

Back-Home Thematic Tournament

The 5th ChessProblems.ca Thematic Tournament requires original chess compositions employing the *Back-Home* fairy condition, recently invented by Nicolas Dupont. Entries should be submitted to the tourney director, Nicolas Dupont, via email at tt5@chessproblems.ca. The closing date is December 31st, 2013. The tournament sections and judges are as follows:

Section 1: Help and Help-Self

Any type of help and help-self stipulations. Fairy units are allowed, but no additional fairy conditions.
Judges: Vlaicu Crişan and Eric Huber (Romania).

Section 2: Series-Movers

Any type of series and parry-series stipulations. Additional fairy conditions are allowed, but no fairy units.
Judge: Paul Răican (Romania).

Section 3: Proof Games

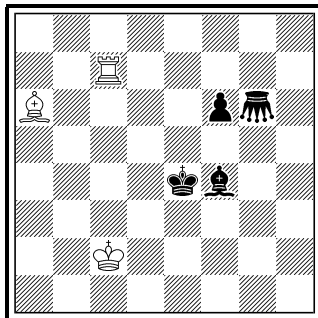
No fairy units or additional conditions are allowed.
Judge: Michel Caillaud (France).

Back-Home definition: If a piece can legally move to the square it occupied in the diagram position, it must move to this back-home square. Back-home moves are prevalent to the virtual capture of the opponent King by any piece, i.e. checks are fairy. If more back-home moves are possible, the side-on-move chooses which move to play. The back-home square of a Pawn which is promoted during the solution is the initial diagram square of this Pawn.

Back-Home compositions can be verified with WinChloe version 3.24 (the French name of the condition is “Retour”) and we hope that Popeye support will be added soon. Entries in Section 1 and 2 must be C+. Each submitted proof game must be at least back-home legal; to ensure this, please scan your intended solution using the WinChloe’s command “Mode Rédaction”. Thematic examples:

BH1

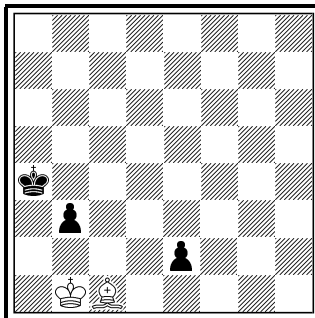
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h#6 C+ (3+4)
Back-Home
♁ = Grasshopper

BH2

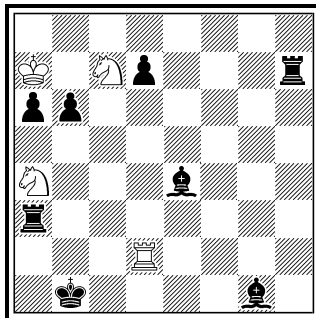
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hs#3.5 C+ (2+3)
Back-Home

BH3

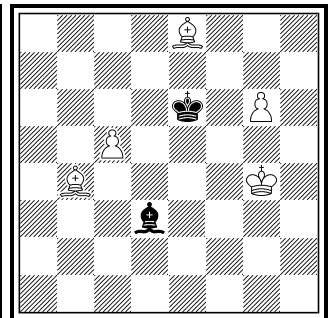
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ser-#9 C+ (4+8)
Back-Home

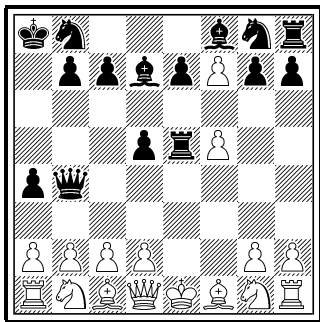
BH4

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ser-=8 C+ (5+2)
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PG 13.5 C+ (16+15)
 Back-Home

Solutions:

BH1: 1. ♜d3 ♘c4 2. ♞b5 ♘b3 3. ♞b2 ♜h7 4. ♞g7 ♜h3 5. ♞e5 ♜d3 6. ♜f5 ♘d5#

BH2: 1. ♜e1=♘ 2. ♘a3 ♜b2 3. ♘c2 ♜b1=♚ 3. ♘c1 ♚b3#

BH3: 1. ♘×b6 2. ♘×a6 3. ♜×d7 4. ♜c7 5. ♘b8 6. ♘a4 7. ♘b4 8. ♜f7 9. ♜f1#

BH4: 1. ♘g7 2. ♘g6 3. ♘g8=♚ 4. ♜f8 5. ♜f5 6. ♘e8 7. ♘b5 8. ♘c6=

BH5: 1. ♘e4 ♜a5 2. ♘e5 ♜a4 3. ♘e6 ♜a5 4. ♘a6 ♜e5+ 5. ♘e2 ♜d5 6.0-0 ♚d6 7. ♘exf7+ ♚d7 8. ♘f4 ♚b4 9. ♘f5 ♚c6 10. ♘f2 ♚b6 11. ♜h1 ♚a7 12. ♘g1 ♚a8 13. ♘f1 ♘d7 14. ♘e1 (C+ using a non-official solving program)

See also Nicolas' article "*The Back-Home Fairy Condition*" on *Julia's Fairies* at <http://juliafairies.com/articles/back-home-fcondition-ndupont/>

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