

Torre & Cavallo - Scacco!

Award of the tourney for studies of the years 2012-2013

The tourney was restricted to Italian composers; only the Italian authors - not honoured in previous tournaments (according to Harold van der Heijden's fourth database) - could participate in the contest. The announcement of the tourney was given by the Italian reviews *Torre & Cavallo - Scacco!*, *NEWSLETTER ASIGC* and by the Argentine periodical *FINALES ... Y TEMAS*. Theme free. Deadline: 10 June 2013. The Tournament Director Marco Campioli (Sassuolo, Italy) received ten original studies from four composers. Judges: Franco Bertoli (Sassuolo) and Marco Campioli. The provisional award was dated 22 June 2013; the verdict appeared in *Torre & Cavallo - Scacco!*, number 10, October 2013; confirmation period: three months after the publication (remarks to the Tournament Director); *Torre & Cavallo - Scacco!* published only the five honoured studies. In January 2014 the award was confirmed and became definitive. Five studies in the definitive verdict:

Fulvio Morelli (Roma, Italy) - 1st Honourable Mention

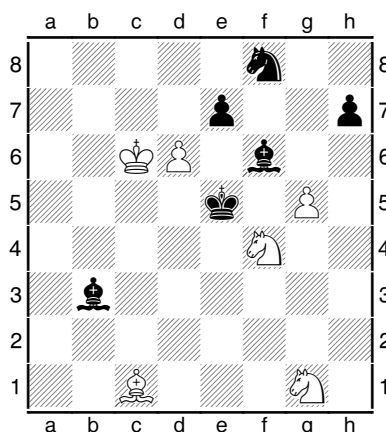
Fulvio Morelli (Roma) - 2nd Honourable Mention

Pietro Luciano Placanico (Suno, Italy) - 3rd Honourable Mention

Pietro Luciano Placanico (Suno) - Commendation ex aequo

Dario Russo (Trieste, Italy) - Commendation ex aequo

Fulvio Morelli (Roma, Italy)
First Honourable Mention



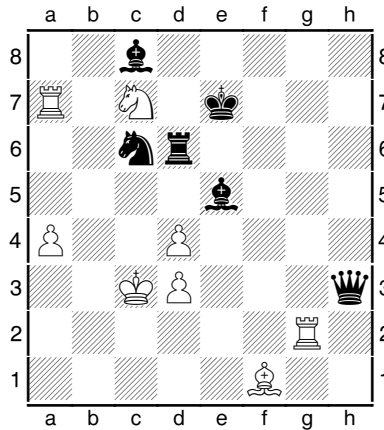
c6e5 0075.22 6/6 Win

Kc6 Bc1 Nf4 Ng1 pd6 pg5 (6) / Ke5 Bb3 Bf6 Nf8 pe7 ph7 (6)

1.Nf3+ [1.gxf6? Kxf6 2.Bb2+ Kf7=] **1...Kf5** [1...Ke4 2.gxf6 exd6 3.Nh4 Ke5 4.Nh5 Ba4+ 5.Kc7 d5 6.Nf3+ Ke4 7.Bh6+-] **2.gxf6 Kxf6** [2...Ba4+ 3.Kc7 exd6

4.Nd5 Ke6 5.Bh6+-] 3.Nh5+ Kf7 4.Ng5+ Ke8 5.Ng7+ [5.dxe7? Ng6 6.Kc7 Nxe7 7.Nf6+ Kf8 8.Ba3 h6=] 5...Kd8 6.Nf7+ Bxf7 7.dxe7+ Kxe7 8.Bg5# mate. 1-0.

