

## Award of selfmates (2-10 movers) „SCHACH“ 1999

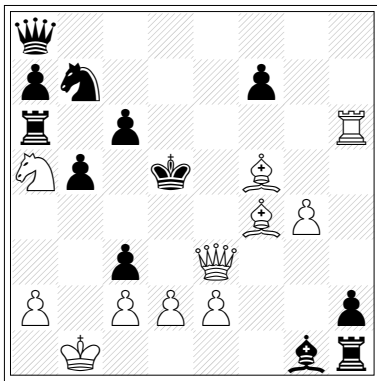
Judge: IGM György Bakcsi

In 1999 appeared 41 selfmate problems in Schach, most of them being moremovers. The level was high, the magazine was a „citadel" of the deep, interesting moremover-combinations, and some of them show new ways for the future. In the same time the 2- and 3-movers were pale and poor, with uninteresting „translations" of direct themes to the language of selfmates.

The problem No. 14294 (Wenda) was cooked, even after the correction. The No. 14276 (Zucker-Schreckenbach) and No. 14404 (Ernst) were corrected, the later became a co-author (Kupper).

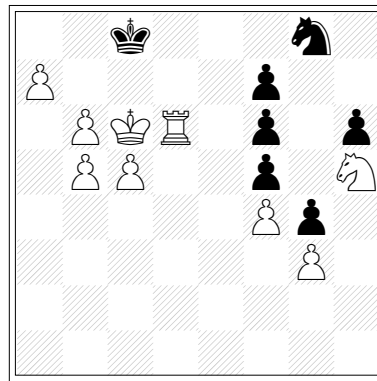
As always, I preferred in the award the original ideas, the paradoxon and the heavy solution.

Camillo Gamnitzer  
14253 Schach IV/1999  
1. Preis



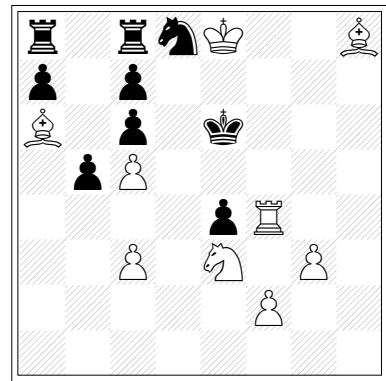
s#5 (11+12)

Jewgeni S. Orlov  
14360 Schach X/1999  
2. Preis



s#10 (9+7)

Gunter Jordan  
14221 Schach II/1999  
3. Preis



s#8 (9+9)

1st Prize. No. 14253 (Gamnitzer).

A problem of the 21th century; I suspect, such problems are almost impossible without the help of the computer. Deceptive try, very heavy, almost incomprehensible key with spectacular continuation and fantastic end (5. Bxb7!!) make this problem classical.

1. Le5! (2. Dd4+) c5 2. Lb8 (3. Dd3+) c4 3. Le5 nebst 4. Dd4+; 2....Td6 3. Dd3+ Ke5 4. Sc6+ Kf4 5. De3+ L:e3 matt, 2....Sd6 3. Le6+ f:e6 4. D:e6+ Kd4 5. e3+ L:e3 matt, 2....D:b8 3. Le4+ Ke5 4. Sc4+ b:c4 5. L:b7+ L:e3 matt.

2nd Prize. No. 14360 (Orlov) .

Very interesting paradoxon. In a selfmate with set-play in one move we must squander ten moves for the illogical change of the existing and promoted white knight for forcing the same mate...Real Fata Morgana for the delight of the solvers.

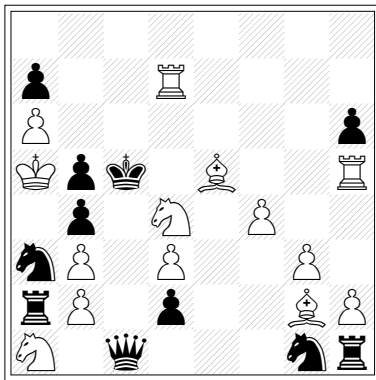
1. Sg7! h5 2. S:h5 Sh6 3. Sg7 Sg8 4. Se8 Sh6 5. Sc7 Sg8 6. Sa6 Sh6 7. a8S Sg8 8. S8c7 Sh6 9. Sd5 Sg8 10. Se7+ S:e7 matt.

