

FIDE OLYMPIC TOURNEY – 2012

(dedicated to the World Chess Olympiad 2012 in Istanbul (Turkey))

Section Selfmates

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I received 45 anonymous selfmates from the director of the tourney IGM Petko Petkov. The level of the awarded problems is good, but I expected more for such a prestigious competition.

Some words about the problems which are not included in the award:

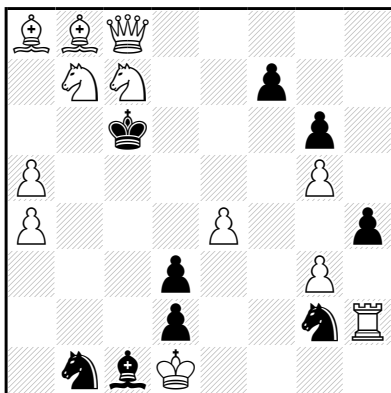
№4 (S. Vokal): interesting idea, but weak key; №20 (D. Mueller): the first three moves for black pawn capture seems artificially; №33 (P. Moutecidis): good model mates in open and light position, but forced play; №36 (A. Pankratiev): cycle AB-BC-CD-DA, but nothing new; №40 (M.Babic): it's not bad problem with echo mates by bR and good key, but similar realisations are known even in miniature form; №41(P. Raican): two different unpins of wRd7, but forced play again; №44 (B. Miloseski): Valladao task in position Meredith and black minimal – good selfmate, but it's not enough for such a tourney. I exclude from the tourney problems №14 (cooked) and №28 (the mechanism is used many times).

After publication of the preliminary award the following two problems should be eliminated: №24. Alexandr Azhusin, 2nd Honourable mention - the position of the white and black pawns is illegal; №22.Ljubomir Ugren, Special Honourable mention - cooked. The problem can be solved even in 32 moves.

For example: 1. Qa6+ Kb8 2. Qa7+ Kc8 3. Sed6+ Kd7 4. Sd8+ Kxd8 5. Bxg5+ Rxc5 6. Sxf7+ Kc8 7. Qa8+ Kd7 8. Qd5+ Kc8 9. Qc6+ Kb8 10. Qc7+ Ka8 11. Re8+ Rxe8 12. b7+ Ka7 13. b8Q+ Ka6 14. Qc6+ Ka5 15. Qbc7+ Kb4 16. Q7b7+ Ka5 17. Qba6+ Kb4 18. Qcb7+ Kc5 19. Qa5+ Kd4 20. Qd2+ Kc5 21. b4+ Kxc4 22. Sd6+ Kb3 23. Qbd5+ Ka4 24. b3+ Ka3 25. Qa5+ Kxb3 26. Qda2+ Kc3 27. Qc5+ Kd3 28. Qcc4+ Ke3 29. Sf5+ Rxf5 30. Qa7+ Kd2 31. Qad4+ Ke1 32. Qf1+ Rxf1#.

I exclude these two problems from the award and make the following changes: №42. Ivan Soroka becomes 2nd Honourable mention; №19. Eugene Fomichev becomes 3rd Honourable mention; №30. Waldemar Tura becomes 4th Honourable mention; №6. Jozef Havran becomes 5th Honourable mention; The other part of award is without changes. Many thanks to Rodolfo Riva and Olaf Jenkner for their help!

Andrey Selivanov (Russia)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
1st Prize (Gold Medal)



s#5

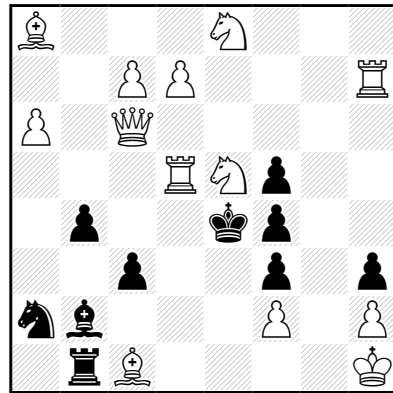
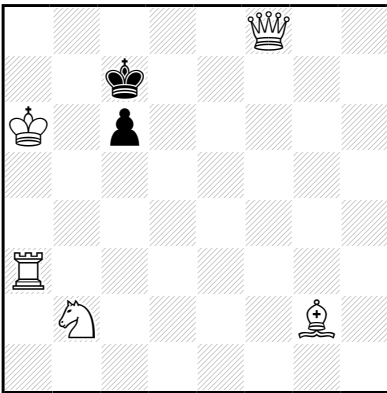
(12+9)

Very rich thematic complex: following play of two direct (and one initially indirect) white batteries with very good echo squares protection by bS after Sf4/Se1 defences. In the threat and 1...Sf4 variation there are also creation of new white batteries by wSb7 (with BiValve).
 Excellent selfmate!

