

## Award of Murfatlar tourney WCCC Fujairah 2022

**Theme:** Proof games with Knightmate (\*) and, possibly, with some fairy condition added (without fairy units).

21 PGs received and one demolished. I decided to split the ranking in two categories:

**A)** Knightmate proof games and **B)** Knightmate PGs with fairy condition added.

(\*) invented by Bruce Zimov in 1972

The chosen condition already demonstrates his eligibility these last years. See for example **A** by M. Caillaud (in Appendix). Many consecrated PG composers participated, but was a surprise for me to receive problems from newcomers in this realm: Andy Ooms (Belgium), Pierre Tritten (France), Viktor Syzonenko (Ukraine) and Anirudh Daga, a very young composer from India. Knightmate changes Knights with Kings and this simple rule induces a lot of specific tricks. The level of the tournament was high and it gave me a lot of pleasure. I congratulate all the participants for their contribution.

My ranking is here from Commendations to Prizes.

### A) Knightmate proof games

**Comm – Andy Ooms:** Two captured promoted Kings is a good beginning for a newcomer.

1.c4 c6 2.c5 Qb6 3.cxb6 h5 4.bxa7 h4 **5.axb8=K** h3 6.Kxc8 hxg2 7.h4 Rxc8 8.Kh2 **g1=K** 9.Bh3 Kg2 10.Rf1 Kg3 11.fxg3. (Jacobi+)

**2<sup>nd</sup> HM – J. Lörinc:** A „saboteur” takes many pieces then come back home. Guilty is of course the black Knight.

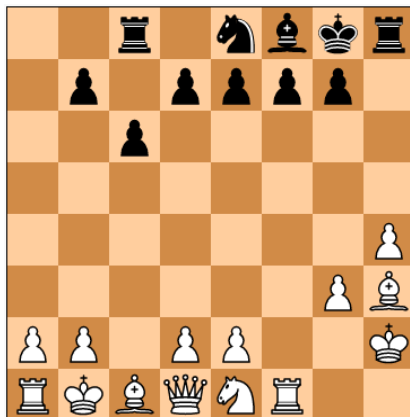
1.b4 Sf6 2.Kb2 Sd5 3.Rb1 Sxb4 4.Kc3++ Sxa2 5.d4 Sxc3 6.h3 Sxd1 7.Kh2 Sxf2 8.Kg3+ Sxh1 9.c3 Sxg3 10.Bf4+ Sxf1 11.e3 Sd2 12.g3 Se4 13.Sg2 Sf6 14.Rb6+ Se8

*Long round-trip of Black rS. At the beginning the saboteur is dropped into white position, he destroys there whatever possible and at the end he is extracted home, using shielding from wB fire.* (author)

**1<sup>st</sup> HM – R. Kraetschmer:** A promoted piece takes promoted piece seasoned and a Q Phoenix-Pronkin with bicolored Bristol on the diagonal. Well done.

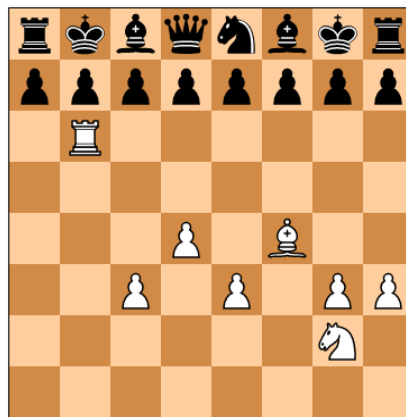
1.b4 h5 2.b5 h4 3.b6 h3 4.bxc7 hxg2 **5.cxd8=B gxf1=R+** 6.Sg2 Rxd1 7.Bxe7 Rxc1 8.Ba3 d6 9.Bxc1 Be6 10.Kb2 Bb3 11.axb3 b5 12.Ra6 b4 13.Rb6 a5 14.Kc3 a4 15.Kd4 a3 16.Ke5 a2 17.Kf6 **a1=Q** 18.Kxg7 Qf6 19.Kxh8 **Qd8**

Andy Ooms  
Commendation, Murfatlar  
Fujairah 2022, section A



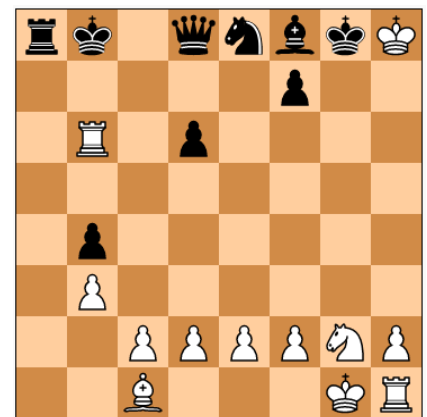
14+11 Knightmate PG10.5

Juraj Lörinc  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section A



8+16 Knightmate PG14

Ralf Kraetschmer  
1<sup>st</sup> HM, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section A