3rd Prize. No. 14221 (Jordan) .

A pearl of the German logical school with „Hauptplan", „Vorplan" und „zweiter Vorplan". There is a little extra by the En Passant capturing.

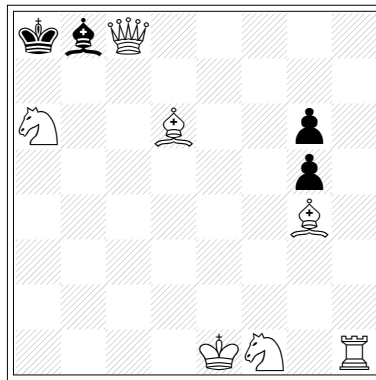
1. Tf6+! Ke5 2. f4+ e:f3 e.p. 3. Tf4+ Ke6 4. Ta4 b:a4 5. Ld3 f2 6. Lh7 f1D 7. Lg8+ Df7+ 8. L:f7 S:f7 matt.

Camillo Gamnitzer  
14275 Schach V/1999  
1. ehr. Erwahrung

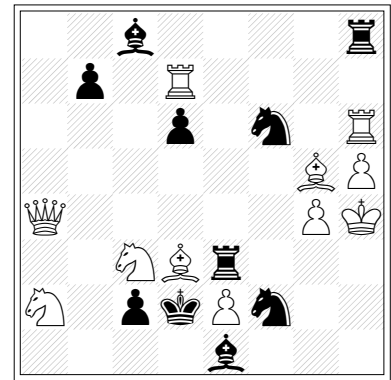


s#6 (4+11)

M.Degenkolbe-R.Fiebig-K.Stibbe J. Quack / R. Paslack  
14254 Schach IV/1999 14252 Schach IV/99 (V 1/00)  
2. ehr. Erwahrung 3. ehr. Erwahrung



s#10 (7+4)



s#2 (10+12)

1st H.M. No. 14275 (Gamnitzer):

Another wonder by Gamnitzer, with the same instruments, but the first pricewinner is something better.

1. Lh3! (2. Tc7+ Kd5 3. Lg2+ Sf3 4. Td7+ Kc5 5. Lc7+ Se5,Sg5 6. Lb6+ a:b6 matt) T:h2
2. Lf1 Tg2,Tf2 3. Td5+ K:d5 4. Lb8+ K:d4 5. L:a7+ Dc5 6. Sc2+ S:c2 matt.

2nd H.M. No. 14254 (Degenkolbe-Fiebig-Stibbe):

The cavalcade of different, but always interesting motives, ending in model mate.

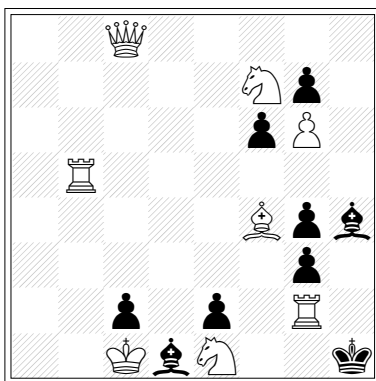
1. Lg3! Ka7 2. Lf2+ Ka8 3. Sc5 Ka7 4. Se4+ Ka8 5. Lf3 g4 6. Sg5+ g:f3 7. Sh3 g5 8. Sg3 g4 9. 0-0 g:h3 10. Sh1 h2 matt.

3rd H.M. No. 14252 (Quack/Paslack):

Probably the best „short problem" of this tourney, with clear, but not new idea.

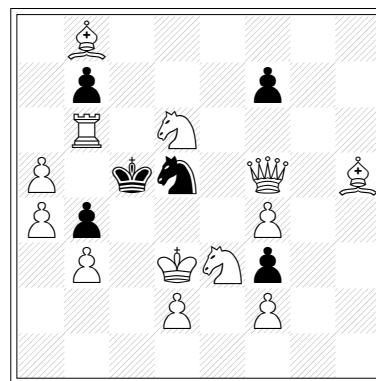
1. Lh7?,Lg6? (2. Dd4+) ...Sh5!; 1. Lf5? ...S6g4!; 1. Le4! (2. Dd4+ Sd3 matt) ...S6:g4 2. Td:d6+ Sd3, ...S:h5 2. Th:d6+ Sd3, ...c1S 2. Dd1+ S:d1 matt.

