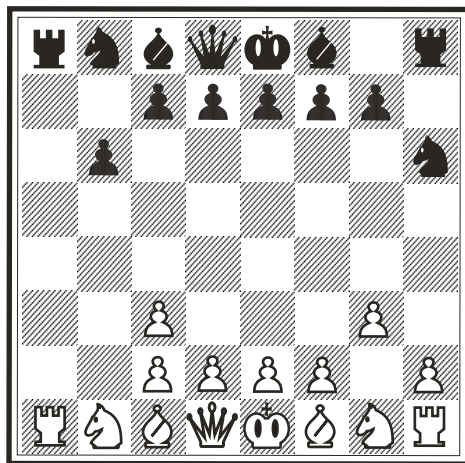
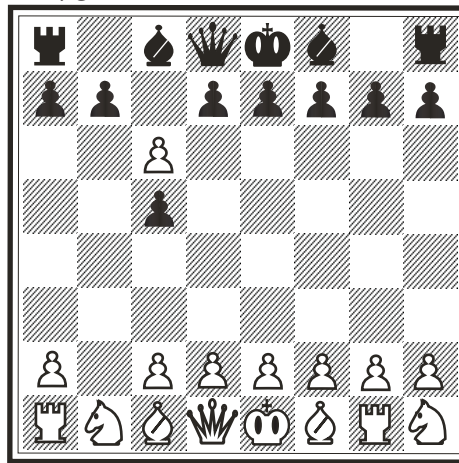


B6) W. DITTMANN  
Die Schwalbe 118/1989  
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(15+14) Losing Chess  
What was the last move of a Pawn?

B7) W. DITTMANN  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize feenschach 1987  
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(16+14) Losing Chess  
Position after the 38th move by White.  
How many moves by sK?

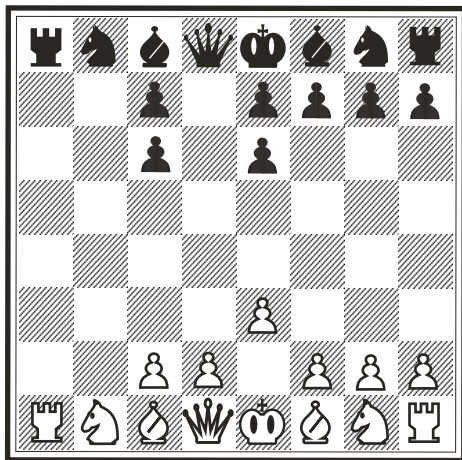
B6) 1.a3 Sa6 2. Sc3 Sc5 3. Sa2 Se6 4. Sb4 h5 5. Tb1 h4 6. Sh3 Th5 7. Sg1 Ta5 8.Sf3 Txa3 9. Sxh4 Tc3! 10. bxc3 The first phase creates the double Pawns on the c column. Now, black has to recover lost Rook through a promotion: 10...Sf6 11. La3 Sh5 12. Ta1 Sg5 13. Db1 Sh7 14. Kd1 ... 15. Kc1 ... 16. Kb2 ... 17. Kb3 ... 18. De1 ... 19.Td1 ... 20. Lb2 a5 21. Sd3 Ta6 22. Kc4 a4 23. La1 a3 24. Kb5 Th6 25. Tb1 a2 26. Tb4 Sg5 27. Sb2 Th7 28. Sc4 Th8 29. Sa3 Sh7 30. Ta4 S5f6 31. Kc5 Sg8 32. Kd5 Sh6 33. Td4 ... 34. Td3 ... 35. g3 ... 36. Sf3 ... 37. Sd4 ... 38. Sc4 ... 39. Se3 ... 40. Sg2 ... 41.Sf4 ... 42. Ke4 ... 43. Lg2 ... 44. Dg1 ... 45. Lf1 ... 46. Dg2 ... 47. Df3 ... 48. De3 (white Queen must release the first line and the only place she can hide is at e3) ... 49. Lg2 ... 50. Lf3 ... 51. Tg1 ... 52. Tg2 ... 53. Lb2 Sg8 54. Lc1 (only now "a" Pawn can promote) 54....a1=T 55. Lb2! Ta8 (now, the pieces come back at home) 56. Tg1 Tb8 57. Th1 Sh6 58. Lg2 ... 59. Lf1 ... 60. Df3 ... 61. Dg2 ... 62. Dg1 ... 63. Lg2 ... 64.Kd5 ... 65. Sf3 ... 66. Td4 ... 67. Ta4 ... 68. Da1 ... 69. Kc4 ... 70. Kb3 ... 71. Ka2 ... 72. Kb1 ... 73. Kc1 ... 74. Kd1 ... 75. Ke1 ... 76. Lf1 ... 77. Sg1 ... 78. Sg2 ... 79. Se3 ... 80.Dd1 Sg5 81. Ta2 Se6 82. Sc4 Sc5 83. Sa3 **b6** 84. Ta1 Sa6 85. Lc1 Ta8 86. Sb1 Sb8 The last move of a Pawn was b7-b6.

