

Series-movers Tourneys: Technical Excellence Challenge

StrateGems is announcing a series of challenges in composing series-movers. The idea is to revitalize this genre and showcase composers' technical excellence. In each issue a new theme will be announced (a total of four themes is planned). The composers will have four months to compose the problem(s). The entries must be emailed to the director, Mike Prcic (Tuzlak@aol.com). The judge is Dragan Stojnić, Internatioinal Judge FIDE. The results of the first challenge will be published in SG96. The winner in each category will receive 6 points. In case of a tie, the points will be divided equally. The points will be added after each challenge and the overall winner announced at the end. The top six composers will receive prizes in books and free electronic subscriptions to SG.

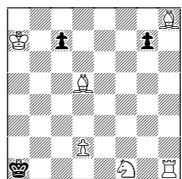
The first challenge: **Ser-h= with double excelsior with the least number of moves.**

Only the new records will be considered for the competition.

If two entries have the same number of moves, then additional criteria will be considered such as the number of pieces. In the case of an equal number of pieces, additional criteria will be considered: the type of pieces with the least number of point: Q=10, R=5, B/S=3 and P=1. Illegal settings, promoted pieces and King-in-check are not allowed. Promoted Bishop is allowed only if there is none already existing on the squares of the same color (one set rule) but it is discouraged. Previously published works that have been improved will be allowed.

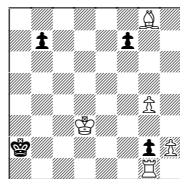
Here are the current records for various combinations of promoted pieces (to the best of our knowledge).

U.Heinonen (SS)
Problemkiste 1999



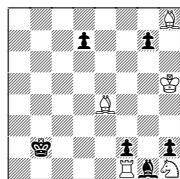
ser-h=11 (6+3)

U.Heinonen (SB)
Problemkiste 1999



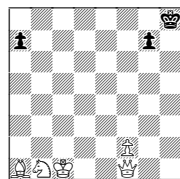
ser-h=11 (5+4)

U.Heinonen & G.Glaß (SR)
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ser-h=11 (5+6)

M.Babić (SQ)
Problemkiste 1999



ser-h=13 (5+3)

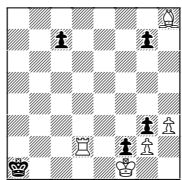
SS: 4.cxd2 5.d1S 6.Sb2 11.g1S Sd2=.

SB: 5.b1S 6.Ka1 7.f5 8.fxg4 9.g3 10.gxh2 11.h1B Kc2=.

SR: 5.d1S 6.Kc1 11.gxh1R Bc3=.

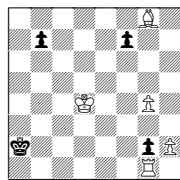
SQ: 5.axb1S 6.Sc3 11.g1Q 12.Qxf2 13.Qf7 Qxf7=.

U.Heinonen (BS)
Problemkiste 1999



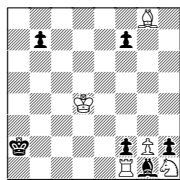
ser-h=11 (5+5)

U.Heinonen (BB)
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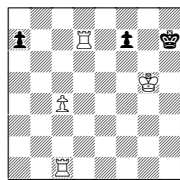
ser-h=11 (5+4)

U.Heinonen (BR)
Problemkiste 1999



ser-h=11 (5+6)

M.Babić (BQ)
Problemkiste 1999



ser-h=13 (4+3)

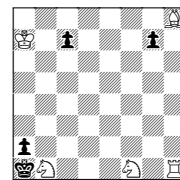
BS: 5.c1B 6. Bb2 9.gxh3 h1S Rxb2=.

BB: 5.b1B 6.Ka1 7.f5 8.fxg4 9.g3 10.gxh2 11.h1B Kc3=.

BR: 5.b1B 6.Ka1 10.fxg2 11.gxh1R Kc3=.

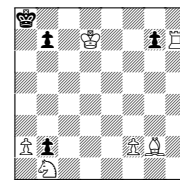
BQ: 5.a1B 6.Bg7 11.f1Q 12.Qxc4 13.Qc8 Rxc8=.

U.Heinonen (RS)
Problemkiste 1999



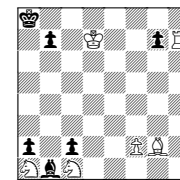
ser-h=11 (5+4)

M.Babić (RB)
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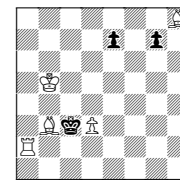
ser-h=11 (6+4)

M.Babić (RR)
Problemkiste 1999



ser-h=11 (6+6)

U.Heinonen (RQ)
Problemkiste 1999



ser-h=13 (5+3)

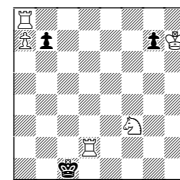
RS: 5.cxb1R 6.Rb2 11.g1S Sd2=.

RB: 4.gxf2 5.f1R 6.Rf3 10.bxa2 11.a1B Kc8=.

RR: 4.gxf2 5.f1R 6.Rf3 11.bxa1R Kc8=.

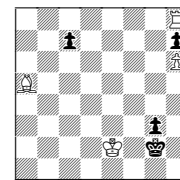
RQ: 1.e5 3.exd3 5.d1R 6. Rd4 11.g1Q 12.Qg8 13.Qc4+ Bxc4=.

M.Babić (QS)
Problemkiste 1999



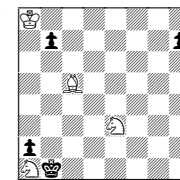
ser-h=12 (5+3)

M.Babić (QB)
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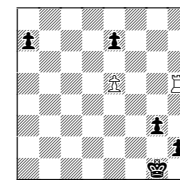
ser-h=12 (4+4)

U.Heinonen (QR)
Problemkiste 1999



ser-h=12 (4+4)

H.Schiegl (QQ)
feenschach 1969



ser-h=15 (2+5)

QS: 5.g1Q 6.Qxa7 7.Qa1 12.b1S Rxa1=.

QB: 5.c1Q 6.Qxb6 7.Qb6 12.h1B Bxb6=.

QR: 5.h1Q 6.Qc1 11.bxa1R 12.Qa3+ Bxa3=.

QQ: 5.a1Q 6.Qxe5 7.Qf5 12.e1Q 13.Qe4 14.Qh1 15.g2 Rxf5=.

To avoid confusion, here is the tourney schedule:

SG94 April 2021 issue: First challenge announcement.

SG95 July 2021 issue: Second challenge announcement

August 1st, 2021 deadline for submitting entries for the first challenge

SG96 October 2021 issue: Announcement of the winners of the first challenge and third challenge announcement

November 1st 2021 deadline for submitting the second challenge entries

SG97 January 2022 issue: Announcement of the winners of the second challenge and fourth challenge announcement

February 1st 2022 deadline for submitting the third challenge entries

SG98 April 2022 issue: Announcement of the winners of the third challenge

May 1st 2022 deadline for submitting the fourth challenge entries

SG99 July 2022 issue: Announcement of the winners of the fourth challenge as well as the overall winners.