

AWARD FOR E.G. VRATNICA-64, 2005-2007



Michal Hlinka, international judge of FIDE

For judging I received 11 studies. After checking of soundness I eliminated study nr. 598, Florian Voiculescu - it is multiple unsound – stipulation is unrealizable, black draws.

Into preliminary award initially I selected 3 studies, but after anticipation checking I eliminated 2 following studies:

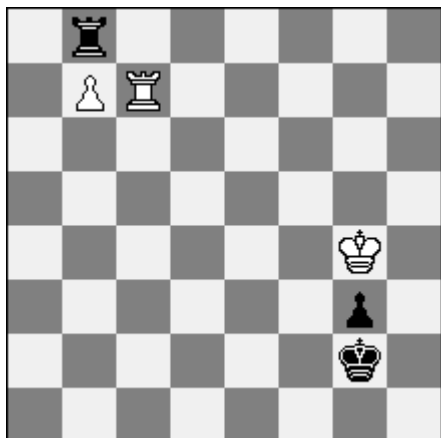
- nr. 808, Zlatko Mihajlovski: known idea, see example: E. Pogosjanc, 1970 (Ka8/Ka6), B. Sidorov, 1986 (Ka8/Kb6), or I. Aliev 2008 (Kh8/Ka6)
- nr. 810, Zlatko Mihajlovski: again known motif - see Z. Mihajlovski and J. Polášek, 2005 (Kh2/Kg7) and also the same author - Z. Mihajlovski, 2013 (Kh3/Ke7).

Ilham Aliev

Ramil Allajov [Azerbaijan]

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Honourable mention



win (3+3)

1.Rc2+ Kf1 It is not enough 1...Kg1 ,Kh1? 2.Kxg3+- Rg8+ 3.Kf4 Rb8 4.Rb2+- **2.Kf3!** 2.Kxg3? Rxb7=. **2...Ke1** 2...Rxb7? 3.Rc1#. **3.Rb2** Weakly is 3.Rc7? g2 (3...Kd2)=. **3...Kd1** Till now it is possible catch of

pawn **4.Kxg3 Kc1 5.Rb6!** After similar Rb5? is only draw [5.Rb5? Kc2 6.Kf4 Kd3 7.Ke5 Kc4=] **5...Kc2 6.Kf4 Kc3 7.Ke5 Kc4 8.Kd6+-**. Very elegant "nachodka" with addition for theory of rook endings.

Vitaly Kovalenko (Russia): Начальная позиция этюда словно выхвачена из шахматной партии. Решение показывает метод выигрыша в подобных ладейных окончаниях. Этюд, имеющий практическое значение. Несомненно он найдёт своё место в монографиях по эндшпилю.

In Košice, 25th February 2017

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