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1-2e Prijs ex aequo
Probleemblad 2021-22

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Steffen Slumstrup Nielsen
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+ (6+7)

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3e Prijs Probleemblad 2021-22

+ (3+4)

1st-2nd Prize ex aequo: E525 Michael Pasman

1. ♖a2! (1. ♖xb2? ♜f3! 2. ♖b3 ♜xe2 3. ♜xb4 ♜e5 4. ♜xg3+ ♜xg3 5. ♜xd3 is lost for White)
1... d2 2. ♜d4 b1=♚+ (2... b3+ 3. ♖a3 or 2... ♜e5 3. ♜xd2 ♜xg7 4. ♜d4+ ♜g1 5. ♜f3+ ♜h1
6. ♜xh2=) 3. ♜xb1 ♜e5 4. ♜xg3+! ♜f1! (4... ♜xg3 5. ♜xd2 ♜f7+ 6. ♖b2 ♜e5+ 7. ♖c1 ♜h1+
8. ♜d1 ♜h4 9. ♜d2) 5. ♜xd2 ♜f7+ 6. ♜b3 ♜e1 7. ♜d4! (7. ♜c2? ♜h8! 8. ♜c1+ ♜xe2 9. ♜e4 ♜c3
-) 7... ♜xd2+ 8. ♜c2+ ♜d1= stalemate with selfblocks.

Beautiful artistic final. The result is reached with direct and natural play.

1st-2nd Prize ex aequo: E533 Steffen Slumstrup Nielsen

1. g7+! (1. ♜f3? ♜e8+! 2. ♖d7 ♜e7+ 3. ♖d8 ♜e8+ =, not 1... ♜d2? 2. g7+ ♜xg7 3. ♜c3! ♜c1 4. ♜f1
and White wins) 1... ♜xg7 2. ♜f3 ♜g4 (2... ♜h7 3. ♜a3+ ♜f7 4. ♜g2+-; 2... ♜g5 puts no pres-
sure on White's Queen and allows White's Rook to get out of the way on f2 or f4: 3. ♜a3+ ♜f7
4. ♜f4 ♜h7 5. ♜f3! ♜g7 6. ♜g4+-) 3. ♜a3+ ♜f7 4. ♜b3 (thr. 5. ♜b7#; not 4. ♜h2? [thr. 5. ♜a2#] 4...
♜h7! nor 4. ♜f1? ♜g5!) 4... ♜h7 5. ♜b7+ ♜g8 6. ♜f7!! The check on the lethal diagonal can only
come about by blocking it first. 6... ♜xf7 (6... ♜xh3 7. ♜f8# or 6... ♜h8 7. ♜f8+ ♜g8 8. ♜xg4+-)
7. ♜b3#.

The most original study in the tourney. The sixth move is very pretty.

3e Prize: E528 Michael Pasman

1.f4! (1.♖h8+? ♗c7 2.♔d5 ♕a2+ 3.♔c5 b3 4.♖h7+ ♗c8 5.♔c6 ♕e5 6.♖e7 ♕f6 7.♖e8+ ♕d8 8.♖e2 ♕b1) 1... b3 2.♖d2+! (2.♖b2? ♕a2 3.f5 ♕f4 4.f6 ♗e8) 2... ♗e8 3.♖h2! ♗d8 4.♖d2+ ♗c8 5.f5! (A) 5... ♕a2!! 6.♔e7! (6.♖b2? ♗d8 7.♔d5 ♕c7! 8.♔c4 ♕a5!) 6... ♕f4! 7.♖g2! ♕c1 8.f6 ♕a3+ 9.♔e8 ♕b1 10.f7 (10.♖g1? ♕d3!) 10... ♕e4! 11.f8=♔! The white pawn completed an Excelsior, but as we'll see on the next move, it was just a sacrifice. 11... ♕c6+! (11... ♕xf8 12.♖e2! ♕f3 [12... ♕d3 13.♖d2!] 13.♖f2!) 12.♔f7+ ♕xf8 13.♖b2! ♕c5 (13... ♕a3 14.♖xb3 ♕d5+ 15.♔e8 is the same; 13... ♕b4 14.♖xb3) 14.♖xb3! ♕d5+ 15.♔e8! ♕xb3= ideal stalemate.