1.e5! [2.Se6+ Kd5 3.Sd6+ Kxe5 4.Sc4+ Kf5 5.Se3+ Sxe3#];
1...f5 2.Se8+ Kd5 3.Sd8+ Kd4 4.Ba7+ Kxe5 5.Qc3+ Sxc3#;
1...Sf4 2.Sb5+ Kd5 3.Sc5+ Kc4 4.Sa6+ Kb3 5.Qc2+ dxc2#;
1...Se1 2.Sd6+ Kc5 3.Sa6+ Kd4 4.Sb5+ Ke3 5.Re2+ dxe2#.

Torsten Linss (Germany)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
 2nd Prize (Silver Medal)

Stefan Sovik (Slovakia)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
 3rd Prize (Bronze Medal)



S#13 (5+2)
 b) Rotate 90 c) Rotate 180

S#5 (13+10)

Torstwen Linss (Germany)

Three 13 moves solutions with different mates after twins with rotations of the board in black minimal miniature form – fantastic! Of course this selfmate is composing with computer help for sure, but it doesn't matter – the most important is the final result which is impressive!

a) 1.Bh3 c5 2.Sc4 Kc6 3.Qe7 Kd5 4.Kb5 Kd4 5.Bd7 Kd5 6.Ra2 Kd4 7.Qe5+ Kd3 8.Qf4 Kc3 9.Ka4 Kd3 10.Ka3 Kc3 11.Ba4 Kd3 12.Se5+ Kc3 13.Qb4+ cxb4#;

b) 1.Rf3 Kb4 2.Bf8+ Kb3 3.Ba3 Ka2 4.Bb2+ Kb3 5.Sf4 Kb4 6.Ba3+ Kb3 7.Se6 Ka2 8.Bb2+ Kb3 9.Kb1 Kb4 10.Ba3+ Kb3 11.Bc1 Kb4 12.Rf4+ Kb3 13.Qa1 c2#;

c) 1. Kh2! Ke2 2.Ba6+ Kf2 3.Kh1 Kg3 4.Qe3 Kg4 5.Bc8+ Kg3 6.Re6 K~ 7.Re4+ Kg3 8.Sf5+ Kh3 9.Sh6+ Kg3 10.Qg5+ Kf2 11.Sg4+ K~ 12.Sh2+ Kf2 13.Qg2+ fxg2#.

Stefan Sovik (Slovakia)

Creation of black batteries in combination with white battery play is not new, but here the author is found a way to include sacrifices of both thematic white battery pieces which is nice fresh element.

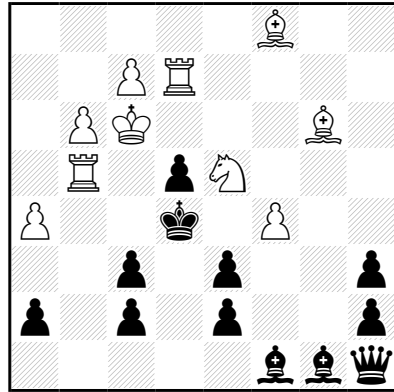
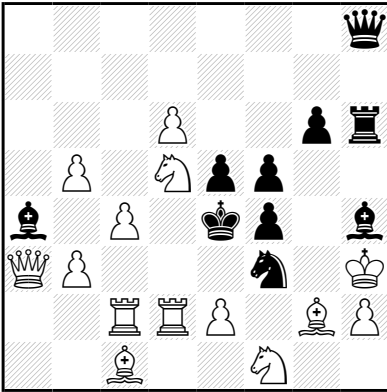
1.d8=B! [2.Rd1+ Kxe5 3.Bxf4+ Kxf4 4.Rh4+ Ke5 5.Re1+ Rxe1#];

1...Bxc1 2.Rd3+ Kxe5 3.Qc5+ Ke6 4.Re3+ fxe3 5.Qxe3+ Bxe3#;

1...Sxc1 2.Rd2+ Kxe5 3.Qb5+ Ke6 4.Re2+ fxe2 5.Qxe2+ Sxe2#.

