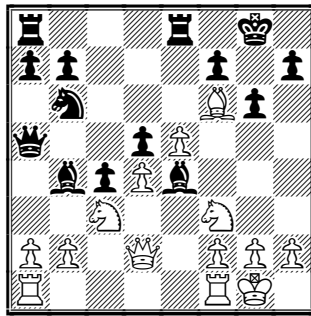


FIND THE WINNING MOVES

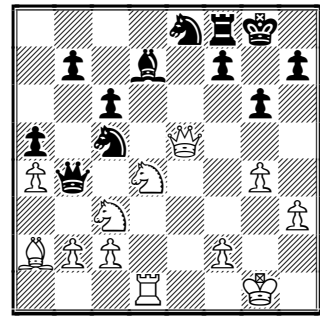
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Grischuk – Savchenko
World Blitz Championship 2007



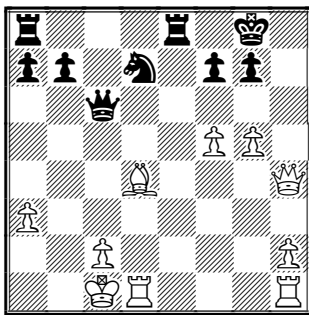
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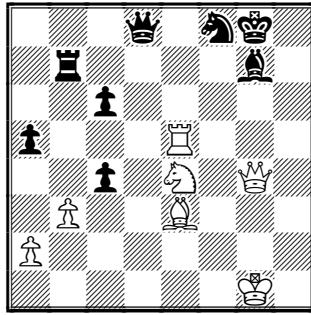
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Women's European Team Ch 2007



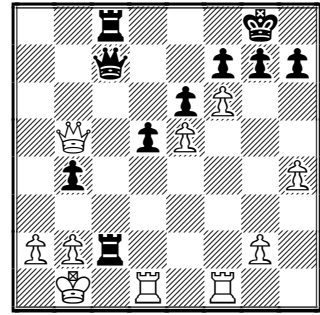
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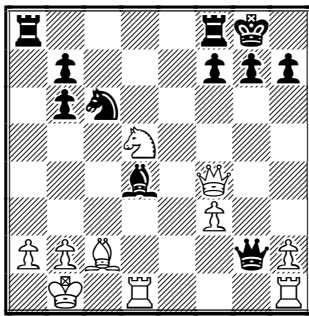
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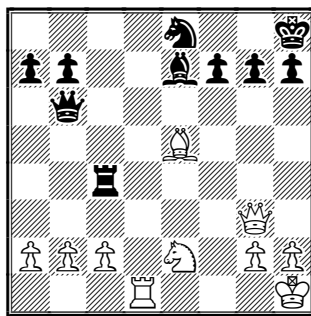
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Khamrakulov – Cheparinov
Spanish Team Championship 2007



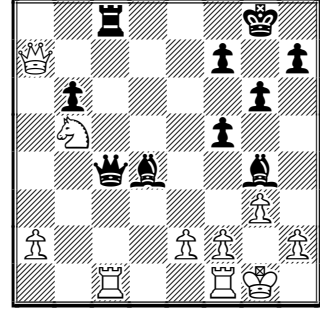
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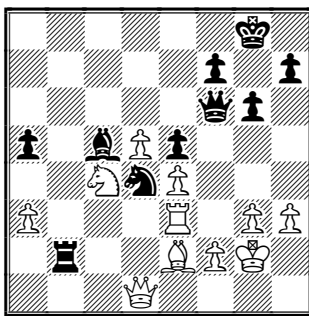
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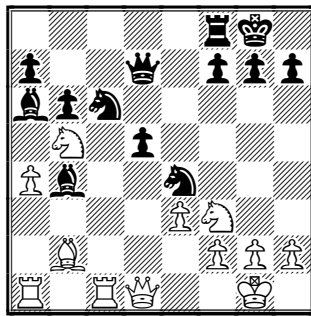
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Kozul – Tiviakov
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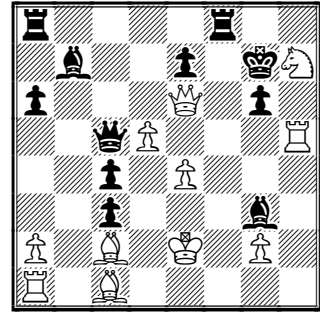
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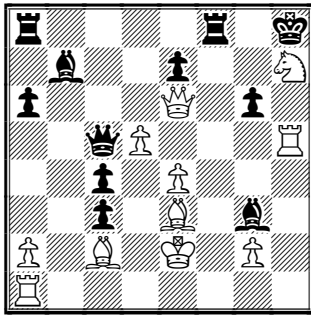
** White to move