M. Ernst - J. Kupper  
14404 Schach XII/1999 (V)  
4. ehr. Erwahrung



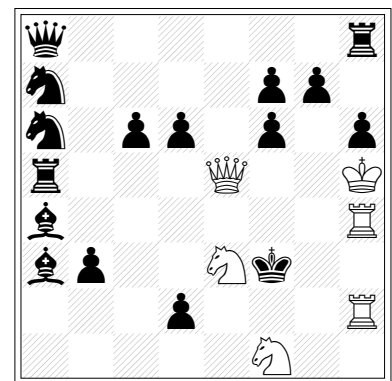
s#6 (8+9)

Oleg Paradsinski  
14341 Schach IX/1999  
5. ehr. Erwahrung



s#6 b) sLd5 (13+6)

Roman Salokozki  
14328 Schach VIII/1999  
Spez.. ehr. Erwahrung



s#2 (6+16)

4th H.M. No. 14404 (Ernst-Kupper).

The problem became much better after the correction, which added a second variant.

1. Tf5! Lg5 2. Dh8+ Lh4 3. Lg5 f:g5 4. Sh6 g:h6 5. Db2 h5 6. T:g5 L:g5 matt, 2....Lh6 3. Se5 f:e5  
4. Ld2 e4 5. Tb5 e3 6. Tb2 e:d2 matt.

5th H.M. No. 14341 (Paradsinski) .

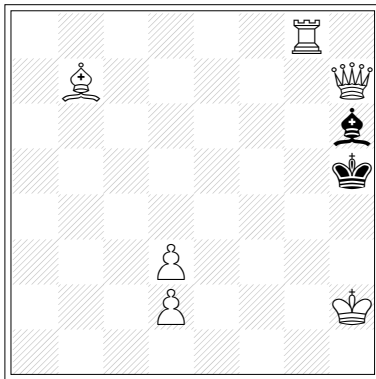
Good known variations, but the twinning gave to the problem a new merit.

a) 1. L:f3! f6 2. Ke2 Kd4 3. Sb5+ Kc5 4. Dc2+ Sc3+ 5. Kd3 f5 6. Le4 f:e4 matt  
b) 1. Lc7! f6 2. a6 b:a6 3. Le8 a5 4. Dh5 f5 5. Tc6+ L:c6 6. Se4+ L:e4 matt.

Special H.M. No. 14328 (Salokozki). Probably a task of uninteresting „dentist" variations.

1. Sc2! (2. Df5+ T:f5) ...Lb5/Lc5/Sb5/Sc5 2. De2+/De3+/Dc3+/De4+, ...c5/d5/g5/de5  
2. Dd5+/De4+/Df4+/Sd4+

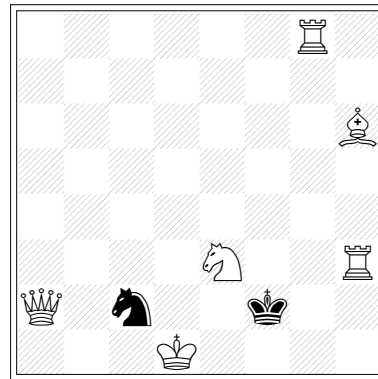
Manfred Zucker  
14200 Schach I/1999  
Lob



s#10

(6+2)

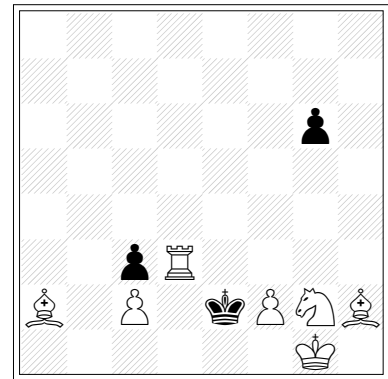
Kurt Stibbe  
14222 Schach II/1999  
Lob



s#10

(6+2)

Alexander Lehmkuhl  
14240 Schach III/1999  
Lob



s#9

(7+3)

Commends (without ranking, in the order of appearance):

No. 14200 (Zucker)

1. Lg2! Kh4 2. Lf1 Kh5 3. Le2+ Kh4 4. De4+ Lf4+ 5. Kg1 Kh3 6. Dh1+ Lh2+ 7. Kf2 Kh4 8. Ke3 Kh3 9. Th8+ Kg3 10. De4 Lg1 matt.