B7) Limited number of moves requires black to lose a tempo. And this is achieved only by black King triangulation: 1.Sc3 Sc6 2. Se4 Se5 3. Sg3 Sg6 4. Sf3 Sf6 5. Tg1 Sd5 6. Tb1 Sb6 7. b4 Tg8 8. Tb3 Th8 9. La3 Tg8 10. Db1 Th8 11. Kd1 Tg8 12. Kc1 Th8 13. Kb2 Tg8 14. Kc3 Th8 15. Se1 Tg8 16. Sd3 Th8 17. Sb2 Tg8 18. Sd1 Th8 19. Lc1 Se5 20. b5 Sa4 21. Kb4 c5 22. KxSa4 Dc7 23. Ka3 Db8 24. Kb2 Kd8 25.Da1 Kc7 26. Sc3 Kd6 27. Kb1 Ke6 28. Lb2 Kf6 29. Sh1 Kf5 30. Kc1 Ke6 31. Kd1 Kd6 32. Ke1 Kc7 33. Dd1 Kd8 34. Lc1 Ke8 35. Tb1 Dc7 36. Ta1 Dd8 37.Sb1 Sc6 38.b5xSc6.

B8) 1.e3 Sc6 2. Ke2 Sa5 3. Kd3 Sh6 4. Kd4 Sg8 5. Kc5 Sh6 6. Kc6 bxc6 7. De1 Sb7 8. Le2 Sd6 9. Ld1 La6 10. a3 Lb5 11. b4 Db8 12. Sh3 Kd8 13. Sg1 Kc8 14. Sh3 Kb7 15. Sg1 De8 16. Sh3 Td8 17. Sg1 a5 18. bxa5 Lc4 19. a4 Kc8 20. Sa3 Le6 21.a6 Sg8 22. a7 ... 23. a8=K ... 24. Ka7 ... 25. Ka6 ... 26. Ka5 ... 27. Kb4 ... 28. a5 ... 29. a6 ... 30. a7 ... 31. a8=K ... 32. Ka7 Sh6 33. Ka6 Kb8 34. Kc3 Sc8 35. Ka5 Ka7 36. Kd4 Sg8 37. Sb1 .. 38. Sc3 ... 39. Tb1 ... 40. Ke5 Lc4 41. Ka5-b4 La6 42. Tb2 Sb6 43. Sb1 Ta8 44. Sa3 Kb7 45. Ta2 Db8 46. Ta1 Kc8 47. Kc3 Kd8 48. Sh3 Ke8 49. Sg1 Dd8 50.Sh3 Tb8 51. Sg1 Lc8 52. Kd3 Sa4 53. Le2 Sg8 54. Lf1 Sc5 55. Ke2 Sa6 56. Dd1 Ta8 57. Ke1 Sb8 58. Ke6 dxe6 59. Sb1. A wonderful idea masterly made: K-Phoenix-Pronkin and K-Ceriani-Frolkin.

