2025 FIDE GRAND SWISS, PT. 3

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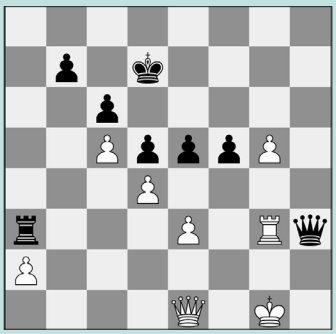

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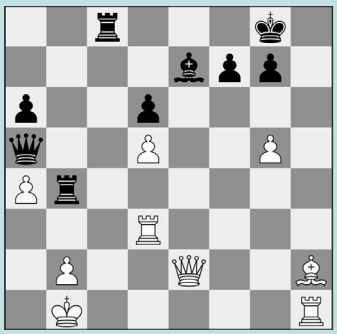

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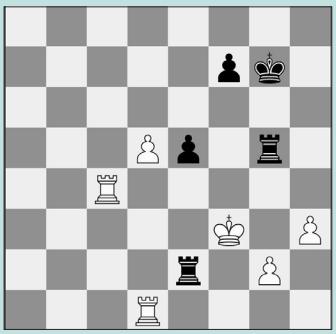

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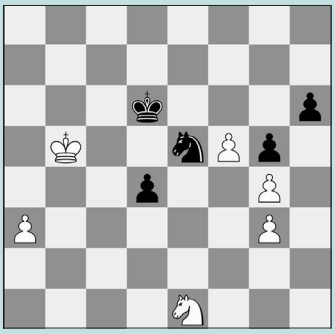

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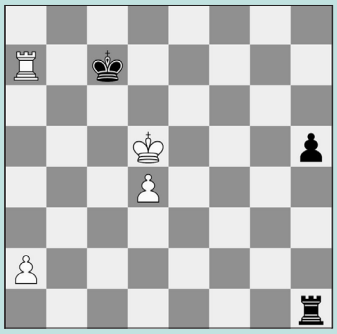

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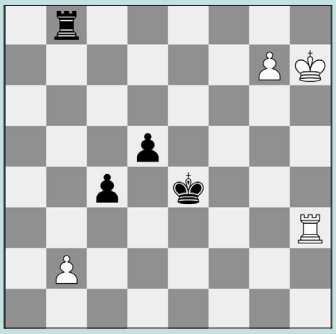

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SOLUTIONS

PUZZLE 1. 60. ... Qh4! Pins on pins! **61. Qf2 f4** The e3-pawn is also pinned! **62. Rg2** Or 62. Rf3 Qxg5+ is even worse. **62. ... Qxf2+ 63. Kxf2 fxe3+ 64. Kf3 e2+ 65. Kf2 Re3** and **White resigned**. (Gelfand – Praggnanandhaa, Samarkand, 2025) **PUZZLE 2. 30. Bxd6!** Clearance! **30. ... Rxa4** If 30. ... Bxd6 31. Rdh3 mates. **31. Ba3!** Interference! **31. ... Rxa3** Again, 31. ... Bxa3 32. Rdh3! mates. **32. Rxa3 Bxa3 33. Qh2!** White wins the Exchange, at least, and **Black resigned** shortly. (Ivic – Abdisalimov, Samarkand, 2025) **PUZZLE 3. 43. ... Rexg2!** The right rook! Instead, **43. ... Rgxg2??** allowed **44. Rg4+! Rxg4 45. hxg4 Ra2 46. d6** when White is winning. **44. d6** Or 44. Rg4 R2xg4! 45. hxg4 Kf6 46. d6 Rg8 catches the pawn. **44. ... Kf6 45. d7 R5g3+ 46. Ke4 Re2+! 47. Kd5 Ke7** Black catches the pawn! **48. Kc6 Kd8 49. Ra4 Rg6+** Holding. (Sindarov – Hovhannisyan, Samarkand, 2025, analysis) **PUZZLE 4. 55. f6! d3** If 55. ... Ke6 56. a4! is no different. **56. Nxd3! Nxd3 57. f7! Ke7 58. a4!** If 58. f8=Q+?? Kxf8 59. a4 Ke7 and Black gets back in time. **58. ... Ne5 59. f8=Q+!** If 59. a5?? Nxf7 60. a6 Nd6+ 61. Kc6 Nc8 holds. **59. ... Kxf8 60. a5 Nf7 61. Kc5!** Or 61. Kc6!. (Yakubboev – Fdoseev, Samarkand, 2025) **PUZZLE 5. 45. ... Kb6!** Instead, **45. ... Kb8??** allowed **46. Rh7 Ra1 Or 46. ... h4 47. Kd6 h3 48. d5 h2 49. a4** and the two pawns were too powerful. 47. Kc6 Rxa2 48. Rh8+ Ka7 49. Rxh5 reaching a theoretical win. **46. Rh7 h4** Simplest. Black also draws with 46. ... Ra1 but 47. Kd6 Rxa2 48. d5 is tricky. After, e.g., 48. ... Re2 49. Kd7 Black must find 49. ... Rg2 50. d6 Rg8! to hold. **47. Kd6 h3 48. d5 h2 49. a4 Ka5!** With ... Rh1-d1 coming. (Bjerre – Korobov, Samarkand, 2025, analysis) **PUZZLE 6. 53. Kg6!** The game continued **53. Rh4+?? Kd3 54. Rh3+** Now 54. Kg6 Rg8 holds: 55. Rh8 Rxg7+ 56. Kxg7 d4 57. Rc8 c3 is equal. **54. ... Kc2 55. Rh2+ Kb3??** Missing White's trick: **56. Rd2 Ka2** What else? **57. b4+!** winning. **53. ... d4** Now, Black's king is too far away for 53. ... Rg8 : 54. Rh8 Rxg7+ 55. Kxg7 d4 56. Rc8! White wins! **54. Rh8 Rxb2 55. Rh4+ Kf3 56. Rxd4 Rb8 57. Rxc4** Winning. (Goryachkina – Yuffa, Samarkand, 2025, analysis)

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