

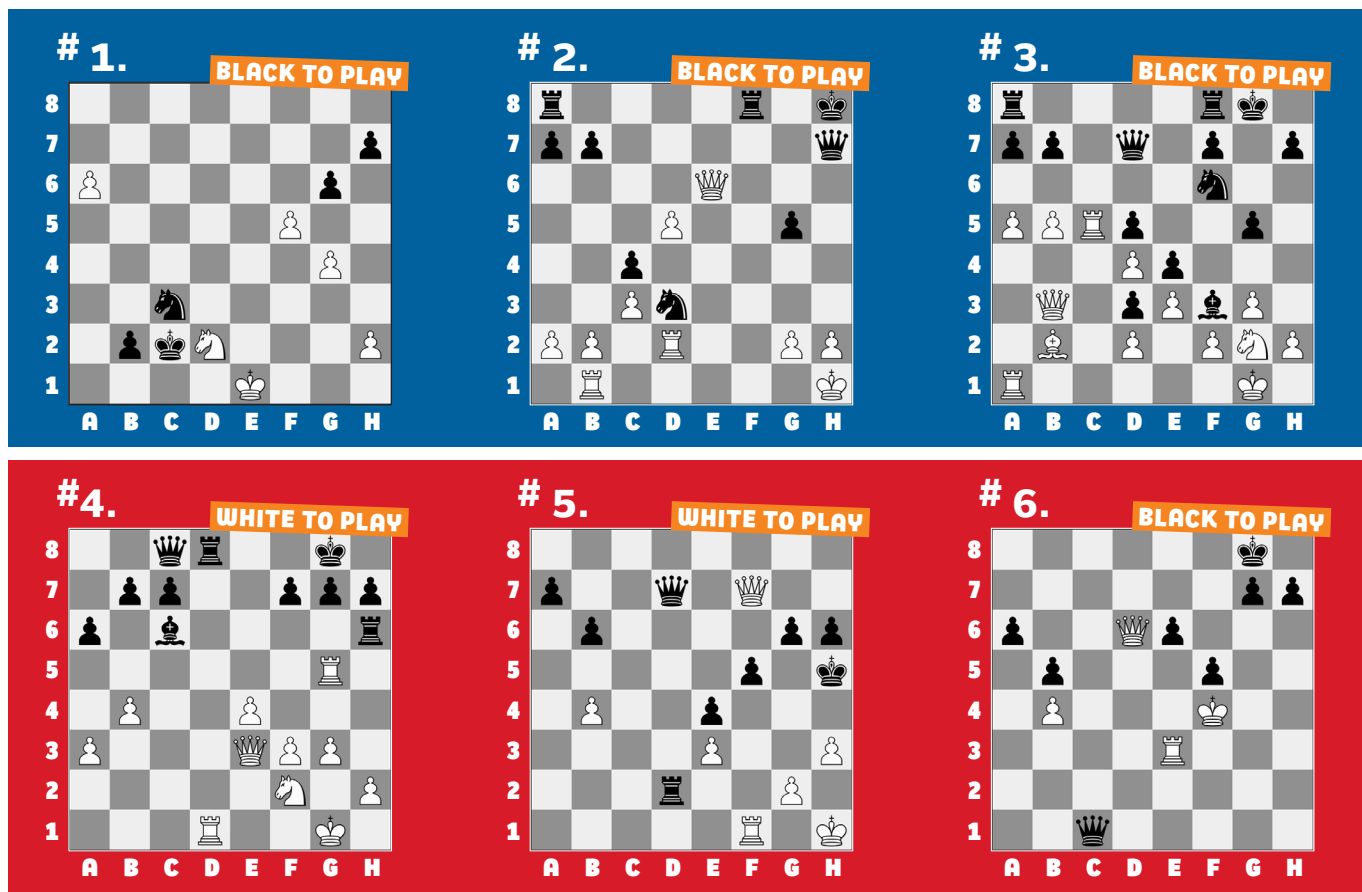
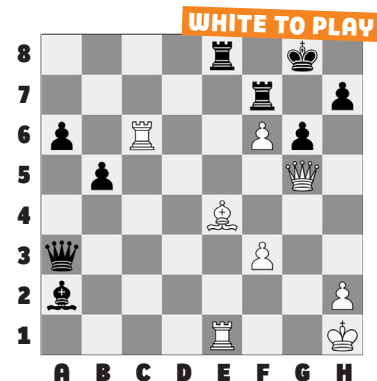
DANIEL NARODITSKY (1995 - 2025)

Today's puzzles all come from games won by **GM Daniel "Danya" Naroditsky** between 2005 and 2009. Naroditsky tragically passed away

last week at age 29, and we wish to honor his legacy on and off the board.

Our **example** comes from 2009, when Naroditsky was just 14 and already beating GMs, such as Ukraine's GM Yuri Vovk. Here, Danya found the clever **51. Re3!** when Black played **51. ... Qxe3** giving up the queen, and **Black resigned** shortly. Why not move the queen? Because after, e.g., 51. ... Qb4, White had 52. Bxg6! hitting the rook and opening the g-file. Note:

Before 51. Re3, Black could have taken the rook with check on e1.



SOLUTIONS

1) 66. ... Ne4 Attraction! **67. Nxe4** After 67. a7 Nxd2 White queens first, but after 68. a8=Q b1=Q+, Black queens with check and remains piece-up. **67. ... b1=Q+** and **White resigned**. (Dembling – Naroditsky, San Francisco, 2006) **2) 26. ... Nf2+** Discovery! **27. Rxf2** Or 27. Kg1 Qxb1+ 28. Rd1 Qxd1+ 29. Qe1 Qxe1 mate. **27. ... Qxb1+ 28. Qe1 Qxe1+ 29. Rf1 Qxf1** mate. (Poehlmann – Naroditsky, San Francisco, 2007) **3)**

23. ... Qh3 Weak squares! **24. Ne1 Be2** Weak color complex! **25. Nc2 Ng4** Switching the attack from light to dark! **26. f3 Qxh2** mate. (Starr – Naroditsky, San Francisco, 2006) **4) 27. Rxg7+** Destroying enemy defense. **27. ... Kxg7 28. Qg5+** Double attack. Well, triple attack, actually, as the h6-rook is also hit. **28. ... Rg6 29. Rxd8** White played 29. Qxd8, which also won, but this is even better. (Naroditsky – Agarwal, California, 2008) **5) 41. Rxf5+** Using

a pin on the g6-pawn! **41. ... Qxf5** If 41. ... Kh4 then White wins with 42. Qf6+ Kg3 (or 42. ... g5 43. Qxh6+ Kg3 44. Qxg5 mate) 43. Qxg6+ and a smattering of mates. **42. g4+** What a fork! **42. ... Qxg4 43. hxg4+** Black's king is too exposed to hold a draw. (Naroditsky – Sundararajan, Las Vegas, 2009) **6) 60. ... g5+!** Removing the guard! **61. Kf3** If 61. Ke5 Qxe3+ puts Black up five pawns! **61. ... Qf1+!** The key move. **62. Kg3 f4+** (Zierk – Naroditsky, San Jose, 2005)