A) Thematic try: 5.♖b2? ♕a2 6.f5 ♗d8! 7.f6 ♗e8! 8.♔d5 ♕f4 (8... ♕c7 9.♔c4 ♕a5) 9.♔c4 ♕d2! 10.♖xb3 ♕e1!! Zugzwang, or 7.♔d5 ♕c7!! (7... ♕f4 8.♔c4 ♕d2 9.♖xd2+) 8.♔c4 (8.f6) 8... ♕a5! 9.♖xb3 ♕e1!! Zugzwang 10.f6 ♗e8/d7 Zugzwang.

A miniature with study-like subtleties. A classic!

4e Prize: E507 Steffen Slumstrup Nielsen & Martin Minski

1.♕c4! (1.♕h7? ♖f6 2.dxe7 ♗d7=) 1... e6! (1... ♖f6 2.dxe7 ♗d7 3.♕f5+-) 2.♕xe6 ♖f6 3.♕e8!! the point 3... ♖xe8 (3... cxd6 4.♕xf6+-) 4.d7 ♖d6 (the last trap: 5.d8=♔? ♖b7+) 5.d8=♕#!

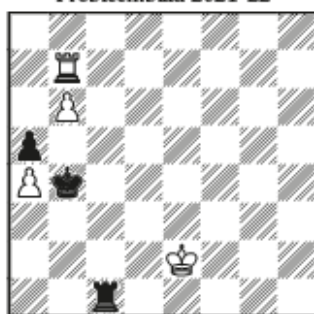
A popular study for chess lovers.

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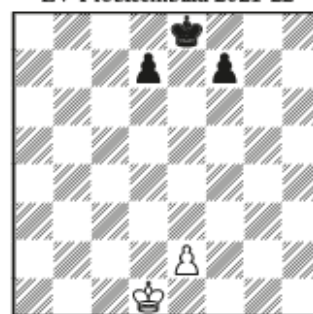
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Volker Hergert
Martin Minski
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+ (4+3)

Vladimir Kuzmichev
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= (2+3)

Special Prize: E522 Volker Hergert & Martin Minski

1.♖c7 ♖b1 2.♖c1! Rook sacrifice on the first rank 2... ♖b2+ (2... ♖xc1: initial position without the wRook; 3.b7 ♗xa4 4.b8=♔ winning; 2... ♖b3 3.b7 ♗a3 4.♖c3! echo Rook sacrifice on the third rank 4... ♖xc3 5.b8=♔+-) 3.♔d3 ♗a3 (3... ♗xa4 4.♔c4 ♖b4+ [4... ♖xb6 5.♖a1#] 5.♔c5 ♖b5+ 6.♔c6+-) 4.♖a1+ ♗b4 5.♖a2! echo Rook sacrifice on the second rank 5... ♖b1 6.♔c2+-.

Spectacular Rook endings, that is my weakness. Here the repeated Rook sacrifice produces a splendid story.

Honourable mentions (in publication order)

Honourable mention: E511 Vladimir Kuzmichev

1.♔d2 ♗d8 2.♔d3 ♗e7 3.♔e3 ♗d6 (3... ♗f6 4.♔d4! is symmetrical; 3... ♗e6 4.♔e4! f5+ [4... d5+ 5.♔d4!] 5.♔f4! ♗f6 6.e3!! ♗e6 7.e4 fxe4 8.♔xe4=) 4.♔f4 (4.♔d4? f5! 4.♔e4? ♗e6!) 4... ♗d5 5.♔f5 ♗d4 6.♔f6 ♗e3 7.♔xf7 ♗xe2 8.♔f6 ♗d3 9.♔e5 ♗c4 10.♔d6=.

