

## SEETHARAMAN-75 JUBILEE TOURNEY FOR SUPERGUARDS

I am happy to announce a Jubilee Tourney to celebrate my 75th birthday. Send computer tested (Popeye or Winchloe) entries to N.Shankar Ram (email: [nshram@gmail.com](mailto:nshram@gmail.com)). The closing date for entries is March 31st 2024. The winners will receive book prizes. The award (to be judged by me) could be divided into different sections if justified and will be published in *The Problemist*.

**Superguards:** a unit (including K) cannot be captured if it is observed by a unit of its own colour.

Hybrid twins featuring Superguards in one phase are required. The other phase(s) can be orthodox or any other fairy condition (preferably one of the more popular ones). Only one fairy condition is to be used in each phase i.e. no combination of conditions. Stipulations (any length) can be either direct-mate, helpmate, helpselfmate or selfmate. The stipulation must be unchanged between phases. The permitted fairy pieces are the Grasshopper family (Grasshopper, RG, BG and NG), Lion family (Lion, RL, BL and NL), Nightrider, Camel, Zebra and Chinese family (Pao, Vao, Leo and Nao). These are the ones I am comfortable with. No neutral or half-neutral units.

Four simple examples are given alongside. More than two phases are also permitted, but one of the phases must be Superguards. I am not aware of any other published examples.

### Examples:

**1** (a) 1.Bxd3+ Ke3 (Kxd3?) 2.Bxc2 Rf1#. (b) 1.Ke2! (Ke1?) Kf3 2.Ke1 Ke2#.

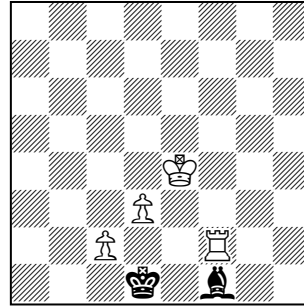
**2** (a) 1.Be2 Kc3 2.h8Q+ Kxc2 3.Qb2+ axb2#. (b) 1.h8R Kc3 2.Rh3+ Kb3 3.c3 Kb2#. Mates on the same square.

**3** (a) 1.Sc5 Kxc5 2.Ka4 Kb4#. (b) 1.Sxc3 Kxc3[b3=rS]+ 2.rSa1 Kb2#.

**4** (a) 1.Qc2 Bxe4+ 2.Qg2 Rxd1#; 1.Qd4 Rxd1+ 2.Qg1 Bxe4#. Queen self-pins. (b) 1.Qa3 Rxd1+ 2.Re1 Rxe1#; 1.Qa6 Bxe4+ 2.Bf3 Bxf3#. Queen hideaways.

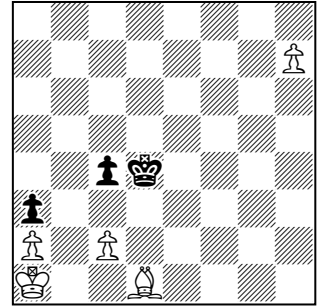
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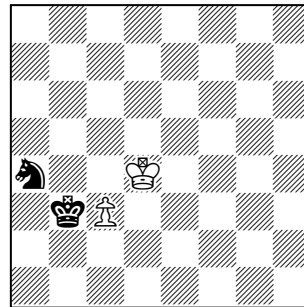
H#2 (b) Superguards

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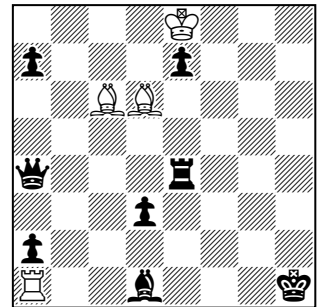
HS#3 (b) Superguards

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H#2 (a) Superguards  
(b) Kobul Kings

**4 S.Manikumar**  
Original



H#2 2 solutions  
(b) Superguards