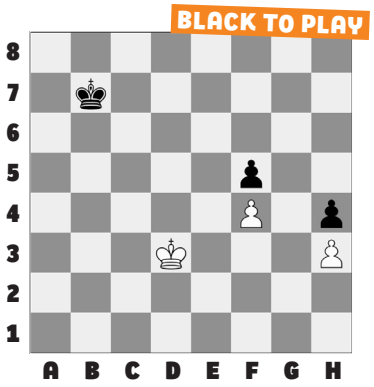
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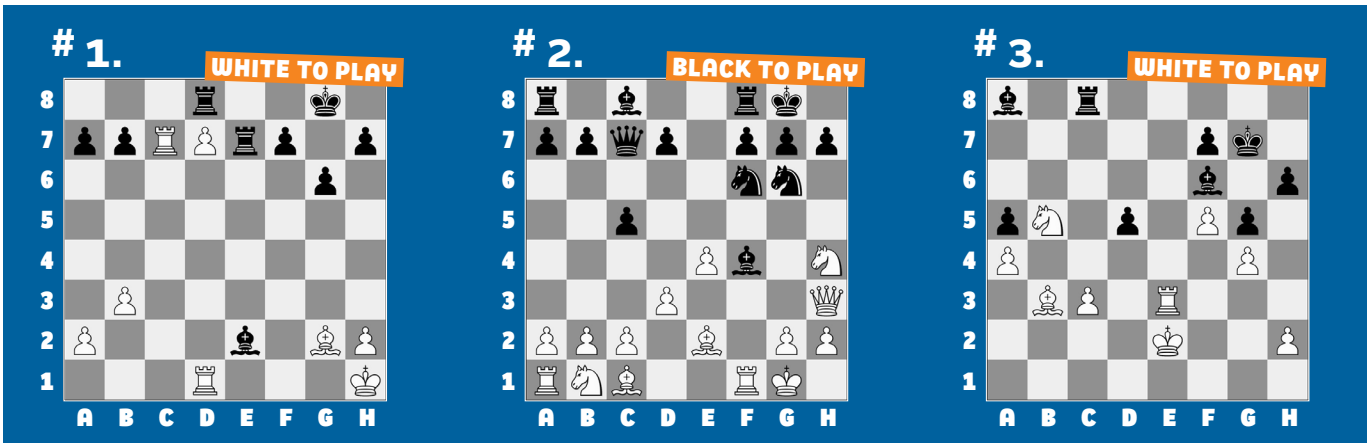
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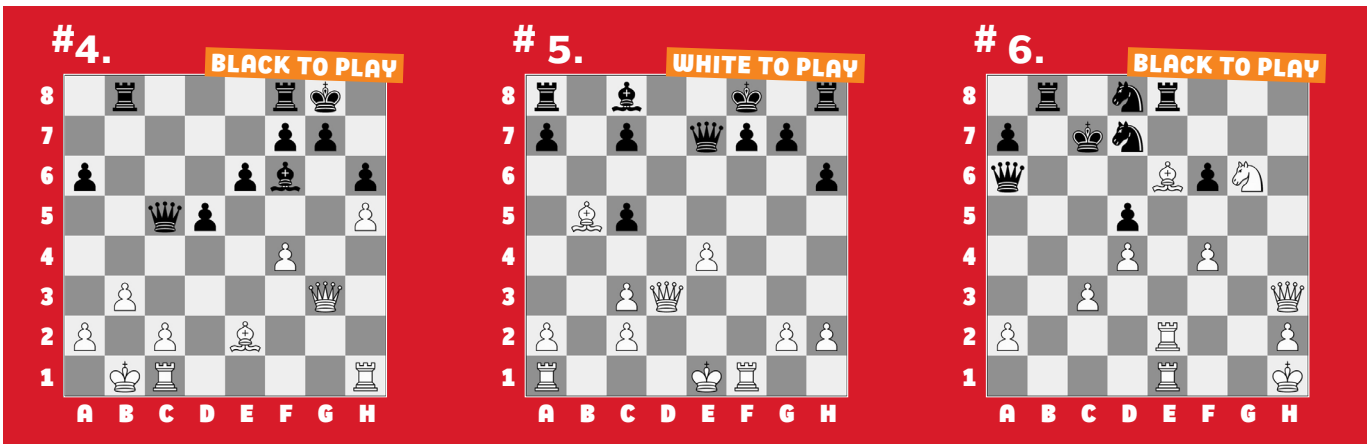
U7-U17 WORLD CHAMPS, PT. 2

This week continues a series on the **FIDE World U7-U17 World Championships**. In our **example**, Black missed a textbook (well, it's an advanced textbook) draw with **50. ... Kc7!** The principle is simple: do not let White achieve close opposition! **51. Kc3** White keeps distant opposition, but 51. Kc4 Kc6 and 51. Kd4 Kd6 prevent White from closing the gap, and the e4-square is forever off limits. **51. ... Kd7** Black remains patient with **52. Kd3 Kc7!** not 52. ... Ke7?? 53. Kc4! Ke6 54. Kc5.

After 50. ... Kc6?? 51. Kc4 Kd6 52. Kd4 Ke6 53. Kc5 White shouldered to win: 53. ... Ke7 54. Kd5 Kf7 55. Ke5 Kg6 56. Ke6 and Black resigned in Aydogan – Jiminez Lopez.







SOLUTIONS

1) 34. Rc8 Ignoring the threat on the d1-rook! **34. ... Bxd1 35. Rxd8+ Kg7** Black remains up a piece, but... **36. Rg8+** and **Black resigned**. (Fillppova – Taubassar, Spain, 2026) **2) 11. ... Bxc1** Always calculate equal trades. **12. Rxc1 Qf4** A double attack! Loose pieces drop off. **13. Rf1 Qxh4** Black went on to win. (Ahmed Mohamed – Saltkhutsishvili) **3) 42. Nd6** White forks the c8-rook and the e8-square, from which the knight will fork Black's king and dark-squared bishop. Instead,White played 42. Kd2 to defend the pawn and eventually lost. **42. ... Rd8 43. Ne8+** Black's king can't defend the bishop. (Svanadze – Saltkhutsishvili, analysis) **4) 24. ... Qa3** First, a mate threat. **25. c3 Rxb3+** Making use of the newly weakened b3-square. **26. axb3 Qxb3+ 27. Ka1 Rb8** and **Black resigned**, but 27. ... Qa4+ was an even faster forced mate. (Nurkhankyzy – Khusnitdinova)

5) 16. Qd5! Attacking the loose a8-rook. **16. ... c6** Or 16. ... Rb8 17. Rxf7+! Qxf7 18. Qd8+ Qe8 19. Qxe8 mate. **17. Rxf7+ Qxf7** Or 17. ... Kg8 18. Rxe7+ cxd5 19. exd5 is a winning endgame. **18. Qd8+ Qe8 19. Qxe8+ Kxe8 20. Bxc6+ Kf7 21. Bxa8** White went on to win. (Khusnitdinova – Zhetpis) **6) 32. ... f5!** White's queen no longer defends the e6–bishop, which is now pinned to the twice-attacked e2-rook. **33. Qxf5 Rb6** Winning. (Zhetpis – Stoica, analysis)

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