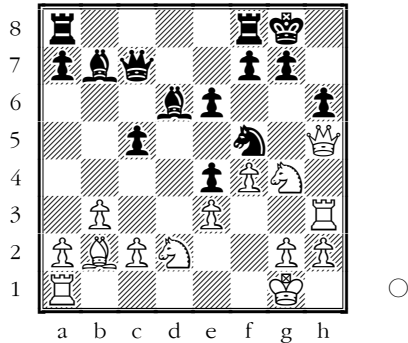
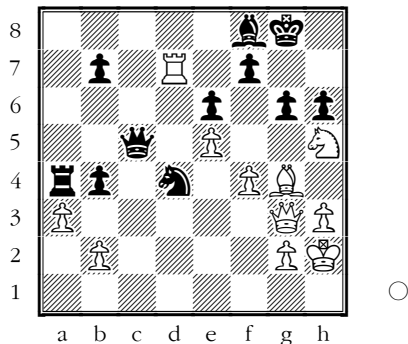


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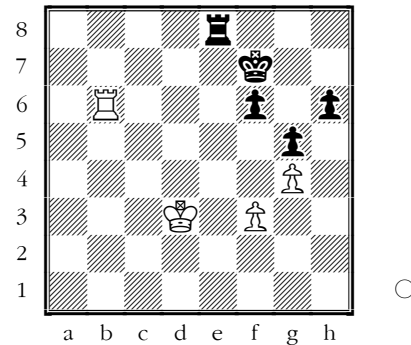
1. Tukhaev (UKR, 2516) – 7½/9;
2–8. Neverov (UKR, 2478), Ghosh (IND, 2570), Shyaamnikhil (IND, 2451), Sidhant (IND, 2267), A. Horvath (HUN, 2501), Sandipan (IND, 2593) and Sangma (IND, 2306) – 7, etc.
(218 players) [Official website](#)

Endgame Kaleidoscope

by GM Alex Baburin

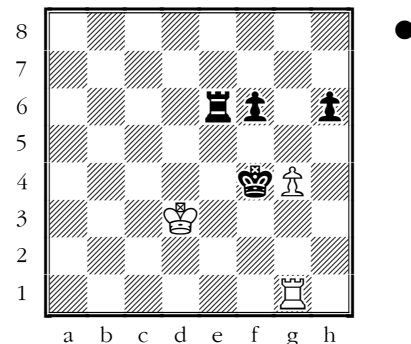
Today we'll examine two rook endgames with several pawns on each side.

Ghaem Maghami (2574) – Sanal (2474) World Rapid (10) Doha 2016

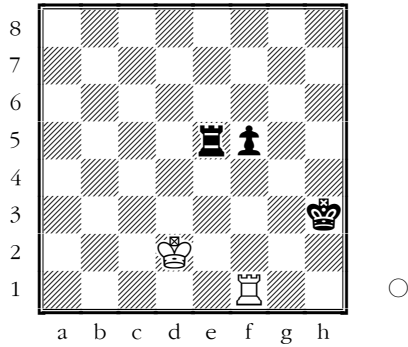


The white king is cut off from the kingside, but I don't see how Black could improve his position had White played 56.♖a6 ♜e6 57.♖a8!. In the game White followed a different plan:
56.♖b4 ♜e6 57.f4 gxf4 58.♖xf4 ♕g6 59.♖f1 White's task would be easier after 59.♖e4=.

59...♜e5 60.♖h1 ♕g5 61.♕d4 ♜e2 62.♕d3 ♜e8 63.♖f1 Or 63.♖g1=.
63...♜e6 64.♖g1 64.♖h1=.
64...♕f4 (D)



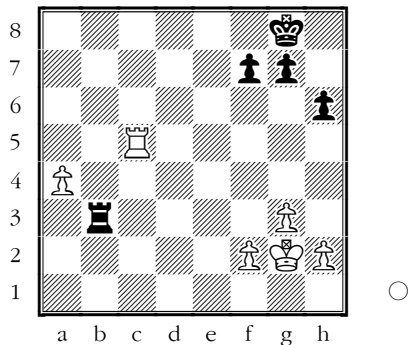
65.♕d2? The king was well placed on d3 – instead of his last move White should have played 65.♖h1! ♕xg4 66.♖xh6 ♕g5 67.♖h1 f5 68.♖g1+=.
65...♕f3 66.♖h1 ♕xg4 67.♖xh6 ♕g5 68.♖h1 f5 69.♖g1+ ♕h4 70.♖f1 ♕g4 71.♖g1+ ♕h3 72.♖f1 ♜e5 (D)



This is the problem with the White's 65th move – if his king was still on d3, then ♖d3–d4 would have saved the game.