12+9 Knightmate PG19

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Anirudh Daga:** Valladao with **two B Schnoebelen** is not an elementary task. It would have been well placed in Champagne tourney from Ohrid, North Macedonia, I believe. A smart realization by this 14 years old from India.

1.h4 d5 2.h5 d4 3.h6 d3 4.hxg7 dxe2 **5.gxf8=B exd1=B** 6.Ba6 Kxf8 7.Kf1 Rg8 8.Ke2 Rg5 **9.O-O** Ra5 10.Rxd1 f5 11.Sh3 f4+ 12.g4 **fxg3 e.p.+** (Jacobi+ in 4½ days by author)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - M. Rittirsch:** An outstanding task already realized by normal means: **castling replaced by fake castling** doubled (see **B**). A big surprise from Germany, as usually with Manfred.

1.b3 h6 2.Bb2 Kh7 3.Bf6 exf6 4.Qc1 Bb4 5.Qa3 **O-O** 6.Kb2 Re8 **7.O-O-O** Re3 8.dxe3 Se7 9.Rd6 Qg8 10.Ra6 bxa6 11.g3 Kb7 12.Kg2 Kc6 13.Kh3 Kd5 14.Bg2 Ke4 15.Rf1 Kf3 16.exf3 Bb7 17.Se2 Rd8 18.Sg1 Sc8. Jacobi+

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Dirk Borst:** Twelve moves are needed to prepare an capture free **octogonal path of black Knight**. The capture of bBc8 is the justification and the visual effect is excellent. That's not all: we have also black Queen circuit and Rook Ceriani-Frolkin. Dirk struck again, congrats!

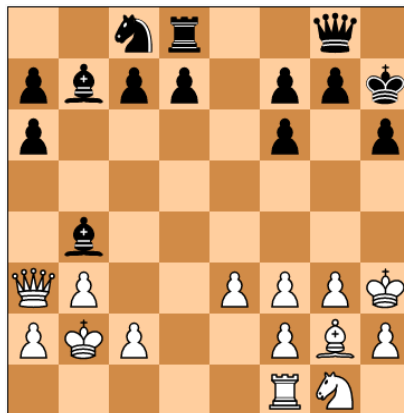
1.h4 c6 2.Rh3 Qb6 3.Ra3 Qxb2 4.Rxa7 Qb6 5.Kb2 f5 6.Kc3 f4 7.Kd4 f3 8.Ke5 fxg2 9.f4 gxf1=R+ 10.Sg2 Rf3 11.d4 Rd3 12.exd3 **Sc7** 13.Qh5 **Sb5** 14.Qe8 **Sc3** 15.Qxc8 Qd8 16.Qc7 **Se2** 17.Qa5 **Sg3** 18.Qe1+ **Sh5** 19.Bd2 g6 20.Ba5 **Sg7** 21.h5 **Se8**.

Anirudh Daga  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section A



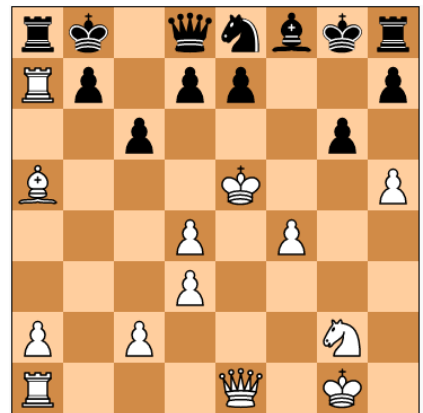
8+16 Knightmate PG14

Manfred Rittirsch  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section A



14+14 Knightmate PG18

Dirk Borst  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section A



13+13 Knightmate PG21

## B) Knightmate PGs with fairy condition added

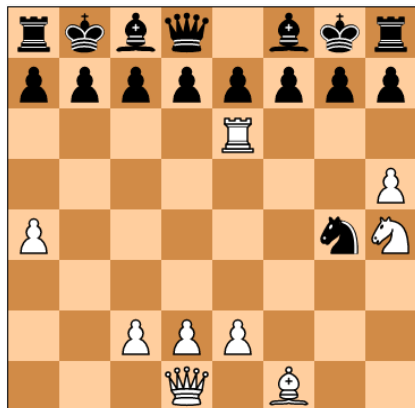
**Comm - Viktor Syzonenko:** A little massacre is followed by a surprising **Queen Phoenix** due to the condition #color.

