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# **Greatest 468 puzzles**

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games of 2019  
Part 2**



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## KEY TO SYMBOLS

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=	Equality or equal chances
±	White has a slight advantage
∓	Black has a slight advantage
±	White is better
∓	Black is better
+−	White has a decisive advantage
−+	Black has a decisive advantage
∞	unclear
∞̄	with compensation
↔	with counterplay
↑	with initiative
→	with an attack
Δ	with the idea
□	only move
N	novelty
!	a good move
!!	an excellent move
?	a weak move
??	a blunder
!?	an interesting move
?!	a dubious move
+	check
#	mate



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## PREFACE

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First of all, I am really grateful to my good friend GM Adam Horvath, who helps me every time to collect and select the greatest puzzles of the last period.

As a professional chess player, I know exactly how important it is to perform well in tactical calculations. We face them so often that after playing a great game, we can simply blunder something and throw away a safe point, causing ourselves sleepless nights!

For most of the players and chess fans, the biggest pleasure in a chessgame is to beat an opponent with a beautiful combination, which we can be proud of. However to be able to use all the given opportunities and not miss any of the chances, we must stay in sharp form all the time, what we can reach only by practicing puzzle-solving.

Many puzzle books are based on artificial positions or selected only for their beauty. The concept of my book is different. The highest priority is to “use the practical side of the puzzles” and take the level of calculation to a completely new dimension.

All the puzzles have been selected from recent games, trying to put the reader in the shoes of “the player”.

The difficulty of the different sections might also give you the right evaluation of your current tactical skills and bring them further ahead.

I tried to mix three things in my book:

1. a lot of fun in solving the puzzles,
2. a lot of different tactical ideas,
3. and of course, the direct practical use for your future games.

A very important factor to keep in mind — all the practical motifs from the book can definitely be used in your future games!

Enjoy!  
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# INTRODUCTION

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## USEFUL INFORMATION FOR OUR DEAR READERS

This book is the continuation of the successful puzzle-book series, which started with the “Greatest 365 Puzzles” and “Greatest 501 Puzzles” from the practical games of 2012. It was followed by „Tactics, Tactics, Tactics!” Volume 3 and Volume 4 which covered the best practical puzzles of 2013–2015. The next one of the series was the „Greatest 551 Puzzles” with the combinations of 2016 which was followed by the „Greatest 550 puzzles” from 2017 and the „Greatest 525 puzzles” from 2018. Due to the great feedback from our readers, we decided to publish the puzzle-book on a half-yearly basis. The „Greatest 460 Puzzles” was covering the first part of 2019.

The new book is already the 9<sup>th</sup> from the series and it contains 468 puzzles divided into 3 chapters. You will find a huge range of tactical ideas that you can use in your own games! All the puzzles have been collected from practical games throughout the second half of 2019. In each section, the puzzles are sorted according to the date of the game.

The book consists of three chapters:

- 1. Easy (246 Puzzles)**
- 2. Medium (179 Puzzles)**
- 3. Hard (43 Puzzles)**

All in all 468 puzzles created by the greatest masters of our time, such as Carlsen, Caruana, Ding Liren, Anand and many more.

I advise you to try to solve all the combinations in each chapter one-by-one, because of a less difficult solution from the „Easy” section might be even more brilliant from the beauty point of view than a „nutcracker” from the „Hard” ones. Even if a puzzle can be easily solved, it sharpens your tactical skills and makes it so much easier to find solutions in a practical game, even under difficult circumstances.

To be tactically sharp is one of the basic requirements for a successful chess player!