73.♖d3 ♜g2 74.♞f4 ♜g3 75.♞f1 f4
The rest is easy.
76.♞g1+ ♜f2 77.♞g8 f3 78.♜d2
♞d5+ 79.♜c3 ♞d7 80.♞g6 ♜f1
81.♜c2 f2 82.♞g8 ♞d5 83.♞g7 ♜e2
84.♞e7+ ♜f3 85.♞f7+ ♜g3
86.♞g7+ ♜f4 0-1

Karthikeyan (2474) – Werle (2560)
54th Groningen Open (6) 2016

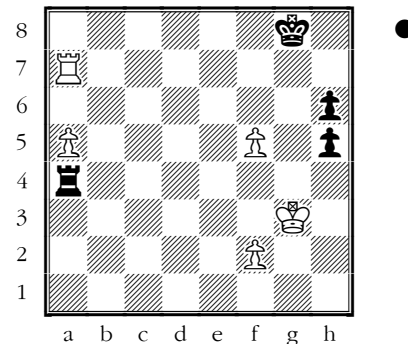


White has good winning chances. In the next few moves both players fought for the best set-up on the kingside:

36.h4 g6 37.h5! ♞a3
White's idea is seen in the line 37...g5
38.a5 g4 – this move is more or less
forced as otherwise White will play
g3–g4, ♞c5–f5, f2–f3 and then move
his king to the queenside. After 39.♜f1
♜f8 40.a6 ♞a3 41.♞c6 ♜g7 42.♜e2
White should be winning.
38.a5 ♜g7 39.g4
White had a tricky move at his
disposal – 39.♞b5!?. Then 39...f5? loses
after 40.hxg6 ♜xg6 41.♞b6+ ♜g7
42.♞a6 – White will put his rook to a8,

pawn to a7, fix the f5–pawn with f2–f4
and move his king to e6, winning the
f–pawn using zugzwang.
39...g5? 40.g4 does not look too good
for Black either, while after 39...♜f6
White plays 40.g4 with good winning
chances.

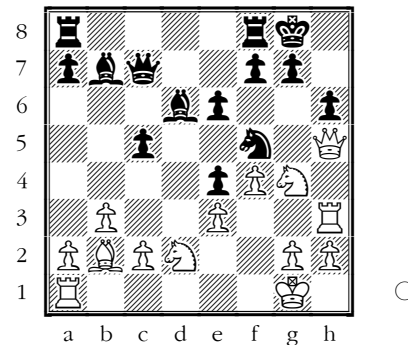
39...♞a4?
The rook was well placed on a3 and
this move may well be the main
reason behind Black's defeat. Black
should have played 39...f5!
immediately, for example: 40.gxf5
(40.f3 fxg4 41.fxg4 g5) 40...gxh5 41.f6+
(or 41.♞c7+ ♜f6 42.♞a7 ♜xf5 43.a6 h4
44.♞a8 ♜g5 45.a7 h3+ 46.♜h2 ♜h4=)
41...♜xf6 42.♞xh5 ♜g6 43.♞b5 h5
44.♞b6+ ♜g7 45.a6 h4 46.♞b7+ ♜g6
47.♞a7 h3+ 48.♜h2 ♞a2=.
40.♜g3 f5 41.♞c7+ ♜g8 42.gxf5
gxh5 43.♞a7 (D)



43...♞a3+ 44.♜h4 ♞f3 45.a6 ♞xf5
46.♞b7 1-0

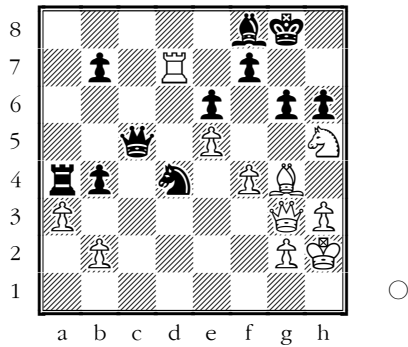
Solutions to our Quiz:

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17.♞xh6+! gxh6 18.♜g5+ 1-0

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34. ♕xe6! ♖xe6 35. ♗xg6+ ♕g7
 Or 35...fxg6 36. ♘f6+ ♜h8 37. ♖h7#
36. ♘f6+ 1-0



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