

Yosi Retter 80 Jubilee Tourney

The Israel Chess Composition Society is announcing a chess problem composition tourney to mark the upcoming 80th birthday of our dedicated member Yosi Retter.

Theme: The tourney is for **selfmates in 2 or 3 moves** showing the **Feldman-I** theme. This theme involves reciprocal continuations after random and correction moves of two black units. No fairy pieces or conditions are allowed. Schematically the theme can be depicted as follows:

1...Random move by piece X 2.A ...#; 1...correction by piece X 2.B ...#

1...Random move by piece Y 2.B ...#; 1...correction by piece Y 2.A ...#

Note that in S#3 problems the thematic moves **A** & **B** must be on white's 2nd move.

The theme is further clarified in the examples below. Cyclical presentations, involving three (or more) thematic black pieces are allowed.

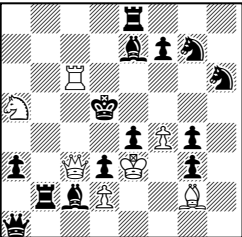
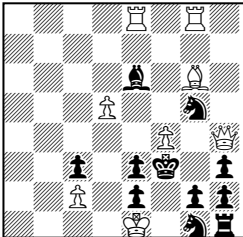
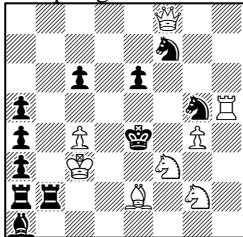
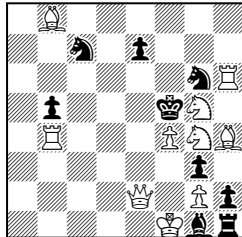
Judge: Yosi Retter. Closing date: June 30, 2015.

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Prizes: 1st Prize - \$300, 2nd Prize - \$200, 3rd Prize - \$100.

The intention is to have a prize giving ceremony during the 58th World Congress of Chess Composition, 1-8 August 2015, Ostróda, Poland.

Examples: the WinChloe database contains 12 selfmates, all in 2 moves, that show the theme. No cyclical rendering exists in the database.

<p>Waldemar Tura 2nd Prize Problemista 1964</p>	<p>Ottavio Stocchi 2nd Com MADOS 1949</p>	<p>Jan A. Rusek 2nd Prize Springaren 1953</p>	<p>Petko A. Petkov 2nd Prize Gazeta Czestochowska 1969</p>
			
S#2 7+14	S#2 8+11	S#2 8+11	S#2 10+9

The problem by Tura is the only one with a threat.

1. ♖f6! [2. ♖f5+ ♜hxf5, ♜gxf5#]

1... ♗e~ 2. ♗xe4+ **A** ♖xe4# 1... ♗c5+! 2. ♖d4+ **B** ♗xd4#

1... ♖b~ 2. ♖d4+ **B** ♖xd4# 1... ♖b4! 2. ♗xe4+ **A** ♖xe4#

The problem by Stocchi is the earliest in the database.

1. ♗d3! zz

1... ♗5~ 2. ♖f2+ **A** exf2# 1... ♗e4! 2. ♗xe2+ **B** ♗xe2#

1... ♗~ 2. ♗xe2+ **B** ♗xe2# 1... ♗g4! 2. ♖f2+ **A** exf2#

In the Rusek problem both mates are by the black battery.

1. ♗d1! zz

1... ♗g~ 2. ♗d2+ **A** ♖xd2# 1... ♗xf3! 2. ♗c2+ **B** ♖xc2#

1... ♗f~ 2. ♗c2+ **B** ♖xc2# 1... ♗e5! 2. ♗d2+ **A** ♖xd2#

(1...e5 2. ♗d2+ ♖xd2# 1...c5 2. ♖a8+ ♖b7#)

The problem by Petkov employs also self-interferences by white.

1. ♗e6! zz

1... ♗g~ 2. ♗e3+ **A** ♗xe3# 1... ♗xf4! 2. ♗d4+ **B** ♗xd4#

1... ♗c~ 2. ♗d4+ **B** ♗xd4# 1... ♗xe6! 2. ♗e3+ **A** ♗xe3#