

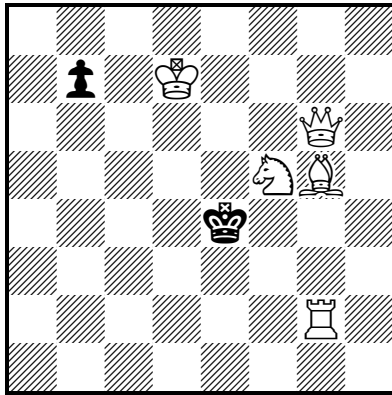
# Facebook: Chess Endgame Studies and Compositions Solving Ladder

## Leg 1, Round 4, September 2021

### Solutions, Comments and Results

#### 1) Frederick Bennett

Brisbane Courier, 1929



1...♖f3 2.♘h4#  
**1.♖b6!** 0 (5)

1...♖f3 2.♖×b7#  
 1...♖d3 2.♖d4#  
 1...♖d5 2.♖d4#  
 1...♖×f5 2.♖e6#  
 1...♖e5 2.♖e6#

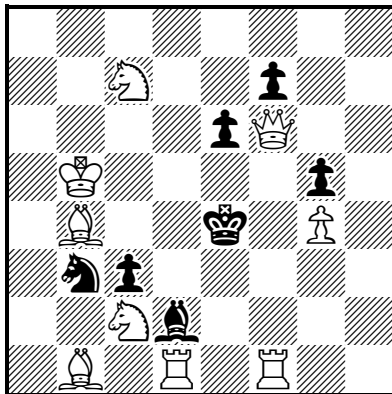
Mate in 2

“The key allows a capture flight, so the bK can move to any white square – the ‘star flight’ theme.” (Rhodes Peele) “Solution jumps out at one – verified by 1...Kxf5 2.Qe6#.” (Hugh Gilbert) The set mate 1...Kf3 2.Sh4# should not be missed.

Frederick Bennett (1867 – 1961) was an Australian composer active into his nineties.

#### 2) Denis M Saunders

2nd Comm., *The Problemist*, 1983/II  
 (dedicated to Barry Barnes)



**1.♘d5!** 0 (5)

1...♖×d5 2.♘e3#  
 1...♖d3 2.♖f3#  
 1...♘~(+) 2.♖(×)d4#  
 1...♘e1 2.♖fxe1#  
 1...♘ else 2.♘×c3#  
 1...e×d5 2.♖f5#  
 1...e5 2.♖f3#

Mate in 2

“You need a move in order to counter bishop moves along the c1-f4 diagonal and there aren’t many.” (Colin Thiodet) “The two K flights self-pin the bB and allow attractive mates. The play is ‘fully accurate’ in that there is only one mate for each move by Black.” (Rhodes Peele) “What is Sc2 doing? No good as a battery firing piece due to 1...b3!, so it must mate with wBb1 covering the old bK square. Very nice.” (Hugh Gilbert). “A typical Saunders incomplete block, with flight-giving sacrificial key, pin-mates after the king flights, and plenty of play. There is a neat correction move by the bB and a self-block by 1...e5 2.Qf3#. This was Denis’s first award winner.” (Geoff Foster, in *The Wizard of Oz*, a collection of Denis’s problems published by myself in 1999).

Denis Saunders (1930-2009), another Australian problemist, was active between 1983 and 2006. He was enthusiastic enough to fly from Australia to the UK on several occasions to attend residential weekend meetings run by the British Chess Problem Society.

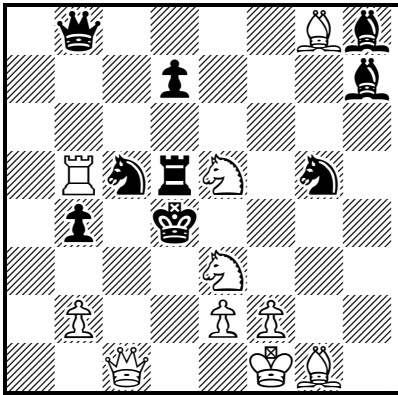
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#### 3) William Albert Whyatt

1st Prize, *Problem 018*. TT, 1957



**1. ♖g2! (2. ♖e3#) (5)**

1... ♖e4	2. ♖f4#
1... ♖xe5	2. ♖f4#
1... ♖xe5	2. ♖xb4#
1... ♖xe5	2. ♖c4#
1... ♖xe5	2. f3#
1... ♖e4	2. f4#
1... ♖ce4	2. ♖xd5#
1... ♖ge4	2. ♖f3#

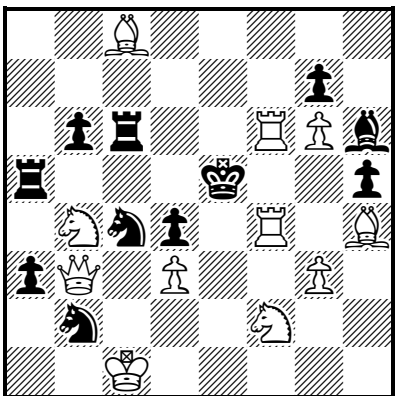
Mate in 2

“Interesting collection of mates. I like these.” (Steven Dowd) “The theme (required) – Plural self-blocks on flight squares is really well catered for, though from a solving viewpoint in my opinion, the unprovided 1...Kxe5 and the doubly-masked B on g1 soon yield the key.” (Bob Meadley, from his *W A Whyatt's Chess Problems*, published in 1979).