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Nigalidze – Priborsky
World Junior Championship 2007



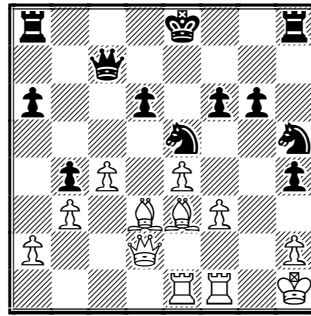
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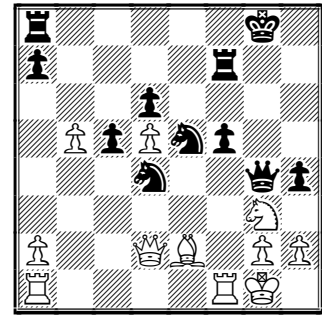
**** Black to move**

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Navara – Damljanovic
 European Club Championship 2007



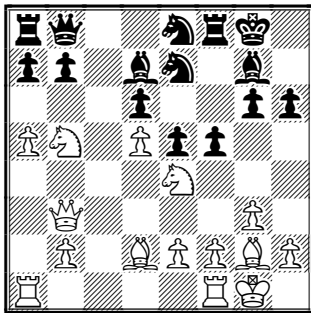
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Chatalbashev – Smirin
 Athens 2007



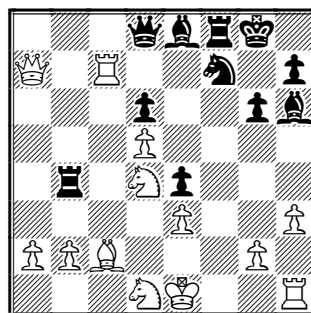
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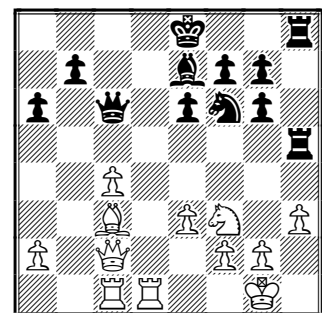
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Lucien van Beek – Bonno Pel
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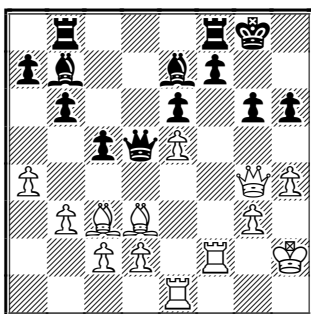
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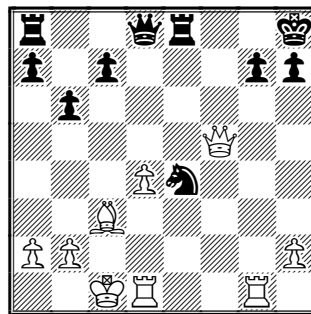
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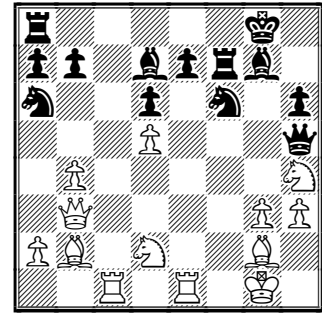
***** White to move**

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Javakhishvili – Hoang Thanh Trang
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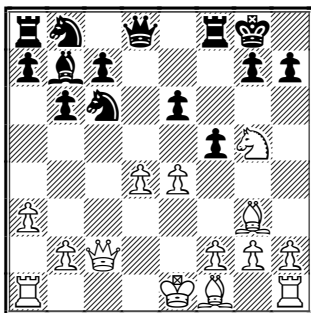
****** White to move**

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Shirov – Wichmann
 Mainz Rapid 2006



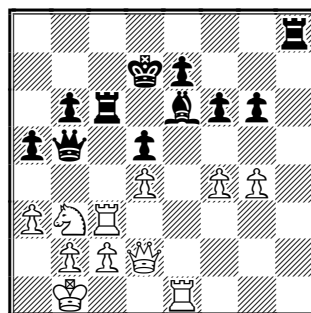
****** White to move**

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Cheparinov – Tiviakov
 Spanish Team Championship 2007



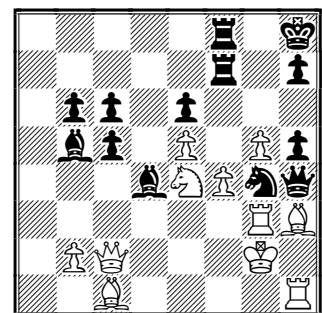
***** White to move**

19
Murariu – Vajda
 Romanian Team Championship 2007



****** White to move**

23
Pantsulaia – Alcazar Jimenez
 European U-18, Urgup 2004



****** Black to move**

Solutions to Find the Winning Moves

1 Ushenina—Borsuk: White had a strong position and eventually managed to win after 25 g6?!± However, this is no reason not to play **25 ♖xg7!** deciding the game immediately, because of **25...♗xg7 26 f6+** with mate or other symptoms of a falling dynasty.