Fulvio Morelli (Roma, Italy)
Second Honourable Mention

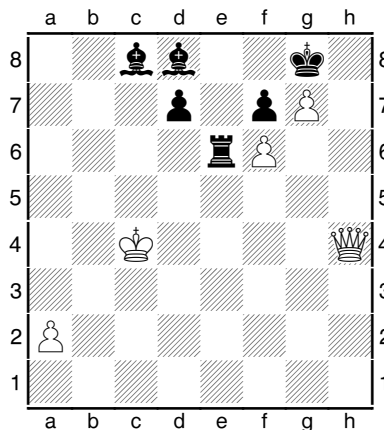


c3e7 3574.30 8/6 Draw

Kc3 Ra7 Rg2 Bf1 Nc7 pa4 pd3 pd4 (8) / Ke7 Qh3 Rd6 Bc8 Be5 Nc6 (6)

1.Nd5+ [1.Rg7+? Bxg7 2.Bxh3 Nxa7--+] 1...Ke6 2.Rg6+ [2.Nc7+? Kf5 3.Rf2+ Kg5 4.Bxh3 Bxd4+--+] 2...Kxd5 3.Rxd6+ Bxd6 [3...Kxd6 4.dxe5+ Kxe5 5.Bxh3=] 4.Ra5+ Nxa5 5.Bg2+ Qxg2= stalemate. 1/2-1/2.

Pietro Luciano Placanico (Suno, Italy)
Third Honourable Mention

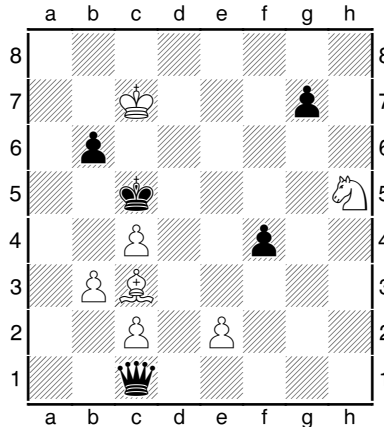


c4g8 1360.32 5/6 BTM, Draw

Kc4 Qh4 pa2 pf6 pg7 (5) / Kg8 Re6 Bc8 Bd8 pd7 pf7 (6)

1...Re4+ 2.Qxe4 d5+ 3.Qxd5 [3.Kxd5? Bb7+ 4.Ke5 Bxe4 5.Kxe4 Bxf6--+] 3...Be6 4.Qxe6 fxe6 5.Kc5 Bxf6 6.Kd6 Kf7 7.g8Q+ Kxg8 8.Kxe6=. 1/2-1/2.

Pietro Luciano Placanico (Suno, Italy)
Commendation ex aequo

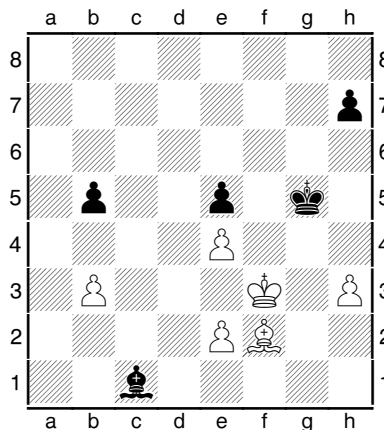


c7c5 3011.43 7/5 Win

Kc7 Bc3 Nh5 pb3 pc2 pc4 pe2 (7) / Kc5 Qc1 pb6 pf4 pg7 (5)

1.Nxg7 Qe3 2.Bd4+ Kxd4 [2...Qxd4 3.Ne6++-] 3.Nf5+ Ke4 4.Nxe3 Kxe3 5.Kxb6 Kxe2 6.c5+-. 1-0.

Dario Russo (Trieste, Italy)
Commendation ex aequo



f3g5 0040.43 6/5 Win

Kf3 Bf2 pb3 pe2 pe4 ph3 (6) / Kg5 Bc1 pb5 pe5 ph7 (5)

**1.Be1 Kf6 [1...Ba3 2.b4 Bc1 3.e3 Kg6 4.Bc3 Kf6 5.Ke2+-] 2.e3 Ba3 3.b4 Ke6
4.Ke2 Bc1 5.Kd3 Kf6 6.Bf2 Ba3 7.Kc3 h6 8.Kb3 Bc1 9.Kc2 Ba3 10.Be1 Kg5
11.Bd2 Kh4 12.Kb3+-. 1-0.**