Alexandr Feoktistov (Russia)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
1st Honourable Mention

Ivan Soroka (Ukraine)
 FIDE Olympic Tournament 2012
2nd Honourable Mention



S#5 (14+10)

S#17 (10+12)

Alexandr Feoktistov (Russia)

Three white pieces play on the same thematic square d2 which is vacated on the key move, quiet white moves and dual avoidance in the threat and 1st variation. Unfortunately the play is not homogeneous.

1.Rc3? - [2.Rxf3 [3.Rg3+ f3 4.Sc3+ Kf4 5.Rg4+ fxg4#] - 1...Rh5!; .Rd4+? Kxd4 2.Bb2+ Ke4 3.Sc3+ Kd4 4.Sd1+ Ke4 5.Sf2+ Bxf2# but 1...exd4!

1.Rd1! [2.Rcd2! [3.Rd4+ exd4 4.exf3+ Ke5 5.Re1+ Bxe1#];

1...Bxb5 2.Bd2! [3.Sc3+ Kd4 4.Be1+ Sd2 5.Bf2+ Bxf2#] 2...Kd4 3.Be1+ Ke4 4.Sd2+ Kd4 5.Bf2+ Bxf2#;

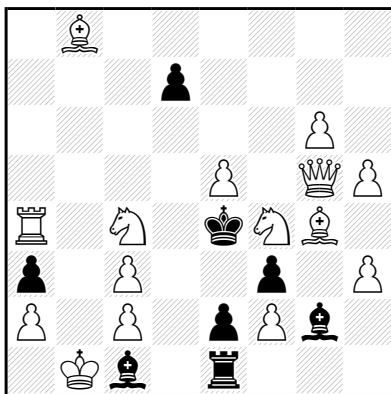
1...Bxb3 2.Sd2+! Kd4 3.Qa1+ Kc5 4.Qa7+ Kxd6 5.Qe7+ Bxe7#.

Ivan Soroka (Ukraine)

Very good maneuvers and switchbacks of white and black pieces in logical style.

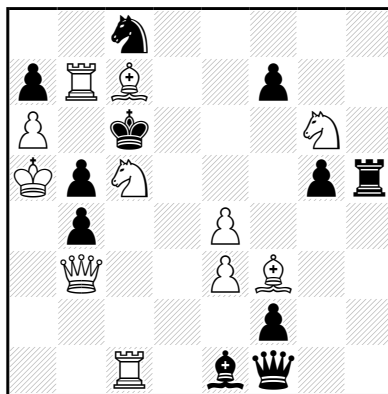
1.Bd6! (2.Raxd5+ Qxd5#) - 1...Bg2 2. Be7! Bf1 3.Kd6! Bg2 4.Sc6+ Kc4 5.Sa5+ Kd4 6.Kc6! (7.Rxd5+) 6...Bf1 7. Bd6 Bg2 8.Bf8! Bf1 9.Rh7! Bg2 10.Rh5 Bf1 11.Bf5 Bg2 12.Bxc2 Bf1 13.Sb3+ Kc4 14.Rc5+ Kb4 15.Rc4+! Kxc4 16.Sa5+ Kd4 17.Rxd5+ Qxd5#.

Eugene Fomichev (Russia)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
3rd Honourable Mention



S#3 (15+8)

Waldemar Tura (Poland)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
4th Honourable Mention



S#3 (11+11)

Eugene Fomichev (Russia)

Excellent key and nice play by white direct and indirect batteries in combination with four different mates by the black battery.