1.b4 Sd6 2.b5 Sxb5 3.Ba3 Sxa3 4.Kb2+ Sc4 5.a4 Sxb2 6.Ra2+ Sxd1 7.Rb2 Sxb2 8.h4 Sc4 9.Rh3 Se5 10.Re3+ Sg4 11.Re6 Qe8 **12.f3#[f3=b]** f2+ 13.Sf3 **fxg1=Q** 14.h5 Qxg2+ 15.Sh4 **Qf2#[f2=w]** 16.Qe1 Qd8 (switchback) 17.Qd1.

**Comm - Allan Bell:** The game shows many checkmates (6) but it is not enough if we take into account that the problem has three conditions. An extension will be published in an important magazine from Japan.

1.Qc3 Sf6 2.a4 Sh4 3.a5 g5 **4.g3#[g3=b]** Kg7 **5.hxg3#[h1,g3=b]** Rh2 **6.fxg3#[g3=b]** axa5 7.Kxh2 Ka7 **8.Kxg3#[g3=b]** Kb6 **9.Qxg3#[g3=b]** Kd4+ 10.Sd1 Qe1#

Viktor Syzonenko  
Comm, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section B



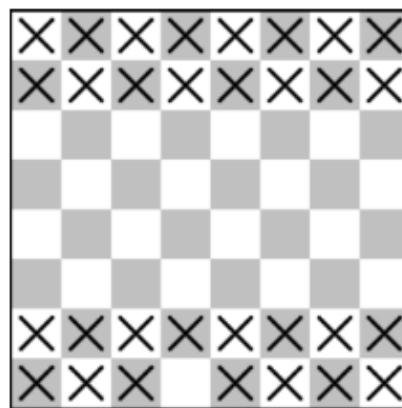
9+16 Knightmate PG16.5  
#color

Allan Bell  
Comm, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section B



9+17 Knightmate PG10  
#color Point Reflection

E.Huber & V. Crisan  
Comm, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section B



(31 undefined pieces) PG3 & #1  
Knightmate PointReflection

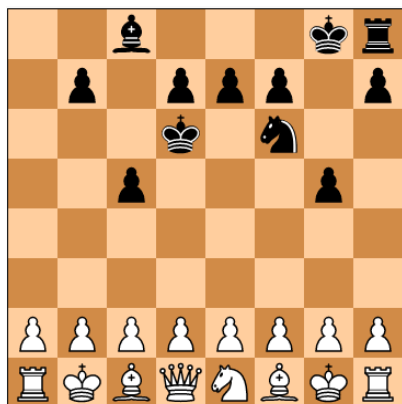
**Comm – E. Huber & V. Crisan:** 1.Qc3 Sd6 2.Qe3 Sf6 3.Qxe7 Se8 & dxd7#  
Nice geometry but for my feeling, the show ended too suddenly. See **C** as an extension (with #remove added)

**Comm – Anirudh Daga:** Einstein rules combined with Knightmate has a specific transformation. Mister Anirudh makes a clear demonstration: 1.c4 b5 2.cxb5=K a5 3.Kxa5=B c5 4.Bxd8=R+ Sf6 5.Rxf8=Q g5 6.Qg7=R Kb7=P 7.Rg6=B Rb8=B 8.Bd3=K Bd6=K 9.Kdc2=P

**2<sup>nd</sup> HM – François Labelle:** Interesting combination which makes this alignment of Pawns:  
1.Sf3 2.Sg5 h6+ 3.Sf3 4.Se5 f6+ 5.Sd3 6.Sc5 d6+ 7.Se4 Bf5+ 8.Sc3 9.Sb5 a6+ 10.Sa3 11.Sc4 Bd3+ 12.Sa5 b6+ 13.Sc6 Qd7+ 14.Sb4 Qa4+ 15.Sd5 Qc6+ 16.Sb4 Qc3+ 17.Sd5 c6+ 18.Sf4 Qb4+ 19.Se6 Bc4+ 20.Sd4 Bb3+ 21.Sf5 e6+ 22.Sg3 Qc3+ 23.Sh5 g6+ 24.Sf4 Qe5+ 25.Sd3 Qg3+ 26.Se1

