

**PHENIX (France) 2012-2015**  
**Judge: Ilham Aliev (Azerbaijan) International judge**

I'd like to thank "Phenix" for having me as a judge! My stand in judging is not the number of studies in awards. What is important for me is that, a study, meeting all the necessary study requirements, appeals to me. Thus, I cannot understand those judges who leave without awards good entries fearing to exceed the number of awarded studies percentage-wise.

I have to say that the current tourney wasn't strong enough, there were quite a few weak studies. I'd suggest "Phenix" get a new study section editor who would be able to bring more study composers to this publication.

From 10 countries 16 composers competed with 24 studies: **Argentina** (Mario Guido Garcia), **Austria** (Peter Krug), **Czech Republic** (Jaroslav Polasek), **France** (Jean-Luc Seret, Arnaud Hauchard, Joachim Iglesias, Alain Villeneuve, Philippe Rouzand), **New Zealand** (Emil Melnichenko), **Georgia** (Iuri Akobia), **Germany** (Martin Minski), **Russia** (Pavel Arestov, Vladimir Gerasimov), **Slovakia** (Lubos Kekely, Mihal Hlinka), **Ukraine** (Vladislav Tarasyuk).

First off, some remarks:

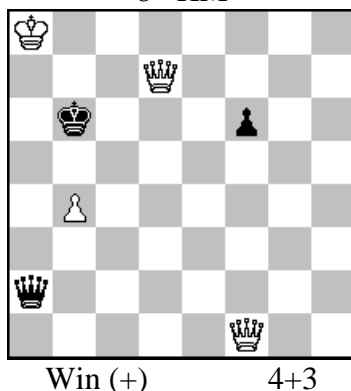
**6516. Vladislav Tarasyuk.** It was awarded in another tourney earlier: Uralski Problemist -20, 2013, 1-5<sup>th</sup> honourable mention.

**6600. Jean-Luc Seret.** Many duals after the 3rd move.

**6690. Arnaud Hauchard.** Four moves not enough, at least another move is needed here.

**6784. Vladimir Gerasimov.** More close anticipation: V.Kalandadze, 8<sup>th</sup> HM Joseph-100 MT STES Journal, 1996.

**V. Kalandadze**  
Joseph-100 MT STES Journal, 1996  
8<sup>th</sup> HM



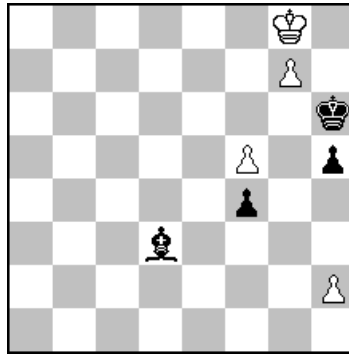
**V. Kalandadze.** 8.hm Joseph-100 MT STES Journal, 1996.

**1.Qa6+!** [1.Kb8? Qg8+ 2.Qc8 Qg3+ 3.Ka8 Qa3+ 4.Qca6+ Qxa6+ 5.Qxa6+ Kxa6] **1...Qxa6+ 2.Kb8 f5 3.Qd6+ Kb5 4.Qd3+ Kb6 5.Qd7 f4 6.Qd6+ Kb5 7.Qd3+ Kb6 8.Qd7 f3 9.Qd6+ Kb5 10.Qd3+ Kb6 11.Qd7 f2 12.Qe6+ Kb5 13.Qe2+ Kb6 14.Qxf2+ Kb5 15.Qe2+ Kb6 16.Qe3+ Kb5 17.Qd3+ Kb6 18.Qd7 1-0.**

**6878. Vladimir Gerasimov.** Dual 3.Bb7+! Kxc7 4.Bc6=, 5.Bb7+ Kxc7 6.Bd5=, Also Pc7 is not needed ,same play happens without it.

**6692. Emil Melnichenko.** Correction of the study by J.Hasek, Sachovi Umenie 1972. The new version should be marked J.Hasek (correction by E.Melnichenko).