Honourable mention: E517 Peter Krug

1.♖e6 ♖xe6 (1... ♖f1 2.♖g6+ ♖h7 3.♖xg8 ♖xg8 4.d6 ♖d1 5.d7 ♖f8 6.b5 ♖e7 7.b6 ♖xd7 8.b7! +-) 2.dxe6 ♖f8+ (A) 3.♖xh5 (3.♖f5 ♖g7=) 3... ♖g7 4.♖d7 ♖e8 5.♖h4! (5.b5? ♖h7+ 6.♖g4 f5+ =) 5... ♖h7+ 6.♖g3 ♖h6 7.exf7+ ♖f8 8.♖b7 winning.

A) 2... ♖h8+ 3.♖xh5 fxe6 4.b5 e5 (4... ♖b8 5.♖g6 e5 6.♖a6 e4 7.b6) 5.♖a6! (5.b6? ♖b8) 5... ♖b8 (5... e4 6.♖h6+ ♖g7 7.♖g6+ ♖h7 8.♖xg8 ♖xg8) 6.♖g6 e4 7.b6 e3 8.b7 ♖xb7 9.♖a8+ winning.

Honourable mention: E520 Michael Pasman

1.♖c3! (threatening mate and attacking pawn e2) 1... ♖a8+ 2.♖b3! (2.♖b2? ♖c4+! 3.dxc4 e1=♖) 2... ♖a3+! 3.♖xa3 ♖xb5+! 4.♖xb5 e1=♖ 5.♖a4!! (5.g7? ♖a5+ nor 5.♖d4? ♖xe3 nor 5.♖b3 ♖xe3) 5... ♖d1+! (5... ♖h4+ 6.d4+! & 7.g7 or 5... ♖g3 6.h6 ♖xh3 7.g7 ♖g3 8.e4 ♖g1 9.♖a5+-) 6.♖b4! ♖xh5 (Black has to prevent the further advance of the white pawns) 7.d6!! (White has to keep the black King in the center and prevent his escape to d7 and e8, for example: 7.g7 ♖h7 8.♖d4 ♖d6 9.♖e6 ♖h4+ 10.♖b5 ♖g3 11.♖f1 ♖g1 12.♖b6 ♖d7 13.d4 ♖e8! 14.♖b5+ ♖f7) 7... exd6 8.g7 ♖g5 (8... ♖f7 9.d4+! ♖d5 10.♖g2#) 9.♖d4! ♖xg7 (9... ♖xe3 10.♖c6+ ♖f4 11.g8=♖+-; and there is no time for 9... ♖d5 10.♖e6! ♖g3 11.♖b5 ♖e5 12.♖f8! ♖xg7 13.♖g6+ ♖d5 14.♖g2#) 10.♖c6+ ♖d5 11.♖g2+! ♖xg2 12.♖e7+ "Kubbel's Knight maneuver" 12... ♖e5 13.♖g6+ ♖xf5 14.♖h4+ ♖g4 15.♖xg2 ♖f3 16.♖h4+ Going back the same way... 16... ♖g4 17.♖g6 winning.



Honourable mention: E529 Michael Pasman

1.d4! ♖xd4 2.♖e2! ♖xe2 3.♖xa3 ♖e1+ 4.♖g2 ♖g1+! 5.♖xg1 e2+ 6.♖f2+! ♖xf2+ 7.♖g2! ♖d4! 8.♖f3! (8.♖d3+? ♖c2 9.♖xd4 e1=♖; 8.♖b3? ♖c2!) 8... e1=♖+! (8... e1=♖ 9.♖f1 ♖xf1+ 10.♖xf1 is theoretically drawn) 9.♖g3 ♖e5+ 10.♖f2 ♖d4+ 11.♖g3 Draw, because after the exchange on f3, a theoretical draw remains.

