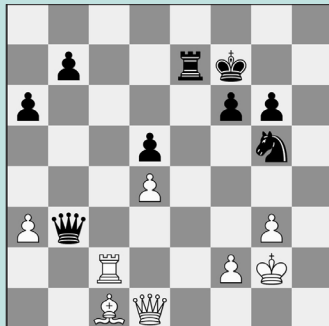


# 46TH FIDE OLYMPIAD: GUAM

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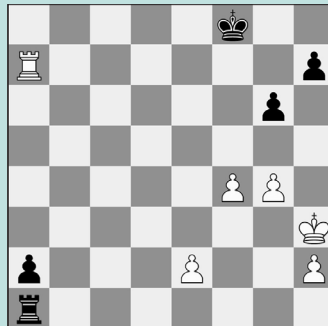
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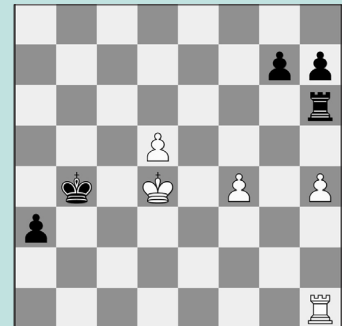
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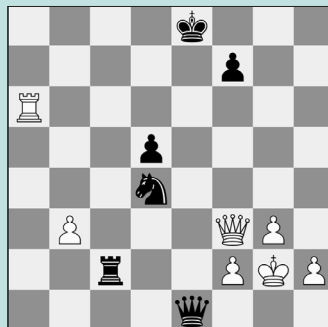
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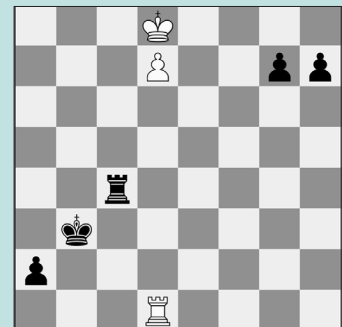
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### SOLUTIONS

**PUZZLE 1.** 37. ... Nf3! 38. Qxf3 Or 38. Bd2 Nxd4 also won. 38. ... Qxc2 Black won an Exchange and the game. (Pinto – Tran, Samarkand, 2026) **PUZZLE 2.** 36. ... Rf1 Separating White's pawns was the simplest plan. After 36. ... Kg8?? 37. Kg2 Kf8 38. h4 h5 39. g5 Kg8 40. Kf2 Kf8 41. Ke3, White's active king led the way. 37. Rxa2 Rxf4 Black's rook is active enough to hold. (Hassan – Tran, analysis) **PUZZLE 3.** 47. Rb1+ Using the opposition. Instead, 47. Ke5?? a2 48. d6 Rh5+ 49. Ke6 Rxh4 50. Rd1 Rxf4 51. Ke7 Rc4 52. Kd8?? risked losing. 47. ... Ka5 48. Kc5 Rxh4 49. Rb8! The mate threat keeps White in control. 49. ... Ka6 50. Kc6 The key, making it easier to stay in front of the d-pawn.

50. ... Ka7 51. Rb3 Rxf4 52. Rxa3+ Followed by d5-d6, winning. (Men – Prudente, analysis) **PUZZLE 4.** 30. Bxa8 Ignoring the attack was the only option. After 30. Kxf2?? Qxh2+ 31. Kf1 Qxd2?? White was back in the game, but 31. ... f4, for instance, was crushing. 30. ... Rxa8 Or 30. ... Nd3 31. Re2 Rxa8 32. Qc6 is similar; While 30. ... d4 might be best, aiming to take on e3, now 31. Kxf2 Qxh2+ 32. Kf1 is fine, as 32. ... dxe3 33. Re2 Qxg3 34. Bg2 manages to hold by threatening a6-a7. 31. Qc6 Ra7 32. Qxe6 White has enough counterplay. (Justo – Abdelazeez, analysis) **PUZZLE 5.** 40. Ra8+ Somehow, White escapes. After 40. Qf6?? Qe4+ 41. Kh3 Qf5+, Black simplified to a winning endgame. 40. ... Ke7 41. Ra7+ Kd6! 42. Qf6+ Or 42. Qf4+

Kc5 gives White ways to hold, but it's less forcing. 42. ... Ne6 Not 42. ... Kc5?? 43. Rc7+ Kb4 (or 43. ... Kb5 44. Rb7+ Kc5 45. Qb6 mate) 44. Qxd4+ winning. 43. Ra6+ Kc5 Or 43. ... Rc6 44. Rxc6+ Kxc6 45. Qxf7 holds. Black doesn't have enough pawns. 44. Qe7+ Kd4 45. Qf6+ White repeats, as Ra6-a4+ stops Black's queen from interposing. (Gonzalez – Buccat, analysis) **PUZZLE 6.** 53. ... Rd4! Instead, 53. ... Ra4? 54. Kc8??, would have won for Black after 55. Rxa1 Rxa1 56. d8=Q Ra8+ when White's king is too far. Instead, Black played 54. ... Ra8+?? 55. Kb7 Rd8 and drew. 54. Re1 Rd2 Shielding Black's king from Re1-e2. 55. Kc8 Kb2 56. Re2 Rc2+! Surprise! 57. Kb8 a1=Q 58. d8=Q Qa4! Black shields against checks. (Men – Prudente, analysis)