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- EASY -

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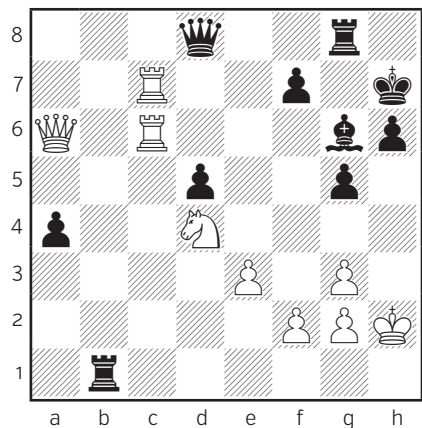
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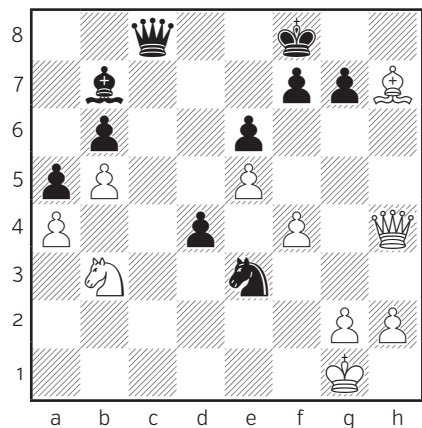
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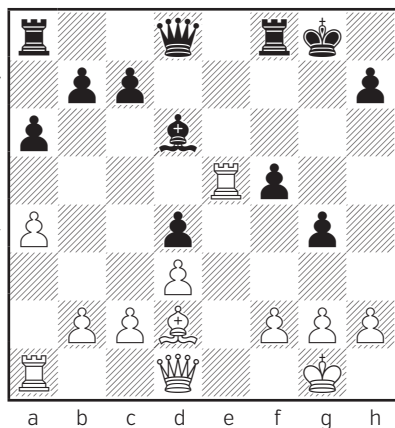
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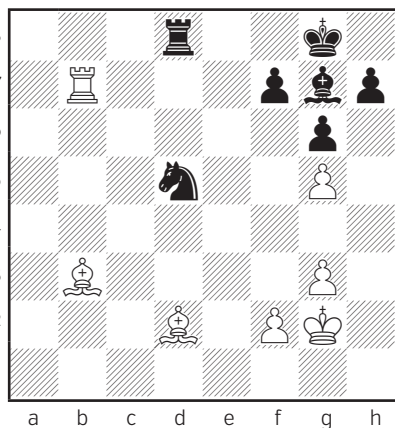
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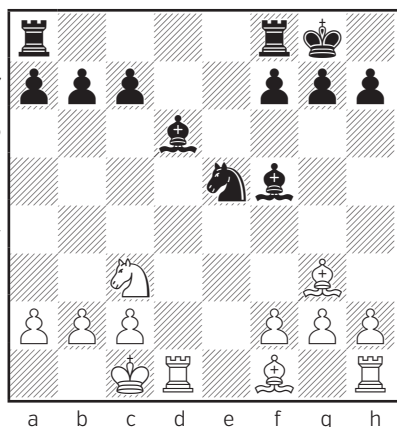
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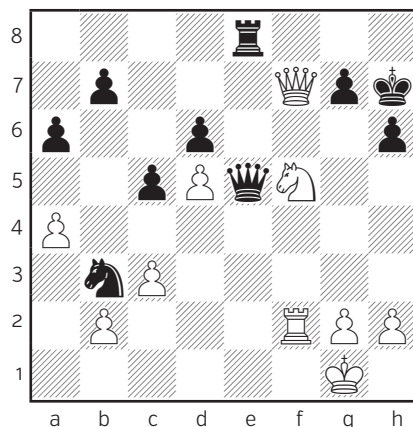
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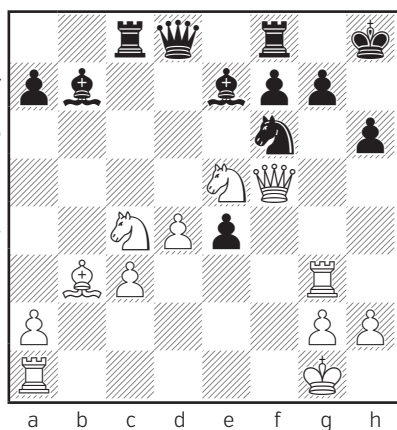