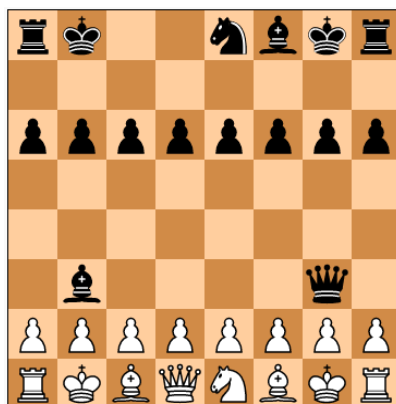
**1<sup>st</sup> HM – Kostas Prentos:** Losing Chess is a good choice to show a paradox: a Pawn can promote in Knight because it has no royal quality: 1.c4 b5 2.cxb5 Bb7 3.b6 Bxg2 4.bxc7 Bxh1 5.cxd8=S f5 6.Kxh1 Sf6 7.e4 fxe4 8.Qb3 e3 9.Qxg8 exf2 10.Qxf8 fxe1=S 11.Qxg7 Rxd8 12.Qxe7 Sg8 13.Qxe1 Sx2 **Schnoebelen**. Tested with Jacobi v 0.7.5

Anirudh Daga  
Comm, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section B



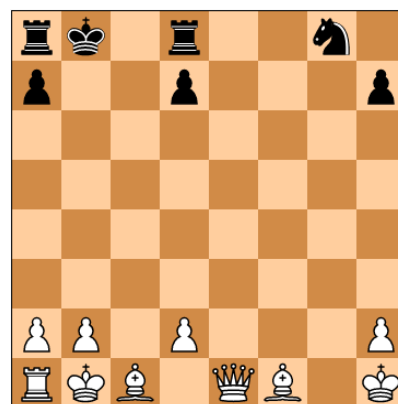
16+12 Knightmate PG8.5  
Einstein

François Labelle  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section B



16+16 Knightmate PG25.5  
Black Checks

Kostas Prentos  
1<sup>st</sup> HM, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section B



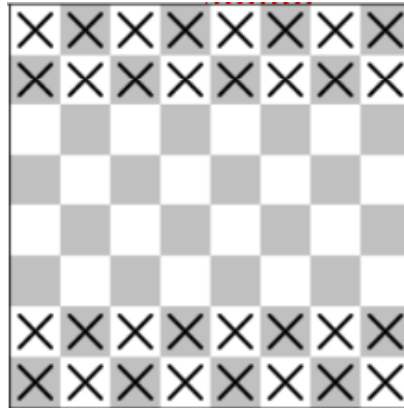
10+7 Knightmate PG12.5  
Losing Chess

Michel Caillaud  
4<sup>th</sup> Prize, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section B

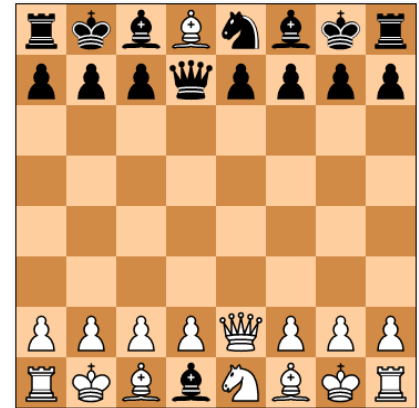


16+15 Knightmate PG9.5  
#color

Eric Huber  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section B



32 unknown units PG 3 & #1  
Knightmate Cage Circle



4.Qxe7 [+bPb4]#!  
Knightmate Cage Circle

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Michel Caillaud:** Who stole the Bishop f8? Answer: the Pawn c7. But first, black Bishop becomes white:

1.Sf3 e6 2.Qe1 **Qf6#[f6=w]** 3.Sh4 d5 4.Qf3 f5 5.Qd1 **Be7#[e7=w]!** 6.Bb4 d4 7.Qd5 c5 8.Sf3 cxb4  
**9.Qd8#[d8=b]** (Queen circuit) Kc7 10.Se1.

A hidden solution.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Eric Huber:** 1.e4 d5 2.exd5[+bPe2] Qxd5[+Pd8=B] 3.Qxe2[+Pd1=B] Qd7 Now, White has an interesting checkmate using Cage Circle, see the diagram.

- 4. ... Qxe7[wQa4]? selfcheck. White create a "cage" in a4 to prevent Qd7xQe7;
- The Cage Circle mate doesn't work without condition Knightmate because of the defense 4...Sg8xQe7[+wQg8]!