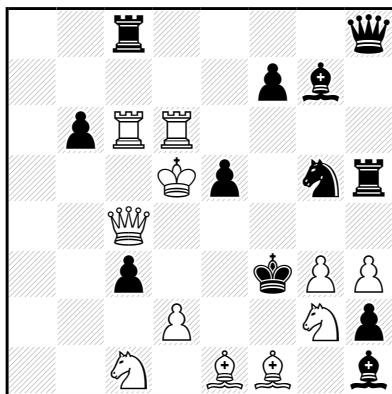
- 1.Qh4! [2.Bf5+ Kxf5 3.Se3+ Bxe3#];**
1...Kxf4 2.Sd6+ Kxe5 3.Qg5+ Bxg5#;
1...Bxh3 2.Bxf3+ Kxf3 3.Sd2+ Bxd2#; 2...Kf5 3.Se3+ Bxe3#;
1...d6 2.Be6 [3.Sd5+ Bf4#] - 2...Bxh3 3.Sxh3+ Bf4#.

Waldemar Tura (Poland)

Double dual avoidance – simple on second white moves and specific on third white moves which is result of black mating pieces pins.

- 1.Bb8! [2.Se7+ Sxe7 3.Rb6+ axb6#];**
1...Qc4 2.Se5+A (2.e5+?) Kxc5 3.Qxb4+ C Bxb4# (3.Rxb5?#);
1...Bc3 2.e5+B (2.Se5+?) Kxc5 3.Rxb5+ D Qxb5# (3.Qxb4?#);
1...fxg6 2.Qe6+ Sd6 3.Rb6+ axb6#.

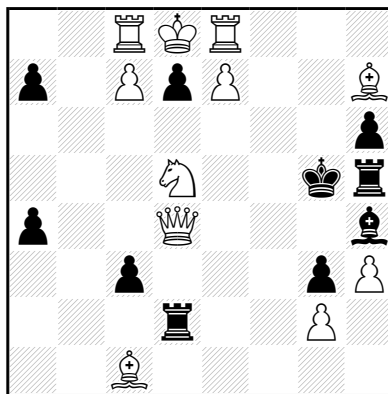
Jozef Havran (Slovakia)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
 5th Honourable Mention



S#4

(11+12)

Marcel Tribovski (Germany)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
 1st Commendation



S#5

(11+10)

Jozef Havran (Slovakia)

Black Royal masked battery play in the threat, half-battery play in variations and line opening with the goal to protect c4 square.

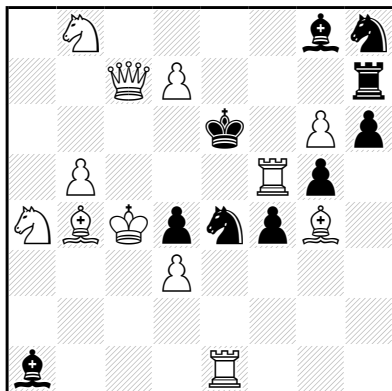
- 1.Sb3! [2.Sh4+ Rxh4 3.Bg2+ Kxg2 4.Qf1+ Kxf1#;
 3...Bxg2 4.Qe2+ Kxe2#];
 1...e4 2.Qf4+ exf4 3.Rxc3+ Bxc3(Rxc3) 4.Be2+ Kxe2#;
 1...e4 2.Rf6+ Bxf6 3.Rxf6+ Qxf6 4.Qxe4+ Sxe4#;
 1...cxd2 2.Qe4+ Sxe4 3.Rc3+ Rxc3 4.Sd4+ exd4#.

Marcel Tribovski (Germany)

A non standard selfmate with interesting and difficult play.

- 1.Sb4! [thr.2.Qd6 - 3.Rh8 - 4.e8=B 5.Qf4+ Kxf4#];
 1...d6 2.Kd7 - 3.Qg4+ Kf6 4.Qg6+ Ke5 5.Qxd6+ Rxd6#;
 - 2...d5 3.Kd8 - 4.Qg7+ Kf4 5.Sxd5+ Rhxd5#.
 1.Sxc3? a3! 2.Qd6 a2 3.Rh8 a1Q(R) 4.e8B Q(R)a4!

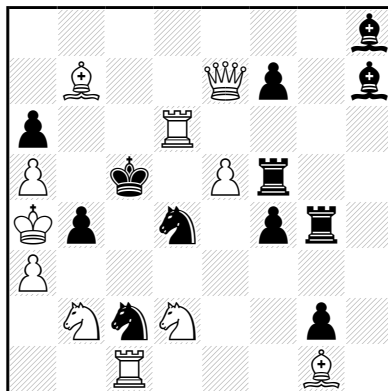
Alexandr Kuzovkov (Russia)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
 2nd Commendation



S#3

(12+10)

Eugeniusz Iwanow (Poland)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
 3rd Commendation



S#3

(11+12)

Alexander Kuzovkov (Russia)

Reciprocal change of white continuations, black battery play and transformation.