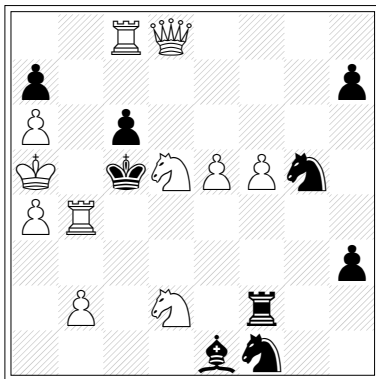
No. 14222 (Stibbe)

1. Sc4! Kf1 2. Th1+ Kf2 3. Lc1 Kf3 4. Da8+ Kf2 5. Th2+ Kf1 6. Tf8+ Kg1 7. Tg2+ Kh1 8. Td2+ Kg1 9. Tg8+ Kf1 10. Se3+ S:e3 matt

No. 14240 (Lehmkuhl)

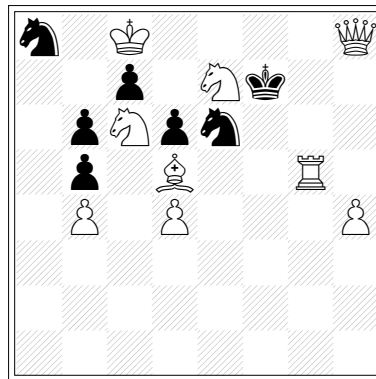
1. Lf7! g5 2. Lh5 g4 3. f4 g:f3 e.p. 4. Kh1 Kf1 5. Td1+ Ke2 6. Tc1 Kd2 7. Lf4+ Ke2 8. Te1+ Kf2 9. Lh2 f:g2 matt.

Peter Sickinger  
14273 Schach V/1999  
Lob



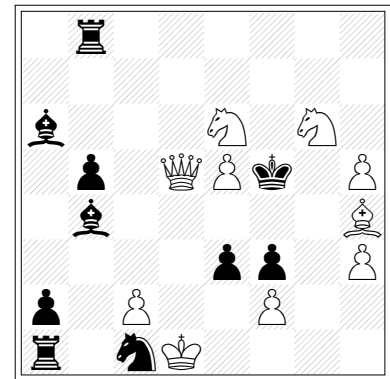
s#3 (11+9)

M. Zucker - M. Schreckenbach  
14276 Schach V/1999  
Lob



s#10 (8+7)

Stephen Rothwell  
14384 Schach XI/1999 (V)  
Lob



s#2 (10+10)

No. 14273 (Sickinger)

1. Sf6! (2. Sde4+ S:e4 3. Db6+ a:b6 matt) ...Se4,Sf7 2. Dd6+ S:d6 3. Tc4+ S:c4, ...Se6,Sf3  
2. Dd4+ S:d4 3. Sb3+ S:b3, ...T:d2 2. Tc4+ K:c4 3. Dd5+ T:d5, ...S:d2 2. Tc6+ K:c6 3. Tc4+ S:c4  
matt.

No. 14276 (Zucker-Schreckenbach)

1. Sd8+! K:e7 2. Sc6+ Kf7 3. Th5 Kg6 4. Le4+ Kf7 5. Tf5+ Kg6 6. T:b5+ Kf7 7. Tf5+ Kg6  
8. Tg5+ Kf7 9. Ld5 b5 10. Kd7 Sb6 matt.

No. 14384 (Rothwell).

1. Sc7? Td8!, 1. Sg5? Lb7!; 1. Sd8! (2. Dd3+) ...Td8/Lb7 2. e6+/Df3+ Td5/Lf3 matt.

György Bakcsi (IGM FIDE, judge FIDE)