Champagne Tourney 2020

The Tourney is divided in 2 sections (with separate awards) :

A . ProofGames B. Any other kind of Retro problems

Theme : **Capture in the air**

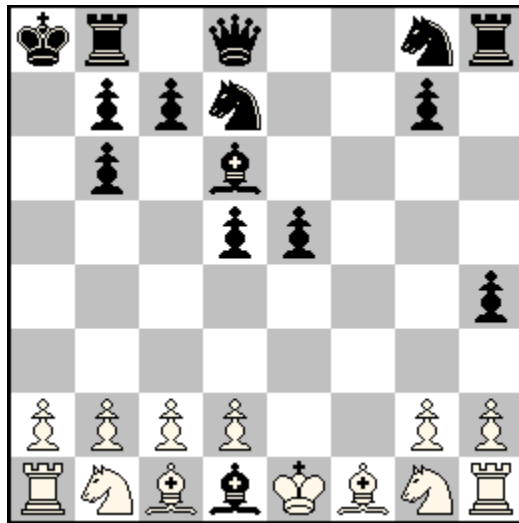An officer (not a promoted one) is captured by another officer (not a Pawn).

The captured officer has moved at least once and made no capture.

At the time of the capture, the captured officer : -doesn't give check -is not pinned.

(section B : similarly to the castling rule, an officer is considered to

be original or having not captured if the contrary cannot be proved).

Example for Section A :

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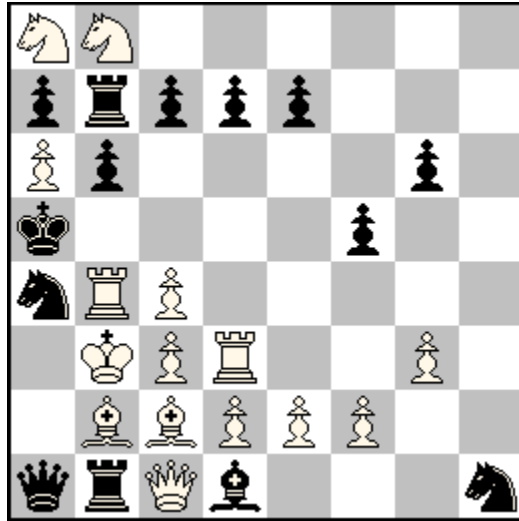SPG 15,0   (13+15) C+

1.é4 d5 2.**Dg4!! L×g4** 3.é5 Kd7 4.é6+ Kç8 5.é×f7 é5 6.f4 Ld6 7.f8=S h5 8.Sd7 h4
9.Sb6+ a×b6 10.f5 Sd7 11.f6 Kb8 12.f7 Ka7 13.f8=D Tb8 14.Df3 Ka8 15.Dd1 L×d1

L×d1 is not thematic as the captured officer is promoted (Prentos capture) though it is
important part of the content, adding to the paradox of the thematic sacrifice.

Example for Section B :

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‡1   (15+14)

1.Tb5‡! not 1.Cç5‡, as White can be on the move
Retro sequence with 23 last single moves exactly determined :
-1…h2-h1=S -2.Td6-d3 h3-h2 -3.Tf6-d6 h4-h3 -4.Tf8-f6 h5-h4 -5.Tg8-f8 h6-h5
-6.g7-g8=T h7-h6 -7.h6×Sg7 Sé8-g7 -8.h5-h6 Sd6-é8 -9.h4-h5 Sb5-d6
-10.h3-h4 Sa3-b5 -11.h2-h3 **Sb5×Ta3!!** -12.Ta2-a3 Sd6-b5 -13.Ka3-b3 …

Fairy conditions (but not fairy pieces) allowed in both sections.

Maximum 2 entries per composer per section (collaboration counts for 1 full entry).

Maximum 1 non computer tested entry per composer in section A

Prizes in each section :

subscription to Phénix 2021 for the first place, Winchloé light for the second place

Entries to the director Eric Pichouron, by Sunday 18th October 24:00 PM

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who will transmit problems to the judge Michel Caillaud in anonymous form.

This year, Champagne Tourney is without Champagne...

Phénix, created by Denis Blondel, now edited by Laurent, is the french problem magazine, with retro section run by Thierry Le Gleuher, and regularly published retro articles.

In 2020 (not yet finished), a full issue about ortho-reconstructions by Luigi Ceriani revisited by Thierry...

Winchloé light, developped by Christian, is a problem database, updated every month (now 782514 problems).

The most complete database for proofgames (now 7913 of them).