Set-play: 1...Rf7 2.Rxf4+(A) Rf5 3.Qe5+ Kxe5#;

1...Sf7 2.Rxg5+(B) Kf6 3.Qe5+ Sxe5#;

1.Qd8! [2.Sc5+ Kd6+ 3.Rd5+ Bxd5#];

1...Rf7 2.Rxg5+(B) Rf5 3.Qf6+ Kxf6#;

1...Sf7 2.Rxf4+(A) Ke5 3.Qc7+ Sfd6#.

Eugeniusz Iwanow (Poland)

Nice key destroying initially white battery, good tries by the key piece and opens of black lines. Unfortunately with captures of the black pieces.

1...Bf6 2.Rb6+ Bxe7 3.Rb5+ axb5#; 1...Bxe5 2.Rb6+ Bd6 3.Rb5+ axb5#;

1.Qd7? [2.Qb5+ axb5#]; 1...Bxe5!; 1.Qe8? [2.Qb5+ axb5#]; - 1...Rxe5!;

1.Qf6? ~2.Rb6 ~3.Rb5+ axb5# - 1...Bxf6!

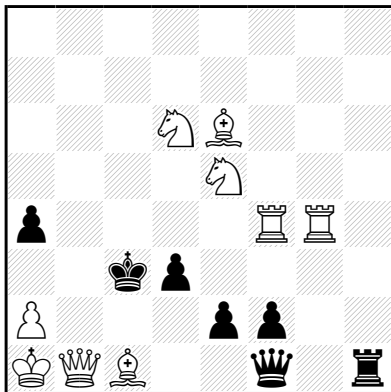
1.Qd8! ~2.Rb6 ~3.Rb5+ axb5#;

1...Rg3 2.Sb3+ Rxb3 3.axb4+ Rxb4#;

1...f3 2.Bxd4+ Rxd4 3.axb4+ Rxb4#;

1...Rxe5 2.Rxc2+ Bxc2+ 3.Sb3+ Bxb3#.

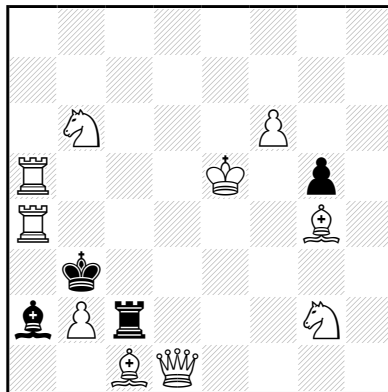
Sergey Borodavkin (Ukraine)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
 4th Commendation



S#4

(9+7)

Genady Koziura (Ukraine)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
 5th Commendation



S#5

(10+4)

Sergey Borodavkin (Ukraine)

Creation of black masked batteries after underpromotions. The thematic line here is double masked by two white pieces. This is not new idea but here fresh factor are Q(R) promotion and good construction. 1...e1=B 2.Se4+ Kd4 3.Qb6+ Kxe5 4.Bb2+ Bc3#; 1...d2 2.Bxd2+ Kxd2 3.Rd4+ Kc3(Ke3) 4.Qc1+ Qxc1#; 1.Rg3? [2.Bb2+ Kd2 3.Bc3+ Kxc3 4.Qc1+ Qxc1#] - 1...e1=B!;

1.Rf3! [2.Bb2+ Kd2 3.Bc3+ Kxc3 4.Qc1+ Qxc1#] - 1...e1=Q 2.Rxd3+ Qxd3 3.Sb5+ Qxb5 4.Qb2+ Qxb2#; 1...e1=S 2.Bd2+ Kxd2 3.Se4+ Ke2 4.Qxd3+ Sxd3#; 1...e1=B 2.Se4+ Kd4 3.Qb6+ Kxe5 4.Bb2+ Bc3#.