Australian composer William Albert Whyatt lived from 1914 to 1976. He was active from 1945 until his death. We'll meet him again as joint-composer of our four-mover.

#### 4) Alexander Goldstein

3rd Place, Match: Denmark - Poland, 1933



1... ♖c~+ 2. ♖xc6#

**1. ♖c3! (2. ♖xd4#) (5)**

1... ♖xf4+	2. gxf4#
1... ♖xd3+	2. ♖fxd3#
1... dxc3	2. d4#
1... ♖d5	2. ♖xc6#
1... ♖d6	2. ♖f5#
1... ♖d2	2. ♖4f5#
1... ♖e3	2. ♖e4#
1... ♖d6	2. ♖e6#

Mate in 2

Battery checks in the set play changed by a queen-sacrifice key to two unpins and an interference. The mate in the set play is transferred to the self-block 1...Rd5 and there is a further self-block after 1...Rd6. No solver mentioned the changes, so I guess that the desire to unpin the wRf4 so that it could mate was uppermost in most minds.

Alexander Goldstein (1911-1988) was born in Poland but moved to Australia in later years. We will meet him again, as joint composer of our #4.

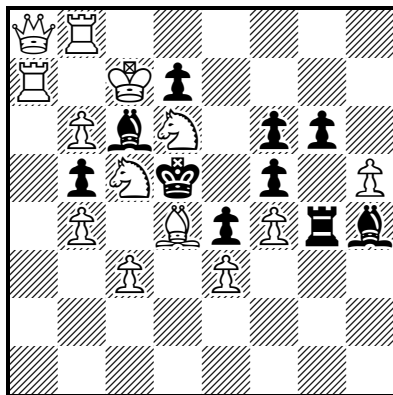
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#### 5) Laimons Mangalis

1st Prize, *Shakhmaty*, 1963



1.b7!

(2.♘c8 @ & 3.♘b6#)

1...♗g3 2.♖a1 @ & 3.♙a2#

1...♗g5 2.♖h8 @ & 3.♙g8#

@ 1, 3, 5

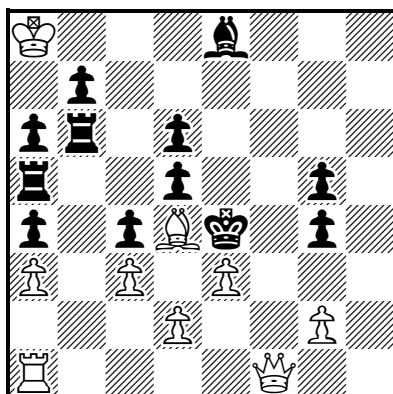
Mate in 3

“The problem has rewards for solvers who can abide the cluttered position. The two defences to the threat ... interfere with the R on g4, allowing White to play the ‘Bristol clearance’ moves 1...Bg3 2.Ra1 and 1...Bg5 2.Rh8. These rook moves have ‘purity of aim’ – their only purpose is to get out of the way of the wQ.” (Rhodes Peele) “Move 2 Bristols are great.” (Steven Dowd) “I spent at least an hour or two on number 5 because I couldn’t immediately see the mate with S on b6. But I’m kicking myself now.” (Chris Shephard) “Why did it take so long to realise b6 could move to b7?” (Hugh Gilbert) The Bristol Theme is named after a three mover by Frank Healey that won 1st Prize in the British Chess Association Tourney of 1861. The BCA met that year in Bristol.

Laimons Mangalis (1911-1982) was originally from Latvia but settled in Australia.

#### 6) Alexander Goldstein & William Whyatt

3rd HM., *Problem*, 1956



1.♞d1!

(2.d3+ cxd3 3.♙xd3#)

1...♗b5 2.♞a7 ♞c6 3.♞a1 @ & 4.♙b1#

♗~ 3.d3+ @ cxd3 4.♙xd3#

g3 3.d3+ @ cxd3 4.♙f3#

@ 1, 3, 5

Mate in 4

“This anti-clearance-clearance was almost entirely set by me. Bill added the clever waiting move (Ka7) which made the problem sound and more attractive.” (Alex Goldstein in *W. A. Whyatt’s Chess Problems* by Bob Meadley, 1979)

The Goldstein/Whyatt composing partnership produced some 19 problems between 1956 and 1972.

So, here ends our short survey of Antipodean chess composing. To find out more, Peter Wong’s excellent OzProblems website at <https://www.ozproblems.com/> is warmly recommended.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Ascents</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>R4</b>	<b>R5</b>	<b>R6</b>	<b>Leg Total</b>	<b>Cumulative Total</b>
Hugh Gilbert	0	30.0	25.0	25.0	30.0			110.0	110.0
Geoff Brown	0	30.0	23.5	20.0	30.0			103.5	103.5
Rhodes Peele	0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0			100.0	100.0
Ene Florian	0	28.0	15.0	30.0	21.0			94.0	94.0
Chris Shephard	0	-	-	24.0	30.0			54.0	54.0
Christian Westrapp	0	30.0	-	-	-			30.0	30.0
Ioannis Garoufalides	0	-	-	30.0	-			30.0	30.0
Steven Dowd	0	-	-	-	30.0			30.0	30.0
Alex King	0	29.0	-	-	-			29.0	29.0
Stanislas Loiret	0	29.0	-	-	-			29.0	29.0
Colin Thiodet	0	-	-	-	26.0			26.0	26.0

Welcome to new solvers Steven Dowd and Colin Thiodet!