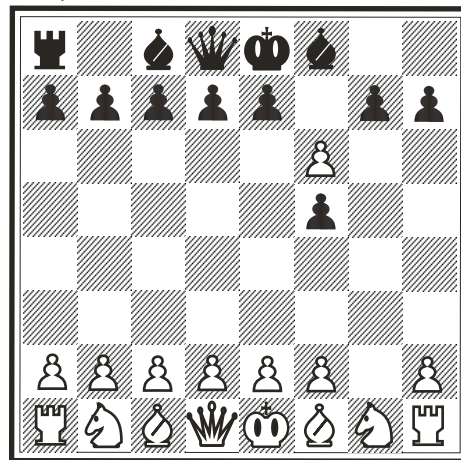
It's curious that the problem hasn't received a distinction!

B8) W. DITTMANN  
The Problemist 1989  
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(14+15) Losing Chess  
Smallest number of wK moves?

B9) W. DITTMANN  
1st Prize - feenschach 1998  
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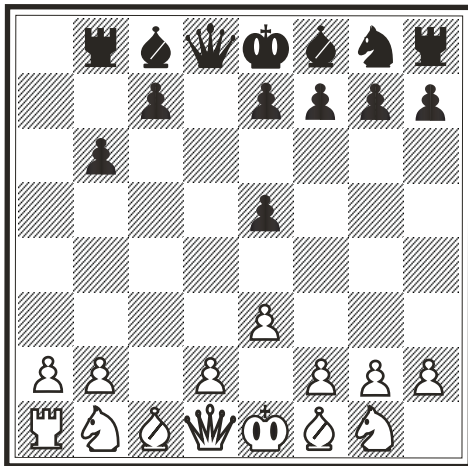


(16+13) Losing Chess  
What is the minimum total number of S

B9) 1.g3 Sf6 2. Sf3 Sd5 3. g4 Sb6 4. Lh3 Sa6 5. Kf1 Sc5 6. Se1 Se6 7. Sd3 Tb8 8. Sb4 Sc5 9. Kg2 Sa8 10. Kg3 Tg8 11. Kh4 Th8 12. Kh5 Tg8 13. Dg1 Th8 14. Lf1 Tg8 15. g5 Th8 16. Sc3 Tg8 17. Sd1 Th8 18. Se3 Tg8 19. Sg2 Th8 20. Sf4 Tg8 21. Dg3 Th8 22. Dh4 Tg8 23. Sg2 Th8 24. Se3 Tg8 25. Sd1 Th8 26. Sc3 Tg8 27. Dc4 f5 28. Dxc8 Sb3 29. Dxb3 White has achieved three objectives: to capture the bRh8, the bS and allow f7-f5 without capture en passant.

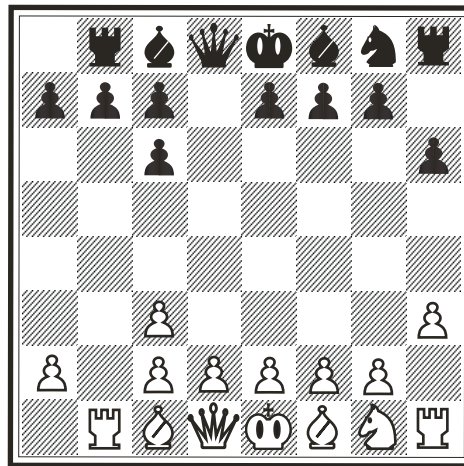
29...Sb6 30. Kh4 Ta8 31. Kg3 Tb8 32. Kf3 Ta8 33. Ke3 Tb8 34. Kd3 Sa8 35. Kc4 Kf7 36. Sb1 Kg8 37. Kb5 Kh8 38. Sd3 De8 39. Sf4 Dd8 40. Dg3 Kg8 41. Dg1 Kf7 42. Kc4 Ke8 43. Kd3 Sb6 44. Ke3 Ta8 45. Kf3 Tb8 46. Lg2 Ta8 47. Dd1 Tb8 48. Tg1 Ta8 49. Lh1 Tb8 50. Tg3 Ta8 51. Kg2 Tb8 52. Tf3 Ta8 53. Kf1 Tb8 54. Ke1 Ta8 55. Lg2 Tb8 56. Lf1 Ta8 57. Tg3 Tb8 58. Tg2 Ta8 59. Tg1 Tb8 60. Th1 Ta8 61. Sh3 Sd5 62. Sg1 Sf6 63.g5xSf6. 32 moves were played by Knights.