One of the most interesting Tacu's Enigma I ever seen.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Kostas Prentos:** An amazing PG which shows a combination of **two Schnoebelen** and **two captured Anti-Pronkin Bishops**. Masterly done.

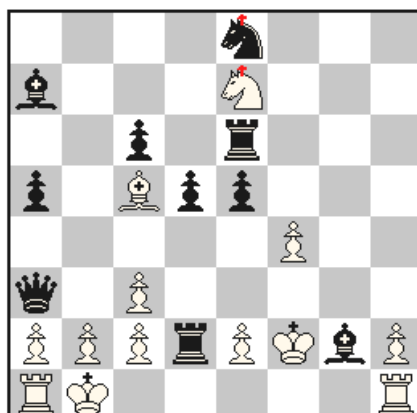
1.e4 a5 2.Ba6 **bxa6-f1=B** 3.g4 Bca6 **4.Kxf1-h3** Bf1 **5.Rxf1-a6** Kb7 6.d3 Rc8 7.Bh6 **gxh6-c1=B**  
8.c3 Bfh6 9.Qa4 Kg7 10.b3 O-O **11.Kxc1-a3** Bc1 **12.Rxc1-h6** [Jacobi+ in about 4 days 16 h by author]

Kostas Prentos  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section B



14+12 Knightmate PG11.5  
Take&Make

Michel Caillaud  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Murfatlar Fujairah  
2022, section B



13+10 Knightmate PG36.5  
Rokagogo Monochrome

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – M. Caillaud:** A monumental work! Let see the author's comments:

**Rokagogo:** A King and a Rook can castle anytime and anywhere (the king moves orthogonally two squares towards the rook, which then jumps to the square beyond the king), even if they have already moved, (1) if they are on the same rank or file, (2) if the squares between them - there must be at least two - are all empty, and (3) if the king is not in check and does not exceed a threatened square.



# Appendix

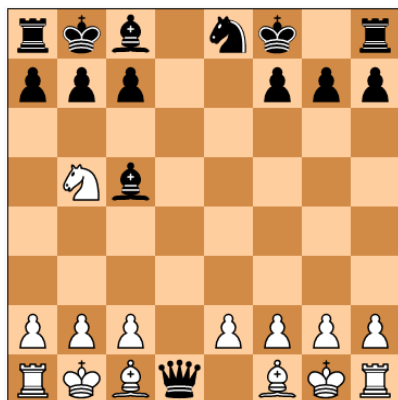
A



Sol: 1.a4 Sf6 2.Ra3 Sd5 3.Ka2 Sb4 4.Rb3+ Sxa2 5.Rb6 cxb6 6.h4 Kc7 7.Rh3 Kc6 8.Rf3 Kb5 9.Rf6 exf6 10.Sf3 Bd6 11.Sd4 Bc7 12.Sf5 d6+ 13.Se3 Bd7 14.Qe1 Rc8 15.Sd1 Sxc1 16.Se3+ Sa2 17.Sd5 Bb8 18.Sf4 Sb4 19.Qd1 Sa6 20.Sd3 Sc7 21.Se1 Se8  
 Inter-change Se1/Qd1 with return to the original squares, justified by the capture of wBc1.

Sol: 1.e4 e5 2.Be2 Be7 3.Bh5 Bg5 4.Sf3 Sf6 **5.O-O O-O** 6.Re1 Re8 7.Re3 Re6 8.Rc3 Ra6 9.Rc6 dxc6 10.Kf1 Be6 11.Ke2 Bb3 12.Qf1 Ba4 13.b3 Kf8 14.Ba3+ Ke8 15.Bc5 Sbd7 16.Sa3 Sb6 17.Re1 Kd7 18.Kd1 Qg8 19.Kc1 Rd8 20.Rd1 Kc8

C) Eric Huber, Vlaicu Crisan & Paul Răican  
 original



14+14 PG5  
 Knightmate  
 PointReflection #Remove

B) Nicolas Dupont  
 Marek Kolcak  
 Die Schwalbe 2019  
 1st Commendation



15+16 PG20

1.Qe3 Sf6 2.Qxe7 Se8 3.dxd7# [-d7][-e7] Bc5 4.Sc3 Kf8 5.Sb5 Qd1#  
 Now the mating piece e8 does not disappear anymore, because it is royal!  
 Code Jacobi:  
 cond Knightmate PointReflection #r  
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