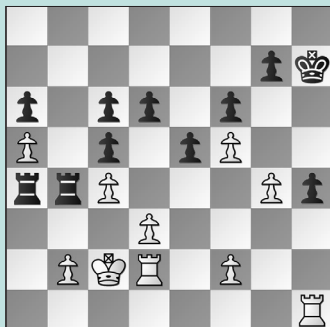
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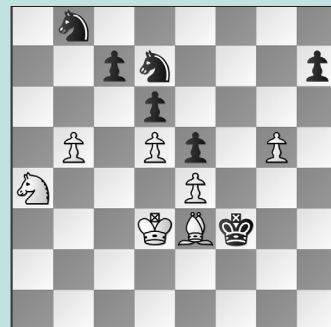
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PUZZLE 5.



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PUZZLE 6.



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SOLUTIONS

PUZZLE 1. 31. c5! Combining motifs of a trapped piece, overloaded pawn, and double attack. 31. ... Bxc5 32. Bxc5 Rxc5 33. b4 and Black resigned. (Praggnanandhaa – Zemlyanskii, Samarkand, 2025) **PUZZLE 2.** 60. ... Kh6 The right escape! After 60. ... Kh8?? 61. Qe6, White won swiftly: 61. ... Qc5 62. Qxg6 Kg8 63. Qh7+ and Black resigned. 61. Qd2 Kh5! White has no attack, and ... Bg7-f6 next helps connect Black's queenside pieces. (Wafa – Danielian, Samarkand, 2025, analysis) **PUZZLE 3.** 51. h5 Necessary. The brash 51. Rxc7?? allowed 51. ... Rd7 and 52. Rg8 Ra7 53. Re8+ Kf7 54. Re2 a3 55. Ra2 Ra4 saw White resign. 51. ... Kd5 Black's only ways to make prog-

ress involved moving the king or rook off the d7-square (or the rook off the a-pawn). 52. Rxc7 Without ... Rd4-d7, it's now safe to take the pawn, with enough play for a draw. (Kollars – Pranav, Samarkand, 2025, analysis) **PUZZLE 4.** 57. f5! White's 57. axb5?? gave away the advantage: 57. ... Qd4 58. Qxd7 Qd3+ 59. Kf2 Qd4+ with a draw. 57. ... bxa4 If 57. ... gxf5 58. Ng3! wins, but White must avoid 58. Qh6+? Kg8 when 59. Nf6+ Nxf6 as 60. gxf6 Qg1! holds! 58. fxc6 fxc6 59. Qe7+ Kg8 60. Nf6+ White wins material. (Muradli – Bjerre, Samarkand, 2025, variation) **PUZZLE 5.** 39. ... Kh6! Instead, 39. ... Rxa5?? 40. Rxh4+ let White's rooks get active with 40. ... Kg8 41. f3 Ra1 42. Rdh2 with equality. 40. Rxh4+ Kg5 41. Rh7 Rb7 42. f3

d5! Now that everything is protected, Black can capture the a4-pawn and also infiltrate with ... Kg5-f4 to continue improving for the win. (Balajayeva – Ushenina, Samarkand, 2025, analysis) **PUZZLE 6.** 44. ... Kg4 Keeping pressure on the g-pawn was imperative. Instead, Black left the c-pawn unprotected. 44. ... Nf8?? 45. Bd2! Ng6 Or 45. ... Kg4 46. Ba5 Kxg5 47. Bxc7 and, now that the c-pawn is gone, Black is unable to stop the loss of the d-pawn. 46. Ba5 Nf4+ 47. Kc4! Protecting the d5-pawn is essential. 47. ... Kxe4 48. Bxc7 Nd7 49. Bxd6, White went on to win. 45. Ke2 Or 45. Bd2 Nb6 46. Nxb6 cxb6 47. Be3 Nd7 holds. 45. ... Kg3 46. Bd2 Nb6 47. Nxb6 cxb6 48. Be3 Nd7 White can't make progress. (Firouzja – Amin, Samarkand, 2025, analysis)