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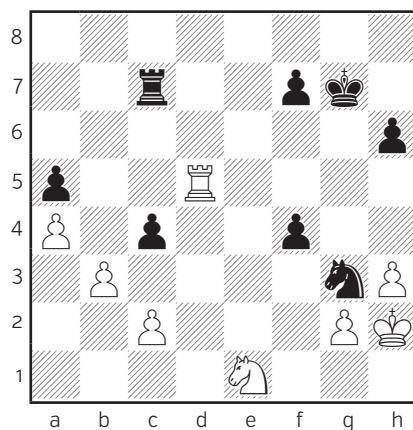
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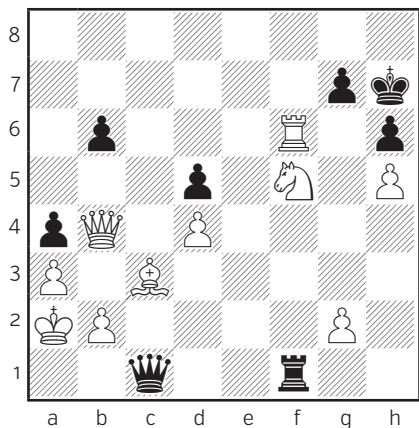
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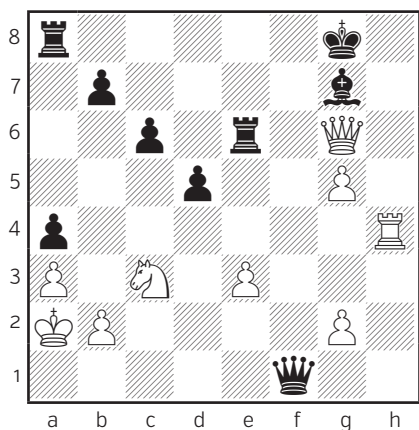
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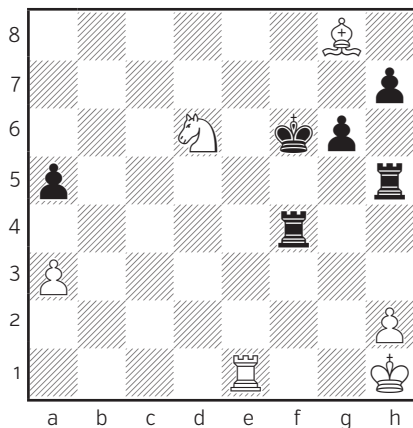
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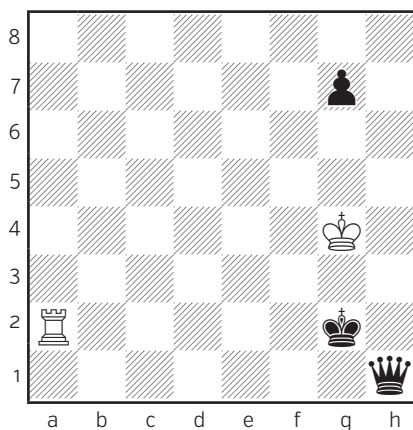
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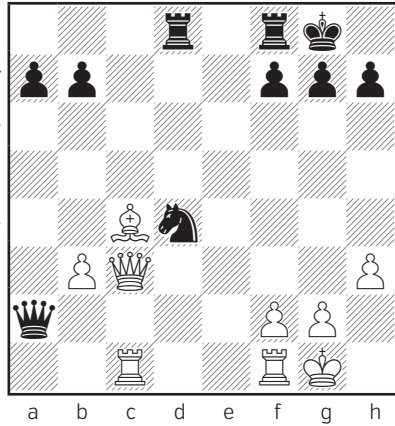
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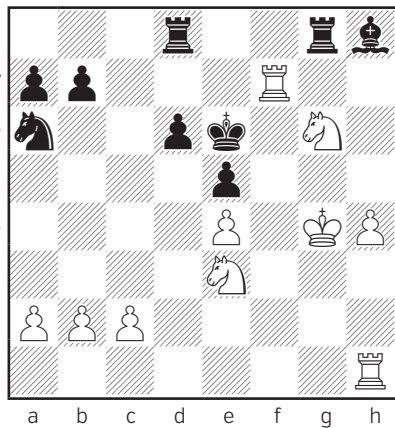