Honourable mention: E530 Amatzia Avni & Vladislav Tarasiuk

1.d6 ♖e4! (1... ♖h6+ 2.♖d5 ♖f6+ 3.♖c6 ♖e4 4.♖b7 ♖h7 5.c6=; 1... ♖d4?! 2.e3 or 2.♖c6 +=) 2.♖d7! (2.♖d7? ♖e8+ 3.♖f7 ♖c8 4.♖b6 ♖h7+ 5.♖g6 ♖xc7 6.dxc7 ♖xc7 -) 2... ♖d5 3.e4+! ♖xc5 (3... ♖xe4 4.♖c6! =) 4.c8=♖+ ♖xc8 5.♖a6+! ♖b6 6.♖xc8 ♖h8! 7.♖d7! ♖f6+ (A) 8.♖e7 ♖xe4 9.d7 ♖h7+ 10.♖e6 ♖g5+ 11.♖f6 ♖f7 12.♖g6 Draw, with the wKing on the king side. A) Second line: 7... ♖xa6 8.e5 ♖h6 (B) 9.e6 ♖xf5 10.e7 ♖g7 11.♖c6 ♖h6 12.♖c5 Draw, with the wKing on the queen side. B) Third line: 8... ♖b7 9.f6 ♖h6 10.e6 ♖g4 11.f7 ♖f6+ 12.♖e7 ♖h7 13.♖d7 Draw, with the wKing in the center.

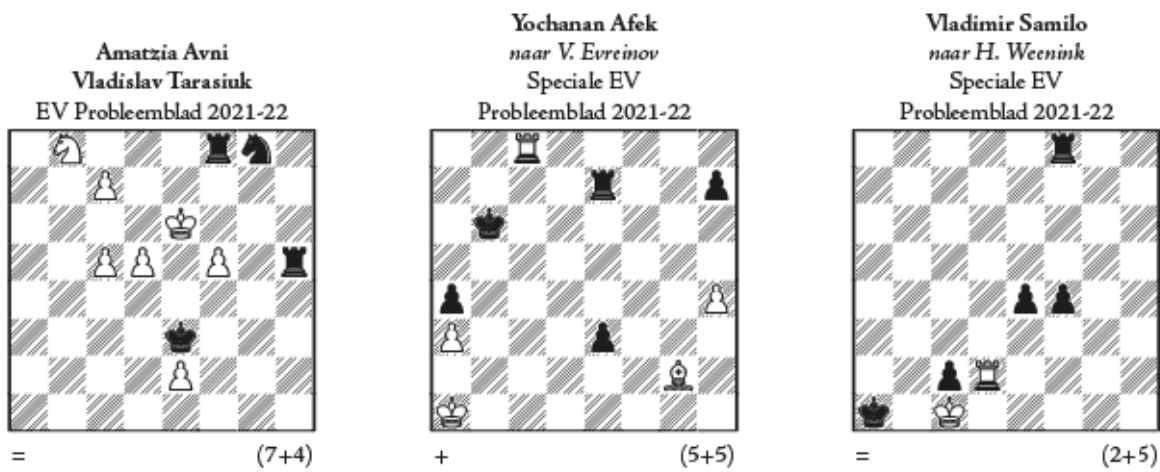
Special Honourable mention: E521 Yochanan Afek

1.♖c6+! (1...♖c1? e2 2.♖e1 ♖e3 3.♗b2 ♗c5 4.h5 h6 5.♗h1 ♗d6 6.♗a8 ♗c5 7.♗g2 ♗d6 8.♗b1 ♗c5 9.♗b2 ♗b6 10.♗c2 ♗xa3 11.♗xe2 ♗a2+ 12.♗d1 ♗xe2 13.♗xe2 ♗c5 14.♗d3 a3 15.♗c3 ♗d6=) 1... ♗b5! (1... ♗a5 2.♖c1 e2 3.♖e1 ♖e3 4.♗b2 ♗b6 5.♗d5 ♗c5 6.♗g8+- or 1... ♗a7 2.♖c1 e2 3.♖e1 ♗b6 4.♗b2 ♖e3 5.♗d5 ♗c5 6.♗g8 h6 7.♗f7 ♗d4 8.♗c2 ♖f3 9.♗h5 ♗xa3 10.♗xe2+-) 2.♖c2! (2...♖c1? e2 3.♖e1 ♗c4 4.♗b2 ♗d3! 5.♗f3 ♖f7 6.♗xe2+ ♗d2=) 2... e2!? 3.♖xe2! ♖xe2 4.♗f1 ♗c4 5.♗xe2+ ♗b3 6.♗d3! h6 7.♗b1! (logical tries 7.♗b1? ♗xa3 8.♗c2 ♗b4= [8.♗d3 is impossible] and 7.♗h7? ♗xa3 8.♗g8 ♗b4 9.♗b2 ♗c5 10.♗c3 ♗d6 11.♗d4 ♗e7 12.♗e5 ♗f8 13.♗d5 ♗g7=) 7... ♗xa3 8.♗a2! ♗b4 9.♗b2 ♗c5 10.♗c3 ♗d6 11.♗d4 ♗e7 12.♗e5 ♗f8 13.♗f6+-.