2 Khamrakulov – Cheparinov: 21 ... ♖xa2! It is surprising that a 2600 player loses a game this early and to such a well-known combination. **22 ♖e7+ ♗h8 23 ♖e4** A sad mate in one threat. **23 ♗xa2 ♖xc2** leaves White with no reply to **...♗a8+**. **23 ... ♖xb2+ 24 ♖c1 ♖xc2+!** Simplest **25 ♖xc2** After **25 ♖b1** not only is the mate gone, but **25...♖c1+** leads to one on the other side of the board! **25 ... ♖g5+ 26 ♖b1 ♖xe7 27 ♖b3 ♗a8 28 ♖he1 ♖c5 0-1**

3 Kozul – Tiviakov: 41 ... ♖xe2! White resigned. He will either lose a piece or be mated: **42 ♖xe2 ♖f3+ 43 ♖f1 ♖h1** mate.

4 Grischuk – Savchenko: 17 a3! Just a gentle prod to show the bishop that it is overloaded. **17 ... ♗xf3** This just loses a piece but **17 ... ♗f8** allows **18 ♖xe4**, while **17 ... ♗xc3 18 ♖h6** leaves Black no better off than the actual game. **18 axb4 ♖xb4 19 ♖h6 1-0**

5 Jakovljevic – Vukic: 45 ♖e8! The rook is immune, so the queen will have to go somewhere. **45 ... ♖d3 45 ... ♖c7 46 ♗c5** would force resignation. **46 ♖xf8+! ♗xf8 47 ♖c8+ ♖f7 48 ♖xb7+ ♖e6 49 ♖c5+ 1-0**

6 Grischuk – Rublevsky: It is always nice to have the chance to find something the best players in the world did not. Here it is world championship finalist Alexander Grischuk who misses a simple blow – alas, in blitz! **23 ♖d3?** After this move White is only somewhat better. It worked wonders in the game, where he won quickly, but it was arguably stronger to play **23 ♗xg7+!**, winning, as after **23 ... ♖xg7 24 ♖b8+** Black cannot satisfactorily defend his eighth rank. The main line goes **23 ... ♗g8!?**, when White has clearly done well, but can increase his winnings with **24 ♗f6+ ♖f8 25 ♗xe7+ ♖xe7 26 ♖d3** followed by a knight manoeuvre to d4-f5 or f4-d5, winning everything. **23 ... ♖c8 24 ♗d4 ♖e6 25 ♖f4 ♖xa2 26 ♖e1 ♗f6 27 ♖f5 1-0**

7 Khurtsidze – Pavlidou: 21 ♖xc6! ♖xc6 22 ♖d4 and White won on move 31. **1-0**

8 E. Berg – Hamdouchi: 23 ♖b3! Overloading the knight on c5. **23 ... ♖xb3 24 ♖xd7 ♖c5!?** The point of the combination was of course **24 ... ♖c5 25 ♖xf7!**, when White wins everything. Black tries to avoid that, but he has too many hanging pieces. **25 ♖f4! g5 26 ♖f3! ♖d4 27 ♖d3** The knight is trapped, so Black resigned. **1-0**

9 Berend – Nevednichy: Black has a very pleasant position. White's strategy has gone completely wrong. Of course this is no argument for not finishing the job with surgical accuracy! **28 ... ♖xb2+! 29 ♖xb2 ♖c2+ 30 ♖a1 ♗a8 31 a4 b3!** Taking on a4 wins the queen, but Black is after the king! **32 ♖d2 b2+ 32 ... ♖xa4+** also lead to mate in four. **33 ♖a2 b1=♖+ 0-1**

10 Bacrot – Mamedyarov: Black appears to be in serious trouble, but a simple blow changes everything. **22 ... ♗xf2+! 23 ♖xf2 23 ♖xf2 ♖xc1+** with a devastating attack to follow. **23 ... ♖xe2+ 24 ♖g1 ♖e3+ 24 ... ♗h3!** was directly mate as well. **25 ♖g2 ♖xc1 26 ♖xc1 ♖d2+ 0-1**