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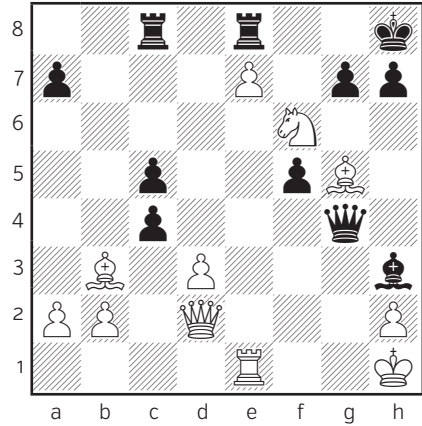
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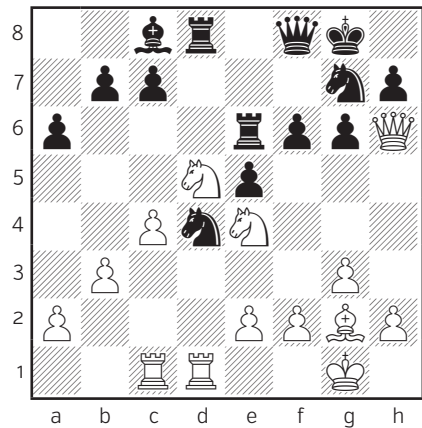
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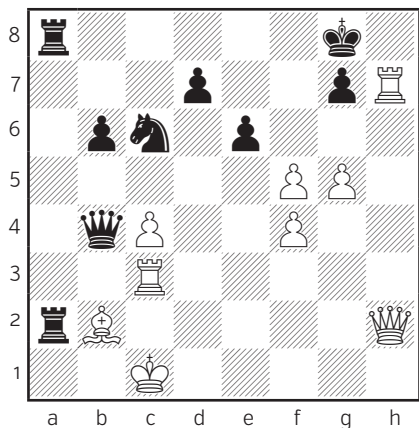
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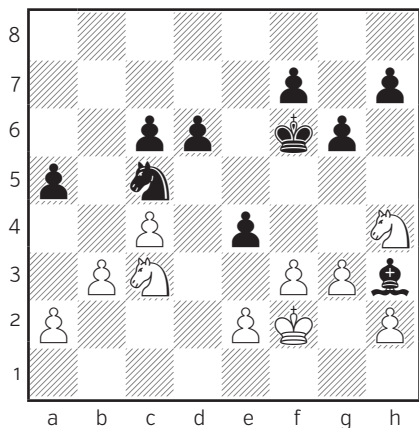
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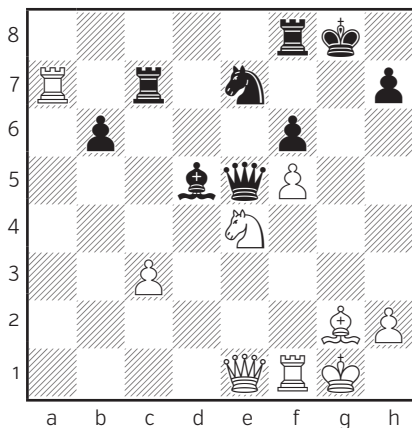
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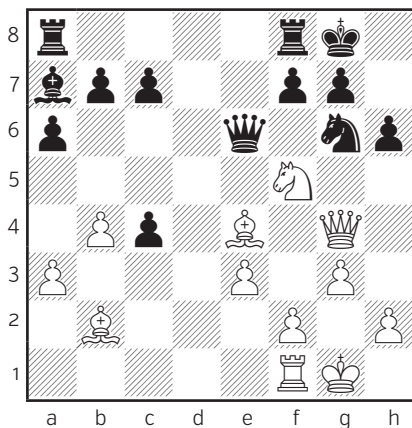
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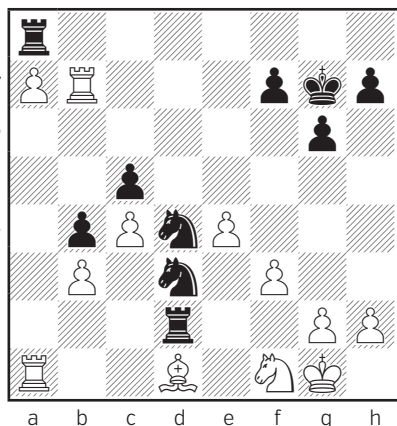




