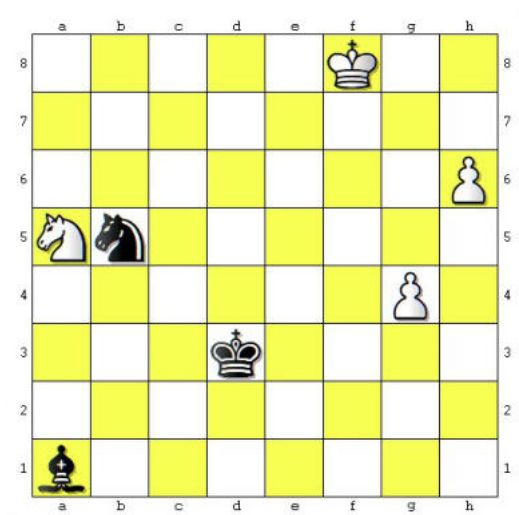




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White to move and win

4th Commendation

A vivid miniature with a close fight and an attractive artistic point with the thematic sacrifice in a hyper-controlled square, to open the correct way to the King to escape from perpetual check or undesired fork. The flow appears natural and easy to follow. The play is also unexpectedly dense, for a miniature. A good commendable review is well deserved.

Solution: **1. Nb3 !**

(1. g5 {? Logical Try} Nd4 {!! - in main line is impossible} 2. g6 Nf5 {!} 3. h7 Ke4 {!} 4. Nc4 Kf4 {!!} 5. Nd6 Kg5 {!!} 6. Nxf5 Kxg6 {! and the pawn falls.})

1. .. Bb2 2. g5 {!} Nd6 3. Nc5+ Kd4 4. Ne6+ Kd5
(4. .. Ke5 5. Ng7 {!} Ne4 6. h7 {!} Nxf5 7. h8=Q {! +-})

5. Nc7+ Ke5
(5. .. Kc6 6. Ne8 {!} Nxe8 7. Kxe8 {+-})

6. g6 Nf5 7. h7 Kd6 8. Ne8+ Ke6
(8. .. Kd7 9. g7 {!} Nxf5 10. Nxf5 {!} Bxf5+ 11. Kxf5 {! +-})

9. g7 Ba3+ 10. Nd6 {!! triple sacrifice} Bxd6+ 11. Ke8
(11. Kg8 {?} Nh6+ {! perpetual check})

11. .. Nxf5+ 12. Kd8 Be7+ 13. Kc8 {!}
(13. Kc7 {??} attenzione alla trappola Ne8+ {!} 14. Kc6 Bf6 {! +-})

13. .. Bf6 14. h8=Q {and no discovered checks} 1-0