J. Hasek, Sachovi Umenie 1972



Draw (=) C- 4+4

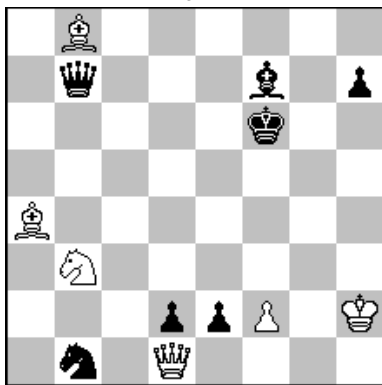
**1.Kh8 Bc4 2.h4 f3 3.g8Q** [3.f6! cook 3...f2 4.g8Q Bxg8 5.f7 Bxf7 stalemate] **3...Bxg8 4.f6 f2** [4...Bf7; 4...Kg6 5.f7 Bxf7 (5...Kxf7) ] **5.f7 f1Q 6.f8Q+ Qxf8** stalemate.

## AWARD

**6518. Pavel Arestov (Russia)**

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Prize

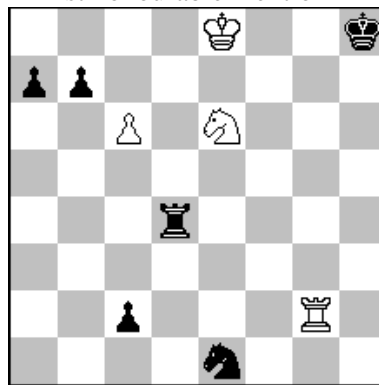


Draw (=) 6+7

**7256. Pavel Arestov (Russia)**

Phenix 2012-2015

1st honourable mention

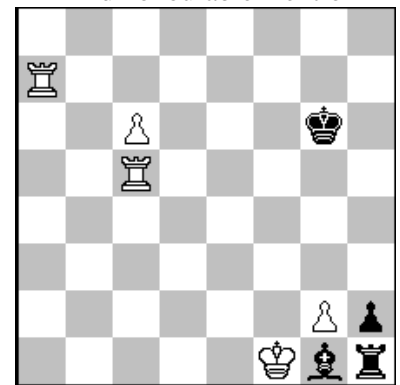


Draw (=) 4+6

**6879. Martin Minski (Germany)**

Phenix 2012-2015

2nd honourable mention



Draw (=) 5+4

**6518. Pavel Arestov (Russia)** Phenix 2012-2015, Prize.

**1.Be5+! Kxe5** [1...Kf5 2.Qxb1+ Qe4 3.Qxe4+ Kxe4 4.Nxd2+ Kxe5 5.Nf3+; 1...Ke7? 2.Qxe2 Bxb3 3.Bd4+ Be6 4.Qe5 Qc8 5.Qf6+ Kd6 6.Qf4+ Kd5 7.Qe5+ Kc4 8.Bb2] **2.Qxe2+ Qe4** [2...Kf6 3.Nxd2] **3.f4+!!** [3.Qxe4+? Kxe4 4.Nxd2+ Nxd2 5.Bc2+ Kf4 6.Bxh7 Nf3+ 7.Kg2 Bc4! zugswang 8.Bb1 Bg8! 9.Kh3 Bd5 10.Bd3 (10.Bg6 Be6+ 11.Kg2 Nh4+) 10...Be6+ 11.Kg2 Ne1+] **3...Kxf4 4.Qxe4+ Kxe4 5.Nxd2+ Nxd2 6.Bc2+ Kf4 7.Bxh7 Nf3+ 8.Kg2!** [8.Kh3 Ng5+--; 8.Kh1? Bd5--] **8...Bd5 9.Kf2!** [9.Kf1? Ke3 10.Bg6 (10.Bb1 Nd2+; 10.Bc2 Bc4+ 11.Kg2 Ne1+; 10.Bf5 Bc4+ 11.Kg2 Nh4+) 10...Bc4+ 11.Kg2 Nh4+) draw. Logical study with somewhat rude and sacrificial introductory play (after just five moves seven pieces leave the board). Release of life-saving "f2" square is nice.