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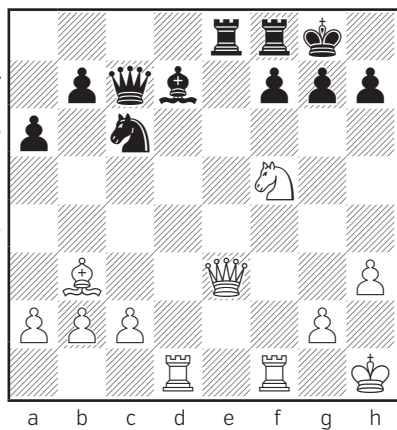
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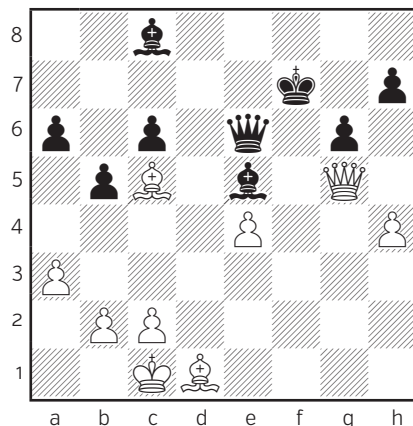
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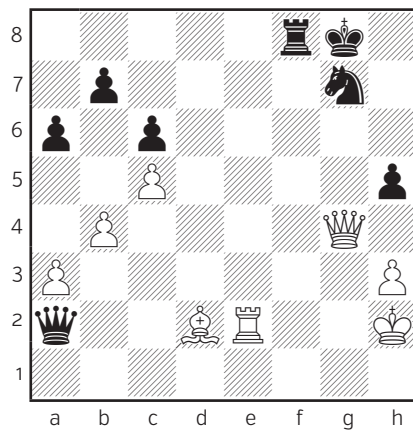
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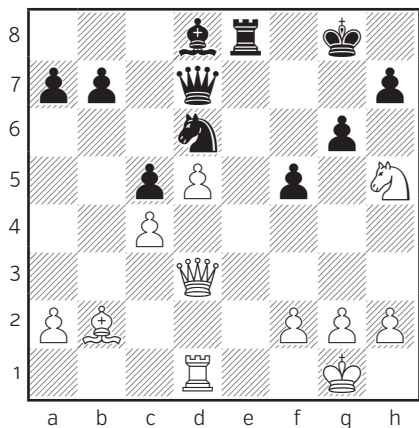
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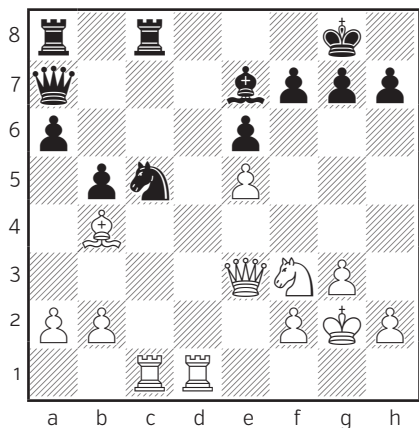
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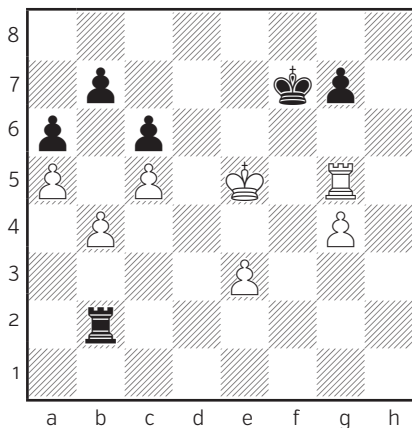
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