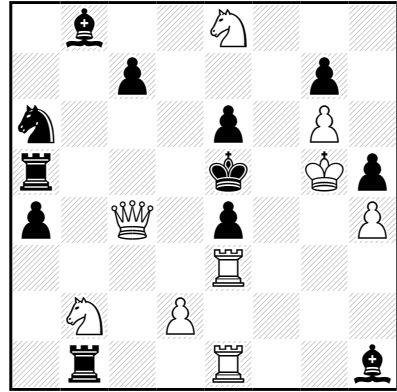
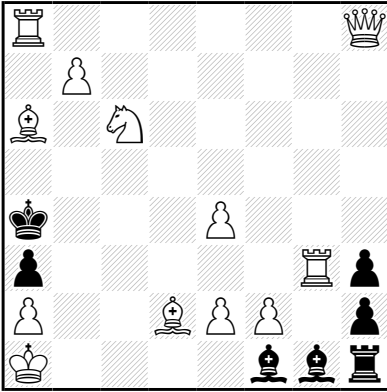
Genady Koziura (Ukraine)

Echo mates, black battery creation, good sacrificial key.

1.Sf4! (zz) - 1...Bb1 2.Se6 Ba2 3.Kf5 Bb1 4.Ra3+ Kb4 5.Qd6+ Rc5#; 1...gxf4 2.Bf3 Bb1 3.Ke4 Ba2 4.Re5 Bb1 5.Qd5+ Rc4#.

Araz Almammadov
 (Azerbaijan)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
 6th Commendation

Gani Ganapathi
 (India)
 FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
 7th Commendation



S#5 (12+7)

S#3 (9+12)

Araz Almammadov (Azerbaijan)

Black half battery play and white cyclic motives.

1.Bf4? Bg2! **1.Bg5! (zz);**

1...Bxf2 2.Rxa3+ Kxa3 3.Bb5+ Ba7 4.Qxh3+ Bxh3+ 5.Bc1+ Rxc1#;

1...Bg2 2.f4 [3.Bc4+ Ba7# 3.Qd4+ Bxd4#] - 2...Bf1 3.Rxa3+ Kxa3

4.Bb5+ Ba7 5.Qxh3+ Bxh3#;

1...Bxe2 2.Qd4+ Bc4 3.Qd1+ Bb3 4.Rxb3 Bxf2 5.Re3+ Rxd1#.

Gani Ganapathi (India)

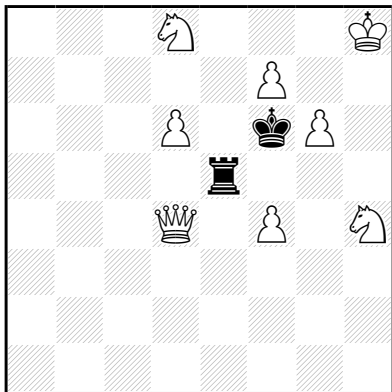
The theme of last The Ural Problemist tourney (WCCC, Jesi 2011) – the initially black battery is closed and reopen by another black piece. Three different mates by black Royal battery after protection of f4 square.

1.Rd1! [2.Rxe4+ Bxe4 3.Qxe4+ Kxe4#];

1...c5 2.d4+ cxd4 3.Qxe6+ Kxe6#;

1...Sc5 2.Sd3+ Sxd3 3.Qd4+ Kxd4#.

Frank Richter (Germany)
FIDE Olympic Tourney 2012
8th Commendation



S#11 (8+2)
b) + b.Pe6, b.Pf5

2x3 promotions, different model mates, interesting twin form.

a) 1.Sb7 Ke6 2.f8S+ Kf6 3.g7 Kf7
4.g8Q+ Kf6(Ke8) 5.d7 Ke7 6.d8B+
Ke8 7.Qg6+ Kxf8 8.Qdd6+ Re7
9.Qdf6+ Rf7 10.Sd6! Rxf6
11.Qh6+ Rxh6#;

b) 1.d7 Ke7 2.f8Q+ Kxf8 3.Qb4+
Rc5 4.Sc6 e5 5.Sxf5 ~ 6.g7+ Kf7
7.g8Q+ Kf6 8.d8Q+ Kxf5 9.Qgg5
Ke6 10.Sd4+ Kf7 11.Qh5+ Rxh5#.

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(Bulgaria),
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