FIDE WORLD U7-U17 CHAMPS, PT. 2

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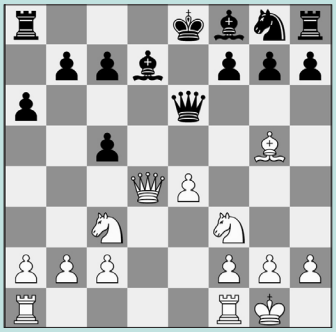
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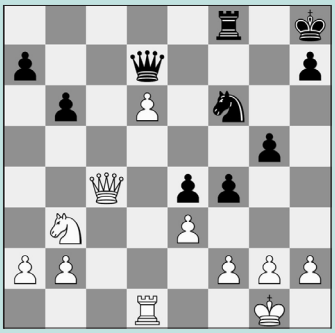
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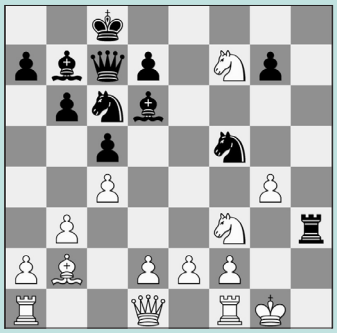
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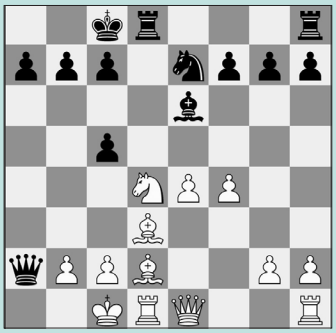
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SOLUTIONS

PUZZLE 1. 18. b4! Qxb4 Retreating moves lose the pin and hang the a6-bishop. **19. Bxf7+ Kxf7 20. Qxb4** and **Black resigned** five moves later. (Filippova – Zhetpis, Spain, 2026) **PUZZLE 2. 11. Qd3!** Natural development with a concrete point. Instead **11. Rb3?** was a missed opportunity, and Black later won. **11. ... Bb4** Or 11. ... Ba5 12. Ba3 wins. **12. Rxb4 Qxb4 13. Ba3 Qb6** Or 13. ... Qb5 14. c4 is similar. **14. Bxf8** White has a fatal attack if Black recaptures, beginning with a capture on h7, so Black's best bet is to remain down a piece. (Ben Ari – Comas Bermeo, analysis) **PUZZLE 3. 10. Nd5!** A clever *intermezzo*. White didn't have much after **10. Qd5 Qxd5 11. Nxd5 Rc8 12. Bf4 Bd6** and Black later won. **10. ... Rc8 11. Qc3** Harmonious repositioning, keeping Black's kingside locked down. After 11. ... c6 Nf4, White is rolling. (Rekhviashvili – Sadvokassova, analysis) **PUZZLE 4. 24. Qd4** The right way to make progress, anticipating Black's counterplay. White intends Nb3-d2-c4-e5 against passive play. Instead, **24. Qc7?? Qg4 25. f3 exf3 26. Qc2 fxe3 27. g3 e2 28. Ra1 Ne4** and White resigned. **24. ... Qg4 25. d7! f3 26. Qxf6+** White breaks through first. **26. ... Rxf6 27. d8=Q+ Kg7 28. Qd7+** Removing Black's queen just in time! (Kairbekova – Anistoroaei, analysis) **PUZZLE 5. 21. gxf5** Further weakening the king does not feel like defense, but it does remove an attacker! Instead, **21. Nxd6+?? Qxd6 22. gxf5 Qf4** forced mate in the game, and White resigned just three moves later. **21. ... Nd4** Playing for mate on h1. **22. Bxd4 Bxf3 23. exf3** The point: With a knight on f5, Black could check on h2 and sac on g3 with chances to draw. Here, Black should resign. (Pichler – Diaz Ferrer, analysis) **PUZZLE 6. 16. Bb4** Resourceful and necessary defense. Instead, **16. Nb3?? Bxb3 17. Bc3 c4** won for Black, who already regained her piece. Don't play 16. Bc3? cxd4 17. Bb4 as now 17. ... Nc6! 18. Ba3 Bg4 19. Be2 (not *19. Rd2?? Qa1* mate) 19. ... Bxe2 20. Qxe2 Na5! when the extra tempo gave Black time to prepare ... Na5-c4, tightening the mating net. **16. ... cxb4 17. Nxe6 Qxe6 18. Qxb4** All clear, play on! (Merke – Uranzaya, analysis)

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