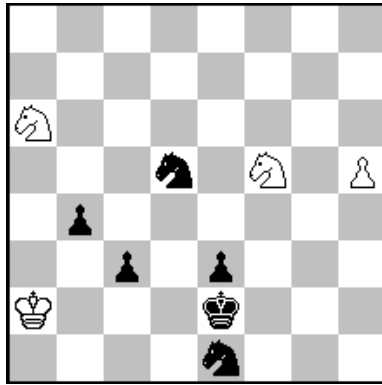
**7256. Pavel Arestov (Russia)** Phenix 2012-2015, 1st HM.

**1.Rh2+!** [1.Rxc2? Nxc2 2.Nxd4 Nxd4 3.c7 Nb5 4.c8N Kg8! 5.Ke7 Kg7 6.Ke6 Kf8! 7.Kd5 Ke8 8.Kc5 Kd7 (8...Kd8) 9.Nxa7 Nxa7 10.Kb6 Kc8] **1...Kg8 2.Rxc2 Nxc2 3.Nxd4 Nxd4 4.c7 Nb5 5.c8N! Kg7 6.Ke7 Kg8! 7.Ke8!! a5 8.Nb6 Nc3 9.Nc4! a4 10.Na3 b5 11.Nc2 Nd5 12.Kd7 b4 13.Kc6 b3 14.Na3 Nb4+ 15.Kb5 Nc2 16.Kxa4** wins. Another logical study. On the first move, White entices the bK to its counterpart after which Black forced to move. After the promotion, the play is rather dull.

**6879. Martin Minski (Germany)** Phenix 2012-2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> HM.

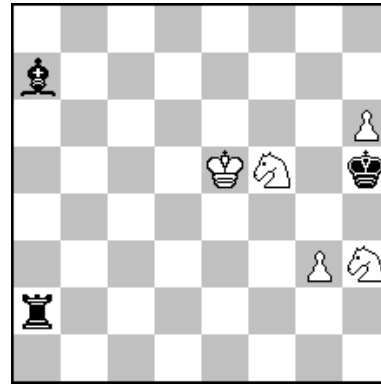
**1.Rg7+!** [1.c7? Bxc5+ 2.Ke2 Re1+ 3.Kxe1 h1Q+] **1...Kxg7 2.Rg5+ Kf6** [Main 2...Kh6 3.Rh5+! Kxh5 (3...Kg6 4.g4 Bb6+ 5.Kg2=) 4.g4+ Kxg4 5.Kg2 Bb6 6.Kxh1 Kg3 7.c7 Bxc7 stalemate] **3.Rf5+!** [3.g4? Bb6+ 4.Kg2 Rg1+ 5.Kxh2 Kxg5 6.c7 Rc1--] **3...Kxf5** [3...Ke6 4.g4 Bb6+ 5.Kg2 Rg1+ 6.Kxh2] **4.g4+ Kxg4 5.Kg2 Bb6 6.Kxh1 Kg3 7.c7 Bxc7** stalemate. Three wR-sacrifices and a simple classical stalemate.

**7359. Pavel Arestov (Russia)**  
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1<sup>st</sup> commendation



Draw (=) 4+6

**7358. Michal Hlinka, Jaroslav Polasek (Slovakia, Czech Republic)**  
Phenix 2012-2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> commendation



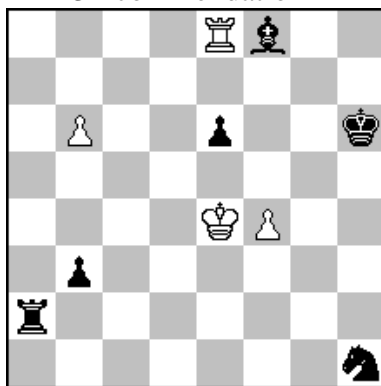
Win (+) 5+3

**7359. Pavel Arestov (Russia)** Phenix 2012-2015, 1<sup>st</sup> commendation.

**1.h6 c2 2.Nd4+ Kd1 3.Nxc2 Kxc2 4.Nxb4+ Nxb4+ 5.Ka3 e2 6.h7 Ned3 7.h8Q e1Q 8.Qb2+!! Nxb2** stalemate. Ideal stalemate with a Q-sacrifice.