11 Nigalidze – Priborsky: 26 ♗h6+? White is dreaming of winning, but forgets to ask the gods for direction. The only way out was **26 ♖xg6+!**, when after **26 ... ♗xg6** comes **27 ♖g5+ ♗xh7 28 e5+ ♗h8 29 ♖h5+ ♖g7 30 ♖g5+ ♖f7 31 ♗g6+ ♖g7 32 ♗c2+** etc. while **27 ... ♖f7?** would even

lose after **28 ♗e3! ♖a3 29 ♖f1+** with a lethal attack. **26 ... ♗h8! 27 ♗e3?** Doubtless hoping to win the game. **27 ♗g7+! ♗xg7 28 ♖xg6+ ♗xg6 29 ♖g5+ ♖f7 30 ♖xg3 ♖e8** leaves Black much better, but is still a mess. Now Black wins as in the next exercise.

12 Nigalidze – Priborsky: It looks as if Black will be mated, but he has a last resource. **27 ... ♖f2+! 28 ♖d1 ♖d2+!!** White resigned. He will be mated. **0-1**

13 Romanishin – Maximov: White has a good position, but doesn't he have to retreat? No! **17 ♖exd6!** wins a pawn and the game. Black now chose to give in by **17 ... ♖f6** and lose in 43 moves. The main line of the sacrifice goes **17 ... ♖xd6 18 ♖xd6 ♖xd6 19 ♗b4 ♖f6 20 ♗xe7! ♖xe7 21 d6+ ♖f7 22 ♗d5**, winning the queen. **1-0**

14 Losev – Nachev: White has a strong attacking position but Black is potentially threatening mate on g2, thereby indirectly tying down the rook, and the bishop on c3 is playing no part. White managed to solve all of these problems. **26 ♗e4! ♖d7 27 ♗xg6! fxxg6 28 ♖xg6+ ♗h8 29 ♖xh6+ ♖g8 30 ♖g6+ ♗h8 31 ♖f6!** Black cannot allow the rook to get up close and personal, but the alternative is not nice either. **31 ... ♗xf6 32 exf6 ♖f7 32 ... ♖f7** is best met by **33 ♖h6+ ♖g8 34 ♖e5**, including the last piece in the attack. **33 ♖e5** White has a winning attack. **33 ... ♗f3 34 g4 34 ♖g5** was perhaps even more accurate. **34 ... ♖h7 35 f7 ♖xh4+** But Black resigned, denying his opponent the opportunity to sacrifice the queen and mate with a double check. **1-0**

15 Cheparinov – Tiviakov: The only reason not to play **14 ♖xe6** would be **14 ... ♖xd4**, but instead of the reasonable **15 ♖xc7?!**, which gave White the edge and a win on move 41, White has 15 0-0-0!! deciding the game immediately. After **15 ... ♖xc2 16 ♖xd8 ♖xd8 17 ♖xd8** White wins a piece. **1-0**

16 Navara – Damljanovic: Black managed to lose this game through absolute stupidity, after a bit of tactical mastery. **28 ... ♖g3+! 29 hxg3 29 ♖g1**, biting the bitter pill, was probably a better practical chance, though it is hard to criticise a move that wins this position!! **29 ... hxg3+ 30 ♖g1 30 ♗h6 ♖xd3. 30 ... ♖h2?!** Making it all a bit complicated. **30 ... ♖xd3 31 ♖xd3 ♖h7** was one simpler solution, but it is not obvious that White will recapture. Another is **30 ... ♖h3! 31 ♖g2 (31 ♖d1 ♖h7 32 ♖g2 0-0-0 and Black wins.) 31 ... ♖h7 32 ♗f4 ♖h4!** Why give up the glorious g-pawn just to restore the material balance? Black now plays 0-0-0 and ♖dh8, winning everything. **31 ♖e2 ♖h3!** Or elsewhere on the h-file. **32 ♖g2 ♖h2+??** A sensational mistake. After **32 ... ♖h7 33 ♖g1 ♖h5!** Black has a winning attack. **33 ♖xg3 ♖h5 34 ♖f2 1-0**

17 Lucien van Beek – Bonno Pel: Black wins by exploiting the fact that the queen on a7 is overloaded – a common theme this month. **22 ... ♖xd4! 22 ... ♖h4+ 23 ♖d2!** would change the situation. White can recapture on d4 with the queen and the position is basically messy. **23 exd4** Now this is the only possible capture. **23 ... ♖h4+ 24 ♖f2 24 ♖e2 ♗b5+** will cut White into slices. **24 ... e3** Black is winning. **25 0-0 exf2+ 26 ♖h1 26 ♖xf2 ♗e3. 26 ... ♗b5 27 ♖xf7! ♗xf1!** White resigned. His last hope was **27 ... ♖xf7?** **28 ♖b8+** with some fighting chances. **0-1**