B10) W. DITTMANN  
1st Prize - Phénix 1989  
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(14+14)                  Losing Chess  
What was the last move of a Pawn?

B11) W. DITTMANN  
1st Prize - Rex Multiplex 1986 (v)



(15+15)                  Losing Chess  
PG in 13                  C+

B10) 1.Sf3 Sc6 2. Sa3 b6 3. e3 d6 4. c3 Lf5 5. La6 Kd7 6. De2 Ke6 7. Kd1 Kd5 8. Te1 Sf6 9. Df1 Sd7 10. Dh1 Sdb8 11. Lf1 Dd7 12. Sg1 Lg4 13. Kc2 Se5 14. Kb3 De6 15. Tb1 Dg6 16. Ta1 Sc6 17. Ka4 Sb4 18. cxSb4 Te8 19. b5 a6 20. bxa6 Sc6 21. Kb3 Sd8 22. a7 Ke6 23. La6 Kf6 24. Kb4 Kg5 25. Tf1 Lh5 26. Lc8 Tg8 27. a8=T Th8 28. Ta4 As in B6 problem, there is a promotion in Rook. The difference is that here is no longer necessary to release the 8th line of promotion, because white Bishop is a shield between R and black pieces.

28....Tg8 29. La6 Lg4 30. Te1 Sc6 31. Kc4 Se5 32. Kb4 Kf6 33. Lf1 Ke6 34. La6 Kd5 35. Lf1 De6 36. Tb1 Tb8 37. Ta1 Lf5 38. Td1 Dc8 39. Kb3 Sd7 40. Kc3 Ke6 41. Kb4 Lg4 42. Ta5 Lxd1 43. Te5 **dxex5** (main theme of the problem: the justification of e column double Pawns) 44. Kc3 De8 45. La6 La4 46. Sh3 Sf6 47. Sb1 Ld7 48. Dd1 Th8 49. Lf1 Lc8 50. Sg1 Kd7 51. Kd3 Sg8 52. Ke2 Dd8 53. Ke1 Ke8. A theme very well hidden - R Ceriani-Frolkin - presented in a problem that abundantly deserves first place ....

B11) This problem was found cooked by the judges N.Plaksin and A.Kisliak: 1.Sa3 Sf6 2.Sc4 Sd5 3.Sf3 Sc3 4.bc3 Sa6 5.Sb2 Sc5 6.Sh4 Se6 7.Sd3 Sg5 8.Sb4 h6 9.Rb1 Sh7 10.Sf3 Sf6 11.Sg1 Sg8 12.h3 Rb8 13.Sc6 dc6.

But it can easily be fixed by replacing 6...h6 with **6...a6**

1.Sf3 Sf6 2.Sd4 Sd5 3.Sc6 dxc6 4.Sa3 Kd7 5.Sc4 Sc3 6.bxc3 a6 7.Sb2 Kd6 8.Sd3 Sd7 9.Sf4 Rb8 10.Sh3 Sf6 11.Sg1 Kd7 12.h3 Sg8 13.Rb1 Ke8 (C+, Popeye 4.55)

See Quartz 11/2000.