

Reto Aschwanden - 50 Tourney

- Theme: **Orthodox SPGs** of the following kind: Any theme were the focus lies in the final moves, as in a "**Grand finale**". I am very open to the interpretation of the composer, what "Grand finale" actually means. See two possible interpretations below.
- Prize money: 500 euros total (250/150/100 for the top 3 problems)
- Judge: Reto Aschwanden
- Send entries to: Thomas Brand, email: t.brand(at)gmx.net.
- Deadline: 31.12.2024

Examples:

1) Shows 20 consecutive Umnow moves starting at blacks 20th move (SPG in 29.5 moves by Unto Heinonen, Probleemblad 2003, 4. honorable mention).



1. c4 a5 2. c5 a4 3. c6 a3 4. cxb7 axb2 5. a4 f5 6. Ra3 f4 7. Rg3 f3 8. Nc3 b1=N 9. Ba3 fxg2 10. Bd6 exd6 11. f4 Qh4 12. f5 g5 13. f6 Bg7 14. f7+ Ke7 15. f8=B+ Ke6 16. Be7 Bd4 17. Bd8 Ne7 18. a5 Rf8 19. a6 Rf3 20. a7 Na6 21. b8=R Bb7 22. Rc8 Rb8 23. a8=B Ba7 24. d4 Nd2 25. Nb1 Rc3 26. Nf3 g1=N 27. Bg2 Nf1 28. Nfd2 Bf3 29. Bb7 Ra8 30. Rb8

2) Shows 3 Prentos bishops captured at the very end (SPG in 18.0 moves by me, Reto Aschwanden, Die Schwalbe 2023. I had this "Grand finale" in mind when composing this).



1. d4 e5 2. d5 Qg5 3. d6 Qxc1 4. dxc7 d5 5. b4 Bf5 6. b5 Bxc2 7. b6 e4 8. bxa7 b5 9. axb8=B Ra3 10. h4 Re3 11. h5 Ba3 12. h6 b4 13. hxg7 h5 14. c8=B Nh6 15. g8=B Rh7 16. **Bxf7+ Kxf7** 17. **Be6+ Kxe6** 18. **Be5 Kxe5**

Now I'm hoping for interesting entries! There should be quite a lot to explore in this domain it seems.