18 Javakhishvili – Hoang Thanh Trang: White won by a magnificent classical-looking combination: **21 ♖xg7!!** Destroying the king's habitat. **21 ... ♗xg7 22 ♖g1+** Forcing the king into the corner. **22 ... ♗h8 23 ♖xe4!!** Destroying the key defender. **23 ... ♖f6** Forced, as White will otherwise win by **24 d5+** and mate. **24 ♖h4!** Finally deflecting the new key

defender. **24 ... ♖d6** **24 ... ♜f8** **25 d5** is rather trivial. **25 d5+** and the bishop finally comes in, with deadly ambitions. **25 ... ♜e5** **26 ♖g5** Black is mated in no more than four moves. **1-0**

19 Murariu – Vajda: White has a good position and is about to create deadly pressure down the e-file. All that remains for him to do is deflect the queen away from its protection of e2. **31 a4!! ♖xa4** Otherwise ♜xc6 and ♜xe6. **32 ♖e2** Black loses a piece or even more on e7. **32 ... ♜h7** **33 ♜e3** **1-0**

20 Chatalbashev – Smirin: Black's queen is under attack, but the question is what does White do once it has moved – and can Black use his active knights for anything? **25 ... ♖g7!** **26 ♜h5** Answer to question number one. **26 ... ♜ef3+** Answer to question number two. **27 ♜xf3 ♜xf3+** **28 ♜xf3 ♖xa1+** **29 ♜f2 ♖d4+** **30 ♖xd4 cxd4** And Black won **0-1**

21 Dreev – Morozevich: Black executed a standard sacrifice and everything seemed to be going well until he fell for White's final trap. **20 ... ♜xh3!** **21 gxh3 ♖xf3** **22 ♖a4+ ♜f8!** The correct move. After **22 ... b5?** White has **23 ♖xa6 ♜f8** **24 ♜b4!!**, when **24 ... ♜g8** **25 ♜xe7 ♜xh3** **26 ♖a8+ ♖xa8** **27 ♜d8+** would lead to an endgame where a draw is the most likely outcome. **23 ♜b4!** The best chance. **23 ... ♜xh3??** If this was your plan you can join ranks with one of the best players in the world. However, the winning move was **23 ... ♜g8!**, when White is facing a mating attack. **24 ♜d8+** Oops. Black is mated. **1-0**

22 Shirov – Wichmann: In a sharp line of the Dutch defence Shirov seems to be begging for an advantage, until you realise that the queen on h5 could be in trouble. Shirov spotted this fascinating combination, amazingly so, as it was a rapid game. **20 b5!! ♜c5** **20 ... ♜b8** is possible, but after **21 ♜c7** White's domination is obvious. There is no tactical breakthrough, but you have to be satisfied with winning at times. **21 ♜xc5 dxc5** **22 ♜e5 c4** **23 ♜xc4** and Black resigned. **1-0**

23 Pantsulaia – Alcazar Jimenez: In a complicated position Black failed to find the correct move, which would disturb White's coordination as well as attack the rook on h1, which is providing the only resource for White – an indirect attack on the Black queen. **34 ... ♜e3+?** A horrible blunder. The winning move was **34 ... ♜f2!!**, when after **35 ♜xf2 ♜xf4!** Black has an overwhelming attack. For example: **36 ♜xf4 ♖xf4** **37 ♜e4 h4!** **38 ♜a3 ♜f1+**. On the other hand **34 ... ♜xe5?** allows White to escape by **35 ♜f5!!**, when the endgame after **35 ... ♖xh1+** **36 ♜xh1 ♜xf5** **37 ♜d6 ♜xf4** **38 ♜xf4 ♜xf4** **39 ♜xb5 cxb5** is simply very unclear. **35 ♜xe3 ♜xe3** **36 ♜g4!** Forcing the slightly odd reply... **36 ... ♜f1+** The only move, but it is not enough. **37 ♜xf1 ♜xf4** **38 ♜f3!** White has netted a piece and went on to win the game. **38 ... ♜4f5** **38 ... ♜xe4** **39 ♖xe4 ♜f4** **40 ♜h3 ♖xg5+** **41 ♜h1** and White wins. **39 ♜h1 ♖f4** **40 ♜xh5 ♖xe5** **41 g6 ♜d8** **42 ♜xf5 exf5** **43 g7+ ♜g8** **44 ♖c4+** **1-0**

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