Special Honourable mention: E534 Vladimir Samilo

1.♖d4! (1...♖d5? ♗a2!; not 1... ♖a8? 2.♖d4! ♗a2 3.♖xe4 ♗b3 4.♖e3+ ♖xe3=, or 4... ♗c4 5.♖f3! ♖f8 6.♗xc2=) 1... ♗a2 2.♖xe4 (2.♗xc2? ♖c8+ -+) 2... ♗b3 3.♖d4! switchback (3.♖e3+? ♗c4+ -) 3... ♖g8 (3... ♖3 4.♖d8! ♖f7 5.♖d7 ♖f6 6.♖d6 ♖f5 7.♖d5 ♖f4 8.♖d4= like Weenink, or 3... ♖e8 4.♖d3+! ♗c4 5.♗xc2! =; not 5.♖f3? ♖e4!-+) 4.♖d3+ ♗c4 5.♖f3! (5.♗xc2? ♖g2+ 6.♖d2 ♖3!-+) 5... ♖g4 6.♗xc2 ♗d4 7.♗d2/d1 ♗e4 8.♗e2 (8.♖a3? ♖g3!-+) 8... ♖g3 [8... ♖g2+ 9.♖f2 ♖g1 10.♖h2! = (10.♖f3? ♖e1+! 11.♗f2 ♖f1+! 12.♗xf1 ♗xf3-+)] 9.♖f2! (9.♖xg3? ♖xg3 10.♗f1 ♗f3-+) 9... ♖3+ 10.♗f1! ♖h3 11.♗g1=.

Two stalemates were added to the positional draw by H. Weenink. Miniature.



Commendations (in publication order)

For the diagrams and solutions of the Commendations we refer to the relevant *Probleemblad* issues.

- BV: E501 Michal Hlinka & Ľuboš Kekely – 8/8/1Prr3k/R3pK2/Rp6/8/8/8 win
- BV: E503 Marco Campioli – 7k/R7/8/2PPPP2/8/2K5/8/1r1r4 win
- BV: E506 Pavel Arestov – N7/7K/8/4k3/4p3/8/6PP/8 win
- BV: E509 Amatzia Avni & Yochanan Afek – 6B1/4pN2/7P/5P1b/4P1n1/4pK1p/3N3k/8 win
- BV: E510 Guus Rol – naar Aliev – 5K2/7r/5P2/6k1/2N5/8/8/3b4 draw
- BV: E514 Jarl Ulrichsen – 3k4/p6b/8/8/8/8/1r5p/RBR1K3 draw
- BV: E516 Peter Krug – 8/2N5/5r2/8/8/3k4/1p4BK/5N2 draw
- BV: E518 Peter Krug – 3K3N/6k1/3NP3/2p4P/2Qn1b2/8/5P2/7q draw
- BV: E519 Peter Krug – 8/8/8/1K6/5q2/7p/8/rkN2NQ1 draw
- BV: E524 Michal Hlinka & Ľuboš Kekely – 8/1k1P2K1/3P3B/P7/1q1n4/8/4B3/8 draw

BV: E526 Rainer Staudte & Michael Schlosser – 8/p6p/8/8/3k4/5P2/6P1/6K1 draw

BV: E527 Ilha Aliev – 3qr1bk/4p3/3P1RP1/5PKp/p6P/8/Q7/8 draw

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