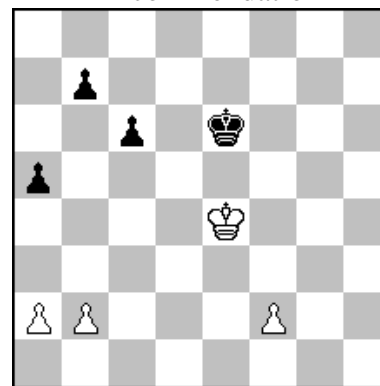
**7358. Michal Hlinka (Slovakia) and Jaroslav Polasek (Czech Republic)** Phenix 2012-2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> commendation. **1.Nf4+!** [1.h7? Ra5+ 2.Ke6 Ra6+ 3.Kd5 Ra5+ 4.Ke4 Ra4+ 5.Kf3 Ra3+ 6.Kg2 Ra2+ 7.Kf1 Ra1+ 8.Ke2 Bd4! 9.Nxd4 Ra8 10.Ne6 Kg4=] **1...Kg4 2.h7 Bb8+ 3.Ke4! Rh2 4.Nh4 Bxf4 5.h8Q Bxg3 6.Qh7!! Bxh4** [Main 6...Rxb4 7.Qf5#] **7.Qf5+ Kg3 8.Qf3#**. Nice Q-move and two mates.

**7257. Lubos Kekely and Mihai Hlinka (Slovakia)**  
Phenix 2012-2015  
3<sup>rd</sup> commendation



Draw (=) 4+5

**7158. Alain Villeneuve (France)**  
Phenix 2012-2015  
4<sup>th</sup> commendation



Win (+) 4+4

**7257. Lubos Kekely and Mihai Hlinka (Slovakia)** Phenix 2012-2015, 3<sup>rd</sup> commendation.

**1.b7 Ra4+ 2.Ke5! Bg7+ 3.Kxe6 Re4+ 4.Kf7!** [4.Kd7? Rb4 5.b8Q Rxb8 6.Rxb8 b2] **4...Rxf4+ 5.Kg8 Rg4! 6.Kf7! Rb4 7.b8Q Rxb8 8.Rxb8 b2 9.Rb6+! Kh7 10.Rb4! Nf2** [10...Ng3 11.Rh4+ Bh6 12.Rb4 Bg7 13.Rh4+] **11.Rh4+ Bh6 12.Rb4 Nd3 13.Rb5! Ne5+ 14.Ke6! Nd3 15.Kf7!** [15.Kd5? Bg7 16.Kc4 Nf2] **15...Bc1 16.Rh5+ Bh6 17.Rb5 Ne5+ 18.Ke6 Nc4 19.Kd5** draw. Choosing the right square by wR on the 10th and 13th moves.

**7158. Alain Villeneuve (France)** Phenix 2012-2015, 4<sup>th</sup> commendation.

**1.a4! b5 2.Kd4! bxa4** [2...Kd6 3.b4 axb4 4.a5 c5+ 5.Kd3] **3.Kc5 Kd7 4.f3!** [4.f4? Kc7 5.f5 Kd7 6.Kb6 Kd6 7.Kxa5 Ke5 8.Kxa4 Kxf5 9.Kb4 Ke6 10.Kc5 Kd7=; 4.Kb6? Kd6 5.Kxa5 a3 6.bxa3 Kd5=] **4...Kc7 5.f4 Kd7 6.Kb6!** [6.f5? Kc7=] **6...Kd6 7.Kxa5 a3 8.bxa3** wins. Anticipatory first move by White to limit Black's counterplay on the Q-flank brings the former to a win by a tortoise move on the K-flank.

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